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*From the Publisher ...* We're packing and getting ready for the NRC Convention in Pittsburgh, August 29-31. Will we see you there? Will I have to indulge in some smack-down bidding on mugs?

John Malicky says that the KDKA tour just isn't going to happen, because of construction at the station, but that the Channel 11 (WPXI) tour is still planned to start at 2:30 Friday; check with John when you arrive for the exact time and place to gather for departure to the tour.

*DXChange ...* Harry Schools - 2511 South 20th St., Third Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19145-4205 is looking for complete years sets of *DX News* and

*DX Monitor*; he'll play a fair price and shipping. No specific dates mentioned; contact Harry for details.

*Unfilled positions ...* We're still in need of volunteers for the following positions: a DXN publisher, ASAP; a DDXD-West editor by January 1 or so; replacement editors for languished columns ("The Answerman", "Memory Dredging", "College Sports"), and one or more persons to edit future NRC publications developed by contributors or the club.

### DX Time Machine

*From the pages of DX News*

50 years ago ... (Oops! Somehow I've misplaced Kermit Geary's files for this column. I'll keep looking for them ...)

25 years ago ... from the August 29, 1983 DXN: Gene Martin, Denver, CO, suggested that eastern DX'ers who wanted to hear something from down under to monitor 1476, 1566, and 1575 at the appropriate hours, noting that small Anzac stations come to Denver just before dawn on summer mornings and might go further east during early fall.

10 years ago ... from the August 17, 1998 DXN: Musing editor Dave Schmidt noted that he was now located in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area "with a real engineering type job".

### DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 76

Deadline Publ Date		Deadline Publ Date			
1.	Sept. 19	Sept. 29	16.	Jan. 9	Jan. 19
2.	Sept. 26	Oct. 6	17.	Jan. 16	Jan. 26
3.	Oct. 3	Oct. 13	18.	Jan. 23	Feb. 2
4.	Oct. 10	Oct. 20	19.	Jan. 30	Feb. 9
5.	Oct. 17	Oct. 27	20.	Feb. 6	Feb. 16
6.	Oct. 24	Nov. 3	21.	Feb. 13	Feb. 23
7.	Oct. 31	Nov. 10	22.	Feb. 20	Mar. 2
8.	Nov. 7	Nov. 17	23.	Feb. 27	Mar. 9
9.	Nov. 14	Nov. 24	24.	Mar. 6	Mar. 16
10.	Nov. 21	Dec. 1	25.	Mar. 20	Mar. 30
11.	Nov. 28	Dec. 8	26.	Apr. 3	Apr. 13
12.	Dec. 5	Dec. 15	27.	May. 1	May 11
13.	Dec. 12	Dec. 22	28.	June 5	June 15
14.	Dec. 26	Jan. 5	29.	July 10	July 20
15.	Jan. 2	Jan. 12	30.	Aug. 7	Aug. 17

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# 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>	
620	KIPA	HI	Hilo	KHNU	(along with its repeaters at Kalaoa and Naalehu)
630	WDGY	MN	St. Paul	WREY	
670	KBTB	NV	Las Vegas	KMZQ	
740	WMIN	WI	Hudson	WDGY	
740	CHWO	ON	Toronto	CFZM	
880	NEW	FL	Sweetwater	WZAB	
890	WEEZ	MS	Laurel	WHJA	
970	WWDJ	NJ	Hackensack	WTTT	[but wait . . .]
970	WTTT	NJ	Hackensack	WNYM	
1100	KQNM	NM	Milan	KKJY	
1150	WTTT	MA	Boston	WWDJ	
1340	NEW	OR	Bend	KBNW	
1400	NEW	GA	Clayton	WNGA	
1400	WEEY	NH	Hanover	WTSL	
1550	KKJY	NM	Albuquerque	KQNM	



## CPs ON THE AIR

660	KGDP	CA	Oildale - CP for U4 8000/6000 is on, as the City-of-License moves from Orcutt.
900	WUAM	NY	Watervliet - CP for U1 400/70, moving from Saratoga Springs.
980	WHAW	WV	Weston - CP for U1 25000/47.
1100	WZFG	MN	Dillworth - CP for U6 50000/440 CH 22000 is on, IDing as AM 1100 The Flag. Format is talk, with Fox News. The 2-tower array generates CH and night patterns identical in shape (kidney-shaped headed northwest), only different sizes.
1110	KJSA	TX	Mineral Wells - CP for D3 20000/0 from a new 4-tower array at N32-48-14 W97-46-45. The principal pattern shoots east-north eastward.
1230	KSIX	TX	Corpus Christi - CP for U1 720/720
1270	KRVT	OK	Claremore - CP for U4 5000/1000 is on the air. The new day pattern is a figure-8 headed northeast and southwest with small lobes 90-degrees off the major lobes.
1420	KMHS	OR	Coos Bay - CP for U1 1000/41 is on the air.
1430	KMRB	CA	San Gabriel - CP for U4 50000/9800. The new day pattern heads southwest, while the new night pattern basically heads west.
1460	WZNZ	FL	Jacksonville - CP for U2 15000/5000.
1690	CJLO	QC	Montreal - CP for U1 1000/1000 at N45-26-51 73-37-57. When heard they playing metal, punk, alternative and some goth. No telling what you will hear.

## ACTIONS

680	KKGR	MT	East Helena - CP granted to rebroadcast KKGR on K228EN-93.5 MHz.
720	WVUV	AS	Leone - CP granted to move here (from 648 kHz) with U1 5000/2000 from a new tower location of S14-20-23 W170-46-21. The change in frequency was brought about by American cars on the island having 10 kHz spacing on their digital radios.
1100	WISS	WI	Berlin - Licensed for D1 1000/0, WISS was issued a CP for D4 2500/0 CH 1600. They then applied to upgrade their daytime facilities to 14 kW which, at first, appeared to be denied. Now the FCC has accepted the upgrade application, and it is now being considered. In the meantime, WISS is operating under an STA with D1 500/0.
1240	KSON	CA	San Diego - CP granted for U1 545/545 from the KURS-1040 tower at N32-38-08 W116-58-33.

1300	WGDJ	NY	Rensselaer - CP granted for U4 10000/8000. [state correction from last issue]
1330	KGAK	NM	Gallup - CP granted for an STA of U1 5000/250. The application states: "Directional operation is not possible at this time due to vandalism damage at tower number 2. Non-directional operation at 0.250 kw from tower 1 is requested." KGAK's normal operation is U2 5000/1000.
1340	WNBS	KY	Murray - CP granted for U1 800/800 from a new tower at N36-38-0 W88-19-10.
1480	KLVL	TX	Pasadena - CP granted for U5 5000/500, increasing their daytime power.
1510	KPIG	CA	Piedmont - CP granted to increase nighttime power as U4 8000/2400.
1510	KGA	WA	Spokane - CP granted to reduce nighttime power as U4 50000/15000.
1580	WPGY	GA	Ellijay - CP granted for D1 500/0, moving from 1560 kHz.

#### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

960	WSVU	FL	North Palm Beach - Requests amendment to their CP for U4 1200/1400 to read U4 2500/1400.
1140	KLTK	AR	Centerton - KLTK has a CP to relocate from Southwest City, Missouri with D1 1000/0. This amendment requests D1 700/0.
1150	KXMG	OR	Portland - Licensed for U4 5000/47, KXMG has a CP for U4 10000/63. This amendment requests U1 5000/10.
1520	NEW	GA	Savannah - This new, yet unbuilt, station has a CP for U4 50000/700. This amendment requests U7 50000/780 CH 15000 along with a change in City-of-License to Thunderbolt, Georgia.

#### GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

900	NEW	OR	Bend - CP granted for U4 50000/2400 from three towers (using all 3 all hours) at 44-01-51 W121-06-39. Both patterns are directed to the west-southwest.
1030	NEW	AL	Maxwell AFB - CP granted for U4 35000/1000 from six towers at N32-26-07 W86-11-57. The day pattern shoots equal amounts of power toward the southeast and west-north-west, while the night pattern sends a slender lobe toward the southwest. Maxwell AFB is at Montgomery.
1170	NEW	GU	Agana - CP granted for U1 250/250 at N13-27-24 W144-40-20.
1490	NEW	CA	Susanville - CP granted for U1 1000/970 at N40-26-36 W120-38-37.

#### APPLICATIONS

590	WDWD	GA	Atlanta - Applies for U4 12000/3400.
780	WAVA	VA	Arlington- Applies for an STA of D1 2500/0.
790	CFCW	AB	Camrose - Applies for U4 50000/40000 and move to 840 kHz, made possible by the pending moves of CKKY-840 and CKBA-850 to FM. As before, most of the day and night signals would be directed in broad lobes to the north in order to serve Edmonton. At night, the co-channel interference from KGHL-790 Billings, Montana and KJRB-790 Spokane, Washington is a real problem for CFCW over most of Alberta. All three stations are owned by Newcap.
830	CKKY	AB	Wainwright - Applies to move to 101.9 MHz on the FM band with 100 kw at 163.4 metres.
870	KPRM	MN	Park Rapids - Applies for U2 50000/1000.
910	WGTO	MI	Cassopolis - Applies for U4 5700/35.
910	KTRO	WA	Vancouver - Applies for U4 2200/3500 from a new three-tower (2-days/3-nights) site at N45-33-30/W122-28-57, which is 'adjacent' to the KFXX-1080 site. (see KFXX item)
1010	WFGW	NC	Black Mountain - Applies for U7 47000/90 CH 47000.
1040	WPBS	GA	Conyers - Applies for U4 50000/5500.
1080	KFXX	OR	Portland - Applies for U4 50000/8700 from a new three-tower (2-days/3-nights) site at N45-33-30/W122-28-57. The applications for 910 in Vancouver and 1080 in Portland mention that the tower sites are 'adjacent' to the other, and do not state they plan to share the towers. Yet, the coordinates are identical. KFXX's application states they will tear down their three current towers when the three new structures are completed.
1340	WIRY	NY	Plattsburgh - Applies to relocate to a new tower site at N44-40-12 W73-26-41 using an 85-foot Valcom antenna.

1600 WMCW IL **Harvard** - As a result of the recent power increase for WONX and the fact that the licensee has recently taken WMCW off the air, the owner has now **petitioned the FCC to cancel WMCW's license.**

#### AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

1190 WSDE NY **Cobleskill** - Licensed for D1 1000/0, WSDE applied for U1 1000/20 CH 1000. This amendment requests U1 1000/20, dropping the CH designation.

1450 NEW MS **Flowood** - This application started out in 2004 as a request for U1 1000/1000. It was later changed, moving the CoL to Jackson (Flowood is a Jackson suburb) to a new tower location. The latest amendment requests U4 5000/300, moving to 1440 kHz, from five new towers, once again with Jackson as the City-of-License. [additional data from last month]

1600 WMCW IL **Harvard** - The saga continues, as the owner has silenced this station with the hopes of moving the license to Weston, Wisconsin. Previous applications at Weston called for CH operation, which now has been dropped. The latest application is for D3 35000/0.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

700 NEW NM **Peralta** - Applies for U2 430/220. Peralta is on I-15 about 15 miles south of Albuquerque.

1090 NEW UT **Providence** - Applies for U12 5000/250 CH 5000. [U12 = DA nights only]

1340 NEW AR **Bethel Heights** - Applies for U1 1000/1000. Bethel Heights is about 10 miles north of Fayetteville on I-640.

1370 NEW FL **Heflin** - Applies for U2 250/250.

1430 NEW MI **Marquette** - Applies for U2 50000/2000.

1500 NEW FL **Palm Springs** - Applies for U4 5000/250.

#### MOVING TO FM

1070 CHOK ON **Sarnia** - On Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 7:10 AM, *Country 103.9 FM* launched, meaning **CHOK-1070 has up to 90 days** of life remaining.

#### CPs or APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

540 WXNH NH **Jaffrey** - New station, not yet on the air, has a **CP for U4 250/330**. They applied for a modification to U4 220/430, which has been denied.

990 WRFM IN **Muncie** - Application to move to 1030 at Princeton, Indiana with D3 350/0.

1010 WCST WV **Berkeley Springs** - CP for U1 267/17, leaving them with an application for U1 270/17.

1150 WGEA AL **Geneva** - CP for U1 1400/35, undoubtedly due to inaction in upgrading the station.

1450 NEW CA **Catalina** - Applies for U1 500/500.

#### HEAR AND THAR

□ Returning to the airwaves: **WASG-550 Atmore, Alabama** with religion; **WSEV-930 Sevierville, Tennessee**; **WOAP-1080 Owosso, Michigan** with religion // **WCAR**; **WZFG-1100 Dilworth, Minnesota**; **KETX-1440 Livingston, Texas** with country // **KETX-FM**; **WKFO-1600 Corbin, Kentucky** with talk;

□ But reported as OFF the AIR: **WCTN-950 Potomac-Cabin John, Maryland** per a report in DCRTV. "The 'transmitter blew up' the week of 7/20; **WDLM-960 East Moline, Illinois**; **WIXE-1190 Monroe, North Carolina**; **WMJQ-1240 Cross City, Florida**; **KRBI-1310 St. Peter, Minnesota**; **KOLE-1340 Port Arthur, Texas**; **WSYA-1490 Anniston, Alabama**; **KWUD-1490 Woodville, Texas**; **WTTN-1580 Watertown, Wisconsin** noted off the air on 8/5. The station has a construction permit to move to Columbus, but it's unknown if this silence is related to the CP.

□ Reconstruction of KFI's fallen tower began Monday with the move-on of equipment and tower hardware, according to a report by Dino at k6rix that was included in the Robert Gonssett Report. The original replacement tower fell during construction on March 18, 2008 when an elevated guy anchor gave way. "Tower sections are being assembled as additional hardware arrives this week," reports Dino. "A complete redesign of the north/east elevated guy anchor [point of failure on March 18, 2008] has been employed and stacking of tower sections should begin by the end of the week. The tower, when constructed, will be 684' tall with a 50' diameter top hat for capacitive loading

(to make the tower think it is a bit taller electrically). This new tower replaces the original 750' tall tower that was destroyed in 2004 when a light aircraft crashed into it." Check out Dino's Web site at: <http://www.k6rix.com/kfi.html>.

☐ **FINES: \$9000 to KLCN-910 Blytheville, Arkansas** for public file violations; \$14,400 to East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, licensee **KBRH-1260** (and **WBRH-FM**) **Baton Rouge, Louisiana** for willful and repeated violation of Section 73.3537 of the Commission's Rules by failing to properly maintain a public file for each station; \$1500 to **WAMV-1420 Amherst, Virginia** for filing their renewal application late; \$4800 to **WILA-1580 Danville, Virginia** for failure to file for renewal in a timely manner and subsequent unlawful operation.

