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Fort Myers Radio Stations Before Irma Landfall

SATURDAY SEP 9, 2017 AROUND 11:40AM
(DAY BEFORE LANDFALL)

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| 770 WJBX "News Talk & More" | 97.3 W247CR "Rumbera 97.3" |
| 1200 WJUA "Rumbera 97.3" | 97.7 WTLO "Latino 97.7" |
| 1240 WFSX "Fox Sports" | 98.5 WFFY "Fly 98.5" |
| 1350 WZKO "107.5 Jamz" | 99.3 WWCN "ESPN Radio" |
| 1410 WMYR "Relevant Radio" | 99.7 WOXY-LP "Quixy" |
| | 100.1 WZJZ "Y 100" |
| 88.7 WDLV "K-Love" | 100.5 W263BI "Way FM" |
| 90.1 WGPU NPR | 101.1 WAVV "Wave 101.1" |
| 90.9 WSOR "Moody Radio" | 101.9 WWGR "Gator Country" |
| 91.5 WJYO "Kingdom FM" | 102.9 WJGO "Bob FM" |
| 92.5 WFSX "Fox News" | 103.3 W277AP "Fox News" |
| 92.9 WIKX "Kix Country" | 103.9 WXXB "B 103.9" |
| 93.7 WXNX "93 X" | 104.3 W282BY "News Talk & More" |
| 94.1 W231DC "Fox Sports" | 104.9 WCVU "Sea View 104.9" |
| 94.5 WARO "The Arrow" | 105.5 WBTT "The Beat" |
| 95.3 WOLZ "OLZ" | 106.3 WJPT "Sunny 106.3" |
| 96.1 WRXK "K-Rock" | 106.7 W294AN "Relevant Radio" |
| 96.5 W243BM "Playa 98.1" | 107.1 WCKT "Cat Country" |
| 96.9 WINK "Wink FM" | 107.5 W298CB "107.5 Jamz" |

162.475 WXX83 NOAA Weather Radio
They're now running audio from local NBC affiliate, WBBH. (Where I am.) ABC affiliate WZVN operates from the same building and the two are simulcasting.

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Thanks everyone for your support of the WTFDA!

As you all know, Hurricane Irma hit Florida very hard, especially the Keys and cities on the West Coast. VUD editor Ryan Grabow works at WBBH TV

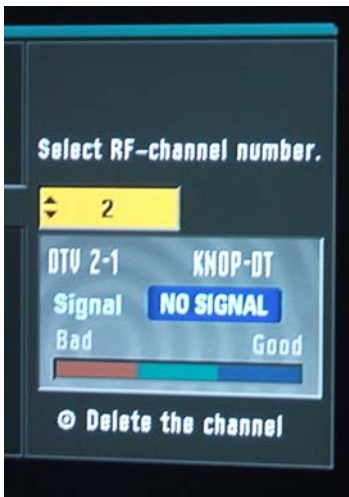
in Ft. Myers and he spent a few days there, stuck in the studio during the worst of the storm. Some of us wondered what he'd find when he finally got to go home and we offered to do the VUD for him if he found he was unable to do it. However Ryan did make it home and after some time the power did come back on and he managed to get the VUD published. So from all of us goes a great big Thank You to Mr. Grabow, who, in my opinion, went way beyond the call of duty in publishing the October VUD!

Chris Dunne reports that 106.1 in Bermuda has shut down. An article in the local media said that the station just couldn't turn a profit due to the large amount of stations already there. And so there's one less DX target in Bermuda for FM DXers to chase. Thankfully, Chris also survived the hurricane.

If you like the addition of the slogan pages again to the VUD please let me know. If enough people want them I'll keep doing them. The info is from the same sources we use for the FM Database. If I hear from no one then the format pages won't be there next month. -Mike

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Location	RF Ch	Callsign	Notes
Alabama			
Birmingham	16	W47EI	From 47, 8.35kw; amendment from 15kw; granted
Hamilton	32	W46DF	From 46, 9.5kw
Homewood	21	WTTO	From 28, 1000kw; modification from 605kw
Opelika	3	WLGA	From 30, 21.4kw; modification from ch. 17
Tuscaloosa	22	WRTD-LD	From 46, 5kw
Arizona			
Flagstaff	33	K33NU	From K42IQ, 100 watts
Tolleson	31	KPPX-TV	Requests height increase to 556m; to remain here rather than go to ch. 14.
Tonopah	25	KJPO-LD	From 49, 15kw
Arkansas			
Bentonville	28	K28NT	From K48MR, 10kw
El Dorado	36	KLMB-CD	From 23; granted
Jonesboro	24	KJNE-LP	From 42
Jonesboro	27	KJNB-LD	From 39
Jonesboro	42	KJNE-LP	Converted to digital, 15kw
Little Rock	21	KKYK-CD	From 16, 3kw; granted, then amended to 15kw; granted
California			
Avalon	22	KAZA-TV	To share on KHTV-CD Los Angeles (Group 27); sold to Weigel (MeTV)
Crescent City	19	K19KR	From K39EO, 3.8kw
Fresno	20	KSEE	From 38, 300kw
Los Angeles	4	KWHY-TV	From 42, 14kw/887m; modification from 3.79kw
Los Angeles	22	KHTV-CD	Sharing host for KAZA-TV Avalon (group 27); power increased to 15kw
Los Angeles	36	KNBC	New backup transmitter on air, 43.5kw/424m
Sacramento	24	KMAX-TV	From 21, 1000kw/613m (modification from 630kw)
Sacramento	34	KEZT-CD	From 23, 15kw
San Bernardino	30	KSGA-LD	Power increased to 15kw

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San Francisco	7	KRON-TV	From 38, 50kw; modification from 47.5kw
San Francisco	28	KCNZ-CD	Call changed from KFTL-CD
San Jose	33	KKPX-TV	From 41
Campeche			
Escárcega	27	XHECA-TDT	Granted power change to 7.04kw/29m, 18-36-37/90-46-14 (correction to the state, I had this in Celaya (which is a city, not a state!) last month. Thanks to Glenn Hauser for the heads-up.)
Escárcega	29	XHPEH-TDT	Granted power change to 7.03kw/29m, 18-36-37/90-46-14 (correction to the state, I had this in Celaya (which is a city, not a state!) last month. Thanks to Glenn Hauser for the heads-up.)
Colorado			
Boulder	32	KTFD-DT	From 15, 1000kw; modification from 395kw
Denver	28	KCEC	From 26, 400kw/236m
Denver	33	KRMA-TV	From 18; granted
Denver	36	KDVR	From 32, 590kw/291m; granted
Denver	36	KTFD-LP	License cancelled
Greeley	17	KPJR-TV	From 38, 633kw; granted
Loveland	30	KAVC-LP	Requests conversion to digital from analog 48, 15kw
Romeo	27	K27MT	Call changed from K47KC
Woodland Park	28	K28GE	Requests conversion to digital, 905 watts
Delaware			
Dover	3	WEVD-LP	Granted conversion from analog 27, 550 watts; converted
District of Columbia			
Washington	15	WDCW	Sharing on WFDC-DT Arlington, Va.
Washington	31	WETA-TV	From 27, 1000kw/257m. See Maryland.
Florida			
Crystal River	33	WGCT-LD	Requests power increase to 15kw; granted
Fort Myers	31	WGCU	Off due to Irma until 9/13
Fort Walton Beach	21	WPAN	From 40, 656kw/402m; modification from 40.4kw/122m on ch. 31
Fort Walton Beach	31	WPAN	From 40, 40.4kw/122m; granted
Jacksonville	20	WCWJ	From 34, 1000kw/304m
Key West	3	WSBS-TV	Off due to Irma until 9/14 (or WSBS-CD 50 Miami? Or both?)
Kissimmee	21	WKME-CD	From 15, 12.3kw; granted
Miami	50	WSBS-CD	Off due to Irma until 9/14? (maybe WSBS-TV Key West instead?)
Naples	41	WZVN-TV	Off due to Irma until 9/11
Orlando	16	WRCF-CD	From 35, 9.5kw, 28-35-11/81-04-58; granted
Tampa	30	WRMD-CD	From 49, 10.4kw; granted
West Gate	16	W16CC	Asks to rescind permit to go to ch. 26 with 10kw; will stay on 16 at 3kw.
Georgia			
Athens	18	WUVG-DT	From 48
Chatsworth	4	WNGH-TV	From 33, 11.4kw/567m
Columbus	5	WJSP-TV	From 23, 21.4kw/432m
Dalton	20	WDNN-CD	Form 49, 3.28kw; granted
Dalton	30	WDGA-CD	From 47, 2.28kw; granted
Monroe	22	WHSG-TV	From 44, 550kw; granted

