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DX Tests We have DX tests for February!

The DX Time Machine

DX Test Schedule (All Times ELT)		
Sat 12 Feb	KHMO-1070	0200-0205 0300-0305
Sat 12 Feb	WLIQ-1530	0400-0500
Sat 19 Feb	WLRB-1510	0200-0300

Full details on these DX Tests were in the January 10 issue, and will appear here again shortly before the tests run.

From the Publisher: We're still looking for a new editor of the College Sports Networks column. Contact NRCDXNews@gmail.com by e-mail for more information.

TIS/HAR – Are Things Changing? In this week's *AM Switch*, Bill Hale draws our attention to an FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on December 30 that at least opens the door to a fairly significant expansion of the scope of TIS stations to include all sorts of local governmental, non-commercial broadcasts. By coincidence (or not), Bob Karchevski sends along an announcement for a new local government emergency services station on 1680 kHz being promoted in Sunnyvale, CA (and heard by him on January 1) – it'll appear here shortly.

Looking at the FCC notice online at <http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2010/db1230/FCC-10-203A1.pdf>, I see that the changes under consideration include relaxations of rules on the location and maximum power of TIS stations. With commercial AM stations increasingly losing ground to FM, is the TIS service (expanded to include all sorts of public service broadcasting) going to become more of the future of AM broadcasting?

75 years ago – From the January 15, 1936 *DX News* – The National Bureau of Standards was conducting a number of test broadcasts to measure the field intensities of European and Latin American stations. Stations in Argentina, France, Ireland, Morocco, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom participated.

50 years ago – From the January 14, 1961 *DX News* – KAGO-1150 Klamath Falls, OR was scheduled to run a DX Test for the NRC; KCEE-790 in Tucson, AZ received 20 reports from all parts of North America for its DX Test.

25 years ago – From the January 13, 1986 *DX News* – DJ Jack Daniels of KLLR (FM), Davenport, IA was suspended for playing "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" 27 times to ease his "usual Christmas depression."

10 years ago – From the January 22, 2001 *DX News* – Mark Connelly published his article detailing a construction plan for the DXP-2 DXpedition Phasing Unit; Russ Edmunds' Target DX column explained the origin and basis of pre-sunrise authority (PSRA) and post-sunset authority (PSSA).

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Deadline	Masthead	23	Mar. 4	Mar. 14
16 Jan. 14	Jan. 24	24	Mar. 18	Mar. 28
17 Jan. 21	Jan. 31	25	Apr. 1	Apr. 11
18 Jan. 28	Feb. 7	26	Apr. 22	May 2
19 Feb. 4	Feb. 14	27	May 27	June 6
20 Feb. 11	Feb. 21	28	July 1	July 11
21 Feb. 18	Feb. 28	29	Aug. 5	Aug. 15
22 Feb. 25	Mar. 7	30	Sept. 9	Sept. 19

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AM Switch



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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

<u>Old Call</u>	<u>New Call</u>
550 WDDZ RI Pawtucket	WBZS [station is silent]
1180 WUIN NC Carolina Beach	WMYT
1250 WEAE PA Pittsburgh	WDDZ
1280 KDOX NV Henderson	KQLL
1460 WEMD MD Easton	WKHZ

CPs ON THE AIR

730 WLTV SC Charleston – CP for U1 5000/103, increasing the day power, is on the air.
 1190 WAGE VA Leesburg – CP for U4 50000/1300 was heard testing during the daytime on 12/30/2010 with 70s and 80s Classic Rock. Not heard after 4:15 PM local, which is one hour prior to LSS at their location. Possibly testing their day antenna pattern only?

ACTIONS

750 KSEO OK Durant – CP granted for D3 220/0 [and moving to a new tower at 32-02-12/96-35-27 which will be shared with co-owned KLBC 106.3]. [Additional data added from item seen last issue]
 950 KJRG KS Newton – Coordinate correction to 38-02-39/97-22-21.
 1200 WXKS MA Newton – CP granted for U4 50000/50000 (unchanged) while moving to, and tri-plexing into, the site of WRCA-1330 and WUNR-1600 at 42-17-20/71-11-21.

APPLICATIONS

1100 WISS WI Berlin – Licensed for D1 2500/0 CH 1600, WISS is operating under an STA with D1 500. They have now applied for D4 50000/0 CH 20000.
 1530 WMBE WI Chilton – Applies to change the City-of-License to New Holstein while remaining D1 250/0.

APPLICATION AMENDMENTS

860 WTZX TN Sparta – Licensed for U1 1000/10, WYZX applied for U1 950/11 CH 950 while moving to the tower of co-owned WSMT-1050 Sparta. This amendment requests U1 950/10 CH 950 at the new location.

AM on FM

570 WSYR NY Syracuse – WSYR-FM (106.9) Solvay
 940 KTFS AR Texarkana – KTFS-FM (107.1) Texarkana
 1280 KDOX NV Henderson – K272EE (102.3) Las Vegas

DISMISSALS

1240 KDAN NV Beatty – License cancelled; call deleted
 1540 WNWR PA Philadelphia – CP to change the City-of-License (back) to Bala Cynwyd has been dismissed.

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS / CALL LETTERS DELETED

1250 WHNY MS McComb
 1560 WCMA AL Daleville – Silent STA has expired

HEAR AND THAR

- ✿ Returning to the airwaves: WSVM-1490 Valdese, North Carolina.
- ✿ Reported as Silent: KUDO-1080 Anchorage, Alaska; KQMG-1220 Independence, Iowa is off due to “a problem with the transmitter’s power supply” and “waiting for the parts to be

repaired and returned”, according to their Silent STA filing on December 30; **KBYO-1360 Tallulah, Louisiana.**

- ✿ **News Item: Travelers Information Stations (TIS):** You know them as those scratchy low-power AM signals (usually 10 Watts or less and primarily located on 530 or 1610 kHz), for the most part, heard in large cities or where needed advising motorists with congestion, accident, construction, or weather-related information. Now the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is thinking about expanding their role and has opened a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on the issue. The Highway Information Systems Inc., the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the American Association of Information Radio Operators asked the that the FCC to expand the role of TIS nationwide by allowing regional broadcasts of more types of potential life-saving emergency information to travelers. They feel that would be especially helpful during power blackouts, when traditional means of communications may be inoperable. According to the FCC, a significant number of these stations operate on solar power and/or have battery backup power systems that would enable them to continue to broadcast information to travelers regionally during significant power outages. In its NPRM, the FCC is asking whether the TIS service should expand to include Amber alerts, public health warnings, terror threat levels, weather reports and other information. The commission also seeks comment on whether TIS power limits should be increased to reach a larger listening audience in their coverage area and how much of an increase would be appropriate without the TIS causing harmful interference to neighbor stations. The deadline for public comments is 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. **Editor’s comment:** *Move the TIS service to FM as 99.99% of cars have AM-FM radios. One exception: I have a brother-in-law who has a 6-transistor AM radio dangling from the rear-view mirror in his 25-year-old LUV truck, hi.*

- ✿ **News Item: End of the world? Tune into WBT-AM** – There’s a new doomsday bunker in Charlotte, North Carolina. It’s just a precaution, if you’re the optimistic type. End of the world stuff, if you’re not. First, a history lesson: In 1963, just months after the Cuban Missile Crisis, federal engineers dug a bomb-proof shelter beneath the 1929 transmitter building of WBT-1110 in Charlotte. There, 16 feet beneath the soil, workers installed a radio studio and outfitted it with a radiation suit, Geiger counter and barrels of water. Station lore holds that a shotgun or two also went into the refuge, just in case. It was one of several such installations at major radio stations across the country, and their mission was grim. It would be the place that survivors of a nuclear holocaust would get emergency information. That was the Cold War era. Things change. This is the age of terrorism. In July, federal contractors returned to the WBT-AM transmitter in the 9200 block of Nation’s Ford Road. On thick concrete pads, behind double fences topped with barbed wire, they erected two small above-ground buildings, barely bigger than sheds. One contains a generator with a 30-day energy supply; in the other is a small radio studio. Like their subterranean predecessor nearby - which isn’t hooked up any more but could be activated with a little work - they are shielded against the electromagnetic pulse of a nuclear weapon that would fry electronic components. They’re also hardy enough to shoulder hurricane winds. Neither WBT nor the Federal Emergency Management Agency is talking much about what’s inside, but no shotguns appear to be in the inventory this time. WBT was among a few dozen radio stations selected to get emergency transmitters from the government. It cost the station nothing, said WBT market manager Rick Feinblatt. “I think it’s really cool,” he said. “In some ways, it’s an honor.” WBT was selected because it reaches both of the Carolinas. At night, its 50,000-watt signal arcs like a blowtorch across the East from Canada to Cuba. FEMA’s program is a result of Executive Order 13407, issued in 2006 by President George W. Bush, which called on the Department of Homeland Security to develop “a comprehensive system to alert and warn the American people in situations of war, terrorist attack, natural disaster or other hazards ... and ensure that under all conditions the president can communicate with the American people.” WBT’s chief engineer, Jerry Dowd, maintains the old bomb shelter in the transmitter building like a museum curator. It is part of the rich heritage of the station, which was one of the first to be licensed in the nation. “It’s the greatest archive there is,” said Dowd. “It’s like stepping into a Doomsday machine.” Dowd said he hopes the new emergency rig eventually will meet the same fate as the old one: a never-used curiosity from a distant era. “This is like having the outhouse of broadcasting,” Dowd said. “I guess when the day is done, though, I’d rather have an outhouse than a bucket.”



- ✿ **Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen, John Malicky, Dave Schmidt, and Radio World Online.**

GRAVEYARD DX ACHIEVEMENTS – UPDATE

<u>Station</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>DXer</u>	<u>1490 kHz</u>	<u>DX Location</u>	<u>Miles</u>
KDBM MT	Dillon	Wayne Heinen		Aurora, CO	557

Domestic DX **Jim Tedford** Radio_Enthusiast@hotmail.com *Digest – West* **20310 Bothell-Everett Highway B4** **Bothell, WA 98012-8133**

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

From this week's great turnout, it appears folks are taking my suggested New Year's resolution to heart.

