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From the Publisher: We're now at the part of the calendar where *DX News* will be coming out once a month ... be sure to check the calendar at the bottom right for deadlines and such.

There's been a lot of club news the last few issues, and be sure to see the message from Paul on page 2. For me, I have to say that in nearly four years now of editing and producing *DX News*, my favorite issues are the nice, thick ones with useful up-to-date station information, lots of interesting loggings from DX'ers in many different locations, and a tip or two that teach me a trick I didn't know before. And that content comes from you, the members ... so if you want to see more in *DX News* (and who doesn't), you are where it all begins.

Major League Baseball: From Barry Finkel, Pro Sports Networks editor: "I have all of the Major League Baseball (MLB) lists except these: Chicago Cubs, Colorado Rockies, St. Louis Cardinals, San Francisco Giants, Washington Nationals. The online lists for these teams are either for last season, or they are undated and are the same as last season's list. I will try to get these lists before the April 11 deadline."

Barry can be reached at 10314 S. Oakley, Chicago, IL 60643-2409 or bsfinkel@att.net. Look for the full MLB networks lists next issue!

Unreported Stations List: This issue there are four stations on the previously unreported stations list that appear in DDXD for the first time since at least Volume 67 (1999-2000), from four different DXers! Those would be KARS-840, WELS-1010, KTON-1330, and WRVK-1460. Still

531 stations on the list; latest version is on e-DXN.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

"Enclosed is my check for membership renewal for *DX News*. As a member of the remaining 5-10% of the population not enthralled with COMPUTERS!! I like the BoD proposal in the last issue, and was happy to see their interest in retaining my membership in the NRC – which I would have to abandon if there were no more print *DX News*. Regards" – Pete Horton.

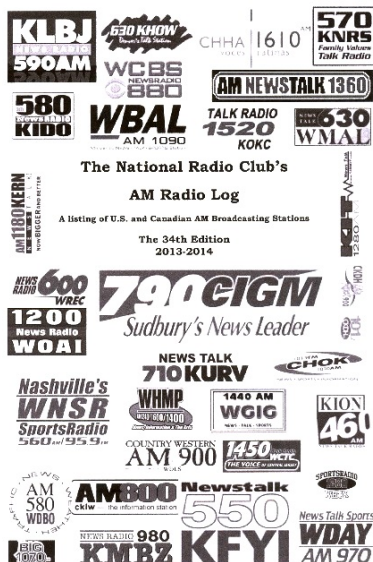
New Members: Welcome to Vincent Henley, Anacortes, WA; Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN; George Magiros, New York, NY; Paul Migliorelli, Boulder, CO; and Antony Ward, Whitby, ON.

Returning Members: Welcome back to Kris Gray, Fort Wayne, IN; and Gary Wilt, Wood Ridge, NJ.

Renewing Members: Thanks for the continued support of Arthur L. Burke Jr.; Jim Chenard; John Clark; David E. Fox; David Gleason; Peter A. Horton; Steven Kamp; Ronald Kida; Robert N. LaVigne; Anthony Rhein; Jan R. Schrader; John R. Stacy; Robert Steadman; Alphonse Tobia, John Tudenham; Stan Weisbeck; and David Yocis.

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No	In By	Date	No	In By	Date
25	Apr. 11	Apr. 21	28	June 27	July 7
26	May 2	May 12	29	Aug. 1	Aug. 11
27	May 30	June 9	30	Sept. 5	Sept. 15



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State of the NRC Report

By Paul Swearingen, Chairman of the Board of Directors, National Radio Club

Allow me to introduce myself, especially to newer members who may not know me. I've been an NRC member since March, 1975. My first official NRC duty was when I volunteered to do the "International DX Achievements" column and run the awards program (which has since disappeared). I served for a few years as "Musings of the Members" editor, and then I became publisher in 1988, hosted a convention in 1989, and continued to publish DXN for some 22 years. Before I retired from 34 years of teaching (English, Spanish, journalism), I started writing young adult novels and now have eight self-published e-books up on various venues.

My health. Most of you know that I'm dealing with cancer. On January 21 I had half of my colon removed (which made me an ex-English teacher with a semi-colon) and am now undergoing chemo treatments to control the cancer which metastized from my colon to my liver. The prognosis is "good," and I don't foresee my health being a factor in my ability to head this group and make rational decisions.

In fact, I've suggested to all NRC BoD members to be thinking of BoD replacements in the future. None of us is getting younger, and I've always been an advocate of "young" blood to bring in new ideas.

NRC Convention? It's getting a little late, but not too late for someone to step up and volunteer. Seriously, if I can do it, you can, too. Ideally, two people and possibly more would be needed to run a convention, especially if you downsized it a bit from what we've had in previous years. If you volunteer – we'll guide you through the steps. Ernie Wesolowski has an excellent guide, and a number of us can answer questions. The minimum convention would include arranging for a meeting place/hotel, a time span from perhaps Friday night through Sunday morning, a banquet Saturday night (with or without speaker) plus the business meeting and auction that evening, and maybe the quiz on Sunday morning. Tours, assembling goodie bags, and other time-consuming events I'd consider as optional, and frankly if we could all sit around and chew the fat all day Saturday, I'd be happy. Why not contact Ernie today: <neerniew@hotmail.com>.

Merger? The NRC listserv had a recent lively discussion about IRCA and the NRC merging, probably because this year is the 50th anniversary of the formation of that club (congratulations!). And ... not going to happen, not as an equal with compromises, anyway. IRCA is a strictly democratic organization; the NRC has traditionally been run as a corporation (and indeed is incorporated in the State of Kentucky), with the Board of Directors making decisions as needed. I estimate that all but about 25-30 of IRCA's members are also NRC members, but a handful of them traditionally have expressed great distress during any talks about mergers. Frankly, I've enjoyed my membership in IRCA (since about 1979) and feel that both clubs are unique enough to offer choices to those who join either or both and am against a so-called merger, as such. Finally, if the BoD of IRCA wants to talk merger, we're happy to accept their offer to discuss.

So, who's doing what? Wayne Heinen has handed leadership duties to me, but don't call me "boss" nor Topeka "HQ." We're still diversified. Wayne will continue to handle subscription/membership duties, archiving past copies of "DX News" and posting them on e-DXN.com, NRC Publications (although he would like to see someone take over these duties), product sales and PayPal duties, Internet hardware liaison (to host the listserv, nrcdxas and e-DXN), and editing the NRC AM Log. Kraig Krist is now fully in charge of e-DXN and the NRC listserv.

Tests coordinator. Currently, the NRC and IRCA are looking for a joint test coordinator who would be a member of both clubs. The coordinator should be able to contact stations, explain the nature of tests, and follow up on and validate all test activities with qualified station personnel. News of all tests should be sent to the NRC DXN editor and posted directly on e-DXN in a timely matter. If you're interested, you should send a simultaneous request to myself and IRCA's President: Phil Bytheway phil_tekno@yahoo.com.

College sports editor. We need one. Apply to David Yocis @ NRCDXNews@gmail.com.

e-DXN. We are going to streamline e-DXN, removing or combining some redundant forums and adding several. For example "Formats" has been incorporated into "AM Switch," so the "Formats" forum will be removed.

Veries to be scanned. We could use several more volunteers to help scan veries to be displayed on nrcdxas.org. Apply directly to Wayne Heinen: sales@nrcdxas.org.

My philosophy. The buck stops here. I'm as transparent as I can be. I delegate as needed to the responsible person – editor, BoD member, whatever. I communicate quickly (best way to contact me is via e-mail: plsBCBDXER@aol.com). I don't argue, but I'll be happy to discuss. I know where the skeletons are. As I stated above, don't call me "boss"; I'm a leader but more of a coordinator and facilitator. Finally, let me know if you have new ideas; if they simply aren't viable, we'll move on to new ones.

Thanks for putting your trust in me – Paul Swearingen.

AM Switch



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

As a reminder, e-DXN subscribers can download a weekly “Interim AM Switch” on Friday nights or Saturday mornings on weekends that no DX News issue is published. Just look in the “AM Switch” folder. When we publish, we’ll have all the material we’ve assembled since the last issue, so you won’t miss a thing.

CALL CHANGES

- 1160 WJFJ NC Tryon – Call change to WWQT (3/20, station is silent).
 1300 KWCK AR Searcy – Call change to KRZS (3/15).
 WIMO GA Winder – Call change to WJBB (3/15).

In addition, the buyers of WWJC-850 Duluth MN have reserved the call letters WQRM for when their purchase is complete. With calls like that, they’ll probably run IBOC, hi.

STATIONS GOING DARK

- 960 WPLY PA Mount Pocono – FCC sent letter to station saying it considers license cancelled for being silent more than a year; silent since 6/27/2011.

NEW STATION WATCH

CP coming closer to broadcasting:

- 1550 KDCO CO Golden – Granted program test authority for CP U2 990/350.

Correction:

- 860 CP SD Black Hawk – CP for new station reported in issue 23 is here, not 690 kHz.

Applications dismissed:

- 1490 APP MT Orchard Homes – Application for new station (U1 1000/670) dismissed.
 1570 APP VA Ettrick – Application for new station (U2 9000/700) dismissed.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR EXISTING STATIONS

CPs on the air:

- 680 WGES FL St. Petersburg – CP for U1 930/165 is on the air.
 1340 KRMD LA Shreveport – CP for U1 400/400 is on the air.
 1600 WTZQ NC Hendersonville – CP for U1 5000/30 is on the air.

CPs built, moving towards licensing:

- 590 WLES VA Bon Air – Applies for license to cover CP for U1 1000/58.
 1080 WRYT IL Edwardsville – Granted program test authority on CP for U7 500/20 (ch 380).
 1690 WMLB GA Avondale Estates – Applies for license to cover CP for new site.

