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From the Publisher: So I'm listening to a local station (FM, I admit) today doing a promo for the "I-Heart-Radio" mobile phone app, talking about how you can hear distant stations on your phone. Remember, the DJ says, how you used to tune around for distant stations on your radio? Well, he says, you can't do that anymore, because AM is dead.

As Miss Piggy would say: Au contraire, mon ami! Just have a look within and you'll see that distance reception on AM is alive and well.

Via John Herkimer comes an undated news clipping about a WWNY-790 (Watertown, NY) DX test from what seems to be shortly after World War II. Many of the names in the article will be familiar to longtime NRC members ... indeed at least one current member is named there! See page 13.

Also, on page 15 you'll see the annual report from NRC treasurer Dick Truax.

Convention 2012? Hopefully we've all now recovered from the good times in Omaha this year, and so our thoughts now turn to next year's festivities. Thinking about whether YOU might be next year's host? Then contact our intrepid convention organizer and one of this year's hosts, Ernie Wesolowski, and find out what is involved. You can reach him at 13312 Westwood Lane, Omaha NE 68144-3543, or <neerniew@yahoo.com>.

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### THE DX TIME MACHINE

<u>75 years ago</u>: From the Dec. 9, 1936 *DX News*:. According to the New York Times, the number of licensed broadcast stations in the United States has reached 675; a new German station has been heard on 7090 kc/s relaying U.S. network programs, including "the Phillips Milk of Magnesia program, ads and all."

<u>50 years ago</u>: From the Dec. 9, 1961 *DX News*: Longtime member Pat Reilley, Jamestown NY, heard four new stations on the morning of Nov. 27: KKHI-1550 (San Francisco), KORL-650 (Honolulu), HJCN-1100 (Colombia), and WSIZ-1380 (Ocilla, Ga.) NRC DX test. Not enough Monday mornings in the week, Pat mused.

<u>25 years ago</u>: From the Dec. 8, 1986 *DX News*: Mark Connelly's bandscan from his September trip to El Paso TX included TA's, of course: Algeria 891, Morocco 1044, Portugal 1035 and 1062, and Saudi Arabia 1521.

<u>10 years ago</u>: From the Dec. 10, 2001 *DX News*: Gerry Thomas reviewed the 13 best desktop and 10 best portable receivers for MW DXing: the Drake R8A/B and the Sony ICF-2010, respectively, topped the lists.

### NRC AM Radio Log, 32nd Edition

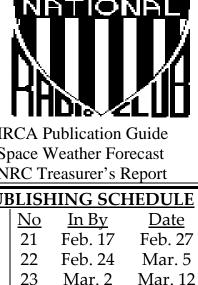
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### AM Switch



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

### **CALL LETTER CHANGES**

Old Call 1480 WUBA PA Philadelphia New Call WDAS



### **CONSTRUCTION PERMITS ON THE AIR**

1240 KPOD CA Crescent City – Is now on with U1 1000/1000.

1600 WXMY VA Saltville – CP for U1 23000/11 is now on from the adjusted transmitter location of 36-51-20/81-43-34.

### **GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS**

1200 CP MN Chanhassen – CP granted for U2 1300/1000 from 4 towers at 44-50-06/ 93-36-12. The night pattern is balloon-shaped toward the northeast, with a small 'blip' westward. Chanhassen is located southwest of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area.

#### **ACTIONS**

690 CKGM QC Montreal – CKGM (now on 990) has been granted to move here. We assume they will enjoy the same parameters (U1 50000/50000) as CINF when they occupied the frequency.

**900 CKDH NS Amherst – Signed off** on November 17, as they have moved to 101.7 MHz. CKDH signed on the air in 1957 on 1400, then moved to 900 in 1964.

940 CP QC Montreal – A new station has been granted here. Once again, we assume they will have U4 50000/50000, as did the former occupant (CINW) while here.

990 CP QC Montreal – A new station has been granted here, filling the spot now occupied by CKGM. Another assumption is that they will be U4 50000/50000 as currently authorized to CKGM.

1310 WKZD AL Priceville – Coordinate adjustment to 34-32-25/86-54-15.

1420 WVJS KY Owensboro – Licensed for U4 5000/1000, WVJS has applied for U1 980/20. They are now operating under a Special Temporary Authorization with U1 200/20 as they conduct field tests for the new facility.

### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

540 WRGC NC Sylva – Licensed with U2 1000/250 on 680, WRGC has a CP to move here with U2 5000/210. They had submitted an amendment asking for U2 4300/143, but now have requested U2 5000/140, still here on 540.

**830 KOTC** TN Memphis – Currently owning a CP to move here from Kennett, Missouri with D1 10000, KOTC is applying for U1 3500/0.

### **APPLICATIONS**

**960 APP ON Mississauga** – Applies for U? 5000/280. Programming would be news/talk.

**1520 KVTA CA Port Hueneme** – Applies to change from **U4 to U2**, keeping their power levels at **10000/1000**.

### **APPLICATIONS DISMISSED**

**600 APP QC Montreal** – Application for a new station.

**880 APP AL Montevallo** – Application for a new station.

940 APP QC Montreal – Two applications for a new station.

1270 WQKR TN Portland - Application for U1 1000/43. WQKR remains U1 1000/59.

**1400 APP QC Montreal** – Application for a new station.

**1530 APP QC Montreal** – Application for a new station.

**1610 APP QC Montreal** – Application for a new station.

### **APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS**

**1220 APP NY Lakeville** – Applies for U4 2500/2500.

AM on FM

**790 KNST AZ Tucson – KTZR-FM 97.1 Green Valley** 

1330 WNTA IL Rockford – WXRX-HD2 104.9 Belvedere

1450 KBFS SD Belle Fourche – KYDT 103.1 Sundance,

Wyoming (0001-0600)

**1560 KNZR CA Bakersfield** – KSMJ 97.7 Shafter



### **HEAR AND THAR**

- \* Returning to the airwaves: WSBX-1020 Ochlocknee, Georgia with Spanish Adult Hits.
- Reported as silent: KVLE-610 Vail, Colorado; WEAF-1130 Camden, South Carolina; WTIX-1410 Concord, North Carolina and KRBR-1470 Estes Park, Colorado.
- ★ Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Bill Dvorak, Tim Noonan and Denis Picard.

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JW-CO

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

### Reporters

BD-WI Bill Dvorak, Madison, WI. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop

**FO-OK Forest Osborn, Hooker, OK**. IC-R70, 4 foot box loop and 200 foot LW.

JDS-MN Jeff Steffes, Watertown, MN. Drake R8, Kenwood R-2000, Quantum QX Loop

JJR-WI John J Rieger, South Milwaukee, WI. Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-

**John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO.** Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop

**WH-CO Wayne Heinen, Aurora CO.** Drake R8B, E/W Flag, N/S Flag, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo and Mini DXP5.

