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CPC Test Calendar

WRIB	RI	1220	daily	0255-0305
WB3XNN	PA	1620	daily	0915-1445
WFIL	PA	560	1/8	0200-0330

From the Publisher ... This week's sermon is on communications ... first, a warning to DXN subscribers: if you do not send address updates to the publisher like immediately-if-not-sooner, you run a real risk of not receiving your DXN's AT ALL. We've reduced the frequency of the "Address Service Requested" from every issue to just 3 per year, one more than the USPS minimum, simply because too many members were costing us too much money by not sending address corrections in a timely manner. At 70¢ each, and sometimes doubled or tripled when the USPS could not send correction notices in a timely manner back to the publisher for correction, the process was getting expensive. And beware - if a DXN is returned without a new address, your name is removed from the membership rolls until you provide us with a new address.

Secondly, on the subject of e-mails ... whether you realize it or not, fewer e-mails reach their destination than do letters with proper postage do. I still estimate that at least 5% of all properly-addressed e-mails never reach me, and of course if I don't know that an e-mail was sent, I can't follow up - that process is up to the sender. Now, as most of you know, I acknowledge 100% of all NRC-oriented e-mails sent to me (I'm not talking about jokes and chain letters, most of which I could do without). That means if you send me an e-mail and do NOT receive a QSL within, say, 48 hours, I probably never received the e-mail, and you need to resend it.

Third, my phone(s) ... I no longer have an answering machine working on 785-266-5707, but I do have an anti-telemarketing device on it which requires you to press "1". If I'm at home (try weekends and after 5 pm CST weekdays) I'll answer it. If you leave a message on my voicemail number, 785-224-6907, I may not access it for several days, as I don't use my cell phone very much. When you leave a message, it would be useful if you'd include your name, address, and when you called,

and most importantly what you want me to do for you. And SPEAK CLEARLY and SLOWLY. I can't help you if I don't know who you are nor what you want!

Finally, keep an eye on your DXN mailing label. If you mail your renewal check to Topeka, it may take as long as 3 weeks for your renewal status to change (labels are generally printed on the Wednesday before the publication date). If your renewal status doesn't change after that, you can conclude that your check is lost in the mail ... and you need to contact me to find out whether or not I received it (e-mail, phone, voice mail, even snail mail). PayPal updates may take a couple of weeks to be reflected on the label; I can forward problem enquiries to Ken Chatterton, who sends me the PayPal actions, or you can contact Ken directly (see the back page for info).

Welcome to the new year - and thanks to all who sent me Christmas cards. Most appreciated.

Sanserino Loop ... Tim O'Hare -1217 W. Decatur - Spokane, WA 99205 <stohare-retired@webtv.net> is having trouble with a Sanserino loop he has acquired and is looking for help with it.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the December 25, 1954 DXN: Jim Critchett, San Diego, CA reported that he was unable to hear the DX Special from WKSJ-930 on 12/6 because it was covered by a news broadcast from VRH, Suva, Fiji ... from the Jan. 1, 1955 DXN: It was reported by editor Ernie Cooper that KOA-850 recently observed its 30th anniversary with a four-day round-the-clock celebration. Robert Cooper, Lafayette, CA, reported hearing 17 Japanese stations plus Okinawas on 12/12, bring his total of JJ's heard to 23.

25 years ago ... from the December 28, 1979 DXN: The winner of the NRC "letter choice" contest was Rick Kenneally, with 70 "C's" heard, followed by Robert Kramer with 64.

10 years ago ... from the December 26, 1994 DXN: Ernie Cooper, Provincetown, MA, reported receiving veries from WWTM-1440 and the WILY-1210 test, although he questioned whether just a coverage map and a business card was a real verie.

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old Call	New Call	Notes
790 WZXY	NC Thomasville	WBLO [WZXY lasted two weeks]
920 KBNA	TX El Paso	KLTO
990 KMSR	TX Farmersville	KFCD
1050 WPLC	MD Silver Spring	WFED [state correction from Issue 11, but this change has still not yet shown up in FCC records - Ed. See note in "Hear and Thar"]
1060 WBTB	NC Monroe	WXNC [state correction from Issue 11 - Ed.]
1070 KKHT	TX Houston	KNTH [now with a news/talk format]
1210 KNWX	WA Auburn	KDDS
1250 WEMP	WI Milwaukee	WSSP [now with a sports format]
1490 WBLO	NC Valdese	WSVM [returns to these calls]

CPs ON THE AIR

740 WMIN	WI Hudson	- Granted Program Test Authority (meaning they are on the air) for D3 1100/0 from a new 3-tower site at N44-58-05 W92-40-01. This is also the current site of WDGY-630.
980 KNTR	AZ Lake Havasu City	- Granted Program Test Authority for U1 1000/49 from a new 250' tower at N34-30-12 W114-21-28.
1170 KOWZ	MN Waseca	- CP for U1 2500/60 CH 1000 is on, using one site for days and CH, and another (with an 18' antenna) for nights. They also have just applied for U1 2500/5 CH 1000 using their main 327' tower all hours.
1270 KNWC	SD Sioux Falls	- Granted Program Test Authority for U4 5000/2300 from new 4-tower site at N43-17-07 W96-45-53.
1490 WUVR	NH Lebanon	- On the air with U1 640/640.
1440 KTNO	TX University Park	- [This one is a maybe] Reports have indicated this CP upgrade to U4 15000/350 from the new 5-tower site in Dallas is on. But, although they are sort of in my back yard here, I cannot confirm. Anyway, the specs say they (will) use a combination of four of the five towers for days and another combination of four for nights at N32-45-02 W96-43-22.
1560 KABI	KS Abilene	- Granted Program Test Authority for U1 250/58.
1690 KDDZ	CO Arvada	- Granted Program Test Authority to transmit from their new 366' tower at N39-39-21 W105-04-27.

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1110 KAGV	AK Big Lake	- CP issued for U1 10000/10000 at N61-38-03 W149-47-36. This renews an OLD grant for this station from back in 3/2002.
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GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

760 WEFL	FL Tequesta	- CP granted to raise both day and night power levels to become U4 3000/1500.
990 WNOX	TN Knoxville	- Coordinate correction to N36-02-33 W83-53-59.
1310 WCCW	MI Traverse City	- CP granted for U4 15000/7500 at a new 4-tower site at N44-40-37 W85-39-56. More signal aimed at northern Europe, hi.
1430 WOWW	TN Germantown	- Currently, WOWW operates as a two-site operation. This CP allows them to move the day site to the night sight. Facilities continue as U2 2500/2500.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

570 WMAM	WI Marinette	- Application is to move to a new 471' tower and reduce day and night power levels in order to keep the same coverage, they have also applied for U1 197/78. This is a re-application from earlier in the year.
750 WNDZ	IN Portage	- Applies to increase their daytime power and add CH operation as D4 15000/0 CH 15000.
860 KSFA	TX Nacogdoches	- Application covers the building of a new tower at a site about three miles from the current one. KSFA will remain U1 1000/175.
1060 WQMV	TN Waverly	- Application covers adding night service to be U1 1000/4, and to

move the transmitter site to an existing 220' tower approximately 1.1 miles from the existing site, using a folded unipole mounted on the side of the tower.

