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Station Test Calendar

WODI	NJ	1230	Now to ?	0000-0005
WMRO	TN	1560	Now-Nov. 13	0100-0600
WWNH	NH	1340	Nov. 5	2200-0000
KANA	MT	580	Nov. 19	0200-0400
KLCY	MT	930	Nov. 19	0200-0400
KEIN	MT	1310	Nov. 19	0200-0400
KGVO	MT	1290	Nov. 19	0200-0400
WFIL	PA	560	Dec. 10	0500-0600
WNTP	PA	990	Dec. 10	0500-0600

WMRO-1560 ... Gallatin, TN will run an "inventory insert" 60-second test at .003kW, ND (one MIGHT be at daytime power), with Morse Code ID's and sweep tones, during local breaks, possibly at the top of the hour. Reception reports are desired via e-mail (first choice) and snail mail (only if e-mail is not available). Station would prefer to receive recordings of the test (MP3, CD, or cassette). Submit reports to: les@highnoonfilm.com. Please put "WMRO DX Test" in the subject line. All standard mail reports should go to: Les Rayburn, High Noon Film - 100 Centerview Drive Suite 111 - Birmingham, AL 35216. Please include an SASE for reply. Our thanks to Scott Bailey of WMRO, who's always been very DX Friendly! And also to Paul Walker, who helped to arrange yet another test for all of us.

KANA-580 Anaconda, KLCY-930 East Missoula, KGVO-1290 Missoula, and KEIN-1310 Great Falls ... will all conduct a simultaneous DX test from 2 am-4 am ELT Sunday morning, November 19, all at full daytime power and patterns, 1 kW for KANA, 5 kW for the other three. Programming will consist of Morse Code ID's, sweep tones, and voice ID's, and KEIN will run a mixture of nostalgia music programming and Morse Code. Verifications will be as for the WMRO test, with no DX'er who has e-mail capability being allowed to submit a USPS mail report, and USPS mail reports accepted only as a last resort, "due to the high volume of QSL requests". Please put "Montana DX Test" in the subject line of e-mails. Our thanks to Kevin Redding and The ABDX E-Mail List, Ron Huckey, Michael Richard, Steve Dow, Todd Clark,

and the staff members of these stations.

WFIL-560, WNTP-990 ... Philadelphia - Rene Tetro has agreed to another test of stations WNTP/WFIL, this time with West Coast DX'ers in mind. Instead of the usual Midnight to 2AM tests of the past, this one will take place much later at night (0500 AM local, making it 2:00 AM on the West Coast). Having a 50KW test this late at night should really give some folks out West the chance to put this one in the log book. Ditto for the lower powered WFIL. WNTP will be at 50 kW day directional pattern during the first half of the test time, and 5 kW ND the second half; WFIL will be at 5 kW day directional day directional pattern during the first half of the test, 2.5 kW the second half. Programming will include Morse Code ID's, sweep tones, and voice ID's. Reception reports may be sent as per WMRO test above; please place "WFIL/WNTP DX Test" in the subject line of e-mail reports. Our thanks to Rene Tetro for this "Third Annual Test."

From the Publisher ... In case you didn't get the last-minute news, the KEVA test was rescheduled to run a day earlier that what was publicized in these pages. Please be aware that any time posted in DXN is always tentative, subject to change, and not chiseled in stone. Please access e-DXN and [NRC-AM] to check for changes that occur after DXN is sent to the printer.

Unfilled positions ... We're still in need of volunteers for the following positions, as described in detail in V73, #27, the June '06 DXN: A person to maintain the e-DXN site; one or more additional moderators for e-DXN; one or more persons to edit future NRC publications; one or more persons to scan or retype reprints currently in print; one or more persons to scan verie letters to be placed on the NRCDXAS web site; several persons to research and prepare a book in commemoration of the NRC's 75th anniversary; a "Confirmed DX'er" editor; a "DX Targets" editor; a technical column editor; a nationwide QSL coordinator (preferably a joint NRC/IRCA/WTFDA member); someone to type e-mail reports for members who don't have computers.



AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old Call

New Call

No changes reported this week



CPs ON THE AIR

940	KNNZ	UT	Cedar City - CP for U1 10000/39 is on the air.
950	KTBR	OR	Roseburg - CP to increase their daytime power to be U1 3400/20 is on the air.
1080	WFTD	GA	Marietta - CP for D4 50000/0 CH 30000 is on the air.
1150	WAVO	SC	Rock Hill - CP for U1 5000/59 is on the air.
1340	KTCR	WA	Kennewick - Coordinate correction to N46-13-18 W119-11-10
1370	WGIV	NC	Gastonia - CP for the move here (from Pineville) with U1 20000/30 from a new tower at N35-12-45 W80-52-06 is on the air.
1390	WRIG	WI	Schofield - CP to increase their day and night power levels to U4 10000/7200 is on the air.
1410	KRWB	MN	Roseau - Coordinate correction to N48-50-43 W95-43-34.

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1230	NEW	TX	Presidio - CP granted for U1 800/710 at N29-36-00 W104-25-14. Presidio is about 200 miles southeast of El Paso just inside the US border, across the Rio Grande from Ojinaga, Chihuahua.
1450	NEW	TX	Comstock - CP granted for U1 1000/1000 at N29-40-50 W101-13-00.

GRANTS

1140	WJNZ	MI	Kentwood - Coordinate correction to N42-56-09 W85-27-26.
1570	KPYK	TX	Terrell - CP granted to increase their daytime power from a new 177' tower at N32-45-17 W96-14-22. When operational, KPYP will be U1 270/6.
1590	KYNG	AR	Springdale - CP granted for U1 2500/50 moving to a newly-constructed 135' tower at N36-12-35 W94-07-09.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

870	KRLA	CA	Glendale - Licensed for U4 20000/3000, KRLA has a CP for U4 50000/3000. This amendment requests U4 20000/37000.
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APPLICATIONS

1370	KXTL	MT	Butte - Coordinate correction to N46-00-21 W112-37-54.
1430	WBLR	SC	Batesburg - Applies to build a new, taller tower at a new location and reduce both day and night power levels to become U1 4500/140.
1590	KMOZ	MO	Rolla - Coordinate correction to N37-56-40 W91-48-42.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

1590	WONX	IL	Evanston - Licensed for U4 3500/2500, WONX applied for U4 20000/5000 with a change in CoL to Carol Stream, Illinois. This amendment requests U4 10000/3000 from Carol Stream.
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APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1400	NEW	QC	Montreal - Applies for U1 1000/1000.
1650	NEW	ON	Brampton - Applies for U1 1000/680.*
1650	NEW	ON	Mississauga - Applies for U1 1000/1000.*

* Since Brampton and Mississauga are suburbs of Toronto, it is assumed only one of these applicants will receive a license.

NEWS TO YOUSE

670	KIRN	CA	Simi Valley - Their CP for U4 35000/35000 has been deleted from the FCC's database. KIRN remains U4 5000/3000.
780	CFDR	NS	Dartmouth - Has applied to move to 88.9 MHz with 50 kW maximum ERP at

189 metres.

- 1080 WOAP MI Owosso - Their dismissed application to upgrade to U4 50000/2500 with a change in CoL to Waverly, Michigan has been reinstated.
- 1380 CKLC ON Kingston - Has applied to move to 98.9 MHz with 15 kW maximum ERP at 132 metres.
- 1420 CKPT ON Peterborough - Has applied to move to 99.3 MHz with 17 kW maximum ERP at 91.5 metres.
- 1490 KSYC CA Yreka - Has been granted a waiver of the FCC rules whereby they can operate from a remote location (greater than 25 miles from their City-of-License) in Ashland, Oregon. KSYC operates as a non-commercial educational station.
- 1600 KUSH OK Cushing - Station was deleted from the FCC's files due to the fact they did not file for renewal during the allotted time. The owner's illness has been stated as the reason. A Special Temporary Authorization has been requested to operate while the renewal paperwork is filed.

HEAR AND THAR

- Reported to be silent: **KIKN-1290 Port Angeles, Washington**, due to the fact that the owners (Salem Communications) are preparing nearby **KKOL-1300** in Seattle for their upgrade to U4 50000/47000. So you can delete KIKN from your Logbooks.
- Thanks to **Shawn Axelrod, Perry Crabill, Bill Dvorak, Wayne Heinen, Deane McIntyre**, and Radio World Online.

