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DX Tests: WHP-580 and WTKT-1460 Harrisburg, PA will test on Monday, February 27, 2012. Both stations will test for one minute twice an hour in the 0000-0500 ELT period with voice announcements and Morse code identifications. QSL cards for correct reception reports can be obtained by sending reports along with a self-addressed envelope and return postage to the following address: Mr. R.J. Harris, Operations Manager, c/o Clear Channel Communications, 600 Corporate Circle. Harrisburg, PA 17110. Reception reports and digital audio recordings may be directed to RJHarris@ClearChannel.com. More details to come. Thanks to Mr. Harris (W3HP) for arranging the test. (Arranged by J.D. Stephens and Jim Pogue, via NRC e-mail list.)

WHP test times: 0005, 0033, 0105, 0133, 0205, 0233, 0305, 0333, 0405, 0433.

WTKT test times: 0015, 0045, 0115, 0145, 0215, 0245, 0315, 0345, 0415, 0445.

Free WRTH! Free WRTH! Yes, you can win a free WRTH. No skill or talents required! But you have to act quickly. See page 13 for details.

From the Publisher: As announced last week, we're soliciting applications for the positions of AM Switch and GDX Achievement editors, starting with Volume 80 in October. Contact me for more info (NRCDXNews@gmail.com). Don't know your way around the FCC web site? No worries, the future AMS editor will learn all the tricks of the trade from the very best!

Delivery problems with *DX News*? Contact Wayne at sales@nrcdxas.org and we'll fix it. If you contact me, I'll gladly pass it on to Wayne, but you can save time by cutting out the middleman!

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18	Jan. 27	Feb. 6	24	Mar. 16	Mar. 26
19	Feb. 3	Feb. 13	25	Mar. 30	Apr. 9
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23	Mar. 2	Mar. 12	29	Aug. 3	Aug. 13
			30	Sept. 7	Sept. 17

THE DX TIME MACHINE

75 years ago: From the Feb. 3, 1937 *DX News*: New station WFOY-1210 St. Augustine, Fla. was widely reported as testing; Carl Forestieri in the Bronx, N.Y. reports that PRA9-1220 Rio de Janeiro has been heard frequently testing between 1-3 a.m. Eastern time.

50 years ago: From the Feb. 3, 1962 *DX News*: Pat Reilley, Jamestown, N.Y. reported receiving his 3,300th verification, from 250 watt KIQS-1560 Willows, Calif.; WFBM-1260 Indianapolis has printed special QSL cards in honor of the 1962 NRC Convention to be held in Indianapolis.

25 years ago: From the Feb. 2, 1987 *DX News*: Nineteen different longwave stations were reported to IDXD: 153 (West Germany, Romania, USSR), 162 (France), 171 (East Germany, Morocco, USSR); 177 (East Germany); 183 (West Germany); 200 (England, USSR); 209 (Morocco); 218 (Monaco); 227 (Poland); 236 (Luxembourg, USSR, USSR); 254 (Algeria); 263 (USSR); 272 (Czechoslovakia).

10 years ago: From the Feb. 4, 2002 *DX News*: Tom Bryant, recently retired from WSM, Mused about the recent possible format change controversy; CJME Saskatoon SK completed its move from 1300 kHz to 980 kHz.

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

None this week.

ACTIONS

1080 KWAI HI Honolulu – Licensed for U1 5000/5000, KWAI is operating under a **Special Temporary Authorization (STA) with U1 1750/1750**, while awaiting the arrival and installation of replacement transmitter.

APPLICATIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

1550 KWBC TX Navasota – Licensed for U1 250/25, KWBC's application is to move to College Station with U00/45.

APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

890 APP FL Longwood – Application for a new station dismissed.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

780 APP UT Draper – Applies for U7 1000/250 CH 1000.
1040 APP ID Star – Applies for U2 10000/460.
1400 APP AK Juneau – Applies for U1 25000/1000 [not a misprint]



From the Texaco Xpress Lube Studios

AM on FM

970 WFLA FL Tampa – W237DI 95.3 West Tampa [has applied to move to 105.9]
1510 KOAZ NM Isleta – K298BK 107.5 Sandia [has applied to move to 94.5]
1550 KIVA NM Albuquerque – K255AU 98.9 Corrales

HEAR AND THAR

- ✿ **Returning to the airwaves:** KLVZ-810 Brighton, Colorado with Religion; WWDX-1530 Huntingdon, Tennessee returns to the air with Sports from Yahoo Sports Radio: *Sport 1530*; KSTN-1420 Stockton, California has returned, possibly only for a short time to keep their license 'alive.'
- ✿ **Reported as silent:** KYWN-890 Meridian, Idaho; WCSY-940 South Haven, Michigan; KTFS-940 Texarkana, Texas; WZRK-1590 Jackson, Mississippi.
- ✿ **Fines:** WPLY-960 Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania has been fined \$17,000 for operating with only one of its four authorized antennas at a reduced power of 250 Watts during daytime hours without a Special Temporary Authorization; fined Clear Channel Communications \$22,000 for what the Commission states: ". . . apparently willfully violated section 73.1216 of the Commission's rules by failing to 'fully and accurately disclose the material terms of a contest.'"
- ✿ **Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Tim Noonan, and the FCC (for a slo-o-ow week).**

Membership Report

"Wow, I've been an NRC member for 42 years! – Nancy Johnson (MT).

"I've been a member since 1956, I've been most satisfied with the club all these years. – G. Harley Deleurere (WV).

New Members: John McNutt, Oklahoma City, OK; Mark Pysick, Elk River, MN; Jan R. Schrader, Republic, MO. *Welcome, and we'd love to hear from you!*

Rejoining Members: Markarian Brothers, O Neals, CA; Curt M White, Pittsburgh, PA.

Renewing Members: Melvin Check; G. Harley De Leurere; Sheldon Dunham Jr.; David A. Gardiner; Stephen R. Gaughan; Bruce Hackworth; Richard D. Hansen; John and Nancy Johnson; Eric G. Norberg; James N. Paige; Joseph J. Perko; Douglas E. Smith; Jeffrey Steffes; Donald Trevarthen; Dick Truax K9RT; Joseph G. Ursini; Leslie Wood.

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REPORTERS

- BC-NH** **Bruce Conti, Nashua** – Excalibur SDR, MWDX-5, variable termination SuperLoop antennas northeast and south.
- TF-NH** **Tony Fitzherbert, Campton** – Grundig S350DL, Grundig AM 200 loop on dining room table.
- HF-MI** **Harold Frodge, Midland** – Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW
- HJH-PA** **Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre** – Grundig S350, Kiwa Pocket Loop
- BH-MA** **Bob Hill, Littleton** – Sony ICF-2010, Kiwa filters, AOR LA390 active loop.
- DJ-PA** **David Jansky, Sunbury** – CCRadio, Radio Shack Loop
- KK-VA** **Kraig Krist, Manassas** – Winradio G33DDC SDR, homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE.
- JJR-MI** **John J Rieger, L’Anse** – CCRadio 2
- MKB-ON** **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