1240 WOBT	WI Rhinelander	- Applies to move to a new tower site and decrease nighttime power to become U1 1000/950.
1280 KYRO	MO Potosi	- Applies to decrease nighttime power (from 84 Watts) to become U1 500/52 from a new, taller tower at N37-58-26 W90-45-49. This supercedes their previous application for U1 500/70.
1400 KLCK	WA Goldendale	- The application submitted is for a coordinate correction, but no mention of nighttime operation is made. This application is for 1000 Watts days only. Since they already operate U1 1000/1000, I wonder if the applicant is aware the FCC might grant them daytime authority, and that's all!!! They had applied for 250 Watts nights about a year ago.
1440 WFNW	NY Gloversville	- Application covers an increase in daytime power to become U2 3600/500.
1500 KBRN	TX Boerne	- Applies to increase day power and add night service. If granted, KBRN will become U5 1900/20.
1560 KCAA	SD Aberdeen	- This FCC-listed silent station has applied to be classified as a non-commercial, educational station, as the pending new owner is a religious organization. A report had stated they were back on, but telephone attempts to contact them have failed. Do we have any readers in the Aberdeen vicinity who can verify one way or the other?
1570 WLBQ	KY Morgantown	- Coordinate correction to N37-13-09 N86-41-21.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

1190 WAMT	FL Pine Castle-Sky Lake	- Licensed for D1 5000/0, WAMT has a CP for U1 2200/136. This amendment requests U1 2200/105.
1190 KRFT	MO De Soto	- Licensed for D3 10000/0, KRFT has a CP for U4 10000/22. They have an amendment for U4 10000/4000 with a change in city-of-license to University City with the day facilities remaining at the current site, and the night facilities only from a new 6-tower site. This latest amendment requests to continue operating the 22 Watt night signal from the original site to cover De Soto.
1380 KMUL	TX Muleshoe	- Licensed for U1 1000/148, KMUL has a CP to move to 830 kHz and change the city-of-license to Farwell from a new transmitter site of N 34-29-37 W103-23-38 with U13 50000/9 CH 14000. This amendment requests U1 1100/10 from the new site, on 830, and with Farwell as CoL.
1440 KPTO	ID Pocatello	- This new station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U4 2500/350 at N42-56-30 W112-27-17. This amendment requests the same facilities but at a new transmitter site.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

580 WLES	VA Lawrenceville	- Licensed for U1 500/51, WLES has a pending application for U5 1000/51. This amendment requests U1 201/27 with a change in city-of-license to Bon Air, Virginia.
1030 NEW	CA Elk Grove	- Original application was for U4 50000/50000. This amendment requests U4 50000/10000.
1180 KGOL	TX Humble	- Licensed for U4 50000/1000, KGOL has a pending application to decrease the daytime power and increase nighttime power to become U4 10000/4700. This amendment requests the addition of Critical Hours operation to become U2 10000/4700 CH 10000.
1230 NEW	TN Harriman	- Original application was for U1 1000/1000 from a 200' tower. This amendment changes the location and now specifies the tower height as 194'. Possibly to avoid having to light the tower?
1550 KYCY	CA San Francisco	- Several applications have been rescinded or dismissed, leaving KYCY with only one application still on file: move to Campbell, CA with U4 12000/16000 from a new 4-tower site.

APPLICATIONS REINSTATED

770 KAAM	TX Garland	- Licensed for U4 1000/1000, KAAM applied to increase their nighttime power to 1100 Watts and skew the night pattern 5 degrees further west (from 185 to 190 degrees). Initially this application was dismissed by the FCC, but this action returns the application to 'pending' status.
850 WFTL	FL West Palm Beach	- Licensed for U4 5000/1000, WFTL applied to increase their power levels to become U4 50000/24000 from a new, 6-tower site. Then

they applied to amend the CP with altered daytime directional parameters which was dismissed by the FCC. This action returns the application to 'pending' status.

- 1060 NEW WA **Union Gap** - The application for this new facility was initially dismissed by the FCC, but now has been returned to 'pending' status. Station seeks U2 16000/1500.
- 1450 KIOV ID **Payette** - KIOV applied to move to Notus, Idaho and a new 400' tower with U1 1000/1000 but was initially dismissed by the FCC. This action returns the application to 'pending' status.
- 1590 NEW NV **Las Vegas** - The application for this new facility was initially dismissed by the FCC, but now has been returned to 'pending' status. Station seeks U4 50000/3700.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

- 1340 NEW NM **Taos** - Applies for U1 1000/1000.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES DISMISSED

- 1020 KAXX AK **Eagle River** - Application was to raise day and night power to 50000 Watts, non-directional.
- 1130 KRUD HI **Honolulu** - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U1 10000/5000. They then submitted an amendment asking for U1 750/750 and another for U1 6000/5000, and yet another for U1 500/500. The only actions remaining are the CP and the amendment for U1 500/500.
- 1280 WDNT TN **Dayton** - After their CP for U1 1000/31 was granted, WDNT applied for U1 2200/31, which was deleted at the applicants request.
- 1300 KPTL NV **Carson City** - Application was for U4 24000/500.
- 1570 KUAU HI **Haiku** - Application was for U1 50000/20000 from a new transmitter site.

PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION FOR APPLICATIONS

- 690 KRGS CO **Rifle** - Licensed for U1 900/12, KRGS applied to increase their day and night power levels from a new transmitter site to become U1 2500/27, which was initially denied by the FCC.

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

550	WSAU	WI	Wausau	1050	WJOK	WI	Kaukauna
830	WKTX	OH	Cortland	1130	KWKH	LA	Shreveport
910	KLCN	AR	Blytheville	1230	WBHP	AL	Huntsville
980	KSGM	IL	Chester	1250	WEMP	WI	Milwaukee

CANADIAN NEWS

□ The CRTC has approved a new AM relay of CJPR-FM Blairmore, BC in Elkford. When operational, the new station will be on 1340 kHz with U1 50/50. The Commission amends the broadcasting licence for the radio programming undertaking CJPR-FM Blairmore, in order to operate an AM transmitter in Elkford. The Commission notes that the Elkford transmitter was previously licensed to rebroadcast the AM signal of CJPR Blairmore, for which the Commission approved a conversion to the FM band in November 2002.

HEAR AND THAR

□ Formerly silent, **KCPW-1010 Tooele, Utah** is reported to back on with NPR // KCPW-FM, **KLDS-1260 Falfurrias, Texas** has returned with a religious format as "Radio Voz", and **WCDL-1440 Carbondale, Pennsylvania** returned on or about December 24th with Christmas music and "test IDs", so they be back on regular schedule soon. But, it seems, **WHEW-1380 Franklin, Tennessee** and **KZFX-1380 Salinas, California** are off the air, and **WLVA-590 Lynchburg, Virginia** remains silent.

□ A single-engine Cessna hit KFI-640's 750' tower on December 19th. The 50 kW station returned to the air after about an hour using their 200' back-up tower, sources say. So, those of you who consider KFI a pest at night, let the DXing begin!

□ Fines: The Federal Communications Commission today issued a Notice of Apparent Liability For Forfeiture against Entercom Kansas City License, LLC, licensee of Stations KQRC-FM, Leavenworth, Kansas, and KFH, Wichita, Kansas, for willfully and repeatedly airing apparently indecent material during multiple broadcasts of the "Dare and Murphy Show." The Commission proposed a forfeiture in the maximum amount allowed by law at the time (\$27,500) for each of the four apparently indecent broadcasts by the two stations, for a total proposed forfeiture of \$220,000. The Commission concluded that the material in these broadcasts appeared to meet the agency's indecency definition. Specifically, the program materials included repeated, graphic and explicit

sexual descriptions that were pandering, titillating or used to shock the audience. The Commission proposed a forfeiture for the maximum statutory amount because of the egregious nature of the violations and Entercom's history of prior indecent broadcasts. And WCVU-1330 Tallahassee, Florida has been fined \$7,000 for tower fence violations.

□ Just in from **Jerry Starr**: WKKY-FM, which owned WATJ-1560 Chardon, Ohio (now deleted) has the AM transmitter (a 1998 Harris tuned to 1560) for sale in the latest trade papers.

□ Re: "WFED", **Gerry Conkling** reports: This station is now presenting only Federal News. Their web site is WWW.Federalnewsradio.com. For many months radio station WTOP in Washington has had a Federal News link on their web site WWW.WTOPnews.com. Now both stations are announcing that "Now you can hear Federal News on 1050 kHz." I've also noticed that the same announcers on WTOP are also appearing on WFED."

