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Station Test Calendar

(KWWN NV 1100 TBA)	
WIRL IL 1290 Oct. 21 0300-0500	
WLPO IL 1220 Oct. 27 0400-0430	
WIGG MS 1420 Nov. 4 0500-0530	
KCKN NM 1020 TBA)	
KQMS CA 1400 Dec. 16 0300-0400	

Pending tests, via Jim Pogue:

KWWN 1100 kHz Las Vegas, NV

Bill Croghan, WBØKSW, Chief Engineer for Lotus Broadcasting of Las Vegas tells us the new KWWN has been on the air now for about three days as of Sept. 21, running unmodulated carrier (except for ID's) often at less than 1 KW for tuning and testing.

"It has been many short tests mostly at the lower power levels, but we have run the day pattern at the full 20 KW," he relates. "As you might imagine, a 20 KW two tower day pattern wasn't too difficult, but the 2 KW night pattern with four towers, on the next property over from two diplexed 1 KW stations located near in frequency, has been a challenge. We expect to start running longer tests, still primarily unmodulated, next week and the week after and hopefully will ask the FCC for Program test authority in the next two weeks. After receiving that, we will probably start sending the Deportes, Hispanic ESPN programming with ID's at the top of the hour for KWWN. It's a long, drawn-out process that must proceed at the FCC required rate and through the hoops they mandate. I'll let you know when we start doing more."

Once they are through the testing phase, Bill has promised a full-fledged DX Test over KWWN. If you hear them testing before then, you can send your reception reports to Lotus Broadcasting, c/o Bill Croghan, 8755 W. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89147.

KCKN 1020 kHz Roswell, NM

Jerry Kiefer has promised us a DX Test (maybe 2) from his station. Right now it looks like early November. "I'll have an exact date shortly, sometime the first week or two of November on a Sunday night to get some good winter skywave," Jerry said in a recent e-mail.

Our thanks go to retired BTC Coordinator Les Rayburn for getting the wheels turning on these two tests. We'll provide more information when

the details are nailed down.

-Jim Pogue, IRCA / NRC Joint BTC Coordinator

WIGG 1420 kHz Wiggins, MS DX Test.

Date: Sunday morning (late Saturday night), Nov. 4, 2007. Time: 4:00 – 4:30 a.m. Central STANDARD Time, 1000 – 1030 UTC (please note, this will be the morning we change from DST to standard time in most of North America). 5,000 watts using non-directional antenna pattern. Programming will consist of special voice announcements, Morse code, tones and classic country music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Paul A. Turner, WB5TJH,

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DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 75

2. Sept. 28	Oct 8	17. Jan. 18	Jan. 28
3. Oct. 5	Oct. 15	18. Jan. 25	Feb. 4
4. Oct. 12	Oct. 22	19. Feb. 1	Feb. 11
5. Oct. 19	Oct. 29	20. Feb. 8	Feb. 18
6. Oct. 26	Nov. 5	21. Feb. 15	Feb. 25
7. Nov. 2	Nov 12	22. Feb. 22	Mar. 3
8. Nov. 9	Nov. 19	23. Feb. 29	Mar. 10
9. Nov. 16	Nov. 26	24. Mar. 7	Mar. 17
10. Nov. 23	Dec. 3	25. Mar. 21	Mar. 31
11. Nov. 30	Dec. 10	26. Apr. 4	Apr. 14
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DX Time Machine

From the Pages of DX News

50 years ago ... Several members reported letters from *White's Radio Log* informing that publication of the popular log book had been discontinued because of the death of Mr. C. DeWitt White, owner ... A list of current Chinese BCB stations, furnished by Radio Peking, was published.

25 years ago ... from the October 11, 1982 DXN: A copy of the "Verie of the Year" was published: All India Radio-1134, as veried by Brian Vernon, Elsa, Yukon Territory.

10 years ago: ... from the October 6, 1997 DXN: Arthur Cushen passed away September 20 ... Ernie Cooper, Provincetown, MA reported that he had purchased an "A-1 condition" Hammarlund HQ-180A from Ray Arruda.



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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>
540	NEW	MN	Sauk Rapids	WXYG
740	KKAG	MN	Fargo	KVOX
810	KLDC	CO	Brighton	KLVZ
820	WTWT	MD	Frederick	WWWB
900	WGAM	NH	Nashua	WGHM
920	WKRT	NY	Cortland	WYBY
1010	WNTK	NH	Newport	WCNL
1220	KLVZ	CO	Denver	KLDC
1240	WLYJ	AL	Jasper	WZTQ
1280	KVOX	MN	Moorhead	KVXR
1410	KBAL	TX	San Saba	KVNR
1440	WEZJ	KY	Williamsburg	WCWC
1500	WTWP	DC	Washington	WWWT
1560	WZTQ	AL	Centre	WLYJ
1590	KIXC	HI	Hilo	KILE
1600	KZGX	MN	Watertown	KPNP



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CPs ON THE AIR

890	KTXV	TX	Mabank - CP for U4 20000/250 from three towers (using all 3 day and night) is on the air. The day pattern shows major lobes to the southeast and north-west and a minor lobe to the southwest, while the night is kidney-shaped with lobes to the northwest and south-southeast.
1060	KBFL	MO	Springfield - CP to move to a new tower location at N37-12-39 W93-17-50 is now licensed with D1 500/0. They had been operating at this location since 2004 under an STA awaiting FCC approval.
1220	WOEG	MS	Hazlehurst - CP for U1 164/33 is on the air at the corrected coordinates of N31-53-33 W90-24-08. The reduction in power is necessitated because they have almost doubled the height of their tower to accommodate their FM station's increase in HAAT.
1270	WHGS	SC	Hampton - CP for U1 10000/219 is on the air at the corrected coordinates of N32-50-38 W81-07-32.
1380	KWJL	CA	Lancaster - CP for U4 1000/20 is on. Station still has a CP for U5 1000/11 along with a City-of-License (CoL) change to Rosamond, California.
1540	WREJ	VA	Richmond - CP to add night operations as U4 10000/7 is on the air.
1550	WMSK	KY	Morganfield - CP for U1 145/6 from the adjusted coordinates of N37-40-04 W87-55-46 is on the air.
1570	KBRI	AR	Brinkley - CP for U1 250/23 is now on the air.
1580	WVKO	OH	Columbus - CP for U4 3200/290 is (finally) licensed and on the air from a new 3-tower site (using 2-days/3-nights) at N40-03-42 W82-56-41.
1590	KWEY	OK	Weatherford - CP for U4 1000/32 is on the air.
1600	WCGO	IL	Chicago Heights - CP for U4 1000/23 is on the air. WCGO still has an application for D3 10000/0 on 1020 kHz at Jenison, Michigan.

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

820	NEW	MI	Escanaba - CP granted for U4 2500/750.
1060	NEW	CA	Arroyo Grande - CP granted for U4 10000/710, changing the facilities from a previously granted U10000/1200.
1240	NEW	CO	Carbondale - CP granted for U1 1000/1000.
1400	NEW	CA	Eureka - CP granted for U1 790/790. [Corrected state from last Issue]

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 there!

