

February? Blah.

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NEW MEMBER. This month we welcome George Boules in Griffith, Indiana. Welcome George!

FEBRUARY. It's probably the most boring month of the year for Dxers. However, toward the end of the month, I noticed some tropo reports between Yucatan and the Gulf states, so there's something at least. And then I noticed a post on the FMList maps from veteran TV/FM Dyer Fernando Garcia. Fernando reported FM tropo from his location in the Guadalajara area to Mazatlan (300mi NNW) and Cabo San Lucas (450mi WNW). These are certainly not the longest tropo distances ever recorded, but in all my years of FM Dxing I've never seen a single report of tropo from the west coast of Mexico across the Gulf of California to Cabo, or anywhere in BCS for that matter. He may have some kind of record for those receptions.

MEXICO'S SECOND DIGITAL TV ON LOWBAND RF5. Jim Thomas reports: *For those US dxers along the southern fringes (coastal), another TDT in Mexico has signed on the air - XHCPCV-TDT (RF 5), virtual 14. Station is in Nayarit, at 4.183 kW. Up until recently, the IFT/RPC in Mexico (equivalent to FCC) wasn't assigning any stations to low VHF. (Nayarit seems to me to be along the West Coast of Mexico so any chances of Gulf tropo to Dxers in the southern US would seem remote. Skip, however, is a possibility.)*

CUBAN DTV SEEN (BUT NOT YET HEARD) IN FLORIDA. Yes, we have our first reception of DTV from Cuba made by Chris Dunne while down in the Keys. Chris writes: *This was incredible. God had everything lined up just right on the afternoon of January 30, 2025. Total DTV seen was about 36 minutes, starting around 1731 UTC that day. After over maybe ten years of trying, I was able to procure a set top box that converts DTMB to NTSC. Once I received it, I felt that if I could catch a Cuban DTV signal just ONCE, it will have been worth the cost. This was at Scout Key, around mile marker 35.2 of US Highway 1, where my Cuban FM 95.1 and 96.3 catches occurred earlier. Havana FM was strong, so this was the time. I had a Funai 9" TV/VCR combo along with outdoor TV antenna and a Greccell power pack. The TV antenna is "meh" but it's the*



best I have. It looks like it took four scans to land Cuban channels. Also if I read right, 665,000 kHz (RF channel 46) was what displayed everything. Correct me please if I am wrong. EDIT: it looked like only a preliminary set of channels showed at RF 46; but channels AND Cuban national radio streams showed at RF 51 (695,000 kHz). NOTE 1: this first video is played at 4x speed; the programming was sort of dull. NOTE 2: I was unable to get any audio. I must have had the wrong cables, or, this old TV didn't accept the newer style. It could also be some DTMB quirk.

ATSC 3.0 Mandatory Switchover by February 2028?



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The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) has petitioned the [Federal Communications Commission](#) (FCC) for a new rule that would require all television broadcasters to fully shut off their current ATSC 1.0 broadcast signals in favor of a full transition to ATSC 3.0 within the next few years.

The proposal, sent to the FCC and its chairman Brendan Carr on Tuesday, would require broadcasters in the top 55 TV markets to wind down their ATSC 1.0 signal by 2028, with the remaining stations being forced to transition to ATSC 3.0 — also known as “NextGen TV” — on a full-time basis two years later.

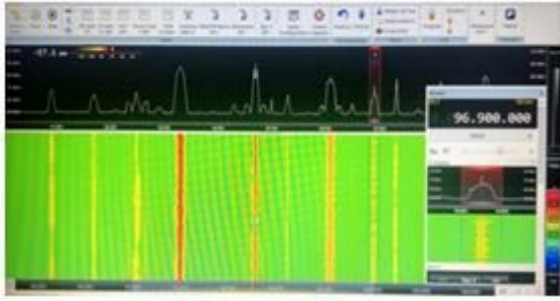
“Taking into account annual viewing patterns, it is feasible and desirable for the top 55 markets to complete a transition to ATSC 3.0 on a single date in February 2028,” the NAB wrote in its petition. “An additional 18-24 months would provide sufficient time for all remaining stations to complete the work necessary to transmit in ATSC 3.0. Therefore, NAB proposes that the remaining markets should transition in or before February 2030.”

The NAB represents the commercial TV and radio industry, including major broadcasters like Nexstar Media Group, Sinclair, the [E. W. Scripps](#) Company and TEGNA. The group says many of its member broadcasters have already launched ATSC 3.0 signals that reach more than 80 percent of the United States. Those signals not only allow for better reception of high-definition — and, eventually, ultra high-definition (UHD/4K) — video signals, but also includes advanced datacasting capabilities, such as the ability to target consumers with personalized ads and deliver hyperlocal emergency notifications.

But most consumers have not updated their TV sets to take full advantage of the new broadcast standard, and no rules exist that force TV set manufacturers to integrate NextGen TV tuners in their devices. Only around 10 percent of new TVs shipped in 2024 contained NextGen TV tuners, even though major TV manufacturers like Hisense, Sony and Samsung have committed to making TVs that are compatible with ATSC 3.0.

