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<u>From the Publisher</u>: Dave Schmidt sends word that he's out of the hospital and getting back into the swing of things. I'm sure he won't mind if you send him a Musing along with your best wishes!

Five more stations to cross off the list of unreported stations this week – KFH-1240, KLAR-1300, KGBA-1490, WAHT-1560, and KBJT-1590. We also add one new station on the air not yet reported (WMHZ-1340) and delete one defunct station that was on our list (WQST-850), so there are still 587 stations currently licensed by the FCC and CRTC not reported to DDXD since Volume 67 (1999-2000) ... can you report one next week?

DX is good these days, so please keep up the reports to our fine column editors. This time of year support for the columns sometimes starts to slow down ... we've had a good steady flow this year but we can always use more reports with more useful DX tips and awesome catches to share!

WRTH Raffle

How would you like a new 2013 WRTH for \$10? The NRC has 4 copies that will be available to members. To receive a chance at the drawing, just send a postcard or letter to NRC WRTH Drawing, PO Box 473251, Aurora, CO 80047-3251. We'll draw 4 names and notify the winner by phone, provided you supply your number. The 4 lucky winners will receive the WRTH after they send us \$10 to cover shipping and handling (and a buck or two for the NRC Treasury). Deadline for your response in the PO Box will be: Monday February 25.

Membership Report

New Members – Welcome to David Hewitt, Lake Forest, IL; Arnold Podair, Statesville, NC; and Winslow Smith, Laurel, MD.

Renewing Members – Thanks for the continued support of Shawn M Axelrod; Bruce A. Conti; Shaun Curry; Anthony K. Fitzherbert; Karl Kastner; David Legler; Denis Picard; Donald Trevarthen; Jonathan Watson.

The DX Time Machine

75 YEARS AGO – From the January 25, 1938 issue of *DX News* – The list of scheduled test programs in February dedicated to the NRC took up three pages of this week's issue, and XEAW-960 agreed to stand by so CFRN could have a clear channel for its DX test broadcast.

50 YEARS AGO – From the January 26, 1963 issue of *DX News* – Many members reported receiving the Vane Jones Log of AM radio stations and were impressed by its usefulness and accuracy; Dallas John, Lombard, Ill. reported his first trans-atlantic DX signals.

25 YEARS AGO – From the February 1, 1988 issue of *DX News* – John Rieger profiled the AM stations of western Wisconsin; pioneering local Bridgeport, Conn. talk show host Tiny Markle died at age 60.

10 YEARS AGO – From the February 3, 2003 issue of *DX News* – 33 different stations on 1600 kHz were reported to DDXD-East in the weekly frequency challenge; Ray Moore in North Fort Myers, Florida reported hearing Thailand on 1575 kHz.

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AM Switch



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As usual, we begin with the latest official changes from the FCC.

CALL CHANGES

830 KOTC TN Memphis – Call change to WUMY (effective 1/18).

ON THE AIR

870 KPRM MN Park Rapids – CP for U2 40000/1000 is on the air.

1340 WMHZ AL Holt – CP for new station (U1 1000/1000) is on the air.

OFF THE AIR

850 WQST MS Forest – License cancelled; calls deleted.

980 WKOR MS Starkville – License cancelled; calls deleted; silent more than one year.

NEW STATION CP NEWS

1120 WKAJ NY St. Johnsville – In a lengthy written decision, the FCC revokes its earlier cancellation of this CP, reinstates the call letters, and accepts an application for a license to cover. The licensee completed construction of the station about a month after the CP expired at the end of 2011, but didn't ask for an extension of the CP, and didn't really explain the full extenuating circumstances the first time it appealed the CP's cancellation. While the FCC wants permitees to know it will be hard-line when it comes to enforcing CP deadlines, the extenuating circumstances here were fairly extreme (flooding of biblical proportions, contractors who were supposed to erect towers were too busy saving the population from said flooding, etc.) so the FCC reluctantly relented. Since everything is built, the station could be on testing soon. U4 10000/400.

1120 KTXW TX Manor – Applies to amend new station CP to U4 5600/155, adjusting the night pattern and slightly increasing night power to reflect FCC concerns.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS GRANTED

860 KARS NM Belen – Granted CP to move to 840 kHz with U1 1800/30.

1130 WEAF SC Camden – Granted CP to move to 1120 khz with D1 390, change CoL to St. Stephen SC.

1320 KSCR OR Eugene – Granted CP for U1 600/40 from a new site (co-located with KKNX-840 and KLZS-1450).

1600 KUSH OK Cushing – Granted CP for U1 5000/70 from corrected coordinates.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

1590 WARV RI Warwik – Applies for U4 8000/5000.

SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY (STA)

1330 WEBY FL Milton – Granted STA for U1 6250/79 due to tower problems; awaiting insurance payment so they can begin to repair fire damage.

Applications to extend STAs were <u>received</u> from WSGW-790 Saginaw MI (reduced power, tower problems); KGFL-1110 Clinton AR (reduced power); WCSA-1260 Ripley MS (temporary site); KAKC-1300 (U1 1250/250 as needed to facilitate tower maintenance); WTTL-1310 Madisonville KY (U1 1500/40); WYRD-1330 Greenville SC (U1 5000/500 after copper theft); WYOS-1360 Binghamton NY (U1 1000/100 after loss of one tower); WRHC-1550 Coral Gables FL (temporary site; licensed site destroyed by hurricane in 2001); and WRJE-1600 Dover DE (U1 ?/?) while seeking new site.

A previously reported request to extend an STA was <u>dismissed</u> for KCLF-1500 New Roads LA.

SILENT STAS AND SILENT STATION NOTIFICATIONS

890 KIHC CA Arroyo Grande – Silent station (as KLFF) returns to the air 1/14.

970 WDCZ NY Buffalo – Silent station (as WNED) returns to the air 1/1.

1060 WHFB MI Benton Harbor – Applies to extend silent STA; silent since 6/1 and still looking for a buyer for the station.

1090 KAAY AR Little Rock – Notifies FCC it went silent on 1/10; transmitter failure.

- **1160 WQRT KY Florence** Notifies FCC it went silent 1/8 due to formatting change; expects to return to the air on 2/1 or so.
- **1360 KBYO LA Tallulah** Applies for silent STA; resumed operations 1/6 from a temporary site to preserve license and went silent again on 1/8.
 - WHJC WV Matewan Applies for silent STA; silent since 1/3 after vandals cut coax cable.
- **1450 WKAL NY Rome** Applies to extend silent STA; silent since 5/7 while main studio is being rebuilt; expects to be on the air in March 2013.
- **1550 WZRK WI Lake Geneva** Applies for silent STA; silent since 1/10 to conserve resources pending construction of CP and move to Illinois in 2013.

Canadian news (via Shawn Axelrod and Dan Sys):

850 App QC Montreal – Application for new station with U4 50000/22000; would be directional with main lobe to the northeast and French sports talk.

And here are NRC AM Log updates from Wayne Heinen:

Relatively recent clip ID'ed on RealDX as from CBGA1 Grand Anse NB, so presumably they are indeed still on the air. Bruce Conti also chimed into Real DX, saying he hears CBGA1 as well, not // CBEF-1550. So we'll add it back into to the Log.