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Hawaii			
Honolulu	18	KALO	From 38, 62.6kw; granted
Idaho			
Grangeville	35	K35MJ	From K46HX, 9kw
Idaho Falls	36	KIDK	Granted Special Temporary Authority to operate at approximately 105kw (vs. licensed 200kw) due to transmitter failure
Soda Springs	21, 25, 27, 29	K49HU, K47HF, K45GG, K43GP	From 49/ 47/ 45/ 43/ 41/ 39
Soda Springs	32, 34	K32LX, K34NF	From K41GK, K39GZ
Illinois			
Decatur	21	WLCF-LD	From 45; granted Special Temporary Authority for this channel.
Mount Vernon	13	WPXS	From 21, 160kw
Peoria	46	WTVP	Application for new backup transmitter, 165kw/141m; granted
Indiana			
Clarksville	15	WWJS-CD	License cancelled
Gary	18	WHNW-LD	License canceled
Indianapolis	7	WHMB-TV	From 20, 29kw/302m
Jeffersonville	16	WWWJ-CD	Call changed from WJYL-CD
Salem	16	WMYO	From 51, 725kw; modification from 487kw
Kansas			
Garden City	14	KGCE-LD	From 44, 3.5kw
Liberal	18	KSWE-LD	From 39, 1.73kw
Pittsburg	20	KPJO-LP	From 49, 15kw
Russell	33	K33NP	Call changed from K38GH
Kentucky			
Ashland	13	WTSF	From 44, 8kw
Paducah	20	K39CP	Requests conversion from analog 39, 8kw; CL from Poplar Bluff, Mo.
Louisiana			
Monroe	40	K40MB	Requests power increase to 10.9kw; granted & on the air
Maryland			
Annapolis	21	WMPT	From 42, 1000kw/284m; modification from repack-planned 31
Baltimore	22	WMPB	From 29, 90kw/307m; modification from 36.5kw
Frederick	28	WFPT	Requests power increase to 71.3kw/156m, modification from repack-planned move to ch. 21
Salisbury	21	WCPB	From 28, 320kw/154m, modification from repack-planned 21
Towson	23	WMJF-CD	From 39, 15kw
Massachusetts			
Boston	19	WFXZ-CD	To share on WGBH-TV, group 33
Boston	19	WGBH-TV	Sharing host for WFXZ-CD, group 33
Lawrence	10	WMFP	Sharing on WWDP Norwell, group 32
New Bedford	17	WLWC	Sharing on WPXQ-TV Block Island, R.I., group 30
Norwell	10	WWDP	Sharing host for WMFP Lawrence, group 32

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Michigan			
Cadillac	34	WCMV	From 17, 576kw
Jackson	34	WHTV	License canceled
Muskegon	31	WMKG-CD	From 49, 8.5kw; granted
Minnesota			
Minneapolis	45	KSTC-TV	Application for new auxiliary backup transmitter, 1000kw/375m; granted & on the air
St. James	49	K49HE	Power reduced to 800 watts
St. Paul	35	KSTP-TV	Application for new auxiliary backup transmitter, 1000kw/375m; granted
Mississippi			
Cleveland	16	WPYM-LD	From 38, 12kw
Meridian	21	W21DB	Requests power increase to 15kw; granted
Missouri			
Farmington	18	KDKZ-LD	Site changed to 37-47-54/90-33-42
Springfield	29	K41HC	Requests conversion to digital from analog 41, 15kw
St. Louis	14	KNLC	Sold to Weigel (MeTV)
West Plains	36	K36NN	From K38HE
Nevada			
Laughlin	32	KMCC	Requests power change to 4.4kw/557m for Las Vegas transmitter of two-site DTS; granted
Pahrump	46	KPVM-LD	Requests power increase to 10.7kw; granted
New Jersey			
East Orange	4	WPXO-LD	From 34, 300 watts, 40-48-07/74-14-46 on the air
Springville	16	WDUM-LD	From 41, 5kw; granted
New Mexico			
Albuquerque	33	KNMQ-LD	From 43; granted
Albuquerque	38	K38IM	Application to convert to digital on this channel with 13kw dismissed; going for ch. 14 instead.
Hobbs	24	K24MB	From K42FX, 10.4kw
Montoya	28	K28NX	From K39JK, 1kw
Roswell	33	K50IA	From 50
Taos	35	K43IA	From 43, 2kw
New York			
Corning	25	WSKA	From 30; granted
Elmira	23	WETM-TV	From 18, 365kw; modification from 50.6kw
New York	45	WLNY-CD	License canceled
Port Jervis	28	W28ES	Requests power reduction to 480 watts; granted
Rochester	10	WHEC-TV	Application for new backup transmitter, 7.4kw/119m; granted
Rochester	22	WXXI-TV	From 16, 125kw/152m; granted; requests modification to 273kw
Syracuse	36	WSPX-TV	Requests power increase to 953kw
Syracuse	49	WBLZ-LP	Requests conversion to digital, 1.95kw; granted & on the air
Utica	34	WFXV	From 27, 1000kw/244m; modification from 539kw
Willsboro	34	W34EZ	From W46ED, 392 watts

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North Carolina			
Asheville	20	WUNF-TV	Too complicated to put here, see text at end!
Buxton	35	WHOB-LD	From 50, 120 watts
Charlotte	23	WBTV	Granted Special Temporary Authority to operate at 75% power pending transmitter replacement. Parts are not available to repair the existing transmitter.
Goldsboro	8	WNCN	From 17, 11.3kw/608m; granted
Jacksonville	35	WTMQ-LD	From 41, 4.5kw
Pinehurst	34	WYBE-CD	From 44, 90 watts; granted
Reidsville	19	WGSR-LD	Granted Special Temporary Authority to operate on this channel (vs. normal ch. 47) due to T-Mobile interference. Channel 19 is temporary. WGSR will move to channel 25 after WUNC vacates the channel in the repack. WGSR cannot remain on 19 after repack as it would interfere with WSOC.
Reidsville	25	WGSR-LD	From 47
Sanford	36	WBFT-CD	From 46, 24 watts; granted
Sparts	15	W50DV	From 50, 820 watts
North Dakota			
Minot	35	K35MM	From K42IM
Ohio			
Cambridge	6	WOUC-TV	From 35, 1.08kw/338m
Lima	15	WOHL-CD	From 35, 15kw
Loudonville	13	WIVX-LD	From 51, 150 watts; modified to 100 watts
Toledo	36	WMNT-CD	From 48, 12kw; granted
Toledo	38	WVMY-LP	Call changed from W38DH
Oklahoma			
Altus	27,	K48KY,	From 48, 43, 46, and 50
	29,	K43KS,	
	31,	K46JL,	
	36,	K50KE	
Ardmore	34	KCYH-LD	From 41; granted Special Temporary Authority for this channel due to T-Mobile.
Buffalo	28	K28NU	From K48KE, 9.4kw
Duncan	34	K47KI	From 47, 7.8kw
Durant	27	K27MV	From K46AI, 13kw
Elk City	17,	K49KK,	From 49, 43, 47, and 45
	22,	K43KT,	
	26,	K47LR,	
	32,	K45JZ	
Hollis	22,	K47LS,	From 47, 44
	26,	K44IW	
Lawton	16	K49GC	Requests conversion to digital from analog 49, 15kw
Lawton	34	K34NE	From K43LK, 2.5kw
Oklahoma City	21	KUOT-CD	From 19, 11kw; granted
Ponca City	28	K28NV	From K38AK, 13kw
Poteau	19	KSJF-CD	From 50, 15kw; amendment from 936 watts; granted
Sayre	23,	K40JP,	From 40, 42
	24,	K42IB	
Strong City	18,	K39JH,	From 39, 42
	33,	K42AG	
Tulsa	12	KGEB	From 49, 75kw
Weatherford	35	K42IC	From 42

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Oregon			
Baker Valley	22, 24, 27, 30, 36	K40AJ, K42AI, K44AJ, K30OF, K50FD	From 40, 42, 44, K46AM, and 50
Cottage Grove	16, 18, 24, 26, 30, 32, 36	K40IS, K42HK, K44JP, K46IP, K47AV, K48KC, K50CT	Granted Special Temporary Authority to operate on these channels due to T-Mobile interference. Callsigns changed to K16LL (K40IS); K18LR (K42HK); K24LY (K44JP); K26MZ. (K46IP); K30OC (K47AV); K32LW: (K48KC); and K36NL. (K50CT)
Eugene	5	KAMK-LD	From 49, 500 watts; granted; also granted Special Temporary Authority (STA) for this channel due to T-Mobile but STA now moot
Florence	18	K48GC	From 48, 3kw
Gold Hill	15	K46CH	From 46, 1.65kw
Hermiston	19	K19KP	From K48DZ, 15kw
Klamath Falls	26	K26NB	From K41ID, 890 watts
La Grande	21, 25, 28, 30, 32, 34	K39FD, K25OJ, K28NY, K45ME, K47NR, K50CI	From 39, K41MU, K43NR, 45, 47, and 50
Medford	18	KDOV-LD	Call changed from K18GB
Milton	30	K30OA	From K50FX; granted
Pendleton	16	K16LN	From K49MI, 2kw; granted Special Temporary Authority
Rogue River	3	K03BZ	Requests conversion to digital, 25 watts
Roseburg	22	K46KS	From 46, 7kw
Roseburg	36	KTCW	From 45, 10.1kw; granted
Pennsylvania			
Erie	28	WJET-TV	From 24, 1000kw; modification from 571kw; granted
Harrisburg	10	WHTM-TV	Sharing host for WGCB-TV Red Lion, group 31
Harrisburg	36	WITF-TV	Sharing host for WPMT York, group 29
Philadelphia	23	WTSD-CD	License canceled
Pittsburgh	29	WBOA-CD	License canceled
Pittsburgh	30	WPTG-CD	From 49
Red Lion	10	WGCB-TV	Sharing on WHTM-TV Harrisburg, group 31
York	36	WPMT	Sharing on WITF-TV Harrisburg, group 29
Puerto Rico			
Arecibo	14	WMEI	License cancelled
Mayaguez	22	WOST	Off due to Irma until 9/14
Ponce	14	WTIN	From 15, 371kw/848m; granted
Ponce	19	WKPV	License cancelled
Ponce	30	WQQZ-CD	Off due to Irma until 9/14
Quebradillas	26	WWKQ-LD	Off due to Irma until 9/14
San Juan	31	WSJU-TV	Off due to Irma until 9/14
Yauco	41	WIRS	License cancelled
Rhode Island			
Block Island	17	WPXQ-TV	Sharing host for WLWC New Bedford, Mass., group 30
Providence	2	WSBE-TV	From 21, 10kw; modification from 430 watts