Reporters

JE-TX	Jerry Ervine KC5YRE, Mission, TX Sony ICF-2010.
JN-TX	James Niven, Cedar Creek, TX Drake R8 and Sangean ATS909, with 3 EWE's and 150 foot longwire.
JJR-WI	John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee, WI CC Radio2
JW-CO	John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
RS-ID	Ron Schiller, Coeur d'Alene, ID Palstar R30, Quantum Loop and Grundig 350, Kia Soul car radio.
RV-TX	Robert Vance, El Paso, TX WinRadio G303e/PD, 12'x9' unterminated corner-fed N-S loop, 3 sq. meter amplified air loop
SMA-MB	Shawn M. Axelrod VE4DX1SMA Winnipeg, MB Icom IC-70, Drake R8; 4 foot unamplified box loop; Quantum Loop; 155 foot outdoor wire' 100 foot indoor wire; MFJ 1060 phasing unit.
WH-CO	Wayne Heinen, Aurora, CO 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

1060	KIJN	TX	Farwell – 12/26 2003 – Out of lively SS Music KIJN Farwell Texas ID entirely in SS. Atop the channel at this time in phase null of KRCN. This was noted all night, guess they didn't switch as PSSA should have been off by 2145 in December. Power was far greater than 3 watts. (WH-CO)
1330	KCKM	TX	Monahans – 12/23 0900 – Out of C&W Music "West Texas' Powerhouse KCKM Monahans-Odessa" to AP Radio News. A change from previously listed CNN. (WH-CO)

DX Loggings (All Times ELT)

530	CIAO	ON	Brampton – 1/2 0715 – Asian music followed by voice in English: "This program sponsored by Diamond Design...diamonddesign.ca." (JDS-MN)
540	KWMT	IA	Fort Dodge – 12/30 0927 – Out of weather forecast, into "True country KWMT" followed by local commercials, into country song by male artist. (JDS-MN)
	KNMX	NM	Las Vegas – 1/3 1844 – Spanish music, followed by local commercials, into "KNMX Five-Forty AM Las Vegas New Mexico." (JDS-MN)
	CBK	SK	Regina – 1/2 0738 – Out of orchestra music "CBC Radio One, it's Twenty-Two minutes before the hour" into local weather with temperature in Regina minus fifteen and light snow. (JDS-MN)
550	KTRS	MO	St. Louis – 1/3 1900 – ToH "KTRS St. Louis" into national news. (JDS-MN)
	KTSA	TX	San Antonio – 12/31 0643 – Radio Impulse program, into commercials, followed by "San Antonio's news radio station KTSA." (JDS-MN)
560	WIND	IL	Chicago – 1/3 1906 – Traffic and weather report, followed by "AM 560 WIND, and now Michael Savage." Into: Savage Nation program. (JDS-MN)
	KLVI	TX	Beaumont – 12/24 0715 – Heard with Bing Cosby song, then ID was announced. Heard a SS speaker underneath, KLVI ID at 1215. (JN-TX)

- 570 CKSW SK **Swift Current** – 12/31 0729 – Out of song: “*Wild Horses*” Martina McBride, “With local news and local weather from Swift Current, AM 570 CKSW” followed by news. (JDS-MN)
- 600 KCOL CO **Wellington** – 12/19 0832 – Weather forecast, into Station ID: “Six-Hundred KCOL.” (JDS-MN)
- WREC TN **Memphis** – 12/23 2232 – Promo for Sports Ticket, another talk station mixed with WREC at 0332. (JN-TX)
- CJWW SK **Saskatoon** – 12/31 0756 – “CJWW playing Saskatchewan’s country,” into country song by male artist. (JDS-MN)
- 610 KDAL MN **Duluth** – 1/3 1921 – Weather report into “News talk Six-Ten KDAL” (JDS-MN)
- 620 WTMJ WI **Milwaukee** – 12/19 0849 – Sports report including story about Packers, into weather, followed by: WTMJ jingle, into local commercials, then: “Six-Twenty WTMJ.” (JDS-MN)
- CKRM SK **Regina** – 12/31 0806 – Out of sports report “That’s Six-Twenty, CKRM sports” into local implement dealer commercial followed by “CKRM weather.” (JDS-MN)
- 640 CFMJ ON **Richmond Hill** – 1/3 1956 – Hockey play by play Boston Bruins vs. Toronto Maple Leafs, Into Station ID: “You’re listening to Maple Leafs hockey on AM Six-Forty Toronto.” (JDS-MN)
- 650 WNMT MN **Nashwauk** – 12/19 0900 – TOH “Six-Fifty WMNT Nashwauk,” into news, followed by local weather with current temperature reported as twelve degrees. (JDS-MN)
- CKOM SK **Saskatoon** – 12/19 0858 – Commercials with references to Saskatoon, followed by “News talk Six-Fifty CKOM” into news. (JDS-MN)
- 660 CFFR AB **Calgary** – 12/31 0824 – Out of *Year In Review*, commercial for impaired driving with reference to Canada, into “Six-Sixty News” including report on Canadian dollar. (JDS-MN)
- 670 WSCR IL **Chicago** – 12/19 0921 – Story about Monday night’s match-up between the Bears and Vikings to be played outside due to the Metrodome’s collapse, into Station ID: “Sports radio Six-Seventy The Score,” followed by commercials with reference to Chicago. (JDS-MN)
- 680 WDBC MI **Escanaba** – 12/31 0834 – Light adult contemporary music, into “AM Six-Eighty WDBC,” back to music. (JDS-MN)
- 690 KTSM TX **El Paso** – 1/6 0752 – Poor-steady, alone. Calls, ads. Showing up more lately. (JJR-WI)
- 700 WLW OH **Cincinnati** – 12/24 0730 – “On the hour and when news breaks, news radio 700 WLW,” into news, then on demand traffic, into weather report with current temp 30 degrees. (JDS-MN)
- 710 KNUS CO **Denver** – 12/6 2040 – Popped up briefly above KGNC-TX and XEDP-CHIH w/weather and traffic report. (RV-TX)
- KEEL LA **Shreveport** – 1/6 0753 – Fair; “on our sister station- KWKH,” ads. Never this strong! (JJR-WI)
- KGNC TX **Amarillo** – 12/6 2035 – Holding its own in a mix w/KNUS-CO and XEDP-CHIH with *Westwood One Monday Night Football*. (RV-TX)
- 730 WJMT WI **Merrill** – 12/24 0742 – Song: *Sleigh Ride*, Into: “Your holiday station WJMT,” followed by commercial for Christ Lutheran Church in Merrill with Christmas service schedule (JDS-MN)
- 740 KVOR CO **Colorado Springs** – 12/10 2050 – Coming up every now and then in a mix of KRMG-Tulsa, an SS station, and who knows what else. Caught the “KVOR and KVOR.com” slogans a couple of times. At 2104 I caught the tail end of the local news and weather. (RV-TX)
- WDGY WI **Hudson** – 12/31 0859 – Out of song: *Do Ya*, Electric Light Orchestra, into: “Seventy-Four WDGY Hudson, St. Paul/Minneapolis.” (JDS-MN)
- CFZM ON **Toronto** – 1/2 0828 – *Right On The Money* show, listeners call 416-216-6200 with financial questions, into Station ID: “Toronto AM 740,” then *Weekend Business News*. (JDS-MN)
- 790 KFGO ND **Fargo** – 12/31 0906 – “KFGO weather center” Blizzard warning with interstates closed in North Dakota along with most Fargo businesses also closed. Into: “KFGO news time Eight-O-Eight.” (JDS-MN)

- KFYO TX **Lubbock** – 12/13 1815 – Poor and fading w/program *Pratt on Texas*. Local ads, "Newstalk 790" ID at 1820. Splatter from local XEROK-800 even on LSB. (RV-TX)
- 850 WAIT IL **Crystal Lake** – 1/2 0900 – Out of contemporary Christian music "AM Eight-Fifty WAIT Crystal Lake, Chicago." (JDS-MN)
- 930 WTAD IL **Quincy** – 1/6 0757 – Poor; "Quincy vs. Geneva;" HS sports scores, calls. Not common. (JJR-WI)
- 940 KVSH NE **Valentine** – 12/24 0752 – Obituaries, followed by local news, then local commercials, ToH "Merry Christmas everyone, this is KVSH Valentine Nebraska" into national news. (JDS-MN)
- 990 CBW MB **Winnipeg** – 12/25 2000 – ID as "Radio One" through CBC News 1805; "Here's the weather beginning with Winnipeg..." in local KRKS phase null. (WH-CO)
- CKGM QC **Montreal** – 12/28 1838 – "Montreal sports radio, Nine-Ninety" into Montreal Canadiens hockey pre-game show. (JDS-MN)
- 1000 KTOK OK **Oklahoma City** – 1/1 0805 – Out of Fox News "News radio One-Thousand KTOK." (JDS-MN)
- 1010 CBR AB **Calgary** – 12/25 0100 – "Radio One" ID and into CBC News in KSIR phase null. (WH-CO)
- 1030 WBZ MA **Boston** – 12/28 1853 – Traffic report, into "Six-Fifty-Five on WBZ." (JDS-MN)
- 1050 KLOH MN **Pipestone** – 12/28 1005 – Out of local spots to Pipestone weather "... your weather on KLOH..." (WH-CO)
- KTBL NM **Los Ranchos** – 12/27 1958 – "... your KTBL Traffic report..." fair under XEG. (WH-CO)
- 1060 WLNO LA **New Orleans** – 12/26 2200 – "This is AM 1060 WLNO, New Orleans's most powerful Christian Station," into REL programming. (WH-CO)
- KFIL MN **Preston** – 1/1 0824 – "True country KFIL" into song: *My Maria* by Brooks and Dunn. (JDS-MN)
- 1070 KHMO MO **Hannibal** – 1/1 0830 – News with lead story of tornados in Missouri and Illinois, into: "KHMO news at Seven-Thirty." (JDS-MN)
- 1080 KRLD TX **Dallas** – 1/1 0836 – "Radio Ten-Eighty KRLD traffic and weather together." (JDS-MN)
- 1090 KAAZ AR **Little Rock** – 12/28 1925 – Contemporary Christian music, followed by "Hear The Word on AM Ten-Ninety KAAZ." (JDS-MN)
- 1140 KHFX TX **Cleburne** – 12/26 0700 – Spanish programming noted with ToH ID given in English, fair signal. (JN-TX)
- 1200 KFNV ND **West Fargo** – 1/1 0929 – Out of children's religious program "*Faith Kids* on Faith Twelve-Hundred," followed by "Happy New Year from Faith 1200 KNVF." (JDS-MN)
- 1210 WJNL MI **Kingsley** – 1/1 0936 – Out of weather report "From the WJNL Weather Center, I'm Dawn..." (JDS-MN)
- ++ 1/6 0806 – Poor in w/2-3 others. "From the WJML Weather Center;" // 1110-WJML. (JJR-WI)
- CFYM SK **Kindersley** – 12/29 2322 – Song: *Me and Julio Down By the School Yard*, Paul Simon, into: "Classic hits Twelve-Ten CFYM." (JDS-MN)
- 1220 CJRB MB **Boissevain** – 12/29 2330 – Out of *Grace To You* program, into: "Radio Twelve-Twenty, CJRB is your community connection." (JDS-MN)
- 1240 KRDO CO **Colorado Springs** – 1/6 0850 – Sports scores; program note at 0853: "Lee Richards and Dan Koshell on KRDO's Morning News"; also heard an ID for "KRDO News Radio 105.5 FM, 1240 AM." Fair/poor. (JW-CO)
- KDGO CO **Durango** – 1/4 0859 – Legal ID at ToH, followed by ABC News; heard a bit later with mention of "Four Corners...?.. Network," consisting of KENN, KVFC, and KDGO. Rough copy in the pileup. (JW-CO)
- KWIK ID **Pocatello** – 1/6 0759 – Dual KID-590/KWIK-1240 legal ID at 0759:50, followed by ABC news, I think. Noted later with multiple 590, 1240, and 92.1 FM ID. Fair at best. (JW-CO)
- KODY NE **North Platte** – 1/3 1724 – "NewsTalk 1240 KODY" ID, then flu shot PSA, followed by the buy and sell program "*The Cody Exchange*." Fair peaks with fading and QRM. (JW-CO)
- KALY NM **Los Ranchos de Albuquerque** – 1/4 0858 – Kid's programming; legal ID by gal at 0900:30 "KALY AM 1240, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque," did not mention Radio Disney and did not seen parallel to our local Disney outlet on 1690. (JW-CO)