- 540 CBGA1 NB Grande Anse Reinstate with U4 10000/10000; Net: Cf; Format: FF:VAR; // CBGA-FM 102.1 Première Chaîne.
- 560 WJLS WV Beckley Networks: Adds Ns.
- 610 KCSR NE Chadron Networks: A/Nc/Bf/Ns/MRN (was A/Bf/MRN).
- 620 KMNS IA Sioux City Networks: FSR/Ns/Ia (was FSR/Ia/Jr).
- 710 KXMR ND Bismarck Networks: A/AAg/dkn/ESPN/Ns (was A/AAg/dkn/ESPN/Jr).
- 770 WEW MO Saint Louis Format: SS/ETH (was ETH/NOS). (EB)
- 870 WWL LA New Orleans Format: NWS/TLK/SPT (was NWS/TLK); networks: C/A/DR/ESPN (was C/A/DR).
- 900 WJWL DE Georgetown Adds // WXSH-106.1. (DB)
- 910 KRAK CA Hesperia Slogan change "CBS Sports Radio 910"; Networks: CS/Jr/PRN (was ESPN/PRN).
- 920 WGNU IL Granite City Networks: Nn/SRN/DG/Syn1 (was SRN/DG/Syn1). (EB)
- 1020 KTNQ CA Los Angeles Slogan becomes "Univisión América."
- 1050 KTCT CA San Mateo Networks: CS/Jr/MRN (was FSR/ESPN/MRN/Jr).
- 1050 WTKA MI Ann Arbor Slogan: "Sports Talk 1050"; Networks: Fox/Mi/CS/Jr/MRN/PRN (was Fox/Mi/ESPN/MRN/PRN/FSR).
- 1060 KNLV NE Ord Slogan becomes "The Mighty 1060."
- 1080 WRYT IL Edwardsville Slogan to: "Heart of Jesus Radio"; adds // KHOJ-1460. (EB)
- 1120 KMOX MO Saint Louis Networks: C/Mo/Il/Ru (was C/Il/Ru). (EB)
- 1130 KRDU CA Dinuba Slogan: "Inspiration Station."
- 1140 KHFX TX Cleburne Format: SS:MEX (was TLK); delete slogan "Republic Broadcasting Network."
- 1180 WSQR IL Sycamore Adds // W228BZ-93.5.
- 1190 KQQZ MO De Soto Networks: NBC News Nn. (EB)
- 1230 KRXK ID Rexburg Format: AOR (was Silent); slogan changes to "Radio Pandemic"; delete ESPN. (*Let's see how fast that format/slogan spreads DY*.)
- 1230 WSSO MS Starkville Networks: CS/Jr (was ESPN).
- 1230 KWSN SD Sioux Falls Networks: CS/Jr (was FSR/Jr).
- 1230 KERV TX Kerrville Format: TLK/C&W (was C&W).
- 1250 WGAM NH Manchester Networks: ESPN/Ns (was ESPN).
- 1270 KBZZ NV Sparks Format: SPT (was TLK); Networks: CS (was Fox/TRN).
- 1270 WHLD NY Niagara Falls Slogan: "The Fan 1270." (KL)
- 1340 KCQL NM Aztec Adds // K230AF-93.9.
- 1350 WARF OH Akron Networks: FSR/Ns/MRN (was FSR/Jr/MRN).
- 1360 WIXI AL Jasper Format: SS:MEX (was TLK/C&W); Slogan: "La Jefa"; delete nets C/Al/DG. (EB)
- 1380 WABH NY Bath Networks: ESPN/Ns/MRN/PRN (was ESPN/MRN/PRN).
- 1380 WOLA PR Barranquitas Slogan Update: "Radio Procer."
- 1400 WJWF MS Columbus Networks: CS/Jr (was ESPN).
- 1400 KXGF MT Great Falls Networks: FSR/MRN/PRN (was ESPN/MRN/PRN).
- 1420 WJUB WI Plymouth Networks: SRN/Wi (was Wi).
- 1430 KZQZ MO Saint Louis Adds Slogan: "The Krazy Q." (EB)
- 1440 KPUR TX Amarillo Networks: CS/Jr (was ESPN).

- 1450 KFSD CA Escondido Slogan: "1450 Financial San Diego" Networks: Nn/BNN Adds // KSPA-1510 at times.
- 1450 KVEN CA Ventura Networks: CS/Jr (was ESPN).
- 1450 WKLA MI Ludington Adds // W224CA-92.7.
- 1450 WTOD SC Hartsville Networks: CS/Jr (was ESPN).
- 1460 WMCJ AL Cullman Reported Silent per StationIntel.com.
- 1460 KHOJ MO Saint Charles Slogan to: "Heart of Jesus Radio"; adds // WRYT-1080. (EB)
- 1480 WJBM IL Jerseyville Networks: SRN/Il/AGt (was IRN/Il/AGt). (EB)
- 1480 KRAE WY Cheyenne Slogan update: "Kay-Ray."
- 1490 WQQX IL East Saint Louis Adds NBC News Nn. (EB)
- 1500 WPMB IL Vandalia Format: AC/OLD (was NOS); Adds //W284BI-104.7. (EB)
- 1510 KSPA CA Ontario Slogan: "Financial News & Talk"; Networks: Nn/BNN; Adds // KFSD-1450.
- 1510 WQQW IL Highland Format: C&W/TLK (was C&W); Slogan: "Madison County's Hometown Radio" (was "Real Country"); Networks: Adds Dave Ramsey to become Bf/CM/DR. (EB)
- 1510 KWJB TX Canton Format: Rock/OLD (was C&W); Slogan: "Hometown Radio" (was "True Country").
- 1570 KVTK SD Vermillion Slogan Update: "ESPN Sports."
- 1580 WBBA IL Pittsfield Format: C&W (was Silent); drops //WBBA-FM-97.5. (EB) (This is listed as a deleted station at the FCC database WH.)
- 1590 WXRS GA Swainsboro Adds Slogan: "Rocket 97.1."

Wayne's thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Bill Hale (who also boiled down NBC Sports and CBS Sports affiliates for us!), (DB) Dave Braun, KL (Ken Lyon) and (EB) Eric Bueneman.

Domestic DX Digest – East

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REPORTERS

- **BC-NH** Bruce Conti, Nashua Excalibur SDR, MWDX-5, variable termination SuperLoop antennas northeast and south.
- **HF-MI** Harold Frodge, Midland R8B, 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW
- **TF-NH Tony Fitzherbert Campton –** Grundig S350, Grundig AM loop.
- **KK-VA** Kraig Krist, Manassas Winradio G33DDC SDR, Eavesdropper 43 foot multiband antenna running E to W.
- **TLK-FL** Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hyundai Sonata car radio.
- **HJH-PA** Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre Grundig S-350, Kiwa Pocket Loop, Superadio II
- MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

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TIS/HAR

1510 WQAM844 FL Lakeland – 1/12 0955 – Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, in briefly with usual long loop regarding Airport activities and events such as the annual Sun 'N Fun airshow. FCC dB lists no less than three entries with different calls, two at Medulla Road (which would be this one), one as WPEP788 which I am fairly sure are the previous calls, for certain the one once used here as per QSL received from them years ago. One of not many in-band TIS/MIS's within Florida. (TLK-FL)

LOGGINGS

540 WLIE NY Islip – 1/10 2020 – Usual Spanish programming, weak signal, a surprise to be heard here at all as the 220 watt night signal is directional out over the Atlantic. **(TF-NH)**

