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WRGR	NY	1300	Feb. 16	0000-0100
WFNY	NY	1440	FEB. 23	0000-0100

From the Publisher ... For those who want DX and nothing but DX ... this tightened issue is 99.94% just that!

Want to see more than just DX in DXN? Write that article you've been putting off; support ALL the DXN columnists; and send Dave a Musing.

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 70

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
20.	Feb. 14	Feb. 24	26.	May 9	May 19
21.	Feb. 21	Mar. 3	27.	June 6	June 16
22.	Feb. 28	Mar. 10	28.	July 4	July 14
23.	Mar. 21	Mar. 31	29.	Aug. 1	Aug. 11
24.	April 4	April 14	30.	Sept. 5	Sept. 15
25.	April 18	April 28			

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the February 21, 1953 DXN: Mike Ferguson, Houston, TX, reported that he couldn't resist "broadcasting the news far and wide" that he had heard CJON-930 on their DX broadcast of 2/9/53, his first logging from Newfoundland.

25 years ago ... from the February 27, 1978 DXN: The February 20 DXN was cancelled due to the New England blizzard preventing nearly all columns from reaching the publishers in Louisville ... Albert S. Lobel removed Monday mornings from calling hours to him and added, "Please, do not write and ask why!!" And no one ever did find out "why".

10 years ago ... from the February 22, 1993 DXN: Dallas Lankford reviewed the NRD-525 and found it "close, but not quite a match" to the Collins R-390A/URR ... Bruce Reynolds said that KACH-1340 was a friendly station; in the verie he received the signer offered to take him out to lunch if he visited, a first for Bruce.

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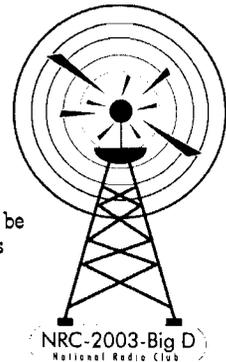
Where can you find an airport the size of Manhattan?
A ranch bigger than the state of Rhode Island?
And with your help what could be the largest gathering of AM Radio enthusiasts ever?

It's Texas, the Lone Star State, and this is your Texas-sized invitation to attend NRC 2003 in Big D, the annual convention, and 70th anniversary celebration of the National Radio Club.

Our host hotel is the Holiday Inn Select DFW South in Irving, TX, just minutes from the "big" airport. Rates will be \$69.00 per night, single or double. Convention registration is \$45.00, and \$25.00 for additional guests. John Callarman, Bill Hale, and Wally Wawro, this year's host committee, is working on a get together "like no other," so stay tuned as they share their ideas and plans for a memorable event.

Hotel reservation and convention registration information will be published in the *DX News* and announced on the DX Audio Service later in the spring.

Please plan to join us Friday, August 29 through Sunday, August 31 for a taste of Texas hospitality. It's NRC 2003 in Big D, the annual convention of the National Radio Club.



AM Switch

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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call *New call*
1240 WARF AL Jasper WTID

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1250 PQ Ottawa/Gatineau: 1000/100 U1
1340 NM Taos: 1000/1000 U1
1490 NH Lebanon: 1000/1000 U1 (modifies original 600/600 U1 application)

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

830 WCRN MA Worcester: 50000/50000 U4
1190 KRFT MO DeSoto: 10000/30 U4

WGFP am 940 abc
The Voice of the South County
Okun Broadcasting Corporation

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

990 KWAM TN Memphis: 10000/330 (5000 CH) U4, relocate transmitter
1200 WKDA TN Nashville: 10000/195 U2
1320 KSCR OR Eugene: 600/28 U1 *
1430 KROO TX Breckenridge: 640/28 U1, relocate transmitter *
1450 KZNU UT St. George: to 1440 kHz with 10000/420 U2
1560 WRSJ PR Bayamon: 2500/750 U1

*1320 and 1430 above were incorrectly listed as Applications by the FCC last week when they were actually Grants, thus they were shown as Applications in Issue #18

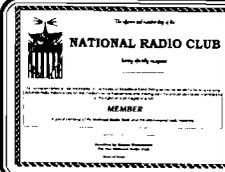
OTHERNESS

1110 WFCG LA Franklinton: silent station is ON THE AIR
1160 WYLL IL Chicago: application for 50000/50000 U4 DISMISSED
1370 WWLG MD Pikesville: application shown last issue is for Pikesville, MD; the FCC was in error showing it back in Baltimore (see Applications, Issue #18)
1380 KRCM TX Beaumont: silent station is ON THE AIR
1450 WWXL KY Manchester: silent station is ON THE AIR
1450 WPAM PA Pottsville: SILENT (LMA agreement with WPPA was not renewed)
1530 WTTI GA Dalton: silent station is ON THE AIR
1550 WZRK WI Lake Geneva: silent station is ON THE AIR
1570 WKBH WI Holmen: silent station is ON THE AIR

THANKS: Bill Hale, Wayne Heinen, Dave Schmidt, Ed Krejny, & Shawn Axelrod

It's hard to believe but it's time once again to head south to do some NASCAR racing. Ergo, there will be no AM Switch until Issue #22 or #23 depending on how my schedule to return falls. As always, you won't miss a thing; we'll catch up as soon as we return.

73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman



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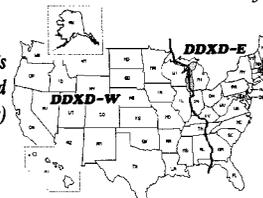
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between East and
Central time zones)



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DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- ☐ Time to saddle up for another DX Roundup from out West, pardners. Out of the mailbag and off the Web this week come the following . . .
- ☐ Secrets of the DX Ya Ya Brotherhood: "It finally warmed up enough to go out to the DX site. Well worth the trip as several new ones especially Michigan heard. We were surprised by the lack of snow at the site and the long walk in was much easier than any February in the past" - MBDX; "Tried for the PR tests, but no luck. Heard some other stuff while on the frequencies" - CR-IL; "At 1850 EST, on 1330, I heard a faint AP News sounder. I'd bet the house it was needed WMNN-MN! Nothing else heard, so my chase of this elusive AM continues! On my 'most wanted' list for years! (I feel like Marshall Dillon, hi!) SS noted on 810, 910, 660 and very loud u/local 540-WRRD! Listened but nothing. The fishing expedition continues . . ." - JJR-WI; "Only new one was KMHI-1240. Several days had better reception, e.g. 2/4 but most of the time it has continued to be lousy conditions" - DKK-CA;
- ☐ Deadlines are Thursdays . . . and don't forget the weekly Challenge is aligned with those guys in the East. Let's see who can outdo the other. 73 and CUN7.

REPORTERS

RA-CA Rene Auvray Los Angeles '97 Crown Vic with Jensen Plus Tuner
BD-WI Bill Dvorak Madison <DXERak@aol.com>
SF-TN Steve Francis Alcoa TRF, Select-a-Tenna, Intermatic DT-17 timer <Amdxmail@aol.com>
PG-CO Patrick Griffith Westminster Drake R-8 and Kiwa loop <am-dxer@webtv.net>
BK-CA Bob Karchevski Sunnyvale DX-398 barefoot <karchev@worldnet.att.net>
CK-CO Chris Knight Fort Lupton GE Superadio III <swrad@juno.com>
DKK-CA Don Kaskey San Francisco Drake R8A + Airloop <kaskeyfamily@yahoo.com>
HN-GA Herb Newberry Newborn unID help!
SHP-TX Stephen Ponder Houston Sangean ATS-803A, Radio Shack DX-399; Radio West Loop, Radio Shack Loop <n5wbi@family.net>
JJR-WI John J. Rieger South Milwaukee Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner/preamp or GE SR III, Terk AM 1000 loop (on GY catches,) recorded while I'm at the "Big Rig!" <johnjrieger@webtv.net>
MBDX Shawn M. Axelrod and Wayne Mcrae Valhalla Beach ICOM ICR-70 + various wire and Beverage; S /2-MFJ 1026 Phasing Unit <saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>
MS-MB Morris Sorensen Winnipeg DX-392 barefoot <mosor@shaw.ca>
CR-IL Christos Rigas Wood Dale Drake R8+ Quantum QX-Pro <crigas@birinc.com>
JTR-OK John Reed Shawnee W-J DMS-105R tunable demodulator, modified K1WA MW loop <jreed@alum.mit.edu>
JV-KY John Vervoort Murray Yacht Boy 400PE
Ed.-TX Editor North Richland Hills

STATION NEWS & NOTES

910 KNEW CA Oakland - 2/3 0900 - Began new format of talk. (DKK-CA)
1520 KOMA OK Oklahoma City - 2/3 - Is going news/talk, abandoning its oldies format. What is this? The second or third time they've switched? [Ed.-TX]
1550 WZRK WI Lake Geneva - Back on the air, but daytime only, carrying EWTN. (BD-WI)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

