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DX Tests: Yep, we got 'em:

KBXD-1480 Dallas TX, Sunday March 17 0100-0300 EDT, testing its brand-new 50 kW six-tower day pattern. Morse code, sweep tones, special music and other easily identifiable content. No e-mail reports accepted. Reports should be sent by regular postal mail. KBXD is graciously covering the cost of mailing out QSLs, so no need to send a SASE. Reports must include written or printed information with the listener's location, equipment used, and details about content heard. Please note that audio materials will not be returned. Please send reports to: Jerry Kiefer, KBXD, 8035 East R.L. Thornton Freeway, Dallas, TX 75228. Arranged by Paul Walker.

WVBG-1490 Vicksburg MS, Monday March 18 2132-2200 EDT.. No need to be a Night Owl for this one! WVBG plans to test with its regular full-time 1,000-watt non-directional power and pattern right around local sunset. Test will include a mix of eclectic music, Morse code IDs, tones and sound effects. Reports sent by postal mail should include a SASE if possible, and audio clips may be sent on cassette tape, CD and USB stick. Reports sent by e-mail should include an MP3 audio file. Reports must include written or printed information with the listener's location, equipment used, and details about content heard. Please note that audio materials will not be returned. Please send reports to: Dailon Huskey, Operations Manager, WVBG, P.O. Box 46, Vicksburg, MS, 39181, or dailon@vicksburgv105.com. DXers wishing to call the station during or *immediately* following the test can call 601-883-0848. Test arranged by Saul Chernos with thanks to station owner Mark Jones and operations manager Dailon Huskey.

KSEY-1230 Seymour TX, Sunday March 24, 0100-0300 EDT, testing with its regular full-time 1,000-watt non-directional power and pattern. Morse code, sweep tones, sound effects, odd music and other easily identifiable content. KSEY's format is western swing and classic country. Arranged by Paul Walker QSL: Info TBA.

WKBI-1400 St. Marys PA, Sunday March 31, 0000-0300 EDT, but ToH only, testing with its

regular fulltime 1,000-watt non-directional power and pattern. Plans to run 60-second Morse code and sweep tones at the top of each hour only. Otherwise, look for a format that's referred to on-air as America's Best Music – music technically thought of as Adult Standards but to the non-radio person more like soft oldies. Arranged by Paul Walker. QSL: No e-mail reports accepted. Reports should be sent by regular postal mail only, accompanied by SASE. Audio clips welcome on CD or mp3/wav files on USB/thumb/jump drive. Please do not send cassette tapes. Reports must include written or printed information with the listener's location, equipment used, and details about content heard. Please note that audio materials will not be returned. Send reports to: Paul Walker, c/o WKBI 1400 DX TEST, P.O. Box O, Ridgway, PA 15853.

Membership Report

"Thanks for your hard work and dedication to our hobby. All of you who labor to make this publication and club operation so professional make me proud to be an NRC member since 1964. Thanks so much." – George Santulli.

New Member – Welcome to Thomas Root, Flushing, MI.

Renewing Members – Thanks for the continued support of Charles L. Bartlett; Mike Cooper; Perry F. Crabill Jr. W3HQX; William Feidt; John Hoogerheide; Robert Lewallyn; Ronnie Rader; George A. Santulli; Rev. Edward A Soule; Robert Steadman; Paul Swearingen; Robert Taylor; Tim Tomljanovich; and Wally Wawro.

And the winners are ... in the WRTH drawings, that is. The four copies go to Scott Fybush Rochester NY, David B. Jones Nashville TN, Brian Miller Bentley MI, and Jerry Sanderson Boynton Beach FL. Congratulations!

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No	In By	Date	27	May 31	June 10
24	Mar. 15	Mar. 25	28	June 28	July 8
25	Apr. 5	Apr. 15	29	Aug. 9	Aug. 19
26	Apr. 26	May 6	30	Sept. 6	Sept. 16

Don't forget

DXers Convention – Minneapolis 8/1-4/2013

AM Switch

Info to David Yocis – 1245 13th St. NW #105, Washington DC 20005 – NRCDXNews@gmail.com

Starting off, as usual, with the latest official FCC changes.

CALL LETTER CHANGES

1290 WMCS WI Greenfield – Call change to WZTI.



ON THE AIR

1340 KFMD AR Bethel Heights – CP for new station (U1 1000/1000) is on the air.

Per Scott Fybush, KBRT-740 was to have completed its move to Costa Mesa CA with D3 50000 (still working on the 190-watt night power) on 2/28, but it's not yet official with the FCC as of 3/1.

NEW STATION CP UPDATES

780 CP UT Draper – CP for new station granted with U4 1000/250 at 40-38-35/111-55-20 (day), 40-48-34/111-55-24 (night). Eight competing applications were dismissed on 760 kHz (Idaho Falls ID, Grants Pass OR, LaGrande OR); 770 kHz (Salt Lake City UT, South Salt Lake UT, West Jordan UT); and 790 kHz (Grand Junction CO, Blanding UT).



1600 CP MT Billings – CP for new station (U2 5000/1250) has expired and is deleted.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS GRANTED

650 WSRO MA Ashland – Granted CP for U4 1500/100.

1260 WISO PR Ponce – Granted CP for U1 2500/2000 (replaces expired CP, same parameters).

APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

1240 WATT MI Cadillac – Applies for CP to correct coordinates to 44-13-27/85-24-00.

1510 KLLB UT West Jordan – Applies for CP for U1 10000/260, dropping 1000-watt critical hours power as KGA is no longer a "Class A" station requiring protection.

SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY (STA)

620 KTAR AZ Phoenix – Applies for STA to operate without antenna pattern sampling system while the system is being repaired.

740 KRMG OK Tulsa – Granted STA for night pattern at variance or reduced power.

780 KKOH NV Reno – Applies for STA for possible pattern variations while new antenna monitor is installed.

1010 WFGW NC Black Mountain – Applies for STA for U1 12500/125 from a temporary site at 35-35-29/82-24-53; has been operating in this way since 2007 but inadvertently let old STA lapse.

1380 KJUA WY Cheyenne – Granted STA to move temporarily to 41-08-09/104-48-09, has lost licensed site.

1470 KYYW TX Abilene – Granted STA for U1 5000/250 due to pattern problems.

1520 WWKB NY Buffalo – Granted STA for pattern at variance, phasor problems.

1540 WBRY TN Woodbury – Applies to operate station under STA even though license expired when the FCC didn't process the payment with the license renewal.

1630 KRND WY Fox Farm – Granted STA for U1 1700/1000, moving temporarily to 41-06-02/105-01-29, has lost licensed site.



Applications to extend STAs were filed by WSNR-620 Jersey City NJ (possible pattern variations due to construction work at site); WCUM-1450 Bridgeport CT (reduced power due to transmitter problems); and KCFC-1490 Boulder CO (reduced power at alternate site).

Previously reported applications to extend STAs were granted for WELI-960 New Haven CT; KZZB-990 Beaumont TX; WLRO-1210 Denham Springs LA; KFAC-1370 Quincy CA; and KRIZ-1420 Renton WA.

Previously reported applications to extend STAs were dismissed for WBGG-970 Pittsburgh PA; and KWHN-1320 Fort Smith AR.

SILENT STAS AND SILENT STATION NOTIFICATIONS

- 1000 WDXZ AL Robertsdale** – Applies to extend STA; has been silent since 8/16/2012 but expects to have new equipment installed and be back on the air in March.
- 1470 WEVG AL Evergeeen** – Applies for silent STA; silent since 2/10 due to flood damage.
- 1560 WMBH MO Joplin** – Notified FCC of silent status on 2/26 as new licensee takes over station that has lost transmitter site; hopes to be on the air from a temporary site soon.

Canadian news via Shawn Axelrod, Dan Sys, and Andy Reid (WRTH):

- 540 CBEF ON Windsor** – Now silent; has completed move to 1550 kHz.
- 920 CBQI NT Tulita** – LPRT applies to move to 100.9 MHz FM.

