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Station Test Calendar

WNTP PA 990 Mar. 15 0000-0100

WNTP-990 ... From René Tetro: "Because of the inclement weather today and tonight here in Philadelphia, I am going to have to postpone the WNTP DX Test until March 15 (Friday night into Saturday morning). Aside from the difficult travel conditions, the other work I needed to do tonight is going to be impossible because I won't be able to get to the towers with the heavy snowfall today and expected ice tonight. Sorry about the short notice. The setup, conditions, and procedures for the DX Test on March 15 will be the same as they would have been tonight. I will not be able to do the test before 3/15 because I leave on 2/28 for England for two weeks (coming home on 3/13)."

From the Publisher ... Heard something juicy on your ultralight? your toaster? Whatever ... send your loggings in to your favorite editor to share with the rest of us!

DXChange ... "Various WNRC Radio unscoped Aircheck cassettes from 2002 National Radio Club Convention. \$3.00 + shipping by UPS, Parcel Post, or Priority Mail.

(6) Case Logic plastic cassette trays that can be mounted on the wall. Holds 30 cassettes in hard plastic cases. My cost was \$9.95 each. Selling them for \$2.50 each + shipping.

(1) Recoton S-Video or Video/Stereo Audio 4-input switch. Use this to switch 4 video sources to a monitor, or 4 stereo audio sources to one stereo input. Pushbutton/passive switching. (Video lines can be used for switching antennas). Measures 6" w 1.25" h 4" d. No power required. My cost was \$32.95. Selling this one for \$8.00 + shipping

Complete set of 2007 DX Audio Service master

cassette tapes in hard, clear cassette plastic cases, and (1) CD data disk of the complete 2007 year in MP3 form, in stereo. \$10.00 + shipping by UPS, Parcel Post, or Priority Mail. (money - shipping costs goes back to club.)

Prefer a member who has PayPal for quickest & immediate sale. Contact Fred Vobbe, 706 Mackenzie Drive, Lima OH 45805, or call 360-382-1957, or e-mail nrc2008fred@vobbe.com. "

Unfilled positions ... We're still in need of volunteers for the following positions, as described in detail in V73, #27, the June '06 DXN: A person proficient with phpBB to maintain the e-DXN site; one or more additional moderators for e-DXN; one or more persons to edit future NRC publications; a "DX Targets" editor; several editors to take over languished columns, especially "DX'er's Notebook"; finally, a DXN publisher, by June 2008..

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 75

23.	Feb. 29	Mar. 10	27.	May 2	May 12
24.	Mar. 7	Mar. 17	28.	June 6	June 16
25.	Mar. 21	Mar. 31	29.	July 11	July 21
26.	Apr. 4	Apr. 14	30.	Aug. 8	Aug. 18

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News

50 years ago ... from the March 1, 1958 DXN: Ernie Cooper, Brooklyn, NY reported a verie card from KDSN-1580 received 21 days short of two years after having sent the reception report, with no follow-up; his advice: "Never give up!"

25 years ago ... from the March 14, 1983 DXN: Dave Schmidt, New Castle, DE, noted, "A receiver has been introduced by Kahn that will pick up AM stereo signals using the Kahn system".

10 years ago ... from the March 16, 1998 DXN: Stan Morss decided to clean house and offered various items for sale, including Newark News Radio Club bulletins from the '50's and other publications.

The Challenging Crystal Set

For hobbyists demanding the ultimate DX challenge, Ray Cole's publication detailing step-by-step procedures in building a crystal set is for you! Only \$4.00 (non-members, \$5.00) from NRC Publications - P.O. Box 473251, Aurora CO - 80047-3251. (CO residents, please add 3.5% sales tax.)



AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old Call</u>		<u>New Call</u>
1300	WTMM	NY Rensselaer	WGDJ
1600	KOPT	OR Eugene	KOPB



CPs ON THE AIR

710	WOR	NY New York - CP changing their antenna designation from U3 to U4 is now licensed. So change your logs to read U4 50000/50000.
1010	WJXL	FL Jacksonville Beach - CP for U4 50000/30000 is now licensed and on the air.
1060	WKMQ	MS Tupelo - CP for U1 960/12 is on the air, adding the night operation.
1420	WKCW	VA Warrenton - CP for U4 22000/60 is on the air.

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1450	NEW	TX Marathon - CP granted for U2 10000/250.
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ACTIONS

970	KFEL	CO Pueblo - CP granted for U5 15000/184.
1450	KOBO	CA Yuba City - CP granted for U1 160/500.
1550	WNZF	FL Bunnell - CP Mod granted for U2 8700/250.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

540	WXNH	NH Jaffrey - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U4 250/330, plus and amendment or two on the books. This amendment requests U4 220/430.
780	KCEG	CO Pueblo - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U4 3000/760, plus three amendments in the files. This requests is for U4 1400/490 at Fountain, Colorado.
890	KJME	CO Fountain - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U4 5500/500. This amendment requests U4 4500/550.
1180	KYES	MN Rockville - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U7 35000/5000 CH 16000. This amendment requests U7 50000/5000 CH 8000.

