

# DX News

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**From the Publisher:** We're back with the start of a new calendar year and lots of good DX to be heard. The buzzing on the band here at home has gotten too loud for DX, and so I have nothing to report until I can go on the hunt for the noise source, but hopefully you have a thing or two you can contribute for the next issue!

The FCC is migrating much of its station information from the old Consolidated Database System (CDBS) to the new Licensing and Management System (LMS). Silent station updates and call letter changes are now in LMS and are not as easily searchable as before – in particular call letter changes are showing up very late in CDBS. So please bear with us as we try to stay on top of all the changes.

## Membership Report

**New Members:** Welcome to Craig Lush, Fairfax Station, VA; and Andrew Wood, Cedar Park, TX.

**Rejoining Members:** Welcome back to Dave Jones, Powell, OH.

**Renewing Members:** Thanks for the ongoing support from Jerry Ball; Stephanie Battaglino; Bruce Hackworth; Chester Jaffee; Steven Kamp; Richard Manner; John Megaro; Jon M. Ohman; Joseph Piccoli; Timothy Schaffernoth; and Glenn Small.

## Volume 90 DXN Schedule

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14	Apr. 2	Apr. 11	20	Sept. 10	Sept. 19

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Next issue ... see you in 2 weeks!

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The AM Radio Log is a source for information on AM Radio Stations in the United States and Canada. The Log contains 300+ pages of individual station data and cross references and an additional 12 pages of instructions in 8-1/2" x 11" size, 3-hole punched U.S. loose leaf format. This publication fits nicely into a 1" three-ring binder. Reference lists include State/Provinces in frequency order, listings of regional groups of stations in the groups section and a comprehensive list of FM translators that are now simulcasting with AM broadcasters.

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# AM Switch

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## *FCC and CRTC Decisions and Applications*

### CALL CHANGES

Call changes reflected in FCC databases:

- 1420 KOBM NE Omaha – Call change to KXCB (Dec. 20).  
 1570 WSWV VA Pennington Gap – Call change to WHNQ (Dec. 31).

Action on additional call changes:

- 1030 WUFL MI Sterling Heights – Withdraws request to change to WKEG.  
 1190 WCRW VA Leesburg – Granted call change to WTSD (effective Jan. 4).  
 1400 WBFN MI Battle Creek – Withdraws request to change to WUFL.  
 1430 WPLN TN Madison – Applies to change to WYGI upon completion of pending sale.

### CONSTRUCTION PERMITS (CPs) FOR EXISTING STATIONS

CPs built and moving toward final licensing (likely being used on the air):

- 850 WPTB GA Statesboro – Applies for license to cover CP with U1 1000/25, adjust coordinates to 32-27-56/81-49-58.  
 1400 KIXR UT Provo – Applies for license to cover CP with U1 1000/1000, new site (diplexed with KEYY-1450) 40-13-48/111-41-09.  
 1470 WPIF SC Georgetown – Applies for license to cover CP with U1 420/90, new site (diplexed with WGTN-1400) at 33-24-15/79-19-36 and applies for program test authority.

Applications for CPs received:

- 1240 WWNS GA Statesboro – Applies for CP with U1 660/660, new site (one of the former WPTB-850 towers, now unused with WPTB going U1 as above) at 32-27-55/81-49-52.  
 1300 KKOL WA Seattle – Applies for CP with U4 35000/3200, existing site (reducing day power as in STA due to QRM caused at currently licensed 50 kW day power).  
 1460 WABQ OH Painesville – Applies for CP with U1 550/54, new site with 75' Valcom antenna at 41-38-37/81-21-11.  
 1480 WPFRR IN Terre Haute – Applies for CP with U1 244/30, adjust coordinates to 39-30-05/87-23-11.

### SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY (STA)

STAs granted:

- 600 KTBB TX Tyler – Granted STA, U4 5000/1500 during repairs to night pattern.  
 801 KTWG GU Agaña – Granted STA, U1 8000/8000, high electricity costs. (The FCC had been denying STA applications based on economic rather than technical difficulties in operating at licensed parameters, but seems to be relenting on the question.)  
 1300 KHTW TX Lumberton – Granted STA, U4 400/270, post-hurricane problems.  
 1460 WGMM PA Tunkhannock – Granted STA, U1 1250/40, bad capacitors in ATUs.  
 1480 WSLI MI Kentwood – Granted STA, U1 100/100, 166' slant wire at 42-58-58/85-39-55.  
 1590 WSMN NH Nashua – Granted STA, U1 250/58, whip at 42-45-36/71-27-54 (the roof of the Masonic Building), has lost licensed site.

The October STA application from WWNC-570 Asheville NC was dismissed; station is back to regular operations as of Dec. 6.

Applications for STA received:

- 580 WDBO FL Orlando – Applies for STA, minor parameters at variance.  
 850 WTAR VA Norfolk – Applies for STA, U1 5000/5000, wind damage in Dec. 23 storm.



Extensions of prior STAs granted (usually for an additional 6 months):

- 850 KEYH TX Houston – Granted STA extension, D1 100, but now from tower at 29-49-32/95-22-35.
- 870 WHCU NY Ithaca – Granted STA extension, U3 1000/1000, night pattern/site 24 hours.
- 980 KTCR WA Selah – Granted STA extension, U1 1000/250 from KRSE-105.7 tower at 46-42-42/120-37-22.
- 1020 KCKN NM Roswell – Granted STA extension, U4 30000/50000, night pattern 24 hours.
- 1030 WOSO PR San Juan – Granted STA extension, D1 300, unipole at 18-26-55/66-04-37.
- 1090 KBOZ MT Bozeman – Granted STA extension, U1 1250/1250.
- 1130 KSDO CA San Diego – Granted STA extension, U1 2500/2500, LW at 32-43-51/117-04-59.
- 1230 KOBB MT Bozeman – Granted STA extension, U1 47/47, 200' LW at 45-39-26/110-48-22.
- 1260 WSHU CT Westport – Granted STA extension, U1 250/2 from CP (applied for) tower at 41-07-41/73-23-26.
- 1310 WAUC FL Wauchula – Granted STA extension, U1 1250/250 or less.
- 1330 WENA PR Yauco – Granted STA extension, U1 500/350, 185' LW at 18-01-17/66-51-54.
- 1410 WELM NY Elmira – Granted STA extension, night parameters at variance.
- 1490 KYWL MT Bozeman – Granted STA extension, U1 120/120, tower at 45-46-15/111-13-26.
- 1520 KYND TX Cypress – Granted STA extension, parameters at variance.
- 1690 WIGT VI Charlotte Amalie – Granted STA extension, U1 400/400.

Applications to extend previously granted STAs received from KERN-1180 Wasco-Greenacres CA, WFYL-1180 King of Prussia PA, WGIV-1370 Pineville NC, WTAL-1450 Tallahassee FL, and KLIV-1590 San Jose CA.

#### SILENT STATIONS

Stations notifying the FCC that they are silent:

- 1360 KNGN NE McCook – Has been silent since July 1; station is pending sale.
- 1410 WEGO NC Concord – Silent Dec. 23, figuring out what to do after loss of W252DI translator.

High Plains Radio Network also informed the FCC that it was planning to take four stations (KICA-980 Clovis NM, KVOP-1090 Plainview TX, KREW-1400 Plainview TX, and KDAV-1590 Lubbock TX) silent on Dec. 31 due to an ongoing lease renegotiation with the tower site owners.

Formerly silent stations notifying the FCC that they are on the air:

- 860 KOSE AR Wilson – Silent Dec. 31 (2021); back on the air Dec. 28.

FCC silent list as of December 31, 2022 (86 stations)

540	WGOP-MD		WHKT-VA		WVNR-VT		KMNQ-MN
	KYAH-UT	1050	KRMY-TX		WXXK-WV	1480	KRXX-ID
580	KANA-MT	1060	KXPL-TX	1350	WELB-AL		WGVU-MI
590	KID-ID	1080	KWAI-HI	1360	KNGN-NE		WRCK-NY
690	KCEE-AZ	1110	WJML-MI	1380	WWNT-NC	1490	KXAR-AR
	KRGS-CO	1190	KREB-AR	1390	KFFK-AR		KSYC-CA
	WADS-CT		KVCU-CO		KHOB-NM		KRSN-NM
730	KDBI-ID		WAMT-FL	1400	KESQ-CA		KFCR-SD
	WACE-MA	1200	KPSF-CA		KSPT-ID	1510	WEAL-NC
	KEZX-OR	1220	WSLM-IN		WELY-MN	1520	KXET-OR
790	KOSY-AR		KEZE-TX		WGTM-SC	1530	KVOG-Guam
	WSFN-GA	1230	WPCO-SC		KEBE-TX	1540	WWGK-OH
850	WKGE-PA	1270	KEPS-TX		KITZ-WA	1550	WAZX-GA
880	WAMI-AL	1280	WDSP-FL	1410	WQBQ-FL		KMRI-UT
910	WBZH-WI		WANS-SC		WEGO-NC	1580	KTLU-TX
920	KQBU-TX	1300	WFFG-FL		WVCB-NC	1590	WABV-SC
	KFLB-TX		KDSO-OR	1440	WGMI-GA	1600	WLAA-FL
950	WYWY-KY	1310	KKZI-CA		WIBU-IL		KLGZ-IA
980	KDBV-CA	1320	WENN-AL		WGEM-IL		KOGT-TX
1000	WCCD-OH	1340	WTIF-GA	1450	WLAY-AL		KTUB-UT
1010	KXPS-CA		WKCB-KY		KBEN-TX		
	WCKW-KY		KPRK-MT	1470	KSMM-KS		

#### COMMERCIAL/NON-COMMERCIAL STATUS

- 1270 WHGS SC Hampton – Applies for non-commercial status.
- 1520 WPAY OH Rossford – Granted change to non-commercial status.

## *NRC AM Log Updates*

From Wayne: According to *Radio Insight*, "As many as nine brands in State College PA will change or relocate once Seven Mountains Media closes on its \$17,375,000 purchase of 34 stations from Forever Media." Some of these changes are reflected below (WPHB and WQKW), but we'll see what actually emerges.

- 730 KLOE KS **Goodland** — Format to SPT (ex-NWS/TLK); slogan to "Fox Sports 730 Tri State," networks to FSR. (irca)
- 850 WKIX NC **Raleigh** — Slogan to "Oldies 93.5," adds // W228CZ-93.5; delete Grp= Oldies 104.7. (WH)
- 1050 WMSG MD **Oakland** — Slogan to "Classic Hits 1050," adds // W236DI-95.1; delete Grp= Z-95.9. (DXM)
- WSMT TN **Sparta** — Networks to SRN. (DXM)
- 1260 WMDG GA **East Point** — Format to CLR (ex-TLK), networks to Gn; slogan & Group to Grp= MyFoxFM. (StIntel)
- WPHB PA **Philipsburg** — Format to C&W (ex-AC/OLD), delete networks; slogan & Group to Grp= Bigfoot Legends (ex-Grp= 107.1 & 104.3 Jack-FM). (RI)
- 1300 WJDA MA **Quincy** — Format to SS:Tropical (ex-Brokered/ETH), slogan to "Latina 99.9." (DXN)
- 1310 WDXI TN **Jackson** — Slogan to "Kool 103.5 & AM 1310." (DXN)
- 1390 KCRC OK **Enid** — Networks to FSR. (AB)
- WRSC PA **State College** — Format to CHR (ex-NWS/TLK); slogan to "My Pop Radio," drops networks. (RI)
- 1450 KQYX KS **Galena** — Format to AC/EZL (ex-GOS); slogan to "Magic Mix 92.9." (RI)
- WQWK PA **State College** — Format to C&W (ex-SPT), drops networks; slogan & Group to Grp= Bigfoot Legends. (RI)
- 1500 WDEB TN **Jamestown** — Format to CCR (ex-OLD), slogan to "98 the One," drops networks. (GL)
- 1550 KXTO\* NV **Reno** — Granted NCE status, add \* to call sign. (FCC)
- 1640 KZLS OK **Enid** — Networks to FSR. (AB)

### New Groups

Grp= Bigfoot Legends - WPHB-1260, W282CV-104.3, WQWK-1450, W279DK-103.7 (RI)

### Group Changes

Grp= 107.1 & 104.3 Jack-FM drops WPHB-1260 and W282CV-104.3 (RI)

Grp= MyFoxFM adds WMDG-1260 and W261DL-100.1 East Point GA (StIntel)

Grp= Rock 92.9 drops W228CZ-93.5 (RI)

### Deleted Groups

Grp= Oldies 104.7 (RI)

Grp= Z-95.9 (WH)

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# Domestic DX Digest – East

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Loggings of U.S. and Canadian stations by DXers in the Eastern & Atlantic time zones

All times are Eastern Local Time (ELT)

### REPORTERS

- LB-NY **Linda Brodsky, Malverne** – RSPDx with indoor 3 foot amplified copper loop
- BC-NH **Bruce Conti, Nashua** – Excalibur SDR, terminated SuperLoop antennas at 60° and 180°, terminated double Delta at 60°.
- SC-IN **Steve Chappell, McCordsville** – Homebuilt receiver, K9AY loop antenna

- TF-NH **Tony Fitzherbert, Campton** – C. Crane CC Radio 2E, Terk Advantage Loop  
 HJH-PA **Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre** – C. Crane Skywave, Kiwa Pocket loop  
 KK-VA **Kraig Krist, Manassas** – Winradio G33DDC SDR, Wellbrook ALA-1530S+ Imperium Loop.  
 RWK-CT **Rick Kenneally, Wilton** – Sony 2010 (x2), RadioPlus Quantum Loop, Radio West Shotgun loop  
 GL-NH **Ginnie Lupi, Concord** – CCRadio2E + Select-A-Tenna  
 TO-VA **Tony Orr, Chantilly** – C. Crane CCRadio 2E, Lowe HF-150, Terk Advantage Loop, 100 ft. LW NE/SW  
 RJS-OH **Bob Schroeder, Cincinnati** – RSPdx or Yaesu FT-991A with random long wire, C Crane Skywave, XHDATA D-808.  
 JW-PA **Jim Weber, Oyster Point** – Grundig S350, Tecsun PL 380, Hyundai car radio  
 MKB-ON **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig YB-400PE, XHDATA D-808, Sihudadon R-108, C Crane Skywave, Tecsun PL-330, Panasonic RF-2200

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### DX TEST

- 1100 WCGA GA **Woodbine** – 12/24 0003 – DX test fighting nulled WTAM with “WCGA” (.-. -. -. .-) code ID, swoop tones at 0007. **(MKB-ON)**  
 +++ – 12/24 0000 – DX test mixing with WTAM, Spanish singing and more talk. Voice ID: “This is news talk 1100 bringing you...” Male talking about giving thanks and the Lord. National Anthem at 0001, followed at 0002 by VVV DE WCGA in morse code. Sweep tones, long tones, phone off hook tones. Female with announcement about maintenance tests. **(KK-VA)**  
 +++ - 12/24 0000 – CPC Test, fair in WTAM null. Sweep tones, code IDs, Christmas music (Little Drummer Boy, Adeste Fidelis). Tones, code IDs and one complete voice ID: “WCGA Woodbine Georgia, 1100 AM Wonderful, coastal Georgia, thank you for listening” made it through WTAM at 0042. New. **(LB-NY)**  
 +++ - 12/24 0001 – On with full power for a CPC DX test. Morse code, tones, synthesizer Christmas music and nice clear announcements mentioning NRC, IRCA and MWC. Not new, but awesome. Thanks CPC for the test! **(RWK-CT)**  
 +++ - 12/24 0000 – DX Test with strong signal, full station ID, religious convocation, then National Anthem, test tones, IDs, etc. **(TO-VA)**

### UNID

- 1120 unID -- – 12/16 0531 – In multi-station mix (WUST, KMOX, UNID talk, religious singing and C&W songs), Spanish talk and singing, male with “11-10 caliente” slogan in EE. At least, to me, sounds he said “11-10” even though I’m listening to 1120 kHz. At 0627 heard what sounds similar to a station jingle/slogan, but KMOX too dominant to determine Spanish station ID. **(KK-VA)**

