

October 13 2026

DX Catches : Oswego Co. NY

Oct 6 20:05 - 6950 AM pirate Sons Of Liberty Radio with Paul McCartney & Wings tune, male & female talking – poor copy
Malahit Mlite-880 and 100' long wire

Oct 6 21:35 – 580 WHP Harrisburg PA with local weather into Lars Larsen Show. 5 kw directional away from us. Weak but audible under unid sports talk station.
HoRangDa HRD-330A with 100' long wire.

Oct 7 00:50 – 93.9 CKLL Ottawa ON – Legal ID into country music "Pure Country 94" 141 mile tropo reception, long fades up to full quieting.
HaRongDa HRD -330A with telescopic antenna

DX Catches from Saratoga Co. NY

Oct 11 18:45 – 1250 WARE Ware MA with oldies & standards "Classic Hits 97.7 FM" very good signal, 2.5kw night power but presumed on 5kw day power & pattern after sunset, gone after 7pm.

Oct 11 20:40 – 21:10 – 800 PJB Bonaire - male talking in Spanish, Christian subject matter, some music, "Radio Transmundial" heard. Program verified via webstream. Fair signal with CKLW not heard. After many many years, this is our first confirmed catch of PJB! ~450kw 3469 miles.

Oct 12 23:35 – 1380 WNRI Woonsocket RI – local ads, promo "… on News Talk 1380, WNRI" into recorded talk program. Mixing with Korean language WKDM New York and Classic Hits station WSYB Rutland VT. WNRI runs 18 watts at night.

Oct 13 00:07 – 1270 WLIK Newport TN – automated oldies, promo "Hear your favorite Christian programming on WLIK", jingle "The Smokie's Oldies, WLIK" 500 watts directional toward us, mixing with WDLR Marysville OH and WTSN Dover NH.

Oct 13 01:16 – 1280 WKST New Castle PA – Allman Bros tune into sweeper "Turn up the country! Willie 95.1 and 97.5" 1000 watts directional from far western PA. Faded right up over CFMB Montreal and WADO New York for a few minutes.

All with the Deepelec DP-666 and the YouLoop antenna outdoors.



Graveyard DX refers to stations that operated on frequencies reserved for the old Class IV stations, now Class C, which are 1230, 1240, 1340, 1400, 1450 & 1490khz. All stations on these channels are limited to 1000 watts, most being non-directional. These were known as the 'Graveyard channels'. So for October, we present *Graveyard DX*.

Oct 11 18:10 – 1240 WFUZ Wilkes-Barre PA with classic rock, local ads, "Rock 107", heard thru the open carrier of WPTR Schenectady during a few moments of dead air.

Oct 11 18:25 – 1400 WICK Scranton PA with oldies "The Mothership"

Oct 11 18:30 – 1400 WILI Willimantic CT with automated classic hits music "95.3 Good company WILI"

Oct 11 18:35 – 1450 WWRI West Warwick RI with classic rock "I-105.5"

Oct 11 19:00 – 1400 WVAE Biddeford ME with local Portland area weather, Chicago tune into legal ID "WBAE Portland WVAE Biddeford, a Portland Media Group Station".

Oct 11 19:01 – 1490 WBAE Portland ME with same programming as WVAE entry above. Way down in the mix under WCSS Amsterdam and another talk station.

Oct 11 21:20 – 1230 WCMC Wildwood NJ with "Classic Oldies WMID" jingle into Tommy Roe tune.

Oct 11 21:25 – 1450 WPGG Atlantic City NJ conservative talk programming "WPG Talk Radio"

All with the Deepelec DP-666 and the YouLoop outdoors – Saratoga Co. NY

In other news:

A Notice of Violation was issued to Real Talk Studios' 100.7 W264CU Statesville and 105.9 W290DK Mooresville NC as an FCC enforcement agent observed on July 23 that both translators were operating while parent signal 1400 WSIC Statesville NC was not broadcasting.
Editorial note: I only mention this as there's a handful of stations in Upstate NY that also continue to operate their FM translators while the parent AM station remains off the air for extended periods or time. This includes stations in Saratoga County, Warren County and Oneida County.