APPLICATIONS

1630	KRND	WY Fox Farm - Applies for U4 10000/1000. Both proposed patterns are slender figure-eights headed north-northeast/south-southwest, using three new in-line towers.
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APPLICATIONS REINSTATED

1120	NEW	NY Little Falls - Application for U2 1500/250.
1120	NEW	TX Manor - Application for U4 250/153.
1490	NEW	TX Alpine - Application for U1 1000/1000.

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS/CALL LETTERS DELETED

1290	WCFI	FL Ocala - Cited for EAS and tower violations.
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LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

1550	KRPI	WA Ferndale
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HEAR AND THAR

- Fines: WNOV-860 Milwaukee, Wisconsin was fined \$4000 for violations of Section 73.1206 of the FCC rules, which deal with the broadcasting of telephone conversations.
- Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen and Pete Taylor.

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

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* record held by DXer from North America (excluding Alaska)

+ record held by a DXer in USA/Canada where a Canadian/USA record exceeds that mileage

1340 kHz:

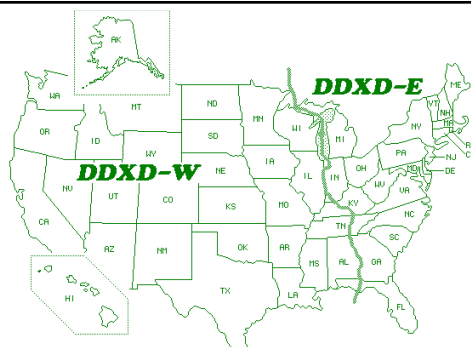
					<u>Miles</u>
WCMJ	KY	Ashland	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	+ 362
WBGJ	KY	Bowling Green	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	+ 525
WBBL	MI	Grand Rapids	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	+ 214
WCSR	MI	Hillsdale	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	+ 196
KVBR	MN	Brainerd	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	* 646
WMID	NJ	Atlantic City	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	+ 469
WLVL	NY	Lockport	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	+ 196
WHAR	WV	Clarksburg	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	+ 306
WLDY	WI	Ladysmith	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	+ 490
WJYI	WI	Milwaukee	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	+ 326
CFBQ	ON	Parry Sound	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	+ 141
CKDK	ON	Woodstock	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	+ 52

Remember, all GYDX Achievements and Totals are now online at:
<http://www.nrcdxas.org/GYDXA/>

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

DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- ▲ As regular readers will know, **Chris Knight** built a new terminated loop antenna a few weeks back, and has been keeping us updated on the great logs that he has heard since. This week Chris passes along these comments: "The terminated loop antenna is really proving itself as a nuller. The next step is to switch out the feedbox with the termination box or implement an in-shack-controlled dual feed/termination scheme and put the null on local Denver stations." By the way, please note the loggings on 1310 below: Chris was using his antenna system to null the local KFKA while **John Tucker** was using *his* antenna system to pull in the distant KFKA! Great testimony that one man's pest is another man's DX!
- ▲ Despite the severity of this year's winter in much of the **Vast Westland**, telltale signs that things are about to change are upon us. The days are getting noticeably longer and with it temperatures are moderating. The late winter and the spring DX seasons are fast approaching, and with it new sets of challenges and opportunities. Please keep your DDXD/IDXN editors in mind as we enter these new phases of the DX year. We would love to hear from you about what you are hearing!

73 **Bill**

Reporters

- CK-CO** **Chris Knight, Fort Lupton.** Drake R8 communications receiver, Sony ICF-SW7600GR (internal loopstick antenna), 12' x 27' terminated loop antenna, south-facing, switchable, variable termination; 16' x 34' WNW flag antenna, terminated, switchable, fixed, 1k ohm termination; Quantum Phaser.
- DS-CA** **Dan Sheedy, Encinitas.** Station news.
- FO-OK** **Forest Osborn, Hooker.** HQ-150, IC-R70, 4-foot loop, 200-foot longwire.
- GH-IL** **Greg Harris, Park Forest.** Icom R75 / Quantum loop or Realistic DX350 / ferrite rod antenna.
- JT-AZ** **John Tucker KG7RS, Mesa.** Drake R8B, 4' varactor-tuned remote box loop, 10/50/10' EWE, DX Engineering NCC-1 Phaser.
- JW-CO** **John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge.** Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- SA-MB** **Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg.** ICOM IC-R70, Drake R8, 4 foot unamplified box loop, Quan-

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

- WH-CO** **Wayne Heinen, Aurora.** Drake R8B, N/S Flag, E/W Flag, Modified 4 foot NRC Altazimuth loop, 15 foot vertical whip, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo w/2 BUF-F amplifiers, Mini-DXP5, DX Engineering RPA-1.
- WW-MO** **Woz Wozniak, Saint Louis.** Grundig Satellit 800 and Quantum QX Loop Plus+.
- Ed.-WI** **Your editor, Madison.** Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.

