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DX Test Schedule (All Times ELT)

Sun 6 Mar	WFNY-1440	0100-0200
Sat 12 Mar	WKVQ-1540	0100-0130 0200-0300
Sat 19 Mar	WYTH-1250	0200-0230

WFNY-1440, Gloversville NY, will test on Sunday, March 6 between 0100 and 0200 EST (or maybe even a little later). Morse code, tones, and old rock and roll. Power will be 5 kW ND. Address is 101 South Main (or P.O. Box 746, Gloversville, NY 12078 and <wfnv@logical.net> for reports with return postage; an alternative e-mail address for mp3 clips will be <am1440wfnv@gmail.com>. V/s will be Ron Musco's old buddy, Mike Sleezer, G.M. Thanks, Ron and Mike!

WKVQ-1540, Eatonton GA, will test on Saturday, March 12 between 0100 and 0130 EST (pre-Europe sunrise) and again between 0200 and 0300 EST. Power will be 10 kW. Test will include Morse code IDs, voice IDs, special music, and sweep tones.

WYTH-1250, Madison GA, will test on Saturday, March 19 between 0200 and 0230 EDT. Power will be 1 kW. Test will include Morse code IDs, voice IDs, special music, and sweep tones.

For both WKVQ-1540 and WYTH-1250, electronic reception reports may be sent to <starstation@bellsouth.net>, which will be acknowledged with an e-QSL, or snail mail reports may be sent to [WKVQ] [WYTH] Radio, Attn: DX Test, P.O. Box 3965, Eatonton, GA 31024-3965, which will be acknowledged with a traditional QSL card. During the tests, phone calls will also be accepted at 706-485-8792. Special thanks to Jim Pogue for arranging and to WKVQ/WYTH Chief Engineer Craig Baker, for making this test possible.

From the Publisher: Next issue is the last of the weekly issues for this season. Be sure to check the publishing schedule for the deadlines here at Final Assembly; individual column deadlines may vary.

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	Deadline	Masthead	Deadline	Masthead
23	Mar. 4	Mar. 14	27	May 27
24	Mar. 18	Mar. 28	28	July 1
25	Apr. 1	Apr. 11	29	Aug. 5
26	Apr. 22	May 2	30	Sept. 9

The DX Time Machine

75 years ago – From the March 4, 1936 *DX News* – The Soviet Union now has 67 broadcasting stations, with a total capacity of 1.6 million watts, and is expected to have 3 million radio receivers this year.

50 years ago – From the March 4, 1961 *DX News* – Edwin Satterthwaite has been experimenting with double superheterodyning by tuning station on an RCA clock radio, and then tuning his BC-433 to 455 kHz, the RCA's IF frequency. He reported: "The increase in selectivity is amazing and tuning becomes extremely sharp."

25 years ago – From the March 3, 1986 *DX News* – WQXI, which was once the leading Top 40 station in Atlanta but has now dropped to 17th in the fall Arbitrons, was to end its local programming and go to a satellite-delivered format.

10 years ago – From the March 12, 2001 *DX News* – In IDXD, the recent logs of Niel Wolfish and Jim Renfew of a station under TWR-216 – the only possibility being Azerbaijan, which was already in daylight at the time – was attributed to the "Luxembourg effect," in which an extremely powerful primary station causes a weaker station to propagate.

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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>
680	WDRD	KY Newburg	WHBE
1240	KMZK	MT Billings	KJCR
1420	WVNG	GA Toccoa	WLET
1550	WDZK	CT Bloomfield	WSDK
1590	KCNN	MN East Grand Forks	KGFK



CONSTRUCTION PERMITS ON THE AIR

860	WTZX	TN Sparta – CP granted for U1 950/10, as they move to the WSMT-1050 tower at 35-57-16/85-28-37 using a 3-wire folded unipole skirt feed system.
1310	WKZD	AL Priceville – Coordinate correction to 34-32-25/86-54-15.
1440	WDXQ	GA Cochran – Construction Permit (CP) for U1 940/48 is on the air, as they reduce their antenna from 310 feet to 190 feet.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS AMENDMENTS

630	WREY	MN St. Paul – Licensed for U4 1000/2500, WREY has a CP for U4 2300/2300. They then applied for U4 1000/2500. This amendment requests U4 1000/2300.
1250	WKDL	VA Warrenton – Licensed for U4 5000/32, WKDL has a CP for U4 7900/125. This amendment requests U4 3000/125.
1450	WLAY	AL Muscle Shoals – Has petitioned the FCC for an extension of their STA to operate U1 1000/1000 from their STL tower, while they continue to look for a suitable replacement for their former tower.

APPLICATIONS

1230	KBNH	OR Burns – Applies to move to 1210 kHz with U4 12000/600.
1260	WWRC	DC Washington – Applies for U4 20000/5000.
1460	KBRZ	TX Missouri City – Applies for U5 10000/125.