☐ **KONP-1450 Port Angeles** now 'translates' on K271AZ-102.1, with a number of Victoria, British Columbia listeners reporting good reception of the 70 Watt station across the Strait of Juan de Fuca. That span is 30+ miles.

☐ **Radio Netherlands Needs Your Help** — Radio Netherlands Worldwide is creating a digital Historical Audio Archive of the Dutch foreign-service broadcaster's output. According to a post on the RNW "Media Network" blog, RNW is looking for copies of programs from the 1940s and 1950s distributed in North America on 16-inch discs by the Netherlands Information Bureau in New York. The discs were produced in the United States and/or Canada, and few made their way back to the archives. RNW hopes to find copies of the discs so that they can be digitized and preserved. If any of these discs are gathering dust in a record library, RNW hopes the owners will contact the Historical Audio Archive project. Internet-connected? Go to: <http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/a-plea-for-help-with-our-historical-audio-archive>

☐ Thanks to **David Alpert, Shawn Axelrod, Wayne Heinen, Deane McIntyre, Kenneth S. Onyschuck, Dave Schmidt, Jerry Starr.**

## *Committee Announces New Ultralight*

### *MW DXing Awards Program*

By John Bryant

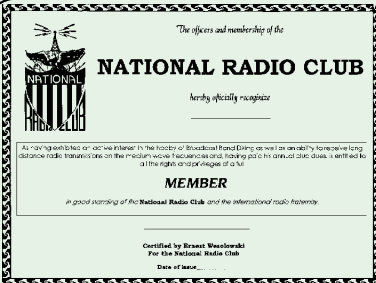
The Ultralight DXing Awards Committee is pleased to announce a new and on-going Awards Program for the Ultralight MW DXing Community. The Program is unique in several respects; first, it is the only Awards Program that is restricted to MW DXing accomplishments achieved with commonly available, inexpensive, entertainment-grade "Ultralight" pocket radios. Secondly, the program is totally web-based. Applications for awards are accepted by e-mail only and award certificates that are suitable for framing are distributed to the recipients as printable digital image files. Thirdly, these certificates feature digitally re-mastered images of some of the most remarkable radio art from the first decade of broadcast radio.

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A complete description of the Ultralight DX Awards Program is available for download from the Ultralight Files area at [www.dxr.ca](http://www.dxr.ca) or directly from Rob Ross of the Awards Committee at [va3sw@rogers.com](mailto:va3sw@rogers.com)

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The Ultralight DX Awards Committee: Gary Debock, Rob Ross and John Bryant



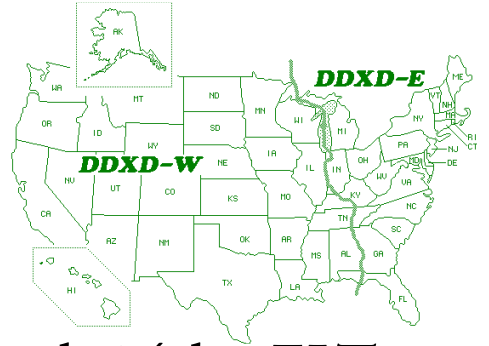
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## DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- ▲ It is hard to believe that another volume of *DX News* comes to an end with this issue! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the great DXers who continue to support DDXD-West through their loggings and station news, and through their e-mails and letters of encouragement. I am also informing the membership that I will be giving up my editorship early next year, with my last column appearing in *DXN* #76-15, publication date 1/12/09. It has been a great last four years, but it is time to move on and give others a chance. I hope that there is great interest in taking over this column, and look forward to working with the next editor to make the transition a smooth one. In the meantime, please keep those loggings coming in.
- ▲ **John Wilkins** checks in with another of his periodic reports on the HD radio scene in the IBOC-saturated Denver market. Says John in an 8/6 e-mail: "Local IBOCs continue to be on again, off again (mostly on). KKFN 950's IBOC has been off for several days; KDDZ 1690 seems to be running IBOC days only; KEPN 1600's IBOC is off most of the time; KOA 850's IBOC is back on after being off for many weeks. KPOF 910 and KLTT 670 are the only local stations whose IBOCs I have never noted off. All of this could change by the next issue." Indeed it could, John, indeed it could!
- ▲ We have a l-o-n-g six-week interval between the last issue of Volume 75 and the first issue of Volume 76. Right in the middle of this *DXN* downtime is the long-anticipated 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary NRC convention in Pittsburgh, 8/29 through 8/31. I will be there (wouldn't miss it!) and look forward to getting together with many of you. See you then! **73 Bill**

### Reporters

DBJ-TN	<b>David B. Jones, Nashville.</b> Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.
DP-HI	<b>Dale Park, Honolulu.</b> Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop (plus the Honda car radio).
EW-NE	<b>Ernie Wesolowski, Omaha.</b> Station news.
FA-OR	<b>Frank Aden N7SOK, DXing in Eugene.</b> Ford Windstar radio.
GH-IL	<b>Greg Harris, Park Forest.</b> Icom R75 with Quantum loop or hula hoop loop.
JW-CO	<b>John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge.</b> Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
RA-NV	<b>René Auvray, DXing in Primm.</b> 200 Chevrolet Cobalt car radio.
SA-MB	<b>Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg.</b> ICOM IC-R70, Drake R8, 4 foot unamplified box loop, Quantum loop, 155 foot outdoor wire, 100 foot indoor wire, MFJ 1026 phasing unit.
SP-WI	<b>Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc.</b> Grundig Satellit 800 with wire clipped to whip.
Ed.-WI	<b>Your editor, Madison.</b>

### Station News

- 620 KIPA HI Hilo.** Added Kim Komando per show 6/28, though hard to confirm since the station had been off the air since April! However, station was noted while in the car in East Honolulu back on after three months at 7/11 2024 ELT with Big Island ads, "Lava 1-Oh-5-Point-3 weather" (volcano eruption haze as usual), outro "Let's get back to the greatest hits of all time on Lava 1-Oh-5-Point-3," BTO's "You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet" and other hits from the mid-60s to early-80s." Later heard 7/18 1559 with ad for document shredding service, liner "The All New 62... 'The Sean Hannity Show' next on the All New 62...," delayed ABC news. Per phone call to GM 7/23, station has been testing with 250 watts power (electricity is very expensive on the Big Island) with talk format weekdays and relays of KBGX-FM "Lava 105.3" oldies weekends but will officially launch with talk "sometime next week." He says all three towers (the main one in Hilo and the two synchronous ones on the West Side) are being used and will broadcast with 10 kW. He was surprised the station

was being heard in the daytime in East Honolulu (albeit only when I'm on the road in certain locations where it's not battered by images, and not at the home QTH) but said the night skywave propagation prevents it from being heard here at night. I mentioned hearing only XESS Tijuana at night. **(DP-HI)**