Correction

- 1160** **WCRT** **TN** **Donelson.** In DDXD-W #75-19 "Regular Loggings," this station's CoL was incorrectly listed as Memphis TN. The correct CoL is Donelson, which is in the Nashville area. **(Ed.-WI)**

Station News

- 960** **KOVO** **UT** **Provo.** I think KOVO is running // KXOL1660 "La Favorita." Heard a station on 960 in SS first a week or so ago with "9-60 La Favorita" slogans mixing with the usual crew. Then last week was listening on the X-band and heard KXOL1660 with a big dance/concert promo and "9-60 La Favorita" slogans; tuned down to 960 and caught whoever it is in //. Although KOVO is my guess, a check of its website shows it is still // KZNS 1280 "The Zone" and KXOL's website won't display for me. Also amlogbook.com doesn't show any new activity for 960, so am not positive on this. **(DS-CA)** (It looks like Dan's suspicions are right on this. Like Dan I could not find a domestic database that showed a change for KOVO. However, the Finnish DX website KOJE in a 2/5/08 item on its updates page (<http://www.diccons.com/radio/koje.htm>) says KOVO "...relays KXOL 1660 with a Spanish format and slogan 'La Favorita.'" **Ed.-WI)**
- 1140** **KCLE** **TX** **Cleburne. 2/14 2000.** Legal ID by male voice: "You're tuned to Classic Country KCLE 1140 Cleburne- Bursleson-Crowley," then into C&W music. Ex-Gospel, which didn't last very long, unless they have a dual format. **(JW-CO)** (It also makes the 28th AM Log, which shows the format as C&W, correct again. The "Formats" column of DDXN #75-3 10/15/07 updated this station's format to Gospel, and the latest change brings it back to C&W. **Ed.-WI)**
- 1250** **KZDC** **TX** **San Antonio. 2/14 2203.** ID as "San Antonio's ESPN Radio," then ESPN network programming. Heard at other times with ESPN so presume this is KZDC with a new format, ex-SS, although I've not heard a call letter ID lately. **(JW-CO)** (Confirmed by two San Antonio websites, About.com and MySA.com, who both point out that this is only the second all-sports station in this market of nearly two million people [KTKR 760 is the other]. The change was effective 2/4/08. **Ed.-WI)**
- 1470** **KGND** **OK** **Vinita. 2/20 0200.** "On your sports station 1470 AM KGND Vinita" to ESPN programming. Also heard a promo for Jim Rome, so you can add ESPN/Jr to your LOG as networks for this one. **(WH-CO)**

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 590** **KLBJ** **TX** **Austin. 2/12 1905.** ID as "Newsradio 590 KLBJ," traffic report at 1906, talk show about changing Texas school curriculum. **(FO-OK)**
- 610** **KNML** **NM** **Albuquerque. 2/12 1918.** ID as "610, the Sports Animal", back to a sports talk show, imagine that!! **(FO-OK)**
- 640** **WHLO** **OH** **Akron. 2/18 0306.** Weak but moderate signal under moderate unID QRM. With broken station promos: "on 6-40 WHLO news..." and "...station information on 6-40 WHLO Akron." Overall reception was fair to good and slight QRN. New **(WW-MO)**
- 730** **KLOE** **KS** **Goodland. 2/7 2015.** High school basketball game coverage. Commercials for Expert Carpet and Upholstery Care in Goodland 899-5866, Homestead Realty at 1023 Main, Goodland Holiday Inn Express. "KLOE" mentioned twice. Fair signal for reported 20w non-directional. New one! KS #4. **(JT-AZ)**
- 760** **KCCV** **KS** **Overland Park. 2/18 1857.** ID as "KCCV in Kansas City," religious program with info about Midwestern Baptist Seminary. **(FO-OK)**
- 770** **KAAM** **TX** **Garland. 2/18 1900.** ID as "77 K double A-M," weather at 1901, oldies music at 1902. **(FO-OK)**
- 790** **WMC** **TN** **Memphis. 2/18 1908.** Old country music, "Bringing the legends to you." **(FO-OK)**
- 840** **KVJY** **TX** **Pharr. 2/18 1941.** ID as "KVJY Radio Brownsville" (Pharr is just outside of

Brownsville), this in the null of WHAS, then into what I would call easy-listening music. **(FO-OK)**