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Tennessee			
Cleveland	33	WPDP-CD	From 25, 15kw; modification from ch. 19
Lebanon	25	WJFB	From 44, 681kw
Sneedville	24	WETP-TV	From 41, 1000kw
Texas			
Abilene	30	KTAB-TV	From 24, 1000kw; modification from 650kw
Beaumont	25	KFDM	Off due to Hurricane Harvey; then back at an alternate site.
Belton	17	KNCT	Granted Special Temporary Authority to operate at half power (250kw) due to transmission line failure
Galveston	48	KTMD	Application for new backup transmitter, 676kw/428m; granted
Kerrville	14	KWTC-LD	Requests power increase to 15kw; granted
Mesquite	50	KATA-CD	License canceled
Midland	17	K40FJ	From 40, 14.5kw
Odessa	28	KPBT-TV	From 38, 750kw/2374m. HAAT a typo.
Port Arthur	40	KBTV	Off due to Hurricane Harvey; then back at reduced power.
San Antonio	19	KWEX-DT	From 41, 1000kw/410m
Utah			
Alton	30	K30OE	From K25KN, 32 watts
Alton	32	K21IH	From 21, 44 watts
Alton	33	K33NQ	From K23KR
Alton	36	K36NO	From K38MS, 22 watts
Kanab	33	K33NT	From K40JM
Laketown	8	K08PW	From K46GD, 339 watts
Laketown	10,	K10LM,	Requests power increase to 339 watts; granted
	12	K12MI	
Laketown	35	K45MZ	From 45
Logan	8	KUTA-LD	Requests power increase to 750 watts
Ogden	35	KUCW	From 48, 432kw
Orderville	19	K19KQ	From K43MB
Orderville	20	K20MF	From K45KV
Orderville	22	K22LW	From K49KX
Orderville	24	K24LX	From K47MF
Provo	17	KBYU-TV	From 44, 298kw
Salt Lake City	19	KJZZ-TV	From 46, 312kw; modification from 114kw
Salt Lake City	23	KSL-TV	From 38, 398kw
Salt Lake City	27	KUED	From 42
Salt Lake City	30	KTVX	From 40, 390kw
Vermont			
Burlington	7	WVNY	From 13, 14kw
Burlington	16	WFFF-TV	From 43, 40kw
St. Johnsbury	28	WVTB	From 18, 209kw/589m
U.S. Virgin Islands			
Charlotte Amalie	44	WTJX-TV	Off due to Irma until 9/14
Christiansted	5	W05AW	Off due to Irma until 9/14
Virginia			
Arlington	15	WFDC-DT	Sharing host for WDCW Washington DC, group 28
Ashland	8	WUPV	Requests power increase to 30kw
Harrisonburg	20	WHSV-TV	From 49, 287kw/645m
Roanoke	18	WDBJ	Requests power increase to 1000kw/604m; modification from 990kw & to drop move to ch. 30

Roanoke	32	W32EW	From W44CL
Roanoke	34	WLSL-TV	Requests post-repack power increase to 1000kw
Yorktown	36	WYSJ-CD	From 19, 4.8kw; amendment from 6.65kw

Washington

Methow	36	K44EN	From 44
Moses Lake	34	K34ND	From K39DL, 15kw
Omak	33	K33NM, K35MN	Application for new stations, 100 watts each; DCC for K11DM & K09DG
Richland	29	KRLB-LD	From 49; granted Special Temporary Authority for this channel
Spokane	29	K43GZ	From 43
Spokane	35	KHBA-LD	From 39
Sunnyside	13	KXHG-LD	Call changed from K13WP
Walla Walla	19	K46FL	From 46
Walla Walla	32	KWWO-LD	From 47, 3.5kw
Yakima	22	K22LU	From K51JG, 15kw
Yakima	31	K31MY	Requests conversion from analog K49GF, 13.7kw
Yakima	32	KYPK-LD	Granted Special Temporary Authority to operate on this channel pending FCC action on application for permanent move, due to T-Mobile interference. That action has already happened; approved to move to ch. 32 with 13.7kw.
Yakima	36	KWYT-LP	From 39, 13.7kw

West Virginia

Clarksburg	24	W46EJ	From 46; granted; also granted (now moot) Special Temporary Authority for the same change
Lewisburg	11	WVNS-TV	From 8, 10kw/566m; modification from 4kw

Wisconsin

Kenosha	40	WPXE-TV	New auxiliary backup on the air, 460kw/260m
Madison	11	WISC-TV	From 50, 46.9kw/469m; modification from 10.2kw

Wyoming

Teton Village	16	K16LM	From K41KH, 500 watts; granted Special Temporary Authority for this channel
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WUNF-TV Asheville, North Carolina had a problem. They were repacked from channel 25 to channel 20 – but there was no way to transport channel 20 equipment to their Mt. Pisgah transmitter site. The site can be reached via a 1.6km walking trail, or a funicular railway. The State of North Carolina required the railway be shut down for safety violations, and the site owner (WLOS-TV, which was not repacked) doesn't seem interested in making prompt repairs.

WUNF proposes to abandon the Mt. Pisgah site. They plan to take over WYCW's existing channel 45 site on Pinnacle Mountain near Westbridge. There's a road to this site.) WYCW sold its channel in the auction (it hopes to share with someone else) leaving the site available.

WUNF was a two-site Distributed Transmission System installation. The second site will remain in operation on channel 20 from its location behind the Cherokee, N.C. Police Department. I cannot explain the 332m reduction in antenna height. Either the old or new height figure is wrong.

We have seen a number of sharing agreements filed where a currently full-power station will share on a Class A (low-power) host. The full-power station will lose considerable area coverage. However, in several cases the number of *people* reached will increase substantially. (there are far more people in ten square miles of New York City than in ten square miles of northwestern New Jersey!)

This month we have one that goes the other way around. Full-power WGBH-TV will host Class A WFXZ-CD. WFXZ will receive a large increase in coverage. I might guess (this is just a guess) they will pay WGBH nicely for access to that full-power transmitter. The increase may be short-lived; WGBH volunteered to be repacked to low-VHF channel 5.

FM Facilities Report

This information is reprinted from Doug Smith's FM News Information posted in the WTFDA Forums <http://forums.wtfda.org>. The WTFDA FM Database is also updated with this information.

Abbreviations:

AF- New Station Applied For
 Aux- Auxiliary Backup Transmitter
 CC- Call Change
 CL-City of License
 CX-Canceled

NS-New Station Permit Granted
 NW-New Station on the Air
 PC-Power/Height Change Granted
 PG-Power Change Granted
 QG-Frequency Change Granted

RA>Returns to the Air
 ROA-Request of Applicant
 XG-new site granted
 XC-transmitter site changed
 PR/QR-Power or Freq requested

OCTOBER 2017 (changes during September)

AL Birmingham	94.9	W235BS	PC>99w
AK Anchorage	91.7	K220CA	QC from 91.9, 10w, 61-04-02/149-44-36; CL from Fort Richardson
AK Homer	95.3	K237CL	XC 59-40-14/151-30-38
AK Nenana	95.1	NEW	AF 1w/366m, 64-35-22/149-04-33; amendment to change site
AK Nenana	99.1	NEW	AF 1w/366m, 64-35-22/149-04-33; amendment to change site
AK Sand Point	91.9	KAEB	PR>29m, 55-21-01/160-28-14; amendment from 30m and to change site
AK Togiak	94.3	K220CL	QC from 91.9, 380 watts, 59-03-56/160-25-16; CL from Chignik
AK Wasilla	99.3	K257GG	QG from K256CH-99.1, 115w, 61-35-10/149-29-40; relays KAKL 88.5
AZ Ft. McDowell	96.1	K241BQ	PG>140w
AZ Mt. Lemmon	107.1	K296GT	PG<2w, 32-15-11/110-57-44
AZ Phoenix	106.3	K292GY	NW 99w, 33-23-21/111-59-53; relays KSUN 1400
AZ Spring Valley	102.1	KAHM	PG 25.5kw/852m, 34-14-03/112-22-01; CL from Prescott
BC Powell River	90.1	CJMP-FM	PG>11w/195m, 49-52-45/124-30-54
CA Alameda	96.1	KACR-LP	NW -35m, 37-45-49/122-14-35 (Alameda Community Radio)
CA Albany	100.1	KEBX-LP	PG<27m, 37-58-53/122-06-20
CA Bakersfield	101.9	KYAD-LP	QC from 103.3, 12m, 35-22-39/118-57-13
CA Bakersfield	99.7	K259DA	QG from K300CZ-107.9, 80w, 35-28-21/119-01-40; CL from Lancaster; relays KJPG 1050
CA Carson	101.5	KGFI-LP	PG>-3m, 33-52-55/117-47-20
CA Cathedral City	101.9	K270AI	PG>95w
CA Fresno	93.3	KCFZ-LP	PG 29m, 36-44-47/119-43-40; NW (Creative Fresno)
CA Indio	107.9	K300CW	PC<10w, 33-52-14/116-13-42
CA Lewiston	91.9	K220IR	PR>10w (from 9w)
CA McCloud	91.9	KLDD	PG>1.1kw/455m, 41-13-19/122-18-27
CA Nipomo	105.5	WJGC-LP	NW -17m, 34-53-48/120-26-14 (Santa Maria Valley Media Ministry) (yes, a W call in California)
CA Ojai	101.3	KOVY-LP	NW -53m, 34-25-55/119-13-46 (Ojai Community Radio)
CA Palm Springs	101.5	K268AH	PG>55w, 33-52-04/116-25-59; to relay KLXB 105.1
CA Port Hueneme	99.1	KXFM	PG 3.8kw/493m, 34-30-10/119-50-56; CL from Santa Maria
CA Redlands	107.3	KLLQ-LP	NW -63m, 34-01-47/117-00-45 (The Josiah Ministry)
CA Sacramento	107.9	KDND	CX, renewal dismissed
CA Sacramento	106.1	NEW-lpfm	NW 17m, 38-37-31/121-19-27 (Sacramento Area Peace Action)