CPs granted:

- 1230 KINO AZ Winslow – Granted CP to correct coordinates, no change in facilities.
 1450 KVSL AZ Show Low – Granted CP for U1 5000/87 on 1470 kHz, site 34-15-49/110-02-19.

Amendments to pending applications:

- 700 KFIR OR Sweet Home – Licensed with U1 10000/184 and a pending application for U1 10000/225 from a new site, now amends application to U1 10000/146 because the original application caused impermissible QRM to KIRO-710.
 780 WBBM IL Chicago – Has application for auxiliary transmitter with U1 12500/12500, amends application to U1 13000/13000.

New applications for CPs:

- 690 WZAP VA Bristol – Applies to correct coordinates 36-37-51/82-09-33, no facilities change.
 920 WDMC FL Melbourne – Applies for U4 8000/4000 from a new site (28-07-15/80-43-12).
 1240 WLLV KY Louisville – Applies for U1 530/530 from new site, diplexed with WLOU-1350.

Application dismissed:

- 1280 KFRN CA Long Beach – Application for U4 500/400 from a new site dismissed.

SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

- 940 WCPC MS Houston – Granted STA for U1 10000/7.
 1060 KRUZ AR Van Buren – Granted STA with D1 25 from a temporary longwire antenna.
 1340 KTSN NV Elko – Granted STA with reduced power from backup transmitter.
 1380 WKJV NC Asheville – Granted STA with U1 25000/250, stolen copper grounding.
 1450 WBVA VA Bayside – Granted STA with U1 30/30 from a temporary antenna at CP site.

- 1550 WVAB VA **Virginia Beach** – Granted STA with U1 6/6 from temporary antenna.
 1690 KYOK TX **Katy** – Granted STA to operate here with D1 5000 solely to test ground conductivity for this 1140 kHz station with CP, moving from Conroe TX to Katy.

Applications to extend existing STAs were received from KSUB-590 Cedar City UT (reduced power while stolen copper grounding is replaced); KVOX-740 Fargo ND (parameters at variance); WDMC-920 Melbourne FL (U1 1250/500); WLNO-1060 New Orleans LA (U? 5000/5000 – although currently operating with 1000 watts – from a temporary site); WUFO-1080 Amherst NY (alternate site); WPSP-1190 Royal Palm Beach FL (unspecified); WENY-1230 Elmira NY (low power, unspecified); KCFC-1490 Boulder CO (U1 320/320 from tower of KVCU-1190); and WMBH-1560 Joplin MO (D1 500 from a temporary longwire antenna).

Previously reported requests to extend existing STAs were granted to KFXD-630 Boise ID, WWTK-730 Lake Placid FL, WTOR-770 Youngstown NY, WPSP-1190 Royal Palm Beach FL, and KLOA-1240 Ridgecrest CA.

SILENT STATIONS

Stations informing the FCC that they are silent:

- 1040 KURS CA **San Diego** – Silent per recently amended license renewal application.
 1340 KJMU OK **Sand Springs** – Silent 3/14 to replace equipment.

Formerly silent stations informing the FCC that they are no longer silent:

- 1060 KRUZ AR **Van Buren** – Silent since 3/16/2013, came back on 3/12 to preserve license using STA (as above).
 1340 KTSN NV **Elko** – Silent since 3/13/2013, came back on 3/12 to preserve license using STA parameters (not yet applied for).
 1520 WGTM NC **Spindale** – Silent since 4/9/2013 (as WVOH), back on the air 3/6.
 1530 KVDW AR **England** – Silent since 12/9/2013, came back on 2/24.

Fines: WLBH-1170 Mattoon IL, fine for failure to maintain antenna enclosure for AM and FM towers reduced from \$14,000 to \$500 for lack of ability to pay; KFSD-1450 Escondido CA, denied petition for reconsideration of \$4,800 fine for failure to maintain Emergency Alert System equipment; WDJZ-1530 Bridgeport CT fined \$10,000 for failure to maintain antenna enclosure.

NRC AM Log updates via Wayne Heinen: amradiolog@nrcdxas.org

NRC AM LOG UPDATES

- 540 WLIE NY **Islip** – Slogan to “Radio Adonai.”
 WRGC NC **Sylva** – Adds // W288CR-105.5.
 570 CKWL BC **Williams Lake** – Slogan to “Cariboo Country,” adds // CKCQ-1003, deletes // CKBX-840.
 610 KILT TX **Houston** – Network to CS/Jr.
 730 WLTQ SC **Charleston** – Slogan and Group to // Catholic Radio for South Carolina.
 780 WIIN MS **Ridgeland** – Format to OLD (ex-C&W); delete slogan.
 790 WQXI GA **Atlanta** – Networks to ESPN/Ns/YSR/PRN. (HS)
 WAYY WI **Eau Claire** – Add network: RER. (HS)
 810 WQIZ SC **St. George** – Slogan and Group to // Catholic Radio for South Carolina.
 820 WCPT IL **Willow Springs** – Add network: Ap News. (HS)
 840 KXNT NV **North Las Vegas** – Slogan to “FM News Talk.”
 CKBX BC **100 Mile House** – Slogan to “Country 97,” deletes // CKWL-570.
 890 WAMG MA **Dedham** – Slogan to “La Nueva Mega.”
 950 KMTX MT **Helena** – Networks to C/WW1. (HS)
 970 WRHA TN **Spring City** – Format to OLD (ex-SPT).
 WGEE WI **Superior** – Format to SPT (ex-NOS); networks to CS/Jr/MRN.
 990 KTMS CA **Santa Barbara** – Add network: Fox News. (HS)
 1010 KXXT AZ **Tolleson** – Slogan to “Family Values Radio.”
 1030 KMAS WA **Shelton** – Add network: IRN. (HS)
 WOSO PR **San Juan** – Slogan to “Listen Smart.”
 1040 CJMS QC **St. Constant** – Networks to CPAM. (BC)
 1060 KBFL MO **Springfield** – Format to JAZZ (ex-NOS); slogan to “Smooth Jazz 1060 AM.”
 1140 KCXL MO **Liberty** – Format TLK/NOS/SPT/SS (ex-TLK/OLD/SS); nets to Ns/WW1/ARN.
 WQII PR **San Juan** – Slogan to “11-Q Radio La Cadena Nacional.”
 1160 KVCE TX **Highland Park** – Network to SRN.
 1180 WLTT NC **Carolina Beach** – Slogan and Group to // Port City Radio.



- 1220 WGNV NY **Newburgh** – Format to OLD (ex-SPT); slogan to “Fox Oldies 98.9,” add // WGNV-FM-98.9; delete // W247AW-97.3; delete all networks.
- 1230 WTSV NH **Claremont** – Format to SPT (ex-NWS/TLK); network to ESPN; Slogan and Group to // The Upper Valley’s Sports Station.
- KRYN OR **Gresham** – Adds Slogan and Group: // La Estación de la Familia. (HS)
- KDYM WA **Sunnyside** – Drops // KMMG-96.7; add slogan and group: // La Estación de la Familia. (HS)
- 1240 KVRC AR **Arkadelphia** – Format to SPT (ex-C&W); network to YSR; delete slogan; delete // KYXK-106.9.
- KLOA CA **Ridgecrest** – Format to SPT (ex-OLD); networks to CS/Jr.
- KCVV CA **Sacramento** – Slogan to “Radio Santisimo.” (HS)
- WJEJ MD **Hagerstown** – Slogan to “Hub City Good Music Station.” (HS)
- 1250 KZOI NE **Dakota City** – Format to Rock/OLD (ex-REL); delete networks, Slogan and Group to // Sunny Radio (ex-KFTC Group). (EW)
- 1260 KSGF MO **Springfield** – Add network: RER. (HS)
- 1270 WKBF IL **Rock Island** – Adds // K289BI-105.7. (HS)
- WQTT OH **Marysville** – Adds // WDLR-1550. (JR)
- 1300 WCKI SC **Greer** – Slogan and Group to // Catholic Radio for South Carolina.
- 1310 WORC MA **Worcester** – Slogan to “La Mega.”
- 1340 CIVH BC **Vanderhoof** – Slogan to “Country 97” // CJCI-97.3.
- 1370 WDEA ME **Ellsworth** – Network to A/MOYL. (HS)
- WWCB PA **Corry** – Slogan to “Hometown Radio Station.”
- 1380 KXFN MO **St. Louis** – Format to SPT (ex-TLK); delete slogan; network to YSR.
- 1390 WZQQ KY **Hazard** – Format to C&W (ex-Silent); slogan to “Power 101”; adds // WSGS-101.1; delete networks.
- 1400 WEOA IN **Evansville** – Format to UC:OLD (ex-UC:AC); slogan to “The Pump,” drops // W253BF-98.5. (HS)
- WLLH MA **Lowell** – Slogan to “La Nueva Mega.”
- WTSL NH **Hanover** – Format to SPT (ex-NWS/TLK); network to ESPN; Slogan and Group to // The Upper Valley’s Sports Station.
- KRSC WA **Othello** – Slogan and Group to // La Estación de la Familia. (HS)
- 1420 KSTN CA **Stockton** – Format to Stunting (ex-C&W); delete slogan and networks; adds // K290AG-105.9.
- WKSR TN **Pulaski** – Slogan to “Kix 106,” adds // WKSR-106.7.
- 1430 WDAL GA **Dalton** – Format to SS:REL (ex-SS:SPT); delete network.
- 1450 KEZJ ID **Twin Falls** – Slogan to “Radio Católica sal y Luz,” adds // KCID-1490. (HS)
- WKAL NY **Rome** – Format to TLK (ex-REL); network to A.
- KEYY UT **Provo** – Slogan to “Life Unlocked, Truth Unleashed.”
- 1460 WJCP IN **North Vernon** – Slogan to “Classic Hits Radio.” (HS)
- 1480 WCHZ GA **Augusta** – Slogan to “Rock 95,” delete Group // Rock 95; add // W238AU-95.5.
- 1490 KCID ID **Caldwell** – Slogan to “Radio Católica sal y Luz,” adds // KEZJ-1450. (HS)
- KYNR WA **Toppenish** – Network to IRN. (HS)
- 1500 KPGM OK **Pawhuska** – Network to ESPN, Slogan, Group to // The Sports Animal. (GH)
- 1510 KCKK CO **Littleton** – Format to Rock/OLD (ex-SPT), slogan to “93.7 the Rock,” delete networks. (Ye Ed)
- KNNS KS **Larned** – Format to TLK (ex-SS:MEX); slogan to “The Patriot,” networks to Fox/Ru/P/WW1; adds // KRMR-105.7.
- KROB TX **Robstown** – Format to SS:OLD (ex-Tejano); adds // K232DE-94.3.
- KGA WA **Spokane** – Networks to CS/Jr.
- 1520 KZOY SD **Sioux Falls** – Slogan and Group to // Sunny Radio. (EW)
- 1530 WYGR MI **Wyoming** – Add slogan “GR 94.9 & GR 1530.” (HS)
- 1550 WDLR OH **Delaware** – Format to OLD; slogan “True Oldies Channel” and “Cutie 1270,” network to CM, adds // WQTT-1270. (JR)
- 1560 KNZR CA **Bakersfield** – Add network: Fox News.
- KVAN WA **Burbank** – Slogan and Group to // La Estación de la Familia. (HS)
- 1580 KNIM MO **Maryville** – Slogan to “Pickup Country.” (HS)
- 1590 WGBW WI **Denmark** – Add network: NBC news. (HS)
- 1600 KRFS NE **Superior** – Slogan to “Country 104,” adds // KRFS-FM-103.9. (HS)
- 1700 KKLF TX **Richardson** – Format to Tejano (ex-Comedy); slogan “Kick 1700,” delete nets.