APPLICATION FOR RECONSIDERATION

790	KBRV	ID Soda Springs – Re-applies to move to 800 kHz, this time with U1 10000/150 CH 10000.
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DELETIONS AND DISMISSALS

1410	KCAL	CA Redlands – Licensed for U4 5000/4000, KCAL received a CP for U4 4700/4000, then applied for U4 3000/2200 moving to Grand Terrace. The CP has been cancelled, leaving the application on the books.
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AM on FM

750	WPDX	WV Clarksburg – WPDX-FM (104.9) Clarksburg
1190	KEX	OR Portland – K272EL (102.3) Portland
1330	WNIX	MS Greenville – W266BY (101.1) Greenville
1370	WZTA	FL Vero Beach – W300BQ (107.9) Vero Beach

HEAR AND THAR

- ✿ Returning to the airwaves: KGEZ-600 Kalispell, Montana (with Oldies); and WPDX-750 Clarksburg, West Virginia.
- ✿ Reported as Silent: WPBC-1310 Decatur, Georgia; KMBQ-1430 Wasilla, Alaska.
- ✿ News Item: Back around the turn of the century (seems not so long ago, does it) Rogers Communications traded its CJVI-900 Vancouver, British Columbia for the FM station owned by Camosun College on 103.1 MHz (now CHTT-FM). However, citing the high costs of maintaining the two-tower facility located on an island, Camosun indicates it is going all-

online and only stream its programming, while abandoning the 900 facility altogether. That could happen in as little as two years. Whether someone will file to keep the AM alive is yet to be seen.

✿ **Thanks to:** G. Harley DeLeurere, Tom Jasinski (for sending a DX clip from CKGL-570 announcing they will be getting a new transmitter), Pat Martin, Northwest Broadcasters, and Radio World Online.

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

REPORTERS

MC-PA **Mark Clark, Reinholds** – Grundig Satellit 750
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.
MKB-ON **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

STATION NEWS

1050 CHUM ON Toronto – Still simulcasting all-news cable TV channel CP24, but will debut TSN Radio on 4/13. Per media release from TSN <http://www.tsn.ca/story/?id=354292> their weekday program lineup includes Jim Rome (returning to Toronto; the Jungle used to be on CHUM during their previous "Team 1050" all-sports incarnation) and Dan Patrick. TSN Radio 1050 will also have exclusive access to all programming from the ESPN Radio Network. **(MKB-ON)**

LOGGINGS

540 WFLF FL Pine Hills – 2/4 1930 – Fair with disclaimer, "the Gold Show...does not reflect the views of WFLA," station promo, "...on 540 WFLA and 540wfla.com, WFLF Pine Hills...WTKS FM [104.1] Cocoa Beach...now what more of America..." into Fox news. Also noted 2/5 at 2045 with Florida Gators basketball game v. Kentucky. **(JM-PA)**

590 KXSP NE Omaha – 2/23 0054 – Slogan "AM 5-90, Omaha's new home for ESPN Radio," ads for Metro-Glass of Omaha and Ryan Athletic Center. One in the mix. Last logged as WOW. **(HF-MI)**

WROW NY Albany – 2/22 1908 – Bubbled up with "Magic 5-90" non-ID into pop standards; "Great songs, great memories, AM 5-90" slogan used often. Under WKZO, but part of the mix lately. NY #55 **(HF-MI)**

610 WTVN OH Columbus – 2/20 1600 – Station promo "Traffic & weather, this is News-Talk 6-10 WTVN Columbus." Need USB to minimize IBOC slop. **(HF-MI)**
 +++ 2/21 1732 – Fighting IBOC hash with talk about route "2-70" and local weather conditions, "6-10 WTVN.com" website promo into ad. **(KK-VA)**

WIP PA Philadelphia – 2/24 0000 – WIP Sports Update. In and out with mainly WTVN, well on top at times. **(HF-MI)**

620 WKHB PA Irwin – 2/21 1736 – In mix over other talk station with "KHB" jingle into local weather, "that's the forecast from the KHB weather center... serving the tri-state area," "KHB" jingle. **(KK-VA)**

640 WHLO OH Akron – 2/22 1714 – In mix with Radio Disney station and IBOC hash, Sean Hannity Show talking about the federal deficit, ID as "News talk 6-40 WHLO." **(KK-VA)**

670 WWFE FL Miami – 2/13 1839 – SS music and talk, verified by checking // internet stream thru 1844. **(MC-PA)**

680 WCBM MD Baltimore – 2/22 1757 – Mixing with WPTF, man with Baltimore traffic report, ID as "Talk radio 6-80 WCBM." **(KK-VA)**