- KCCR SD **Pierre** – 1/3 1706 – Oldies, including a song by CCR (of course!); call letter ID's; plug for KCCR news at 1715. Signal up & down on pre-sunset skip. **(JW-CO)**
- KXIT TX **Dalhart** – 1/6 0359 – Barely readable legal ID at 0359:55. **(JW-CO)**
- KFBC WY **Cheyenne** – 1/6 1159 – Legal ID, ABC news. Poor, mixing with KRDO. **(JW-CO)**
- KEVA WY **Evanston** – 1/6 1750 – "1240 AM Stereo KEVA" ID; then seemed to go into Oldies (listed as C&W). Rough copy. **(JW-CO)**
- KASL WY **Newcastle** – 1/7 0506 – Plug for local Chamber of Commerce ("Take pride in Weston County and rediscover it today."); C&W music followed. **(JW-CO)**
- KTHE WY **Thermopolis** – 1/6 0459 – Simple legal ID to ToH. Very rough copy in the zoo. **(JW-CO)**
- 1260 KSGF MO **Springfield** – 12/31 0727 – Heard briefly with ID before going into news at 0727. **(JN-TX)**
- 1270 KINN NM **Alamogordo** – 12/6 1111 – Poor and sounding very far away with unID talk followed by network ads, TOH ID "This is Newstalk 12-70, KINN, Alamogordo...", then ABC news. Had to use the phasing unit to sum the two antennas to get a barely readable copy. **(RV-TX)**
- WLIK TN **Newport** – 1/2 0536 – Fair "Oldies 1270" jingle, fade, "WLIK bulletin board" to OLD. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1290 WHIO OH **Dayton** – 1/1 1929 – Out of *The Glenn Beck Show* "AM Twelve-Ninety and now 95.7 FM, news talk WHIO, home of talk news" into news followed by weather. **(JDS-MN)**
- KWFS TX **Wichita Falls** – 12/10 0750 – Up briefly above the mess with a string of local ads about events in Wichita Falls. **(RV-TX)**
- 1300 KCSF CO **Colorado Springs** – 12/12 0550 – Fair-to-poor in local XEP phase with Fox Sports Net. Promos for ACW at Double Eagle Casino and promo for *High School Sports Show* at 15 past the hour. **(RV-TX)**
- 1320 KOLT NE **Scottsbluff** – 12/23 1000 – "The News and Sports are on AM 1320 KOLT Scottsbluff." **(WH-CO)**
- 1330 KWLO IA **Waterloo** – 12/20 2300 – In dead air of KNSS programming "KWLO" and buried. KCFR-1340 IBOC phased. **(WH-CO)**
- KNSS KS **Wichita** – 12/20 2105 – Ending local weather "NewsRadio 1330 KNSS Wichita" to spots. KCFR-1340 IBOC phased. **(WH-CO)**
- ++ 12/29 0830 – Heard well on top of the channel with "News Radio 1330 KNSS," with fair signal. **(JN-TX)**
- KGAK NM **Gallup** – 12/20 2302 – Brief call ID in break in Basketball play by play... in Navajo! KCFR-1340 IBOC Phased. **(WH-CO)**
- CJYM SK **Rosetown** – 12/21 0008 – Out of Four Seasons *Rag Doll* "Where every song is a classic. You're listening to 1330 CKYM Classic Hits Radio," mixed with KNSS in Phase null of KCFR's IBOC. New Tape for the collection. **(WH-CO)**
- 1340 KVNN TX **Victoria** – 12/30 0936 – Noted briefly in passing with call letters then into talk program. **(JN-TX)**
- 1350 KTDD CA **San Bernardino** – 12/17 0520 – Classic CWM with periodic slogans "1350 The Toad." Good w/fading over KDZA-Pueblo and unID SS. Caught a portion of the TOH ID "...KTDD, San Bernardino-Riverside; 1350, The Toad." **(RV-TX)**
- 1360 KRKK WY **Rock Springs** – 12/17 0603 – In and out with WYO Radio weather forecast, local ad, CL ID and talk program. Mixing w/CWM and GOS stations. **(RV-TX)**
- 1390 KJAM SD **Madison** – 12/18 0721 – Song: *Jingle Bell Rock*, followed by "1390 KJAM" into local commercials, followed by weather forecast, into "That's your forecast on classic hits KJAM." **(JDS-MN)**
- 1400 KKZZ CA **Santa Paula** – 12/19 0639 – Poor with local announcement ending with "...on AM-1400, KKZZ." **(RV-TX)**
- 1410 WNGL AL **Mobile** – 12/29 0858 – Heard with full station information and ID at 0858. **(JN-TX)**
- KGSO KS **Wichita** – 12/28 0515 – Sports Talk at 1515, then ID at 1517 "Sports Radio 1410, KGSO", then into a string of local ads. Nice to see this station audible in the local morning. NEW! **(JN-TX)**
- 1420 KTOE MN **Mankato** – 1/1 2048 – Out of commercial for the law office of Kennedy and Kennedy, Mankato, into "You're listening to Maverick's hockey on AM Fourteen-Twenty KTOE." **(JDS-MN)**



- 1430 KZQZ MO **St. Louis** – 12/30 0747 – Out of song, *Thank the Lord For the Night Time*, into: "Nineteen-Sixty-Seven, Neil Diamond, on the all new Fourteen-Thirty KZQZ." (JDS-MN)
- WBEV WI **Beaver Dam** – 1/1 2100 – Commercial for Columbus Community Hospital, into "AM Fourteen-Thirty WBEV Beaver Dam." (JDS-MN)
- 1450 KVSL AZ **Show Low** – 12/26 0600 – Came up at the right time with "You're listening to Star-1450 AM KVSL, Show Low..."; then into Fox news, ads, local weather, then AC mx. (RV-TX)
- WMIQ MI **Iron Mountain** – 1/1 2100 – Poor signals in a mess with ID on the hour. Not new but very rare here. (SA-MB)
- KATE MN **Albert Lea** – 1/2 0700 – "... the KATE temperature is ..." quick fade up garbled KATE ID and ABC News. (WH-CO)
- KRZY NM **Albuquerque** – 12/26 0625 – In and out of mess w/ SS mx and "La Tricolor, catorce-cicuenta (14-50) A-M..." slogans. (RV-TX)
- 1460 KXNO IA **Des Moines** – 1/1 0936 – "Des Moines sports station Fourteen-Sixty KXNO," followed by commercial for registering for the Selective Service. (JDS-MN)
- 1470 KYYW TX **Abilene** – 12/30 0805 – ID, and then into "Big Country Weather." Nice signal at 0805. (JN-TX)
- 1490 KRIB IA **Mason City** – 1/5 0000 – "Great oldies for the last 50 years KRIB Mason City" into ABC News. (WH-CO)
- KDBM MT **Dillon** – 1/5 0800 – "KDBM Dillon AM 1490..." and into ABC News. Thanks to Barry McLarnon on the [NRC-AM] list for ID'ing this one off my tape. This is my 10th new one of the season. (WH-CO)
- KFON TX **Austin** – 12/30 0800 – TOH ID, then back to Spanish love songs. (JN-TX)
- 1500 KDFN MO **Doniphan** – 1/6 0735 – Poor "K-D-F-N" at end of song, ads, weather, song. Not heard in long time. (JJR-WI)
- 1520 KOKC OK **Oklahoma City** – 12/30 0831 – Weather report, into "News talk Fifteen-Twenty KOKC," followed by local commercials with references to Oklahoma City. (JDS-MN)
- 1540 KXEL IA **Waterloo** – 1/1 2133 – Weather forecast followed by Station ID: "News talk KXEL." (JDS-MN)
- 1550 KIVA NM **Albuquerque** – 12/29 0830 – Heard with quick frequency and call letters, then into news and faded. (JN-TX)
- 1570 KVLG TX **La Grange** – 12/30 0929 – Good Country music, fair signal. (JN-TX)
- 1580 CKDO ON **Oshawa** – 12/18 0757 – Song: *Best of My Love*, The Eagles into "Your radio station since 1946...CKDO," followed by song by Journey (JDS-MN)
- 1620 KOZN NE **Bellevue** – 12/18 0806 – "Welcome to the Husker's Illustrated Sports presented by the Nebraska lottery." (JDS-MN)
- 1640 KFXV OK **Enid** – 12/23 2000 – "KFNY Enid Oklahoma City Playing a better variety of Southern Gospel Music. We're the new Faith 1640" to SRN News. (WH-CO)
- KBJA UT **Sandy** – 12/23 2100 – "Super Radio Kay Bay Jota Aah" and "Feliz Navidad" mixed with Radio Disney and KFXV. (WH-CO)
- WKSH WI **Sussex** – 12/24 0700 – Out bunch of Radio Disney promos "This is WKSH and WKSH HD1 Sussex-Milwaukee" a poor third to KBJA and KFXV. (WH-CO)
- 1650 KCNZ IA **Cedar Falls** – 12/30 2052 – Local promos with ID in between, nice signal. (JN-TX)
- KSVE TX **El Paso** – 12/24 0815 – Heard with Spanish "Radio Maria" programming.
- 1660 WBCN NC **Charlotte** – 1/4 0830 – Poor signals in a mess with KQWB KXOL and KXTR with political talk programming. Finally got this one after months of trying. A new one in 2011 already. I hope this good start will continue for the rest of the year. (SA-MB)
- 1670 KHPY CA **Moreno Valley** – 12/24 0738 – Fairly good signal with Spanish Catholic programming. Found internet feed and found a few seconds out of sync. NEW! (JN-TX)
- WTDY WI **Madison** – 12/30 2058 – Quick ID noted in passing, fair signal. (JN-TX)
- 1680 WPRR MI **Ada** – 12/18 0817 – Station ID: "WPRR Public Reality Radio." (JDS-MN)
- TIS, etc.
- 1550 KLFJ MO **Springfield** – 12/28 0958 – Many "Voice of the Ozarks" IDs and more tourist information on Branson at 0958. (JN-TX)
- 1620 WQBR256 IL **Lindenhurst** – 1/2 1544 – Poor steady w/Lake County info/loop over & over & over. 25 second repeat. NEW! (JJR-WI)