Add to Group

// The Sports Animal adds KPGM-1500

New Groups

// Catholic Radio for South Carolina – WLTX-730, WCKI-1300, WQIZ-810

// La Estación de la Familia – KVAN-1560, KRSC-1400, KDYM-1230, KRYN-1230 (HS)

// Port City Radio – WLTT-1180, WBNE-103.7, W240AS-95.9

// Sunny Radio – KZOY-1520, KTFJ-1250, K221FO-92.1 (EW)

// The Upper Valley's Sports Station – WTSL-1400, WTSV-1230, W232AP-94.3

Deleted Group

// KTFC Group. (EW)

// Rock 95.



Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Bill Hale, Bruce Conti (BC), Ernie Wesolowski (EW), Glenn Hauser (GH), John Rieger (JR), and Håkan Sundman (HS).

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

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record held by a DXer in Alaska or Hawaii

* record held by DXer from North America (excluding Alaska)

+ record held by a DXer in USA/Canada where a Canadian/USA record exceeds that mileage

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<u>Station</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>DXer</u>	<u>DX Location</u>	<u>Miles</u>
<u>1230 kHz</u>				
KLTO	TX Del Rio	Tim Hall	4.5 mi Fort Davis, TX	*199
KLVT	TX Levelland	Tim Hall	Big Bend National Park, TX	301
XEIZ	NL Monterey	Tim Hall	4.5 mi Fort Davis, TX	408
XEIZ	NL Monterey	Tim Hall	Comanche, TX	*443
<u>1240 kHz</u>				
KRDO	CO Colorado Springs	Tim Hall	4.5 mi Fort Davis, TX	569
XERO	AGU Aguascalientes	Tim Hall	Pecos, TX	*664
XEBN	CHI Cd. Delicias	Tim Hall	4.5 mi Fort Davis, TX	*194
XEBN	CHI Cd. Delicias	Tim Hall	Big Bend National Park, TX	155
XEVM	COA Piedras Negras	Tim Hall	Mexia, TX	*317
XEBQ	SON Guaymas	Tim Hall	Van Horn, TX	421
<u>1340 kHz</u>				
XERCH	CHI Ojinaga	Tim Hall	4.5 mi Fort Davis, TX	*79
XEDH	COA Cd. Acuna	Tim Hall	Big Bend National Park, TX	*142
XEDKT	JAL Guadalajara	Tim Hall	4.5 mi Fort Davis, TX	*692
XEMT	TAM Matamoros	Tim Hall	Junction, TX	*348
XEBK	TAM Nuevo Laredo	Tim Hall	Big Bend National Park, TX	*263
WCDT	TN Winchester	Russ Edmunds	15 mi NNW of Philadelphia, PA	*683
<u>1450 kHz</u>				
KCTI	TX Gonzales	Tim Hall	4.5 mi Fort Davis, TX	*397
XENA	QTR Queretaro	Tim Hall	4.5 mi Fort Davis, TX	*728
XERDO	TAM Valle Hermoso	Tim Hall	4.5 mi Fort Davis, TX	*503
WKTQ	ME South Paris	Russ Edmunds	15 mi NNW of Philadelphia, PA	*371
WLUX	WV Dunbar	Russ Edmunds	15 mi NNW of Philadelphia, PA	*365
<u>1490 kHz</u>				
KQTY	TX Borger	Tim Hall	4.5 mi Fort Davis, TX	379
KVWC	TX Vernon	Tim Hall	Big Bend National Park, TX	*409
XEFF	SLP Matehuala	Tim Hall	Junction, TX	*476
WSGB	WV Sutton	Russ Edmunds	15 mi NNW of Philadelphia, PA	*309

Editor's request: Please include your updated totals for all Graveyard frequencies when submitting GYDXA. Thank You!

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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
- HF-MI** Harold Frodge, Midland – Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW
- HF-MARE** Harold Frodge, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton – Drake R8B + 85 ft. TTFD + 500 ft. unterminated dogleg E-N beverage.
- GVH-VA** Greg Henson, Herndon – Sangean ATS-803A, Quantum QX Loop v2.0.
- KK-VA** Kraig Krist, Manassas – Winradio G33DDC SDR, Wellbrook ALA-1530S+ Imperium Loop.
- PS-ON** Paul Snider, Welland – Icom R75, 3 foot loop, MFJ 1020C tuner.
- MKB-ON** Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

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PIRATE/BOOTLEG

- 1720 ---- -- **Undercover Radio** – 3/7 2349 – Dr. Benway broadcasting from the middle of nowhere; rock tunes such as Save My Life, I'm Going Down for the Last Time and Highway to Hell; said that he forgot to bring up the left channel. Shoutouts and off at 0017 after T-shirt offer. **(HF-MARE)**

LOGGINGS

- 600 WMT IA **Cedar Rapids** – 3/13 0700 – Poor but readable with synchronous detection engaged; promo for ticket giveaway in the 6 o'clock hour, ID, "600 WMT Cedar Rapids, and 95-7 KOSY-FM Anamosa," and Fox news. **(BC-NH)**
- CKAT ON **North Bay** – 3/13 0101 – Good; "Streaming at Country600.com, or download our new app and listen like never before, today's best country, Country 600 CKAT North Bay." **(BC-NH)**
- 690 WJOX AL **Birmingham** – 3/16 0600 – Under CKGM; "WJOX Birmingham, a Cumulus station," and Birmingham Today public affairs program. **(BC-NH)**
- 760 WVNE MA **Leicester** – 3/12 1905 – Over nulled WJR with SRN news, "we're life-changing radio, 760 AM WVNE" ID into gospel show. Do any non-religious format stations air SRN news? **(MKB-ON)**
- 780 WXME ME **Monticello** – 3/12 0700 – Fair; local ID interrupting a blues vocal, "WXME AM 780 Monticello-Houlton-Presque Isle," then simulcast ID, "The heart and soul of American music, WHVW Hyde Park" into "Cinnamon Girl" by Neil Young. **(BC-NH)**
- 940 CJGX SK **Yorkton** – 3/13 0100 – Fair; "CJGX... we are GX 94," and Canadian Press news. **(BC-NH)**
- 950 WBES WV **Charleston** – 3/7 1843 – In WCTN/UNID Family Radio mix with typical Fox Sports programming, male "95 Sports Talk" slogan. **(KK-VA)**
- 960 WRNS NC **Kinston** – 3/7 1814 – In multi-station mix with C&W songs, male DJ, "... right now the most wanted song...95.1 WRNS." **(KK-VA)**
- WKVX OH **Wooster** – 3/7 1859 – In multi-station mix (WEEL, WHYL, WRNS, UNID religious talk) with oldies, male ToH ID: "The best music around from the 60's, 70's and 80's...plus sports, news and weather...all on AM 960 WKVX Wooster." **(KK-VA)**
- WHYL PA **Carlisle** – 3/7 1747 – In multi-station mix with oldies, station promo: "When others give you...we deliver... great music, one hit after another on 9-60 WHYL." **(KK-VA)**
- 970 WNYM NJ **Hackensack** – 3/7 1759 – In WBGG/WKCI mix with female "AM 9-70 'The Answer'" slogan. **(KK-VA)**

