

DX Corner ===== W2SRA
September 8, 2026

First some DX Catches:

Sept 7 – 01:35 – 1530 WCTR Chestertown MD daytimer on in the middle of the night, clearly readable thru WCKY Cincinnati OH – classic hits music - sweeper “The Eastern Shores Greatest Hits 100.1 and 106.9 WCTR” Day power listed as 1000 watts, non-directional. New catch.

Sept 7 – 01:50 – 1520 WCHE West Chester PA daytimer on in the middle of the night with oldies music *Mamas & Papas* into *Grand Funk Railroad*, local promo “95.3 and 1520 AM WCHE” into *Stevie Wonder* tune. Mixing under WWKB Buffalo. Listed as 1000 watts directional, 25 miles west of Philadelphia. Not a new catch, but rare.

Sept 7 – 02:00 – 1580 WXGT Columbus OH – music *Dr. John - Right Time Wrong Place* into legal ID “Good Times Great Oldies WXGT Columbus, here’s what’s coming up this hour – then jingle “Oldies 1580” Blowing out CKDO Oshawa Ontario at times. Night power listed at 290 watts, might be on day power at 3200 watts, directional. Normally a greyline catch.

Sept 7 – 02:15 to 02:25 – 1080 WNWI Oak Lawn IL - Gospel, male preaching – verified against webstream weak but audible signal under WTIC Hartford. Night power listed as 2500 watts directional, possibly running 5kw day power non-directional. New Catch. *Hallelujah!*

Sept 7 – 02:35 – 780 WXME Montecello ME – 60’s 70’s oldies music, sweeper “98.3 The Ride” choppy but audible under WBBM Chicago. 60 watts non-directional.

Sept 7 – 02:45 to 02:55 – 820 WBAP Ft. Worth TX – Red Eye Radio political talk heard in pileup with WNYC New York airing BBC programming, along with ethnic indian pop music via CHAM Hamilton Ontario. Weak but copyable “News Talk 820 & 93.3” heard when other two faded down.

Sept 7 – 03:20 to 03:30 – 1620 WNRN Pensacola FL – Lars Larson Show into sweeper “News Radio 92.3, your home for the Seminoles” into Fox News. Very weak and choppy but was able to pull it out, mixing with equally weak KOZN Bellevue NE. 1Kw night power.

All with DeepElec DP-666 and YouLoop mounted outside in Saratoga County.

In other news:

The AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act is getting some attention in the House. U.S. House Majority Leader Steve Scalise has scheduled the bill for a standalone floor vote during the week of Sept. 14th, putting to rest the rumor that the bill would be back-burnered til the next session of congress. The bill mandates that “AM Radio Capabilities” be standard equipment in every new car sold in the United States, or be conspicuously labeled at the point of sale as not having an AM radio receiver. Auto makers have resisted the legislation, as electric vehicles present a significant interference challenge to AM radio receivers, thus those manufacturers desiring to simply drop AM altogether from the vehicles radio.

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We forgot to mention on last week's net the shutdown of another large AM radio facility. This time, it was KXNT 840 in Las Vegas going dark. KXNT ran 50kw days, 25kw nights in a pattern that covered the bulk of Clark and Lincoln Counties in Nevada, as well as a good portion of the Mohave desert in California. KXNT is a relative newcomer to the AM dial, hitting the air in December of 1988, during a period when Clear Channel frequencies used in the eastern half of the country were being made available for directional stations to use out west. KXNT had a deep null to the East, protecting WHAS Louisville KY.

This marks the third AM station that Audacy Inc. has shut down in Las Vegas. The former were 720 KDWN, a 50,000 watt facility, and co-located 1140 KXST running 10kw, both taken dark to sell the land the towers stood on. In the case of 840 KXNT, Audacy lost the lease to the land the transmitter site stood on when the owners sold the property for redevelopment.

Just before Midnight on September 1st, Chief Engineer Tracy Teagarden sent a special message over AM 840. After a recorded message from station management, he sent a picture of the transmitter via Slow Scan TV, followed by a message in CW, then the legal ID aired and the station went silent. I've included photos of those two messages that I was able to decode from a recording of the sign-off, for inclusion in this week's Useful Goodies mailing.

That is all for the DX corner this week, our thanks to Jock for presenting it!
73 W2SRA QRT.