And here are NRC AM Log updates from Wayne Heinen:

- 570 WKBN OH Youngstown** – Slogan: “The Voice of the Valley NewsTalk 570” (was “NewsRadio”).
- 760 WEFL FL Tequesta** – Adds // WUUB-106.3.
- 900 WOZK AL Ozark** – Adds // WOAB-104.9.
- 920 WGHQ NY Kingston** – Networks: Replaces ABC (A) news with NBC (Nn) News.
- 950 KXJK AR Forrest City** – Format: TLK/SPT (was OLD/TLK/SPT); Slogan: “Hometown Radio”; Networks: A/Ar/YSR/RER (was A/Ar/FSR/RER).
- 1080 WKJK KY Louisville** – Networks: C/Ky/DR/P/WOR (was A/Ky/DR/P/WOR).
- 1080 WOAP MI Owosso** – Format: Rock/OLD (was OLD); Slogan Update: “Super Hits1080.”
- 1100 WHLI NY Hempstead** – Slogan Update: “Long Island’s Information Station”; Networks: Adds NBC News (Nn) .
- 1200 WXKS MA Newton** – Format: BIZ (was Comedy); Slogan Update: “Bloomberg 1200”; Networks: BNN (was: CM). (MD)
- 1260 WBNR NY Beacon** – Networks: Nn/WOR/DR (was A/WOR/DR).
- 1290 WMCS WI Greenfield** – Format: Stunting with All Elvis (was UC:TLK/BLUES).
- 1310 WXMC NJ Parsippany-Troy Hills** – Format: SS:Tropical was SS:REL; Old slogan was “Latino 1310,” no update.
- 1340 KFMD AR Bethel Heights** – New station on the air; format TLK; //Group: //The Mouth.
- 1340 KQJZ MT Evergreen** – Slogan Update: “1340 the Lounge.”
- 1370 WTAB NC Tabor City** – Slogan Update: “Country Classics.”
- 1390 WAJD FL Gainesville** – Format: TLK (was UC:OLD); Slogan Update: “Liberal Talk Radio.”
- 1420 WLNA NY Peekskill** – Networks: Nn/WOR/DR (was A/WOR/DR).
- 1430 WTMN FL Gainesville** – Slogan Update: “Your Inspiration Station” & “The Light”; Networks: SGN.
- 1480 WQOH AL Irondale** – Networks: Drops EWTN.
- 1480 KTHS AR Berryville** – Slogan Update: “96.9 The Legend.”
- 1480 WDJO OH Cincinnati** – Networks: A/CM Adds Imus.
- 1500 WASN OH Youngstown** – Format: Reported Silent; was UC:AC/TLK. Photo is the sign at the offices of WASN and WGFT-1330 previously reported off air. (WB)
- 1650 KYHN AR Fort Smith** – Slogan: “Arklahoma’s Power Talk Radio” Networks: Ns/DG/CM.



Wayne’s thanks (and ours) to Shawn Axelrod, Bill Hale, (BD) Bill Dvorak, (GH) Glenn Hauser, (WB) Wes Boyd, (MD) Marc DeLorenzo.

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

REPORTERS

- BC-NH** **Bruce Conti, Nashua** – Excalibur SDR, MWDX-5, variable termination SuperLoop antennas northeast and south.
- TF-NH** **Tony Fitzherbert, Campton** – Grundig S350, Grundig AM 200 loop.
- 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 S-350, Kiwa Pocket Loop
- KK-VA** **Kraig Krist, Manassas** – Winradio G33DDC SDR, 12 foot vertical antenna
- TLK-FL** **Terry Krueger, Clearwater** – JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-R75, roof dipole, random wire.
- JJR-MI** **John J. Rieger, L’Anse** – Grundig Satellite 750.
- MKB-ON** **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

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UNID

- 1340 UNID** -- - 2/22 0321 – In mix with WLVL and other UNIDs (Fox sports, ESPN), man mentioning “... the copy center in Milwaukee. Find details online...” Is this WJYI? **(KK-VA)**
- 1460 UNID** -- - 2/23 1912 – Poor in CJOY null with repetition of Rosary. Lost in two minutes. **(JJR-MI)** *Pretty good bet that this is WHIC Rochester, NY with EWTN Catholic format. Mike.*



LOGGINGS

- 750 CBGY NL** **Bonavista Bay** – 2/28 1759 – Fair; promo, “From Bonavista to Baie Verte and everywhere in between... on 540 AM in Grand Falls-Windsor and 1400 AM in Gander, right here on CBC Radio One.” **(BC-NH)**
- 790 WKRD KY** **Louisville** – 2/21 1835 – ID as “Cards Radio 790” then into Kentucky Basketball coverage. Good with fades. **(HJH-PA)**
- 850 WKNR OH** **Cleveland** – 2/25 2026 – Weak signal under WEEL, sports talk, with listeners urged to call a 216 number (Cleveland area code), quickly gone. **(TF-NH)**
- 890 WKNV VA** **Fairlawn** – 3/1 1819 – Creaming WLS with country gospel show hosted by female DJ, “Joy AM 890 and 93.1” slogan, ad for Colon Flow, promo for Bill Gaither’s Hometown Radio Show on Saturday mornings. **(MKB-ON)**
- 900 WATK WI** **Antigo** – 2/22 2050 – Poor with NOS music, call letter ID in peak up over CHML. Unusual at night. **(JJR-MI)**
- WDLS WI** **Wisconsin Dells** – 2/22 2051 – Fair in nice fade up, “... in the Dells, Country Western AM 900” slogan, classic C&W. Never heard at night. **(JJR-MI)**
- 930 WRVC WV** **Huntington** – 2/28 0400 – Under WBEN; “AM 930 WRVC ... celebrating 20 years of local broadcasting.” **(BC-NH)**
- 940 WKGM VA** **Smithfield** – 2/24 1735 – Animated Black preacher thanking and blessing everyone associated with his church, frequent references to “Virginia,” signal lost abruptly at 1745 when they cut power and went to night pattern. **(TF-NH)**
- 950 WORD SC** **Spartanburg** – 2/18 1755 – Promo for the Sean Hannity Show, call ID then back into the Bob McLain Show. Good signal. **(HJH-PA)**
- 970 WBGG PA** **Pittsburgh** – 2/28 0400 – Poor; studio sponsor and ID, “... by 84 Lumber, WBGG AM Pittsburgh.” **(BC-NH)**
- 990 WCAZ IL** **Carthage** – 2/22 2044 – Very poor under CBW, presumed with Illinois Fighting Illini college basketball. Only affiliate listed on 990. No calls heard. **(JJR-MI)**
- WNML TN** **Knoxville** – 2/28 0400 – Under WNTP; caught ID, “WNML-FM Friendsville, WNML AM Knoxville.” New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1080 WYHY KY** **Cannonsburg** – 2/23 2305 – Daytimer that forgot to sign off, presumed fighting partially nulled WTIC with SRN news, country-gospel songs. **(MKB-ON)**