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LOGGINGS

- 540 WLIE NY Islip** – 1/6 1612 – Chinese programming, good clear signal, is the 10,000 watt CP on? Seems to now be a regular here. **(TF-NH)**
 +++ - 1/5 0900 – Over WWCS with very clear ID in EE preceded by ethnic music. Station ads for NY, CT, NJ market, then back to ethnic programs at 0902. **(DJ-PA)**
- 570 WMCA NY New York** – 1/4 1602 – Religious program from a synagogue in Plainville, Long Island, call (516) 573-0964, signal mixed with WSYR. **(TF-NH)**
WSYR NY Syracuse – 1/6 1602 – Local traffic, many commercials including one for Buffalo Wild Wings sports bar, local weather, many ID’s for “WSYR 106.9 and News radio 570”, announcement for a nutrition class at a local college, finally into Sean Hannity program. **(TF-NH)**
- 580 CKUA AB Edmonton** – 1/16 0807 – Poor but steady with AB SK and MB weather, “...news next at 6:30 on CKUA”, rooster sound effect and Ellison Broth (?) Rise & Shine Morning Show. Might have also used “580 Radio” slogan 15 minutes earlier but I tuned away. NEW! **(JJR-MI)**
- 640 WHLO OH Akron** – 1/4 1700 – ID into news, pulsating signal above one other station, brief stock market report then faded into the jungle with someone broadcasting a basketball game and another station with Hannity. **(DJ-PA)**
- 660 WMIC MI Sandusky** – 1/16 0709 – Poor with mention of “in downtown Sandusky” in art show ad, C&W songs. **(JJR-MI)**
- 690 WJOX AL Birmingham** – 1/16 1759 – Fair; end of PSA string, “WJOX Birmingham, the voice of the fans, this is 690 The Fan, a Cumulus station,” ESPN promo, then gone with apparent switch to night facilities leaving WELD in clear. **(BC-NH)**
WOKV FL Jacksonville – 1/10 0809 – Excellent signal with many IDs during newscast. Male and female announcers alternating news items. Report on NH Primary and an auto accident on east side of town. Phoenixville, PA (WPHE) butted in. **(DJ-PA)**
- WZAP VA Bristol** – 1/4 1645 – Mostly on top with solid ID after a brief religious message followed by typical gospel ranting. Mentions of Virginia locations. **(DJ-PA)**
 +++ - 1/18 1700 – Through WELD and others; quick ID, “WZAP Bristol” into news. **(BC-NH)**
- WELD WV Fisher** – 1/13 0722 – Fair signal in hash with C&W/mountain music. No ID but many mentions of Petersburg during local West Virginia news on the “Wake Up Show”. Ads for Turbo Tax and McDonalds, local weather at 0729. I’ve been

looking for this station for a long time and have always failed to catch an ID. Jacksonville, FL takes over at 0730. So the very next day, 1/14, I hear a perfect ID at 0708. Fisher, WV is not on most maps but I know the area and it is next to Petersburg. **(DJ-PA)**

- 700 WDMV MD Walkersville – 1/6 1625 – Spanish programs, bouncy music with lots of clustered commercials delivered dramatically in SS, gradually lost to WLW. **(TF-NH)**
- 740 WNYH NY Huntington – 1/9 1605 – Way atop frequency with screaming in SS (guess he was preaching), lost gradually to the far more enjoyable CFZM! **(TF-NH)**
- 770 KATL MT Miles City – 1/16 1020 – Poor with ads mentioning local phone numbers 234-XXXX, 874-33XX in Miles City, local weather with -20 wind chills! **(JJR-MI)**
- 780 WAVA VA Arlington – 1/18 1700* – Good with sign-off: “At this time WAVA AM must leave the air to comply with federal regulations... AM 780 WAVA Arlington, Washington, and everywhere on wavaam.com, a service of Salem Communications.” **(BC-NH)**
- 820 WNYC NY New York – 1/6 1550 – Good signal here with “The World” by Public Radio International, ID at 1600 for WNYC AM and FM, then into “All Things Considered.” **(TF-NH)**
- 830 WMMI MI Shepherd – 1/16 0905 – Poor until lost to WCCO with Cabin Pizza ad mentioning “in Mount Pleasant” and LiveUnited ad. Not common. **(JJR-MI)**
- WEEU PA Reading – 1/7 1625 – AccuWeather with Joe Sobel, ID for WEEU, “Voice of Berks County”, traffic around Reading, woman DJ, into music, signal way over the 50,000 watt WCRV- Worcester, which is a strong daytime regular here. **(TF-NH)**
- 840 WKDI MD Denton – 1/18 1700 – Through WRYM; “This is the station you have come to rely on for... ministry, AM 840, WKDI Denton, Dover, Annapolis... positive radio... station.” New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 860 WSBS MA Great Barrington – 1/17 2003 – Under CJBC with WSBS.com website promo. Thanks to tip from Tim Tromp. **(HF-MI)**
- 870 WHCU NY Ithaca – 1/17 1800 – Good; “You’re listening to 870 AM, 95-9 FM, News/Talk WHCU Ithaca, WQNY HD3 Ithaca, the home of breaking news and stimulating talk,” and time check into CBS news. **(BC-NH)**
- 910 WBZU PA Scranton – 1/17 1800 – Poor; “WILK-FM, WILK-FM HD1 Avoca, WILK Wilkes Barre, WBZU Scranton, WKZN West Hazleton, northeast P-A’s news radio WILK.” **(BC-NH)**
- 920 WURA VA Quantico – 1/17 1700 – Loud over WHJJ but with distorted audio; only slogan/ID, “Radio Lider 920 AM,” then at 1800 caught ID, “WURA Quantico...” into ID in Spanish, religion in Spanish. **(BC-NH)**
- 940 WCPC MS Houston – 1/17 1800 – Good; end of Brother Carpenter program, promo, “...on AM 940, radio that changes the way you live, WCPC Houston,” and ID, “Mississippi’s first 50-thousand watt standard broadcast station, WCPC Houston, Tupelo, Columbus, north Mississippi, and northwest Alabama, WCPC Houston.” **(BC-NH)**



WKYK NC Burnsville – 1/6 0159 – in WMAC mix with C&W songs, “WKYK Burnsville. The station more people listen to” ToH ID into ABC news. **(KK-VA)**

WNRG VA Grundy – 1/16 1905 – Suddenly popped up out of nowhere loud and clear over WIPR, “We’re your home for Solid Gospel, WNRG Grundy, Virginia.” **(BC-NH)**

WKGM VA Smithfield – 1/18 1659 – Good; local weather forecast, “...on AM 940 WKGM, your ministry station.” **(BC-NH)**


950 CFAM MB Altona – 1/16 1017 – Poor but over WWJ with Garden Journal and Senior Connection features, -22 temperature “on CFAM -950.” **(JJR-MI)**

960 WATS PA Sayre – 1/18 1640 – Steady weak signal with PSA for people to work at “The Choice”, ad for Dakota’s Restaurant in downtown Sayre, local weather, “Y-102” slogan into rock music. **(TF-NH)**

CFAC AB Calgary – 1/16 0901 – Poor but alone with “Sports Radio 960 the Fan” slogan, time check, Rogers Radio sports news. **(JJR-MI)**

980 CJME SK Regina – 1/16 0958 – Poor with talk of BC Indian Chief signing on to pipeline, “Hero of the Day” feature, “Regina’s #1...CJME” station promo. **(JJR-MI)**

