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Convention 2010 and following: Waiting for next week's issue is John Malicky's report on the 2010 NRC/WTFDA joint convention in Rochester. We had an excellent convention this year, and both those who attended and those who missed it can catch up on all the details. And, of course, if you're interested in hosting the 2011 convention, or simply would like more information on conventions, please contact Ernie Wesolowski (13312 Westwood Lane, Omaha NE 68144-3543, <neerniew@hotmail.com>).

From the Contest Manager: Hey, gang – Only a few have signed up or indicated that they want to participate in this year's contest. We need more than that, so why don't you throw your hat in the ring. Contact me (Wayne Heinen) today (info on the back page) and let me know if you plan on submitting an entry.

At nrcdxas.org: The NRC Silent Station list has been updated as of October 15, 2010 and is on the NRC web site at <www.nrcdxas.org>. Lots of others items of interest to NRC members, and news of late breaking events (like DX tests), can be found there. Check it out some time!

Membership: No new members this week, but we'd love to hear from any of those who have joined recently (not to mention those who have been around for a while too). What DX are you hearing? Share your tips with your fellow members, and improve *DX News* as a DXing tool for them, and for yourself.

DX News Publishing Schedule, Vol. 78

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

DX Time Machine

50 years ago ... from the November 5, 1960 *DX News*: Ernest Wesolowski of Omaha NE reported that his DX time had been limited because of college, but he did have time to ID KISN-910 Vancouver, WA on October 23; Lefty Cooper in Brooklyn NY sent only three reports in the last week, but two were to Nicaraguans.

25 years ago ... from the November 11, 1985 *DX News*: U.S. stations on Canadian clear channels were authorized by the FCC to begin fulltime operations.

10 years ago ... from the November 6, 2000 *DX News*: An article by Chuck Rippel surveyed the new technologies for recording DX; "DXers Notebook" published a discussion on the future of the NRC and *DX News*.

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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>
1340	KEBC	OK	Midwest City	KGHM
1430	New	NV	North Las Vegas	KCWK
1560	KOCY	OK	Del City	KEBC



ACTIONS

680 WMFS TN Memphis – Coordinate correction to 35-13-22/90-02-37.
 720 WGCR NC Pisgah Forest – CP granted to increase their daytime power to become D1 50000/0 CH 15000.
 940 KGMS AZ Tucson – Coordinate correction to 31-12-03/111-01-05.
 1510 WLAC TN Nashville – Coordinate correction to 36-16-19/86-45-28.

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1240 NEW AZ Prescott – CP granted for U1 1000/1000 from a 90' tower at 34-33-23/112-28-13.
 1490 NEW PA Lemont – CP granted for U1 1000/270 from a 125' tower at 40-49-13/77-48-44.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

630 WNEG GA Toccoa – Licensed for U1 500/44, WNEG has a CP for U1 5000/44. This amendment requests U2 5000/220.

APPLICATIONS

1420 WKPR MI Kalamazoo – Applies to move to 1440 kHz with U1 2700/24.

AM on FM

1260 WSHU CT Westport – WSUF (89.9) Noyack, New York



DISMISSALS AND DELETIONS

750 WNDZ IN Portage – Application to change their City-of-License to Calumet City, Illinois.
 850 WAIT IL Crystal Lake – Application to change their City-of-License to Addison.
 860 WWDB PA Philadelphia – Construction Permit for D4 10000/0 CH 10000. WWDB remains D3 10000/0.
 1190 WWIO WV St. Marys – Application for D1 1000/0. WWIO remains D1 1800/0.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1220 NEW NY Lakeville – Applies for U4 2500/2500.
 1550 NEW CO Golden – Applies for U2 5000/250.

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

1680 WTTM NJ Lindonwold



HEAR AND THAR

- ✿ **Returning to the airwaves:** WXKO-1150 Fort Valley, Georgia returns to the air // WFXM (107.1) Gordon with R&B as *Power 107 point 1*; WNGI-1410 Mobile, Alabama returns to the air with Religion as *Archangel Radio*.
- ✿ **Reported as Silent:** KRRP-950 Coushatta, Louisiana.
- ✿ **News Item:** The FCC reports that as September 30, there are 4,784 licensed AM stations in the U.S. and its territories.
- ✿ **Fines:** \$3500 to WEPG-910 South Pittsburg, Tennessee for failing to enclose the base of its antenna within an effective locked fence and failure to maintain and make available a public inspection file at its main studio; \$5500 to WSDQ-1190 Dunlap, Tennessee for failure to maintain operable Emergency Alert System equipment; \$8000 to WIBR-1300 Baton Rouge, Louisiana for failure to properly maintain the station's Public Inspection File;
- ✿ **Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, and YOU for joining us this week.**

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Toronto, ON M6G 3X8 CANADA

U.S./Canadian Loggings from Eastern/Atlantic Time Zones. All times ELT.