- +++ - 2/22 1859 – Poor with “WYHY ... WYHY” more or less legal ID noted twice in very nice fade up. **(JJR-MI)**
- KNDK ND Langdon** – 2/22 1850 – Poor over weak WTIC with call letter ID, Yahoo Sports radio. WNWI nulled. **(JJR-MI)**
- 1110 WUPE MA Pittsfield** – 2/16 1715 – Atop frequency with oldies, “The Greatest Hits of the 60’s, 70’s, and 80’s, WUPE-FM,” into more rock oldies, then “Spinners, Rod Stewart, the Steve Miller Band, just a sample of what we play on WUPE-FM, Classic Hits for the Berkshires” station promo into more rock. **(TF-NH)**
- 1160 WPIE NY Trumansburg** – 2/22 0300 – In WOBM/WYLL mix with typical ESPN radio programming, “... WPIE ... sports ... Trumansburg ...” ToH ID. **(KK-VA)**
- 1170 WWLE NY Cornwall** – 2/16 1725* – Loud rock music, PSA’s for the United Negro College Fund, a blood bank, and the U.S. Forest Service, then “This is WWLE-Cornwall-Newburgh. This concludes our programming for today. We will be back tomorrow,” followed by a vocal rendition of the SSB. No sign of WWVA. **(TF-NH)**
- 1200 WXKS MA Newton** – 3/1 0500 – Excellent; “This is WXKS Newton, WJMN 94.5 HD2 Boston, Bloomberg 1200,” into Bloomberg First Word welcoming Boston, “A special good morning to those joining us in Boston, we’re the only all-business and financial news radio station in the city. We’ll be with you each and every day on Bloomberg 1200 and 94.5 HD2 This is the new Bloomberg 1200 and 94.5 FM HD2 Boston, and as always Bloomberg 11-3-0 in New York,” ex-comedy. **(BC-NH)**
- WOAI TX San Antonio** – 2/28 0001 – Over WTLA; “Newsradio 1200 WOAI, San Antonio’s breaking news, traffic, and weather,” into Fox news. **(BC-NH)**
- 1230 WSOO MI Sault Ste Marie** – 2/24 0718 – Very poor in mess with clear “1230 WSOO” in liner amid softer oldies. **(JJR-MI)**
- WTIV PA Titusville** – 2/22 0300 – In multi-station graveyard mix with mention of “Allegheny news talk sports network.” **(KK-VA)**
- WJOY VT Burlington** – 2/28 1800 – Fair; “Bringing the Champlain Valley America’s best music, the latest news and weather, this is AM 1230” **(BC-NH)**
- 1240 WOBT WI Rhinelander** – 2/24 0803 – Poor in mix with two other stations, classic C&W, “Hodag” heard clearly. Slogan is “Hodag Country Legends.” **(JJR-MI)**
- 1250 CJYE ON Oakville** – 2/22 0400 – In mix with WKDL and others, Gospel singing and ToH ID by woman: “You’re listening to ‘Overnight’ on the White Oak ... family radio stations CJYE ... 1250 and CJMR AM 1320.” **(KK-VA)**
- 1260 WNXT OH Portsmouth** – 2/22 0300 – In multi-station mix with ToH ID: “You’re listening to ‘Fox Sportsman’ on AM 1260 WNXT AM Portsmouth.” Also noted at 0316 with “You’re listening to your hometown favorite for Cincinnati Reds baseball. Fox sports 1260 WNXT.” **(KK-VA)**
- 1270 WXGO IN Madison** – 2/22 0303 – In WXYT mix with oldies, woman with local weather, “... that’s the forecast from AM 1270 WXGO,” man with “12-70 WXGO” ID. **(KK-VA)**
- WXYT MI Detroit** – 2/22 0400 – In mix with WXGO and UNID ESPN and C&W stations, ToH ID: “This is WXYT and WXYT HD Detroit CBS sports radio 12-70.” **(KK-VA)**
- 1280 WJST PA New Castle** – 2/22 0331 – In multi-station mix (WSAT, WADO, WYVE) with “Fox sports radio 12-80 WJST” ID. **(KK-VA)**
- WYVE VA Wytheville** – 2/22 0337 – In multi-station mix (WSAT, WADO,) with “Mainstream country WYVE” slogan. **(KK-VA)**
- 1300 WJDA MA Quincy** – 2/22 0357 – In multi-station mix (WCKI, WGDJ, UNID ESPN) with station promo by woman: “You can find us at 13 hundred WJDA.” **(KK-VA)**
- WGDJ NY Rensselaer** – 2/22 0330 – In multi-station mix with “Red Eye Radio” program, “WGDJ Rensselaer ... it’s talk 1300 ... Vanderburg mornings, Fred Dicker at 10 and the home of Siena basketball ... it’s stimulating talk ...” station promo. **(KK-VA)**
- WCKI SC Greer** – 2/22 0401 – In multi-station mix with EWTN Catholic radio programming, woman with “Catholic radio of South Carolina broadcasts ...” station promo. **(KK-VA)**
- 1310 WRSB NY Canandaigua** – 2/22 0335 – In mix with UNID talk stations, man with ID as “This is your station for Christian music and talk radio ... 1590 AM WASB and 1310 AM WRSB ... the Sonshine network.” **(KK-VA)**

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1200AM/94.5FM-HD2**



- CIWW ON **Ottawa** – 2/26 1713 – Ottawa weather; ad for Varsity Factory Store; financial news. One in the mix. **(HF-MI)**
- 1340 WAGN MI **Menominee** – 2/23 0748 – Poor in mess with Quicken Loans ad, mention of “here in Menominee” **(JJR-MI)**
- WLVL NY **Lockport** – 2/22 0318 – In mix with UNID oldies, Fox sports and ESPN stations, man with station promo “... weekday mornings at 7:55 ... here on hometown 1340 WLVL.” **(KK-VA)**
- 1370 WTAB NC **Tabor City** – 2/25 2010 – Non-pop Country vocals, ID by man at 2028. Presumably still running day power, mixing with WCOA, Pensacola, FL (News/Talk), but often dominating. **(TLK-FL)**
- WKMC PA **Roaring Springs** – 2/26 1722 – Ad for Friendly’s Restaurant in Altoona; “AM 13-70 WKMC” ID into oldies. One in the mix; not new but rare. **(HF-MI)**
- 1380 WKJV NC **Asheville** – 2/27 1710 – Local church events calendar, “WKJV 13-80 AM” ID. One in the mix; last logged as WRAQ. **(HF-MI)**
- 1400 KEYL MN **Long Prairie** – 2/24 0706 – Poor in mess with “AM 1400 KEYL Long Prairie” ID into classic C&W. **(JJR-MI)**
- WBIZ WI **Eau Claire** – 2/24 0733 – Poor in mess with repeated “Sportsradio1400.com” mentions in promos for shows. **(JJR-MI)**
- 1410 WNGL AL **Mobile** – 2/27 1928 – Good with spot for the “20th Annual Festival of Flowers” in Mobile, promo for Christ the King Parish in Daphne, AL. **(TLK-FL)**
- WENU NY **South Glens Falls** – 2/17 1950 – Very weak signal under WPOP with C&W music, ID at ToH. 103 watts night power working hard! **(TF-NH)**
- 1420 WIMS IN **Michigan City** – 2/26 0700 – Fighting off pest WHK with “you’re listening to the talk of the South Shore ... AM 1420 WIMS” ToH ID into CBS news. **(MKB-ON)**
- WACK NY **Newark** – 2/25 1940 – Ads for a Home Center, locations in Newark and Ontario County and a law firm with offices in Monroe and Ontario counties, “1420 WACK Newark” ID, into high school BKB. WACK’s 500 watt night signal has been a frequent visitor here in NH! **(TF-NH)**
- 1440 WMAX MI **Bay City** – 2/26 2115 – From an interesting mix tonight on 1440 emerged a weak but audible signal with the Holy Rosary, in and out of about five stations. WMAX is the only station on 1440 which carries EWTN programming, and EWTN airs the Rosary at 2100. **(TF-NH)**
- WDRJ MI **Inkster** – 2/26 2045 – Presumed with Black gospel music, way under WVEI, WHKZ, and UNID oldies station. This station’s unusual antenna system of eleven tiny towers near Detroit-Wayne County Airport in Romulus, sends all of its extremely tight 1000 watt night pattern across Detroit and Windsor in this direction. WDRJ airs the only such format listed in the log for 1440! **(TF-NH)**
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- WHKZ OH **Warren** – 2/26 2040 – Conservative talk, ads for Visiting Angels and a Christian bookstore, ToH ID: “WKHZ-Warren, Christian talk and teaching, a service of Salem Communications,” lost briefly under WVEI, back with two women discussing right to life. First time heard here. **(TF-NH)**
- 1450 WRLL IL **Cicero** – 2/23 0656 – Poor with legal ID at 0700. Their SS kind of stood out on the frequency. **(JJR-MI)** *One of the few remaining share-timers. They share 1450 with another Chicago-area ethnic station, WCEV. Mike*
- KNSI MN **St. Cloud** – 2/22 2000 – Poor in mess with ToH legal ID mentioning “... and 103.3 K277BS” into NBC news. **(JJR-MI)**
- 1510 WUFC MA **Boston** – 3/1 1900 – Over usual WLAC, noted with their umpteenth call and format change, “You’re listening to the flagship station of the Boston Marathon, 1510 WUFC” into NBC sports news. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1530 WDJZ CT **Bridgeport** – 2/16 1705 – Atop with rock oldies, promo for “Kingdom (something),” ID as “WDJZ Bridgeport, Danbury, Waterbury, New Haven, Hartford ... we are the station in your neighborhood,” into a rock song about a garbage truck (!) None of the usual Black gospel music this evening? I think that the board operator at WDJZ is having some fun tonight! **(TF-NH)**
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Unreported Stations: Three more to knock off the list this issue (KTLQ-1350, KNCK-1390, and KOBE-1450), but one new station on the air has not yet been reported (KFMD-1340), so the total drops by only two, to 580 stations not reported since Volume 67 (1999-2000).