540 UNID ?? - 2/2 0320 - Two SS stations, one with Romantica and the other with Ranchera. At 0320 heard three descending tone chimes and at 0330 heard four descending tone chimes. At 0335 heard mention of Chihuahua and La Ranchera. Both weak under local TIS at Denver International Airport. (PG-CO) [It may be that 'new' XEHS Los Mochis, Sinola which moved from 740. Tim Hall put out the word about that on the AM List - Ed.]
720 UNID ?? - 1/29 0004 - Nortena music, mentions of *Esta es Raza* several times, and *Escuchando 86 de mas nortena*. Signal varied under WGN and unID Mexican. KSAH?? (SHP-TX)

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 740 UNID ?? - 2/2 0540 - Fair signal, with Mexican music. Several *La Cinq* mentions by female announcer. (MB-DX)
 760 WLCC FL Brandon - RA-NV's unID [see Issue 16 - Ed.] may be this. It's the only U.S. SS station. Otherwise: Mexican? (HN-GA) [I doubt very much it was WLCC. Both of their patterns do not favor us to the west. I've been hearing a strong XE under usual WJR of late. There are a number of new XE's shown, with XEABC San Sebastian, MUSIC with U1 20000/5000 being the most likely candidate/suspect. Then there's always Cuba - Ed.]
 910 WFVR GA Valdosta - IS Confirmed as Bruce Winkleman's tentative logging [see Issue 16 - Ed.]. They advise tourists to tune to WTIR-1680 for traffic/weather/accommodation information once in Florida. (HN-GA)
 980 WPLA FL Plant City - IS Gerry Bishop's probable [see Issue 16 - Ed.]. They are ABC/Disney; ex: ESPN. WNEK-1400 Macon, GA is // WPLA. (HN-GA)
 1410 KIIH CO Wellington - KR-AZ's UNID Fox Sports Radio [See Issue 11 - Ed.] is most likely this. I finally found where the Fox Radio affiliate list went; it's at <http://foxsports.lycos.com/shows/index.adp?categoryId=1954&biold=2069>. (TRH-CA)
 1490 UNID ?? - 1/26 0438-0443 - Someone with Sporting News Radio, atop for a few minutes. Sure like this one. (DKK-CA)
 1490 UNID ?? - 2/4 2000-2005 - With CNN News in SS. Not KBKO, so either KTOB or KWAC most likely. (DKK-CA)
 1710 UNID ?? - 2/1 2306 - Very poor, with brief talk by man. (CR-IL)
 1190 WBMJ- PR San Juan - Not heard. (MB-DX)
 1370 WIVV- PR Vieques - Not heard. (MB-DX)
 530 WPUN402ND Devils Lake - 2/1 1550 - Fair signals with woman giving highway info for the Devils Lake area. Now on with these new calls. NEW. (MB-DX)
 550 WSAU WI Wausau - 2/1 2314 - Poor, in KTRS null, with ID. (CR-IL)
 620 CKRM SK Regina - 2/2 0230 - Good at times, over / under KTAR and KMKI. C&W with *Regina 620*, CKRM at BoH. Thought I heard one promo mention broadcasting in stereo. I last QSLed CKRM on 1/4/82... 21 years ago! They were on 980 in those days. (PG-CO)
 680 KFEQ MO St. Joseph - 1/29 0000 - With KFEQ 680 St. Joseph ID, in KKYX null. (SHP-TX)
 680 KKYX TX San Antonio - 1/28 2354 - With 680 KKYX ID at 2359. Traditional country music. (SHP-TX)
 690 WTIX LA New Orleans - 1/23 1948 - Right here on WTIX, the Mighty Six-Ninety, then into *Bruce Williams Show*. (JV-KY)
 740 KRMG OK Tulsa - 1/25 2114 - *News Talk Seven-Forty*, KRMG. Depend on it. (JV-KY)
 740 KTRH TX Houston - 2/2 0057 - Special Edition of *Coast-to-Coast* with *George Noory* talking about shuttle disaster. *News Radio 740*, KTRH at ToH followed by headlines, traffic and weather, then news in detail. (PG-CO)
 740 KTRH TX Houston - 2/2 2302-2305 - Very good signal, with news about the Space Shuttle *Columbia*. ID: KTRH *News Time 10 oh 5*, into program called *How Radio Was*. (CK-CO)
 810 WNSI AL Jacksonville - 1/31 0630 - Call ID heard then lost in QRM. New here. (JTR-OK)
 810 WHB MO Kansas City - 1/13 2347 - Two NFL PSAs: *Don't Drive and Drink* and *United Way*, then ID at 2348: *Sports Radio 810 WHB* and into ESPN Radio *Eavesdrop* segment. (SHP-TX)
 840 WHGH GA Thomasville - 2/4 0741 - Poor, with calls and TC. Urban AC. First new on frequency in 16 years! NEW! (JJR-WI)
 900 KPYN TX Atlanta - 1/31 0645 - Atlanta ads, religious music. Brief during fade-up. New here. (JTR-OK)
 910 KLCN AR Blytheville - 1/31 2310 - Good signal in local KPOF null, with older C&W music, ID: *Classic Country AM 910 KLCN*. New! (CK-CO)
 910 KXEB TX Sherman - 1/14 0256 - With *This is KXEB Sherman-Dallas 910 AM* ID, then into *Musica Mexicana*. (SHP-TX)
 930 WBCK MI Battle Creek - 2/2 0334 - Poor, with ABC News Brief, calls, TC, and *Coast-To-Coast*. No usual WAUR. (JJR-WI)
 930 WPAT NJ Paterson - 1/3 0100 - Poor, with *This is AM 930, WPAT Paterson*. Not heard since their Muzak days. (SF-TN)
 940 WMAC GA Macon - 2/3 0710 - Call ID, news. Good signal. (JTR-OK)
 950 WPEN PA Philadelphia - 1/9 1600 - Atop, with *This is your station for great stars and great songs, 950 WPEN Philadelphia, a Greater Media station, a 4:00 TC* and live weather.



DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

TIS & OTHER STUFF

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

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 990 KWAM TN Memphis - 2/3 2055 - Call ID, then faded out and came back with *Savage Nation* talk, but I'm not sure it was the same signal. New here. (JTR-OK)
 990 KCAF TX Farmersville 2/4 0650 - Running continuous tape loop: *You are listening to 940 KHZ, KCAF, Farmersville, Dallas, Fort Worth*. Last heard as KXXL, Wichita Falls. (JTR-OK)
 1050 KTBL NM Los Ranchos de Albuquerque - 2/4 2100 - Call ID with Tom Lykis talk. Weak and fading in loop null of several SS stations. New here. (JTR-OK)
 1050 WEVD NY New York - 1/15 0300 - Fair, with *Broadcasting high atop Madison Square Garden, the world's most famous arena, this is the new sound for New York sports: 1050 ESPN Radio, WEVD New York City*. Not heard since they were WHN and country music. (SF-TN)
 1070 KNX CA Los Angeles 2/4 2120 - Call ID, financial news. Fair signal in loop null of KFTI. Nice to hear some of the distant blowtorches back. (JTR-OK)
 1120 KPNW OR Eugene - 2/1 1910 - Fair signal, over and under KMOX, with talk and ID. Rare here. (MB-DX)
 1150 WEAQ WI Chippewa Falls - 1/2 0800 - Atop on day rig, with *ESPN 1150 - WEAQ Chippewa Falls, the valley's new home for sports talk radio, a service of Central Communications*. (SF-TN)
 1170 KFAQ OK Tulsa - 1/22 0411 - Cutting through KLOK nicely, with talk. (DKK-CA)
 1180 WZQZ GA Trion - 2/4 0729 - Poor, with obits, ads, and calls. Alone on frequency. (JJR-WI)
 1190 WBSL MS Bay St. Louis - 2/4 0725 - Poor, with calls, and BLUES music. No WOWO at all! (JJR-WI)
 1190 WLIB NY New York - 2/1 2250 - Good, with reggae music and ID. Hoping for Puerto Rico [tests]. (CR-IL)
 1190 WHMT TN Humboldt - 2/1 2245 - Fair, in WLIB null, with sports talk, *Sporting News Radio* slogans and *Sports Talk WHMT 1190* ID. (CR-IL)
 1230 KQIK OR Lakeview - 2/4 2033 - ID while carrying Portland-Orlando NBA game. Stayed in for a good 10 minutes. (DKK-CA)
 1240 KMHI ID Mountain Home - 2/4 2100 - ID noted: *You're listening to your favorite country music on KMHI Mountain Home*. Had tracked C&W music from 2045-2100 in/out through QRM. Heard as KJCY in 1984. (DKK-CA)
 1240 KELK NV Elko - 2/4 2102 - Rose up for ID after an oldies piece. (DKK-CA)
 1270 KJUG CA Tulare - 1/23 0855-0900 - Classic Country. Two C&W songs, call ID, AP Network News. With QRM. Slow fades. New. (RA-CA)
 1320 WVNZ VA Richmond - 1/23 0600 - Poor, with *The Music of Your Life on Unforgettable 1320, WVNZ Richmond, Virginia #125*. (SF-TN)
 1340 KTPI CA Mojave - 1/21 1931 - *KTIP Classic Country* ID. (DKK-CA)
 1340 KTSN NV Elko - 1/22 0400 - ID during break from Coast to Coast. On 2/4 at 1933 with ID: *Oldies, here on KTSN*. Noted all evening, so probably a format change from News/Talk. But KELK-1240 is Oldies as well. hmmm. (DKK-CA)
 1350 WGAD AL Gadsden - 2/4 0715 - Fair, with weather, calls, and oldies. Alone; rare! (JJR-WI)
 1350 KBID CA Bakersfield - 1/22 0349 - Up with call ID through KSRO. Oldies format. On 2/4 at 2240 blasting KSRO with *Anaheim Mighty Ducks* NHL. Best 33 watts I've ever seen. (DKK-CA)
 1380 WONO IN Fort Wayne - 1/18 0400 - Fair with *ESPN Radio 1380, WONO Fort Wayne*. (SF-TN)
 1400 KQMS CA Redding - 1/31 0230 - With talk under KVTO. (DKK-CA)
 1400 KUKI CA Ukiah - 1/31 0230 - Fair, with SS music under KVTO. (DKK-CA)
 1410 KMYR KS Wichita - 2/4 2357 - Poor signal with MoYL, legal ID and possible CNN Radio News. KIIH nulled. (CK-CO)
 1430 CHKT ON Toronto - 1/30 0200 - Good, with *This is AM 1430 CHKT, Fairchild Radio, Toronto* by woman. (SF-TN)
 1440 WZYX TN Cowan - 2/2 1838 - Fair @ 40/9! Calls and weather. Satellite AdCon. Alone. (JJR-WI)
 1450 WHTC MI Holland - 2/1 2013 - Poor signal, with oldies music and ID. NEW. (MB-DX)
 1450 WHLS MI Port Huron - 2/1 1950 - Fair signal, with nostalgia music //1590. ID on the hour. NEW. (MB-DX)
 1460 KCKX OR Stayton - 1/18 0315-0325 - With classic C&W, atop talkers. On 1/25 at 0320 nicely atop and alone. ID at 0325: *KCKX Cowboy Country*. 15 Watts, eh? (DKK-CA)
 1470 KELA WA Centralia - 1/25 0315 - Atop, along with KBSN, with *Coast-to-Coast*. XERCN off. KIID way below and some Spanish noted; probably KUTY. (DKK-CA)
 1470 WBKV WI West Bend - 1/27 2323 - Fair, with ID: *Memories are made of this - WBKV*. (MS-MB)