### LOGGINGS



- 530 CHLO ON **Brampton** – 12/22 0400 – Good and clear with sax music, then very repetitive EE ID followed by South Asian program. First heard them 30 years ago running equipment test as CIAO. **(RWK-CT)**  
 540 WBWD NY **Islip** – 12/21 1800 – Indian music fade out, then ID “You are listening to WBWD Islip, NY Radio Zindagi 5-40 AM, 1310 AM WXMC Parsippany, NJ, and 96.7 W244DU Parsippany, NJ” then right into music. **(RWK-CT)**  
 +++ - 12/20 1950 – Indian programming, Bollywood music. 10,000 watt daytime signal, directional North, in at local strength long after the required sunset pattern change and power drop to 220 watts directional south, barely audible here at night. I hope that a lot of DX’ers who needed this station picked it up. Same during several subsequent evenings until someone at the station realized that the computer was not making the switch and resolved the situation. **(TF-NH)**  
 550 WAME NC **Statesville** – 12/27 2255 – C&W music, “Real Country 550 and 92.9, WAME” ID at 22258. **(TO-VA)**  
 WSJW RI **Pawtucket** – 12/21 2200 – Rising out of horrible lowband static with faint ID of Pawtucket AM and Warwick FM, and Relevant Radio. **(RWK-CT)**  
 560 WHYN MA **Springfield** – 12/28 2052 – Sports scores, basketball play by play, local ad for American Diner in Wilbraham, and the basketball is sponsored by MGM Casino



in Springfield, unusual reception because the station protects WGAN-560, a regular here. **(TF-NH)**

- WJLS WV **Beckley** – 12/29 2019 – Ads for local Beckley stores, Mohawk Power Sports, “WJLS News Network” ID. **(TO-VA)**
- CFOS ON **Owen Sound** – 12/20 1832 – Oldies and old Christmas songs, CFOS jingle ID at 1836, “560 CFOS” ID at 1838, local ad bank, then “Happy Holidays from your friends at CFOS.” **(TO-VA)**
- 570 CFCB NL **Corner Brook** – 12/19 0600 – Under WSYR; promo for VOCM Cares, Newfoundland agriculture report, parallel 620 CKCM. **(BC-NH)**
- 580 WCHS WV **Charleston** – 12/22 1938 – Live high school basketball game (didn’t catch team names) then break in action to “High School basketball on the Voice of Charleston, WCHS 580 AM” ID by man at 1939. **(TO-VA)**
- CFRA ON **Ottawa** – 12/20 1900 – In null of WTAD, much noise, with talk then “CBC News live on News Talk 580, CFRA, Ottawa” into network news about Harvey Weinstein conviction. **(RWK-CT)**
- 590 WMBS PA **Uniontown** – 12/23 0200 – Lite music then “You are listening to your local station... WMBS Uniontown” followed by CBS News about holiday travel in the storm. **(RWK-CT)**
- 600 CKAT ON **North Bay** – 12/20 0004 – Classic C&W music. Mention of North Bay. Relog. Recorded. **(LB-NY)**
- 610 WTEL PA **Philadelphia** – 12/22 1800 – Commercial for CVS, then ID by man: “6-10 AM WTEL Philadelphia, the Black Information Network” into BIN news. **(RWK-CT)**
- CKTB ON **St. Catharines** – 12/22 1942 – Talk show about immigration to Canada, to Toronto specifically, 1950 CKTB jingle ID then back to the show after an “I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas” by Bing Crosby intro. **(TO-VA)**
- 620 WDAE FL **St. Petersburg** – 12/30 2046 – “College football on WDAE, AM 620, 95.3 FM” ID. **(TO-VA)**
- WZON ME **Bangor** – 12/4 1935 – Rock music, “Retro Radio, Z-62, Bangor” slogan and into more old rock music, way atop frequency. Noticed that the night signal is now regular here, over WVMT, since the station dropped its directional night signal and reduced power to 620 watts. **(TF-NH)**
- WVMT VT **Burlington** – 12/20 1858 – Ad for Lamoille Valley Chevy, ID by man at 1859 “...96.3, WVMT,” then into ABC news at 1900 followed by various WVMT show promos, “Morning Drive, Vermont’s number one talk show” then full ID at 1905, then local weather “AccuWeather news-talk WVMT.” **(TO-VA)**
- 630 CFCO ON **Chatham** – 12/22 0559 – Over/under WPRO; “CFCO Chatham Kent’s Country” and news update. **(BC-NH)**
- 690 WELD WV **Fisher** – 12/24 2120 – Very strong and alone with Christmas music. “Listen to West Virginia Outdoors on WELD 101.7” station promo. **(HJH-PA)**
- 730 CKAC QC **Montréal** – 12/20 1916 – Man in FF with traffic reports for various locations around Montréal, ads, one for “Hedwig and the Angry Inch” Broadway show “version française” at Café, ID as “R. Circulation, sept cent trente” at 1920. Mixing with local WTNT. **(TO-VA)**
- 740 WNYH NY **Huntington** – 12/22 0800 – Good and clear daytime. Overcomers Ministry preaching. Recorded station ID spoken right over preacher who wouldn’t stop. **(RWK-CT)**
- KRMG OK **Tulsa** – 12/30 0020 – “Download the KRMG app” promo followed by ads, one for “Trees By Jake.” **(TO-VA)**
- KCMC TX **Texarkana** – 12/22 0610 – Fair with sports talk and // to web stream. **(SC-IN)**
- CFZM ON **Toronto** – 12/20 1923 – Classic rock oldies, male announcer with what sounded like a story about having met guitarist Johnny Marr at the Duke last weekend, promo for “Avoid Probate” show, Sunday AM at 8 on “Zoomer Radio.” **(TO-VA)**
- 760 WVNE MA **Leicester** – 12/27 2025 – Ad for local bank, TownHall.com news, ID. **(TO-VA)**
- WCPS NC **Tarboro** – 12/22 2005 – Listed as D1 but the one here //WCPS Gospel Music website, religious sermons, gospel chorus music to 2025 ID by man. **(TO-VA)**
- 780 WCKB NC **Dunn** – 12/26 1645 – Ads for Home Security Hotline, Lee’s Automotive and Expedia Dayspa with mention of local 910 area code. Fair signal with gospel music. **(HJH-PA)**
- 790 WAXY FL **South Miami** – 12/29 2046 – “Radio Libre 790 AM” ID in Spanish by man, talk show. Many mentions of Miami-Dade. **(TO-VA)**



- WKRD KY Louisville** – 12/27 0704 – Over usual WAEB with “thanks for making us your number one choice for sports...790 KRK” liner into local sports talk. **(MKB-ON)**  
 +++ - 12/30 2148 – “790 KRK” ID into promos. Messy frequency making for difficult copy. **(TO-VA)**
- WAEB PA Allentown** – 12/22 2029 – Fox news followed by “This is the Valley’s news talk, WAEB” ID. **(TO-VA)**
- 800 WSVS VA Crewe** – 12/23 2150 – ID as “This is WSVS 97.1 FM and 800 AM.” Very strong over CKLW with mix of C&W and country Christmas music. **(HJH-PA)**  
 +++ - 12/2 1958 – Atop frequency with its 270 watt night signal with country music and at ToH, “WSVS, Crewe, 97.1 FM and 800 AM” followed by Virginia News Network news, and an ID for “Pure Country WSVS, 97.1 FM and 800 AM.” Atop frequency for 15 minutes, way over CJAD, WNNW, and others. **(TF-NH)**
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**WVHU WV Huntington** – 12/23 1700 – Under CJAD with local WNNW off the air due to storm; “This is News Radio 800 WVHU Huntington, an iHeart radio station,” and Fox news. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 820 WBAP TX Ft. Worth** – 12/23 2155 – Fair at times over the usual hash noise here. Talk about Dallas Cowboys and mention of “Here in North Texas...” **(HJH-PA)**  
 +++ - 12/20 1949 – Callsign ID by man literally out of the slop. Heavy QRM thanks to WWFD. **(TO-VA)**
- 830 WACC FL Hialeah** – 12/22 2058 – Woman in Spanish up to 2100, full ID per NRC AM Log then religious hymns and sermons. **(TO-VA)**
- WCRN MA Worcester** – 12/26 1657 – Over CHAM-820 slop with talk on Massachusetts refundable tax credits. **(MKB-ON)**
- WCCO MN Minneapolis** – 12/21 0000 – Under local WCRN; “Happy holidays... News/Talk Eight-Three-Oh WCCO KMNH HD2 Minneapolis-St. Paul,” and CBS news. **(BC-NH)**
- WTRU NC Kernersville** – 12/22 2040 – Religious sermon //live web stream, at 2059 promo for “Crossing the Bridge” program, then “WTRU in Kernerville” ToH ID. **(TO-VA)**
- 850 WAXB CT Ridgefield** – 12/24 0959 – Now a Spanish station serving Danbury, played rock version of “Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer” by a Spanish girl band, then ID in EE and “Juan 8-50” slogan. Relogged for new calls. **(RWK-CT)**
- WPTB GA Statesboro** – 12/30 0200 – “Hashtag 99.7 FM” jingle ID, GNN news, local weather. **(TO-VA)**
- WTAR VA Norfolk** – 12/23 2156 – ID as “Lucy FM.” Music was mix of new music and hip-hop. Slogan, “Today’s Best Mix.” **(HJH-PA)**  
 +++ - 12/30 2358 – Under local WEEI; hot hits through the hour without ID, “Bad Habits” by Ed Sheeran, etc. **(BC-NH)**
- 860 WMRI IN Marion** – 12/28 0810 – Alone on frequency after CJBC faded out. ESPN talk show discussing the NBA. This is the only US station on 860 affiliated with ESPN. **(RJS-OH)**
- WSON KY Henderson** – 12/30 0035 – Classic rock, WSON ID at 0102 including FM translators W243CU and W300ED FM. **(TO-VA)**
- 890 WAMG MA Dedham** – 12/25 1610 – Strong at times with “La Mega” ID’s and SS version of “Jingle Bell Rock.” Disappeared at 1615. New. **(HJH-PA)**
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- 900 WJWL DE Georgetown** – 12/25 1637 – Quick fade up with no CHML or WACA and so alone. SS music into most likely a station promo followed by SS man with a loud “La Raza!” shout out and back to music then quickly fading. The event lasting only a few seconds and also confirmed by web stream with 17 second delay. New. **(SC-IN)**
- WACA MD Laurel** – 12/20 2020 – Several times on top of other stations with “Radio America” (in Spanish) heard several times. Web search confirms as WACA. **(RJS-OH)**
- WIAM NC Williamston** – 12/30 2047 – C&W songs, mixing with CHML and WCPA, ID at 2054 as “You’re in Eastern NC and this is Classic Country, 92.1 and radio900.net.” **(TO-VA)**
- WURD PA Philadelphia** – 12/13 2038 – PSA for HUD and Fair Housing, ID for “WURD and Word Radio,” into the Cross Word show way over CHML, good for 105 watts night signal which is almost regular here. **(TF-NH)**

- 910 WRKL NY **New City** – 12/23 2005 – Repetitive yelling, some type of music, in a language other than Spanish or English, weak, with fades over/under WTOS. Station with Polish programming from Chicago is the only likely possibility, station sends day and night signal toward the ocean, new here. Station has a Brooklyn address and two towers in New City. **(TF-NH)**
- 920 WDMC FL **Melbourne** – 12/23 1800 – Under WHJJ; “All Christian talk... WDMC...” **(BC-NH)**
- WURA VA **Quantico** – 12/23 2015 – Spanish programming, 970 watt signal directional SE was overwhelming usual WHJJ. **(TF-NH)**
- WMMN WV **Fairmont** – 12/26 1750 – Promo for Mountaineers Basketball and mention of Fox Sports Radio. Fair with several others including WHJJ in RI. **(HJH-PA)**
- 930 WYFQ NC **Charlotte** – 12/26 1621 – Bible Broadcasting Network with “Captain’s Club” program for children featuring Uncle Charlie. Into Christmas carols at 1630. **(RJS-OH)** In 1970s CB radio lingo “Uncle Charlie” means the FCC. Mike.
- WLLL VA **Lynchburg** – 12/23 2023 – Gospel choir, way over WBEN, WPKX, others, nice for 42 watt night signal. **(TF-NH)**
- 940 WMAC GA **Macon** – 12/25 1705 – PSA, “Stand Up to Cancer.” Announcement: “Now the Mark Levin Show on News Radio WMAC.” Weak signal and alone. **(HJH-PA)**
- WCPC MS **Houston** – 12/29 0700 – Startling station power-up with clear IDs at this time, then man delivering Christian message. AF Gain generally close to max on this frequency. **(JW-PA)**
- WKYK NC **Burnsville** – 12/29 0640 – Promo for FM 104.7 where listeners can catch sports. C&W sounds up to the hour, including Rodney Crowell’s “She’s Crazy For Leavin’.” Slightly garbled ID at 0648, slow beat sub-audible het creating deep fades every other second. **(JW-PA)**
- WADV PA **Lebanon** – 12/26 1617 – Station had been missing in action since around Dec 21. Returned to the air by this time with back-to-back Christmas carols with no breaks or IDs. Abruptly dropping out at 1645. **(JW-PA)**
- WKGM VA **Smithfield** – 12/29 0735 – Fundraising promo for Joy FM around 0737. Very loud over WKYK. **(JW-PA)**
- 950 WXLW IN **Indianapolis** – 12/28 0849 – “Freedom 95” tag line heard several times. Into “America’s First News” at 0850. **(RJS-OH)**
- WCTN MD **Potomac-Cabin John** – 12/29 0705 – presumed fighting WWJ/CFAM mix with non-stop Mexi-pop songs. **(MKB-ON)**
- KWOS MO **Jefferson City** – 12/20 0830 – A jumble of at least 3 stations on frequency this morning but clear KWOS ID heard at 0830 and “News Radio KWOS” heard at 0836. Programming sounded like Fox and Friends with Brian Kilmeade, then covered by WWJ. **(RJS-OH)**
- 960 WATS PA **Sayre** – 12/31 0000 – Fair; “The twin tiers’ Liberty 960 WATS Sayre-Towanda-Horseheads-Owego-Binghamton, it’s 12 o’clock,” and Fox news. **(BC-NH)**
- WFIR VA **Roanoke** – 12/30 2000 – Good; “WFIR Roanoke, WFIR news time is 8:00 p.m.,” and ABC news. **(BC-NH)**
- 970 WNYM NJ **Hackensack** – 12/25 0959 – Re-logged for new calls. Ads for “Stand with Israel Tour,” ID “AM 9-70, The Answer” then news from [townhall.com](http://townhall.com). **(RWK-CT)**
- WBLF PA **Bellefonte** – 12/21 1902 – Under WKCI and unID smooth jazz; “Classic Hits 96-9 and AM 1230 WBPZ Lock Haven...” **(BC-NH)**
- 990 KWAM TN **Memphis** – 12/26 1705 – Local forecast “from News Channel 3,” into the “Earl Farrell from Memphis Show.” Clear ID heard at 1707. **(RJS-OH)**
- 1000 WIOO PA **Carlisle** – 12/27 0743 – Fair in WMVP null with partial ID, “Country Gold WIOO.” New. **(SC-IN)**
- 1030 WNVR IL **Vernon Hills** – 12/22 0905 – Programming in Polish with clear mentions of Chicago. Confirmed via // stream. **(RJS-OH)**
- 1040 WURN FL **Miami** – 12/24 0035 – Female announcer in SS, 0049 ID by man: “Actualidad 1040 Feliz Navidad” then “WURN 1040 AM” ID in EE, into talk show. **(TO-VA)**
- 1070 WNCT NC **Greenville** – 12/24 0715 – Faint music, then very clear “[beachboogieandblues.com](http://beachboogieandblues.com)” by male-sounding voice at 0717, into CBS and local news. North Carolina Farm Bureau PSA at 0720. Strong under static, must have gone to day power just after I started listening. **(GL-NH)**
- WCSZ SC **Sans Souci** – 12/26 2200 – Rising up from mush with power chords on guitar, then deep reverb by Spanish-accented male: “WCSZ 94.9 FM, 10-70 AM Greenville, South Carolina, Hendersonville 92.1 ...,” mentions of “La Jefa,” then into autotune-heavy pop. Re-log for call change. **(RWK-CT)**