REPORTERS

- RB-NJ** Ralph Brandi, Middletown – QS1R Quicksilver, 300-ft. longwire
MC-NJ Mike Clancy, Jersey City – DX-396
HF-MI Harold Frodge, Midland – Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW
PLG-FL Paul L. Gray, Melbourne – station news
KK-VA Kraig Krist, Manassas – NRD-545, Kiwa loop
NJW-ON Niel Wolfish, Toronto – Sangean ATS 909 + Radio West loop
NJW-PEI Niel Wolfish – Savage Harbour, PEI DXpedition - AOR-7030+, Brent Taylor's SuperLoop antenna.
DY-WV David Yocis, Shannondale – R8B, Quantum phaser, longwires
MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

STATION NEWS

- 920 WDMC FL Melbourne** – Recently announced their intent to move their station's studio and broadcast facilities, including their four towers, to a new site, as the landowner has not renewed the station's lease on the property. A time has not yet been announced for the move, and no construction permit has yet been granted by the FCC. **(PLG-FL)**



LOGGINGS

- 540 WFLF FL Pine Hills** – 10/26 1900 – In mix with Fox News, usual "Fox Radio fair and balanced" slogan, "5-40 WFLA I heart radio" bogus call letter slogan into local weather. **(KK-VA)**
- 560 KMON MT Great Falls** – 10/28 0658 – Out of Freddie Fender's "Wasted Days And Wasted Nights" with "5-60 KMON" jingle and more C&W music. Fair with WGAN. **(NJW-PEI)**
- CFOS ON Owen Sound** – 10/28 0706 – "Now from the award-winning Bayshore Broadcasting news center" local news and weather. **(RB-NJ)** Ralph notes that the QS1R Quicksilver can record the entire BCB spectrum much like a Perseus, hence all his loggings are around 10/28 0700. Mike.
- 570 WSPZ MD Bethesda** – 10/29 1600 – ESPN, local ads, promo, ID. Recent call change from WTNT. **(DY-WV)**
 +++ 10/27 1856 – In mix with C&W station and R. Reloj time pips with usual ESPN programming. My first logging since they changed calls. **(KK-VA)**
- 620 WRJZ TN Knoxville** – 10/26 0703 – Alone on frequency with local weather, promo for "Discover the World" program, station promo "...have a great day everybody, as you listen to Joy 620". **(MKB-ON)**
- 640 WGST GA Atlanta** – 10/27 1910 – In mix with Cuban Radio Progresso and others, call-in show about the government. Phone number given with area code 770 (this is Atlanta suburbs). **(KK-VA)**
- 660 CFFR AB Calgary** – 10/27 0529 – Under WFAN-New York with commercial for realtor with area code 403 phone number, ID as "660 News" and "660 News is a division of Rogers Communications". **(NJW-PEI)**
- 690 KGGF KS Coffeyville** – 10/25 0500 – ID heard in mess with CBU and Cuban. **(NJW-PEI)**
KTSM TX El Paso – 10/25 0159 – ToH "News-Radio 6-90 KTSM" ID into ABC news. Two SS stations and sports station also there. TX #18 **(HF-MI)**
- WELD WV Fisher** – 10/28 0659 – Ad for Franklin Oil Company in Franklin WV. **(RB-NJ)**
CBU BC Vancouver – 10/25 0500 – Heard nothing more than "this is CBC" in mess with Cuban and KGGF. CBKF-1 Gravelbourg, SK showed up later at 0545 with FF. **(NJW-PEI)**