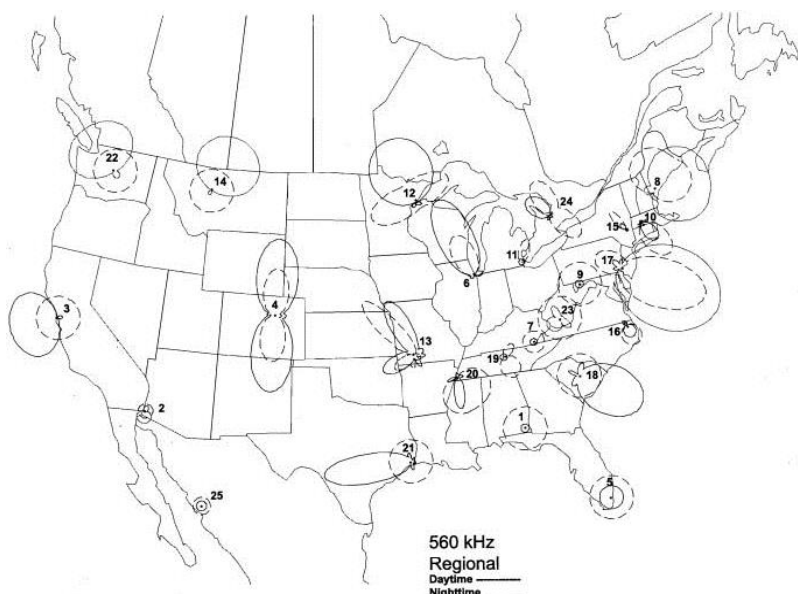


- WKCI VA **Waynesboro** – 3/7 1859 – In WBGG/WNYM mix with male “News radio 9-70 WKCI” ToH ID. **(KK-VA)**
- 990 WLLI PA **Somerset** – 3/7 1659 – In WDCX/WEEB/UNID SS mix with Doug Gottlieb Show, station promo and ToH ID: “The ‘Fanatic’...your sports authority in the Lural Highlands...AM 9-90 WLLI Somerset. All sports, all the time...CBS Sports Radio network.” **(KK-VA)**
- 1010 WOLB MD **Baltimore** – 3/14 1815 – In multi-station mix with a replay of a call-in show, “when you hear the phone numbers, please do not call... 10-10 WOLB.” **(KK-VA)**
- WCNL NH **Newport** – 3/14 1807 – In multi-station mix with C&W songs, “10-10 AM WCNL real country” slogan. “We’re your home for country favorites AM 10-10... 94.7... WCNL...” ID by male at 1940. **(KK-VA)**
- WELS NC **Kinston** – 3/14 1930 – In multi-station mix (WCNL, WCST, WOLB, CFRB, WINS) with gospel singing. Only thing close to an ID was “Gospel 10-10, the best mix of Gospel music” slogan. **(KK-VA)**
- WCST WV **Berkeley Springs** – 3/14 1849 – In multi-station mix with C&W songs, male “Cat country WCST” ID. **(KK-VA)**
- 1030 WDRU NC **Creedmoor** – 3/14 1918 – In WWGB/WBZ mix with religious singing, ET male “...every Friday right here on ‘Faith Radio’ the truth.” **(KK-VA)**
- 1040 WHO IA **Des Moines** – 3/15 2300 – Good; Iowa Barnstormers arena football play-by-play. **(BC-NH)**
- WCHR NJ **Flemington** – 3/14 1900 – In multi-station mix (WZSK, CJMS, WYSL, WHO, UNID SS) with religious talk, male “This is 10-40 WCHR Flemington” ToH ID. **(KK-VA)**
- WZSK PA **Everett** – 3/14 1759 – In multi-station mix with station promo: “With news when you want it and the weather on the 7’s. This is news-talk 10-40 WZSK Everett.” 1814* sign-off announcement (why so early? Automation still on EST?) **(KK-VA)**
- CJMS QC **Saint-Constant** – 3/7 1740 – Good; CPAM info and talk in French, parallel 1410 CJWI. **(BC-NH)**
- 1070 WAPI AL **Birmingham** – 3/17 0100 – Through 1060 KYW HD and 1080 WTIC HD digital interference; “Breaking news when it happens, 1070 WAPI and 1070WAPI.com.” New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1110 WKQA VA **Norfolk** – 3/17 1155 – Daytime groundwave mixing with other talk station, “Gateway to financial freedom” show, male “Serving Virginia and North Carolina with 50,000 watts of power. This is ‘Freedom 11-10’ WKQA Norfolk” ToH ID. **(KK-VA)**
- 1160 WCFO GA **East Point** – 3/18 0700 – Popped up with switch to day facilities over WOBM; “Mark Levine, Dennis Miller, and Michael Savage, this is WCFO East Point, Marietta, Dunwoody, and all of metro Atlanta.” New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1240 WATN NY **Watertown** – 3/8 0000 – Caught partial ID through the pileup, “...in the North Country ...104.1 FM, AM 1240 WATN.” New log. **(BC-NH)**
- WSKI VT **Montpelier** – 3/18 1900 – Good; “You’re listening to CBS Sports Radio on Washington County’s sports leader, 1240 AM WSKI Montpelier.” **(BC-NH)**
- 1290 WHIO OH **Dayton** – 3/9 0901 – Over CJBK-London groundwave with local weather on “Dayton’s official station for severe weather, News 95.7 WHIO.” Not surprisingly, no mention at all of AM frequency. **(MKB-ON)**
- WDZY VA **Colonial Heights** – 3/17 1148 – Daytime groundwave mixing with other talk, “12-90 WDZY radio that changes the way you live” slogan. Format flip from Disney to gospel. **(KK-VA)**
- 1320 WFHR WI **Wisconsin Rapids** – 3/11 0841 – Above a graveyard-like jumble with call letter ID, local news, mention of Marathon County; new for WI #7. **(GVH-VA)**
- 1330 WFIN OH **Findlay** – 3/17 1918 – Over usual Erie, PA pest WFNN with NBC Sports Radio sports talk, “The Sports Authority WFIN” slogan, Paralyzed Veterans of America PSA. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1450 WNBYS MI **Newberry** – 3/18 1858 – Up suddenly covering NCAA game; “14-50 WNBYS, Newberry’s information leader” ToH into ABC News. **(HF-MI)**
- WPGG NJ **Atlantic City** – 3/17 1930 – Out of political call-in show to “WPGG 14-50 Talk Radio” ID, “South Jersey Weather,” Fox News headlines. Main peaker for several minutes in the mix. NJ #8. **(HF-MI)**
- WLEC OH **Sandusky** – 3/19 1804 – Presumed with news item about an increase in tobacco tax, mentioned “this will be a win for Ohio” into nostalgia music, slogan “the station that plays America’s best music every day of the week.” **(HF-MI)**

- WPSE PA Erie** – 3/15 1859 – Out of talk show to ToH “WPSE Erie” ID into Chariots of Fire theme. Eventually gave way to oldies station. I’m pretty sure ESPN WIBM Jackson MI was part of the mix. PA #62. **(HF-MI)**
- 1460 WRVK KY Mount Vernon** – 3/9 *0700 – S/on with SSB, announcer with call letter ID and power designation; they either forgot the time change or else on PSRA; new for KY #18. **(GVH-VA)**
- WKDV VA Manassas** – 3/17 2215 – Sounded like an ad read by male in SS with many mentions of Virginia, SS talk with many “La Ley” mentions, song in Spanish. // internet stream. Poor to very good, actually causing some QRM on 1470 it was so strong. **(PS-ON)**
- 1480 WDJO OH Cincinnati** – 3/14 2336 – “It’s Not Unusual” by Tom Jones, “...get our money’s worth...WDJO” statement, “Da Do Run Run” by The Crystals, WDJO jingle at 2340. Mostly fair to poor mixing with a jumble of stations. **(PS-ON)**
- 1550 WSDK CT Bloomfield** – 3/10 2258 – End of religious program, two mentions of WSDK, ToH ID, into another religious program. Very poor, barely audible. **(PS-ON)**
- 1570 WBGX IL Harvey** – 3/6 2258 – Religious talk by man and woman, heard male voice give ToH ID “WBGX Chicago” over talk. Poor mixing with unidentified sports station. **(PS-ON)**
- 1590 WGBW WI Denmark** – 3/15 2245 – Lots of oldies/ blues songs, heard WGBW ID at 2251, more oldies, mention at 2311 of “Green Bay’s Oldies,” into “Lollipop” by The Chordettes. Poor fighting with WAKR. **(PS-ON)**
- 1600 WMCR NY Oneida** – 3/18 1900 – Caught partial multi-station ID, “...1150 WUTI Utica, WMCR Oneida.” New log. **(BC-NH)**
- WKKX WV Wheeling** – 3/19 0600 – Fair; “The Watchdog, AM 1600 WKKX Wheeling and AM 1370 WVLY Moundsville.” New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1640 KBJA UT Sandy** – 3/8 0500 – Fair, over Pennsylvania HAR/TIS; ID in Spanish with echo, then clear ID in EE: “This is KBJA 1640 AM...” and more echo with mention of entire Wasatch Valley, into Spanish tropical version of “Stand by Me” by Prince Royce. Also noted 3/12 0600 with intro to “El Show de Raúl Brindis” which matches KBJA online schedule. Thanks to Henrik Klemetz for help with ID. New log. **(BC-NH)**

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DX TESTS HEARD (OR NOT)

- 1440 WFN** NY **Gloversville** – 2/22 0000 – NRC/IRCA DX Test. CW, announcements and tones. Called in to report it. **(DBJ-TN)**
1450 WWXL KY **Manchester** – 3/1 0000 – Last minute DX heard. Thanks to Bill Dvorak for tip. **(DBJ-TN)**