□ Thanks to **Shawn Axelrod, Gerry Conkling, Wayne Heinen and Dave Schmidt**.

NON-ARCANE ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

//:parallel to :00: on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band C&W:country & western CCR:contemporary Christian radio CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL:call letter EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NFL:National Football League NBA:National Basketball Association NHL:National Hockey League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference (power lines, etc) QRN:natural interference (lightning, etc) QTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International VID:voice ID

CPC Report

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A periodic update of CPC activities

To begin our report, a comment from René F. Tetro, Chief Engineer, WNTP-990 and WFIL-560. Rene writes, "Just wanted to drop you a note to thank you for turning me on to the tones on the NRC/CPC page. Those sweeps really did the trick. Most of the loggings we got on Friday night we made using those sweeps." Rene is talking about some sweep tones that I put together for testing AM broadcast transmitters. These "sweep tones" consist of a low frequency tone changing in pitch to a high pitch tone over a period of as much as 6 seconds to as little as 4 times a second. The purpose of the tone is to check the linearity of an AM transmitter; however, the tones really stick out well if the signal is weak. Just ask Mark Durenberger about his catch of a 1-watt transmission back east while he was in Utah!

In other news, two unconfirmed tests were announced in IRCA's *DX Monitor*. Stations testing include WXCT-990 Southington, CT from 0000-0200 on January 9, and KFBK-1530 Sacramento, CA from 0200-0600 on January 24. More details as they are confirmed. René F. Tetro, Chief Engineer of WNTP-990 and WFIL-560, also informed us, "Due to some scheduling conflicts that have arisen in the past week I am going to have to change the schedule for the WFIL DX Test on January 8, 2005. The test will now be conducted between 0200 and 0330 EST, rather than the originally scheduled 0000-0130." And I should note, listen for those sweep tones as well as for Morse Code IDs.

Letters are going out to stations as I try to set up tests for the club. I'll make my pitch here and ask all DXers to help if you can by sending some stamps to help with the costs of such a mailing. Perhaps you can just get a small book of (20) 37-cent stamps and send them to me along with a letter suggesting some stations that might be good targets. If a good portion of the membership just send in a few stamps, we'll be OK for this DX season. I've spent darn near all of October and November smoozing some of the station Chiefs that I know.

In addition to asking for tests, I'm also asking for advance notice if a powerhouse goes off for maintenance. For example, those of us in the tri-state area of Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan might have some fun if 720-Chicago, 760-Detroit, 800-Windsor, and some others would take a night off for transmitter work. So CPC is more than just scheduling tests, it's also trying to find when the big-guns will be silent and give us some opportunity.

In closing, if you have the internet, I would encourage you to sign up to the DXTIP list. It's easy, and the info is located on the NRC's website (<http://www.nrcdxas.org>). The DXTIP list is for posting late breaking tips, info of unusual nature (ie: WABC is OFF THE AIR). This is a notification list only. The discussion list is am@nrcdxas.org.

Best to you this holiday season. 73, good DX, and get out and support the radio hobby!

Domestic DX Digest

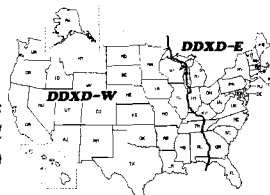
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DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

DDXD-West

RANDOM STUFF

- Remember that Bill Dvorak will be taking over DDXD-West effective with the January 17 edition (deadline January 7). Bill's e-mail is westlogs@aol.com and his snail mail is 501 Algoma Street, Madison WI 53704-4812. If you've already submitted some items to me instead of Bill, don't worry; I'll forward any late arriving items (e-mail or snail mail) to Bill.
- Your new DDXD-W editor has some words of wisdom this week! Here's Bill: *"It is with pleasure and a healthy dash of humility that I assume the post of DDXD-W editor. I first discovered DXing in 1956, when I was just 11 years old. Pursuit of this hobby has provided me with a lifetime of enjoyment. I try to give back what I receive, but it never is enough. It is the spirit of giving back that has led me to co-host the Madison-Milwaukee DX Get-together the last 11 years, and in doing so I have met many of you. Now I hope to work with many more of you, spreading vital log information to other NRC DXers. I have been an NRC member since October 1993, about the time when the current East and West zones for DDXD were drawn. In all this time, there have only been two DDXD-W editors: Bill Hale and Harry Helms. Talk about some big shoes to fill! I pledge to do everything in my power to maintain the high standards that they established. I ask for your support. If you currently contribute, please continue to do so. If you haven't contributed, or if it has been a while, please consider doing so. The more we share station information, listening conditions, DX tips, the stronger our hobby is. Happy New Year to all NRC members! 73, Bill."*
- And I welcome your loggings. . . . well, actually, I don't want your logs now. But Bill Dvorak sure does!! Use the format you see here, and please include enough details to make your loggings useful to others trying to hear the station (such as how a station's call letters were given instead of merely reporting "call heard"). Use **Eastern local time** for all loggings, regardless of your local time zone. And please be sure to **include your name and location from which you heard the station**—I had to discard one set of logs this time because the reporter didn't give his location, and another set because the reporter didn't include his name or location!

REPORTERS:

- BK-CA** Bob Karchevski, Sunnyvale. Drake R8A, two longwires, MFJ-1026 phaser.
- CR-IL** Christos Rigas, Wood Dale. Drake R8, Quantum Pro loop.
- DP-HI** Dale Park, Honolulu. Honda car radio (presumably in a Honda car!!).
- JJR-WI** John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom R-75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp.
- JW-CO** John Wilkens, Wheat Ridge. Drake R8, 4-foot box loop.
- MS-MB** Morris Sorenson, Winnipeg. Drake R8, DX-392, YB-400, Quantum loop.
- PG-CO** Patrick Griffith, Westminster. Drake R8, Kiwa loop.
- Ed.-TX** Your Editor, Wimberley. Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa filters, Quantum loop.

STATION NEWS, LOG UPDATES, ETC.

- 620 KIPA HI** Hilo. 12/5 1755. Noted for first time since Oct. 2003, apparently testing with a relay of sister station KKOA-FM 107.7 with its satellite country format hosted by a Chaz Nixon. Mentioned "The Best Country Around" several times and associated website (it's an ABC Radio format); also local slogan "Hawaii's Koa Kountry" (koa is a type of wood and is also Hawaiian for "warrior"). Top of hour ID only mentioned KKOA-FM Volcano. This is either via the synchronous transmitter at the Ke'ahole Airport or in Na'alehu. Station did not show up on subsequent days. Per phone call 12/8, station spokesman did not know which transmitter was in use nor when station would be back on for good. (DP-HI)
- 640 KFI CA** Los Angeles. 12/19 2058. Captain Dale Dye answering telephone questions from listeners and into local news with the top story being the loss of the KFI main tower to an aircraft accident this morning. Station still getting out well on reduced power and the auxiliary antenna. (PG-CO)
- 1560 KKAA SD** Aberdeen, 12/15 1718. REL music uninterrupted until 1728 when man says "We're glad you're listening to KKAA in Aberdeen, South Dakota, your place



for Christian music and Bible teaching 24 hours a day". So is ex-NewsTalk. (JW-CO)

THE DX TEST THAT WASN'T HEARD

- 990 WNTP PA** Philadelphia. 12/11 0001-0102. Not heard. No sirens, Morse code, nothing. However, did hear KATD-CA (easily phased out), leaving SS station dominant with pop music that was not USA-inspired (only recognized "Bully-Bully" at 0014). Presume XECL-BCN, which has been heard here before. Between songs, just one word "Rah-co' la", although a short jingle was added occasionally. Very weak behind was EE talk show, presume KTMS-CA, also heard here before. (BK-CA)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