- 880 KJJR MT **Whitefish. 2/10 2158-2201.** Poor to fair signal in KRVN null with end of talk program, legal ID mentioned Kalispell and another city. **(CK-CO)**
- 910 WALT MS **Meridian. 2/15 0000.** "Brought to you next on 9-10 WALT Meridian. News you can depend on." Under/over QRM from KVIS Miami OK. Propagation good and fair overall with slight QRM and moderate QRM. New **(WW-MO)**
- 910 KVIS OK **Miami. 2/17 0415.** "Metro weather on 910 KVIS" by a male announcer. Fair signals. **(GH-IL)**
- 920 WGKA GA **Atlanta. 2/15 0330.** "The most comprehensive coverage in (QRM) to change the world, 9-20 AM WGKA," through a barrage of severe to extreme QRM and QRM. Propagation was also moderate to severe, but overall reception and signal were both fair to good. New **(WW-MO)**
- 920 WTCW KY **Whitesburg. 2/16 0140.** From under severe to moderate unID QRM came "(Music) Classic hits country, WTCW" into a credit commercial. Although signal and overall reception were good, moderate to severe propagation made this catch difficult. New **(WW-MO)**
- 950 WWJ MI **Detroit. 2/16 0653.** "Live (QRM) News Radio 9-50 WWJ," followed by news from a female voice. Overall reception and signal were both good, but QRM and QRM being the culprits of moderate proportion, while propagation was slight to none. New **(WW-MO)**
- 970 KJLT NE **North Platte. 2/19 1914.** Station announcement which probably led into power reduction at local sunset. **(FO-OK)**
- 1070 CHOK ON **Sarnia. 2/21 0315.** "... (missed) Country with us-- CHOK" by a male announcer and into Johnny Cash song. Fair signal. Was using the DX350. **(GH-IL)**
- 1230 KBCR CO **Steamboat Springs. 2/10 1815-1822.** Very good peaks with "ESPN Radio" slogans, local ad, promo, two call letter IDs with many mentions of "Steamboat Springs." **(CK-CO)**
- 1310 KFKA CO **Greeley. 2/8 0100.** Commercials for collegeinvest.org, Agland and Culver's of Greeley restaurant. "The High School Scoreboard Show exclusively on AM 1310 KFKA." Poor to fair with very nearby local KXAM completely phased out. New CO. **(JT-AZ)**
- 1310 KZRG MO **Joplin. 2/13 2340-2352.** Fair at best with talk program, many "Newstalk 13-10 KZRG" IDs, mixed with KKNS, KTCK, others. KFKA totally nulled by terminated loop. New one! **(CK-CO)**
- 1310 KKNS NM **Corrales. 2/13 2249-2305.** Spanish. Good peaks with "La Norteñita" slogans, ads, ranchera. Local KFKA knocked out solely by terminated loop. **(CK-CO)**
- 1310 KTCK TX **Dallas. 2/13 2255-2258.** Fair peak with Dallas Mavericks basketball and "The Ticket" slogans. Local KFKA nulled solely by terminated loop antenna. **(CK-CO)**
- 1330 WRAM IL **Monmouth. 2/17 1729.** "Classic Country 1330 WRAM" peaked out of the mess. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 1340 KVBR MN **Brainerd. 12/16 0759.** Poor with much fade. Calls and "Brainerd's Business Radio" slogan, weather, 7:00 time check into national news. Heard their DX test 2/20/94 and hadn't heard them since. Distance 327 miles. **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1410 WHLN KY **Harlan. 2/16 1900.** ToH ID "WHLN Harlan" by a male announcer. Strong briefly then into the mud. **(GH-IL)**
- 1410 KERN CA **Bakersfield. 2/20 0817.** "KERN NewsTalk 14-10" wafting through the QRM. **(JW-CO)**
- 1410 KGSO KS **Wichita. 2/20 0828.** "Sports Radio 14-10 KGSO" ID, then local sports talk with frequent interruptions for ads, both local and not-so-local, e.g. a car dealership in Salina. Generally fair, mixing with others. **(JW-CO)**
- 1430 KEZW CO **Aurora. 2/10 1918.** ID as "Studio 1430" as listed in the NRC Log, ad for Colorado Central Station hotel and casino, into nostalgia music. **(FO-OK)**
- 1450 KZNU UT **Saint George. 2/11 1046-1048.** Good peak with call ID by a man into news. Local KGRE knocked out by terminated loop antenna. No phasing required. New one! **(CK-CO)**
- 1470 KMNQ MN **Brooklyn Park. 2/14 0830.** Fair signals with new Mexican style format and these new calls, ex-KRJJ. **(SA-MB)**
- 1470 KYYW TX **Abilene. 2/18 0902.** Ending C&W Music. "We are Classic County 1470 KYYW Abilene" to brief local news. This while looking for an ID to tape from Liberal KS call change. **(WH-CO)**

1550 KYAL OK **Sapulpa. 2/18 2200.** Postgame segment of an Oral Roberts University women's basketball broadcast. Legal ID // KYAL-FM 97.1 and KBIX 1490, both CoL Muskogee OK. Poor. Needed call change, ex-KXOJ. (Ed.-WI)

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

DJ-PA David Jansky, Sunbury – CCRadio, Radio Shack loop
 DL-MD Dave Larrabee, Columbia – SDR-14 on a pair of DX Engineering Verticals through a Quantum Phaser. All recovery post-facto from I/Q file.
 DP-QC Denis Picard, Trois-Rivières – ICOM IC-746 Pro, 145' attic wire, Kiwa loop
 MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig G5 & YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200



