

DX Corner ===== W2SRA

Some DX Catches
Tuesday Aug 18

20:25 – 20:35 – 1410 WLSH Lansford PA with oldies music local ad and sweeper “...right here on FM 105 WMGH.” 5kw daytimer on past local sunset.

20:35 – 1410 WDOV Dover DE local ads and promo “Newsradio 1410 WDOV” down in the mix but was able to pull it out. 5kw directional, mostly all south at night.

20:45 – 6950 USB unid – alt & pop music mix – very wide bandwidth for SSB, great audio, stable S9+20 signal. Nobody home, just music. No ID’s.

Oswego County – Mlite 880 & 175’ long wire

Sunday Aug 23

23:55 – 900 WBRV Boonville NY with Classic Rock “98.3 & 105.9 The Blizzard” with local WABY nulled out. 52 watts at night.

00:15 – 1150 WMRD Middletown CT with oldies music, verified with webstream – 46 watts at night, bullying WWDJ Boston MA and Christian talk as “Relevant Radio” (5kw), and CKOC Hamilton ON lurking underneath it all with their classic hits format (20kw).

00:20 – 1200 WTLA N. Syracuse NY with ESPN sports talk (1kw) dominant over CFGO Ottawa ON “Ottawa’s Sports Leader, TSN 1200” (50kw) with usual WXKS Newton MA nowhere to be found.

00:25 – 1220 WSTL Providence RI, with spanish music “La Mega 94.9”, rarely heard with 166 watts at night, right over WHKW Cleveland OH (50kw).

00:35 – 00:50 – 1410 WLSH Lansford PA with oldies music “AM 1410 WLSH The station you grew up with” - daytimer with 5kw on overnight, mixing with WPOP Hartford CT with Fox Sports radio. 58 watts, and another classic hits station, WHTG Eatontown NJ “100.7 The Breeze” 126 watts.

00:55 – 840 WRYM New Britain CT with 80’s spanish music (125 watts) right up and over WHAS Louisville KY with Bill Cunningham Show.

01:00 – 5955 AM - SuperClan Radio, Putten Holland with contemporary music program. Weak but in there with 1kw. Abruptly gone at 01:10.

01:10 – 6185 AM – “Radio Education” XEPPM with beautiful sounding female singer singing ballads, in spanish. Weak but stable signal with 1kw from Mexico City.

01:23 – 6500.90 USB – NMN Chesapeake VA “US Coast Guard Communications Command” - Atlantic Weather, then Carribean Weather, Tropical forecasts from National Weather Service and National Hurricane Center – automated, S9+10, transmission ended at 01:30.

Saratoga County – Mlite 880 and the YouLoop outdoors.

In other news

The owners of 720 WGN in Chicago are seeking to build an auxiliary transmitter site to use while construction of a large 4 building data center at their historic transmitter site in Elk Grove, which is planned to commence next year. Nexstar Media is looking to build a temporary aux facility at the site of daytimer station WXES 1110, in the Chicago suburb of Addison, running 31kw day & night. The redevelopment of their long time transmitter site, which dates back to 1938, does not include keeping site's transmission tower. Nexstar has said "transmissions can be handled by other means."

More AM station licenses have been surrendered to the FCC in recent weeks, including WJTO 750 Bath ME, 1170 WCTF Vernon CT, 1590 WPWA Chester PA, all of these being former greyline DX targets. But the license surrender that got the most attention around the broadcast industry was 560 in San Francisco, it's last call sign being KZAC. The station was formerly the historic KSFO, which could trace it's roots back to 1925. Station owner Cumulus Media had purchased the station in 2011, then with it's conservative talk radio format, the only such station in the bay area for many years. With Cumulus recently acquiring the 50,000 watt 810 KGO also in San Francisco, the format and call letters of KSFO were moved to the 810 facility, and the 560 frequency fell silent in March 2025. Since Cumulus was unable to sell the station during the year-long silent period, they decided to surrender the license. 560 was a 5000 watt station operating from two towers in the India Basin waterfront area of San Francisco with coverage of a large part of west central California.

This week's strange scanner call:

Thruway Authority Zone 3 – Syracuse. On Tuesday, the dispatcher gets a call from a motorist saying there's a large black duffle bag laying on the shoulder of the highway, westbound, 2 miles before the Seneca Rest Area near Victor NY. Caller stated there was "either an animal or human head sticking out of it". Patrol was unable to locate the bag.

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