

DX Corner for July 7^h, 2026 =====W2SRA

Our DX catches from the past week:

July 3rd – Oswego County

20:20 – 910 WAAF Scranton PA with the Dave Ramsey Show, id “WILK NewsRadio” 900 watts day power.

20:45 - 910 WLTP Marietta OH with the Jesse Kelly Show, id “NewsTalk 910 WLTP” , station is in the Parkersburg W.Va. Market. 5Kw day power, signal gone at 9pm.

XHData D-109 barefoot while watching the sunset at Oswego Harbor.

We were able to double the length of our long wire, as one 100’ roll of wire was all we could source in the county. I ordered more from Amazon, and will get it strung up in the next couple of weeks, once we figure out why the gain has dropped off. I suspect a broken center conductor somewhere near the drop lead. This antenna has endured quite a bit of stress from wind as well as snow & ice sliding off the roof since I installed it last fall, so once I get the issue corrected and get it to a longer length, I’ll report on how well it works. I was tempted to purchase a reel of 1300’ of fence wire at Tractor Supply, but the deer flies would probably consume me whole trying to run that out thru the woods behind the house. Maybe later in the year I might try that.

As we suspected, the continuing redirect message on WBT 1110 AM Charlotte advising listeners to tune to WBT-FM was a sign that the station may fact go off the air permanently, is in fact reality. WBT will be shut down and the land the transmitter site sits on will be sold for redevelopment. This is somewhat sad, as the site is home to 3 Blaw-Knox diamond shaped towers, a design used back in the 1930’s. Two of the towers were destroyed when Hurricane Hugo passed thru the area in 1989, and in order to reconstruct the 'A' and 'C' towers, local contractor Klein Iron and Steel used a climber to measure the 'B' tower. Those measurements were used to make new pieces onsite to repair the towers. Sad to see that they’ll eventually be demolished. The old transmitter building still has the 1940’s era spotlight on the roof, added for security as sabotage was feared during World War II. Radio One, the owner of WBT, will also be silencing another heritage AM station in the market, AM 610, a 5000 watt station which once held the call sign WAYS, and most notable for being the big Top 40 station in Charlotte back in the 1960’s and 1970’s, will also be shut down for good once it’s transmitter site real estate is sold off. The station has had a number of call sign and format changes over the last 40 years, and Radio One simply is no longer interested in maintaining the signal.

Roser Communications Network surrendered the licenses for 1570 WVTL and FM translator W284BZ in Amsterdam. The signals were taken off the air on January 1 for financial reasons.

Cranesville Block Company, owner operator of station WKAJ, 1120 AM in St. Johnsville, out in western Montgomery County, has downgraded that facility. WKAJ was originally licensed for 10,000 watts days, 400 watts at night, both directional. Cranesville cut power back to 2700 watts non-directional during the day, retaining the directional 400 watt signal at night.

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Tower Broadcasting in Bath NY, out in Steuben County in the Southern Tier, has taken WABH AM 1380 silent due to financial issues. WABH ran 10,000 watts days, 450 watts at night with a country music format. Their FM translator is now carrying country music station WCJW out of Warsaw, Wyoming County.

One piece of good news from the world of AM radio, station KXSP, 590 in Omaha Nebraska was signed off back in February of this year by owner Summit Media. They in turn sold the station and license to Walnut Media for \$40,000, and Walnut in turn returned the station to the air on Monday July 6th, with it's old ESPN Sports format. Walnut has reportedly also secured the original call sign for the station, WOW, from the FCC. Very rare, as the FCC stopped issuing 3-letter calls some years back, and W call signs are no longer issued west of the Mississippi River. 590 in Omaha runs 5,000 watts non directional day & night, and due to the extraordinary ground conductivity in that part of the country, the signal covers 228 counties in 6 states – coverage no single FM transmitter can duplicate at any power. WOW first signed on the air in 1926, and it's great to see that signal back on the air.

That's all from W2SRA and the DX Corner for this week.

Below are a couple of pictures I shot of WBT's transmitter site in Charlotte back in the Summer of 2009.