- 580 KIDO ID** Boise. 12/13 0819. Typical wake-up fare on program "AM Idaho"; Boise and Meridian ads; traffic, weather, mentions of kido.com. Generally fair with QRM. (JW-CO)
- 610 KONA WA** Kennewick. 12/13 0859. PST time check; ads for an area bank and a factory outlet store; un-legal ID at 0859:53: "You're listening to KONA Pasco-Kennewick-Richland, 610 AM, Information Radio"; the city of license is supposed to come first, in this case Kennewick; ABC news followed at 0900. Briefly dominant w/good signal. (JW-CO)
- 610 WAGG AL** Birmingham. 12/18 0511. Fair with calls, "Heaven 610," Walt Love. (JJR-WI)
- 620 CKRM SK** Regina. 12/4 0055. Fair in WTMJ null with C&W music and CKRM mention. (CR-IL)
- 620 WRJZ TN** Knoxville. 12/4 0016. In WTMJ null w/religious talk and mention of WRJZ. (CR-IL)
- 640 KTIB LA** Thibodaux. 12/19 2127. "6-40 AM, KTIB" ID and into promo for Fox Sports Radio. "The Bayou region's information authority" at 2154. (PG-CO)
- 680 WCNN GA** North Atlanta. 12/17 1708. Fair with "680 the Fan, Atlanta's Sports Station" into promo. NEW! (JJR-WI)
- 830 WTRU NC** Kernersville. 12/17 0730. Poor, way u/WCCO. "AM 830 the Truth," calls, time check after REL show. NEW! (JJR-WI)
- 880 WBKZ GA** Jefferson. 12/18 0755. Poor but clear, very local chatter, ". . . old school. . . Dusty Daryl. . . WBKZ." OLD R&B. NEW! (JJR-WI)
- 930 WBEN NY** Buffalo. 12/7 0554. Poor but with others. Local news, calls. No sign of usual WAUR. (JJR-WI)
- 930 CJCA AB** Edmonton. 12/4 1812. GOS music; then at 1815 man says "tune in to the Dr. Morris show weekdays from 1-3 only on the New 9-30 CJCA," then more music. Also heard next morning at 0907 ELT with call ID and "Five-Day Weather Forecast" (predicted low -19 deg.). Fair signal both times. (JW-CO) That temperature is likely Celsius. (Ed.-TX) For the benefit of our American members, let me point out Canada uses Celsius instead of Fahrenheit for temperature. And Canada even has its own flag and money! (Ed.-TX)
- 930 WLBL WI** Auburndale. 12/8 0705. Poor with WI Public Radio, calls over others. Rare! (JJR-WI)
- 930 WRVC WV** Huntington. 12/17 1805. Poor with calls, weather, over one or two others. (JJR-WI)
- 940 CJGX SK** Yorkton. 12/7 0553. Poor with "GX 94" and C&W music. No CIWW at all. (JJR-WI)
- 950 WWJ MI** Detroit. 12/13 2100. Very poor in CFAM partial null with ID mentioning that they are Michigan's only all news radio station. Only the second time I've heard them here. (MS-MB)
- 970 KFTA ID** Rupert. 12/9 2201. Third period play-by-play of Minico(?) vs. Natrona County (WY) basketball game in EE (KFTA is normally SS); local spots during breaks. Generally fair, mixing with KBUL and others. (JW-CO)
- 970 WDAY ND** Fargo. 12/12 0800. Very poor but very clear "Fargo-Moorehead" and that was it! Rare! (JJR-WI) Why assume it's WDAY based upon hearing "Fargo Moorehead"? That could be the name of a country and western singer, a NASCAR racing champion, or the hero quarterback at a local high school. (Ed.-TX)
- 970 WMAY IL** Springfield. 12/9 0605. Poor with two local ads, calls, TALK format. (JJR-WI)
- 970 WOXL NC** Canton. 12/11 0607. Poor but alone with jingles. OLD//FM. (JJR-WI)
- 990 WNTP PA** Philadelphia. 12/11 0046. Very poor with sweep tones, test announcements, tones @50. CBW nulled. NEW! (JJR-WI)
- 1120 WKCE TN** Marysville. 12/8 0700. Very poor in KMOX null. ESPN, legal ID. Second time heard. (JJR-WI)

1170	WFGO	SC	Lexington. 12/17 0716. Poor but dominant o/WWVA. Calls, donut promo, station e-mail, street address. GOS. NEW! (JJR-WI)
1210	KGYN	OK	Guymon. 12/12 0750. Poor, no WPHI. Calls, C&W. (JJR-WI)
1210	WILY	IL	Centralia. 12/17 0811. Poor, in and out w/WPHI. Calls, OLD. (JJR-WI)
1260	CFRN	AB	Edmonton. 12/10 2158. Spot for local car lube establishment; ad for "A Canadian Christmas" CD; non-ID near top of hour as "Team 12-60" and into program "Live From Wayne Gretzky." Good, over/under others. (JW-CO)
1260	KWEI	ID	Weiser. 12/3 1001. Ranchera tune; man with SS-only ID at 1003:20 as "Programacion local para el Valle de los 4 Rios, KWEI 12-60 AM Weiser, desde aquellos tiempos, La Campeona Musical." Good peak at ID time, but soon faded under KSSL. (JW-CO)
1270	CHAT	AB	Medicine Hat. 12/10 2207. Interview with coach of World Canadian team; this was between periods of the Medicine Hat Tigers hockey game, with the Tigers trailing 6-3; back to third period play-by-play at 2219. Good signal on peaks with fading. (JW-CO)
1280	KXEG	AZ	Phoenix. 12/7 1822. Fair but fady with REL programs; call letter IDs after each program; legal ID at 1900 "Family Values Radio 12-80 KXEG Phoenix". Our local on 1280, KBNO, was having technical problems and ran OC only for about half an hour; they came back on at 1907. KXEG last heard here as KTKP a few years ago. (JW-CO)
1330	WTRE	IN	Greensburg. 12/11 0624. Poor but very clear "WTRE" in/out. Rare! (JJR-WI)
1350	KCHK	MN	New Prague. 12/4 1800. Fair with ID as "1350 KCHK, New Prague. It's 5 o'clock." Into funeral announcements. NEW! (MS-MB) Wow, funeral announcements. . . . how do they promote them? . . . "Remember, you're not dead in New Prague until KCHK says so!" (Ed.-TX)
1370	KGNO	KS	Dodge City. 12/3 2158. Fair with Dodge City ad, call sign ID into basketball. Relog. (MS-MB)
1370	KSUM	MN	Fairmont. 12/3 1735. Poor with C&W music, two call letter IDs. Not heard in many years. (JW-CO)
1370	KWTL	ND	Grand Forks. 12/1 1159. Fair with program announcements and ID mentioning Grand Forks. Formerly was KUND with ND Public Radio. Now back on with Catholic format. (MS-MB)
1370	WCCN	WI	Neillsville. 12/3 1723. "Celebrate the holiday season in Neillsville" promo, with a list of local sponsoring merchants and events calendar; at 1726, gal says "Serving the area since 1957. . . WCCN. . ." and into NOS music. Not very common here, but good northern conditions here this week. (JW-CO)
1390	WNIO	OH	Youngstown. 12/8 0352. Poor with Christmas music, calls. No WGRB at all. (JJR-WI)
1500	KMXO	TX	Merkel. 12/15 1836. REL programming; M announcer occasionally with call IDs and anmts of a local event at "Templo Ebenezzer", all in SS. Fair at best in KSTP null, with QRM after 1845 from KABR; still there past 1900. (JW-CO)
1550	WIRV	KY	Irvine. 12/10 0600. Poor with "Oldies Radio Network," three legal IDs, OLD. Rare! (JJR-WI)
1560	KOCY	OK	Del City. 12/2 1753. Radio Disney programming; couple of local spots at 1757, then kid w/ID at 1759: "KOCY Del City-Oklahoma City" and back to RD programming, fair at best with fading and interference. (JW-CO)
1650	KBIV	TX	El Paso. 12/2 1835. Fair/good signal but was unable to totally null local KBJD, so only about 50% copy with C&W music, local and non-local spots; "Classic Hit Country 16-50" slogans but no call ID. Report sent. (JW-CO)
1680	KRJO	LA	Monroe. 12/8 1843. Good with "Rejoice 16-80" slogan. Over WDSS and mixing with unID Spanish station. Gospel music. (CR-IL)
1690	WWAA	GA	Avondale Estates. 12/7 1855. Briefly taking over local WRLL with mentions of "Air America." (CR-IL)