- WPTF NC **Raleigh** – 2/22 1757 – In mix with WCBM, man with "WPTF news, traffic, weather" station promo. **(KK-VA)**
- 690 WOKV FL **Jacksonville** – 2/22 1759 – Woman with news, man with "Talk radio WOKV" ID into report on the federal budget impasse, "WOKV news time 6:05." **(KK-VA)**
- 790 WNIS VA **Norfolk** – 2/23 1800 – In mix with Cuban Radio Reloj, ToH ID by man, "You're listening to Fox news radio. Fair and balanced. AM 7-90 WNIS." **(KK-VA)**
- 840 KTIC NE **West Point** – 2/21 1859* – Buried under almost un-nullable WHAS, caught part of sign-off announcement, "...and visit us on the web at kticam.com," off without SSB. **(MKB-ON)**
- 870 WKAR MI **East Lansing** – 2/18 1806* – NPR News at 1800, sign off announcement with full ID at 1806. **(MC-PA)**
- 930 WDLX NC **Washington** – 2/19 2202 – Over/under other stations in but up out of the mud nicely for double ID at 2202 for sister station WGHB and "Pirate Radio 930 WDLX Washington-Greenville-New Bern" with some static and other station interference. **(MC-PA)**
- WRVC WV **Huntington** – 2/19 2330 – First heard at 2258 with end of Marshall U Thundering Herd b-ball game show with Woody Woodrum. Good signal but no ID heard and recording ended at 2303 so presumed as WRVC. Rechecked at 2327 heard again o/u other stations heavy fading then up out of the mud for a clear ID at 2330 and back into the mud a few seconds later. **(MC-PA)**
- 940 WMAC GA **Macon** – 2/19 1930 – ID "This is news/talk 940 WMAC." **(MC-PA)**
- 1020 WPEO IL **Peoria** – 2/20 1758 – ID as "In the heart of Illinois, AM 10-20 WPEO Peoria"; SRN News at ToH. Mixing with KDKA. Need USB due to strong IBOC slop on 1010. Uncopyable in LSB & poor in AM. **(HF-MI)**
- 1200 WCHB MI **Taylor** – 2/17 0737 – Moderate fading. Talk show, urban oriented, gave call in phone number with 313 area code (Detroit area) at 0742, ID at 0754, fade out at 0757. (SRS recording.) **(MC-PA)**
- WSML NC **Graham** – 2/17 0704 – Mike & Mike ESPN show, talk of Michael Vick and ambush journalism, promo ID at 0712, fade out some minutes later to presumed WNBL (again!). **(MC-PA)**
- WOAI TX **San Antonio** – 2/16 0158 – Two IDs back to back then station promos and third ID at 0159. **(MC-PA)**
- WNBL WV **Huntington** – 2/16 1750 – ID at 1750 during SSS recording. Fair signal with lots of hiss. **(MC-PA)**
- 1230 WFVA VA **Fredericksburg** – 2/20 1714 – In graveyard mix with talk show, ID as "News talk 12-30 WFVA." **(KK-VA)**
- 1340 WYCB DC **Washington** – 2/20 1700 – endless gospel singing in mix with WPEPM, finally heard "WYCB 13-40" ID. **(KK-VA)**
- WPEPM WV **Martinsburg** – 2/20 1700 – Mixing with WYCB, usual ESPN radio programming, woman talking about NBA All Star game, man with "...WPEPM Martinsburg..." ID. **(KK-VA)**
- 1450 WKXL NH **Concord** – 2/22 1759 – On top of graveyard jumble with ads for Office Max and Safelite, ToH ID: "we are committed to news in the Capital Region...this is 1450 WKXL Concord" into ABC news. QSLed on CPC test in 1979. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1590 WGGO NY **Salamanca** – 2/24 1803 – In mix with WAKR and others, ESPN sports talk, man talking about NBA, promo for "Mike & Mike Show," ID as "The sports leader 15-90 WGGO, WGGO Salamanca." **(KK-VA)**
- WAKR OH **Akron** – 2/24 1803 – Mixing with WGGO and other stations (talk, religion, SS), playing oldies including Chicago's "Does Anyone Really Know What Time It Is?", Carpenters "Rainy Days and Mondays," man with "WAKR Akron" ID. **(KK-VA)**

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

Welcome to the official I'm Sick-To-Death-Of-Winter edition of DDXD West. In the last week we've had ten inches of snow, and four days of hard freezes. And to think a week ago I planted my early spring vegetables in the garden.

Welcome to new reporter Gardiner Waterbury.

Reporters

- GH-KS** Gary Houdek, Munden, KS GE Superadio.
GW-AZ Gardiner Waterbury, Peoria, AZ Grundig S350DL, Sony ICF 7600GR w/stock antennas.
JDS-MN Jeff Steffes, Watertown, MN Drake R8, Kenwood R-2000, Quantum QX Loop.
JW-CO John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
NK-WI Neil Kazaross, Grafton WI R8A and Split Delta Flag at 320 degrees.
SA-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.


Station News

- 1070 KLIO KS Wichita** – Station switched from longtime C&W format to oldies **(GH-KS)**
1590 KGFK MN East Grand Forks – 2/15 – New calls ex-KCNN. With rock music and ID's as "Rock One Oh Seven Nine" which is its low powered relay. Talk of Grand Forks and ads. I bet the old calls get picked up quick! New! **(SA-MB)**

DX Loggings (All Times ELT)