- CBKF1 SK **Gravelbourg** – 10/25 0524 – EZL "Musique Bon" and lengthy commentaries by man and woman in FF with many mentions of Quebec & Quebecois. Lengthy fair peaks, mixing with Cuba, another SS station and Fox sports. Originally presumed this to be CINF-Montreal, which is now defunct. **(HF-MI)**
- 730 WTNT VA **Alexandria** – 10/24 1800 – Conservative talk, ID "AM 730 the Truth WTNT." Recent call change from WXTR. **(DY-WV)**
- 790 WQXI GA **Atlanta** – 10/28 0659 – Presumed with mention of "Bank holiday here in Atlanta" rising from the murk. **(RB-NJ)**
- 830 WTRU NC **Kernersville** – 10/15 1930 – Poor with WNYC-820 slop, "The Turning Point" program, slogan "830 WTRU, the Truth". **(MC-NJ)**
- 850 WXJC AL **Birmingham** – 10/29 1914 – Contemporary Christian music, ID, promo for Focus on the Family cut off at 1915 power drop. Dominant over WKGE until then. **(DY-WV)**
- 910 KCJB ND **Minot** – 10/27 0653 – C&W music, PSAs, ID: "for 50 years.... KCJB.... It's 5:55 in Minot". Into newscast. Mixing with CKDQ. Also noted 10/28 0654 with Johnny Cash song, woman announcer with ID as "Country classics 9-10 KCJB" and 'thought for the day'. **(NJW-PEI)**
- CKDQ AB **Drumheller** – 10/27 0655 – Mixing with KCJB with C&W music and ID as "Q-Country, Q-91". **(NJW-PEI)**
- 920 WGHQ NY **Kingston** – 10/28 0700 – "Hudson Valley News Now" local news about company moving LED manufacturing from China to New York. **(RB-NJ)**
- 940 WGFP MA **Webster** – 10/28 0702 – Song "L.A. International Airport", jingle ID, slogan "Cool country". **(RB-NJ)**
- 950 WAKM TN **Franklin** – 10/12 0706 – On top with spots for Joslin Heating and Williamson Farmer's Co-Op . ID: "you're dialed in to AM 950, WAKM Franklin". Time check as 8 minutes after 6 into more of the "WAKM morning news digest" with Hudson Alexander. **(NJW-ON)**
- 960 KLTF MN **Little Falls** – 10/23 0714 – Local sports, ID as "AM 960 KLTF". Paid political ad for Minnesota DFL Party representative Gail Kulick Jackson. **(NJW-ON)**
- WTCH WI **Shawano** – 10/27 1907 – Over usual WFIR with promo for Packers football: "...there's only one place on your radio dial for the green and gold, WTCH AM 960" into C&W song. **(MKB-ON)**
- CFAC AB **Calgary** – 10/27 0515 – Mention of following Stampeders football via Twitter and fan960.com in break during ESPN Sportscentre. Over top of Radio Reloj. **(NJW-PEI)**
- 980 WPGA GA **Perry** – 10/23 2204 – Lots of "mid-Georgia" ads, ID for "Mix 100.9," promo for Georgia Bulldogs football, mention of "WPGA," good with others in WTEM phase null. **(DY-WV)**
- 1150 CKOC ON **Hamilton** – 10/18 2355 – Poor over fading with "Do Wah Diddy Diddy" by Manfred Mann, station promo "...moving into another day, this is the home of good times and great oldies, 1150 CKOC". **(MC-NJ)**
- 1170 WCTF CT **Vernon** – 10/28 0700 – ID and talk about Christian ministries. **(RB-NJ)**
- 1220 WGNV NY **Newburgh** – 10/28 1804 – Over nulled WHKW with ABC news, ad for Roger Dwyer Allstate insurance agency in New Windsor, local weather, "Fox Oldies 1220 and 1490" slogan into "Lightning Strikes" by Lou Christie. My first new logging since demise of CHSC. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1260 WPHB PA **Philipsburg** – 10/28 0700 – Local news and weather with apparent on-air gaffes: "What happened to the news? It's not there!" Can't find the weather either. "I'll try the weatherman again. Hey weatherman. Good morning weatherman." **(RB-NJ)**
- 1290 CJBK ON **London** – 10/19 0009 – Fair-poor with local WADO-1280 IBOC turned off, ID as "you're listening to Coast to Coast AM on News Talk 1290 CJBK" during break in program. WADO's IBOC was off since they were broadcasting Yankees playoff game in SS. **(MC-NJ)**
- 1310 WIBA WI **Madison** – 10/27 1802 – Over CIWW with ad for Associated Bank, "1310 WIBA news time is 5:03" into local news. **(MKB-ON)**
- CIWW ON **Ottawa** – 10/25 0740 – Ex-oldies, now sounding very CFTR-680-like with news report on Omar Khadr trial, ad for Bayview Windows, "1310 News time is 7:41...time for traffic and weather together on the ones, with Ottawa's most frequent traffic reports..." **(MKB-ON)**
- +++ 10/17 2121 – Last night of oldies format, station promo "...all-news radio...coming Monday morning at 6" into "Help" by the Beatles. **(MC-NJ)**

- 1340 WJRW MI **Grand Rapids** – 10/26 0805 – Over WLVL-Lockport, NY groundwave with “News talk 1340 WJRW” ID into local news about a bank robbery in Grand Rapids. (MKB-ON)
- 1350 WNVA VA **Norton** – 10/29 0119 – C&W music, lots of “Your hometown station 106.5” IDs, several ads for Wise, Virginia. Good on peaks with WARF (Fox sports). (DY-WV)
- 1380 WKDM NY **New York** – 10/25 1956 – In mix with Chinese talk, man with “WKDM 13-80 AM...” ID in EE. (KK-VA)
- WKJV NC **Asheville** – 10/25 1956 – Gospel songs in mix with WKDM, ID as “You’re on WKJV Asheville North Carolina. Pure gospel...”. (KK-VA)
- 1480 WSDS MI **Salem Township** – 10/26 0759 – Over WHBC in SS with local ads mentioning Detroit, “WSDS Salem” EE legal ToH ID inserted amid “Transmite la Explosiva” and other station promos. (MKB-ON)
- 1530 WFIC VA **Collinsville** – 10/24 1905 – In mix with sports talk on WCKY with gospel songs, ad for Grant's Unisex Salon in Martinsville, which is next to Collinsville. (KK-VA)
- 1540 WNWR PA **Philadelphia** – 10/24 1901 – In mix with China Radio International in EE, “Beijing Hour” program. (KK-VA) *Note that China Radio International's English programs are also aired on CHIN-Toronto. Mike*
- 1630 KRND WY **Fox Farm** – 10/28 0702 – Weak with ranchera music as the sun was coming up over Savage Harbour. (NJW-PEI)
- 1700 KVNS TX **Brownsville** – 10/26 2114 – Al Green song and ID “classic hits 1700 KVNS”. (NJW-PEI)

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U.S./Canadian Loggings from Pacific/Mtn/Central Time Zones. All times ELT.

Reporters

- DBJ-TN **David B. Jones, Nashville, TN** Drake R8B, Quantum QX V2 plus loop.
- JELMO **J E Lewis, Kansas City, MO** Grundig G3, Select-A-Tenna.
- JJR-WI **John J. Rieger South Milwaukee, WI** Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner preamp.
- JW-CO **John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO** Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- SMA-MB **Shawn M. Axelrod VE4DX1SMA, Winnipeg, MB** ICOM ICR-70 and Drake R8; 4 foot unamplified box loop, Quantum loop, 155 foot outdoor wire, 100 foot indoor wire; MFJ 1026 phasing unit.
- SP-WI **Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc, WI** C Crane CC Radio 2, barefoot (the radio, not the DXer).
- WH-CO **Wayne Heinen, Aurora.** Kiwa Loop Drake R8B, E/W Flag, N/S Flag, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo w/DX Engineering RPA-1 preamp and Mini DXP5.