PRESUMED & UNID

1290 WDZYp VA **Colonial Heights** – 2/10 1200 - "Radio Disney, AM twelve ninety" faded up in the sunrise co-channel. According to the *NRC Log* it is the only Disney in the east on 1290. (DL-MD)
 1380 - 2/19 2243 - SS talk and music, over/under WSTB. Heard twice what sounded like "Radio Precision". (DP-QC)

LOGGINGS

550 WIOZ NC **Pinehurst** - 2/5 0000 - TOH ID by a male and then continuation of nostalgia music - signal pulsing with one other - 260 watts? (DJ-PA)
 560 CFOS ON **Owen Sound** – 2/17 0556 – OLD song, ID at 0558 "560 CFOS, the oldies you want, the information you need, start up your day every day with unforgettable music..." (DP-QC)
 610 CHNC QC **New Carlisle** - 2/6 1650 - FF with French C&W song, male & female alternating announcing. Excellent signal (didn't understand a word of it except the word Montreal). Faded at 1707. (DJ-PA)
 620 WKHB PA **Irwin** – 2/16 1742 – over CKTB-610 slop with "Polka Palace" polka show on "620 KHB", ad for Kelly Cordoni Funeral Home in Avonmore, PA and other local ads, birthday greetings, etc. between polka songs. (MKB-ON)
 640 WXSM TN **Blountville** - 2/6 1641- "Sports Monster" 2 stations alternating for top spot - no sign of WWJZ. 1648 "WXSM" ID after Nascar Report. (DJ-PA)
 730 CKAC QC **Montreal** - 2/7 1759 - in FF "CKAC" on top of a jumble, became dominant into a sports news show (I recognized many team & player names). (DJ-PA)
 WPIT PA **Pittsburgh** – 2/8 1759 - very clear "WPIT Pittsburgh". Then signal dropped. (DJ-PA)
 840 WKTR VA **Earlysville** – 2/16 1720 – Briefly atop WHAS: ad for retractable awning 800-337-1627, "WKTR Talkradio" ID, and other ID at 1721. (DP-QC)
 1120 WPRX CT **Bristol** – 2/22 1902 – battling nulled KMOX with mellow Latin pops, legal "WPRX Bristol" EE ID slipped in amid SS talk with many mentions of Puerto Rico and "La Puertoriquenísima" slogan. (MKB-ON)
 1150 WHBY WI **Kimberly** – 2/16 0829 – "WHBY news time at 7:35", ad for food store on highway 15 in Greenville; weather at 0840 "1150 WHBY", ad for a law firm (??judge.com), "7:42 and 5 above..." into boys' basketball scores, then girls'. Over/under CJRC. (DP-QC)
 1240 WGVA NY **Geneva** – 2/19 1804 – on top of graveyard jumble with station promo at end of ABC news: "news when it happens, 24 hours a day every day on Finger Lakes news radio 1240 WGVA" into local news. (MKB-ON)
 1300 WNQM TN **Nashville** – 2/21 1758 – over usual WOOD with announcement at end of "Insight for Living" gospel program: "to keep Insight for Living on WNQM, we need to hear from you..." (MKB-ON)
 1320 WGOC TN **Kingsport** - 2/8 1800 - "AM thirteen twenty, WGOC Kingsport, Johnson City, Bristol" into CBS News at the top of the hour. This station shows up at 'Classic Country' on their web page, but the programming I noted was definitely NOS. (DL-MD)
 1350 WGPL VA **Portsmouth** - 2/8 1800 – Gospel, "Right here on AM thirteen fifty, WGPL" (DL-MD)
 1370 WDEA ME **Ellsworth** – 2/19 2106 – "WDEA" ID over jumble into ABBA's "Dancing Queen". ID also heard during the ABBA song playing on WFEA (logged below). (DP-QC)

- WFEA NH **Manchester** – 2/19 2109 – Billy Joel’s “Just the way you are”; ABBA’s “I have a dream” at 2112; clear ID “1370 WFEA” at 2116, with host mentioning these 2 songs he played. Joel’s song began during ABBA’s song on WDEA (see preceding log). Had to listen to recording a few times to make sure which was which! At 2200 “You’re listening to WFEA, Manchester, celebrating our 75th anniversary (*like the NRC*), and your home for unforgettable hits”, into news “CNN Radio, I’m Paul Chambers”. Listed as A/JRN in log. **(DP-QC)**
- 1380 WKJV NC **Asheville** - 2/08 1754 - GOS “This is North Carolina’s pure gospel, AM thirteen eighty, WKJV” **(DL-MD)**
- WSYB VT **Rutland** – 2/19 2246 – “WSYB” ID, ad about COPD www.learnaboutCOPD.org, political talk. At 2258, talk about USA-Cuba relations, and other ID. “Fox news Radio” heard at 2302. Fading in/out in mess with a UNID SS. **(DP-QC)**
- 1390 WFBL NY **Syracuse** - 2/8 1704 - TLK “for Talk Radio thirteen ninety, WFBL I’m (fade)” **(DL-MD)**
- WNIO OH **Youngstown** - 2/8 1700 - NOS “WNIO Youngstown, and on line wnio dot com” **(DL-MD)**
- 1410 WRIS VA **Roanoke** - 2/8 1700 - GOS “It is the Gospel Great on WRIS. Fourteen ten, WRIS Roanoke” at the top of the hour. **(DL-MD)**
- 1470 WLOA PA **Farrell** – 2/16 1754 – over WNYX with Verizon ad, slogan “1470 and 940, all sports all day”, then surprised me by throwing in a “WLOA 1470 Farrell” legal ID. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1500 KSTP MN **St. Paul** – 2/18 0916 – creaming WWWT and WLQV well past local sunrise with traffic report “from the AM 1500 KSTP 24 hour Traffic Center” into local weather (a slightly cool -1F with -22 wind chill) **(MKB-ON)**
- 1530 WVBF MA **Middleborough Center** - 2/3 1600 - ID by a male at 1600 TOH. Almost nothing else readable. **(DJ-PA)**