More AM station licenses have been surrendered to the FCC in recent weeks. These include some sizable and notable stations from around the country, including 50,000 watt WXJC Birmingham, Alabama (coincidentally owned by the same company that took 1540 AM in Albany off the air), also 10,000 watt WLVP 870 Gorham Maine, in the Portland area. KAVL 610 Lancaster CA which was one

of the larger stations serving the Antelope Valley, northeast of Los Angeles was taken dark in 2025 after a fire and never rebuilt, with iHeart Radio turning in the license in September 2026.
During the same period, some 24 FM licenses were also surrendered to the FCC. It this a genuine decline of radio broadcasting, or are we just seeing a reduction back to a more realistic number of stations in each market. Time will tell.

One station that did initially surrender it's license, but instead asked the FCC to reverse that and simply request a 'Silent' authorization was WMEX in Boston. Local Media Boston, the owners of WMEX, simply put, were underwater on the operating costs of the station which was only billing $3000 a month, while costing $10000 per month to keep it on the air. WMEX was on 1510AM with a day power of 10kw, reducing to just 100 watts at night. WMEX went silent on September 30th of this year.

Another sign of the times. Shortwave station WBCQ in Monticello Maine has announced that it is now on the market. Asking price: $2 million, which includes the transmitters, the large rotating antenna, buildings and 300 acres of land. WBCQ was initially put on the air by pirate radio broadcaster Allan Weiner in 1998, with a brokered programming format. Literally anyone who could pay the fee could buy a block of airtime and get their program on the air at WBCQ. Other shortwave broadcasters in the US have used the same business model including WRMI Miami and WWCR Nashville.

And here could be one big reason why WBCQ's financial future may be bleak. One of the most prolific shortwave radio air-time purchasers has recently advised that they are out of money. The Overcomer Ministry is a conservative Pentecostal organization founded in 1978 by radio evangelist Ralph Gordon "Brother" Stair. "Brother Stair" passed away in 2021, but the ministry continued airing old programs on several shortwave stations and even some commercial stations around the country including WWVA Wheeling W.Va. So the news that one of WBCQ's biggest clients is leaving means that WBCQ's ability to remain financially viable in a world where streaming media is taking over, becomes strained at best. WBCQ runs a full power shortwave station on several frequencies including 7490khz and 5130khz. Will WBCQ be able to find a buyer, or be forced to go dark? Stay tuned.

A quick update on the HanRongDa HRD-330A – after taking it out to a couple of different locations I can confirm the VHF reception is better than I initially reported. I was able to listen to most stronger VHF signals without too much interference. The same can be said for Weather band reception, where out at our Central NY location we were able to pick up four stations without difficulty. Why this receiver has so much trouble at home is still a mystery. The AM broadcast band reception is average for a radio with a small antenna. Daytime performance is unexceptional in rural areas, adequate in urban areas. The radio does like nighttime skywave however. I am enjoying this unit, despite a few things I don't care for, like the selected tuning step only working on the side tuning control, and not the front jog wheel. The weather band radio sounds slightly off frequency, distorting the audio a bit. I did find out that the radio does have a general Weather Alert function, where it will scan all 7 channels looking for the 1050hz tone. I have not been able to test that function. The 29 page operating guide is complete enough, and is helpful for figuring out the less obvious functions. One thing you do have to remember to do is unplug the external ferrite bar AM antenna when not in use, as the external antenna jack is used for all bands. All in all, the HRD-330A is a nice addition to the collection. I will be ordering the remote receiver unit for this radio in the coming weeks.

A side note: a recent windstorm quickly dispatched my 300' long wire at the DX outpost in Oswego County. I am back to using 100' for the time being.
That is all from the DX Corner this week. This is Andy – W2SRA wishing you good DX.