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### Station Test Calendar

WODI	VA	1230	Now to ?	0000-0005
WFIL	PA	560	Dec. 10	0500-0600
WNTP	PA	990	Dec. 10	0500-0600

*From the Publisher ...* Good news for those who like to listen to AM radio on the Internet: CHWO AM 740 has started streaming on the Internet at <<<http://player.streamtheworld.com/player.php?callsign=CHWO>>>. And just in case you didn't realize it, CHWO celebrates its 50th anniversary this month: read more at <<<http://www.odxa.on.ca/chwo/history.html>>>. Another station your publisher listens to often is [www.wamsoldies.com](http://www.wamsoldies.com), and not just because Dave Schmidt ... er, Williams may be heard there evenings and weekends! Any other favorite AM stations in your area streaming via the Internet? Let us know!

Welcome to these new members ... Don E. Sawyer, Suffolk, VA; Peggy Leifert, Woodridge, IL (rejoins); Bogdan Chiochiu, Pierrefonds, Quebec (rejoins); Roger Roffino, Newfoundland, NJ; Michael J. DeRoo, Roeland, Park, KS (rejoins); Bob King, Sardis, OH. And we welcome Kermit Geary, who recently renewed for the 74th year (see below).

*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.

### DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 74

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
10.	Nov. 24	Dec. 4	21.	Feb. 16	Feb. 26
11.	Dec. 1	Dec. 11	22.	Feb. 23	Mar. 5
12.	Dec. 8	Dec. 18	23.	Mar. 9	Mar. 19
13.	Dec. 22	Jan. 1	24.	Mar. 23	Apr. 2
14.	Dec. 29	Jan. 8	25.	Apr. 6	Apr. 16
15.	Jan. 5	Jan. 15	26.	May. 4	May 14
16.	Jan. 12	Jan. 22	27.	June 8	June 18
17.	Jan. 19	Jan. 29	28.	July 6	July 16
18.	Jan. 26	Feb. 5	29.	Aug. 3	Aug. 13
19.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 12	30.	Sept. 7	Sept. 18
20.	Feb. 9	Feb. 19			

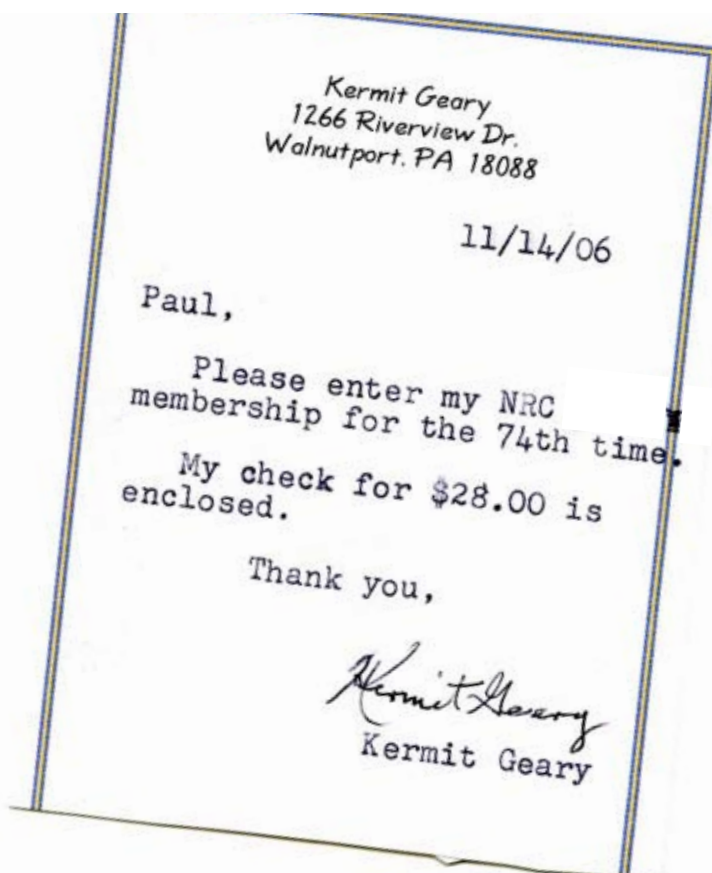
### DX Time Machine

#### From the Pages of DX News

50 years ago ... from the December 1, 1956 DXN: In a letter entitled "Why Are We Cheating Ourselves?" Hank Holbrook, Bethesda, MD, proposed the addition of the longwave band to the Club's coverage, citing the similarity of reception conditions and the overseas use of this band.

25 years ago ... from the November 30, 1981 DXN: Rick Carr, Austin, TX took over GYDXA from Bill Bergadano, announcing that he would print 1450 kHz achievements in the next column.

10 years ago: Peggy Leifert, Woodridge, IL described how she and her brother discovered a new station in 1976, "WNUR", although it probably was an unlicensed carrier current station from Northwestern University nearby. She also noted that she had heard three of her most wanted stations in CKWX, CKOM, and KNBR the previous DX season.





# AM Switch

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

## CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old Call</u>		<u>New Call</u>
1350	WSMB	LA	New Orleans WWVL

**WSMB**  
TalkRadio 1350 am

## CPs ON THE AIR

960	WZRH	NC	Dallas - CP for U4 10000/500 is on the air.
1520	KRHW	MO	Sikeston - CP for U7 5000/1600 CH 5000 is on the air.