Domestic DX Digest

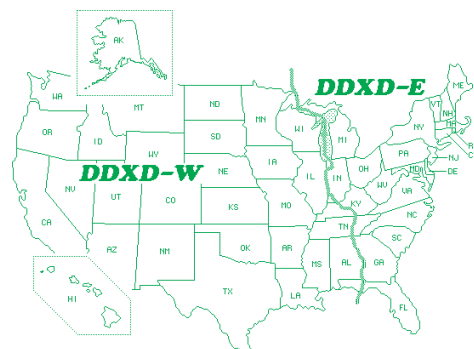
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between East and
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DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- I was greatly relieved to learn that DDXD-West contributor Richard E. Wood, who lives on the Big Island Hawaii, came through the earthquake that hit Hawaii on October 15 just fine. In fact, a thunderstorm that occurred the following day caused Richard more problems than did the earthquake itself. Richard reports that all Big Island AM's remained on the air after the quake, but many Maui and Oahu stations went dark due to power failure. As a result, many normally occupied frequencies were clear and he picked up quite a few new stations. Look for a very detailed Special Report from Richard in next week's DDXD-West.
- Speaking of Richard, it appears that he had his own "Alaska pipeline" going on 10/10; either that or the 50th State was being invaded by the 49th. The result was three new stations logged and some others heard for the first time in many years. You can see the results below.
- Halloween is upon us— time to scare up some new loggings and maybe spend more time on the graveyard frequencies. Here's hoping that your listening brings many treats (as long as your ears don't play tricks on you!). Happy Halloween! 73 Bill

Reporters

- GH-IL Greg Harris, Park Forest. Icom R75 with Quantum Loop or Hula Hoop Loop.
- JEL-MO J. E. Lewis, Kansas City. Station news.
- JRT- MO John Tudenham, Joplin. Station news.
- JW-CO John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- PG-CO Patrick Griffith, Westminster. Drake R-8 and Kiwa loop.
- RA-NV René Auvray, Henderson. Grundig Yacht Boy 400 PE.
- REW-HI Richard E. Wood, Keaau. Icom R75, 350 foot longwire to NE, 175 foot longwire to NNE.
- SP-WI Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc. NRD-515, AOR LA350 loop.
- TRH-CA Tim Hall, Chula Vista. Toyota car radio.
- WH-CO Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B, N/S Flag, E/W Flag, Modified 4 foot NRC Altazimuth loop, 15 foot vertical whip, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo w/2 BUF-F amplifiers,

Station News

- 920 KARN AR Little Rock. 10/17 2200. "102.9 and 920, KARN-FM Sheridan and KARN AM Little Rock." Add //FM to your log. (WH-CO)
- 1560 WMBH MO Joplin. Switched from Fox sports, and is now doing an urban mix of light soul, hip hop and rap music. Programming appears to be mostly off the satellite, with some voice IDs and ads at times. I really can't tell if they are stunting or have actually changed. If they are considering an urban format, our Black population is less than 2%. They are only 250 watts days and 9 watts nights. I am only two miles from them and they splatter badly. (JRT-MO)
- 1660 KXTR KS Kansas City. Noticed 10/12 that their website indicates that they will soon be high def. I can't wait for this since my location is just 1-1/4 miles from the antenna site and they spread out all over AM dial (and much of SW too) on my Eton E1, even with my Select-A-Tenna II or Grove Mini Tuner 3. (JEL-MO) (For those of you unfamiliar with this station, it is one of the very few AM stations in the US with a classical music format. So, the appeal to them of broadcasting in IBOC must be very strong indeed. Ed.-WI)

CKDO Special QSL Opportunity (See DDXD-W 74-1 & 74-4)

- 1580 CKDO- ON Oshawa. 10/5 2100-10/6 0200. DX program inaudible due to super-powerful co-channel KBLA CA and KMIK AZ. KMIK is at times dominant at SSS, otherwise KBLA dominates. (REW-HI)

Presumed, Tentative, UnID

- 1440 UNID 10/4 0946-0948. Sounded like an oldies station. Fading out. Who has oldies on this channel? (RA-NV) (Possibly KAZG Scottsdale, Arizona, "Arizona's Gold"? Ed.-WI)

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 540 KWMT IA Fort Dodge. 10/14 1733. Several "AM 540 KWMT" IDs by a male announcer. Fair in WRRD null. New. (GH-IL)
- 580 WGAC GA Augusta. 10/14 0705. CBS news, weather, ID, talk show. New. (SP-WI)
- 600 KOGO CA San Diego. 10/4 0943-0945. Weather with Dave Mason, traffic with Sky Walker. Fading fast. (RA-NV)
- 610 WAGG AL Birmingham. 10/16 0725. Fast "610 WAGG" ID by a male announcer. WIP and other QRM. (GH-IL)
- 620 KGTL AK Homer. 10/10 1106. "Good morning, I'm... KGTL news. The City of Seward... Alaska DoT to reopen highways..." other Alaska stories. At 1110 "You're listening to the 7 AM edition of KGTL news." Very good atop my weak local KIPA. New. (REW-HI)
- 660 KTNN AZ Window Rock. 10/11 2312. Navajo chanting, ID, website, casino ad, announcements, Happy Birthdays. (SP-WI)
- 660 KSKY TX Balch Springs. 10/16 0742. "Twenty-two before seven on Kay-Sky" by a male announcer. Surfaced out of WFAN and other QRM. New. (GH-IL)
- 700 KALL UT North Salt Lake City. 10/10 0200. Fox news, then at 0203 "Weather forecast for Salt Lake... temperature 46." Good, clear, new. (REW-HI)
- 700 KBYR AK Anchorage. 10/10 1025. Laura Ingraham talk show. ID by a man, "Smart Radio, KBYR." ID At 1030 "On Newsradio 700 I'm Ted..." into Fox news, then at 1032 "Smart Radio 700 KBYR. KBYR time 6:32." Very good, new. (REW-HI)
- 770 KKOB NM Albuquerque. 10/10 0003. Promo "Listen to Rush Limbaugh on 770 KKOB." Timecheck given as 10:05. KKOB calls given again at 0005, 0007 and 0014. Note that all four call letters are now given, previously only "KOB" except for legal ID. Good. (REW-HI)
- 770 KCHU AK Valdez. 10/10 1040. Promo for a program "...tonight at 8 on AlaskaOne." Good. (REW-HI)
- 780 WBBM IL Chicago. 10/10 0012. Local news, "The power company told WBBM... WBBM Newstime 11:12." Quite good over/under KKOH. First Midwestern catch this year. (REW-HI)

