

DX News

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CPC Test Calendar					
WRIB	RI	1220	daily	0255-0305	
WB3XNN	PA	1620	daily	0915-1445	
KTNS	CA	1060	12/21	0200-0400	
WFIL	PA	560	1/8	0200-0330	

WB3XNN-1620 should be on the air about December 15th. This station licensed to Milford, PA (near Port Jervis) is being operated for field intensity measurements of the ground conductivity in the area. This will be operating during non critical hours (approximately 0915-1445) with an unmodulated carrier, ID's given on the hour. Power will be 1000 watts into a 50-foot top-loaded single tower. (For those into tower currents, that adds up to 8.8 amps at 14 ohms!) Tests should continue through the end of January. Reports can be sent to Dave Schmidt c/o: Digital Radio Engineering - 2927 US Route 6 - Slate Hill, NY 10973. A DX TEST will be set up prior to completion of the measurements. WB3XNN will be on Monday through Friday DAILY at least through the end of January. (Arranged by Dave Schmidt)

KTNS-1060 Oakhurst, CA <mtkaat@sierratel.com> will conduct a DX test December 21 (late Tuesday night into Wednesday morning) from 2300 PST-0100 PST (2-Hour Test) at 5 kW, non-directional, with Morse Code IDs (at both 10WPM and 5WPM, 1000hz), voice IDs, sweep tones, and old television theme songs. The test is being conducted by Mr. Larry Gamble, station owner/operator who will be retiring soon. He has done several DX Tests over the years. Mr. Gamble would prefer to verify reception reports via e-mail only. Written reports or short MP3 clips are sufficient for verification. (Arranged by Les Rayburn, N1LF)

Two other unconfirmed tests announced in IRCA's *DX Monitor* are WXCT-990 Southington, CT from 0000-0200 on January 9, and KFBK-1530 Sacramento, CA from 0200-0600 on January 24; more details as they are confirmed, and stay up late and listen at your own risk of losing sleep! And note a slight time change to the WFIL test, sent to us by CE René Tetro.

Page Taylor ... From Russ Edmunds: "It is with sadness that I must report that Page Taylor, K2QAR, former IDXD editor and NJ Pub Comm

member passed away as the result of cancer on September 12, per a letter received today from his widow, Alberta. I had pretty much lost contact with Page & Alberta some years ago, and one of the reasons was that they had both become very much more active with their church about that time. Page was diagnosed in April of 2003, and was holding his own for over a year, however slipped quickly over the summer." Sincerest condolences go out to the family of Page Taylor.

From the Publisher ... I'm pleased to announce two appointments to the NRC "family." Blaine Thompson has been appointed as the new moderator of the NRCDXAS listserv, and he invites all to join in for the fun. Also, the long search for a replacement DDXD-West editor has culminated in the appointment of Bill Dvorak, who will succeed Harry Helms at the end of the month. Thanks to both Blaine and Bill for volunteering, and to Harry for serving as editor of DDXD-West.

Please note also that your next DXN probably won't hit your mailbox until early next year ... as next week is the normal "skip" week to avoid heavy holiday mail traffic. To tide you over, allow me to wish you nothing but fades-up at the top of the hour and a wish that the holiday season bring you joy and peace this year, no matter your faith.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the December 18, 1954 DXN: Steve Walbridge, Pointe Claire, PQ, reported on the result of his canvassing of a number of French Canadian stations as to whether they would be on the air Christmas morning: CKBL-1250 would be on until 0200; CFGT-1270, CJSO-1320, and CJFP-1400, till 0300; CHEF-1450 and CKRB-1400, till 0400; CHLN-550, till 0430; CKRS-590, CHRL-910, and CKTR-1350, till 0500; and CKLD-1230, all night.

25 years ago ... from the December 17, 1979 DXN: Marty Wright, Springfield, IL, found it odd that CBJ-1580 and WAMY-1580 were fighting it out at SSS.

10 years ago ... from the December 19, 1994 DXN: Mark Connelly, Billerica, MA noted Turks and Caicos' R. Vision Cristiana off frequency "again" at 531.9 kHz on December 6.

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old Call	New Call	Comments
1490 WODJ	ME Waterville	WTVL [WODJ] lasted two weeks
1490 WSVM	NC Valdese	WBLO



NEW STATIONS ON THE AIR

890 KTXV TX Frankston - Reported to be on the air with U1 250/2 and a SS format. 107 miles from here, but not 'hearable'.

CPs ON THE AIR

1580 KAMI NE Cozad - CP adding night service as U1 1000/17 is on the air.

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

900 WLSI KY Pikeville - Licensed for U1 5000/159, WLSI had a CP for U1 3000/125 from a new 480' tower at N37-27-57 W82-33-04. They submitted an amendment to the CP raising the daytime power, which has been granted. When built, WLSI will become U1 3500/125 at the new site.

1440 WBLA NC Elizabethtown - Coordinate adjustment to N34-37-32 W78-37-28.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

970 WCHN NY Norwich - Application is to add night service as U1 1000/34 from a corrected transmitter site of N42-30-23 W75-29-34.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

800 KLDC CO Brighton - Licensed for U1 1000/7, KLDC has a CP for U4 2200/227 on 810 kHz, with a pending amendment for U4 2200/500. This amendment now asks for U4 2200/430. [Clarification to an item from last Issue - Ed.]

REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION

1230 KLIC LA Monroe - Station applied to move to a new, taller tower/transmitter site, change their city-of-license to Richwood, Louisiana, and decrease their power level to be U1 500/500, but was initially denied. Richwood is a small community on the south outskirts of Monroe.

1280 WDNT TN Dayton - WDNT applied to increase daytime power to become U1 2200/31, but the application was initially denied.

1280 KWHI TX Brenham - Licensed for U1 1000/72, KWHI applied to build four new towers approximately 25 miles southeast of the present site in order to increase their daytime power to 10 kW, which was initially dismissed by the FCC. This amendment further explains questions the Commission had concerning coverage overlap. If granted, KWHI would become U2 10000/72 from two sites, retaining the present site for nighttime operation. Daytime coverage would blanket the Houston area.

1340 NEW NM Taos - There were three applicants for this license, going back to 1997. One was dismissed by the FCC, and now asking for reconsideration.

1590 NEW NV Las Vegas - Has requested U4 50000/1100, but was initially dismissed by the FCC. This action by the applicants goes into detail why their night coverage will not cause co- and adjacent channel interference to other stations, some as far away as Ohio.

HEAR AND THAR

□ Reported to be back on the air: KVDL-1150 Quanah, Texas, but sources report WCBG-1590 Chambersburg, Pennsylvania has left the air permanently]

□ Semi-retired, but still wearing his Reporter Outfit, Jerry Starr says: "WQMV-1060 Waverly, TN testing with non-stop country music and hourly IDs. They are on for a few days then off for a few

days. They have made application to skirt an abandoned FM tower west of Waverly and install a ground screen under it and make this their permanent XR site. It would appear that they are already using this site for their testing. Some of this info from former CE and NRC member Steve Kennedy."

□ Here's an article from the *Loudoun Times Mirror*, sent to us by **George Santulli**: The headline reads "Radio Station Seeks Hamilton Home" and the article goes on to say: WIN Radio Broadcasting of Forest Hills, N.Y., has applied to the Federal Communications Commission to broadcast at 1440 on the AM dial, with studios in Hamilton. WIN, owned by Dr. Richard S. Yoon, of Westbury, N.Y., owns WCTN in Potomac, Md., said consultant Bill Parris. Since passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, radio broadcasting has become more consolidated and automated, and has gone to a satellite delivery system, said Parris. That's not what his client has in mind for a Hamilton station. "Radio by nature is a live, local medium. This radio station will be just that," Parris said no decisions have been made on format or content. There will definitely be live talk, and probably music. At one kilowatt of power, the new station's audience will be Loudoun County. Over the years, he's toyed with the idea of broadcasting local government meetings. Anything's possible. The application is before the FCC, said Parris. The next step will be to lease or buy property in Hamilton for the studio, to purchase land for two 150- to 160-foot radio antennas and to satisfy local zoning requirements. The whole process will take at least 18 months. For the studio, a couple of small office rooms will do, said Parris. "We envision a setup where people can walk in off the street and get on the air. And there will absolutely be call-ins. We have no preconceived notions, no models. We'll seek input from the community. Whatever it is, it will be unusual on the radio dial." **George comments:** "... think 1440 used to be assigned to Herndon, VA. If this comes on, it will be a new local pest for me!" [Editor's note: The initial application was for U4 500/1200, but they have submitted an amendment asking for U4 1000/5000 at a different location.]

□ From all the gang here at **AM Switch**... **Happy Holidays to you and yours!!**

□ Thanks to **Perry Crabill**, **Wayne Heinen**, and **Upper Midwest Broadcasting** for tips and updates this week.

WBIX lays off most staff members Station also drops business format

By Andrew Caffrey, The Boston Globe - via Bruce Conti

The staff at WBIX AM (1060 kHz) became the latest casualties of station owner and accused embezzler Bradford C. Bleidt yesterday when they were laid off by the station's new controllers, who canceled its all-business format in a bid to increase WBIX's profitability.

Boston attorney David A. Vicinanza, appointed receiver by a federal district court judge in Boston to recover money for those Bleidt allegedly defrauded struck an operating agreement yesterday with former owner Alex Langer to keep the station on the air and prepare it for an eventual sale.

Langer sold WBIX to Bleidt in 2002 for \$10 million when Bleidt was accused last month of swindling as many as 140 clients out of millions they had given him to invest through his money management firm. Bleidt is in federal custody and undergoing a 30-day psychiatric evaluation after he allegedly tried to commit suicide last month. He faces federal wire fraud charges, among others.

As of today Langer will run syndicated programming, such as a morning talk show hosted by long-time broadcaster Stan Major, and sell air time to others who want to broadcast their own shows, rather than keep the business news and talk shows that gave WBIX its particular identity but also resulted in the station losing around \$100,000 a month.

"It's very disappointing and sad," said CBS MarketWatch columnist Chuck Jaffe, who hosted a daily investing show on WBIX. "The folks who worked for the station deserved better, as did Bleidt's clients," he said.

Under Langer, WBIX will keep about four to six technical and engineering staff employed to continue operations, but about 15 others will lose their jobs, including local on-air and sales staff and contributors, such as Boston Globe staffers Steve Bailey and Charles Stein who hosted a morning show on the station.

In a statement, Langer said, "By taking immediate steps to make WBIX profitable, the station's value will be substantially increased. That, in turn, will create value that, in part, can be used to compensate those who have suffered financial losses" because of Bleidt.

Vicinanzo, in a statement, added: "There has been significant interest expressed by potential buyers and partners who believe there is a healthy and promising future for the station."

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

Domestic DX Digest

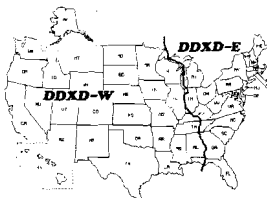
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DDXD-West

RANDOM STUFF

- In Rome's greatest hour of need, Cincinnatus stepped forward to save it from the barbarians. And in DDXD-West's greatest hour of need, Bill Dvorak has stepped forward to be the new editor of this column! Bill will be taking over with the January 17 edition (deadline January 7). Bill's e-mail is westlogs@aol.com and his snail mail is 501 Algoma Street, Madison WI 53704-4812. I'll still handle this column through the end of the year (my final deadline is December 30) and I'll forward any late arriving items (e-mail or snail mail) to Bill.
- And MANY THANKS to Bill for agreeing to take over this column! Please give him the same great support you gave me!
- And your loggings are welcome here until December 30. Please submit items in the format you see below, including enough details to help your fellow NRCers identify and log the station. Please use Eastern standard time for all times, regardless of your local time zone.

REPORTERS

FA-ID Frank Aden, Boise. Yaesu FRG-7, 4-foot box loop.
 JJR-WI John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom R-75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp.
 WH-CO Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B, flap antennas, SuperPhaser II.
 Ed.-TX Your Editor, Wimberley. Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa filters, Quantum loop.