DX LOGS

- 640 KFI** CA **Los Angeles** – 3/9 0400 – News, traffic report and weather, followed by ID.: "640 AM KFI;" then into *Coast to Coast* AM program. **(GH-KS)**
690 WJOX AL **Birmingham** – 3/14 0330 – FSR programing; talk about NFL free agent signings. Usually WQNO New Orleans Catholic radio dominates here. **(DBJ-TN)**
720 KDWN NV **Las Vegas** – 3/1 1005 – Weak but steady and clear signal with opinions-expressed disclaimer from "Newstalk 720, KDWN," so now's our good chance to hear 50 kW ND Las Vegas NV; in fact from official March sunrise 0845 EST, although before 0900 I was still hearing some 720 Spanish, presumably Juárez. 3/9 0845 will be an hour too early to shift, in case they be confused. Such mix-ups, of course could apply to countless other stations. A few years ago, KDWN were apparently doing that all summer. **(GH-OK)**
740 KTRH TX **Houston** – 3/10 2018-2022 – Good, way over Toronto, with CL. Their 50 kW directional day pattern has a pretty good null in our direction, so they are only an occasional visitor. **(JEL-MO)**
750 WNDZ IN **Portage** – 3/20 0810 – Woman in Ukrainian with news about – Ukraine and Krim, what else; occasional music liners. Has the frequency to itself for the moment, no KMMJ (or KSEO, ha2). Of course it's WNDZ. Its ratings must be way up lately, but probably not so much in Oklahoma. **(GH-OK)**
770 KKOB NM **Albuquerque** – 3/20 2104-2107 – Good and in the clear with CL, mention of Kansas University not winning in basketball, ad for Sandia Resort, mention of station reaching 17 states with 50 kW. Only an occasional visitor. **(JEL-MO)**
780 KCEG CO **Fountain** – 3/9 0232 – ID announcement: "This is KCEG, AM-780, Fountain, Colorado, your radio ranch;" into promo for "Old Country Church" then CWM mx. Mixing w/WBBM. Fair to good. **(RV-TX)**
790 KNST AZ **Tucson** – 3/8, 1954 – *Cigar Dave* program, local ads, TOH ID and into Fox news, local news and station promos. Fair-poor in shadow of local blowtorch XEROK-800. **(RV-TX)**
810 KLVZ CO **Brighton** – 3/8 1933 – Promo for *Channel Mom* program; "...on the place where loves lives, KLVZ." and into more promos, all ending as described above. Fair in peaks mixing w/unID SS. **(RV-TX)**



- 810 WHB MO **Kansas City** – 3/8 1927 – Local ads for Metcalf Bank, Robert Brogdan Buick-GMC, and Grand Summit Golf & CC. Gone at 1929 with presumed power change. It was relatively a boomer while it lasted. **(RV-TX)**
- 810 WGY NY **Schenectady** – 3/14 0400 – Accuweather and traffic report, news. ID: “Newstalk AM 810 WGY.” **(DBJ-TN)**
- 830 KFLT AZ **Tucson** – 3/9 0948 – Music, then “Family Life Radio” ID, i.e. KFLT Tucson AZ, 50/1 kW U2, which is now officially on ND day pattern after 0930 in March. 770, KKOB Albuquerque also still in. **(GH-OK)**
- 830 KUYO WY **Evansville** – 3/14 0859 – Casper ad; legal ID at 0859:57: “Classic Christian Radio KUYO Evansville-Casper”; SRN news came next. Fair signal in WCCO null. **(JW-CO)**
- 840 KARS NM **Belen** – 3/8 1955 – Modern rock and pop mx, announcement: “The government has been eavesdropping on us for years. Now you can too, Area 102-9.” TOH ID “KARS, Belen...We are the new Area 102-9, New Mexico’s modern rock.” Good. First time heard here ex-860. **(RV-TX)**
- 940 KIXZ TX **Amarillo** – 3/10 2024-2028 – Fair, just over a number of weak UNID’s, with ads for Gold’s Gym, mortgage rescue company, CL. They were probably on their 5 kW directional day pattern which sends quite a bit of signal in our direction. Only an occasional visitor. **(JEL-MO)**
- 940 WYLD LA **New Orleans** – 3/12 2124 – Good to fair over/under WMIX with GOS, CL, then faded. They run 500 watts at night with a big lobe toward the Northwest, which is roughly in our direction. Rare. **(JEL-MO)**
- 980 KMIN NM **Grants** – 3/3 1003 – “Country Morning Show on K-Mine, 980 AM or 96.7 FM” and webcast on <http://kminecountry.com> -- “tell your family, friends, lover(s), wherever your are, Moriarty, New Mexico or Hobart(?), Oklahoma; request line 505-285-5598. Website has a station history, photos of staff and equipment. This is KMIN, Grants NM, west of Albuquerque on the way to Gallup. 980 is 5000/230 U1, well into daytime now, while 96.7 is K244DT, also in Grants. I was thinking this station had maneuvered to get into Albuquerque via some relay. “Mine” refers to uranium mines in the area, once a mainstay of the local economy despite a few health hazards. Actually, I was checking for a closer 980 enchanter, KICA Clovis NM, reported recently reactivated as an ESPN outlet duplicating 1010 KTNZ Amarillo TX -- but no sign now of KICA, which is 1400 watts day, also non-directional. **(GH-OK)**
- 1010 WKJW NC **Black Mountain** – 3/14 0732 – Fair @30/9. Obits w/many Black Mountain, Asheville announcements. Dominating. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1080 KGVY AZ **Green Valley** – 3/1 0855 – “Classic Rock 105, The Cackle” ? Not sure of last word. Always fun to hear music on 1080 overcoming KRLD talk, like nostalgic Green Valley AZ; just after 1400 UT full ID as “Rockin’ the Castle Valley, 105, KSSL is rockin’”, atop KRLD, and then “Black Betty” song. **(GH-OK)**
- 1080 KSSL UT **Price** – 3/1 0855 – 10 kW daytimer // translator which gets top billing! K285AB 104.9 per NRC AM Log; Castle is spelt Kastle there, and it employs AM stereo. Apparently unrelated to plain old KSL, but the similar identity can’t hurt. It’s a new month with everyone’s sunrise shifting half an hour to half a sesquihour earlier than in February, in this case officially 0830. Price area, between Provo and Green River on US 6, is known as Castle Country (with Cs), evidently inspired by rock formations rather than Mormon fortifications: <http://www.castlecountry.com/> My learning experience from this log. **(GH-OK)**
- 1090 KMXA CO **Aurora** – 3/1 0857 – Poor signal with romantic music in Spanish, looping NW/SE which rather rules out Mexico, but fits perfectly for format and direction of KMXA; 50/0.5 kW, whose official March sunrise is already 0815, so should have been solidier thence? No, day pattern exhibits two lobes/wings to the west and northeast, “nothing” toward us (while tinier night pattern goes WNW). **(GH-OK)**
- 1110 KYKK MN **Humble City** – 3/5 0845 – IRN USA Sports for a triminute, the middle one being a work-from-home ad. This with KFAB tightly nulled. 0848 back to some talk show, about Twitter. 0855 “KYKK weather forecast”, so as suspected in my previous log it’s this Humble City NM 5 kW ND daytimer (Hobbs market, SE corner of NM). Presumably named after a now defunct Permian oil company which eventually led to Exxon. **(GH-OK)**