- 810 WHB MO Kansas City. 10/13 0833. "Sportsradio (missed) WHB" by a male announcer, and Kansas City ads. Signal varied between local strength and weak. SS QRM from an unID station. No trace of WGY. New. (GH-IL)
- 910 KIYU AK Galena. 10/10 1115. NPR, interviewing a British woman. Quite good; last heard in the 1980s. (REW-HI)
- 920 KSRM AK Soldotna. 10/10 1118. Ad for 4WDs and ATVs at "Alaska's leading dealer." At 1119 "On KSRM talk... news radio..." Talk show with a male host. Quite good, last heard in the 1980s. (REW-HI)
- 920 KVEL UT Vernal. 10/17 2200. "920 KVEL News Talk Sports Vernal..." to ABC News. (WH-CO)
- 920 KYST TX Texas City. 10/18 0800. "KYST Texas City-Houston, Radio Deportes." (WH-CO)
- 920 WGNU IL Granite City. 10/18 0806. Ending a PSA with "Now the local report from the WGNU Newsroom" to local news. (WH-CO)
- 920 KXLY WA Spokane. 10/18 0905. "...KXLY news time is 6:05..." (WH-CO)
- 930 KIUP CO Durango. 10/13 0400. "ESPN, your sports authority, AM 930 KIUP Durango" to ESPN programming. Under WKY. (WH-CO)
- 950 WORD SC Spartanburg. 10/18 2358. Fair to poor on a crowded frequency. "Coast to Coast AM" with George Noory, then at 2358 Accuweather forecast followed by ads for Bradshaw Infiniti Greenville and greenvilleonline.com. Legal ID // WYRD 1330 Greenville SC into Fox news (not listed in 27th AM Log) at ToH. Slogan is "Newsradio 1330 and 950 WORD" (27th Log lists as "Word Radio"). A rare appearance here. (Ed.-WI)
- 970 KHTY CA Bakersfield. 10/9 0050. News by a man on recall of veggies. ID by a man: "You're listening to Fox News Radio on KHTY Bakersfield, 970." Very good. (REW-HI)
- 970 KBUL MT Billings. 10/18 0811. Traffic, weather, and call letter ID punching through the mix. (JW-CO)
- 980 CKNW BC New Westminster. 10/10 0010. Sportstalk, Edmonton Eskimos, then at 0053 interview with a golfer. Good over KDBV; // CHMJ 730. (REW-HI)
- 1020 KAXX AK Eagle River. 10/10 1045. Classical piano, Brahms. Good, new. (REW-HI)
- 1110 KDIS CA Pasadena. 10/3 2021. Radio Disney. Mention of an album that can be bought at K-Mart. Sample played. Weak. (RA-NV)
- 1130 KFAN MN Minneapolis. 10/13 0750. Hockey and basketball scores and details; "The Fan" slogans; area ads; legal ID at 0800, followed by traffic. Very good signal—perhaps an early switch to day pattern. (JW-CO)
- 1170 KJNP AK North Pole. 10/10 1123. Woman with weather for central Alaska, "Highs near 50, mostly cloudy, scattered showers, local wind gusts to 35. Tonight rain showers likely." Good over Korean. Last heard in 1980s. (REW-HI)
- 1190 KXXM CA Anaheim. 10/3 2019. Came out of the QRM with discussion in Vietnamese about the HIV epidemic. (RA-NV)
- 1250 KKDZ WA Seattle. 10/9 0958. Disney talk, ID by a young-sounding woman: "AM 12-50 KKDZ Seattle." Many Disney promos, prizes, contests. Good. (REW-HI)
- 1260 WEKZ WI Monroe. 10/17 0827. "...On 1260 WEKZ" by a male announcer. Weak; surfaced above terrible QRM for ID. QRM was from WSDZ and many others. New. (GH-IL)
- 1290 WKLJ WI Sparta. 10/15 0459. Legal ID at 0459:15 "WKLJ is ESPN 1290 AM Sparta, La Crosse and Tomah", followed by more ESPN programming. Fair, mixing with KKAR and others. (JW-CO)
- 1300 KAZN CA Pasadena. 10/3 2023. Running Chinese // KAHZ 1600. Fighting through QRM. First time I recorded KAZN at this hour in Nevada. (RA-NV)
- 1310 KXAM AZ Mesa. 10/3 2024-2026. Traffic report sponsored by Remax Realtors; actress Tanya Roberts with Las Vegas promo. Fair to weak. First time. (RA-NV)
- 1320 KCTC CA Sacramento. 10/4 0938-0940. Loomis Cabinet ad, plus ads with 916 area code phone numbers; traffic report. Weak. (RA-NV)
- 1320 KCTC CA Sacramento. 10/15 0800. Ending Air America promo. "AM 1320 KCTC Sacramento" to CBS News. (WH-CO)
- 1320 KXYZ TX Houston. 10/15 0200. Out of Asian language programming. "AM 1320 KXYZ Houston." (WH-CO)
- 1320 KYHN AR Fort Smith. 10/15 0803. Fort Smith weather, then "News Talk KWHN." (WH-CO) (KWHN is the // on 1650 Ed.-WI)

- 1320 KOLT NE Scottsbluff. 10/15 2200. "KOLT AM 1320 Scottsbluff" in break in high school football. (WH-CO)
- 1360 KWWJ TX Baytown. 10/17 0700. "We're KWWJ, Gospel 1360." (WH-CO)
- 1360 WVRO WI Viroqua. 10/19 0807. "WVRO Newstime 7:07" by a female announcer. Surfaced out of noise. WTAQ and WLBK QRM. New. (GH-IL)
- 1400 KENT UT Parowan. 10/12 0859. Faded up for a nice clear ID "K-E-N-T Parowan" into CNN news. New for station #1326. (TRH-CA)
- 1430 KWST CA El Centro. 10/4 0944. Commercials for California Milk Farmers, Kohl's grand opening, call ID. QRM from KMRB CA. (RA-NV)
- 1540 KREA HI Honolulu. 10/7 0000. Korean. EE ID by a man, "This is KREA Honolulu, 15-40 on the AM dial." Into Korean show, theme music, the old Don Ho favorite "Pearly Shells" in instrumental version. If used nightly, this should make ID easy for US mainland DXers. (REW-HI)
- 1540 KNGL KS McPherson. 10/15 0959. Legal ID by male voice at 0959:53 "The station for Good Time Oldies, AM 1540 KNGL McPherson." ABC news followed. Fair under KXEL. (JW-CO)
- 1550 KRPI WA Ferndale. 10/9 0000. EE ID by a man: "15-50 KRPI Ferndale." Indian music, into a woman in Punjabi. KRPI may stand for "Radio Punjab(i) India." Very good, dominant. (REW-HI)
- 1550 KSFT MO Saint Joseph. 10/13 2302. NLCS Baseball "...on the Cardinals Radio Network. Oldies 1550 KSFT St Joseph..." to a brief local spot. (WH-CO)
- 1550 KAPE MO Cape Girardeau. 10/14 0706. Out of Fox News. "KAPE Radio 1550, where Cape Girardeau comes to talk." (WH-CO)
- 1550 KXEX CA Fresno. 10/14 0800. "You've got it tuned to the Central Valley's undisputed local sports leader, 1550 Sporting News Radio KXEX Fresno" to sports headlines. (WH-CO)
- 1550 KUAZ AZ Tucson. 10/14 0958. Out of NPR with "and this is KUAZ Tucson 1550 AM and KUAZ-FM Tucson at 89.1, a broadcast service of the University of Arizona," to more NPR programming. (WH-CO)
- 1600 KAHZ CA Pomona. 10/3 2017-2018. In Chinese (may have been news). Fair, faded in and out through QRM. (RA-NV)
- 1660 KXOL UT Brigham City. 10/17 0640. Popular SS music with frequent "La Favorita" slogans. "This is KXOL 1660 Salt Lake City" in EE with heavy SS accent. (PG-CO)

TIS, HAR, Etc.

- 1610 WPZH377 HI Honolulu. 10/9 0123. Unusual type loop by a slightly local-accented woman. Quite good; audible again now that my nearby Talking House is off (see last week's DDXD-W Ed.-WI). (REW-HI)
- 1610 (Part 15?) CA Chula Vista. 10/11 2210. A station located somewhere in the Eastlake area (far inland section of Chula Vista where I live) has been running a nonstop loop of "Onion Radio" fake news broadcasts (if you Google this name, you'll find some audio clips) interspersed with godaddy.com commercials. It's the kind of tacky programming you would expect to hear on a billboard station, but there are no billboards at this end of town. Their signal gets out for a few miles now. (TRH-CA)

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

- BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50 x 75-ft terminated broadband loops east and south.
- PG-FL Paul Gray, Satellite Beach - Yaesu FT-840, G5RV dipole
- IEN-GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - Drake R8B 135' N/S Wire
- MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto - Grundig YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200.

UNIDs

- 530 - 10/10 2240 - Unknown Spanish station, heard ID "Radio Rebelde." Strong signal with another Spanish station underneath. (PG-FL) *I suspect this is a Cuban of some kind. Multilingual CIAO Brampton, ON would be a possibility, but as far as I know they don't rebroadcast any of Fidel's bombast. Mike. (This is Ha-*

vana, also heard here in Topeka and reported via [NRC-AM] in other locations -pls.)