1580 NEW CA San Luis Obispo - CP granted for U4 1000/1300.

ACTIONS

860 WAMI AL Opp - Coordinate correction to N31-18-29 W86-15-25.
 980 KINS CA Eureka - Coordinate correction to N40-48-02 W124-07-39.
 1100 KDRY TX Alamo Heights - Coordinate correction to N29-33-28 W98-22-32.
 1210 KPRZ CA San Marcos-Poway - Construction Permit (CP) granted for U4 20000/30000. Licensed for U4 20000/10000, they previously had a CP for U4 40000/10000, but then applied for U4 20000/30000, which has been approved.
 1230 KSLO LA Opelousas - Coordinate corrections to N30-31-30 W92-06-22.
 1250 KKDZ WA Seattle - Coordinate correction(s) to: daytime - N47-33-49 W122-21-35; night-time - N47-40-23 W122-10-08.
 1300 KSET TX Lumberton - CP granted for U4 1500/320, increasing day power and adding night operation along with a change in CoL from Silsbee.
 1340 WYCB DC Washington - CP granted to relocate their transmitter site to an existing self-supporting tower at N38-57-18 W77-00-15, remaining U1 1000/1000, and duplex with WOL-1450.
 1340 WMDR ME Augusta - CP granted changing from commercial to non-commercial operation.
 1340 KIHR OR Hood River - Coordinate change to N45-42-06 W121-32-05.
 1380 WKDM NY New York - CP granted for U4 5000/13000. Station adds one tower to their in-line array of three located just north of the Meadowlands Sports Complex in Carlstadt, New Jersey. Both patterns (unchanged day/new night) continue to throw all their signal to the southeast into the Atlantic Ocean.
 1390 WMPO OH Middleport-Pomeroy - Coordinate correction to N39-00-37 W82-03-00.
 1450 KYLW MT Lockwood - Special Temporary Authority (STA) granted to remain silent, due to loss of their transmitter site.
 1410 KGRN IA Grinnell - Coordinate correction to N41-44-40 W92-42-21.
 1450 WOL DC Washington - After operating under an STA for years with U1 250/250 from the site, a CP has been granted to (officially) relocate their transmitter site with U1 370/370, duplexing with WCYB-1340. [See WYCB-1340 above]
 1490 KWAC CA Bakersfield - CP granted for U1 640/640 from a new 250' tower at N35-20-53 W119-00-33.
 1490 WVBG MS Vicksburg - Coordinate correction to N32-20-44 W90-52-02.
 1520 WDCY GA Douglasville - CP granted to build four new towers at N33-45-38 W84-41-18 in order to increase their output to become D3 50000/0.
 1540 WKVQ GA Eatonton - CP granted to move here (from 1520) and increase their power to become D1 10000/0 CH 1600.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

890 NEW VA Exmore - New station was granted a CP for U4 220/220, then applied for U4 1000/250 along with a change in CoL to Rushmere, Virginia. Now they have requested U4 1000/195 at Rushmere.

APPLICATIONS

810 KLVZ CO Brighton - Applies for U4 10000/430.
 990 CKDB YT Watson Lake - Applies for U1 400/165, becoming a regular Class C station. CKDB is currently a low-powered relay of CBC Radio One's CFWH-570 Whitehorse.
 1510 KPIG CA Piedmont - Applies for U4 8000/2400.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

900 WUAM NY Saratoga Springs - Application for U1 400/70 with a CoL change to Watervliet, changing night power from 75 Watts.
 1250 NEW AZ Many Farms - Initial application was for U7 250/250 CH 250, followed by two amendments. This request is for U7 2500/300 CH 300 on 1220 kHz.

APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

1060 KRCN CO Longmont - Applied for U1 50000/112.
 1210 NEW MO Bevier - Applied for U4 3000/310
 1210 NEW IA Luther - Applied for U4 250/250

1340 NEW KS Garden City - Applied for U1 250/250 CH 250
 1340 NEW TX Shamrock - Applied for U7 1000/1000 CH 1000

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS/CALL LETTERS DELETED

1120 WDUF VA Duffield
 1430 KALV OK Alva [but Glenn Hauser reports the station is alive and well]

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

980 NEW AK Kenai - Applies for U1 5000/1000.
 1220 NEW NM Valencia - Applies for U2 400/250.
 1400 NEW CA Ridgecrest - Application for U1 1000/500 reinstated.
 1420 NEW CA Crescent City - Applies for U2 1000/250 CH 250.
 1600 NEW TX Dalhart - Applies for U2 3000/250.

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

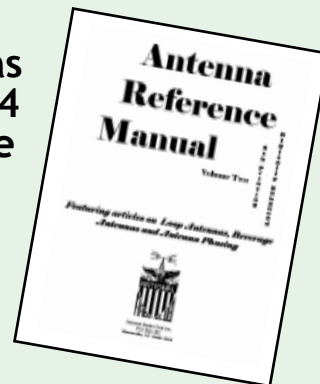
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 630 KLEA NM Lovington

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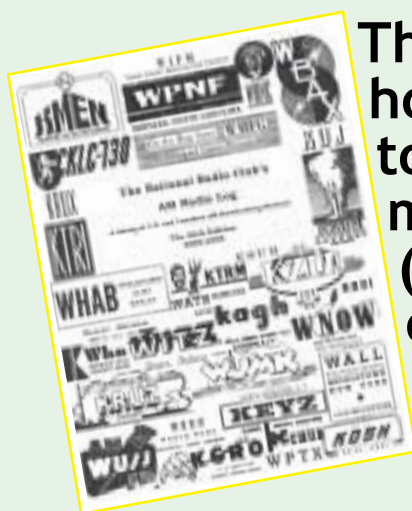
- Returning to the air: KCKM-1330 Monahans, Texas, KRHC-1340 Burnet, Texas and WJKN-1510 Jackson, Michigan.
- But reported as OFF: KDJQ-890 Meridian, Idaho (as the sale of the station fell through); and KRSC-1400 Othello, Washington.
- FINES: KLEA-630 (and KLEA-FM) Lovington, New Mexico fined \$7000 for failure to file renewal applications in a timely manner and unauthorized subsequent operation; WROX-1450 Clarksdale, Mississippi fined \$12,000 "... for the willful and repeated violations involving the station's failure to maintain operational Emergency Alert System equipment, and its failure to enclose an antenna tower with an effective locked fence".
- Since we're back to the weekly schedule, please ensure submissions are in by Friday morning.
- Thanks to Frank Aden, Shawn Axelrod, Wayne Heinen, Deane McIntyre, and Jonathon Watson. See y'all next week!

Antenna Reference Manual, Volume 2

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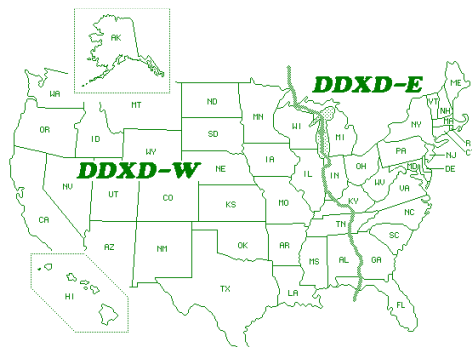


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FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- ▲ It is a new volume year, and in this first issue we are very pleased to welcome **Chris Knight** of Fort Lupton CO to our ever-growing list of **Vast Westland** reporters. Welcome, Chris! We have a fine opening turnout for this the 75th year of *DX News*. Thank you very much for your loggings, and for your continued support of this column!
- ▲ It is also a new DX season, and judging by the loggings below **Vast Westland** DXers are off the blocks and well down the track! Reports **Shawn Axelrod**: "Great start to the new season with three new stations. I hope this is a start of a new DX-filled listening season for all of us." I couldn't have said it better, Shawn! Also reporting new ones: **Greg Harris**, **Chris Knight**, **Sheryl Paszkiewicz** and **John Wilkins**, who relays news that he recently logged his fourth Japanese station, JOAB 693 (way to go, John!). Rounding out the "hit" parade is **Doug Smith**, who reports logging nighttime digital audio from some of the large clears.
- ▲ Which brings us to the subject that cannot help but temper our early season optimism-- nighttime IBOC. A common theme among reporters: the buzz about THE BUZZ. From **Doug Smith** (Nashville area): "Other stations to blink the HD light last night (9/15): WLW 700, WGN 720, WJR 760, WBBM 780, WHAS 840, WHO 1040, WOWO 1190, WOAI 1200, WPHT 1210, WRDZ 1260, WLAC 1510, WRLL 1690 and an unID on 990." From **John Rieger** (Milwaukee area): "In South Milwaukee, 710, 730, 930, 1080, 1110, 1120 and 1140 seem useless, due to nighttime IBOC." From **Karl Forth** (Chicago): "I heard WGN 720 with IBOC wiping out 710 and 730 on the first night (9/14). Tonight (9/20) I heard WBBM 780 and WLS 890 with digital signal." From **Chris Knight** (Denver area): "IBOC at night here is a sad reality. I counted eight of 13 known local IBOC stations carrying that mode at night. Two of those not noted carrying night IBOC are probably too weak to hear." Adds Chris: "I don't understand why the FCC would enforce directional antenna patterns on the AM band to protect stations at night while at the same time authorizing 24-hour IBOC. It just doesn't make sense." Agreed.
- ▲ From Madison, I am hearing WBBM slipping "HD" into their "legal" ToH ID. Their ID reads in part: "This is Chicago's all news station, News Radio 780 WBBM AM and WBBM AM HD Chicago." Wouldn't it be clearer to the overwhelming majority who are still hearing them in analog if instead they said: "This is WBBM AM 780 and WBBM HD 770 and 790 Chicago"?
- ▲ Since this is the first issue of Volume 75 and we are back to weeklies, it is the perfect time to remind contributors of a few basic guidelines. Please report all times in Eastern Local Time, or ELT (currently Eastern Daylight Time). Loggings should be timely-- this means they should be no more than two weeks old by the time I receive them. Report only DX-- if you can hear a station many times a year, it is not really DX. Use your judgment, but-- unless there are unique circumstances, reporting a station a maximum of once a year is the ideal. Make your loggings readable-- do not overdo the abbreviations. Deadlines for DDXD-West are every Thursday at 1300 ELT for Internet mail, and Thursday's delivery for USPS mail. Now, let the games begin! 73 Bill