Domestic DX Digest – West

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

Reporters

- CK-AZ** Chris Knight, Phoenix, AZ. Drake R8, 6' x 6' Micro Superloop Antenna, 9:2 xfmr feedbox to speaker wire to 2:1 feedbox to coax cable. The other 9:2 xfmr to 500-ohm remote termination potentiometer, Quantum Phaser phasing unit (for amplification only).
- FO-OK** Forest Osborn, Hooker, OK. Drake R8, 4' loop and 200' LW.
- GH-OK** Glenn Hauser, Enid OK. Mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only; or Sony SRF-59 as specified; Nissan stock car radio as specified; FRG-7 as specified. (Glenn's reports, with extensive commentary, are originally published in *DX Listening Digest*)
- JW-CO** John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- SA-MB** Shawn M. Axelrod, VEPC4SWL, Winnipeg, MB. Icom ICR-70 / Drake R8 3 Foot un-amplified box loop / Quantum QX LOOP v2.0/ 155 Foot "U" shaped outdoor wire / 100 Foot indoor wire run around the basement walls / MFJ 1026 Phasing unit
- SS-KS** Steve Sprague, Coffeyville, KS. DX-396 Select-A-Tenna

DX Loggings

- 740 KTRH TX Houston – 2/17 2220 – Poor-good signal mostly under KCBS with local KIDR obliterated by antenna. Coast to Coast AM program, break, ID: "Houston's News Station, Newsradio 7-40 KTRH, ads, "KTRH.com" promo. (CK-AZ)
- 900 KTIS MN Minneapolis – 2/19 1829 – Religious program, ID at 1830 as "Faith 900, KTIS" with mention of Minnesota. New here. (FO-OK)
- 910 WSUI IA Iowa City – 2/25 0816 – Level-headed report about gay marriage; *Morning Edition*; 0818 ID for IPR, Iowa Public Radio. (GH-OK)
- 930 WTAD IL Quincy – 2/19 1939 – High school basketball between Decatur Eisenhower and the "Raiders." (FO-OK)
- 930 KOGA NE Ogallala – 2/20 1849 – News about agriculture meetings being held near Ogallala. (FO-OK)
- 990 KWAM TN Memphis – 2/25 0806 – CBS World News Roundup with report from Larry Miller in London; 0806 ID as AM 990, a bit of music and then Memphis TN traffic, 0810 weather from WREG-TV, expecting to escape the snowstorm further west in OK et al. AM-990 is really KWAM, 10 kW day power. CBS WNR did not formally close and I had the feeling AM-990 cut away from it; network newscasts are far too cooperative in allowing affiliates to do that. Enough, already of news from the world beyond US. (GH-OK)
- 1200 KFNW ND West Fargo – 2/24 0853 – Single signal with promo for something Sunday at 2 pm "on Faith 1200, KFNW," then an Aleluya song. Must have been in a WOAI fade, as it's soon coming back with a SAH of about 6 Hz. KFNW is 50/13 kW. Day power starts at 0830 in Feb, 0745 in March. (GH-OK)
- 1240 KJAA AZ Globe – 2/23 0630 – Nil to fair signal and almost alone with oldies music, "Jukebox 12-40" slogans also "K-J Radio is Jukebox 12-40," almost non-stop oldies, promo for website "jukebox1240.com." (CK-AZ)
- 1280 KBNO CO Denver – 2/24 0836 – In KSOK Kansas null, woman in Spanish with local weather somewhere, "a través de Qué Bueno," on to music. That slogan clinches it as KBNO in Denver CO, 5/5 kW, in NRC AM Log as "La Cadena Nueva Qué Bueno." Note the masculine "bueno," instead of the usual buena in station slogans. But what does it refer to as masculine? Maybe it's only to match the callsign, someone else having KBNA. (GH-OK)
- 1280 KSOK KS Arkansas City – 2/24 0856 – Encounter a station actually playing our national anthem, but it can't be a sign-on, from KSOK Arkansas City KS. It's a country version by a male soloist – but boo! Faded down before finished at 0858. Outro as a "country classic," and then a CBS News Update. "Country Classics" is the slogan of KSOK, and NRC AM Log showed it affiliated only with ABC. If I owned a radio station, especially a SW one, I would play the "Star Spangled Banner" at least twice a day, whether signing on/off or not, and in a different



version from one time to the next. There must be scores of them recorded. (GH-OK)

- 1290 WIRL IL Peoria – 2/17 1759 – Old C&W music, ID as “Classic Country, WRIL, Peoria.” (FO-OK)
- 1300 KGLO IA Mason City – 2/24 1834 – On top of frequency with good signal, ID as “AM 1300, KGLO.” Mentioned Three Eagles station and gave phone number to call station as 494-2500, then ads for Iowa Hawkeye basketball and local weather at 1836. Also new here. (FO-OK)
- 1330 KCKM TX Monahans – 2/24 0839 – “The 12 thousand watt west Texas powerhouse, 1330 KCKM,” Monahans. (GH-OK)
- 1340 KGHM OK Midwest City – 2/24 0846 – NBC Sports Radio update as it’s late enough for KGHM Midwest City to reclaim the graveyard on groundwave; 0850 ad for something in Norman at <http://www.jdmc.org> i.e. the J. D. McCarty Center for children with developmental disabilities; non-ID as 1340-The-Game, back to sports talk referencing fox.com – so with the proliferation of silly sports networks, KGHM has added NBC to its main network, Fox Sports Radio. (GH-OK)
- 1350 KTLQ OK Tahlequah – 2/18 1630 – Oklahoma market reports, country & western music. Tahlequah City Hospital Ad, weather. (SS-KS)
- 1360 KDJW TX Amarillo – 2/26 0758 – EWTN program notes, ad or PSA for catholicscomehome.com; legal ID at 0759:50 by man: “This is 1360 AM KDJW Amarillo” and into EWTN programming (Morning Mass) at ToH. Fair signal, usually under, but occasional equal to, semi-local KHNC. (JW-CO)
- 1369.98 KXTL MT Butte – 2/26 0804 – Area ads; “Don’t text and drive” PSA; Wall Street Journal Report at 0806. Generally fair. (JW-CO)
- 1370 KWTL ND Grand Forks – 2/24 1841 – Religious program and EWTN radio ID. (FO-OK)
- 1370 KJCE TX Rollingwood – 2/19 0824 – “News-talk Radio 96.3 and 13-70” and Texas mentioned. That makes it KJCE Rollingwood (Austin market), per NRC AM Log, a.k.a. “The Right Choice,” and the 96.3 is only a translator, K242CE. 5 kW AM day pattern is broadly tangent northward. (GH-OK)
- 1380 KMUS OK Sperry – 2/19 1605 – English ID at ToH. Mexican music. (SS-KS)
- 1390 KNCK KS Concordia – 2/26 0743 – At least one definite ID while local KCRC is iced off: jingle for KNCK, Concordia, Kansas, presumably on PSRA of 500 watts instead of 54 watts night. (GH-OK)
- 1400 KEYL MN Long Prairie – 2/27 2358 – Sat here a while enjoying the absence of KCRC 1390 splatter, with a chance for some graveyarders to peak out of the pileup: all I get is at 0458 UT Feb 27, is partial ID for K?YL, with bathroom radio positioned to favor N/S. Bingo! The only fit is KEYL, Long Prairie MN, more than a megameter away in west-central Minnesota. (GH-OK)
- 1440 KDIZ MN Golden Valley – 2/12 1630 – Presumed with Radio Disney; never IDs with local calls at ToH. No other Radio Disney on 1440 according to NRC AM Log. (SS-KS)
- 1440 KTNO TX University Park – 2/24 1900 – Radio Luz ID in SS, then ID in EE “1440 KTNO, University Park.” (FO-OK)
- 1450 KOBE NM Las Cruces – 2/25 2159 – Very good peak, legal ID: “KOBE Las Cruces. Catch the buzz on The Bee,” into CBS news, “The Bee” slogan. Some interference from KVSL. (CK-AZ)
- 1500 WBRI IN Indianapolis – 2/24 1758 – Although this almost never happens to me, WBRI rose out of the clutter at 1758 with a perfectly clear call letter ID, and then KSTP walked all over them. But good enough for a new log. (FO-OK)
- 1580 KREL CO Colorado Springs – 2/24 1814 – Apparently KREL has changed format as they were ID’ing as “ESPN 1580.com. I then checked Google and found that it is KREL, and I may be the only person in the NRC who did not know that this had changed. (FO-OK)
- 1650 KYHN AR Fort Smith – 2/23 0800 – Faded up with full clear ID on the top of the hour. Mentions of Arklahoma and 10,000 watts of Conservative Radio. Back on the air after years of being silent. NEW. (SA-MB)
- 1670 KHPY CA Moreno Valley – 2/26 2305 – Very good, steady signal. Christian program in English (format is usually Spanish) called “Solar Radio” hosted by woman, promo for an event in Los Angeles, into Spanish at 2355, legal ID in a jingle followed by “AM 16-70” spoken. KNRO underneath the whole time. (CK-AZ)