- +++ – 12/20 2100 – Spanish Top 40 rap pop, “La Jefa, 94.9 FM 1070 AM” IDs at 2120 in SS by male announcer, surrounded by jingly theme. Really strong signal on SE loop. **(TO-VA)**
- 1110 WSLV TN **Ardmore** – 12/26 1812 – Country music format mostly under KFAB but partial ID heard at 1812, then mention of Ardmore at 1815. **(RJS-OH)**
- 1120 WUST DC **Washington** – 12/16 0719 – Mixing with UnID Spanish singing, KMOX, more talk, religious singing and C&W songs, female “BIN 11-20” slogan. **(KK-VA)**
- KMOX MO **St. Louis** – 12/22 2153 – Discussion about Christian traditions, and favorite Christian movies, KMOX ID’s, no usual WPRX, WKAJ, or WBNW tonight. This station once covered much of the USA decades ago, and was a night regular at my childhood Maine home. **(TF-NH)**
- +++ - 12/19 1800 – Good; “KMOX KEZK HD2 St. Louis, The Voice of the Billikens KMOX, always live on the free Audacy app,” and CBS news. Local co-channel WBNW not heard, seemed to be off the air. **(BC-NH)**
- 1150 WBAG NC **Burlington-Graham** – 12/21 0550 – In multi-station mix (WNLR, CKOC, WCRK, WDEL, WMNY and UNID religious talk) with male ID: “Happy holidays from the station that plays your oldies and beach favorites. AM 1150 and FM 105.9 WBAG.” **(KK-VA)**
- WCRK TN **Morristown** – 12/21 0501 – In multi-station mix male “Your station for local news and the greatest hits of all time.” Jingle “1 oh 5 point 7 FM Morristown.” ID at 0512: “105.7 WCRK FM playing the greatest Christmas songs of all time.” **(KK-VA)**
- +++ – 12/20 2050 – AOR (*presumably “Album-Oriented Rock,” a phrase I haven’t seen since the 1980s. Mike.*) oldies, ID at 2057 by man: “105.7 WCRK FM with all of your holiday favorites,” then into light Christmas pop song. **(TO-VA)**
- WNLR VA **Churchville** – 12/21 \*0600 – In multi-station mix, all of a sudden jingle “WNLR,” then male “Good morning and welcome to a new broadcast day at WNLR...” **(KK-VA)**
- CKOC ON **Hamilton** – 12/21 0518 – In multi-station mix with male “... Bloomberg radio 1150” mention. **(KK-VA)**
- 1160 WYLL IL **Chicago** – 12/21 0558 – Mixing with WCCS, WYDU and WMET, female “AM 1160 Hope for Your Life” ID, mention of “... on 1160hope.com” at 0655. **(KK-VA)**
- WYDU NC **Red Springs** – 12/21 0519 – Mixing with WCCS, WYLL and WMET, ID as “Your station for inspiration and information, 1600 AM, 99.7 FM WIDU1600.com. We are WIDU Fayetteville. We do radio. Follow us on Facebook at WIDU 1600 AM” into news. **(KK-VA)**
- +++ - 12/28 0004 – NC Network weather report, Postive Alternative religious program, ID at 0013 “WYDU AM.” **(TO-VA)**
- WCCS PA **Homer City** – 12/21 0532 – Mixing with WYLL, WYDU and WMET, male “101.1 FM and AM 1160 WCCS Homer City, Josephine” ID, WCCS jingle. **(KK-VA)**
- WODY VA **Fieldale** – 12/23 2344 – “Real music, real life, Joy FM” jingle with WODY ID, into mix of Christmas and gospel music. **(TO-VA)**
- 1170 WDEK SC **Lexington** – 12/25 0720 – Gospel music mixing with WWVA talk, // stream. Very poor with lots of fading. **(GL-NH)**
- 1190 WLIB NY **New York** – 12/26 1847 – Very poor but ID clearly heard at 1847 with station promo mentioning WLIB multiple times. **(RJS-OH)**
- WIXE NC **Monroe** – 12/28 1810 – Battling WOWO with C&W, ID by woman: “Country classics...the Mighty 93.1 and 1190 AM WIXE.” **(MKB-ON)**
- WSDQ TN **Dunlap** – 12/26 1838 – Weak in mix of stations mostly under WOWO but clear ID heard at 1840 and country music format. New to my log. **(RJS-OH)**
- 1200 WOAI TX **San Antonio** – 12/29 2256 – “News Radio 1200, WOAI” ID right out of the slop, national ads. **(TO-VA)**
- CFGO ON **Ottawa** – 12/26 2022 – Hockey game, ID’s for the TSN Radio Network, deep fades, seldom heard here. **(TF-NH)**
- 1230 WSOK GA **Savannah** – 12/24 0302 – In multi-station mix (WVNT, WCMD, WBLQ, WFVA and UNID talk) with male “WSOK is... Savannah... 1230wsok.com.” At 0340 ET female “The new 99.7 WSOK...” **(KK-VA)**
- WCMD MD **Cumberland** – 12/24 0259 – In multi-station mix with male “This is 1230 AM WCMD and 102.1 FM...” ID. **(KK-VA)**



- WCMC NJ **Wildwood** – 12/29 2200 – Classic oldies, canned ID “WCMC/WMID from Wildwood, New Jersey, the Doo-Wop Capital of the World.” Only station I’ve heard in 30 years that has played the Small Faces “Itchykoo Park.” I’m now a fan for life! **(TO-VA)**
- WBLQ RI **Westerly** – 12/24 0359 – In multi-station mix with male “... right here on WBLQ.” **(KK-VA)**
- WVNT WV **Parkersburg** – 12/24 0244 – In multi-station mix with male “The station Parkersburg... WVNT and 103.5 and AM 1230.” Station promo at 0308: “... tune in weeknights at 6:06 ... statewide sports talk... FM 103.5 and AM 1230 WVNT.” New station for me. **(KK-VA)**
- 1240 WWCO CT **Waterbury** – 12/28 2018 – Spanish music, animated DJ, atop heap for several minutes. **(TF-NH)**
- WPAX GA **Thomasville** – 12/19 1750 – Clear ID heard at 1750, heard parts of a weather report and then back into the hash. **(RJS-OH)**
- WSDR IL **Sterling** – 12/19 1900 – Stayed on this frequency for over an hour and it paid off with a clear ID at 1900, followed by Fox News. **(RJS-OH)**
- WATN NY **Watertown** – 12/19 1659 – Fair; “The news and talk authority, AM 1240 WATN.” **(BC-NH)**
- WWWC NC **Wilkesboro** – 12/24 0452 – In multi-station mix (WGMN, WDNE, WJNC, WKDK, WJEJ, UNID talk, rock & roll songs and sports talk) with Christmas songs, “Christian Radio 3WC” slogan. **(KK-VA)**
- WLSC SC **Loris** – 12/30 2258 – “News-Talk 1240 WLSC” ID, iHeartRadio promo. **(TO-VA)**
- WKDK SC **Newberry** – 12/24 0751 – In multi-station mix with female “Happy Holidays... AM 1240 WKDK” ID. **(KK-VA)**
- WGMN VA **Roanoke** – 12/24 0659 – In multi-station mix with male “You’re listening to the Virginia Talk Radio Network...” **(KK-VA)**
- WDNE WV **Elkins** – 12/24 0545 – In multi-station mix with male “99.9 WDNE” FM-only ID. **(KK-VA)**
- 1250 WGHB NC **Farmville** – 12/23 2258 – Presumed with promo for ncstate.gov state government website, local ads, one for Greenville Auto World, faded during ToH ID, news at 2300. **(TO-VA)**
- WRCW VA **Warrenton** – 12/29 2232 – “The Answer” slogan then promos and “WRCW” ID. **(TO-VA)**
- 1260 WNDE IN **Indianapolis** – 12/23 1620 – “Fox Sports 1260 WNDE” ID and ad mentioning “use promo code WNDE” over other sports talkers. **(MKB-ON)**
- WKXR NC **Asheboro** – 12/23 2252 – “Classic Country 94.9 FM” ID and Christmas music. **(TO-VA)**
- 1270 WLIK TN **Newport** – 12/23 2248 – instrumental Christmas music, then ID “from all of us at WLIK,” then into brief happy holiday promos from each station announcer: “...thank you for letting us be a part of your Christmas since 1954.” **(TO-VA)**
- 1280 WSUX DE **Seaford** – 12/27 2305 – Spanish music show with IDs as “La Z” and “La M-X.” //Streema live stream. **(TO-VA)**
- WODT LA **New Orleans** – 12/27 2205 – Presumed with BIN info and news, mention of New Orleans at 2207. **(TO-VA)**
- 1300 WJZ MD **Baltimore** – 12/26 0000 – Westwood One football, network commercial about affordable housing, then ToH ID by woman: “This is AM-1300 ‘The Bet,’ the sports better’s best friend... WJZ-AM Baltimore and WJZ-AM and FM HD3 Catonsville-Baltimore” followed by more football. **(RWK-CT)**
- WGDJ NY **Rensselaer** – 12/25 1600 – Rising strong out of mush with ad from AARP and the Ad Council, then “This is WGDJ, Rensselear, and W254CA Albany... Talk 1300” then news by [townhall.com](http://townhall.com). New. **(RWK-CT)**
- 1330 WKTA IL **Evanston** – 12/29 2325 – Spanish language program, Mexican music, ToH ID in EE: “WKTA 95.9 Chicago, IL.” **(TO-VA)**
- 1340 WLVL NY **Lockport** – 12/30 0638 – “Hometown Radio 1340 WLVL” ID with mention of 105.3. **(JW-PA)**
- 1350 WARF OH **Akron** – 12/23 2116 – Sports talk discussing the NBA, “Fox Sports Radio 1350” slogan, 2132 “WARF Radio” ID then into “The Odd Couple” show. **(TO-VA)**
- CIRF ON **Brampton** – 12/23 2116 – Indian film music to clear “R. Humasfar” jingle ID at 2135, male announcer presumably in Hindi. **(TO-VA)**
- 1360 WLBK IL **Dekalb** – 12/28 2259 – ID at this time with mention of 98.9. Weak. **(JW-PA)**



- WNJC NJ **Washington Twp.** – 12/29 0618 – Soulful Latin ballad at 0618. Confirmed by Internet check. **(JW-PA)**
- WSAI OH **Cincinnati** – 12/28 2258 – “WSAI Cincinnati” ID at this time. **(JW-PA)**
- WGBN PA **McKeesport** – 12/27 1720 – “Power 1360” slogan ID with mention of 98.9 at this time. **(JW-PA)**
- 1370 KDTH IA **Dubuque** – 12/19 1803 – Over usual WSPD with local news mentioning Dubuque City Council, “your KDTH forecast” local weather. **(MKB-ON)**
- WLID NY **Patchogue** – 12/28 2010 – Spanish preacher, 102 watt signal mixing with 5000 watt WFEA and WDEA signals. **(TF-NH)**
- WTAB NC **Tabor City** – 12/23 2056 – Mixing with WSPD, C&W songs, ID at 2101: “We’re AM 1370, WTAB, Tabor City.” **(TO-VA)**
- WSPD OH **Toledo** – 12/23 2056 – Promos, ad for Frobose Meat Locker, Four Guys and a Roof, ID and then another after the news at 2103 as “News Radio 1370 and 92.9 FM.” **(TO-VA)**
- 1390 WZZB IN **Seymour** – 12/23 0824 – Weak and beneath other stations on frequency but constant with Christmas music. Clear ID heard at 0824. **(RJS-OH)**
- WEGP ME **Presque Isle** – 12/22 2202 – Relevant Radio Catholic feed, atop, unusual in directional east night pattern here. **(TF-NH)**
- WNLA MS **Indianola** – 12/19 0506 – Fair with ID, “95.3 1390 WNLA” and back to Gospel music. New. **(SC-IN)**
- WFBL NY **Syracuse** – 12/23 2043 – Classic rock then canned ID at 2047 “94.1, 95.3, 103.9, the Dinosaur.” **(TO-VA)**
- +++ - 12/19 1701 – Good; “Serving central New York and beyond from the Inner Harbor, we are WSEN Mexico-Syracuse, WOLF-FM HD2 Baldwinsville, WMBO Auburn, WMVN HD2 Sylvan Beach, and WFBL Syracuse, The Dinosaur,” classic hits. **(BC-NH)**
- WRSC PA **State College** – 12/21 1800 – Fair, over WFBL; “This is News Radio 93-3 WRSC State College.” **(BC-NH)**
- WTJF TN **Jackson** – 12/23 0758 – Promo for Fox News podcast and “Stand Up to Cancer” event, followed by disclaimer about “views and opinions do not reflect... employees... of WTJF.” **(RJS-OH)**
- 1400 WSLB NY **Ogdensburg** – 12/20 2000 – Under WLLH *La Mega*; “AM 1400 ESPN, WSLB AM Waddington-Hammond-Ogdensburg,” and Monday Night Football on Westwood One. **(BC-NH)**
- WICK PA **Scranton** – 12/23 1759 – Fair; FM frequencies, “...The Mothership WICK,” and “We’ve Only Just Begun” by The Carpenters. **(BC-NH)**
- 1410 WHLN KY **Harlan** – 12/23 2222 – Mix of Christmas music, classic rock and Top 40, “1410 WHLN” ID at 2229. **(TO-VA)**
- WRTZ VA **Roanoke** – 12/21 1940 – Strong briefly with Covid PSA. Call ID then into song “Vehicle” by the Ides of March. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1420 WKCW VA **Warrenton** – 12/23 2205 – Oldies music, frequent “WKCW” jingle IDs. **(TO-VA)**
- 1430 WNSW NJ **Newark** – 12/21 2303 – EWTN Relevant Radio network programming. **(JW-PA)**
- 1440 WRED ME **Westbrook** – 12/29 0400 – Above the mush with ad for Legacy Box then ID: “WJAB Gray-Portland, WRED Westbrook-Portland ‘The Big Jab.’” Relog for calls. **(RWK-CT)**
- 1450 WILM DE **Wilmington** – 12/26 1604 – ID after some local news then an ad for employment with Amtrak. Hannity program follows at 1606. **(JW-PA)**
- WPNO ME **South Paris** – 12/31 1900 – Good; “This is WPNO South Paris, WEZR Rumford, 96-9 and 98-3 The Patriot,” and Fox news. **(BC-NH)**
- WCTC NJ **New Brunswick** – 12/28 2025 – Atop for several minutes, local ad looking for commercial drivers, ID for “93.5 Sports” and “Fox Sports New Jersey,” into Fox Sports feed before receding into the mush. **(TF-NH)**
- WVAM WV **Parkersburg** – 12/26 2214 – Classic oldies, “98.1 and 107.9, WVAM” canned ID at 2215. **(TO-VA)**
- 1460 WTKT PA **Harrisburg** – 12/26 0747 – “Fox Sports 1460” promos and Fox Sports talk, battling Hail Mary’s on WHIC and oldies on CJOY. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1470 WNYN NY **Ithaca** – 12/30 0200 – Rising up with end of what sounded like doo-wop music, then male: “Nobody plays more of your rock and roll favorites. This is truly your territory. WNYN Ithaca, pure oldies. 94-1 and AM 14-70” then into “House of the Rising Sun” by the Animals. **(RWK-CT)**