### DX Loggings (All Times ELT)

**740 KVOX ND Fargo** – 11/19 0559 – Fair to poor in CFZM null with Fox Sports Radio sports talk, legal ID into FSR sports news. NEW and sought after since it first came on in 2007. This station has a very effective null to the south and east, or right in my direction. Add to that the presence of semi-local WRPQ and a dynamite signal from CFZM, and this becomes a very difficult station to log. **(BD-WI)** 

**760 KCCV KS Overland Park** – 11/12 0750 – Out of religious program; "This is KCCV Seven-Sixty AM Overland Park, Kansas City." Followed by local commercials with references to Overland Park. Into "Weather for the Kansas City area." (**JDS-MN**)

**790 WAYY WI Eau Claire** – 11/12 0704 – Out of ABC news, commercial for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and *On The House With Rebecca Kohls*. Followed by "News talk Seven-Ninety WAYY." (**JDS-MN**)

790 CFCW AB Camrose – 11/12 0808 – Out of *Spirit Of The West* program. Commercials for Westlock Ford, Red Arrow Motor coach, and GE Appliance Gallery in downtown Camrose. (JDS-MN)

910 WSUI IA Iowa City – 11/13 0659 – Out of BBC news program "Support comes from The Java House."... "You're listening to Iowa public radio Nine-Ten WSUI." Followed by news. (JDS-MN)

**930 KIUP CO Durango** – 11/14 0400 – Out of program note for ESPN Program "...on Sports 930 KIUP..." and into sports coverage. **(WH-CO)** 

930 KRKY CO Granby – 11/14 0905 – Out of C&W "High Plains Country KRKY Granby." Came up when they powered up for daytime. (WH-CO)

930 KOGA NE Ogallala – 11/14 0500 – Out of NOS music "Great music and memories AM 9-3-0 KOGA Ogallala" to ABC News. (WH-CO)

- 930 KCCC NM Carlsbad 11/13 2055 Out of spot and brief "KCCC Carlsbad;" and Dave Mason's "We Just Disagree" on top for a while. (WH-CO)
- 930 WKY OK Oklahoma City 11/13 2302 Out of SS music "WKY Oklahoma City" heavily accented and heavily reverbed EE ID. (WH-CO)
- 930 KDET TX Center 11/13 2300 Faded up at ToH "KDET FM 92.5 and KDET FM 930 Center also available on line at cbc-radio.com;" into ABC Radio News. This is a new one #4 on the season and taped for the collection. (WH-CO)
- 950 KJRG KS Newton 11/13 0730 "AM Nine-Fifty and FM Ninety-Four point Three Wichita." Into weather forecast, followed by commercial for Walk in the Word. Into: The Washington Watch Weekly. (JDS-MN)
- 950 WWJ MI Detroit 11/13 0722 Poor, "News Radio WWJ." Into male announcer with news story...then fades. (JDS-MN)
- **960 CFAC AB** Calgary 11/13 0743 Out of *The John Kincaid Show*. Into commercials for *Mike and Mike* on ESPN Radio, Quick Books, and Acer. Followed by "Advertise with Sports Net Nine-Sixty, The Fan." (JDS-MN)
- 970 KFTA ID Rupert 11/15 0200 Out of MEX music "La Que Buena" slogan and more SS music. Took over the channel at this time from KBUL. (WH-CO)
- 970 KQAQ MN Austin 11/14 2005 Faded up with female announcer mention KQAQ program notes. New one #5 on the season and taped for the collection. (WH-CO)
- **970 KBUL MT Billings** 11/14 2300 Faded up for the ID "NewsRadio 970 KBUL Billings" and into Fox News. **(WH-CO)**
- 970 KJLT NE North Platte 11/15 0858 Ending *Back to the Bible* program "... as heard right here on Christian Radio 970 KJLT North Platte." (WH-CO)
- **970 WDAY ND Fargo** 11/15 0800 Up briefly with WDAY call ID and into ABC News. Usually stronger than this. **(WH-CO)**
- 970 KCFO OK Tulsa 11/14 2000 Faded up with KCFO call ID into SRN News. (WH-CO)
- **980 KMBZ MO Kansas City** 11/15 2100 Out of female talk show "...KMBZ AM and FM Kansas City. **(WH-CO)**
- 980 KDSJ SD Deadwood 11/16 0805 "... your KDSJ Sports scoreboards is brought to you by..." and a long string of local sponsors. Rising briefly over KMBZ and CJME. (WH-CO)
- 980 CJME SK Regina 11/15 2103 Ending local new "CJME News time is eight oh three" and into weather. (WH-CO)
- 990 CBW MB Winnipeg 11/16 2305 "... from the CBC Manitoba weather forecast center" and into weather for Manitoba cities and towns. Local KRKS phase nulled. (WH-CO)
- **1010 KRNI IA Mason City** 11/13 0804 Female announcer: "Seven-O-Four, this is news from Iowa public radio." Into local news followed by weather with "Forty-Three degrees in Mason City." **(JDS-MN)**
- 1010 KIHU UT Tooele 11/22 1857 "Immaculate Heart Radio;" Ad for help for porn addiction. Call letter ID at 1900. First time heard here since call change. (FOOK)
- **1020 KDKA PA Pittsburgh** 11/24 0652 Commercial for First Niagara Bank, followed by "This is money talk with Rick Applegate on news radio KDKZ." (**JDS-MN**)
- **MA Boston** 11/17 1810 WBZ Accu-Weather forecast followed by station ID: "WBZ news radio Ten-Thirty." Followed by commercials, into traffic report at 1813. **(JDS-MN)**
- **1050 CKSB MB Winnipeg** 11/17 2300 Out of FF talk: "Ici Radio Canada" and into news in FF. Mixing with XEG. (WH-CO)
- 1130 WDFN MI Detroit 11/24 0733 "...Oakland University basketball when they play California starting at nine on Eleven-Thirty AM WDFN, The Fan." First time hearing this 50,000 Watt station which is only 566 miles from my location. (JDS-MN)
- **1180 WXLA MI Dimondale** 11/19 0739 Out of easy listening music "Take a break with all your favorites, AM Eleven-Eighty WXLA." Then back to music. **(JDS-MN)**
- 1190 KVSV KS Beloit 11/13 0900 Out of "Star Spangled Banner;" "Good Morning this is KVSV beginning another broadcast day..." and ABS News soon covered by XEPZ. (WH-CO)
- **1240** WCBY MI Cheboygan 11/14 0605 Local ID given with news into fade-out. Unusual to hear calls. Usually just "AM 1240, Big Country Gold." (JJR-WI)