1670 KNRO CA Redding – 2/26 2305 – Fair peaks but always under KHPY with Fox Sports Radio mentions, sports, network ads, legal ID: “Fox Sports Radio is KNRO Redding,” back to sports. (CK-AZ)

UnID

- 660 UNID -- 2/21 0156 – Big hum only, seems roughly NE/SW. Nothing else audible; most likely KSKY Balch Springs TX (means The Metroplex, essentially Dallas) which is 700 watts night, rather than KCRO Omaha, 54 watts. (GH-OK)
- 1100 UNID -- 2/19 0128 – WTAM *Coast To Coast* has some musical CCI with a SAH which is hard to null, making me suspect it be from near-opposite direction. The AZ station talk format looks unlikely, and the NM station is silent, so that leaves maybe XENAS Navojoa, Sonora, which is CHR. (GH-OK)
- 1340 UNID -- 2/19 0150 – Just above the graveyard QRM level I can hear “AM 1340 and 97.9 FM” and lost in the mush before any hint of format. DX-398 was aimed NE/SW, but cannot be at all sure of the direction. Manually searched the 181 entries on 1340 in the paper-only NRC AM Log (including Canadians, LPRTs, why not?), and found no mention of an FM // on 97.9. Of course that info cannot possibly be complete as AM stations embarrassed by their own band are adding FM relays all the time, only translators if necessary, yet branding them as the primary for ignorant local listeners, instead of making their AM sound as good as FM by good engineering, even stereo. At least this one still put AM first. Probably no further than an adjacent state, but no fit for new KGGG Garden City KS, or KGHM OKC. (GH-OK)
- 1390 UNID -- 2/26 0740 – With local KCRC Enid off due to power outage, it’s time to DX anything else on 1390, but it’s generally frustrating with a graveyard-like pileup of equally weak signals. At this point I do hear a promo mentioning 107.5, seems to be east/west. No sure match in the NRC AM Log; Googling leads to a relationship between WGRB Chicago IL and 107.5, such as in a crossover person: <http://www.inspiration1390.com/pages/drea.html> but that’s a bit too tenuous to base an ID on. (GH-OK)
- 1390 UNID -- 2/26 0741 – In the absence of local KCRC Enid, something(s) from Arkansas: “serving the heart of Arkansas for 100 years.” But neither of the two 1390 AR stations is anywhere near the ‘heart’ i.e. Little Rock – KFFK Rogers in the NW corner, and KDQN DeQueen in the SW corner. Googling on that phrase is inconclusive, maybe applying to United Way or a children’s hospital, not necessarily as of 2013. At 0742, Arkansas Federal Credit Union offers free app; and 433-1010 is the traffic number at The Buzz Radio Network. OK, that number for traffic center (not clear if it means road reports, or booking commercial time!) traces to <http://www.point941.com/contact/default.aspx> so this AM station must be related to that FM station in Little Rock. Another little problem with the 1390 Arkansawyers is that both are Spanish per the NRC AM Log and all this was in English. KDQN-FM is English, AM is Spanish. Can’t find a real website for KFFK. I give up trying to sort this out and decide which station(s) I really heard. Perhaps someone with an intimate knowledge of Arkansas radio can unravel it, at least confirm which 1390(s) be in Spanish and which in English, or both. (GH-OK)

That wraps up the weekly issues for this DX season. Hope everyone’s surviving the late-season snowstorms, and we all have an uneventful spring weather-wise. See you next time. (JDT-WA)

NOAA Space Weather Outlook

Issued February 25 – For the period February 25-March 23, 2013

Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels throughout the forecast period with a slight chance for an M-class event after 10 March when Region 1675 returns.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

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

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet levels through the majority of the forecast period. Unsettled levels are predicted for 01 and 21 March when recurrent coronal hole high speed streams are forecast to be geoeffective.

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Trans-Atlantic DX

- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse MAR 1 0500 - Good; *France Info* mentioned, fanfare into news, then another quick fanfare stinger into more news, parallel 1557 kHz. [Conti-NH]
990 unID FEB 27 0545 - My 990 local was off, and I had Montreal and something else, possibly Spain? [Renfrew-NY]
999 **SPAIN** *COPE* Madrid FEB 27 0548 - Spanish, *COPE* presumed, relog so I moved on. [Renfrew-NY]
1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros FEB 27 0546 - Muddled, but audible, noted in passing. The only station this night from outside of the Bay of Biscay. [Renfrew-NY] MAR 1 0600 - Good; promo, "...live on TalkSport, Wigan versus Liverpool." [Conti-NH]
1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 28 2300 - Fair with synchro echo; time signal and fanfare, "Radio Nacional de España, informativos." [Conti-NH]
1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 27 0544 - Spanish, fairly strong, none of the off-channel het heard in recent years, relog. [Renfrew-NY]
1134 **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros FEB 27 0541 - Spanish parallel 1143 and web audio via Delicast. [Renfrew-NY]
1143 **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros FEB 27 0541 - Spanish parallel web audio via Delicast. New. [Renfrew-NY]
1152 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 27 0540 - Spanish noted in passing, relog. [Renfrew-NY]
1179 unID FEB 27 0540 - Very weak JBA carrier detectable hetting Omaha, loops northwest/southeast, so presumably another Cuban variant in the *R.Rebelde* jamming network, rather than Europe. [Hauser-OK] *Based on conditions per the Renfrew logs, I've listed this as a transatlantic signal, more likely from the Canary Islands/Spain SER synchros than Cuba.* - Conti
1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux FEB 27 0539 - French noted in passing. [Renfrew-NY]
1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synchros FEB 28 2252 - Fair; canned *Absolute Radio* promo/ID, Harry Chapin "Cat's in the Cradle," then a promo for the morning show and festival ticket giveaway into ad string, absoluteradio.co.uk promo. [Conti-NH]
1287 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 27 0539 - Parallel 1521 kHz; poor. New. [Renfrew-NY]
1314 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 27 0538 - Parallel RNE web audio via Delicast; poor. New. [Renfrew-NY]
1386 **SPAIN** *Euskadi Irratia*, Bilbao FEB 27 0536 - Parallel 1476, though much weaker. New. [Renfrew-NY]
1413 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 27 0535 - Presumed, very weak, previously logged. [Renfrew-NY]
1476 **SPAIN** *Euskadi Irratia*, Biribilondo FEB 27 0517 - Man and woman speaking, electronic music at tune-in, parallel to web audio via Delicast. I listened to this one the most and noted a "Euzkadi Irratia Noticias" after 4+1 pips at 0600. While it sounded Spanish in its cadences, it was odd, so most likely Basque language or "Basquish" that I was hearing. New. [Renfrew-NY]
1485 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 27 0534 - Parallel web audio via Delicast. Very weak. New. [Renfrew-NY]
1521 **SPAIN** *SER R.Castellón*, Castellón FEB 27 0513 - "Cadena SER" ID parallel to web audio via Delicast. I went right past this the first time figuring it was the usual Saudi, and even reported it as such to the e-list, but when I passed it by again it was Spanish, and simply smashing through 1520 WWKB in nearby Buffalo. I don't expect to see this one any time soon. New. [Renfrew-NY]
1521 unID FEB 27 0542 - Northeast/southwest het upon KOKC, rather late for the Saudi behemoth, but maybe a bit of the 2 megawatts are still making it thru. By the way, KOKC has a better night signal lately, probably fixed their antenna and/or the Minnesotan 1520 has quit cheating. [Hauser-OK]
1539 **SPAIN** *SER* Manresa and Elche FEB 27 0525 - Parallel to web audio via Delicast, a slight echo noted, so I heard both of them, I suppose, but I seem to recall from Newfoundland that Elche has been noted with separate programming - though this recollection may be way out of date. New. Not sure whether to count this as one new one, or two. [Renfrew-NY]

