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NRC Log #46 Pre-Orders: The deadline for the 46th edition of the *AM Radio Log* is August 1. Preorders are now being accepted with a price for NRC/IRCA members of \$35.95 and non-members at \$43.95, both shipped to U.S. addresses. Shipments to Canada are US\$57.70 and to overseas addresses will be US\$75.70.

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From the Publisher: Hope everyone is enjoying a summer break – but not necessarily a break from DXing, as there is still a lot to be heard. Even when conditions are suboptimal, I often find previously unheard stations, often relatively close, that are usually swamped by stronger signals in better DX conditions. When the thunderstorms subside (which hasn't been too often this summer) there is usually something interesting to hear.

We'll be back again in four weeks before we start ramping up the publication schedule again for the fall.



#### From the Archives

**90 Years Ago**: From the August 1935 issue of *DX News*: CMBX-1380 Havana, Cuba runs a DX program every Sunday morning from 1-5 a.m.

**75 Years Ago**: From the August 5, 1950 issue of *DX News*: Pat Reilly received his 2,000th verification. Ray Edge and Joe Brauner are preparing to host the 1950 convention in Buffalo.

**50 Years Ago**: From the August 11, 1975 issue of *DX News*: The total membership of the NRC now exceeds 700. Many of the 45 (!) Musings in this issue were from members planning to attend the Hartford convention.

**25 Years Ago**: From the August 14, 2000 issue of *DX News*: Plans were being finalized for the Lima, OH convention. Mark Connelly described and assessed a pennant antenna with remote termination control, concluding that it might be the best option for a cardioid pattern receiving antenna in locations where grounding for a K9AY system is inadequate.

**10 Years Ago**: From the July 27, 2015 issue of *DX News*: The all-club DX convention was held July 10-12 in Fort Wayne (I think it was the last convention I attended – DY). The FCC is consolidating and closing a number of its field offices.

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#### Volume 92 DXN Schedule

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#### **Membership Report**

**New Member**: Welcome to Rick Jordan, Ringgold, GA.

**Rejoining Member**: Welcome back to Russell Scotka, Madison, CT.

Renewing Members: Thanks for the ongoing support from Doug Beard; Michael Beu; Fernando Cano; Steve Chappell; Mike Clancy; Francesco Clemente; Michael J. De Roo; Dennis Dura; Barry S. Finkel; William R. Hale; Timothy R. Hall; Michael Hunter; Jeff Imel; Henry Mensch; Kirk P. Patterson; Albert V. Prete; Damon Pritchett; Andy Ross; Gary Russo; Peter Ryder; Odd-Jorgen Sagdahl; Jeffrey Snyder; David Sullivan; Paul Thomas; Robert Tupaj; James Upson; Jonathan Watson; Frank Welch; Ernest Wesolowski; James Wiedle; Webster Williams; and Gary Zeigler.

## AM Switch

David Yocis, 9412 Ferry Landing Court, Alexandria VA 22309, <a href="mailto:NRC AM Log updates">NRC AM Log updates</a> from Wayne Heinen, <a href="mailto:amlog@nationalradioclub.org">amlog@nationalradioclub.org</a> NRC AM Log data mining provided by Bill Hale; Canadian info compiled by Jon Pearkins

#### FCC and CRTC Decisions and Applications

#### **CALL CHANGES**

Changes reflected in FCC/Industry Canada databases:

**680 KBRD WA Lacey** – Call change to KUTI (July 1).

920 KGTK WA Olympia – Call change to KBRD (June 29).

#### Other FCC actions:

**1000 WCCD OH Parma** – Applies to change calls to WABQ (to be effective July 15).

**1080 KFXX OR Portland** – Granted call change to KRSK (effective Aug. 14).

**1300** KACD OR The Dalles – Granted call change to KTDS (effective Aug. 25).

**1460 WABQ OH Painesville** – Applies to change calls to WCCD (to be effective July 15).

**1490 WBKE WV Fairmont** – Applies to change calls to WVRM (to be effective Aug. 3).

#### STATIONS GOING DARK

920 CBWF BC Mackenzie – LPRT license cancelled; has moved to FM.

940 WCND KY Shelbyville – License cancelled July 25; failure to pay FCC fees for many years.

980 CKGO BC New Westminster – License cancelled.

**990 CBQF YT Carmacks** – LPRT license cancelled; has moved to FM.

**1130 WECR NC Newland** – License cancelled July 21 at licensee's request; silent since June 18, 2024.

**1170 KBOB IA Davenport** – License cancelled July 17 at licensee's request; silent since Mar. 1.

**1400 KITZ WA Silverdale** – License cancelled July 28 at licensee's request; silent since Jan. 24.

**WRON WV Ronceverte** – License cancelled July 21 at licensee's request; silent since July 17, 2024.



#### **CONSTRUCTION PERMITS (CPS) FOR EXISTING STATIONS**

CPs fully licensed and on the air:

**1450** WBSR FL Pensacola – Granted license to cover CP with U1 1000/1000, new site (co-located with WVTJ-610 and WPNN-790) at 30-27-09.5, 87-14-25.8.

CPs built, awaiting final licensing (and probably being used on the air):

**720 WHYF PA Shiremanstown** – Applies for license to cover CP with D1 2200, new site (colocated with WHGB-1400) at 40-14-58.3, 76-52-01.9.

**880** WAPC AL Clanton – Applies for license to cover CP with U1 1000/7, <u>CoL ex-Opp AL</u>, new site at 32-52-31.0, 86-37-29.6.

**1450 WTAL FL Tallahassee** – Applies for license to cover CP with U1 1000/1000, new site (colocated with WTLY-1270) at 30-25-44.7, 84-19-42.6.

**WDXR KY Paducah** – Applies for license to cover CP with U1 250/250, new site (co-located with WPAD-1560) 37-03-08.2, 88-36-03.2.

#### CPs granted:

**1490 KJFK TX Austin** – Granted CP with U1 390/890, new site (co-located with KTSN-1060) at 30-19-15.6, 97-38-59.3.

1650 KBJD CO Denver – Granted replacement CP with U1 10000/1000, new tower at current site at 39-47-56.0, 104-58-15.9.

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#### Amendment to CP granted:

**1270 WWWI MN Baxter** – Has CP with U2 12000/5000

from current site; granted amendment to CP now with U1 12000/45, still from current site at 46-17-55.0, 94-16-42.0.

Applications for CPs received:

- **540** WRGC NC Sylva Applies for CP with U1 1000/187, existing site at 35-23-30.9, 83-14-55.5.
- **720 WJIB MA Cambridge** Applies for CP with U2 5000/300, existing site at 42-24-24.0, 71-05-15.0 day, 42-24-24.4, 71-05-12.2 night.
- **770 KKOB NM Albuquerque** Applies for CP with U2 50000/<u>**5000**</u>, new site (co-located with KTBL-1050 and KOAZ-1510) at 34-58-48.5, 106-44-16.2
- **1000 WJNZ** AL Robertsdale Applies for CP <u>to 1030 kHz</u> with U1 16000/22, new site (co-located with WXQW-660) at 30-35-50.5, 87-52-58.4.

#### SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY (STA)

#### STAs granted:

- 610 WRUS KY Russellville Granted STA, U1 59/59, antenna repairs.
- **880 WMDB TN Nashville** Granted STA, D1 1000, slant wire on tower at 36-14-06.6, 86-45-23.6, has lost licensed site.
- **910 WSBA PA York** Granted STA, U4 1000/1000, transmitter problems.
- **920 WNJE NJ Trenton** Granted STA, U1 14/14 from WIFI-1460 tower at 40-04-53.4, 74-47-39.6, has lost licensed site.
- 930 WKCT KY Bowling Green Granted STA, U1 10/10, backup transmitter.
- **1110 WWMN MI Petoskey** Granted STA, U1 1000/2.5, 505' LW at licensed tower during WMBN-1340 diplexing.
- 1160 WKCM KY Hawesville Granted STA, U1 20/20, transmitter awaiting parts.
- **1230 WIBQ IN Terre Haute** Granted STA, U1 250/250, transmitter problems.
- 1310 WAUC FL Wauchula Granted STA, U1 1250/250.
- 1390 KBBO WA Yakima Granted STA, U1 1000/97.5, partial repair after vandalism damage.
- 1530 WVBF MA Middleborough Center Granted STA, U4 1000/4, lightning damage.
- 1560 KGOW TX Bellaire Granted STA, U3 15000/15000, night site and pattern 24 hours.
- 1600 WMQM TN Lakeland Granted STA, U1 2000/35, financial hardship.

#### Applications for STA and other variance notifications received:

- **850** WTAR VA Norfolk Using U4 5000/5000, transmitter problems.
- 990 KTMS CA Santa Barbara Applies for STA, U3 500/500, night pattern 24 hours.
- 1110 WOMN LA Franklinton Applies for STA with D1 1000 on 1100 kHz from the CP site.
- **1430 WYKG GA Covington** Using U1 1000/212, lightning damage.
- **1470** WLAM ME Lewiston Using U3 1000/1000, overheating in unusually hot weather.

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

- 570 WAAX AL Gadsden Granted STA extension, U1 5000/125.
- 730 KQPN AR West Memphis Granted STA extension, U4 117/1000, night pattern 24 hours.
- **800 WPJM SC Greer** Granted STA extension, U1 250/125 from CP site.
- 801 KTWG GU Agaña Granted STA extension, U1 2000/2000.
- 910 WBZH WI Hayward Granted STA extension, U1 1500/75.
- 960 KNEW CA Oakland Granted STA extension, parameters at variance.
  - **WHYL PA Carlisle** Granted STA extension, U1 1300/22, WCAT-FM-102.3 tower at 40-17-23/77-08-10.
- 990 KZZB TX Beaumont Granted STA extension, U1 250/250.
- **1050** KTCT CA San Mateo Granted STA extension, U4 50000/35000, Mexico QRM.
- **1070 WFNI IN Indianapolis** Granted STA extension, U1 200/200, whip at 39-46-04.2, 86-09-31.9
- 1080 WQOS FL Coral Gables Granted STA extension, U4 50000/20000, Cuba QRM.
  - **WKJK KY Louisville** Granted STA extension, parameters at variance.
- **1110 WTJZ VA Norfolk** Granted STA extension, D1 100, 15.2m LW at 36-49-15/76-26-35.
- **1130 KSDO CA San Diego** Granted STA extension, U1 2500/2500, drop wire at KLSD-1360 tower at 32-43-51/117-04-59.
- 1180 WFYL PA King of Prussia Granted STA extension, D1 300, whip at 40-09-27/75-24-13.
- **1190** WLIB NY New York Granted STA extension, U5 30000/5000.
- **1200 WGDL PR Lares** Granted STA extension, U1 1000/1000 as in longstanding CP application.
- **1230** WLNR NC Kinston Granted STA extension, U1 15/15.
- **1240 WJLX AL Jasper** Granted STA extension, U1 100/100, 198' LW.
- **1250 KZDC TX San Antonio** Granted STA extension , U3 920/920, night parameters/site 24 hours.
  - **KKDZ WA Seattle** Granted STA extension, U1 5000/1250 from CP site at 47-17-58.7, 122-11-19.1.