LOG UPDATE

1260 KWSH OK Wewoka. 12/05 0600. Full ID mentioning 24 hours, correct your LOG, still ABC News & C&W format. (WH-CO)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

580 CKPR ON Thunder Bay. 12/5 1838. Poor with station promo, jingles, into ads. Alone. (JJR-WI)
 730 CKAC PQ Montreal. 12/5 1832. Poor with French, "CKAC" on tune in. Alone. (JJR-WI)
 800 CJBQ ON Belleville. 12/5 1823. Poor, "800 CJBQ" w/C&W. No CKLW! (Thought I had this.) NEW! (JJR-WI)
 800 KXIC IA Iowa City. 12/5 1828. Poor with station job fair info, calls, ads. No CKLW at all. (JJR-WI)
 900 CKBI SK Prince Albert. 12/2 1030. Totally on top with mentioning names of winners from a local car dealer. (FA-ID)
 920 CFRY MB Portage la Prairie. 12/5 0742. Fair with jingles, calls, weather in WOKY's open carrier. C&W. (JJR-WI)
 920 WBAA IN West Lafayette. 12/5 0800. Poor with calls, web info through WOKY open carrier. (JJR-WI)
 930 WTAD IL Quincy. 12/5 1928. Poor to fair in nice fade up. Station promo, calls o/UNID NOS station (needed KKIN?). (JJR-WI)
 940 WMAC GA Macon. 12/5 0306. Poor u/CINW w/calls, Art Bell. (JJR-WI)
 970 KJLT NE North Platte. 12/4 1807. Poor but o/others. NE news, calls. Not common. (JJR-WI)
 1050 KLOH MN Pipestone. 12/5 1706. Ending local weather, ID, and C&W music. (WH-CO)
 1060 KDYL UT South Salt Lake. 11/28 2220. NOS format and call ID mixed with WLNO, semi-local KRCN phased. First time for this call. (WH-CO)
 1070 CBA NB Moncton. 12/5 0623. Good @20/9! Light music, time check, regional temperatures. (JJR-WI)
 1070 KFTI KS Wichita. 11/28 2236. Ending sports scores with local spots and "AM 1070 The Ranch" briefly over KNX. First time for this call here. (WH-CO)
 1160 WKCM KY Jawesville. 12/4 0643. Poor through WYLL/others. Real Country, calls. (JJR-

1190 WSDQ TN Dunlap. 12/4 0722. Very good withcalls, Real Country, no WOWO! (JJR-WI)
 1250 KDEI TX Port Arthur. 12/3 1800. Faded up with full Radio Maria network ID and REL format. (WH-CO)
 1250 KIKC MT Forsyth. 12/3 1700. OLD format with full ToH ID. (WH-CO)
 1260 KSSL ID Idaho Falls. 12/4 1700. ToH ID to net news. (WH-CO)
 1260 KWNX TX Taylor. 12/5 0500. Out of ESPN with dual City ID "Taylor-Austin," fair signal. (WH-CO)
 1270 WCGC NC Belmont. 12/ 5 1850. Poor but alone w/bluegrass show, calls, ads. (JJR-WI)
 1320 KHRT ND Minot. 11/28 2131. Ending REL Music "AM 1320 Kay Heart" slogan. First time for me. (WH-CO)
 1400 KCOW NE Alliance. 12/2 0900. Faded in for complete ID. (WH-CO)
 1560 KLNG IA Council Bluffs. 12/6 1900 faded in at ID time "AM 1560 KLNG Council Bluffs Omaha" and maybe off. Think they were a little late (SS should have been 1800). First time for this one here. (WH-CO)
 1650 KCNZ IA Cedar Falls. 11/26 2022. University of Northern Iowa Ladies BKB, first time for this call, local KBJD phased. (WH-CO)
 1660 KRZI TX Waco. 11/26 0000. ESPN call swap with 1580, no longer // 1580 either. Good signal. (WH-CO)

DDXD-East

Another great week, with terrific daytime conditions... take a look!

REPORTERS

JLB-NY Jerry Bond, Rochester - Hammarlund HQ-140-XA and 3 ft. loop antenna.
 MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto - Grundig YB-400PE; Panasonic RF-2200.
 ALB-FL Art Burke, Leesburg - Panasonic RF-2200.
 SC-ON Saul Chernos, Burnt River - Sangean ATS909 with RadioShack loop and various 1000-foot longwires roughly east-west.
 SC*ON Saul Chernos, Toronto - Car radio in Toyota Corolla.
 BC-PA Bruce Collier, York - Drake R8B, 375' NE BOG phased against 240' N/S BOG, MFJ 1025.
 MD-MA Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis - JRC NRD-525, noise-reduced wires, Mini DXP-3 phaser.
 DH-NJ Dave Hochfelder, Highland Park - Sony ICF-2010 with Quantum QX Pro loop.
 TM-KY Tom Mulvaney, Lexington - ICOM IC-746 (Amateur Transceiver with Medium Wave Coverage), and Alpha Delta, "DX-A" (Twin Slopers designed for Amateur 160-80 & 40 meter bands) but works well for AM DXing.
 AO-FL Al Ogrizovich, Jacksonville - Crane radio plus.
 JR-NY Jim Renfrew, Byron - Drake R8B, longwires, Quantum Phaser.
 NJW-ON Niel Wolfish, Burnt River - AOR-7030+ and longwires.



PRESUMED AND UNID

540 WWCSp PA Canonsburg - 11/23 1619 - presumed, good in CBEF null with Radio Disney. (JLB-NY)
 840 WCTGp SC Columbia - 11/24 1659 - presumed with "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" in WHAS null. (JLB-NY)
 UNID - 12/4 0700 - Under WHAS with ABC News. Glenn Miller music at 0704. WSCQ in Columbia SC? (NJW-ON)
 850 WKNRp OH Cleveland - 12/04 1139 - Presumed with talk show about identity theft. In the clear. (TM-KY)
 950 WCTNp MD Potomac - 11/29 2150 - Strongly presumed with Korean talk and religious music. New. (SC*ON)
 1060 WBIXp MA Natick - 11/24 1621 - presumed with good signal and slogan "your all-day business station". (JLB-NY)
 1100 WTAMP OH Cleveland - 12/4 1145 - Presumed with Paul Harvey News. Minor slop from semi-local WCBR-1110. (TM-KY)
 1190 KPHN MO Kansas City - 12/3 1744 - Strongly presumed with Radio Disney // 1560. Only 1190 listed with Disney. New. (SC-ON)
 1240 UNID - 12/4 1440 - Station on top with Michigan high school girls basketball: Detroit Martin Luther King vs. Lansing Waverly. WJIM-Lansing's website doesn't indicate that they carry sports. Maybe another Michigan station? (NJW-ON)
 UNID - 12/5 0729 - Mention of Southern Ohio Lutheran Church and website

- southernhiosynod.org. *WHIZ in Zanesville?* (NJW-ON)
- 1190 KPHNp MO Kansas City - 12/3 1743 - Presumed, parallel to 1560 with Radio Disney programming. Playing Jackson Five's "ABC". Poor with WOWO and WLIB. (NJW-ON)
- 1530 KSMMp MN Shakopee - 12/3 1711 - Presumed with "Relevant Radio" mention (or ID?) heard over WSAI and a third station. *Relevant Radio's website doesn't show this station as on the network any more, but KSMM is owned by Starboard Network as other Relevant Radio stations, such as WLOL-1330...* (NJW-ON)
- 1640 WKSHp WI Sussex - 12/4 1157 - Presumed with Rockin' Robin mentions and Radio Disney. Ad for Jack ? Ford-Lincoln-Mercury. Very strong and in the clear. (TM-KY)
- 1710 UNID — — - 12/4 1700 - French with religion. Lubavitcher pirate off (open carrier) for Sabbath. Heard very weak programming the following day beneath Lubavitcher talk. Definitely not an image, could this be a pirate near Boston? (SC*ON)

STATION LOGGINGS

- 540 WLIE NY Islip - 11/23 1621 - heard with traffic for Nassau County. (JLB-NY)
- WFLF FL Pine Hills - 12/1 1831 - Good well atop channel ending local news and into Dr. Laura program. ID "Orlando's home for Rush Limbaugh, News Radio 540 WFLA." (MD-MA)
- 550 WSVB VA Harrisonburg - 12/4 1005 - Local commercial and then "you're listening to 'In The Garden' on news radio 5-50 WSVB". Under WGR. (NJW-ON)
- 560 WFRB MD Frostburg - 11/20 1744 - Promo for "downtown Cumberland tree lighting ceremony" and ID as WTBO, the station they simulcast with. (JLB-NY)
- WFIL PA Philadelphia - 11/23 1630 - in good proclaiming "this is Philadelphia Christian radio - WFIL". (JLB-NY)
- WGAN ME Portland - 11/24 1605 - very strong with IDs and weather after news into talk show. (JLB-NY)
- 580 WSKS NC W. Jefferson - 11/23 1650 - good with local spots, ID and mention of WSKS.com. (JLB-NY)
- CKPR ON Thunder Bay - 12/5 1721 - Bryan Adams' "Cuts Like A Knife" and ID as "580-CKPR" by man. In mess with CFRA, CKWW and WTAG. (NJW-ON)
- 600 WICC CT Bridgeport - 11/30 2027 - With WCAO phased, heard ad for dentist in Bridgeport. New! (BC-PA)
- 630 WLAP KY Lexington - 11/29 1634 - heard slogan "news talk 630 - WLAP" and then stock quotes. (JLB-NY)
- WMAL DC Washington - 12/1 1846 - Good over WPRO with traffic report and several IDs. (MD-MA)
- 660 WXIC OH Waverly - 11/23 1633 - strong with local spot and ID as "660-WXIC-Waverly". (JLB-NY)
- WLFJ SC Greenville - 11/23 1700 - strong using slogan "Christian radio for the Carolinas". (JLB-NY)
- + 12/5 1549 - over WFAN-New York with ID as "Christian Talk WLFJ" and commercial for Victory Realty. (NJW-ON)
- 680 WCBM MD Baltimore - 11/23 1635 - on top with "talk radio 680-WCBM" slogan and then a promo for G. Gordon Liddy Show. (JLB-NY)
- 690 WPHE PA Phoenixville - 11/29 1645 - on top with formal sign off. (JLB-NY)
- WELD WV Fisher - 12/3 1800 - Over CINF with C&W and ID mentioning FM frequency also. (NJW-ON)
- 720 CHTN PE Charlottetown - 12/5 1158 - Animals' "House Of The Rising Sun". ID at 1200 into American Gold program. Fair signal. (NJW-ON)
- 760 WCPS NC Tarboro - 12/2 1659 - good in WJR null with formal sign off. (JLB-NY)
- WCHP NY Champlain - 12/4 1100 - Huge groundwave this morning - hearing usual things with phaser! Rode this one to TOH, with religious Christmas music, caught call letters by female right before WJR's top of hour ID. (BC-PA)
- WEFL FL Tequesta - 12/7 0540 - Good battling WJR and HJAJ (Columbia) with ESPN Radio's Todd Wright. Local break at 0545 with liners "ESPN-760" and "The Palm Beaches Sports Leader, ESPN-760." Faded at 0558 but resurfaced at 0608 with ESPN's Mike and Mike. Local break at 0613 with ad for "The Smoke Inn," a cigar smoking establishment. (MD-MA)
- 780 WCKB NC Dunn - 12/2 1700 - "thank you for listening to WCKB" and then pulled plug.