- 630 CFCO ON Chatham** – 2/21 2215 – Good signal with ID as Country 92.9, 630 CFCO, into country music. Station heard for 15 minutes before it faded to gone. **(GH-KS)**
720 KSAH TX Universal City – 2/21 0759 – Spanish chat to 0801:25 legal ID by male voice: "KSAH AM Universal City-San Antonio, KRIO-FM Pearsall-San Antonio, dos frecuencias, una grande..??.."; also mentioned 104.1 FM and slogan "Norteño 720"; norteña music followed. Fair/good. **(JW-CO)**
910 WHSM WI Hayward – 2/19 0637 – Out of nostalgic song "We're the station that brings...fade...WHSM, America's best music." **(JDS-MN)**
920 KLMR CO Lamar – 2/17 1912 – Fair; peaks mostly atop KDHL/CFRY with classic country and a call ID. Rather rare and soon CFRY took over with different C&W mx. Using the western Phased BOG System and no trace of anything towards my east. **(NK-IL)**
930 CJCA AB Edmonton – 2/19 0702 – "AM Nine-Thirty, The Light CJCA" into contemporary Christian music. **(JDS-MN)**
970 WGEE WI Superior – 2/19 0755 – Out of song: *Moments to Remember* "AM Nine-Seventy WGEE." **(JDS-MN)**
1090 WAQE WI Rice Lake – 2/19 0826 – Out of *Stocks-n-Jocks* "Sports talk Ten-Ninety, Northwest Wisconsin's home for Fox Sports Radio." **(JDS-MN)**
1110 KFAB NE Omaha – 2/16 1130 – *Michael Savage Show* with guest Dr. Grace. Heavy criticism of Obama agenda, praise for the "GOP." Alternating from clear signal to extreme interference. Due to solar storms? **(GW-AZ)**
1130 CKWX BC Vancouver – 2/16 0300 – ID heard, news read by alternating man and woman announcer. Weak with some fading. **(GW-AZ)**
1250 KCUE MN Red Wing – 2/20 0759 – Out of song: *Chug-A-Lug*, Roger Miller "KCUE" into unknown country song. **(JDS-MN)**
1260 KROX MN Crookston – 2/21 1914 – Fair atop KWYR with bits of WSDZ. WNDE pest phased out easily. U of MN Hockey coaches show, and local ads and ID with website announcement. Commonly heard until a couple hours after sunset. **(NK-IL)**
1270 WMKT MI Charlevoix – 2/20 0805 – Out of news; "Twelve-Seventy WMKT, the talk station," into *The House Smart Radio Show*. **(JDS-MN)**



- 1340 KIJV SD Huron – 2/19 2032 – Fair; atop for a while with local ads and then HSBB. (NK-IL)
- 1350 WCMP MN Pine City – 2/19 1723 – Very good; first noted well atop at this early time with ID after Nostalgia music. Later at 1731 was excellent with another ID and certainly the best I've ever had this rather rare station here. (NK-IL)
- 1390 KRFO MN Owatonna – 2/21 1948 – Good; popped on suddenly with ID, like someone switched on day power mistakenly, and into oldies; now well over KJAM but soon lost completely as if someone switched back to night power. (NK-IL)
- KRRZ ND Minot – 2/21 2046 – Fair-good atop KJAM with WGRB phased. Minot HFBB and ad for working at 910 KCJB. (NK-IL)
- KJAM SD Madison – 2/20 2056 – Fair atop with oldies, a couple of ads and "Dakota's Best KJAM." Only a little of WGRB off the back end. KJAM is much more common here than KRRZ when I hear oldies on 1390 towards the NW. (NK-IL)
- 1430 KZQZ MO St. Louis – 2/21 1923 – Song: *Yakety Yak*, into commercials including a retro Pepsi commercial with Johnny Cash singing "You've got a lot to live, and Pepsi's got a lot to give." (When's the last time you heard that?) into song: *Dancin' in the Street* followed by station ID @ 1930 "Good time oldies Fourteen-Thirty KZQZ." (JDS-MN)
- 1450 KBUN MN Bemidji – 2/19 1738 – Poor-fair well atop others and no trace of cardioid nulled semi local WCEV. Local HSBB and mentioning Mariah Kemmer, Sierra Mist student of the week and slogan "The Bun." Rather rare. (NK-IL)
- KBMW MN Breckenridge – 2/19 1740 – Fair-good; arose atop KBUN with Wahpeton HSBB (they lost again) and then Wahpeton ads. Best ever heard this one. I spent some time hoping needed WELY would show up, but no luck. (NK-IL) 2/21 2113. Fair-poor atop mess with call ID by gal after usual C&W mx. (NK-IL)
- WHRY WI Hurley – 2/20 2000 – Fair with ID and America's Best Oldies announcement and increasing to good level for a while with more oldies. Rare. (NK-IL)
- 1470 WMBD IL Peoria – 2/21 2031 – Local commercials including; Lehman Chevy-Buick in Eureka; Coil Insurance Agency in Peoria, into "Fourteen-Seventy WMBD" followed by Dave Ramsey. (JDS-MN)
- 1480 KSDR SD Watertown – 2/20 2114 – Very poor with little more than call letters poking thru WSPY/WLMV/others. (NK-IL)
- 1490 KXRA MN Alexandria – 2/20 2007 – Fair with call ID after news and into talk and sometimes QRMed by KQDS. (NK-IL)
- KQDS MN Duluth – 2/19 2000 – Fair with ID at top of hour. (NK-IL)
- 1510 KSPA CA Ontario – 2/18 2150 – Nostalgia tunes to top of hour, then legal ID at 2200:15 by male voice: "This is AM 1510 KSPA Ontario, The Spa, serving the Inland Empire...Astor Broadcasting Group; followed by more music. Generally fair with local KCKK mostly nulled. (JW-CO)
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- WLAC TN Nashville – 2/21 2048 – "Coast To Coast AM on Fifteen-Ten WLAC;" into commercial for The Mutual Fund Store with phone number 615-778-3232. (JDS-MN)
- KGA WA Spokane – 2/21 0359 – Legal ID at 0359:50: "Sports Radio 1510 KGA Spokane, Number One for local sports and the home of Gonzaga Bulldogs basketball." Fair in KCKK partial null. (JW-CO)
- 1530 WCKY OH Cincinnati – 2/19 1958 – ESPN to top of hour, then gal with ID: "It's 1530 WCKY, the 50,000-watt...??...Cincinnati Bengals..," then back to ESPN. Fair in QRM with no KFBK for a change. (JW-CO)
- 1600 KDAK ND Carrington – 2/20 2011 – Fair-good rising atop KLGA and KYGM with Dakota Country slogan and into C&W mx with no sign of pest KPNP. (NK-IL)
- 1650 KCNZ IA Cedar Falls – 2/16 0600 – Sports talk, then station ID "KCNZ, Cedar Falls." Into CBS News. (GH-KS)