- 1310 KNOX ND Grand Forks 11/20 0743 "Here's your news talk Thirteen-Ten KNOX weather." Ending with "Right now Nine above." Into On Star commercial, then fades out. (JDS-MN)
- **MO Clayton** 11/20 0755 Fair, "KSIV, Clayton-St. Louis, a service of Bott Radio Network." Into commercial for *A Walk In The Word; I Am Your Deliverer* DVD. Then fades out. **(JDS-MN)**
- 1360 WMOB AL Mobile 11/14 0613 Poor, and lost to calls "at WMOB in Mobile..." (JJR-WI)
- **1430 KZQZ MO St. Louis** 11/21 1940 Oldies, "Devil or Angel," etc. Call letter ID at 1940. **(FO-OK)**
- **1430 KTBZ OK Tulsa** 11/21 1942 Sports, ad for some business in downtown Broken Arrow, a suburb of Tulsa. **(FO-OK)**
- 1450 KGIW CO Alamosa 11/17 0858 "KGIW weather" sung, then local forecast; ABC news at Top Of Hour following legal ID. Fair in the mix. (JW-CO)
- **1450 KGRE CO Greeley** 11/24 0949 *Looong* ad string, mostly for restaurants and area Hispanic concerts; back to music at 0956; legal ID at 1002 for KGRE, K271BN Estes Park, and KRKY-FM in Estes Park. Fair and improving. **(JW-CO)**
- **1450 KVSI ID Montpelier** 11/17 0259 Legal ID by male voice at 0259:51: "KVSI Montpelier, the Voice of Southeastern Idaho;" ABC news was next. Barley copyable through the jumble. **(JW-CO)**
- **1450 KMRY IA Cedar Rapids** 11/17 0615 Poor with *The Memory Lady* on 1450 AM and 93.1 FM K-M-R-Y;" ads and call letters heard. Popped in over others. Nostalgia programming. **(JJR-WI)**
- **1450 KWBW KS Hutchinson** 11/21 0659 Mortuary spot; call letter ID, possibly legal ID. Rough in the pileup. **(JW-CO)**
- **1450 WATZ MI Alpena** 11/17 0600 Poor, though nice local ID into ABC news. Oldies format. (JJR-WI)
- **1450 KRZY NM Albuquerque** 11/16 1959 Spanish PSA from a state government agency; legal ID in English, then Latino music. Fair/poor. **(JW-CO)**
- **NM Portales** 11/18 1859 Man with ID: "KSĒL-AM Portales-Clovis-West Texas and Cannon. This is Cow Country. Welcome Home;" the ID was preceded by and followed by bovine sounds; CNN News was presented at Top Of Hour. Fair peaks, long fades. **(JW-CO)** An example of how cows who will work for hay are taking jobs from American radio announcers. We need to occupy something. **(JDT-WA)**
- **1450** KGFF OK Shawnee 11/21 0459 Legal ID barely readable in the jumble. Not often heard here. (JW-CO)
- **1450 KEYY UT Provo** 11/18 0828 Heard this wafting over the pileup: "KEYY...bringing Christ to Utah 24 hours a day;" not sure what followed, since signal unwafted at this point. **(JW-CO)** "Unwafted" is a the technical term for this kind of signal. I read it in a 1920s engineering manual. No, really. **(JDT-WA)**
- **1450 KZNU UT St. George** 11/21 0200 Legal ID, followed by Fox. Ditto for next few hours taped at ToH. **(JW-CO)**
- **1450 KBBS WY Buffalo** 11/17 0200 Out of C&W hit with legal ID by male voice: "You're listening to 1450 AM KBBS Buffalo, Wyoming, a Big Horn Mountain Radio Network Station." ABC news was next at ToH. Fair, topping others. **(JW-CO)**
- **1530 KVDW AR England (Arkansas, that is)** 11/21 1914 Strange evening opening to western Arkansas. Gospel music; "Celebrating Victory 1530, KVDW, England," then more gospel music. This is long after local sunset. First time heard here. **(FO-OK)**
- **1570 KVTK SD Vermillion** 11/20 2258 Poor with Westwood One game and local ID.. Very, very hard to hear. Tons of stations, though I usually don't sit on 1570 like I once did. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1580 KHGG AR Van Buren 11/21 1853. "...right here in Van Buren;" then local weather with thunderstorms at 1906; "on The Sports Hog." At 1907: "The Arkansas Radio Network." Surely not operating at the listed 49 watts, as I am 450 miles from Van Buren. Also new here. (FO-OK)
- **1580 CKDO ON Oshawa** 11/24 0637 Jingle: "CKDO Oshawa" Into song: "Spill The Wine" by Eric Burden. **(JDS-MN)**
- **1600 KGYM IA** Cedar Rapids 11/16 0828 "You are listening to 1600 ESPN Radio, Cedar Rapids;" then local weather and an ad for the United Way. (FO-OK)

In this column you often read about DXers taping their catches. A question: what do you do with those tapes? Do you ever go back and listen to them?

Starting this year, I embarked on a project to convert the many hours of my taped DX session to digital files. So far, I may have converted ten or fifteen percent of the tapes I've compiled over 30+ years of DXing. This project will continue for many years.

I recently bought one of those black boxes that allow you to stream digital content over your home network to your TV. Thanksgiving night, after everyone went to bed, I spend a wonderful two hours in my easy chair, with a hot rum toddy, re-listening to AM and shortwave DX sessions I'd forgot about.

Point of this is: figure out what to do with all those recordings you've compiled over the years. Thanks to everyone who reported for this week. See you next time (JDT-WA)

### Domestic DX Digest – East

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

### **REPORTERS**

**RA-MA** Ray Arruda, Acushnet – Drake R8A, Grundig S350, 130-ft. center-fed inverted V.

JC-DE John Cereghin, Smyrna - DT-200VX, PL-310

BH-MA Bob Hill, Littleton - Sony ICF-2010, Kiwa filters, AOR LA390 active loop

HJH-PA Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre - Grundig S350, Kiwa Pocket Loop

**KK-VA** Kraig Krist, Manassas – Winradio G33DDC SDR, Eavesdropper 43 foot multiband antenna running E to W.

**RCP-IN** Robert C. Pote, Greenwood – One-tube Armstrong regenerative circuit radio, coupled to 75 feet of wire and earthen ground and Radio Shack mini amplifier

**DP-QC Denis Picard, Trois-Rivières -** ICOM 746 Pro, Kiwa loop, 145' attic wire

**MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

Follow me on Twitter! @patria1818 DX-related tweets will be hash-tagged #MWDX.