- **1280 KXEG AZ Phoenix** Granted STA extension, U1 1000/49.
  - WODT LA New Orleans Granted STA extension, U3 1250/1250.
  - **WNAM WI Neenah-Menasha** Granted STA extension, parameters at variance.
- **1330** WENA PR Yauco Granted STA extension, U1 500/350, 185' LW at 18-01-17/66-51-54.
- **1380 WWRF FL Lake Worth** Granted STA extension, U1 90/90, 3-wire folded unipole at 26-47-59.7, 80-04-31.7.
  - WWNT NC Winston-Salem Granted STA extension, U1 25/25.
  - WLRM TN Millington Granted STA extension, U1 1000/9.
- 1410 KMYC CA Marysville Granted STA extension, U1 1000/250.
- **1420 WOC IA Davenport** Granted STA extension, parameters at variance.
- 1440 WROK IL Rockford Granted STA extension, U1 1250/270.
- **1460 WXRQ TN Mount Pleasant** Granted STA extension, U1 500/120, 48.8m LW at 35-34-20/87-11-20.
- **1480 KNTB WA Lakewood** Granted STA extension, U1 250/65, 26m LW at 47-09-52/122-30-19.
- **1490 KZNB CA Petaluma** Granted STA extension, U1 100/100, 16m LW at 38-19-57.2, 122-35-45.4.
  - WIKE VT Newport Granted STA extension, U1 10/10, temporary transmitter.
- **1510** KCTX TX Childress Granted STA extension, D1 100, 80' LW at 34-26-20.2, 100-13-11.4.
  - **WBSG PR Lajas** Granted STA extension, parameters at variance.
- **1520 WNDO FL Apopka** Granted STA extension, U1 1000/10, WRSO-810 tower at 28-34-11/81-26-01.
- **1660 WGIT PR Canovanas** Granted STA extension, U1 300/300.

Applications to extend previously granted STAs received from KTXV-890 Mabank TX, KLAT-1010 Houston TX, KUFO-1080 Portland OR, KROP-1300 Brawley CA, and WYRD-1330 Greenville SC.

#### Termination of STAs:

- 610 WRUS KY Russellville Back to licensed operations July 3; STA for low power moot.
- 640 KWPN OK Moore Back to licensed operations July 12; STA for low power moot.
- **830 WACC** FL Hialeah Back to licensed operations July 9; STA re: day power/pattern moot.
- 900 WCBX VA Bassett Back to licensed operations July 17; STA for low power moot.
- **1450 KBPS OR Portland** STA for reduced power replaced by STA for incorrect coordinates.

#### **SILENT STATIONS**

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

- **800** WPEL PA Montrose Silent since Dec. 31, 2024; back on the air July 13.
- **870 WQRX AL Valley Head** Silent since July 8, 2024; on the air with D1 100 from LW June 16.
- **880 WAPC** AL Clanton Silent (as WAMI Opp AL) since Aug. 1, 2024; on the air with CP facilities from Clanton July 12.
  - WMDB TN Nashville Silent since Mar. 15; on the air with STA July 16.
- **920 KBRD WA Olympia** Silent since Jan. 24 (as KGTK); back on the air July 1.
- **960 WSVU FL North Palm Beach** Silent since June 7; back on the air July 17.
- **1080** WFTD GA Marietta Silent since Sept. 1, 1024; back on the air July 28.
- **1110 WWMN MI Petoskey** Silent since Dec. 20, 2024; on the air with STA July 14.
- **1220 WENC NC Whiteville** Silent since Dec. 31, 2024; back on the air July 14.
- **1360 KWDJ CA Ridgecrest** Silent since Dec. 30, 2024; back on the air June 2.
- **1390 KBBO WA Yakima** Silent since June 10; on the air with STA July 9.

#### Stations that have notified the FCC that they are silent:

- 790 WLBE FL Leesburg-Eustis Silent June 15, copper thieves stole transmission line.
- 870 WQRX AL Valley Head Silent (again) July 4, plans to sell station.
  - KSLQ NV Whitney Silent June 30 "to check on system operations," whatever that means.
- 970 WDUL WI Superior Silent July 10, transmitter failure.
- **1400 WSIC** NC Statesville Silent July 14, lightning damage.
- 1420 WKCW VA Warrenton Silent July 1, lightning damage.
- **1450 KQTE CA Helendale** Silent July 14, antenna system repairs.
- **1450 KSEL NM Portales** Silent July 2, repeated lightning strikes.
- **1530 WLLQ NC Chapel Hill** Silent July 6, flood damage.

#### COMMERCIAL/NONCOMMERCIAL STATUS

- **1230 WNEB MA Worcester** Applies to change to noncommercial status.
- 1300 WKQK FL Cocoa Beach Granted change to noncommercial status.
- **1490** WRKY PA Lancaster Granted change to noncommercial status.

#### **COORDINATE CORRECTION**

**980 WYFN TN Nashville** – Applies for CP to correct coordinates to 36-12-27.0, 86-40-23.0 day, 36-12-25.0, 86-40-25.0 night.

**1450** KBPS OR Portland – Applies to correct coordinates to 45-31-35.9, 122-39-07.6.

Next issue we'll have our first updates to the 46th Edition of the NRC Log!

## Domestic DX Digest – East

Mike Brooker, 99 Wychrest Avenue, Toronto ON M6G 3X8 (Canada), <u>patria1818@yahoo.com</u> *Loggings of U.S. and Canadian stations by DXers in the Eastern and Atlantic Time Zones*All times are <u>Eastern Local Time</u> (ELT)

#### **REPORTERS**

MF-FL Martin Foltz, Sarasota – Sony ICF-2010

JK-WV Joe Kremer, Fairmont – Kenwood TS-890, 122' Tilted Terminated Folded Dipole (T2FD),

AOR LA-400 loop, West Mountain Radio CLR

JW-PA Jim Weber, Oyster Point – Grundig S350, Sony ICF 6500W

**DY-VA David Yocis, Mount Vernon** – SDRplay RSPdx, Wellbrook ALA-1530 loop

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig YB-400PE, XHDATA D-808 and D-109, Sihuadon R-

108, C Crane Skywave, Tecsun PL-330, Qodosen SR-286, Panasonic RF-2200

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#### **LOGGINGS**

1150 WHBY WI Kimberly – 6/22 0259 – Popping out of the mix: "WHBY" ID into CBS News. (JK-WV)

CKOC ON Hamilton – 6/22 0157 – "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen, "1150 CKOC" ID, Cyndi Lauper's "Time After Time," "Mama Told Me (Not to Come)" by Three Dog Night. (JK-WV)

1190 WPSP FL Royal Palm Beach – 7/6 2159 – Spanish music with frequent "La Primera" slogans mentioning 104.1 FM and occasionally 1190 AM. Mentioned "Mas Exitos." New. (MF-FL)

WLIB NY New York – 6/14 2257 – "WEPN FM-HD1 & WLIB AM... Nueva York" EE and SS ID, Mix of Spanish and English AC music. (JK-WV)

**1230 WBVP PA Beaver Falls** – 6/11 2100 – Townhall News. Promo for Living Well program on Saturday mornings at 8:30. "Beaver County Radio" slogan. (**JK-WV**)

+++ - 7/17 2200 – Heard an ID on the hour for "1230 and 1460 WBVP." (JW-PA)

**1240 WJEJ MD Hagerstown** – 7/2 0001 – NOS music, unreadable jingle, man with "WJEJ Hagerstown, Maryland," fair in mix. New despite relatively nearness. **(DY-VA)** 

**1260 WQOF DC Washington** – 7/15 0503 – Best signal in a mix of stations. Relevant Radio programming included a narrative about St. Bonaventure. **(JW-PA)** 

**1310 WBFD PA Bedford** – 7/1 2100 – Ad mentioning 3140 Valley Road in Fishertown, no admission fee; "News Talk WBFD Bedford 98.7 FM," to Fox news. Good and alone, usual WDCT has been weak lately. **(DY-VA)** 

**1340 WMID** NJ Atlantic City – 7/19 1949 – Nice "WMID" call sign ID and mention of oldies. (JW-PA)

**WENT NY Gloversville** – 7/9 0304 – Very loud call sign ID at this time with stations fading in and out. **(JW-PA)** 

WEPM WV Martinsburg – 6/24 2122 – Generally poor reception of an American Legion baseball broadcast, in // with WCST web audio. Mentions of Berkeley Springs and Martinsburg. (JW-PA)



1380 WBEL IL South Beloit – 7/9 2100 – Out of classic rock, "This is WBEL...the Beat 92.3" ToH ID then lost amid thunderstorm QRN. (MKB-ON)

1390 WFBL NY Syracuse – 7/18 2115 – In for a bit with Burdick Toyota and Kia ads, mention of 315 area code, and "Dinosaur" slogan. (JW-PA)

WNIO OH Youngstown – 7/22 2046 – "1390, The Gambler" slogan in the clear. (JW-PA)

WKLP WV Keyser – 7/22 2140 – Mention of Pirates Radio Network, Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game. (JW-PA)

- **1420** WLIS CT Old Saybrook 7/11 0206 Call sign ID at this time. Several stations competing. (JW-PA)
- **1430 WNSW NJ Newark** 7/11 0553 Relevant radio programming coming in over ethereal music from CHKT. (**JW-PA**)
- **1450 WTBO MD Cumberland** 6/26 2142 "Station for the Baltimore Orioles" slogan at this time, then a call sign ID. Weak signal in mushy surroundings. **(JW-PA)** 
  - WLEC OH Sandusky 6/26 2134 ID at this time. Few distinct stations in graveyard jumble. (JW-PA)
  - **WDAD PA** Indiana 7/2 0000 Man with "AM 14-50 and 100.3 FM WDAD Indiana," good in mix. New. (DY-VA)
- **1570 WXVE PA Latrobe** 6/24 0301 Weak with ID as "KVE" and mention of 103.1. (JW-PA)
- **1590 WPSN PA Honesdale** 7/1 2302 Local news, make a police report to the Bloomington Grove Barracks at 570-226-5718, promo from "Dick Anthony." No calls heard, but the local mentions check out. Mostly under SS music from WCGO. **(DY-VA)**

# Unreported Stations

Outstanding for the summer: no fewer than <u>six</u> stations were reported to DDXD in this issue for the first time since at least Volume 67 (1999-2000): WAPC-880, WPSP-1190, WAML-1340, WGHK-1360, WGAP-1400, and WTAL-1450. This leaves only 147 currently licensed, full-power AM stations in the United States and Canada which have not been reported to DDXD during this time. The most recent full list was included in the last issue. Can you report one more next time?

# Domestic DX Digest – West Bill Hale, 6124 Roaring Springs Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180-5552, w\_r\_hale@sbcglobal.net

Bill Hale, 6124 Roaring Springs Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76180-5552, w\_r\_hale@sbcglobal.net 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)

Please submit all reports in the format seen below. Send either within your email (preferred), or as an attachment in plain text. All times are Eastern Local Time (ELT)!! In some instances, minor editing may occur. Reports older than 30 days may be excluded at the editor's discretion. New members are especially welcome to report!! Remember . . . if you want your email address published, include your "OK" with your report.

Thanks to all who take time to submit their latest loggings to the column. Much appreciated! Remember to give yourself credit (XX-XX) after each logging!

Please observe the following . . .

... upcoming deadlines for DDXD-West: Issue 19: August 22; Issue 20: September 12.

#### --- **REPORTERS** ---

- ➤ EB-AL Eike Bierwirth, Birmingham, Alabama Sony ICF-SW7600GR and Toyota car radio
- ➤ MKB-BC Mike Brooker, (vacationing in) Vancouver, British Columbia CCrane Skywave
- ➤ NB-WI Neil Bartlett Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin Quodosen DX-286
- ➤MJ-QRO Mike Jeziorski Juriquilla, Queretaro, Mexico Receivers: Perseus and Kiwi SDRs; Antenna: W6LVP loop <mjeziorski@gmail.com>
- **TK-FL Terry Krueger Niceville, Florida** Receivers: IC-R75, NRD-535, ICF-7600GR, Tescun PL-360; Antennae: active loop, random fence-stapled wire, miscellaneous junk
- **>JP-AB Jon Pearkins Edmonton, Alberta** Qodosen SR-286 and Sangean PR-D15, both barefoot on batteries with internal ferrite bar antennas
- **>JJR-MI John J Rieger L'Anse, Michigan** Grundig Satellit 750 -Terk AM1000 loop, Grundig S450-DLX stock, 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
- **>JW-CO John Wilkins Wheat Ridge, Colorado** Receiver: Drake R-8; Antenna: 4-foot box loop



#### --- NOTES FROM CANADA ---

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Canada's federal government rescinded its new Digital Services Tax (DST), which many confuse with the Online Streaming Act and the Online News Act. The latter two Acts are still in place and will soon begin funding local radio and television News from moneys paid by Google and most other users of Canadian News sources; Facebook has tried to stop the posting of Canadian News in an attempt to avoid payments.