Neil Kazaross in IL has been focusing his DX efforts on Minnesota stations. His logs are a good reminder of how concentrated, focused DX is not only productive, but also is more interesting than just unfocused tuning.

Gary Houdek in Kansas reports hearing *60 Minutes* TV program audio on WBBM Chicago on Sunday evening 2/20 at 6:40 PM local time. Ads on the radio feed are different than those on the TV program. So if you're in the Midwest and don't want to plant yourself in front of the TV but stay current on the show, check it out.

Thanks to all this week's contributors. See you next time. (JDT-WA)

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

Trans-Atlantic DX

- 162 **FRANCE** *France Inter*, Allouis FEB 24 0303 – Man in French with pop tunes and lengthy commentary between, not the usual man and woman in French! Fair. [Frodge-MI]
 183 **GERMANY** *Europe 1*, Felsberg FEB 24 0311 – Man and woman with discussion in French. Fair, a bit better than 162 kHz. [Frodge-MI]
 189 **ICELAND** *Ríkisútvarpid Rás 1+2*, Gufuskálar FEB 7 2213-2217 – Good with a very serious woman in Icelandic (sounded like a eulogy) followed by a very light instrumental version of The Beatles "Here, There, and Everywhere." [DeLorenzo-MA]
 234 **LUXEMBOURG** *RTL Beidweiler* FEB 7 2200-2205 – Fair with news by woman in French followed by Johnny Nash 1972 hit "I Can See Clearly Now." [DeLorenzo-MA]
 549 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles FEB 19 2249 – Good; Arabic female pop ballad with strings and drums followed by man and woman in Arabic. Parallel to 531 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA]
 684 **SPAIN** *RNE1 Sevilla* FEB 19 2255-2300 – Fair with man and woman in Spanish over music bed of Michael Sebello's 1983 hit "Maniac." ID at 2300, "Radio Nacional de España" followed by time pips and news by a woman. [DeLorenzo-MA]
 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. FEB 19 2302 – Fair with news on protests in Bahrain. [DeLorenzo-MA]
 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA Duba* FEB 19 2221 – Fair with Arabic teletalk parallel to 9555 and 9870 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA]

Pan-American DX

- 640 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, multiple sites FEB 21 0400 – Fair; theme song with network ID, chime and time check parallel 640 kHz. [Conti-NH]
 690 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Jovellanos FEB 21 0400 – Good; theme song with network ID, "Radio Progreso, cadena nacional, la onda de la alegría," chime and time check, "Once en punto." [Conti-NH]
 700 **MEXICO** *XEETCH Etchojoa*, Son FEB 19 1315 – Indigenous fiddle music, occasional call letter ID and "La Voz de los Tres Ríos" slogan. Fair, mixing with KALL. [Wilkins-CO]
 730 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Nueva Gerona FEB 21 0458 – Under CKAC; nostalgic vocal parallel 690 kHz. [Conti-NH]
 780 **VENEZUELA** *YVMN R.Coro*, Coro FEB 21 0500 – Good; promo, "...por la AM Radio Coro 780, patrimonio de la comunidad" into jingle. [Conti-NH]
 790 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, Pinar del Río and unID site FEB 21 0459 – Dueling syncopated clock and echoed voice with nearly two seconds of delay between two stations. [Conti-NH]
 790 **MEXICO** *XERPC Chihuahua*, Chih FEB 20 1302 – National anthem, then full ID at 1305 by male voice: "Escucha Radio Ranchito 790 XERPC AM 790 kHz transmitiendo desde... (garbled address)... Chihuahua, México," and into ranchera music, with canned slogans after each song. Fair, mixing with others. [Wilkins-CO]
 870 **CUBA** *CMDT R.Reloj*, Sancti Spiritus FEB 21 0359 – Good, over WLVP, WHCU and WWL mess; Sunday chimes mode on the minute, then at 0400 reverting to minute marker and RR code mode. [Conti-NH]
 910 **CUBA** *R.Cadena Agramonte*, Camagüey FEB 21 0500 – Fair through unIDs; signature 4-note chimes and theme music, then choral national anthem. [Conti-NH]
 940 **PUERTO RICO** *WIPR San Juan* FEB 21 0400 – Poor, through growl of off-frequency XEQ Mexico. [Conti-NH]
 950 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, La Habana FEB 21 0400 – Syncopated clock, minute marker, and RR code under WIBX and WPEN. [Conti-NH]
 960 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, multiple sites FEB 21 0400 – Syncopated clock, etc. through unIDs and hum of sub-audible het. [Conti-NH]
 1020 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, Jobabo FEB 21 0400 – Syncopated clock, minute marker, and RR code through KDKA analog, 1010 WINS HD and 1030 WBZ HD digital noise. [Conti-NH]