LOGGINGS

- 630 CFCY PE **Charlottetown** - 10/13 0055 - Fair, over/under WPRO and CHLT; "95-1 CFCY" ID and country music, FM simulcast pending AM shutdown. **(BC-NH)**
- 650 WSM TN **Nashville** - 10/10 2310 - Program of classic country music followed by ID montage, "Nashville's country legends 650 AM WSM." Very strong signal (+20 over) but with lots of picket fencing. **(PG-FL)**
- 660 WFAN NY **New York** - 10/10 2328 - Sports talk program about NY Yankees and Alex Rodriguez. Partial ID, "660 The Fan." Moderate signal and fading among multiple stations. **(PG-FL)**
- 680 WPTF NC **Raleigh** - 10/10 2355 - Dr. Dean Odell syndicated health show. ID at top of hour, "Wolf Pack Radio 680 AM WPTF Raleigh." Good signal, slow fading, alternates with another station (possibly WCNN). **(PG-FL)**
- 700 WLW OH **Cincinnati** - 10/11 0014 - America's Trucking Network; headlines about fuel prices and North Korea's nuclear test, followed by country music and ID, "This is your 50,000 watts of ultimate listening pleasure, WLW." Strong signal, slight fading, religious station underneath. **(PG-FL)**
- 720 CHTN PE **Charlottetown** - 10/13 0035 - Good, WGN nulled; "Waterfalls" and "We play everything, Ocean 100" ID, FM simulcast pending AM shutdown. **(BC-NH)**
- 920 WBAA IN **West Lafayette** - 10/20 0710 - wiping out CKNX groundwave with fundraising promo during break in NPR's Morning Edition: "we're looking for your support at Purdue Public Radio...pledge now at 496-1999, 866-922-2101 or online at wbaa.org". **(MKB-ON)**
- 960 CHNS NS **Halifax** - 10/12 2245 - Good; "Classic Rock 89-9 Hal FM" IDs, "Thanks for making the switch to the new home of power classic rock, 89-9 Hal FM" into an AC/DC rock hit, then an 899halfm.com promo, and at 2300 a CHNS-FM Halifax ID, all heavy metal hits, obviously now in simulcast mode before AM goes dark. **(BC-NH)**
- 1160 WDJO KY **Florence** - 10/20 2258 - ID on top of the clutter. Decent signal for the moment it appeared, only to disappear into the mix. "Oldies 1160, WDJO". **(IEN-GA)**
- 1230 WENY NY **Elmira** - 10/10 0644 - In briefly, "News/Talk 1230 and 1450 WENY." **(BC-NH)**
- 1270 WLBR PA **Lebanon** - 10/16 0736 - over WHLD groundwave with traffic report, "WLBR news time is 7:36" during local news. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1470 WPDM NY **Potsdam** - 10/18 0738 - over WNY's Air America talk with local news, ad for Roto-Rooter of Potsdam, "99 Hits" jingle into "your 99 forecast for the North Country" local weather. //WSNN-99.3 "99 Hits", per current edition of NRC log. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1500 WBRI IN **Indianapolis** - 10/20 0730 - over usual WTWP/WLQV mix with ID as "an important part of your day, AM 1500 WBRI" into "Insight for living" gospel program. **(MKB-ON)**

Expiring? Time to renew? Not sure when? Need to call or e-mail someone or join e-DXN or DXAS? Check the back page - it's all right there!

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**International
DX Digest**

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

Transatlantic DX

- 819 **EGYPT** ERTU Batra (31°09'N 31°27'E) OCT 19 2245 - Good; Middle Eastern vocal with percussion and strings parallel 12050 kHz also strong. [Conti-NH]
- 864 **EGYPT** ERTU Santah (30°45'N 31°08'E) OCT 19 2250 - Fair to good; Koranic recitations. [Conti-NH]
- 972 **GERMANY** NDR Info, Hamburg^o(53°31'N 10°07'E) OCT 20 0055 - Fair; contemporary music, 0100 news in German. [Conti-NH]
- 1017 **TURKEY** TRTMundanya (40°21'N 28°41'E) OCT 14 0050 - Fair to good; presumed this with Koranic recitations, then a woman in an unID language, faded at the top of the hour of course. 0140 back to Koranic recitations, 0250 Middle Eastern music, possibly parallel 927 kHz but too weak to be sure. Alf Aardal on mIRC #mwdx was monitoring 1017 at the same time, indicating that an announcement at 0300 and subsequent talk sounded like Turkish. OCT 20 0150 - Good; Koranic recitations. 0240 Koran; s9+10. 0300 music and woman in Turkish. This has been a dominant signal for a couple weeks now, apparently broadcasting extended hours during Ramadan. [Conti-NH]
- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR Roumoules (43°47'N 06°09'E) OCT 19 2210 - Good; inspirational vocal, then a woman in Arabic, gone at 2215. [Conti-NH]

Pan-American DX

- 610 **MEXICO** XEBX Sabinas, Coah (27°53'N 101°09'W) OCT 6 1210 - Ads, call letter IDs, CDT time check; back to regional news at 1212. Fair under KNML. [Wilkins-CO]
- 620 **ALASKA** KGTL Homer (59°41'N 151°38'W) OCT 10 1506 - "Good morning, I'm... KGTL news. The City of Seaward has reopened the Hiway closed by flooding..." 1510, "You're listening to the 7 a.m. edition of KGTL news." Good to very good, wiping out very weak local KIPA, 11 miles away, in the same direction! No looping or phasing used. New. [Wood-HI]
- 630 **CUBA** R.Progreso, Pinar del Río (22°25'N 83°43'W) OCT 11 0306 - ID in Spanish, "Radio Progreso," followed by a news or variety program. (Wish my Spanish was better!) Good signal, no fading. [Gray-FL]
- 640 **CUBA** R.Progreso, multiple sites OCT 8 0545 - Cuban tropical music, network ID. Good, over/under KFI. New. [Wood-HI]
- 640 **MEXICO** XEJUA Cd. Juárez, Chih (31°45'N 106°29'W) OCT 14 0304 - Música romántica, "Radio Recuerdo" slogans. Good signal in KFI null. [Wilkins-CO]
- 690 **MEXICO** XEMA Fresnillo, Zac (23°08'N 102°50'W) OCT 15 1215 - Mexican music, "MA" semi-IDs, area ads and PSAs; generally fair but under the strong signal of KTSM. [Wilkins-CO]
- 700 **ALASKA** KBYR Anchorage (61°12'N 149°55'W) OCT 10 1425 - Laura Ingram Show, ID, "Smart Radio KBYR." Commercial for all-wheel drives. "On Newsradio 700, I'm Ted..." 1431 Fox News, then "Smart Radio KBYR" and time check, "KBYR radio time, 6:32." New, good. OCT 12 0530 - Fox News, "It's time now for the latest weather forecast on Newsradio KBYR." 0534, "KBYR the best news and talk radio for Alaska. For your North Slope weather forecast, Smart Radio AM 700 KBYR." Promo, "Michael Medved on AM 700 KBYR," to network for Medved. ("Medved" in Russian means "bear," the Russians' favorite animal.) Booming, trace of a Spanish station with Mexican music. Alaskan reception is great this season, even in the early evening! [Wood-HI]
- 730 **CUBA** CMBB R.Progreso, Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud (21°53'N 82°48'W) OCT 20 0437 - Good with CKAC nulled out; nostalgic vocal parallel 890 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 770 **ALASKA** KCHU Valdez (61°07'N 146°16'W) OCT 10 1440 - NPR news, into promo, "Tonight at 8 on Alaska 1... on Alaska 1." Good. [Wood-HI]
- 770 **VENEZUELA** YVKK R.Nacional, Valencia (10°10'N 68°00'W) OCT 20 0400 - Woman interviewing a man leading up to top of the hour, then choral national anthem; in WABC null. [Conti-NH]
- 790 **CUBA** CMAQ R.Reloj, Pinar del Río (22°25'N 83°43'W) OCT 20 0411 - Good; man and woman

with news, *R.Relej* ID, time marker and check, RR code ID, etc. [Conti-NH]