### COMING SOON TO A RADIO NEAR YOU

**690 CKGM QC Montreal** – Per CRTC decision handed down on 11/21\*, Bell Media's all-sports TSN Radio (or "Team 990") will move from 990 to 690. **(MKB-ON)** 

**QC** Montreal – Awarded to Tietolman-Tétrault-Pancholy, for a French-language news-talk station. Note that a proposed English version of "Circulation 730" (CKAC-730) all-traffic station on 940 was denied. (MKB-ON)

ON Mississauga – News/talk format, will be run by a group led by Elliott Kerr, president of the Mississauga-based Landmark Sport Group. Mississauga is home to ethnic (mostly South Asian) CINA-1650 and CJMR-1320 but this new 960 station will broadcast in EE only. (MKB-ON)

**QC** Montreal – Vacated by TSN Radio, will go to Dufferin Communications, which will set up Radio Fierté, a FF music and talk station aimed at the LGBT community. Dufferin owns a similar station, "Proud FM" (CIRR-103.9) in Toronto. (MKB-ON)

1410 CKSL ON London – Will flip to an all-comedy format ("Funny 1410") in January 2012. Presumably Astral, who owns CKSL and a slew of stations across Canada, is testing this niche format in a smaller market, before attempting to take it to the MTV (i.e. Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver). (MKB-ON)

\* Full text of CRTC's ruling: <a href="http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2011/2011-721.htm">http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2011/2011-721.htm</a>

### **UNID**

**1040 UNID** - 11/17 1846 - "... south on 835, WHLE (sounded like) weather... lower 30 ...."(**DP-QC**)

1550 UNID

 11/17 1950 – SS songs (but not //WNTN webstream), heard "La Buena" a lot on recording. WDLR-OH now carry Oldies, so WAZX-GA? But now supposed

to be "La Estacion de la familia." Rest of speech hard to decipher on recording. (DP-QC)

### **LOGGINGS**

- **570 WKBN OH Youngstown** 11/19 0800 In WSPZ mix with ToH ID: "This is talk radio WKBN Youngstown," WKBN jingle, into Fox news. **(KK-VA)**
- **610 WTVN OH Columbus** 11/19 0756 in WXVA mix with political talk, man with "6-10 WTVN Riverton" ID. **(KK-VA)**
- **640 WXSM TN Blountsville** 11/19 0757 In WHLO and WWJZ mix with station promo: "WXSM and...the Bank of Tennessee would like to congratulate... Christmas On Us'... share your story...." **(KK-VA)**
- 660 WFAN NY New York 11/19 0845 Station ID heard: "You're listening to sports radio 660, the Fan" very good and steady signal. (RCP-IN) Loggings of 50 kW clear channel blowtorches are not usually DDXD-E fodder unless there are special circumstances. In Bob's case, they're heard on a homebrew simple regenerative receiver of the sort used in the early 1920s. Mike
- **690 WOKV FL Jacksonville** 11/19 1714 Financial advice program with numerous IDs at 1723 during break; announced 690 and 106.5 and gave one or two 904 areacode phone numbers. Weak, often slowly fading into the mire for long periods, then emerging to battle presumed WELD. **(BH-MA)**
- 760 WJR MI Detroit 11/18 1740 Noted ad for Kirkwood Lumber, very poor signal, barely heard. (RCP- IN)
- **780 WBBM** IL Chicago 11/18 1745 Station ID given: "News radio 780, WBBM, home of the Bears," great signal at times but subject to deep fades. (RCP- IN)
  - WTME ME Rumford 11/17 1553 Dave Ramsey show; ID at 1600 "AM 780 WTME, 1450 WKTQ," into USA Radio news, mentioning Obama's assassination attempt at the White House. (DP-QC)
  - WCKB NC Dunn 11/20 1715\* In WBBM null with sign off announcement: "This is radio station WCKB in Dunn, North Carolina, now concluding its broadcast day. WCKB is owned and operated by North Carolina Central Broadcasting, Inc., [short word unreadable] and operated with 7000 watts of power at 780 kHz on the AM dial from local sunrise to sunset. Our offices, studios, antenna and tower are located 1 mile south of town on Highway 421. We invite you to join us again tomorrow. Good evening." (BH-MA)
- **830 WCCO MN Minneapolis** 11/18 1853 Station ID: "Broadcasting live from downtown Minneapolis, this is 830 WCCO," excellent local-like signal. (RCP-IN)
- **840 WKTR VA Earlysville** 11/19 0759 In WHAS mix with C&W songs, slogan "The masters of country 105.3" into song, legal WKTR ID at 0801. **(KK-VA)**
- **860 CJBC ON Toronto** 11/18 2030 Good to fair signal with what sounded like a French talk show in progress. (**RCP-IN**)
- **880 WCBS** NY New York 11/18 1800 Several "WCBS news time" ID's given, fantastic signal with no fading. (RCP -IN)
- 890 WAMG MA Dedham 11/17 1535 Spanish songs, "La Mega" slogan at 1539. (DP-QC)
- 900 WUAM NY Watervliet 11/12 0700 "This is AM... WUAM, Albany, and 106.1 FM W291BY, Albany, the only 24 hour news ... Capital city only on Time-Warner Cable, this is YNN" into weather with Mary Connelly, then news. (DP-QC)
- 940 WKGM VA Smithfield 11/17 1658 Out of gospel program, gave weather forecast, ID, slogan of "Your Ministry Station." (BH-MA)
- **960 WERC AL Birmingham** 11/19 0755 In mix with Phil Henry Show, man with "WERC" ID at 0800. **(KK-VA)**
- **1010 WINS NY New York** 11/18 1810 Station ID heard: "WINS news time 6:10" then followed by local traffic report, very stable signal with little fading. **(RCP-IN)**
- 1030 WBZ MA Boston 11/18 1910 WBZ weekend weather report (clear tonight and lows in the 20's), followed by "WBZ news time 7:10," fair signal with quick fades. (RCP-IN)
  - **WBGS** WV Point Pleasant 11/17 0720 Fade up with "...rock and roll, WBGS..." ID, into classic rock music. (JC-DE)
- **1040 WHO IA Des Moines** 11/18 1804 Fair signal on peaks with station ID: "WHO, news and traffic," followed by local traffic report mentioning I-35. **(RCP-IN)** 
  - WYSL NY Avon 11/19 0756 In WHO mix with call-in show, man with "WYSL" ID. (KK-VA)

- +++ 11/17 1827 Ad for Patrick Buick-GMC "just off 390 exit 12, corner of Lehigh Station and West Henrietta road." ID at 1830 as "10-40 WYSL, Avon-Rochester. Welcome to the CBS radio show Abundant Share." (**DP-QC**)
- **1130 WDFN MI Detroit** 11/15 0730 Under WBBR with sports news, block of ads for Hockeytown Authentics (mentioning 248-680-0965 phone), Ford, LivingCircle.com and State Farm Insurance. **(RA-MA)**
- **1140 WRVA VA Richmond** 11/18 1923 TCU vs Butler basketball game in progress, excellent signal at armchair level. **(RCP-IN)**
- **1210 WJNL MI Kingsley** 11/19 0800 In WPHT mix with talk about exercise, ToH ID: "It's 8 o'clock. Northern Michigan's news talk 12-10 WJNL and..." into CBS news. **(KK-VA)**
- **1230 WTKG MI Grand Rapids** 11/19 0805 Over WECK groundwave and graveyard jumble with local weather, station promo "Grand Rapids talk radio ... this is AM 1230 WTKG." (MKB-ON)
- **1250 WARE MA Ware** 11/13 1642 Oldies, "Real Oldies 1250 WARE" slogan ID. (**JC-DE**)
- **1270 WMKT MI Charlevoix** 11/19 0800 In WCBC mix with ToH ID: "It's 8 o'clock at 1270 AM WMKT Charlevoix, Traverse City and the UP and 92.1 FM W221B ... Springs" into Fox news. **(KK-VA)** *Probably* W221BQ *Petoskey* DY.
- **1290 WNBF** NY **Binghamton** 11/24 0859 Weather "Today high 51, tonight low 36, tomorrow sunny 58, Saturday sunny ... right now downtown 30, this is Radio 12-90 WNBF. Happy Thanksgiving," into ABC news. **(DP-QC)**
- **1300 WNQM TN** Nashville 11/19 0755 In mix with religious programming, man with promo for "Reach the world. 'Worldwide Christian Radio'...all over the world. Find out how your ministry can...call 615 255 1302..." into ranting preacher. "AM 1300 WNQM Nashville" ID at 0830. **(KK-VA)**
- **1310 CIWW ON Ottawa** 11/15 0723 Atop with local news, traffic report, sports with Gloria Martin, "1310 News" slogan, ad for local floor and carpet company. **(RA-MA)**
- **1320 WATR CT Waterbury** 11/12 1733 Mix of AC and oldies, "WATR Waterbury" ID. (**JC-DE**)