- WSAN PA **Allentown** – 12/16 2140 – Play by play hockey, Lehigh Valley Phantoms beat Providence 5-4 in OT, lots of ID's for "Real Oldies 1470" and the Phantoms Radio Network, mostly atop with some WLAM and others. (TF-NH)
- 1480 WKND CT **Windsor** – 12/16 2121 – Christmas music, weak signal mixing with WSAR carrying Celtics basketball and WZRC with Chinese programming, 14 watts straining to reach New Hampshire, heard once before, night signal is directional west from two towers. (TF-NH)
- WSDS MI **Salem Township** – 12/28 1707 – over usual WHBC with Spanish "la Explosiva," legal ID in EE: "you are listening to WSDS 1480 AM Salem-Detroit and WCAR 1090 AM Livonia-Detroit." (MKB-ON)
- 1490 WCCM MA **Haverhill** – 12/19 1600 – Spanish language music, very poor under WEMJ. // [latinx103.com](http://latinx103.com) stream. (GL-NH)
- WICY NY **Malone** – 12/23 1801 – Over WCCM; "Wild Country dot FM is WICY Malone-Cornwall..." (BC-NH)
- 1530 WCKY OH **Cincinnati** – 12/29 0001 – Solid all night regular with sports, ad for [feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org), then recorded ID by woman with calls (happens infrequently). Relog. (RWK-CT)
- 1550 WITK PA **Pittston** – 12/27 2220 – Pastor Jeremy Accelerate Church religious program, then "AM 1550 WITK Pittston-Wilkes-Barre-Scranton" ID with W234CY 94.7 FM mentioned. (TO-VA)
- WIGN TN **Bristol** – 12/26 0715 – Fighting CBEF with Bluegrass/Gospel tunes, promo for local churches to advertise on station: "WIGN is a great opportunity... on 92.1." Another one that won't deign to mention their AM frequency. (MKB-ON)
- 1560 WFME NY **New York** – 12/26 2301 – Terrible signal for 50kw in NYC. Slow version of "What Child Is This," then ToH ID by man: "Biblical and ... listener-supported Family Radio, your dial is set to the flagship station of Family Radio, 15-60 WFME AM, New York" then reading from Romans. (RWK-CT)
- 1570 WUBG MA **Methuen** – 12/27 0700 – Hearing Latin pop fading in and out. Then heard man with bilingual IDs: "... 105.3 FM, WCCM 103.7 FM, Methuen, Boston LatinX. La <something> de Boston." Bad SAH messing with audio. New. (RWK-CT)
- WVTL NY **Amsterdam** – 12/28 0711 – In and out with C&W song "Common Man" then ID by man: "At work and in the car, classic country 104.7 FM and 15-70 AM, WVTL," then more C&W. New calls. (RWK-CT)
- 1580 CKDO ON **Oshawa** – 12/26 1900 – Good signal with Steve Miller "The Joker," ID by female: "... The greatest hits of all time, CKDO," then "Shake Your Groove Thing." (RWK-CT)
- 1590 WCGO IL **Evanston** – 1/1 0700 – Caught "AM 1590 WCGO Chicago" ToH ID in dogfight with usual pest WAKR. (MKB-ON)
- 1620 WDHP VI **Frederiksted** – 12/26 2047 – R&B pop music, reggaeton, etc., IDs as "You're listening to the Virgin Islands..., The Reef, 103.5." No Cuba tonight. (TO-VA)
- 1650 WJFV VA **Portsmouth** – 12/20 0000 – Poor in static and under CINA. ToH ID partially heard: "This is WJLZ (not sure of calls)...Euston... Chester... and WJFV Portsmouth AM 1650..." Recorded. New. (LB-NY)
- +++ - 12/27 0501 – Mixing with CINA and my ever-present QRM, with ID for "This is WJFN Richmond... and WJFV, Portsmouth..." Faint, but not bad for 1kw and much noise. New. (RWK-CT)
- CKZW QC **Montréal** – 12/27 0800 – Rising from static with FF ID, some fanfare music and talk mentioning Montreal. New. (RWK-CT)
- +++ - 12/20 2127 – Religious sermon and talk in FF presumed the one here mixing with CINA. (TO-VA)
- 1690 CHTO ON **Toronto** – 12/28 0301 – Rising but faint under WPTX-MD with song in UnID language, then woman: "You're listening to CHTO, AM 16-90, Toronto" and mention of their website. (RWK-CT)
- 1700 WJCC FL **Miami Springs** – 12/22 1918 – male announcer in Créole with talk about health issues in Haïti; telephone interviews; came back at 1959 for an ID which I got. S6 signal at first but faded to S2 by the ToH. (TO-VA)
- WRCR NY **Haverstraw** – 12/28 0300 – Good with Paul Simon song cut off suddenly with automated ID by man: "AM 1700 WRCR, Haverstraw," then USA News. Local static. (RWK-CT)



# Domestic DX Digest – West

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Loggings of U.S. and Canadian stations by DXers in the Central, Mountain, Pacific, Alaska, and Hawaii-Aleutian time zones – All times are Eastern Local Time (ELT)

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- Happy New Year and the Best of DX to all!

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. . . upcoming deadlines for DDXD-West: Issue 9: January 13; Issue 10: January 27

## --- REPORTERS ---

- SMA-MB** Shawn Axelrod **Winnipeg, Manitoba** Receivers: ICOM IC-R70 / Drake R8 / SDRPlay RSPduo; Antennae: 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
- NB-WI** Neil Bartlett **Verona, Wisconsin** Tecsun PL-660 with Slinky indoor antenna
- SB-CA** Stephanie Battaglini **Palm Desert, California** Gear: Perseus with Jaguar Pro v9, Phased Wellbrook and W6LVP loops
- SD-MN** Skip Dabelstein **KØSBV Maple Grove, Minnesota** Receivers: Icom R75 and Drake SW8 ; Antennae: Ratzlaff Active Whip and Radio Plus Quantum Loop
- TK-FL** Terry Krueger **Niceville, Florida** Receivers: IC-R75, NRD-535, ICF-7600GR, Tecsun PL-360; Antennae: active loops, random wire, misc. junk
- JN-TX** James Niven **Cedar Creek, Texas** Receivers: ELAD S2, Perseus SDR with Jaguar Pro software, and Drake R8B; Antennas: DKAZ at 60°, DKAZ at 120°, DKAZ at 310° and Super KAZ at 10° <[jniven@austin.rr.com](mailto:jniven@austin.rr.com)>
- JP-AB** Jon Pearkins **Edmonton, Alberta** Receivers: Sangean PR-D15; C. Crane CCRadio 2E, both barefoot on batteries
- JJR-MI** John J Rieger **L'Anse, Michigan** Grundig Satellit 750 -Terk AM1000 loop, Sangean ATS-909X stock
- JJR-WI** John J Rieger **South Milwaukee, Wisconsin** Icom IC-R75, MFJ-959B tuner/preamp, Kiwa loop, Sangean ATS-909X stock
- JR-OK** John Reed **KA5QEP Shawnee, Oklahoma** Receivers: HP3586B and ICOM R9500; Antennas: KIWA Loop, rewound with Litz wire and balanced amp; Clifton Labs active whip; Quantum Phaser
- RV-TX** Robert Vance **El Paso, Texas** Receivers: SDRplay SDRUno, WinRadio G33DDC; Antennae: various indoor and outdoor loops
- JW-CO** John Wilkins **Wheat Ridge, Colorado** Receiver: Drake R-8; Antenna: 4-foot box loop

## --- NOTES FROM CANADA ---

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As well as the predicted AM to FM Flips resulting from the increase in the maximum allowable number of co-owned FM or AM stations in larger markets, the CRTC's revised commercial radio policy also opens up the possibility of a lot more nested FM Repeaters, Canada's equivalent of the FM Translator. Previous applications, mainly by Corus, have mostly failed when the CRTC included the proposed nested FM repeater in the count of co-owned FM stations. Three of those applications are explained below for CJOB, CHQR, and CKNW.

As of January 5, the new CRTC Chair will be Vicky Eatrides replacing Ian Scott. The December 19 announcement highlights her background in competition law and was welcomed by consumer and internet advocates, who hope she increases the CRTC's focus on consumer and competition issues.

**580 CFRA ON Ottawa** – First heard with their 50 kW day power in West Michigan just after sunrise on November 5.

**600 CKAT ON North Bay** – Lots of reports of them being heard in the Eastern U.S. Although the station format is Country music, their web site promises every Toronto Maple Leafs NHL hockey game will be heard on the station. Heard in Chicago in the wee hours of December 23, with “CKAT North Bay” ID, while nulling WMT Cedar Rapids IA.

- 630 CHED AB **Edmonton** – Ran 'Christmas Is' over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, for the program's full 12 hours before being repeated. Announcements promised regular programming on Boxing Day and the national late evening/ overnight show 'The Shift' began at 11:00 PM local time Christmas Day. The program was originally produced in the early 1970s at CKNW New Westminster, BC. The voiced segments, some of which include the late Robert O. Smith, were recorded in the mid-1980s.
- 630 CFCO ON **Chatham** – Heard the evening of December 21 in Western Illinois, with signal strength equal to WSM-650. In response, a Toledo, Ohio DXer reports getting better reception of CFCO in the day than at night.
- 680 CJOB AB **Winnipeg** – September 7, 2007 – The CRTC denied an application for an FM transmitter (repeater) in Winnipeg with 100 kW on 106.3 MHz, to fill in where CJOB-680 had a poor signal due to tall buildings or their night-time directional pattern which, at that time, sent almost all the signal to the NNE. Owner Corus has no other AM stations in Winnipeg, so would now be allowed to have a third FM transmitter, and may be considering dusting off this application and reapplying.
- 770 CHQR AB **Calgary** – On May 24, 2012, the CRTC denied an application for an FM transmitter (repeater) in Calgary with 1 kW on 106.9 MHz to make up for poor signal quality of the station in Downtown Calgary. Owner Corus has no other AM stations in Calgary, so would now be allowed to have a third FM transmitter, and may be considering dusting off this application and reapplying. This past week, in what is likely an unrelated event, Corus' CFGQ-FM Calgary announced a change in format to be announced January 9.
- 880 CHQT AB **Edmonton** – Heard Christmas Eve, simulcasting CHED-630 for the annual airing of 'Christmas Is'. Breaks, however, consisted of a separate set of commercials and PSAs.
- 980 CFPL ON **London** – "AM 9-80" was picked up in East Tennessee in the wee hours of December 17.
- 980 CKNW AB **New Westminster** – On August 7, 2015, the CRTC denied an application for an FM transmitter (repeater) in Vancouver with 6 kW on 99.7 MHz to make up for poor signal quality of CKNW-980 in various areas of Vancouver with tall buildings. Owner Corus already has four stations in the Vancouver market, but could consider selling or shutting down CKGO-730. But that would not address other CRTC objections, most notably its negative answer to their own question: Does the proposed nested FM transmitter represent the best use of the radio spectrum?
- 1140 CHRB AB **High River** – Heard this past week on a Laval DXer's remote receiver, 20 miles NW of Montreal QC, under WRVA.



**Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year** from Canada, during the time of the year, like U.S. Thanksgiving, when families get together. Boxing Day, on December 26, is a paid holiday, which allows most Canadians to only take a few vacation days and have the entire week off from Christmas to New Years.

The Facebook page **Canadian Radio News** by **Dan Sys** provides much of the information for this column, with additional tips from **Gilles Michaud**.

--- U.S. STATION NEWS ---

- 1460 WJTI WI **West Allis** – 12/30 0645 – (Still) OFF THE AIR (for the ??th time this year)! (JJR-WI)

--- DX TESTS ---

- 1100 WCGA GA **Woodbine** – 12/23 2358 – DX Test with carrier up, instrumental Star Spangled Banner from 0001, Morse ID, sweep tones. Good. (TK-FL)
- 1100 WCGA GA **Woodbine** – 12/24 0001 – DX Test with National Anthem, then followed at 0002 with morse code at good readable level. At 0004 noted sweep tones under WTAM. At 0005 heard voice ID with snippets of words heard, then long tone noted at 0006. **New logging for 1100khz and Georgia # 21. (JN-TX)**
- 1100 WCGA GA **Woodbine** – 12/24 0015-0120 – DX Test heard in So Cal. Brief portions of Morse code, sweep tones and 1 kHz tone noted at various points during the period well underneath a phased mix of KFAX and KWWN (with a little KNZZ mixing in at times for good measure). Testing on day power of 10 kW at 2,018 miles. **New! Georgia #1 from the Radio Hacienda! (SB-CA)**
- 1100 WCGA GA **Woodbine** – 12/24 0016 – DX Test heard under WTAM, with Code IDs and tones at 0016 and again at 0036. (SMA-MB)

--- UNID ---

- 600 unID - 12/20 0540 - Someone with nonstop secular Christmas music. Not parallel WKYH stream or any of the previous song scroll lists, though they, too, were Christmas stunting. WBOB co-channel. (TK-FL)
- 1010 unID - 12/26 0723 - Poor, with 'PraegerStore.com' and a Mike Gallagher promo. NO CALLS, into talk, and lost. (JJR-WI)
- 1240 unID - 12/21 0805 - Poor, with Fox News, three PSAs, "Regional Media . . . I'm J. R. Ross." I'm sure it's close by, but who??? (JJR-MI)
- 1490 unID - 12/21 0822 - Poor, with "????, 97.1 and 1490 AM" into a national news show. Seemed steady over others. I'm sure it's close by. (JJR-MI) [I found the following 1490s with translators (no Full Power FMs) on 97.1: WTKE Milton, Florida; WTQS Cameron, South Carolina; and KIBL Beeville, Texas. - BH]
- 1569.984 unID - 12/28 0008 - After Radio VEA, Guatemala abruptly closed, someone here with faux C&W, the transmitter variable, maybe down to around .978-ish at one point, then back around here and lost in the mud. Suspect WMAK, Lobelville, Tennessee (1000/66 day vs night Watts) or WTRB, Ripley, Tennessee (1000/53 day vs night Watts) - both with listed C&W formats - and pointing roughly that-a-way. Anyone else hearing this? (TK-FL)

--- TIS ---

- 1700 TIS CA Burbank-Hollywood - 12/24 0201-0207 - Very good and totally unexpected, with a continuous loop announcement by male: "You are listening to AM 17-hundred Hollywood-Burbank Airport Information Radio" with mentions of valet parking and parking lots, that the main entrance is off the Hollywood Way exit of the Golden State Freeway, and the airport website address. Assuming 10 Watts of power at 119 miles. New! (SB-CA)

--- DX LOGGINGS ---

- 560 WMIK KY Middlesboro - 12/29 0654 - Country-Bluegrass Gospel vocals, man canned "WMIK, Middlesboro, Kentucky" (X2, oddly) and mention of serving the Cumberland Gap, followed by spot for a church, into inspirational message from said. Briefly very good, then slow fade. **First time log from Florida** (previously heard in 2017 at Waterrock Knob, Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina). (TK-FL)
- 570 KVI WA Seattle - 12/17 0301-0305 - Well under KLAC, with "AM 5-70, KVI" ID by male, a spot for the 'Northwest Auto Show' into 'Red Eye Radio.' Re-log. 5 kW at 995 miles. (SB-CA)
- 580 CHAH AB Edmonton - 12/18 0817 - Very Poor-to-Poor, though alone, with ETHnic. First time this season. // stream. No CHED-630 though. (JJR-MI)
- 600 WCHT MI Escanaba - 12/19 0838 - Mention of "Wal-Mart in Escanaba" food drive. Poor, as no WMT or KSJB at all! Unusual. (JJR-MI)
- 600 WREC TN Memphis - 12/23 1805 - Talk with call ID. (JR-OK)
- 610 WPLO GA Grayson - 12/20 0536 - Spanish ballads and decent oldie bachata-type vocals, ads in Spanish for businesses in Roswell and Norcross, "La Bonita 6-10" slogan. Parallel station stream. **First time log from Florida.** (TK-FL)
- 610 WTVN OH Columbus - 12/22 0719 - Poor, with local talk: "Dayton," "Columbus." Nothing great. No KDAL. (JJR-WI)
- 620 KJOL CO Grand Junction - 12/8 1850 - With Contemporary Christian music. ID at 1855 then into SRN News. (RV-TX)
- 620 CKRM SK Regina - 12/18 0816 - Steady, with C&W - "Country's Greatest Hits - CKRM." WTMJ easily nulled. (JJR-MI)
- 630 CHED AB Edmonton - 12/19 0836 - Fair! Solid! No fades! "6-30 Ched" after ad for 'PlutoTV' including a ".ca" address. Hosts: Chelsea Burn and Daryl McIntyre. (JJR-MI)
- 630 CFCO ON Chatham - 12/28 1842 - "CFCO, Chatham-Kent Country" and a 'Canadian Tire' ad. Poor, but alone. (JJR-WI)
- 650 KGAB WY Orchard Valley - 12/23 1750 - Hannity talk with call ID. Clear signal and good reception until about 1755 when it faded out. (JR-OK)
- 660 WXIC OH Waverly - 12/22 0743 - Poor, with C&W Gospel and Christmas songs. Calls finally - all alone. (JJR-WI)
- 660 CFFR AB Calgary - 12/18 0815 - "News from coast-to-coast, this is City-News." Poor, but alone and steady. (JJR-MI)