- 620 KHNU HI **Hilo.** New calls, ex-KIPA (above). Finally heard with new identity 7/27 1959 ELT after "America's Business" and Alert USA ad, "...The All New 62. You're listening to the Talk of Hawaii, KHNU Hilo-Kona," into ABC news. **(DP-HI)** (According to the FCC database, this call change became official on 7/30. **Ed.-WI)**
- 680 WSMB TN **Memphis.** Per *Memphis Business Journal*, station is exchanging affiliations with rival KQPN 730, switching from Fox Sports Radio to ESPN 8/4, using the slogan "ESPN 6-80 AM Sports Radio Memphis." Station airs ESPN 24/7 except when carrying University of Tennessee sports and coach's shows, and Saint Louis Cardinals baseball. **(DP-HI)**
- 690 WIST LA **New Orleans.** Adds Phil Hendrie per Radio-Info.com 7/15. **(DP-HI)**
- 710 KIRO WA **Seattle.** Per *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, station will be relayed on KBSG-FM 97.3 beginning 8/12, displacing the FM station's classic hits format. Both stations are airing Seahawks football this season. KIRO AM recently got back the rights to Mariners baseball. **(DP-HI)** (According to the FCC database, KBSG changed calls to KIRO-FM on 8/1, a move that makes sense given the above. **Ed.-WI)**
- 730 KQPN AR **West Memphis.** Per *Memphis Business Journal*, station is exchanging affiliations with rival WSMB 680, switching from ESPN to FSR 8/5, using the slogan "7-30 AM Fox Sports Radio." **(DP-HI)**
- 790 KJRB WA **Spokane.** Adds Phil Hendrie per Radio-Info.com 7/15. **(DP-HI)**
- 840 KXNT NV **North Las Vegas.** Per Radio-Info.com, station replaces Dr. Laura with Dave Ramsey weeknights 2207-0100. **(DP-HI)**
- 960 WDLM IL **East Moline.** Per DX-midAMerica via Northpine.com, station is now silent. **(DP-HI)**
- 1010 WPPI MN **Sauk Rapids.** This new station not yet on air began testing its new facilities on 7/11 and has been doing so intermittently since, according to the website of M.W Persons and Associates, the firm that has been building the station's technical facilities. A very nice page with photos of the new site and a narrative of the process can be found at <http://www.mwpersons.com/stations/wppi.html>. Thanks go to **Doug Smith** for posting this info on the NRC listserv. **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1110 WMBI IL **Chicago.** Per Radio-Info.com and station website, WMBI has dropped the magazine/music format and is now strictly Protestant talk/teaching. On Saturdays station goes all SS as "Radio Esperanza." **(DP-HI)**
- 1140 KSOO SD **Sioux Falls.** Per Northpine.com, as of 8/3 station is now simulcasting on the new KSOO-FM 99.1, Cumulus Media's eighth station in the market. **(DP-HI)** (The City of License for KSOO-FM is Lennox SD. **Ed.-WI)**
- 1150 KNRV CO **Englewood.** Per *Denver Business Journal*, station dropped local news and sports 7/31 and switched to Radio Formula Satellite Network. In the last rating period KNRV was tied for 27th out of 29 stations in AQH shares, targeting Latinos ages 35-64. **(DP-HI)** (I have seen reports that this station is up for sale and currently silent. However, **John Wilkins** tells me that it is still on air, as he heard it on both 8/6 and 8/7. **Ed.-WI)**
- 1190 KNUV AZ **Tolleson.** Per *Arizona Republic* and Radio-Info.com, station went silent 7/31 and is for sale. Associated Press said station investors "decided to pull the plug" in light of advertising budget cuts. **(DP-HI)**
- 1240 WPBQ MS **Flowood.** Per Radio-Info.com, the sports station adds Michael Savage after being dropped by the SuperTalk Mississippi station group. **(DP-HI)**
- 1260 KGIL CA **Beverly Hills.** Per Radio-Info.com, station adds Lars Larson weekdays 1806-2100, bumping Michael Savage to 0106-0300. **(DP-HI)**
- 1310 KRBI MN **Saint Peter.** Per DX-midAMerica via Northpine.com, station is now temporarily silent due to change in ownership. **(DP-HI)**
- 1340 WAML MS **Laurel.** Per Radio-Info.com, station dropped the gospel format it had for over 20 years for sports. **(DP-HI)**
- 1340 KAND TX **Corsicana.** Per Premiere Radio Networks news release, station adds FSR

7/14, airing weekdays 2200-0500 "in addition to various times on weekends."  
(DP-HI)

- 1380 KRKO WA **Everett.** Per *Everett Herald*, station finally erected its four new towers in mid-July, for its power increase to 34 kw days/50 kw nights (see "Station News" DDXD-W #75-28 for a previous item by Dale about this **Ed.-WI**). Station owner is awaiting approval for two more towers for a proposed station on 1520. (DP-HI)
- 1400 KIHG CA **Eureka.** Per *Eureka Reporter*, station signed on 7/26 with Immaculate Heart Roman Catholic format. No mention of any local programming. The network website does recommend CCrane products, though. (DP-HI) (Sure does-- see <http://www.ihradio.org/page/CCraneCo> for the pitch. **Ed.-WI**)
- 1420 KKEA HI **Honolulu.** Per spokesman, station dropped Premiere Radio Network's "Costas on The Radio" Sundays and replaced it with the ESPN Radio feed. (DP-HI)
- 1480 WQOH AL **Irondale.** Per *Birmingham News*, station signed on 7/24 with Catholic programming from EWTN in nearby Vandiver. Slogan is "Queen of Heaven Radio." (DP-HI)
- 1550 WLOR AL **Huntsville.** This station has undergone a format change, as reported by **J.D. Stephens** on the IRCA list. Station is now oldies "Huntsville's True Oldies Station," ex-R&B "Jammin' 1550." (Ed.-WI)
- 1560 KVAN WA **Burbank.** Has changed to a smooth jazz format / / FM station KUJJ "Smooth Jazz 101.9" Weston, Oregon. Thanks to **Patrick Martin** who first pointed this out in an 8/1 post to the NRC list, and who on 8/6 confirmed for me that this arrangement was still in effect. (Ed.-WI)
- 1600 KPNP MN **Watertown.** Heard in Omaha around SS and SR many times. Asian programming. No ID heard. A Minnesota DXer told me he has never heard an ID and when he calls the station "nobody speaks EE." (EW-NE) (The language is Hmong. **John Rieger** has also observed, in a 12/7/07 logging of this station, that he had never heard a legal ID in EE despite listening on many occasions-- see DDXD-W #75-13. I haven't either, but the musical programming is very distinct, unlike any I've ever heard. **Ed.-WI**)

Presumed, Tentative, UnID

- 1180 UNID 6/30 2344-2345. Heard a Carly Simon song (must be an oldies station). ID never heard; fighting through interference. Any guesses? (RA-NV)

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 600 CKAT ON **North Bay.** 7/18 2335. C&W, "K Country CKAT" ID. Booming in-- no WMT. (SP-WI)
- 600 KOGO CA **San Diego.** 7/19 0702. Fox News Radio seven seconds behind KHVH 830; at 0704 mention of website, liner "...AM 600, San Diego's news and talk station," woman with local weather and traffic, station promo; Talking Heads' "Once In A Lifetime" and back to "Coast to Coast AM." Fair; surprisingly slight KSSK 590 QRM. (DP-HI)
- 710 KSPN CA **Los Angeles.** 6/30 2350. Recognized programming and call ID. Very little from KDWN 720-- IBOC HD turned off. Good strength through QRM. Very rare; first time here. (RA-NV)
- 740 KVFC CO **Cortez.** 7/14 0705. Out of PSA with dual ID at 0706: "Shawn Allen weekday afternoons from 4 to 7 on NewsTalk 1390 KENN and 740 KVFC." Fair in QRM. (JW-CO)
- 740 CFZM ON **Toronto.** 7/26 2240. Fair signals under KVOX. Big band music, "AM 740" IDs. New call sign. (SA-MB)
- 790 KABC CA **Los Angeles.** 6/30 2348. Carrying L.A. Dodgers baseball with a credit report ad. No sign of local KBET. Coming through QRM. (RA-NV)
- 910 WGTO MI **Cassopolis.** 7/12 0215. "WGTO, (missed) county's number one station" by a male announcer. Fair, much QRN. (GH-IL)
- 940 KIXZ TX **Amarillo.** 8/2 0659. Legal ID, Fox news. Fair in QRM. Local KKFN 950's IBOC was turned off for the first time in recent memory. (JW-CO)
- 940 CJGX SK **Yorkton.** 8/2 0659. Rare full ID from this station: "CJGX AM Stereo Yorkton, serving Saskatchewan..." then covered by KIXZ. (JW-CO)
- 960 KOVO UT **Provo.** 8/6 0800. Mexican pop music; dual legal ID at 0802: "KXOL Brigham City, KOVO Provo, Utah, K225AP Provo, Utah, 1670, 960, 92.9-- La Favorita";