### WATR 1320-AM NEWS • TALK

+++- 11/24 0924 – Journey's "Don't stop believin'," Hollies' "Long cool woman in a black dress" at 0931; ad for Barnes & Noble; ID at 0939 " ...here on WATR ... WATR.com..." into Robert Palmer's

"Bad case of loving you (Doctor, doctor)." Over/under WDER. (DP-QC)

- WFHR WI Wisconsin Rapids 11/19 0800 In multi-station mix with station promo and ToH ID: "Wisconsin's home for America's...in the morning with...is AM 13-20 WFHR Wisconsin Rapids" into CBS news. (KK-VA)
- 1340 WJRW MI Grand Rapids 11/20 0807 Over WLVL groundwave with station promo "Jim Bohannon show...weekdays on news-talk 1340 WJRW Grand Rapids." (MKB-ON)
- **1360 WCHL** NC Chapel Hill 11/12 1630 University of North Carolina news and sports, "Newstalk Radio 1360" slogan with liners for its progressive talk. (JC-DE)
  - WTAQ WI Green Bay 11/19 0800 In mix with WHBG and others, ToH "...WTAQ Green Bay" ID into news, 0827 "...Green Bay Packers... 13-60...WTAQ" station promo. (KK-VA)
- **1380 WKJV NC Asheville** 11/16 1705 Strong on fade up. "News brought to you by Hendersonville Tire," ID. **(HJH-PA)** 
  - WSYB VT Rutland 11/20 0540 Briefly atop with station ID then returning to Coast to Coast program. (RA-MA)
- **1390 WEGP ME Presque Isle** 11/20 0533 Briefly atop with female call letter ID, ads, one for advertising on radio. **(RA-MA)**
- 1410 WING OH Dayton 11/20 0814 Over other sports talkers with "1410 WING ESPN Radio" ID, (call letters spelled out, not said as "wing") usual ESPN sports talk, recapping Baylor-Oklahoma game. (MKB-ON)
- 1420 WBSM MA New Bedford 11/20 0515 Has an irregular Sunday morning silent period, noted at this time running open carrier until past 0545. (RAMA)



- **1470 WBTX VA Broadway-Timberville** 11/22 1657 Suddenly faded up with promo outlining rules of contest; gave ID and 1470 a couple of times and continued with unfamiliar pop vocal, then rapidly sank back into the mess. **(BH-MA)**
- **1510 CKOT ON Tillsonburg** 11/22 0703 Canada's last remaining daytimer blasting in over usual WLAC with local news, ad for India River Direct, "your Country 107.3 forecast" local weather. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1530 WDJZ CT Bridgeport 11/13 0620 UC song; "This is ...United Methodist church...we invite you to worship with us Sundays at 10...on WDJZ radio," then legal (but
- WDJZ 1530 AM apparently echoey) ID at 0629 "WDDDJZ, DJZ, 15-30 AM, Brid-Bridgeport, Connecticut," in WCKY null. (DP-QC)
- **1550 WUTQ NY Utica** 11/23 0510 Fleetwood Mac's "Dreams"; Mister Mister's "Broken wings"; ID at 0531 "...on 95.5 FM, WUTQ...." 3 watts! (**DP-QC**)
- **1570** WHTX OH Warren 11/16 1942 Ex WANR. Good at times with standards music. ID's after all songs. (HJH-PA)
- **1590 WVNA AL Tuscumbia** 11/22 1704 Battling dominant pest WAKR with ABC news, "News radio 1590 AM WVNA" ID, then lost. **(MKB-ON)** 
  - WHGT MD Maugansville 11/17 1655 REL song by kids, TOH ID "This is WHGT, Maugansville, Maryland, 15-90 AM." (DP-QC)
  - **WAUB** NY Auburn 11/17 1703 Caught station promo "...98.1 WAUB, tonight," weak in jumble. (DP-QC)
  - WFTH VA Richmond 11/22 1700 Over partially nulled WAKR with black gospel song, "Faith 1590...Richmond, Virginia" ToH ID, but apparently missed giving call letters. (MKB-ON)
- **1650 WHKT VA Portsmouth** 11/14 1629 Good in CJRS null with Laura Ingram show, Business Minute with Van Miller (*would this be the former Buffalo Braves play by play announcer? "TWO FOR McADOO!!" Mike*), ID at 0634. **(RA-MA)** 
  - CJRS QC Montreal 11/13 0306 Weak but clear with "The Money and Business Show" in EE, host's first name Sam, gave local number for calls, 514-738-4100 ext. 200, numerous "Radio Shalom CJRS" IDs. (RA-MA)
- **1670 CJEU QC Gatineau** 11/13 0321 Young woman in FF, some music, "CJEU Radio Enfant" ID by male. Atop frequency but very deep fading at times. **(RA-MA)**
- **1690 CHTO ON Toronto** 11/14 2002 Briefly atop with "AM 1690" slogan, news headlines in EE by female announcer, faded quickly, but possible return to ethnic programming. (**RA-MA**)
- **1700 WEUP AL Huntsville** 11/23 2353 Gospel song by woman; faint "WEUP" ID by man, in static at 2358. AL #2 for me. **(DP-QC)**

# International DX Digest

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

### Pan-American DX

- 530 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Guantánamo NOV 19 0204 Sports program with two men talking about the "Maratón Cubano" and other marathons; other sports items followed later, around 0217. Fair at best, mixing with presumed *RVC*. Parallel to 5025 kHz shortwave. A new catch here. [Wilkins-CO]
- 570 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, Santa Clara NOV 18 0253 Familiar format of clock ticks, Morse RR's, Spanish talk; very good in WMCA null. Weaker on parallels 790, 820, and 870, the latter in mix with WHCU, WWL, and at least one other. [Hill-MA]
- 990 **MEXICO** XEER Cd. Cuauhtémoc, Chih. NOV 17 0600 Out of nondescript Spanish music and fading up over CBW with call sign ID and station info. Local KRKS phase nulled. [Heinen-CO]
- 1010 **MEXICO** XEFM *La Máquina*, Veracruz, Ver. NOV 12 0330 Ranchero music, talk in Spanish, ID at 0343. Fair. [Ervine-TX]
- 1010 **MEXICO** XEPA *Punto 10 Radio*, Cholula, Pue. NOV 13 0336 Local music, talk by man/woman in Spanish, several IDs. Fair. [Ervine-TX]