Reporters

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| CK-CO | Chris Knight, Fort Lupton. Sony ICF7600, internal loopstick antenna. |
| DP-HI | Dale Park, Honolulu. Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop. |
| DS-ID | Doug Smith, Idaho Falls. YB400 barefoot. |
| DS-MT | Doug Smith, Billings. YB400 barefoot. |
| DS-ND | Doug Smith, Grand Forks. YB400 barefoot. |
| DS-TN | Doug Smith, Pleasant View. Boston Acoustics Receptor HD with 260-foot ham antenna or 700-foot Beverage. |
| GH-IL | Greg Harris, Park Forest. Icom R75 with Quantum Loop or Hula hoop loop. |
| GH-KS | Gary Houdek, Munden. GE Superadio. |
| JJR-WI | John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp. |
| JW-CO | John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop. |
| KDF-IL | Karl D. Forth, Chicago. Drake R8, Sangean ATS-909. |
| KDF-SD | Karl D. Forth, DXing near DuPree. Malibu car radio. |
| SA-MB | Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg. ICOM IC-R70, Drake R8, 4 foot unamplified box loop, Quan- |

tum loop, 155 foot outdoor wire, 100 foot indoor wire, MFJ 1026 phasing unit.

SP-WI Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc. Sony 2010 with Select-a-Tenna.

Ed.-WI Your editor, Madison.

Station News

- 680 WSMB TN **Memphis.** Per the *Memphis Flyer* weekly and the weblog ltradio.blogspot.com, WSMB switched from liberal-leaning talk featuring Air America Radio to Fox Sports Radio in early September, becoming the latest talk station to go to the low-cost sports format. WSMB had been known as WWTQ before acquiring the callsign of a sister station in New Orleans, which also had dropped liberal-leaning talk. **(DP-HI)** (The old WSMB 1350 is now WWWL. Both call changes took place in November 2006. See 1350 below to see what the new WWWL is doing these days. **Ed.-WI**)
- 740 KVOX ND **Fargo. 9/18 0800.** Now with Fox Sports ex country music. Lots of ads for Fargo and Moorhead. Dual ID for 740 KVOX and 1280 KVXR. Very strong here all day but gone at night. NEW! **(SA-MB)** (So these are new calls, ex-KKAG. See also 1280 KVXR below. **Ed.-WI**)
- 810 KLVZ CO **Brighton.** Local station here now, ex-1220, swapping frequencies with KLDC, which is now on 1220. Still has the SS religious format that they had on 1220. **(JW-CO)**
- 840 KVJY TX **Pharr. 9/14 0755.** Upbeat SS religious music; EE legal ID at 0757 by SS-accented man: "This is KVJY Pharr-McAllen-Brownsville," followed by a "Radio Luz" jingle, then back to more music. Also uses slogan "La Luz de la Frontera." Listed as C&W-- maybe they have a dual format. **(JW-CO)**
- 1050 WLIP WI **Kenosha.** This is listed in the 28th NRC Log as oldies. My observation from a recent multi-day stay in Antioch IL (12 miles SW of Kenosha) is that the format, at least weekdays, is mostly news and talk, with a few off hours devoted to oldies. ToH news is from CBS, and national talk shows include Dr. Laura and Jim Bohannon. **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1220 KLDC CO **Denver.** Here now, ex-810 (see above) with the same UC gospel format they had on 810. **(JW-CO)**
- 1280 KVXR MN **Moorhead.** As **Shawn Axelrod** points out in 740 above, these are the new calls for this station, ex-KVOX, which moved to 740. Stations are / /, running Fox Sports. **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1350 WWWL LA **New Orleans.** After learning from **Dale Park** that this station was no longer liberal talk, I did some digging to see what its new format is. It turns out that programming consists (partly? entirely?) of reruns of WWL 870 talk programs, retimed to other parts of the day. The slogan for this station is "WWL on Demand @ 1350 AM." Apparently this change took place in November 2006. Please change your 28th AM Log, which still shows this station as Air America progressive talk. **(Ed.-WI)**

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 550 KFYZ ND **Bismarck. 9/4 0657.** Poor to fair with "K-Fire 5-50" ID, time check and oldies. Lively jock (Phil Parker). Alone on frequency! **(JJR-WI)**
- 550 KRAI CO **Craig. 9/5 0159.** Good signal. End of country-western song, "55 Country" slogan, legal ID: "...KRAI, Craig, Steamboat, and Meeker" into CNN news. I imagine they no longer effectively cover Steamboat at night since KLZ 560 has 24/7 IBOC. **(CK-CO)**
- 550 WKRC OH **Cincinnati. 9/15 1930.** "55 KRC" and "at 55krc.com" IDs by a male announcer. Very strong; overrode KTRS. **(GH-IL)**
- 580 CKPR ON **Thunder Bay. 8/27 ~2300.** Fair with tape loop asking listeners to go to 91.5 FM. **(DS-ND)** (If this station is not off air by now, it certainly is in its very last days. **Ed.-WI**)
- 630 KFXD ID **Boise. 9/13 2358.** Fair peak in tight null of local KHOW, Lars Larsen Show, legal ID. New! **(CK-CO)**
- 660 KTNN AZ **Window Rock. 9/15 2228.** Good signal in local KLTT 670 partial IBOC null. Navajo language, country-western music, call letter ID. **(CK-CO)**
- 670 WSCR IL **Chicago. 9/14 0656.** Sports talk; ads past ToH; call letter ID. Good on peaks over XESOS with local KLTT off the air. When KLTT is on this is a tough catch, being in the same loop direction as KLTT. **(JW-CO)**