## ACTIONS

1270	WMKT	MI	Charlevoix - CP granted to increase their daytime power. When operational, WMKT will be U2 50000/5000.
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## AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

700	WDMV	MD	Walkersville - Licensed for D3 5000/0, WDMV has a CP to upgrade to D3 25000/0 with a City-of-License change to Poolesville, Maryland. This amendment requests D4 50000/0 CH 50000 from a new transmitter location and back at Walkersville.
1370	WGHC	GA	Clayton - Licensed for D1 2500/0, WGHC has a CP to move to 870 kHz with a City-of-License change to Mount Holly, North Carolina with D1 3000/0. They later submitted an amendment requesting D1 6000/0 CH 6000 on 870 from Mount Holly. Now . . . this amendment asks for D1 250/0 . . . back on 1370 . . . back at Clayton. These guys are keeping the consulting engineers busy.

## APPLICATIONS

610	WVTJ	FL	Pensacola - Applies to increase their nighttime power to become U1 500/157 while relocating their transmitter to, and di-plexing into, the WPNN-790 tower at N30-27-18 W87-14-22.
1260	KROX	MN	Crookston - Coordinate adjustment to N47-47-52 W96-35-15.
1290	KPAY	CA	Chico - Coordinate adjustment to N39-42-38 W121-47-16.
1360	WMOV	WV	Ravenswood - Applies for a power increase to become U1 3000/0.

## AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

550	WASG	AL	Atmore - More activity after what we found last week . . . Licensed for U1 10000/143, WASG applied for U1 3500/146 with a City-of-License change to Daphne, Alabama diplexing into the WIJD-1270 tower. In the past week they have amended their request, raising the power levels to U1 5000/157.
630	WDGY	WI	Hudson - Licensed for U4 1000/2500, WDGY applied for a City-of-License change to St. Paul, Minnesota. This amendment requests U4 2500/2500 at St. Paul.
1320	NEW	CO	Keystone - Initial Auction 84 application was for U4 500/250. This amendment requests U4 1000/500.
1340	NEW	HI	Honaunau - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 5000/5000. This amendment requests U1 10000/10000. Yes, friends, that's 10 kW non-directional on 1340! The tower proposal is to tri-plex this station along with that of KKON-790 and an applied-for new station on 1280 kHz.
1540	KMPC	CA	Los Angeles - Licensed for U4 50000/37000, KMPC applied for U4 50000/46000, but now has amended the request to U4 50000/44000.

## LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

1280	WADO	NY	New York
1480	KBMS	WA	Vancouver

1560	WBYS	IL	Canton
1560	KZIZ	WA	Sumner

Two URL's you need: <http://e-dxn.com>; <http://www.nrcdxas.org>

## HEAR AND THAR

- Returning to the air: **KUHD-1150 Port Neches, Texas** with Spanish CHR; and **WGVM-1260 Greenville, Mississippi** with C&W programming.
- If you haven't heard, Clear Channel Communications has been sold to an investor group, who is looking to unload a number of stations in smaller markets.
- Thanks to **Wayne Heinen** for help keeping everything straight~~~~~.

# *Domestic DX Digest*

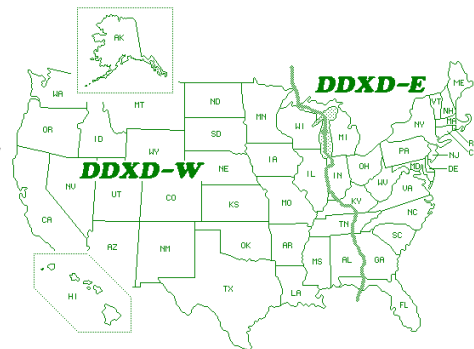
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## DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

### DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- \* **Shawn Axelrod** and **Wayne McRae** made their first DXpedition of this season to Vallhalla Beach, and we are pleased that Shawn sent along some loggings made during it. Says Shawn: "A good DXpedition with some great catches.... The best catch was 1690 WMLB. This means that I have heard all the expanded band stations currently on air! One goal fulfilled DX wise for me." Congratulations, Shawn! To see more of what Shawn and Wayne heard, look for the **(VALDX-MB)** entries in the "Regular Loggings" and "TIS" sections below.
- \* As we are closing out this week's column, two big stories involving radio station super-owner Clear Channel Communications are hitting the wire. First, Clear Channel is being purchased by two private equity firms for \$18.7 billion, or \$37.60 per share. Second, Clear Channel has announced plans to sell about 40% of its 1,150 radio stations, all in below-top-100 markets, along with all of its 42 television stations. Both these actions are bound to have at least some effect on our hobby, although just what and when is hard to say. Stay tuned, and we will find out together. 73 Bill

#### Reporters

- BW-OK** Bruce Winkelman AA5CO, Tulsa. R8, Quantum phaser, two 50-foot wires.
- DB-IA** Doug Beard, Springville. Wife's 1969 Motorola portable.
- GH-IL** Greg Harris, Park Forest. Icom R75 with Quantum Loop or Hula Hoop Loop.
- JW-CO** John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- LK-SD** Lewis "Rusty" Kruger, Sioux Falls. GPX 4004CLR personal radio.
- REW-HI** Richard E. Wood, Keaau. Icom R75, 350 foot longwire to NE, 175 foot longwire to NNE.
- VALDX-MB** Shawn Axelrod with Wayne McRae, DXing from Vallhalla Beach. Two ICOM ICR70s, various wires and Beverages, two MFJ 1026 phasing units.
- Ed.-WI** Your editor, Madison. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.