- 700 KHSE TX Wylie – 12/22 1740 – Hindi music and EE talk by an Asian person. In loop null of WLW, which is quite strong here. (JR-OK)
- 740 KBRT CA Costa Mesa – 12/27 1855-1858 – Good, under KCBS, on day power ~ one hour before local sunset. with “. . . On K-Brite” and “. . . welcome back to today’s edition of The Bottom Line with Roger Marsh.” // stream just to be sure. Not exactly DX at 74 miles, but I never hear them at night on their nighttime power of 190 watts. (SB-CA)
- 740 WVLN IL Olney – 12/26 1909 – CBS Sports Radio feed. No CFZM at all. Poor. Assumed. (JJR-WI)
- 740 WNOP KY Newport – 12/24 0758 – Poor, with ‘Sacred Heart Radio,’ a Legal ID for several stations including a “910” cross- reference. (JJR-WI)
- 750 KXTG OR Portland – 12/17 0211-0218 – Fair under, then even with, KOAL’s C2C and nulled KAMA’s SS music, with NFL sports talk and a drunk driving PSA. Re-log. 20 kW nites at 866 miles. (SB-CA)
- 770 KATL MT Miles City – 12/16 0140-0143 – Well under dominant of mix KKOB and KCBC, with ‘Mr. Brightside’ by The Killers followed by a Lewis Capaldi tune. // stream. Many thanks to David Reitz for the tip on the NRC Facebook Group page! **New! Montana #5 from the SoCal Radio Hacienda.** 1 kW at 1,034 miles. (SB-CA)
- 780 KAZM AZ Sedona – 12/27 1928-1930 – Even, then over KKOH, with “You are listening to KAZM,” local weather report with several Flagstaff mentions “. . . here on 7-80 KAZM . . . KAZM, Sedona, northern Arizona’s sports authority” into coverage of an NBA game. Was past local sunset, but since they dropped out a little later, they were probably still on day power of 5 kW at 269 miles. Re-log. (SB-CA)
- 790 WKRD KY Louisville – 12/22 0714 – “. . . in the Louisville area. . . .” Local hosts with sports talk. Poor. (JJR-WI)
- 790 WETB TN Johnson City – 12/22 0716 – Very poor, with ‘Caribbean Queen’ by Billy Ocean, trading and losing to WKRD. (JJR-WI)
- 800 KBRV ID Soda Springs – 12/25 0107 – All alone, with weather forecast in Fahrenheit, ending with mention of “mylocalradio.com,” the station owner’s web site, then full legal ID by another male announcer. Antenna SSE, which is correct for that part of Idaho. No sign of CHAB or CKOR. (JP-AB)
- 800 WVHU WV Huntington – 12/24 0757 – “833-TALK” to call “News Radio 800 WVHU” into ads. Always nice to hear. Poor. **Heard again on 12/28 @ 0710** – Morning program chatter by man and woman. Poor, but heard calls. Alone and steady. (JJR-WI)
- 800 CJAD PQ Montreal – 12/28 1851 – Poor, with chatter and “CJAD” noted twice. Alone. (JJR-WI)
- 810 KLVZ CO Brighton – 12/19 0815 – ‘A Horse With No Name’ by America, then “Legends 94.3” noted over others. (JJR-MI)
- 810 KLVZ CO Brighton – 12/19 2130 – Oldies with Colorado ads. In loop null of WHB. **New here.** (JR-OK)
- 810 WZRK WI Dodgeville – 12/25 0809 – Super hard rock: “Z Rock.” Not heard in a while. Poor; no WGY, etc. (JJR-WI)
- 840 KWDF LA Ball – 12/13 1745 – Religious talk and call ID. **New here.** (JR-OK)
- 850 KFUO MO Clayton – 12/17 1800 – Religious music with call ID. **New here.** (JR-OK)
- 850 WTAR VA Norfolk – 12/22 0738 – Poor, replacing KOA, with “. . . this is 96-5 Lucy FM” between songs. (JJR-WI)
- 880 KJOZ TX Conroe – 12/21 0550 – In partial KRVN null, with Mexican baladas and AC music with plenty of “Radio Unica, ocho-ochenta AM” splitter IDs. Full ID at **0603** “This is (unintelligible letter or word) KJOZ, 8-80 AM, Conroe, Houston, part of the (unintelligible name) Broadcasting Corporation.” I’ve heard the Radio Unica IDs for a couple of months now but didn’t know it was these guys until I got the full ID now. (RV-TX)
- 900 WKDA TN Lebanon – 12/20 0708 – With “. . . time for the FM 98-9 Morning Show,” then chatter on weather and station features. Mentioned “98-9” is WANT (FM) Lebanon. (JJR-WI)
- 910 KCJB ND Minot – 12/30 0816 – “910 AM KCJB” between C&W songs. Poor, but no WFDF. (JJR-MI)
- 910 WJCW TN Johnson City – 12/22 0735 – “. . . the WJCW app,” then ad for an insurance agency in Jonesboro. Poor, but alone! (JJR-WI)
- 920 CFRY MB Portage la Prairie – 12/21 0735 – With a newscast and calls. Poor, but a solid – steady signal in (local) WOKY’s null. (JJR-MI)





- 940 WIDG MI St. Ignace – 12/30 0812 – Poor, with ‘Relevant Radio.’ CJGX weak in back. (JJR-MI)
- 940 WCIT OH Lima – 12/28 1838 – Poor, but in for over 20 minutes. Excellent C&W songs. “The Legend-98-5FM.” Rare!!!! (JJR-WI)
- 960 CFAC AB Calgary – 12/19 0836 – “Sportsnet 9-60 The Fan” then “Sportsnet 9-60 The Fan” repeated. Very poor, but on top! (JJR-MI)
- 970 KVWM AZ Show Low – 12/11 0710 – In local XEJ null with a talk program about cyber security. ID at 0721: “Stay tuned and stay informed, KVWM and KDJL,” then into another program segment that sounded like an interview with a local or regional business owner. (RV-TX)
- 970 WZAM MI Ishpeming – 12/20 0807 – Poor, but hard metal Rock kind of stood out, hi. Temperature: eight degrees on “The Rockin’ Eagle” (// 106.9). (JJR-WI)
- 970 WWRK SC Florence – 12/24 0713 – Very poor, with ‘Photograph’ by Def Leppard. “Rock FM’s.” (JJR-WI)
- 980 KSPZ ID Ammon – 12/25 0100 – Pretty much all alone, with their “Zone” ID in middle of Fox Sports Radio programming . (JP-AB)
- 980 KDSJ SD Deadwood – 12/17 0820 – With “Black Hills Gold Hits” playing ‘Cats in the Cradle’ by Harry Chapin. Poor, over others. **Heard again on 12/19 @ 0812** – Poor, though out of nowhere(!), with “KDSJ 980 AM – 103-5 FM” into Christmas music. **Heard again on 12/30 @ 0811** – Poor, with “980 KDSJ and 103.5 FM” into ‘Proud Mary’ by Creedence Clearwater Revival. Poor, but alone! (JJR-MI)
- 980 KDSJ SD Deadwood – 12/17 2351 – Strong signal, with splitter between ‘I’m a Believer’ by The Monkees and ‘White Christmas’ by Bing Crosby, mentioning “. . . and 103.5 FM.” (JP-AB)
- 980 KDSJ SD Deadwood – 12/25 0050 – Dominant with “Greatest Hits of All Time” then full Legal ID . (JP-AB)
- 990 KTKT AZ Tucson – 12/23 0308-0311 – Under dominant KTMS, with a mix of SS music. // stream. Listed at 490 Watts nites at 327 miles. **New! (SB-CA)**
- 990 KTMS CA Santa Barbara – 12/23 0306 – Loud, with Gary Wright’s ‘My Love is Alive’ intro into C2C segment. // stream. 500 Watts nighttime pattern hugs the Pacific coast in the opposite direction of me at 196 miles. (SB-CA)
- 1010 KSIR CO Brush – 12/17 0818 – Poor, with two farm auction ads. Calls heard down deep in the weeds. (JJR-MI)
- 1010 KSIR CO Brush – 12/23 0355-0419 – Poor, but there, under KDJW’s male preacher, with several “ESPN Radio” and “SportsCenter All Night” mentions, ESPN sounder, and a mention of the Armed Forces Bowl. Listed at 280 Watts nights at 835 miles. **New! (SB-CA)**
- 1010 WKJW NC Black Mountain – 12/28 1809 – Good, with laid-back announcer, then GOS music. Talked again at 1815, into power drop. // stream. Alone and solid! Wow! (JJR-WI)
- 1010 WHIN TN Gallatin – 12/28 0747 – With calls, a Legal ID for the AM and their FM translator followed by ‘Mickey’ by Toni Basil. (JJR-WI)
- 1010 KDJW TX Amarillo – 12/15 1900 – Up with full ID: “KDJW Amarillo and KHFN-LP Nazareth, 94.5 FM, 10-10 AM and in Castro County at 105.5 FM. Saint Valentine Catholic Radio, radio with a message of God’s love” followed by ‘EWTN Newslines.’ (RV-TX)
- 1010 CBR AB Calgary – 12/19 0829 – Traffic for Beddington and Deerfoot Trail, temperature as minus 28,, a time check, the “CBC – Calgary.” Poor, but alone. (JJR-MI)
- 1020 KDKA PA Pittsburgh – 12/21 0659 – Caught a “Newsradio KDKA” while reviewing a recording of everything in the KCKN null. I had to filter and slow down the audio to get it, but the time was well worth it. Definitely had to save this surprise. **New one here.** (RV-TX)
- 1040 WPBS GA Conyers – 12/20 0701 – Poor, but alone for about three minutes, with ETH/Vietnamese. Lost to WHO. (JJR-WI)
- 1060 CKMX AB Calgary – 12/25 0728 – Very poor, though “Funny 1060 AM, your second favorite radio station” cut through. Rare. (JJR-WI)
- 1070 KNX CA Los Angeles – 12/20 0504 – Man and woman trading off news items, “KNX News 97-1 FM” slogan into traffic report (it’s always the ‘405’). Very good on peaks. (TK-FL)
- 1070 WKII FL Solana – 12/18 0324 – FOX Sports Radio promos, “. . . at 1070theZone-dot-com” and back to FSR spew. (TK-FL)

- 1070 KSKK MN Verndale – 12/19 0417 – With “Relevant Radio” ID. Surprised, as I had not realized that they had changed format from their previous Adult Contemporary music, which really stood out on the frequency. Almost all alone in KNX/CFAX null. (JP-AB)
- 1070 WCSZ SC Sans Souci – 12/26 0739 – Poor, but fading in. “La Jefe” heard over a weak WTSO. Not noted in a while. (JJR-WI)
- 1080 WOAP MI Owosso – 12/22 0706 – Poor, with SS ‘La Ponderosa’ fighting WNWI. In over 15 minutes. Unusual. (JJR-WI)
- 1090 KBOZ MT Bozeman – 12/19 0149 – Undoubtedly the C&W, over KPTR with antenna SSE. (JP-AB)
- 1110 KVTX TX Mineral Wells – 12/21 2224 – Overnight cheating with Subcontinental vocals. Very good with WBT partly nulled. Hindi-ish language woman with occasional English phrases, woman canned promo mentioning “... 95-5 and 104-9 FM HD... South Asia’s new station in Dallas, it’s hot!” (or something like that). Then man with canned multi-frequency ID at top of hour. I noted this format back in February 2016, and also in 2011 when they were supposedly Asian during weekends-only. (TK-FL)
- 1130 WLBA GA Gainesville – 12/18 0538 – The perpetual overnight cheater, parallel WAOS-1600 overnight power cheater, with the usual Mexi-tunes format. (TK-FL)
- 1130 KQRR OR Mount Angel – 12/18 1705 – Fairly rapid fade cycle, just over CKWX. (JP-AB)
- 1130 CKWX BC Vancouver – 12/16 0730 – “Number One for breaking news, this is City News everywhere” and into area news. Fair, mixing with a Spanish-language station. (JW-CO)
- 1140 KZMQ WY Greybull – 12/22 2100 – Fading in and out with KXRB. Heard with “Good Time Oldies” and “KZMQ” IDs with music. Not acting like a day timer, but maybe that has changed. (SMA-MB) [No facility changes here, so . . . still a “Cheatin’ Daytimer” – BH]
- 1150 KCCT TX Corpus Christi – 12/11 0834 – Came up in the null of KSL-1160’s splatter with an ID: “. . . KCCT Corpus Christi, K281AV Corpus Christi; Retro 104-1 studios sponsored by Rock’s Discount Vitamins and More . . .” Had to use USB because LSB had KSL’s IBOC junk. (RV-TX)
- 1150 CJSL SK Estevan – 12/30 0809 – Poor, with “CJ1150,” a C&W song, chatter, an ad, into C&W music. No WHBY. (JJR-MI)
- 1170 KJJD CO Windsor – 12/24 0139 – Daytimer on way late. Poor, with SS music with female vocals was briefly noted. Had to deal with a lot of bad splash from KSL. // stream. Many thanks to Justin at UBstudios for the tip during the DX test live stream. **New! 1 kW at 781 miles.** (SB-CA)
- 1170 KJJD CO Windsor – 12/24 2220 – Noted under KTSB with Spanish tunes, male comes on and mentions “. . . La Ley once-setenta AM,” then back into Spanish tunes. Fair signal. **New, for Colorado # 37.** (JN-TX)
- 1170 KPUG WA Bellingham – 12/18 1344 – With Sports play-by-play and one of the strongest West Coast signals, second only to KPTR-1090 Seattle which, in turn, was much stronger than KNWN-1000 Seattle. (JP-AB)
- 1180 KOFI MT Kalispell – 12/18 1342 – Extremely strong signal, with Oldies music. But inaudible on the car radio a few minutes later. KOFI is my daytime test station as they are normally the weakest signal regularly heard here; when I first bought a Sangean HDR-16, and tested it side by side with the CCrane CCRadio-2E, the Sangean delivered a weak but clean signal from KOFI, and the CCrane only got a local mixing product. (JP-AB)
- 1180 KZOT NE Bellevue – 12/4 0610 – Sporadically in with ‘America This Week’ program. Mentioned the Omaha area, weather forecast from KETV Newswatch 7 at 0624 (but not any actual weather forecast) and followed by a local community issues program. (RV-TX)
- 1180 WKCE TN Knoxville – 12/22 0705 – ‘WKCE’ jingle between OLDies and Christmas songs. Poor, though over WHAM. (JJR-WI)
- 1190 WNWC WI Sun Prairie – 12/20 0821 – Poor, with “Faith Radio,” surprisingly over WOWO. Despite closeness, this is not common. (JJR-WI)
- 1230 KSZL CA Barstow – 12/6 0611 – Faded up with the tail end of the weather forecast: “. . . from meteorologist (name jumbled) on NewsTalk AM 12-30 KSZL.” **New one here.** (RV-TX)
- 1230 KGHS MN International Falls – 12/18 0925 – Poor, with “KGHS AM1230 and 95-3 FM.” Still there 15 minutes later. Oldies. (JJR-MI)