- 1548 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Bristol, Mangotsfield* MAR 1 0459 - Poor; telephone talk and news/talk in English with BBC mentions. [Conti-NH]
- 1602 **SPAIN** *R.Vitoria, Vitoria* FEB 27 0515 - *SER*, I figured, but not parallel, so I found *R.Vitoria* on Delicast, and voila, that was it, about ten seconds delayed on the web audio. The TA pipeline seems aimed at Basque country and Galicia. Very good signal. New. [Renfrew-NY]

Jim speaks: On getting Barry's e-tip (thanks!), and with my Kaz coax retrieved from the snow piles earlier in the day a quick run through the top of the band at 0510 UTC gave 1557 France (relog), 1575 I initially called this Italy, but now I'm not so sure with such a pipeline into Spain. There were two stations on 1575 but when I went back there was barely anything. I've previously logged Spain and Italy on 1575 kHz. 1584 also had a signal - possibly much wanted Radio Ole, but on my return there wasn't much there. Not much else to dig into after 0600. But nine new TA's in one night is a unique experience here. Though every one of these is a pest in Newfoundland! I still can't get over the powerful signal from Spain on 1521 kHz. Not only do I have 1520 WWKB, but 1590 WASB (I can see their tower light from my house) puts out a nasty spur around 1521 kHz.

Hauser het hunt: Checking likely spots for transpacific carriers around 1306 UT sunrise here Feb 26: at 1310: JBA carriers on 747, 828, probably Japan; at 1311, on 774, probably Japan, 738 probably Tahiti.

Pan-American DX

- 550 **MEXICO** XEPL *La Super Estación, Cd. Cuauhtémoc, Chih.* FEB 24 0616 - A Suprema Corte "tiempo oficial" government PSA, dominant signal from northeast/southwest but with a SAH of about 4 Hz; 0617 balada music; 0623 "La Super Estación, 550 AM," 11:22 timecheck. No sign of Low German or indigenous language at the moment. IRCA and WRTH agree on night power, if we can believe that: not bad for 150 watts, rather than 5 kW day power. [Hauser-OK]
- 580 **MEXICO** XEAV *Canal 58, Guadalajara, Jal.* FEB 26 0000 - Following up on the local evening hour vs. the local morning unidentified XE. A brief but clear seemingly live and convenient XEAV ID by male, then talk for a moment, but lost under WDBO and someone else weak. No *Canal 58* slogan heard though. [Krueger-FL]
- 580 **MEXICO** unID FEB 23 1142 - Mexi-tunes, but no anthem at 1200, lost to WDBO Orlando on the back-ish side of the point to Mexico. FEB 24 1158 - Mexi-tune, 1200 male, "la... México... XE..." but no anthem again, lost to WDBO. FEB 25 1149 - Audio up, Mexi-tunes, male DJ front intro'ing a Los Tigres del Norte song next up, into at 1152. Mention of "cinco ochenta..." at 1200 by female. Lost once again to WDBO. Suspect XEAV (see evening log) but inconclusive without an ID or slogan. [Krueger-FL]
- 640 **MEXICO** XEHHI *Hidalgo de Parral, Chih.* FEB 23 0515 - Fair/good mostly over KFI with fast dance music, "40 Principales 99.3 FM" slogan, then MST time check, occasionally just mentioned AM: "40 Principales 640 AM" followed by the MST time check, faded during full ID at 0600, mentioned "5,000 wats de potencia." [Knight-AZ]
- 730 **MEXICO** XEX *México, DF* FEB 26 0622 - Morse code goes by a few times, but I don't copy it completely in the interference: not RR as in Cuba. Must be TDW, which XEX uses as a non-ID. [Hauser-OK]
- 790 **CUBA** *R.Relej, Pinar del Río and Holguín* FEB 28 0059 - Over/under WPRV; double RR code with a second of delay between them indicating reception of both stations. [Conti-NH]
- 800 **BONAIRE** PJB *TransWorld Radio, Kralendijk* FEB 22 0024 - Good, riding post-sunset local with canned Spanish gospel program, female canned "Radio Transmundial, Bonaire..." at 0030, into another Spanish canned gospel program. 2013 WRTH lists English until 0030. But not, at least on this local Thursday. [Krueger-FL]
- 960 **MEXICO** XEK *Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.* FEB 25 0600-0605 - Local KGWA Enid continues to provide a Fox-hole of dead air most nights - well, almost, except for that nasty hum. Carefully nulling it on the DX-398 by the window, from long experience I recognize three stations coming thru: at 0602, 4-descending 'XEW' chimes really from XEK Nuevo Laredo; then at 0603 harmonica blues music presumably from WABG Greenwood MS. And also ABC News from KMA Shenandoah IA. [Hauser-OK]
- 970 **MEXICO** XEBJ *Benito Juárez, Tamps.* FEB 17 1040 - Spanish romantic music followed by ID by a woman, "Radio nueve-setenta AM," and then "Strawberry Fields" by the Beatles. Heard later during another fadeup with "Down Under" by Men at Work. Fair-poor with local XEJ phased. [Vance-TX]
- 970 **MEXICO** unID FEB 28 0600 - Under domestics; children's choral national anthem. [Conti-NH]