CA San Diego	96.1	K241CH	PG>11w, 32-47-45/117-07-56; NW; relays KSDW 88.9
CA San Miguel	106.5	KEGT	NW 6kw/93m, 35-46-19/120-39-45 (Hispanic Target Media)
CA Santa Barbara	96.9	KVSB-LP	NW -148m, 34-25-26/119-40-03 (South Coast Community Media Access Center)
CA Santa Clarita	107.9	KQRU-LP	NW -35m, 34-26-07/118-30-41 (Santa Clarita Organization for Planning the Environment)
CA Stockton	95.5	KLDI-LP	NW 16m, 38-08-15/121-16-28 (Dream Ahead the Empowerment Initiative)
CA Trinidad	107.7	KBAE	QR from 95.5, 3.9kw/258m, 41-05-58/124-07-33; sold to KHSU
CA Wofford Heights	98.1	KTOX-FM	NW 77w/822m, 35-42-21/118-33-31
CA Woodlake	106.3	K237FL	QC from 95.3, 50w, 34-01-10/118-20-47; relays KFOX 1650
CO Aurora	93.9	KETO-LP	NW 30m, 39-43-55/104-51-02 (Ethiopian Community Television)
CO Blanca	100.3	KSBK	QC from 98.3
CO Canyon Valley	100.5	K263AC	PC>250w, 40-27-43/106-50-58
CO Colorado Springs	101.1	K266CK	QG from K296AL-107.1, 99w, 38-53-10/104-53-24; CL from Crested Butte; relays KZNT 1460
CO Creede	105.9	K290AW	CX
CO Placerville	105.3	K287CC	QG from K288BM-105.5, 130w, 38-00-11/108-04-04
CT Naugatuck	92.1	W221CQ	PC>125w, 41-29-45/73-02-35; relays WMRQ-FM
CT New Britain	107.3	W239AG	QC from 95.7, 99w, 41-46-00/72-40-38; CL from Long Lake, N.Y.; relays WRYM 840
DE Milford	101.3	WNCL	PC>6kw/94m, 38-51-22/75-28-59
DE Seaford	93.9	W242AV	QC form 96.3, 250w; relays WSUX 1280
FL Blountstown	98.1	W251BM	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Bloxham	92.3	W222AW	OFF due Irma until 9/11
FL Bradenton	97.1	W246CY	XG 27-42-48/82-38-50
FL Brighton Reservatn.	91.9	WTIR	OFF due Irma until 9/12
FL Cedar Key	103.3	WXCZ	QG from 102.7, 31kw/140m
FL Coconut Creek	104.7	WYUN-LP	XR 26-13-22/80-08-04
FL Crystal River	90.9	WAQV	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Dunnellon	102.3	WXUS	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Florida City	88.5	WMFL	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Fort Lauderdale	107.1	W228DO	QR from 93.5, 99w, 25-58-00/80-12-43
FL Fort McCoy	97.9	WVET-LP	PG>23m
FL Fort Myers	95.3	WOLZ	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Fort Myers Beach	106.7	W294AN	OFF due Irma until 9/12
FL Frostproof	89.3	WFLJ	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Haines City	102.7	W274BB	OFF due Irma until 9/12
FL High Springs	104.9	WYGC	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Jacksonville	88.7	WJFR	OFF due Irma until 9/13
FL Jacksonville	96.1	WEJZ	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Jupiter	106.9	W295BJ	OFF due Irma until 9/13
FL Key Colony Beach	101.7	WKYZ	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Key West	107.9	WMFM	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Key West	96.7	W244CT	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Kissimmee	102.3	WMQV-LP	PC 34m

FL Lake Mary	99.7	WWRG-LP	PG>28m, 28-45-30/81-17-45
FL Lakeland	107.9	W300CL	OFF due Irma until 9/12
FL Lehigh Acres	107.1	WCKT	OFF due Irma until 9/13
FL Marco Island	91.7	WMKO	OFF due Irma until 9/13
FL Melbourne	107.1	WAOA-FM	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Melbourne	97.9	W250BH	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Miami	92.7	WMXR-LP	PG 29m, 25-48-40/80-14-10. Shares time with WIBE-LP North Miami and one other Miami LPFM, 2am-10am every day.
FL Middleburg	99.9	WGNE-FM	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Naples Park	105.5	WBTT	OFF due Irma until 9/13
FL North Miami	92.7	WIBE-LP	PG 29m, 25-48-40/80-14-10; PC. Shares time with WMXR-LP Miami and one other Miami LPFM, 10am-6pm every day.
FL North Palm Beach	95.9	W240CI	OFF due Irma until 9/13
FL Oakland Park	94.5	W233AP	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Ocala	92.9	WMFQ	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Orlando	100.3	WRUM	OFF due Irma until 9/11
FL Pierson	91.7	WDOZ	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Port St. Lucie	101.3	WHLG	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Riviera Beach	94.3	WZZR	OFF due Irma until 9/11
FL Rockledge	102.7	WHKR	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Sanford	93.3	W227CP	OFF due Irma until 9/12
FL Sebastian	95.9	WROK-FM	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Sebring	91.7	WJFH	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Stuart	91.7	WWFR	OFF due Irma until 9/14
FL Tice	102.9	WJGO	OFF due Irma until 9/12
FL Vero Beach	103.7	WQOL	OFF due Irma until 9/11
FL West Palm Beach	107.9	WEAT	OFF due Irma until 9/12
FL Windermere	103.1	WOTW	OFF due Irma until 9/13
FL Winter Haven	107.5	W298BO	OFF due Irma until 9/13
GA Augusta	102.3	WEKL	OFF due Irma until 9/12
GA Claxton	88.9	WLFH	OFF due Irma until 9/14
GA Darien	107.7	WHFX	OFF due Irma until 9/13
GA Midway	98.3	WGCO	OFF due Irma until 9/12
GA Woodstock	100.9	W265AV	PG>105w, 34-04-01/84-27-21
HI Kawaihae	106.9	KWYI	PC>4.5kw/904m, 19-43-28/155-55-10
HI Waikapu	89.7	KIPM	PC 14.5kw/1752m, 20-42-34/156-15-49
HI Wailuku	90.7	KKUA	PC 14.5kw/1752m, 20-42-34/156-15-49
IL Bolingbrook	95.1	W236CG	PC>250w, 41-51-02/87-51-18; relays WLEY-FM 107.9; XR 41-55-36/87-48-24 (Harlem Ave. & Altgeld St., Elmwood Park)
IL Chicago	98.3	W252AW	PR<90w, 41-51-11/87-37-22; CL from Ridgefield (The LEX, Cermak Rd. & Indiana Ave. near McCormick Place)
IL Chicago	104.7	W284DA	PC>99w
IL De Kalb	99.7	W259CS	QG from W286BM-105.1, 250w, 42-02-24/88-40-40; CL from Dixon; relays WLBK 1360
IL Erie	107.7	WQUD	QR from 105.5, 97m, 41-28-47/90-16-08
IL Park Forest	99.1	W256CL	PC<87w, 41-37-15/87-40-55