- **MEXICO** XEG Monterrey, NL NOV 18 0403 Out of Spanish talk, "XEG La Ranchera de Monterrey," mixing with CKSB in French. [Heinen-CO]
- **MEXICO** XEPZ Cd. Juárez, Chih. NOV 13 1301 Out of XE music with ID at 1301:10, mentioning call letters, power, street address (Guerrero 2329, Colonia Partido Romero) and city. Rough copy, with local KVCU nulled. [Wilkins-CO]
- **MEXICO** XENM *Radio* 1320, Aguascalientes, Aguas. NOV 20 0403 Man/woman with talk in Spanish, music with good variety. Several IDs. Fair. [Ervine-TX]
- 1520 MEXICO XEJCC La 1520, Juárez, Chih. NOV 20 0358 Talk in Spanish. Fair. [Ervine-TX]
- **MEXICO** XESTN *R.Red*, Monterrey, NL NOV 22 0250 Man/woman with talk in Spanish, phone in. Fair-good. [Ervine-TX]

### **Trans-Atlantic DX**

- **ALGERIA** *Chaîne* 1, Les Trembles NOV 23 2345 Excellent; contemporary Arabic vocal parallel a good 531 kHz signal. [Conti-NH]
- **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. NOV 25 2200 Good; fanfare, "On digital and online, this is BBC Radio, Five Live" into news, "Good evening, it's 10 o'clock..." [Conti-NH]
- **FRANCE** *France Info*, Rennes NOV 23 2038 40 minutes before receiver sunset. Poor to fair, but easily separated from nulled 710 WOR; man and woman in French. [Conti-NH]
- **MAURITANIA** *R.Mauritanie*, Nouakchott NOV 23 2355 Fair; talk and music parallel a poor 7245 which was suffering interference from 7250 *VOR*. [Conti-NH]
- **SPAIN** *RNE1* Murcia et al. NOV 23 2100 Fair to good; sports talk through the hour. [Conti-NH]
- **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Wales,* Washford et al. NOV 23 2058 Fair with synchro echo, music leading up to the hour but ID lost in a burst of domestic splatter. [Conti-NH]
- **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5* synchros NOV 23 2042 Talk parallel 693 kHz; barely readable audio squeezed between local 900 WGHM modulation and 910 domestics with 1.8 kHz filter engaged. [Conti-NH]
- **GERMANY** *NDR Info*, Hamburg NOV 25 2135 Fair; pop vocal, then telephone talk in German. [Conti-NH]
- **MOLDOVA** *VOR* Maiac NOV 23 2150 Fair to good; telephone news/talk in Russian. 2200 interval signal and time marker into news by a woman in Russian. NOV 25 2300 Fair over *COPE*; anthem then gone. [Conti-NH]
- **LIBYA** Tripoli NOV 23 2155 Huge carrier with weak audio (if any) over *TalkSport*; measured slightly off-frequency 1053.014 kHz, presumed Libya. [Conti-NH]
- **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros NOV 23 2201 Fading in strong with synchro echo; woman and man in Italian. 2300 over unID; test tones, then off. NOV 25 2259 Fair; usual sign-off with anthem. [Conti-NH]
- **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros NOV 25 2258 Good; ad/promo string, "On DAB digital radio, and 1089 and 1053 AM, official partner of the Barclays Premier League, TalkSport" into news. [Conti-NH]



- **SPAIN** *SER R.Pontevedra*, Pontevedra NOV 19 0159 Fair; local promo/ID, "Radio Pontevedra, onda media... con Radio Pontevedra... servicios infomativos..." [Conti-NH]
- **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros NOV 25 2127 In 1130 WBBR splatter; talk in Spanish with synchro echo. [Conti-NH]
- **CROATIA** *Hrvatske Radio*, Zadar NOV 23 2148 Good; news/talk with stereotypical news theme/fanfare breaks, parallel 3985 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- **KALININGRAD** *VÔR/R.Mayak*, Bolshakovo NOV 25 2300 Good; what seemed like an open carrier, then one cycle of *R.Mayak* interval signal bells and gone. [Conti-NH]
- **CANARY ISLANDS**//**SPAIN** *SER* synchros NOV 23 2139 Good; telephone talk in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- **IRAN** *IRIB R.Payam,* Tehran NOV 23 2212 Good; solo Setar plucking. NOV 25 2300 Good; signature ascending notes into news. [Conti-NH]
- **FRANCE** *France Info,* Bordeaux NOV 23 2138 Good; man and woman in French. NOV 25 2300 Good; fanfare and "Douze heures" time check. [Conti-NH]
- **KALININGRAD** *VOR* Bolshakovo NOV 23 2136 Good over *COPE* Spain and *Absolute Radio; VOR* English program. 2259 World Service ID in English and gone. [Conti-NH]
- **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synchros NOV 23 2253 Briefly over Kaliningrad with near entertainment-level signal; Duran Duran song. [Conti-NH]
- 1394.85 **ALBANIA** *TWR* Fllakë NOV 23 2123 Weak audio, and weak het against unID 1395 kHz, measured 1394.853 kHz. 2130 one cycle of *TWR* interval signal and off. [Conti-NH]

- 1395 unID NOV 23 2325 First noted earlier while monitoring Albania, measures 1394.998 kHz. Armenia listed with mwoffset 1394.997 kHz. Thanks to Roy Barstow via Cape DX for the tip. [Conti-NH]
- 1457.8 **ALBANIA** *CRI* Fllakë NOV 23 2118 Het against 1458.000 and 1458.005 kHz, measured 1457.798 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1467 FRANCE TWR Roumoules NOV 23 2135 Fair; Arabic program. [Conti-NH]

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73 and Good DX!

## Musings of the Members

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Thoughts from NRC members. Local time per Muse.

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This is NOT a test, it's a for-real Musings column! We welcome your reports, deadlines are Friday. Here we go:

### Robert C. Pote, 1181 Crestwood Dr., Greenwood, IN 46143 < Mrzenith 41@aol.com >

Hi fellow DXers, time for me to submit a Muse as I haven't sent one in for quite awhile. I retired after working 46 years as journeyman welder plus 2 years in the Army (1964-1965). I lost my dear wife to Alzheimers in 2010 so I wasn't able to do much DXing prior to her death, but now I am back at the dials trying to hear new stations, mainly on the expanded AM band. I also collect old radios and tubes and have about 95 radios in my collection. Old radios and DXing go hand in hand as a lot of the collectors that I have talked to also like to DX. I belong to the "Indiana Historical Radio Society," and whenever we have a meet I always hand out my old DX News in the hope of getting new people interested in joining the NRC. I recently have become interested in crystal sets and oneand two-tube radios. I just built a one-tube regenerative radio that utilizes the Armstrong circuit; it requires at least 50 feet of wire for an antenna and a good ground is a must. I did some DXing with it and it seems to be fairly sensitive. I purchased a Radio Shack mini-amplifier and use it in lieu of the headphones, and it was an immense improvement. Thus far I have heard most of the East coast clear channels and as far west as WHO in Des Moines. I have discovered that I can use my Quantum Loop instead of the antenna and ground wires and get better reception but the operation of the radio is quite tricky as it will oscillate very quickly and you have to have a delicate hand when turning the variable capacitor; also body capacitance comes into play and you get a bunch of squeals. All in all it is a lot of fun and kind of reminds one of how it must have been back when radio was in its infancy.