- 990 WNTW PA **Somerset** – 1/6 1650 – Sean Hannity Show, ads for Virtual Office, Freedom Ford, a medical minute called “Heartbeat”, a minute of prayer, and back to Sean Hannity, signal lost at 1700, probably when they went to nighttime 100 watts. (TF-NH)
- 1010 CBR AB **Calgary** – 1/16 0819 – Poor with woman giving local temperatures and wind chills, local phone number “here in Calgary...403-521-XXXX” to report weather conditions. (JJR-MI)
- 1060 WILB OH **Canton** – 1/16 0859 – Poor until lost to KYW with EWTN programming, mention of “in the Youngstown Diocese.” (JJR-MI)
- KYW PA **Philadelphia** – 1/9/12 1602 – Philadelphia news, Comcast ad, steady, very audible signal, no WQOM in Natick, until recently regular here, now gone with its power increase and changed pattern. (TF-NH)
- 1070 WAPI AL **Birmingham** – 1/18 1747 – Over CHOK and a couple of sports talkers (pretty sure one was WFNI) with Sean Hannity show (“Birmingham’s own Sean Hannity”), 100WAPI.com website promo, ABC news at 1800 and abruptly disappeared, presumably due to pattern change (HF-MI)
- WKOK PA **Sunbury** – 1/10 1625 – Strong semi-regular signal here with ad for Lennox, “Talking Points”, Wall Street Journal Report, Coldwell banker ad, local Accuweather and CNN news at 1630. (TF-NH)
- 1080 WOAP MI **Owosso** – 1/16 0823 – Fair with “Life’s Been Good” by Joe Walsh “on the Big 1080 in Michigan...”, Big1080.com website promo. (JJR-MI)
- KNDK ND **Langdon** – 1/16 1009 – Fair with station promo “More of the Borderlands Most Wanted Country is next on Maverick 105,” ads for Langdon Chamber of Commerce giving phone number with 701 area code, Case-International Harvester dealer in Grafton, “Maverick 105” jingle and C&W songs. (JJR-MI) Presumably “Maverick 105” is their FM // on 105.something. Mike
- 1110 WUPE MA **Pittsfield** – 1/10 1636 – Oldies, DJ noted that the station plays hits from the 1960’s, 70’s, and 80’s, “Woopie Radio” slogan, Berkshire News Network area news at 1645 and then Fox News. (TF-NH)
- 1140 WRVA VA **Richmond** – 1/6 1629 – Geico ad, traffic reports, lots of news, weak signal, Jay Hart was the news announcer, surprised to hear WRVA here as the station’s directional pattern goes away from NH. (TF-NH)
- 1150 WMRD CT **Middletown** – 1/10 1629 – good signal with ads for McDonalds, Connecticut Broadcasting School, (????) Data Service, Middlesex Community College, local Accuweather, dual ID for WLIS-1420 and WMRD-1150 into Dennis Miller Show. (TF-NH)
- 1170 KJOC IA **Davenport** – 1/17 2005 – Presumed over WFDL and what remained of WWVA (apparently off or on reduced power) with trueoldieschannel.com website promo into “Fire and Rain” by James Taylor. (MKB-ON)
- WFDL WI **Waupun** – 1/17 1819 – Over nulled WWVA with mix of EZL and oldies, station promo “Stevie Wonder, Johnny Mathis...they’re all here...AM 1170 WFDL” into “Year of the Cat” by Al Stewart. Still on at 1900. Seems like they forgot to sign off. QSLed as WLKE in 1980. (MKB-ON)
- +++ - 1/17 1911 – With WWVA absent or at least inaudible, a rare opportunity to log something else on this channel other than daytimers WDIS and WFPB. Clear “AM 1170 WFDL” after what sounded like a Johnnie Ray number (a *real* oldie); continued with Louis Armstrong vocal. Had been sitting on this one for almost an hour as it tangled with presumed KJOC, which looped in the same direction and was also playing oldies, so it was often hard to tell which station was playing which song. (BH-MA)
- 1190 WOWO IN **Fort Wayne** – 1/6 0100 – In WLIB mix with Coast to Coast AM, ToH ID and station promo “Hi. This is George Noory. Another hour of ‘Coast to Coast AM’ is next on news talk 11-90 WOWO”, then a website promo “Connect live on the internet at wowo.com”, “News now W-O-W-O Fort Wayne” into news. This is the first time I recall hearing the call sign said as separate letters instead of similar to a word “woe-woe”. (KK-VA)
- 1200 WRKK PA **Hughesville** – 1/18 2028 – Local ad “Park Pizza, 1701 Memorial Avenue in Williamsport. Open daily at 4 PM ... call them at 322-9024 and enjoy the great taste of Park Pizza.” Continued to extol the virtues of the pizza joint, then vanished into a morass. (BH-MA)
- 1230 WXCO WI **Wausau** – 1/15 1800 – Poor in mess with ads for Hadley’s Office Products and a Savin dealer, ToH legal ID into CBS news. (JJR-MI)

- 1250 CJYE ON **Oakville** – 1/6 0328 – In WKDL mix with gospel songs, man with website promo “Check out our website at joy1250.ca”, woman with station promo “...overnight on the Whiteoaks Communications Family of stations... CJYE 1250 and...1320...” **(KK-VA)** *The 1320 is CJMR in nearby Mississauga. Mike*
- 1270 WMKT MI **Charlevoix** – 1/13 1707 – Very good signal, all alone. Weather report and ID, “WMKT and 92 FM” Ads for cruise to Bahamas and for employment opportunities at Radio MGB. Back into Michigan based talk program. **(HJH-PA)**
- +++ - 1/17 1606 – Over usual WXYT and WHLD groundwave with local weather, “there’s your forecast from 1270 AM and 92.1 FM WMKT”, promo for live coverage of Gov. Rick Snyder’s State of the State address. **(MKB-ON)**
- WXYT MI **Detroit** – 1/18 2015 – Out of political speeches by Mich. Governor and Dem. Senate leader. “Now we’re going to go to our sister station WWJ with Paul Snyder for a little recap ...” Snyder took over: “ ... morning host on our sister station Radio WXYT 1270, who is across the hall here in our Southfield studios ...” They fretted about some difficulties with their audio hookup. **(BH-MA)** *Apparent format change from all-sports to news-talk. Mike.*
- 1300 WWCH PA **Clarion** – 1/13 1930 – ID heard loudly on crowded frequency, “WWCH 1300 AM.” Had Pittsburgh Penguins coverage. New and much needed. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1320 WATR CT **Waterbury** – 1/20 1600 – Under WDER; “...Good Time Oldies, 1320 AM WATR Waterbury.” **(BC-NH)**
- WICO MD **Salisbury** – 1/18 1800 – Fair in WDER null; “WICO Salisbury, WICO – Delmarva’s Talk Station, 92.5... WICO,” into news. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- KHRT ND **Minot** – 1/16 1000 – Fair but steady with steady with ToH call letter ID and preacher. **(JJR-MI)**
- 1330 CJYM SK **Rosetown** – 1/16 0839 – Poor until lost to WHBL with local weather (-22C today), several SK temperatures, oldies. **(JJR-MI)**
- 1340 KRBT MN **Eveleth** – 1/16 0757 – Poor but steady over others with promo for “Bill Bennett’s Morning in America on KRBT AM 1340.” **(JJR-MI)**
- 1360 WTAQ WI **Green Bay** – 1/13 1735 – Ad for Allstate Insurance then weather report. ID as “97.5 and 1360 Newstalk WTAQ”. Returned to the Sean Hannity Show. Alone on channel. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1380 KLIZ MN **Brainerd** – 1/16 0758 – Poor but over others with near-ToH call letter ID, “The Fan” slogan. **(JJR-MI)**
- WABH NY **Bath** – 1/17 1800 – Out of ESPN Radio with fast “WABH Bath” ToH ID. At first I thought they meant Bath ME until I checked the AM Radio Log. **(BH-MA)**
- WKDM NY **New York** – 1/18 1855 – Over CKPC and ESPN sports talker with Chinese talk, alternating man and woman, with electronic music in background, near-ToH legal ID in EE by man at 1902: “WKDM AM 1380 New York.” **(MKB-ON)**
- 1390 WEGP ME **Presque Isle** – 1/17 1559 – Over Fox Sports talker (presumably WNIO) with “The Talk of the County” slogan, local weather, “serving northern Maine and western New Brunswick, 1390 WEGP” ToH ID into Fox news. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1420 WIMS IN **Michigan City** – 1/15 2000 – Poor in nice fade up with ToH ID, “The Talk of the South Shore” slogan and run-down of guests scheduled for next week. **(JJR-MI)**
- 1430 WNSW NJ **Newark** – 1/17 1626 – Voice of Russia programming in EE with lengthy discussions about the Stop Online Piracy Act, the death penalty, and other weighty matters. At 1650 “You’re listening to the Voice of Russia in the New York metro area on 1430 AM and Washington DC area 1390 [WZHF].” At 1700 “WNSW Newark-New York City” and more VoR. Duking it out in a horrendous mix with pest WENE. **(BH-MA)**
- 1440 WFNY NY **Gloversville** – 1/16 1632 – Public transit and station promo all in one: “Hi, I’m Bill Walrath, transit manager of Gloversville Transit Systems, and I want you all to come and ride the bus with us. Mike[?] says, ‘I’m from WFNY, and I want these people to listen to us.’ Well, maybe we can accomplish that together; we’ll turn the radios on WFNY and they can listen to you while they’re riding with us.” Continued with bus schedules. Fair in WVEI null but with unID company. **(BH-MA)**
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- Gloversville NY**
- 1450 WNBY MI **Newberry** – 1/15 1748 – Poor with old C&W songs, “WNBY” between ads in fade up. Not common despite closeness! **(JJR-MI)**