670	KBOI	ID	Boise. 9/14 0703. "KBOI news time 5:03;" fair in partial null of WSCR. Much easier with local KLTT off (they came back on about half an hour later). (JW-CO)
680	KNBR	CA	San Francisco. 9/16 0705. Fair at 10/9 with "KNBR 680" into ESPN fare. Alone! (JJR-WI)
740	KKAG	ND	Fargo. 9/7 1300. New station strong in central SD with sports talk, KVOX 1280 mentions. (KDF-SD) (Station has since changed calls, to KVOX, while the 1280 has become KVXR. See "Station News" 740 and 1280 above. Ed.-WI)
860	KTRB	CA	San Francisco. 9/15 0750. Tagline "...noon to three on the New 8-60 KTRB," back to Mancow Muller replay. Fair; slightly ripply. (DP-HI)
860	KKOW	KS	Pittsburg. 9/15 2239. Fair to good signal with call letter IDs: "Classic country done right...KKOW." (CK-CO)
860	CBKF-2	SK	Saskatoon. 9/15 2241. French, very good peaks with rap music in French interspersed with discussion between two men, "Ici Radio Canada" ID at top-of-the-hour, into news. (CK-CO)
870	WKAR	MI	East Lansing. 9/7 0858. "On NPR WKAR 90.5" IDs by a woman announcer and local weather. Good signal. One other unID signal. New. (GH-IL)
870	WWL	LA	New Orleans. 9/16 0258. Very good signal in local KJMP null with ad, legal ID "...The Big One...WWL, New Orleans," also mentioned 105.3FM, into CBS news. (CK-CO)
890	WLS-HD	IL	Chicago. 9/16 ~2200. Popped up the "text ID" and about a second of digital audio. (DS-TN)
900	CKBI	AB	Prince Albert. 9/2 0144. Fair. "Country 900 CKBI." (DS-ID)
920	CFRY	MB	Portage la Prairie. 9/14 2251. On top with AM-FM ID, C&W music, "Real Country" mentions. (KDF-IL)
970	WZAM	MI	Ishpeming. 9/16 0721. Poor to fair over everything with local PSAs, MBank mentions, no calls, ESPN programming. (JJR-WI)
990	KFCD	TX	Farmersville. 8/5 2150. Baseball game on the Roughrider Radio Network with Frisco ahead 7-2. Then at 2200 "You are listening to 990 Dallas-Fort Worth." I did not hear the call letters clearly when the station said them. (GH-KS)
1010	WSPT	WI	Stevens Point. 9/5 2329. Poor in CFRB null. "True Oldies Channel, 1010 WSPT" in a rare night appearance. (JJR-WI)
1020	KJJK	MN	Fergus Falls. 9/4 0446. Poor in fade down with "Groovy 1020" and oldies. (JJR-WI)
1030	WEBS	GA	Calhoun 9/4 0644. Poor but killing WBZ with ads, promos. Calls at 0647. (JJR-WI)
1040	WHO-HD	IA	Des Moines. 9/16 ~2200. "Text ID" and a few seconds of digital audio. Relog. (DS-TN)
1100	WTAM-HD	OH	Cleveland. 9/15 2139. In and out for about 30 seconds with conservative talk. Analog and digital were out of sync by approximately eight seconds making for a bizarre effect. Text ID was slow to load; usually just said "AM 1100." (DS-TN)
1120	KMOX-HD	MO	Saint Louis. 9/15 2043. In for about 10 seconds ("text ID" in much longer). Baseball talk, if I remember properly. Dropped back to analog when a station underneath with country got too strong. (DS-TN)
1140	KCLE	TX	Cleburne. 9/7 2152. Halftime report on high school football broadcast; call ID, frequent ads. Fair with fading. (JW-CO)
1160	KSL	UT	Salt Lake City. 9/16 0247. Ad for Macey's Supermarket chain, back to "Cougar Call-In Show" "on the Home of the Cougars, KSL Newsradio." Fair. (DP-HI)
1190	KVSV	KS	Beloit. 9/4 0036. "AM 1190 KVSV" in a break in Texas Rangers (vs. Kansas City?) baseball. (DS-MT)
1200	CJRJ	BC	Vancouver. 9/11 0750. Poor signals fading in and out with East Indian music and ID. NEW (SA-MB)
1230	KSTC	CO	Sterling. 9/13 1110. Fair daytime signal with country music relay of 104.7 FM, "King FM" slogans, mention of "Sterling" in ad. Local KLVZ 1220 had their IBOC off. (CK-CO)
1270	WMKT	MI	Charlevoix. 9/8 1952. Fast "WMKT/WMBN" by a male announcer. Tigers baseball broadcast. Fair. (GH-IL)
1280	WGBF	IN	Evansville. 9/8 2000. "Here on Newstalk 1280 WGBF Evansville" by a male announcer. Fair. (GH-IL)

- 1330 CJYM SK **Rosetown. 9/8 0200.** Oldies music; gal with weather at 0201, then at 0202 “We’re heading into another hour of west-central Saskatchewan’s all-time favourites-- Classic Hits 1330 CJYM,” followed by “I Can See Clearly Now” and “Teach Your Children.” Strong, dominating signal on peaks, and there every ToH on overnight taping. No mentions of 1210-- must not simulcast overnight. **(JW-CO)**
- 1350 WCMP MN **Pine City. 9/9 2307.** Very poor to poor in fade up with calls, Music of your Life nostalgia. Surprised-- rare. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1350 WOAM IL **Peoria. 9/16 0642.** Poor with calls, chatter into more satellite music. Nostalgia. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1370 KUPA HI **Pearl City. 9/15 0715.** Noted off the air. Faint, ripply romantica music picked up; KZSF CA? KUPA still off 9/19. Station still has not announced local contact info. **(DP-HI)** (So after only a few weeks back on air [see Dale’s “Station News” item in DDXD-W #74-29], is it possible that KUPA has again gone silent? **Ed.-WI)**
- 1420 KIGO ID **Saint Anthony. 9/7 0801.** News from Canal Continental de Noticias; canned SS ID by man at 0803: “Esta es Radio Fiesta, KIGO Catorce Veinte AM,” then Mexican music. Good atop others. **(JW-CO)**
- 1450 WMIQ MI **Iron Mountain. 9/12 2204.** Announcements of upcoming meetings in Iron Mountain and Iron River. **NEW (SP-WI)**
- 1460 CJOY ON **Guelph. 9/14 0622.** Very poor with sweeper “[??] greatest hits,” CJOY jingle and oldies in a mess of stations. Rare. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1550 WCVL IN **Crawfordsville. 9/4 0705.** Poor over others; quick “1550 WCVL” into ads. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1600 KRKE NM **Albuquerque. 9/16 0755.** Good signals with oldies, realoldies1600.com ID. **NEW! (SA-MB)**
- 1690 CHTO ON **Toronto. 9/15 2345.** Poor signals under WVON with Greek music. **NEW! (SA-MB)**
- 1700 WEUP AL **Huntsville. 9/16 2040.** “WEUP [missed], Continuous Praise” by a male announcer, with choral singing. Weak... no trace of KKLf. **New. (GH-IL)**
- TIS, HAR, Etc.
- 1181 UNID **9/4 0000.** Mystery carrier reported by others heard well here. Not tried at other locations. **(DS-MT)** (This signal was widely reported this summer on various internet lists, and speculation about it resembles that of last winter’s mystery carriers on 1610, 1020 and 590. See DDXD-W #’s 74-11 and 74-12 for more information, including a special report, on these signals. At press time it appears that the 1181 signal is no longer being heard. **Ed.-WI)**

DDXD-East

Not much of a DDXD-East to launch NRC’s 75th anniversary volume. If it wasn’t for a few loggings of my own, there wouldn’t even be a DDXD-E! There is still DX out there amid the hiss foisted on us by iBiquity! Keep listening. Don’t let the IBOC-mongers win!