- faded shortly afterward in the middle of a Spanish ad. **(JW-CO)**
- 980 KFWB CA Los Angeles. 6/30 2349. Foothill Transit ad; "KFWB newstime is 8:49." Signal strength decent; normally weak. **(RA-NV)**
- 1090 WCZZ SC Greenwood. 7/11 0400. Now on 24 hours relaying Sporting News Radio. ID as "All new AM 1090 Sporting News Radio." **(DBJ-TN)** (FCC database shows them as a daytimer only, with not even an application for nighttime facilities. **Ed.-WI)**
- 1240 WTAX IL Springfield. 7/11 0814. "Newstalk 1240 WTAX" and Illinois government news item. In WSBC null. Fair. **(GH-IL)**
- 1250 KPZK AR Little Rock. 7/24 0210. "This is 102.5 (missed)" by a female announcer. Briefly peaked over the babble. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 1270 WSHE GA Columbus. 7/13 0400. Gospel music station, ID "AM 1270, music you can listen to." **(DBJ-TN)**
- 1300 KCSF CO Colorado Springs. 8/5 0759. Legal ID at 0759:50: "...Imus in the Morning and Colorado Country Classics all day. This is KCSF AM Colorado Springs, KCSF-HD1 Colorado Springs. K-C-S 1300"; two '70s Country songs ensued, followed by Imus at 0806. Fair with fading. Ex-KKML. **(JW-CO)**
- 1310 WDXI TN Jackson. 7/26 2300. "Your home for Cardinals baseball, 1310 WDXI Jackson" by a male announcer. Briefly strong then faded. **(GH-IL)**
- 1330 KWLO IA Waterloo. 7/29 0600. "This is (missed) 1330 KWLO" by a male announcer. Fair amid QRM. **(GH-IL)**
- 1340 WBBL MI Grand Rapids. 7/24 0213. "WBBL has insisted we..." by male announcers. No trace of WJOL. Weak. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 1350 KDZA CO Pueblo. 8/7 0807. Oldies music; male announcer with call letter ID and MDT time check; a couple of ads were followed by a jingle and more music at 0812. Somewhat readable through KCFR 1340's IBOC. Ex-KGHF. The KDZA calls were used years ago by the Pueblo station on 1230. **(JW-CO)**
- 1400 WDWS IL Champaign. 7/11 0806. Champaign County news items by a female announcer. Fair. **(GH-IL)**
- 1400 WGIL IL Galesburg. 7/15 0712. "WGIL Forecast...." by a male announcer. Fair with WDWS. **(GH-IL)**
- 1430 KMRB CA San Gabriel. 6/30 2353. Broadcasting in Chinese. Extremely weak. Many competing (one may have been KWST). First time in Nevada at night. **(RA-NV)**
- 1560 KLTl MO Macon. 7/20 0600. "1560 KLTl Macon" by a male announcer. Weak, no trace of WQEW. **(GH-IL)**
- 1590 WGBW WI Two Rivers. 8/3 0650. "That's your weather forecast on WGBW Two Rivers." Medium strength. No WAKR. **(GH-IL)**
- 1630 KRND WY Fox Farm. 7/13 2317. SS vocals, "La Grande" ID. **(SP-WI)**
- 1650 KFOX CA Torrance. 6/30 2352. In Korean. Went out suddenly. First time in Nevada at night. **(RA-NV)**
- 1680 KGED CA Fresno. 8/2 0721. Nostalgia music (Perry Como, ABBA); male announcer with "Legends 1680" slogans. Fair with KDDZ 1690's IBOC turned off. **(JW-CO)** (In a 7/15 post on the NRC list, **Patrick Martin** tells us that **Gary Deacon** logged KGED during a recent South Africa DXpedition. KGED's power was 1 kw at the time, and the distance would have had to be somewhere around 10,000 miles. By the way, besides being an accomplished DXer Patrick is the KGED QSL Manager. **Ed.-WI)**
- TIS, HAR, Etc.
- 970 WPDP333 IL Tinley Park. 7/11 0759. Southland visitors bureau TIS with traffic directions and tourist info. Good signal. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 1660 ??? OR Eugene. 7/21. TIS relaying NOAA weather, signs on highway say to listen for road reports. **(FA-OR)**

## DDXD-East

### REPORTERS

- JC-DE John Cereghin, Smyrna – Yaesu FRG7, SRF-59  
 HF-MI Harold Frogge, Midland - R8B + 215' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie  
 KK-VA Kraig Krist, Manassas – NRD-545, homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW

- to SE  
**IEN-GA** **Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville** - 2003 Isuzu Rodeo In-Dash Audio System 4340, Sangean  
 ATS-909 & Select-a-Tenna  
**DP-HI** **Dale Park, Honolulu** – station news  
**MKB-ON** **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig G5, Sony SRF-39FP (included for sake of completeness;  
 I don't have any mid-summer DX to report!)