1490	KTTR	MO	Rolla - 2/2 1900 - Poor with AM-FM ID and CBS News over others. <i>News Radio.</i> (JJR-WI)
1490	CFPS	ON	Port Elgin - 2/2 1906 - Poor, but clear CFOS after news. (//CFOS.) Rare! (JJR-WI)
1510	KFNN	AZ	Mesa - 1/28 0838-0843 - Traffic report sponsored by <u>Trader Joe's</u> . Two anchors Arizona news. Fading in/out with QRM. Possibly KGA and KSBA in background. (RA-CA)
1510	KNRC	CO	Littleton - 2/2 0630 - Fair signal, with talk programming and local ads. NEW. (MB-DX)
1510	KNIM	MO	Maryville - 2/1 1800 - Poor signal, with oldies music and weather. (MB-DX)
1520	KSIB	IA	Creighton - 1/27 1807 - Fair, with state and local news. NEW! (MS-MB)
1530	WSAI	OH	Cincinnati - 1/29 0048 - Briefly on top with 1530 WSAI ID, then lost in jumble. (SHP-TX)
1550	KAPE	MO	Cape Girardeau - 2/2 1834 - Very good @ 10/9, with NOS (WW1) and calls. Rare! (JJR-WI)
1570	WWCK	MI	Flint - 2/1 2320 - Poor-to-fair signal, under CKMW, with basketball game and ID. NEW. (MB-DX)
1570	WPTW	OH	Piqua - 2/1 2230 - Fading in and out, with a basketball game. NEW. (MB-DX)
1570	KVTK	SD	Vermillion - 1/22 0200 - Fair, with <i>ESPN Radio is KVTK Vermillion, a wholly locally-owned radio station of Culhane Communications, Incorporated</i> , then into Sports Center. Huge surprise, musta been running the whole 500 watts. South Dakota is powerful rare in these parts. (SF-TN)
1570	KVTK	SD	Vermillion - 2/2 1830 - Poor, but on top, with <i>ESPN 1570 KVTK</i> out of game into ads. Rare! (JJR-WI) [These are correct call, John - Ed.]
1580	WLJ	TN	Shelbyville - 2/4 0705 - Fair, with USA News, a promo, weather (from National Weather Service with "computer voice") into C&W music. Alone, and dominating! (JJR-WI)
1590	WONX	IL	Evanston - 1/27 1850 - Fair, with ethnic program. English ID at 1900 also mentioned stations in Chicago and Aurora-Naperville. NEW! (MS-MB)
1590	WHLX	MI	Marine City - 2/1 1956 - Poor signal // 1450 WHLS. NEW. (MB-DX)
1590	KTCH	NE	Wayne - 1/27 1757 - Fair, with traditional country music, ID and news. (MS-MB)
1590	KMBD	OR	Tillamook - 1/17 1948-1952 - With long ad break, then back to <i>The Savage Nation</i> . In null of KLIV-KQLO-KUNX. (DKK-CA)
1590	KELP	TX	El Paso - 2/2 2155-2200 - Fair, in KVGB null, with a Christian preacher and ID: <i>El Paso's Christian Station, KELP</i> , mentioned another station or FM parallel. New. (CK-CO)
1600	WKDM	MD	Rockville - 1/26 0400 - Poor, with legal ID by foreign-accented lady. (SF-TN)
1600	WEHH	NY	Elmira Heights-Horseheads - 1/17 0400 - Poor with dual-city legal ID. Heard once before, 29 years ago, on 1590 with a 6:00 sign-on. (SF-TN)
1610	CJWI	QU	Montreal - 2/1 1840 - Poor-to-fair signal, with a mix of talk and music in Spanish. (MB-DX)
1620	WTAW	TX	College Station - 2/3 0200 - Fair @ 30/9, with <i>Coast to Coast AM</i> , ID, and CBS News. No WDND/KOZN at all! (JJR-WI)
1640	KDIA	CA	Vallejo - 1/26 0855-0900 - A religious song, sounding like C&W. Concluding a program anchored by a man with a "doctor" title. <i>KDIA Vallejo-San Francisco</i> into AP Network News. Fading in/out. (RA-CA)
1660	KXTR	KS	Kansas City - 1/30 0919 - With traffic/weather report, <i>I'm Andrea McGuire with a look at your traffic and weather on Classical 1660 KXTR</i> , then spots for <u>Kansas City Public Library</u> and <u>Bar Stefano</u> at 0921, and <i>It's 8:23 right now at KXTR</i> at 0923. Faded out completely by 0928. Strongest X-band station this morning! (SHP-TX) [I'll bet the gang at <i>Stefano's</i> listen to classical music a lot! hi - Ed.]
1670	KHPY	CA	Moreno Valley - 1/30 0015-0020 - Rock 'n' Roll Oldies, DJ talking about the music he's playing plus VID. Null KNRO (with Sports Talk). New. (BK-CA)
1670	KNRO	CA	Redding - 2/1 0134 - Blasting in with <u>Central Valley High School</u> basketball play-by-play and local ads. Also <i>Community Calendar - a service of Regent Broadcasting of Redding</i> . Overpowering everything else, including the usually dominant WTDY which is 100 miles closer to me. (PG-CO)
1700	KBGG	IA	Des Moines - 1/22 0338 - With woman talking, mixing with KTBK. KTBK with Sporting News Radio. Rare this winter. (DKK-CA)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

None this week, but remember all the GY DX records are on line at: www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html

DDXD-East

Lots 'o loggings this week for our Frequency Challenges on 1280 and 1580 kHz! Great DX, every-

one! Upcoming Challenge listening dates are: **Stations with "K" calls** – February 12-18; **630 kHz** – February 12 – 25; **1480 kHz** – February 26 – March 19; **960 kHz** – March 20 – April 1; and **1370 kHz** – April 2 – April 15.