1620 CUBA *R.Rebelde*, La Habana and Guantánamo FEB 9 1115 – Fair atop channel with news by man and woman in Spanish parallel to 5025 kHz. Noticeable echo effect indicating multiple transmitters. [DeLorenzo-MA]

Comments from Marc: After all the fun and good DX we had in Chatham at the CMMC DXpedition on Jan 8, I have experienced a bit of a 'DX Letdown'. In other words, my enthusiasm has not been up to its normal level. I'm sure the same thing happens when you come back from DXpeditions at PEI, Newfie, Camden, etc. Chris Black N1CP came over to my place with his Perseus and used it to install software on my computer that enables me to do a couple of things; play back other DXers' Perseus recordings, and go into the Persus Network to access other DXers' Perseus receivers and DX live. Similar to DX Tuners except that only one person can use the receiver at a time – a huge advantage over DX Tuners where your receiver could be 'hijacked' at any time by an unscrupulous DXer.

Contributors

Bruce Conti, Nashua NH; WiNRADiO Excalibur, 7 x 19.5-m variable termination Split SuperLoop at 60°, 15 x 23-m variable termination north/south SuperLoop.

Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis MA; JRC NRD-525, 75 x 75 x 60-ft east/west dual feedline Delta with remote variable termination, 350-ft north/south longwire, Mini MWDX-3 phaser.

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

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

International News

LIBYA: Synopsis of radio station status as the rapidly changing political situation continued to evolve: *Voice of Free Libya (Libya al Hurra)* monitored on 675 and 1125 kHz as Qathafi was losing control to the popular opposition. *Voice of Africa* on 17725 and 21695 kHz remained on the air as scheduled 1400-1600 UTC programming in English with commentaries from the Green Book about the problem of democracy. Some of the *Libyan Jamahiriya* stations while still operating were noted re-broadcasting old speeches about the Revolution. 675, 972, 1053, 1125, 1251, and 1449 kHz have all been noted off the air sporadically, some returning to the airwaves at apparent reduced power.



73 and Good DX!

DX Tool Box

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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 26. This go-around we will be looking at collections. I think just about all of us have some sort of collection of materials that relate to our hobby of radio listening. After celebrating 40 years in the hobby in February 2011 I can say that I have accumulated some stuff of my own. My personal things to collect are books and QSL's. The QSL's go back to when I spent most of my DX time listening to the Ham radio bands but there are QSL's and Veries from BCB, Pirate, MedFER and LowFER stations as well. They go back to 1971 and some of the countries I have QSL's from don't even exist anymore. The books are mainly my Passport to World Band Radio issues as well as my World Radio Handbooks/World Radio TV Handbooks and my Popular Electronics Communications Handbooks. I have three shelves full and I will soon be on shelf four here.

If you also have a collection of goodies no matter what they may be here are some things to think about:

Part I What do I have here? Do you actually know what is in your collection? I mean everything may be in a box or boxes or on shelves but what is truly in there? I went through my stuff after I retired and was very surprised by what I had. I put all the QSL's in order (alphabetically) and then

into some nice storage boxes. After 35 plus years they are all sorted and catalogued. Hey I had countries verified I didn't have on my list! Nice way to up your totals heard without having to even turn on the radio. As for the books well I got them into a bookcase and put them into order by book type and date published. It looks quite nice in the radio room with all of them displayed nicely and neatly.

Now that it was all orderly I set about cataloguing them. I decided on an Excel spread sheet because it could be easily updated and can be put in any order I saw fit. This worked very well and I added it to my logbook spread sheet so everything was all together. If you care to have a peek at the way I did it up have a look at: <http://www.angelfire.com/mb/amandx/Logbook.html> You can click on the link at the bottom of the page to see not only my logbook but my book listing on the last tab of the spread sheet.

You could build a spread sheet for anything in your collection not only books or QSL's. It would be up to you on what to put in and how to catalogue it all. This could be a long term project depending on what you have and how much info you want to put in but it will come in handy for Part II below.

Part II Insurance The question of insurance is a bit tricky. First of all do you want to insure your collection or not? If you say yes then it is a matter of getting it evaluated by someone that your insurance company will accept. The appraiser will formulate a list of the values of your collection but you better have the listing described above completed so they can work on a value. This may be hard to do but if they are willing to accept pricing that eBay has on its site or another site of their choosing they may be able to come up with an appraised value for insurance purposes. You could ask your insurance company if your regular house insurance would cover a loss or if you need to go the appraisal route for a separate "rider policy" to cover replacement. Then there is the other type of insurance in Part III.