#### Station News

- 1150** **KWKY IA** Des Moines. 11/11 1555. Test tone heard until about 1615, then Christian pop until 1632. No ID or other announcements until around 1628. I figured they were testing the 2.5 kw daytime CP. Wrong. Per phone call, they were having trouble getting the Notre Dame Irish feed; CP has been on for about a week. **(DB-IA)**
- 1600** **KGYM IA** Cedar Rapids. Ex-KCRG (see DDXD-W "Station News" #74-8 Ed.-WI). Per new owner, KZIA, Inc., call change went into effect 10/30. Still ESPN and still relays KCRG-TV and ABC TV news from 1800 to 1930 ELT. **(DB-IA)** (My understanding is that the ownership change made the call change necessary. Since the owners of KCRG-TV no longer owned KCRG AM, a call change was in order. **Ed.-WI)**

#### Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 580** **KMJ CA** Fresno. 11/2 0900. ID by a man: "Newstalk 5-80 KMJ Fresno." Very good. **(REW-HI)**



- 660 KTNN AZ Window Rock. 11/8 2005. "660 KTNN Window Rock-Crownpoint." Heard Navajo drums and singing, then into a male announcer speaking in Navajo. Strong signal and #2 for Arizona. (LK-SD)
- 670 KDLG AK Dillingham. 11/7 0848. NPR reports from Baghdad and Washington; at 0851 NPR announcer: "You're listening to news analyst Timothy Roe (Rose?)", followed by other stories. Quite good through KPUA open carrier (tests on my local are very rare); at 0856 KBOI took over. At 0848 KPUA audio abruptly back on, but at 0900 the KDLG ID was audible. New, Alaska #15. (REW-HI)
- 670 KBOI ID Boise. 11/7 0856. Talk about voting; "Join us on KBOI." Later, "Right now it's 68 degrees at KBOI," and promo "KBOI news, traffic and weather every 10 minutes, right here on KBOI." Good over KDLG through KPUA carrier; at 0858 KPUA back on. Good; not heard since KPUA moved from 970 to 670 two decades ago. (REW-HI)
- 790 KWIL OR Albany. 11/4 2200. Gospel song "Praise the Name of Jesus." Good, dominant over KABC, KKON. (REW-HI)
- 800 KBFP CA Bakersfield. 11/3 2354. Sports, event "en Bakersfield... por La Preciosa," SS oldie, romántica song. At 2400 EE ID by a man: "This is KBFP Bakersfield..." into SS "...es La Preciosa," into 1940s style tropical melody. Very good atop XEROK. Powerful signal for 440 watts at 2445 miles. (REW-HI)
- 820 KUTR UT Taylorsville. 11/12 0635. Good signals with Utah Highway Patrol announcements and "AM 8-20" IDs. (VALDX-MB)
- 880 KKMC CA Gonzales. 11/4 2200. ID by a man: "You are tuned to the Central Coast's Christian radio, KKMC Gonzales," into gospel. Very good. (REW-HI)
- 890 KVOZ TX Del Mar Hills. 11/12 2351. Strong and steady in WLS null with SS vocal music and "La Cadena Cristiana" slogan. (BW-OK)
- 950 WNTD IL Chicago. 11/11 2300. Good signal under CFAM with SS talk and clear EE ID. NEW. (VALDX-MB)
- 960 KFLN MT Baker. 11/9 2106. On top with local news, weather, ID, C&W. Probably day power. (DB-IA)
- 960 KMA IA Shenandoah. 11/12 2359. Local ad, weather, "Regional Radio" slogan into ABC news at 2400. (BW-OK)
- 990 KSVP NM Artesia. 11/13 0002-0006. Fox Radio news, promo for a coach's call-in show, "AM 9-90 KSVP" ID at 0005. New one for me! (BW-OK)
- 1030 KTWO WY Casper. 11/4 2325. C&W (matches listing for weekends in NRC Log-- weekdays are newstalk), ID; good over/under WBZ. (REW-HI)
- 1030 WBZ MA Boston. 11/4 2329. "WBZ weather." Good over KTWO. Has become the most regular East Coaster here, replacing WQEW 1560. (REW-HI)
- 1030 WBZ MA Boston. 11/8 2340. CBS news at 2400, traffic at 2403. Male announcer, "I am (missed) on the WBZ 24-hour traffic network." Mixing with local pest KXRB 1000. Massachusetts #1 and 27<sup>th</sup> state. (LK-SD)
- 1070 KATQ MT Plentywood. 11/14 1859. Out of C&W tune with ID by gal: "You're listening to your radio, KATQ Plentywood" and into ABC news; Montana News Update followed after ABC news. Good signal with no QRM (KNX had not faded in yet). Listed as LSR-LSS, but it was 45 minutes after KATQ's sunset. (JW-CO)
- 1070 KHMO MO Hannibal. 11/9 2230. ID, then Jerry Doyle at 2233. New. (LK-SD)
- 1180 WSQR IL Sycamore. 11/3 1429. Heard here ex-1560 with "WSQR-WSPY Trading Post." Weak over two others. A little daytime skywave helped. (DB-IA)
- 1230 WFXN IL Moline. 11/15 1759. Legal ID (slogan "Fox Sports Radio 1230") into the Fox National Sports Report at ToH. Long-sought-after call change (ex-WLLR; goes back to 3/03) for this relatively close graveyard station (128 miles). (Ed.-WI)
- 1300 KKOL WA Seattle. 11/6 2221. The Mike Gallagher Show. Very good, new, surprising; KAPL OR is usually dominant here despite its lower power. (REW-HI) (In AMS #74-7, Bill Hale reported that KKOL's CP for U4 50000/47000 from a new site is on the air. This no doubt explains why Richard is suddenly hearing this station. Ed.-WI)
- 1330 KWLO IA Waterloo. 11/10 2200. "KWLO" by a deep-voiced male announcer. QRN and WVHI QRM. (GH-IL)
- 1400 KODI WY Cody. 11/14 0459. Canned legal ID by man: "You're listening to KODI AM