REPORTERS

MKB-ON	Mike Brooker, Toronto – Panasonics RF-2200 & RFB-45; Grundig YB-400PE.
SC-IN	Steve Chappell, McCordsville - Bearcat DX-1000: 3 terminated loops.
BC-NH	Bruce Conti, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft east/west Double-Ewe antenna.
PC-VA	Perry Crabill, Winchester – Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100' wire.
MD-MA	Marc DeLorenzo, Marstons Mills - JRC NRD-525, Noise-reduced slopers, Mini DXP3 phasing unit.
RJE-PA	Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell - Hammarlund HQ-150 w/ 4' amplified air core loop.
RJE*PA	Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell - Car radio & whip.
JF-ON	Jeff Falconer, Clinton - AOR AR7030+, pair of 130' EWE antennas, MFJ-1026 phase box, etc.
EG-PA	Eldon Geiman, Greencastle - Grundig Satellit 800; 300 foot longwire.
HJH-PA	Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre - HQ-180, 1966 Zenith Trans-Oceanic, Kiwa Pocket Loop, Superadio II and barefoot Bose Wave.
DH-NJ	Dave Hochfelder, New Brunswick - Sony ICF-2010 with Quantum QX Pro.
RWK-CT	Rick Kenneally - Wilton, CT - Drake R8B, Sony 2010, Quantum Phaser & QX Loop, lots of wire.
BJL-NC	Brian J. Lambe, Charlotte – Sony ICF-2010 and RS loop.
DL-MD	Dave Larrabee, Columbia - Icom 8500 on random wire or loop.
DL*MD	Dave Larrabee, Columbia - TenTec RX340 on a long wire operating unattended gathering 4-minute audio samples at the top of the hour.
PM-MA	Paul McDonough, Medford - R8 with Quantum Loop.
BDM-ON	Barry McLarnon, Ottawa - NRD-525, 1 m air-core loop, 40 m inverted-vee, MFJ-1026.
JR-NY	Jim Renfrew, Byron - Drake R8, longwires, Quantum Phaser.
RR-NC	Rick Robinson, Hendersonville – Sony SW7600GR with RS Loop and Radio Plus Q-Stick antennas.
JJR-PA	Joe Rocchino, Cuddy - Realistic DX-370, RS Loop Antenna.
AR-ON	Andy Rugg, Cornwall - HQ-180's and loops.

FREQUENCY CHALLENGE – 1280 kHz and 1580 kHz

1280	WWPG	AL	Tuscaloosa - 1/30 0000 - Very weak: "Gospel all day WWPG." (SC-IN)
	KNBY	AR	Newport - 2/5 1857 - Weak: "News and information for Newport for over 50 years, AM 1280 is KNBY" and "For the best in Southern Gospel Music, keep it tuned to KNBY." (SC-IN)
	WJWK	DE	Seaford - 1/30 1220 - Pop standards, local ad. Frequently heard days. (RJE*PA)
	WGTX	FL	Defuniak Springs – 1/31 1818 – Local ads and high school sports on "12-80 WGTX". (RR-NC)
	WLCC	GA	Macon - 2/3 1755 - good with GOS music, PSAs for the Girl Guides and American Breast Cancer Association, ID "The Light", AM 1280 WLCC, Macon and AM 1670 Warner Robins". Ex WIBB for me. (JF-ON)
	WGBF	IN	Evansville – 1/29 1759 - strong on west wire with Doctor Laura, ID "This is 'News Talk 1280', WGBF, Evansville, time for the 'Tri-County Report'". Much weaker after power/pattern change at 1800. (JF-ON) + 1/30 1700 - "Newstalk 1280 WGBF, Evansville", into ABC news. (BDM-ON) + 2/1 0853 - Gardening show "on News Talk 12-80 WGBF". (RR-NC) + 2/4 1805 - ending news with station promo for "Newstalk 1280 WGBF" and then a discussion about DirectTV. Still there with a local events calendar at 1825! New. (RJE-PA)
	WCPM	KY	Cumberland — 1/31 1706 – "News Talk 12-80 WCPM". (RR-NC) + 2/5 0505 - Out of ABC News: "1280 WCPM." (SC-IN)
	WFAU	ME	Gardiner - 1/29 1658 - Fair; "The Score sports talk network" in WEIM null, quickly lost to WADO. (BC-NH) + 1/30 0500 - Good over WEIM and WADO with ID "You're listening to The Score: WSKW Skowhegan, WFAU Gardiner, WIGY Madison", then into ESPN SportsCenter (MD-MA)
	WEIM	MA	Fitchburg - 1/29 1655 - Good; "WEIM, your hometown station, AM 1280 radio, we are the talk of the town," and <i>Howie Carr</i> , top of the hour ID, "WEIM AM 1280 Fitchburg-Leominster." (BC-NH) + 1/30 0800 - Promo for memorabilia show: "Tune in here on the radio, 8 a.m. every Saturday morning, right here on WEIM AM 1280, your hometown station", then "WEIM, AM 1280, Fitchburg-Leominster", into ABC news, about even with WADO. (BDM-ON) + 1/31 1052 - ID "W-E-I-M 12-80 Fitchburg Massachusetts". Then into Dr. Joy Brown program past top of hour. (PM - MA)



- + 2/2 1600 - Good mixing with WADO with end of health show then ad for Mormons, ad for a gardening show, and ID: "AM 12-80 Fitchburg-Leominster" and into ABC News. No call letters given. (RWK-CT)
- + 2/2 1646 - ID: "AM 1280, WEIM" then back to "The Dolans" financial talk program. (RJE*PA)
- WFYC MI Alma** - 1/30 1706 - Local ads mentioning Alma and other nearby towns (I learned there's an Ithaca in MI - that threw me off for a few minutes until I got the atlas out), then back to Sporting News Radio. Good for a few minutes. New. (BDM-ON)
- + 2/1 1205 - good with local high school sports scores, mid Michigan weather, ID "Sports Radio 1280", WFYC, mid Michigan's one on one sports station" into SNR Network sports talk. (JF-ON)
- WWTC MN Minneapolis** - 1/31 2200 - Very weak: "This is AM 1280 *The Patriot* WWTC Minneapolis/St. Paul." (SC-IN)
- KDKD MO Clinton** - 2/5 0707 - Very weak and under most likely WGBF: "KDKD" into "Good Vibrations" but listed as Talk/Sports. (SC-IN)
- WHTK NY Rochester** - 1/29 1430 - in CFYZ null with "here's your News Talk Radio WHTK forecast" local weather during break in Jim Rome show. (MKB-ON)
- + 1/31 2137 - poor in mess with WBZY with Rochester Americans hockey v. Houston Aeros, quick calls given during a break in the play "Hot Talk, WHTK 1280". (JF-ON)
- + 1/31 2319 - Weak: "Time well spent - Fox Sports Radio and this weekend we've got it all on WHTK." (SC-IN)
- + 2/1 1659 - Promo for Golden Flyers basketball, "Hot Talk 1280 WHTK" ID. A frequent pest here. (BDM-ON)
- + 2/1 1700 - ESPN sports talk, promo for Nazareth College Golden Flyers Division III Basketball, ID. (RJE-PA)
- + 2/2 1700 - Good with NHL All Star game coverage, Westwood One show ads, and top of hour ID. (RWK-CT)
- WADO NY New York** - 1/30 0800 - Spanish talk, with EE ID a bit after TOH. Major pest on this channel. (BDM-ON)
- + 1/30 1210 - ID in telephone talk. The usual dominant station here. (RJE*PA)
- + 1/30 2030 - Lots of Spanish talk and then "this is WADO New York, New York." (EG-PA)
- + 1/31 0200 - Very weak: "WADO 1280 AM New York." (SC-IN)
- + 2/1 1730 - Good; "...siempre, doce-ochenta es la noticia de Nueva York" and *Radio Wado* jingle. (BC-NH)
- + 2/2 0700 - "WADO twelve eighty AM New York" English ID on the hour. Dominates during nighttime hours. (DL*MD)
- + 2/2 1500 - Strong local with non-stop Spanish talk by man, then broken at top of hour by English ID: "WADO 12-80 AM, New York". For some reason, this station is much stronger on upper sideband than on lower. (RWK-CT)
- + 2/3 2100 - over nulled CFYZ with EE top of hour ID: "WADO 1280 AM New York" than back to usual SS. (MKB-ON)
- WSAT NC Salisbury** - 2/2 1900 - "[?] Salisbury, this is Memories 1280, 24 hours a day, WSAT", into ABC news. Not strong, but the announcer had good enunciation. Also heard the previous evening with oldies by Bread, BeeGees, etc. (BDM-ON)
- + 2/4 0200 - "Memories 1280 WSAT" and "From historic Salisbury, this is Memories 1280 - 24 hours a day WSAT." (SC-IN)
- WYAL NC Scotland Neck** - 1/30 1650 - Preaching, then later local weather. (RJE*PA)
- + 2/1 0653 - only got calls down in mess. Has been heard at sunset here from time to time. (JF-ON)
- + 2/1 1658 - Gospel music; "You are listening to Gospel 12-80, WYAL." Competing with sports on WADO-NY. (PC-VA)
- + 2/2 1730 - Fair with full signoff by man with Southern drawl: "...500 watts pre-sunrise power and 5000 watts daytime power non-directional..." New. (RWK-CT)
- + 2/4 1659 - Yelling preacher (is that where the "YAL" comes from?), urging listeners to call 301-423-4200, lost under WADO after TOH. Thanks to Russ Edmunds for help with IDing this one! New. (BDM-ON)
- WONW OH Defiance** - 1/30 1831 - Good: "AM 1280 WONW Defiance" into "April Love". (SC-IN)
- + 1/31 2000 - A very weak "AM 1280 WONW" ID, but then fading up to brief dominance with HS basketball, Defiance v. Celina. New. (BDM-ON)
- WFBS PA Berwick** - 1/29 1735 - McDonald's Motorsports report, "here on 1280, Radio Smiles", dashboard DX while driving home. Also heard with ID the next day at 0606. (BDM-ON)