- CBGA-1 NB Grande Anse 1/15 1900 Canned ID, "Vous écoutez la Première Chaîne de Radio Canada, Gaspésie, Les lles-de-la-Madeleine," then CBC French service with delay echo from co-channel CBEF on the same network. Thanks to Sylvain Naud at RealDX for help with ID. CBGA-1 not listed in the current NRC AM Log. (BC-NH)
- **550 WKRC OH Cincinnati** 1/17 0100 Fair; promo/ID, "...weekdays at noon, 55 WKRC Cincinnati," and jingle. **(BC-NH)**
- **560 CFOS ON Owen Sound** 1/8 2055 "Remember When" oldies show, weather, CFOS ID's, lots of real old (pre-1960's) music, good signal. **(TF-NH)**
- **590 WROW NY Albany** 1/10 2004 In partial WEZE null with weather for Albany area, into oldies, "greatest hits with Bob Johnson" (the DJ), "Magic 590" slogan. Bob introduced a long cluster of records, but otherwise, music with little interruption. **(TF-NH)**
- **600 WBOB FL Jacksonville** 1/14 2106 Coming out of network news with, "... News Radio 600, WBOB." Radio Rebelde face-slapping them hard. **(TLK-FL)**
 - +- 1/15 2200 Over/under *R. Rebelde* Cuba; ad for San Marco Properties, ToH ID: "Conservative talk radio...WBOB Jacksonville, online...wbob.com" and CBS news. (BC-NH)
 - WSJS NC Winston-Salem 1/16 0500 Over *R. Rebelde* Cuba; "The triangle's news radio AM 600 WSJS Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point... streaming live at wsjs.com," and CBS news. (BC-NH)
- 620 WSNR NJ Jersey City 1/10 2118 Presumed under very clear WVMT, surfaced for three minutes with woman reciting Rosary, soon gone, a look through the formats for 620 in latest NRC Log suggests that this station would be the only one to be airing the Rosary, certainly not from all sports WZON in Bangor, ME. (TF-NH)
 - WKHB PA Irwin 1/15 1700 Fair over/under WHEN; promo, "...on 620 KHB," weather "...from the KHB weather center," ID/jingle, "Serving the tri-state area, you're listening to 620," and singing "KHB Pittsburgh." (BC-NH)
 - WTMJ WI Milwaukee 1/18 0500 Mostly under WSNR; 4 o'clock time check, mention of 24 hour newsroom and "Newsradio 620 WTMJ." Domestic #600 since starting a new log for this decade. (BC-NH)
- **630 WEJL PA** Scranton 1/15 1700 Under WPRO; "Northeast PA's ESPN Radio is W241AZ Dunmore, W241BB Wilkes Barre, W263AL Avoca." New log. (BC-NH)
- **640 WHLO OH Akron** 1/17 1700 Fair; "640 WHLO Akron can now be heard in crystal clear HD Radio at 106-9 WRQK-FM HD2 Canton and 98-1 WKDD FM HD2 Munroe Falls." **(BC-NH)**
- **650 WSRO MA Ashland** 1/10 2035 Ethnic programming in UNID language, over and mixing with 50,000 watt WSM, 62 watts straining to be heard in NH. **(TF-NH)**
- **670 WWFE FL Miami** 1/8 2050 Sporting event in Spanish, play by play by very passionate sportscasters, weak but steady signal under WSCR, 1000 watt night signal is southeast over the Atlantic from a seven tower antenna system. **(TF-NH)**
- 710 WAQI FL Miami 1/8 2147 In SS with Cuban programming, way under WOR, weak but steady signal, unusual as 50000 watt signal is directional south, from a five tower array in "Alligator Alley". It is directional across Miami's "Little Cuba" and into big Cuba, definitely not Fidel's favorite radio station. (TF-NH)
- 730 WTNT VA Alexandria 1/15 1900 Good; "WTNT AM 730 Alexandria-Washington, 102.9 FM northern Virginia, online at 730wtnt.com" and IRN/USA news. (BC-NH)
 - **CKDM MB Dauphin** 1/12 0738 Over CKAC's FF traffic report with "the information you need every day...730 CKDM" station promo into dreadful Canadian oldie by Bachman-Turner Overdrive. **(MKB-ON)**
- **760 WEFL FL Tequesta** 1/15 2259 Under WJR; ad for University of Miami Hurricanes basketball, "Go 'Canes!" and ID. **(BC-NH)**
- 780 WCKB NC Dunn 1/15 1700 Over/under WBBM; NCN news, ID mentioned 7000 watts. (BC-NH)
 - WAVA VA Arlington 1/15 1659* Fair; end of Healthy, Wealthy and Wise program, then canned sign-off, "Here at 780 WAVA in accordance with FCC requirements, we now must end our broadcast day, but be sure to join us," cut short and off, leaving WCKB and WBBM. (BC-NH)
- **790 WPIC PA** Sharon 1/15 1700 Over/under unIDs; "Live from the... studios... this is News-Talk 790 WPIC Sharon-Hermitage," and ABC news. New log. (BC-NH)

- **810 WEDO PA McKeesport** 1/15 1700 Under WGY; "Your inspirational voice, AM 81 WEDO McKeesport. WEDO radio now presents..." **(BC-NH)**
- **820** WGGM VA Chester 1/15 2358 Under WNYC; "97.7 FM" and multi-station ID with Petersburg mention, gospel music. (BC-NH)
- **830 WCCO MN Minneapolis** 1/16 0600 Under WCRN; "WCCO and... Minneapolis-St. Paul", and CBS sounder which was about 12 seconds behind CBS news on WCRN. (BC-NH)
- **840 WRYM CT New Britain** 1/8 2114 Spanish music, 125 watt signal burying 50000 watt WHAS. **(TF-NH)**
 - **WKTR VA Earlysville** 1/17 0100 Under WHAS; "105.3 and 99.1" ID, C&W music. **(BC-NH)**
- **880 KRVN NE** Lexington 1/14 1804 Ads mentioning Holdrege and Carney local ads into local weather, "This Day in History" at 1810. Mainly under WCBS, but occasional peaks. (HF-MI)
- **890 WAMG MA Dedham** 1/8 1634 Spanish music at local strength, unusual as the super directional daytime signal barely makes it into central NH (which is why they simulcast on WLLH-1400). Soon gone. **(TF-NH)**
- 910 WAEI ME Bangor 1/8 1622 Way atop frequency with interview about ice fishing with the outdoors editor of the Bangor Daily News, followed by discussion of the Maine outdoor culture and weather report, lost abruptly at 1630 pattern change. (TF-NH)
- 920 CKNX ON Wingham 1/8 2121 Weather, CKNX ID's, country music, "CKNX, Your news and information leader!" ID at 2130, into more C&W, mixed with regular WHJJ. QSLed years ago in Connecticut, still have the coffee cup sent to me by the CE! (TF-NH)
- 930 WBEN NY Buffalo 1/8 2132 Almost local strength with ads for casino in Niagara Falls, "Total Sedation Dentistry", World Gym with five locations in Buffalo area, "Great talk continues on News radio 930 AM, and 107.7 FM, WBEN", into Sean Hannity show. (TF-NH)
 - CJYQ NL St. John's 1/8 2133 Presumed over/under WBEN with opera and instrumental mix hosted by female announcer. Review of formats for 930 in NRC Log eliminates every other listing, so must be CJYQ whose format is "Newfoundland music." (TF-NH) Never know what's on WPAT, though DY.
- 940 WMAC GA Macon 1/15 1959 Tail-end of Hidden Valley Ranch [salad dressing] spot, male canned "WMAC, Macon" into ABC News. (TLK-FL)
 - WCPC MS Houston 1/15 1800 Over WIDG; end of Brother Carpenter program, ID, "WCPC AM 940 Houston-Tupelo-Columbus," with 5 o'clock time check and program schedule. (BC-NH)
- **960 WATS PA** Sayre 1/16 1700 Over unIDs; promo/ID, "...mornings from 6 to 10, on WATS Sayre and WAVR Waverly." (**BC-NH**)
 - **WFIR VA Roanoke** 1/15 1800 Over WELI; "News, weather, and traffic, all day every day, WFIR Roanoke," and ABC news. **(BC-NH)**
- **Rochester** 1/8 1710 "Lifeline" Christian finance program, host is Kurt -?-, call 883-5000, ads for Faith Family Books in Scarborough, ON, Tyndale College, John McArthur's "Portraits in Grace", "Bible Minute", WDCX ID by female announcer, back to "Lifeline" program, with finances guided by God, strong, steady signal. **(TF-NH)** *Per live stream and program listings on web site, apparently they're not // WDCZ-970 and WDCX-FM-99.5 in Buffalo. Mike*
 - WLLI PA Somerset 1/16 0500 Over/under WDCX; "Your sports authority for... Ohio... WLLI Somerset, all sports all the time," ex-WNTW. (BC-NH)
 - **WNML TN Knoxville** 1/17 1728 One in the mix with sports talk, local call-in program with ad mentioning Knoxville noted at 1747. Last logged as the 2nd incarnation of WNOX. (**HF-MI**)
 - **KWAM TN** Memphis 1/17 1800 ToH ID and CBS News promo into news. CBS News is apparently a recent addition. May have been one of the talkers in the mix before ToH; quickly gave way to CBC news on CBW. (HF-MI)
- **1010 WGUN GA Atlanta** 1/11 1730 In multi-station mix (WINS, CFRB, UNID NOS and gospel stations) with "Atlanta's...Radio, the Voice of ..." slogan into jazz tune. **(HF-MI)**
- **1030 WONQ FL** Oviedo 1/11 1649 Peaking over WBZ with peppy SS tunes, no ToH ID break but ad at 1702 mentioned Miami and Oviedo. (**HF-MI**)