REPORTER

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

STATION NEWS

- 710 CJRN ON **Niagara Falls –** This glorified TIS (“Tourist Radio Niagara”) is airing a special program during the month of Ramadan (ending Oct. 11, give or take a day) daily at local sunset, with readings from the Koran, prayers and Arabic chanting. They’ve been doing this special Ramadan program for the past several years. **(MKB-ON)**

LOGGINGS

- 780 WTME ME **Rumford – 9/20 1939 –** over WBBM and partially-nulled WABC-770 IBOC hiss with EZL instrumentals, promo for minor league baseball: “your home for Sea Dogs baseball, Easy 1240”, “WEZR” jingle. **(MKB-ON)**
- 910 WABI ME **Bangor – 9/20 0606 –** dominating frequency with promo for “Musical Memories” program: “we’re bringing back the great memories on AM 910 WABI”,

into local weather. (MKB-ON)

- 940 WHIT MI **South Haven** – 9/11 0631 – over CINW with ad for BCI Communications, “your latest news for Michigan’s great southwest, Super Hits 103.7 WHIT” into local news. (MKB-ON)
- 1110 WCCM NH **Salem** – 9/19 0559 – over WBT and WTAM-1100 IBOC hiss with Geico ad, “WCCM” jingle, “WCCM Salem” TOH ID into USA Radio news. QSLed as WNNW in 1990. (MKB-ON)

International DX Digest

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Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC

We’re now into the weekly reporting schedule until March, so don’t be shy about submitting your logs. I will try to hold sending the column for publication until Friday evenings for any last minute info, but there will be times when I need to submit earlier due to DX events or personal conflicts. This one went out a few hours early because Loco the DX Cat hadn’t been feeling well and was hospitalized last night. Plenty of DX here, despite the onslaught of 24-hour IBOC digital...

Transatlantic DX

- 234 LUXEMBOURG *R.Luxembourg*, Junglinster (49°40’N 06°19’E) SEP 14 2313 - Fair with rock music and male DJ in French. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 531 SPAIN *RNE5* synchros SEP 8 0355 - Excellent; nostalgic country western song parallel 558, 585 and 684 also with excellent signals. [Conti-NH]
- 531 SWITZERLAND *DRS* Beromünster (47°12’N 08°10’E) SEP 21 0249 - Fair, over/under Spain; polka-style accordion music. [Conti-NH]
- 549 ALGERIA *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles (35°17’N 00°34’W) SEP 15 0019 - Good through lightning noise from remains of Hurricane Humberto; string vocal parallel 891 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 549 GERMANY *Deutschlandfunk* synchros SEP 13 0203 - Not enough punch to identify the language or to parallel the web audio, but probably DLF. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 13 0208 - Good; soft classical instrumental parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 558 SPAIN *RNE5* synchros SEP 12 2238 - Spanish talk, parallel web audio. [Renfrew-NY]
- 567 IRELAND *RTÉ 1*, Tullamore (53°17’N 07°22’W) SEP 21 0351 - Poor; man in English. RR Morse code splattering over from 570 *R.Reloj* Cuba. [Conti-NH]
- 585 SPAIN *RNE1* Madrid (40°28’N 03°52’W) SEP 14 0036 - Spanish talk parallel web audio. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 14 2333-2339 - Excellent; news by man and woman in Spanish with music bridges between items. [DeLorenzo-MA] SEP 21 0353 - Excellent; talk parallel 657 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 594 SAUDI ARABIA *BSKSA* Duba SEP 8 0208 - Good; pre-0300 sign-on open carrier. [Conti-NH] SEP 13 0320 - Koranic reading for Ramadan, thanks to Barry in Ottawa for the tip. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 21 0237 - Good; pre-0300 sign-on open carrier. 0255 man in Arabic parallel 1521 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 603 SPAIN *RNE5* synchros SEP 8 0210 - Good; in-studio discussion between a woman and man parallel 684 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 612 unID SEP 13 0340 - Brief surge of Arabic, possibly Morocco. [Renfrew-NY]
- 639 SPAIN *RNE1* La Coruña et al. SEP 8 0401 - Excellent; man and woman alternating with rapid-fire news items. [Conti-NH] SEP 14 2340 - Fair; parallel to 585, news by man and woman in Spanish with music bridges between items. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 648 SAUDI ARABIA *BSKSA* Jeddah SEP 21 0235 - Huge signal; pre-0300 sign-on open carrier. 0256 man in Arabic parallel 1521 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 657 SPAIN *RNE5* Madrid (40°28’N 03°52’W) SEP 21 0349 - Excellent; woman with telephone talk. [Conti-NH]
- 675 LIBYA *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Benghazi (32°54’N 20°04’E) SEP 13 2310 - Just beginning to fade in to a readable level, parallel 1053 kHz. SEP 20 2312 - Good; man in Arabic, parallel 1053 and 1449 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 675 NETHERLANDS *Arrow Rock*, Lopik (52°01’N 05°03’E) SEP 13 0044 - Music parallel web audio. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 13 0055 - Fair in 680 WRKO slop; Simple Minds “Don’t You Forget about Me.” [Conti-NH]
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. SEP 10 0222 - British talk, poor. SEP 12

- 0220 - Fair, with talk. [Renfrew-NY]
- 702 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA Radio 2*, Duba SEP 13 0154 - Fair, over presumed Algeria; Call of Islam parallel 1521 kHz. SEP 21 0145 - Fair; presumed this with Koran. All *BSKSA* channels broadcasting Koran at this time tonight. [Conti-NH]
- 711 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Rennes (47°51'N 01°30'W) SEP 15 0140 - Good; orchestra music parallel 1206 kHz. SEP 21 0149 - Fair through multiple hets; man and woman in French. [Conti-NH]
- 738 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Barcelona (41°23'N 02°12'E) SEP 14 2302 - Excellent; news parallel 855 also with an excellent signal. [Conti-NH]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *Radio 5*, Flevoland (52°23'N 05°25'E) SEP 13 0130 - Good; nostalgic French vocal, then an avant-garde jazz instrumental. [Conti-NH] SEP 13 0159 - Slow trumpet song parallel web audio. [Renfrew-NY]
- 756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg SEP 13 0209 - Excellent; classical instrumental parallel 549 and 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH] SEP 13 0358 - Smooth jazz music, "Deutschlandfundfunk" ID. SEP 14 0309 - German talk. [Renfrew-NY]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** *RSR Option Musique*, Sottens (46°39'N 06°44'E) SEP 12 2234 - Distinctive spacey female vocal parallel web audio. SEP 13 0048 - Spacey vocals parallel web audio. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 13 0212 - Excellent; '60s style French rock vocal, then an adult contemporary French vocal. SEP 21 0107 - Good, well over unID IBOC; French reggae vocal. [Conti-NH]
- 774 **EGYPT** *Middle East Radio*, Abis (30°45'N 30°57'E) SEP 13 0216 - Presumed this with a Koranic vocal over Spain. [Conti-NH]
- 783 unID SEP 14 0028 - What sounded like Koranic reading. [Renfrew-NY]
- 792 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Limoges (45°56'N 01°10'E) SEP 13 0218 - Good; woman and man in French with news, *R.France* mention, parallel 945 and 1206 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 819 **EGYPT** *ERTU* Batra (31°09'N 31°27'E) SEP 13 2317 - Good; Arabic speaker, then a woman announcer and Egyptian vocal, better than parallel 12050 kHz. [Conti-NH] SEP 15 2148-2203 - Koranic reading, but fade (of course) at top of hour so no ID. I bet there were no announcements anyhow. No SW parallel was audible tonight. This would be a new country. Very likely Egypt due to the high power. [Renfrew-NY]
- 837 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Nancy (48°53'N 06°14'E) SEP 10 0058 - Music and French talk parallel 1377 kHz. SEP 15 2005-2100 - Long fades, but noted with French music and some US oldies and blues. Also noted on 1377 kHz. [Renfrew-NY]
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Wales*, Washford (51°10'N 03°21'W) SEP 8 0247 - Good; BBC World Service parallel 198 kHz. [Conti-NH] SEP 12 0217 - Brit talk, poor. [Renfrew-NY]
- 890.98 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Algiers (36°40'N 03°09'E) SEP 8 0407 - Excellent; Koran parallel 153 kHz also good. [Conti-NH]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5* Live synchros SEP 15 0200 - ID as Radio Five Live 693 and 909, discussion of cinema. Also heard on 693 kHz. [Renfrew-NY]
- 936 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros SEP 13 2304 - Fair; news/talk parallel 1125 and 1305 kHz among others. [Conti-NH]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse (43°21'N 01°20'E) SEP 13 0346 - French talk; poor. [Renfrew-NY]
- 972 **GERMANY** *NDR Info*, Hamburg (53°31'N 10°07'E) SEP 12 0338 - Long fades, but finally able to parallel news program with web audio. This is the first TA I've heard on 972, so a new one. SEP 13 0401 - News items, with small sound effect between each item, parallel web audio, "NDR Info" ID at 0406. [Renfrew-NY]
- 999 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA R.Quran*, Tabuk SEP 13 0015 - Good, over Spain; a man in a distinctive voice (a high talker), then Koran, parallel delayed *R.Quran* streaming audio. SEP 20 2255 - Good; Koran parallel 1512 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1008 **NETHERLANDS** *GrootNieuws Radio*, Flevoland (52°23'N 05°25'E) SEP 13 0140 - Fair; continuous pop, rock, and country music mix. [Conti-NH]
- 1017 **GERMANY** *SWR Cont.Ra*, Wolfsheim (49°53'N 08°03'E) SEP 12 0228 - German talk, deep fades down into the slop, but parallel to web audio. SEP 13 0152 - *MDR Info* news program parallel web audio. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 14 0037 - Good, over an unID Koranic vocal; man and woman in German, 0040 synthesized fanfare and more news/talk. [Conti-NH]
- 1017 **TURKEY** *TRT Mundanya* (40°21'N 28°41'E) SEP 15 0101 - Presumed on extended hours for Ramadan (SEP 13 - OCT 12), poor through Germany and Spain; Koranic vocals. Not parallel *TRT Radyo 1* and *4* streaming audio channels. [Conti-NH]
- 1017 unID SEP 13 2309 - A solid s9+10 poorly modulated or open carrier, Spain well underneath and "RR" Morse code splattering from 1020 *R.Relej* Cuba. [Conti-NH]
- 1044 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros SEP 15 0000 - Excellent; "Cadena Ser, servicios informativos" with