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Fred Vobbe - Lima, OH

Just a short review / comment about a product. Rust-oleum Hammer Finish Paint This past month I have been cleaning and organizing things, and needed to put a rack on my workbench for some of my ham equipment. The only rack I had was a small 8RU steel cabinet that was “Harris” blue, and looked beat to heck. It originally was used in a newsroom, so it was handled, scratched, and wrote on. A note on it indicated it was at least 30 years old. I found a product that I think is pretty good. Do you remember the old Bud rack cabinets with the “hammer finish”? The hammer finish was a black textured look, and unlike “wrinkletext” which had a rougher feel to it I was shopping in Lowes today and found they now stock a can of spray paint called “Rust-oleum Hammered”. SKU 20066-7215, product 7215 Black. Cost \$5.97 p/can. This 12 oz can perked up an old cabinet pretty good. Step one was cleaning the cabinet. This was done by using 409 cleaner and a floor scrub brush. What was coming off the metal was pretty gross. After some clean water and more toweling, I used a heat gun to make sure all moisture was out of the screw threads and corners. I allowed it to dry, then used rubbing alcohol on a rag to get any traces of grease or sticky stuff off the cabinet. Usually it was what was remaining of old Scotch Tape and Masking Tape. Next, I applied the paint. When it goes on it appears to be basic black gloss, but after it sets up you can see the paint sort of separate into the textured pattern. I painted and then allowed it to dry for 24 hours and then inspected it for consistency, and then did a lighter overcoat. Pros & Cons? Cons: You have to keep moving back and forth and be careful not to apply too thick. Rust-oleum has engineered a larger opening on the spray applicator so if you have worked with their products before, it would be easy to over spray an area. Also, one can is just about good for one 19”w x 14”d x 16”h rack cabinet. I suspect that this paint dispenses more product per covering area than traditional Rust-oleum paint. Pros: The cabinet looks great! None of the original baby-blue was seen peaking through. There is some texture to the touch, but it looks like a 50s or 60s Bud Hammered black cabinet. For \$6.00, not a bad investment to make an old equipment rack look new again. Two thumbs up for Rust-oleum on this new product.

International DX Digest

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Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC

Transatlantic DX

- 684 **SPAIN** RNE1 Sevilla (37°12'N 5°55'W) FEB 18 0000 - Peaking fair audio and parallel frequently good 621 with 549, 585, and 765 kHz almost making it above the noise floor. [Allen-SC]
1521 unID FEB 19 1900 - This is occasionally my strongest TA, but always covered up with WCKY digital interference. [Allen-SC]

Pan-American DX

- 560 **CUBA** R.Rebelde, Moa (20°40'N 74°56'W) FEB 22 1100 - Rebelde sounder and theme through a stew of signals. The same sounder SDR-captured at 1100 UTC on 550 under WSVA, 610 under WGIR, and 670 kHz, while normally strong 600 wasn't heard under WICC. Like an interval signal or Morse code, the distinctive Rebelde sounder makes for easy identification through the worst of interference. [Conti-NH]
780 **VENEZUELA** YVMN R.Coro, Coro (11°23'N 69°40'W) - Almost nightly this 10 kW station trounces the higher power South American stations on this and other frequencies. [Allen-SC]
840 **CUBA** CMHW Doblevé, Santa Clara (22°24'N 79°56'W) FEB 18 1100 - Fair; short choral national anthem, then ID with theme music, "Esta es Doblevé..." [Conti-NH]
900 **MEXICO** XEW México (19°18'N 99°08'W) FEB 12 2300 - Announcements, news parallel 540 kHz. [Paszkievicz-WI]
910 **CUBA** R.Cadena Agramonte, Camagüey FEB 18 1100 - Good, over an unID Spanish speaker; "Desde la cuna de el mejor transmite Radio Cadena Agramonte, Camagüey, Cuba." [Conti-NH]
1000 **MEXICO** XEOY R.Mil, Iztacalco, México DF (19°23'N 99°07'W) FEB 17 1100 - Mexican national anthem over/under R.Granma followed by full ID. [Allen-SC] FEB 18 1100 - Good, over WMVP; "Vive México, Radio Mil" jingle and national anthem. [Conti-NH]
1050 **MEXICO** XEQOO Cancún FEB 18 1100 - Mix of Latin American stations with unknown Radio Bincoco or Vincoco announced by man and then a woman announcer with *Radio Imagen* heard poorly and Cancún heard well followed by Cancún news by women. [Allen-SC]
1050 **MEXICO** XEG La Ranchera, Monterrey NL (25°42'N 100°11'W) FEB 20 0500 - Finally peaked right at hour over WEPN with "La Ranchera de Monterrey." [Allen-SC]
1120 **COLOMBIA** HJTI Cúcuta FEB 17 0100 - Tentative with *Radio Dos Cuatro* ID. [Allen-SC]
1140 **CUBA** R.Rebelde, unknown location FEB 16 1100 - Under WRVA; rustic folk vocal, Rebelde sounder, parallel 1180 kHz. New log. [Conti-NH]
1180 **CUBA** R.Rebelde, Villa María (23°07'N 82°22'W) FEB 18 2023 - Sports parallel 5025 kHz. [Paszkievicz-WI]