Station News and Changes

- 880 KRVN NE **Lexington** – 10/27 0800 – Out of a string of political ads “KRVN Lexington” to Fox News. This is a switch from ABC so adjust your log (WH-CO)
- 1270 KSCB KS **Liberal** – 10/23 0800 – Out of local weather “Talk Radio 1270 KSCB in Liberal” to IRN/USA Radio news. This replaces ABC at this outlet. (WH-CO)
- 1630 KRND WY **Fox Farm** – 10/18 0401 – Out of upbeat SS Music “KRND 1630 AM Fox Farm Wyoming” Totally different slogan now “La Corsa Mexicana” (Spelling is probably wrong?) (WH-CO)

DX Logs (All Times ELT)

- 550 WGR NY **Buffalo** – 10/18 0702 – Poor, ads, promo, “All sports...WGR550.com”, LID. Alone o/anything! (JJR-WI)
- KTSA TX **San Antonio** – 10/4 0000 – ABC News, San Antonio Solution program with discussion about social services in San Antonio. (DBJ-TN)

- ++ 10/16 2303 – Program note for gardening show; program note for election coverage; mention of ktsa.com, along with "NewsTalk 550" slogans; into *Health Line* program (infomercial) at 2304. Fair signal with local KLZ-560's IBOC nulled. **(JW-CO)** *These two logs corrected from 78-05.*
- 560 WIND IL **Chicago** – 10/29 2157 – Fair to good with City of License and ID city, over/under several UNID's plus KWTO. First time here! Looking for Denver. Looked at their night pattern and they don't send a lot in this direction. **(JEL-MO)**
- 580 KMJ CA **Fresno** – 10/25 0858 – Ad for citrus crop insurance; ID at 0859:30: "Central California's KMJ NewsTalk 580 KMJ Fresno..."; CBS news was next, then local news, weather, and traffic at 0905. Generally fair. **(JW-CO)**
- 600 WGAC GA **Augusta** – 10/18 0659 – Poor, promo for TV station, calls in o/others. **(JJR-WI)**
- 600 KSJB ND **Jamestown** – 10/23 0753 – Very poor u/w/others. Calls, promo. **(JJR-WI)**
- CKAT ON **North Bay** – 10-23 0752 – Poor in WMT null. Rather tired sounding jock w/calls and weather; ads. **(JJR-WI)**
- 700 WLW OH **Cincinnati** – 10/23 2100 – Out of local spots "News Radio 700 WLW Cincinnati" into local news - lots of T-Storm static **(WH-CO)**
- 730 KYVA MT **Billings** – 10/23 2017 – Up briefly in QRM with ID: "This is...730 KYVA Billings," then possible auto parts ad; soon faded. Ex-KURL. **(JW-CO)**
- 740 KVOX ND **Fargo** – 10/23 0758 – Poor w/ long string of ads, "school in Wapheton (ND)", Chevy ad, local tag, and finally nice LID, local host into chatter on pheasants. No CKZM, WRPQ. Long awaited and NEW! **(JJR-WI)**
- KTRH TX **Houston** – 10/25 0800 – Legal ID: "KTRH Houston - news, weather, traffic when you want it - on air 740 AM, online ktrh.com...", then traffic with Kelly; weather and area news followed. Fair. **(JW-CO)**
- 750.08 KOAL UT **Price** – 10/23 2036 – Price spots; at 2037 guy says "You're listening to Utah football on KOAL 750 AM," then back to 4th quarter action on the Utah Sports Radio Network. Fair. **(JW-CO)**
- 760 WJR MI **Detroit** – 10/25 2102 – Weather, call letter ID, then into local talk show. Fair with local KKZN mostly nulled. **(JW-CO)**
- 790 KNST AZ **Tucson** – 10/25 0806 – Atop the channel with ad for Moscow Ballet performance, then Wall Street Journal Report. **(JW-CO)**
- 800 CHAB SK **Moose Jaw** – 10/23 0746 – Poor w/ "Greatest Hits-800 CHAB" and no CKLW at all. **(JJR-WI)**
- 970 WJMX SC **Florence** – 10/18 0650 – Poor, several ads with local phone numbers, local web address in w/others. No usual KQAQ. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1080 KYMN MN **Northfield** – 10/25 2255 – Traditional C&W, blues, local ads, politics, wintry forecast. Not common (the log, not the forecast) **(SP-WI)**
- 1130 KQNA AZ **Prescott Valley** – 10/23 2059 – Legal ID: "We're the talk of the Quad Cities(?); KQNA Prescott Valley and on 99.9 FM K260BL Prescott"; Fox news followed at 2100. Generally fair. **(JW-CO)**
- WBBR NY **New York** – 10/25 2310 – Local traffic, Bloomberg news, talk show **(SP-WI)**
- 1270 WKBF IL **Rock Island** – 10/22 2310 – On top with SS Music "La Qué Manea" slogans. **(WH-CO)**
- KRVT OK **Claremore** – 10/23 0107 – Out of PSA "... 1270 KRVT" jingle to Bee Gees song fair in the mix. **(WH-CO)**
- KFLC TX **Fort Worth** – 10/23 0201 – Out of SS Music "Esta es La Voz de Pueblo" and back to music trading places with WKBF. **(WH-CO)**
- 1400 KBRB NE **Ainsworth** – 10/22 0200 – "KBRB AM 1400 Ainsworth Nebraska" ID by woman to CBS News. Thanks to those on the [NRC-AM] mail list for helping me ID this one from my tape! **(WH-CO)**
- 1450 KYNT SD **Yankton** – 10/20 2304 – Faded up briefly "AM 1450 KYNT Yankton" and into what sounded like weather. **(WH-CO)**
- 1580 KREL CO **Colorado Springs** – 10/23 1914 – Poor signals with business talk program between two commentators. Verified it was them via their streaming audio feed on line. NEW!. Conditions have been not great here so it was nice to get a new one and take one of my targets off the target list **(SA-MB)**
- 1630 KCJJ IA **Iowa City** – 10/17 2100 – Out of AC music with 1630 KCJJ jingle "Broadcasting from Coralville's Iowa River Landing this is Coralville 1630 Iowa City and Coralville" to KCJJ local News. **(WH-CO)**