IL Sterling	105.5	WSSQ	QR from 94.3, 94m, 41-51-08/89-42-35
IL Watseka	96.9	W245CV	NW 250w, 40-47-37/87-45-17; relays WGFA 1360
IN Boonville	99.9	W249BP	QC from 97.7
IN Dayton	91.5	WCNB	PR>2.5kw/43m, 40-16-14/86-37-09
IN Indianapolis	105.1	W285FC	QC from 104.9
IOWA Asbury	98.7	NEW	PG 4.9kw/110m, 42-18-57/90-41-33
IOWA Boone	96.5	K234BB	QC from 94.7, 250w, 41-48-01/93-36-27; CL from Harlan; relays KDLF 1260
KS Hoyt	90.9	K215DM	PG>100w
KS Olathe	96.9	K245CC	XG 38-56-07/94-50-41; XC
KY Brownsville	100.7	WKLX	PR>22kw
LA Ville Platte	92.5	KVPI-FM	PC>25kw/62m
ME Kennebunkport	88.1	WMEK	QR from 88.3, 4.8kw/207m, 43-25-00/70-48-17
ME Pittston Farm	88.1	WHPF	CX ROA
ME Rangeley	90.5	WRGY	PC>90w
MA Dorchester	101.3	pirate	NOUO issued, Blue Hill Ave. Address next door to 105.3 pirate.
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MA East Longmeadow	98.5	W253CD	QG from W286DB-105.1; QG to 95.3 CX ROA
MA Mattapan	104.7	pirate	NOUO issued, Blue Hill Ave. (different address from Dorchester pirates)
MI Mount Forest	91.9	WSMO	PR 4.6kw/114m, 43-41-40/84-05-03
MI South Haven	106.5	W221DL	QC from 92.1, 250w, 40-10-52/88-19-03; relays WKJR 1460
MN Duluth	94.1	K231BI	XG 46-47-20/92-07-04
MO Kansas City	90.5	KLHW-LP	PR>32m, 38-56-38/94-28-09
MO Leadwood	107.1	KLMZ	PC>820w/215m, 37-47-55/90-33-44
MO Neosho	100.1	K264CS	QR from 100.7, 250w
MO St. Joseph	88.9	K205FX	NW 250w, 39-44-04/94-47-23; relays KJCV-FM 89.7
MO Troy	102.9	K275CI	PC>250w, 38-50-06/90-28-06
MO Washington	107.1	K296HA	XG 38-46-12/90-45-42
MT Billings	89.3	KLMT	PC>1.5kw/153m, 45-45-50/108-27-18
MT Evergreen	97.9	K258BW	QR from 99.5, 250w, 48-26-48/114-19-21; CL from Shelby; relays KQDE 1340
NE Hastings	90.3	K212GI	QG from K209EQ-89.7, 250w
NE Omaha	98.1	KIOR-LP	PG<11m, 41-15-57/95-56-02; NW (Independent Omaha Radio Project)
NV Hawthorne	90.1	KQMC	PG400w/963m, 38-27-26/118-45-49
NV Reno	89.5	KNCJ	PC>2.85kw
NV Reno	100.5	KJLR-LP	NW -135m, 39-30-09/119-48-00 (Ministerio Palabra de Vida)
NJ Mt. Bethel	95.9	W240CY	NW 5w, 40-37-17/74-30-15; relays WDVR 89.7
NY Albany	98.7	W287AB	QC from 105.3, 80w, 42-47-09/73-37-43; relays WGDJ 1300
NY Buffalo	88.1	W201BE	PR>50w, 42-55-27/78-46-41
NY Ithaca	93.5	WVBR-FM	PC>3.8kw/73m, 42-25-45/76-27-04
NY New York	99.5	WBAI	PG 10kw/282m, 40-45-22/73-59-12
NY Plattsburgh	91.9	WCEL	PR<300w/227m, 44-46-16/73-36-46
NY Rochester	97.5	W248BH	PC>250w, 43-09-17/77-36-17; CL from Greece; relays WOKR 1590

ND Wiliston	90.1	K211FS	XC 48-09-19/103-30-03; relays KHRI 90.7
OH Beachwood	101.1	W268CV	QC from 101.5, 250w
OH Cleveland	96.9	W245CY	QG from W262CY-100.3, 5w, 41-30-19/81-41-19; CL from Battle Creek, MI.; to relay WHKW 1220
OH Cleveland	102.5	W273DG	QG from W260CY-99.9, 5w, 41-30-19/81-41-19; CL from Angola, Ind.; to relay WHK 1420
OH Columbus	92.9	W225CS	NW 250w, 39-57-40/83-00-03; relays WVKO 1580
OH Solon	106.1	W291BV	PC>40w, 41-26-32/81-29-29; relays WGAR-FM 99.5
OK Mooreland	89.1	K206CI	XC 36-24-08/99-25-47; relays KAWZ 89.9
OK Wister	89.3	K207DS	XG 35-04-11/94-41-14
OK Woodward	88.7	K204EQ	XC 36-24-08/99-25-47; relays KEFX 88.9
ON Dunvegan	92.1	CHOD-FM-1	NS 20.5kw/63m, to relay CHOD-FM Cornwall
OR Astoria	90.5	KGIO	PC>220w/381m, 46-17-12/123-53-46
OR Astoria	90.1	K211ET	PC<13w, 46-17-12/123-53-46; relays new station KGIO 90.5
OR Independence	102.7	KYTE	PG>36.5kw/648m, 44-47-50/123-32-32; CL from Newport
OR Island City	92.9	KHKF	QC from 102.3
OR Portland	89.5	KVBE-LP	PG>132m, 45-27-28/122-52-05; NW (Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon)
OR Portland	96.7	KXMG-LP	PG 131m, 45-27-28/122-52-05; NW (Opal Environmental Justice Oregon)
OR Portland	101.5	KXYQ-LP	PG 114m, 45-26-59/122-52-25; NW (Tool Shed PDX)
OR Salem	91.1	KPWI-LP	NW 198m, 44-59-42/123-09-13 (Oregon Peaceworks)
OR Salem	105.5	KSXM-LP	NW 24m, 44-54-42/123-02-35 (Salem Progressive Film Series)
OR Salem	103.9	K241CR	QC from 96.1, 100w
PA Johnstown	101.3	W267CM	NW 250w, 40-22-16/78-59-05; relays WKGE 850
PA Pittsburgh	92.5	W223CS	QG from W279BK-103.7, 110w-H/73w-V, 40-23-50/79-57-42; CL from Carbondale; relays WPGP 1250
PA Reading	99.3	W257DI	NW 100w, 40-21-08/75-55-28; relays WLEV 100.7
SC Hanahan	101.7	WAVF	NW 12.5kw/134m
SC Moncks Corner	92.5	WCKN	NW 12.5kw/134m
TN Dickson	99.3	W256CG	QR from 99.1
TN Loudon	104.1	WMJA-LP	PG 45m
TX Aransas Pass	88.1	KKWV	SI due to Hurricane Harvey
TX Austin	101.1	K266CI	QG from K254BL-98.7, 99w, 30-19-10/97-48-06; CL from Copperas Cove; relays KTXW 1120
TX Beaumont	89.7	KTXB	SI due to Hurricane Harvey
TX Beaumont	98.1	K251AL	SI due to Hurricane Harvey
TX Borger	94.9	KXTI-LP	CX ROA
TX Clifton	104.1	KWOW	PC>33kw
TX Conroe	95.3	K237FS	SI due to Hurricane Harvey
TX Crowell	98.9	KKKQ	NW 100w/36m, 33-59-02/99-43-21 (North TXs Radio Group)
TX George West	93.5	KGWT	PC 25kw/62m, 28-17-03/98-13-01
TX Grand Prairie	92.9	KGPJ-LP	XR 32-44-45/96-59-02
TX Houston	98.3	K252FR	QG from K227BD-93.3, 29-33-44/95-30-35; CL from Bellaire
TX Houston	94.9	K235CS	QG from K237GS-95.3, 250w, 29-57-06/95-30-08; CL from Pasadena

TX Houston	101.7	K269GS	QG from K268DE-101.5, 100w, 29-46-06/95-01-04; CL form Galveston
TX Ingleside	105.9	K290CK	XG 27-46-10/97-26-55
TX La Porte	103.7	KHJK	SI due to Hurricane Harvey
TX Lufkin	104.7	K284CS	PG<4w, 29-31-15/95-52-02
TX Mauriceville	98.9	K255BB	SI due to Hurricane Harvey
TX McKinney	99.9	K260CX	PR>250w
TX MT Belvieu	97.5	KFNC	SI due to Hurricane Harvey
TX Palestine	98.3	KYYK	PC>12.5kw/194m, 31-55-34/95-38-53
TX Richmond	100.7	K251AM	QC from 98.1, 100w, 29-39-54/95-45-48; CL from Jasper; relays KQUE 980
TX San Antonio	92.5	K226BY	NW 250w, 29-17-24/98-15-20; relays KTMR 1130
TX San Antonio	96.9	KPPC-LP	PC 50m, 29-31-46/98-21-40; PG 55m
TX Seguin	90.3	K265FF	QC from 100.9, 200w, 29-28-09/97-59-53
TX Seguin	95.5	K238BZ	PR<200w, 29-31-46/98-21-41; amendment to add power reduction & change site
TX Victoria	88.5	KAYK	SI due to Hurricane Harvey
TX Victoria	92.7	K224EH	SI due to Hurricane Harvey
UT North Ogden	88.7	KNKL	XG 41-35-31/112-14-54
VT Montpelier	93.3	W227DF	NW 250w, 44-16-49/72-33-30; relays WSKI 1240
VT Woodstock	106.9	W295AL	XG 43-37-53/72-30-49
VA Lakeside	91.7	W219CX	XG 37-30-52/77-30-28
WA Bellingham	94.1	KOYS-LP	NW 3m, 48-45-09/122-28-37 (R. Vida n Life Inc.)
WA Cle Elum	100.3	KXAA	PG>32m, 47-09-37/120-47-34; CL from Rock Island; PC
WA Everett	99.5	K258BJ	QR from 99.5, 90w, 47-55-47/122-14-52 reinstated; QG
WA Pasco	104.5	KTZB-LP	NW -22cm, 46-20-37/119-18-37 (Ministerios Centro Christiano Zion)
WA Rainier	90.5	KACS	PR>2.1kw/203m, 46-48-43/122-24-17 dismissed
WA Seattle	105.7	KVRU-LP	NW -2m, 47-34-16/122-17-13 (Southeast Effective Development)
WA Seattle	103.3	K277AE	XC 47-36-21/122-19-46
WA Yakima	91.5	K218CX	PG>11w (from 10w...)
WI Eagle River	107.1	W296AD	PG>250w, 45-52-35/89-13-29; relays WHJL 88.1
WI Hartford	92.9	W259AO	QC from 99.7, 200w, 43-09-04/88-07-25; relays WTKM 1540
WI Madison	96.7	W236AS	QC from 95.1, 230w, 42-57-47/89-22-47; CL from Park Falls; relays WOZN 1670
WI Mercer	89.5	W207CM	QC from 89.3
WI Wausau	91.5	W218CC	PC<85w, 44-57-12/89-39-37; CL form Merrill; relays WLOG 89.1
WI Wisconsin Rapids	103.3	WGLX-FM	PG>100kw
WY Jackson	94.5	K233CZ	PG>99w