- **WWGB MD Indian Head** 1/16 1650 In SS with pop religious tunes. EE call ID at 1703, then back to tunes. Mainly under WBZ with occasional peaks. Last logged as WBZE. **(HF-MI)**
- 1100 KDRY TX Alamo Heights 1/14 1900 "...here on KDRY... KDRY, Alamo Heights..." ID and immediately lost to WTAM-Cleveland. Presumed power/antenna switches by one or both responsible for this. Someone in SS with Latin American news also in the mix, seemingly not Cuba, maybe Caracol, Baranquilla, Colombia, sometimes heard here. (TLK-FL)
- **1140 WQBA FL Miami** 1/15 2300 Under WRVA; promo, "...por Univisión América, Once Cuarenta AM." **(BC-NH)**
- **1150 WIMA** OH Lima 1/15 1800 Under WWDJ; auto glass company ad, ID, "On the air and online, News/Talk 1150 WIMA Lima, 1150wima.com, your home for Fox news," and Fox news. (BC-NH)
 - CKOC ON Hamilton 1/11 2115 Oldies, CKOC musical sounder, "Celebrating ninety years, Canada's oldest radio station, 1150 CKOC" ID, ad for an investment firm, PSA warning about kids tanning too much, soon lost, amazing that the very directional signal toward the Arctic Circle (from ten towers outside Hamilton) makes it this far east. (TF-NH)
- **1160 WABY NY Mechanicville** 1/10 2050 Under WVNJ with nostalgia music, weak signal, identified with promo for the "Moon's Bridal Show", station with 570 watt night signal ID's as "The Moon", hardly able to hear. **(TF-NH)**
 - WPIE NY Trumansburg 1/10 2048 Under WVNJ and mixed with WABY, Ithaca College hockey, promo for Syracuse Basketball "on 1160 ESPN, Ithaca's Sports Radio". Apparently their 310 watt night signal covers Ithaca. (TF-NH)
- 1190 WCRW VA Leesburg 1/11 0755 Chinese language lesson, message to call the station's hosts and DJ's on an 877 number, signal at almost local strength, nice ID for WCRW-Leesburg and Washington DC with musical background at 0800, into the Global stuff often carried on this station with its format changing by the day. My favorite radio station representative told me on the phone that it is "impossible" to hear WCRW in NH. Formerly WAGE-1200, moved to defunct WANN-1190-Annapolis frequency. (TF-NH)
- **1230 WCMD MD Cumberland** 1/17 1800 Fading up for ToH ID; "Cumberland's...ESPN Radio 1230, WCMD AM Cumberland, an Allegheny Radio Corporation station, ESPN Radio 1230." **(BC-NH)**
- **1290 WDZY VA Colonial Heights** 1/18 1655 Presumed creaming usual pest CJBK with Radio Disney kiddie programs. Didn't stick around for a legal ToH ID, which is often ignored on Disney stations anyway. **(MKB-ON)**
- **1310 WRSB NY Canandaigua** 1/17 0100 Briefly over CIWW with ID as "WRSB Canandaigua... the Sonshine Network." **(BC-NH)**
 - WIBA WI Madison 1/15 1707 Creaming usual Ottawa pest with promo for "Outside the Box" program "on news-talk 1310 WIBA and WIBA.com", local weather, "broadcasting live from Planet Madison..." station promo into local talk show. (MKB-ON)
- **1320 WARL MA Attleboro** 1/11 2105 Local weather, ID for WARL by female, into oldies, way under CJMR, soon lost. **(TF-NH)**
 - CJMR ON Mississauga 1/11 2055 Atop frequency with religious music including Silent Night (kind of late even for Eastern Orthodox Christmas), chanting in UNID language, CJMR ID, more music and ethnic programs. (TF-NH)
- **1330 WKTA IL Evanston** 1/18 1700 Over usual WFNN-Erie pest with "WKTA Evanston" ToH legal ID by man into Chinese (presumed) talk by woman. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1340 WBNC NH Conway 1/9 1324 Finally heard this new station, looping tape with attractions in the North Conway area, frequent "Mount Washington Valley's Visitor Information Radio", very weak signal here, about 40 miles from Conway. Studio is in Settlers Village outlet center and tower with all kinds of stuff hanging on it is in back of original studio and offices in a farm house, a half mile from Conway. (TF-NH)
- **1370 WSPD OH Toledo** 1/17 0100 Under WQLL; "Toledo's news, traffic and weather station, 1370 WSPD Toledo, WRVF HD2 Toledo." **(BC-NH)**
- **1390** WRSC PA State College 1/15 2100 Under WZHF; "...radio network, this is Money Talk 1390 WRSC State College." (BC-NH)

WSPO SC Charleston – 1/15 1800 – Fair; interview from the College of South Carolina library, "WSPO Charleston, 1390 AM," then something about Charleston as a travel destination. (BC-NH)

1400 WLTN NH Littleton – 1/9 1339 – Automated oldies as always, ID for "Great Oldies", ad for video store, more oldies, musical sounder, "All oldies all of the time, WLTN" slogan, very weak here, Littleton is on the other side of the mountains, and the signal comes from a tiny tower atop a rocky outcropping in back of Littleton High School. (TF-NH)

WV Morgantown – 1/13 2003 – ID as "The Voice of Morgantown". Under a strong **1440 WAJR** WHKW. Also a station here playing 50's and 60's oldies which may be WAJR. Couldn't tell as too many stations are mixing it up here. (HJH-PA)

1460 KXNO **Des Moines** – 1/14 1804 – battling CJOY et al with Fox Sports, "...right here on IA 1460 KXNO" station promo. QSLed as KSO in 1976. (MKB-ON)

1470 WQXL SC Columbia - 12/8 0733 - In WBCR/WMMW mix with station promo "Your worship at work station, Praise Radio". (KK-VA)

TN Alcoa – 12/8 0800 – In WQXL/WMMW mix with "This is tri cities... WBCR." **WBCR** ToH ID. (KK-VA)

GA Atlanta – 12/8 0645 – In WPWC/WDAS mix with website promo: "...enjoy this 1480 WYZE time...it's Saturday in the month of 2012 [sic]. God is moving God is returning. God is getting you ready. Big good morning always to our online listeners. Thanks for checking in at wyzeradio.com. How are you doing around the world wide web?" (KK-VA)

WQTM NC Fair Bluff – 1/11 0830 – Presumed with "Myrtle Beach Vacation Radio" and ad for "Big Deal Ticket Outlet". Good signal at times and mostly alone. Ex WWKO. **(HJH-PA)**

WDAS PA Philadelphia - 12/8 0730 - In WPWC/WYZE mix with station promo "Spend your holiday with family and friends listening to the soul of Philadelphia... 14-80 AM WDAS.". (KK-VA)

1490 WXTG VA Hampton – 12/8 0713 – In WCVA mix with station promo: "Your... for the most live and local sports talk in Hampton Roads is right here. Your flagship station... sports radio 14-90 and 102.1 FM 'The Game'." (KK-VA)

1510 WPUT NY Brewster – 12/8 0723 – In multi-station mix (WLAC, WLKR, WRNJ, WRRD, UNID Yahoo sports and religious stations) with usual ESPN Radio programming, "...9-40 and 15-10 ESPN Radio" slogan. (KK-VA)

WRRD WI Waukesha – 12/8 0744 – In multi-station mix (WLAC, WLKR, WRNJ, WPUT, UNID Yahoo sports and religious stations) with SS ESPN Radio programming, "....ESPN deportes" slogan. (KK-VA)

1520 WSVX Shelbyville – 1/16 2000 – Under WWKB; "WSVX, W243CL Shelbyville, Giant IN 96, a Three Towers Broadcasting Company station, the giant of the Blue River Valley," and contemporary hit music. New log. (BC-NH)

Bristol – 12/8 0735 – In multi-station mix (WITK, CBEF, UNID Fox sports, talk 1550 WIGN and oldies stations) with "Classic... and bluegrass on 15-50 WIGN" station promo. (KK-VA)

CBEF ON Windsor – 12/8 0700 – In multi-station mix (WITK, WIGN, UNID Fox sports, talk and oldies stations) with FF talk, "CBEF Windsor... Radio Canada CBC" ToH ID. (KK-VA)

1560 WAHT SC Clemson - 12/8 0628 - In WQEW/WAGL mix with Yahoo Sports, promo for advertising on WAHT "... for increased sales, call Chris Donney at 654-4004..." (KK-VA)

WAGL SC **Lancaster** – 12/8 *0715 – In WQEW/WAHT mix with sign-on announcement: "Good morning. This is WAGL Lancaster South Carolina beginning another day of broadcasting....WAGL is owned and operated by the Palmetto Broadcasting...operates... on 1560...at 50,000 watts...' (KK-VA)

WNEW MD Morningside – 1/17 1700 – Over/under CKDO; **1580** "WNEW WPGC HD3 Morningside-Washington and "government and business stories making news on 1580 Gov dot Biz radio." (BC-NH) For a few days during the NFL playoffs, WPGC used WRG3 as their "call letters" in support of Redskins QB Robert Griffin III. They still legally IDed as WPGC at

ToH. Mike.