- fanfare, then time check into news. [Conti-NH]
- 1053.07 **LIBYA** *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Tripoli (32°50'N 13°00'E) SEP 13 2300 - Excellent! Reverberated man backed by strings and drum. SEP 20 2312 - Good over growl against 1053; man in Arabic, parallel 675 and 1449 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros SEP 13 0116 - Sports talk (natch) parallel 1089 kHz. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 14 2343 - Through off-frequency hum; "...on TalkSport, don't go away." Hum from subaudible het continued through 2400; maybe another off-frequency station as Libya should've signed off around 2350. [Conti-NH]
- 1062 **DENMARK** *Danmarks Radio*, Kalundborg (55°40'N 11°04'E) SEP 13 0340 - Good, well over an unID station; several repetitions of interval signal alternating between chimes and an announcement, 0345 a woman in Danish, seemed to be reading weather data. Open carrier through 0400. Sample audio uploaded to dxclipjoint.com/loco_the_dx_cat. SEP 21 0346 - Good; weather. [Conti-NH]
- 1062 **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros SEP 13 0350 - Signing on with test tones; under Denmark. [Conti-NH]
- 1062 **TURKEY** *TRT Diyarbakir* (37°49'N 40°19'E) SEP 15 0032 - Presumed this on extended hours for Ramadan with Koran. Parallels not found for positive ID. *TRT Radyo 1* streaming audio had Koran, but it didn't seem parallel. 1017 and 1062 must be separate regional broadcasts at this time. SEP 21 0054 - Fair; again presumed this with Koran. [Conti-NH]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros SEP 12 0402 - Brit talk, fair, but bad slop. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 13 2331 - Excellent; telephone talk, "Turn your radio down!" SEP 21 0005 - Good; phone numbers and Guess Who "Clap for the Wolfman" bumper music. [Conti-NH]
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros SEP 21 0214 - Fair, over unID music; discussion parallel 1107 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1107 **EGYPT** *ERTU Batrah* SEP 14 0220 - Presumed this with Koranic vocals and flute heard through growl of sub-audible hets and Spain. [Conti-NH]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros SEP 13 0412 - At least two Spanish stations with echo. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 21 0208 - Good, over off-frequency growl; woman in Spanish parallel 1125 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1116 **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros SEP 13 0352 - Signing on with test tones; under Spain. [Conti-NH]
- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros SEP 21 0007 - Good; "Cadena Ser" network ID into a rock ballad, then talk hosted by a woman. [Conti-NH]
- 1125 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Deanovec (45°42'N 16°29'E) SEP 13 2348 - Good, now well over Spain; Croatian rock vocals parallel an excellent 1134 and 6165 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1125 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros SEP 21 0204 - Good; news with obvious synchro echo. [Conti-NH]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Zadar (44°06'N 15°15'E) SEP 9 0105 - Coming out of news into music. First TA of the season, and in every night since. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 15 0129-0134 - Good with discussion between two women in Eastern European language. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux (44°57'N 00°11'W) SEP 21 0153 - Good; orchestra instrumental parallel 711 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Virgin Radio* synchros SEP 21 0156 - Bruce Springsteen "Born in the U.S.A." through what seemed like a strong s9+10 open carrier, *COPE* Spain fading in at times. This is the second time I've noted this carrier, previously Aug 18 0119. [Conti-NH]
- 1269 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Neumünster (54°03'N 09°51'E) SEP 13 0123 - Bits and pieces of distinctive piano and oboe music cuts nicely through the slop parallel 756 and web audio. New! [Renfrew-NY] SEP 14 2313 - Good; man slow reading in German, parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1287 **ISRAEL** *Galei Zahal*, Ramle (31°50'N 34°50'E) SEP 14 2319 - Fair, over / under Spain; foreign language pop / rock vocals, parallel 6970 (ex-6973 kHz). [Conti-NH]
- 1287 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros SEP 14 0150 - Fair; talk parallel 1044 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1296 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Radio XL*, Langley Mill (52°33'N 01°46'W) SEP 14 0110 - Fair; high energy DJ, jingles, and Bollywood dance club style Indian music. [Conti-NH]
- 1323 **GERMANY** *Voice of Russia*, Wachenbrunn (50°29'N 10°30'E) SEP 21 0336 - Fair, deep fades; talk in an unID language presumed this. [Conti-NH]
- 1341 **NORTHERN IRELAND** *BBC Radio Ulster*, Lisnagarvey (54°30'N 06°04'W) SEP 14 0236 - Man and woman parallel 693 *BBC Five Live*; over multiple hets from an unID off-frequency 1340 domestic, WMSA, and others. [Conti-NH]
- 1359 **SPAIN** *RNE* Arganda del Rey SEP 21 0328 - Excellent; Madonna "Like a Prayer" bumper music, then fast Spanish parallel 855 kHz. [Conti-NH]