- KKGM TX Fort Worth – 10/17 2101 – Out of Gospel program "Homecoming Radio" "You're listening to AM 1630 KKGM Fort Worth - Dallas a Mortenson Broadcasting Station" and KKGM jingle. Mixing with KCJJ. (WH-CO)
- 1660 KQWB ND West Fargo – 10/18 2302 – Break in the action on ESPN AL playoff coverage "KQWB AM West Fargo-Fargo-Morehead 1660 ESPN find our program schedule and more at espnfargo.com". (WH-CO)
- KXOL UT Brigham City – 10/18 2100 – "KXOL 1660 AM Brigham City-Salt Lake City" no mention of the translator call heard last year. (WH-CO)
- 1670 KNRO CA Redding – 10/20 0300 – "You're number one sports talk for Shasta County Fox Sports Radio 1670 KNRO Redding" to FSR programming. (WH-CO)
- WTDY WI Madison – 10/19 2105 – Ending local weather "... on AM 1670 WTDY" fair. (WH-CO)

Sheryl Paszkiewicz asks if anyone has any idea who would be on 570 w/local Florida politics ID'ing as 970 KFLA??? Maybe they said "570 KFLA." Didn't think the Florida station on 570 KHz was related to 970 WFLA.

Thanks to all for your loggings. See you next time. (JDT-WA)

International DX Digest

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Loggings of stations outside the Lower 48 and Canada. All times UTC.

Pan-American DX

- 540 MEXICO XEHS Los Mochis, Sin OCT 8 0500 – Out of Spanish music, XEHS ID and into what sounded like news. Fair mixing with CBK. [Heinen-CO]
- 580 MEXICO XEFI Chihuahua, Chih OCT 27 1241 – Lite instrumental and vocal selections; CDT (UTC-6) time checks and "La Mexicana" slogans. Fair but soon faded. [Wilkins-CO]
- 640 CUBA *R.Progreso*, multiple sites OCT 25 0539-0602 – Poor; easy listening Spanish baladas and cubanos parallel 690 kHz. [Frodge-MI]
- 690 CUBA *R.Progreso*, Jovellanos (22°49'N 81°10'W) OCT 25 0559-0602 – Poor; easy listening Spanish baladas and cubanos parallel 640 kHz. [Frodge-MI]
- 790 MEXICO XENT *R.Fórmula*, La Paz, BCS (24°10'N 110°19'W) OCT 24 1300 – Radio Fórmula hype, then call letter ID. Rough, mixing with XESU and others. [Wilkins-CO]
- 790 MEXICO XESU Mexicali, BCN OCT 24 1300 – Canned ID by male voice, mentioning 105.9 FM and 790 AM; also heard a "La Dinámica" slogan and a sung "Radiorama Mexicali"; national anthem followed. Fair/poor in the pileup. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1000 MEXICO XEFV Cd. Juárez, Chih (31°41'N 106°26'W) OCT 13 0301 – Out of ranchera music to complete legal ID. Well atop the channel. [Heinen-CO]
- 1620 CUBA *R.Rebelde*, unknown locations OCT 16 2100-2210 – Someone here with rock-type vocals in Spanish. No discernable IDs over top of the hour. I don't show any stations in Spanish here currently and saw none in my Mexican lists. Check Immaculate Heart's website and KSMH is listed as English. OCT 17 0000 – Cuban anthem, Rebelde mentions and distinctive interval signal. Blowing away the Americans on channel. [Heinen-CO]

Contributors

Harold Frodge, Midland MI; Drake R8B, 125-ft bow-tie, 85-ft random wire, 180-ft center-fed random wire.

Wayne Heinen, Aurora CO; Drake R8B, Kiwa Loop, east/west Flag, north/south Flag, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo with DX Engineering RPA-1 preamp and Mini DXP5.

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

73 and Good DX!



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Improving your DX skills – tips from new and veteran members

Greetings once again from the Heart of the Continent and welcome to the DX Tool Box Column number 22. This time around we will look at the topics of obtaining verification from a station.