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

Reporters

GH-KS Gary Hodek, Munden, KS. GE Superadio

GH-OK Glenn Hauser, Enid, OK. DX-398 with internal antenna only; Nissan stock car radio as specified. (Loggings originally published in DX Listening Digest)

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

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

NK-IL Neil Kazaross, Barrington, IL. Perseus with two element endfire Double KAZ array at 285 deg.

Rick Dau South Omaha, NE. 2009 Ford Ranger factory radio RD-NE1

Randy Stewart, Battlefield, MO. Tecsun PL-660/Quantum Stick+ **RS-MO**

Robert Vance; El Paso, TX. WinRadio G33DDC, 12'x 9' terminated corner-fed N and E **RV-TX** loops, 12'x 7' E-W indoor loop with TG-1 gizmo, 6'x 4' multiturn indoor loop on second floor oriented N-S.

Steve Sprague, Coffeyville, KS. (No equipment reported) SS-KS

DX Loggings

TN Memphis - 1/17 0230 - Poor-steady. "ESPN 92-9, Memphis' sports station. **680 WMFS** ESPN. (JJR-WI)

690 KTSM TX El Paso – 1/3 0505 – End of Fox news, ID "KTSM, a Clear Channel station." Then Coast To Coast AM with George Noory. (GH-KS)

710 WFNR VA Blacksburg – 1/14 0805 – Poor-steady, Valley Staffing, Job Fair at VA Tech, 540-731-XXXX, Cumulus mentions, America's Morning News. Alone.(JJR-WI)

Saginaw – 1/18 1722 – Weak, but in there, with "790 WSGW" ID, then into the 790 WSGW MI Tom Sullivan program. Had been after this one at sunset nearly every day for the past three winters, but today, usual sunset pest WAYY was nowhere to be found. Another one off the Most Wanted list, and a nice present on my birthday, to boot. (RD-NE1)

WI Tomahawk – 1/4 0800 – Poor; LID, Mike & Mike. No CBS news. That has 810 WJJQ moved to 92.5 FM to update. (JJR-WI)

850 KOA CO Denver – 12/5 2300 – End of talk program with Art Bell. ID as KOA, followed by Fox news. At 2310 Somewhere In Time with program broadcast May 17, 2002 with Art Bell. (GH-KS)

860 KPAN TX Hereford – 1/5 2106 – Faded up during CWM tune by Mark Chestnut, OM gave artist name and ID "...Classic country and more, 860, KPAN.", he talked some more, mentioned the CL again then back into more CWM. Poor in mix w/partially-phased local XEZOL-860. (RV-TX)

860 KONO San Antonio – 1/5 2037 – In with Don't Stop Believing by Journey, Best of My Love by The Emotions; then into promo for the KONO 101.1 Morning Show and contest for Spurs tickets, then "I Wanna Stop" by Gino Vanelli. Poor in mix w/KKOW-KS and another TLK station, local XEZOL-860 phased. (RV-TX)

880 KHAC NM Tse Bonito – 12/31 0859 – S/on announcement by OM right on top of KRVN-NE, "Thank you for listening to Christian Radio. This is KHAC..." then into

Psalm 23 and then "...thank you for listening to...Christian Radio, KHAC, Tse Bonito." and into REL programming. (RV-TX) 920 KVEL UT Vernal - 1/4 1923 - Faded in at Sean Hannity Show leading into the BOH

break, followed by network ads, ID announcement "The first name in news is AM-920, KVEL...From Uintah Basin's (word unintelligible) news center...here's Steve Evans' regional news headlines on KVEL...", sponsored by a local automotive center. News was followed by more ads and back to Hannity. P to F with local KQBU-920 phased. (RV-TX)

930 WRVC WV Huntington – 1/15 2316 – Poor; calls o/bumper mx. Alone on quiet freq. (JJR-**WI)

- 950 WWJ MI Detroit 1/15 2229 Way atop frequency with traffic/weather, "Detroit's only all-news station, Newsradio 950 WWJ." Eventually faded down into the muck. New log. (RS-MO)
- 1000 KKIM NM Albuquerque 1/5 0830 Easily in KTOK null, heard with several IDs in passing, "Welcome to Haley's Comments," hee hee; not only on 1000 but livekkim.com he says over the 10 kW daytime transmitter operating illegally, January official FCC sunrise being 0915. http://mykkim.com Yes, program grid shows 'Frank Haley's Comments,' Sat 6:30-7 am MT. (GH-OK)
- 1110 KBND OR Bend 1/16 2159 P thru KFAB's Huskers BKB talk with Blazers BKB coverage and Portland mention. This also must explain the Fox news heard an hour earlier thru Huskers BKB. I've been noticing something

occasionally weakly thru KFAB, but had discounted it as WBT leaking thru the back null. New and OR #8. (NK-IL)

- **1140 KXST NV North Las Vegas** 1/17 1000 Poor with legal ID followed by CBS Sports. Ex-KYDZ. **(JW-CO)**
- 1190 KQQZ MO De Soto 1/14 2140 Fair @20/9! "KQQZ" jingle tween OLD C&W songs. Kinda loud for 22w! hi No WOWO. (JJR-WI)
- **1210 KUNF UT Washington** 1/16 2159 P-F in mix with no KGYN (perhaps running night pattern for once?). Infowest, the Interner people ad is spot on for SW Utah. (NK-IL)
- **1210 KHAT WY Laramie** 1/16 2200 P mixed with KOKK/KUNF etc. with superpest KGYN strangely missing. C&W mx and call ID's. (**NK-IL**)
- **1220 WSLM IN Salem** 1/14 0645 Poor -"Instant Winner Thursdays" promo "on 97-9 the Bird(?)" Doesn't show anywhere. Must be newer slogan. Steady. **(JJR-WI)**
- **1230 KGHS MN International Falls** 1/16 2200 P but with clear CoL mention just after WCLO ID'd. MN is almost completed here. New **(NK-IL)**
- **1240 KFH KS Wichita** 12/21 0844 Sports clips. Ad for Car Max, Wichita State University sports ad. ID. One of the unreported stations. **(SS-KS)**
- **TX** Laredo 1/6 0600 In w/SS REL mx, EE/SS ID announcement by OM at 0603 "This is KLAR, 1300 on your AM band, with 1000 watts of power, from Laredo, Texas." followed by the same announcement in SS, and back into SS REL mx. P-F w/local XEP-1300 phased. **(RV-TX)**
- **1350 WIOU IN Kokomo** 1/14 0721 Poor. Limbaugh update, Lifelock, "here in Cent. IN" 3.99 per pound for pork chops: White Meat Market. **(JJR-WI)**
- **1380 KXCA OK Lawton** 1/13 0745 In w/ESPN programming into ID announcement "...The Ticket, AM 1380, KXCA, Lawton, Fort Sill, Duncan..." and back into ESPN. Poor in mix with at least two other stations and with local KHEY-1380 phased. **(RV-TX)**
- 1430 KCLK WA Asotin 1/16 2200 Poor-fair, slightly atop with sports radio mention, KCLK calls and Sports Fan slogan. I remain shocked that this is becoming common and in spite mediocre high end cx to more westerly WA last night. The more narrow beamwidth of my area helps makes former nuisance KQZQ rare. (NK-IL)
- **ND** Rugby 1/16 2200 P-PF atop ending C&W and into ID. For once, C&W here was not KBMW and little of pest KMRY noted at the time. I'm getting closer and closer to completing the Dakotas. New! (**NK-IL**)
- 1480 KRAE WY Cheyenne 1/6 0349 Up out of the mix with NOS tune Mack The Knife followed by ID announcement "Oldies but still goodies, 1480 K-Ray" then more NOS and back into the mix. (RV-TX) 1-16 2100 & 2200 F-G peaks and often the dominant station now. Oldies, some of what could be classified as NOS and K-Ray slogans. Are they using 72w night power? (NK-IL)
- **1490 KGBA CA Heber** 1/6 0515 Caught ID announcement by OM coming up out of the mud "This is KGBA, 1490 AM; locally owned and operated radio." then back into mush. **(RV-TX)**
- **1520** KRHW MO Seikston 1/14 0705 Poor; steady w/"Country Legends news..." calls in w/a weak KOLM. (JJR-WI)
- **1530** KLBW