- 1130 KQNA AZ Prescott Valley – 3/16 1000 – Call letter ID, then public affairs program. Rough copy with my local noise. (JW-CO)
- 1170 KJJD CO Windsor – 3/5 0849 – KFAQ Tulsa seems weakish lately: on backup or reduced power? Can null it to hear something in Spanish about 3 Hz away. Recently IDed XERT Reynosa, but not now; this one with a 303- area code mentioned, by M&W DJs chatting, then Mexican music, so it's KJJD, 1 kW ND. (GH-OK)
- 1180 KERN CA Wasco-Greenacres – 3/16 1017 – Local (Bakersfield) ads; promo for news tip line at 834-4113, then back to *Doctor Bob* program. Fair, with a fading KZOT partially nulled. (JW-CO)
- 1220 KZEE TX Weatherford – 3/18 2020-2050 – Tentative, fair to poor, with substantial fading, but mostly in the clear, with Asian music, no EE or announcements heard. Station runs 1600 watts day, 200 watts night, with separate directional patterns, but both with major lobes in our direction. I had to do research on the net to come up with this. Weatherford is in the Dallas area. New! (JEL-MO)
- 1260 KWYR SD Winner – 3/3 1011 – Gregory Hospital Report (Gregory is a nearby town); local ads; “Country 1260” slogans. Fair post-sunrise reception. (JW-CO)
- 1280 WTMY FL Sarasota – 3/13 2100 – Oldies music; several IDs heard: “AM 1280 WTMW.” New format? (DBJ-TN)
- 1290 KUMA OR Pendleton – 3/17 2358 – Ad for Morrow County Grain Growers, followed by two more local ads; legal ID at 2359:50: “Local and national news...if it's news, you'll hear it here...News Talk 1290 KUMA Pendleton;” ABC news followed at ToH. Fair in QRM. (JW-CO)
- 1290 KIVY TX Crockett – 3/17 2208 – Nostalgia tunes, occasional call letter ID. In and out (mostly out) over the next hour, mixing with several. (JW-CO)
- 1320 KCLI OK Clinton – 3/6 0859 – Program for sporting event “on our sister station Coyote Country 95.5,” then a mention of newstalkkli.com; legal ID at 0859:54 by male voice: “News, opinions, and ?? - KCLI AM-FM Clinton-Cordell, NewsTalk KCLI,” followed by Fox news. Fair in the noise. (JW-CO)
- 1320 KELO SD Sioux Falls – 3/10 2059 – Good, way over a couple of weaker UNID's with CL, city, mention of two FMs, News Talk. Their 5 KW night pattern has a major null in our direction so they may have been on day power. Rare. (JEL-MO)
- 1330 KTON TX Cameron – 3/13 0900 – Fair signal, on top of the channel mixed with KCKM, then into multi station ID as KRZI Waco,1660 Waco, KTON Cameron with ESPN Network. Run overnight recordings on this frequency, all I heard was unwanted KNSS, KS and a couple of Mexicans, but no firm ID on either. (JN-TX)
- 1330 KCKM TX Monahans – 3/19 0903 – C&W music atop KNSS Wichita making fast SAH (~15 Hz), which was dominant before 0900; 0915 time check and more music; 0918 KNSS atop; 0921 KCKM Monahans TX regains dominance at SRS, with ad string including Quality Cleaners in Kermit & Robo Cleaners in Monahans; truckers needed in Pecos (pronounced PAY-kuss); 8:22 TC, plug Bob Martin news later [is that the ex? TV anchor in Albuquerque?]; headlines include mercury spill at a school, radiation in Carlsbad NM. Singing ID at 0924, back to music, by B.J. Thomas. I can hear KCKM just about any morning as its 12 kW daytime ND gets out very well despite much closer and daytime groundwaver KNSS Wichita KS. Official SR/SS in March are 0900/2100 EDT, as it's way west of the meridian and should be in the MST zone UT -7 instead of CDT UT -5. I'm checking it out today as prelude to the big DX test scheduled with same day facilities, 3/22 at 0100-0130. This test is a direct outgrowth of an unsolicited verie I got from KCKM last year. (GH-OK)
- 1410 WIHM IL Taylorsville – 3/14 0600 – ID EWTN Radio, into Catholic ETWN programming. (DBJ-TN)
- 1490 KTOP KS Topeka – 3/5 0201 – CBS Sports Radio is atop the pileup and looping NE/SW. Likely one of my closest, listed as on that network, KTOP. (GH-OK)
- 1500 KPGM OK Pawhuska – 2/28 0952 – I am checking the daytime occupant, KPGM, and find it to be running 7 seconds *ahead* of source // 98.1 WWLS-FM OKC (or rather COL suburb The Village -- where I lived 1954-1961y), so KPGM is in the WWLS Sports Animal sphere of influence rather than that of closer KYAL Tulsa; usual weak marginal 1500 signal. WWLS ID in passing heard on 1500, then at 0954 UT, KPGM ID as Pawhuska-Bartlesville, consult <http://bartlesvillerradio.com> where it's obvious this cluster has the local market

tied up, also with the 1400, 100.1, 104.9 stations, plus Classical Bartlesville on HD2 of KYFM 100.1! **(GH-OK)**

- 1530 WCKY OH **Cincinnati** – 3/9 2130 – ESPN programming, then ID as “Cincinnati ESPN 1530.” Station calls not heard. Fairly good signal. Have not heard this station for a long time. **(GH-KS)**
- 1550 KUAZ AZ **Tucson** – 3/3 0910 – Cokie Roberts & Linda Wertheimer discussing politics, so 100% sure it is a rare NPR station on AM, KUAZ Tucson AZ, a 50 kW ND daytimer, whose March hours are 1330-0130 UT. Looking thru KUAZ’ correspondence file at FCC AM Query, UA notified that they were starting IBOC on May 13, 2010. NRC AM Log 2013 does not show it now as IBOC. Nor on the topazdesigns.com roster, not even formerly. I did not notice any IBOC noise around 1537 or 1563, but was not looking for it at the time. KUAZ also has a PSRA of 39 Watts from Oct thru March, N/A the other months as already on from 6 am local with full power; limiting station being XEBG which is 10/1 kW in Tijuana per IRCA. KUAZ also has PSSA of 39 watts every month, as late as 0330 UT in March, 0430 UT in June and July. **(GH-OK)**
- 1550 KXEX CA **Fresno** – 3/15 0900 – Simple legal ID in English a few seconds past ToH; not sure what followed. Poor in the mix. **(JW-CO)**
- 1550 KDCC KS **Dodge City** – 3/15 0859 – Gal with legal ID, followed by Fox news. Fair in QRM. **(JW-CO)**
- 1550 WDLR OH **Delaware** – 3/12 0651 – Poor “QT1270 + WDLR” announcements over & over. Weather: high in 50s. Two jocks. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1560 KGOW TX **Bellaire** – 3/11 0748 – Fair though steady, on top. “Texas Ford Dealers, Yahoo Sports Radio 1560” back to Yahoo content. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1590 WRCY IN **Mount Vernon** – 3/14 0656 – Poor; steady upon tune-in. “1590 WRCY” into Ring of Fire/Johnny Cash. No WAKR which has always dominated. Second new 1590 in 2 days! OLD C&W NEW! **(JJR-WI)**
- 1590 WKTP TN **Jonesborough** – 3/12 2346 – Poor though up upon tune in “ESPN Tri Cities” into ESPN fare. Hung around for TOH, but never heard ID. WAKR not as strong as I’ve been used to. Almost dismissed as ESPN on WPVL. Glad I stuck around. NEW! **(JJR-WI)** *This one has been running ND with reduced power for a while now, but probably for not much longer – get ‘em while you can. – DY.*
- 1650 KBJD CO **Denver** – 3/18 0825 – Always on the lookout for elusive XEARZ, Radio ZER near the DF, I am getting Spanish so listen a while: plug for Iglesia Alfa y Omega en Miami, Florida; loops NW/SE, “16-50 AM” ID, QRM, then plugs a location on Cherry Street, i.e. Denver’s KBJD which is Spanish religion, rather than El Paso’s KSVE with ESPN Deportes. **(GH-OK)**
- 1720 **Undercover Radio** – 3/9 0213 – Poor signals with some music and ID. Thanks to the HF Underground for postings so I knew when they were on. <http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/board.3.0.html> is the web site that is of great help for Shortwave and AM Pirate stations. First time heard here. New. **(SMA-MB)**

UNID

- 1190 UNID -- 3/2 0906 – Female Spanish report on drugs in Sinaloa, interjecting “Milenio”; loops E-W; guess could be XEPZ Juárez --- but then at 1409 UT a CST TC as 8:09, so that’s out. US station? KNUV Tolleson AZ is SS, but also in MST zone; heard before, might be that with a network TC from the Center. Per NRC AM Log, only other 1190 SS is WMEJ, 5 kW daytimer in Mississippi, a bit late for that. **(GH-OK)**
- 1500 UNID -- 3/1 2034 – Interesting music I find when nulling KSTP, lingering ~5 Hz SAH, sounds like K-pop or J-pop, but fading. Looking thru NRC AM Log, the only ETHnic (Asian) station possible would be KSJX, all the way from San José, CA! It’s 10/5 kW U4, day pattern with a considerable lobe eastward, night pattern with a deep cardioid null toward KSTP (which aims westward to protect WFED), official March KSJX sunset is not until 0215 UT, yet high-end at month-begin should be skywavable eastward by now as real SJ sunset today is only 0202 UT. Googling indicates KSJX is primarily Vietnamese, but <http://mrbi.net> lists it as Vietnamese/Other, and very few of the Multicultural group stations have own websites for any further research. Could the SAH be a clue? It’s usually dissatisfying to consult <http://www.myradiobase.de/mediumwave/mwoffset.txt> as despite its length, it’s worldwide and far from

complete as to US stations, in fact only 6 of them on the list at 1500, but does include these two: KSJX at 1499.9994 and KSTP at 1500.0014; i.e., only 2.1 Hz apart, but the KSJX reading is from 5+ years ago. (GH-OK)

1560 UNID -- 3/3 0912 – “I Shall Not Be Moved” (or was it We--?), styled as if it were a Christian hymn rather than a Civil Rights anthem; loops NE/SW, no problem yet from OKC comedy, but fading out as the song ends. Most likely KLNG Council Bluffs IA, 10 kW ND daytime, which is religious, but there are also some MO and TX stations, and in KS, KABI Abilene which is NOS. (GH-OK)

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

Musings of the Members

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I joined the NRC in the mid 1980’s and, except from a brief 2 year absence around 1989, I have renewed every year. I grew up in Wheeling WV and was bitten by the AM radio listening bug in my early 1960s HS days after accidentally tuning into LSU Tiger FB on WWL 870KHz. After college I taught HS Mathematics for a year and then (mostly in the Washington DC area) worked in various IBM mainframe (+ other vendor’s) computer analysis and SW application development jobs until 2007 when I took early retirement. Although I requested a few dozen DX confirmations in my early radio listening days, I am mostly a just a listener to MW AM news, conversation, and sports. My favorite DX news columns are AM Switch, DX Toolbox, Domestic DX East&West. I also enjoy reading the Musings and other various news articles. Since, in recent years, the NRC started disclosing radio related websites I have used them along with e-DXN to compliment my paper copy of DX News. Although I use e-DXN occasionally, I would like to use it a lot more, but I must confess that I have had trouble figuring out how to use its capabilities to greater advantage. I mostly just browse the e-DXN material.

Regarding listener’s reception reports, Musings, and other information published in DX News, I would like to see more mention and use of some details contained in the FCC internet sources. These include the azimuth angle from the tower site to the listener’s location, the corresponding signal strength (in mv/m) directed along that azimuth, the equivalent ERP (this would be calculated from the mv/m value), the great circle distance from tower to listener’s location, the percentage of signal path’s length that travels over water etc. I intend to include some of these details in my future DX News inputs.