Cody, Wyoming" and seemed to go into CNN News, although the CNN could have been another station popping through (KODI not listed as CNN). Fair in QRM. (JW-CO)

- 1400 KQDJ ND Jamestown. 11/14 0559. Legal ID by male voice: "This is Sports Radio AM 1400 KQDJ Jamestown, home of North Dakota (??)...". Barely punching through the jumble. New here, ND #28. (JW-CO)
- 1460 KABL CA Salinas. 11/6 2243. Usual Sinatra and Friends format was preempted by football. At 2318 ID by a man: "You're listening to the Oakland Raiders Radio Network on 14-60 KABL Salinas." Dominant; KHRA still off. Heard an SS with romantic oldies, perhaps KRRS CA, and an intriguing EE unID with a talk show discussing college education. Any help on IDing that one? (REW-HI)
- 1460 KUTI WA Yakima. 11/7 0900. CBS news at ToH (KUTI's network affiliation not listed in NRC Log 27<sup>th</sup> edition). At 0905 local news: state of emergency in 18 Washington counties due to flooding. At 0908 "That's your news. Coming right up more country classics right here on K-U-T-I (individual letters, not the pronounced "Cutie"; same K-U-T-I call ID also given a little later). Very good, mostly over KABL with KHRA off, new, WA # 27. (REW-HI)
- 1460 WBRN MI Big Rapids. 11/11 2305. Fair signals with local weather and ID. (VALDX-MB)
- 1490 KNDC ND Hettinger. 11/8 2235. Heard "Classic Hits" slogan several times. ID at ToH. Good with some QRM. New. (LK-SD)
- 1550 KXEX CA Fresno. 11/11 0859. Legal ID "...here on Sporting News Radio KXEX Fresno" and into SNR programming (NBA scores). Generally fair; first time heard since it switched from SS a couple of years ago. (JW-CO)
- 1560 KOCY OK Del City. 11/12 1800. A new Okie for me. Was able to get a decent null on KYAL 1550, and this allowed me to log one of my closest unheards. (BW-OK)
- 1560 KCAA SD Aberdeen. 11/12 1800. Quick ID mixing with KOCY Disney stuff. (BW-OK)
- 1560 WMBH MO Joplin. 11/12 1801. Quick call ID on top of KOCY. (BW-OK)
- 1560 WPAD KY Paducah. 11/13 0700. "That was the weather on AM 1560 WPAD" by a male announcer. Weak with QRM. (GH-IL)
- 1690 WMLB GA Avondale Estates. 11/12 0615. Good signals with nostalgia music and "Voice of the Arts" ID. NEW. (VALDX-MB)
- TIS, HAR, Etc.
- 1670 ???? TX ???? 11/12 2345-2405. NOAA Weather radio poking through WTDY talk. Mentions of Lower Colorado River Authority and occasional phrases like "highs in upper 60s" etc., heard but no callsign. The computer-generated voice really stands out but can be hard to understand. Googling turned up a mention (<http://www.lcra.org/newsstory/noaafrequency.html>) of the Lower Colorado River Authority moving NOAA weather radio broadcasts from 1610 to 1670 on June 12 (presumably 2006 but not specified). (BW-OK) (I did some Googling, too. According to <http://www.bearcat1.com/infotx.htm>, there are five TIS stations run by the Lower Colorado River Authority on 1670. They are: WQAN382 and WQBV749 Smithville (Bastrop County), WQAN382 and WQBV749 Webberville (Travis County), and WQCR945 Bay City (Matagorda County). The double listings for two cities are bothersome, so this info could be wrong. Also, I could not find out if any or all carried NOAA weather. Ed.-WI)
- 1710 UNID 11/11 2305. A TIS of some sort with a man talking about campers and solar power. Ideas?? (VALDX-MB)
- 1710 Pirate NY Brooklyn. 11/11 2310. Lubavitcher Radio. Religious programming and singing. (VALDX-MB)

## DDXD-East

### REPORTERS

- RJE-PA Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell – 2006 Subaru car radio.  
 HJH-PA Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre – Bose Wave Radio  
 IEN-GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville – Drake R8B 135' N/S Wire, Quantum QX loop v2.0 and Quantum phaser

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200.