Part III In event of your death OK I admit it is not a pleasant thought but for those of us of a certain age or more it is more of a reality. Put something into your will about your radio collection. In my family my kids would have no idea what to do with all the "stuff" dad collected in the radio room. They are in their thirties now and still think dad is a half a bubble off of level with his radio hobby. I can just hear my kids saying:

"Hey here are 3 boxes of those radio cards dad used to collect. What do we do with them? I don't know. Do you think anyone would want them? I don't know they don't look like much to me. Yeah but remember when we were kids at home dad waited everyday to see what was in the mail. Yeah he sure loved them but what do we do now? And what about all these books they are like 50 years old. Maybe we can take them to the used book guy near the mall. Too bad they aren't all scanned so you could read them on the computer like we all do now. Yeah you know dad and his "nothing-is-better-than-holding-a-Real- Book." (Giggles and laughs) Maybe go through his emails sis and see if any of his radio buddies want them. Yeah sure that might work..."

Well you get the idea. I could see all the books going to a local book sale and going for 50 cents each because they are old radio books. My old QSL's well they could be recycled I am sure. So think about it for a bit and make some decisions ahead of time on how you would like your collection handled. You cannot take it with you.

OK so you get my point. Make up a plan in your will or at least leave notes with your stuff so the kids or whoever know what to do with the stuff when the time comes.

Part IV It is worth the time To me it is worth it to go through your stuff. Maybe you have stuff that you no longer have any attachment to or do not want to keep. OK you can put it up for sale (eBay comes to mind or the DXChange on NRC's web site) or you can donate it to something like the annual auction at NRC's convention. This will insure that your collected materials go to somebody who really wants them and will enjoy them. Once you have it all catalogued and culled down you will have a collection you are proud of and show off when fellow DX'ers come to visit you. Nothing gets things going like looking at radio related collections. Well maybe listening to the radio together but if conditions are poor collections are the next best thing.

Take this as just some friendly advice from an old guy with too much stuff and kids who wouldn't know what to do with it.

Bits and Bites from the NRC listserv:

Take those new ones any way you can:

From: Rick Dau drummer1965usa@yahoo.com Subject: [NRC-AM] State #36 bagged

WSCR is too close for me to hope for KBOI Shows you what little I know... 670 KBOI ID Boise - 1928 ELT Rising under WSCR with Nate Shelman's local talk program, phone number given out, then "670 KBOI" right before he took a call from John from Nampa. Confirmed via the web stream, which was approx. 1 minute behind the broadcast on the 2010. CMBA took over from KBOI as soon

as the latter was gone two minutes later. (RD-NE) Rick Dau South Omaha, NE Sony ICF-2010 + Quantum Loop + bagful of bad potatoes

From: Rick Dau Subject: [NRC-AM] And NOW...Presenting State #37

A weird time to get this, but I'm not complaining... 720 KDWN NV Las Vegas - 1/31 0009-0017 ELT Under WGN with a financial program during which the host talked much about buying gold. Gave out phone number as 877-341-2646. Made several trips between the 2010 and the computer (in my living room) to make sure that the web stream confirmed what I was hearing and it did. Phone number turned out to be for The American Advisor with Scott Carter, whose website shows KDWN as an affiliate. (RD-NE) Rick Dau South Omaha, NE Sony ICF-2010 + Quantum Loop

From: S Axelrod amandx@mymts.net Subject: [NRC-AM] New one on 710

BCB DX LOGGINGS FROM SHAWN M. AXELROD VE4DX1SMA 710 WOR New York New York 01/31 1940 Brief fade up in a mess for stations with clear WOR ID local ads and back into political talk. Never thought I would get this one. NEW! This was a total fluke. I started to tune on 700 kHz and stopped on 710 when I heard political talk which is not the norm on this frequency. I got the clear WOR ID about 60 seconds later. Second new one for 2011. It may be your pest but it is my rare DX!! 73 Best of DX Shawn Axelrod VE4DX1SMA Winnipeg MB REMEMBER ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN HEAR FOREVER



Radio History site

From: John Callarman johncallarman@msn.com Subject: [NRC-AM] History of a once-great station

My nephew in Coppell, TX, found this website outlining the history of KDNT in Denton, my nephew's home town. It's nice to know that the grade school that was built on the former three-tower transmitter site (and, earlier, home of the studios), plans to establish a display of some kind to honor radio back when it used to be locally-oriented and reliable for important breaking news, emergency and public service information. Scott Fybush got a look at the old, abandoned tower site a few years ago, before it had been purchased by the Denton Independent School District. <http://www.knus99.com/kdnt1.html> John Callarman, KA9SPA, Family Genealogist, Retired Newspaper Editor, DX-oyente, Krum TX (AKA Qal R. Mann, Krumudgeon)

Every night is different:

From: Russ Edmunds <wb2bjh@yahoo.com>Subject: 1520 - A Tale of 3 nights

Friday morning was KRHW in strong mixing with WWKB. Sunday morning it was KOLM with some KRHW in the background. This morning, it was KOKC actually running atop KB at 0500. Still no sign of WSVX or KMSR. KOKC was heard as KOMA from Northern NJ, but this reception is the first time here. Russ Edmunds 15 mi NNW of Philadelphia Grid FN20id FM: Yamaha T-80 & Onkyo T-450RDS w/ APS9B @15'; Grundig G8 AM: Modified Sony ICF 2010's barefoot

This month's DX Tool Box web site is:

On the Shortwaves.com DX History This site is located at: <http://pl703.pairlitesite.com/history.html>

Don't let the name fool you this site has lots of information about AM radio too. There is a very long list of articles or links about such things as:

WOC Davenport IA KFKX Hastings NE WJZ New York NY

Recordings from many old time long gone stations Radio clubs Equipment Verifications Stamps etc.

The site is one of the better old time radio sites in my opinion as it covers so many areas of the hobby and in all of its facets. There are lots of articles to keep you busy reading while you wait for that ID on the hour. Hey at three in the morning if you are reading you won't fall asleep.

73 for this time Shawn

Remember On A Clear Day You Can Hear Forever

Please preserve these QSL's for future display! Do not discard these items. For preservation information, contact the National Radio Club

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Musings of the Members

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Thoughts from NRC members. Local time per Muse.

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Thanks for the renewed support to Musings! I didn't realize how out of practice I've been! A special request for those sending in handwritten or typed submissions: It would help me if you double space your reports since I'm still having some issues with my eyes after 4 years worth of laser work; some things get a little hard to read when they're single spaced. Your help would be appreciated. And here we go:

Rev. Jim Renfrew – Holley NY

I enjoyed reading Bruce Conti's recent Musing in which he suggested a number of changes to *DX News* such as a monthly publication schedule (instead of the current thirty issues per year), an 8.5 x 11 format (allowing for larger type and more photos and graphics), and the introduction of hobby-related advertising. Most of these ideas would work for me, plus I think it would be easier on the staff. For example, one reason I stopped editing the IDXD column some years ago was that the weekly deadlines were just crowding into too much of my work and personal time. I have endless appreciation for Paul and now Dave for making the major time commitment required for editing, printing and distributing DXN thirty times each year. My only hesitation with Bruce's ideas is based on one of his assertions, "Now with most DX info distributed instantly via the internet" Does anyone have a grasp of how many of our members do not or cannot use the internet? I really don't know and would hesitate to hazard a guess. If we shift to a monthly publication those not using the internet might miss out on some last-minute tests notices or other time-sensitive information. To be fair, test info is often received too late to be used in our weekly publication as well. But it can be further noted that there just are not as many scheduled tests as there used to be, so perhaps this is not a huge issue. I don't fully understand the time lag (if any) for sight-impaired and blind members. Does DXAS material get to those members who subscribe as quickly as the print DX News? If it is delayed already, then a monthly publication might not make much of a difference. Please fill me in – someone – on this aspect of NRC operations. Thanks, Bruce, for presenting some new ideas for us to consider. Wow! My second musing in one year! (and thats what keeps us going Jim, thanks!-DWS)

Ron Schiller, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Started DXing in 1951 with a Hallicrafters S38B from Avenel (Woodbridge Twp), New Jersey (25 miles SW of NYC). Upgraded to a Hallicrafters S40B about 1953 (longwire antenna). Among my better catches were WC GY 250-watters KPKW, WA & XEAA, BC Mexico (both on 1340). In 1956, I went off to college in Newark, DE and did a little twilight DXing in next four years.

Really got into DXing again in 1963 living in Monmouth Beach, NJ with a Hammarlund HQ180C & a longwire, 4 blocks from the ocean (comparable to what the boys hear up on Cape Cod). Grew my country total to 101 heard/87 verified by late 1965. I got tired of the long commute to my job with JC Penney in NYC & moved there then, leaving the rig back at the Jersey Shore.

I got back to DXing in the early 70s, now married & living in Lighthouse Point, FL (near Ft Lauderdale). Found the Caribbean, Central America, & South America DX quite good with then an R390A receiver. We moved to Dallas, Texas in 1976 & I did a little DXing but found the location so inferior after being spoiled at the ocean in both NJ & FL. A subsequent move to Dunwoody (Atlanta), GA in 1989 brought me to another lousy DXing spot so I did little DXing there.

In 2006, I moved (sight unseen) to northern Idaho to obtain a divorce & found it to not only be a wonderful place to live but also to DX! Subsequently found that FM, which I never done in all those years, is also very good (combination of altitude, ground conductivity & not too many locals). I'm using a Palstar R30 with a quantum loop, plus a Grundig 350 for AM and doing the FM on the Kia car radio! Have logged about 320 AM stations here and 75 FM stations (without any Meteor showers or E skip or Trop openings.....all FM since October 2010.).

I belong to NRC & WTFDA and have retained my ham license, even tho I haven't been active for a long time as W5VYS/7. I had amassed 2,103 veries but unfortunately lost many of them in a devastating tornado that demolished our house in 1998 (GA). Fortunately, I still have the 242 foreign veries from 87 countries.

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