- 890 **ALASKA** KBBI Homer (59°40'N 151°27'W) OCT 13 1459 - ID, "KBBI Homer 890... and 91.9 Keno. It's 6:59." weather for Homer, fog, winds, rain, partly cloudy. "In Homer it's 39, in Soldotna 32, in Kodiak it's 44. Northeast winds 15 knots. Sunrise today 8:40, sunset 7:03." 1500 Kenai Office of Elections announcement, then "It's 7:01, the local news at 7:13," into one-day accelerated animal pledge drive which lasts a week on most NPR stations, compressed into one day on KBBI. "Call 235-7721 to become a member," and at 1504, "That's what KBBI is all about... If you rely on KBBI, local radio, keep it strong in Homer." Very good. [Wood-HI]
- 900 **MEXICO** XEDT Cd. Cuauhtémoc, Chih (28°25'N 106°50'W) OCT 14 0308 - Man and woman chatting in German. I'm always surprised to hear German coming from an XE station. Good signal. [Wilkins-CO]
- 910 **ALASKA** KIYU Galena (64°41'N 156°43'W) OCT 10 1515 - NPR interviewing a British woman; quite good. Back in the 1980s, I was the first DXer to report this station, apparently on its first day of operation. With my (then) Beverages, I triangulated the location as being midway between Anchorage and Nome, which proved to be true. Good to hear it again after 20 years. [Wood-HI]
- 920 **ALASKA** KSRM Soldotna (60°31'N 151°11'W) OCT 10 1518 - Ad for "4WD ATVs at Alaska's leading dealer. 1519, "On KSRM talk radio... news radio..." 1520 back to news/talk, caller on air. Quite good, last heard in 1980s. [Wood-HI]
- 920 **MEXICO** XELT *R.Amor*, Guadalajara, Jal (20°44'N 103°19'W) OCT 9 0405 - Promo for "Las grandes voces de la música mexicana en Radio Amor." Quick excerpts from several XE singers such as Javier Solís. Good. Note: Regular format of romántica is often preempted for sports including U.S. baseball. [Wood-HI]
- 970 **ALASKA** KFBX Fairbanks (64°53'N 147°40'W) OCT 12 1445 - ESPN sports, local time check and commercial for shoe store. 1452, "6:52 on the Rick... radio show," discussed Winterfest in Missoula, Montana, and the Jackie Gleason Show. 1458, political ad for Alaska candidate, campaign headquarters at 25 West 5th Street, Public Health Center PSA, jingle, and 1500 ID, "This is KFBX Fairbanks" into news. New, fair to quite good. [Wood-HI]
- 1020 **ALASKA** KAXX Eagle River (61°29'N 149°46'W) OCT 10 1445 - Brahms classical piano. Good, new. [Wood-HI]
- 1150 **MEXICO** XERM Mexicali BCN (32°39'N 115°30'W) OCT 14 1148 - Heard briefly in KNRV null with call letter ID; soon faded under KSAL. A new one here, BCN #26. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1160 **MEXICO** XEQIN San Quintín BCN (30°34'N 115°57'W) OCT 12 1224 - Man and woman announcers chatting and taking phone calls from listeners, and playing a variety of Mexican music; occasional call letter IDs, PDT time checks, and "La Voz del Valle" slogans; full ID at 1301:30 "...XEQIN Once Sesenta AM con diez mil wats de potencia desde San Quintín, Baja California - una emisora del Sistema Nacional de Radiodifusoras Culturales Indigenistas... XEQIN..." Good on peaks with KSL about 75% nulled. First time heard here, although they've been on 1160 for a few months, ex-1290. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1170 **ALASKA** KJNP North Pole (64°46'N 147°19'W) OCT 10 1523 - Weather for central Alaska, "Highs near 50, mostly cloudy, scattered showers, winds, local gusts to 35 miles per hour, tonight rain showers likely, Wednesday rain showers likely." Good, over/under Korean. Last heard in 1980s. [Wood-HI]
- 1180 **MEXICO** XEDCH Cd. Delicias, Chih (28°13'N 105°29'W) OCT 16 1158 - Música romántica; canned ID at 1201:20, "Esta es XEDCH, Romántica Once Ochenta, transmitiendo con cinco mil wats de potencia desde Calle Segunda Norte 309, Interior 107, Ciudad Delicias, Chihuahua..." and into more music. Fair, mixing with KOFI in the null of KYDZ. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1610 **HAWAII** WPZH377 Honolulu (21°17'N 157°50'W) OCT 9 0523 - Usual tape loop by a woman with a slight local accent, about events at Hawaii Convention Center. Quite good, audible again now that the talking house near here is off the air. [Wood-HI] Listed in FCC database as WQAG957 Hawaii Convention Center.

Transpacific DX

- 882 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA Dammam (26°24'N 50°10'E) OCT 12 1503 - Arabic news by a man, in progress. Quite good. [Wood-HI] Great Circle distance 8851 miles. Nice catch!
- 972 **TAJIKISTAN** *R.Aap ki Dunyaa*, Orzu (37°32'N 68°42'E) OCT 12 1442 - ID, "Voice of America, Radio Aap ki Dunyaa," and news in Urdu, often referring to Bharat (India), Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Gave address as www.voa.us. Discussed students, graduation, mentioned Taliban (which means "students"), ID, "Washington, Radio Dunyaa" (means "world"). 1524, man and woman discussing education and employment of Pakistanis in U.S. Used English

words "examination, job, jobless, Pakistan, company, situation." Very good, new. Note: *R.Aap ki Duniya* is the Urdu service of VOA, the counterpart to *R.Farda* (Farsi) and *R.Sawa* (Arabic, meaning "together"). [Wood-HI]

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Bruce Conti, Nashua NH; R8B, MWDX-5, 15 x 23-m terminated corner-fed broadband loops east and south.

Paul Gray, Satellite Beach FL; Yaesu FT-840, G5RV dipole.

John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO; Drake R8, 4-ft box loop.

Richard Wood, Keaau HI; Icom R75, longwires 350-ft northeast, 175-ft north/northeast.

International News

PAKISTAN: The 10 kW mediumwave transmitter of *R.Pakistan* at Larkana on **1305 kHz**, listed as "Future Plan" in the WRTH, has started regular broadcasts. Programmes are in parallel with an FM transmitter on 101 MHz which has been on the air for the last 11 years. Broadcasting time is 18 hours a day. [Media Network weblog via MWC, *ARC Info Desk*]

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NRC Contest

An annual DX contest which encourages DX'ing and offers prizes

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The State of the Art DX Contest

Well, it looks like we have a contest! As you can see from the listings, it's easy to rack up points quickly, so there's plenty of time to enter the race. The following entries are good target lists to help you get started. Remember, the DXers reporting the most distant signals at the contest mid-point will win the 2007 World Radio TV Handbook. See the September 18 *DX News* magazine or e-DXN online for basic rules. I may decide to move all Pan-American entries from Hawaii to the Transoceanic category, as the Pacific island location provides a definite advantage in this game. In the meantime, a few good catches from the Caribbean, Mexico and South America should help us mainlanders gain some ground. (As the contest manager I'm ineligible for prizes, but that doesn't mean I can't play!) Join the fun, enter today!

Notes: Countries are underlined. Country and provincial/state codes are from WRTH. Distances are calculated using an ellipsoid algorithm for Great Circle distances; a link for free software is available at BAMLog online. (Distance calculations by contestants not required to participate.) Coordinates are from the FCC database, IDXD, EMWG, WRTH, and various Internet resources. Where exact transmitter coordinates are unavailable, an estimate is obtained using The Times Atlas of the World. New Zealand no longer allows public access to its online frequency register, so the generic atlas coordinates will be used until another source of data is located. Contest is medium wave only, no long or short wave.

Pan-American DX

Bruce Conti, <u>Nashua NH</u> (42°43'N 71°31'W)	Miles	Pts
Canada		
AB1140 CHRB High River (50°55'N 113°50'W)	2054	20
NB810 CJVA Caraquet (47°46'N 65°03'W)	470	4
NL740 CHCM Marystown (47°09'N 55°16'W)	852	8
NS960 CHNS Halifax (44°41'N 63°40'W)	416	4
ON800 CKLW Windsor (42°03'N 83°00'W)	589	5
PE720 CHTN Charlottetown (46°11'N 63°10'W)	477	4
QC630 CHLT Sherbrooke (45°18'N 71°52'W)	179	1
Cuba		
CA890 CMDZ Chambas (22°11'N 78°54'W)	1478	14
CH670 CMQ Arroyo Arenas (23°00'N 82°30'W)	1498	14
HO600 CMKV Urbano Noris (20°35'N 76°08'W)	1548	15
IJ730 CMBB Nueva Gerona (21°53'N 82°48'W)	1577	15
PR610 CMAN Bahía Honda (22°53'N 83°09'W)	1522	15
VC570 CMDC Santa Clara (22°24'N 79°56'W)	1482	14
St. Kitts & Nevis		
555 ZIZ Basseterre (17°19'N 62°44'W)	2002	20
Turks & Caicos		
530 RVC South Caicos (21°30'N 71°31'W)	1462	14