Once you start hearing stations you may wish to get a verification (usually called a Verie or QSL) from the station. In order to obtain a Verie or QSL (a term borrowed from Amateur radio operators) you will have to send off a letter or card requesting such a verification of reception. This article will lay down some basic guideline to follow when you try for a Verie. No method is 100% fool-proof but these rules will help you get started and keep you going. As you gain more knowledge about the hobby and your skills in writing improve your Verie totals will add up quite nicely. There is basic information that you must include to get a verification from any station regardless of the type of station it is. These basic bits of information are:

STATION NAME- Always include the name and call signs of the station you are writing to. A station's address may be used by more than one station. This is especially true of major networks found around the world.

DATE- Insure you have the correct date if you are using UTC or GMT . For verifications within North America for AM and FM stations it is best to use the local date. Write the date out in full. A station may see a date like 03/02/1995 and wonder if you heard them on March 2,1995 or February 3, 1995. A wrong date will just about guarantee that you will not get a Verie back.

TIME- Use the UTC or GMT time method on all shortwave verifications. They may not recognize your local time and this will make looking up the information you have given them impossible to verify. For AM and FM stations in North America you can use their local time, but make sure you tell them it is their and not your local time you are referring to.

FREQUENCY- Give the frequency you heard them on, as accurately as possible. Many stations broadcast on several frequencies at the same time or change frequency with time of day. If you have no digital readout try to be as accurate as you can. For AM and FM stations this should be a non problem.

SIGNAL STRENGTH- This is very important to a station. They really do want to know how well they are coming in at your location. Be honest as this information is valuable to the engineering staff at the station. You can use words like: STRONG, GOOD, WEAK etc. You may also wish to report any fading or interference that you had during the broadcast. As you will see there is a matter of opinion to be expressed, as one person's very strong may be another person's strong. You will have to decide for yourself, but once again be honest, as false reports will do more harm than good to future plans that station may make as to the power they need to run or the frequencies that they should be using at various times of the day or year. Many listeners use the **SINPO** method of reporting. This will include using the following information:

SIGNAL

5= VERY STRONG 4= STRONG 3= MODERATE 2= WEAK 1=UNUSABLE

INTERFERENCE (ATMOSPHERIC)

5=CLEAR 4= LIGHT INTERFERENCE 3= MODERATE 2= HEAVY 1= SEVERE

NOISE (MAN MADE)

5= NONE 4= LIGHT 3= MODERATE 2= STRONG 1= SEVERE

PROPAGATION

5= NO FADING 4= LIGHT FADING 3= MODERATE FADING 2= DEEP FADING 1= UNUSABLE

OVERALL

5= EXCELLENT 4= GOOD 3= MODERATE 2= POOR 1= UNUSABLE

MODE OF TRANSMISSION- This refers to the type of transmission the station used to generate the signal you received. For the most part this will be AM (Amplitude Modulation), or SSB (Single Side band), or FM (Frequency Modulation). This will cover all of the voice transmissions you will likely ever hear on the radio regardless of frequency.

YOUR EQUIPMENT- Tell the station what type of receiver and antenna you were using. This too is important as it will tell the engineering staff what type of equipment is needed to hear their signals. This is especially true for small or very distant stations.

PROGRAM DETAILS- This is a most important section. In order to convince a station you really did hear them you will have to tell them what you heard. Tell them that you heard a news cast, science program, music, etc. In the report put in as much detail as you can, such as:

I heard a news report about your country's new economic outlook and trade situation in regards to the Pacific Rim countries.

Your science program was about the latest space flight and experiments on the solar wind that you are currently conducting.

The music you played was songs by the Rolling Stones and Beatles.

You may also wish to mention the announcers name and the name of the programs you were listening to. If they were in a language other than English mention that also. You may also have to mention English if it is a language that is not used in that country. The better your information the better your chances are in getting a Verie.

RECORDED REPORTS- You can if you chose send a cassette tape of the program you heard. However if you do so do not expect the station to return your tape. Such tapes will help out in the case of a tentative logging when you may not be 100% sure that you did receive the station. Send in the important and clear sections of the tape. Nobody wants to listen to a bunch of static and interference. The tape should be backed up by program details in your report, for the person to match up and verify that you did hear them. This would hold true of recordings sent on a CD if you have a digital recording of what you heard.

RETURN POSTAGE- Make sure you send return postage with each request for a verification and if possible a self-addressed return envelope. Many station these days are underfunded and this will help them pay for your Verie. No station is under an obligation to send out a Verie, so help them out in the monetary area. Some listeners have been known to send "Green Stamps" or money in the mail with their Verie request. This can be a problem in some countries where having foreign currency is against the law or where the postal system is less than honest. Mail has been known to go "missing" because the postal employees remove the money before the station gets the mail if it ever arrives.

LANGUAGES- If at all possible write in the language used in that country. This may be very hard but there are sources that can help out by showing you a basic Verie letter in French Spanish etc. You might also receive help at a local International Centre where people new to the country gather. Quite often they are willing to help and may want to find out how you managed to hear the "old country".

OTHER HINTS- Always be polite. No station has to send a Verie so never demand a reply. Many stations just are not equipped to do Veries and you are out of luck.