- (JLB-NY)
- WWOL NC Forest City - 12/2 1712 - heard many local ads with no sign of WBBM. (JLB-NY)
- WABS VA Arlington - 12/4 1100 - ID heard in mess with WBBM and a third station with gospel music. (NJW-ON)
- 790 WSKO RI Providence - 11/23 1742 - heard with local spots and using slogan "sports radio 790". (JLB-NY)
- WETB TN Johnson City - 12/2 1715 - ID and slogan "Sunshine 79". (JLB-NY)
- CIGM ON Sudbury - 12/4 1030 - With WAEB phased, country Christmas music and calls by man. New in daytime, have heard at night. (BC-PA)
- 800 CJBQ ON Belleville - 12/4 1230 - With CKLW phased, heard with country and call letters in sweeper. New! (BC-PA)
- WLAD CT Danbury - 12/4 1232 - Clear calls by a ballsy male image jock. New! (BC-PA)
- WVHU WV Huntington - 12/4 1626 - "News talk 800 WVHU" ID and weather from Channel 13 - "52 degrees at your official weather station, news talk 800 WVHU". Over top of CJBQ. (NJW-ON)
- 830 WTRU NC Kernersville - 11/24 1703 - heard report for traffic "here in Winston-Salem" and mention of "traffic and weather together on WTRU". (JLB-NY)
- 840 KTIC NE West Point - 12/3 1737 - Ad with outdoornebraska.org web site, calls, 4:37 time-check. New. (SC-ON)
- 880 WRFD OH Columbus - 12/4 1300 - fair on midday skywave (or enhanced winter groundwave) with Mark Harrington Live program, "to speak to Mark, call us at 1-800-823-WRFD". (MKB-ON)
- 890 WKNV VA Fairlawn - 11/22 1700 - ID as "WKNV-Fairlawn". (JLB-NY)
- 910 WRNL VA Richmond - 12/4 1107 - Non-ID: "Richmond's Home For Orioles Baseball", into Fox College Game Time Warm-up program. (NJW-ON)
- 920 CJCH NS Halifax - 11/23 1751 - on top with legal ID. (JLB-NY)
- + 12/4 0552 - Appliance store commercial and ID: "You're listening to AM 9-20 CJCH, yesterday's favourites". Over top of CKNX and others. (NJW-ON)
- 930 WFMD MD Frederick - 11/22 1655 - Spot for a car dealer, then ID followed by traffic. (JLB-NY)
- 950 CKNB NB Campbellton - 12/5 1202 - ID: "A Better Variety, 95 CKNB" in between songs by Duncan Sheik and Sheryl Crowe. Over top of WROC-Rochester. (NJW-ON)
- 980 CFPL ON London - 11/23 1752 - heard with ID and mention of "am980.ca" website. (JLB-NY)
- 1000 WCCD OH Parma - 12/5 1515 - Hellenic Corner program to 1600. No ID at 1600 as it went straight into a local religious program. Over top of WMVP-Chicago. (NJW-ON)
- 1010 CFRB ON Toronto - 12/4 1242 - "Newstalk 1010 CFRB" and talk program. Lots of other weaker signals underneath. (TM-KY)
- 1020 KDKA PA Pittsburgh - 12/4 1142 - Talk show about European vacations and ad for AAA-Travel. In the clear. (TM-KY)
- 1030 KCTA TX Corpus Christi - 12/2 1909 - program for memory switch and into sign off at 1920. (AO-FL)
- 1080 WKJK KY Louisville - 11/24 1622 - heard with many IDs and using "talk radio" slogan. (JLB-NY)
- + 12/2 1858 - WKJK Clear Channel TOH and ABC news. (AO-FL)
- 1090 WILD MA Boston - 12/5 1513 - Phone-in show with health topic and 617-???-1090 phone to call in. New. (SC-ON)
- 1110 WJSM PA Martinsburg - 11/24 1559 - faded up briefly long enough to catch ID. (JLB-NY)
- 1120 KMOX MO St. Louis - 12/4 1147 - Select Comfort ad, St. Louis mentions. (TM-KY)
- 1130 KWKH LA Shreveport - 12/2 1746 - heard using the slogan "home of the legends", country music. (JLB-NY)
- WBBR NY New York - 12/4 1149 - Bloomberg Radio with ads for ING Direct Bank and Spacemaker, phone 973-574-8020. Very clear. (TM-KY)
- 1140 CHRAB AB High River - 12/5 0004 - Good in WRVA phase null with both country and pop music. Limer at 0008 "First with news and information from throughout Southern Alberta, this is AM-1140." Exciting catch! Here in Eastern Mass it's

- 1160 **KNEI IA** **Waukon** - 12/5 0059 - a daytimer running ESPN at night, ID as "ESPN radio for the Tri-State, KNEI 11420 AM, Waukon IA." New, thanks to a tip from Greg Coniglio. (JR-NY)
- 1170 **WSKW ME** **Skowhegan** - 11/24 1626 - on top of pile with ESPN Radio, ID and using slogan "the score". (JLB-NY)
+ 12/5 2328 - Fair to good in a mess. ESPN and call ID. New. (DH-NJ)
- 1170 **WCLN NC** **Clinton** - 12/3 1840 - Paul Simon's "Mother & Child Reunion". ID at 1843 as "Oldies 11-70" followed by commercials and more oldies, including The Beatles' "You Won't See Me". Under WWVA. (NJW-ON)
- WCXN NC** **Claremont** - 12/4 1120 - nearly even with WWVA with Mexican music. Commercials in Spanish, including one at 1122 for Visions Hair Designs in Newton NC. Liner/taped ID as "Fiesta Mexicana" and female announcer on the phone with listeners. (NJW-ON)
+ 12/4 1143 - Mexican music and "Fiesta Mexicana" IDs. Rare daytime DX. New. (SC-ON)
- 1180 **WVLZ TN** **Knoxville** - 12/3 1148 - Talk about college football... 1200 ID "ESPN-1180" and "All Sports WVLZ Knoxville". No sign of WHAM! (NJW-ON)
- WZQZ GA** **Trion** - 12/3 1920 - Under WHAM with oldies, such as Neil Diamond's "Song Sung Blue". Local commercial for something on Highway 27 in Summerville. Still in at 2003 with nostalgia/oldies. (NJW-ON)
- 1200 **WRKK PA** **Hughesville** - 12/4 1152 - Kim Komando Show with ad for Central PA Toyota Dealers. Many other stations underneath. (TM-KY)
- 1210 **WILY IL** **Centralia** - 12/4 1201 - over top of WPHT with "AM 12-10 WILY" ID by man in between oldies by Classics IV and Tommy James. (NJW-ON)
- 1220 **WHK OH** **Cleveland** - 12/5 0255 - tail-end of religious program, followed by plea for financial assistance to continue ministry. Two IDs near the top of the hour, both identifying station as "WHKW 1220." I roused myself out of bed, looking for WRIB and thought I had it when I heard the religious programming - no such luck! Double-checked the FCC AM listing and station is still listed as WHK. Seemed strange to find such a powerhouse on this frequency! (ALB-FL)
- 1230 **WTPG OH** **Columbus** - 12/5 0830 - ID: "This is AM 12-30, Columbus' only progressive talk station", followed by talk program. (NJW-ON)
- 1250 **WLEM PA** **Emporium** - 12/4 1645 - "12-50 WLEM" ID in between Shania Twain and Waylon Jennings songs. Satellite fed "Your Kind of Country" program. Over CJYE and WEAE. (NJW-ON)
- WGL IN** **Fort Wayne** - 12/4 2043 - Over top of WEAE-Pittsburgh and CJYE-Oakville with Mexican music. Local commercials in Spanish mentioning Fort Wayne. (NJW-ON)
- 1260 **WNDE IN** **Indianapolis** - 12/4 1437 - End of Indiana University basketball game. ID as "Sports Radio WNDE". WIBC-1070 Indianapolis heard at this time too. (NJW-ON)
- 1280 **WHVR PA** **Hanover** - 11/14 0439 - promos for expo festival and many mentions of station in promo. (AO-FL)
- 1300 **WTMM NY** **Rensselaer** - 12/3 2030 - "1300-The Team" and "ESPN Radio 1300, The Team" IDs. Union College vs. Harvard NCAA hockey from the Brighton Hockey Center. (NJW-ON)
- 1310 **WRSB NY** **Canandaigua** - 12/6 1658 - on groundwave over CIWW with *The Overcomer Ministry*, top of hour dual ID: "you're listening to 1590 AM WRSB Brockport-Rochester, 1310 AM WRSB Canandaigua-Rochester, the Sunshine Network." (MKB-ON)
- 1330 **WBTM VA** **Danville** - 12/1 1659 - over Erie, PA pest with Salvation Army PSA, top of hour ID: "all the news wherever it happens, news radio 1330 WBTM Danville", into ABC news. (MKB-ON)
- 1350 **WCSM OH** **Celina** - 12/5 1703 - nice to get a 500 watter, "WCSMRadio.com" announcement. (JR-NY)
- WNNG GA** **Warner Robbins** - 12/5 1729 - NOS format, ID as "Wing 1350". (JR-NY)
- 1360 **WNJC NJ** **Washington Township** - 11/26 1636 - heard briefly with ID. (JLB-NY)
- 1370 **WWCB PA** **Corry** - 12/1 1900 - way over usually dominant WSPD (did they forget to switch off day power?) with top of hour ID: "this is your hometown station,

- your home of yesterday's hits and today's favorites, WWCB Corry", into ABC news. (MKB-ON)
- 1390 **WGOH KY** **Grayson** - 12/4 0807 - Calls in mix of stations. New. (SC-ON)
- WRIG WI** **Schofield** - 12/4 1306 - On top with nostalgia music. ID at 1331 as "AM 13-90 WRIG". (NJW-ON)
+ 12/4 1307 - Nostalgia music, "WRIG Big Rig 1390." Rare daytime DX nabs one of my most-wanted stations. New. (SC-ON)
- WLAN PA** **Lancaster** - 12/5 1626 - Hershey Bears versus Providence Bruins AHL hockey. This checks. New. (SC-ON)
- 1400 **WSTC CT** **Stamford** - 12/5 0833 - End of Hope Evangelical Church program and dual WSTC/WNLK ID. (NJW-ON)
- 1440 **WNPVPA Lansdale** - 11/26 1633 - good with weather for Montgomery and Bucks Counties. (JLB-NY)
- 1460 **WRAD VA** **Radford** - 12/1 1656 - in dogfight with CJOY and ESPN sports talker with ad for EchoStar Dish Network's sales and customer service job opportunities in Christiansburg (call 394-2600 to apply), ad for Foxridge Apartment Homes in Blacksburg, within walking distance of Virginia Tech, mentioning website foxridgeliving.com. No ID heard, but the local ads and mention of VA Tech pretty well nail it for me. (MKB-ON)
- WBRN MI** **Big Rapids** - 12/5 1455 - Lions-Cardinals NFL football. ID at 1500. Mixing with CJOY, WDDA and a station with bluegrass music. (NJW-ON)
- 1470 **WKAP PA** **Allentown** - 11-26 1630 - heard local spots, a Lenny Welch tune and then a WKAP jingle. (JLB-NY)
- WJPI NC** **Plymouth** - 12/2 1653 - over oldies station (WKAP or WTKO) with gospel song, slogan "spreading sunshine from sunup to sundown, we're 1470 AM WJPI". (MKB-ON)
- 1480 **WTOX VA** **Glen Allen** - 12/4 1557 - End of William & Mary football game vs. Delaware on the William & Mary Football Network. ID as "Talk radio 14-80". (NJW-ON)
- 1490 **WUBR MI** **Whitehall** - 12/4 1319 - ESPN College Game Day program. Local commercials at 1324 and promo for Daily Medical Report with Brian McDonough on 1490/FM 97.5. Also mention of a Michigan Girls Basketball Final. (NJW-ON)
+ 12/4 1325 - ESPN Sports break and ads for Michigan High School Athletic Association. Rare daytime DX. New. (SC-ON)
- WOSH WI** **Oshkosh** - 12/4 1328 - ID by woman as "News talk radio 14-90 WOSH". Also heard same ID at 1400. Mixing with WUBR. (NJW-ON)
- WBAE ME** **Portland** - 12/4 2000 - Top of the hour ID heard, also mentioning WVAE. (NJW-ON)
- WFAD VT** **Middlebury** - 12/5 0900 - ID by woman: "Oldies radio, WFAD Middlebury" into CBS news. Came out of news with oldies, including Jerry Lee Lewis. Still audible at 0915 with promo for a program dealing with Middlebury College. (NJW-ON)
+ 12/5 0905 - "Oldies Radio, the greatest, 1490 WFAD," followed by Jerry Lee Lewis song. New. (SC-ON)
- WMRN OH** **Marion** - 12/5 1553 - Cleveland Browns football. Commercial for Carriage Town Chrysler on Route 23 in Delaware. (NJW-ON)
- 1510 **WLKR OH** **Norwalk** - 12/5 1139 - "Around The Bend" by C.C.R., followed by ID "Oldies 15-10 WPKR" and song by Aretha Franklin. Mixing with WPKR Monroeville. (NJW-ON)
- 1520 **KOLM MN** **Rochester** - 12/3 1713 - ESPN programming. Commercials for an insurance agent in Rochester and for the Doubletree Guest Suites in Minneapolis at 1727. Fair with WWKB. (NJW-ON)
- 1550 **WZRK WI** **Lake Geneva** - 12/4 1255 - Relevant Radio Dot Com promo and mention of "60 second guide to better living". Fair signal. (NJW-ON)
- 1570 **WSCO WI** **Appleton** - 12/4 1245 - Station promo and ID as "Appleton's sports radio 15-70 The Score" followed by Fox Sports stuff... ID at 1300 as "WSCO Appleton's sports radio". Fair signal. (NJW-ON)
- 1580 **KCHA IA** **Charles City** - 12/3 2307 - "...hits and timeless classics, 1580 KCHA." Nostalgia music. Should be 10 watts at night. Conditions good but must be cheating. With Disney. New. (SC-ON)