### UNID

- 1140 - 11/07 0625-35 - Religious teaching program, no bottom of hour ID, no breaks. (RJE-PA) *CHRB High River, AB is possible, if not likely, as their format includes some religious programs. Mike*

### LOGGINGS

- 660 WBHR MN **Sauk Rapids** - 10/29 0455 - Clear in WFAN fade "ESPN Sports Radio 660". New (RJE-PA)
- 980 CKRU ON **Peterborough** - 11/08 2205 - Very strong at times w/local WILK nulled. ID's as "Hometown Radio 980 Cruise" Oldies music and weather for Peterborough. Intermixed with WTEM. Previously heard as CHEX. (HJH-PA)
- 1040 WYSL NY **Avon** - 11/15 1915 - Smashing WHO with sports talk and local ads (RJE-PA)
- 1090 WKTE NC **King** - 10/29 1700 - Gospel, ID (RJE-PA)
- 1100 KNZZ CO **Grand Junction** - 10/30 1820 - News under WTAM, "Newsradio 1100" - New (RJE-PA)
- 1130 WDFN MI **Detroit** - 10/29 1755 - Indy v. Denver NFL football, NFL Net feed (RJE-PA)
- WCLW NC **Eden** - 10/30 1810 - Country/Gospel, partial ID, new. (RJE-PA)
- KFAN MN **Minneapolis** - 10/30 1833 - football promo, ID, new. (RJE-PA)
- WISN WI **Milwaukee** - 11/15 1705 - Local ads, weather (RJE-PA)
- 1140 WCJW NY **Warsaw** - 11/06 0645 - SSB, S/on announcements (RJE-PA)
- 1160 WDJO KY **Florence** - 11/01 1912 - Oldies, ID "Oldies 1160, WDJO" (RJE-PA)
- 1190 WIXE NC **Monroe** - 10/30 1826 - ad, ID (RJE-PA)
- 1350 WZGM NC **Black Mountain** - 11/08 0601 - ID under WGPL - new (RJE-PA)
- 1480 WABB AL **Mobile** - 11/10 2300 - Jerry Doyle talk show, TOH ID into CNN News. Fair signal on top the mix with slight fades. "What'd you say your call letters were? WABB, Mobile". (IEN-GA)
- 1570 WVTL NY **Amsterdam** - 11/14 0738 - over Finger Lakes Radio (WFLR, Dundee, NY) with "on the Valley's talk leader, here's the WVTL forecast for the Mohawk Valley" into local weather. (MKB-ON)

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## IRCA Mexican Log, 11th Edition (Winter 2006) - NOW READY

The IRCA MEXICAN LOG lists all AM stations in Mexico by frequency, including call letters, state, city, day/night power, slogans, schedule in UTC/GMT, formats, networks, and notes. The call letter index gives call, frequency, city and state. The city index (listed by state, then city) includes frequency, call and day/night power. The transmitter site index (listed by state, then city) tabulates the latitude and longitude of transmitter sites. This is an indispensable reference for anyone who hears Mexican radio stations. Size is 8 1/2" x 11". Prices: NRC/IRCA members - \$9.50 US/Canada/Mexico/sea mail; \$12.00 rest of the Americas/Europe airmail; \$12.50 Australia/Japan/New Zealand airmail. Non-NRC/IRCA members: add \$2.00. **State club affiliation when you order.** To order, send your funds to:

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# *International DX Digest*

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

Saludos Newfoundland DXpedition! Preliminary reports from Jean Burnell, Chuck Hutton, and Jim Renfrew echo conditions here; outstanding at dusk, and not much Latin American activity. Among the best catches, 720 VOIRI Iran with CHTN off the air. Looking forward to their report, but in the meantime there's plenty of DX right here.