- 990 **MEXICO** XECL *Rockola 990*, Mexicali, BCN FEB 26 1313 - Spanish ID as "La Rockola," ballad, and 1316 jingle, east-west. That's XECL per IRCA, 5/3 kW, a kilomile away. [Hauser-OK]
- 1000 **CUBA** *R.Artemisa*, Artemisa FEB 22 0046 - Fair-poor, parallel big 1020 kHz. [Krueger-FL]
- 1020 **CUBA** *R.Artemisa*, unknown site FEB 22 0045 - Big signal, horribly over-modulated with traditional Cuban vocals, female announcer, ID 0058 followed by four slow time sounders way off on timing. Another ID at 0100 and into pop-ish Cuban vocals. Parallel weaker 1000 kHz. [Krueger-FL]
- 1040 **MEXICO** XEBBB Santa Ana Tepititlan, Jal. FEB 10 0600 - Coming out of the mix with Mexican national anthem followed by ID by a woman with "Radio Mujer" slogan and callsign, then into talk programming. Poor in mix with unID Spanish, no sign of WHO. [Vance-TX]
- 1050 **CUBA** *R.Victoria*, Victoria de las Tunas FEB 17 0110 - Nice traditional Cuban vocals, female ID. At 0200, male canned, "Estancia en sintonía Radio Victoria..." Some XE co-channel. [Krueger-FL]
- 1070 **CUBA** *R.Guamá*, Guane FEB 20 0108-0150 - Female-dominated newscast as should well be, mostly ruling the channel, but one other unidentified Spanish Latin American and a U.S. English briefly in the mix. *R.Guamá* is not DX from here, but the interesting thing was the 0130 male canned ID with at least 3 to 4 FM channels mentioned - none copied - but all prefixed with the towns (La Palma was one, for instance). [Krueger-FL]
- 1110 **CUBA** *R.Angulo*, Holguín FEB 28 1000 - Under/over WBT; canned *R.Angulo* ID by a man, doorbells marking the hour, then Cuban folk music. [Conti-NH]
- 1110 unID FEB 26 0558 - Soft jazz in null of KFAB making SAH. None of the other nighttime U.S. stations look likely in the NRC AM Log, so switch to the IRCA Mexican log for most likely candidate there, XEWR in Ciudad Juárez, 500 watts at night, but there are several others. [Hauser-OK]
- 1140 **MEXICO** XEMR Monterrey, NL FEB 21 0120 - Mexi-tunes slowly overtaking Cuban stations *R.Rebelde* and *R.Musical*. Male canned ID with calls at 0130, but no *R.Esperanza* slogan heard if that's still the slogan. [Krueger-FL]
- 1170 **MEXICO** XEFEM Hermosillo, Son. FEB 26 0630 - Very good signal. Dance music, "La Nueva Digital 99.5 FM" slogan by woman. [Knight-AZ]
- 1300 **MEXICO** XEP Cd. Juárez, Chih. FEB 24 1338 - Very good signal in Spanish, time check for 6:37, so it's the usual XEP Ciudad Juárez, which penetrates well even a semihour past sunrise here with its 38 day kW per Cantú. [Hauser-OK]
- 1370 **MEXICO** XEMON Monterrey, NL FEB 28 0713 - Mexican political discussion from the south with anti-sindicato sentiment (as the PRI President Peña Nieto is cracking down on corrupt union leaders), 0705 ID as "Grupo Fórmula" and then ads. IRCA shows two Radios Fórmula on 1370, but I'm sure this is not Nogales but the one in Monterrey NL: XEMON, 10/10 kW, relaying XERFR 970, i.e. the network flagship out of the DF. No doubt if I had listened longer I would have heard a 970 rather than 1370 ID. [Hauser-OK]
- 1560 **MEXICO** unID FEB 28 0125 - Presumed Mexico with almost all instrumental Mexican-themed easy listening/elevator songs, lots of accordions and strings, a couple of soft female vocals, Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass-like (but not) tracks. All nonstop, no breaks, until 0203, male canned, "50 mil vatios de potencia..." and back to easy listening Mexican-ish instrumentals, including "It's Impossible" (the Perry Como hit turned instrumental here) at 0208. If there was an ID at 0300, not captured, but one of those gobierno estado quasi-PSA things. XEINFO México, DF <http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/XEINFO-AM> format doesn't seem to match, so/but who else could this be? [Krueger-FL]
- 2910 **MEXICO** XEVT Villahermosa, Tab. FEB 26 1151 - Harmonic here is often a carrier, but power outage today lowers the noise level enough to make out a few Spanish words, "pantalones de color naranja" (meaning prison garb?), i.e. previously identified as 3 x 970 XEVT. [Hauser-OK]

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Chris Knight N0IJK/7, Phoenix AZ; Drake R8, 6 x 6-ft Micro SuperLoop antenna mounted on a PVC frame, 9:2 xfmr feedbox to speaker wire to 2:1 xfmr to RG8X coax. The other end 9:2 xfmr to speaker wire to 500 ohm remote null-adjust pot, Quantum Phaser phasing unit used as an amplifier.

Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL; JRC NRD-535, Icom IC-R75, Hammarlund HQ-180A, Sony ICF-7600GR, Sangean PR-D5, Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio, GE Superadio III, JPS NF-60 Notch Filter, JPS ANC-4 Noise Phase, 1 X roof dipole, 1 X room random wire, Terk Advantage non-active portable loop.

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Robert Vance, El Paso TX; WinRadio G33DDC, 12 x 9-ft terminated corner-fed north and east loops, 12 x 7-ft east-west indoor loop with TG-1 gizmo, 6 x 4-ft multiturn indoor loop on second floor oriented north-south.

International News

CUBA: *R.Bayamo* received on 1620 kHz mixing with co-channel *R.Rebelde*, and now runs its own programming during the night. [Jurgen Bartels, *mwdx*]

73 and Good DX!

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Improving your DX skills – tips from new and veteran members

Greetings once again from the Heart of the Continent and welcome to the DX Tool Box Column number 48.

This Month's Radio Saying: Broadcasting with TEN MILLION microwatts of POWER!

SDR Loggings and Tips Received

SDR logs from December 8, 2012 0626-0805 EST using WiNRADiO G33DDC SDR RX with Eavesdropper 43 foot multiband antenna running E to W.

- 530 CIAO ON **Brampton** – Mixing with Spanish talk. At 0630 man in English “AM 530 dot ca. CIAO (said as the word “chow”) AM 5-30.”
- 540 WGOP MD **Pocomoke City** – Mixing with WGTH. Fox sports, talk and R. Mison. Man at 0733: “Rock and roll generations ... nights at 6 here on 5-40 AM WGOP.”
- 560 WFIL PA **Philadelphia** – Mixing with CFOS, WJLS, and WFRB. Man at 0700: “... streaming live at WFIC dot com. Now on I heart radio. This is WFIL Philadelphia’s Christian talk radio.”
- CFOS ON **Owen Sound** – Mixing with WFIL, WJLS, and WFRB. At 0700 “Bayshore Broadcasting news.”
- 580 WKSK NC **West Jefferson** – Mixing with WCHS and WHP. At 0635 man: “... WKSK. Good Saturday morning. 6:35. The weather forecast for today”
- 590 WMBS PA **Uniontown** – Mixing with WCAB and religious talk. At 0705 man: “Good Saturday morning. The WMBS news time is 7:05” At 0713 man reviews upcoming basketball games. At 0723 “Radio Bingo Show.”
- 600 WVAR WV **Richwood** – Mixing with CKAT, WCAO, talk, Spanish and Gospel singing. At 0633 man: “West Virginia’s classic hits radio. We play the biggest hits of all time.”
- CKAT ON **North Bay** – Mixing with WVAR, WCAO, talk, Spanish, and Gospel singing. At 0644 “KAT” jingle. Man “North Bay news leader AM 6 hundred CKAT.”
- 620 WDNC NC **Durham** – Mixing with WHKB, WGCV, and WRJZ. At 0718 man: “The station where college basketball season never ends. 6-20 AM and 99 9 FM” At 0727 man “... mornings from 6 till 9 on AM 6-20 ‘The Buzz.’”
- WGCV SC **Cayce** – Mixing with WHKB, WDNC, and WRJZ. At 0720 woman: “WGCV 6-20 AM. ‘Anyway You Bless the Lord I’ll Be Satisfied.’ It’s 7:20. Coming up after the break ...” into “6-20 Event Calendar.”
- WRJZ TN **Knoxville** – Mixing with WHKB, WGCV, and WDNC. At 0700 man “... here on ‘Faith Today’... coming up this morning on WRJZ ... good morning”
- 640 WFNC NC **Fayetteville** – Mixing with WWJZ, WHLO, WXSM, and Spanish. At 0630 man: “This is news talk 6-40 WFNC Fayetteville. A Cumulus station.”
- 680 WKAZ WV **Charleston** – Mixing with CFTR, WPTF, and WCBM. At 0733 man: “Charleston’s oldies station. 95 point 3 and 68 KAZ.”