Send a prepared letter or card that the station personnel just have to sign. These prepared cards can be made as plain or as fancy as you like. A little fun on a computer can give you a nice letter or card for the station to sign off on. You can send something in your request such as a small information pamphlet on your city or state. Little "presents" can help from time to time. You may have to send a follow up if you do not receive a reply back in what you deem a reasonable time. Remember reasonable may be 3 months or more if mail is slow and or the station is small. Veries may not be at the top of the list of things to do at many stations. The follow up report should contain all of the information the first letter did. Also including person information about yourself, your city, postcards of your location, etc. may be sent along to get the attention of the person reading the letter. Again remain polite and never demand to know why the first letter was ignored.

CONCLUSION-Be patient. These things can take time and two follow ups may be needed. You will never attain a 100% reply level, but by following these rules and learning to write better and better reception reports as you grow within the hobby, your rate of return will grow. The verifications you receive whether they are letters or QSL cards will add to the hobby and give you a collection you will be proud of for years to come.

Bits and Bites from the NRC listserv:

There are still Verifications coming in the mail for DX'ers with good reports to the station.

From: amdixer@core.com Subject: WGBW DX Test - QSL

Received Verification Letter in mail today for WGBW 1590 DX test last Saturday. This is a short turn around time, mailed my report with CD on Tuesday, reply back on Saturday! In my reception report I mentioned hearing a "dog barking " type sound, perhaps a Disney song or some type of sound effect at 00:04CDT. Mark Heller said this was not part of his test and that someone else also reported hearing similar "dog barking" sounds at the same time. All my other details for ID, bugle songs and the test tones matched. Thanks to all who helped with this DX Test. Tom Jasinski Joliet, IL.

It never hurts to check your locals before you start to DX:

From: Bruce Winkelman bdwink@cox.net Subject: Pigs Fly! KFAQ-1170 off Local KFAQ-1170 noted OFF 2255CDT 29SEP10! Bruce Winkelman Tulsa, OK

From: neilkaz neilkaz@earthlink.net Subject: Re: Decent SSS cx at Burnt River ON I have found that late Oct is about the best time for SSS DX to the west and can also be OK to the east. As for going for TA's and also TP/DU in early Oct, this is because our area pests will be on night power about an hour earlier in the evening and stay on night power about an hour later. i.e..these pests are out of the way lots earlier on Oct 1 than on Sep 30. The other reason to go for TA's in that sunset skip for domestics while very good Sept 30, is quite worthless Oct with our DX likely having switched power or s/off 45 to 60 min earlier..i.e. gone by the time we can DX it. 73 KAZ

Keep that recording device on when you DX it sure can come in handy to ID those weak ones and DX tests

From: "Bill Nollman" <billct97@comcast.net>Subject: RE: [Amdx] WBGW-1590 DX test makes it - barely Toronto Saul; Listening to my recordings now. Do you know if between 05:19:40 and 05:20:00 UTC they did a 1 or 2 kHz test tone (20 seconds exactly) ? I have an ESPN station and Oldies station sounding like a graveyard channel but all of a sudden heard the tone clear enough to time it out. Bill Nollman Farmington, CT.

Technology can be a good friend once you have something recorded.

From: Greg Shoom <shoomg@sympatico.ca Subject: Re: [NRC-AM] Unid help Wayne, The woman in your recording is saying "This is radio KBRB, AM 1400 in Ainsworth, Nebraska". And I checked on the web and KBRB is a CBS affiliate, which also fits. In case you're wondering how I pulled out the ID, the answer is Winamp. I kept looping the recording in Winamp while playing around with the equalizer settings. When I reduced all the audio frequency sliders to 0, except for the 3K Hz slider, which was at the maximum, the ID became clear enough to hear. I've used Winamp a lot to decipher weak IDs. Its equalizer is a great tool for reducing audio frequencies from the recording that get in the way of the signal you're trying to decipher. Greg Shoom Toronto, Ontario.

This month's DX Tool Box web site is:

Oldradio's Radio/TV Station Call Letter Origins located at: <http://nelson.olderadio.com/>

This very long page has a mega huge listing of callsigns and why they were used for that station. It is amazing to see that the callsign a station has is often related to location owner or format. Many calls also tell a bit of history about the original station. The older stations some which go back to before World War II are more likely to fall into this latter category. Good examples are WLS Chicago, IL (W)orlds (L)argest (S)tore (once owned by Sears); CBW Winnipeg MB (C)anadian)(B)roadcasting)Corporation (W)innipeg.

There are USA Canadian and foreign stations listed here. The work that went into this and the numerous contributors is extraordinary in nature. You can click on the link on the main page to go to the list itself or read the comments from contributors further down the page. They are always looking for new stations so feel free to send in your updates or corrections.

73 for this time Shawn

Remember On A Clear Day You Can Hear Forever

Networks

This week we profile Dr. Charles Stanley's "In Touch" program. Dr. Stanley is the senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta, and his program is heard on a number of stations. He has a distinctive voice and style (somewhat academic, saying "Listen!" when he's about to make a point) that makes his program easy to recognize once you've heard it. North American stations carrying the program (according to the "search by state" function on his web site) are listed below.

If you have suggestions for station lists that you'd find useful (with URLs if possible), corrections to station lists we've run, and/or would like to volunteer to compile station lists into a printable format, contact me at NRCDXNews@gmail.com or at the address on the back. – DY.