United States

AL1700 WEUP Huntsville (34°46'N 86°39'W)	982	9
CT1240 WWCO Waterbury (41°34'N 73°03'W)	112	1
DC1500 WTWP Washington (39°03'N 77°03'W)	385	3
FL670 WWFE Miami (25°51'N 80°29'W)	1269	12
GA750 WSB Atlanta (33°51'N 84°15'W)	922	9
IL890 WLS Chicago (41°33'N 87°51'W)	842	8
IN1190 WOWO Ft. Wayne (41°00'N 85°21'W)	723	7
KY840 WHAS Louisville (38°16'N 85°26'W)	794	7
LA870 WWL New Orleans (29°50'N 90°08'W)	1362	13
ME620 WZON Bangor (44°50'N 68°47'W)	200	2
MD1090 WBAL Baltimore (39°23'N 76°46'W)	358	3
MA860 WSBS Great Barrington (42°13'N 73°21'W)	100	1
MI760 WJR Detroit (42°10'N 83°13'W)	599	5
MO1120 KMOX St. Louis (38°43'N 90°03'W)	1009	10
NJ1680 WTTM Lindenwold (39°53'N 75°00'W)	267	2
NY1520 WWKB Buffalo (42°46'N 78°51'W)	373	3
NC1110 WBT Charlotte (35°08'N 80°53'W)	726	7
OH700 WLW Cincinnati (39°21'N 84°20'W)	708	7
PA1020 KDKA Pittsburgh (40°34'N 79°57'W)	461	4
RI1180 WCNX Hope Valley (41°32'N 71°45'W)	83	0

TN650 WSM Nashville (36°00'N 86°48'W) 938 9
 VT620 WVMT Burlington (44°32'N 73°13'W) 152 1
 VA940 WNRG Grundy (37°18'N 82°07'W) 674 6
 WV750 WPDJ Clarksburg (39°15'N 80°23'W) 521 5

Venezuela

DC750 YVKS Caracas (10°29'N 67°00'W) 2236 22

Total Points = 323

Jeff Hawk, **Mercerville NJ (40°14'N 74°41'W) Miles Pts**

Canada

ON900 CHML Hamilton (43°11'N 79°41'W) 329 3

United States

CT1080 WTIC Hartford (41°47'N 72°48'W) 145 1
 DC1500 WTWP Washington (39°03'N 77°03'W) 150 1
 GA750 WSB Atlanta (33°51'N 84°15'W) 687 6
 IL720 WGN Chicago (42°01'N 88°02'W) 707 7
 KY840 WHAS Louisville (38°16'N 85°26'W) 592 5
 LA870 WWL New Orleans (29°50'N 90°08'W) 1129 11
 MD1090 WBAL Baltimore (39°23'N 76°46'W) 125 1
 MA1030 WBZ Boston (42°17'N 70°53'W) 243 2
 MI760 WJR Detroit (42°10'N 83°13'W) 464 4
 MO1120 KMOX St. Louis (38°43'N 90°03'W) 827 8
 NY1520 WWKB Buffalo (42°46'N 78°51'W) 278 2
 NC1110 WBT Charlotte (35°08'N 80°53'W) 489 4
 PA1020 KDKA Pittsburgh (40°34'N 79°57'W) 279 2
 TN650 WSM Nashville (36°00'N 86°48'W) 721 7
 VA1140 WRVA Richmond (37°24'N 77°19'W) 242 2
 WV1170 WWVA Wheeling (40°06'N 80°52'W) 327 3

Total Points = 69

Dale Park, **Honolulu HI (21°18'N 157°44'W) Miles Pts**

United States

CA1150 KTLK Los Angeles (34°02'N 117°59'W) 2571 25
 HI850 KHLO Hilo (19°42'N 155°03'W) 206 2

Total Points = 27

Richard Wood, **Keaau HI (19°35'N 154°58'W) Miles Pts**

Canada

AB930 CJCA Calgary (53°23'N 113°29'W) 3204 32
 BC690 CBU Vancouver (49°08'N 123°12'W) 2691 26

Brazil

RJ1280 ZYJ455 Rio de Janeiro (22°55'S 43°13'W) 8079 80

Mexico

BCN620 XESS Ensenada (32°15'N 116°57'W) 2506 25
 BCS1100 XEBAC Bahía Asunción (27°08'N 114°19'W) 2623 26
 DF1000 XEOY México (19°23'N 99°07'W) 3626 36
 Sin1410 XECF Los Mochis (25°50'N 109°04'W) 2947 29

Ver810 XEFW Tampico (22°13'N 97°51'W) 3675 36

United States

AK780 KNOM Nome (64°29'N 165°18'W) 3136 31
 AZ660 KTNN Window Rock (35°54'N 109°08'W) 2992 29
 CA1600 KUBA Yuba City (39°06'N 121°39'W) 2397 23
 CO1010 KSIR Brush (40°19'N 103°36'W) 3340 33
 GA1630 WRDW Augusta (33°31'N 82°01'W) 4530 45
 HI1540 KREA Honolulu (21°19'N 157°53'W) 224 2
 KY840 WHAS Louisville (38°16'N 85°26'W) 4304 43
 NE880 KRVN Lexington (40°31'N 99°24'W) 3561 35
 NV780 KKOH Reno (39°41'N 119°48'W) 2504 25
 OK1170 KFAQ Tulsa (36°09'N 95°48'W) 3737 37
 OR1520 KGDD Oregon City (45°25'N 122°35'W) 2565 25
 PA1210 WPHT Philadelphia (39°59'N 74°59'W) 4848 48
 TX740 KTRH Houston (29°58'N 94°57'W) 3797 37
 WA820 KGNW Burien (47°26'N 122°28'W) 2648 26
 WY1630 KRND Fox Farm (41°07'N 104°48'W) 3288 32

U.S. Virgin Islands

1620 WDHP Frederiksted (17°43'N 64°53'W) 5827 58

Total Points = 819

Transoceanic DX

Bruce Conti, **Nashua NH (42°43'N 71°31'W) Miles Pts**
ALG891 RTA Algiers (36°40'N 03°09'E) 3870 38
ARS1521 BSKSA Duba (27°20'N 35°45'E) 5763 57
Ceuta1584 RadiOlé (35°53'N 05°17'W) 3490 34
D1422 DLF Heusweiler (49°21'N 06°55'E) 3628 36
DNK1062 Kalundborg (55°40'N 11°04'E) 3613 36
EGY819 ERTU Batra (31°09'N 31°27'E) 5393 53
France1557 Fontbonne (43°46'N 07°25'E) 3822 38
HOL675 Arrow, Lopik (52°01'N 05°03'E) 3480 34
HRV1134 HRT Zadar (44°06'N 15°15'E) 4148 41
IRL567 RTE Tullamore (53°17'N 07°22'W) 2956 29
Iran1503 IRIB Bushehr (28°58'N 50°51'E) 6293 62
KWT1548 Kuwait City (29°10'N 47°32'E) 6156 61
MRC1044 RTM Sebaa-Aioun (33°54'N 05°23'W) 3553 35
MTN783 Nouakchott (18°07'N 15°57'W) 3645 36
Spain999 COPE Madrid (40°28'N 03°52'W) 3411 34
SUI765 RSR Sottens (46°39'N 06°44'E) 3701 37
UAE1575 Al Dhabiya (24°11'N 54°14'E) 6682 66
Total Points = 727

Dale Park, **Honolulu HI (21°18'N 157°44'W) Miles Pts**

NZL810 4YA Dunedin (45°53'S 170°30'E) 5035 50

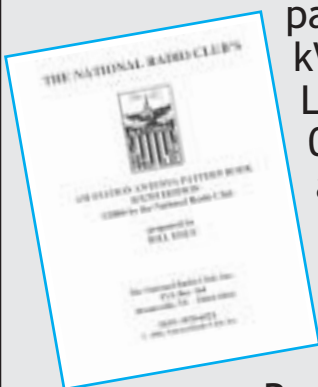
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Radio Club's AM Radio Log. Mexican stations in the states bordering the United States plus those stations elsewhere which are easily heard in the U.S. and Canada are also included. All data is up-to-date as of November 1, 2005. Prices: \$16.95 to USA/Canada NRC members, \$22.95 USA non-members, \$25.95, Canada non-members/all overseas orders. Order from NRC Publications - P.O. Box 473251, Aurora CO - 80047-3251. (CO residents, please add 3.5% sales tax.)



Broadcast Test Report

A periodic update of station testing activities

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Changes To BTC DX QSL Policy

By necessity, we are being forced to make some changes in the manner that we handle QSL verification of DX Tests, when the NRC/IRCA BTC is asked to fulfill those requests. Effective immediately, we will no longer be able to verify U. S. Postal Service QSL requests from DX'ers who have e-mail capability. As many of you are aware, we've moved towards "Electronic QSL's" which are simply .JPEG image files created especially for the tests by DX'er Joe Miller. When people send in Postal requests, we simply print that .JPEG image on an ordinary inkjet printer with no special paper, etc. There is no difference between the electronic version and the "printed" version at all. In most cases, you'll be able to print a higher quality "card" at home, using photo paper and/or heavy cardstock. We've noticed that most Postal requests come from DX'ers who have already submitted electronic mail reports. In most cases, they have been receiving two QSL's. We simply don't have enough time to handle the workload of verifying the tests, printing and cutting "cards", addressing envelopes, etc., and still find time to arrange for future tests. As I've stated many times, electronic QSL's, short notice DX tests, etc. are the future of our hobby. Rather than complaining about how things have changed since the good ole' days, I once again encourage members to obtain Internet access.