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REPORTERS

JLB-NY	Jerry Bond, Rochester - Hammarlund HQ - 140 -XA and 3 foot loop.
MKB-ON	Mike Brooker, Toronto - Grundig YB-400PE; Panasonic RF-2200.
SC-ON	Saul Chernos, Burnt River - Sangean ATS909 with RadioShack loop and various 1000-foot longwires roughly east-west.
SC*ON	Saul Chernos, Toronto - Radio in Toyota Corolla.
DH-NJ	Dave Hochfelder, Highland Park - Drake R8B with Quantum QX Pro.
GL-NY	Ginnie Lupi, Clifton Park - DX-398 and Select-A-Tenna.
IEN-GA	Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - Drake R8B 135' N/S Wire.
RJS-OH	Bob Schroeder, Cincinnati - CCRadio Plus.
LW-NY	Leslie Wood, East Meadow - SONY ICF-2010 with RS Loop.

			UNID AND PRESUMED
560	KWTOp	MO	Springfield - 12/12 2121 - presumed; good signal with religious format until faded into the noise at 2125. (RJS-OH)
630	WEJLp	PA	Scranton - 12/6 1427 - Presumed with slogan "ESPN Radio 630 and 1240". (JLB-NY)
650	WNMTp	MN	Nashwauck - 12/19 0910 - Strongly presumed with polka music with up-and-down signal well past 1000 EST. ABC News on hour. Faded briefly at TOH. Runs a show called Powerhouse Polkas at this time Sundays despite news/talk/sports format. (SC-ON)
680	WCTTp	KY	Corbin - 12/15 2104 - presumed, poor, over and under WPTF, mostly under, with oldies Christmas music. (RJS-OH)
710	WORp	NY	NewYork - 12/15 2150 - presumed, fading in and out of WLW slop. Stock market investment show with Jim Cramer. (RJS-OH)
750	WAUGp	NC	New Hope - 12/10 1647 - Presumed, saying they were playing "gospel music for the next generation." (JLB-NY)
950	WCTNp	MD	Potomac - 11/19 2150 - Strongly presumed with Korean talk and religious music. New. (SC*ON)
1190	KPHNp	MO	Kansas City - 12/3 1744 - Strongly presumed with Radio Disney //1560. Only 1190 listed with Disney. New. (SC-ON)
1570	WISPP	PA	Doylestown - 11/29 1800 - presumed with brief message from Mother Angelica, on "EWTN Radio", into news on the hour. (LW-NY)
1590	UNID	NC	_____ - 11/27 1805 - End of news, then "North Carolina Radio Network" non-ID. ESPN sports. (LW-NY)
1710	UNID	_____	_____ - 12/4 1700 - French with religion. Lubavitcher pirate off (open carrier) for Sabbath. Heard very weak programming the following day beneath Lubavitcher talk. Definitely not an image, could this be a pirate near Boston? Heard again on 12/18 1900, with soft, instrumental hymns. Sounds Christian. Seems strongest to the east. Lubavitcher pirate running usual open carrier for Sabbath. Oddly, Lubavitcher returns later that evening, despite Jewish Sabbath laws which should forbid them from operating. Later in the weekend both could be heard here, the Lubavitcher station much stronger but definitely QRMed at times. (SC-ON)

STATION LOGGINGS

540	WRRD	WI	Jackson - 12/12 2059 - clear ID, into talk show called "D.M. Live" with Dawson McCallister and Dave Kirby. Listeners asked to call the "Hope Line." (RJS-OH)
	WGOP	MD	Pocomoke City - 12/15 0646 - Orchestral version of "Deck the Halls", then "Lady Blue Eyes." Lost under local TIS, then ad announcing "year end event", with mention of Pocomoke City. (GL-NY)
550	WSVA	VA	Harrisonburg - 12/15 0645 - ad for Virginia Lottery, then "be caller 10 at ?33-WSVA." Lots of fading and noise. (GL-NY)
580	WCHS	WV	Charleston - 12/15 0654 - "Good morning, I'm Greg Smith with timesaver WCHS..." "Timesaver traffic on... 58 WCHS, the voice of Charleston." (GL-NY)
	WIBW	KS	Topeka - 12/15 1800 - "... degrees in the capitol city and ... degrees in Manhattan." Then clear ID. (RJS-OH)
600	WSJS	NC	Winston-Salem - 12/9 1814 - Heard with many local spots for business in the Triad and urging consumers to buy local. (JLB-NY)
620	WVMT	VT	Burlington - 12/4 1828 - Over and under WSNR with weather for area; "ESPN Sports" line. Mention of Tenn. V. Auburn football game coming up. (LW-NY)
680	WPTF	NC	Raleigh - 12/15 2105 - good signal with NC State and LA-Lafayette basketball game. "Newstalk 6-80, WPTF." (RJS-OH)
690	WELD	WV	Fisher - 12/8 1719 - Heard well in CINF null with C/W, ID and promo for Paul Harvey. (JLB-NY)
700	WDMV	MD	Poolesville - 12/7 1643 - In very strong saying "This is WGOP, Poolesville-Washington" followed by "God Bless America." (JLB-NY)
730	WPIT	PA	Pittsburgh - 12/7 1648 - Noted with Dave Ramsey show and slogan "Pittsburgh's 73". (JLB-NY)
750	WBMD	MD	Baltimore - 12/8 1700 - Noted with ID, slogan "Radio 75" and then "Welcome to the Grace Hour". (JLB-NY)
790	WSKO	RI	Providence - 12/8 1703 - Heard well saying "sportsradio 99.7 and 790-WSKO". (JLB-NY)
	WXXA	KY	Louisville - 12/17 1525 - Fox Sports Network. "Extra 7-90", "Extra weather

7-90", "Extra traffic 7-90" tag lines. (RJS-OH)

840 KTIC NE West Point - 12/3 1737 - Ad with outdoornebraska.org web site, calls, 4:37 time-check. New. (SC-ON)

WSCQ SC Columbia - 12/20 1300 - Christmas music into TOH ID and ABC Newscast. Good signal with splatter from 850. "The new sunny AM 840, WSCQ, Columbia". (IEN-GA)

860 WAMO PA Pittsburgh - 12/19 0340 - "WJJ" and mention of both 860 and 107.1, and Pittsburgh, in ID. 860 WAMO relays 107.1 WJJJ per November Pittsburgh Post-Gazette article and other sources. New. CIBC and affiliates such as 540 and 106.3 on partial open carrier with very brief technical problem in the studio. (SC-ON)

870 WFLO VA Farmville - 12/9 1700 - Heard with formal sign off saying "WFLO-AM has come to the end of its broadcast day... we will return at 7:15am." (JLB-NY)

890 WHNC NC Henderson - 12/8 1754 - Heard ID as "Paradise Radio 1340 - WCBQ and 890-WHNC." (JLB-NY)

910 WDOR WI Sturgeon Bay - 12/17 0705 - over nothing in particular with ABC news, ID at end of local weather: "16 degrees at WDOR, your local station for sports and more" into ABC sports report. (MKB-ON)

920 CFRY MB Portage la Prairie - 12/10 0741 - over nulled CKNX with promo for *Made in Manitoba* program, 10:30 to 11 Sunday mornings on "real country radio CFRY", local weather, ad for Interlake Auto and Tractor Parts, promo for contest to win tickets to Manitoba Moose hockey games. (MKB-ON)