- WENJ NJ **Atlantic City** – 1/17 1731 – In graveyard mess after WCTC faded out with local sports, talking about the Flyers, ad for Mercedes Benz of Atlantic City, “Sports Center 97.3 ESPN FM with the best South Jersey sports information” station promo. **(MKB-ON)**
- WCTC NJ **New Brunswick** – 1/17 1721 – Out of graveyard jumble with local weather, “it’s all here...on news talk 1450 WCTC” station promo. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1460 KKAQ MN **Thief River Falls** – 1/16 0849 – Poor with casino ad tagged Thief River Falls, call letter ID, mix of rock and oldies. **(JJR-MI)**
- 1490 WGCH CT **Greenwich** – 1/19 1700 – In jumble, “This is your community radio station... 1490 WGCH in Greenwich.” **(BC-NH)**
- WCEC MA **Haverhill** – 1/19 1600 – Good; “WCEC Haverhill, Lawrence, a Costa Eagle Broadcasting station,” into “Impacto 1490” news in Spanish. **(BC-NH)**
- WDLC NY **Port Jervis** – 1/20 1700 – Through jumble; “WJGK, WJGK HD1 Newburgh-Middletown, WTSX Lehman Township, and WDLC Port Jervis, broadcasting around the world...” **(BC-NH)**
- 1500 WGHT NJ **Pompton Lakes** – 1/14 1700* – Out of oldies with sign off announcement: “...WGHT Pompton Lakes, New Jersey ... operates on 1500 kiloHertz with 1,000 watts of power ... back on the air tomorrow morning at sunrise ...” Had been battling WFIF till the latter went off at 1656, then in mostly losing mix with WFED. **(BH-MA)**
- 1520 WIZZ MA **Greenfield** – 1/19 1555 – Good; 1520 WIZZ jingle and nostalgia. 1600 ID, “Wizz Radio, 1520 WIZZ Greenfield,” with “V” for victory Morse code. **(BC-NH)**
- WTHE NY **Mineola** – 1/19 1559 – Under WIZZ; Polskie Radio USA ID, “...on 1160 WVNJ Oakland, New Jersey, and 1520 WTHE Mineola, New York.” **(BC-NH)**
- KMSR ND **Mayville** – 1/16 0845 – Poor over KOLM with ND local news items, “This is the Dakota News Network”, into Mike & Mike ESPN show after several seconds of dead air. **(JJR-MI)**
- WCHE PA **West Chester** – 1/19 1659* – In WIZZ null; sign-off announcement, “WCHE is authorized to broadcast on 1520 kilohertz at a power of 1,000 watts. We invite you to join us again tomorrow for another day of broadcasting on 1520 WCHE West Chester,” and instrumental national anthem. **(BC-NH)**
- 1530 WDJZ CT **Bridgeport** – 1/4 1618 – Black gospel music, almost at local strength here. **(TF-NH)**
- 1550 WITK PA **Pittston** – 1/9 1647 – Woman’s faith testimony, gave her email address, signal dropped at 1659, presumably to the station’s night 500 watt signal. **(TF-NH)**
- 1580 CKDO ON **Oshawa** – 1/18 1602 – Nice signal with local news, ad for Armstrong Funeral Home, business news, ad for Mercedes Benz – Durham, weather, all by Lindsey Young, the female newscaster, then rock oldies with DJ Gary Bernardi, and CKDO musical sounders. **(TF-NH)**
- 1590 WARV RI **Warwick** – 1/18 1614 – Church notes, local phone number 401 766-1777 for a copy of today’s message, or go to www.HarvestCommunity.net to read a thousand different messages, followed by a 1590-WARV ID, into more preaching. **(TF-NH)**
- 1680 WPRR MI **Ada** – 1/19 2045 – Popped out of mix with partially nulled WTTM: “You can learn more about us ... and information on future shows on our website ... at Pacifica Radio and airs in ... on KPFK 90.7 FM, KEOS ... Radio 89.1 FM, and in Michigan on ... WPRR 95.3.” **(BH-MA)**

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

// - Parallel to. :00 – On the hour. AC – Adult contemporary. AP – Associated Press. BBD – Big band. C&W – Country and western. CCR – Contemporary Christian radio. CHR – Contemporary hit radio. CID – Code ID. CL – Call letters. COL – City of license. EE – English. EZL – Easy listening. FF – French. GOS – Gospel. Hi – A joke; the ham radio equivalent of ☺. LID – Legal ID (i.e., CL and COL near the ToH). LSR – Local sunrise. LSS – Local sunset. NBA – National Basketball Association. NFL – National Football League. NHL – National Hockey League. NPR – National Public Radio. OC – Open carrier. OLD – Oldies. PSRA – Pre-sunrise authority. PSSA – Post-sunset authority. QRM – Man-made interference (power lines, other stations, etc.). QRN – Natural interference (lightning, etc.). QTH – Location. REL – Religious. ROK – Rock’n’roll. RS – Regular schedule. \$ - Stereo. SID – Singing ID/jingle. SRS – Sunrise skip. SS – Spanish. SSB – “The Star-Spangled Banner.” SSS – Sunset skip. TC – Time check. ToH – Top of the hour. TT – Test tones. UC – Urban contemporary. VID – Voice ID. WW1 – Westwood One.

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

Greetings from the suddenly wintry Pacific Northwest. After a basically benign and dry season, in the last week we've had heavy rain, heavy snow and ice storms. (An unconfirmed plague of locusts.) Good weather to stay inside and compile the latest list of mediumwave DX loggings.