It's possible to obtain a free e-mail account and web access at most public libraries. A weekly visit to the NRC web site, www.e-dxn.com and/or Brandon Jordan's DX Test web site, www.dxtests.info will be sufficient to keep up to date with last minute DX test changes.

Another option is to "borrow" the computer of friends or family members. Most members should be able to submit reports via e-mail and receive their QSL's in the same manner. It's your test, your reception report and your QSL; if you're motivated to receive it, then you need to be willing to do whatever it takes to get it. Obviously, we'll continue to honor U. S. Postal Mail reports that are received along with an SASE from DX'ers who don't have access to electronic mail, but we would really rather receive reports via e-mail and QSL them the same way. Thanks for your understanding. 73, Les Rayburn, N1LFNRC/IRCA Broadcast Test Coordinator. Please call anytime 24/7 if your transmitter will be off the air for maintenance. (205) 253-4867

Results of WNJC 1360khz DX Test

WNJC 1360khz, Vineland, NJ; Test Date: October 1st, 2006; 4KW, Non-Directional Pattern

Again, our special thanks to John "Duke" Hamann for arranging this test! You put New Jersey into the log books of quite a few DX'ers!

First report of the test arrived only minutes after it started. Bob Antoniuk of Clifton, NJ who logged not only WNJC, but also the WODI 1230khz test from Brookneal, VA (which stated at the same time) Both were pulled in on his stock Sony 2010.

Other reports followed including Russ Johnson of Lexington, NC, Les Rayburn of Helena, AL (NJ #1), and Bert New of Watkinsville, GA. Bert reported this as the first logging of a Garden State station for him as well.

Rene Tetro logged the test from his shack in Lansdale, PA, as did Joe Miller in Troy, Michigan. Our neighbors to the North also heard the test signals with Jerry Coatsworth of Merlin, Ontario, Canada reporting reception of both WNJC and WODI.

Other lucky DX'ers included Bill Dvorak of Madison, WI, Jim Pogue of Memphis, TN, and J.D. Stephens of Hampton Cove, Alabama. Vermont was added to the list of states receiving the test with a successful report from Steve Howe in St. Albans. Rick Shaftan of NW New Jersey reported the test, "Blowing through his local".

Others in the Northeast also pulled in this regional test, including Paul Walker, Jr in Dover, NH who's helped set up quite a few tests lately...and DX'er Roy Barstow (Old Roy) who caught WNJC "about equal to WDRC".

Richard Line of Sterling Heights, MI used a Drake R8B and a N/S 100 foot wire to pull the test in, while Curt Degan relied on his trusty Ten Tec RX-320D and an LF Engineering active whip to log this one from Boca Raton, FL.

Another Drake owner, Dave Hochfelder of Highland Park, NJ used a Kiwa Loop antenna to log this, while Willis Monk used the classic Drake R4-C and a longwire to snag the test from his home in Old Fort, Tennessee. Others hearing the test were John J. Rieger, of South Milwaukee, WI, Bill Bergadano

of Colts Neck, NJ, and Greg Harris of Park Forest, IL.

The test represented the first logging of New Jersey for many, including Greg Myers of Largo, FL. He reported the stations easily heard despite a strong het on 1359 which was reported by many. Also success in their attempts were Brett Saylor of Central PA, Dave Pyatt of Burlington, Ontario, and Carl Mann of Omaha, NE.

No surprise that the test was heard by Barry McLarnon of Ottawa. WNJC is a semi-local, and past tests have proven that Barry can hear a pin drop on a graveyard station 2000 miles away! And (YAWN) Neil Kazaross "KAZ" pulled them in as well from his shack in Barrington, IL. For this pair, DX Tests amount to training wheels.

A. McKay of Ontario, Canada logged the test using a DX-394 receiver and a 50 foot wire, while Allan Loudell used a YB-400 with only it's internal antenna to pull the test in from Delaware. Others logging the test included Gerry Bishop of Niceville, FL, Tom Jasinski of Shorewood, IL, and Tim Noonan of Oak Creek, WI.

Reports flowed in from folks like Steve Francis of Alcoa, TN, Larry Russell of Flushing, MI, and Phillip Chiello of Elm Grove, WI. The mail brought reports from R.C. Watts of Louisville, KY, and William Wilkins of Springfield, MO. That brings the totals to 16 states that logged the test, and some folks in Canada too! Great way to start the DX Season!

Most unusual was the complete lack of "negative" reports this time around, though we're sure that someone out West must have tried for the test without success.

Soapbox

Great copy on the WNJC DX test here in North Carolina. The Morse Code was easy to read. Kudos for the various tones and signals. Got a great recording of it. -Russ Johnson, Lexington, NC

My first NJ station! Thanks to all those involved for making it happen. -Bert New, Watkinsville, GA

Surprised to get both these Northeasterners [WNJC & WODI] with the A index at 15. -J.D. Stephens, Hampton Cove, AL

Thanks very much for coordinating this test! The sweep tones and Morse IDs came through great. Even though WNJC is close, I haven't heard them at night before, so thanks for running the test. -Dave Hochfelder, Highland Park, NJ

The sweep tones and tone mod CW cut through the interference. My receiver is an Icom R75. My antenna is a homebrew hula hoop loop coax fed to a MFJ956 ATU. The loop is indoors (I'm in a condo) hanging in a window. -Greg Harris, Park Forest, IL

Test heard here easily with sweep tones at tune in, 0010 EDT, and likeothers nice loud het on 1359 (which I believe was the Jacksonville station that has been off freq. in the past). Many thanks to thoseinvolved in the test- first NJ from here. -Greg Myers, Largo, FL

WNJC reaches Omaha, Nebraska. . .In most of the night with only sweep tones and Morse code IDs clearly audible in the mix, though poor by 3am. Thanks for the opportunity to hear this station.-Carl Mann, Omaha, NE

WNJC is New Jersey station #7 heard from here.-Tom Jasinski, Shorewood, IL

WNJC heard easily over 1kHz tone or het with sweep tones, step tones, Morse Code, and many fun sounds such as the 20th Century-Fox fanfare and the Final Jeopardy music. Don't think I've heard them since their frequency check days (nights?) of yore. -Steve Francis, Alcoa, Tennessee

Results of WODI 1230khz DX Test

WODI 1230khz Brookneal, VA; Test Date: October 1st, 2006—??; 1KW, Non-Directional Pattern

Our special thanks to Tony DeNicola and Dave Marthouse for running this unique test. They've arranged for each Saturday night from Midnight local until 00:05AM to run a five minute DX test with sweep tones, Morse Code ID's, etc. So far, it's been widely heard. This are the results as of 10/18/06...but remember, it's not too late to log this one! They'll be back on the air this Saturday night! Tune in!

The first night of this unique DX Test coincided with the WNJC Test, with many DX'ers attempting (and succeeding) to log both stations within minutes of each others. Russ Johnson in Lexington, NC was the first to pull off this "DX Double", reporting WODI's Morse Code signals, weak but readable. Next up was Bob Antoniuk of Clifton, NJ, who copied both stations on his stock Sony 2010 using just

Also logging the first week of the WODI test was Bert New of Watkinsville, GA, Jerry Coatsworth of Merlin, Ontario, Canada, J.D. Stephens in Hampton Cove, AL, and Steve Howe of St. Albans, VT. Rich Line of Sterling Heights, MI used a Drake R8B with a 100' N/S wire to pull in the test, while Brett Saylor used his Icom R-75 and Ten Tec RX-320 with a sloper antenna to turn the trick.

Others hearing the test included Tom Jansinski of Shorewood, IL, and Joe Miller of Troy, MI. This was the 334th MW station that Joe has logged in his short "career" on the broadcast band. Larry Russell of Flushing, MI pulled the test in using a Radio Shack DX-400 and got it on tape. Nice catch, Larry!

Saul Chernos actually heard the test from his car radio in downtown Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Saul hears more DX on his car radio than I do with a shack full of gear! Barry McLarnon continues to hear pins drop from his home in Ottawa, Ontario. It must be something in the water up there...