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"From Kilohertz to Coumadin-or-Outstanding Omaha at St. Clair Hospital-or-Here We Go Again"

Yes, note the new gmail address acquired on 2/28/11 using, not one, but (lost then found the first, don't ask) two Samsung Galaxy tablets. Also, upon writing this, today being Monday, 11/21 (welcoming back tonight of the Pens' Sidney Crosby) tomorrow, the 22nd and on the 48th anniversary of JFK's asassination, I will be a "double nickel!" As Dave can attest, at NRC Portsmouth (RI) 1985, I and mostly Dave spent the better part of 20 minutes 'twisting' repeatedly the double nickel delivery towards Bill Townsend whose birthday was that weekend! Rest whereever you are Bill as "those were the days." Currently, not much listening, but did hear Catholic Radio WNOP-740 in October at sunset. Also, 'what goes around comes around' as local Clear Channel WPGB-104.7

was outbid by CBS's "The Fan 93.7" KDKA-FM for Pirate baseball rights for 2012. Only after 2006 when KDKA-1020 lost this did they 'find' them again, abeit on FM, though maybe 1020 might air some games again or simulcast, but probably not.

Now to our top story ... on October 11th, a severely 90%, though superficial, blocked femoral vein in my left leg caused admission to St. Clair Hospital to again, also in 2008, begin treatments to correct the condition. As any of us who's gone through these treatments, as well as life threatening, they are very frustrating. The clot, chronic in my same leg, began below the knee moving up the thigh. 'So as my bags were packed and ready to go,' instead of leaving that early morning for Omaha, I made the correct decision! Just before the conventions of 1993, 1998, & 2007, health problems occured, but were managable with hospital stays later. So my consecutive attendance since 1985, missed 1984, was broken. If Omaha was earlier, I probably could have attended, though I thank Ernie Wesolowski and Carl Mann for hosting, Ernie's reports, voice and email, and follow up mailing of the program and enclosures. I think Ernie and Frank Merrill now have the longest consecutive streak of attendance. I'll start a new one in 2012. Thanks also to potential roommate to Bill "Packer Backer" Dvorak for his concern and reports and Wayne Heinen and Ken Chatterton for the package of extra DX News which I would have presented to visiting stations. The inpatient departure occured on the 16th with the 'usual' treatment of the Heperin drip, coumadin tablets (as blood thinners, but anti-clotting), IV insertions, antibiotics, vital sign checks, and blood draws, 17 vials drawn for lab tests the first evening. So at 6415 khz, my room number, I and my black and hospital administered red socks to match my corresponding Nebraska Cornhusker hat lived vicariously each day of the trip in the bed. Oh, it wasn't that bad with 'concierge' ordered double portion meals three times a day, watching MTV's "Jersey Shore" almost daily (why?!), and DXing on my Radio Shack DX-375, though you know hospital DXing isn't what it's cut out to be!

As a trip for the ages or probably the best ever, I sent the cards then followed up with calls, but not before receiving 9 confirmations to visit stations along the way. For a good reason, trips to the west from home seem more exciting because everything is in a fairly straight line and few hills and mountains to navigate. Thus, on the 11th, tours, headlined by their AM affiliates, were to occur in Illinois at WDWS-1400, WILL-580, WBCP-1580, WHOW-1520, WJBC-1230, WPEO-1020 (& the first station to visit outside KDKA on 1020), WIRL-1290/WMBD-1470, & possibly WGIL-1400. On Wednesday the 12th in Iowa, tours would start in the Quad Cities at WOC-1420, then to WMT-600, KXIC-800, WSUI-910, KPSZ-940/KRNT-1350, WHO-1040, and to round out all four three letter callsigns in Iowa, WOI-640 whose offices are in Des Moines per PD Jonathan Ahl, but the studios in Ames, Iowa State, and covered on a part time basis by CE Dave Knippel, my verie signer of them in 1985! Rounding out on the 13th were stops in Nebraska first at KXSP-590 in Omaha, then to Lincoln and KFOR-1240/KLMS-1480, KLIN-1400, and FMs KZUM-89.3 (a slight Pittsburgh connection with the former WZUM call and WQED on 89.3) and KUCV-91.1, then culminating to see the 'the gang,' old and new, at "Outstanding Omaha 2011"! Also, visits were planned, before or after Omaha, to see the football stadiums and campuses at Illinois, Iowa, Iowa State, Drake, and Nebraska. The visits to Omaha's KFAB-1110 and the NRG Media group (KMMQ-1020) would have been 'outstanding' because at NRC Omaha 1992, Chris Cuomo and I were 'shown the door' instead of the studios at KFAB because of the first Nebraska football weekend. The only door this time was for my \$1,384 nightly rate at the St. Clair Hotel, a quality facility, but only if you really need to register! So, I hope all of you, as I am now, are well including you Dave, and a very belated Happy Thanksgiving, and a very Merry Christmas and Happiest of New Years in 2012! 73s (And we welcome you to the world of cyber mail John! – DWS)

### Dave Schmidt, P. O. Box 126, New Freedom, PA 17349

This is really a good test for me as I haven't put a Musings column together via copy and paste for a number of months, I'm surprised I remembered how to do it. I've actually gotten back into the DX bug again, having hit the dials a number of mornings. Now that I have some time, I decided a few months ago to track down the noise in the area and have had moderate sucess. The first one was found at a tattoo shop alongside my place, a night light unit was bad. The ownber of the store let me change it when I graciously told him the old unit was ready to catch on fire. The next noise was traced down to a set of lights in a barber shop also located in the same building, I've spoken with them but the results haven't been right, at least yet, I've told them the lights are bad and stand a chance of starting a fire, just have to catch them when they aren't busy. Good thing is that they do turn them off when not being used so that helps. It was good to see both Frank Merrill and George Greene at the various record shows that I attend in Lancaster, PA and Baltimore, MD. I'll be sending some items to DDXD as they wander in here, best catch so far has been CFAC-960. I'm convinced that AM IBOC HD Radio is certainly a waste of time for those running it, I have yet to receive a skywave signal here that can be decoded! And the one station we have in this area who is running it, WHP-580, does not work day or night! Deadlines are Friday, and new members, please feel free to submit a report and give yourself an intro! Happy Holidays!