Reporters

- BD-WI** Bill Dvorak, Madison, WI. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop
CR-IL Christos Rigas, Wood Dale, IL. Jeep Cherokee stock radio
JDS-MN Jeff Steffes Watertown, MN. Drake R8, Kenwood R-2000, Quantum QX Loop
JW-CO John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO. Drake R-8B, 4-foot box loop.
NK-IL Neil Kazaross Barrington, IL. Perseus and Double KAZ antennas due south and due west, both 22 feet high and 88 feet long.
RV-TX Robert Vance, El Paso, TX. WinRadio G303e/PD, 12'x9' unterminated corner-fed N-S loop, 3 sq meter amplified air loop
WH-CO Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B, E/W Flag, N/S Flag, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo and Mini DXP5.

Station News

- 1630 KKGM TX Fort Worth** – 1/8 2300 – Coming out of program Duke and the Doctor, "This is Better Life Radio for the Metroplex AM 1630 KKGM Fort Worth-Dallas, a Mortenson Broadcasting Station" to IRN/USA News. Noted next morning with TRN's America Morning News. Running more Talk the REL these days. (WH-CO)



DX Logs (All Times ELT)

- 700 KXLX WA Airway Heights** – 1/7 1930 – Poor-fair, a bit under WLW with 700 ESPN slogan and soon gone when switched power. (NK-IL)
710 KNUS CO Denver – 1/14 0753 – Out of Azusa Pacific University commercial. "KNUS news talk Seven-Ten." (JDS-MN)
740 KRMG OK Tulsa – 1/14 0806 – Out of Roto Rooter commercial. Into commercial for the Living Well program. Into: "AM Seven-Forty and FM One-Oh-Two point Three, news talk KRMG, your most accurate up to the moment forecast with meteorologist Patrick Meyer." Followed by weather. (JDS-MN)
780 KAZM AZ Sedona – 12/2 1900 – Fading in and out among the other stations on this frequency; first noted with 70's pop song and then went into Fox News after TOH ID. Came back later during Gladys Knight 'Midnight Train to Georgia' followed by AZ tax PSA and station promo. I caught a CL ID later in the hour; and then right before the next TOH, I caught another 70's tune and a clearer ID announcement: "This is northern Arizona's news, talk, sports, and music channel ... KAZM, Sedona." Then came a couple of local ads, followed by a promo for advertising on KAZM, then local KAZM News. Overall poor to unrecognizable with a few fadeups to fair. (RV-TX)



- 790 KNST AZ Tucson** – 12/3 1905 – Noted with promo for Money Matters program "every Sunday right here on 7-90 KNST, brought to you by Greenberg Financial Group ..."; other ads and promos followed by The Glenn Beck Show. QRM de KFYO-TX and XERPC-CHIH among others. Overall poor in LSB and local XEROK-800 phased. (RV-TX)
810 WHB MO Kansas City – 1/18 1759 – "Between The Lines with Kevin Kietzman, a Kansas City tradition for over 15 years. Sports radio Eight-Ten WHB, Kansas City." Followed by ESPN Sports Center." (JDS-MN)
810 KSWV NM Santa Fe – 12/4. 1815 – In with Xmas-themed mx in EE/SS with frequent EE ID's "AM 8-10 KSWV, the Bilingual Voice of Great Southwest." And a "AM 8-10 Que Suave" slogan also heard a couple of "AM-81" slogans. Faded up to

- good in USB with local XEROK-800 phased but soon had competition from some XE's, faded under XESB-CHIH and other XE's by 1835. **(RV-TX)**
- 830 KFLT AZ Tucson – 12/7 1840 – Good-to-fair with Family Life Radio programming of Xmas mx and FLR promos. Mostly dominant at this time with a little QRM via a couple of XE's under. CL is presumed since I never caught any local ID, even at TOH. There was a recurring local ad for an event at the University of AZ Centennial Hall in Tucson. Got noticeably worse around 1915. **(RV-TX)**
- 830 WCCO MN Minneapolis – 12/7 2000 – Caught the ID announcement. "...Newsradio 830, WCCO..." and into CBS news. **(RV-TX)**
- 870 KPRM MN Park Rapids – 1/18 1820 – Out of country song, into commercial for the Minnesota National Guard. Followed by "Start your morning off the right way with KPRM and KDKK. Wake up to *America In The Morning* at six, *The World News Round-up* at seven, and all the regional news, weather, and sports" **(JDS-MN)**
- 880 KRVN NE Lexington – 1/18 1829 – Out of country song by male performer "Five-Twenty-Nine, that's Dirks Bentley from KRVN, Lexington Nebraska. Now your Eight-Eighty KRVN news update." **(JDS-MN)**
- 890 KDXU UT St. George – 12/13 1854 – Poor with TOH ID "Southern Utah's #1 source for news; Newstalk 890, KDXU, St. George ..." and into CBS news. **(RV-TX)**
- 900 KHOZ AR Harrison – 1/7 1800 – Fair; well atop with legal ID. New. **(NK-IL)**
- 910 KBIM NM Roswell – 1/14 0905 – Ending ABC news to local spot and KBIM weather for Roswell and vicinity. KBIM jingle and government PSA fair with KPOF phased. **(WH-CO)**
- 910 KATH TX Frisco – 1/13 2300 – Out of EWTN Radio programming and promotional announcements for St Gabriel Network radio and local spots to "...KATH 910 AM Frisco Dallas Ft Worth Radio for your Soul Guadalupe Radio Network Catholic Radio for North Texas." Local KPOF phased. **(WH-CO)**
- 920 CFRY MB Portage La Prairie – 1/18 1856 – Good and mixing with WBAA. Country music and "Real Country radio CFRY" slogan. **(CR-IL)**
- 940 KPSZ IA Des Moines – 1/10 2105 – Fading up over KVSH's BKB with REL: AC music "940 KPSZ" and straight into more music. KRWZ IBOC has been off for a while per John Wilkins tip. **(WH-CO)**
- 940 KVSH NE Valentine – 1/10 2101 – Out of Huskers BKB play-by play "... and Heart City Radio KVSH Your Husker's Fan Sports Connection broadcasting games on the web at www.KVSH.com and AM 940 on the dial" and back to the game. No KRWZ IBOC!. **(WH-CO)** 1/18 1859 – "Let's pause for fifteen seconds for station identification on the Huskers sports network. From the wonderful land of beauty, mystery, and legend, this is Nine-Forty, Heart City radio KVSH Valentine." Into: Huskers basketball. **(JDS-MN)**
- 940 KIXZ TX Amarillo – 1/11 0000 – Faded up with the end of the Mark Levin Show mixing with C&W music. A long list of network spots to ID "NewsTalk 940 KIXZ Amarillo..." to CBS News. **(WH-CO)**
- 940 CJGX SK Yorkton – 1/10 2200 – C&W music competing for the top spot with KIXZ "CJGX 940 AM Yorkton... we are GX94" and straight back to C&W. Mostly losing the battle to KIXZ. **(WH-CO)**
- 950 KRWZ CO Denver – 1/7 1928 – Fair-good over, under CFAM with no trace of local WNTD. "Crusin' 950 and 103.1 FM" into oldies. **(NK-IL)**
- 950 KDCE NM Espanola – 12/19 1859 – Poor in jumble with station promo followed by TOH ID of CL and COL at least. Mixing with KRWZ-CO, an XE, and an unID station. **(RV-TX)**
- 960 KFLN MT Baker – 1/11 2000 – Out of "Dolly Pardon's Two Doors Down", "AM 960 KFLN Baker" and into Fox News. Mixing with someone out of a SPT show. **(WH-CO)**
- 960 CFAC AB Calgary – 1/11 2100 – Out of hockey play by play "on Country 107.1 and the Heat Radio Network" to local spots. "This is CFAC 960 AM Sportsnet 960 The Fan owned and operated by Roger Communications ... Calgary Flames Radio" and a return to the game. **(WH-CO)**
- 970 WTBF AL Troy – 1/7 1759 – Poor but clear enough with legal ID atop channel. New. **(NK-IL)**