- + 2/2 1630 - Good with oldie that sounded somewhat C&W-like, then jingle, weather, and "12-80 WFBS - Radiophile". (RWK-CT)
- + 2/3 0205 - A very weak "WFBS" only. (SC-IN)
- WHVR PA Hanover** - 1/30 1015 - "Your Hanover-Adams area news leader WHVR." Ad for the Hanover hospital and the Brethren Home. Bob Waters Sports. "WHVR, your Hometown Favorite". 637-3831. Then into country music. (EG-PA)
- + 1/30 1215 - C&W, then ID. Usually in under WADO daytimes. (RJE*PA)
- + 1/30 1738 - poor in jumble with ad mentioning York Street in Hanover, ID "Your hometown favorite for 50 years, 1280 WHVR". (JF-ON)
- + 2/1 0200 - Weak: "This is Hanover's news and information leader, 1280 WHVR Hanover" into CNN. (SC-IN)
- + 2/2 0800 - "This is Hanover's News and Information Leader, your home town favorite, WHVR, Hanover." Into Sunday morning religious programming. (DL*MD)
- + 2/2 1931 - End of CNN news, ID "this is your home town news and information leader, 1280 WHVR", into country music, poor in mess. (BDM-ON)
- WBZY PA New Castle** - 1/30 1755 - poor in mess with NOS music, ID "You're listening to your favorite songs of yesterday on WBZY". (JF-ON)
- + 1/31 0800 - MOYL slogan, WBZY ID. Heard again on 2/1 at 1807 with Penn State v. Wisconsin basketball on the Penn State Sports Network. (BDM-ON)
- + 2/1 0800 - Very weak: Out of health infomercial "WBZY New Castle." (SC-IN)
- WANS SC Anderson** - 1/30 1742 - poor with GOS music, promo for program "week-day mornings from 10 to 12 on WANS". (JF-ON)
- + 2/1 1200 - "WANS 12-80, abiding in the spirit". (RR-NC)
- + 2/3 1647 - Local ad and promo suddenly atop WADO/WYAL mix. New! (RJE-PA)
- + 2/3 1731 - "WANS 1280" during local church promos. (SC-IN)
- WJAY SC Mullins** - 1/30 1730 - Lots of gospel music and then announced "this is Joy 1280." (EG-PA)
- + 1/31 1702 - Local SC news from "12-80 WJAY". (RR-NC)
- + 2/3 0800 - Just past TOH, a weak but clear "WJAY, Mullins, South Carolina" ID. Only station audible on 1280, in auroral conditions. New. (BDM-ON)
- + 2/3 1727 - "WJAY" and "Mullins" in local ads. (SC-IN)
- UNID SC** - 2/5 1700 - After tracking this for several nights leading up to the top of the hour with stiff vocal, choral, and pipe organ Christian music, finally got a partial ID. "This is the Bible Broadcasting Network. Thanks for listening to... WYFV (or WYFG)... South Carolina." The Bible Broadcasting Network only lists South Carolina FM stations WYFG and WYFV, no AM affiliates. Could be WANS or WJAY relaying FM without a local ID. (BC-NH)
- WOWZ VA Appomattox** - 1/30 1810 - Local Ads with "Appomattox" mentioned. (SC-IN)
- + 2/2 0600 - Female with "we're 1280 WOWZ Appomattox and 590 WLVA Lynchburg", into AP news. Heard at other times (including at night, when they should be off) with "the news station" and "news and information" slogans. New. (BDM-ON)
- WYVE VA Wytheville** - 1/31 0630 - Ending religious program, then ID, news. (RJE*PA)
- + 2/1 0600 - Female announcer: "WYVE Wytheville Virginia." (SC-IN)
- + 2/1 0756 - good with insurance company ad, ID "News, weather, sports, and music 1280 AM, WYVE" into classic C&W music. (JF-ON)
- + 2/2 0600 - Right on the heels of WOWZ with ID "1280 AM WYVE, Wytheville, Virginia". I was surprised to hear it's pronounced "With-ville". Also carrying AP news, delayed from WOWZ and thus producing an echo effect. (BDM-ON)
- WNAM WI Neenah-Menasha** - 1/30 0530 - "The melodies you love - it's all a part of The Music of Your Life AM 1280 WNAM." (SC-IN)
- + 1/30 2032 - "We are your home for the music of your life, AM 1280 WNAM", into the usual MOYL fare. (BDM-ON)
- + 2/1 1831 - poor with contest promo, ID "You're listening to 'the Music of Your Life' on WNAM". (JF-ON)
- CFYZ ON Toronto** - 1/30 1828 - Pearson (Toronto) International Airport TIS poor with Air Canada flight arrival/departure info by man and woman in EE then in FF. This has just increased power to 400 watts. (JF-ON)
- CFMB QC Montreal** - 1/29 1730 - Fair; local talk in a foreign language, many Montreal mentions. (BC-NH)
- + 2/1 1625 - Presumed with Spanish-language talk under WADO, too weak to ID, but not much else likely. (RJE-PA)

- + 2/3 1758 - very dominant with yak in Italian, including ads for Montreal sponsors. News in Italian began 1801 and still going strong at tune-out 1822. (AR-ON)
- + 2/3 2030 - FF talk, with mention in EE of www.cfmb.ca website. Despite their closeness, not a huge pest here when they're on night pattern. (BDM-ON)
- WPGC MD Morningside** - 1/30 1800 - Gospel music, "The Number 1 Station in Gospel, WPGC." (RJE-PA)
- 1580 Pirate MA Boston** - 1/29 1155 - ID as "W-R-C-B Boston". This is one of many Boston-area Haitian-Creole-language pirates. Local Haitian newspaper calls this "Radio Concorde", so I believe the call letters stand for "Radio Concorde Boston" (guess). Said it was a "listener supported station", and gave phone number as 617-298-1580. Had English language fundamentalist preacher yelling. He gave website of program as praiseministry.net. He gave info on "First Annual Gospel Gala" at a IBEW Hall on Freeport Street, in Dorchester (Boston). Tickets were available at hair salons in Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury (all parts of Boston). (PM - MA)
- WTCL FL Chattahoochee** - 1/31 1819 - "For church announcements call WTCL 15-80, partnership in Christ program". (RR-NC)
- WSRF FL Fort Lauderdale** - 1/31 1744 - Caribbean music, announcer, mentions of Miami. (RJE-PA)
- WEAM GA Columbus** - 1/31 1710 - Gospel music "The Top Five at 5 on the Light, WEAM". (RR-NC)
- WSNE KY Georgetown** - 1/31 1658 - "This is WSNE Georgetown" (RR-NC)
- WHLY IN South Bend** - 1/30 0023 - as strong as CBJ used to be in their heyday with PSA from Registered Dieticians of Central Indiana, slogan "Radio Hollywood WHLY" into Anita Bryant song (ewwww!!!). (MKB-ON)
- + 2/1 2007 - Popped in briefly with ID on the Bose Wave while I was working. Then went into song, "Fever" by Peggy Lee. Very rare. (HJH-PA)
- WPGC MD Morningside** - 1/31 0740 - Good; "The urban inspiration station, Joy in the Morning" program, promo for the Gospel Announcer of the Year on *Heaven 1580*. + 2/1 0750 - Good; public affairs program, "Thank you for listening to WPGC AM and FM Morningside-Washington DC." (BC-NH)
- + 2/1 0753 - "Community Focus on Heaven 15-80 WPGC". Very strong, dominating frequency for nearly an hour. (RR-NC)
- WGYM NJ Hammonton** - 1/30 1700 - On top of frequency with break in talk show, then "Radio you can depend on - WOND Pleasantville/Atlantic City and WGYM Hammonton and on the world wide web at 1400wond.com." ABC News. (RWK-CT)
- 1/30 1720 - Talk program on local issues, 'WOND' used frequently. Usual daytime dominant here. (RJE-PA)
- + 1/31 0855 - Good; "News/Talk 1400 WOND" IDs and *The Don Williams Show*, 0900 ID, "Radio you can depend on, WOND Pleasantville-Atlantic City, WGYM Hammonton, and on the worldwide web at 1400wond.com" into ABC news. WOND relay not listed in the latest *NRC AM Radio Log*. (BC-NH)
- WLIM NY Patchogue** - 1/30 1600 - Loud local on daytime power with a song from what sounded like the Polish version of Hall & Oats, then PolskieRadio IDs parallel to 910-WRKL-NY. (RWK-CT)
- + 1/30 1725 - English ID amidst Polish-language programming. A pest. (RJE-PA)
- + 2/1 0835 - Good; talk in Polish, "This is AM 910 WRKL New City, New York, and AM 1580 WLIM Patchogue, Long Island... on polskieradio.com" followed by WNVR / WRKL / WLIM ID in Polish with Polskie Radio jingle. (BC-NH)
- WZKY NC Albemarle** - 1/31 1713 - Tuned in to hear "... www.northmyrtlebeach.com" then "WZKY" jingle then into "One Fine Day". (RWK-CT)
- + 1/31 1835 - Poor; call letter ID coming out of ad string, oldies music. (BC-NH)
- + 2/3 1701 - ID following local events calendar. (RJE-PA)
- WRDD PA Ebensburg** - 1/30 0630 - Tuned in to hear "The original good time oldies station, WRDD" then into song. (RWK-CT)
- + 1/30 0700 - over WPGC with *You're the One* by the Vogues, dual ID: "AM 950 WNCC and AM 1580 WRDD" into local news. (MKB-ON)
- + 2/1 0620 - Faded up briefly over WPGC with ID, "...on AM 950 WNCC, AM 1580 WRDD." (BC-NH)
- + 2/3 1301 - Poor with WPGC-MD nulled. "AM 9-50, WNCC, Barnesboro; AM 15-80, WRDD, Ebensburg". Playing Oldies. (PC-VA)
- WDAB SC Travelers Rest** - 1/30 0630 - Mixing in with WLIJ, WLIM with Spanish talk,