Doug Allen: Three new Cubans Feb 17 this week for a Cuban total of 68. They were 3 kW 1230 CMGJ *Radio Veinte Seis*, Union de Reyes MA parallel 1060; 1110 CMKO *Radio Angulo*, which finally peaked over WBT on the hour with a good ID; and 1000 *Radio Granma*, Manzanillo, at 6 a.m. local (one of my few morning DX sessions) with Bruce Conti's often reported rooster crowings! Also, *Radio Victoria* continues to dominate 1050 at times, and the 840, 1280, and 1590 parallel *Radio Revoluciones* were heard again.

Bruce Conti: My transatlantic antenna has been out of service. There's a short to ground somewhere in the loop. At first I thought it was the extremely wet snow shorting out the transformer connections at the base, but on a windy night I could see the entire spectrum coming in and out on the SDR IQ. There's a section of the antenna that's been high up in the tree canopy for some 15 years that probably needs to be replaced, but it's too cold making the wire too stiff to retrieve without pulling the whole thing down. I'll have to wait 'til warmer weather arrives before using the old wire to hoist a new antenna.

Contributors

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Bruce Conti, Nashua NH; SDR IQ, WR-CMC-30, MWDX-5, 15 x 23-m SuperLoop antennas east with remote variable termination and south 1150-Ω terminated.

Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc WI; Eton E1, AOR Loop.
73 and Good DX!

Broadcast Test Report

A periodic update of station testing activities

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CFFX DX Test Final Report

Wow! What a good test this turned out to be. In spite of marginal conditions, the last few hours of CFFX on 960 kHz made it to both the east and west coast and even to Scotland. Only the southwest and the deep south appear to have been left out. A look at the CFFX daytime pattern explains why - a pretty significant null toward the south.

As with the KKMO test, the CFFX test was heard in Europe. Special congratulations this time go to Paul Crankshaw in Troon Scotland, who caught a couple Morse code IDs. The test also made it to the North American west coast.

Without further ado, here is the lengthy list of those who logged the swan song of CFFX-AM:

Konnie Rychalsky - Southwestern CT; Dave Lang - Waterford CT; Curtis Sadowski - Paxton IL; Tom Jasinski - Shorewood IL; Frank Zane - Downers Grove (Chicago) IL; Mark Connelly - Billerica MA; Joe Miller - Southeastern MI; George Sherman - MN; Paul LaFreniere - Grand Marais MN; Joe Wozniak - St. Louis MO; Dave Hockfelder - Albany NY; Stephen Howe - Albany NY; Ken Chatterton - Mannville NY; Jerry Bond - Rochester NY; Scott Fybush - Suffern NY; Joe Perge - Newark OH; Patrick Martin - Seaside OR; Brett Saylor - State College PA; Steve Francis - Alcoa, TN; Jim Pogue, Memphis TN; Kevin Satya - Bainbridge Island WA; Bill Dvorak - Madison WI; Tim Noonan - Oak Creek WI; Nigel Pimblett - Dunmore AB; Nick Hall-Patch, Victoria BC; Walter Salmaniw - Victoria BC; Saul Chernos - Burnt River ON; Jeff Falconer - Clinton ON; Robert Ross - London ON; Mark Gerwlvich - Markham ON; Mike Brooker - Toronto ON; Niel Wolfish - Toronto ON; Barry McLarnon - Ottawa ON; Paul Crankshaw - Troon, Scotland; Steve Whitt - Scotland.

Sometimes the Internet is a key ally. Frank Schuettig in Bali, Indonesia tuned in this test remotely via a DX Tuner in Illinois. The international aspect our tests are taking on is great, and we encourage more of our European compatriots to give future tests a try.