Barry logged the test but didn't need it, having heard WODI before.

Ken Wilson in Central, KY reported the test "easy copy" there on his JRC NRD545 & Wellbrook 2 loop K9AY. Chris in Taylors, SC needed only a Sony Walkman to log the test through interference from WYSL. Another success story came in from Jim Pursel using his ICOM IC-T90A handheld and a homebrew antenna. His home is in Lancaster, PA. So far, that means this test has been logged in 15 states and Canada!

But alas, some of us have not (YET!) been so successful in logging the tests. I appear to be just inside or outside the skip zone of WODI here in Central Alabama. I've heard not a trace of them so far. Likewise, Neil Kazaross reports no joy using his famous beverage on the ground (BOG) antennas either. Others who have so far been disappointed include Wade Smith of New Brunswick, Brandon Jordan, the hard working editor of the DXTESTS.INFO web site was rewarded yet for his efforts either, loved his comment though—"Maybe next week". How many DX tests can you say that about?

Dennis in Vancouver, WA tried all his tricks including Quantum Phasers, a EWE antenna and even a KAZ special with no luck. Don't feel lonely, Dave, I'm trying virtually the same guns here with no luck.

Keep trying for this test, and we'll update all the results again in a few weeks.

Soapbox

Got them both here just after midnight local. Sweep tones and definitive Morse IDs on my 2010 with stock antenna. Thanks guys!-Bob Antoniuk, Clifton NJ

I managed to hear the Morse Code and Sweep tones of the WODI DX Test thisweek. So I am happy to report this as my 334th MW station logged. -Joe Miller, Troy, MI

In downtown Toronto ON in the car. Didn't have to go too far mobile - in front of my house was good enough. Thanks Dave et al at WODI! -Saul Chernos

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After rather poor DX in August and Sept., October began with a bang in the form of outstanding skip conditions to North America. Sunset Skip is common, reducing or eliminating the pesky Honolulu and Maui stations to my NW, but it usually lasts only an hour-and-a-half or thereabouts. On 10/1 SS continued all evening and brought me, for example, my first mainland North American on 900 since I reactivated in 11/05; normally dominated by KNUI on Maui, I finally got CKMO-BC. Then came my first catch from the U. S. Northeast Corridor this season, WPHT-PA 1210. Again, usually strong KZOO from Oahu was weak or absent. But the catch of the evening was KSIR-1010, licensed to tiny Brush, CO, but ID'ing only for two slightly-larger towns, Fort Morgan and Sterling. If the listed night power of 280 watts is correct (probably not; I've heard them with their full signal after their local SSS -pls.), this has to be my best mainland catch since my reactivation; and the signal was booming! It just shows that high power is not necessary to cover transcontinental and transoceanic distances; several 400-watters in the X-band from Australia, heard here, prove this, too. 1010 is now my favorite clear channel, since nothing dominates it here, and the two Californians, KCHJ and KIQI, are fairly low-powered. Never predicable is which of the two Canadians will dominate - CBR-AB or CFRB-ON, the only Eastern Canadian heard since I reactivated. All this while I am still struggling with severe man-

made noise, perhaps from the expensive homes which have mushroomed all around my older, modest shack.

(10-10) The surprisingly large list of DX specials and tests is welcome, but no luck hearing them here because of the double scourge of man-made noise (someone has suggested it might be, in part, from motion sensor alarms in the luxury homes which now surround my modest shack) and QRM. North America-wide reception was predicted for the special from CKDO-1580 ON, and it probably materialized, but here, 2500 miles further, KBLA-CA and KMIK-AZ both beam their 50 kW directly at me, as the *NRC Pattern Book* shows. So, CKDO was unheard. Back in the 1980's, I heard CKDO's predecessor on 1580, CJB-QC, just once, but the QRM situation was better then, and CBJ was heard at SSS, its French language making ID easier. Time now for my current statistics, covering only the period since I reactivated in 11/05, which should give you an overview of current, rather than historic, reception here, this time from North America only. Total stations heard 374, of which 298 from U. S. (including HI), 53 Mexicans and a measly 23 Canadians. 31 U. S. states heard, a respectable 13 estados but a poor 5 provinces. CA has an absolute majority of stations heard, 154, e. g. I have heard slightly more Californians than all other U. S. (including HI) combined. The HI with 35, WA 25, OR 18, TX 11. With 4 each come CO and OK; 3 each AK, AZ, NV, NY, OH, PA, UT; 2 each GA, ID, IL, IA, LA, NE, NM, ND, WY. 1 each FL, KY, MI, MN, MO, MT, ND, TN; also VI. Mexican estados: BCN 19, DF 10, SIN and JAL 5 each, NL 4, CHIH 3, BCS and COAH 2, SHIS, MICH and OAX 1 each. Canada: AB 10, BC 9, SK 2, MB and ON each 1. Notice the weakness of the tier of states located just one inland from coast, ID, NV, and AZ. Not so in Canada, where inland AB exceeds coastal BC!

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Hell, all. An omission and correction on the Akron '06 convention report: Akron's George Greene accepted auction items for the convention either shipped or mailed. Thanks for the assistance, George. Also, Frank Merrill tied Bob Smolarek with a 53 scored for the NRC Quiz, not George Green, who had 52. Now THAT is correct! Finally, after 55 years, KDKA and the Pirates have parted ways. It was the Pirates' decision. KDKA's GM Michael Young said their ratings did suffer because of the team's 14 losing years in a row. The Big 50 kW station's losing baseball is now a sign of the times. Also, CBS, Inc. started a 7-second delay on the broadcasts with 2 weeks left in the season right around the time of the partnership decision. I taped the final game (Bucs 1-0 win over the Reds), as Greg Brown, Buc announcer, said goodbye to KDKA at the end of the game. Talk host Chris Moore followed with a little editorial, basically saying the older listening audience is not 'young nor has the money' and that is what radio companies look at. It didn't help that KDKA did not have a post-game call-in show. A poll in the local *Post-Gazette* also said 53% of the people didn't care that KDKA was losing the Bucs. However, I did! 73's.

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My only "DX" contribution is: 990kHz. CBW/Winnipeg, Manatoba topping the frequency at 6:30am on Saturday, 10/14/06. In the 70's CBW was a regular at night, but due to the station congestion on most frequencies, they are rarely heard here in northeastern Ohio. It was kind of cool to drive to the local coffee shop for my regular Saturday morning meet-up with my brother and a couple hobby buddies by listening to news and information about Manitoba. Also, at 5:30pm on Wednesday, 10/18/06 heard satellite oldies on 1350 under local WARF. Only logical station is an AM in NC...but, doesn't count...go no specific call letters or city mentions, or commercials. My wife and I live in extreme southwestern Summit County, and I'm in the deep, deep nulls of 2 of the 4 major Akron-area AMs day AND night! WCUE Cuyahoga Falls 1150 and WARF Akron 1350 have deep nulls right at my little suburb. In fact, the 1340 in Ashland, Ohio (WNCO)...which is about 50 miles air SW of Norton...is actually stronger in places in my town than WARF...whose transmitter site is less than 20 miles away on 1350. Again, thanks 1994 US Congress for the Tel Com bill: Clear Channel Akron-Canton-Cleveland....with about 10 stations....to the best of my knowledge...has ONE engineer. These stations are as far as 80 miles apart. Hey, that's really serving the public...isn't it? But, we can't just dump on CC...most of the big groups have gone this way. It's a sad reality. 73's.

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We are forwarding all of the mailed reports to Paul to keep him in practice while my eye situation clears up. Things are still a little 'fuzzy'. In a recent trip to Lancaster, noted the WKAP calls on 1340 in Reading, buried for the legal ID only around the top of the hour. But they were still reading live copy for ads with the WRAW calls being mentioned. By the time this gets in print, I will be back on the air at WAMS-1260 doing Monday to Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons. It's all done via the internet; voice is inserted in the station log at selected times and then merged together. I didn't quit the day job to do this, just helping out the owner. It's also available via www.wamsoldies.com. 73 [Note: I'm listening to wamsoldies.com whilst typing this and laying out DXN; I haven't listened to WAMS since Dave showed me a CD player jury-rigged to a transmitter a few years ago; that was WAMS on a shoestring! Why not send all of your non-electronic Musings directly to me at Musings - P. O. Box 5711 - Topeka, KS 66605-0711, and I'll take care of them for Dave until he gives the all-clear (literally) to send mailed reports to him for typing. Should speed things up a little -pls.]

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