- music, ID. (RJE*PA)
- + 2/1 1201 - SS programming, "WDAB 12-80 Travelers Rest" TOH English ID. (RR-NC)
- WLIJ TN Shelbyville** - 1/30 0700 - Very good and almost alone on frequency with song "I Love You Too", a song ID "WLIJ One Five Eight Oh" then full ID by DJ. USA News, joined slightly in progress. This one is common at this time of the morning. (RWK-CT)
- + 1/31 1729 - C&W, local news, weather, ID. (RJE-PA)
- + 1/31 0553 - Good, alone on channel with C&W music and ID during locally produced program. Heard on car radio. (MD-MA)
- + 2/1 0755 - CW music, local Shelbyville ads, "here on WLIJ" ID. (RR-NC)
- WILA VA Danville** - 1/31 1700 - Good with slow R&B song then man with "WILA Danville" then another slow song. UNID station underneath with discussions about Stanley County Fire Department. (RWK-CT)
- + 2/3 1643 - 1960's oldies, then strengthened for a station promo. (RJE-PA)
- UNID** - 2/3 2135 - Female announcer, 1950's and 60's oldies under WADO. Nothing ID'able, as WADO peaked during the few times the station wasn't playing music. Many possibles, but my best guess given conditions is WSAT-NC. (RJE*PA)
- DX TEST
- 740 CHWO ON Oakville** - 2/2 0030 - pas de DX pour moi, but I listened nonetheless as the test ran as scheduled, with voice IDs: "Prime Time Radio AM 740 CHWO Toronto", plug for ODXA, code IDs, and the listed songs: *Beer Barrel Polka*, *Battle of New Orleans*, etc. Excellent signal, of course. (MKB-ON)
- + 2/2 0031 - Generally had very good signal but there were occasional severe fades. Many vocal IDs plus some in Morse code. Musical content jibed with published playlist. (AR-ON)
- PRESUMED AND UNID
- 960 WTGMp MD Salisbury** - 1/30 2110 - presumed with Maryland vs. NC State basketball over usual pest WFIR. Announcer seemed to be favoring the Terps, though there are a couple of NC stations on 960 that could be on the Wolfpack network. (MKB-ON)
- 1300 WRDZp IL La Grange** - 2/1 0810 - presumed with Radio Disney stuff on west wire. (JF-ON)
- 1420 WTCRp WV Kenova** - 2/1 0945 - presumed with contemporary Christian music and "Joy Radio" slogans. (JF-ON)
- STATION LOGGINGS
- 550 WIOZ NC Pinehurst** - 1/26 2131 - Good at times w spot for the new Boys and Girls Club in Southern Pines. Weather report at 2134 and AP news on hour. WGR nulled. New. (HJH-PA)
- + 2/5 0005 - good and dominant at times. I was camped out here trying to get a positive ID on a potential Colombian, and this just popped up out of the murk for a few minutes. Gave "WIOZ weather forecast" then into nostalgia music. Auroral conditions. New. (DH-NJ)
- 670 WWFE FL Miami** - 1/31 1858 - Very weak: "WWFE Miami" and back to SS. (SC-IN)
- 680 WCAW WV Charleston** - 2/1 1640 - New! Good copy with C&W music and ID "680 WCAW", well over local WPTF. (BJL-NC)
- 790 CFAN NB Miramichi** - 1/31 2150 - on a crowded frequency this one was coming in nicely with "99.3 The River" IDs, pop music, and marine weather. Due to move to FM, and I believe I read somewhere that it is using an omni-directional antenna at this time, new. (JR-NY)
- WETB TN Johnson City** - 2/1 0730 - fair with GOS music, ID "Your Johnson City station, WETB, Johnson City, Kingsport..." (JF-ON)
- WQXI GA Atlanta** - 2/1 0747 - good with ad for Overhead Door of Atlanta, ID "WQXI, 'The Zone', Atlanta's sports station", into a home improvement type show. (JF-ON)
- WSKO RI Providence** - 1/27 1642 - good with ID "WSKO, 'The Score' AM and FM", ad for Golfer's Warehouse, traffic report. (JF-ON)
- 850 WLYE PA Johnstown** - 2/4 0634 - Format change; now C&W instead of sports. "The classic country hits you know and love; now they're yours with Willie, on 8-50, WLYE". ID'd frequently with "Willie" slogan. Logged as WSP0 last year and as WJAC in 1990. (PC-VA)
- 860 KKOW KS Pittsburg** - 2/4 1859 - Sports reports, then "Weather every 20 minutes; 8-60 AM, KKOW, 8-60 AM". Surprise logging; first Kansas station ever heard here. (PC-VA)
- WAMO PA Millvale** - 2/4 1909 - Urban contemporary music; "AM 8-60, WAMO".