- 10 WLIJ TN Shelbyville - 12/4 1156 - End of "Old Time Country Radio Show" mentioning address in Lynchburg TN and ID at 1158. On top of frequency at local noon. (NJW-ON)
- WTTN WI Watertown - 12/4 1352 - Dick Clark's "Rock, Roll & Remember" program. ID as "1580 The Goose" at 1355. (NJW-ON)
- 1590 WPVL WI Platteville - 12/4 1225 - On top of messy frequency with local commercial and into ESPN College Game Day program. Mixing with a station carrying a syndicated oldies program (WTRW?) and still audible at 1243. (NJW-ON)
- WTRW WI Two Rivers - 12/4 1257 - "It's 43 beautiful degrees at WTRW... CNN news is next, WTRW Two Rivers-Manitowoc-Denmark". Into CNN news. Local commercials heard at 1304 after news and weather forecast. (NJW-ON)
- + 12/4 1257 - Dick Clark ends, then ID with calls and "Two Rivers, Manitowoc, Denmark," then CNN News. Rare daytime DX. New. (SC-ON)
- 1600 WRPN WI Ripon - 12/4 1304 - On top with "1600 AM WRPN Ripon" ID into ESPN College Game Day program. (NJW-ON)
- WZZW WV Milton - 12/5 1700 - ID in the mess at the top of the hour, new. (JR-NY)
- WXMY VA Saltville - 12/5 1715 - sign-off announcement. (JR-NY)
- WKKX WV Wheeling - 12/5 1720 - nice clear call letters during brief quiet moment on WAAM, new calls. (JR-NY)
- 1620 KOZN NE Bellevue - 12/5 0930 - ESPN Magazine program. Commercial for Fred's Heating and Air in Omaha and ID as "16-20 The Zone, Omaha's ESPN Radio". Fair with no sign of WHLY-South Bend. (NJW-ON)
- 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 12/4 1200 - ID into live "local" news. In the clear. (TM-KY)
- 1650 KDNZ IA Cedar Falls - 12/4 1203 - CBS News. Ad for Free Credit Report Dot Com and mentions of Cedar Valley and "AM 1650 and 1250, KCNZ". Very strong. (TM-KY)
- 1660 KQWB ND West Fargo - 12/4 1206 - "Talk Radio 16-60" with Fargo mentions, NFL Game Promo and into talk. Clear. (TM-KY)
- + 12/4 1223 - On top of WQSN-Kalamazoo with "Talk Radio 16-60 weather forecast" read by Laura Lockwood and commercial for 123 Fargo Dot Com. (NJW-ON)
- 1690 WRLL IL Berwyn - 12/4 1214 - With "Real Oldies 1690". Celebrity birthdays mentioning Freddie Cannon. Lots of Chicago area mentions and ad for the "Fireplace and Chimney Authority" in Elmhurst. Solid signal. (TM-KY)
- 1700 WEUV AL Huntsville - 12/1 2028 - Fair atop jumble with ID between two R&B songs "WEUP, The People's Station." (MD-MA)
- + 12/4 1015 - excellent signal with the sun high in the sky! One of the many daytime long-haul receptions many have reported this week. (JR-NY)
- TIS, HAR
- 1610 WPIJ669 NJ Union Beach - 12/9 0830 - Good with closer Woodbridge TIS phased. Loop of winter storm safety and planning tips. New. (DH-NJ)

NRC Contest

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

Contest Report through November 30, 2004

Contester	Location	Points	Steve Sprague	Coffeyville, KS	244
Ron Bailey	Shelby, NC	1853	Darrell Neft	Costa Mesa, CA	212
John Wilkins	Wheatridge, CO	1050	John Hart	San Francisco, CA	191
Wayne Heinen	Aurora, CO	935	Mike Clancy	Jersey City, NJ	105
Chris Knight	Fort Lupton, CO	742	Gary Hitchcock	Hollywood, FL	103
Paul Swearingen	Topeka, KS	471	David Jones	Springfield, TN	100
Dave Braun	Wyoming, DE	341	Michael Carroll	Phoenix, AZ	31
Nancy Johnson	Billings, MT	324	Dale Park	Honolulu, HI	15

International DX Digest

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Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELT, subtract 5 hrs (summer: 4).

It's time for the Christmas break. Feliz Navidad, Happy Festivus, etc., and see you in two weeks!

- Transatlantic DX
- 1026 SPAIN SER various DEC 5 0155 - Spanish talk by a woman. New. [Chernos-ON]
- 1548 KUWAIT R.Sawa, Kabd-Kuwait City NOV 30 2340 - Good with American and Mid Eastern pop music, and news with man and woman announcers in Arabic. [Black-MA]
- 1548 MOLDOVA Maiac DEC 9 0020 - Fair to good with a woman in Slavic-sounding language. Several others in the #MWDX chat room also heard this. [Hochfelder-NJ]
- Pan-American DX
- 660 MEXICO XEEY *La Consentida*, Aguascalientes DEC 4 0941-1000 - Spanish tropicales, taking calls and "Consentida" promos; mainly under WFAN, though briefly over, plus interference from an unID 2nd Spanish station. [Frodge-MI] DEC 10 0930 - Fair; "No no no no no" slogan heard through lightning noise in WFAN null. [Conti-NH]
- 690 ANGUILLA *Caribbean Beacon*, The Valley DEC 4 0110 - Dr. Gene Scott (Christian spoken word) program in English. Parallel 6090 shortwave. New. [Chernos-ON]
- 740 CUBA R.Angulo, Holguín DEC 7 0005 - Music mix in program "Nocturno," formal canned ID 0129: "Esta es CMKO, Radio Angulo, transmitiendo... Holguín, Cuba." Then a single rendition of the *R.Habana Cuba* interval signal played on big iron chimes. Into another music program introducing song by Carlos Varela. Good signal, seems high-power, although getting trouble from Toronto even on the south mini-Bev. Thanks to Bill Harms for the tip, who had already ID'ed it at 2300 UTC. No idea what this is doing here. [Novello-NC] CMKO *R.Angulo*, Holguín is at 1110 kHz per WRTH. Maybe *R.Progreso*, Camagüey (20 kW) was relaying this.
- 770 CUBA R.Rebelde, Pilón (?) DEC 9 0030 - Fair under WABC but clearly parallel to 5025 kHz. [Hochfelder-NJ]
- 850 CUBA R.Relej, Nueva Gerona DEC 5 0052-0101 - Just detected "RR" under KOA and WRBZ. [Frodge-MI]
- 860 CUBA R.Relej, Baracoa DEC 10 1005 - Fair; news, code IDs, etc. over an unID station in C]BC null. [Conti-NH]
- 1060 MEXICO XEEP *R.Educación*, México DF DEC 4 1106 - Modern jazz music. Poor, well under KYW. No announcer or ID heard, but parallel 6185 kHz. [Frodge-MI]
- 1390 MEXICO XELT *Espacio Romántico*, Tuxpám VER NOV 30 0300 - First noted through TOH with just a slogan "something Romántica" between segued songs, strong then, but by 0305 when alternating man and woman gave full production ID twice, it was close to mud-level, and I was only able to pick out a few words. Heard call letters XH— and frequency "noventa— something— punto cinco" plus AM. The only AM'er on 1390 with an FM sister station is XETL Tuxpám (town spelled both ways); XHTL Veracruz on 91.5 MHz. This one is listed in MPM as parallel FM, but with slogan "La Voz de las Huastecas, Radio Ola." This one is XE-tantalizing. I kept after it for several nights, with XERW *R.Fórmula* León and XEXO *La Super Buena* Cd. Mante far more often heard. + DEC 1 0355 - A soft-voiced woman giving, slowly but clearly, slogan *Espacio Romántico*, then time check and further announcement back in the mud. By the top of the hour XEXO dominated. + DEC 4 0158 - My *Espacio Romántico* was in there sufficiently to get fragments of the same full station double ID, by soft-voiced woman and flat-voiced man that I had heard NOV 30. I can definitely pick out of the tape "Veracruz," "noventa uno punto cinco FM" and "XETL-AM." Clues I noted four nights earlier pointed me in the right direction. [Callarman-TX]

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International News

ANDORRA: You might remember this summer that a website "www.radioandorre.com" was claiming to resurrect *R. Andorra*, at least in name. (See IDXD, *DX News*, Vol.71 No.29) There have been no announced tests since August, but there is now a snapshot of two towers on the tests page (follow link "Cliquez ici pour les dates d'émission"). Anyone recognize them? Glenn Hauser, *DX Listening Digest*, speculated that they are in Italy. I visited Andorra in 1987: those towers are not anything that was in place then at the old Sud or Andorre sites. [Nolan Stephany, NRC]

73 and Good DX!

LBI-3 DXpedition

Edited by Russ Edmunds

LBI-3 attendees: Bob Galerstein, Dave Hochfelder, Bruce Collier, Brett Saylor, Mark Clark, Bill Harms, Bob Stonier & Russ Edmunds.

Bill speaks: I had a good time meeting in person DX'ers whose names I had seen in DX bulletins. Conditions on both nights were fairly good with numerous stations from the other side of the pond being heard (See the master list of loggings). The second night seemed to start out a little better, but the band became "mushy" as the night wore on. By mushy, I mean that hets were present, but it became more difficult to pull out audio on most channels. On both days, we had reception as early as 1500 Eastern time (2000 UTC) starting with the usual faire of longwave stations. The personal highlight for me was not a TA, but rather the clear reception of CBGY 750, Bonavista, Newfoundland. I had not heard NFL since the days I set up beverage antennas in the Utah desert in the early 1980's. We heard CBGY at about 1705 Eastern Time the first night with a program preview and a program about raccoons. I was never able to pull out audio on the possible reception of Iran on 1503, although I heard a strong het there. In order to facilitate communication between the two radio rooms we set-up a secure WiFi system using an IRC (Internet Relay Chat) server and a web server client. This enabled us to exchange live information about our loggings without running up and down the stairs between the rooms. It also provided a record of what was happening live. The web server allowed us to make downloaded copies of radio stations lists such as the EMWG and various country lists available to those with laptops.

Mark speaks: This was my first time at LBI and my first time chasing TADX so I was really excited about hearing my first MW from Europe. I didn't have to wait long. Bruce called out a frequency and the rest of us tuned to it. Suddenly a Euro MW was coming out of my R8B at S7 and I was off and running. I spent most of my time listening and learning from the veterans but managed to pull out a few on my own too. My first was Virgin Radio and caught it coming up out of the mud on 1215 and later caught some German stations. No rare DX for me this time, but I'm very pleased with catching what I did. High point of the weekend? Two for me, one was digging the first TADX on my own, the aforementioned Virgin Radio and the second was hearing Phil Collins "Look at me now" blasting out of five radios on



The LBI-3 DXpeditioners: Bruce Collier, Mark Clark, Russ Edmunds, Bob Stonier, Bob Galerstein, Dave Hochfelder, Brett Saylor.

1314 Norway at S9+30! I'll definitely be back!

Bob G. speaks: When guys gather in a hotel room for a weekend of fun, they're usually blasting some form of music from either the TV or a local FM rock station.