1040 CKST

**BC** Vancouver – On July 14, the CRTC revoked the station's license effective May 27, at the request of the owner, Bell Media. The station has been off the air since June 15, 2023 but its transmitter site, shared with CFTE-1410, still has all its towers standing.

1410 CFTE

BC Vancouver – On July 14, the CRTC revoked the station's license effective May 27, at the request of the owner, Bell Media. The station has been off the air since June 15, 2023 but its transmitter site, shared with CKST-1040, still has all its towers standing. CFTE traces its history all the way back to 1922 and Sprott-Shaw, the company that built several early Vancouver radio stations. Although best known as CFUN, the generation prior knew it as CKMO. Whether it was CFUN or CKMO, it usually attracted a large teenage audience.

1540 CHIN

ON Toronto – For the second time in its history, CHIN has applied to move to a recently abandoned Toronto area frequency. 900 kHz became available on January 17, 2025 when the CRTC revoked the license of CHML-900 Hamilton, Ontario at the request of owner, Corus Radio. CHIN began as a daytimer in 1966 on 1540 shortly after the frequency was vacated by the late Ted Rogers Jr.'s CHFI, which moved to 680 and is today's CFTR, where 'TR' = Ted Rogers. CHIN moved to Toronto Island in 1985 at the same time as they began broadcasting at night with 30 kW using four towers to create two very tight nulls to protect KXEL-1540 Waterloo, Iowa and ZNS-1-1540 Nassau, Bahamas. The Toronto Island transmitter site was lost to the City of Toronto's planned expansion of its Toronto Island waste and water management infrastructure. CHIN has been operating daytime-only with 16 kW on 1540, sharing



the CHLO-530 transmitter site west of Toronto in the Halton Hills, using a sloper antenna system. If approved, CHIN-900 will transmit from North York, which is now part of Toronto, with 425 Watts days and 300 Watts at night non-directional from a Valcom whip antenna on top of the parking garage adjacent to, and owned by, the Korean Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. CHIN is the only AM of a co-owned four station ethnic network.

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

880 WAPC

AL Clanton – 07/17 1535 – Long awaited, finally on air! Weak to fair on 30′ wire, with frequent IDs between country songs. First all I could hear was "AM 8-80 WAPC . . . Country dot something." Finally a better catch: "Anytime, anywhere, AM 880 Peach Country and peachcountry.live." Now all the pieces click together: The new QTH, Clanton, is not only the heart of Alabama's peach-growing country but also home of WKLF-1000 with "The Peach" oldies. The website is the same as WKLF, listing the different streams. Same owners? Not by name, one LLC, one Mr. Johnson, but same address. Of course, call WAPC must stand for Alabama Peach Country. New, for Alabama #88. (EB-AL)

**1110 WWMN MI Petoskey** – **7/26 0722** – **Was Silent. Now back on!** Poor, with REL // stream. KFAB and WXES were in yesterday. **(JJR-MI)** 

1180 R. Martí FL Marathon – 7/1 0100 – Still active as of this date. Heard with familiar top-of-hour melody. Fair, under XEFR. (MJ-QRO)

1450 WZGX AL Bessemer – 06/15 0659 – Not DX, but interesting. This SS:MEX station switches to EE sister station, 'Big KD,' Sundays at 6 AM local. Same for WALQ-1130. This seems intentional, as all other observations of this alleged glitch also occurred on Sundays. (EB-AL)



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1510 KPLS CO Littleton – Still silent, going on seven months now. Still not on the FCC Silent Station List. (JW-CO)

**1550 KKCL CO Golden – Still inaudible here** in Wheat Ridge, less than 10 miles away. They're audible on the car radio only within about 3 or 4 miles of the supposed transmitter location. Hope it stays this way – 1550 is an interesting frequency here. **(JW-CO)** 

#### --- UNID ---

- 780 unID 7/7 0411 REL program with Adrian Rodgers, clipping WBBM for two-to-three minutes. Nothing jives! WAVA and WWOL are REL, but both are 'daytimers' (no match on WAVA). (JJR-WI)
- **860 unID** − 7/4 0500 Just a whisp of man, with "Broadcasting from the . . . capital of the world, this is BBR." I'm guessing Bloomberg Radio? But I find no BBR affiliate on 860. (TK-FL)
- 1350 unID 7/5 2121 SS Baseball play-by-play. End of game: sponsored by 'Sherwin-Williams' and gone! 'Home Depot' ad at 2150 in EE. "Chicago," "California" mentions. (Sox vs Denver today, though Cubs already played.) Gone at end of broadcast. Nothing makes sense here. Someone hit wrong feed? (JJR-MI)
- 1550 unID 7/11 0331 Bubbled up for just a moment, with "1550, The Word" slogan. Nothing I can find that fits. (TK-FL)

#### --- DX LOGGINGS ---

- 540 KNMX NM Las Vegas 7/14 0624 Sat through three songs to hear "K-New Mexico" in EE. No CBK or WXYG. (JJR-MI)
- 570 KWML NM Las Cruces 7/1 0500 'Electric Avenue,' legal ID, then "Kool 104-5" slogan. Fair, under KLIF. New Mexico #8. (MJ-QRO)
- 580 WXRH TN Rockwood 7/6 0401 Man: "WXRH 93-3, The Ranch" into C&W. Very poor and lost to mostly WDBO. No doubt on night power of 49 Watts. First time log! (TK-FL)
- **630 KTRW WA Opportunity 6/26 0901** "KTW... keeping you inspired for life" slogan (trying to sound like they have a legacy three-letter call) into USA Radio News. **(MKB-BC)**
- **660 WMIC** MI Sandusky 7/14 0622 Michigan Agriculture and other farm news. Alone. CFFR would be nice. (JJR-MI)
- **660 KAPS WA Mount Vernon 6/26 0857** Over CISL-650 slop, with "102.1 FM and 660 AM" mentions and C&W. (MKB-BC)
- **780 WAVA** VA Arlington 7/9 0611 Fighting WBBM for about three minutes, with REL: 'Dr. David Jeremiah' // stream. My GUESS is that this was my 780 unID from 7/7. (JJR-WI)
- 790 WQXI GA Atlanta 06/11 1648 Korean talk, very weak behind semi-local WTSK. New, for Georgia #48. (EB-AL)
- **800 WPCA WI Waupaca 7/24 0637** "Hot Rockin' 100.7 the Foundry" and Rock music. Poor, but basically alone. (**JJR-MI**)
- 800 CJAD QC Montreal 7/14 0619 Traffic and "CJAD 800" into ads. Alone. (JJR-MI)
- 810 KSFO CA San Francisco 7/2 0525-0538 Red Eye Radio (RER) promo with antenna South initially had me confused, having forgotten that KSFO moved to 810. RER networking programming later had my mischievous side claiming that I heard ZNS-3 from The Bahamas as the RER announcer said ". . . here in Nassau," which is the name of the capital of The Bahamas. It is also a village in New York state, though I suspect he said "Nashua," which is a city in New Hampshire. (JP-AB)
- 810 KLVZ CO Brighton 7/11 0611 Alone with promo for a gardening show, "Saturday on Legends 95-3 and 810 AM KLVZ. (JJR-MI)

AM WSON FM 860 WSON 99.5 HENDERSON, KY.

TRI-STATE

- **820 WBKK MN Wilton 7/13 0702** 'The World Over' (EWTN) chatter, talk of Latin Mass. Alone. (JJR-MI)
- **860 WSON KY Henderson 7/4 0508** Bubbling up over mostly dominant CJBC's French, with lady: "Your hometown radio . . . WSON" into Springsteen's 'Born In the USA.' Thought this was a first-time log. Not. Logged in 2019. **(TK-FL)**
- **860 KNUJ** MN New Ulm -7/14 0646 'Redwood County Fair-4H shows' and Polka bands. CJBC in earlier, then gone. (JJR-MI)
- 890 KQLX ND Lisbon 7/13 0659 C&W in WLS null. "Country Gold on AM 890." It's been a while. (JJR-MI)
- 900 KJSK NE Columbus 7/10 0600 Legal ID including mention of "Huskers," followed by CBS News. Alone. (JJR-MI)
- 900 KREH TX Pecan Grove 7/6 0348 Slow Vietnamese torch vocals, Fair-to-Poor on fade ups; parallel delayed station stream. (TK-FL)
- 910 WBZH WI Hayward 7/10 0619 Promo for 'Maggie Daun Show.' Mention of 'CivicMedia' app. No sign of WFDF. (JJR-MI)
- 940 WCND KY Shelbyville 07/05 0327 Mexican music, slogan "La Explosiva." Fair in the peaks. (EB-AL)

- 950 KTNF MN St. Louis Park 7/26 0700 "AM 950 KTNF St. Louis Park, the progressive voice of Minnesota." Poor, but Alone. (JJR-MI)
- 950 WERL WI Eagle River 7/7 0700 'America in the Morning,' a Legal ID, then THN News. Poor, though Clear, as WWJ and WNTD were weak. (JJR-WI)
- 970 KQAQ MN Austin 7/14 2125 EWTN content mentioning 'How to contribute.' Alone. WDAY in later. (JJR-MI)
- 970 WDNT TN Spring City 07/05 0252 Bon Jovi and Don Henley hits, matching webstream. Fair in the peaks, under WGTK talk. New, for Tennessee #59. (EB-AL)
- 980 KKMS MN Richfield 7/10 0556 Mentions of apps: 'DrJamesDobson.org' and '980themission.' Alone, and atop. (JJR-MI)
- 980 WPFP WI Park Falls 7/10 0639 Poor, with songs by Paula Abdul and Bon Jovi, then "on Trail Mix 103.1." Alone and steady. Also heard on 7/26 @ 0658 With 'Trail Mix 103-1' playing J. Geils Band. Very poor, with frequent fades and KKMS-MN in there, too. (JJR-MI)
- 990 WDEO MI Ypsilanti 7/14 2119 EWTN live with show promos. Dropped power at 2120. (JJR-MI)
- **1010 KSIR CO Brush 7/11 0603** Alone, with ABC News, immediately into ESPN. No calls, though only fit. **(JJR-MI)**
- **1010 WHIN TN Gallatin 07/17 0725** Pop song 'So Alive,' ID just as in the Log, "Sumner County's Number One . . . Music Station. . . WHIN." Music news: Beyoncé. Quite strong, with fading. **(EB-AL)**
- **1010 WPCN WI Stevens Point 7/20 0710** Poor though alone, with calls and 'Take a Letter Maria' by RB Greaves (1969). **(JJR-WI)**
- **1020 WPEO** IL **Peoria** 7/6 0743 Very poor, but able to copy, with REL. While "close," not common. Alone. (JJR-WI)
- **AR Little Rock 07/05 0139 –** Music, jingles "-J-B-N," more music, man says ". . . right here on KJBN 1050 AM." Fair, mixing with XEG and WFSC. **New, for Arkansas #10. (EB-AL)**
- **1060 KFIL MN Preston 7/11 0648 –** Polka after Polka after Polka. Only fit is KFIL with Polkas weekday mornings. (JJR-MI)
- **1060 KNLV NE Ord 7/13 0602** 'A Horse With No Name' by AMerica into Legal ID and lost. KYW way in back. (**JJR-MI**)
- **1060 WQMV TN Waverly 07/04 2345 –** Oldies, "We are Rock'n'Roll Memories." Strong . . . certainly not on Four Watts. **(EB-AL)**
- 1070 KNX CA Los Angeles 7/11 0557 Alone, with traffic, an attorney ad: '800-205-1234,' "KNX News 97-1," then lost to KSKK. (JJR-MI)
- **1070 KSKK MN Verndale 7/3 0551** Relevant Radio content, followed by a Legal ID at TOH for KSKK, not mentioning KYES. Poor, but alone. (**JJR-MI**)
- 1090 WCRA IL Effingham 07/04 2329 Talk program with ads for Air Conditioner installations in Effingham. "Cromwell Media in Effingham is looking for a sales employee at effinghamradio.com." ID:

"WCRA 99.5 and 1090 AM." Quite strong; certainly not 11 Watts. New, for Illinois #19. (EB-AL)

**1090 WFCV IN Fort Wayne – 7/27 0740 –** Poor, with 'Dr. Chas. Stanley' over weak KAAY. Program schedule match. (**JJR-WI**)

- AM 1090 / 99.5 FM / 96.3 FM
- **1100 WZFG** MN Dilworth 7/11 0704 Ad or PSA for the 'North Dakota Department of ???,' into FOX News. Alone: WTAM in earlier. (JJR-MI)
- **1100 WSGI TN Springfield 07/04 2318 –** Old-school Country and choir, matching webstream. Fair, with fading. Must be a holiday night special of this daytimer! **(EB-AL)**
- 1110 WTIS FL Tampa 07/04 2304 Spanish love song, ID: "Ciento uno punto uno La Mega." Very strong, mixing with WBT. Forgot to turn off day power? (EB-AL)
- 1140 WVEL IL Pekin 7/6 0643 Poor, with GOS singing, then lost to WVHF. Again, at 0709 // stream. Not heard in years! Rare! Logged again on 7/19 @ 0653 Black GOS music. 'All the Things God Has Given Me' // stream. Rare! as WVHF is the norm. (JJR-WI)
- 1140 KXRB SD Sioux Falls 7/25 0709 Poor, with 'I'm Busted' by John Connley, followed by calls. (JJR-MI)
- **1150 WEAQ WI Chippewa Falls 7/21 0718 –** Poor, but "Eau Claire County" and "The Farm" (branding) cut through! No WHBY. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1150 CKFR BC Kelowna 6/27 0901 Over presumed KKNW with promo for Okanagan's Global News, "...it's 15 degrees in downtown Kelowna" into local news. (MKB-BC)

- 1170 WGMP AL Montgomery 6/30 0125 'I Alone' by Live and other archival Alt Rock songs, "Montgomery's Alt 104-9, The Gump" sweeper by male voice. Still gloriously cheating at 850 vs seven Watts overnights. But hey, at least it remains a refreshing format on the otherwise increasingly dying/useless AM radio band. (TK-FL)
- 1190 WAMT FL Pine Castle-Sky Lake 07/06 2329 Choir, Jesus song, 'Family Radio' ID. // web. Weak under WOWO, et al. New, for Florida #46. (EB-AL)
- **1190 WPSP** FL Royal Palm Beach -7/6 2217 Spanish CHR vocals, very poor with only one mediocre peak. Parallel station stream. "La Primera" slogan. Thanks Martin Foltz, Sarasota tip. Oddly, first time log. (TK-FL)
- 1190 WNWC WI Sun Prairie 7/12 0735 'Faith Radio' and REL teaching. Poor, with some fading. No WOWO. (JJR-MI)
- 1190 CFSL SK Weyburn 7/3 0610 "AM 1190" into ELO's 'Evil Woman,' replacing WOWO. (JJR-MI)
- 1190 CFSL SK Weyburn 7/22 0117-0118 Strong, with ad for a local car dealership and weather in Celsius. (NB-WI)
- **1210 WJNL MI Kingsley 7/4 0641** "Wine Country Radio." Have yet to hear an ad on this station. Poor/Alone. **(JJR-MI)**
- **1210 KMIA WA Auburn-Federal Way 6/26 0901** Woman with legal ID in EE mentioning "102.1 Auburn, 98.5 Seattle" into Spanish. **(MKB-BC)**
- 1220 WSLM IN Salem 06/28 0549 With "Lord's prayer," partial ID: "AM 1340 . . . here on My Country," into Country music. Fair in the peaks, with WAYE off. Heard again 07/11 0703 Ending news, slogan: "My Country 12-20" into Country music. (EB-AL)
- **1220 WDYT NC Kings Mountain 07/11 0712** SS teaser ending ". . . Nueva Vida!," preacher going on about padre. Fair in the peaks, but slightly low modulation level. **(EB-AL)**
- 1220 KDDR ND Oakes 7/11 0646 'Code One' tax help, 'America in the Morning,' then Legal ID at 0702 into FOX News. (JJR-MI)
- **TN** Etowah 07/11 0720 The soup on 1220 was mostly obliterated by an empty carrier so strong I thought local WAYE had come back to life. But no, it is fading, promo for "Gospel Radio Broadcast right here on WCPH 95.5 and 1220," "This is Etowah" (stress on the E), into oldies. That was 1 kW day power coming on air. (EB-AL)
- **VA Big Stone Gap 07/11 0659** All I heard was a surprise ID popping up: "92 . . . The Vault," then back into the mix. Local WAYE still off. The town's name makes total sense when you look at it in Google Earth. **New, for Virginia #7. (EB-AL)**
- **1230 WKWL AL Florala 7/6 1300** Surprised to hear this ID: "Hi, I'm Dave Hope from the band Kansas, and you're listening to WKWL, Florala, Alabama." Hope played from 1970 (original lineup) until their first split in 1983. He lives in Walton County, Florida (the county directly east of me). **(TK-FL)**
- **IN Hammond 7/1 0705** Atop and steady, with ad for 'Hard Rock Northern Indiana Casino,' then "WJOB 104.7." Local talk: "I am the owner of said radio station . . . ." No WCLO. **Also heard on 7/6 @ 0717** Poor, with replay of interviews from Lake County (Indiana) Fairgrounds. Alone. **A Triple Play this Issue: heard once more on 7/16 @ 0712** Local County Fair mentioning ten types of hot dogs available., and ". . . in the seven o'clock hour on WJOB." Over others. (**JJR-WI**)
- 1230 WSOO MI Sault Saint Marie 7/4 0722 Poor, though atop, with weather and mentions of "Lake Michigan" and "Huron." Temperatures given in centigrade and farenheit. Logged again on 7/7 @ 0651 Playing 'Everything is Beautiful' by Ray Stevens (1970), then calls. (JJR-MI)

NEWSTALK

- **1230 WKLK MN Cloquet 7/25 0640** Very Poor, with "AM 1230 WKLK," with many others. Still noted an hour later. NOS. (JJR-MI)
- **1240 WMMB FL Melbourne 6/29 0407** Tuned in to ". . . Boniface Cars, US-1, Melbourne . . ." commercial, and back to C2C AM. Fair-to-Good on frequent peaks. **(TK-FL)**
- **1240 WSFC KY Somerset 06/05 0659** 'iHeart' ad, ID: "Newsradio 1240 WSFC Somerset." Weak with fading. **(EB-AL)**
- 1240 WATT MI Cadillac 7/25 0707 Very Poor, with FOX News and a PSA. NO CALLS, into 'Michigan's Big Show.' Only affiliate on 1240. (JJR-MI)
- **1240 WJON** MN Saint Cloud 7/11 0733 "AM 1340 and 95.3 FM WJO . . ." and lost in fade-up over WJMC. In again on 7/24 @ 0651 ". . . and 95-3FM WJON" in huge GY mess. Poor. (JJR-MI)
- **1240 WOMT WI Manitowoc 7/18 0059-0100** Very good, with ID with FM mention 107.9 and into CBS News. No sign of local regular WHFA. **(NB-WI)**

- **1240 WHFA WI Poynette 7/24 0800** Very poor, with "Relevant Radio" heard, faded, then "HFA" in Legal ID. Will take it! Rare! (**JJR-MI**)
- **1240 WOBT WI Rhinelander 7/3 0700** "Sports Talk for Northern Wisconsin" followed by a Legal ID for the AM and their 101.3 translator. Poor. (**JJR-MI**)
- **1250 WJMK** MI Bridgeport 7/25 0743 Poor, with 'Ruben James' by Kenny Rogersin the "MeTV-FM Music Spotlight." (JJR-MI)
- **1250 KCUE** MN Red Wing 7/12 0702 Fox News, 'Bluff Country' slogan into music. No WSSP, but KBRF was in weak. (JJR-MI)
- **1250 WTMA** SC Charleston 07/18 2257 Interview about boat people, then ID: "WTMA Charleston" into ABC News. Strong with fading. (EB-AL)
- 1260 KMZT CA Beverly Hills 7/8 0753 Armenian flute ensemble music; legal ID at 0800,
- K-Mozart

  AM 1260 | 105.1 FM HD2

  kmozart.com
- naming three stations: KMZT-1260 Beverly Hills, K252FO 98.3 Los Angeles, and KKGO-HD 105.1 Los Angeles; a "K-Mozart" slogan was followed by more Classical music. On top of the channel today and other times this week. Their pattern must be out of whack they should be directional to the southwest into the ocean at this time with 7500 Watts. (JW-CO)
- **1260 WOCO WI Oconto 7/4 0721** Polkas, then "WOCO AM in Oconto. Time is 6:21" followed by a 'Fleet / Farm' ad. With WLAK. Rare! **(JJR-MI)**
- **1270 WMKT MI Charlevoix 7/21 0643** Poor on tuning in Michael Pat'k Shields (Michigan-based talk show.) Alone. (**JJR-WI**)
- **1280 KVXR MN Moorhead 7/24 0759** In alone, with EWTN chatter. Poor, but no WWTC or WNAM. (JJR-MI)
- **1290 KAZA CA Gilroy 7/20 0721** Presumed the one, with quiet music and Vietnamese announcer. Doing fairly well for just 1000 Watts. **(JW-CO)**
- **1290** WCHK GA Canton 06/22 2306 Spanish hiphop and slogan: "Somos contigo, somos La Mega." After more music, "La Mega 96.5 y 105.1 FM," SS pop. Fair, in the peaks, fading. New, for Georgia #51. (EB-AL)
- 1290 KOIL NE Omaha 7/10 0614 Alone with "News Talk 1290, Omaha's Koil Radio." Steady. (JJR-MI)
- 1290 KWFS TX Wichita Falls 6/30 2032 Ad for a local gutter store, then a PSA for 'Wichita Falls Crimefighters.' Good. NEW, for Texas #146! (MJ-QRO)
- **1290 WKLJ WI Sparta -7/12 0730** Tuned in to hear "105-5" mention vs. usual ESPN La Crosse. Sports scores. Alone. (JJR-MI)
- 1300 WLXG KY Lexington 7/27 0705 ESPN chatter in steady. Only fit here. Poor, no usual WOOD. (JJR-WI)
- **1310** WTLC IN Indianapolis 7/1 0641 Phone number '317-900-XXXX' in an ad, followed by "Indy's Praise 1310 and FM 95.1." Legal ID at TOH. No WIBA. (JJR-WI)
- **1310 KGLB MN Glencoe 7/25 0740** Older C&W and calls. Poor, trading up/down with KNOX and no WIBA. (**JJR-MI**)
- **MI** Marquette 6/30 0702 Poor, with a Legal ID, then FOX News. OLDies, mixing even with WILS. **Heard later on** 7/6 0637 Poor, with calls after a 70s oldie. WILS not yet powered up. (JJR-WI)