NOAA Space Weather Outlook

Issued March 17, 2014 – For the period March 17-April 12, 2014

Solar activity is expected to be low with a chance for M-class activity through 26 Mar. Moderate levels are likely with a slight chance for X-class activity from 26 Mar through the remainder of the period as old Region 1996 (N14, L=052) returns to the visible disk followed by the return of Region 2002 (S19, L=326).

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be {sic}.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be quiet to unsettled on 17 - 18 Mar due to anticipated coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) activity. Mostly quiet conditions are expected from 19 - 29 Mar. Quiet to unsettled conditions are expected from 30 Mar to 01 Apr due to recurrent negative Bz. The remainder of the period is expected to be quiet with the exception of 09 Apr, which is expected to see quiet to unsettled conditions due to effects from a recurrent CH HSS.

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Trans-Atlantic DX

- 162 **FRANCE** *France Inter*, Allouis MAR 20 0203 – Standard log; man and woman talking in French, but went into thumpity-thump pop tune at 0204. Fair at best in buzzy interference. [Frodge-MI]
- 198 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Droitwich* et al. MAR 20 0207-0215 – English discussion about global warming. Fair peaks with DIW beacon interference. Parallel 12095 kHz via Oman. [Frodge-MI]
- 531 **ALGERIA** *Jil FM*, F'kirina Wilaya d'Oum El Bouaghi MAR 18 0140 – Good; contemporary Kanye West style pitch machine vocal, parallel 549 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Jil FM*, Les Trembles MAR 17 0059 – Good; talk, 0102 mention of *Jil FM* into contemporary music, parallel weaker 531 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 595 **MOROCCO** *SNRT Oujda* MAR 17 0300 – Loud het against unID 594 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 702 **IRAN** *VOIRI Rasht-Kiashahr* MAR 18 0040 – Fair; speaker parallel worldservice.ir.rib.ir Aztabriz stream. [Conti-NH]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *Radio 5 Nostalgia*, Zeewolde MAR 17 0100 – Fair to good; nostalgic vocal segued to announcement with jingle, time marker, and news. [Conti-NH]
- 756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg MAR 21 0500 – Good; *Deutschlandfunk* electronic fanfare and time marker into news. [Conti-NH]
- 783 **MAURITANIA** *R.Mauritanie Chaîne 1*, Nouakchott MAR 14 0355 – Good; Koran parallel radiomaoritanie.mr stream. MAR 21 0159 – Good; radio drama. [Conti-NH]
- 783 **SYRIA** *Radio of Syrian Arab Republic*, Tartus MAR 21 0501 – Fair; guitar interval signal of *R.Damascus* and national anthem. [Conti-NH]
- 792 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Limoges MAR 21 0155 – Good; easy listening orchestra instrumental parallel 945 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Wales*, Washford et al. MAR 18 0500 – Fair; time marker and BBC World Service news. [Conti-NH]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5* sychros MAR 17 0100 – Fair, despite tight squeeze between local 900 WGHM 5 kHz modulation and 910 WRNL; canned ID, "First for breaking news and the best live sport, this is BBC Five Live," into news, parallel a weaker 693 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 936 **IRAN** *IRIB R.Iran/R.Urmia*, Urumiyeh MAR 17 0100 – Fading in/out all evening; apparent regional program not parallel *R.Iran* web stream. Thanks to Paul Logan and Sylvain Naud at RealDX for help with ID. MAR 18 0000 – Fair; string instrumental, parallel urmia.ir.rib.ir/radio web stream. MAR 21 0150 – Good; Koran. [Conti-NH]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse MAR 17 0100 – Good; fanfare and UTC+1 time check into news. [Conti-NH]
- 972 **GERMANY** *NDR Info*, Hamburg MAR 21 0148 – Fair; talk in German. [Conti-NH]
- 1071 unID MAR 18 0050 – Briefly strong signal; contemporary Middle Eastern or subcontinental music, not parallel *R.Iran* or *R.Maaref* web streams. India a good possibility, received at this time by Allen Willie in Newfoundland. Signal faded before a parallel could be found. [Conti-NH]
- 1089 **RUSSIA** *Vesti FM*, Tbilisskaya MAR 13 0300 – Fair, over *TalkSport*; time marker, canned ID, "Radio, Vesti FM," into news. Dawn enhancement; Tbilisskaya sunrise 0336 UTC. Thanks to Mauno Ritola for feedback regarding the audio clip. Later heard the same canned ID on the hour via *Vesti FM* web stream, with distinct pause between Radio and Vesti FM. [Conti-NH] MAR 18 0138 – Noted for first time with a man and woman speaking, mostly dominated by *TalkSport* and slop, but some distinctive features of the woman's voice are in parallel web audio delayed by a few seconds. At 2147 some telephone touch tone sound effects are also parallel. Lots of *Vesti FM* ID's on web audio but hard to hear much more than the sound effects. Thanks to Sylvain and Bruce for their tips on this one. First new TA of the season, and my first from Russia on medium wave. Country #79 from western New York. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* sychros MAR 18 0501 – Good; phone number, website, and email info into news headlines. [Conti-NH]

- 1107 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros MAR 14 0110 – Good with synchro echo; in-studio discussion. [Conti-NH]
- 1215 **KALININGRAD** Vesti FM, Bolshakovo MAR 18 0100 – Good, over *Absolute Radio*; time marker and check, canned ID, "Radio, Vesti FM," parallel 1089 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1242 **FRANCE** France Info, Marseille MAR 13 0500 – Good, better than 945 and 1557 parallels; fanfare with *France Info* mentioned into le journal news. [Conti-NH]
- 1503 **IRAN** IRIB R.Iran, Bushehr MAR 18 0132 – Fair; distinctive Koranic recitations parallel live.irib.ir R.Iran 'sarasari' stream. [Conti-NH]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** R.Farda, Al Dhabiya MAR 18 0127 – Good; contemporary music, news at the bottom of the hour. [Conti-NH]

Pan-American DX

- 540 **MEXICO** XEWA San Luís Potosí, SLP MAR 18 1201 – XE national anthem, 1202 *Los 40 Principales* produced ID; atop the interference, but still can't believe this is anywhere near original power of 150/150 kW any more, as still in Cantú, WRTH, IRCA. IRCA Mexican Log, by the way altho agreeing on the slogan/format, also says it relays XEW 900; I don't think that's Top 40, tho also no longer a dominant signal, unbelievable 250/250 kW. Eastern Mexico beyond the border is still on CST until April 6; thus the national anthems at 6 a.m. local = 12 UTC. [Hauser-OK]
- 570 **MEXICO** XEJB Monterrey, NL MAR 18 1202 – XE national anthem, 1203 ID as XEJB with address in Monterrey NL. [Hauser-OK]
- 580 **MEXICO** unID MAR 16 1118 – Mexi-tunes, poor in presumed plasma TV interference from neighbor pointing the direction I needed to hear this. XEAV the most commonly appearing one at my site. [Krueger-FL]
- 610 **MEXICO** unID MAR 16 1128 – Mexi-tune, male "Buenos días..." into another song. TV interference. [Krueger-FL]
- 640 **MEXICO** unID MAR 16 1133 – Mexi-ballad, poor with *R.Progreso* mostly nulled but TV interference. [Krueger-FL]
- 720 **MEXICO** XEDE Saltillo, Coah. MAR 18 1206 – Full ID for Saltillo, Coahuila station, i.e. XEDE, 8/0.25 kW per Cantú, still mixing with WGN; probably just after XE national anthem. [Hauser-OK]
- 810 **BAHAMAS** ZNS3 Freeport, Grand Bahama MAR 16 0522 – Man and woman announcers covering a festival type event. Fair signal peaks. [Beu-TX]
- 820 **MEXICO** XEDRD Durango, Dgo. MAR 16 0500 – In with 'W Radio', TOH ID mentions 820 kHz and 106.1 MHz transmitting from Durango with 25kW of power. In mix with XEUDO and partially-phased WBAP. [Vance-TX]
- 820 **MEXICO** XEUDO Los Mochis, Sin. MAR 9 0125 – Spanish ballads, "Radio U de O – Universidad de Occidente" slogan and parallel XHUDO 89.3 FM. Sudden change in strength at 0127 (power change?). Poor overall. [Vance-TX]
- 830 **MEXICO** XEIK Piedras Negras, Coah. MAR 9 0030 – Spanish pop music, ID for XHIK 96.7 FM (no AM callsign) and "Radio Zocalo" slogan, then into ads. Fair. [Vance-TX]
- 860 **MEXICO** XENL Monterrey, NL MAR 18 1208 – Between songs gives quick phone number, "llámenos"; romantic music, 1212 PSA string starting with "un minuto contra el cáncer" with unminuto.com website which forwards to 1minuto.org sponsored by INCan = Instituto Nacional de Cancerología --- then something in Monterrey, federales for some Consejo, and the Senado; jingles I can't understand but one sounds like "Radio A." Cantú shows it's XENL *R.Recuerdo*, Monterrey NL, 5/2 kW. Has overcome interference including nearby KKOW Kansas. [Hauser-OK]
- 939.88 **MEXICO** XEQ Mexico, DF MAR 19 1000 – Good; jocular talk, "la mera mera," through the hour with truck air horn sounded several times. [Conti-NH]
- 960 **MEXICO** XEFAMA Cd. Camargo, Chih. MAR 10 0502 – During KGWA Enid Fox-hole of open carrier, mix of ABC News, which would be KGKL San Angelo and/or KMA Shenandoah, and a Mexican state anthem, the first few notes of which match the cadence of Chihuahua's. Therefore, presumed the only Chihuahuan on this frequency, XEFAMA, listed in IRCA as 10000/100 watts, but surely not on night power to be heard thusly. WRTH and Cantú show night power 1000 watts, which is more like it. Previously have IDed XEK Nuevo Laredo, but this was not the Tamaulipas anthem. 0500 UTC however would not be local midnite in Camargo which is still on MST of UTC-7 unlike Juárez on UTC-6 or -5 in N Laredo. Did not hear any Mexican national anthem before or after this. Sked may be skewed on local Sunday nights due to 'La Hora Nacional' which airs originally at 0400-0500 UTC Mondays = 10-11 p.m. CST/HCM. [Hauser-OK]