## Transatlantic DX

- 189 **ICELAND** *Ríkisútoarpid*, Gufuskálar (64°54'N 23°55'W) NOV 8 0110 - In good with music. [Barstow-MA]
- 531 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros NOV 16 0205 - Good; end of news with *RNE* fanfare, synchro echo. [Conti-NH]
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles (35°17'N 00°34'W) NOV 9 2255 - Woman singing one of those long Arabic songs; in fair to good with slop parallel 153 kHz. [Barstow-MA]
- 657 **SPAIN** *RNE5* Madrid (40°28'N 03°52'W) NOV 16 2056 - Fair; Beatles "Come Together," parallel 1152 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 693 **AZORES** *RDP 1*, Terceira (38°43'N 27°19'W) NOV 12 0040 - Music with man talking in Portuguese parallel 837 kHz. [Barstow-MA]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. NOV 11 2114 - Sports report, man in studio talking to correspondent on the phone, ID "Five Live" at 2117. [Brandi-MA]
- 711 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Rennes (47°51'N 01°30'W) NOV 11 2044 - Talk in French, parallel 1206 and 1377 kHz. [Brandi-MA] NOV 16 0004 - Excellent, over sub-audible het; woman with news in French, parallel 1206 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *Radio 5*, Flevoland (52°23'N 05°25'E) NOV 11 2047 - Conversation between two men in Dutch, mention of Vlaanders. [Brandi-MA]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** *RSR Option Musique*, Sottens (46°39'N 06°44'E) NOV 11 2052 - Rock music, woman DJ in French, more music. [Brandi-MA] NOV 15 2327 - Excellent; French nostalgia, Queen "Bohemian Rhapsody," more French nostalgia, and *Option Musique* jingle. [Conti-NH]
- 792 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Limoges (45°56'N 01°10'E) NOV 12 0030 - Talk; fair parallel 1206 kHz. [Barstow-MA]
- 837 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Nancy (48°53'N 06°14'E) NOV 12 0050 - At the time over Azores with talk parallel 1206 kHz. [Barstow-MA]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette (48°41'N 02°14'E) NOV 12 0055 - Nice guitar rendition of "Sealed with a Kiss," man talking after in French; in good. Spain and France in good tonight. [Barstow-MA]
- 936 **MOROCCO** *RTM A*, Agadir (30°20'N 09°31'W) NOV 10 2225 - Presumed this at times fading over *RNE5* Spain; typical North African percussion and strings. [Conti-NH]
- 963 **FINLAND** *YLE Pori* (61°28'N 21°35'E) NOV 8 0035 - Man and woman in Swedish playing older popular music; in fair to good at times with another station underneath. Parallel 6120 kHz. New country. [Barstow-MA] Congratulations, nice catch!
- 972 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros NOV 8 0155 - Man talking Spanish in a low voice; in fair parallel 684 kHz. [Barstow-MA]
- 999 **MOLDOVA** *Voice of Russia / TWR* Grigoriopol, Maiac (47°14'N 29°24'E) NOV 11 2057 - Talk in presumed Russian (definitely a Slavic language); heard at 2111 retune mixing with Spanish station. [Brandi-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros NOV 8 0225 - Strong, sounded like an echo. Talking to Lisa about the stock market, parallel much weaker 1053 kHz. [Barstow-MA]
- 1125 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Deanovec (45°42'N 16°29'E) NOV 12 0135 - Upbeat music with Spain under them. Parallel a much stronger 1134 kHz. [Barstow-MA]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Zadar (44°06'N 15°15'E) NOV 12 0145 - With music, "Goodnight Irene"; in strong. [Barstow-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux (44°57'N 00°11'W) NOV 11 2031 - Talk about football by a man and woman in French; parallel 711 and 1377 kHz. [Brandi-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Virgin Radio* synchros NOV 11 2035 - Pop music; "Spirit in the Sky" heard at 2101 retune with male DJ in English. [Brandi-MA] NOV 11 2135 - Good, over COPE



fútbol; “Whatever Gets You Through the Night” by John Lennon, excited DJ mentioning party classics, “Born to be Wild” by Steppenwolf, and Virgin Radio Sky Digital promo. [Conti-NH]

1305 **BELGIUM** *RTBF Pure FM*, Marche (50°12'N 05°17'E) NOV 11 2225 - Presumed, most likely this with pop music through *RNE5* synchros. *RTSH* Albania also possible considering the strength on other frequencies recently. [Conti-NH]

1305 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros NOV 16 2145 - Good; alternating man and woman with fast paced news. [Conti-NH]

1323 **GERMANY** *Voice of Russia*, Wachenbrunn (50°29'N 10°30'E) NOV 11 2104 - Presumed; talk in French. [Brandi-MA]

1377 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lille (50°31'N 02°59'E) NOV 11 2037 - Talk about football by a man and woman in French; parallel 711 and 1206 kHz. [Brandi-MA]

1395 **ALBANIA** *TransWorld Radio*, Fllakë NOV 11 2039 - Presumed; 1394.82 kHz, barely audible at 2039, but heard in Slavic language at 2105 retune. [Brandi-MA] NOV 17 2140 - Czech program; good but subject to deep fades. [Conti-NH]

1431 **DJIBOUTI** *R.Sawa*, Arta (11°31'N 42°50'E) NOV 13 1131- Male Arabic vocal droning on; in fair, assume them. [Barstow-MA]

1467 **FRANCE** *TWR Roumoules* (43°47'N 06°09'E) NOV 11 2040 - Presumed; talk in possible German. [Brandi-MA]

1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba (27°20'N 35°45'E) NOV 11 2041 - Talk in Arabic. [Brandi-MA]

1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Farda*, Al Dhabiya (24°11'N 54°14'E) NOV 11 2107 - Rai/rock music, ID “Radio Farda” at 2109. [Brandi-MA]

*Ralph speaks:* I was on Cape Cod for the weekend; my wife had a swing dance competition to attend. Swing dancing doesn't do much for me, so I had some free time on my hands and decided to take a page out of Mark Connelly's book and take a radio to the beach. I brought my Etón E1-XM to Mayflower Beach in Dennis, Massachusetts, starting at around 2015 on November 11. I hadn't brought an antenna, so all these logs were heard with the built-in whip in the E1-XM. This is my first real test of the radio since I bought it back in August, and I have to say I'm impressed with it. Since I only had about an hour before I needed to head back to the hotel, many of the logs are presumed instead of fully IDed, but I did get definite IDs on 1575 *R.Farda* and 693 *BBC Radio 5*, and IDed the *France Info* stations on 711, 1206 and 1377 through the fact that they were in parallel. I only wish I'd had more time to play. Clearly, I'm going to have to drag the E1 to the beach in New Jersey and see what I can hear with it.