- 1240 WTAX IL **Springfield** – 12/23 0714 – “Since 1923, we are News Talk 93-9 and 1240 WTAX.” Not heard in years! Very Poor-to-Poor. (JJR-WI)
- 1240 KASL WY **Newcastle** – 12/13 0828 – “Today’s Country Chronicle” (celebrity birthdays); ID as “This is Real Country 1240 AM and 94.3 FM KASL” and into USA Radio News. Fair peaks with usual QRM and fading. (JW-CO)
- 1250 KCFM OR **Florence** – 12/13 0800 – Came up at exactly the right time to give me an in-the-clear “KCFM, Florence” ID snippet. Listed at 37 Watts nighttime, unless it cheating with 900 Watts; it’s one of my best either way. Saved this recording. **New one here and Oregon #3 in the log.** (RV-TX)
- 1250 CHSM MB **Steinbach** – 12/17 0840 – Weather, including temperatures as : minus 17 in Winnipeg and Steinbach; wind chill minus 20, followed by ‘She’s a Lady’ by Tom Jones. Poor. (JJR-MI)
- 1260 KBSZ AZ **Apache Junction** – 12/23 0858 – With local ads followed by “Progressive presents The SportsLine on The Rattler Rocks 97.3” , then continued with SPT program. After SportsLine were more ads, including one for the C&W group Ricochet, who was coming to Apache Junction for a customer appreciation night at a local business. (RV-TX)
- 1260 KWYR SD **Winner** – 12/18 0805 – Poor, with ABC News, and later: “Country 1260 News at 7:07.” (JJR-MI)
- 1270 WWCA IN **Gary** – 12/22 0727 – With ‘Relevant Radio’ content. No sign of WMKT or WXYT. Poor. (JJR-WI)
- 1270 WCGC NC **Belmont** – 12/22 0757 – Poor, with EWTN feed. Steady. Noted in late November, too. “Carolina Catholic Radio.” (JJR-WI)
- 1270 KXRO OK **Claremore** – 12/22 0753 – With ‘Silent Night’ in SS, and “Ritmo” sweeper. Poor, with with others. Unneeded. **In again on 12/25 @ 0756** – Poor, with SS in ad cluster and nice Legal ID at Top-of-Hour! (JJR-WI)
- 1300 KROP CA **Brawley** – 12/16 0901 – Legal ID for KROP and KGBA 100.1 FM; asked for support, giving phone number and 605 W. State Street, El Centro address. Fair, mixing with others. (JW-CO)
- 1300 KBRL NE **McCook** – 12/22 0859 – “The Big Talker 1300 KBRL McCook with translator K248CX McCook at 97.5 FM” and into Fox News at ToH. Briefly on top before fading. (JW-CO)
- 1310 WHEP AL **Foley** – 12/18 0257 – Ad for a chiropractor “... located at 380... in Foley.” Then ‘One Fine Day’ by the Chiffons into ‘I Shot the Sheriff’ by Eric Clapton when he was still relevant. Some WISE co-channel. (TK-FL)
- 1310 KGLB MN **Glencoe** – 12/17 0913 – Very poor, though alone, with C&W music and “Christmas Greetings from KGLB.” No KNOW or WIBA. First time this season. (JJR-MI)
- 1320 WBRT KY **Bardstown** – 12/19 1922 – C&W music into ID: “Playing your Country favorites all day long, this is WBRT keeping you informed when breaking news happens.” (SD-MN)
- 1320 KOZY MN **Grand Rapids** – 12/18 0923 – Poor, with jingle: “Classic Radio Weather” into “KOZY Weatherology Forecast.” No WILS. (JJR-MI)
- 1340 KYLT MT **Missoula** – 12/17 2134 – Likely the one with Fox Sports Radio, as strongest signal was South, eliminating the possibility of KYSP, which is also FSR. (JP-AB)
- 1350 WOAM IL **Peoria** – 12/20 0801 – Poor, with “92-9 FM – 1350 WOAM” played twice. Lost to WAUN. (JJR-WI)
- 1350 WARF OH **Akron** – 12/18 0849 – “. . . 5 to 7 (AM or PM?) on the Gambler.” ‘Fox Sports Sunday.’ Alone, but poor. (JJR-MI)
- 1360 KFIV CA **Modesto** – 12/19 0900 – “. . . Power Talk 1360 KFIV Modesto” and into Fox News. Rough in QRM. (JW-CO)
- 1360 KKBJ MN **Bemidji** – 12/19 0930 – Poor, with ad for ‘Thrivent Financial,’ call 218-444-XXXX, then a station announcement for “. . . jobs at KKBJ.com.” No WTAQ. (JJR-MI)
- 1360 WVRQ WI **Viroqua** – 12/21 0743 – “Viroqua, we’re here to help,” an Oldie into ‘Farm Progress America.’ Poor signal. (JJR-MI)
- 1370 KXTL MT **Butte** – 12/19 0105 – End of Fox News into promo for KXTL app, local chiropractor ad then full ID mentioning FM frequency. Then, Coast to Coast bumper music was faded up before opening remarks by C2C host. (JP-AB)
- 1380 KLIZ MN **Brainerd** – 12/19 0939 – With “Christmas music in the Twin Cities – 107.9, Cool 108” on ‘The Fan’ feed out of Minneapolis. Poor, but alone. (JJR-MI)
- 1390 WLCM MI **Holt** – 12/19 0928 – With ‘Dr. David Jeremiah’ on “Victory 1390 WLCM.” Poor. . . no WGRB. (JJR-MI)



- 1410 KLFD MN Litchfield – 12/20 2005 – In briefly, and poorly, with a local ad and mention of ‘Litchfield.’ (NB-WI)
- 1410 KRWB MN Roseau – 12/17 0905 – With a Roseau County Sheriff’s Office report of a train versus a guy walking on tracks. Very poor, but no WIZM. First time this season. (JJR-MI)
- 1410 KOOQ NE North Platte – 12/8 2010 – With Christmas music. ID at 2016: “Reindeer Radio is North Platte’s Christmas station, FM 98-1 and AM 14-10” then into some DJ prattle before an ad block. (RV-TX)
- 1420 WOC IA Davenport – 12/20 0758 – “WMT Cedar Rapids, an i-Heart Radio Station. Wrong Legal ID played! OUCH!! (JJR-WI)
- 1420 WFLT MI Flint – 12/19 0907 – Poor, with Black Gospel music, but lost to KTOE. So . . . assumed. Heard again on 12/21 at 0727 – Very poor, but this time with “AM 1420 WFLT” and chatter on their morning show. Over here . . . rare! (JJR-MI)
- 1430 WCMY IL Ottawa – 12/20 0732 – Poor, with area mentions in a newscast. Still in, surprisingly, 45 minutes later! (JJR-WI)
- 1430 WION MI Ionia – 12/21 0756 – “AM Stereo, FM Stereo and online, WION.” Very poor, fighting others. No CKDO. Nothing great. (JJR-MI)
- 1430 KNXP MN Staples – 12/18 0901 – Very poor, with ESPN (I’m thinking WBEV), but “AM 1430, FM 98-5 KNXP” into ESPN. (JJR-MI)
- 1450 KMMS MT Bozeman – 12/10 0859 – Dual legal ID for KMMS – 1450 and KPRK – 1340. Fox News may have followed, but I’m not sure. (JW-CO)
- 1450 KWHW OK Altus – 12/23 0830 – With Country music, male gives ID as “The original, and still the best since 1947, KWHW the best in today’s . . . country music,” then back into music. Fair signal. Relog. (JN-TX)
- 1450 KGFF OK Shawnee – 12/23 0759 – With Classic Rock, ‘Who Can It Be Now’ by Men at Work, then male with canned ID as: “14-50 AM is KGFF Shawnee, 100.9 FM is K265FE Shawnee.” Fair signal on top of the channel. Relog. (JN-TX)
- 1450 WHRY WI Hurley – 12/30 0820 – ‘Can You Feel the Love?’ by Elton John; “Oldies 102.9.” Poor, but nothing else on the frequency! (JJR-MI)
- 1450 KVOW WY Riverton – 12/14 0859 – Legal ID: “The Talk of Fremont County, KVOW Riverton 1450 AM,” followed by CBS News; heard a few minutes later with area news. Rough copy in QRM. (JW-CO)
- 1460 WKAM IN Goshen – 12/25 0751 – With ads. In for day number three while WJTI is off, allowing this. (// 1580 WHLY). (JJR-WI)
- 1460 WBRN MI Big Rapids – 12/28 1748 – Poor, with ‘Hannity,’ ads for ‘Henry Guns,’ ‘Michigan Ag Ticker’ and ‘Menards. NO CALLS into talk. Local WJTI off. It’s been a while!!!! (JJR-WI)
- 1460 CJOY ON Guelph – 12/19 0902 – “. . . news is next at ten on CJOY.” No KXNO. Poor. (JJR-MI)
- 1470 WFNT MI Flint – 12/19 0925 – Poor signal, with “News Talk 1470 WFNT” into local talk with phone number: 742-38XX. Some WMBD earlier. (JJR-MI)
- 1470 KHND ND Harvey – 12/18 0933 – Ad for “Hertz Funeral Homes in Harvey and McCluskey.” Poor, alone, steady . . . then lost! (JJR-MI)
- 1480 WDYS IL Somonauk – 12/27 0828 – “. . . WDYS . . . ??? Radio” in/out with WLMV??. Poor. (JJR-WI)
- 1490 KUGR WY Green River – 12/17 0748 – Heard an emphatic man seeming to proclaim “KUGR, you could be . . . one of the greatest stations of all time,” then into talk about Friday night football. I had to record this and slow it down to 70% speed to get what this guy was saying. New one here. (RV-TX)
- 1500 WBZI OH Xenia – 12/26 0734 – “You are listening to Real Roots Radio” by woman, between C&W songs. Poor. (JJR-WI)
- 1500 KJIM TX Sherman – 12/17 0730 – Christmas music, then at 0735 man says: “You’re listening to The Memory Maker, AM 1500 K-Jim, with America’s best music.” Occasionally fair, in KSTP null. (JW-CO)
- 1520 WTLM AL Opelika – 12/29 0741 – Jason Nelson’s ‘Residue,’ then man: “Opelika’s Inspiration Station, 1520 AM” and back to Urban Gospel. (TK-FL)
- 1520 WHOW IL Clinton – 12/22 0821 – With local sheriff’s chatter on winter driving conditions. Poor, but alone. (JJR-WI)
- 1520 WPAY OH Rossford – 12/18 0859 – Relevant Radio content, NO Legal ID (five seconds of dead air) into news. Poor, though alone; no KOLM. (JJR-MI)
- 1550 KESJ MO St. Joseph – 12/12 0753 – “Your Christmas Station – Joe Town 107.5” followed by ‘We Three Kings.’ Poor copy, in QRM. (JW-CO)

- 1550 WQCD OH Delaware – 12/22 0200 – In briefly, with ID, mention of Delaware (County) and Columbus but didn't hear the calls. (NB-WI)
- 1550 KRPI WA Ferndale – 12/19 0215-0241 – With break at 0232 mentioning production by 'Commonwealth Club of California.' Seemed so far outside of their South Asian format to be airing an English-language produced in San Francisco, that I thought it might have been KZDG until Bruce Portzer checked his SDR recordings around 0200 and sent me the Top-of-Hour KRPI ID and English introduction to this program, including mention of the 'Commonwealth Club.' (JP-AB)
- 1570 WIGO GA Morrow – 12/27 0445 – Deep, funky and good Urban-Blues. Parallel station stream. Noted a few weeks ago, and still here, so really 50 Watts night power? (TK-FL)
- 1570 KAKK MN Walker – 12/19 0946 – Poor, with “. . . the Herd, 11 to 2 on 1570 KAKK and 93.7 FM “ into Fox Sports. No usual WLKD! (JJR-MI)
- 1580 WWSJ MI Saint Johns – 12/21 0738 – Talk of “. . . churches, here in Michigan” by a local pastor. Very poor . . . no CKDO. (JJR-MI)
- 1590 WCGO IL Evanston – 12/10 1800 – Korean music and call ID. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1600 WUCT TN Algood – 12/28 1849 – Poor, with local chatter including a “94-1 and 1600.” Talk format. Rare! (JJR-WI)
- 1600 WUCT TN Algood – 12/27 0410 – 'The Other Side of Midnight' with Frank Morano talk show (I see it's an WABC 770 program, so apparently it's in fledgling affiliates syndication), then a 94.1 FM promo for SEC Conference games. Parallel station stream. Fair-to-good; the only one identified on the channel, making me question if 20 Watts night power or daytime 2500 Watts. This wouldn't be possible if not for WAOS perpetual nighttime power cheater amazingly and finally silent (but for how long?). **First time log.** (TK-FL)
- 1600 WKKX WV Wheeling – 12/28 1854 – “AM 1600 and AM 1370” with sports talk chatter. A great Sunset Skip session! Poor. (JJR-WI)



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Report your verifications to me at the above address. Next deadline: **01/28/23 1 PM PLT pb**

- 790 WAYY WI, Eau Claire. Received in 16 months for a follow-up sent AUG 2021, for an original FEB 2021 reception. The apologetic CE sent my original and my follow-up prepared cards along with a nice letter. The v/s is Del Dayton, Mid-West Family Broadcasting, 944 Harlem Street, Altonna WI 54720. He says that the station, formerly with 5kw ND day and 5kw directional at night, now finds that its 123 watt ND signal does a better job of reaching its market at night. He enclosed photos of the tower and transmitter. Interesting that the letterhead lists 6 FM stations and no mention of the AM! (JR-NY)
- 1260 KKO0 ID, Weiser. PPC in 12 days. V/s KJMac, on-air personality. Address: 5660 E Franklin Rd #200, Nampa ID 83687. (JW-CO)
- 1360 KTNZ TX, Amarillo. PPC in 9 days. V/s Dale Artho, President, Catholic Radio of the Texas High Plains. Address: Catholic Radio of the Texas High Plains, 4674 CR 8, Wildorado TX 79098. (JW-CO)
- 1630 KFBU WY, Fox Farm. PPC in 11 days. V/s Roger Lonquist (W7RDL). Address: YNOP Radio, PO Box 7393, Helena MT 59604. (JW-CO)



Thanks to these great reporters – pb  
**Jim Renfrew** – Clarendon NY (JR-NY)  
**John Wilkins** – Wheat Ridge CO (JW-CO)



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# International DX Digest

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For loggings of stations outside the U.S. and Canada

All times are Universal Coordinated Time (UTC)

## TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 198 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Droitwich* DEC 20 0339-0350 – “BBC World Service Witness History” English interview regarding movie *Capturing the Killer*. Poor but copyable parallel 7285 via Oman. Only LWBC detected. [Frodge-MI]
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Jil FM*, Sidi Hamadouche DEC 20 0458 – Good; choral marching band national anthem. [Conti-NH]
- 657 **SPAIN** *RNE5* Madrid DEC 20 0000 – Good; servicios informativos, parallel 585 and 639 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 702 **IRAN** *IRIB World Service*, Kiashahr DEC 20 0158 – Fair; presumed this with male acapella chorals typical of Iran. Signal faded out by 0300 UTC although *IRIB R.Isfahan* offset frequency at 837.118 kHz was still observed. Kiashahr sunrise 0350 UTC. [Conti-NH]
- 711 **WESTERN SAHARA** *SNRT* Laayoune DEC 20 0058 – Solid s7 signal poorly modulated, might as well be open carrier; esoteric Saharan vocals with wind instruments and drums through 710 WOR interference. [Conti-NH]
- 774 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synthros DEC 20 0100 – Fair with synchro echo; servicios informativos. [Conti-NH]
- 837 **IRAN** *IRIB R.Isfahan*, Habibabad DEC 19 2358 – Loud het against 837 *COPE*; measured 837.118 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1017 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synthros DEC 20 0000 – Poor to good; woman with servicios informativos parallel 585, etc. [Conti-NH]
- 1017 unID DEC 26 0712 – JBA carrier I would like to think be Tonga already post-sunset, but no lower 9/kHz splits, not even 846 Kiritimati which could be off. At 0715, unusually detect a few more at top end, 1503, 1539, 1584, unlikely Pacificans. Only TA country all four have in common is Spain, 5 or 10 kW synthros of *RNE5* or *SER*. But then there is Spain on most frequencies. [Hauser-OK]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synthros DEC 19 2300 – Good; football bets “...only from Coral,” ID, “TalkSport on 1089 and 1053 medium wave, online, on your mobile, on the air, and on your smart speaker, TalkSport.” DEC 20 0659 – Fair; PSA, “If your car breaks down on the motorway, remember one thing, go left,” ad string with Paramount Plus, etc. [Conti-NH]
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synthros DEC 20 0000 – Poor; servicios informativos parallel 585, etc. [Conti-NH]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synthros DEC 20 0300 – Good with synchro echo; servicios informativos. Measured signals at 1106.961, 1106.997, 1107.001, and 1107.009 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synthros DEC 19 2300 – Good; “Santa Claus Is Coming to Town” by Bruce Springsteen. DEC 20 0700 – Poor; *Absolute Radio* promo with sounder into news by a woman. [Conti-NH]
- 1386 **LITHUANIA** *R.Baltic Waves*, Viesintos DEC 19 2358 – Fair; Ukraine choral national anthem, *R.Ukraine* interval signal. [Conti-NH]
- 1413 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synthros DEC 20 0000 – Good; “Radio Nacional de España, servicios informativos.” [Conti-NH]

*Transatlantic carrier search:* DEC 19 0752 – Besides TP 846 Kiritimati, likely sources: 882 Canary Island or Spain; 1215 UK; 711 Western Sahara. DEC 20 0732 – 684, 774, 855, 909, 1053, 1215 kHz. Bottom three likely Spain, top 3 UK. DEC 27 0322 – Only 684 and 855 Spain the usual suspects. No others in quick scan of entire MW band, but North American interference splash is fierce. [Hauser-OK]

## PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 530 **CUBA** *R.Enciclopedia*, Villa María DEC 27 0707 – ‘Clair de Lune’ by Debussy, soon outro as ‘Claro de Luna’ by the Lawrence Welk orchestra! Surprised he edged so close to classical. And ID as “Radio Enciclopedia, la emisora de música instrumental.” Some lite Spanish talk co-channel interference under, likely a Rebelde, two listed in WRTH 2022. *R.Enciclopedia* has a few other frequencies elsewhere, 670, 1280, 1310. We generally consider its format easy