- 1150 **MEXICO** XEUAS Culiacán, Sin. MAR 16 0800 – ID by a woman, "Radio Universidad A Sinaloa" ('A' stands for Autonoma) during dead-air period of local KHRO-Fox AM. Looks like Sr. Hauser isn't the only one lucky enough to have a 'Fox hole'. [Vance-TX]
- 1160 **MEXICO** XEQIN San Quintín, BCN MAR 11 1500 – Well after sunrise, presumably the Spanish station atop (300 mile north) powerhouse KSL. This is a 10 kW daytimer, south of Ensenada. Don't know who else it would be at that time. About 510 miles southwest of St. George, Utah. At same moment 1000 KOMO Seattle still booming in at 850 miles. Will try again to ID. [Schiller-UT]
- 1390 **MEXICO** XEKT Tecate, BCN MAR 9 0833 – Norteño music, ID with callsign, location, and XHKT 88.5 FM parallel. Poor to fair when above the pile. [Vance-TX]
- 1540 **BAHAMAS** ZNS1 *R.Bahamas*, Nassau, New Providence MAR 13 0004 – Bahamian-accented enthusiastic preacher, male live "You're listening to... This is AM 1540, the National Voice of the Bahamas" at 0128. Worth noting the preacher was on a local Tuesday early evening. [Krueger-FL]
- 1650 **MEXICO** XEARZ *Zer Radio*, México DF MAR 15 1050 – Easy listening guitar solo, 5 + 1 time sounders at 1100. Clarinet solo cover of "I Left My Heart In San Francisco" then a few seconds of male announcer in Spanish at 1106 and back to more instrumentals including a cover of Wham! "Careless Whisper" and Kenny G "Going Home" (original version). At 1130, male canned, "XEARZ Zer Radio... 5000 watts de potencia... Ciudad de México," then into another easy listening instrumental. Slight WHKT co-channel. MAR 14 1100 – Instrumental but very weak with WHKT and the Tampa I-275 HAR dominating the channel. First log of this one for me, and a surprise. [Krueger-FL]
- 1700 **MEXICO** unID MAR 18 1245 – As I am monitoring KKLf which has just flipped from 24/7 comedia en inglés to Tejano, I am very surprised to hear some unmistakable notes of the Mexican national anthem, "Mexicanos al grito de guerra," mixed with the music from KKLf. No Mexicans are known on 1700 except in BCN, which functions as a U.S. station with sports in English, and this is not from the west. Quarter-hour is also a very odd time for any Mexican to be national-antheming, unless it's signing on/off. Strongly suspect we have a new XE on 1700 kHz! KVNS Brownsville is coming in well even later than this, so Mexico westward from that longitude should also be propagable. Julián Santiago Díez de Bonilla in the DF writes: "Me informa mi amigo Héctor García Bojorge que, de acuerdo a la página del Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones de México hay el registro de una radiodifusora permisionada con el indicativo nominal XEFCSM ubicada en Mérida, Yucatán con autorización para emitir con 50 kW en el día y 1 kW en la noche. La fecha del permiso es a partir de abril del 2013 y está a cargo de la Fundación Cultural para la Sociedad Mexicana, A.C. Quizá sea esta emisora que esté realizando pruebas. El permiso para XEFCSM es en los 1700 kHz." Per our correspondent in Yucatán, the Catholic Radio Update Travel Guide at www.the-stationofthecross.com lists 1700 XEFCSM *R.Maria*, Mérida, Yucatan, not on the air yet but maybe soon. [Hauser-OK]

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International News

ARGENTINA: 1710 *R.Imagen*, Castelar, Partido de Morón, fue reportada en esta nueva frecuencia (ex 1310 kHz) con diferentes espacios, a distintas horas del día. En uno de sus anuncios avisa la realización de un festival celebrando un nuevo aniversario de la emisora en el Salon Rubi, de Rafael Castillo. Escuchada con anuncio del programa "El Colectivo" (periodístico) y "Aventura

Pampeana" (musical). [*Grupo Radioescucha Argentino* via Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, condiglist yg via mediumwave.info]

MEXICO: The *Traveler's Guide to American Catholic Radio* lists 790 XEVA R.Maria, Villahermosa, Tab., 920 XELT R.Maria, Guadalajara, Jal., 1110 XEWR EWTN Cd. Juarez, Chih., and 1700 XEFCSM R.Maria, Mérida, Yuc. along with several FM stations. Overt religious, including Catholic broadcasting is supposedly prohibited in México. Per Israel González Ahumada, the Mexican government has been very restrictive, so it is probable that this station is registered as a civic association, not a religious association. Several religious organizations in the past invested in cultural groups in order to operate without governmental harassment. [Glenn Hauser, *DX Listening Digest*]

UNITED KINGDOM: Changes affecting the "Gold" network. From 24 March 2014, *Gold* will only be available on four MW frequencies: 945 Derby, 999 Nottingham, 1458 Manchester, and 1548 London. All the following frequencies will carry *Smooth Radio* from this time: 603 Canterbury, 774 Gloucester, 792 Bedford, 828 Bournemouth, 828 Luton, 936 West Wiltshire, 945 Eastbourne, 1152 Norwich, 1152 Plymouth, 1161 Swindon, 1170 Ipswich, 1170 Portsmouth, 1242 Maidstone, 1251 Bury St. Edmunds, 1260 Bristol, 1260 Wrexham, 1305 Newport, 1323 Brighton, 1332 Peterborough, 1359 Cardiff, 1359 Chelmsford, 1431 Reading, 1431 Southend, 1485 Newbury, 1521 Reigate/Crawley, 1557 Northampton, 1557 Southampton. [James Robinson, mediumwave.info]

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Missing the glory days of Top 40 radio

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Richard Wagoner, *LA Daily News*, March 19, 2014

I got to thinking the other day how radio has changed over the years. Not that the subject is ever very far from my mind.

I grew up in what might be called the glory days of at least two formats, old enough to remember both Top 40 radio at its best, as well as what was once called “progressive” and later “album-oriented” rock radio at the height of that format’s popularity. So I know that every time I write a column regarding what I like about radio, or perhaps more accurately what I miss about radio, I am dating myself.

Not as much as I could, though, as Top 40 actually had a renaissance in the early 1980s when stations like Chuck Martin’s K-WEST 106 (now KPWR, 105.9 FM) or Gerry DeFrancesco’s KIIS-FM (102.7) adopted the format.

Both stations were great examples of Top 40 radio; while K-WEST didn’t make it, KIIS-FM shook up the industry with its amazing success, including ratings of over a 10 share, compared with what was then and is now again considered successful: anything over a 3 percent share of the audience.

Aside from my memory and my rose-colored glasses, there are elements of radio that truly have been lost. Things that I miss, that I believe were some of the reasons that radio was once so important to generations of kids, are now so very not.

Do kids listen to radio? Certainly, yes. Do they love radio and identify with any station? Hardly. So here are things I wish radio would do better or do more often:

- First: I wish more stations would play music on AM radio. Stations I loved growing up included some Top 40 greats: KHJ, KRLA, KEZY. And there was even AOR, such as when Dave Forman took KEZY into an AOR/alternative format. Music can sound good on AM with a clean signal and a good radio.
- I miss call letters. The great stations of the past all had them: the already mentioned KHJ, KRLA and KEZY. And there are obviously more: KMET, KLOS. Yes, many stations still use calls, but the trend here and nationwide is to use “clever” names: Hot 92.3. Power 106. My-FM. Whatever 98.7 calls itself now. Names are OK, but they lack something in my mind. Even UCLA’s student campus station KLA lost all of its history and respect when it decided to call itself “Bruin Radio.” Yuck.
- I miss entertaining DJs, or more accurately, DJs who were allowed to entertain. The jocks on KHJ and KMET were all-important friends to us growing up. Does anyone even know the name of the afternoon drive DJ on a typical station today? Why can’t the Sound’s talented on-air staff talk about the records they play instead of a mystery voice?
- I miss weather reports. And surf reports.
- I may be alone here, but I miss news on stations other than news and talk stations. News that was important to teens and young adults is one of the reasons that KMET connected so well to its audience when Sam Bellamy programmed the station. And one reason why KMET is so fondly remembered 28 years after it left the air.
- DJs who were allowed to talk about things without a music bed under them. It used to be called “clutter” when you had unimportant elements in the way of programming; now it is the way it’s done. Are we listeners that impaired that we need music playing while the DJ tells us the details of the upcoming hour of programming?
- What about real competition? KMET would pass out bumper stickers at a concert sponsored by KLOS. KHJ would fly a banner over an event sponsored by KRLA. Stations would try to scoop each other in getting the latest record from the hot artists. Those competitive rivalries made radio fun for the listeners, and for the station DJs and staff as well.
- Fun, easy to win contests. My friend Jeff Holyfield and I still talk of the time he won WAM — Walking Around Money — from Ten-Q in the 1970s calling in from a rotary-dial phone. Everything now is so convoluted, it loses its fun factor. Makes you wonder if today’s programmers ever even heard what I would consider good radio.

Jeff was lucky, of course; my parents wouldn’t let me dial long distance, anyway.

I have more wishes for radio, and I am sure you do too. Let’s compare notes ... send an email to me.

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