### WWNY IS HEARD IN CEDAR RAPIDS

Iowa City, 775 Miles Away, Picks Up Special Nov. 1 Broadcast from Pine Lodge Watertown (N.Y.) *Daily Times* (undated) – Via John Herkimer

When Robert W. Gorsuch of Cedar Rapids, Ia., twisted the dial on his livingroom radio set early on the morning of Nov. 1, he tuned in on a station more than 775 airline miles away. The station was WWNY in Watertown.

The quality, according to Mr. Gorsuch's message to WWNY officials today, was good and the signal clear.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Gorsuch had heard of Watertown before. His grandfather went west 85 years ago, to Iowa, from Sackets Harbor.

WWNY has received 36 reports from 14 states on the special "DX" broadcast of Nov. 1, which went out from Pine Lodge. The test show featured music by John Urban's 16-piece orchestra and the Glenn Fults sextet. James W. Higgins, who supervised the program, and Charles Pierce, wrote the show and were masters of ceremony.

Other announcers participating were Gene Grant, Lyman Manser, Bob Telford and Vern Wenderoff. Mrs. Helen McCaul was the vocalist with the orchestra.

The 775-mile extreme distance point proved a bit disappointing to the station officials, but it was a bad night in the east and midwest with many natural, rather than man-made, interferences, such as static caused by fog and other atmospheric elements.

Here are some of the comments received of a non-technical nature:

Ted Weiser, Schuylkill Haven, Pa – "Signal clear, program good and interesting."

Elbert Tewell, Carey, O. – "Much natural static, but signal good."

Arnold E. Gerard, Miamisburg, O. – "Signal good; some interference from WEUS in Florida."

Herbert Campbell, Athens, Pa. – "High noise level, but signal strong and good." Mr. Campbell also remarked about the WWNY "DX" program of Nov. 5, 1941.

Robert J. Gilchrist, Watervliet – "Swell show, good signal."

Dick Wharton, Chicago, Ill. - "Excellent fidelity, full frequency response, good listening."

Alan E. Arnold, Milwaukee, Wis. – "Atmospheric conditions bad, but signal understandable. Appreciated the program because it was different from DX shows put on by most stations."

John T. Tweedie, Oakhurst, N.J. – "Excellent volume, 100 per cent modulation, natural static was extremely heavy."

Vincent C. Statsen, Philadelphia, Pa. – "Good program, really enjoyed it, signal very strong."

David F. Thomas, Proctorville, O. – "Listened on car radio between Proctorville and Huntington, W. Va. Very nice signal." WWNY had often been heard in his home, but this was the first time it had been heard in a car in two states.

Stanwood R. Morss, Bradford, Mass. - "An excellent show."

William J. Prater, Grimsley, Tenn. – "Strong signal strength, but extremely heavy static. Tone quality excellent, some interference from WEUS Eustis, Fla., but WWNY signal was stronger. Program was sure different from the usual run of DX programs."

Bernard Duffy, Staten Island – "One of the most elaborate, interesting, and entertaining 'specials' that our organizations were ever favored with."

Joe Pelletier, Altoona, Pa., engineer at WVAM, Altoona – "Very entertaining program."

Leo Herz, Chicago, Ill. – Mr. Herz last heard WWNY in 1941, "since then much water over the dam, three years in army with 101st Airborne, signal fair, much static due to dense fog."

Len Kruse, Dubuque, Ia. – "Good signal, no interference whatever; Dubuque is approximately 750 airline miles from Watertown." It was the first time he has ever heard WWNY.

Others who wrote in were Watson Wendt, Hill City, Minn.; Henry Holbrook, Chevy Chase, Md., a member of the radio club, Newark News Radio club, and the New Zealand DX club; C. B. Conley, New Cumberland, Pa.; James F. Shupe, Dayton, O.; George Sosna, jr., Rockland Lake, Rockland county; Frank Wheeler, Erie, Pa.; Ray B. Edge, Buffalo; Robert S. Knox, Newton, N. J.; Edward Lendzioszek, Easthampton, Mass.

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Issued November 22 – For the period November 23-December 19, 2011

Solar activity is expected to be at predominately low levels through the period. There is a slight chance, however, for isolated M-class activity.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels the entire period.

The geomagnetic field is expected to be generally quiet for most of the outlook period, with the exception of November 28-29 when quiet to unsettled levels are expected due to a small, recurrent coronal hole high speed stream.

(From http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftpdir/weekly/WKHF.txt)



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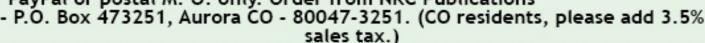
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<u>Income</u>	<b>Statement</b>		Administrative			
	<u>2010-2011</u>	2009-2010	Info purchase	524.97	590.95	
Membership Dues	13,179.00	13,396.35	Supplies	642.11	150.33	
NRC Domestic Log	6,949.73	8,095.70	Miscellaneous	665.75	1,136.10	
Pattern Book	696.35	767.80	Convention	<u>1,277.66</u>	<u>2,587.42</u>	
Antenna Books	583.15	365.90	Total Administrative	3,110.49	4,464.80	
Reprints	509.52	652.54	Total Expense	29,543.20	32,334.44	
FM Atlas	432.35	254.95	Total Expense	27,010.20	02,001.11	
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Convention	1,472.34	2,870.00	Statement	2010-2011	2009-2010	
Loop Manual	345.70	163.70	Income (all sources)	27,286.42	29,643.29	
Beverage Manual 138.00 112.35		,				
DXAS <u>1,469,08</u> <u>1,58</u>		<u>1,582,00</u>	Bulletin/Publishing Costs	2 200 (2		
Total Income	27,286.42	29,643.29	Beginning Inventory	1,528.23	2,280.62	
			Printing	18,362.13	19,355.95	
<u>Expense</u>	<u>Statement</u>		Postage	8,070.58	8,513.69	
	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>	Less ending inventory	<u>-1,722.94</u>	<u>-1,528.23</u>	
Printing			Net Costs	26,238.00	28,622.03	
Bulletin	14,878.39	14,983.60	Profit	1,048.42	1,021.26	
NRC Domestic Log	2,927.16	3,433.92	Administrative Expenses	-3,110.49	-4,464.80	
Antenna Books	232.34	413.18	1	•	,	
Reprints		324.24 112.40 Net Profit (-Loss)		-2,062.07	-3,443.54	
Total Printing 18,362.13 19,355.95		Dalamas Chast				
			<u>Balance Sheet</u> 2010-2011 2009-2010			
Postage			Assets	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>	
Bulletin	3,996.07 6,709.30			1 722 04	1 500 00	
Samples	1		Inventory	1,722.94	1,528.23	
Sales	, , ,		Cash	15,962.07	18,560.49	
Administrative	<u>156.52</u>	<u>118.51</u>		17,685.01	20,088.72	
Total Postage	8,070.58	8,513.69	Liabilities			
			Deferred Dues	-5,562.30	-6,110.55	
			Net Worth	12,122.71	13,978.17	

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