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listening. *R.Musical Nacional* is much more widespread, but nothing compared to *R.Rebelde* absolutely everywhere. Originally put on 530 to block *R.Martí* relayed for a while from Turks & Caicos. Originally mixed in brief “encyclopedic” facts with the music, but I think quit that long ago, yet retained the name. [Hauser-OK]

- 630 **MEXICO** XEPBGJ Guadalajara, Jal. DEC 6 1215 – In null of KHOW; classical music program. I was able to hear it fading in and out beyond 1230 and each time it matched the webstream. No ID ever heard. [Vance-TX]
- 720 **MEXICO** XEDE Saltillo, Coah. DEC 4 1245 – Under local XEJCC; grupera music and frequent “Musica Alegría, ciento cinco punto siete FM” splitter ID. Government promos around top of the hour. Full ID at 1203 UTC. [Vance-TX]
- 740 **MEXICO** *R.Fórmula* unID DEC 7 1227 – Heard echo in only the network ID announcement; possibly both *R.Fórmula* outlets (XEQN Torreon and XECAQ Cancun) were received. However, I could not copy any info that would indicate specific stations. The LSB rumble that has been earlier noted by others was also present. [Vance-TX]
- 770 **COLOMBIA** HCJX, *RCN Radio*, Bogotá DEC 18 0809 – Man with mostly Colombia news items, RCN ID. Co-channel XEACH and *R.Artemisa* Cuba. [Krueger-FL]
- 800 **BONAIRE** PJB Kralendijk DEC 27 0205 – Initially really strong steady signal without normal rapid fade cycle in seemingly poor DX conditions: no sign of 530 CMBQ, and nothing else on 800 in any antenna direction, not even nearby CHAB; CKOR and KBRV are also regulars here. Admittedly, I rarely DX before 0300 when PJB nightly switches directional patterns and no longer sends any appreciable signal in my direction. [Pearkins-AB]
- 810 **BAHAMAS** ZNS3 Freeport, Grand Bahama DEC 22 1059 – Under WGY; instrumental national anthem. [Conti-NH]
- 840 **CUBA** *R.Revolución*, Palma Soriano DEC 31 0500 – Over/under WHAS; choral national anthem, canned hourly ID with jingle and calliope music. [Conti-NH]
- 860 **MEXICO** XEUN Cd. México, CDMX DEC 12 0003 – Faded up in the local XEZOL null; an ID announcement with both female and male announcers, “XEUN, Radio UNAM... Radio Universidad Autonoma de México, en ochocientos sesenta kilohertz...” [Vance-TX]
- 1000 **COLOMBIA** HJAQ, *RCN Radio*, Cartagena DEC 31 0059 – Fair; RCN promo’s, marker and time check into “Las noticias de la hora.” At 1058, announcement, chimes, and choral national anthem parallel weak 760 HJAJ. [Conti-NH]
- 1310 **MEXICO** XETIA Guadalajara, Jal. DEC 27 1152 – Caught a “X-E-Tia Radio Vital” splitter ID between romántica songs. [Vance-TX]
- 1370 **MEXICO** XEPJ Guadalajara, Jal. DEC 4 1150 – In briefly with ranchera music. Caught a “Radio Ranchito, XEPJ AM” splitter ID at 1155 UTC. [Vance-TX]
- 1570 **GUATEMALA** *Radio VEA*, Guatemala DEC 28 0452 – Slow Christian Spanish praise vocals, lady at 0459 with “Radio VEA (pronounced Vay-uh), Guatemala... Cristo... 1570 AM... Central de Mixco...” (I see that’s district #7 in Guat City, just west of the studios, maybe they’re in it) then abruptly off at 0502 UTC. Listed as 0600 closing in the final real WRTH. All parallel station online stream, which functions really well and with nice audio, but zero content except for the stream, that which continued after the abrupt and apparently transmitter off. The same canned ID/promo was noted later on the stream. [Krueger-FL]



#### TRANS-PACIFIC DX

- 846 **KIRIBATI** *R.Kiribati*, London, Christmas Island DEC 19 0742 – JBA carrier; also three other splits. DEC 20 0732, JBA carrier; also six other splits presumed TA. DEC 21 0730 – No JBA carrier detected, perhaps another silent Wednesday. Nor any other TP or TA split 9/kHz carriers audible. DEC 23 0745 – No JBA carrier detectable, off? Nor any other 9/kHz splits. DEC 24 0710 – JBA carrier, but no other 9/kHz splits. DEC 27 0711 – JBA carrier is audible tonight, and Gary Pence agrees it was on and making it earlier to Hawaii SDRs. I do not hear any other 9/kHz splits. DEC 28 0728 – JBA carrier, no other 9/kHz splits detected. DEC 29 0744 – The only 9 kHz split JBA MW carrier audible now. DEC 31 0730 – JBA carrier. Only other 9/kHz split JBA carrier is 1017: Strongly suspect A3Z Tonga, already an hour+ past 0626 UTC sunset at Nuku’alofa. By 1100 it shall be 2023 there; by 1000 UTC on Christmas Island. JAN 1 0700 – No signal, presumed off for another silent Sunday, and Gary Pence agrees. Nor any other 9/kHz split carriers audible here. [Hauser-OK]

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Harold Frodge, Midland MI; Drake R8B, 185-ft random wire.

Glenn Hauser, Enid OK; NRD-545 with ALA-330S or north/south not very long wire, DX-398 or PL-880 with internal antenna only, sometimes IC-R75 with ~100-ft east/west long wire.

Terry L. Krueger, Niceville FL; IC-R75, NRD-535, ICF-7600GR, Tescun PL-360, active loops, random wire, misc. junk.

Jon Pearkins, Edmonton AB; CCRadio-2E, barefoot on batteries.

Robert Vance, El Paso TX; SDRPlay RSPduo, WinRadio G33DDC, various indoor and outdoor loop antennas.

73 and Good DX!

# Musings of the Members

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## Martin Foltz, Sarasota FL

One verie from KCJJ-1630, vppc. DX: 12/18 heard 1110 KVTT with Sub-continent Indian programming and many announcements mentioning 1110, 95.5 and 104.9, new. On late! 12/19 heard 1130 WBBR, 1390 WAVP Boss Hogg Radio, 1360 WHNR Boss Hogg Radio and 1330 WWAB Boss Hogg Radio for a new one. 1000 WMVP tentative with ESPN programming. 12/20 listened to 800 TWR at 9:29 PM EST and decided to record detail for a report at 10 PM but found out they changed power then and signal was gone. 12/24 caught the WCGA DX Test. Listened for 50 minutes. The signal was good but you could hear WTAM underneath and in strong during fades. Also heard a Spanish station briefly.

Radio related Christmas gifts were a copy of the NRC Antenna Pattern book to replace the one lost in our move and a new set of headphone pads.

This ends my first year in Sarasota. Reception reports were sent to 32 stations with 9 veries. Not that impressive and hopefully it will improve. Next year I'll work on the remaining non-FL US stations (currently 36 stations) and then the FL stations. I hope the smaller stations are friendlier.

73's and Happy New Year, Martin

## Linda Brodsky, Malverne NY

Looking back over 2022, I noted that even though I felt that DX in the NY metro area wasn't very exciting, it was by no means a total bust. I managed to log 42 new stations, including the CPC tests, WMST 1150 in April and the recent WCGA 1100 test, plus some Canadians and Cubans and ZNS-3 Nassau, Bahamas. Most of the loggings were made on barefoot Sangean PR-D5 and C.Crane Skywave SSB, with only a few on the RSPDx with the indoor, amplified 3 foot loop. From CO, where I spent several weeks over the year, using only the barefoot C.Crane, I caught both the KJJR 880 (which would have been much more difficult in NY because of WCBS) and the KSEN 1150 tests. Added to those, but excluding local Denver area stations, were 51 other new stations. My favorites were some from the western provinces of Canada, which I seriously doubt I'd ever be able to hear from NY. I was surprised I only heard one or two Mexicans, but that's something to try for on future visits.

Except for DX tests, I don't send reception reports anymore and I only count receptions that I can positively ID from the recordings I make. Plans for 2023 include several visits to CO, the next one in a few weeks. Now that I repaired the YouLoop and have an Airspy Discovery HF, I'll be able to bring those along with the C.Crane which performed so well out there in the past.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!



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# GRAVEYARD DX ACHIEVEMENTS

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Logged from January 1, 1960 to Present

Total Stations Heard

Updated as of November 5, 2022

<u>DXer</u>	<u>DX Location</u>	<u>1230</u>	<u>1240</u>	<u>1340</u>	<u>1400</u>	<u>1450</u>	<u>1490</u>	<u>Total</u>
Norm Maguire (SK) - East Hartford, CT/ Albuquerque, NM	146	169	174	168	192	157	1006	
Stan Morss (SK) - Boxford, MA		84	114	101	102	108	607	
Charles Reh - Leamington, ON		65	78	91	70	80	470	
Carl Dabelstein - Various Locations		66	76	76	64	81	413	
Gary Siegel - Toledo, OH		50	64	82	66	69	389	
Hank Holbrook (SK) - Chevy Chase, MD		31	66	83	54	73	369	
Barry McLarnon - Ottawa, ON		57	62	57	62	64	367	
Frank Wheeler (SK) - Erie, PA		58	81	63	62	65	361	
Niel Wolfish - Various Locations		54	52	51	67	66	359	
Steve Francis (SK) - Alcoa, TN		54	49	44	53	65	339	
John Wilkins - Various Locations		55	54	50	61	53	332	
Jeff Falconer (SK) - Clinton, ON		53	45	57	60	58	327	
Russ Edmunds - Northern NJ/Southeastern PA		42	50	52	54	54	316	
Shawn Axelrod - Various Locations, MB		54	37	57	59	60	315	
Ron Schiller (SK) - Various Locations, NJ		43	44	57	31	49	290	
Paul Thomas - (mostly) Proctorville, OH		35	47	48	38	62	280	
Ernie Wesolowski - Omaha, NE		41	49	46	45	52	252	
Tim Hall - US 6/50 at NV/UT Border, UT		42	39	38	47	42	250	
Phil Bytheway - Seattle, WA		37	38	48	42	44	243	
Joe Kureth (SK) - Uniontown, MD		35	36	40	43	37	234	
Karl Forth - Chicago, IL		33	35	31	48	51	222	
Dave Whatmough - Hamilton, ON		33	27	39	31	39	210	
Don Trelford (SK) - Toronto, ON (pre-1960)		39	22	37	34	38	203	
Wayne Heinen - Aurora, CO		30	29	21	38	35	192	
Andy Rugg (SK) - Montreal, QC		30	31	32	24	25	176	
Karl Jeter - Suburban Atlanta, GA		20	31	20	29	29	170	
Kraig Krist - Various Locations		28	27	28	24	35	167	
Tim Noonan - Various Locations		22	19	22	28	38	160	
Ron Musco - Hartford, CT		21	25	21	25	27	143	
Craig Barnes - Wheat Ridge, CO		21	15	29	25	26	138	
Larry Van Horn - Various Locations		25	23	19	21	17	129	
Frank Merrill - Various Locations		16	18	17	20	26	123	
Gary Atkins (SK) - Louisville, KY		21	8	29	21	18	123	
George Santulli - Cranford, NJ		19	15	33	11	19	114	
Dave Schmidt (SK) - New Castle, DE		17	24	21	16	12	113	
Marc DeLorenzo - Hyannis, MA		20	19	13	16	23	111	
Harry Hayes - Gouldsboro, PA		15	21	17	13	21	106	
John Malicky (SK) - Pittsburgh, PA		7	15	16	14	24	103	
Forest Osborn - Hooker, OK		14	15	14	21	14	89	
Nancy Johnson - Aberdeen, WA		16	20	13	11	13	87	
Bill Hale - WI, IL, ID, FL, TX, NY, CA, NM		15	14	12	11	13	80	
Joe Kureth (SK) - Southern Pines, NC		13	12	13	13	17	80	
Mike Jeziorski - Chicago, IL (area)		13	15	12	16	11	78	
Larry Van Horn - Brasstown, NC		14	14	15	11	10	76	
Martin Foltz - Mission Viejo, CA		12	10	11	15	12	72	
Mike Hardester - Various Locations		13	10	11	10	13	70	
Fred Nordquist - Clay, NY		13	15	6	9	15	69	
Sean Breazeal - Stansbury Park, UT		14	12	10	14	14	69	
Wayne Heinen - Colorado Springs, CO		8	6	21	19	4	67	
Mike Jeziorski - Detroit, MI		8	16	13	2	9	63	

Don Trelford (SK) - Scarborough, ON	7	10	8	9	17	9	60
Tim Hall - West Glacier, MT	13	7	6	9	14	10	59
Pete Taylor - Worldwide	12	8	8	19	6	5	58
Tim Hall - Teasdale, UT	10	10	8	10	8	11	57
Tim Hall - Tombstone, AZ	12	10	9	10	7	9	57
Tim Hall - Yellowstone Lake Village, WY	11	9	9	9	9	9	56
Steve Kamp - San Jose, CA	14	4	9	13	11	4	55
Tim Hall - Mammoth Lakes, CA	12	10	9	8	7	9	55
Sean Breazeal - Stansbury Park, UT	11	9	8	12	12	2	54
Morris Sorensen (SK) - Winnipeg, MB	4	6	8	10	14	8	50
David Yocis - Alexandria, VA	7	9	12	5	10	6	49
Wayne Heinen - Orchard Park, NY	14	10	8	2	8	5	47
Jim Weber - Oyster Point, PA	5	9	8	11	7	7	47
Russ Edmunds - Syracuse, NY	12	8	7	5	6	8	46
Tim Hall - Jasper, AB	10	7	8	7	8	5	45
David Yocis - South Nyack, NY	1	6	11	5	11	10	44
Tim Hall - Ajo, AZ	9	8	9	6	6	6	44
Ron Schiller (SK) - Couer d'Alene, ID	5	6	13	4	4	11	43
Morris Sorensen (SK) - Scarborough, ON	2	12	3	10	6	9	42
Paul Mount - Teaneck, NJ	5	8	8	8	8	5	42
Denis Picard - Trois-Rivières-Ouest, QC	7	11	6	6	5	6	41
Tim Hall - Benton Hot Springs, CA	6	5	9	9	6	6	41
Tim Hall - Bandon, OR	7	4	6	9	5	9	40
Tim Hall - Monterey/Carmel, CA	10	6	8	5	6	4	39
Don Trelford (SK) - Runaway Bay, Jamaica	4	6	6	5	10	7	38
Tim Hall - Bovina, NY	5	8	6	5	7	7	38
Tim Hall - Chester, CA	5	8	6	5	7	7	38
Tim Hall - The Sea Ranch, CA	11	6	6	3	6	6	38
Stephen Ponder - Bossier City, LA	6	5	6	6	7	7	37
Tim Hall - Cambria, CA	5	6	4	6	8	8	37
Tim Hall - Crater Lake Rim Village, OR	10	7	4	6	5	5	37
Tim Hall - Flagstaff, AZ	10	6	4	6	4	5	35
Tim Hall - Fort Davis, TX	3	7	5	2	8	8	33
Tim Hall - Lone Pine, CA	8	7	4	5	4	5	33
Tim Hall - Ouray, CO	5	5	5	7	4	7	33
Tim Hall - Radium Hot Springs, BC	7	4	7	6	4	5	33
Tim Hall - Chisos Mountain Lodge, TX	5	5	6	3	6	7	32
Tim Hall - Crescent City, CA	4	1	6	9	6	6	32
Morris Sorensen (SK) - Leaf Rapids & God's Narrows, MB	5	6	5	7	4	4	31
Neil Kazaross - Barrington, IL	9	6	3	4	4	5	31
Tim Hall - Moab, UT	5	4	5	6	5	6	31
Tim Hall - Burney, CA	4	5	4	6	6	5	30
Tim Hall - Houston, TX	1	2	8	5	6	8	30
Tim Hall - Lakeville, PA	6	5	4	4	5	6	30
Tim Hall - Springdale, UT	8	5	5	4	4	4	30
Tim Hall - Yellowstone Grant Village, WY	5	5	5	3	5	7	30
Morris Sorensen (SK) - Milton, ON	5	3	3	7	3	7	28
Morris Sorensen (SK) - Port Carling, ON	2	5	5	6	4	6	28
Mike Jeziorski - Juriquilla, QTRO	5	3	6	5	6	3	28
Russ Edmunds - Jonesport, ME	4	5	1	6	5	5	26
Mike Jeziorski - Crescent Beach, FL	2	1	2	7	4	7	23
Paul Mount - Nelsonville, OH	4	4	2	3	3	5	21
Chris Gay - Lexington KY	2	8	3	1	4	3	21
Paul Swearingen (SK) - Moran, KS	5	3	2	2	2	5	19
Morris Sorensen (SK) - Kemptville, ON	2	4	2	2	5	3	18
David B. Jones (SK) - Springfield, TN	3	5	3	2	2	2	17
John Tudenham (SK) - Joplin, MO	7	2	2	4	1	1	17
Morris Sorensen (SK) - Amaranth, MB	3	5	3	1	1	2	15
Pete Taylor - Tacoma, WA	2	1	1	4	3	4	15
Bruce Conti - Nashua, NH	3	0	6	1	3	1	14
Doug Smith - Madison, WI	2	1	3	2	2	0	10
Perry Crabill (SK) - Winchester, VA	2	2	1	1	2	2	10

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Neil Kazaross - Grafton, WI	1	0	0	1	1	2	5
Antoine Gamet, Coatesville, PA	0	1	2	1	0	0	4
Ron Schiller (SK) - St. George, UT	2	0	1	0	0	1	4
Neil Kazaross - Pawtucket, RI	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Neil Kazaross - Poipu Beach, HI	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Steve Kamp - Irving, TX	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Steve Kamp - New Haven, CT	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Steve Kamp - Hollywood, FL	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
John J. Rieger - L'Anse, MI	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Neil Kazaross - Narragansett, RI	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Neil Kazaross - Ogunquit, ME	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Neil Kazaross - Poway, CA	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Neil Kazaross - Schenectady, NY	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

## Radio History Revisited

### WFPG/WPG Atlantic City

Kenneth D. MacHarg

It is fully understood why someone would inquire about why I am writing an article in this series concerning a rather obscure radio station in Atlantic City. So, let me address that issue first.