#### Pan-American DX

600 **CUBA** *CMKV R.Rebelde*, Urbano Noris (20°35'N 76°08'W) NOV 17 2245 - Strong early with “sonido cultural” program, discussion reciting poetic verse, “Es mi alma,” then 1940s Cuban nostalgia, parallel 670 and 710, both also good signals. [Conti-NH]

1700 **MEXICO** *XEPE Tecate* (32°32'N 116°49'W) NOV 4 0457 - High school football (Escondido Cougars vs. Mission Hills Grizzlies), announcement, “High School Football Game of the Week on Cash 17 Hundred,” ad for wealth seminar, leadout, “Now back to the... Bank Studios at the... on Cash 17 Hundred,” color analyst later promoted the University of San Diego game Saturday on the station. No callsign mentioned in either English or Spanish. Fair to poor; unID underneath, deep fades. [Park-HI]

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Roy Barstow, Falmouth MA; R-75, Flag at 63° with lower horizontal 1-m above ground.

Ralph Brandi, Mayflower Beach, Dennis MA; Etón E1-XM, built-in whip.

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

Dale Park, East Honolulu HI; Honda car radio.

#### International News

**ANGOLA:** Broadcast Electronics (BE) has shipped to *R.Nacional de Angola* a new 4MX 100 kW medium wave transmitter. BE has indicated that it will be operating on **702 kHz**. [Steve Whitt, *Medium Wave News*, Nov 2006]

**NORWAY:** *R.Netherlands* will be on the air via Norway on **1314 kHz**, NOV 22 2000-2400 UTC, for Dutch language coverage of General Election results. [Andy Sennitt, *R.Netherlands* via MWC] This item received too late for publication in the print edition of *DX News*, but posted in time for e-DXN online forum readers.

73 and Good DX!



# Broadcast Test Report

*A periodic update of station testing activities*

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DX'er Mike Hawkins of ABDX/IRCA spoke with engineers at KNBR and found out some juicy information. KTCT 1050 khz, San Francisco, CA will be off the air on Tuesday night on November 28 at 11PM West Coast Time for about 1.5 hours. KNBR 680khz, San Francisco, CA will be off the air on Tuesday night/Wednesday night around 1AM West Coast for about 1.5 hours on November 29th.

It should be noted that this off air period is tentative, and may be rescheduled without notice...but KNBR is almost never off the air opening up some real DX opportunities for those in the West/Southwest.

(Later) I apologize for some errors that were made in our reporting yesterday. Here are the latest updates and corrections:

## KNBR 680KHZ SILENT PERIOD CORRECTIONS

Direct from Mike Hawkins "Since I was the one who talked with KNBR today and have been busy all day with interviews, I will now give you straight from the horse's...uh...mouth. I was trying to beg the guy to have a short silent period to coincide with the DX test where it may be possible for many to hear Helena MT if only KNBR was off. He said he couldn't do it (which I fully expected), but he said that on Tuesday (11/28), he will be taking KTCT/1050 down for 1-1.5 hours at 2300 PT, returning to the air on Wednesday (11/29) at 0000-0030. After one of the 50 KWers was back up, he would then take down the other one (KNBR/680) for the same amount of time, though he said this would probably be around 0100 PT. He stressed that the information was tentative, that it was not confidential, and that I could tell people in the hobby, as long as I made sure that I also let people know that it was tentative and exact details were subject to change. I told him that I had only heard KNBR off the air once (back in 1980), and during their silence, I logged Omak WA, Charleston WV and Raleigh NC. He was impressed (or at least sounded like it). He was very friendly as well, which I really didn't expect of an engineer responsible for two 50 KW stations in the Bay Area. Let's hope that they keep the schedule he mentioned, and that Lee can finagle (or however you spell that) the Helena station to do a second test to see how far away they can be heard in the absence of KNBR."

## IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT KKGR 680KHZ IN EAST HELENA, MT

Received from engineer Ron Huckeby: "That's 5,000 watts, not 500 for KKGR. I think I may be able to get the TX on for the 29th, but I don't know about the tones. The format is oldies, and the computer just keeps stroking with imaging, etc, so it should be distinctive. I was hoping some voice ID's would be in with tones on the CD's you sent. I will edit in my own, if I have time."

So I take that to mean the following:

- A. KKGR 680khz will test at full 5KW ND during the joint "Big Sky DX Test".
- B. Ron is being great to us, and will try to get another full power test during the KNBR silent period on the 29th. Though it may not have tones or Morse Code. Look for "imaging" stuff, like promos for the station, and oldies music.
- C. I need to start putting in voice ID's to go along with the other test material. That's good news all the way around. If KNBR goes silent, and Ron can get another full power ND test, we may all have a shot at putting KNBR in our logs on the morning of the 29th. KBOI 670khz Silent Period Tonight! According to DX'er Bill Frahm on the AMFMTVDX E-Mail list, KBOI 670khz in Boise, Idaho will be off the air tonight for maintenance. We have not (yet) been able to verify this information, but I'd suggest being at the headphones tonight. Here is the original posting: "Let's add this to the fun. KBOI 670 will be off this Wednesday morning 12:05am MST to ?am." - Bill Frahm - Boise

Sorry for any confusion. All reports for the Montana DX Tests go directly to me. No reports should be sent to the stations. I would prefer to receive recordings rather than written reports for several reasons:

1. Easier and faster to verify.
2. Usually stations love to "hear" what they sound like at great distances. This makes it easy to share them with the staff. E-mail is always easier and faster for me. Postal reports and replies are expensive, labor intensive, and time consuming. If you must submit a Postal report, especially for the Montana DX tests, then the following rules will apply:
  - A. SASE must be included. Not stamps, dollar bills, etc. Self Addressed stamped envelopes. Period.
  - B. Recordings will be answered first. Best method is a CD, second choice is a cassette that is "cued" to the point of best reception. I don't have time to listen to 120 minutes of your DX.
  - C. Written reports only will be answered last. They take forever to check against logs and accurately verify. Usually I have to "create" a log from a variety of sources. Time consuming.
  - D. Do not report via both e-mail and Postal mail. Don't have time to waste answering both. If you have e-mail then use it. Hope this clears things up.