1700 WPMI800 WI Racine – 1/2 1547 – Racine Convention & Visitors Bureau info, phone numbers, etc. Thought new, but re-log. First heard in '98. Ouch. (JJR-WI)

John Wilkins' patience and perseverance on 1240 (and last time on 1230) show the value of parking your receiver on a single frequency, and seeing what comes up. There's DX in them that frequencies. Just think of the wear and tear you'll save on you radio's VFO.

Thanks to all of you. See you next time. (JDT-WA)

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REPORTERS

RB-NC **Ron Bailey, Marion** – Sony SRF-39FP
 RC-MD **Richard Clark, Rockville** – Station news
 PFC-VA **Perry Crabill, Winchester** – Icom R-71A, 100' wire; 2006 Corolla LE radio.
 HF-MI **Harold Frodge, Midland** – Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW
 KK-VA **Kraig Krist, Manassas** – NRD-545, Kiwa loop
 DY-WV **David Yocis, Shannondale** – R8B, Quantum phaser, LWs
 MKB-ON **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

STATION NEWS

1170 WWVA WV **Wheeling** – I visited WWVA's tower site on Dec. 28 and noted that North East Towers Inc had completely re-erected two of the three towers that were blown down last summer. The easternmost tower had two of its seven sections erected. Dave Trout of NE Towers said that he expected all three towers to be fully erected by week's end (i.e. Dec. 31, 2010). All three towers will again be 408 feet tall and will now be guy wire supported. He said that on the day that we chatted only the westernmost tower was alive and it was radiating 12.5 kW ND. He indicated that another company would be called in to perform the fine tuning required for WWVA to return to its normal 50 KW DA-N operation. (RC-MD)

TEST TRANSMISSION

1190 WAGE VA **Leesburg** – 1/4 1555 – Testing new site and frequency (moving from 1200); ID "WAGE Leesburg", then music that seemed to be the same rap recording over and over. Weak and noisy. Disappeared in about 10 minutes with no sign-off. Also noted 1/5 1223 with open carrier and music. Only voice announcements were "WAGE Leesburg" (PFC VA)

LOGGINGS

620 WJHX AL **Lexington** – 1/4 0001 – Briefly on top with legal EE ID by woman: "WJHX 620 AM Lexington, Alabama" amid SS talk and salsa-type Mexican music, then lost to gospel talker, presumably WRJZ Knoxville. (MKB-ON)
 WHEN NY **Syracuse** – 1/3 0910 – Fair on daytime groundwave with urban music, female DJ with station promo "...hello Syracuse...the voice of the community, Power AM 620." Recent format flip from Fox Sports. (MKB-ON)
 670 WWFE FL **Miami** – 11/26 2003 – SS talk with mentions of Miami, and possibly Radio Martí as well, "WWFE" ID by woman in heavily accented EE. (RB-NC)
 720 WGCR NC **Pisgah Forest** – 1/3 1745* – Caught end of sign-off announcement with call, address and mentions of Baptist, into SSB which was cut short. Probably them under WGN with gospel music after WWII dropped away at 1729. (HF-MI)

- WWII PA **Shiremanstown** – 1/3 1703 – Religious talk show with woman host; ad mentioning 717 area code at 1729, then disappeared, presumed sign-off. Copyable peaks under WGN. PA #57 **(HF-MI)**
- 940 WIDG MI **St. Ignace** – 1/3 1559 – Over Protestant gospel station with “taking a closer look at Catholic ideas and values...this is WTCK Charlevoix and WIDG Saint Ignace” ToH ID into EWTN program featuring the “top 10 Catholic stories of 2010.” **(MKB-ON)**
- 950 KWOS MO **Jefferson City** – 12/31 1655 – Ad for Corwin Hyundai in Jefferson City, Sean Hannity show, more local ads, spot for Calloway Hills Animal Shelter, “News Radio 9-50 KWOS Jefferson City” ID, Fox news, good over WAKM. **(DY-WV)**
- 970 WFSR KY **Harlan** – 12/4 1809 – Fair-good with mention of “WFSR” by man doing live broadcast from Harlan’s main street during a Christmas parade. Finally heard call letter ID after many tries, hearing only continuous gospel music. **(RB-NC)**
- 1020 WRIX SC **Homeland Park** – 1/7 1713* – Sign-off announcement, ID, SSB, fair with KDKA. Per FCC web site, 1715 is KDKA’s January sunset time and WRIX’s is 1745 – must WRIX sign off at KDKA’s earlier sunset to protect them? **(DY-WV)**
- 1040 WKTI TN **Powell** – 12/31 1935 – C&W music, ID after each song, blasting in over WHO. Thanks Ernie Wesolowski for tip; seems this one has been running past LSS a lot lately. **(DY-WV)**
- 1060 WILB OH **Canton** – 1/5 1715* - Sign-off announcement: “AM 1060 WILB, Living Bread Radio in northeast Ohio, concludes another day of Catholic broadcasting...”, promo for www.livingbreadradio.com website, lost to KYW before I could determine whether they played SSB. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1100 WGPA PA **Bethlehem** – 1/7 1705 – IRN-USA Radio News, call ID, slogan “Sunny 1100,” good with WTAM nulled. Not sure if this is the one heard evenings with IRN-USA and no IDs, weak but regular in WTAM null. **(DY-WV)**
- 1110 WTOF AL **Bay Minette** – 12/16 1757* – Man sounding more like a preacher with full sign-off information and invitation to tune in again tomorrow at 6 AM, which I did, and heard the same man with sign-on announcement into religious programming. Finally, something other than WBT. **(RB-NC)**
- 1160 WQRT KY **Florence** – 12/31 2103 – Weather “for northern Kentucky,” temperature in Cincinnati, “Real Talk 11-60” ID, good in mix. Last heard as WDJO. **(DY-WV)**
- 1250 WARE MA **Ware** – 1/6 1714 – in mix with oldies, “WARE... ware dot com...” station promo and website plug. Probably the unID oldies station from previous evening. **(KK-VA)** *Unless there is a WACO in Waco, TX, this may be the only station whose call letters exactly match the city of license. Mike.*
- WGHB NC **Farmville** – 1/5 1851 – In multi-station mix with usual ESPN sports programming, slogan “Pirate radio 12-50 and 9-30...” (// WDLX-930). **(KK-VA)**
- WDDZ PA **Pittsburgh** – 1/5 1851 – Ex-ESPN sports WEAE now WDDZ, noted with typical Radio Disney programming of songs and child announcers. “Radio Disney... WDDZ... WDDZ HD1 Pittsburgh...” **(KK-VA)**
- WDVA VA **Danville** – 1/5 1851 – Gospel singing in mix with WDDZ, WYKM, WGHB and UNID oldies station, “That’s your WDVA weather...” after local weather. **(KK-VA)**
- WYKM WV **Rupert** – 1/5 1851 – C&W songs in mix with WDDZ, WDVA and WGHB. “WYKM” ID by man. **(KK-VA)**
- 1390 WEGP ME **Presque Isle** – 12/31 2305 – Weather, IDs, promos, good and atop. Last new one for 2010. **(DY-WV)**
- 1410 WING OH **Dayton** – 1/7 1729 – Creaming semi-local WDOE with talk on NFL playoff games, station promo “your home for all the playoff action and Super Bowl XLV is 1410 ESPN, WING radio.” **(MKB-ON)**
- 1420 WVOT NC **Wilson** – 12/31 2147 – Promo for spiritual guidance from UMI, promo for gospel music, several WVOT IDs, into black gospel. Good with WHK nulled. **(DY-WV)**
- 1480 WGUS GA **Augusta** – 12/9 1800 – Good signal with SS music and talk, presumed with “Radio Gusta” slogan but no legal ID heard. **(RB-NC)**
- WDJO OH **Cincinnati** – 12/31 1639 – Oldies, local ads, many IDs, good and atop. **(DY-WV)**



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

¡Viva México!