It all has to do with my wife of 58 years and her father, a very brilliant and fascinating man for whom I worked for several summers while courting her. He operated his own small manufacturing plant in Absecon, New Jersey (on the mainland along U.S. 30 which runs to Atlantic City) and, he once told me, he had something to do with putting the original WFPG on the air. What, I don't know, but now, these many years later, I wish I had explored it more with him.

I do remember that in those days that Polly and I were courting, we often walked the Atlantic City boardwalk and I would pause in front of the WFPG studios on the Steel Pier to gaze inside. I often listened to the station's wonderful "Music By The Sea" program each night which helped to lull me to sleep.

So let's explore the history of this fascinating station, with the caution that its history is convoluted, complex, complicated—in other words, difficult to follow.

For example, one source says, "Atlantic City's first radio station, WPG ('World's Play Ground') Radio, began broadcasting at 1100 kHz in 1923, reaching listeners in South Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland."

Another reports that WFPG, first hit the air as WPG in Atlantic City on January 3rd, 1925, owned by the city government with studios located in Atlantic City High School. The station immediately became the voice of the "World's Play Ground."

In whichever case, its studios were located inside of the Atlantic City Convention Hall, now known as Boardwalk Hall. The radio station was operated by the Columbia Broadcast System (CBS) and utilized a 5,000-watt transmitter to air its radio signals along the Eastern Seaboard. WPG Radio ended its broadcasts from Boardwalk Hall in 1939. Two other stations, WBAB and WFPG – which delivered news and entertainment from its studio on Steel Pier – succeeded WPG and began airing in the 1940s."

If you listened to WPG, you may have heard programs like an organ recital from the auditorium of the high school and The Chalfonte-Haddon Hall Double Trio. On October 19th, 1927, Charles Lindbergh flew the Spirit of St. Louis into Atlantic City -- WPG was there and covered his visit. By the summer of 1929, WPG moved its studios to convention hall (now known as Boardwalk Hall). At its peak, over 200,000 people passed through the WPG reception room at Convention Hall in one year. By 1938, WPG was suffering both financial problems and issues with another station on 1100 AM and left the air for good.

About a year later, on February 15th, 1939, seeing a need for a radio voice in Atlantic City, a permit was issued by the federal government to build a new radio station at 1500 AM, which was later changed to 1420 AM. On August 9th, 1940, 1420 AM went on the air as WFPG in the World's Famous Play Ground with a 100-watt signal with a transmitter and studio located at Virginia Avenue and the Boardwalk. Just a few months later, the station increased its signal to 250 watts to cover a larger area. Then, on March 24th, 1941, WFPG moved from 1420 AM to its current dial location of 1450 AM.

So far, so good. But, from here on, you need to pay close attention! For a number of decades, WFPG aired a full-service format with middle of the road music, which appealed to a large audience. When casino gaming arrived in Atlantic City in the 1970s, 1450 AM changed call letters to WIIN and became



"Win 1450." Both the WFPG call letters and the easy listening format returned in the 1980s. As the 1990s progressed, WFPG-AM evolved into a news/talk station and even tried an all-comedy format briefly in 1999. In February 2003, the station became South Jersey's very successful ESPN Radio affiliate. On October 22, 2012, 1450 AM returned to a news/talk format with a tip-of-the-hat to WPG, the city's original source of news and information. In April, 2016, it began simulcasting programming on 104.1 FM (W281BH). In May 2016, it became WPG Talk Radio 104.1. In May 2019, it moved its programming to 95.5 FM (W238CZ) and became WPG Talk Radio 95.5 FM—but with the official call letters WPGG.

Among the programs broadcast today are the typical lineup of conservative talk show hosts such as Dave Ramsey on a national basis and John DeMasi who talks about "what's happening in South Jersey and what needs to be done differently."

Whew! I wouldn't want to have to reproduce that on an exam! I do have fond memories of the station however because it was a regular companion during the several summers that I spent in the Atlantic City area.

By the way, WFPG (96.9 MHz) is a commercial FM radio station in Atlantic City, New Jersey, using the historic call letters, known as "Lite 96.9 WFPG" It is owned by Townsquare Media and broadcasts an adult contemporary radio format, switching to Christmas music for much of November and December. The radio studios and offices are on Tilton Road in Northfield, New Jersey.

P.S., to this day, the large, historic stained-glass WPG globe from the 1920s remains lit at the top of the main stage at Boardwalk Hall.

## WWL New Orleans

Kenneth D. MacHarg

When you hear the words "New Orleans" what do you initially think of? Hurricanes? Mardi Gras? Football's New Orleans Saints? Well, if you live elsewhere, perhaps that's what you might consider.

But to many radio listeners, particularly across the South, a mention of "The Big Easy" brings to mind the powerful AM radio outlet, WWL, an unusual station for many reasons including its programming, public service and unconventional original ownership.

On March 31, 1922 Loyola University, a Roman Catholic Jesuit institution in New Orleans was issued a limited, commercial license for a new station on the 360 meter "entertainment" wavelength. (The Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits, is a religious order of the Catholic Church. It is engaged in evangelization and ministry in 112 nations working in education, research, and cultural pursuits.)

The station call letters, WWL, were assigned randomly. While another area station received its license first, WWL was the first station in the state to begin broadcasting.

Starting before World War One and continuing until 1922, the university sponsored a radio training school, with both civilian and military students. WWL's initial equipment was installed at Marquette Hall on the Loyola campus, with construction performed by Edward T. Cassidy, a Jesuit seminarian and physicist serving as the head of the Radio School, and L. J. N. "Joe" du Treil, a former school head who worked at the Commerce Department's district office of its Radio Service section.

WWL received a telegraphed authorization on March 31, 1922, and began broadcasting on the shared 360 meter entertainment wavelength, as a 10-watt station, on the same day. The station's initial purpose was to promote a university fundraising project. Loyola president, Father Edward Cummings, opened the first half-hour broadcast with a three-minute fundraising plea on behalf of the University's building drive, stating that "We are organizing the radio operators in the state to spread the story of Loyola's needs." This was followed by Tulane's Guisepe Ferrate playing an original piano composition.

In mid-1923, the station was reassigned to 1070 kHz, which was changed to 1090 kHz in early 1925 and to 1220 kHz in late 1927. In November 1928 WWL was assigned to 850 kHz, on a shared time basis with KWKH in Shreveport. WWL's power was increased to 5,000 watts in 1929, following the installation of a new transmitter.

In 1929 the decision was made for WWL to include commercial operations, with the station profits providing an endowment for the university. There was concern that commercial operation might violate both Catholic and Jesuit prohibitions on priests operating businesses. However, a decision was made that the station's non-religious programming and advertising had an existing analogy in church-run efforts, such as publications, which had content that included advertising. In addition, a separate holding company, WWL Development, was formed to run the station, with the provision its profits would be transferred to Loyola.



In 1932, the station upgraded to 10,000 watts, with new studios in the Roosevelt Hotel. In 1934, WWL's contentious application to gain fulltime use of 850 kHz was granted, which resulted in its timeshare partner, KWKH, being moved to 1100 kHz. WWL's attainment of fulltime operations made the station attractive to the national radio networks, and it began an affiliation with the CBS Radio Network on November 1, 1935, which had been previously held by WDSU. This also greatly increased the profits being transferred to the university.

On November 30, 1938, WWL formally dedicated a power increase to 50,000 watts. On March 29, 1941, with the implementation of the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement, stations on 850 kHz, including WWL, moved to 870 kHz.

In the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, the station was famous for the live broadcasts of local Dixieland jazz bands, including such notables as Papa Celestin, Sharkey Bonano, Irving Fazola, Tony Almarico, and Lizzie Miles.

WWL was mentioned in an opening scene of "The Swan Bed" (October 21, 1960) episode of the Route 66 TV series, when Todd and Buzz turn on the car's radio as they are driving across the Greater New Orleans Bridge and hear the call letters announced.

Starting on March 14, 1971, WWL was home to a long-running overnight country music program aimed at truck drivers called The Road Gang. It used the slogan "Interstate 87", and offered strip weather in major cities along the east-west interstates I-10, I-20, I-30, etc. Advertising was focused on long-haul truckers. It was originally hosted by Charlie Douglas. Later hosts included Dave Nemo and Big John Parker. The station helped popularize southern gospel by late-night broadcasts of the Mull Singing Convention.

WWL's transmitter site was moved from Kenner, Louisiana, on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain, to Estelle, Louisiana, in 1975.

Loyola sold WWL in 1989 to build the university endowment. Keymarket Communications of Greenville, South Carolina, became the new Baltimore, Maryland-based Sinclair Broadcast Group assumed ownership in 1996; most of Sinclair's radio stations, including WWL, were acquired by Entercom Communications in 1999.

During the immediate effects and aftermath of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans and the Gulf Coast in late August 2005, WWL was for a time one of the few if not only radio station(s) in the area remaining on the air. Announcer Garland Robinette kept broadcasting from an improvised studio built in a closet after the studio's windows were blown out.

After the hurricane, WWL's emergency coverage was simulcast on the frequencies of numerous other radio stations. The broadcast was named "The United Radio Broadcasters of New Orleans"; mostly WWL staff appeared on-air. The United Radio Broadcasters were a partnership between Entercom (now Audacy, Inc.) and competitor Clear Channel Communications. The WWL website was completely rebuilt in only one day by the staff of other Entercom stations. The company also dispatched staffers from stations throughout the country to help WWL, and to provide their own stations coverage from the hurricane ravaged New Orleans area. For some time after Hurricane Katrina, WWL was simulcast on shortwave outlet WHRI, owned by World Harvest Radio International.

Currently the station provides a talk/sports format with local and nationally syndicated hosts during the day and sports talk at night along with some play-by-play broadcasts. <https://www.audacy.com/wwl>

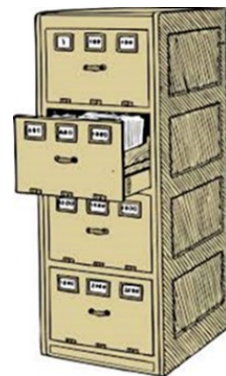
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## Unreported Domestic Stations

One station – WACC-830 – was reported to DDXD for the first time this issue since at least Volume 67 (1999-2000). This is the first station on our unreported list that has been reported in the last four issues, and we now have only 221 stations not reported to DDXD during that time. In addition, two stations reported in this issue – WKII-1070 and KCFM-1250 – were last reported in Volume 67 (there are still 32 of those stations). Overall, 1,353 different full-power stations in the United States and Canada have been reported to DDXD in this current volume year.

The full list of unreported stations was last published in issue 89-18 – if you want an updated list, just e-mail the publisher at [NRCDXNews@gmail.com](mailto:NRCDXNews@gmail.com). Can we knock off one (or more) next issue?

# From the Archives



**75 Years Ago:** From the January 10, 1948 issue of *DX News*: Grant Batson in Westfield, N.Y. reported KFAR-660 Fairbanks, Alaska Territory, on December 28 at 3:45 a.m., mixing with XEBZ. (According to *Broadcasting Yearbook*, XEBZ-660 was a 500-watt station in Mexico City.) Westfield, by the way, is between Buffalo and Erie, Pennsylvania. Mr. Batson was only in sixth place in the NRC contest standings; Stan Morss had a narrow lead.

**50 Years Ago:** From January 17, 1973 issue of *DX News*: NRC member Dave Gleason, program director at WERC Birmingham, announced two upcoming DX tests on the station. Ron Schatz published a lengthy article explaining the theory and practice behind selectivity and mechanical filters. The city of Mississauga, Ontario heard from a radio engineer debunking claims by CFRB-1010 that the construction of high-rise buildings near the station's towers would force it off the air.

**25 Years Ago:** From the January 12, 1998 issue of *DX News*: 53 different members contributed to a 22-page DDXD column edited by Bill Hale (West) and David Yocis (East); six of those members also reported in DDXD in the issue you are now reading.

**10 Years Ago:** From the January 7, 2013 issue of *DX News*: The recent deaths of longtime NRC members Stan Morss and Bill Alisaukas were acknowledged.

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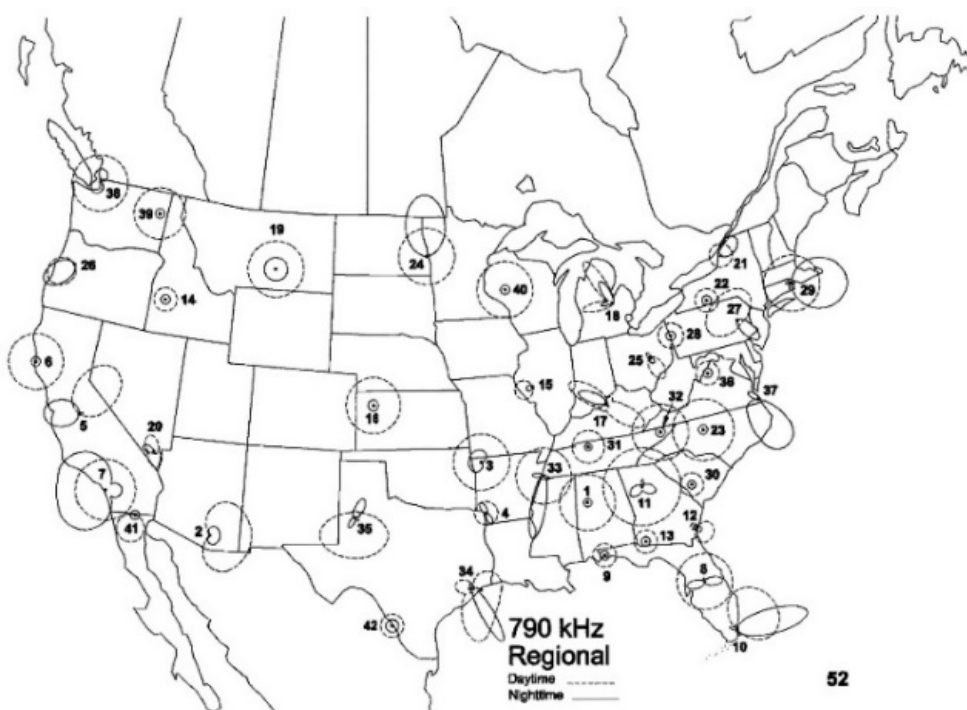
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