What epitomized LBI 2004 was our Saturday pizza and beer/soda dinner at about 7:30 in the lower DX room - the music of choice was the mix being played on two Drake receivers, in 6 khz mode, of a solid s-35 NRK 1314.

After frustrating TA conditions during the first two LBI DXpeditions, we hit paydirt this past November. While we didn't log 100-watt United Kingdom stations, we were kids in a candy store, with armchair reception of Virgin Radio 1215 (excellent music) and LW and MW stations from western Europe at times booming in. Sometimes I found it difficult tuning away to listen to some het because I was enjoying it so much.

The biggest disappointment was not logging Kuwait 1548 or Djibouti 1431. Weak hets were constantly heard from both, never with audio.

One other item I tried to do was clean up on the Caribbean. It would have been great to log such stations as ZBVI-780 and St. Lucia-660, but conditions to the south were not nearly as good as two years ago, when we logged Panama-860. Of course, Cuba blasted in, though one station from Fidel-land made for a classic phaser demonstration. On 570, WMCA from New York dominated the north wire reception. One tweak of the phaser knob virtually eliminated WMCA, allowing s-30 reception of Radio Reloj.

And, from the "power of positive thinking" department - Both Dave and Bruce have never logged Newfoundland. When I told Dave that Newfie was very possible on a couple of frequencies, he gave a verbal thumbs down to the chances. So I said declaratively, "You ARE picking up Newfoundland today!" As Donald Sutherland said in the movie *Kelly's Heroes*, "Again with the negative vibes." This



Dave watches while Bruce DX'es and Bob G looks to see what the possibilities are for DX

was repeated about three times. So, as the sun started to set Saturday, we tuned to 750, where a clear CBGY mentioned Labrador, gave Atlantic zone time checks and mentioned CBC Radio. After a quick cheer, we went to the back of the room where shots of Bruce's superb scotch were consumed to celebrate. We then decided, half seriously, to celebrate each new country with a shot. I'll let you determine if that was done.

It is certainly a relaxing experience sitting in a roomful of DX'ers, facing the sliding glass doors and looking out towards the ocean at 4pm while England 1089 became the first TA of the day. The camaraderie was terrific as usual, raising the bar of enjoyment for what is usually a solitary hobby. Hello LBI 2005.....

Brett speaks: After reading reports from other seaside DXpeditions, and their voluminous loggings of transoceanic signals, I was pleased to experience what was the

best medium wave reception that I had ever heard at this year's LBI. At home, Norway 1314 is a rare catch; at LBI it was "armchair copy." We had carriers on most channels and audio on many of those. It definitely whetted my appetite for future long-distance MW DX'ing.

Despite some last-minute panic when it appeared that our DX motel would be either (A) torn down or (B) sold-out for our weekend, the planning and setup went smoothly. As the number of attendees grew, it became obvious that we would need two radio rooms for the weekend. Fortunately, our desired 1st floor room with good beach access (and the room directly above it) were available, which made the running of coax cables to the beach an easy task. Given the number of attendees, we split the group into two rooms, one for "DX'ers with phasers" and one for "DX'ers without" and planned our cable runs accordingly. We purchased three MCL 8-way splitters before the weekend; those, combined with existing MCL 4- and 6-way splitters, gave us enough signal to drive everyone's receivers from all the antennas.

Since many of us are hams, we were able to start the DX talk early on the drive into Long Beach Island, courtesy of the local Manahawkin, NJ two-meter repeater. Deployment of the "beverage under the sand" (BUTS) and phase wire antennas went smoothly. The impact of the variable terminating

resistors used on the beverages wasn't clear when we tried to adjust them during daylight on groundwave signals; at night, however, there was definitely directionality on the north vs. south wires, so some termination effect apparently existed.

Beverages are fun antennas, but the highlight for me was the use of the Mark Connelly-designed unamplified six-foot broadband loop (BBL). While we didn't have a chance to deploy both the BBLs (both Bruce and I built one), nor did we have a chance to phase it against a whip, some of my best receptions of the weekend were on this loop. I imagine it was due to reduced signals from domestics (both in gain and due to directionality) since the TA signals were weaker on the loop but more in-the-clear. My best catch on the BBL was a tentative Iran on 1503 with presumed Koran in Arabic.

Technology played a role at LBI, both in the pre-DXpedition planning and while on-site. We made extensive use of email and the web in the months prior to LBI to plan and coordinate the weekend; the web site <http://www.radiodxing.com> contains pictures and logs from this and prior year's DXpeditions. While at LBI, Bill Harms set up a wireless IRC chat room (ala #mwdx) for us to use for communications between the DX rooms. We had four people simultaneously online sharing catches and asking for help in ID'ing new stations via WiFi-equipped laptops. The only missing link was a connection to the Internet at the motel - maybe next year we'll add that to our arsenal of tools.

In the weeks leading up to the LBI, DX'ers in North America were experiencing some exceptional TA reception. We held our collective breaths that it would continue until the LBI weekend. It's a good thing that we didn't know at the time how close we came to a complete washout - the day that we left the site, there was a serious solar eruption and the A index spiked to 190 - the highest I can ever recall. This led to a radio blackout that would have been a big disappointment. Fortunately for us, though, conditions held out long enough and reception was excellent.

In all, I found the weekend to be great fun, and I look forward to continued opportunities to DX from the shores of New Jersey.

Dave speaks: Our 3rd annual outing to LBI was by far the most successful, in every sense of the word. We had 8 DX'ers on hand, and we took up two rooms, a first floor room for the 5 of us with phasers and the room directly above for the 3 DXers without phasers. It was great to see Bob Galerstein, Russ Edmunds, Bruce Collier, and Brett Saylor again and to meet Rob Stonier, Bill Harms, and Mark Clark for the first time.

The DX was far better than the past two years too. While it might be "garden variety" DX to some old hands, I got quite a thrill out of hearing the Saudi on 1521, particularly transmitter sunrise enhancement; and armchair copy on Norway, Virgin Radio, Spanish outlets, France, Croatia, etc.; 2 Newfoundlanders (640 and 750) which is my first logging of that province; listenable audio on most all the longwave channels; Switzerland on 765 and Germany on 756; and so on. It's a good thing we didn't decide to do a shot of Bruce's scotch for every country heard; that would've gotten ugly.

I was also pleased that my combination of the Sony ICF-2010 and Quantum phaser performed about as well as everyone else's Drakes with MFJ phasers. I heard most of what everyone else heard, and in some cases I was able to get better audio and to alert the others to a signal. The Quantum phaser is a much better phaser than the MFJ. Still, it was clear that the '2010 is not a Drake; I struggled to get listenable audio on the Saudi whereas Bob sitting next to me handed me his headphones and I could hear them quite clearly on his Drake. Also, I couldn't use our passive broadband loop since the '2010 does not have a preamp whereas the Drake does. After Bob went to bed on Saturday night, I got to play with his R8B a bit and it is a nice machine. I want one in the worst way.

We were fortunate in our timing. We seemed to have dodged a real bullet from the sun. On Sunday evening after I returned home there was an almost total skywave blackout with WWV not even present. The Chicago clears and Toronto on 740 were not in and there was only weak audio on WLW. No LA's seemed to be there either. I had a tentative logging of WTKS on 1290 but the band was dead otherwise. The auroral conditions are continuing through Thursday night as I write.

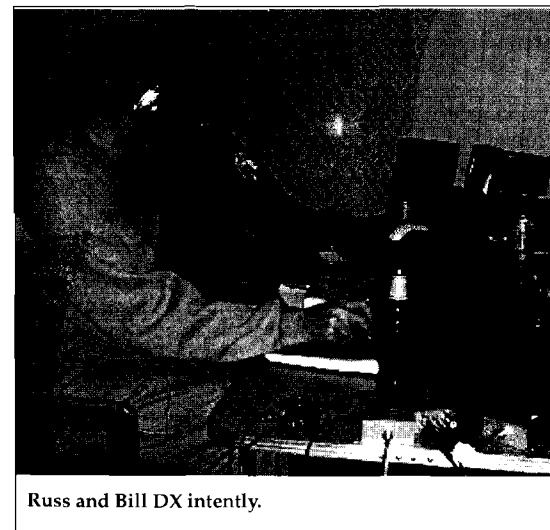
We all owe a collective thanks to Brett, who brought every connector and cable known to man; to Bruce and Brett for making up the broadband loops and active whip; and to Bill for setting up our wireless LAN which allowed for instant communication between the two DX rooms. Thanks, guys!

Bruce speaks: Last year was my first MW DXpedition at LBI-2, and although I enjoyed the camaraderie and experience, the complete lack of TA signals caused by auroral conditions was a little disappointing. It was the 3rd weekend in November, with only the weakest hint of Brit heard on 1215, not even enough to confirm Virgin Radio. This year, we settled on the first weekend in November for a couple of reasons—TA conditions had improved and 8 weeks out we saw some decent openings, with Norway 1314, Croatia 1134, and France 162 coming in well in York (my QTH) and State College (Brett's QTH). Also, after setting up in 40-degree weather with 40mph winds last year, I was hoping for milder weather! The emails began to fly as we planned the usual long BOGS on the beach, plus Brett and I each decided to build a Mark Connelly 6-foot broadband loop, there was talk of a gutter BOG (300' or so in the street gutter E-W, which was abandoned), and an active whip for phasing. I had loaded up on

100' and 75' runs of coax, as did others. More than one member of the group elicited strange looks from wives/girlfriends/daughters at the request to borrow odd colors of nail polish (to mark adaptors and cables)!

I was majorly stoked this year, because of the excellent receptions I had been getting at home, the solar forecasts were looking great, plus this would be the 1st time to try my Drake R8B at the shore. (My 2010 had gotten nailed by lightning, and although it was fixed in time, I had gone trolling on Ebay and got a great deal on the Drake in July.) A day before we left, Spaceweather.com suddenly predicted a solar flare late Saturday/early Sunday. It looked like this shouldn't pose a major problem—little did we know how moving to that 1st weekend would be such a fortunate choice! There were a couple of 'close calls' this year. When I called to inquire about 2 adjoining rooms for radio rooms, I found out nearly the entire motel was booked for a wedding! All they had were 6 rooms; I immediately put a 'hold' on all of them, reserved 2 rooms on my credit card, and emailed the group to tell them they had to book within 48 hours!! The need for a 2nd room was necessitated by our growth to 9 DXers, although Paul Mount wasn't feeling well and opted to keep his germs at home—thank you! The other close call was conditions—the day we left, the band went straight down the tubes from the flare, and this being the 3rd weekend in November as I write this, the band is absolutely horrid—not a single TA het to be heard, and awful white 'auroral noise' everywhere. Thank you, Lord!

I ran behind all week, still buying stuff and making cables the day before. So, it was no surprise that I rolled into the home stretch on NJ Route 72, 40 minutes behind schedule! As I checked into the LBI DXpedition 'net' on the Manahawkin repeater, I found that everyone else was late by about the same amount. Whew! I had pre-fabbed the Eurobog, 750' of #18 into a 470 ohm resistor to 100 ft of speaker cable w/ an extra 30 ft tacked onto one side to try to get a backnull over a wider frequency range. Sounded like a good idea at the time, could roll out in 10 minutes or less. After we deployed both



Russ and Bill DX intently.

BOGS and the 'phase wire', Russ arrived with the splitters and we all got wired and sat down for a trial run. It soon became apparent the Eurobog was not very directional. So, I grabbed a 'fan' I had made up of three 20 ft wires, and at 5pm headed back to the beach and chopped the resistor out and wired the 100' of speaker cable to the end of the BOG, and ran a variable termination box to the fan, now an 850' BOG with the radials at 45 degree angles. Much better. This appears to be what works best here; straight-line wire termination and ground rods have been pretty worthless. The difference really showed Saturday late afternoon as we nailed 750 Newfoundland on the Eurobog while the south BOG was mostly WSB.

We only put out one of the 6' broadband loops, mine, and although the signal level was low, it

was a very quiet antenna. It seemed to really reject high-angle domestic skywave, leaving the low-angle TA signals in the clear. We tried several preamps, but all were full of noise and images, so we plan to build Connelly's amp to go with them—possibly for use in a quick and easy one-night spring LBI-3.5!