## STATION NEWS

- 570 WSYR NY Syracuse** - Per Radio-Info.com message board, station has dropped Paul Harvey after his 8/01 broadcasts. **(DP-HI)**
- 730 WLTV SC Charleston** - Per Radio-Info.com, station has gone dark and lost its studios and office space after being sold by Clear Channel. New owner hopes to return in 90 days. **(DP-HI)**
- 970 WNYM NJ Hackensack** - Per *New York Daily News* and Radio-Info.com, Salem Comms.'s WWDJ exchanged callsigns with co-owned 1150 WTTT-MA in July, then switched from Protestant programming to an all-Frank Sinatra format before flipping 8/06 at 0906 EDT to conservative talk "The Apple.". Holdover Dr. Laura is joined by Salem's Bill Bennett, Mike Gallagher, Dennis Prager, Michael Medved and Hugh Hewitt. Also adds Fox News Radio, "Wall Street Journal Morning Report" at 0500-0600 weekdays and Jim Bohannon at 0306-0500 Tue-Sat. Station recently jumped to 50 kW. **(DP-HI)**
- 980 WTEM DC Washington** - Per *Washington Post*, adds ESPN Radio and will relay sports programming onto sister station WXTR-730 and two FMs. They plus WTNT-570 and WWRC-1260 will all carry Washington Redskins football, owned by the station owner Dan Snyder. **(DP-HI)**
- 990 WLEE VA Richmond** - Adds Don Imus 7/21 per Radio-Info.com, airing 0600-0900. Per stn website WLEE relays CNN Headline News for most of the day. Slogan is "News Talk 9-90." **(DP-HI)**
- 1010 WJXL FL Jacksonville Beach** – Per Radio-Info.com and station website, WJXL will simulcast play-by-play and some sports shows on WJSJ-FM 105.3. **(DP-HI)**
- 1060 WIXC FL Melbourne** - Per *Florida TODAY* and Radio-Info.com, switched from ESPN Radio to classic country under an LMA 8/01, ending its partial simulcast of WHOO-1080. Station will still carry some play-by-play and hopes to move operations from Mims to Port Canaveral. Slogan is "Wixie 10-60." **(DP-HI)**
- 1070 WINA VA Charlottesville** - Per Radio-Info.com, replaced Michael Savage with Dave Ramsey in light of the former's comments about autism. **(DP-HI)**
- 1150 WAVO NC Rock Hill** – Per *Charlotte Observer*, switched 7/10 at 1150 EDT from simulcasting Christian WHVN-1240 "Heaven Radio" to adult standards, which used to be on sister station WNMX-FM 106.1. WAVO will air "Don Kennedy's Big Band Jump" Sundays 1200-1400. **(DP-HI)**
- 1190 WIXE NC Monroe** - Per Radio-Info.com, a truck accidentally backed into a guy wire and felled the tower 7/10. Station is still streaming while waiting for a new tower. **(DP-HI)**
- 1220 WDYT NC Kings Mountain** – Per *Charlotte Observer*, replaced its in-house morning show with Dennis Miller. **(DP-HI)**
- 1230 WCMD MD Cumberland** - Per *Cumberland Times-News*, flipped to all-ESPN 8/04 and uses the slogan "ESPN 12-30." Shows focused on local and regional sports "are planned for the near future." **(DP-HI)**
- 1260 WBUD NJ Trenton** - Per *New York Newsday*, station has been sold to a lay Catholic group and will switch from Fox Sports Radio to non-commercial, mostly-EWTN Radio programming. **(DP-HI)**
- 1290 WDZY VA Colonial Heights** - Per Radio-Info.com, this Radio Disney outlet is now broadcasting in IBOC HD. **(DP-HI)**
- 1420 WHK OH Cleveland** - Per *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, replaced Michael Savage with Mark Levin due to the former's comments about autism. Savage will still be heard on nearby WCER-900. **(DP-HI)**
- 1450 WTBO MD Cumberland** - Per *Cumberland Times-News*, station is now oldies weekdays 0600-1500 and FSR the rest of the day. Also airs Fox Newscasts and uses the slogan "Fox Radio 14-50." **(DP-HI)**
- 1480 WCFR VT Springfield** - Per Radio-Info.com, station is now being relayed by translator W293BH-FM 106.5 at night (helpful for broadcasting Red Sox games); normal mother station WGLV-FM 91.7 is simulcasted during the day. **(DP-HI)**

- 1590 WFBR MD **Glen Burnie** - Per DCRTV.com, switching from gospel to brokered-time and is temporarily airing blues and "Soul Oldies" from 7/17. **(DP-HI)**
- 1600 WKFO KY **Stanford** - Per *Corbin Times-Tribune*, station signed on 7/22 stunting with Christmas music but will commence an "information only" format 8/11 at 0530. Station will be known as "Information 1600" and its Operations Mgr says it won't be a talk format. **(DP-HI)**
- WWRL NY **New York** - Adds Phil Hendrie per Radio-Info.com 7/15, airing 0107-0400. Station is also the new home for Ed Schultz. **(DP-HI)**
- 1690 CJLO QC **Montreal** - Per Radio-Info.com message board, Concordia Univ.'s new student station is now testing with tones, but will officially test with music 8/25, and hopes to have a regular sked by the end of the year. Website is [www.cjlo.com/am](http://www.cjlo.com/am). **(DP-HI)**
- LOGGINGS
- 540 WFLF FL **Pine Hills** - 7/29 2302- Fox news, Orlando traffic, WFLA calls, "540 WFLA", heard on the SRF-59. **(JC-DE)**
- 1080 WOAP MI **Owosso** - 7/21 1208 - Relevant Radio; Michigan Catholic Radio; Dual ToH ID, "WCAR 10-90 Detroit & 10-80 WOAP Owosso-Lansing"; only 10-90 IDs at other times; many Detroit area ads/promos; said that Planned Parenthood promoted abortion of black babies; lengthy segment on masturbation (rubbed me the wrong way). Excellent signal. Tuned in to a discussion on sodomy next day. These folks apparently lead interesting lives. **(HF-MI)**
- 1160 WVNJ NJ **Oakland** - 7/25 0700 - heard "...on WVNJ..." ID, mixing with Spanish station. **(JC-DE)**
- 1200 WJES SC **Saluda** - 7/13 1945 - Oldies. Good signal with occasional fades. Dual "AM 1450, AM 1200" ID. **(IEN-GA)**
- 1210 WPHT PA **Philadelphia** - 7/22 0155 - "Coast to Coast AM", 0159 "Twelve ten WPHT" ID by woman into CBS news. **(KK-VA)**
- 1220 WHKW OH **Cleveland** - 7/21 0155 - Religious programming, 0200 ToH ID: "WHKW Cleveland, WHKV Warren, WHKW Cleveland, WHKV Warren, your Christian talk and... station. A service of Salem Communications" into "Friday Edition of Truth For Life". **(KK-VA)**
- 1230 WBPZ PA **Lock Haven** - 7/20 0155 - At least 2 oldie stations mixing with talk, but caught ToH "WBPZ" ID. **(KK-VA)**
- 1250 WDVA VA **Danville** - 7/18 0155 - Gospel mixing with sports talk (probably WEAE), "WDVA Danville, VA" ID by man at 0202. **(KK-VA)**
- 1300 WXRL NY **Lancaster** - 7/22 2345 - good with quick call ID, country/bluegrass music, under WJFK-Baltimore on the SRF-59. **(JC-DE)**
- 1340 WSTV OH **Steubenville** - 7/22 2300 - ESPN sports, IDed along with // WOMP-1290 Bellaire OH. **(JC-DE)**
- 1440 WVEI MA **Worcester** - 7/6 2300 - heard multiple IDs at TOH, lots of mush. **(JC-DE)**
- 1450 WCRS SC **Greenwood** - 7/13 1913 - Oldies. Good signal with occasional fades. "AM 1450, AM 1200", // WJES-1200 above. **(IEN-GA)**
- 1490 WGCH CT **Greenwich** - 7/29 2015 - Red Sox baseball, Greenwich BMW ads and BMW ads for the NYC area, "Red Sox baseball, on WGCH..." **(JC-DE)**
- WARK MD **Hagerstown** - 7/30 0635 - heard "...here on WARK..." and mentions of Hagerstown. **(JC-DE)**
- 1590 WRJS GA **Swainsboro** - 7/13 1848 - Braves baseball mixed with Southern Gospel music. Decent signal with fades. "AM 1590, Rejoice WRJS". **(IEN-GA)**
- WCSL NC **Cherryville** - 7/13 1850 - Southern Gospel music rising over Braves baseball, and a weather forecast. Good signal with fades. "Your Home for Southern Gospel, 1590, WCSL", and "WCSL Weather Center in Cherryville". **(IEN-GA)**
- WLBN KY **Lebanon** - 7/13 2343 - Weather forecast into oldies. Weak, but steady signal above the late night static. "AM 1590, WLBN" ID. **(IEN-GA)**

## Team Effort ...

That's what makes the NRC so great! And all information, contributions, and editing for DX News, DX Audio Service e-DXN, and all publications is done by unpaid volunteers as part of a team. Perhaps you have a little time to give to your club ... if so, please write to John D. Bowker - P. O. Box 5192 - Sun City Center FL 33571-5192, and let him know what talents and time you can offer to the club. Updates to the NRC AM Log are always needed. Why not write to John today?!