- 650 **MEXICO** XETNT Los Mochis, Sin DEC 6 0050 – Poor with fading; ballads and "Radio Sesenta-Cinco" slogans. Splatter from local 640 XEJUA and another unID station. [Vance-TX]
- 670 **MEXICO** XETOR Torreón, Coah DEC 6 0215 – Poor with rancheras, mixing with KLTT. Heard "...Radio Ranchito en Torreón, Coahuila ...en Grupo Radio México" at bottom of the hour into more rancheras. [Vance-TX]
- 710 **MEXICO** XEDP Cd. Cuauhtemoc, Chih DEC 7 0150 – Fair to good in mix with KNUS and KGNC; talk program into full top of the hour ID using "La Ranchera de Cuauhtémoc" slogan. [Vance-TX]
- 760 **MEXICO** XEES Chihuahua, Chih JAN 1 0000 – ID by male voice: "XEES Antena Siete Sesenta, transmitiendo desde Blvd. Ortíz Mena..." and mentioning 10 kW; a bit of pop music followed, leading up to the program "Universo Deportes" at 0007. Fair for a while in null of local KKZN. New here, XE #226 and Chih #47. [Wilkins-CO]
- 790 **MEXICO** XERPC Chihuahua, Chih DEC 14 0750 – Fair with fading but dominant; rancheras and "Siete-Noventa" slogans quite often. Full ID using *R.Ranchito* slogan and call letters on the hour. [Vance-TX]
- 1010 **MEXICO** XEVK Torreón, Coah DEC 25 0958 – Out of Spanish Mexican program with call ID and many mentions of "La Poderosa." This appears to be a new slogan for this one. [Heinen-CO]
- 1040 **MEXICO** XEGYS Guaymas, Son DEC 29 0205 – Out off Spanish music, "XEGYS La Primera de Guaymas Sonora..." and more in heavy reverb. Fair with another Spanish station and WHO phased. Some IBOC hash also. Not a new one for me but tape has been added to the collection! [Heinen-CO]
- 1050 **MEXICO** XED Mexicali, BCN JAN 3 2336 – Ranchera music, man announcer with "Radiorama Siglo Veintiuno" slogans. Fair/good. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1050 **MEXICO** XEG Monterrey, NL DEC 28 0100 – "La Ranchera de Monterrey XEG" well atop the channel at this time. [Heinen-CO]
- 1310 **MEXICO** XEVB Monterrey, NL DEC 31 1308 – Heard fairly good signal this morning with full station information and ID. Thanks to Håkan Sundman on the NRC AM email list for positive ID. New. [Niven-TX]
- 1320 **MEXICO** XECPN Piedras Negras, Coah DEC 23 0100 – Full ID spiel many mentions of "La Poderosa." Well atop at this hour. [Heinen-CO] DEC 29 1159 – Heard well with national anthem, slogan announced as "La Poderosa" which I don't see listed. I did find listen live on the internet and the call letters listed as XECPN. [Niven-TX]
- 1390 **MEXICO** XEKT Tecate, BCN DEC 29 0700 – Call letter ID and Spanish programming just after the hour; couldn't make out much else. Loop was pointed the wrong way in order to null local KGNU. A new one here, XE #225. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1400 **MEXICO** XESH Cd. Sabinas Hidalgo, NL DEC 19 1250 – Up long enough to get norteña music and "Radio Sabinas" slogan. [Vance-TX]
- 1420 **MEXICO** XEH Monterrey, NL DEC 20 1050 – Audible under presumed open carrier of local XEF with baladas. Call letter ID heard what sounded like a full ID just before the hour, too poor to catch a slogan. [Vance-TX]
- 1470 **MEXICO** XEHI Cd. Miguel Alemán, Tamps DEC 26 1250 – Good with fading (presume on daytime power); banda and norteña music. Season greetings announcement prior to top of the hour ID, "Sintoniza XEHI, Mi Radio catorce-setenta, Las Caponeras..." Also mentioned power (10 kW) and city (Cd. Miguel Alemán). [Vance-TX]
- 1470 **MEXICO** XERCN Tijuana, BCN DEC 26 1330 – Fading in with announcement for Radio Internacional de China. Did some research on the internet and found the website http://spanish.news.cn/chinaiber/2010-11/03/c_13588156.htm which mentioned that CRI began broadcasting in Spanish 12 hours each night on this station. Transition from CRI to XERCN took place at 1400 as scheduled with Mexican national anthem and full XERCN ID using "Radio Hispana, catorce-setenta" slogan. [Vance-TX]

Los Fabulosos de DX

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

James Niven, Cedar Creek TX; Drake R8 and Sangean ATS909, with three Ewe antennas and 150-ft longwire.

Robert Vance, El Paso TX; WiNRADiO G303e/PD, 12 x 9-ft unterminated corner-fed north-south loop, 3 sq meter amplified air loop.

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

73 y Good DX!

LBI-9 DXpedition Report

Russ Edmunds sends this report from the ninth LBI (Long Beach Island, NJ) DXpedition, held from November 11-14, 2010.

Brett Saylor: As in 2009, this year's LBI was a three night DXpedition, running from Thursday through Sunday in the second weekend of November. The first night Russ, Rob, Bill and I camped out in a single DX room using only broadband loop antennas (30 and 350 degree orientations), forgoing the usual deployment of north and south beverage antennas until Friday. We did this in part to test the feasibility of a BBL-only DXpedition as well as to wait for more reinforcements for the (increasingly) arduous task of burying nearly a half-mile of BOG wire under the sand. On Friday we moved to our normal side-by-side DX rooms and reeled out the beverages in addition to the loops. We had great weather this year with temperatures reaching into the 60's during the day but, unfortunately, the solar weather didn't cooperate as the A index spiked to 14 the first night and up to 17 on Friday night. This year's logs reflect these degraded conditions and may point to a general downturn in the reception of trans-Atlantic stations as the new solar cycle starts its uphill climb. I would rate the overall conditions as "average" compared to the past several years. Long wave was noticeably poor all weekend and conditions from South America never really developed despite the elevated A and K indices. However, I was still able to log several new stations such as 1179 Canary Islands which was audible with Sweden off the frequency. As with previous DXpeditions, I anticipate that I will be reviewing my Perseus SDR logs well into next year.

We missed regular attendees Bruce Collier, Bob Galerstein and Michael Temme-Soifer who couldn't make it this year, but welcomed returning Chuck Rippel and new participants Kris Field, Jim Chenard and Bill Whitacre. They each added a unique dimension to the event and I hope to see everyone back next year.

Dave Hochfelder: It's hard to believe that we've been trekking to LBI for nine years now for our annual November DXpedition! Unfortunately, conditions were less than spectacular--though the DX would have been fantastic from my home in Albany, NY. We logged very few new stations or countries, and didn't have the success that our Newfie counterparts did on the same weekend. Still, it was great to spend a weekend with old friends and to chat with them about radios, dxing, and the quiriness of our mutual hobby. I always enjoy LBI, even when the DX is not great, and I'm already looking forward to next year.

Russ Edmunds: LBI-9 was one of those events where you end up being very happy for the company and the discussions with both old and new friends because the DX conditions were pretty average. Unlike the past four years, where we'd been spoiled by very good to even excellent conditions as a result of the prolonged sunspot minimum, conditions were indeed very average. TA's were mostly a local sunset occurrence, with only a few of the regular powerhouses hanging around much beyond that. Conditions to Latin America were equally average, and so we had more than the usual time to talk instead of DX'ing.

As a result, we're actively exploring new antenna possibilities for next year, in terms of larger broadband loops and multiple loops with different directionalities. This time also featured multiple antennas – the usual North and South BOGs of roughly 1000' each, plus the 6' Broadband loop and the 8' superloop directional North, the latter both preamplified. Whereas the last two years most of my time was spent with the loops, this year it was mostly the BOGs, as signals seemed to be better there. I also had the opportunity due to both of my Sony 2010's being down and/or out for repairs, of using Brett's Drake R8 along with Rob's 2010. While the R8 is a solid DX machine, the 2010's perform very well in comparison, with the Drake having a solid advantage with 1- and 2-kHz splits.

Again, there was no clear 'winner' in terms of selection of antennas even though once again we ran one night with only broadband loops. Although it gets harder each year to lay out two 1000' BOG's, the directionality they provide isn't match with the loops or flags, nor are the signal levels, although with pre-amplifiers, they can get close and with less noise.

Participants

Dave Hochfelder (N2HTA) – Albany, NY – Drake R8B & Quantum Phaser
 Russ Edmunds (WB2BJH) – Blue Bell, PA – Drake R8; Modified Sony ICF 2010
 Rob Stonier (WE2Z) – Hawthorne, NJ – Drake R8
 Brett Saylor (N3EVB) – State College, PA – Perseus SDR, TenTec RX-320
 Bill Harms – Elkridge, MD – RFSpace SDR-IQ
 Chuck Rippel (WA4HHG) – Chesapeake, VA – Perseus SDR
 Jim Chenard – Blairstown, NJ – Drake R8 (Friday night only)
 Bill Whitacre – Alexandria, VA – Perseus SDR (Saturday night only)
 Kris Field – Philadelphia, PA

ALL:

North BOG: 1000' terminated @ 33 degrees

South BOG: 850' terminated @ 213 degrees

8' pre-amplified Superloop

6' pre-amplified Broadband Loop

Wellbrook ALA-1530

Combined Loggings (all times UTC)