# From the BoD

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## News from the NRC Board of Directors

Note: This edition of "From the BoD" is prepared by NRC Treasurer Dick Truax

### Income Statement

Member dues .....	\$13867.00
AM Log .....	11722.00
Pattern Book .....	4510.35
Antenna Book .....	352.20
Receiver Book .....	120.35
Reprints .....	745.16
Beverage Book .....	108.35
Loop Book .....	232.75
Audio Service .....	2534.35
New Member Book .....	49.50
FM Atlas .....	706.00
e-DXN .....	844.00
Convention .....	1792.00
Miscellaneous .....	66.90
.....	37650.91

### Expense Statement

#### Printing

DX News .....	10037.34
AM Log .....	4286.76
Antenna Books .....	87.00
Pattern Book .....	2267.50
Reprints .....	307.22
.....	16985.82

#### Postage

DX News .....	6402.20
Sales .....	1826.19
Administrative .....	547.14
.....	8775.53

### Administrative

Telephone .....	64.74
Info purchase .....	684.95
Supplies .....	269.55
Miscellaneous .....	1710.41
Convention .....	2045.51
.....	4775.16
Total Expenses .....	30536.51

### Statement of Income

Income all sources .....	37650.91
<u>Bulletin/Publishing costs</u>	
Beginning Inventory .....	3952.02
Printing .....	16985.82
Postage .....	8775.53
Less Ending Inventory .....	-1509.98
Net Costs .....	28203.39
Profit or Loss .....	9447.52
Administrative Expense .....	-4775.16
Net Profit .....	4672.36

### Assets

Inventory .....	1509.98
Cash .....	22,358.42
.....	23868.40

### Liabilities

Deferred dues .....	-6948.95
Net Worth .....	\$16919.45

Based on this statement ending September 30, 2006 compared to the statement published last year, which ended September 2005, we are seeing some improvements.

Member dues for the printed *DX News* due to some reduction in membership and also the move to the new e-DXN. Fortunately, there was a dramatic increase in *Log* and *Pattern Book* sales to offset this lost income from dues.

Printing costs have remained fairly stable due to the move to Colorado and ability to print smaller quantities as needed. Thus the reduction in inventory.

All these economics so far have allowed us to postpone a dues increase even in the face of future postal rate increases due soon as well as the rate increase (from a discounted 32.6¢ to a full 39¢ per 24-page DXN) because the USA membership total has dropped below 500 members, caused partly by the move of many to e-DXN.

While the cash position is higher due to the above reasons, it is always highest just before publication of the weekly issues begin again in October. Weekly printing and postage costs reduce it significantly throughout the next 8-9 months.

Finally, part of the increased postage rate increase will be offset by the elimination of special mailing software (\$249 per year) and a permit cost (\$160 per year), assuming that the number of USA members remains below the 500 mark. However, the USPS has proposed a first-class one-ounce rate of 42¢ to be implemented on May 1, 2007, which means that a 475-piece mailing of a 24-page or smaller DXN would increase in cost from \$185.25 to \$199.50. In comparison, a 500-piece mailing at the discounted rate of .326¢ cost us \$163.00.

On a yearly basis, then, postage costs will increase thusly: at the discounted rate: \$4890 (500 pieces); at the 39¢ rate: \$5557.50 (475 pieces); at the 42¢ rate: \$5985.

# For Beginners

*Shared techniques for both the new and experienced DX'er*

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DX'ing does not have to be a grim serious undertaking, with the DX'er frowning with great concentration in front of the receiver. Casual DX'ing (also known as Armchair DX'ing) is very possible, and a lot of fun. Pick somewhere you are comfortable (which might just BE an armchair!), the back porch, kitchen table, den, wherever. Take some cheapo headphones, a clock or watch of some sort, a pen, and the portable receiver of your choice. Set up the receiver in a way comfortable for you, and casually tune thru the band. I for one have made a good "catch" or two (WTOP in Washington DC, for one) with a small Shack of Radio's receiver (no, not the venerated TRF, wish I still had the one I had in 1976) sitting in my lazy boy chair with the TV on. Jot program details, times, etc on the scrap paper for a possible reception report later. Or, to say the unthinkable, just listen and not write a thing if you don't want to send off a reception report (it's not heresy, Sometimes it is a blast to listen ... just to listen). Armchair DX'ing is DX'ing too, and well worth a try. 73

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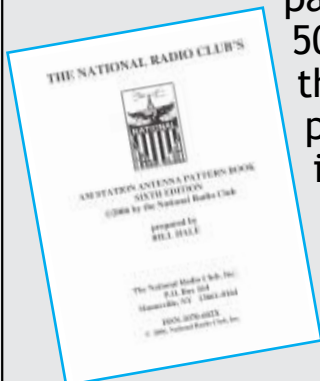
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