CHARLES STANLEY "IN TOUCH" <http://www.intouch.org/broadcast/find-a-station> (Oct. 30, 2010)

In English:

550	WAYR-FL		WTRU-NC	1100	KFAX-CA	1300	KSIB-LA
	KARI-WA	840	WBHY-AL		KDRY-TX	1320	KSIV-MO
560	WFIL-PA	880	KKMC-CA	1110	WTIS-FL		WDER-NH
	WJLS-WV		KHAC-NM		WCBR-KY		KHRT-ND
570	WTBN-FL	900	WBML-GA		WUNN-MI	1330	WVHI-IN
	WIDS-KY		KTIS-MN		WYRM-VA		WHAZ-NY
	WMCA-NY	910	WTWD-FL	1120	WTWZ-MS	1340	KSID-NE
	CKSW-SK	920	WCHR-NJ	1140	CHRB-AB		WKEY-VA
580	WLES-VA		KFLB-TX	1150	WAVO-SC	1350	KCOX-TX
590	WEZE-MA	930	KYAK-WA		WCRK-TN	1360	WWWJ-VA
	KGLE-MT		CJCA-AB		WNLR-VA	1370	WLLM-IL
600	WFST-ME	940	KGMS-AZ		CKFR-BC		WIVV-PR
	CJWW-SK	950	WTLN-FL	1160	WYLL-IL	1390	KLTX-CA
620	KJOL-CO		CFAM-MB		WBYN-PA		WYXI-TN
	WRJZ-TN	970	WNIV-GA		WCRT-TN		WKPA-VA
630	KTRW-WA		KJLT-NE	1170	WDFB-KY	1400	KDTA-CO
640	KGWV-MT		KCFO-OK		KJXX-MO		WLTA-GA
	WCRV-TN		WVOV-VA	1180	KERN-CA		WBFN-MI
670	WPMH-VA	980	CFPL-ON		WMYT-NC	1410	WMSX-MA
680	WGES-FL	1000	WCMX-MA	1190	WNWC-WI		KHCH-TX
690	WADS-CT		KKIM-NM		WBMJ-PR	1440	WYGH-KY
	WVCY-WI	1010	WMOX-MS	1200	WBCE-KY		WNYG-NY
700	KGRV-OR		WFGW-NC		KFNW-ND		WHKZ-OH
710	KFIA-CA		KBBW-TX	1210	KPRZ-CA	1450	WMFJ-FL
730	KYYA-MT		WMEV-VA		VOAR-NL		CHOR-BC
740	WJIG-TN	1020	WPEO-IL	1220	WHKW-OH	1470	WQXL-SC
750	KMMJ-NE		WIBG-NJ		KPJC-OR		WBTX-VA
760	KTBA-AZ	1030	WUFL-MI		CJRB-MB	1480	WPFR-IN
	KGU-HI		WDRU-NC	1230	KLIC-LA		KLEE-IA
	KCCV-KS		KCTA-TX		WMPC-MI	1490	CJSN-SK
	WVNE-MA	1040	KCBR-CO		WSKY-NC	1500	WFIF-CT
	WCHP-NY		CJMS-QC (FF)		WXCF-VA		WBRI-IN
	WENO-TN	1050	KJBN-AR	1240	WHVN-NC		WLQV-MI
780	WWOL-NC		WROS-FL		WIFA-TN		KPGM-OK
	WAVA-VA		WNES-KY	1250	KOFC-AR	1510	KIRV-CA
790	KSPD-ID		KORE-OR		WYTH-GA	1520	WBZW-FL
	WQSV-TN		WBRG-VA		KTFJ-NE	1530	WYMM-FL
	WETB-TN		WAMN-WV		WGHB-NC	1540	WKVQ-GA
800	WKZI-IL	1060	KKVV-NV		WDVA-VA		WDCD-NY
	WSHO-LA		WCGB-PR		WPRZ-VA	1550	WNZF-FL
	KQCV-OK	1070	WFRF-FL		CHSM-MB		WBFJ-NC
	KPDQ-OR		KBCL-LA		CJYE-ON		WKBA-VA
	CHAB-SK		WGOS-NC	1260	WMCH-TN	1570	WFUR-MI
810	KTBI-WA	1090	KAAY-AR	1270	WCGC-NC	1590	KELP-TX
	CKJS-MB		WFCV-IN		WMPM-NC	1600	WJSA-PA
820	WGGM-VA		KNWS-IA		KNWC-SD	1640	KDIA-CA
	KGNW-WA		WKTE-NC	1290	WBTG-AL		
830	KFLT-AZ		WTNK-TN		WJCV-NC		

In Spanish:

650	XERCG-Mexico	1060	WCGB-PR		WXMC-NJ	1490	KFON-TX
710	WKJB-PR	1130	KSDO-CA	1330	KKPZ-OR	1500	WSMX-NC
810	KLVZ-CO	1190	WBMJ-PR	1370	WIVV-PR	1530	WJDM-NJ
880	WRRZ-NC	1240	KEZY-CA	1380	WBTK-VA	1560	XEJPV-Mexico
980	KEYQ-CA	1260	WPJF-SC		XERS-Mexico	1570	WPPC-PR
1000	KBIB-TX	1270	WRLZ-FL	1400	KHCB-TX	1580	WDAB-SC
1030	WWGB-MD		WMIZ-NJ		KRSC-WA	1590	WPWA-PA
1040	KCBR-CO	1310	WAUC-FL	1440	KTNO-TX		KELP-TX

Plus many FM's on both networks.

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