FORMAT CHANGES

Changes to db.wtfda.org in the past month

AL WJHO 89.7 ALEXANDER CITY, changes primary format to Contemporary Christian
AL WKRE 88.1 ARGO, changes primary format to Contemporary Christian
AL WKUA 88.5 MOUNDVILLE, changes primary format to Contemporary Christian
AR KMJI 03.3 ASHDOWN, changes format to Urban AC and slogan to Majic 93.3
AZ K229DB 93.7 PHOENIX changes format to Regional Mexican and slogan to 93.7 El Patron
CA KCSN 88.5 NORTHRIDGE, changes slogan to 88.5 FM
CA KSBP 88.5 MISSION VIEJO, changes primary format to Adult Alternative and slogan to 88.5 FM
CA KFYZ 94.5 ELLWOOD changes format to Spanish Oldies and slogan to La Musical 94.5
CA KSXY 100.9 FORESTVILLE, changes primary format to Modern Rock and slogan to The 101



CA KWTD 91.9 RIDGECREST, changes primary format to Spanish Religious
CA K231CR 94.1 SANTA BARBARA changes format to Rhythmic Oldies and format to Old School 94.1/1490AM (KOSJ 1490)
CA KWTM 90.9 JUNE LAKE, changes primary format to Religious Teaching
CA KWTW 88.5 BISHOP, changes primary format to Spanish Religious
CO KVFR 94.7 BEULAH changes format to Tejano and slogan to La Fiebre 94.7
CO KRKV 107.3 LAS ANIMAS changes slogan to Alleycat Radio 107
CT W272DO 102.3 NEW HAVEN changes format to Alternative and slogan to Mod 102.3 (WPLR-HD2)
CT WBVC 91.1 POMFRET changes slogan to Eclectic Student Radio
FL WPRK 91.5 WINTER PARK changes format to Variety.
GA WWWD 102.1 BOLINGBROKE, changes slogan from K-Love to His Radio
GA WMUV 100.7 BRUNSWICK See WSOS

GA WSOS-FM 94.1 FRUIT COVE changes format to Contemporary Christian and slogan to The Promise 100.7-94.1 See WMUV
IA KRNQ 96.3 KEOKUK, changes primary format to Religious Teaching and slogan to Bott Radio Network
IL WGBK 88.5 GLENVIEW, changes primary format to Adult Alternative
IL WVIK 90.3 ROCK ISLAND, adds slogan Quad Cities NPR
IL WVIV 93.5 LEMONT, changes slogan to Latino Mix 93.5
IL WVIX-FM 103.1 HIGHLAND PARK, changes format to Ethnic
KS KKGQ 92.3 NEWTON, changes primary format to Country and slogan to Kansas Country 92.3
KS KRPS 89.9 PITTSBURGH changes slogan to Your World in Concert KRPS
KY W223CV 92.5 LEXINGTON changes format to Sports and slogan to ESPN Sports Radio 1300 (WLXG 1300)
KY WXMA 102.3 LOUISVILLE, changes primary format to Adult Hits and slogan to 102.3 Jack FM



MA WHAV-LP 97.9 HAVERHILL, changes primary format to Variety
ME WMPG 90.9 GORHAM, changes slogan to Southern Maine Community Radio
ME WUMM 91.1 MACHIAS, changes primary format to Variety
MO KCFV 89.5 FERGUSON changes format to Variety
MO K255AW 98.5 SIKESTON changes format to Country and slogan to Legends 1520 (KRHW 1520)
MT KLMB 99.9 KLEIN, changes primary format to Country and adds slogan Panther Country Radio
NM K275AO 102.9 ALBUQUERQUE changes format to Regional Mexican and slogan to La Jefa 102.9
NM KSFE 102.9 PECOS see K275AO
NM KJFA 101.3 ALBUQUERQUE format is unavailable

NC WWFJ 88.1 EAST LAFAYETTE changes format to Southern Gospel and slogan to Old Paths Radio Network

ND KRWK 101.9 FARGO, changes primary format to Adult Hits and slogan to 101.9 Jack FM

NE K233CO 94.5 OMAHA changes slogan to The Answer 94.5-1420 (KOTK 1420)

NY WCKR 92.1 HORNELL, changes primary format to Adult Contemporary and slogan to Fun 92.1

NY W248BH 97.5 ROCHESTER changes format to Sports and slogan to The Team 1310/1590 (WPKR 1590)

NC WUMC 90.5 ELIZABETHTON changes format to Variety

OH WGTZ 92.9 EATON, changes primary format to Adult Hits and slogan to 92.9 Jack FM



PA W253CA 92.5 LANSDALE changes format to Sports and slogan to Sports Radio 98.5-1240(WIOV)

RI WLVO 95.5 PROVIDENCE, ex WBRU changes primary format to Contemporary Christian and slogan to K-LOVE

SC W290CD 105.9 DARLINGTON see WRZE

SC W250AJ 97.9 FLORENCE see WRZE

SC WRZE 94.1 KINGSTREE, changes primary format to Classic Rock and slogan to Rock 94.1 - 97.9 - 105.9

SC WALI 93.7 WALTERBORO, changes primary format to Soft AC and adds slogan Easy FM

SD KVAR 93.7 PINE RIDGE changes slogan to Alleycat Radio 93

SD KVKR 88.7 PINE RIDGE changes slogan to Alleycat Radio 88

TN W231DG COOKEVILLE changes slogan to NewsTalk 94.1 and 1600

TX KQHN 97.3 WASKOM, changes primary format to Hot AC and slogan to Q 97.3

TX KSOC 94.5 GAINESVILLE, changes primary format to Urban AC and slogan to Magic 94.5



TX KSQX 89.1 SPRINGTOWN, changes primary format to Religious Teaching

TX K231CN 94.1 HOUSTON changes format to sports and slogan to SB Nation 1560 (KGOW AM)

TX KMJQ 102.1 HOUSTON changes slogan to Majic 102.1

TX KTXF-FM 104.9 BEE CAVE, changes slogan to The Horn 104.9 FM-1260 AM

TX KXXF 105.3 WINNIE, TX changes primary to Classic Country



TX KGWT 93.5 GEORGE WEST, changes primary format to Regional Mexican and adds slogan Radio Amigo

TX KEWP 103.5 UVALDE ESTATES changes format to Spanish Religious

UT KCPW-FM 88.3 SALT LAKE CITY, changes slogan to Salt Lake Public Radio



VA W243DJ 96.5 NORFOLK changes primary format to Sports and slogan to Sports Radio 850 (WTAR)

VA W289CE 105.7 ONLEY-ONANCOCK changes format to Country and slogan to 105.7 Coastal Country (WESR)



WA KOMQ 88.5 OMAK, changes primary format to Variety and adds slogan Spokane Public Radio

WA KPBG 90.9 OROVILLE, changes primary format to Variety adds slogan Spokane Public Radio

WV WETT 104.1 BRIDGEPORT changes format to Religious Teaching and slogan to Christian Information Radio

WV WQAB 91.3 PHILIPPI changes format to NewsTalk and slogan West Virginia Public Radio

WI W259BC 99.7 BARABOO changes format to Classic Hits and slogan to 99.7 Max FM (WRPQ 740)

WY KWWM 91.3 ROCK SPRINGS adds slogan Mustang Radio

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The Editor's Note

A flip-flopping weather pattern during September – the first-half quite hot out west and unseasonably chilly out east – followed by recent record warmth around the Great Lakes – hasn't led to an abundance of tropo, even with a freakishly active pipeline from the tropics with the U.S. landfalling Hurricanes of Harvey and Irma.

Strong high pressure on the 22nd did lead to some Lake Erie-enhanced tropo. Bill Hepburn in ON had DTV decodes from Philadelphia during the event. We hope for some more opportunities in October before the weather turns prohibitively cooler in the north.

Glenn Hauser
Enid, OK

** OKLAHOMA. OK tropo morning of August 6 propels some low-power OKC DTV to Enid. Decoding at 1452 UT are: RF 36, KUOK-CD; RF 42, KBZC-LD;

At 1505 UT, RF 21, KTOU-LD with its six subchannels:

21-1, HSN
21-2, SBN Live per bug UR
21-3, HSN-2
21-4, JTV HD
21-5, totally black screen and no audio!
21-6, ? another infomercial

Also in are full-powers on RF 26, KTEN ``10`` Ada; on RF 20, KQCW-HD ``19-1``, but exhibiting a KOTV 6 LR bug from Tulsa.

KOCB RF 33 OKC is not decoding, implying some DX QRM to it. Most likely probably KUVN Garland TX among lots of other Texans and a few Okies, Kansies.

Also Bad DTV signals not decoding on RF 19, 12 and 11 until 1500 UT.

And once again, the last living NTSC transmitter around here, A48, KOCY-LP with Estrella TV, weak but steady and NOT cutting off the air! snowy color signal. Ahhh, snow, about to become a past-thing on the TV screen.