Equipment: I'm sure an overview will be posted; I personally had the Drake R8B, with the 2010 for backup, but I never turned it on. I bought two 3-way TV antenna switches from Radshack, and they worked well with the MFJ 1025 phaser. Also added this year was a wireless network/chat server from Bill Harms, so I brought my Toshiba laptop as well, and that was both fun and useful to have—thanks, Bill! Also, we had a loop 'shootout' Saturday afternoon, with Russ's 2 ft homemade box loop, Bob's Kiwa loop—sweet!!, my old Spacemagnet2 ferrite loop, and Dave's Quantum and QX ferrite loops. Bob won, but I was impressed by how well the Spacemagnet did! Bob's KIWA could null deeper and was quieter, but I could hear 80% of what he did.

Biggest Thrill: after last year w/ no TAÖhearing Bill yell—Friday at 3:30pm EST while we were still carting stuff in—I've got audio on 1134!! And knowing it was going to be a good night! Getting 750

CBGY, NF w/CBC1, and what we are pretty sure was Iran on 1503, and armchair copy on many nice music stations.

Coollest Moment: The Saturday night pizza run and pepperoni DX session. I volunteered to make the run to Pizza Hut in Manahawkin, about 10 minutes away at 8pm. I wanted to hear what the car radio was like. Was rewarded with solid hets on 610 (612), 620 (621), 1520 (1521), 1000 (999), and others, plus Norway destroying 1310 and 1320 with high-pitched hets. Found out why upon my return, as we ate pizza and listened to Phil Collins 'Against All Odds' at 30db over S9 from Norway on 1314!!

Biggest Disappointment: Not hearing Sawa on either 1548 or 1431, and not hearing Iceland on 189—this is a coveted reception that has eluded me.

The Wrap: A great weekend, with good conditions, good friends old and new, and very little Murphy! (knock on wood) Hearing things like 1314 Norway, 1215 Virgin, 675 Holland, and others at entertainment-level 6khz copy.

Russ speaks: This is the drawback to being the compiler of the lists, logs and musings – everybody else has pretty much said it all. This was pretty much the first time I'd been able to hear this many TA's since I moved from North Jersey in 1983, and it was like hearing some old friends again – even with the intervening bandplan changes. An added bonus was the ability to use Bob Stonier's Drake R-8 for a few hours Saturday night. This was the first opportunity I'd had to work with one, and Bill, who was sitting in the next chair with his R8B filled me in on the differences between the R8 and the R8B. Really a great receiver and worth the money – if I had that kind of money to spend on radio <g>.

The remainder of the time, I used Bob Galerstein's Sony ICF2010. I'd hoped to have one of my own available, and I did, sort of. I'm in the process of purchasing a rebuilt one, but it had some persistent static problems and it's back getting checked out again.

It was great seeing many old friends and meeting a couple of new ones – Bill and my near-local neighbor Mark, who lives not far from my son's new home. By next year I hope to also be equipped to get in on the WiFi net and IRC. Although I didn't manage to catch Bill's primer on IRC, the setup more than proved its worth. I was also impressed by the performance of the BBL and will be interested to experience the amplified version.

Finally, I want to extend our thanks to Chuck Hutton, who last year sold me two 8:1 splitters prior to LBI-2 and this year generously loaned me two additional ones for LBI-3. They were an essential part of the operation.

Frequency ... Date ... Time (EST) ... Calls ... Slogan ... City ... State or Prov ... Country ... Details (p) = presumed ; (t) = tentative

153 11/05-11/07 Deutschlandfunk/ Alger Chaîne 1 Germany/ Algeria Presumed the ones whose signals were noted here both nights – did not officially log.
 162 5-Nov 1838 France Inter Allouis France talk by man in French; strong signal until late both nights
 171 5-Nov 1841 Radio Mediterranee Int'1 Nador Morocco // 9575 shortwave with music
 177 5-Nov 1444 Deutschlandradio Berlin Oranienburg Germany Weak audio. Noted stronger later
 180 5-Nov 2115 UNID Het, little or no audio. Presumed Turkey.
 183 5-Nov 1842 Europe 1 Felsberg Germany talk by man in French, pop music
 189 5-Nov 2121 Rikisutvarpid Ras Gufuskalar Iceland (p) poor signal just above threshold
 198 6-Nov 1549 BBC4 Droitwich England Poking through NDB QRM with usual program in English
 207 5-Nov 1445 RTM A Azilal Morocco Probably the man talking in Arabic. SAH noted presumed from Deutschlandfunk. Noted // to 612 at times.
 216 6-Nov 11 R Monte Carlo Roumoules France talk by man in French
 234 6-Nov 1545 RTL Beidweiler Luxembourg Presumed the one with male in French. Breaking above the noise floor.
 252 5-Nov 2350 Tipaza Algeria Arabic Chanting
 252 7-Nov 13 RTE Clarestown Ireland talk by a man and woman in English
 530 11/5, 6 R. Vision Cristiana South Caicos Turks & Caicos Omnipresent during both days of the Dxpediton, with usual Spanish religious programming, // WWRV-1330
 531 6-Nov 20 RNE Spain talk by man and woman in Spanish // 684
 549 6-Nov 2103 Alger Chaîne 1 Les Trembles (Oran) Algeria Announcers seemed to alternate between French and in Arabic strongly suggests Algeria. Another station in the background, DLF?
 555 5-Nov 1735 R ZIZ St. Kitts talk by woman in English, reggae music
 558 6-Nov 2008 Radio Svizzera – Rete 1 Monte Ceneri-Cima Switzerland Presumed the one with the woman in Italian. Carrier from another station beating about once every two or three seconds.
 567 5-Nov 1653 RTE Radio 1 Tullamore Ireland Heard bits of audio at various times. Assume Ireland because the language when heard was English. Also heard music at times.
 570 5-Nov 2227 CMDC R. Reloj Santa Clara VC Cuba Code "RR"
 576 6-Nov 2105 UNID Two carriers no audio. Several possibilities.

585 6-Nov 2055 UNID Another station heard under Spain, not sure who

585 6-Nov 1610 RNE1 synchros Spain talk by man in Spanish, // 684

594 5-Nov 1851 RTM 1 or 2 Oudja Morocco Woman singing in Arabic music in the background. Noted // 1233 at 2357

603 6-Nov 2111 Radio France Tramoyes (Lyons) France Presumed the one with deep sounding man in French and then music. Another station trying to break through was also noted.

612 5-Nov 1909 RTM Sebaâ-Aioun Morocco The one with the man talking in Arabic. Also 11/07 0145 with male announcer and chanting vocals in Arabic. // 207

621 6-Nov 1740 RNE 1 Varioues Canary Islands – Spain Two men in Spanish. // 585. At times equaling domestics on 620.

639 6-Nov 1731 RNE 1 Spain Man in Spanish // to other RNE stations

640 5-Nov 1745 R. Progresso synchros Cuba

675 6-Nov 1830 Arrow Lopik Holland Rock, ID

675 6-Nov 1830 Benghazi Libya Arabic talk

684 5-Nov 2355 RNE Spain talk by a man and a woman in Spanish // 855; RNE ID at TOH; strong

693 5-Nov 1703 BBC Radio Five Live Various United Kingdom Man with British accent, assume BBC, lots of chuffing from carriers phasing against each other - probably multiple transmitters. Also noted 11/05 2000 Clear ID "This is BBC Radio Five, it's one o'clock" by male announcer Some 690 slop. Het and audio noted numerous other times.

702 5-Nov 1842 UNID Het noted. Several possibilities.

710 5-Nov 2300 R. Rebelde synchros Cuba

711 6-Nov 1830 RTM Laayoune Western Sahara Fairly strong carrier making a loud growl. Other DXers have IDed Western Sahara here.

711 5-Nov 1840 France Info Rennes France Talking in presumed French. Loud het on 710 otherwise.

729 6-Nov 1648 RNE 1 Spain Rapid talk by man in Spanish (sporting play-by-play?) // 585, 684; possible ID

738 5-Nov 1817 RNE 1 Barcelona Spain Good audio // 585 et al.

747 5-Nov 1810 Radio 747 AM Flevoland Holland Presumed the one with a man and a woman talking, followed by light music. Easily cutting through the slop. Het and some audio at other times.

747 5-Nov 1816 RNE5 Cadiz Spain // 684 (relays RNE1 overnight)

756 6-Nov 2000 Deutschlandfunk synchros Germany // 6190

765 7-Nov 1640 Radio Suisse Romande Sottens Switzerland Heard Simon and Garfunkel in the clear. Assume Switzerland. Carrier noted here several other times.

774 5-Nov 2337 RNE1 Valencia Spain Jazz pgm, // 855

774 6-Nov 2111 UNID Arabic sounding talk and music

783 5-Nov 1914 R Mauritanie Nouakchott Mauretania // 4845 SW

792 6-Nov 2205 UNID Male talking here in UI language. Several possibilities include Greece, Yemen, and France.

801 6-Nov 2201 UNID Weak audio faded in and out. Possibilities include Jordan and Germany.

789 6-Nov 1630 RNE1 synchros Spain // 585 and 684

837 5-Nov 1847 France Info Nancy France Man in French, seemed // to 945

855 5-Nov 2350 UNID Carrier noted under Spain. Possibly Romania.

855 6-Nov 0 R. Nacional 1 Murcia Spain Music, time pips, sounder and ID by female "Radio Nacional de Espana." Into noticias. Noted // to other RNE stations on other freqs.

864 6-Nov 2057 France Bleu Villebon-sur-Yvette France Broad daylight at LBI, 4pm, this in good at times w/music and Frencha

864 5-Nov 1753 UNID talk by woman, and Arabic sounding music. Egypt possible

882 5-Nov 2205 BBC Wales Synchros Wales Woman in British accented English for a couple of minutes overpowering WCBS slop. Strong het noted other times.

890.92 / .99 6-Nov 108 UNID Two carriers close together; is one Algeria ? Other in SS or Portuguese

891 5-Nov 1745 UNID 2 stations, one is either SS or Portuguese

909 5-Nov 2244 BBC 5 Moorside Edge / Brookman's Park England // 693

909 5-Nov 2257 RNE5 Palma de Mallorca Spain // 684 (relays RNE1 overnight)

942 5-Nov 2144 Radio Progresso (Presumed) Cuba Light music and talk in what sounded like talk in Spanish.

945 6-Nov 1847 France Info Toulouse France Man in French seemed // to 837. Also noted with man in French at 11/06 1640.

950 6-Nov 2223 R. Reloj Havana HA Cuba Code "RR"

954 6-Nov 2230 Onda Cero Radio Ctra Humera (Madrid) Spain Almost certain the one with the man talking in Spanish, at least two other stations in the mix. Could be an interesting channel to spend some time on.

963 6-Nov 1930 YLE Radio Finland Pori Finland Probably the one with pop music barely above the noise floor. Possibly Finland. Also heard three carriers here 11/06 2024.

981 5-Nov 1848 Alger Chaîne 2 Alger Algeria Presumed, male talking in probable Arabic.

999 6-Nov 1655 COPE Madrid Spain Two men talking in Spanish. Another station with music tried to poke through.