930 WLLL VA Lynchburg - 12/9 1706 - Heard briefly with ID. (JLB-NY)
+ 12/22 0605 - Ad for Michelin tires at the Lynchburg Tire Corp. Gospel music followed. Decent signal buried in the mix. "Tell 'em you heard about it on WLLL in Lynchburg". (IEN-GA)

970 WESO MA Southridge - 11/22 1805 - local weather report and "Country 970" non-ID, fair under WWDJ. (LW-NY)

990 CKGM ON Montreal - 11/22 1650 - Ad for Paramount Financial Services and ID. "Montreal's Sports Leader, Team 990." (LW-NY)

WNTP PA Philadelphia - 12/11 0046 - "WNTP" code ID (-.-.-.-) and bits of tone noted under dominant CBW and Montreal's Team 990. QSL'd as WZZD in 1977, so not needed. (MKB-ON)

WXCT CT Southington - 12/11 0110 - Good with WNTP off for coordinated DX test. DX test with fast code and voice IDs, marching music, phone number to call, etc. New. (DH-NJ)

WALE RI Greenville - 12/11 0115 - Good with WNTP off for coordinated DX test. Call ID. New. (DH-NJ)

1000 WIOO PA Carlisle - 12/9 1623 - Heard with motor sports racing news, ID and C/W in local WLGA-990 splatter. (JLB-NY)

1090 WILD MA Boston - 12/5 1513 - Phone-in show with health topic and 617-???-1090 phone to call in. New. (SC-ON)

1150 WNLR VA Churchville - 12/9 1621 - Caught them briefly saying "Merry Christmas from 1150-WNLR." (JLB-NY)

1170 WCXN NC Claremont - 12/4 1143 - Mexican music and "Fiesta Mexicana" IDs. Rare daytime DX. New. (SC-ON)

1200 WAGE VA Leesburg - 12/20 1924 - over CFGO, WCHB, et al with ad for Leesburg Chrysler-Dodge, slogan "news, talk, sports...WAGE 1200 Leesburg". (MKB-ON)

1210 KGYN OK Guymon - 12/19 0240 - "Your Nascar Country Station, KGYN" and possible mention of Guymon. WPHT on open carrier. New. (SC-ON)

1230 WEEX PA Easton - 12/18 1957 - ID as "ESPN Radio 1230 & 1320" with local sports match that mentioned Lehigh and Easton. New. (SC-ON)

WENY NY Elmira - 12/18 2100 - NY State tourism promo, ID with calls as "1230 and 1450." New. (SC-ON)

WHUC NY Hudson - 12/18 2022 - ID, Community Calendar, Nostalgia music. New. (SC-ON)

WKBO PA Harrisburg - 12/19 1008 - "WTKT.com" web site given, WTKT is co-owned. New. (SC-ON)

1250 WLEM PA Emporium - 12/10 1737 - Strong saying "WLEM, Emporium's country radio station." (JLB-NY)

1290 WHKY NC Hickory - 12/20 1400 - TOH ID into news from the North Carolina News Network. Good signal. "... this is AM 1290, Hickory". (IEN-GA)

1320 WDER NH Derry - 12/9 1557 - Heard with promo for WDER crossword puzzle game and "Life changing radio" slogan. (JLB-NY)

1330 WHBL WI Sheboygan - 12/6 0910 - Heard with several "News Radio 1330-WHBL" ID's and Sheboygan mentions. (JLB-NY)

1340 WMBN MI Petoskey - 12/19 0906 - "AM 1340 WMBN" and "Michigan's beautiful north" in ID. Petoskey and area announcements. New. (SC-ON)

1350 WOYK PA York - 12/20 1904 - creaming CKDO with promo for Orange Bowl on ESPN radio, ID as "ESPN 1350 WOYK, York-Harrisburg- Lancaster", into Central York Panthers v. York Bearcats high school basketball pre-game show. (MKB-ON)

1370 WGOH KY Grayson - 12/4 0807 - Calls in mix of stations. New. (SC-ON)

1380 WKDM NY New York - 12/15 1700 - poking through nulled pest CKPC with top of hour ID in EE "WKDM New York" by man, followed by SS call letter ID "doble-vay kaa day eh-may Nueva York" by woman, into news in SS. (MKB-ON)

WMTD WV Hinton - 12/16 0030 - Fair in jumble. Two IDs as "Groovy 94.1" and Internet search turned this up. New. (DH-NJ)

WKJV NC Asheville - 12/20 1345 - Fire and Brimstone Preachin'! Promo for the WKJV Ham Giveaway. Good signal. "AM 1380, WKJV". (IEN-GA)

1390 WRIG WI Schofield - 12/4 1307 - Nostalgia music, "WRIG Big Rig 1390." Rare daytime DX nabs one of my most-wanted stations. New. (SC-ON)

WLAN PA Lancaster - 12/5 1626 - Hershey Bears versus Providence Bruins AHL hockey. This checks. New. (SC-ON)

WNIO OH Youngstown - 12/9 0911 - Heard proclaiming "You can sing along with America's best Christmas music on WNIO". (JLB-NY)

1400 WRAC PA Williamsport - 12/10 1742 - Heard many local spots, then gave ID as "News and talk on 1400 and 1200-WRAC" followed by Michael Medved Show. (JLB-NY)

1410 CKSL ON London - 12/9 0910 - Heard with slogan "London's AM 1410" followed by oldies. (JLB-NY)

1420 WCOJ PA Coatesville - 12/9 1551 - In briefly with ID. (JLB-NY)

1430 WXNT IN Indianapolis - 12/16 1830 - Local weather, then into The Michael Savage Show. Decent signal in and out of the mix. "Newstalk 1430, WXNT". (IEN-GA)

1450 WKXW NJ Atlantic City - 12/18 2146 - "ESPN 1450" ID and ad for Cedar Cove Marina. New. (SC-ON)

WCTC NJ New Brunswick - 12/18 2155 - "Rutgers player of the game" follows live sports broadcast. New. (SC-ON)

1460 WBNS OH Columbus - 12/17 0758 - over CJOY groundwave with promo for 1460thefan.com web site, top of hour ID: "your number one source for sports, WBNS Columbus, 1460 The Fan" into report on Ohio State basketball team's win over Texas Tech and the Buckeyes' upcoming game v. Morehead State. (MKB-ON)

1470 WJPI NC Plymouth - 11/27 1730 - GOS programming, then sign off. Fair signal. Formally WPNC. (LW-NY)

1480 WSDS MI Ypsilanti - 12/9 0824 - over WGVU's NPR talk with local weather, slogan "Radio 1480 WSDS", into *Kentucky Rain* by Elvis Presley. (MKB-ON)

1490 WUBR MI Whitehall - 12/4 1325 - ESPN Sports break and ads for Michigan High School Athletic Association. Rare daytime DX. New. (SC-ON)

WFAD VT Middlebury - 12/5 0905 - "Oldies Radio, the greatest, 1490 WFAD," followed by Jerry Lee Lewis song. New. (SC-ON)

WABJ MI Adrian - 12/9 0836 - fighting off WBTA/CFPS groundwave with ID as "news talk 1490 WABJ morning show", into local sports, leading off with the Detroit Pistons' overtime win over the Raptors. (MKB-ON)

1530 WLSP MI Lapeer - 12/8 1145 - In nicely with spot for Applebee's in Lapeer during excellent daytime cx. (JLB-NY)

1570 WNST MD Towson - 12/9 1534 - Strong with "Sports talk - WNST" ID. (JLB-NY)

1580 KCHA IA Charles City - 12/3 2307 - "...hits and timeless classics, 1580 KCHA." Nostalgia music. Should be 10 watts at night. Conditions good but must be cheating. With Disney. New. (SC-ON)

1590 WAKR OH Akron - 11/27 1746 - NOS music and many "1590 WAKR" IDs. (LW-NY)

WTRW WI Two Rivers - 12/4 1257 - Dick Clark ends, then ID with calls and "Two Rivers, Manitowoc, Denmark," then CNN News. Rare daytime DX. New. (SC-ON)