 TX

 New Boston 1/4 0505 "1530 The Light, and KLBW1530.com" then religious song. This is a daytimer per NRC AM Log, 2.5 kW in New Boston TX, which is in the far NE corner just outside Texarkana. And it's more than 3 hours before January FCC sunrise at 0815 UT! It does have a PSRA of 6 watts in January, but that doesn't start until 6 am local! Also in the FCC Correspondence File is

a \$1500 forfeiture by the previous licensee for failing to renew on time. Now how about a fine for running daytime at night? **(GH-OK)**

1550 KRKE NM Albuquerque – 1/9 0134 – "More of your favorite music coming up on Cool (Kool?) 107.5"; loops E/W, instead of boring Branson TIS. Another AM station which doesn't even recognize its own frequency, and to make it worse, the FM tail wagging this dog is nothing but a translator, not listed as such in NRC AM Log 2012 since the swap with KIVA 1600 occurred shortly after it went to press. The ex-1600 entry for KRKE says: 24h // K298BK, 107.5, "Real Oldies," "The New Cool," close enough. (GH-OK)

1580 KOKB OK Blackwell – 1/4 1031 – KOKB Blackwell in open carrier/dead air, while sibling station 1020 KOKP Perry is nominal with sports talk. The network connexions among these and studio in Stillwater are incredibly unreliable. 12/5 1655 – Again today in open carrier/dead air, while sibling station 1020 KOKP Perry is nominal. Evidently the 1580 relay is unattended (and unmonitored!), so once it craps out, it takes a lot of time for them to send someone out to fix it; who cares? Stupid sports talk, when managing to modulate. (GH-OK)

1590 KBJT AR Fordyce – 12/19 1735 – Fordyce Wal-Mart ad; ad for steakhouse in Fordyce. Another of the unreported stations. **(SS-KS)**

1640 KOAG OK Enid – 1/16 0842 – Âg talk and news; occasional ID as "The Farm Station" and occasional non-local ad; legal ID at 0859:49, followed by IRN/USA News. No local programming or ads noted. Fair/good over co-channel KBJA. Ex-KFXY. **(JW-CO)**

1670 KNRO CA Redding – 1/12 0855 – Fox Sports to LID at 0759:50 by man: "Fox Sports Radio 1670 KNRO Redding," then back to Fox Sports. Fair with noisy band conditions. **(JW-CO)**

TIS

None NE Crofton – 1/11 2126 – Poor-Fair with female voice rising atop phased CHHA and giving phone # for Lewis and Clark Visitors Center and then fading. QRM also from Milwaukee area TIS' and something unID from the Lakes area of MN. Not listed at FCC site, so I called them and they've been on over 10 years. New! (NK-IL)

UNID

1370 UNID

1/14 0717 – Very poor in way behind WSPD with Fox Sports sounder. Chattanooga? 50kw WQLL? Never know here. (JJR-WI) No more SPT on WQLL, just OLD – DY.

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

International DX Digest

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Trans-Atlantic DX

- **FRANCE** *France Inter*, Allouis JAN 16 0301-0306 Man and woman with presumed news to 0304+ bumper, then man and woman with usual chit-chat. All in French. Tough copy with strong buzz interference. 0443-0501+ noticeably better but still buzzy; man and woman in French discussions and easy listening tunes. ID at 0500+ into news. [Frodge-MI]
- MOROCCO *R.Mediterranee Internationale,* Nador JAN 16 0146 Good with Berber music. [Dangerfield-PA] JAN 16 0504 Woman in Arabic at tune-in to music at 0505. 171 very poor, but could tell parallel 9579.15 after switch to music. [Frodge-MI]
- 177 **GERMANY** *Deutschelandradio Kultur*, Oranienburg JAN 12 0503-0531 Presumed them as the only station listed on 177. Man and woman in French. Only French heard, no German. Pop tune at 0507. First time heard. [Frodge-MI]
- 183 **GERMANY** *Europe 1,* Felsberg JAN 12 0457-0503 Man and woman in French with chitchat program; very brief break at bottom of hour no ID. Hum interference that LSB takes out. [Frodge-MI]

- ICELAND *Rikisútvarpid*, Gufuskálar JAN 3 2242-2245 Strong with male host in Icelandic playing English pop and rock tunes. [DeLorenzo-MA] JAN 12 0511-0521 Woman in language with English pop tunes not top 40 stuff. Trill interference. Best LWBC. [Frodge-MI] JAN 13 0309 Loud and clear with rock-pop music, female vocals. Most of the time this station is blocked by beacons, etc. [Dangerfield-PA]
- **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 4*, Droitwich et al. JAN 12 0521-0540 English "BBC News" features. Fair with DIX interference. Not parallel 6005 via Ascension, also in English. [Frodge-MI]
- POLAND *Polskie Radio*, Konstantynow JAN 12 0542-0546 Man and woman in language, alternating short items news? Sounded like they were using two different languages. 0546 music started and went abruptly off. Fair with beacon mix interference, including 227 GW. [Frodge-MI]
- **LUXEMBOURG** *RTL* Junglinster JAN 12 0531-0540 Man in French with news to 0538 bumper and announcement mentioning Luxembourg. Fair with beacon mix interference, including 235 CN. [Frodge-MI]
- **IRELAND** *RTE Radio 1*, Clarkestown JAN 12 0525-0531 Man and woman with English discussion; brief bumper at bottom of hour back to discussion. Fair with interference from 253 YTF and 254 5B. [Frodge-MI]
- ALGERIA *Jil FM*, F'kirina Wilaya d'Oum El Bouaghi DEC 29 2342 Strong with French teletalk. Sounded like a trivia contest with questions, answers, and laughter. Parallel to 549 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA] JAN 12 2220 Good; techno pop parallel 549 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- **ALGERIA** *Jil FM*, Les Trembles DEC 29 2342 Loud and clear with trivia contest in French. Parallel to 531 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- **FRANCE** *France Info,* Tramoyes JAN 12 2200 Good; *France Info* mentioned into fanfare and news. [Conti-NH]
- **SPAIN** *RNE1* La Coruña et al. JAN 12 2225 Good; sports commentary parallel 585 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- **NETHERLANDS** *R.Maria*, Lopik JAN 13 0124 Good; church music. [Conti-NH]
- **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5,* Droitwich et al. JAN 12 0330 Good; discussion ending with announcement of phone number 8-500-909-693. [Conti-NH]
- **FRANCE** *France Info,* Rennes JAN 8 2130 In strong with talk, even on lower sideband. [Barstow-MA]
- **NETHERLANDS** *Radio 5 Nostalgia*, Zeewolde JAN 12 2226 Excellent; pipe organ instrumental, 2230 woman in Dutch, then more organ music. [Conti-NH]
- **FRANCE** *France Info,* Toulouse JAN 12 0050 Good; in-studio discussion in French with piano interludes. [Conti-NH]
- **BULGARIA** *BNR Horizont* synchros JAN 12 2238-2300 Mostly fair but strong peak 2244-2245 with female host in Bulgarian and various pop tunes. Faded badly at 2259 just in time for possible ID at 2300 UTC. Thanks to Vlad Titarev, Mauno Ritola, and Gunter Lorenz via Real DX! [DeLorenzo-MA]
- CYPRUS CBC1 Nicosia JAN 12 0423 Tentative; fair to good with female announcer in what sounded like Greek and many pop vocals by a woman, one by a man. Similar to what I have heard on Greek stations while in Greece and also on Athens and Crete as heard here. I note that reception from the Middle East (UAE, Kuwait, Saudi) was also good that night. I emailed Cyprus for any help they could provide as to this program. [Dangerfield-PA]
- **FINLAND** *Radio 86*, Pori JAN 8 2131 In good with music and female DJ. Relay of CRI per Sylvain Naud. [Barstow-MA] JAN 12 0500 Good; *R.Kitaya* ID with Chinese music, then pop music, although the Dangerfield report of Cyprus around the same time this night has me second-guessing about the pop music. [Conti-NH]
- **ALGERIA** *Chaîne* 2, Algiers JAN 8 2100 Six pips into presume news. Under them at times unID test tones. [Barstow-MA]
- **MOLDOVA** *VOR* Maiac JAN 8 2130 Good with talk and presume Morocco under them with chanting. [Barstow-MA] JAN 12 2140 Fair; man in Russian. [Conti-NH]
- 999 unID JAN 11 0655 1 kHz het upon KKIM and KTOK, presumably transatlantic, but scanning the band for other carriers was unproductive at this late hour. Nothing over 50 kW on 999 from West Europe, *COPE* Madrid. [Hauser-OK]
- **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros JAN 11 2137 Men on sports. These stations have so far this season been the earliest and strongest TA's. [Dangerfield-PA] JAN 11 2348 Good; "...on TalkSport" into ad string. [Conti-NH]
- **CROATIA** *Hrvatske Radio*, Zadar JAN 3 2301-2316 Strong in peaks with news by man and woman in Croatian parallel to webstream via delicast.com. At 2310 into local folk music followed by ID and news in English at 2315 UTC. [DeLorenzo-MA] JAN 12 2142 Good; pop/rock vocals. [Conti-NH]