- 1010 KXXT AZ **Tolleson** – 12/23 1850 – In with Dr. Charles Johnson Program, promo for event at Victory Community Church in Phoenix, promos for other places of worship in Phoenix area, another local worship program after TOH. Finally caught an ID about 0:15 “From all of us at 10-10-AM, KXXT, Merry Christmas.”; followed by ad for Stonepoint Community Church in Peoria. Used “Family Values Radio” slogan a few times. Heard on USB with local XEFV-1000 looped, but still rough copy, although sometimes it was dominant. **(RV-TX)**
- 1010 KIHU UT **Tooele** – 12/23 1850 – Up under KXXT-AZ with IHR programming; caught “This is Immaculate Heart Radio, KIHU” just before TOH but little else. Quickly dropped out, maybe switch to CH power. **(RV-TX)**
- 1010 WPCN WI **Stevens Point** – 1/5 2112 – Poor to fair in CFRB null with High School Hockey Stevens Point vs. Wisconsin Rapids; ID “NewsTalk 92.1 FM and 1010 AM.” This station is 1 kw days, 10 watts nights, and at 99 miles quite probably was running day power. The 92.1 FM refers to translator W222BN Marshfield WI. Needed recent call change, ex-WSPT. **(BD-WI)**
- 1060 WKNG GA **Tallapoosa** – 1/7 1759 – Fair, mixed with KYW and others with sign-off into SSB. **(NK-IL)**
- 1090 KMXA CO **Aurora** – 12/25 2130 – Heard with SS mx romantica and ballads varying between dominant and barely audible. Several “Maria, siempre romantica” slogans by female heard. Caught the legal ID announcement. They also seem to tout quite often their lack of commercials (sin comerciales). **(RV-TX)**
- 1100 KWWN NV **Las Vegas** – 1/7 1945 – Fair over, under nicely nulled back end superpest WTAM with call ID, City of License, and an FM frequency mentioned back into ESPN. **(NK-IL)**
- 1120 KMOX MO **St. Louis** – 12/30, 2120 – Poor but alone with St. Louis Blues hockey. **(RV-TX)**
- 1120 KANN UT **Roy** – 12/30 2109 – In with CCR mx, announcements between songs. Poor in LSB due to partially-phased local XEWR-1110 splatter but USB was covered by 1130 IBOC from somewhere. Faded into oblivion under KMOX-MO by 2130. One verifying point for this one was the fact that the song on tracked with the ‘Now Playing’ info on their website. Chalk another assist up to the Internet. **(RV-TX)**
- 1150 KSAL KS **Salina** – 1/17 0836 – Time check for 7:36, then weather and farm news. Fair in KNRV null. **(JW-CO)**
- 1150 KSEN MT **Shelby** – 1/17 0841 – Appeared briefly with call letter ID and local spot. Soon lost. Loop was in the wrong direction (E-W) in order to null local KNRV. **(JW-CO)**
- 1180 KGOL TX **Humble** – 1/7 2102 – Fair-good over another SS and bits of WHAM presumed with ESPN Deportes mentioned as in only station on network. **(NK-IL)**
- 1190 WOWO IN **Fort Wayne** – 1/17 0801 – Legal ID at 0801:40 by man: “On the air, on the web....wowo, W-O-W-O Fort Wayne, depend on it” and into news, mostly state and local; EST time checks; “traffic and weather on the fives.” Fair at best; eventually lost to KVSU. Semi-local KVCU nulled. **(JW-CO)**
- 1190 KVSU KS **Beloit** – 1/17 0807 – Local and state news; area sports at 0815. Generally fair in KVCU null. **(JW-CO)**
- 1190 KQQZ MO **Desoto** – 1/13 1835 – Good with country music and many mentions of KQQZ. **(CR-IL)**
- 1240 KODY NE **North Platte** – 1/15 0759 – “NewsTalk 12-40 KODY North Platte” ID, followed by Fox news. Fair in QRM. **(JW-CO)**
- 1240 KALY NM **Los Ranchos de Albuquerque** – 1/16 0959 – Legal ID at 0959:55 by male voice; not sure what followed. Barely punching thru the pileup. **(JW-CO)**
- 1250 WRBZ AL **Wetumpka** – 1/7 1800 – Poor-fair atop with Classic Hits slogan and calls and City of License and gone at power switch. New. **(NK-IL)**
- 1260 KROX MN **Crookston** – 1/7 1957 – Poor mixed with Disney pest with Pirates HSBKB. Often runs day rig for HS sports. **(NK-IL)**
- 1280 KDKD MO **Clinton** – 1/7 1800 – Vey poor thru pest WBIG with Clinton MO heard at end of ID. New. **(NK-IL)**
- 1300 KBRL NE **McCook** – 1/7 1900 – Poor-fair with ID mixed with others and no trace of Chicago’s Disney pest. **(NK-IL)**



- 1330 WEBY FL **Milton** – 1/7 1800 – Poor under local WKTA with calls and mentioned Milton and couple other towns. (NK-IL)
- 1330 CJYM SK **Rosetown** – 1/7 1958 – Very good over WLOL with “Classic Hits 1330 CJYM” and oldies. (NK-IL)
- 1370 KAWL NE **York** – 1/15 0900 – At 0900:50 man says “You’re listening to the Sunday Serenade on AM 1370 KAWL;” signal faded quickly but I think a religious program followed. (JW-CO)
- 1380 WPYR LA **Baton Rouge** – 1/7 1800 – Poor-fair atop with Xmas and NY greetings (a bit late ... LOL) and ID. Not heard is a decade. (NK-IL)
- 1400 WCCY MI **Houghton** – 1/7 1900 – Fair with Detroit Lions network mentions starting coverage of game vs. Saints. Just about completes the Michigan UP for me. QRMed by KEYL & KVFD. New. (NK-IL)
- 1400 KFRU MO **Columbia** – 1/7 1800 – Poor with calls and City of License into ABC news. (NK-IL)
- 1420 KGIM SD **Aberdeen** – 1/7 1827 – Fair-good over/under WOC with local ads and announcements. (NK-IL)
- 1440 WKLV VA **Blackstone** – 1/7 1800 – Fair with “This is WKLV Blackstone, the new Fox sports.” New. (NK-IL)
- 1450 KBMW MI **Breckenridge** – 1/7 1929 – Fair-good mixing with KYNT for a while. Local ads for nearby Wahpeton ND. (NK-IL)
- 1530 WLIQ IL **Quincy** – 1/14 0830 – Poor to fair in null of quickly fading WCKY with sign-on announcement including “Lite 1530 WLIQ” ID. Long-sought-after call and City of License change dating back to 2007, ex-KPCR Bowling Green MO. (BD-WI)
- 1540 KBOA MO **Kennett** – 1/7 1800 – Poor-fair mixed with KZMP’s SS ESPN with ID and MYL announcements and basically no trace of super pest KXEL. Rare. (NK-IL)
- 1550 KKOV WA **Vancouver** – 1/7 1930 – Poor-fair with 1550Talk.com mentioned; somewhat atop QRM from KRPI (Indian mx), KYAL sports, and maybe KUAZ sounding like NPR. (NK-IL)
- 1560 KGOW TX **Bellaire** – 1/6 1840 – Very strong with sports talk and “Yahoo Sports Radio” slogan. (CR-IL)
- 1580 KMIK AZ **Tempe** – 1/7 1927 – Good-very good atop KOKB with Radio Disney mentions and ads. (NK-IL)
- 1580 KOKB OK **Blackwell** – 1/16 0806 – “Morning Scramble” program with host Steve Daniels in the Stillwater studios; mentioned 105.1 FM, 1020 AM, and 1580 AM, as well as tripleplaysportsradio.com Briefly atop the channel with a nice signal. (JW-CO)
- 1620 KOZN NE **Bellevue** – 1/10 0200 – Out of FSR programming “... KOZN Bellevue-Omaha” under WTAW. (WH-CO)
- 1620 WTAW TX **College Station** – 1/9 2100 – Out of Texas Aggies promo “News Sports & Talk for the Brazos Valley 1620 WTAW College Station Bryan” to Fox News. (WH-CO)
- 1630 KCJJ IA **Iowa City** – 1/8 2000 – Out of up-tempo AC with a KCJJ jingle followed by “Broadcasting from the McGrathauto.com studios on the Iowa River Landing in Coralville This is the mighty 1630 KCJJ Iowa City and Coralville” to local KCJJ News. Armchair copy with semi local KRND. (WH-CO)
- 1680 KNTS WA **Seattle** – 1/7 1929 – Very good-excellent (!) far atop with SS cont. Christian mx, and “Desde Seattle Washington” and what sd/lk “Illuminado te Corazon.” Gets out well by SSS. (NK-IL)