- 910 KLCN AR **KKOW** nulled with Kiwa. (PC-VA)
Blytheville - 2/3 2316 - with "Classic Country" slogan and frequent IDs, surely on day power, as strong for several hours; new. QRM from WFVR Valdosta GA during this time with tourist info, and WJCW Johnson City TN. (JR-NY)
- 920 WYMB SC **Manning** - 2/4 0207 - country music, with frequent ID's as "Wheels 100.5". First reported at 0045 by R. Shaftan on "dxtip", new. (JR-NY)
- 940 WMAC GA **Macon** - 2/4 0000 - good and dominant at times. Frequent IDs at top of hour as "news talk 940" and full call and city ID. New. (DH-NJ)
- 1130 KWKH LA **Shreveport** - 01/19 0628 - Behind dominant WBBR-NY with Amber Alert report and news of Louisiana events. On day pattern per DX tip from Powell. (PC-VA)
- 1180 WZQZ GA **Trion** - 1/16 2100 - Daytimer on after hours with Oldies program "The Music of Your Life". Heard for several nights under WHAM-NY until finally ID'd as "WZQZ, Trion-Summerville" at TOH, followed by USA Radio Network News. (PC-VA)
- 1190 WIXE NC **Monroe** - 2/2 1800 - "...we'll see yeah again the lord will'n next Sunday. Eleven Eighty, Eleven Ninety, WIXE Monroe." Announcer had difficulty with both the frequency and the call sign. Dropped off the air at 1801. (DL*MD)
- 1210 WSBI TN **Static** - 1/30 0800 - Over WPHT, with TOH ID "Oldies 1210 WSBI." New. (BJL-NC)
- 1230 WBVP PA **Beaver Falls** - 1/26 1811 - fair with "The WBVP Polka Party" on WBVP 1230 and WMBA 1460". (JF-ON)
- 1260 CKHJ NB **Fredericton** - 1/27 1620 - good at times with Shania Twain song, "KHJ Country" slogans. (JF-ON)
- WMUU SC **Greenville** - 2/1 0800 - heard end of REL program in mess, promo for Salvation Bible College, ID "WMUU AM 1260 in Greenville, South Carolina" into UNID network news. (JF-ON)
- WPNW MI **Zeeland** - 2/2 0830 - strong over WNDE on west wire with end of "Back To God" program, ID "1260 WPNW, 'The Word In Praise'" into "The Weston Hour". Ex WJBL/WWJQ for me. (JF-ON)
- 1270 WCBC MD **Cumberland** - 1/30 1630 - Heard over an hour before sunset, with singing ID "WCBC Cumberland". Ad for "Tokyo Steakhouse". (BJL-NC)
- 1290 WJBR DE **Wilmington** - 1/28 1630 - Carpenters song at top of the hour. "There we are on the top of the world on AM twelve ninety, coming up next University of Delaware Women's Basketball.... Your station for Delaware Blue Hens Basketball, AM twelve ninety WJBR Wilmington and ... fourteen ten WDOV Dover..." into local
- WHIO OH **Dayton** - 1/30 0820 - Good signal, with ID "News talk 1290 WHIO." Traffic and weather updates. (BJL-NC)
- 1300 WJFK MD **Baltimore** - 1/27 1658 - poor with traffic report, gone at 1559 pattern change. (JF-ON)
- KGLO IA **Mason City** - 2/1 1649 - poor under WERE with call letter ID into news about the Space Shuttle disaster. Rare here. (JF-ON)
- 1320 WDER NH **Derry** - 1/27 1700 - heard in passing with ID "'Life Changing Radio', WDER, Derry". (JF-ON)
- WKAN IL **Kankakee** - 2/1 0815 - fair with promo for a request program heard weekdays at 4 on WKAN, call 935-1320. (JF-ON)
- WMSR TN **Manchester** - 2/1 0821 - fair with OLD music, ID "Your hometown station, 'Cruisin' 1320', WMSR", ad for Farmers Co-op. (JF-ON)
- 1340 WSTV OH **Steuenville** - 1/27 1800 - poor coming out of an ad with ID "1290, WOMP, Bellaire-Wheeling and 1340, WSTV, Steuenville" into CNN News. (JF-ON)
- 1350 WGPL VA **Portsmouth** - 1/31 2400 - "WGPL Portsmouth" faded up in co-channel. GOS programming was evident during the sample along with FOX sports feed but couldn't confirm which one, if either was associated with the WGPL ID. (DL*MD)
- KRNT IA **Des Moines** - 2/1 0824 - poor under WIOU with NOSmusic, ad for ? Motors in Des Moines, KRNT Weather. (JF-ON)
- WIOU IN **Kokomo** - 2/1 0829 - good with "Money Tips Home Improvement Show", ad cluster including Buckner Distributing, Menards, contest promo. (JF-ON)
- WNNG GA **Warner Robins** - 2/3 1806 - coming out of CNN news, call letters, mention of local Air Force Base, new. WGLP Portsmouth VA "Your Gospel Connection" seemed to be on 1350.05 at the time. (JR-NY)
- 1360 WCHL NC **Chapel Hill** - 1/31 1700 - "...thirty seven degrees in Chapel Hill... on WCHL." Local announcements in heavy co-channel. (DL*MD)
 + 1/8 0829 - Road report about I-85 then CBS News feature with Dave Ross. ID. (HJH-PA)
- WNJC NJ **Washington Township** - 1/31 1759 - "...right here on the afternoon rumble

- on WNJC thirteen sixty, we're at five fifty eight..." Sounded like a talk format from what was hearable, however the last thing heard was a promo for a 50's rock program. (DL*MD)
- 1370 WWCB PA **Corry** - 1/31 1931 - over WSPD with Union City Bears vs. Lakeview Sailors high school basketball. No ID heard, but Union City, PA is just west of Corry. Although this is the closest station on 1370 to me in terms of miles or km, I haven't heard WWCB in more than 20 years. Possibly "forgetting" to power down on Friday high school hoops night. (MKB-ON)
- WXXI NY **Rochester** - 2/1 0530 - "...Your support will insure WXX1..." followed by a promo for 'Sound Byte'. (DL*MD)
- WGCL IN **Bloomington** - 2/1 0832 - faded up with "...good morning, AM 1370, WGCL, your listening to 'Don's Friends'..." then gone. (JF-ON)
- WDEA ME **Ellsworth** - 2/2 0000 - Good over WFEA with NOS format and ID "AM 1370 WDEA Ellsworth, a ??? Media Station..." Heard while trying without success for WIVV DX Test. (MD-MA)
- WHEE VA **Martinsville** - 2/3 1900 - while in the car, caught sign-off announcement. (JR-NY)
- 1380 WKJV NC **Ashville** - 1/17 1703 - NC News Network (refers to itself as NCNN), calls, Asheville ads, new. (JR-NY)
- 1420 WRCC GA **Columbus** - 1/18 0700 - Faded up briefly with female announcer "on 1420 WRCC" then gone! New. (BJL-NC)
- WHBN KY **Harrodsburg** - 2/1 0834 - poor with classic C&W music, ID "Alan Jackson here on WHBN". (JF-ON)
- WOC IA **Davenport** - 2/1 0835 - good over WHBN with end of "Rest of The Story", "It's 7:35 and I'm Phil Roberts in the WOC News Room, it's 32 degrees". (JF-ON)
- WVJS KY **Owensboro** - 2/1 0852 - poor with "Twilight Time" by The Platters, ID "1420 WVJS and 1230 WTCJ", more oldies. (JF-ON)
- 1430 WXNT IN **Indianapolis** - 2/1 0905 - alone with ID "News Talk 1430", WXNT", into "The ? Weekly Garden Show". (JF-ON)
- 1440 WHKW OH **Warren** - 1/31 0800 - over WJL and CHKT slop with "1220 WHK" non-legal ID, promos for www.renewing.org web site and the Cleveland City Mission. (MKB-ON)
- WNFL WI **Green Bay** - 2/1 0941 - poor in mess with promo for a Fox Sports program "...heard Mondays on WNFL...". (JF-ON)
- 1460 WTKT PA **Harrisburg** - 2/6 2330 - fair to good. Carrying indoor soccer (MISL) game between Harrisburg Heat and San Diego. Blurb for Fox Sports Radio Network. Other stuff underneath, like classical music and Spanish dance music. Co-channel from WCTC a mile away makes this channel tough. New. (DH-NJ)
- 1480 WRDW GA **Augusta** - 1/11 1903 - Break for ID during CBS Sports. "Your Station for News...WRDW Augusta." Weak to fair with others. (HJH-PA)
- 1510 WLAC TN **Nashville** - 1/8 0831 - Still in fair at this rather late hour. Local News and ad for Bell South. (HJH-PA)
- 1520 WGAM MA **Greenfield** - 1/27 1634 - poor over WWKB with Joanie Mitchell song, ID "'Classic Hits', WGAM, Greenfield, Massachusetts". New! (JF-ON)
- 1530 WMBE WI **Chilton** - 1/31 1745 - Over nulled WSAI: "This concludes this broadcast day of ESPN 1530" and "This is ESPN Radio 1530 WMBE." (SC-IN)
- 1550 WCVL IN **Crawfordsville** - 1/28 - Poor quality TOH ID, "Crawfordsville's ESPN Radio 1550, WCVL". Mixed in with CBE Windsor and a lot of noise. (JR-PA)
- 1570 WWCK MI **Flint** - 2/1 0000 - Good briefly w/ID which I believe said Lansing, but I could be mistaken. "Traditional and Gospel Music..." (HJH-PA)
- WLBQ KY **Morgantown** - 2/4 0659 - C&W almost buried in pre-sunrise jumble. "...24 hours a day, seven days a week ... WLBQ". (PC-VA)
- 1590 WFTH VA **Richmond** - 2/3 1101 - Religion; "WFTH, the Celebration Station". Heard after nulling WCBG-PA with Kiwa loop. (PC-VA)
- 1600 WKDM MD **Rockville** - 2/3 1130 - Ethnic religious programming in unknown language. English ID at TOH, "WKDM, Rockville, Washington, DC. Logged as WINX in 1990. (PC-VA)
- 1620 WDHP VI **Frederiksted** - 1/19 2130 - Call letters only heard under stronger WTAW-TX and HAR station in Pennsylvania. Been looking for this one for some time; possible aurora conditions - lots of Cubans across the dial. (PC-VA)

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but the NRC AM Log is, simply, the best there is because of your contributions. Why not make the next edition even better? Send all corrections and changes to
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International DX Digest

Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELI, subtract 5 hrs.

A blast of solar activity produced some interesting midwinter DX. Randy Stewart writes, "Pretty good conditions to the south, though I was unable to get any IDs on certain key frequencies like 720 (just a jumble with a few voices or music bits coming out of the low het in WGN null)... but this was the first time I'd heard Colombia on 760 in probably more than a year! This was in bed on a Sony ICF-7600G portable with internal ferrite bar antenna." In addition I noticed reports on am@nrcdxas.org of possible Nicaragua received on 720 by Rick Kenneally in Connecticut. If you're suffering from cabin fever due to the extreme cold and snow of this winter, just turn on the radio for some tropical heat!