- **ROMANIA** *R.România Actualitati*, Cluj JAN 12 0425 Fair; man and woman with news/feature piece, then pop music, parallel 1332 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- **ROMANIA** *R.România Actualitati*, Galbeni-Bacau et al. JAN 12 0426 Fair but with deep fade outs; pop music parallel 1152 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- **IRAN** *IRIB R.Payam,* Tehran JAN 8 2130 In good at the time with light music and station ID and into news. [Barstow-MA]
- **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synchros JAN 3 2248 Fair with female pop tune. Sounded like Taylor Swift. [DeLorenzo-MA] JAN 12 2135 Good; Van Halen "Jump," woman presenter, and Thin Lizzy "Cowboy Song." [Conti-NH]
- **FRANCE** *France Info*, Marseille JAN 12 0501 Good; fanfare into "le journal" news. [Conti-NH]
- **LIBYA** *R.Libya*, Tripoli JAN 11 2130 Fair with Arabic talk and typical music. This station wasn't heard from at my location for quite a while, not it seems since Ghadafi got knocked off. [Dangerfield-PA]
- **SUDAN** *SNBC* Reiba JAN 8 2132 Fair; chanting with drums interspersed with Arabic talk, measured at 1295.982 kHz. Spain under them. [Barstow-MA]
- unID JAN 12 0359 Through Spain; test tone up to the hour. Armenia? [Conti-NH]
- **ROMANIA** *R.România Tîrgu-Mures*, Tîrgu-Mures JAN 12 0440 Poor to fair, over/under unID; nostalgic vocals parallel www.radiomures.ro stream. [Conti-NH]
- **ROMANIA** *R.România Actualitati*, Galati JAN 12 0420 Fair; pop music parallel www.romania-actualitati.ro stream. [Conti-NH]
- **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Heusweiler JAN 12 0310 Good; choral music parallel 756 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- **FRANCE** *TWR* Roumoules JAN 8 2134 Good; Iran with chanting under them on 1466.990 kHz. [Barstow-MA]
- **FRANCE** *France Info* synchros JAN 12 0501 Fair; fanfare into "le journal" news parallel 1557 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Jeddah JAN 8 2135 Fair with chanting and Greece under them with light music. [Barstow-MA]
- **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba JAN 3 2230 Good with discussion between two men in Arabic parallel to 9555 and 9870 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- **KUWAIT** *R.Sawa*, Kabd-Kuwait City JAN 12 0314 Good; contemporary Mideast vocal, 0315 *R.Sawa* ID into news. [Conti-NH]
- MOLDOVA VOR Grigoriopol JAN 12 0354 Good over Kuwait; pre sign-on test tones at 5-second intervals, 0400 Golos Rossii ID into news. [Conti-NH] JAN 12 0433-0530 When I saw some reports that *R.Sawa* was coming in well, I gave it a try. It didn't sound like Sawa, with talk and soft music, and at 0433 right after I tuned in I thought I heard the Golos Rossii musical flourish. Soft music, accoustic instruments, and a man and woman speaking. At 0500 I definitely heard four plus one pips, then "Golos Rossii Novostoye" (Voice of Russia News), another Golos Rossii flourish at 0503 then more talk. It was hard to match the signal with the web audio on Delicast, but when the pips came at 0500 I could see why; the web audio was twenty seconds delayed. There were no other TAs evident during this time, including the Spanish ones that are always in if anything is in. At around 0515 something else was breaking into the 1548, but probably too late for Sawa. This is MW country #77 from western New York. Bob Young in Massachusetts reported hearing the sign-on at 0400, and before that he said Sawa was coming in well. Always nice to get a new country. I'll have to keep looking for Sawa, though I've heard Kuwait before. [Renfrew-NY]
- **FRANCE** *France Info*, Fontbonne JAN 12 0400 Fair; fanfare and *France Info* mention. 0501 excellent; fanfare into "le journal" news. [Conti-NH]
- **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros JAN 12 0500 Good; time signal, "Rai, Radiouno" with classical harp flourish into news. [Conti-NH]

Dangerfield checks in: Long time no reports! Well, you guys near the New England coast have been doing a better job than I could do but here's how things are down here. During January so far TA reception has been great and some nights I have heard from 50 or more TA frequencies, most with some degree of audio. The best are usually 531, 549, 684, 693, 855, 1089, 1134 and 1521 kHz. And elsewhere in the 1500's the stations on 1539, 1548 and 1575 have their moments.

Hauser het hunt: Transatlantic carriers all over the place, JAN 13 0233. First noticed on 1521, then stepping 9 kHz down the entire band, found more: 1215, 1089, 1008, 945, 909, 882, 864, 855, 837, 747, 693, 684, 675, 612, 603, 594, 531 kHz. 693 was strongest but not enough for any audio. No doubt some others were obscured by TVI from the neighbors. Another check at 0640: 1089, 1215; and at 0642-0647: 675, 684, 693, 738, 747, 774, 855, 882, 909, 945, 1044, 1557 kHz. And standing out with a higher-pitched het against the BFO was 1314+ at 0642. Is some European significantly off-frequency there? Not as of last August according to mwoffsets list. Possibly a local spoiler.