Thanks to everyone who reported for this week’s column. We’re only about half way through this year’s DX season; lots of good stuff yet to hear. See you next time (JDT-WA)



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International DX Digest

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

China was received in Quebec and Tahiti in Michigan per recent reports circulating over the internet. Better than typical winter DX received in the Lone Star state too. "Conditions have been improving markedly over the last few days with TA audio making its way to Texas," reports Mike Beu KD5DSQ.

Trans-Atlantic DX

- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS//SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros JAN 18 0654 – Spanish newstalk by male announcer. Signal peaking to fair level. [Beu-TX]
- 855 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Murcia et al. JAN 19 0626 – Spanish newstalk by male announcer. Briefly peaking to fair readable level. First time audio detected this season. [Beu-TX]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse JAN 18 0549 – Talk by woman. Peaking to fair level, best in LSB to reduce interference. [Beu-TX]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros JAN 18 0637 – Newstalk programming with signal strong enough to poke through IBOC. [Beu-TX]
- 1467 **FRANCE** *TWR* Roumoules JAN 15 2340 – Good; English program. 2345 one cycle of *TWR* interval signal, open carrier until off at 2347 UTC. [Conti-NH] JAN 19 2308 – Presumed this one with gospel hymn sung by woman, seemingly a-cappella; another hymn by chorus, talk at 2312. Weak and soon faded. Plenty of transatlantic carriers this evening, but this was one of the few from which I could extract any useful audio. [Hill-MA]
- 1467 **IRAN** *IRIB R.Iran*, Isfahan JAN 16 0020 – Poor; occasional bits of audio with Koranic vocal parallel 1503 kHz. Measured offset at 1466.9965 kHz with an unID signal observed at 1467.000 kHz. *TWR* France was off. [Conti-NH]
- 1503 **IRAN** *IRIB R.Iran*, Bushehr JAN 16 0010 – Fair but dominant; Middle Eastern/Koranic vocals. Measured 1502.999 kHz, with another signal observed at 1502.993 kHz which is *RNE5* La Línea according to the mwoffsets list, and a weak third signal at about 1502.996 kHz likely the other Spain synchro. [Conti-NH]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba JAN 16 2015 – Loud het against 1520 WIZZ. At 2035 fading up with talk parallel 9555 and 9870 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Farda*, Al Dhabiya JAN 19 2135 – Woman in mideast vocal, then into deep fade till 2154, when back up with similar vocal by man; announcement and into another vocal. Very weak at best, but positive ID via parallel 5850 and 7580 kHz. [Hill-MA]

Pan-American DX

- 560 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Ciego Avila JAN 17 2300 – Sounder heard under WFIL. [Conti-NH]
- 690 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Santa Clara & unID site JAN 17 0102 – Still one second delay between two *R.Progreso* signals here creating noticeable echo; Cuban big band music through the hour, theme song and ID at 0130 UTC. [Conti-NH]
- 700 **MEXICO** *XEETCH La Voz de los Tres Ríos*, Etchojoa, Son. JAN 16 1332 – Gal with ID and "La Voz de los Tres Ríos" slogan in Spanish, and mentioning that they also broadcast in three Indian languages; at 1333, a man announced the same thing in one of the Indian languages. Fair signal but splatter from local 710 KNUS. [Wilkins-CO]
- 770 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Victoria de las Tunas JAN 17 0100 – Fair, over/under WABC; organ theme music, "Rebelde la habana, emisora de la revolución" into deportivos report, parallel 560, 600, 670, 710, 1180 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 940 **PUERTO RICO** *WIPR Máxima 940*, San Juan JAN 17 0030 – Fair, over WNRG and others; promo with *Máxima* and Puerto Rico mentions, talk/interview program. [Conti-NH]
- 970 **MEXICO** *XEEZ La Mejor*, Caborca, Son. JAN 14 1332 – Local ad, then man with quick ID, saying "XEEZ 970 AM 5000 wats Caborca..."; also mentioned "La Mejor" slogan. Fair at best, mixing with several. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1170 **COLOMBIA** *HJNW CARACOL* Cartegena JAN 17 2359 – Surprised to find this on top; "Caracol Radio" IDs and titulares. [Conti-NH]

- 1610 **MEXICO** XEUACH Chapingo, Edo. Mex. JAN 11 0135 – Announcements by man and woman followed by rock song. In the evening this station plays a wide range of music. Station typically signs off at 0200. Excellent steady signal. [Beu-TX]
- 1660 **PUERTO RICO** WGIT Canovanas JAN 8 1015 – Strong signal with announcements by man and many mentions of Puerto Rico. [Beu-TX]

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Bob Hill W1ARR, Littleton MA; Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa filters, AOR LA390 active loop.

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

73 and Good DX!

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To keep the playing field level, all those wishing to participate in the drawing need send only a letter with their intent to enter stating their willingness to pay the postage and handling from Aurora, Colorado to their location. The minimum is \$3 via USPS Media Rate; more can be negotiated if priority or overseas shipping is required (with our apologies to our overseas members!). Please include a phone number and the best time to call. Winners will be notified by phone.

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NOAA Space Weather Outlook

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Solar activity is expected to be at low levels with a chance for isolated M-class activity from Region 1401, 1402 (N27, L=215, class/area Dho/270 on January 15) and old Region 1389 (S23, L=087), which is expected to return to the visible disk on January 21.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal flux levels during January 18-February 3. Normal to moderate levels are expected from February 4-7 following a coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS). Normal levels are expected for the remainder of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be quiet on January 18. Conditions are expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels with a chance for isolated active periods on January 19-20 due to a coronal mass ejection (CME) observed early on January 16. Mostly quiet conditions are expected to return from January 21-February 1. Quiet to unsettled conditions are expected from February 2-4 due to a recurrent CH HSS. Predominately quiet conditions are expected from February 5-8. A second CH HSS is expected to become geoeffective on February 9 bringing quiet to unsettled conditions. Mostly quiet conditions are expected on February 10-11 before becoming quiet to unsettled for the duration of the period due to a third CH HSS.