(Unfortunately the autoscanner on my main Sanyo screen previously picked this up, and thus refuses to display same Estrella TV as virtual 48-1 of RF 29 KTUZ, even when manually entered! Since 29's virtual channels 30, 36 and 48 are not consecutive, tuning upward does not work either.) All gone by 1552 UT (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. RF 17 DTV, August 11 at 1435 UT and the following two sesquihours at least,

K17JN-D, Enid's only local TV station unknown to most inhabitants, had been six subchannels headed by 3ABN, but now, nothing but 17-6 with a total green screen and silence, PSIP now reading ``test``. About to switch to other inputs?? ``No signal`` says my Sanyo screen except when directly tuned to 17-6, but the Zenith box confirms the usual signal level for -1 thru -6 even tho ``no signal`` too and all PSIPs 1-5 blank, not even the callsign on 17-1 as originally. I believe K17JN-D had suffered some breakup during recent storms so maybe they got hit, or their satellite downlink reception interrupted.

RF 17, Aug 11 at 2320 UT recheck, K17JN-D Enid is almost back to normal with 5 different 3ABN subchannels on 17-1 thru 17-5, but 17-6 remains greenscreen only as ``test``. Ditto Aug 12 at 1458.

Aug 12 at 1814 UT check, my Sanyo only gets 17-6, even when I enter 17 or 17-1, but the Zenith STB gets all six, strange. Current PSIPs (not necessarily valid 24/7 with this network):
17-1, K17JN-D, bug LR: 3ABN (classical orchestral concert! But only an interlude during a 2016 sermon referencing Oscar Wilde)
17-2, 3ABN-PR, bug LR: Proclaim!
17-3, AmFacts, bug LR: AFTV
17-4, 3ABN-ES, bug LR: 3ABN + illegible [Spanish]
17-5, Hope201, bug LR: illegible triangular logo [since not on HD screen]
17-6, test, green (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Tropo is up from Tulsa area, morning of August 15: Tulsa DTV RF channels decoding are 20, 22 and 28, with bad signals from most of the others. More interesting are the OKC channels which are *not* decoding due to DX QRM: 33, maybe due to KNWA, 820 kW in Rogers AR; and 29, maybe due to KTZT-CD, 10 kW in Tulsa. More low-powers on both inhabit OK, AR, KS, MO (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Morning of August 18, tropo is up from eastern OK and Arkansas. William Hepburn's map for 15 UT shows a Level 8 extreme tropo blob in western Arkansas, around a tiny Level 9 spot; progressively less toward us, as usual on the edge of an opening.

Most UHF and hi VHF channels display at least a Bad signal on the Zenith box and/or Sanyo TV. Many otherwise OKC-area Good signals are either broken up or bad due to DX interference: RF 7, 13, 15, 17, 27, 29, 33, 46.

OKC low powers are making it: 41 KBZC-LD, 36 KUOK-CD. Also still past 1612 UT, the only NTSC analog, 48 KOCY-LP, with Don Cheto and his prancing girls on Estrella TV.

RF 18, KFSM-DT Fort Smith AR is the only solid DX, as 5-1 with CBS; 5-2 with KXNW-DT, and 5-3 with Antenna TV; weakening during the 15-16 hour (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) DTV

** OKLAHOMA. RF 7, Aug 25 after 1400 UT, astounding that KOCO ``5`` is the only OKC station with continuous coverage of flash flooding in the City --- KFOR, KWTW, KOKH and KAUT remain with regular programming, tho there might have been cut-ins. KOCO already had local news hour, extended at least until 1555 UT. Heavy rain was provoked already by Harvey pushing precip this way even before eye hit Texas; Enid remained dry (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. RF 27, Wed Aug 23 at 1800 UT, KFOR-TV flashes its translator ID roster, again too swiftly to read or retain any of it. Maybe about 6 or 8 of them? Surely there are more. These could be only the O&Os? Someday I will manage to capture this on tape for leisurely legibility, but they don't do it every day at this time (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. RF 42, Aug 26 at 1426 UT, area tropo is up, visiblizing KBZC-LD from OKC with [and rabbit ears listings]:
42-1 football [American Sports Network]
42-2 fishing [Tuff TV]
42-3 BUZZR [BUZZR]
42-4 GetTV [GetTV]
42-5 QVC [QVC]
42-6 Q2 [QVC2]
42-7 ShopLC [ShopLC]

GetTV used to be on a full power sub-station, forget which. KBZC used to have only 6 channels. No sign of the OKC LD on channel 21.

RF 36, KUOK-CD also decoding at 1450 UT Aug 26, Univisión = KDCU 31
RF 31, KDCU, Derby/Wichita KS with Univisión
RF 45, KSNW Wichita, but no other Kansans breaking thru
RF 48, KOCY-LP, OKC, Estrella TV, still the only NTSC left around here, color snowy weak & steady (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The KTUL transmitter on RF24 is located just north of McAlester.

It's a Digital Replacement Translator. From a technical standpoint, it's the same as an ordinary translator. From a regulatory standpoint, it's intended to fill gaps -- areas where the station reached in analog but doesn't in digital. KTUL has an application on file for another one, also on channel 24, located between Bartlesville and Coffeyville KS.

Digital Replacement Translators are part of the main station's license. They cannot be sold independently of the main station and cannot carry any programming besides a 100% relay of the main station. They do not get their own call letters -- the call letters of the channel 24 transmitter are also KTUL. == (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, WTFDA gg via WORLD OF RADIO 1884, DXLD) Yet ``city`` listed as Tulsa, not McAlester, which I suppose Doug determined from the coordinates, which I did not inspect (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1884, DXLD)

** U S A. Area tropo from some Tulsa, Wichita stations, morning of Saturday July 1: at 1423 UT, KWCH Wichita on both RF 12 and RF 19, but better on 19: 12-1 KWCH-DT with local news; 12-2 KWCH WX; 12-3 Heroes, old drama reruns, new subchannel for this? Faded out from 19 by 1507.

KOKI-TV, RF 22, 23-1 from Tulsa with local news

No Es TVDX (nor FM) to report this month, July! I have just about given up hope for ever getting any double-hop analog TV from Central or South America, despite my antenna aimed that way and long hours of watching snow on channel 2. Not much tropo either, just this from the area:

** OKLAHOMA. After hitting the reset button by mistake, I have to reprogram my Sanyo TV screen: this model does not allow DTV channels to be added individually, only auto-programming. So away we go circa 0430 UT July 6: it detects 42 channels, and flipping thru them, discover some major ones got skipped, like KTUZ-29 ``30``. But to my great surprise, tropo must be up, so KTOU-LD on RF 21 is now included from OKC. If I auto-reprogram it again during dead conditions, will lose it.

Here's how its six subchannels are labeled:

21-1, HSN
21-2, SBN
21-3, HSN2
21-4, ONTV4U but LR bug says JTV
21-5, KTOU-LD, but only broadcasting black screen with some flashes
21-6, KTOU-LD, infomercial with no bug

Here what Rabbitears.info shows for KTOU:

display physical video audio call sign network/programming
21-1 21.1 480i DD2.0 HSN HSN
21-2 21.2 480i DD2.0 SBN SonLife + SAP Audio Icon
21-3 21.3 480i DD2.0 HSN 2 HSN2
21-4 21.4 480i DD2.0 ONTV4U Infomercials
21-5 21.5 480i DD2.0 KTOU-LD Gun TV
21-6 21.6 480i DD2.0 KTOU-LD [Blank]
It's only 4 kW ERP, with signal slightly direxional toward Enid.

BTW, KUOT-CD on RF 19 is slated to move to 21, apparently supplanting KTOU: because KAUT 40 goes to 19. Others repacking in Market 50: KOPX 50 to 18; KOCM 46 to 16; KOHC-CD 45 to 31; KWTW 39 to 25.

The reprogramming also picks up KETA 13, with the four OETA subchannels NOT breaking up. Tropo boost may account for it, and I fear when that subsides, it'll be back to jerking around, presumably due to QRM from the second harmonic of KNID 107.1 on 214.2 MHz. I can also barely get OETAs in clear on a third set with rabbit ears only.

{No, continues to be almost break-up-free on this antenna, and fortunately because Suddenlink Cable has reverted to the problem before two months ago: NO stereo, and mandatory DVS imposed on OKLA. I've notified OETA again and they are working on getting it fixed}

My HD screen is also receiving RF channel 48 in analog, a weak but steady, snowy but color-confetti picture from KOCY-LP, with Estrella Network, 15 kW ERP. Also noisy analog audio. That's the one I have previously seen on my B&W analog TV and other antenna, cutting on and off the air, but nothing lately, and I still see no trace of it there.

This is the *first* time I have seen any NTSC weak transmitted video on my HD Sanyo screen! At 0459 UT July 6, an anti-cable promo for all the stations and networks one can get off the air. Otherwise, programming is infomercials, at late-night, probably usual sex enhancement devices or pills.

However, at 0511 UT, suddenly goes to black, and floating around the screen in small font are NO SIGNAL, and NO PROGRAM. This is obviously produced at the input to the ch A48 transmitter, not by my receiver.

Disappears at 0523, but back at 0524, probably a brief fade below reception threshold here.