- **MN Grand Rapids 7/14 2135 Calls after songs by Ricky** Nelson and Lovin' Spoonful (50s 60s oldies). (JJR-MI)
- **MO Clayton 7/18 0726 –** Poor, but steady, with 'Bott Radio Network' mention. WILS in earlier, now gone. (JJR-WI)
- **1320 WMSR TN Manchester 06/16 0638** This has become a rare catch since the WENN reactivation, but here it is WENN transmits an empty carrier, so I can hear Bob Seger and local Manchester talk in the background. **(EB-AL)**
- 1320 WFHR WI Wisconsin Rapids 7/26 0635 Poor, with pre-recorded "Civic Media content." WILS and WDMJ weak. (JJR-MI)
- **1340 WJAM** AL Selma 06/12 0800 Rare catch of an ID on this busy channel: "WJAM and . . . Selma . . . Jam 94.7 and AM 13-40." Fair in the rare peaks, but mostly hiding in the soup. **Heard again on 07/11 @ 0637** with an ad for 'George's Body Shop "in Selma Alabama." **(EB-AL)**
- **1340 WWFL FL Clermont 07/16 2247** Spanish ID in the mix: "La Mejor... AM... La Mejor." Weak, but 450 miles is not bad on this channel. **New, for Florida #47. (EB-AL)**
- 1340 WYNF GA Augusta 07/16 2324 ID in the mix, "BIN . . . in the Garden City, the Black Information Network." 'Garden City' is a nickname of Augusta. Weak. (EB-AL)
- **1340 WOKS GA Columbus 06/22 2100 –** ID: "WOKS Columbus, the Voice of the Community. 94.1 WOKS." Soul music fading back into the soup. **New, for Georgia #50. (EB-AL)**

- **1340 WSOY** IL Decatur 7/8 0705 "WSOY 1340 AM and 103.3 FM" said twice in a newscast. Local WJOI running an Open Carrier! (JJR-WI)
- **1340 WAGN MI Menominee** 7/8 0707 With ". . . . and Classic Hits 103.7" (WHYB in AM drive). Very poor, but WJOI was running Open Carrier. (JJR-WI)
- **1340 KROC MN Rochester** 7/8 0630 Clear calls: "KROC 1340 AM and 96.1," then Minnesota farm and local news. Then "KROC-AM" while WJOI was running Open Carrier. (IIR-WI)
- **1340 WAML** MS Collins 07/16 2343 Black Gospel music, partial ID: "Gospel . . . and 95.1 FM." A weak appearance out of the mix on this fascinating channel. New, for Mississippi #18. (EB-AL)
- **1340 WLDY WI Ladysmith 7/8 0711** Ad for 'landscaping and concrete.' Phone number 715-415-XXXX said twice. Only second time heard while in South Milwaukee! WJOI running Open Carrier. Rare. (**JJR-WI**)
- 1350 WRWH GA Cleveland 06/17 0025 Talk about Mid-East conflict. Local ads: "Healthcare just for Georgians," "Shady Creek Plaza" (which googles to Cleveland, GA), then "Weather on North Georgia's 93.9 WRWH."

  Strong on the peaks; on day power. (EB-AL)
- 1350 WKCU MS Corinth 07/16 0602 Strong signal with country music non-stop, I thought this must be a sign of life from nearby WTDR which is still suspiciously quiet for a station that is not "silent." But no, at 0630 finally some spoken content: "WKCU . . . back-to-back on AM 13-50 and FM 92.9," local weather, ad for a church. "92.9 now available . . . forward slash WKCU" (must be their webstream). Strong and steady signal. I wonder why I had never heard them in a year. New, for Mississippi #17. (EB-AL)
- 1360 WLWE AL Roanoke 06/20 0610 Sportstalk about 'dribbling' and 'quarterback,' ads, all matching webstream. Strong peaks. New, Alabama #87. (EB-AL)
- 1360 WGJK GA Rome 06/17 0035 Country music. Partial ID: "99.5 xx-point 7 K-Country." Fair, with fading. On day power. New, for Georgia #49. (EB-AL)
- 1360 WVRQ WI Viroqua 7/16 0645 'Don't Worry Baby' by the Beach Boys, calls, then 'Peppermint Twist' by Joey Dee. In again on 7/21 @ 0710 with 'The Locomotion' by Little Eva into weather tagged "... on WVRQ." Poor, but out of nowhere. (JJR-WI)
- 1360 KRKK WY Rock Springs 7/11 0800 "You're listening to AM 1360 KRKK Rock Springs Green River . . .," also mentioning K278CV 103.5 FM; Eric Carmen's 'Never Gonna Fall in Love Again' followed. Station is a pest, with a fair or better signal most of the time and seldom fading. (JW-CO)
- 1370 WCOA FL Pensacola 06/10 0703 ABC News, 'America in the Morning,' ad for hurricane shutters, piece about "Florida Panhandle Vampire at WCOApensacola.com." Fair, with fading. New, for Florida #44. Heard again on 6/20 @ 0718 Same hurricane shutters ad, and ID: "Broadcasting from Pensacola studios . . . 1370 WCOA." (EB-AL)
- **1370 WLTH IN Gary 7/19 0702 'Could It Be I'm Falling In Love' by the Spinners, followed by Calls, then WSPD would fade in. Poor. (JJR-WI)**
- **1370 WLJW MI Cadillac 7/24 0717** Poor, with REL teaching // stream. No WSPD at all this morning. (**JJR-MI**)
- 1370 KWTL ND Grand Forks 7/3 0656 "Catechism in a year from EWTN." Only fit in these parts. Poor. (JJR-MI)
- **1380 KRCM TX Shenandoah 07/16 0640** Spanish ballads mixing with WAOK talk. Matched Radio Aleluya webstream, so KRCM must have ended their charity operation for defunct KCOH-1230. Strong, with some fading. **(EB-AL)**
- **1380 KRKO WA Everett 6/25 0856** In at a good level with a "KRKO" jingle into 'Ruby Tuesday' by the Stones. (**MKB-BC**)
- 1390 WMER MS Meridian 06/11 0736 Part of ID heard, "You are listening to W...R 93.... FM." Gospel Music matching webstream. Very weak behind WTJF sports. New, Mississippi #16. (EB-AL)
- **TN** Jackson 06/17 0055 Basketball from ESPN Radio. Ad for "Showers made in Tennessee." ID: "This it WTJF AM and WTJF FM Jackson. Sports Radio 94 FM and 1390 AM." Strong in the peaks. Night pattern points towards me so that works out. New, for Tennessee #55. (EB-AL)
- **1400 WKNW MI Sault Saint Marie 7/4 0705** FOX News, then calls into Fox Sports. Poor, with local WCCY phased. With others. **(JJR-MI)**
- **1400 KVSF NM Santa Fe 7/14 0800** Gal with legal ID: "KVSF 1400 Santa Fe and K229DU 93.7 FM ESPN 1400" and into ESPN program "Unsportsmanlike." Fair peaks; signal up and down. **(JW-CO)**

- **1400 WHUB TN Cookeville 06/17 0132 –** Christian Pop, matching webstream, ID: "107-7 Grace FM." Fair in the peaks . . . fading. **New, for Tennessee #58**; A hat trick! **(EB-AL)**
- **1400 WGAP TN Maryville 06/17 0101** Short appearance with ID: "70s and 80s . . . WGAP. . . ville . . . ville . . . 105.9," but mostly hidden in the soup. **New, for Tennessee #56. (EB-AL)**
- **1400 WZNG TN Shelbyville 06/17 0104 –** Slogan: "Real Classic Rock" with songs of Genesis, Journey, Styx;, matches webstream. Strong in the peaks, lots of fading. New, Tennessee #57. **(EB-AL)**
- **1400 WBIZ WI Eau Claire 7/10 0644** "98-7 the Fan" cutting through (semi local) WCCY. Sports talk, chatter. **(JJR-MI)**
- **1410 WNGL AL Mobile 07/19 0711 –** Talk about Russian soldiers, parallel to local EWTN 1480-WMMA. Fair in the peaks, fading. **(EB-AL)**
- **WA Centralia-Chehalis** 6/25 0912 Out of local sports with "KITI" jingle (call letters, not "kitty") "the greatest hits of all time" liner into 'Does Anyone Really Know What Time It Is' by Chicago. (**MKB-BC**)
- **1420 WGXI WI Plymouth 7/24 0705** Poor, in brief fade up over KTOE, with "Cow Country," then 'Piece of My Heart' by Faith Hill. (**JJR-MI**)
- 1430 WOWW TN Germantown 06/17 0140 Choir, ID: "97.7 The Shepherd." Much fading, but strong in the peaks. (EB-AL)
- 1430 WRDN WI Durand 7/6 0711 Poor, though alone, with "Reel Country 1430" between C&W songs. (JJR-WI)
- 1440 KYCR MN Golden Valley 6/30 0633 "6:33 on Wall Street" (Bloomberg) and no usual WROK. Logged once more on 7/21 @ 0654 with ad for 'Twin Cities Rentals' and Salem promos, Sports. Poor . . . no WROK. (JJR-WI)
- **1440 WGVL** SC Greenville 07/19 0722 ID: "Black Information Network, BIN Greenville. Southern Stories Bold Voices." Strong, with fading. (EB-AL)
- 1450 WTAL FL Tallahassee 06/17 0202 ". . . on 95.3 FM"; Gospel Music matching WTAL's webstream. A short, fair, peek out of the soup. New, for Florida #45. (EB-AL)
- 1450 WRLL IL Cicero 7/27 0653 Very poor, though SS cut through. Only possible fit here. (JJR-WI)
- 1450 WHTC MI Holland 7/11 0640 "99-7 WHTC" and "WHTC Morning News" in chatter. (JJR-MI)
- **1450 WNBY** MI Newberry 7/5 2119s "Newberry's Sports Leader 1450 WNBY" into Detroit Tigers game. (JJR-MI)
- **1450 KBMW MN Breckenridge 7/25 0735** "Employee pricing in Fergus Falls & Breckenridge." Poor, with many in! (**JJR-MI**)
- **1450 WELY** MN Ely 7/25 0806 Poor, with "Hometown Radio is 1450 WELY and FM 103.9." (Roundabout' by Yes (long). (JJR-MI)

News-Talk

- **1450 KFIZ WI Fond du Lac 7/3 0605** Poor, with "Saturday Morning at 6 on KFIZ" into weather. (**JJR-MI**)
- 1450 WRCE WI Richland Center 7/24 0647 Poor, on tuning in, heard "on WRCE" into Ag News. With others. Rare. (JJR-MI)
- **1460 WZEP FL Defuniak Springs 07/19 0730** Country music. At **0738**: "From the WZEP 1460 News Room, this is Newswatch." Mixing with religious station(s). **(EB-AL)**
- 1460 WQOP FL Jacksonville 07/19 0736 ID as 'Relevant Radio,' prayer to the Virgin Mary, "Use the Relevant Radio app." WQOP is the only match on 1460. New, for Florida #48. (EB-AL)
- **1460 WKAM IN Goshen 7/14 0635 –** LaRaza and lively SS, in well for over 30 minutes. No KXNO. (JJR-MI)
- 1460 KDMA MN Montevideo 7/13 0643 "Today's Best Country-93-9 KDMA" between songs. KXNO nowhere. (JJR-MI)
- 1460 CJOY ON Guelph 7/14 2204 "1460 CJOY" into 'Sweet Child 'O Mine' from Guns & Roses. In with others. (JJR-MI)
- 1470 KWAY

  IA Waverly 7/4 0650 "K-Way Country" fighting WMBD a bit, but KWAY winning. KMNQ, the norm. Poor. In again on 7/12 @ 0744 with "K-Way Country AM 1470 and the new FM 96.3" (I swear, that's all they ever say!) Logged again on 7/21 @ 0705 'Waverly' mentions, "Weatherology on K-Way Country 1470 96.3 FM." Poor, no usual WMBD. (JJR-WI)
- **1470 WRYU WI West Bend 7/4 0753** Poor, now trading with KWAY. "WRYU" into an Elton John song. **(JJR-MI)**