# *International DX Digest*

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**Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC**

## Transatlantic DX

- 594 **PORTUGAL** *R.Renascença*, Muge (39°05'N 8°41'W) AUG 5 0400 - Fair in lightning noise; jingle or bumper music and a man in Portuguese. [Conti-NH]
- 675 **NETHERLANDS** *R.Maria*, Lopik (52°01'N 5°03'E) AUG 7 0400 - Poor, sandwiched between WFAN-HD and WRKO interference; religious music. [Conti-NH]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. AUG 7 0400 - Poor in lightning noise; fanfare and BBC ID into news. [Conti-NH]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** *RSR Option Musique*, Sottens (46°39'N 6°44'E) JUL 12 0102 - Good, with chime like music. [Barstow-MA]
- 783 **MAURITANIA** *R.Mauritanie*, Nouakchott (18°07'N 15°57'W) JUL 12 0013 - Fair with talk. [Barstow-MA]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *COPE* synchros AUG 5 0346 - Fair; telephone talk in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 846 unID AUG 5 0345 - Carrier observed on spectrum analyzer display; occasional music over lightning noise, sounded like classical. South Africa? [Conti-NH]
- 855 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros JUL 12 0105 - Good with news. [Barstow-MA] AUG 5 0340 - Good with synchro echo, over an unID het on low side; man and woman in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette (48°41'N 2°14'E) JUL 12 0107 - Good in the clear with American pop tunes at the time. [Barstow-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Virgin Radio* synchros AUG 4 0310 - Fair with loud het from presumed off-frequency Albania on the low side. [Conti-NH]
- 1404 **FRANCE** *France Info* synchros JUL 12 0040 - Fair to good, music and woman and man talking. [Barstow-MA]
- 1422 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Heusweiler (49°21'N 6°55'E) AUG 5 0348 - Good; woman in German parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1485 **MELILLA // SPAIN** *SER* synchros JUL 12 0045 - Assume them as a Spanish speaker heard. In weak. [Barstow-MA]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BKSA* Duba (27°20'N 35°45'E) AUG 4 0040 - Good; man in Arabic. The most reliable transatlantic signal this summer, received on almost any given night. [Conti-NH]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Farda*, Al Dhabiya (24°11'N 54°14'E) AUG 4 0050 - Poor with WQEW-HD nulled out; Mid East pop music. [Conti-NH]
- 1584 **CEUTA** *RadiOlé*, Ceuta (35°53'N 5°17'W) JUL 12 0050 - Good and clear with female singing a rather long emotional song. [Barstow-MA]
- 1602 **SPAIN** *R.Vitoria*, Vitoria JUL 12 0055 - Good with talk. [Barstow-MA]



## Pan-American DX

- 540 **MEXICO** XEWA San Luís Potosí (22°10'N 100°58'W) JUL 28 1114 - "W Radio" programming with news/talk format, Mexico City ads, PSA's, and program notes; 1132 ID as "W Radio, 540 AM en San Luís Potosí," then back to "Noticiero W." Fair over one or two other Spanish stations. [Wilkins-CO]
- 540 **MEXICO** XEHS Los Mochis, Sin JUL 28 1139 - Norteña and ranchera tunes; "La Norteña" slogan at 1145, followed by several ads; MDT time check was followed by more music at 1147. Fair with no sign of usual regular XETX. [Wilkins-CO]
- 620 **MEXICO** XESS Ensenada BCN (32°29'N 117°01'W) JUL 19 1158 - Spanish romántica music, at 1202 ID, "Esta es XESS... San Diego..." and more romántica music. No sign of KIPA Hawaii or KPOJ Oregon. Fair; whiny interference. [Park-HI]

## Contributors

Roy Barstow, South Cape Beach, Mashpee MA; R-75, 500-ft BOG on the beach, terminated with a 270-ohm resistor and four 20-ft wires as a ground.

Bruce Conti, Nashua NH; SDR IQ, WR-CMC-30, MWDX-5, 15 x 23-m SuperLoop antennas east with

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Dale Park, Honolulu HI; Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.

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

### International News

**CUBA:** *R.Progreso* station list; 630 Camagüey, 640/90.3 Cd. Habana, 640 Las Tunas, 660 Villa Clara, 690/94.5 Matanzas, 690/99.3 Santiago de Cuba, 700 Baracoa, 730 Isla de la Juventud, 750 Cienfuegos, 800 Granma, 810/94.3 Guantánamo, 820 Ciego de Avila, 820 Moa, 850 Mayarí, 850 Trinidad, 880 Mantua, 880 Pinar del Río, 890 Chambas, 900/98.5 Holguín, 920 Pilon, 940 Sancti Spiritus. [www.radioprogreso.cu]

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**MEXICO:** 540 XESURF Tijuana, BCN, adds Stephanie Miller per show July 15, meaning the station does not relay 1260 KGIL totally on weekdays. (Miller is on 1150 KTLK in Los Angeles.) [Park]

**NETHERLANDS:** *Big L* 1395, Trintelhaven, reported off the air by DXers in Holland who are receiving the Irish pirate *Energy Power* on the frequency in its absence. [mwdx] "As you may have noticed, 1395 kHz is currently off air at present but rest assured, it will be returning as soon as it can. During this period of it being off, we hope to improve the signal to reach more of the United Kingdom and make your favourite station even bigger than before. Don't forget of course, that you can still tune in via Sky Digital Channel 0190 and via our website using the 'Listen Live Now' feature. Many thanks for all of your messages of support and keep checking the *Big L* website for details of when we'll be back on 1395 medium wave." [5 Aug 2008, www.bigl.co.uk]

**RAMADAN:** The Islamic holy month of Ramadan takes place August 31 - September 30. Expect radio stations in Iran, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and other Muslim nations to be on the air for extended hours.

**SWITZERLAND:** The Swiss mediumwave transmitter at Beromünster on **531 kHz** is to close by the end of 2008, as it no longer complies with stringent regulations on electromagnetic radiation. The 600 kW transmitter has in recent years been operated at the reduced power of 180 kW. In 2003 the antenna feeder cable was damaged by lightning. It was planned to replace it, but the plans were cancelled because of protests from local residents. [http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork via mwdx]

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## Professional Sports

### Networks

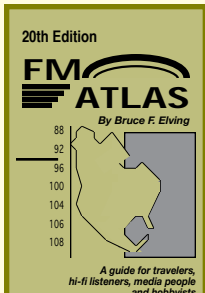
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Network listings for team sports stations

The first National Football League (NFL) pre-season has begun. I need flagship and announcer information, especially if it has changed from last season. And I also need URLs to network lists. I have received a list of the Notre Dame football network. As I have stated before, I only handle professional sports networks. I do not handle college sports networks, even if the players are essentially non-paid professionals. I do not know who handles college networks. (No one, Barry - just another opportunity for someone to take advantage of and volunteer for! -pls.)



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# Target DX

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**DX'ing 'smart', with shared tips and information from NRC members**

Welcome to Target DX Column number 4.

Contributor this time: Sheryl Paszkiewicz Manitowoc WI

This month we will look at Sun Rise Skip (SRS) and Sun Set Skip (SSS) targeting. Both SRS and SSS are a form of Greyline DX'ing. Once again I will base my ideas and thoughts on my DX experiences here in Winnipeg MB so please adjust for your location.