(From <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftplib/weekly/WKHF.txt>)

News & Notes from Around the Web

From the *Peoria Journal-Star* – January 18, 2012 <http://blogs.pjstar.com/mindingbiz/>
(by Steve Tarter)

After being daytime only for 60 years, this Peoria station will get a night life

AM radio went out with eight-tracks and bell-bottoms, didn't it? And what about your daytimer AMs? These are stations that only operate by day, mandated by the Federal Communications Commission to turn off their signal at night. \

Yet WPEO-AM 1020 rolls right along in Peoria, Illinois. The little station, with its Christian talk format, has been operating — on and off — since 1948. The station has progressed through a number of formats over the years, offering up Top 40 hits in the late 50s and early 60s when WPEO's morning voice was Harry Harrison (before the "morning mayor" left for New York City to rule Gotham air waves for 40 years).

The station found religion in 1970 and has been spreading the word ever since. Station GM Bob Ulrich, who started there as a summer intern in 1972 and has been at the station helm for the past 25 years, noted that change is coming.

"After 42 years, the (Pennsylvania-based) Pinebrook Foundation has sold the station. We're now under local ownership," said Ulrich, identifying John Wieland of MH Equipment in Mossville as the new owner. "We'll carry on just as before," he said, noting that the ownership change won't result in any changes in format for the station.

Two years after the FCC allowed AM stations to use FM translators, WPEO is also getting closer to having an FM signal, allowing the station to operate at night, said Ulrich. "I found an FM translator in Clinton, Iowa that I was able to purchase," he said.

But the FCC requires WPEO to test their FM signal at various spots between Peoria and Clinton — for two months at a time at each location — in order to insure the station's FM signal doesn't conflict with others in the market. "I'm not sure when it's going to be here," said Ulrich of his FCC-sanctioned FM signal.

When it does arrive, Ulrich will have a new decision to make: what to put on the air at night on his FM band? FCC rules require him to simulcast the daytime AM programming on the FM but the nighttime is wide open. "We could pick up something off the satellite or we could go local," he said. With the advent of FM, WPEO would start streaming on its website, added Ulrich.

My suggestion for the evening FM format? Go to an adult-standard instrumental mix with an emphasis on movie themes.

From *AllAfrica.com* –December 28, 2011
(by Isa Sa'idu)

Kaduna — The only Kaduna state-owned AM Radio station has been off transmission for about five months, a development that has made reporters and other workers of the media house redundant, Daily Trust can reveal.

Our investigation revealed that the state radio made its last transmission in August.

A staff, who pleaded for anonymity, said: "As you can see we are redundant. We make ourselves busy by reading Newspapers and relaxing under tree shades. We don't go anywhere looking for news. Even at organised events, nobody bothers about our presence.

"Sometime when we introduce ourselves as staff of the KSMC AM Radio, they chase us away because they know that our medium is off air. The AM Radio has stopped transmission in Ramadan (August). Before that time the station has been on and off.

"We learnt that the only thing needed for the station to come back to life would cost only about N2m. To my own understanding there is misplacement of priority because they recently bought computerised equipment for adverts at about N10m. What would they advertise since the station is off air?"

Another source confided in Daily Trust that the predicament of the radio station was as a result of the clash of interest that exists between the Managing Director of the media house, Mrs. Tamani Yusuf, and the state Commissioner of Information, Alhaji Sa'idu Adamu.

When contacted however, Alhaji Adamu debunked the insinuations, saying that damage of parts of the station's transmitter was the reason behind the closure of the Radio station.

"Without a genuine reason there is no way we would allow our most reliable channel of passing information to our people to remain closed for a very long time. The transmitter of the radio station is antilock that was bought from a US company, Hariss. We have applied for the purchase of those parts but the company has to fabricate them.

"Had it been that it is something that we can just buy, I would have sought for permission from my governor to go and buy them. I want to assure you that very soon we would get those parts and the station would resume transmission. For the main time, we have four FM stations fully working", Adamu said.

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From readers' letters to the editor

It's Not Broke So Don't Fix It

In the Oct. 19 issue, Dan Mason of CBS Radio says he's concerned about AM radio. Bruce Reese of Hubbard says convert AM to digital and problems go away.

The problem that needs to go away is input from large corporate owners. Every time they buy into some "newfangled" idea, it costs me money, but nothing changes other than my bottom line.

We have a 1 kW AM, analog, gospel and sports programming. None of my listeners complains about not hearing us in digital.

Citadel, Clear Channel and others stay in the bankruptcy line because they buy into every piece of junk that is presented to them. The FCC isn't much better.

Most of the radio mess is a result of too many worthless 100 kW FMs, the FCC allowing FM/AM combos to be split and sold off, the destruction of local radio by the corporate giants and translators being bought up and held for more profit.

Our station is profitable, sounds good, pleases our community and we have fun.

What needs to happen is simple. No FMs over 25 kW. Every standalone AM gets an FM translator that when assigned is a part of the AM license and can never be sold away from the AM and must simulcast 100 percent of the time.

Our station is in the Baton Rouge market, which like many other markets has way too many radio stations because of corporate ownership. I would like to have a simple 100 watt translator to cover our area at night, but because of corporate manipulation of the FCC, the FM spectrum in Baton Rouge and New Orleans overlaps and there are no FM allotments for anyone. Our people suffer and no one cares.

I pray I live long enough to see the corporate giants finally buy themselves into total bankruptcy and have to divest themselves of about 90 percent of their holdings.

We like serving our little area. Our EAS plan is second to none. Our local governments can activate an EAS and access our transmitter for an unlimited amount of time and not have to listen to some overpaid moronic program director whine. We have been EAS-compliant for months and welcomed the national test. Our local system has been tested and works flawlessly. Our people are safe. There is not one radio station in Baton Rouge or New Orleans that will outshine us in an emergency situation. Katrina, Gustav and tropical storm Lee proved this beyond a shadow of a doubt.

So I say leave us alone to do what we do best: serve in the public interest with our analog signal that works just fine. It's not broke so don't try to fix it.

Harry Hoyler - General Manager - KKAY(AM) - Baton Rouge, La.

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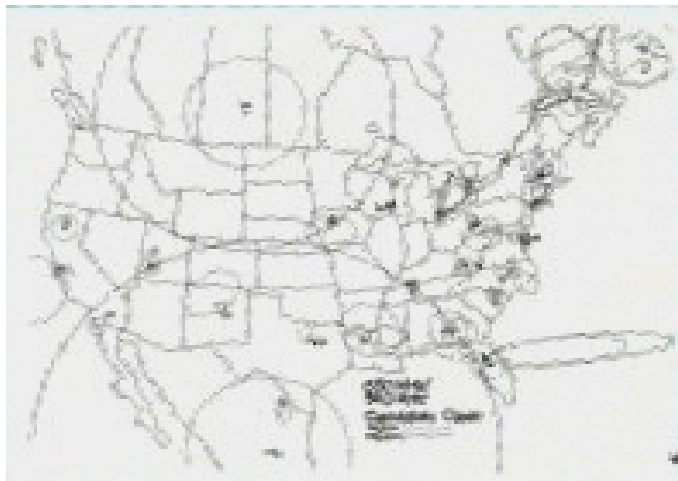
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