- **AZ Phoenix** 7/3 0726 'Prayer Line' phone number and other promos with Area Code 602, all in Spanish; noted a couple of "La Hermosa Radio 92.9 FM IDs" with no mention of AM; back to SS Religious music after the hype. Often heard around sunrise with a fair signal not bad for 1000 Watts at this distance. (JW-CO)
- 1480 WDYS IL Somonauk 6/30 0733 "Woody Country 101.5 and AM 1480 WDYS." Poor, fade in/out/in. Speaking of "in," they appeared again on 7/20 @ 0702 Poor "and WAUR Somonauk" upon tuning in. ABC News, then lost to WLMV. Poor . . . again. (JJR-WI)
- **1480 WIOS** MI Tawas City-East Tawas 7/12 0634 Ad for 'Neighborhood Lending,' weather from Carroll Broadcasting into talk. No calls. (JJR-MI)
- 1480 KKCQ MN Fosston 7/24 0055-0104 Mostly strong, with some fading. Lots of network ads, into ABC News, then local weather mentioning calls. Little sign of local pest WLMV. New! (NB-WI)
- **1490 WLCX WI La Crosse 7/16 0659** Very Poor, with an Eagle cawing twice (distinctive), then "Eagle 1490." With many others. (**JJR-WI**)
- **AL** Alabaster 07/19 0751 Mexican songs, ID: "La Jefa noventa ocho y tres" wait, that's the slogan of WAYE-1220! And they are in fact parallel. Did they re-unite? Apparently only for this program "El Amanecer Ranchero." The announcer mentions "tambien el Jefe 97.5 y 1500," so it's an intentional one-off. Heard with own El Jefe programs (not // 1220) later in the week. La Jefa 1220 and El Jefe 1500 have the same owners, 'Rivera Communications .' (EB-AL)
- **1500 WLQV** MI Detroit 7/15 2145 With 'Grace To You' on "Faith Talk 1500 and 101.5." Still in 25 minutes later with KSTP. (JJR-WI)
- 1510 KIRV CA Fresno 7/16 0658 Man announcing "PO Box 6326 Santa Maria" address, followed by somewhat garbled three-station ID for the Radio Vida Abundante group. Fair with fading. Listed as a daytimer but heard often around this time. (JW-CO)
- **1510 KLQR KS Larned 7/18 0820** AC music; call letter IDs. Fair but fadey; covered by KFNN power-up at 0830. Local KPLS is still silent. (**JW-CO**)
- **1520 WWKB** NY Buffalo 7/14 2156 PSAs for 'Western New York . . .' and 'New York Department of ????,' then ad for 'Riverside Auto Sales.' BetQL net. (JJR-MI)
- 1520 WPAY OH Rossford 7/13 0640 'Father Rocky' with mentions of "Relevant Radio." In most of this SRS session. **Heard once again on 7/24 @ 0701** ". . . and 94.1 FM" into Relevant Radio News. Replacing WZBU. Poor. (**JJR-MI**)
- 1520 KOKC OK O klahoma City 6/30 0322-0326 Everything fits for this, despite the fact that I only heard Red Eye Radio (RER) network programming. This is the only station listed on 1520 in either the RER web site or the latest NRC AM Radio Log. And antenna was pointing South with a partial null of KKXA. First time heard since KKXA came on the air, as KKXA is rarely nullable here, i.e. if conditions are bad enough that KKXA is not strong, I cannot hear anything else on 1520. (JP-AB)
- **1530 KFBK CA Sacramento 6/25 0852 –** In like a ton of bricks, with "56 degrees in Sacramento on KFBK News Radio" into 'Bloomberg Business Report.' **(MKB-BC)**
- 1530 WYMM FL Jacksonville 07/21 2300 Caribbean RnB, just a tad weaker than clear channel WCKY, matching WYMM's webstream. ,Thanks to Martin F.'s alert about this daytimer on 'overtime.' New, for Florida #49. (EB-AL)
- KFBK
  SACRAMENTO 1530AM
- **1550 WTHB GA Augusta 7/11 0335 –** Black gospel, "Praise 96.9" slogan. 5000 Watts vs. 11 Watts cheater. **(TK-FL)**
- **1560 KBEW MN Blue Earth 7/25 0748** "KBEW with Ag news and overnight markets. Poor, with KLNG in the back. (**JJR-MI**)
- **1570 WTWB FL Auburndale 7/11 0244 –** Mexi-CHR, "La Raza 92.7" dropped often. Clearly still cheating at 5000 vs. 13 Watts. **Caution**: WVOJ, Fernandina Beach is the same format and slogan save for FM being **92.9**. **(TK-FL)**
- **1570 WSCO WI Appleton 7/4 0734** Poor, with talk of 'Milwaukee Brewers' in chatter. Lost quickly. WLKD fade out. (**JJR-MI**)
- 1580 WIOL GA Columbus 7/11 0234 "All the new hotsm `04.5" into national spots, then to Linkin Park track. Yet another cheater, very good level at 2100 Watts vs. 45 Watts. (TK-FL)
- 1580 WHLY IN South Bend 7/15 2215 Alone, with SS announcements, lively music and "La Raza." No CKDO. (JJR-WI)
- **1580 WWSJ** MI Saint Johns 7/24 0745 Talking of repentance. Legal ID noted at TOH: "Joy 1580-100.3." Poor, but alone. (JJR-MI)

1580 KGAL OR Lebanon – 6/25 0900 – "KGAL Lebanon-Albany . . . " ToH ID into CBS News. (MKB-BC)

1590 WPVL WI Platteville – 7/19 0700 – Poor, with ESPN, the ESPN app, LID lost to WCGO. (JJR-WI)

1600 WHIY AL Huntsville – 06/11 0856 – Ads, Happy Birthday song, gospel music // WEUP-1700, but audio on/off almost every second. ID: "Worship 94.5." Weaker than WEUP and mixing with WAOS La Mejor. What is the point of simulcasting the same program from the same tower with less coverage than WEUP? Old receivers don't cover 1700! Anyway, new for me, for Alabama #86. (EB-AL)

1600 KATZ MO Saint Louis - 7/18 0730 - Poor, but on top, with "Praise" and GOSpel music, then Saint Louis traffic. (JJR-WI)

1650 CINA ON Mississauga - 7/11 0229 - Punching through KCNZ nicely on peaks with nonstop Hindi-tunes. First log in a little while. (TK-FL)

1680 WOKB Winter Garden – 6/29 0415 – Reggae version of 'Auld Lang Syne' for whatever reason, man "Life Changing Radio, 100 point 7 FM and 1680 AM," then into soca-ish vocal. (TK-FL)

1700 KKLF TX Richardson – 6/30 0335-0340 – Tentative as the short male-voiced ID in Spanish at 0339:45 had too much background noise to understand, and everything else was Mexican vocals. All alone, with strongest signal SSE, which would seem to eliminate XEPE. Plus, DX conditions were good for Texas and area, with KOKC-1520, XERF-1570 and KGOW-1560 all noted at the same time. KKLF was heard here a couple of times nearly a decade ago, stuck on day power at night, as I assume was the case now. Lucky catch, as an Aurora hit Edmonton three hours later. But a former Edmonton DXer once told me that conditions were often quite good just before an Aurora hit. (JP-AB)

1700 KKLF TX Richardson – 7/13 0609 – With KBGG Silent, and SS music in, this was the only fit. Steady. (JJR-MI)

1700 KKLF TX Richardson – 07/18 2111 – Mexican music, ID: "canción favorita . . . Jalapeño Radio Network." Quite strong. (EB-AL)

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#### TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

1476 **BENIN** *TWR* Parakou JUL 4 0430 – And still 0452, JBA carrier is the only trace of transatlantic MWDX, surely *TWR* Parakou. Seems a bit late; Mark Pettifor in IN, and Tim Tromp in MI say it signs on at 0313. No, sunrise not until 0535 and varies little during the year at 9+ degrees north. MWlist says morning broadcasts are M-F only, 0320-0430 in Hausa, 0430-0550 in Igbo. Presumably could hear *TWR* interval signal at least around start, change and stop times. This is the only 1476 TA of high power, 150/200 kW except for UAE 200 kW, well into dayside. *TWR* on 1566 which we used to get better in mornings, was evenings only, daytime for us, but has since returned to the air mornings per report in ARC *mv-eko*, repossiblizing North America DX reception. JUL 14 0312-0322 – Since it's Monday already, I strain to detect *TWR* on 1476 and/or 1566, into east/west loop, but nothing as I'm tuned to

USB from 1475 and 1565 – although by 0322 I could almost imagine a JBA carrier on 1476 amid all the splash from both sides and occasional hi notes from U.S. stations. Still nothing at 0354 check. [Hauser-OK]

#### PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 580.06 **ECUADOR** *Unión Radio*, Guayaquil JUL 6 0813 Tentatively the one, fading up with substantial het on 580, slow Spanish vocal then faded too quickly to parallel to station stream. MWoffset list has at 580.0596 kHz. [Krueger-FL]
  - 580 **MEXICO** XELRDA *La Rancherita del Aire*, Coahuila, Coah. JUL 5 0648 Spanish under C2CAM on WIBW Topeka, mentioning Piedras Negras. So it's XELRDA, truly "la estación
    - sin fronteras" in Coahuila next to Texas. This was originally XEMU but with same slogan. These two and Enid are close to colinear, which makes it difficult if not impossible to null one or the other. [Hauser-OK]

GUAYAQUI

- 640 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Guanacaboa JUL 4 1657 Lights on, but nobody's home. Giant open carrier from tune in at my local noon. No audio feeding to the transmitter and it continues through the early afternoon. But audio is finally back at 1940 check! Maybe of no correlation, but this item about protests over ongoing power outages in Guanacaboa posted from the day before my reception: www.cubaheadlines.com/articles/306277. [Krueger-FL]
- 670 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Arroyo Arenas JUL 4 1710 It's been ages since I bothered to check for the net Noticiero Nacional de Radio feed until today. Tune in mid-program just past my local noon, mostly solo man with Cubacentric news. NNdR theme at conclusion 1730, then dumped back to Rebelde with mention of the Habana FM frequency and "onda corta" frequency about 40 seconds past the bottom of the hour. [Krueger-FL]
- MEXICO XEX México, CMDX JUL 13 0345 Songs in English, better on north/south antenna than east/west. Suspected XEX straying from sports in Spanish; or KKDA Dallas, the "Korean" station? At 0351 there is some Spanish sports talk. [Hauser-OK]
- 739.95 **MEXICO** XEQN *R.Fórmula*, Torreon, Coah. JUL 25 0636 Low audible heterodyne against 740.0 KRMG, no doubt the usual XEQN, as in mwofsets on 739.947, ranging to 730.06 and supposedly off after 0600 UTC. It shows KRMG Tulsa on 740.0008 to .0010. On internal random wire around the ceilings after lightning storm. [Hauser-OK]
  - 760 **COLOMBIA** HJAJ, *RCN*, Barranquilla JUL 27 0359 Under WJR, over XEABC; *RCN* sounders. At 0559 heard more *RCN* sounders. [Conti-NH]
  - MEXICO XEABC México, CMDX JUL 13 0340 Mexican music on north/south antenna only, which means it's close to due south as the east/west loop not getting it at all; while WJR interference from the northeast audible on both. No USA Spanish fits. Furthermore there is no het, so not XEDGO unless it's been normalized that leaves most likely XEABC, 10 kW at night. Kept hoping for an ID, but by 0400 hearing WJR only. [Hauser-OK] JUL 27 0400 Under WJR; measured 760.011 kHz as listed, no sign of XERDO offset signal. Also observed unID 769.989 kHz, Brazil or XENY? At 0600 same offsets observed. [Conti-NH]
- 760.13 **MEXICO** XEDGO *La Mejor*, Durango, Dgo. JUL 18 0535 Het against WJR, presumed XEDGO, in mwoffsets at 760.125 kHz. I could believe it's between .120 and .130 kHz. [Hauser-OK]