- 171 **MOROCCO** *R. Mediterranee Int'l*, Nador – NOV 12 2148 – Strong with Arabic music, then French by 2207.
- 198 **NDB "DIW"** Dixon, NC, USA – NOV 13 1649.
- 216 **FRANCE** *RMC Info*, Romoules – NOV 12 2150 – Good with French talk.
NDB "CLB" Carolina Beach, NC, USA – NOV 11 2351.
- 234 **LUXEMBOURG** *RTL*, Beidweiler – NOV 12 2151 – Weakish with what sounded like pop music.
- 248 **NDB "UL"** Montreal, QC, Canada – NOV 11 2352.
- 272 **NDB "YQA"** Muskoka, ON, Canada – NOV 12 0402.
- 273 **NDB "ZV"** Sept-Iles, QC, Canada – NOV 11 2333.
- 278 **NDB "NM"** Matagami QC, Canada – NOV 12 0400.
- 286 **DGPS Beacon** 8 "804" Sandy Hook, NJ, USA – NOV 14 0200.
- 288 **DGPS Beacon** 340 "942" Cape Ray, NL, Canada – NOV 14 0445 – New at LBI this year.
- 289 **DGPS Beacon** 12 "806" Driver, VA, USA – NOV 14 0200.
- 291 **DGPS Beacon** 184 "788" Hawk Run, PA, USA – NOV 14 0200.
- 292 **DGPS Beacon** 192 "778" Kensington, SC, USA – NOV 14 0200.
- 293 **DGPS Beacon** 6 "803" Moriches, NY, USA – NOV 14 0200.
- 294 **DGPS Beacon** 196 "771" New Bern, NC, USA – NOV 14 0200.
- 295 **DGPS Beacon** 92 "843" St. Mary's, WV, USA – NOV 14 0200.
- 296 **DGPS Beacon** 312 "929" Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC, Canada – NOV 14 0422.
- 297 **DGPS Beacon** 136 "792" Bobo, MS, USA – NOV 14 0200 – New at LBI this year.
- 298 **DGPS Beacon** 102 "831" Upper Keweenaw, MI, USA – NOV 14 0422 – New at LBI this year.
- 300 **DGPS Beacon** 318 "926" Rivière-du-Loup, QC, Canada – NOV 14 0422 – New at LBI this year.
- 301 **DGPS Beacon** 58 "847" Annapolis, MD, USA – NOV 14 0200.
- 303 **DGPS Beacon** 46 "824" Greensboro, NC, USA – NOV 14 0200 – New at LBI this year.
- 304 **DGPS Beacon** 218 "777" Mequon, WI, USA – NOV 14 0200.
- 305 **DGPS Beacon** 190 "782" Dandridge TN, USA – NOV 14 0200 – New at LBI this year.
- 306 **DGPS Beacon** 198 "772" Acushnet, MA, USA – NOV 14 0200.
- 307 **DGPS Beacon** 130 "834" Hagerstown, MD, USA – NOV 14 0200 – New at LBI this year.
- 309 **DGPS Beacon** 170 "870" Reedy Point, DE, USA – NOV 13 2145 – New at LBI this year.
DGPS Beacon 317 "927" Lauzon, QC, Canada – NOV 14 0800 – New at LBI this year.
- 311 **DGPS Beacon** 156 "863" Rock Island, IL, USA – NOV 14 0800.
- 312 **DGPS Beacon** 245 "827" Tampa, FL, USA – NOV 14 0422.
- 313 **DGPS Beacon** 320 "925" Moisie, QC, Canada – NOV 14 0800 – New at LBI this year.
- 316 **DGPS Beacon** 43 "800" Brunswick, ME, USA – NOV 14 0422.
- 317 **DGPS Beacon** 144 "858" Hartsville, TN, USA – NOV 14 0200.
- 319 **DGPS Beacon** 36 "818" Savannah, GA, USA – NOV 14 0200.
DGPS Beacon 319 "838" Detroit, MI, USA – NOV 14 0422 – New at LBI this year.
- 322 **DGPS Beacon** 118 "839" Youngstown, OH, USA – NOV 14 0200 – New at LBI this year.
- 324 **DGPS Beacon** 324 "844" Hudson Falls, NY, USA – NOV 14 0200 – New at LBI this year.
- 325 **DGPS Beacon** 176 "851" Medora, ND, USA – NOV 14 0800 – New at LBI this year.
- 326 **NDB "FC"** Fredericton, NB, Canada – NOV 12 0356.
- 328 **NDB "LC"** Laconia, NH, USA – NOV 12 0355 – New at LBI this year.

- 329 **NDB** "CH" Charleston, SC, USA – NOV 14 0141.
- 332 **NDB** "FIS" Key West, FL, USA – NOV 13 0012.
NDB "YFM" La Grade, QC, Canada – NOV 11 2336.
- 335 **NDB** "YLD" Chapleau, ON, Canada – NOV 12 0354.
- 336 **NDB** "BV" Quebec-Champlain, QC, Canada – NOV 12 0003.
- 340 **NDB** "YY" Mont Joli, QC, Canada – NOV 11 2337.
- 341 **NDB** "YYU" Kapuskasing, ON, Canada – NOV 11 2337.
- 343 **NDB** "ZBM" Bromont, QC, Canada – NOV 11 2339.
- 344 **NDB** "JA" Jacksonville, FL, USA – NOV 13 0349.
NDB "LNT" Millinocket, ME, USA – NOV 12 0352.
NDB "ZOW" Ottawa, ON, Canada – NOV 11 2338.
- 350 **NDB** "DF" Deer Lake, NF, Canada – NOV 12 0350.
- 351 **NDB** "YKQ" Fort Rupert, QC, Canada – NOV 11 2340.
- 355 **NDB** "CGE" Cambridge, MD, USA – NOV 13 0342.
- 360 **NDB** "PN" Port Menier, QC, Canada – NOV 11 2341.
- 362 **NDB** "SB" Sudbury, ON, Canada – NOV 12 2357.
- 363 **NDB** "RNB" Millville, NJ, USA – NOV 11 2343.
- 366 **NDB** "YMW" Maniwaki, QC, Canada – NOV 11 2344.
- 373 **NDB** "2Q" Mont Laurier, QC, Canada – NOV 11 2345.
- 375 **NDB** "LQ" Springfield, IL, USA – NOV 14 0206.
- 377 **NDB** "YRR" Ottawa, ON, Canada – NOV 11 2347.
- 378 **NDB** "RJ" Roberval, QC, Canada – NOV 11 2348.
- 390 **NDB** "JT" Stephenville, NL, Canada – NOV 13 0340.
- 391 **NDB** "3B" Brockville, ON, Canada – NOV 12 0340 – New at LBI this year.
NDB "DDP" San Juan, Puerto Rico – NOV 11 0125.
- 392 **NDB** "ML" Charlevoix, QC, Canada – NOV 11 2350.
- 396 **NDB** "JC" Rigolet, NL, Canada – NOV 12 0339.
NDB "NEL" Lakehurst, NJ, USA – NOV 11 2351.
- 404 **NDB** "YSL" St. Leonard, NB, USA – NOV 11 2352.
- 407 **NDB** "FR" Farmingdale, NY, USA – NOV 11 0122.
NDB "ZHU" Montreal, QC, Canada – NOV 11 2336.
- 409 **NDB** "YTA" Pembroke, ON, Canada – NOV 14 0210.
- 414 **NDB** "OGY" New York, NY, USA – NOV 11 2355.
- 415 **NDB** "CBC" Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands – NOV 12 0333 – New at LBI this year.
- 432 **NDB** "IZN" Lincolnton, NC, USA – NOV 12 0331.
- 450 **NDB** "PPA" Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic – NOV 11 2359.
- 516 **NDB** "YWA" Petawawa, ON, Canada – NOV 12 0001.
- 518 **NAVTEX** "NMG" New Orleans LA, USA – NOV 14 0300 – Nav warning type A NAVTEX.
NAVTEX "NMN" Chesapeake VA, USA – NOV 14 0143 – Nav warning type A NAVTEX,
Hatteras Inlet information.
NAVTEX "NMR" San Juan PR, USA – NOV 14 0200 – Nav warning type A NAVTEX.
- 520 **NDB** "F9" Miramichi, QC, Canada – NOV 12 0003.
- 529 **NDB** "LYQ" Morristown, TN, USA – NOV 13 0231.
- 530 **CUBA** *R. Enciclopedia*, Havana – NOV 12 0033 – Very good, on top with female talk, ID, into Mexican Shuffle by Herb Alpert.
- 531 **ALGERIA** *Chaine 1*, El Ain Beida – NOV 13 2157 – Middle Eastern vocal music, talk by a woman in AR, very good signal // 549.
- 540 **UNITED STATES** WFLF Pine Hills, FL – NOV 12 0033 – ID.
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Alger Chaine 1*, Les Trembles – NOV 11 2139 – Arabic music // 531.
- 555 **ST. KITTS AND NEVIS** *R. ZIZ*, Basseterre – NOV 12 0158 – Religious program with Caribbean-accented announcer.
- 570 **CUBA** *CMDC R. Reloj*, Santa Clara – NOV 11 0041 – SS talk, Radio Reloj 'RR.'
- 585 **SPAIN** *RNE-1*, Madrid – NOV 11 2140 – Strong with Spanish talk by male.
- 590 **CUBA** *CMHI R. Rebelde*, Santa Clara – NOV 12 0044 – Spanish talk, // others.
- 600 **CUBA** *R. Rebelde*, Urbano Noris – NOV 13 0100 – ID, fanfare, into Spanish program.
- 610 **CUBA** *R. Rebelde*, Bahia Honda – NOV 13 0100 – ID, fanfare, into Spanish program // 600 etc.
- 620 **CUBA** *R. Rebelde* – NOV 13 0100 – ID, fanfare, into Spanish program // 600 etc.
- 630 **CUBA** *R. Progreso*, Pinar del Rio – NOV 13 0030 – ID, Spanish talk.
- 639 **SPAIN** *RNE*, various – NOV 13 2157 – Spanish talk // 855.
- 640 **CUBA** *CMBC R. Progreso*, Guanabacoa – NOV 13 0030 – ID, Spanish talk // 630.
- 650 **CUBA** *R. Progreso* – NOV 13 0030 – ID, Spanish talk // 630.