Even if you weren't able to hear the test, we send a big thank-you to those who tried and continue to support our efforts, including: Bill Block-AZ, Frank Aden-ID, Bob Foxworth-FL, Tim Hall-CA, Steve Ratzlaff-OR, Martin Foltz-CA, Fred Nordquist-SC, Patrick Griffith-CO, J.D. Stephens-AL, Bruce Winkelman-OK, Bruce Portzer-WA, Barry Davies in the UK and Bjarne Mjelde in Berlevag (Arctic Norway) who heard CFAC and KMA but not CFFX.

After a very brief dry spell, we've added a couple of more tests to the calendar, plus several more are still very much in the works. Remember to keep checking the DXTESTS.INFO Web site frequently and listen to the BTC Podcasts for news and late-breaking developments.

Finally, if you can reach out to one or more stations in your area and encourage them to consider doing a DX test, please do so. Many hands. and all that.

-Saul Chernos and Jim Pogue

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Annunciation Radio signs on briefly tomorrow, via WTOD-AM 1560

From the *Toledo Blade*, via Fred Vobbe

A Toledo Catholic radio station will make its debut [February 3]. But it will be a limited engagement for Annunciation Radio, which is leasing two hours of airtime on WTOD-AM (1560).

"It's a baby step," said Deacon Michael Learned, president of the station's board of directors. "But it's a big baby step."

Annunciation's long-term goal is to broadcast on its own radio signal 24 hours a day, seven days a week - a goal that may not be too far off, Mr. Learned said. "We have reason to believe that we will be on the air with our own station by the end of the year," he said. "But we can't make any promises."

While the deals and details are still to be determined, Annunciation's board decided not to remain silent in the meantime. The station will be paying for the two-hour time slot, from noon to 2 p.m., every Sunday on WTOD.

"We're very, very excited about that," Mr. Learned said. "We're really charged up." The broadcasts will feature a mix of syndicated programming, mostly from Ave Maria Radio in Ann Arbor, along with "a little taste" of local programming, he said. There will be homilies by area priests and deacons, a calendar of events, and the Rev. Michael Dandurand will provide a look ahead at the "Saints of the Week."

Tomorrow, the homily will be delivered by the

Rev. Charles Singler, pastor of Rosary Cathedral Parish and director of worship for the Toledo Catholic Diocese. Bishop Leonard Blair will be the homilist on Feb. 10, Mr. Learned said. Annunciation will likely offer devotions and Catholic music programs, based on suggestions made by the public.

"We're working toward expanding our local programming, but for now it will be little vignettes, 90 seconds to three minutes long. It's not real expansive," Mr. Learned said.

The cost of starting a Catholic radio station can range from \$10,000 for a low-power FM signal in some areas of the country to as much as \$15 million in major cities, experts say. Annunciation Radio estimates that its start-up costs will be between \$750,000 and \$1 million, and the nonprofit station is counting on local Catholics to help meet that need, Mr. Learned said.

"People are responding wonderfully to this, but we're not rolling in the money," he said. "We have to pay for our time on the station and we need to build a cache so we'll have money to build our own station. We need all the help we can get." Annunciation is planning an informational and fund-raising banquet on April 25, he added.

More information is available online at www.annunciationradio.com or by calling 419-754-1009.

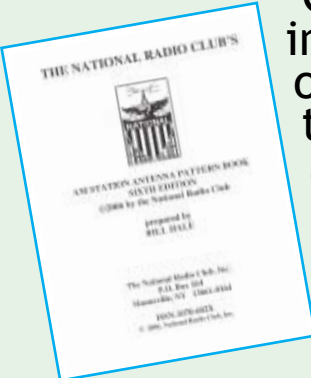



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Plan to arrive early enough on Friday to take part in studio tour that afternoon, with a pizza dinner being served in the meeting room that night. The grand opening will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday with a presentation about the history of Pittsburgh rounding out the evening.

Saturday morning will feature a tour of the Heinz History Center at 9 a.m. and you are invited to buy lunch at the Sports Rock Café if you wish. There will be transmitter tours in the afternoon for those who wish to get out and see what broadcasting in Pittsburgh is all about and then, at 5 p.m., the annual group photograph at the hotel. And, of course, there will be lots of time to sit and chat about dx'ing with other club members in the Hospitality Room.

The banquet this year will be in the Greenery Restaurant right there at the hotel. A business meeting will follow, and then the world-famous auction to round out the evening.

Sunday will open with the annual NRC DX Examination and then, at 11 a.m., we'll all depart for a ride to PNC Park, home field of the Pittsburgh Pirates, via the Gateway Clipper Fleet. The game that afternoon is against the Milwaukee Brewers.

Back at the hotel, the Hospitality Room will re-open around 5 o'clock -- WNRC should be on the air by then and we'll sit and chat until everyone is talked out. The convention will end on Sunday evening.

Now, here's what to do:

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Call: 1-412-922-8100. Be sure to tell them you want the "NRC Rate"

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**Send your registration check, payable to "National Radio Club" to:
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