- 999 6-Nov 1657 COPE (p) Spain (p) talk by man in Spanish
 1008 6-Nov 1952 Flevoland Holland Talk in Dutch
 1017 6-Nov 1952 Wolfsheim Germany German talk
 1020 5-Nov 1800 CMAP R. Reloj Bahia Honda Cuba "RR" in Morse
 1026 6-Nov 1950 Spain Spanish talk, music
 1035 6-Nov 2305 R. Nacional Porto Alto Portugal Talk, Portuguese language
 1044 5-Nov 2355 RTM-A/C Sebba-Aioun Morocco Presumed w/Middle Eastern music, also Spanish under
 1044 6-Nov 2315 SER Spain Probably one of two SER stations with a man talking in Spanish. Another station was in the mix, not sure if the other station is SER.
 1044 5-Nov 1900 UNID 2 stations, male annr and femal singing; Morocco and Spain?
 1053 5-Nov 2024 UNID Peaked with a talk in Arabic. Mixing with TalkSport. Probably Morocco or Libya on late because of Ramadan.
 1053 6-Nov 1904 Talksport Droitwich England English-accented, rapid-fire talk
 1053 6-Nov 2124 COPE Spain talk by man in Spanish, // 1215
 1062 5-Nov 2300 UNID classical music
 1062 5-Nov 2312 Danmarks Radio P3 Kalundbourg Denmark Heard male vocal in English. Arm chair copy with minimal 1060 slop even in widest filter. Also assumed the one with pop music 11/05 1746.
 1089 5-Nov 2205 TalkSPORT Various United Kingdom British accented English talk in WBAL splatter. Also 11/05 2323 two men talking about sports, giving WBAL problems. Also 11/06 1558 with a part of an Elvis vocal and male announcer in English. The Elvis song sounded like part of a program lead-in or ending.
 1116 5-Nov 2148 RAI 1 Various Italy Man and woman talking in Italian. Mixing with probable Spain.
 1116 5-Nov 2325 SER Spain One of two SER stations noted with a man and a woman in Spanish.
 1125 6-Nov 2150 HRT Deanovec Croatia Instrumental music //1134
 1134 5-Nov 1553 HRT Croatia Man and woman talking assume Croatia. Also heard German news 11/06 1901 and other times at arm chair copy levels.
 1134 5-Nov 2240 UNID Spanish under Croatia
 1143 5-Nov 1819 UNID Strong het, no audio
 1152 5-Nov 2231 UNID talk by man in English
 1179 5-Nov 1729-1732 Radio Sweden Int'l Sölvesborg Sweden Interval Signal, and ID in English by male, "This is Radio Sweden ... Broadcasting to Europe on shortwave ... and on medium wave on 1179 kilohertz" This was followed by their regular program. Signal good against 1180.
 1197 5-Nov 1800 UNID possibly Spanish
 1206 5-Nov 2155 France Info Bordeaux France Light rock music. No TOH ID heard, but man spoke in French after TOH with possible news
 1214.87 5-Nov 1720 UNID who is this?
 1214.88 5-Nov 1719-1721 UNID Unknown Someone was producing a loud growl against 1215. Dropped suddenly at 1719 and back again at 1721. Did not hear it the second night, but really didn't try to hear it.
 1215 5-Nov 1820 R. Tirana Flake Albania? Talk in Eastern European language
 1215 6-Nov 308 Virgin R. Moorside Edge England Heard w/echo, indicating more than one xmtr being heard, presume the 200kw at this site would be one. Clear ID, listenable in 6 khz mode!
 1215 6-Nov 2124 COPE Spain talk by man in Spanish under Virgin, //1053
 1224 5-Nov 1824 UNID Het, no audio
 1233 5-Nov 1856 Marrakech Morocco Arabic // 594
 1269 7-Nov 300 Deutschlandfunk Neumunster Germany extremely weak, confirmed w/6190// piano music bridge between features
 1314 6-Nov 2033 NRK Kvitsoy Norway Great signal S9+ with pop music and talk by man in pres Norwegian
 1359.7 7-Nov 553 UNID Had 3 hets—1359, 1359.70, and of course 1360—wonder who 1359.70 was?
 1395 5-Nov 1828 UNID Het and slight audio, but not enough to pull through.
 1395.28 7-Nov 542 UNID Durrës? Albania? Het zeroed at 1395.29, an old list I have showed Albania at 1395.05, could have drifted higher, and it's 500kw. Faded by 0548
 1413 6-Nov 2235 UNID Music faded up and down in short order.
 1422 5-Nov 1829 Deutschlandfunk Heusweiler Germany Assumed the one with the man speaking in German.
 1467 6-Nov 1815 Trans World Radio Roumoules France Interval signal and ID by male in English as "This is TWR UK on Saturday Night", into the Words of Hope program. Monster signal.
 1485 7-Nov 504 SER Spain not sure which xmtr, but m/f in Spanish
 1503 6-Nov 1847 IRIB 1 Iran (t) At 1847 heard talk by man, then silent period; heard beeps at 1850. Koran-sounding singing at 1854 followed by talk by man and woman at 1901. WRTH 2004 lists 500kW. Consensus seems to be this can be called tentative.
 1521 6-Nov 345 Call of Islam Doha Saudi Arabia S9, best in 1.8khz cw mode! Arabic Music.

- 1539 6-Nov 1937 UNID Upbeat piano music
 1548 5-Nov 1701 Radio Sawa Kuwait City Kuwait Man speaking but could not discern language. Also Music in Slop 11/05 1829
 1557 6-Nov 1922 France Info Fontbonne France Middle eastern style singing and talk by man, //1206
 1575 6-Nov 10 SER Spain Man in Spanish and then a song.
 1584 6-Nov 2233 UNID weak audio
 1602 5-Nov 1930 UNID Het noted.

- 198 5-Nov 1832 DIW Dixon NC USA Beacon
 206 5-Nov 1650 QI Yarmouth NS Canada NDB
 216 5-Nov 1827 CLB Wilmington NC USA Beacon
 248 6-Nov 2300 UL Montreal QU Canada NDB
 248 6-Nov 2300 FRT Fairmont SC USA NDB
 278 5-Nov 1650 SB Salisbury MD USA NDB
 335 6-Nov 842 PV Providence RI USA Beacon
 363 6-Nov 845 RNB Millville NJ USA Beacon
 407 6-Nov 850 OX Ocean City NJ USA Beacon
 414 6-Nov 853 OGY New York NY USA Beacon
 530 6-Nov 857 USA NYS Thruway Authority HAR; multiple listed around NYC
 640 6-Nov 1712 CBN St. John's NF Canada CBC Radio News // 750
 650 6-Nov 1728 WSRO Ashland MA USA Money program
 750 6-Nov 1700 CBGY Bonavista Bay NF Canada running CBC One and mentions of Labrador; // 640
 750 6-Nov 1642 WQOR Olyphant PA USA Catholic program of Rosary (Hail Marys)
 780 6-Nov 1635 CFDR Classic Country Dartmouth NS Canada Country & western music, slogan and ID
 780 6-Nov 1725 UNID carrying religious C&W or bluegrass sounding music; abrupt carrier cut in midsong
 850 6-Nov 1738 WXJC Birmingham AL USA Slogan, Birmingham area Honda dealer ad
 1060 6-Nov 1747 WKRE Monroe NC USA Mexican format - music & talk - Spanish - cheating
 1070 6-Nov 1759 CBA Moncton NB Canada CBC Radio 1 ID, The World This Weekend program; // 750
 1170 6-Nov 15 WCLN Clinton NC USA Multiple segued oldies - cheating
 1200 6-Nov 1809 CFGO The Team Ottawa ON Canada ID, local promo
 1200 6-Nov 1803 WTLA N. Syracuse NY USA Nostalgia music, national ads
 1200 6-Nov 1812 UNID USA Fox Sports
 1210 6-Nov 1757 WDFR Dohlonoga GA USA Ethnic talk - Asian language
 1240 5-Nov 1840 WGBB Freeport NY USA ID
 1270 6-Nov 2212 CFGT Alma QU Canada French Talk, music
 1610 6-Nov 904 WPIR381 Pleasantville NJ USA Tape loop anncts w/ calls
 1610 6-Nov 1242 WPFJ882 Ocean City MD USA Talk about lane closure on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. In the clear when the loop tape for WPIR381 re-wound
 1620 6-Nov 908 WPTU717 Ocean City NJ USA Tape loop anncts, ID
 1620 6-Nov 5 WDHP Frederiksted USVI News, ID
 1630 6-Nov 935 KNAA585 Jamaica NY USA JFK Airport Traffic Info, ID, incl. Calls
 1630 6-Nov 1415 WPVT502 Avalon NJ USA Test Transmission and NOAA Weather
 1640 6-Nov 917 WPVN442 Brigantine NJ USA Tape loop anncts, ID incl. Calls
 1690 6-Nov 932 WPO256 NY USA NY State HAR
 1690 6-Nov 940 WPTI908 Long Island City NY USA Queens traffic Info
 1700 5-Nov 2108 WPWX202 Eagleswood NJ USA Eagleswood Township Office of Emergency Management TIS loop
 1700 6-Nov 920 KNAA585 Jamaica NY USA JFK Airport Traffic Info, ID, incl. Calls
 1710 6-Nov 1921 Lubavitcher Brooklyn NY USA Presumed Lubavitcher pirate with religious talk by man in English



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Radio host David Brudnoy says goodbye to WBZ listeners

By Bruce Conti

The headline on the front page of the December 9, 2004, *Boston Globe* newspaper read, "Brudnoy, in cancer's grip, prepares for end," and this was indeed front page news. Dr. David Brudnoy, the top-rated weeknight talk host on 1030 WBZ Boston, aired his final broadcast on the night of December 8 with a bedside interview by WBZ news anchor Gary LaPierre from Massachusetts General Hospital. Having received top honors from broadcast and journalism professional organizations, as well as being elevated to full professorship in his other passion as a teacher, Brudnoy perhaps gained the most national recognition during his very public battle against AIDS ten years ago. He defeated AIDS to continue his broadcast career at WBZ while teaching at Boston University and establishing the *David Brudnoy Fund for AIDS Research* at Mass General. However this time it was different. After a year of fighting the cancer Merkel-cell carcinoma into remission through chemotherapy treatments, Brudnoy was readmitted into the hospital where subsequent tests revealed that the cancer had spread to the kidneys and liver, and it would only be a matter of days. It was only a week ago that he was conducting business as usual on the air at WBZ. "Now's the time to accept," said Brudnoy in the LaPierre interview. "Life is what happens when you have other plans," he suggested as a possible title for the sequel to his book "Life Is Not a Rehearsal: A Memoir."

During the final broadcast, many of the politicians with whom Brudnoy might have been at odds with over the years called to share their appreciation on the air. "Politics was David Brudnoy's bread and butter behind the microphone," reported Carl Stevens during the WBZ morning news, "So it was no surprise last night many politicians called WBZ to remember their times on the air with Dr. Brudnoy... Many politicians enjoyed the challenge of debating the issues with David, even those who weren't on the same page, like Senator Kennedy."

"He was consistent in a world where so many people sort of shift and move around, and he was right there," said Senator Edward Kennedy.

"David is a Massachusetts treasure," said Governor Mitt Romney.

"Every one of us is the beneficiary of our association and friendship with David," said former Massachusetts Senate President William Bulger.

WBZ radio and WB 56 television news commentator John Keller looked upon mentor Brudnoy as "the gift of a friend."

After the final *Brudnoy Show*, *The Steve "nice shirt" LeVeille Broadcast* midnight to 5 a.m. the following morning on WBZ became "A Tribute to Bruds," giving listeners the opportunity to say goodbye on the air. There was no shortage of callers. One listener placed David Brudnoy in her "golden mic" group of elite and legendary Boston radio personalities including Boston Celtics play-by-play announcer Johnny Most and WBZ's Norm Nathan. Throughout the night listeners spoke with heavy hearts of admiration and inspiration for the man that had so impacted their lives. Many called simply to say, "Thank you," hoping that he was still awake listening to the radio during the pre-dawn hours.

At age 64, among his many achievements David Brudnoy's broadcast career dates back to 1971 beginning at PBS affiliate WGBH-TV followed by commentator work at Boston's three major network television stations as well as a radio show host on 850 WHDH Boston 1976-1981 and at 680 WRKO Boston until 1986 when he joined 1030 WBZ. *The David Brudnoy Show* on WBZ soon became the standard of "intelligent talk radio" by which all others were measured. Brudnoy received the first Lifetime Achievement Award at the 1996 March of Dimes Achievement in Radio Awards, and in 1997 won the Freedom of Speech Award from the National Association of Radio Talk Show Hosts while also being nominated for the prestigious Marconi Award for "Personality of the Year in a Major Market." (Source: www.wbz1030.com)

To learn more about David Brudnoy and listen to the entire conversation with Gary LaPierre, visit the WBZ website at www.wbz1030.com. Donations to the *David Brudnoy Fund for AIDS Research* can be sent to Massachusetts General Hospital, 101 Merrimack Street, Boston MA 02114. "Life is Not a Rehearsal: A Memoir" by David Brudnoy (Doubleday, 1997) is currently available in bookstores.