- 690 WZAP VA **Bristol** – Mixing with CKGM, other talk, WELD, Spanish, and Fox Sports. At 0730 man: “You are listening to the one to turn to. Clear Channel 6-90 AM WZAP Bristol Virginia. Good morning.” WZAP with religious programming and Christian music.
- 690 CKGM QC **Montreal** – Mixing with WZAP, other talk, WELD, Spanish, and Fox Sports. CKGM with ESPN Radio programming. At 0626 man: “TSN 6-90 6-90” (yes, repeated). At 0630 man: “This is where Hab fans turn first for the latest on their team. TSN 6-90. Voice of the Montreal Canadiens.” Several times announcers mistakenly ID as “TSN 9-90” and then correct themselves.
- 710 WZOOt NC **Asheboro** – Mixing with WOR and Spanish. Gospel singing. At 0735 woman mentions “Raleigh-Durham.” This is probably WZOO and Asheboro is closer to Raleigh Durham than Rose Hill.
- 740 WPAQ NC **Mount Airy** – Mixing with CFZM, WNOP, singing, Fox Sports, and Spanish. At 0732 man: “This is Lester Hall. You’re listening to 7-40 AM WPAQ Mount Airy North Carolina” into CBS news.
- 750 WAUG NC **New Hope** – Mixing with WSB, WPDx, oldies, and Spanish. At 0730 woman: “Power 7-50 WAVG.”
- 760 WVNE MA **Leicester** – Mixing with WJR and WCPS. Religious talk. At 0759 man: “AM 7-60 WVNE Leicester.”
- WCPS NC **Tarboro** – Mixing with WJR and WVNE. At 0716 man talking about programs on WCPS. “Join us now for another day of the best in music, news and information on AM 7-60 WCPS. AM 7-60 WCPS Tarboro Rocky Mount” in prayer.
- 770 WAIS OH **Buchtel** – Mixing with WABC, other talk, other singing, and Spanish. WAIS with C&W songs. At 0714 man: “7-70 WAIS”
- 780 WCKB NC **Dunn** – Mixing with WBBM and WAVA. At 0715 man: “Good morning. This is radio station WCKB in Dunn North Carolina now beginning another broadcasting day. WCKB is owned and operated by North Carolina Central Broadcasters Incorporated”
- 790 WHTH OH **Heath** – Mixing with Fox sports, C&W songs, R. Reloj, and Spanish. “Sean Hannity Show.” At 0701 woman: “The AM 7-90 WHTH weather forecast for today”
- 800 WLAD CT **Danbury** – Mixing with CKLW, C&W songs, Spanish singing, Gospel singing, and oldies. At 0726 man: “Your NFL station 8 hundred AM WLAD.”
- 830 WEEU PA **Reading** – Mixing with WCCO and WTRU. At 0758 man: “The Voice of Berks County. 8-30 AM WEEU Reading.”
- 850 WKNR OH **Cleveland** – Mixing with other talk, more talk, WTAR, and true oldies (probably WAXB). Typical ESPN Radio programming. At 0628 ads for “Window Nation” and “Spa West in Westwood.”
- UnID -- Mixing with WKNR, other talk, more talk, WTAR, and true oldies (probably WAXB). Strange programming not fitting usual WPTK programming. Oldies. At 0726 man: “It’s a concert to the music you love. This is a million dollar music weekend on AM 8-50 WDGm (?)” into Carolina scanner/printer supplier ad. “Calico Office Supply” ad. Is this WPTK? WDGm FM is in Greensboro, AL. Is this WXJC with new format?
- 870 WHCU NY **Ithaca** – Mixing with WWL, WTCG, C&W songs, and R. Reloj. At 0734 man: “WHCU news time is 7:34.”
- WTCG NC **Mount Holly** – Mixing with WWL, WHCU, C&W songs, and R. Reloj. At 0729 man: “We want to invite all the WTCG listeners ... Bible studies”
- 890 WKNV VA **Fairlawn** – Mixing with WLS and other talk. At 0730 man: “Joy 8-90 WKNV Fairlawn today’s southern Gospel music and ministry station now begins its broadcast day”
- 1570 WECU NC **Winterville** – Mixing with WNCA, singing, talk, other singing, Spanish, Yahoo sports, and bluegrass music. At 0755 man: “Hi and thank you so much for listening to WECU 15-70. Same great music. Same great station with a new name. We like ... roll. That’s right the promise of inspiration for the entire family, the community and everybody in between.”
- 1600 WMCR NY **Oneida** – Mixing with WWRL, Gospel singing, Spanish singing, and Fox sports. At 0800 man: “ ... talk radio ... 11-50 WUTI ... WMCR Oneida” into ABC news.
- 1610 CHHA ON **Toronto** – Mixing with French talk and singing. At 0645 man: “In your car, at home, at work, or wherever you tune from CHHA 16-10 AM Voces Latinas.”

- 1620 WNRP FL **Gulf Breeze** – Mixing with singing, Cuba, and other Spanish. At 0700 man: “... traffic, weather ... news radio 16-20 WNRP.”
- 1630 WRDW GA **Augusta** – Mixing with KCJJ and NVCC TIS. At 0700 man: “News talk sports 16-30 WRDW Augusta.”
- 1650 KCNZ IA **Cedar Falls** – Mixing with CJRS and WHKT. KCNZ with typical Fox sports programming. At 0650 man: “Your home for Cedar Falls high school sports. Cedar Valley sports station 16-50 ‘The Fan’ KCNZ.”
- 1670 WTDY WI **Madison** – Mixing with WPLA. At 0627 man: “Happy Holidays from 106.7 FM and 16-70 AM WTDY.”
- 1680 WOKB FL **Winter Garden** – Mixing with WTTM and WPRR. At 0708 man: “Good morning central Florida ... another day the Lord has made”

73, Kraig Krist, KG4LAC Manassas, VA USA www.kg4lac.com KG4LAC -- Amateur radio extra class KDX4KWK -- All-Band Radio Monitor.

Bits and Bites from the NRC listserv:

Subject: 963 Verie

In response to my 1/12 E-mail inquiry I just received a verification card from the Cyprus Broadcasting Corp. saying that they verified my report of 12 January for my reception of Nicosia on 12 Jan 2013 for 0520-0625 [0320 GMT] describing the programs heard. I had told them I believed the station was Nicosia-963 but it was tentative. This is a new country verified for me, number 132. Never thought I would get beyond 131. Signed by the Director General but I can't read the name. My wife and I visited Cyprus in 1998 where I had some of the best daytime reception in memory - from our cruise ship. This is my second 963 Verie, the other was Finland. Ben Dangerfield, Wallingford, Pa.

From: Rick Dau drummer1965usa@yahoo.com

Subject: Using the #MWDX Hash tag on Twitter

Stephen, I don't know about the #MWDX hash tag on Twitter, but a bunch of us on these list servers are active in the #MWDX room on www.starchat.net. All it takes is to download Java, and you can get onto Starchat, then find us in the #MWDX room. It's the only DX-oriented live time chat room that I know of on the Internet, and it's a great way to pass on and receive hot tips. I'm not on there at the moment, as I'm currently updating my chronological FM logbook from South Omaha, but I should be dropping by before the night's over. 73, Rick Dau South Omaha, Nebraska

From: Stephen Ponder stephen_ponder@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Using the #MWDX hash tag on Twitter

Sometime in the not-too-distant past, I remember reading an article in a radio journal that suggested the use of the “#MWDX” hash tag on Twitter as a means of disseminating DX tips/catches to other DX'ers. Is this method still being suggested? I have been doing this during my “Insomniac DX” sessions (usually past midnight local time, 0600 UTC) and the only “tweet” that I've received was from a “shady” woman in Monterrey, NL, Mexico, in response to my tweet about Radio Esperanza, 1140 kHz. It was VERY obvious she was not a DX'er, if you know what I mean Are we “supposed” to respond to #MWDX tweets or treat them simply as DX alerts? Maybe I've had the wrong mindset all along. Thanks & 73, Steve Ponder, N5WBI Houston, TX

This Month's DX Tool Box Web Site is:

Under The Influence CBC Radio

<http://www.cbc.ca/player/Radio/Under+the+Influence/ID/2329222735/>

The CBC web site says: “Radio Is Dead. Long Live Radio. Many advertisers think radio is yesterday's medium, but judging by the work being done today, the opposite is true. We'll tell the story of a German music school that used radio to recruit top music students by making their email address invisible to all but those with perfect pitch, how an entire country's radio stations switched formats one morning to sell a chocolate bar and how the country of Columbia used radio to send a coded message of hope out to kidnapped soldiers.” This is a great episode of the program all about yes our radio and how alive it is and will be.

73 for this time Shawn

Remember On A Clear Day You Can Hear Forever

The DX Time Machine is omitted this week for lack of space – we'll be back with it next time!

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