- MEXICO XEERG Ojo de Agua, NL JUL 13 0338 And later checks past 0400, continuous noise interfering with KQCV, only on the north/south antenna. Suspect XEERG, back to its old tricks I thought had been fixed or nullified since last year. Need to check for it in daytime on remote. Which I do at 1523, Brownsville, Texas the closest: yes, noise peaks atop some unreadable modulation. The only Texas 800 is at other end of state, Dumas; and the other XEs are also really too far for daytime. [Hauser-OK]
- 810 **BAHAMAS** ZNS3 Freeport JUL 27 0358 Under WGY; reading from constitution and instrumental national anthem. [Conti-NH]
- 810.54 unID JUL 10 0606 Still getting that mystery JBA carrier slightly variable, hetting 810.00 WHB. Still not in mwoffsets, where most info concerns splitting hairs/Hz much closer to nominals. [Hauser-OK]
- 1000 **COLOMBIA** HJAQ, RCN, Cartagena JUL 27 0359 Poor; RCN sounders. [Conti-NH]
- 1040 **CUBA** *R.Mayabeque*, Güines JUL 11 0634 Whooper/wobbler audible under WHO. Had not noticed this for quite some time on any frequency, last logged here May 5 at 0141 UTC. [Hauser-OK] JUL 27 0400 Loud wobbling over WCHR. [Conti-NH]
- 1040.055 unID JUN 30 0613 LAH against WHO, even on internal long wire during storm. Someone recently reported an LA on the minus side. [Hauser-OK]
- 1130 **VENEZUELA** YVRL *R.Ideal*, Maiquetía JUL 27 0401 Under WBBR; "Contigo" by Calibre 50, choral national anthem. This has been the most dependable signal from Venezuela, received on almost any given night. [Conti-NH]
- MEXICO XEMR Monterrey, NL JUL 10 0601 Mexican national anthem, choral. Must be XEMR, 20 kW supposedly daytimer; used to have much better signal, 50 kW as still in WRTH. Two other XEs on 1140 believed silent, per IRCA Mexican Log. Actual location is San Nicolás de los Garza, NL. [Hauser-OK]
- 1141 **CUBA** unID JUL 13 0343 The only significant het on a 10/kHz bandscan, better on east/west antenna. [Hauser-OK]
- 1280.165 unID JUL 4 0440 But not at 0453, JBA carrier hetting 1280.0 stations. Later I see a match only 3 Hz away in mwoffsets: 1280.168 *Radio La Palabra*, Osorno, Chile. WRTH shows CD128, 10/1 kW. [Hauser-OK]
- 1670 **MEXICO** XEFCR *Focus Radio*, Reynosa, Tamps. JUL 15 0726 Mexican music and ID as *Focus Radio*, not sure if in English or Spanish. [Hauser-OK]

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- Terry L. Krueger, Boggy FL; IC-R75, NRD-535, ICF-7600GR, ICR-7600D, Tescun PL-360, active loop, random fence-stapled wire, misc. junk.

#### **MEXICO TRAVELLOG**

Monitoring AM stations on the stock radio in a rented Kia sedan while traveling through the states of Chiapas and Tabasco, Mexico, this is a list of the stations heard. It is not DX, but provides some details for DXers. – *Mike Jeziorski* 

- 600 XEOCH K'in Radio, R.Chiapas, Ocosingo, Chis. JUL 13 R.Chiapas programming heard locally.
- 620 XEGMSR Sin Reservas, Villahermosa, Tab. JUL 12 Heard locally with local programming.
- 740 XEKV, W Radio, Villahermosa, Tab. JUL 12 Heard locally with W Radio network programming.
- 760 XERA *Radio Uno, R.Chiapas,* San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chis. JUL 17 *R.Chiapas* programming heard locally.
- 950 XEMAB *Globo FM*, Cd. del Carmen, Camp. JUL 13 Heard well from the road in Tabasco and Chiapas.
- 990 XETG *La Grande*, Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chis. Not heard at all during the week.
- 1030 XEVFS *La Voz de la Frontera Sur*, Las Margaritas, Chis. JUL 14 0000 Sign-off with traditional Mexican anthem (not amateur), mentioning sign-on at 1200.
- 1040 XEPLE *R.Palenque*, *R.Chiapas*, Palenque, Chis. JUL 13 *R.Chiapas* programming heard locally.
- 1070 XEIT *Exa FM* 99.7, Cd. del Carmen, Camp. JUL 13 Heard faintly from the road in Tabasco with a considerably weaker signal than XEMAB.
- 1120 XETQE *La Radio de Tabasco*, Tenosique, Chis. Not heard along the road from a distance of about 25 km.

- 1140 XETEC *R.Tecpatán, R.Chiapas,* Tecpatán, Chis. JUL 12 *R.Chiapas* programming heard along the road from a distance of about 30 km.
- 1210 XECOPA *La Voz de los Vientos*, Las Margaritas, Chis. Not heard due to remote location, but confirmed to be on air by a program host.
- 1230 XETVH *La Radio de Tabasco*, Cunduacan, Chis. Not heard along the road from a distance of about 10 km.
- 1310 XERAM *La Fuente de Poder*, Betania, Chis. JUL 18 Presumed with children's Christian music in Spanish near San Cristobal.
- 1390 XECPCC Comitan, Chis. Not heard from Ocosingo roughly 100 km away; likely not yet on air.

#### **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**AZORES**: Received information from ANACOM that the medium wave broadcasting station located at Monte das Cruzes (828 kHz), on the island of Flores, was not operating due to technical reasons. The situation is being followed up by Rádio e Televisão de Portugal, S.A. (RTP). [Ydun Ritz, mediumwave.info]

**ITALY**: *AM Italia* active on **918 kHz** and with a much stronger signal than 1323 kHz, monitored by the nearby Noale SDR. Per Alfredo Cotroneo at IRRS, "Yes, we are optimizing the infrastructure and running some experiments with different transmitters and antenna configurations on 1323 and 918 kHz." [Hauser-OK]

**PERU**: The Ministry of Transport and Communications has authorized three new medium wave frequencies; two educational and one for commercial use. 600 Carabaya (commercial), 830 Carabaya, and 1230 Madre de Dios. [www.gob.pe/institucion/mtc/colecciones/63742-concurso-publico-01-2025-mtc-28-radiodifusion-dgat]

73 and Good DX!

## Musings of the Members

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#### <u>Paul Thomas, Columbus OH</u> (note received with membership renewal)

This renewal is late. The time just ran past me.

I always enjoy reading the *DX News* as it keeps me posted on how the younger DXers are doing, especially on the MW band. I especially enjoy Tim Hall's Graveyard Channel Reports, Linda Brodsky's Musings column, and the Archives, which deals with my time in the hobby.

My DXing was mostly from 1948 to 1956 or in the "Good Old Days" when there were few all night stations, and they welcomed reports.

Age, hearing, and a lack of space for a decent antenna keeps my old, outdated receivers quiet. '73 to all for a good year. Paul

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Please see my full original, complete, unedited, uncondensed and undeleted MWDX reports for June 28-July 13, 2025. They also are included in my all-band weekly roundups, primarily SW: <a href="https://www.worldofradio.com/Hauserlogs.html">https://www.worldofradio.com/Hauserlogs.html</a>

https://groups.io/g/IRCA/topic/domestic mw lw dx to enid ok/114136409: FMDX linx; 660 KTNN, 730 XEX/KKDA?, 780 WBBM, 800 KQCV/XEERG, 810.54 unID, 900 KHOZ/KSGL, 930 WKY, 1010 KDJW/KXXT, 1040 WHO+, 1040.055 unID, 1130 KWKH/KLEY, 1160 WYLL/KSL, 1230 WBBZ+, 1280 WODT, 1420 KBHS, 1530 WCKY/KXTD?, 1550 KESJ, 1560.05 unID, 1680 VDJR+, 1860 WA0RCR.

https://groups.io/g/IRCA/topic/international mwdx to enid/114136572: 580 XELRDA+, 730 XEX+, 760 XEABC/XEDGO, 800 XEERG+, 810.54 unID, 900 XEW+, 918+ AM Italia, 1040 Cuba+, 1040.055 unID, 1140 XEMR, 1141 Cuba, 1280.165 CD128?, 1323+ AM Italia, 1476 TWR Benin, 1560.05 unID, 1566 TWR Benin.

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https://groups.io/g/IRCA/topic/domestic mw lw dx to enid ok/114340189: 245 FS, 407 HRU, 515 PN, 930 WKY, 960 KGWA, 1030 WBZ/KCTA?, 1230 WBBZ+, 1240.19 KCRT, 1680 VDJR, 1700 KKLF, 1860 WA0RCR; FMDX.

https://groups.io/g/IRCA/topic/international mwdx to enid/114340293: 739.95 XEQN, 760.13 XEDGO, 1323 AM Italia, 1476 & 1566 TWR Benin, 1670 XEFCR.

Until the next, Best of DX and 73 de Glenn.

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I am hard pressed to think of a better example of "going out with a whisper" than the demise on July 14 of Vancouver's beloved 1410, either CFUN or CKMO, depending on what generation of teenagers that we are talking about. CKMO was my mother's favorite station as a teen and CFUN was mine beginning at nine years old. The end came quietly, after CFTE-1410 Vancouver BC had been off the air for more than two years when its license was revoked on July 14, effective May 27, at the request of current owner Bell Media.

Back around 1:20 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 1962, I first tuned into CFUN, and heard Dave McCormick count down the C-FUNtastic Fifty. I could even follow along as the complete list of songs was published in that morning's Vancouver *Province* newspaper. It was not until 1999, that I realized that, with a little poetic license, my first, middle and last names were found in the titles of three different songs, including #2 and #1, in that order. I assumed, wrongly, that CFUN had always been

Vancouver's Rock station, having heard teens in convertibles in my neighborhood in the summers of the mid-1950s, playing rock and roll on their car radios as they sped down our gravel street. In fact, it was CJOR-600 that had the honor of airing Canada's first daily rock and roll program, with the legendary Red Robinson. Red soon took his audience and his music to CKWX-1130 long before moving to CFUN shortly after I started listening, filling the vacancy left by Dave McCormick who moved to Fresno CA to work with Ron Jacobs (KMAK) against Bill Drake (KYNO), sowing the seeds for KHJ-930 Los Angeles to become Much More Music Boss Radio.



A generation earlier, my mother grew up listening to CKMO with my grandmother and my aunt. One fateful day in 1944, New Westminster BC got a new radio station, CKNW, and my grandmother immediately changed the radio dial to hear this new local station, as the family lived on a farm in South Westminster (now part of Surrey) at the time. The new station played Country music and the fight over the radio dial began, as my mother was a big fan of the Big Band music played by CKMO.

CKMO dates back to July 1928 when the station was ordered to change call letters from CKWO, after just changing call letters from CFCQ, call letters which date back at least to early 1923. Things get confusing before that as all three Vancouver newspapers had radio stations of their own in early 1922 that were built by organizations such as Sprott-Shaw Schools of Commerce & Wireless Telegraphy and Radio Specialties Ltd. which also built CFCQ.

Since 2009, CFTE has shared a transmitter site with CKST-1040, which also had its license revoked on July 14, effective May 27. CIMA-1040 Vancouver and CKST-800 Langley merged in 1992, creating CKST-1040 Vancouver. CKST-800 traces its roots back to 1963 when CJJC-850 Langley first signed on with 1000 watts, bringing back Country music to Vancouver after more than a decade since CKNW moved to an Information-heavy Middle of the Road music format. There has always been controversy over the choice of the CJJC call letters, given how they match the owner's initials, forwards and backwards: Joe Chesney.

CJJC had signal problems for decades. On 850, they had to compete with KTAC Tacoma WA with 10KW days and 500 watts at night, 50 KW KOA Denver CO and 10 KW CKRD Red Deer AB. Walking



into a Vancouver home, you could immediately know that you had a Country fan living there because of the RFI hampering CJJC's 1KW signal. It is generally agreed that the move to 800 in the early 1970s was a mistake as KGMI-790 Bellingham WA was so close and CJJC-800 had to fully protect every KGMI listener in Washington State. CJJC's transmitter site was East of Bellingham and so close to the U.S. border that protecting Washington State severely reduced the power going into Vancouver.