So anyhow, KOCY-LP on analog 48 is still there, sometimes, but a big mess if anyone would actually try to watch it, rather than as a full-power virtual 48 subchannel of the KTUZ RF 29 transmitter. The KOCY-LP ID on the hour showed 48-1, even though it was seen in analog! (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. KFOR-27, ``channel 4``, OKC, July 6 at 1800 UT ID slide at ToH shows a bunch of translators, as stations are required to do periodically. It's only up for a few seconds, impossible to read, let alone retain. Note to self: have tape rolling next time, ready to freeze and photo, in case the list be accurate and up-to-date. I do so July 8 at 1800: NO SHOW, between programs, not even a legal ID for KFOR itself! Does this appear at random times? Maybe a translator list on the website <http://kfor.com> --- of course not. Even searching on `translator` gets nothing but some news stories mentioning that word, not talking about TV relayers! (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

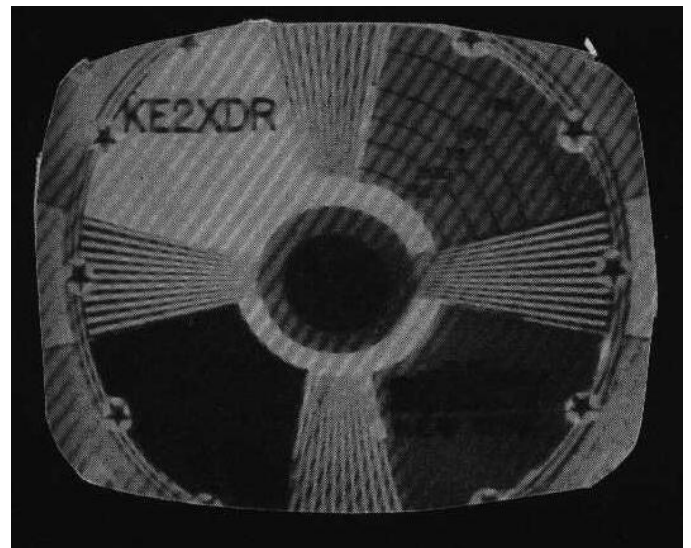
** OKLAHOMA. RF 42, July 11 at 1430 UT, 4-channel station decodes, as tropo is enhanced from eastern OK, also bringing in Bad signals on many other UHF channels, correlating with Tulsa area market. Only other decode is RF 26, KTEN ``10`` Ada. 42 might have been the LD in OKC, but not now. I survey what's contained within:

41-1 KMYT-TV, 41-2 GetTV, 41-3 GritTV, 41-4 HNI as per PSIP, but ``H&I`` shown in program promo, during an old Andy Devine B&W movie. But contrary to schedule showing Wagon Train at 9-10 am CT, per <http://handitvnetwork.com/schedule/>

Means Heroes & Icons. We don't get this in OKC market, or local cable. Site is halfway between Tulsa and Muskogee with 900 kW ERP. KMYT MyTV will be repacked to RF 34 (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KDCU-DT, RF 31 and 31-1, Univision with U bug and eji bug for kidvid, classic Disney toons. Wichita market; no subchannels found

KSNW-DT, RF 45, 3-1; also 3-2 Telemun[do], 3-3 Ion, Wichita (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)



All Hands On Deck Across Fort Myers Stations As Irma Arrives



Written by Stephanie Tsoflias Siegel for TVSpy [Sep 10, 2017]

Source: <http://www.adweek.com/tvspy/all-hands-on-deck-across-fort-myers-stations-as-irma-arrives/193944>

As Irma moves up Florida's West Coast, all stations in Fort Myers are streaming coverage.

The powerhouse stations in the market, [WBBH](#) and [WINK](#), have taken very different approaches on coverage for now.

WBBH has teamed up with its sister station WZVN, the ABC affiliate in the market, to cover the storm across both stations and streaming coverage on [YouTube](#).

NBC 2 chief meteorologist **Robert Van Winkle** and ABC 7 chief meteorologist, **John Patrick**, are tracking the movement of the storm across the area from Naples to Port Charlotte. It appears reporters and photographers who are covering the storm from across the area have taken shelter in a safe place. There have been few live reports in since the storm picked up but they are using live cameras to show viewers what is happening outside.

Van Winkle was on the forefront of forecasting Hurricane Charley in 2004 when it hit the area.

[WINK](#), the CBS affiliate in the area, is also streaming coverage on their [website](#). Anchors **Chris Cifatte** and **Lois Thome** are leading the coverage on the anchor desk with the help of chief meteorologist **Jim Farrell**. As for 2pm, they are still utilizing reporters for live reports from hotels across the area and the live radar of Irma rolling in the lower right moving graphic.

Derek Beasley is handling coverage on WFTX, the Fox affiliate in the market.



State Road 31 northeast of Fort Myers, near the transmitter site for WBBH and WZVN. WZVN went off the air during the storm but was restored soon after.

Photo courtesy P.J. Martin

Live from the Eye of the Storm

Written by Ryan Grabow [Sep 14, 2017]

Source: <http://www.egrabow.com/rm.php?e=LiveFromTheEyeOfTheStorm>



Hurricanes are a part of life along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts, with Florida being the bullseye right inbetween them. Hurricane Irma approached as a friend and I were returning from DragonCon in Atlanta (my first visit there [in five years](#)), so I went from a vacation directly into 12-hour work days - right through the weekend - with me sleeping in the building because I really couldn't leave. The huge storm finally made landfall nearby on Sunday, and buzzed right over us.



Me in the WBBH/WZVN newsroom as the eye of Hurricane Irma passed over us. We were running on very little sleep.

I chose to work in local television, and this was one of the times we really step up to keep the community informed. I wouldn't choose to ride out a hurricane anywhere else. (It helps that our station has a sturdy building and isn't in a flood zone.) Our meteorologists really shined and I was proud to be a part of the coverage, running in and out of the control room as we switched staff. It wasn't fun at the time of course, but hurricanes you've been through tend to be interesting stories to tell people.

Praise the Lord, my car and condo were undamaged. The hurricane came through weaker than forecast but still did a lot of damage south of here. After a hurricane there are downed trees, fallen signs, flooding, and lengthy power outages. I'll post this as soon as I have my power and internet back at home. I'll have already unpacked everything from the guest bathroom - where I'd piled everything on a bookshelf in the event a sliding door broke and my living room got wrecked or something. Always need to be prepared!

This is the third time I've been in a hurricane. The others were Gloria (in NY, when I was too young to remember) and Wilma (just after I moved here). I had my radio and recorder with me to bandscan before, during, and after the hurricane. [I'll be posting these clips to YouTube soon.](#)



Visitors and off-duty staff were huddled into the unused studio for WZVN as winds outside reached hurricane-force. The simulcast was coming from the WBBH studio across the wall.

Steady Rockin' in Fidel's Backyard

Written by Army Spc. Emily R. Martin for *JTF GTMO Public Affairs* [May 26, 2017]



If you turn to a fellow seasoned Trooper and ask them about their experiences with the American Forces Network chances are they will mention the corny Public Service Announcements or the over-the-top news reporters. Anywhere there is American boots on the ground AFN will be there, always reminding Troopers and families, “Don’t Shake the Baby!” U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba has a radio branch of the Armed Forces Network that is unique to here alone, and many know it as its more popular title – Radio GTMO.

“The thing that makes GTMO *GTMO*, especially to the people here, is Radio GTMO. It is the sound of the island,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Monique Meeks, a mass communications specialist and the manager at Radio GTMO. “We used to be the only thing here.”

The radio station itself sits on a secluded peninsula surrounded by large radio dishes and calm beaches. AFN Guantanamo Bay was founded in 1947 on a different part of the island and went under the name WGBY. Since 1964, Radio GTMO has called that building home. Within its doors sits two important components; the U.S. Navy’s Mass Communication Specialists who are responsible for running the station and entertaining Troopers and the largest record collection of all AFN radio stations in the world.

“We can either make or break Troopers’ spirit and morale,” said Meeks. “If my Sailors are doing their job well, they’re getting the word out about events on the island and providing an entertainment value for the base.”

Providing a morale boost and bringing a little piece of home to Troopers here has been the goal of AFN, and especially Radio GTMO, since the beginning. The station owns three tune-in radio signals in the area. There is 102.1, NSGB’s and Joint Task Force Guantanamo’s specific talk radio, 103.1, the country music station, and AM 1340, a provided talk radio. Being able to broadcast three separate signals is something only Radio GTMO can do.

“We offer that extra moral boost, even if it’s making fun of our cheesy commercials we come up with,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Zachary Anderson, a mass communication specialist. “One of our main missions is command information. Radio is one of the best mediums in the fact that it is immediate.”

Radio GTMO is one of the oldest military radio stations and sits on the oldest military base not on U.S. soil, so it is no surprise it has its hidden treasures. The greatest treasure though is the 20,000 piece vinyl record collection it protects within its walls.

“We have the only active record collection in the entire Department of Defense,” said Anderson. “The coolest thing is that we can still play them. If I wanted I could go in the booth and throw a record on the turntable and play it.”

Radio GTMO almost faced the same fate as many AFN stations around the world when digital music reared its head, destroying the outdated record collection. Thanks to some determined MCs back in the day, the decision to destroy them was halted and the records became a physical and permanent part of GTMO history.

“It’s history, musical history. One of the best things is when I bring a tour group in. There are some people that just light up and get so excited when they see our record collection, it is such a tangible medium. You can pick a record up and just hold it, it’s so tactile and it’s great to see people react to them so positively,” said Anderson.

The radio station is not there to only provide audible entertainment, its doors are open to whomever visits NSGB and wants to experience the unique history or maybe just grab a Fidel Castro bobble head.

“You know we have the tag line ‘Rocking in Fidel’s Backyard,’ it is something iconic to Radio GTMO, people come here to be part of that experience,” said Anderson. “We are not just a radio station, we are a part of the community and Guantanamo Bay history.”



The Radio GTMO building sits on a secluded peninsula surrounded by large radio dishes on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. American Forces Network Guantanamo Bay has called the same building home since 1964. (Photo by Army Spc. Emily R. Martin)

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