- 670 **CUBA** CMQ *R. Rebelde*, Arroyo Arenas – NOV 13 0100 – ID, fanfare, into Spanish program // 600 etc.
- 684 **SPAIN** RNE-1, Dos Hermanas – NOV 13 2157 – Talk between M and W in Spanish over pop music.
- 690 **CUBA** *R. Progreso*, Jovellanos – NOV 12 0050 – Music // 640.
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC R. 5, Droitwich – NOV 11 2139 – Man in British accent, fair.
- 710 **CUBA** *R. Rebelde* – NOV 13 0100 – ID, fanfare, into Spanish program // 600 etc.
- 720 **CUBA** *R. Rebelde* – NOV 13 0315 – Talk // 600.
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *R. Five Nostalgia*, Flevoland – NOV 12 0100 – Talk, music, ID.
SPAIN RNE-5 synchros – NOV 11 2245 – Music and talk // 684.
- 756 **GERMANY** DLF Braunschweig – NOV 11 2139 – Woman in German, then woman singing an opera song, fair, mixing with unID station.
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** SRS Sottens – NOV 11 2217 – Female vocal, fair in WABC slop.
- 774 **SPAIN/CANARY ISLANDS** RNE-1 synchros – NOV 11 2205 – Man in SS // 855.
- 780 **CUBA** *R. Progreso* – NOV 13 0318 – Music // 690.
CUBA *R. Reloj* – NOV 13 0415 – SS talk, Radio Reloj 'RR.'
- MEXICO** XEMTS *R. Formula*, Tampico, Tams – NOV 14 0825 – Music, chimes, network ID "XEDF, Radio Formula," fair, mostly topping WBBM.
- 783 **SPAIN** COPE Barcelona – NOV 12 0108 – Male talking in Spanish.
UNID – NOV 11 0115 – Arabic music.
UNIDs – NOV 12 2222 – Two stations mixing, one in French, the other in Arabic.
- 790 **CUBA** *R. Reloj*, Pinar del Rio – NOV 13 0320 – Talk, ticks, 'RR.'
- 792 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Limoges – NOV 12 2159 – Female vocal music // 945.
- 819 **UNID** NOV 12 2155 – Low talk by a man in unID lang, time pips at TOH.
- 837 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Nancy – NOV 11 2208 – Talk // 1206.
SPAIN/CANARY ISLANDS COPE, various – NOV 12 2150 – Talk between M and W in Spanish.
- 840 **CUBA** *R. Revolución*, Santiago de Cuba – NOV 12 0500 – Two stations playing NA about 10 seconds apart, then "CMKC Radio Revolucion" ID given.
- 855 **SPAIN** RNE, various – NOV 11 2300 – Music, time pips five short, one long, into ID by man and possible news // 684 and 738 - fair, with muffled audio.
UNID – NOV 11 0100 – Second set of pips and music after TOH. Mostly poor, but faded up for a few seconds almost equal to RNE.
- 861 **CUBA** CMDB *R. Reloj*, Baracoa – NOV 12 0059 – ID by man, news by man and woman, etc. Off frequency but relatively clear.
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette – NOV 12 2237 – French talk.
- 870 **CUBA** *R. Reloj*, Sancti Spiritus – NOV 13 0100 – Time ticks, ID and morse code RR //790, 950.
- 909 **ALGERIA** unID – NOV 14 2110 – Presumed with Chanting and Arabic music, at this time, Libya, Yemen and Morocco are all off per EMWG.
UNITED KINGDOM BBC R. 5, synchros – NOV 13 2157 – Sporting event with dramatic "ladies and gentlemen..." announcement.
- 910 **CUBA** *R. Cadena*, Camagüey – NOV 12 0500 – ID, tune, 4 note ascending chime, "Patria o muerte" and Cuban NA.
- 918 **SPAIN** *R. Intercontinental* (p) – NOV 12 2156 – Presumed with Spanish tele-talk between man and woman; het on channel from pres Nigeria and another station underneath.
- 927 **BELGIUM** *R. Vlaanderen Info*, Wolvertum (p) – NOV 11 2116 – Pop or country music, talk between songs by man.
- 936 **SPAIN** RNE, various – NOV 12 2157 – Talk by a woman in Spanish //855.
- 940 **CUBA** *R. Reloj*, synchros – NOV 14 0243 – SS talk, Radio Reloj 'RR.'
- MEXICO** XEQ *Besame*, Mexico City DF – NOV 14 0359 – Call, web address and slogan in Spanish; het from being off frequency.
UNITED STATES WINZ Miami, FL – NOV 13 0300 – Mentions of Miami, sports.
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse – NOV 12 2159 – Female vocal music // 792.
- 950 **CUBA** *R. Reloj*, Havana – NOV 14 0243 – SS talk, Radio Reloj 'RR.'
- 954 **SPAIN** *Onda Cero*, Madrid (p) – NOV 12 2155 – Presumed with Spanish tele-talk.
- 999 **SPAIN** COPE, Madrid – NOV 12 2155 – Talk by a woman in Spanish // 1143, 1215.
- 1020 **CUBA** *R. Guama*, Bahia Honda – NOV 12 0500 – NA // 990, ID.
- 1026 **SPAIN** SER, various – NOV 12 2155 – Talk by a man in Spanish // 1179.
- 1035 **PORTUGAL** *R. Clube Nacional*, Porto Alto – NOV 12 0030 – Pop music, talk, Portuguese language.
UNID – NOV 12 0021 – Light music, fair in USB to avoid KDKA IBOC.
- 1044 **SPAIN** SER – NOV 12 2155 – Talk by a man in Spanish // 1116.

- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** – *Talksport*, Droitwich – NOV 12 2155 – British-accented announce with talk // 1089.
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** – *Talksport*, synchros – NOV 12 2155 – British-accented announce with talk.
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE-5* – NOV 12 2151 – Male in Spanish // 1107.
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE-5* – NOV 12 2151 – Male in Spanish // 1098.
UNID – NOV 13 2158 – Rock music.
- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER*, Albacete/Pontevedra – NOV 12 2155 – Music and talk, Spanish by man, SER ID @ 2207.
- 1125 **SPAIN** *RNE-5*, various – NOV 12 2155 – Spanish talk // 1305.
- 1134 **CROATIA** *HR-1*, Zadar – NOV 11 2226 – Strong with music and talk in Slavic language.
SPAIN *COPE* – NOV 12 2155 – Male in Spanish // 1143, mixing with Croatia.
- 1143 **SPAIN** *COPE*, Jaen – NOV 12 2155 – Male in Spanish // 1134.
- 1179 **CANARY ISLANDS** *SER*, Santa Cruz de Tenerife – NOV 12 2155 – Talk by a man in Spanish // 1116 (new @ LBI this year with Sweden gone).
- 1180 **CUBA** *R. Rebelde*, Villa Maria – NOV 13 0100 – ID, fanfare, into Spanish program //600 etc.
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux – NOV 13 2112 – Talk by man in French, strong.
- 1214.975 **UNID** – NOV 12 2207 – Carrier came on at 2155 UTC; by 2207 a station mixing equal with Absolute. Might be COPE.
- 1215 **KALININGRAD** *Voice of Russia*, Kaliningrad – NOV 13 2206 – Russian talk atop Absolute Radio.
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio*, Moorside Edge – NOV 11 2224 – Song “You Got Me Wrapped Around Your Finger,” male DJ talk about some sort of offer at www.absoluteradio.co.uk, followed by more music and talk. Fair.
- 1251 **LIBYA** *R. Jamahiriya*, Tripoli – NOV 13 2134 – Arabic music.
- 1305 **SPAIN** *RNE-5*, various – NOV 12 1305 – Spanish talk // 1125.
- 1395 **ALBANIA** *Trans World R.*, Fillake – NOV 12 2129 – Song, female talk in unID language, and interval signal. Fair to poor mostly, but peaked to fair to good at times.
- 1413 **SPAIN** *RNE-5*, Vigo – NOV 13 2220 – Spanish talk.
- 1467 **FRANCE** *Trans World R.*, Roumoules – NOV 11 2305 – Man preaching in EE, fair to good.
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba – NOV 13 2124 – Arabic music.
- 1557 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Fontbonne – NOV 13 2153 – Talk // 945, 1377.
- 1575 **SPAIN** *SER* Cordoba – NOV 13 2207 – Spanish talk.
- 1610 **UNITED STATES** WPFJ882 Ocean City, MD – NOV 12 1610 – MD DOT TIS tape loop with ID.
- 1620 **CUBA** *R. Rebelde* – NOV 13 0100 – ID, fanfare, into Spanish program //600 etc. New @ LBI this year.
UNITED STATES WQAL487 Manasquan, NJ – NOV 13 1218 – TIS with local announcements, ID.
UNITED STATES *Indo Caribbean Radio* (pirate), New York NY – NOV 13 1530 – Pirate featuring Indian music; audio // web stream at <http://www.icrradio.com/>.
- 1630 **UNITED STATES** WQFG844 Point Pleasant Beach, NJ – NOV 12 2030 – Emergency advisory radio station with local information and NOAA weather rebroadcast, local ID.
- 1640 **UNITED STATES** WPVN442 Brigantine, NJ – NOV 12 2035 – TIS w/NOAA.
UNITED STATES WQBR758 Spring Lake, NJ – NOV 12 2035 – TIS w/NOAA.
- 1650 **UNITED STATES** WQFQ235 Ship Bottom, NJ – NOV 12 1524 – TIS, LBI Emergency Radio.
- 1670 **UNITED STATES** WQKF629 Ocean City, MD – NOV 13 1026 – TIS, local events, ID.
UNITED STATES WQMB847 Stone Harbor, NJ – NOV 13 1038 – TIS, local events, ID.
- 1690 **CANADA** CJLO Montreal QC – NOV 13 1520 – Caribbean Spanish and Spanish-accented English with Spanish music. No ID's noted but several phone numbers with 514 area code.
CANADA CHTO Toronto ON – NOV 13 1520 – Presumed as what I'd thought was a second SS station with mostly talk heard only on the North BOG, mixing w/CJLO, WPTX and also an unID TIS; on review, language doesn't appear to be SS, and could well be Greek.
UNID – NOV 13 1535 – TIS with NOAA weather from KWO-35 in NYC. There are 3 municipal TIS in Northern NJ, 1 in NYC, 1 in Freeport, Long Island and an NY State one in the Bronx. Could be any of them.
- 1700 **UNITED STATES** KNAA535 New York, NY – NOV 12 2046 – TIS w/traffic.
- 1710 **UNID** – NOV 13 0450 – Spanish Contemporary Christian music and talk, off South BOG; both 11/13 and 11/14 0230+ some music in EE and other languages also. A pirate fitting this description has been reported near Virginia Beach, VA.
UNID – NOV 13 0450 – Either R. Soleil in Boston, or something else with talk in Haitian French atop channel on the North BOG.