So many Vancouver area AM stations are being lost right now. Whether you consider it legendary Top 40 CKLG-730 or former

#1-rated CKNW-980 that was lost when CKNW moved to 730 earlier this year, it is big loss historically either way. Now there is word that Vancouver's first ethnic station, CJVB-1470, is losing \$1 million per year and hoping to go off the air, merging their programming with their FM sister station.

Before all this was the move of the former CJOR-600 to FM, but that is the only real "FM Flip." All the rest are actual losses of radio stations.

#### Martin Foltz, Sarasota FL

Veries: 1270 WBOJ. I'm still waiting on an actual QSL card from WBBR. I did get an email with scans of my card and note that it would get mailed soon. It looks like a nice card too. The only NYC station I haven't been able to verify that I've heard is WFAN. I read Karl Jeter's Musing about the poor returns and I'm in agreement. Since moving to FL in Feb 2022 I've written to 104 stations with only 65 veries. Many of those took a follow up or a second new report. And I send a prepared card and SASE. There have been many positive responses, so some stations enjoy reception reports. A few new stations heard lately even with the daily thunderstorms. Looking forward to fall conditions. Martin

#### Linda Brodsky, Malverne NY

Recently returned from a 12 day trip to Iceland, The trip was fantastic with wonderful weather but MW reception was dead, as could be expected when sunset is after 11 pm and sunrise is at 4 am. I did observe two homes that had HF antennas and was able to talk to the owner of one in the northern city of Akureyri. He explained that he wasn't active at the moment but when he was on the air he operated in CW mostly on 40m and had made many contacts in the US. His English was limited and my Icelandic non-existent so I couldn't get information on MW reception there.

### AM Stations in the Mexican States of Chiapas and Tabasco

Mike Jeziorski

Chiapas is the southernmost state of Mexico, sharing a long border with Guatemala, which it resembles in both terrain and culture. It stands out in Mexico for its jungles and steep mountains, its large indigenous population, and its cultural disconnection from central and northern Mexico. To its north is Tabasco, a smaller state along the Gulf of Mexico with flat plains growing pineapple, bananas, and many other tropical crops. My wife Joanne and I toured the narrow roads of Chiapas and Tabasco for a week in July, and I monitored both the AM and FM dials throughout our journey.

For AM DXers in the US, Canada, and other points north who target Latin American stations, Chiapas and Tabasco are two of the most difficult Mexican states to log. From my home in the central valley northwest of Mexico City, these two were among the last heard in my quest to log all 32, and

the AM band there has changed in recent years.

We rented a car in the Chiapas capital of Tuxtla Gutierrez and drove a rough clockwise circle through the two states, staying in Villahermosa, Palenque, Ocosingo, and San Cristobal de las Casas. In Villahermosa, the capital of Tabasco, locals XEGMSR-620 "Sin Reservas" and XEKV-740 "W Radio" were both heard with clear signals. However, neither XETQE-1120 in Tenosique nor XETVH-1230 in Cunduacan were heard from the road despite driving within 25 miles or so of those two towns. Both stations have been part of "La Radio de Tabasco," the network run by the state of Tabasco, and both have been previously logged at my home in Juriquilla, although not since early 2023. Based on the lack of any signal



Offices of XEOCH-600 in Ocosingo, Chiapas

I regard both stations as inactive, at least temporarily.

Chiapas also has a state network of non-commercial stations, Radio Chiapas, with four listed AM affiliates well streamed several **FMs** that he as http://radiotvycine.chiapas.gob.mx/canalaudio.html. In western Chiapas we heard faintly but unmistakably the signal of XETEC-1140 "Radio Tecpatan" in the city of that name. After crossing back from Tabasco into eastern Chiapas we drove to Palenque and listened to XEPLE-1040 "Radio Palenque," another of the Radio Chiapas outlets. Because this is a state network, not the federally supported group of indigenous stations overseen by the National Institute for Indigenous Peoples (INPI) that I wrote about in DX News in January, the top-of-hour announcement credits the "Sistema Chiapaneco de Radio, Television y Cinematografia" (SCRTC), with "cinematography" having been added recently.

However, AM DXers trying for the difficult state of Chiapas will want to listen for another clear sound roughly 10-20 seconds before the top and bottom of the hour on all Radio Chiapas outlets. It is a trill played on a simple clay flute, starting low and then oscillating at a higher pitch. Now that I

know to listen for it when DXing from Juriquilla, it is as reliable an identifier to me as the code pips of Radio Reloj.

We continued south to Ocosingo and picked up a third Radio Chiapas AM affiliate, XEOCH-600 "K'in Radio," which like the other stations gave important local announcements. Before leaving the



From left, XEOCH station manager Ana Orquidea, two staffers, and Mike

city, on a whim I suggested to Joanne that we visit the station and she patiently agreed. I found the studio on a busy street in the heart of the city and met the station manager, Ana Orquidea, who listened to me describe my interest in radio, particularly stations that serve their local communities. She stopped me and grabbed her phone, then asked me to repeat all I had said in my imperfect Spanish. I rambled a bit about how hobbyists like myself had been drawn in years ago by how broadcast stations with communicated listeners immediate information and how XEOCH sounded to me like one of those few remaining voices, and she thanked me enthusiastically.

Ana showed me and Joanne an empty room from which all the broadcast

equipment had been stolen. During my FM scans I had noticed a great many more signals than are documented on official lists and commented to Ana that I thought some were pirates. She said, "So many pirates!" She explained that the SCRTC supported the station, but when I asked if it was

sufficient, she waved again at the empty studio.

Then Ana told us that, a couple of years after it came on the air, K'in Radio had been overtaken in 1994 by Zapatista Army for National Liberation (EZLN) revolutionaries that had risen up in Chiapas that year against the national policies toward poor and indigenous populations. The masked intruders arrived with guns, then asked the terrified man on duty to operate the equipment while they broadcast their messages. It was a surreal feeling to stand in a studio that had once been instrumental in political upheaval.

The highland town of San Cristobal de las Casas, which made headlines in 1994 as the center of the EZLN movement, was our next stop. It is now a charming place with many tourists, but also a city in which the indigenous Tzotzil and Tseltal languages are commonly heard in the marketplace. Near the market we happened upon an open door for the State Center for Indigenous Languages, Arts, and Literature (CELALI) and wandered inside. When I explained my interest in radio I was directed to a woman introduced to us as Maria Gomez, who it turned out hosts a Tseltal program on local XERA-760 "Radio Uno," the fourth and last Radio Chiapas AM affiliate. Maria was happy to learn of our interest in noncommercial radio in Chiapas and generously sent me more information about her on-air work. Maria selved another mystery about AMs in Chiapas She broadess.



Maria Gomez, host of indigenous Tseltal programs on XERA-760 and XECOPA-1210, and Joanne

solved another mystery about AMs in Chiapas. She broadcasts in Tseltal not only on XERA, but also on XECOPA-1210 "La Voz de los Vientos" in Copainala in the center of the state. This is an INPI station that I have logged only once from Juriquilla several years ago. Its remote location prevented me from hearing it during the road trip and I was in doubt about its continued activity, but Maria assured me it remains active. The other INPI station in Chiapas, XEVFS-1030 "La Voz de la Frontera Sur" in Las Margaritas near the Guatemalan border, was heard faintly from Ocosingo at its local signoff of 1800 (0000 UTC) mentioning sign-on at 0600 (1200 UTC). Thus Chiapas has four active AMs on the Radio Chiapas network and two more active INPI stations, all with some indigenous language content.

I did not hear XETAC-1000 "Radio Cañon," which relays XEABC-760 near Mexico City, but its location in Tapachula was far off our route and I had already logged the station this past February from Juriquilla. I had two more stations to investigate, XERAM-1310 in Betania and XETG-990 in

Tuxtla Gutierrez. Along the road returning to Tuxtla I heard a solid signal on 1310 playing Christian music in Spanish with no ID but little doubt that it was XERAM. In Tuxtla I heard not a whisper on



990. So the final tally for the two states was two commercial AMs active in Tabasco, both in the capital, and six non-commercial stations and presumably two commercial stations active in Chiapas, none in the capital.

At left: Facilities of XERA-760 in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas

#### **FCC Silent Station List**

128 stations as of July 28, 2025:							
540	WGOP-MD	970	WDUL-WI	1330	WHGM-MD		KIKR-TX
560	KZAC-CA	1000	WJNZ-AL		WTRX-MI		KCTI-TX
567	KGUM-Guam	1010	KXPS-CA		KGRG-WA	1460	WQXM-FL
610	KAVL-CA	1050	WAYS-SC	1340	KPGE-AZ	1470	WGNR-IN
620	WZON-ME	1060	KDYL-UT		WKCB-KY	1480	KLMS-NE
630	KICH-Guam	1070	WAPI-AL		KRMD-LA	1490	KOWL-CA
670	WYLS-AL	1110	WOMN-LA		KXEQ-NV		WLAW-MI
690	KEII-ID	1140	KPWB-MO		WIRY-NY		KFCR-SD
	WVCY-WI		WHNQ-VA		WADE-NC		KVWC-TX
700	WQVD-MA	1160	WJLK-NJ		WQSC-SC		WINQ-VT
730	WDOS-NY	1170	WCTF-CT		KAND-TX		WIKE-VT
750	KKNO-LA	1200	KPSF-CA		WMON-WV	1500	WPSO-FL
770	KAAM-TX	1210	KQEQ-CA	1350	KRLC-ID		WQMS-MS
780	WEZR-ME	1230	WSSO-MS		WIOU-IN	1510	KBED-TX
790	WLBE-FL		KLCB-MT	1360	KUIK-OR	1520	KOLM-MN
800	WJAT-GA		KCOH-TX	1370	KSOP-UT		WQCT-OH
830	WKTX-OH		KVOC-WY	1380	WKJV-NC		WINW-OH
850	WAXB-CT	1240	WCEM-MD	1390	WLAN-PA	1530	WLLQ-NC
860	WAEC-GA		KLIK-MO	1400	KRLN-CO		WWDX-TN
	WLBG-SC		WCNC-NC		WIRA-FL		WFIC-VA
870	WQRX-AL		KRAL-WY		WJZN-ME	1540	KREA-HI
	WLVP-ME	1250	WYKM-WV		WTSL-NH	1550	WAZX-GA
	KLSQ-NV	1260	WFTW-FL		WSIC-NC		WCLY-NC
880	WRRZ-NC		KGSF-MO		KEBE-TX		KMRI-UT
900	WMOP-FL		WRIE-PA	1410	WYIS-GA		KKOV-WA
	KCLW-TX	1270	KZTQ-NV	1420	WKCW-VA	1560	WLZR-FL
910	WTMZ-SC		WDLA-NY	1440	WLWI-AL	1570	WWCK-MI
920	WYMB-SC	1280	KSLI-TX		KTUV-AR		KAKK-MN
	KQBU-TX	1290	WOPP-AL		KPUR-TX	1600	WPOM-FL
950	WHVW-NY	1300	WRDZ-IL	1450	KQTE-CA		KTUB-UT
960	WFGL-MA	1310	WOBM-NJ		KSEL-NM	1690	WIGT-VI
	WRNS-NC	1320	WISW-SC		WQNT-SC	1700	KBGG-IA

KVWC-1490 has been on the air for more than a year but is still on the FCC silent list.

Seven stations on the list (KEII-690, WAEC-860, KXPS-1010, KPSF-1200, KRLC-1350, WFIC-1530, and KREA-1540) have been listed as silent for more than a year; if verified, these licenses will be cancelled.

There are also many other stations which have been observed as silent for long periods but have not been notified to the FCC.

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