Dr. David Brudnoy passed away on December 9, 2004. He will be missed.

A tribute to Dr. David Brudnoy from Scott Fybush

As most of you know, I worked at WBZ from 1992-97. Working with everyone at that legendary station was a privilege, but working with David was a particular honor.

David's radio career was just one of the many facets of that remarkable man. He was one of the most educated people ever to sit behind a mike, and he was a great educator as well, teaching students at Boston University right up until his last illness set in a few weeks ago. He cared deeply about the people he worked with, even the ones who were, like me, right out of school and still wet behind the ears. In June 1993, when I'd been at WBZ less than a year, he let me produce two hours of his show

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talking about the history of WBZ. And then he asked me if I'd co-host it with him - and you can't imagine the thrill of sitting there with David and hearing him refer to me as "my colleague." David didn't have to do that - but he did, and that's a measure of the kind of man David was.

We knew, inside the station, that David was very sick long before the rest of the world knew. He would come in to work looking - literally - green, holding on to the wall as he tried to get down the hallway to the studio. But once he was in there and that "on air" light came on, David was David again, right up until the day he collapsed and had to be hospitalized.

That was 1994, and I vividly remember station management huddling and making plans for what to do next. Nobody thought David was going to live, much less return to the air. But he did, and it wasn't long before he was back to all of his various tasks, teaching, doing the radio show, making TV appearances, reviewing movies and even traveling a bit.

He had his ups and downs over the last decade, and I suspect he was far sicker much of the time than he ever let on over the air. Say this about David, though: he went out exactly as he wanted to. He made the announcement last night, had the opportunity to listen for five hours from his hospital bed as friends, listeners, co-workers, former co-workers and every politician in New England called in to tell David stories. I'm especially grateful that I was able to get through and say a few words about David, knowing he was listening. When he died just after 6 tonight, you can't tell me he wasn't thinking that the timing would be perfect for the TV newscasts and for his own 7-10 shift tonight. That was David, too.

I hope most of you had the opportunity as you scanned the dials at night to hear a bit of David's show, because he was as far as you could possibly get from your typical talk-show host. He was ideological, sure - but ideologically Libertarian. And he always, always, always respected the intelligence of his guests and his callers and his producers and his listeners. David's show trafficked in ideas, at a level of discourse that was always a cut or two (or five) above the rest of the talk spectrum in town.

It's hard for me to believe I won't hear that voice anymore on 1030. David was one of a kind, and no matter who ends up in that chair now, it won't be the same. We're lucky to have had him for as long as we did.

NRC Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2003-2004

By Dick Truax, NRC Treasurer

Income Statement

Member dues	\$16,298.00
NRC AM Log	9,851.75
Antenna Book	474.45
Pattern Book	961.60
Reprints	426.78
Beverage Book	209.70
Loop Boop	266.15
Audio Service	3,291.00
Convention	2,281.57
New Member Book	32.00
FM Atlas	301.00
Map Book	254.20
Miscellaneous	<u>181.85</u>
	\$35,460.05

Expense Statement

Printing	
DX News	11,420.89
AM Log	3,498.11
Antenna Book	377.09
Receiver Book	326.60
Reprints	649.61
Administrative	<u>40.94</u>
	\$16,313.24

Postage

DX News	7,736.10
Sales	1,560.37
Administrative	<u>581.50</u>
	\$9,877.97

Administrative

Telephone	162.29
Info purchase	292.25
Supplies	1,318.42
Miscellaneous	1,579.00
Convention	<u>1,436.50</u>
	\$4,788.46

Statement of Income

Income, all sources	\$35,460.05
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DX News/Publication Costs

Beginning Inventory	\$6,465.15
Printing	\$16,313.24
Postage	9,877.97
Less Ending Inventory	<u>-5,116.03</u>
Net Costs	\$27,540.33
Profit or Loss	7,919.72
Administrative Expense	<u>-4,788.46</u>
Net Profit	\$3,131.26

Balance Sheet

Assets	
Inventory	\$5116.03
Cash	13,216.97

Liabilities

Deferred dues	-8,888.05
Net worth	\$9,444.95

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Your successes in obtaining QSL's and other station items

580	KJMJ	Alexandria LA, f/d letter, brochure in 15 days. V/s Kelly C. Hatcher, Asst. PD. (Heinen—CO)
610	KVLE	Vail CO, prepared card in 7 days from R. Colorado HQ in Longmont. V/s unreadable, GM. (Heinen—CO)
710	KMIA	Black Canyon City AZ, prepared card in 10 days after 2 nd follow-up. V/s unreadable. (Heinen—CO)
730	WWTK	Lake Placid FL, f/d letter in 8 days. V/s Peter L. Coughlin. (Myers—FL)
960	KKNT	Phoenix AZ, prepared card in 10 days after 2 nd follow-up. V/s unreadable, CE. (Heinen—CO)
970	KFTA	Rupert ID, prepared card in 12 days after 2 nd follow-up. V/s Benjamin R. Reed, PD. (Heinen—CO)
	KBUL	Billings MT, f/d letter in 26 days. V/s Jay Brandon, OM. (Heinen—CO)
1060	KRCN	Longmont CO, prepared card in 12 days after 2 nd follow-up. V/s unreadable. (Heinen—CO)
1080	KSCO	Santa Cruz CA, n/d letter, sticker, coverage map in 10 days. V/s Rosemary Chalmers, PD. (Wilkins—CO)
1130	KFAN	Minneapolis MN, f/d letter in 10 days. V/s Jess Meyer (N0QKH), Sr. Engr. (Heinen—CO)
1150	KSEN	Shelby MT, prepared card in 5 days after a follow-up. V/s unreadable, PD. (Heinen—CO)
1230	KOTS	Deming NM, f/d letter in 12 days. V/s Candi Sweetster, Managing Partner. (Heinen—CO)
	KTHR	Gallup NM, prepared card in 5 days after a follow-up. V/s unreadable, President. (Heinen—CO)
1320	KYHN	Ft. Smith AR, prepared card in 4 days after 2 nd follow-up. V/s unreadable. (Heinen—CO)
1370	KJCE	Rollingwood TX, prepared card in 16 days. V/s unreadable. (Heinen—CO)
1450	KOBE	Las Cruces NM, p/d letter in 7 days. V/s Manda Riordan, OM. (Heinen—CO)
1460	KTFW	Ft. Worth TX, p/d letter, stickers in 10 days. V/s Gary L. Moss. (Griffith—CO)
1550	KMRI	West Valley City UT, prepared card in 5 days after a follow-up. V/s unreadable. (Heinen—CO)
1640	KDZR	Lake Oswego OR, prepared card in 9 days after a follow-up. V/s unreadable. (Heinen—CO)
1630	KKGM	Ft. Worth TX, f/d, photo of new transmitter site in 7 days. V/s Dennis Blais, CE Mortenson Broad. Co. Via the KY address. (Wilkins—CO)
1700	KBGG	Des Moines IA, prepared card in 9 days after 2 nd follow-up. V/s unreadable. (Heinen—CO)
	KVNS	Brownsville TX, p/d letter in 40 days. V/s John Munoz, IT Mgr. (Heinen—CO)

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Musings of the Members

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

Here is the NRC column which matches the excitement of a professional domino championship game (which will probably be on ESPN very soon!). When sending your items in, please keep them radio- and DX-related; tricks and tips you use for hearing stations are welcomed. But did you ever notice how bed springs can distort your loop pattern? With that in mind, here we go:

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Times are local per Muse; submit double-spaced only.

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Some neighbors and I were discussing how we used to spend our times in the late 30's and 40's over the Thanksgiving holiday. The topic quickly focused on the radio and family battles about leaving it on during dinner. My contribution to "the funniest bit we could remember from those years" was the Eddie Cantor program series — the concept of push-button radio tuning had just come in and Eddie would say "let's see what's on all the stations tonight." He'd then let one program start and abruptly push the button to the next station (all of them phony, of course). The example I really could recall had the announcer saying, "Ladies, to clean your favorite dress, be sure to use" (push-button to the next announcer) "sandpaper and gasoline to be sure you have cleaned through all the grime." Obviously, the second pretend station was having some kind of woodworking program and Cantor would have 4 or 5 of those in a row. Maybe you had to be there, but I loved it! He also was a pioneer in phony newscasts. Just after a raid on Tokyo where our planes demolished large parts of the city, his "news service" announced that "Radio Tokyo is pleased to announce that the Main Tokyo Post Office is now conveniently located at the corner of every block." One other thing I remember from those days is that I could tune to the graveyard frequencies and hear the same kind of gargly interference we get today when 8-10 stations are all coming in at once. But back then, about two seconds before the hour, you would hear all the stations stop broadcasting for about one second ... then a rapid sequence of time signals followed by more of the usual unintelligible sounds. That meant that each station had already given its legal ID. Today, of course, very few station managers would allow a second or two of dead air. And give a legal ID? I must be crazy.

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A little RE-intro.... It's been several years since I have mused here. I'm 56 years old, married with two sons in college. I've been Broadcast Band DXing since I was about 7 years old. I have been an NRC member for 15 years, or so, but over 40 years ago was a member of the IRCA when they first got started. My membership there has long lapsed, but I was one of the "Charter" members (first 100 to join), as I recall. I lived in Southern California at the time. Over the years I have held a variety of positions in the broadcast field (news director, announcer, board "bored" op, sales, etc.), but never really was able to make a long-term living at it. For me, there was too much instability, format changing, ownership changing, automation, etc. Some of the stations I worked for included: WVUD-FM (now WLQT-FM) from 1968-70; WILQ-1570 (1970); WGEE-1590 (now WNTS) in 1970-71 and WCGW-770 from 1994-2001. The last position was weekend (part-time). I left there when they automated everything and told everyone to go home and not come back. While there, I conducted a few DX TESTS for the NRC. I am still good friends with the CE there, however. I am very active in ham radio operating on most bands from 160 meters to 70 centimeters. Lately, I have been amazed with the wild and weird propagation from all the aurora conditions (blinking out everything at night to the north of my location) to the extremely good Daytime conditions. On Saturday, December 4, around noon, I was in my shack and decided to scan the AM band with my ICOM IC-746 (an amateur transceiver). I was amazed to clearly log these stations: WKNR-850, CFRB-1010, KDKA-1020, WTAM-1100, KMOX-1120, WBBR-1130, WHAM-1180, WRKK-1200, WPHT-1210, KCJJ-1630, WKSH-1640, KDNZ-1650, KQWB-1660, and WRLL-1690 All in Broad Daylight around noon (between 1130 and 1300 Eastern Time) from my location in Lexington, KY. My antenna is a Alpha-Delta "DX-A" which is a twin sloper designed for the 160, 80 and 40 meter ham bands. On the ham bands, I have worked well over 100 countries on 80 and 40 meters with this set up and am pleased it works well on the AM band. In conclusion, it saddens me the way the broadcast business has gone in recent years. All the consolidation and automation have take all the localism out of broadcasting. Here in Lexington, we have two major conglomerates running most of the stations (Clear Channel and Cumulus) and they should be ashamed of themselves for all the voice-tracking and importation of non-local programming. In my opinion, there are now too many stations on the air and most can't make any money—unless they automate. In my case, I would rather listen to some local adolescent on the radio (whose voice hasn't changed yet!) than all the "slick", generic, "non-local" garbage that most stations carry. Around here at night, in a city of 250,000+ people, there is NO LOCALLY originated, live programming on AM (and most FM) anymore. What a shame!

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Members may have a chance to hear an unusual one by the time this hits print, WB3XNN-1620. This is a station set up for ground conductivity measurements, to see if the signal will actually do better or worse than what the FCC says it should do. The power will be 1000 watts run into a 50 foot tower, located just outside of Milford, PA (about a mile from BILL ALISAUKAS). The station will be on the air during non critical hours, 2 hours after local sunrise to 2 hours before local sunset with an unmodulated carrier with ID's given on the hour. The address for reports should be in this issue of DX NEWS. Time flies when you're having fun; I'm up for my 30th year in the NRC in January. I'm just a pup! OK, lets keep Musings alive in 2005, and let's hear from YOU! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

John D. Bowker