Greyline DX'ing is like surfing a big wave that is going around the world. At any giving time of day there are two Greylines on the face of the planet. One is a sun rise line and the other is a sun set line. As these Greylines move across the world they cause an enhancement for DX'ers. For this column we will look primarily at SRS and SSS for North America. However do not forget the Greyline enhancement can help with Trans Atlantic and Trans Pacific DX.

Here are two sites you can go to in order to see the Greyline in action: <http://www.fourmilab.ch/cgi-bin/uncgi/Earth/action?opt=-p>, and <http://www.daylightmap.com/index.php>. You can click on the map to make it zoom in on your part of the world for a better view of the Greyline.

You can down load The GeoClock Greyline program for your computer at: <http://geoclock.home.att.net/>

The above sites will show you the Greyline as it moves around the world on 5 minute updates. Also of use is the Sunrise-Sunset Tables offered at the NRC Publications site. These will give you a month by month view of where sun rise and sun set is in North America.

Based on my DX experiences here in Winnipeg MB SSS is a double edged sword. Before my sunset there is a better chance to receive targets to the East of me. As the sun moves and it is at or just before sunset causing the Greyline to be on my location there is an enhancement of signals to the East. I won't get too technical but this has to do with how the D layer of the atmosphere works but here it is quickly. During the daylight hours, the D layer of the ionosphere is ionized by radiation from the sun, and effectively becomes an absorber of energy (radio signals). The D layer prevents the long distance signals that you may have targeted from being able to bounce off of higher layers, and travel further. When the sun sets, the D layer loses its absorbing properties. At the same time, desired radio signals can bounce longer distances. To sum up this D layer movement causes interesting but brief DX conditions.

Many stations are still on full day time power and are easier to hear before they power down for the night. They may also be on a more non-directional antenna pattern during day time hours putting more signals my way. The other edge of the sword is as they approach sunset they may change pattern more to my location to protect other stations on the frequency. This can wipe out some other stations on the frequency. The stations may also be powering down causing them to disappear once they change to a lower power. There is that in between time right at Greyline where stations are in a state of flux both for power and for direction that can provide you a chance to grab some targets.

In the morning SRS works like SSS but in the opposite direction. Here in Manitoba we get an enhancement to the West at SRS Greyline. There are many stations to the West of Winnipeg that are only heard at or just past SRS. If I want to catch a new target I often use SRS to listen for the western targets I have on my target sheet. Stations to the east are heard less often or are weaker at SRS so the stations to the West are enhanced and come in better. The stations are heard further and further West as sunrise approaches and passes over Winnipeg. In winter it is not uncommon to DX to the West for an hour or more after my local sunrise. Also SRS is the only time of the day I have gotten any Trans Pacific DX so all those targets are SRS targets only.

As stated above stations have to adjust their powers and patterns at both SSS and SRS if they are required to do so by their license. These times are basically set by the sun rise or sun set time of the middle of the month. As the month goes on the sun set and sun rise times are a bit skewed. These last few days of the month can provide further enhancement for Target chasing. This takes some getting used to and don't expect to get a bunch of new catches on your first couple of tries. This is a game of the three "P's". That is to say **P**atience, **P**ropagation conditions and just being in the right **P**lace at the right time.

Here is our very first Target List from Sheryl Paszkiewicz in Manitowoc WI:

540 NM Las Vegas KNMX when Milwaukee and Regina aren't audible

560 ON Owen Sound CFOS when WIND isn't audible

660 AZ Window Rock KTNN when WFAN isn't audible

690 New Orleans or Jacksonville when Canada isn't in  
 710 ON Niagara Falls CJRN when WOR isn't dominant  
 810 MS Magee WSJC instead of WGY  
 940 GA Macon WMAC instead of Canada

Sheryl has heard all of these at one time or another, but wishes she could hear Maine on 1160 instead of Chicago!! She can't even hear KSL anymore. Anyone have a tip for Sheryl on getting Maine from her location in WI?

As the editor I hope to see more listings in the future, so we can grow the column into a useful tool for all the readers. The list would be a way to let fellow DX'ers know that if they are hearing a certain station they could be trying for others in that area of the country. Or as per Sheryl's list above if you are not hearing certain stations there other stations to be heard on that frequency.

My personal Target Sheet is at <http://www.angelfire.com/mb/amandx/Targetsheet.xls>  
 73 for this time Shawn

Remember On A Clear Day You Can Hear Forever

# Confirmed DX'er

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## Your successes in obtaining QSL's and other station items

Welcome once again to another Confirmed DXer and to our new reporter Eric Hopkins. My apologies to Eric who had sent in several tips which I failed to publish until now. Keep 'em coming... send any extra stickers to me, hi!!

- 780 WCRB Dunn, NC. V/l, c/m verie back in 25 days. V/s Ron Tart, GM (Malicky-PA)
- WWOL Forest City, NC. V/l, rate card, post cards, verie back in 10 days. V/s Ray Davis, PD. (Malicky-PA)
- 890 KTXV Mabank, TX. PPC (unsigned), business card from (Tina) Thu Nga, P.D. in 16 days for f/up. Address: 9550 Skillman St. #320, Dallas, TX 75243. (Wilkins-CO)
- WBAJ Lexington, SC. V/l, b/s, rate card, verie back in 5 days. V/s Gary Sherman, Stn Mgr. (Malicky-PA)
- WKNV Fairlawn, VA. V/l, b/s, c/m, verie back in 44 days. V/s Alison Baker, PD. (Malicky-PA)
- 950 WVTS Charleston, WV. V/l, b/s, c/m, verie back in 13 days. V/s Randy Justice, CE. (Malicky-PA)
- 960 CFFX Kingston, ON. V/c, b/s, DX test. V/s Saul Chernos NRC on behalf of Roger Cole, CE. (Malicky-PA)
- 1060 WLNO New Orleans, LA. V/f, verie back in 17 days. V/s Jay Whitehurst, PD. (Malicky-PA)
- 1070 CBA Moncton, NB. Specific letter for f/up in 30 days. V/s Jean Babineau, Supervisor-Transmission Operations. Now on FM @ 106.1. (Hopkins-MA)
- 1320 CKEC New Glasgow, NB. Specific letter received in 13 days for report and SASE. V/s Peter W Lann, CE. (Hopkins-MA)
- 1330 KCKM Monahans, TX. F/D letter, sticker in 17 days for f/up. V/S Bob Souza (W3KHJ). Address is PO Box 990 or 1200 S. Stockton, Monahans, TX 79756. (Wilkins-CO)
- 1550 CBE Windsor, ON. QSL card received in 51 days for postal report plus Virginia postcard and \$1 US sent to Radio Station CBE, 825 Riverside Dr, West, Windsor, ON N9A 5K9 Canada. QSL contains date and frequency. Signed by N. Darlers ? (supervising Technician) and Dan Kennedy (transmitter technician). Also received stickers, bookmark and frequency guide. To see CBE items look at the Canada portion of my website, [www.kg4lac.com](http://www.kg4lac.com). (Krist-VA)
- 1630 KCJJ Iowa City, IA. Non specific 3x3 QSL card in 30 days for report and SASE included. V/s Tom Suter, GM. (Hopkins-MA)
- 1670 WVVM Dry Branch, GA. Non specific post card in 17 days for report and SASE. (Hopkins-MA)
- WTDY Madison, WI. Non specific letter in 13 days for report and SASE. No v/s. (Hopkins-MA)
- 1680 KGED Fresno, CA. F/D letter in 54 days from Patrick Martin, Reception Manager. (Wilkins-CO)

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