1600 WKKX WV Wheeling - 11/29 1700 - "AM 1600 WKKX, the Valley's new watchdog" ID. Sports talk, with Coors beer commercials. Fair under WWRL. (LW-NY)

WMQM TN Lakeland - 12/17 1555 - "Power of God" broadcast with Pastor Westbrook. Clear ID at 1600 then signal fell off the table at 1601. (RJS-OH)

1640 WTNI MS Biloxi - 12/17 1605 - Clear ID and into Sean Hannity show at 1605. "Talk

Radio 16-40 WTNI." (RJS-OH)

- 1650 **WKSH WI Sussex** - 12/18 2230 - Radio Disney fare. Good signal fading in and out with WTNI in Biloxi, MS. "Radio your way, Radio Disney, AM 1640, WKSH". (IEN-GA)
- 1670 **KDNZ IA Cedar Falls** - 12/17 1733 - ID as KCNZ. Fox National Sports report at 1740, announcement of Iowa State in the Independence Bowl. (RJS-OH)
- 1670 **WMWR GA Dry Branch** - 12/15 0637 - "Talkradio sixteen-seventy, WMWR" faded up briefly amid lots of static. (GL-NY)
- 1680 **WDSS MI Ada** - 12/20 1710 - song "We Will Rock You" by Queen. Alone and strong on frequency. "16-80 WDSS, Ada-Grand Rapids." (RJS-OH)
- 1690 **WRLI IL Berwyn** - 12/20 1722 - OLD format. Fats Domino singing "Blue Monday", traffic report for Chicago at 1731. "Real Oldies 16-90." (RJS-OH)
- 1700 **WEUV AL Hunstville** - 12/20 1728 - ID as WEUP, into Contemporary Gospel Christmas Music. (RJS-OH)
- TIS, HAR
- 1610 **WPIJ669 NJ Union Beach** - 12/9 0830 - Good with closer Woodbridge TIS phased. Loop of winter storm safety and planning tips. New. (DH-NJ)

International DX Digest

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

From the "Did you know?" department: Although the first day of winter in December is the shortest day of the year, the latest sunrise is actually in January. Set the alarm clock to sound before the rooster crows for some predawn DX while time is on your side. Consider this your official invitation to the het party at 920 kHz, bring your own receiver.

Pan-American DX

- 535 **GRENADA St. George's** DEC 20 0015 - Fair to good at occasional peaks. Running BBC news and clearly parallel 555 kHz. New. [Hochfelder-NJ]
- 550 **JAMAICA R/R Llandilo** DEC 15 0240 - Male preacher heard parallel to 700 and 720 kHz, punching through the domestics. [Harms-MD]
- 610 **CUBA R.Rebelle, Bahía Honda** DEC 19 1045 - Fair with WGIR nulled out; nostalgic vocals parallel 600, 620, 670, and 710 kHz. First time logged on this frequency. [Conti-NH]
- 690 **ANGUILLA The Caribbean Beacon, The Valley** DEC 13 0830 - Dr. Scott's sermon noted parallel 6090 kHz. On top. [Harms-MD] DEC 14 0030 - Good over/under R. *Recuerdos* Colombia with Dr. Gene Scott preaching divine involvement with building of pyramids. Gave phone number and website (drgenescott.com). [Black-MA]
- 690 **COLOMBIA HJ CZ R. Recuerdos, Bogotá** DEC 14 0003 - Fair to good with Latin music, ad string and telephone callers over *Caribbean Beacon* preaching with CINF phase-nulled. Full jingle and ID. [Black-MA]
- 700 **JAMAICA R/R Hague** DEC 15 0330 - Parallel 550 and 720, female announcer, jingle, into black preacher. Heard on all three frequencies, 700 kHz best. Thanks to the gang at #mwdx chat for the ID help. All three frequencies are new here. If you haven't tried the #mwdx chat room, you should, it's like a virtual DXpedition! It's on Starchat, easy to use! [Collier-PA]
- 750 **CUBA CMHV R. Progreso, Trinidad** DEC 13 0100 - Fair to good at peaks under WSB. Speechifying by Fidel; no top of the hour ID. Thanks to Willis Monk for spotting this. Weaker Spanish also heard but unidentified. New. [Hochfelder-NJ]
- 840 **HAITI 4VEH Cap Haitien** DEC 14 0300 - Heard several religious songs and male announcer through WHAS and assumed Cuba. IDed by comparing their audio stream at <http://4veh.com/listenlive.asx>. [Harms-MD]
- 919.87 **MEXICO XEMJ Piedras Negras, COAH** DEC 17 1253 - Navidad song; male announcer with "La M-J... 920" slogan, time and temperature (6:53, 1 degree C.), then possible ads; in and out with music, male announcer; separable on LSB from the 920 group. Been hearing this het for a long time, wondering who it was. [Wilkins-CO]
- 920.55 **COLOMBIA HJAA Emisora Fuentes, Cartagena** DEC 14 0235 - Presumed with Latin music. No ID but zero-beat to previously reported "off" frequency. [Black-MA]
- 1000 **COLOMBIA HJAQ Cartagena** DEC 16 0400 - Heard end of a Nokia ad, followed by sound

- effects, then an ID as "Radio Sucesos, RCN, Director: Juan Gossaín." Thanks to Alf Aardal of #MWDX, Jean Búrnell and Jay Novela for the ID confirmation. [Harms-MD]
- 1220 **MEXICO XEB México DF** DEC 16 1200 - XE anthem; faded before anthem was over, but came up a few minutes later with male announcer and "XEB, La B Grande" slogan; up and down over the next 20 minutes with talk, PSAs, IDs, and possibly music; fair at best in KLVZ null, mixing with KDDR. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1319.87 **MEXICO XECPN Piedras Negras, COAH** DEC 16 0030 - Still on this frequency with XE music, "La Mexicana" slogans. Fades in as early as 2230 UTC (3:30 PM local time). [Wilkins-CO]
- 1570 **unID NOV 13 0809** - Spanish up briefly with oompah music in 3/4 time; poor. Could be California but I've heard the Caribbean here so XERF is always a possibility. [Park-HI]

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International News

- BENIN:** *TransWorld Radio* is building a new relay station, to be constructed near Parakou during 2005. The transmitter will be operating on 1566 kHz with 100 kW. Visit www.twrafrica.org/0055.asp for other details about this project. [Bernd Trutenau-LTU, *ARC Information Desk*]
- CUBA:** "This is good news for AM band DXers! Just came back from the start-up of the new 10 kW output *Radio Progreso* relay at the Isle of Youth, south of Cuba. The frequency is 730 kHz, and the transmitter is rather close to the Caribbean Sea, so the 100 meter high Tunipole antenna with 120 radials should be well heard via sky wave during the evenings. The transmitter is pulse width modulated technology and capable of 125 percent positive peak modulation. Send your QSL requests if you are able to pick up the new *R. Progreso* relay to: arnie@rhc.cu. I will relay them to the *Progreso* deputy chief engineer, as we both work in the same building. Other *R. Progreso* relays are 900 kHz now in San German with 25 kW PWM transmitter, 660 kHz in Santa Clara with 10 kW PWM transmitter, and 690 kHz Jovellanos with 12.5 kW PWM also." [Arnie Coro, *R. Habana Cuba*, via Mike Terry, HCDX, *ARC News Desk*]
- FRANCE:** *Radio Livres Télérama*, or *Télérama* for short, has begun test broadcasts on 1062 kHz mediumwave. The station is transmitting from Meudon near Paris, France, with 2 kW of power. *Télérama* was first reported heard by Thierry Vignaud on October 29. Currently programming consists of a test loop, but in the future the station will air music as well as cultural talk programming. More details at www.dxing.info/news/index.dx#telerama. [DXing.info via Mike Terry, MWDX, *ARC Information Desk*]
- FRANCE:** *RMC Info* have started transmissions via their Mulhouse relay on 1584 kHz and the relay in Strasbourg is now operating at full power. Daytime reception in the coverage area is good but at night the signal is only fair to poor due to skywave interference. [Rémy Friess, MWC E-Mail News, *ARC Information Desk*]
- FRENCH GUIANA:** *RFO Guyane*, Matoury, is definitely off the air on SW as well as on MW (1070 kHz). I checked these two frequencies several times from Cayenne and Sinnamary (110 km to the west) without hearing anything. Furthermore I passed five times Matoury which is located 9 km south of Cayenne and saw only the *RFO* FM and TV transmitter mast on a hilltop. When departing by aircraft after sunset I noticed that this mast was clearly lit with a red light whereas no other masts were seen lit within several kilometres. Furthermore local people confirmed to me that only FM and TV is transmitted from Matoury. 1060 *RFO Guyane*, St. Laurent du Maroni, at the western border was checked from Sinnamary 150 km away, but never heard. Previously it only used 50 watts of power, thus I cannot say for sure that it also was off the air. During daytime the MW band was completely empty in both cities even when listening away from buildings! [Anker Petersen visiting French Guiana, DSWCI DX Window Dec 14, DXLD / MWC, via Jim Renfrew]