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When they write back, let us know - pb

- 216 RV128 RTRS-Krasnoyarsk (R. Rossii tx.). Sent e-report, received email and photos of the LW antenna and the city in 4h. V/s: Shof Sergey, Chief Engineer. krtpc-rustel@mail.ru. (MM-Spain)
- 740 CFZM ON, Toronto. Sent e/f-up received email in 4h. V/s: Gene Stevens, Director of Programming and Operations. gstevens@am740radio.ca. MORE INFO AT: <http://moladx.blogspot.com/2010/12/cfzm-740-khz-toronto-on-qs1.html>. (MM-Spain)
- 850 KOA CO, Denver. Sent e-report, received p/d e-QSL.pdf in 23 h. V/s: Jan Chadwell, AM Chief Engineer. JanChadwell@clearchannel.com. (MM-Spain)
- 950 HJUJ COLOMBIA, Armonías Boyacenses, TUNJA (CLM). Sent s-mail report, received email in 7d. V/s: JOHN RUBIO "El Kapitan Vallenato", LOCUTOR Dj. honrubiovallenato@gmail.com. (MM-Spain)
- 1290 WJNO FL, West Palm Beach. Sent 4th e/f-up, received email and n/d e-QSLcard in 90m. V/s: Scott Paxson, Director of Engineering, Clear Channel Palm Beach. scottpaxson@clearchannel.com. (MM-Spain)
- 1300 KLER ID, Orofino. PPC in 8 days V/S Jeffrey Jones, Owner/GM. (JW-CO)
- 1340 KTMM CO, Grand Junction. PPC in 6 days. V/S was Chief Engineer (looks like maybe W. Berry?) (JW-CO)
- 1359 RV1091 Radio Mayak, PERM. Sent e-report, received e-QSL-letter f/d in 22h. V/s: ?.?.?.?.?.?.?.?.?.?. (S.I. Ermolaev). inform@radiomayak.ru. (MM-Spain)
- 1430 KZQZ MO, St. Louis. Sent e-report, received email in 1h45m. V/s: Ray Diamond. info@kzqz1430am.com. (MM-Spain)
- 1440 KUHL CA, Santa Maria. PPC in 12 days. V/S looks like Elizabeth Ward?) (JW-CO)
- 1560 HJXZ COLOMBIA, Santa María de la Paz Radio, Medellín, CLM. Sent e-report, received email in 1d. No v/s (Equipo Humano Santamaría de la paz). oyentes@santamariadelapaz.org. (MM-Spain)
- 1620 WDHP VI, Frederiksted. At last! After many s-mail reports unanswered I tried the email way but it has not been an easy task. All my f/ups to the addresses of "reefbroadcasting.com" domain were bounced back. The same for my previous two attempts to "wrra@islands.vi". But this time all worked flawlessly. V/s: "DJ Luis". wrra@islands.vi. (MM-Spain)



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John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO (JW-CO)

The IRCA Mexican Log

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Thoughts from NRC members. Local time per Muse.

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And here we go with another contributions for the membership, yours are welcomed, deadlines are Friday. Here we go:

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Thanks to George Santulli for his comments on the story I wrote for Popular Communications, "Silent Nights and Distant Signals: AM Clear Channels Then and Now." It was the cover story of the October issue. If you missed it, you can go to popularcommunications.com and take a look.

In the story, I looked at each clear channel, comparing what I can hear now with what I heard in the 1970s, when I was most active. I included an anecdote or two from many of the channels. It was fun to write about and I plan to do some follow-up. I'd be interested in any comments from other DXers. Overall, many of the so-called "legacy clears" are still audible here. I think most listeners in the Northeast and Midwest would have a similar experience to mine. Listeners in the southern and western states have seen greater changes in what could be heard then and what can be heard now, because of many new stations that are on the clear channels. Looking back to a different time can be fun. It's great to look back on the "greatest hits" of my DXing, some of which are now more than 40 years old, just as it is to remember the many friends that I've made in that time through the hobby. Returning to the present, the IBOC problem has receded somewhat, and many of the local stations have turned the annoyance off. WSCR-670 and WBBM-780 are still using it, however. Among more distant signals, WHO-1040 and KMOX-1120 seem to be the loudest now. Closer to home, a bothersome trend is the "migration" of smaller stations to larger markets. There is a CP for a new station in Northbrook, a Chicago suburb, on 1550. Previously, this was a channel where Lake Geneva, Wis., and Morris, Ill., were heard during the day. A few years back a more powerful station in Oak Lawn, another suburb, replaced smaller stations on 1080 in Pontiac, Ill., and Valparaiso, Ind. Even closer to home, I noted that the unoccupied building that serves as transmitter site for WSBC-1240 at 5475 N. Milwaukee Ave. was completely gutted recently. This building earlier served as studios and transmitter for WEDC-1240. The actual WSBC studios are two blocks up the street, at 5625 N. Milwaukee. I used to live near Diversey and Laramie Ave. in Chicago, a few blocks from WSBC, which was then at 4949 W. Belmont. I've moved about five miles north, but I still live a few blocks from WSBC.

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First, a hearty congratulations to David Yocis for keeping up with things and doing a fine job as NRC's newest publisher. To help fill up the pages of DXN, and to wake Schmittie up, here's a Musing so you won't think that I disappeared. Although I haven't DX'ed much lately (partly due to my beloved Martens-Sanserino loop giving up the ghost, partly due to tinnitus limiting what marginal DX I can actually hear, but mostly because I've been too busy in other activities), I've continued as administrator of e-DXN as well as "overseer" of the NRC listserv. Most importantly, I've been trying to re-invent myself as a young adult novelist, and on January I self-published five of my novels as ebooks on Smashwords.com (<http://www.smashwords.com/profile/view/PaulSwearingen>) and have actually had a few sales. The novels are suitable for roughly age 12 on up, and in case you're interested, you can get the first one for free with the coupon code of PD55W. Yes, there's a bit of DX'ing in at least the first one, and the second one gets into a teenager working in radio, and others include other hobbies of mine, including old cars, metal detecting, and gardening. How about that Ted Williams, the homeless former radio guy with the golden voice who now has more radio job offers than he can handle? Made me want to put on a fright wig, don my camo jacket, and stand at 10th and Topeka Boulevard with a sign and bucket! Not really. I enjoy retirement too much. He really did seem genuine during the interview I watched on the "Today" show, and I hope that he and anyone else who just needs a break during these times gets it. 73. (And don't forget the AM station coffee mugs!-DWS)

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Happy 2011 everyone! It's been a while since I have mused. I've been DXing on Medium Wave since I was in 7th grade or so. My Dad got me a Heathkit for Christmas and the first distant station I

received (WHLO-640) through all the whistling got me hooked. My Dad dabbled with the radio hobby, though he was never a serious DXer. He had a copy of "How to Listen to the World" and that must be where I first read something about the NRC. That was in New Canaan, Connecticut, and since then I have DXed from Severna Park, Maryland, and now the Rochester area. The Heathkit is long gone, and I now make use of the Drake R8B and the Perseus SDR. I have heard 2344 stations from here, still missing Hawaii, Alaska, Oregon and the Northwest Territories. But I've logged around seventy countries. In the same way I judge it nearly impossible to catch up with Ben Dangerfield's list of countries heard, around one hundred twenty I think, I am guessing that a new generation of DXers will have trouble reaching the seventy I've heard. A lot of those split frequencies from the Caribbean are back on even channels, or in many cases gone altogether. And now some of the European broadcasters are leaving the air, like Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. It will be a challenge. While I keep my eyes open for list tips on domestic stations that I haven't heard, I don't seem to spend as much time digging on my own these days. Also, as many have commented, the domestic network programs are generally awful. Where I focus my attention is on TA signals. Since September I've logged fourteen new TAs, the most remarkable being Egypt 774, Romania 1152 and 855, Mauretania 783 (finally!), Djibuti 1431 and Iran 936. Conditions were very good up through early December, but have since dropped off quite a bit. Many thanks to Neil Kazaross, who advised me on setting up a Flag antenna in my front yard during the Convention picnic. And thanks to Chris Black for tutoring me on the Perseus. The antenna is very directional towards Europe, and really defeats strong domestic signals off the back. When I toggle between my old TA wire and the Flag, the difference is remarkable. The Perseus, of course, shows on a "waterfall" display the TA signals, even if barely audible. The Perseus is a great tool for digging out new ones. Of course, the best DXing experience these days is the nearly annual trip to Newfoundland. 2011 will mark the 20th year of this group endeavor. I missed 2009 due to an October auto accident, but I returned in November 2010. In case you are wondering about our report from that week . it will take a long time to prepare it. We have more than a terrabyte of Perseus recordings to work through. I have only completed the first two files, 1857-1901 UTC and 1927-1931 UTC on November 8. Each file holds the entire MW and LW band in four minute segments. It is very slow-going, because each unidentified signal, typically far under the dominant signal, takes a lot of research to identify. It's like solving an endless series of puzzles. In just those two files I have found about 40-50 new ones. A huge number of the new receptions are from Iran which has a distinctive interval signal on the half-hour. I just tune up and down the dial at that time to pick up all the new ones at 1930z! Let's see, if it has taken me two months to listen to two files, I expect that I will not be done with the task until around 2015! Yet to be reviewed are the recordings from sunrise when stations were coming in from Japan, Korea and China. We are also likely to find quite a few stations from India, where sign-on begins around 0000 UTC. It is possible to DX on the Perseus at the same time as recording is done, so there were plenty of new stations logged in real time. Radio Santa Cruz, Bolivia, on 960, is one that stands out. With Venezuelan stations off the air or perhaps with limited power, there may be many more further south once recordings are reviewed. In Newfoundland I also DXed with my Drake R8B, mostly parking it on 518 or 490 kHz to see which NAVTEX stations would decode (using SEATTY software). I got most everything I've already heard at home from North America and Europe. Estonia was one that I have not logged before. I thought I might do better towards the east, but nothing from the Mediterranean area. In addition to MW, I also DX Short Wave, FM, TV and Long Wave. A lot of us combine Medium Wave in the winter with FM in the summer. Of course, a working knowledge of Short Wave is an invaluable help in identifying Medium Wave parallel signals. Since I talk all of the time in my day job (I'm a Presbyterian minister), I've never had any interest in ham radio. My wife Robin and I enjoyed, along with the Convention planning team, hosting the NRC-WTFDA picnic last August and it was nice to match old names with new faces. There were a lot of people in attendance so it was hard to chat with everyone, but we're glad that so many came. Let me add my thanks to Paul Swearingen for many years of commitment to the editing, publishing and distribution of DX News. I edited the International DX Digest column for a number of years and found that to be an all-consuming task. I can't imagine having to do the entire publication each week! And I extend my appreciation to David Yocis for taking on the DXN duties. Back to the radio!

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Thanks to all for their contributions, we have a report also from our Pittsburgh Dial Twister, John Malicky for next week (it still takes me a little long to type things up, maybe I can hire PLS to handle them). I do have to agree with Paul, its nice being retired but with all the other things I'm also doing (running the Internet station and being president of the Keystone Record Collectors), I'm staying busy. I've found someone who can take a look at my R392 to see if that can be brought back to life, noticed conditions seem to be pretty good late mornings here lately. It's good to see Jerry Bond and George Greene on line monthly while listening to "The Time Machine" with Gary Mitchel on Top Shelf Oldies. Maybe they'll send along a report (hint, hint). See you 'in the fold' next week!

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