- 1377 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lille (50°31'N 02°59'E) SEP 9 0058 - Music and French talk parallel 837, woman with news after 0100 parallel web audio. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1395 **NETHERLANDS** *The Big L*, Trintelhaven (52°38'N 05°25'E) SEP 14 0310 - Good; The Doors "Break On Through." [Conti-NH]
- 1422 **ALGERIA** *RTA Algiers* (36°40'N 03°09'E) SEP 20 2308 - Fair; nostalgic French vocal parallel 252 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1422 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Heusweiler (49°21'N 06°55'E) SEP 12 2242 - Classical music, parallel web audio. There is usually a silent blob on this channel, but DLF was strong enough to get through it tonight. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 13 0210 - Fair; classical instrumental parallel 549 etc. At 2340 good, no sign of co-channel Algeria; jazz instrumental parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1449 **LIBYA** *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Misurata (32°46'N 15°05'E) SEP 20 2312 - Good; man in Arabic, parallel 675 and 1053 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1512 **BELGIUM** *R.Vlaanderen International*, Wolvertem (50°59'N 04°18'E) SEP 14 0401 - In defiance of IBOC which started 24/7 operation 1 minute before I logged a new TA here with a music program, including Supremes, Tears for Fears, Macy Gray. Only ID heard as "Radio Een." Not quite new, since I have verified Radio Nederland's relay here some years ago, but an audacious feeling to get this one. I had just been on 720 kHz when the WOR buzz saw struck at midnight. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1512 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA Jeddah* SEP 20 2255 - Fair; Koran parallel 999 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA Duba* (27°20'N 35°45'E) SEP 9 2320-2328 - Loud and clear with discussion between two men in Arabic. Solid signal with no fading. [DeLorenzo-MA] SEP 9 2337 - Very good with Arabic talk, strong enough to get past WWKB in nearby Buffalo. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 20 2258 - Excellent, s9+10; possibly a drama or news feature with police sirens in the background, man and woman in Arabic, parallel 9555 and 9870 kHz. The short-waves signed off at 2300. [Conti-NH]
- 1530 **SAO TOME E PRINCIPE** *VOA Pinheira* (00°18'N 06°46'E) SEP 21 0319 - Fair in WCKY null; Daybreak Africa program with highlife bumper music into Jena civil rights news story, parallel 6080 and 9885 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1548 unID SEP 14 0330-0350 - Fair; talk in an unID language, not the usual *R.Sawa* fare, plus the time was too late for Kuwait (sunrise 0234). Possibly Moldova (sunrise 0338) but couldn't find any parallels. Faded out by 0400. [Conti-NH]
- 1557 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Fontbonne (43°46'N 07°25'E) SEP 14 0447 - French talk. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 21 0306 - Excellent; woman in French with news. [Conti-NH]
- 1575 **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros SEP 13 0354 - Signing on with test tones; over/under Spain. [Conti-NH]

Caution: Antenna Construction Zone Ahead

Marc D. speaks: A couple of decent TA signals here lately. The big news is that Chris Black and Mark Connelly are going to help me put up a Flag antenna. The exact details have not been worked out yet but, undoubtedly, my improved ability to null domestic signals from the west and southwest will greatly enhance TA reception here.

Jim speaks: September 11 was the best TA night I've had in a long time. Diminished somewhat by a t-storm that passed through around 9:45 p.m. It will be very sad if IBOC broadcasts destroy TA opportunities. Being some distance from the Atlantic Coast I require nearly perfect conditions to hear TAs.

Still working on antennae. I've got 550 feet aimed west, about 150 aimed northeast, and about 200 feet aimed south. Only the south wire is grounded at the moment. All of the DX reported above is on the south wire! The noise generated by the house last season hasn't been observed so far. I've relocated the west wire 25 feet further from the house with a longer coax to see if that helps reduce noise. It's also closer to the pond - maybe the water will enhance the TAs? The northeast wire can be extended (thanks to the neighbor's permission), but I have to figure out a way to cross the pond. My son got it across in February when it was frozen over, but the hill on the other side was too slippery to climb. Due to drought the water is very low, but it's very muddy.

In the absence of DX Tuners, I stumbled across DeliCast with many links to European stations. The site is divided by country, with lots of quick links to live audio. Most links are to FM, but I was able to find every MW station I needed. Much, much quicker than looking for each station's web page, and then trying to find the live audio link. The only flaw is that the stations are not in alphabetical order, so in the case of Germany it requires walking through multiple pages to find the station needed.

Captured but Unidentified

- Mark C. speaks:* I've finally finished reviewing last week's Rowley SDR-IQ captures. At this time I'll report a few unID's that may be worth chasing to pin down their identity at some point. These unID's have a common theme of a Middle Eastern format station decisively breaking atop more common co-channel Europeans for a short interval (a minute or two typically).
- 765 unID SEP 6 2358 - Reverberated male Koranic a cappella vocal; briefly blasting over Switzerland. Channel has Saudi Arabia, Iran, Sudan, and Turkey listed but not all are scheduled to be on air at the time.
- 792 unID SEP 7 0019 - Female Arabic vocal clobbering usual France and Spain. Yemen listed with big power, but schedule doesn't fit. There are also lower-powered stations in Libya and Saudi Arabia.
- 873 unID SEP 7 0018 - Arabic vocal; over Spain. Algeria, Saudi Arabia, and Sudan listed.
- 954 unID SEP 6 2352 - Arabic female vocal; over Spain for a bit. Qatar suspected though others are possible.
- 999 unID SEP 6 2352 - Absolutely enormous signal with Koranic chant, momentarily over Spain which was also huge. This occurrence is common and both Saudi Arabia and Morocco have been ID'ed here before, but the SDR-IQ capture wasn't wide enough to grab any parallels. A good case for a full 530-1710 kHz capture SDR with built-in terabyte hard drive.

Pan-American DX

- 670 **MEXICO** XESOS Agua Prieta, Son SEP 14 1120 - Segued XE tunes; canned "Radio Uno" slogan after each; canned ID by man at 1239: "Aquí está Radio Uno - frecuencia 670 kHz - siglas XESOS, transmitiendo desde Calle Internacional y Avenida 5, Local 8-C, Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. Radio Uno - una emisora de grupo Radiofónica ZER" and back to more music and slogans. Good on peaks over / under WSCR. Local KLTT was off the air, but came back on around 1147 UTC. [Wilkins-CO]
- 670 **VENEZUELA** YVLL *R.Rumbos*, Caracas (10°29'N 66°59'W) SEP 2 0403 - Fair with national anthem under very strong Cuban. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 690 **MEXICO** XEMA Fresnillo, Zac SEP 18 1115 - Mexican vocals, ads for business and events in Zacatecas, "La M-A," seeming ad for TV show. New. [Paszkiewicz-WI]
- 740 **MEXICO** XECW *R.Variedades*, Los Mochis, Sin (25°50'N 109°04'W) SEP 14 1220 - Lite vocals and música romántica; "Radio Variedades" jingles; 1230 ID with zap sounds, partially readable: "en XECW Radio Variedades... en el siete cuarenta de su radio..." and into talk segment. Generally fair, over / under others. [Wilkins-CO]
- 750 **CUBA** CMHV *R.Progreso*, Trinidad (21°48'N 79°59'W) SEP 21 0025 - Good, over WSB and presumed YVKS; nostalgia parallel 640 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 760 **MEXICO** XEES Chihuahua, Chih SEP 18 1213 - Tentative with rock music, MDT time checks by gal announcer; ad string at 1215; "Antena AM" slogan at 1218, followed by more music. Decent signal but still overpowered by local KKZN which is basically unnullable here. [Wilkins-CO]
- 770 **COLOMBIA** HJJX RCN Bogotá (04°37'N 74°11'W) SEP 2 0419 - Good with news and jingle in Spanish over WABC. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 770 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Las Mercedes SEP 2 0424 - Good; electronic sounder and announcement of an event on Sunday – under WABC during HJJX fade. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 790 **CUBA** CMAQ *R.Reloj*, Pinar del Río (22°25'N 83°43'W) SEP 2 0442 - Fair under WSKO; usual format of news in Spanish and "RR" in Morse Code. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 820 **CUBA** CMDE *R.Reloj*, Contramaestre (20°18'N 76°15'W) SEP 2 0445 - Fair over / under WNYC; news in Spanish and "RR" in Morse Code. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 870 **CUBA** CMDT *R.Reloj*, Sancti Spíritus (21°56'N 79°26'W) SEP 2 0447 - Fair under WLVP and WWL; news in Spanish and "RR" in Morse Code. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 960 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, Guantanamo SEP 2 0459 - Fair under WELI; news in Spanish and "RR" in Morse Code. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1110 **MEXICO** XEWR Cd. Juárez, Chih SEP 7 1225 - Obscure English oldies; canned ID at 1230:30 "...en Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico, está Ud. escuchando XEWR en el 1110 de amplitud modulada con 500 wats de potencia..." and back to music. Fair and fady. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1560 **MEXICO** XEJPV Cd. Juárez, Chih SEP 16 0159 - Out of upbeat religious music with a full ID by male announcer, giving call, freq, power (1 kW), slogan (Radio Vida), and address (Chapultepec 316, Colonia Cuauhtémoc, Edificio NAFTA Center, Ciudad Juárez); the gravel-voiced Orlando Figueroa program followed at 0200. Good signal on peaks. [Wilkins-CO]