Pan-American DX

- 580 **MEXICO** XEMU Piedras Negras, Coahuila FEB 01 0000 - ID by male announcer, "Esta es XEMU La Rancherita del Aire desde Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico, transmitiendo de 580 kilohertz con 5 mil watts de potencia... www.la-rancherita.com.mx... La Rancherita del Aire - población la mejor," and into noticias. [Ponder-TX]
- 580 **MEXICO** XEFI Chihuahua, Chihuahua JAN 27 1220 - This noted 'signing on' at the unusual time of 1220 on several recent mornings with Mexican national anthem and *Radio Mexicana* slogan used several times. Wilkins noted a more normal sign-on time of 1300. When heard here, it is usually fairly weak and beneath XEMU, Piedras Negras. [Bryant-OK] JAN 31 2358 - In null of XEMU, heard with station ID by male announcer, "Escucha Radio Mexicana XEFI 580 kilohertz en Chihuahua, México. Radio Mexicana, grupo Radiorama." Signal faded deeply and was overtaken by XEMU at 2359. [Ponder-TX]
- 670 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, La Habana JAN 31 2330 - Interesting ID by male announcer - first part of ID sounded like a tape recording of an early Rebelde broadcast, then current ID was segued in. The current ID was "Aquí Radio Rebelde organo oficial de movimiento revolucionario 26 de Julio... Rebelde... Capitan Rolando Rodriguez, Eduardo Fernandez y Miguel Tofil... Hablamos Violeta Casal, Guillermo Perez, Jorge Enrique... y Ricardo Martin," followed by choral version of Cuban national anthem, then gong sound effect and another ID by male and female announcers, "Desde La Habana, Cuba, CMA Rebelde... 24 horas." [Ponder-TX]
- 700 **JAMAICA** *RJR* Hague FEB 6 0420 - Fair to good at times in WLW null with what sounded like Caribbean-flavored house or techno music, occasional *RJR* mentions, and man in accented English saying they'd be "rocking the house 'til midnight." Rapid sub audible het flutter on frequency, not sure who was beating against whom. [Stewart-MO] Colombia and Venezuela have been reported off-frequency.
- 720 **MEXICO** XEDE Saltillo, COAH JAN 27 1230 - This station here on numerous mornings mixing with Spanish-language KSAH San Antonio, Texas. Signal strengths are usually about equal until KSAH goes to daytime power at dawn. XEDE runs the Mexican national anthem at about 1200 and is a morning talk format, with many ads and other mentions of Coahuila. [Bryant-OK]
- 760 **COLOMBIA** HJAJ RCN Barranquilla FEB 6 0400 - Pretty good, mixing with a Mexican station on the frequency and not-completely-nulled WJR with commentary about Colombia and RCN promos and jingles. Usual parallel Bogotá not noted on 770, nor Cartagena-1000. Haven't heard this one in a long time. Say what you will about "auroral" conditions during this season, but here it's been mostly Mexico and Cuba... Colombia has been very rare here for months. [Stewart-MO]
- 790 **VENEZUELA** YVKC *R.Venezuela*, Caracas FEB 4 0230 - Exuberant announcer, apparently doing program promo or intro, with numerous mentions of "Venezuela Informa." I found several web references to this program being carried on this station. Fair, bothered by semi-local WTNY. [McLarnon-ON]
- 810 **BAHAMAS** ZNS3 Freeport FEB 4 0500 - Gospel music, Bahaman anthem, top of the hour ID covered by WGY, but then fading up over WGY and unID Spanish with local news items and mentions of Nassau, weather forecast (high of 79F/26C - sounds great!), then "this has been the... news update to midnight, technical producer George Harris, I'm Anthony Newbold, good morning," into a religious program. [McLarnon-ON]

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International News

BELGIUM: RTBF's *Radio Traffic* has been removed from medium wave (see EMWG for frequencies) and has been replaced by RTBF's *Radio 21*, the youth station. This may have to do with the very serious cutbacks RTBF needs to do in the new year in order to survive financially. They may as well silence the transmitters as it is illegal now in the European Union to broadcast simultaneously to the same target area(s) on both FM and MW, not that any of the different Belgian governments ever bothered or will bother to apply the Union's Guideline on this... [Herman Boel via MWC e-mail news, JAN 13 ARC Information Desk]

COLOMBIA: El 29/01 fue captada en 6140 kHz, *Melodía AM*, "La radio líder," transmitiendo en paralelo en 730 kHz (HJQC), a las 2300 UT. Según las identificaciones, la potencia en onda media es de 100 mil watts. Emite el himno nacional y luego el programa "El mundo al día." Las siglas de la onda corta 6140 kHz, son (HJQR). Estación perteneciente a la Cadena Melodía de Colombia. [Adán González, Catia La Mar, Venezuela, JAN 30 DX Listening Digest]

FRANCE: A few weeks ago I mentioned that the 1557 kHz transmitter in Nice would close and be replaced by one on the former *Radio Monte Carlo* site in Fontbonne. The new unit has now gone into operation. It is still on reduced power but will eventually operate with 150 kW. The new station is not omnidirectional like the old one. It beams its signal towards the city of Marseille. The old station will come back on for a couple of days this month when engineers make the final adjustments on the new site and will then be silent for good. [Rémy Friess via MWC e-mail news, JAN 13 ARC Information Desk]

The CSA released the actual frequency plan for new stations. The country is divided into five areas. 1. The Paris area: Six channels with 5 kW each, with a possibility of 10 kW daytime if the CSA gets clearance from the ITU. The channels are 981, 999, 1062, 1080, 1314, 1575 kHz. 2. The Rennes area: Brest 1485 kHz (1 kW), Nantes 1584 kHz (1 kW), Brest or Saint-Brieuc, or Rennes or Lorient: 1071 kHz (160 kW). 3. The Toulouse area: Montpellier 1071 kHz (300 kW), 1584 kHz (1 kW), Nîmes 1602 kHz (1 kW), Perpignan 1584 kHz (1 kW), Toulouse 1161 kHz (160 kW), 1485 kHz (1 kW). 4. The Nancy area: Metz 1584 kHz (1 kW) Mulhouse 1584 kHz (1 kW), Nancy 1485 kHz (1 kW), 1350 kHz (160 kW), Reims 1485 kHz (1 kW), Strasbourg 1584 kHz (1 kW), 1161 kHz (1 MW, 63 kW at 90°-130°). 5. The Marseille area: Ajaccio 1161 kHz (20 kW), Bastia 1071 kHz (20 kW), Marseille 675 kHz (1000 kW), 1485 kHz (1 kW), Nice 1350 kHz (2.5 MW, 300 kW at 220-230°, 100 kW at 80-100°), Toulon 1584 kHz (1 kW). All outlets on a given high power channel will carry the same programme. This plan reflects almost exactly the situation we had before *France Inter* left the MW band. Only the low-powered stations are new. Whether they will find applicants for the big boys is another story. For instance *RMC Info* would certainly like to use 160 kW on 1071 in Rennes or 1161 in Strasbourg or 1350 kHz in Nancy. But if they apply for 1071 they will also have to use it in Bastia and in Montpellier, which are already served by the LW transmitter, if they take 1161 they will also have to use it in Toulouse, also served on LW and FM, if they take 1350 in Nancy they will have to use the 2.6 MW station in Nice, which duplicates the LW transmitter exactly. Also, and strangely enough, two channels that might have been used, 963 in Paris and 585 in Marseille have not been awarded. The original plan mentioned 30 channels and not 28, so I guess these might be added. Anyway, don't expect anything on the air before next summer at the earliest. This leaves you hardcore DXers plenty of time to hunt for stations on the newly awarded frequencies, and me time to think about which of the six presets on my car radio to reassign to the new programmes. [Remy Friess via MWC e-mail news, JAN 13 ARC Information Desk]

MEXICO: Fred Cantu, host of mexicoradiotv.com, has confirmed the frequency and slogan change for XEHS Los Mochis. Cantu reports, "XEHS did change frequency to 540 and name to *La Norteña*." Go get 'em! [Tim Hall, FEB 1 *Corazón DX*]

SAO TOME E PRINCEPE: The VOA 600 kW São Tomé transmitter on 1530 is currently transmitting using a non-directional pattern which may give more radiation toward the US than the usual directional mode. They should be in this mode for the next few weeks. The transmitter is on daily at 0300-0530, 0600-0630, 1600-1800 and 1830-2200 UTC, 0530-0600, 1800-1830 & 2200-2230 Mon-Fri, and 0630-0700 Sat-Sun. [Jerry Berg, FEB 4 *BAD-X*]