Pan-American DX

- MEXICO XETX Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chih. JAN 15 0642 "La Ranchera de Paquimé" frequent ID fired within a minute of tune-in, listed by Cantú as only 250 watts at night, and no problem from any XEWA SLP listed as 150,000 watts. By the way, the "250,000" full-time non-direxional watts from 900 XEW are also obviously passé, as there is no dominance whatsoever of XEW at night; lucky to hear some Spanish amid the interference. Has W Radio allowed its super-power outlets to fall into disrepair, or deliberately cut down the power levels? [Hauser-OK]
- MEXICO XEBX Sabinas, Coah. JAN 17 0639 Music and soon ID as "La Primera," which means it's XEBX, 500 watts at night, as IRCA, WRTH and Cantú all agree is the only such Mexislogan on 610 kHz. [Hauser-OK]
- 620 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde,* Colón JAN 17 0600 Good; "Rebelde la Habana, emisora de la revolución" and time signal parallel 600 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- MEXICO XEBU Chihuahua, Chih. JAN 16 1418 Woman in Spanish with Chihuahua weather, in null of *R.Disney* Dallas-Fort Worth. The usual XE dominant on 620 kHz. [Hauser-OK]
- 640 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, two sites JAN 16 1000 Good; "Transmite Radio Progreso cadena nacional desde la Habana Cuba," chime, "Las cinco en punto," into "A Primera Hora, el programa de la familia cubana." [Conti-NH]
- MEXICO XEHHI Hidalgo del Parral, Chih. JAN 11 0701 Mexican national anthem very long multi-verse choral version, finally ends at 0706, full ID with powers, street address, phones, etc., for *Los 40 Principales*, Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua, AM & FM, XEHHI on 640, and XHHHI on 99.3; 0707 timecheck as "son las 12" not exactly! Then rock song en inglés. It's not hard to get past KWPN, which by the way is still running IBOC, but only sporadically in the daytime. [Hauser-OK]
- MEXICO XEACB Cd. Delicias, Chih. JAN 11 0639 Romantic music in Spanish, "La mejor estación, La Lupe, 98.9" dominating frequency at the moment, 5/1 kW per IRCA Mexican log but not off the air after 0600 as listed there. Name is presumably in tribute to La Virgen de GuadaLupe. I used to live in Guadalupe county, New Mexico, too young to be conscious of virgins per se, but no doubt inadvertently associated with some in grade school. [Hauser-OK]
- 660 **MEXICO** unID JAN 17 0600 Under WFAN; choral national anthem. [Conti-NH]
- MEXICO XEDP Cd. Cuauhtémoc, Chih. JAN 12 1428 Man and woman with crime stats, "delitos," 7:28 timecheck, state news mentioning Delicias water shortage; poor signal but way atop KGNC and KCMO still, half a sesquihour after Enid sunrise, ergo XEDP which is also the dominant XE at night. A.k.a. La Ranchera de Cuauhtémoc but departing from that format for a morning newscast. [Hauser-OK]
- MEXICO XEJCC Cd. Juárez, Chih. JAN 17 1444 Spanish talk fades in mixing with "Jew's harp." KSAH San Antonio? But it's not sports talk. 1447 "El Extremo 720" and time check sure sounds like 8:47 = CST, not 7:47 = MST. Mexican federal PSA's, 1448 "regresamos, 720 Extremo," into music, "Quizás3" on piano. This slogan applies to XEJCC, 1/1 kW per IRCA. [Hauser-OK]
- MEXICO XEHB Hidalgo del Parral, Chih. JAN 14 1410 Mexican music and "Ke Buena" ID before succumbing totally to 740 KRMG Tulsa 50 kW splash. So XEHB, surely also running 50 kW, has held up longer than most lowbanders, a semihour past sunrise here. [Hauser-OK]
- 730 **MEXICO** XEX México, DF JAN 16 0300 Under CKAC; promo with W mentions and TDW Morse code repeated several times. JAN 18 1000 Over/under CKAC; TDW Morse code and TDW voice ID. [Conti-NH]
- 750 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Palmira JAN 18 1100 Fair; noticias de la primera hora. [Conti-NH]
- MEXICO XETI Tantoyuca, Ver. JAN 2 0101 Caught ID by a man in mix after balada and time check by a woman. Mentioned parallel XHTI-FM 90.5 and address per the Radiorama Tampico website. Poor in mix with XECSI, local KAMA phased; listed at 250 watts night but... [Vance-TX]
- 750 **VENEZUELA** YVKS *RCR* Caracas JAN 16 1001 Under WSB; RCR Deportes promo. [Conti-NH]
- MEXICO XEACH Monterrey, NL JAN 16 0658 String of phone numbers in Spanish, ID as XERFR, 970, *R.Fórmula*. Therefore it is that network's affiliate XEACH, which IRCA Mexican Log 2012 lists as only 200 watts at night, 5 kW day. WRTH 2013 and current Cantú show 25/1 kW, which I find more credible. [Hauser-OK]
- 780 **VENEZUELA** YVMN *R.Coro*, Coro JAN 17 0159 Over/under WBBM; time check, "Nueve, veinte nueve minutos," and promo, "Radio Coro 780." [Conti-NH]

- MEXICO unID JAN 16 0659 The extremely distorted signal is here again, looping somewhat west of due south and separable from KQCV to the south/southeast. Prime suspects remain XEZR Zaragoza, Coah. and XEDD Montemorelos NL. I wonder if Steve Wiseblood, back in Harlingen, Texas, can hear this in the daytime and get a fix on it? [Hauser-OK]
- 810 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Guantánamo JAN 16 0300 Under WGY; ballad through the hour, parallel 690 and 750 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 819.58 unID JAN 18 1000 Nostalgic/romantic vocal, then a man in Spanish, single tone marking the hour. This offset is observed regularly but unable to get clean audio. [Conti-NH]
 - MEXICO unID JAN 16 0701 Mexican national anthem under CBS News from KKOW in Kansas, not separable as close to opposite direxion, west/southwest. Very likely from an MST station where it's midnight, but three are in Cantú: XEZOL 860 Noticias, Cd. Juárez, Chih. 1,000 500; XENW Máxima + FM 103.3 Culiacán, Sin. 1,000 250; XEHX La Mía + FM 101.7 Cd. Obregón, Son. no powers given. IRCA shows XEHX also as 1000/250; WRTH as 5000/250. XEZOL is closest to here and more likely. The anthem did not last long, but any following ID could not be heard vs interference. [Hauser-OK]
 - 870 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, multiple sites JAN 16 0300 Fair to good; "En el año 55 de la revolución... Radio Reloj desde Habana Cuba." [Conti-NH]
 - MEXICO XETAR Guachochi, Chih. JAN 16 1358 With remnant WWL nulled, Spanish talk about local indigenous matters, 1402 mentions Tarahumara, 1403 PSA from gobierno del estado de Chihuahua, then federal IFE PSA, and some rustic music, obviously XETAR 10 kW daytimer. [Hauser-OK]
 - MEXICO XEEM Rio Verde, SLP DEC 31 1301 Norteña music, ID at 1303, mentioning 5000 wats de potencia; Rio Verde, San Luis Potosí address, and "La M Mexicana" slogan, then into ads and back to music. No mention heard of parallel FM but just may have missed it. Poor and just above the noise floor with KRVN phased. [Vance-TX]
 - MEXICO XEFAMA Cd. Camargo, Chih. JAN 15 0601 During local KGWA Fox-hole of dead air, mainly Mexican music; 0603 part of ID mentioning Chihuahua, México, so it must be XEFAMA, the only station in that state per Cantú, which I have heard before. The precise null of KGWA carrier is more favorable for this than for also-heard XEK in Nuevo Laredo. [Hauser-OK]
 - 970 **MEXICO** XESW Cd. Madera, Chih. JAN 4 0105 Ads followed by ID, "XHESW, XESW... Chihuahua... (address)... Madera, Chihuahua, México. XESW, XHESW... en grupo Radio Madera," into banda tune. Poor with local XEJ phased. [Vance-TX]
- 1000 **CUBA** *R.Granma*, Media Luna JAN 12 1100 Under WMVP; *R.Granma* jingle and 'interval signal'. Thanks to Henrik Klemetz at RealDX for help with ID. [Conti-NH]
- MEXICO XEG Monterrey, NL JAN 17 1413 Spanish from north/south assumed to be XEG until the DJ mentions Kansas a couple times! Could there be Spanish up there I haven't noticed? But then mentions Nuevo Laredo, plays a canción from 1991/92y, CST time checks, more music, 1421 "La Ranchera 1050," clincher being SEP PSA from the Mexican federal government, so it really is XEG in broad sunlight. [Hauser-OK]
- 1060 **CUBA** *Radio* 26, Jovellanos JAN 16 2300 Over/under KYW; canned ID with piano music, "Esta es Radio 26, desde Matanzas, Cuba," and distinctive time signal. [Conti-NH]
- 1140 **CUBA** *R.Surco*, Morón JAN 15 2300 Over/under WRVA; familiar CMIP *R.Surco* canned ID with synth instrumental. [Conti-NH]

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