Transpacific DX

- 693 **JAPAN** JOAB NHK2 Tokyo SEP 15 - English language lesson, with man and woman; today's lesson covered Japanese customs and fashions; occasional short quiz. Fair at best on USB, parallel 774 and 747, both of which were good on peaks. A new one here, Japan #4. [Wilkins-CO]
- 747 **JAPAN** JOIB Sapporo SEP 9 1214 - Gal yakking in Japanese parallel 774; could not make much out since signal was in a fade much of the time, although fair on peaks in LSB mode. [Wilkins-CO]
- 774 **JAPAN** JOUB NHK2 Akita (39°43'N 140°07'E) SEP 9 1214 - Noted parallel 747 with Japanese talk by female. Fair on peaks in USB mode. Noted with useable audio nearly every day in September. This is usually the best Japan here. [Wilkins-CO]
- 828 **JAPAN** JOBB Osaka SEP 17 1200 - Time pips to top of the hour, then English language lesson parallel 747 kHz. Occasionally just strong enough to be useable; LSB mode necessary to avoid 830 slop. Trashed by 850 KOA IBOC which came on at 1204. This remains my most distant logging at 6016 miles. [Wilkins-CO]

The Best Is Yet to Come!

Ray Moore observes: Very rare early season opening to Far East this morning, September 20. Substantial, unmistakable Japanese carriers on 747 and 693 DFing 330°. I believe I could have pulled in audio on 747 were it not for IBOC hash from local WWCN on 770 which splatters over 50 kHz both sides. Weaker Japan carriers also noted on 594 and 873 plus weak Far East carrier on 1053 kHz. These were heard 1055 to 1113 UTC. Local sunrise 1115. Based on past experience 774 is the best bet for Japan but not in this location only 4 kHz from WWCN. I wish I had started from the low frequencies up today to see how early these came in. Over 60 years experience chasing foreign MW DX, I have found that the peak seasons for really long range exotic DX occur one to two years after sunspot minima.

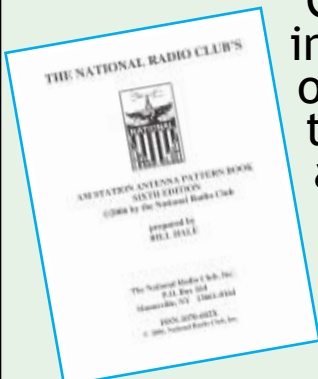
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- Mark Connelly WA1ION Rowley MA; RFSpace SDR-IQ, two verticals at 50-m spacing east-west to phasing unit.
- Bruce Conti, Nashua NH; R8B, WR-30-CMC choke, MWDX-5, 15 x 23-m SuperLoop antennas east and south.
- Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis MA; JRC NRD-525, Mini DXP-3 phasing unit, noise-reduced broadband loop, vertical, and longwire.
- Ray Moore, Ft. Myers FL; homebrew receiver, 23-inch spiral loop.
- Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc WI; Sony 2010 and Select-a-Tenna.
- Jim Renfrew, Holley NY; Drake R8B, longwires.
- John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO; Drake R-8, 100-ft box loop, 100-ft random wire.

73 and Good DX!

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KQMS 1400 kHz Redding, CA DX Test

Date: Sunday morning (late Saturday night), Dec. 16, 2007. Time: Midnight – 1 a.m. Pacific Time, 0800 – 0900 UTC. 1,000 watts using non-directional antenna pattern. Programming will consist of special voice announcements, Morse code and / or 1,000 Hz tones. Reception reports may be sent to Ms. Erin Myers, News Director, KQMS Radio, 3360 Alta Mesa Dr., Redding, CA 96002. No eQSL service is being offered for this test. Recordings on disk in .mp3 or .wav format will be accepted as proof of reception. NOTE: All requests for verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Our sincere thanks to Ms. Myers and to Chief Engineer Steven Mena for agreeing to conduct this test. Jim Pogue, IRCA/NRC Joint BTC Coordinator.

Update on verifications for KEVA 1240 kHz Evanston, WY DX Test

On Sept. 11, 2007, I had a very cordial and informative telephone conversation with Michael Richard, organizer of the Oct. 22, 2006 DX Test from KEVA. He apologized profusely for the delay in answering reception reports, and explained that a very busy schedule and the demands of running his own business have left him very little free time. Added to this, his file of reception reports went missing during a studio move at KEVA some time ago.

All that said, he is still interested in providing verifications to DXers who heard the test. He promised if listeners will e-mail him, he will verify all correct reports as soon as possible. Although he said he would go on the "honor" system, I think all DXers worth their salt should resubmit their original reports and / or audio files to Michael. The e-mail address for reports is as before: michaelj@vcn.com

The bottom line: resend, and be patient a little longer and the QSLs will arrive. Thanks again to Michael for the great test, and for his patience in dealing with those of us whose hearts still beat a little faster when we check our mailboxes.

From the Publisher ... Not much DX in this issue of DXN (and quite a lot of lament on the listserv concerning IBOC interference, but 6 tests already? Good job, Jim, et al!

Fred Vobbe passed on this info: "Sent to me by the CE of WSPD-1370 in Toledo, Bill Rossini: You might find this interesting: <http://ftp.media.radcity.net/zmst/HDAMlist.pdf>."

"Was surprised and please to receive a rather undeserved award from Boise – Wish I could do more for the club. The Plaque is hanging in my liv-

ing room in a prominent place. Again My Thanks to all concerned for the award." - Excerpt from a letter to Wayne Heinen from Stan Morss regarding the 2007 Boise Plaque.

Scanner volunteer ... From Wayne Heinen: "David Lines has graciously volunteered to scan the NRC's reprints. We'd like to thanks David and look forward to the results." Ginnie Lupi has also volunteered to scan for the NRC; exact assignment TBA!

IBOC Listening Tips ... via Barry McLarnon (From the NRC listserv) "Since digital interference is very noise-like, it can be difficult to pick out at times. In order to distinguish IBOC digital signals from other sources of noise, I strongly urge the use of SSB mode reception as a tool.

"If you're not sure whether a given station is running IBOC, try tuning it in SSB mode rather than AM mode. You should hear a low frequency "rumbling" or "burbling" in the audio, especially during quiet pauses in the program. Obviously, this is just a diagnostic tool, not a basis for complaint to the station about their lousy audio quality! However, if they also sound lousy in AM mode, that's a different story...

"If you're trying to determine whether noise on a channel is due to an IBOC sideband from a 1st adjacent station, again, use SSB mode. If it's IBOC, there will be a distinct difference in noise level when you flip between LSB and USB mode (unless you're unlucky enough to be getting roughly equal levels of IBOC from both 1st adjacents). The source of the IBOC noise is on the *opposite* side from the sideband that gives the higher noise level. For example, if you're tuned to 1110 and get more noise on USB than LSB, then the source of the noise is likely to be a station on 1100.

"Again, I'm not advocating SSB mode reception as a basis for listener complaints, but simply as a tool to help you determine whether it's really IBOC you're hearing and, if so, what the source is."

Welcome to these new members ... F. L. Kincaid, Midland, MI; John H. van Praag, Mission Hills, CA; Patrick Roberson, Vancouver, WA; Forest Osborn, Hooker, OK; Michael Pote, Indianapolis, IN (rejoins); Ron Kida, Bergenfield, NJ; Robert Dimmick, Walnutport, PA; Jonathan Watson, Lampasas, TX; Zyygmunt Skrobanski, Roswell, GA (rejoins); James Gibney, Mount Sinai, NY; Brian Penney, Fishkill, Ny; Gayln Tue Hall, Story City, IA; Pat Doak; Huron, SD; Jerry J. Thornton, Knightdale, NC; Marcus Barboni, Norristown, PA; Chris Knight, Ft. Lupton, CO (rejoins); Mika Mäkeläinen, McLean, VA.

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