Musings

of the Members

Thoughts from NRC members ... the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers, or the National Radio Club, Inc.

Here is the NRC column which welcomes you into another great year! When sending your items along, please keep them radio and DX related. And away we go:

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Greetings from central GA! As I write this on the evening of 11/22 the auroral conditions are still playing havoc here. Seems stations to the N are gone or greatly weakened, even such powerhouses as WLW and WSAI. I'm 75 miles SE of Atlanta and WSB is really suffering, very good mix of WSB/radio Progresso/YVKS with Radio Progresso dominating during WSB fades. Thanks to Bruce's column, it was easily ID'ed. I usually don't report these since my Spanish/español is poor and they're big power stations so I usually don't bother. The only real problem the aurora causes is that I listen to WSB at night on an older Magnavox boom box and Radio Progresso booms in on the boom box! With my kidney condition (I am on dialysis), I go to bed with the Savage Nation and wake up with the morning news show. Hopefully, conditions will start to calm down (after everyone catches some rare DX, of course). I'm also hearing more Radio Reloj than I can to admit! 73's

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I have been a member of the NRC since 1970 but I haven't mused since 1971 so a brief reintroduction is probably in order. I began DXing in 1963 when I was a sophomore in high school. I didn't even know about radio clubs until 1970 when a DX NEWS was included in a reception report response. Back then with very modest radio equipment, one could DX coast to coast. It was the beginning of my interest in radio which continues to the present day. I have an amateur extra ham radio ticket (KH6MO) but there remains a soft spot for MW DXing. I am 55 and married; our daughter graduated from college last May. By profession I am a surgeon and I've practiced in Honolulu for 24 years. A review of my old Springfield, MA logs while visiting my parents prompted me to write. Honolulu, which should be a DXing paradise, is actually a DX hell if you live in the city. There are 17 AM radio stations between 5 to 10 KW, often sharing towers on shoestring budgets and all within line of site from my house. This precluded serious MW DXing from the house in that antennas capable of picking up weak signals would overload just about any receiver including an R390A or an IC-756 ProII. DXing on Oahu was best done on the windward side away from the city. I haven't had a lot of time for that. What I needed for the home station was a good preselector. I discovered the Palstar MW550p and I sent away for one (\$275). When I tried it, I was very disappointed. There was S9 + noise all over the band; it was worse than nothing. I called Paul at Palstar to make arrangements for the return of the unit. He was interested in the problem but was willing to take back the unit for a full refund without an argument. I described the very high RF environment and he concluded that the switching diodes in the unit were creating the problem. He offered to replace the diodes with switching relays, I said OK and sent the unit back. I received it back within 2 weeks. That was the problem. The unit no longer introduced noise and worked beyond my expectation. As for improving selectivity, I was able to peak with usable audio 1098 Majuro (Marshall Islands) against San Francisco on 1100 and 792 Brisbane (Australia) from KONA-790. I was pleasantly surprised by the responsiveness of Paul at Palstar. Prior to sending this Muse, I called Paul and he confirmed all the units are now using switching relays instead of diodes. (and thanks for checking in with us AI!-DWS)

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IBOC - the BPL of AM DXers. In WOI Radio Group's program schedule last spring, General Manager Bill McGinley painted a cautionary picture of AM IBOC. He had just returned from a conference. "There are claims that once all AM stations are operating HD transmitters, daytime interference from adjacent stations will significantly reduce each station's coverage area."* In subsequent correspondence with WOI's CE, another claim made was that the average daytime coverage would be 40 miles. That may not sound bad to New Englanders or Canadians on the Shield, but here on the prairie even the Class Cs (locals) do better than that. WSUI-910 was playing with their IBOC 12-21. Towers are 37 miles from here. No matter how I oriented my DX machine (my wife's 1969 Motorola portable), I could not null out the hash under WLS-890 without detuning WLS a couple of KHz. I must be contributing

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too much to WSUI. On a happier note, CKPR-580 has made it here three times this season. Just after midnight 12-19, it dominated 580 for over half an hour, sometimes at armchair level (reported). Used to be rare, hi. Does anyone know a source for a ground conductivity map of Canada, similar to the FCC's M3? Has anyone heard any recent news about Industry Canada's intention to raise cain with the FCC over AM IBOC? As if our government would ever listen to Canadians or anybody else. I hope for a pleasant 2005 for all.

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We need some clean recordings of stations operating at 920 on the AM dial. The Travellog program on the DX Audio Service will begin editing the IDs already in the collection in April, 2005 — but the following stations are not in the collection. We only need a minute that includes the legal ID (call letters and city of license). The best ones have a hint of the format leading up to the hourly ID and just the first item of news at the top of the hour — if that is what the station does. Here are the stations at 920 I'm missing: WVOH - Hazelhurst, GA; WGOL - Russellville, AL*; KMGG - Jonesboro, LA; KFLB - Odessa, TX; KSVA - Albuquerque, NM*; KIHM - Reno, NV*; KVIN - Ceres, CA*; KPSI - Palm Springs, CA*; KVEC - San Luis Obispo, CA (The asterisk means we have recording of stations at 920 in that city, but with former call letters.) I can accept anything from cassettes to CDs, e-mail messages using mp3 and I can download from websites, of course. Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

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Hi everyone. I have just rejoined the NRC after a hiatus of several years and thought to do a reintroduction. I'm 50, married, and work for Wal-Mart. I was a member of the NRC some years ago and used to attend Ray Arruda's Thanksgiving GTGs in Acushnet MA where I spent many a happy hour. I dropped out of the club for awhile because DXing was becoming stale...same old stations on the same old frequencies. But now that I have moved from MA to MN, I feel re-energized again, and I hope to start a new logbook. Equipment here is an old Radio Shack TRF from when they first came out in the 70s (and which still works pretty well), the car radio, a Grundig S350 and an old York radio from the 80s that my mother-in-law gave me which I hope to try out. 73s to all. (Thanks for checking in Rick!-DWS)

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The first full day of operation for WB3XNN-1620 happened on Thursday 12/23 from approx. 0930 til 1400 when field measurements were started. This is being done to see what the actually field intensity measurements are from the ground conductivity in the area. Right now it is BILL ALISAUSKAS closest station, the next would be the TIS station on 530 in Matamoras, PA, then WDL-1490. The reception reports will be of interest since we're interested to see if any daytime skywave conditions show up at the higher frequency and that were are only using a 50-foot top loaded antenna. Measurements will have to go out to a distance of 60+ miles and the station can only be operated during "non critical" hours (2 hours after sunrise to 2 hours before sunset). We'll verify reports too! As we get the new year under way, let us all make a big effort to keep the DX going, reporting to your column of choice and keeping the NRC at the top! 73

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