The FCC can address the issue of adoption by updating existing rules regarding the implementation of digital TV tuners in all manufactured sets to cover NextGen TV tuners as well, the NAB said. The update would essentially require all TV sets sold in the United States to have integrated NextGen TV-capable tuners by 2028.

The proposal is the most-aggressive move to wind down the current digital broadcast standard and replace it with NextGen TV. Under current federal regulations, broadcasters are required to continue an ATSC 1.0 simulcast of their main channel through at least 2027 if they launch an ATSC 3.0 signal in a market, or participate in the distribution of their network feed over ATSC 3.0 by use of a lighthouse station.



Format Flips

and branding, too

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AR

KRSA-LP 107.3 Harmon AR is fresh on the air with religious programs. Here's hoping we all get a bunch of LPFMs via Es this year!

CA

Out California way, KHDR 96.9 Lenwood and KHRQ 94.9 Baker, collectively known as "Drive 96.9/94.9," have rebranded as "Highway Rock." They're being fed by KHYZ HD3 99.7 Mountain Pass CA, which has switched from Bloomberg business news to rock.

Enough with the stunting already! Sticks Media is now airing Classic Hits on KTNK 1410 and K279CY 103.7 Lompoc CA. The stations are now known as "Rocket 103.7." Before launching the new format (pun intended), the station aired clips of astronaut interviews. It also went by "Elon-FM" and "The Hoff" during the stunting period.

KFSQ 1270 Thousand Palms CA and its translator K293CL 106.5 FM Thousand Palms have switched from Dance/CHR to Fox Sports Radio, positioned as "Fox Sports 12-70."

FL

In Florida, W225CQ 92.9 Tampa and W271DL Egypt Lake are airing ESPN Radio via WTMP 1150 Egypt Lake. It's a new format for WTMP, which had been Rhythmic Oldies. Tampa Bay had been without ESPN Radio since iHeart dropped it from WDAE 620 and W237CW 95.3 in December.

WFWO 106.9 Fort Walton Beach FL is now Spanish Tropical as "La Fiesta 106.9." It's positioning itself as "El Sabor de Fort Walton."

HI

KPHI 1130 Honolulu HI and its translator, K298BA 107.5 Honolulu, have switched from Jazz to Oldies with the branding "Oldies 107.5"

IN

Mid-West Family Broadcasting will expand the programming of Sports 960 WSBT/96.1 W241AD South Bend IN to what is now Alternative "The New QYQ" 1400 WQYQ/106.1 W291DK Benton Harbor MI on Thursday, February 20.

MD

W232CL Baltimore MD is now being fed by WFOA 1230 Baltimore, with a format change from Christian programs to Spanish CHR as "Maxima 94.3."

MI

W274AQ 102.7 Battle Creek MI is now airing the programming of WQXC 100.9 Allegan MI. The translator is fed by WFAT 930 Battle Creek. All of the stations now go by "Cool 101" with an Oldies format. Previously, WFAT and the translator were known as "The Fat One." I've heard WFAT here with local WKY off, but the translator will be tough unless KJYO is off.

NE

2 new stations are on the air in Nebraska broadcasting the programming of owner Nebraska Public Media. The stations are KGNE 89.3 Broken Bow and KNNE 90.7 McCook.

OH

Strong Tower Christian Media's WHRN 88.3 Newark OH is now simulcasting Contemporary Worship "Hope 100.7" WEEC Springfield OH. WHRN will go by "Hope 88.3." Look for a change soon for the company's W277BV Zanesville OH to the "Hope" brand.

SC

W296EI 107.1 Columbia SC is now calling itself "Columbia's Inspiration Station." It's a translator for WFMV 620 Cayce SC.

TX

K246BD 97.1 Austin TX has returned to its former Spanish CHR format after giving Bilingual AC a try. It's still "Latino 97.1," and still fed by KLZT HD2 Bastrop TX. The move comes none too soon after a precipitous slide in the ratings.

In the heart of Texas, K277CX 103.3 San Antonio is no longer rebroadcasting KLEY 95.7 Jourdanton TX. It's gone back to simulcasting KZDC 1250 San Antonio's ESPN programming. KLEY is better known around SA as "Tejano 95.7."



The KHCB Network has put KLMH 88.5 Lamesa TX on the air.

Programming is from their Radio Amistad network. My wife taught in an elementary school in Lamesa for four years. Interesting little town.

VA

W227DS 93.3 Rural Retreat VA, and it's AM counterpart, WLOY 660 Rural Retreat have switched from Adult Standards to Oldies as the "True Oldies Channel."

Multiple Markets

Florida's Call Communications has launched a couple new stations well beyond their southern roots. "Call Radio" is now heard on WCHQ 88.7 Indian Creek IL and KTER 88.9 Houma LA. "Call Radio" is a blended Alternative and Christian Rock format. As one with a history in Christian radio programming, I'm not a fan of the mix.

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Sources: Indianaradio.net, Northpine, RadiInsight, Hisair.net, LPFM Database, IRCA's DX Monitor, InsideRadio, and radio biz connections



FCC GRANTS AND ACTIONS

From fcc.today and the FCC

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AK	KZGR	94.3	Kotzebue	New Cp, initial calls (no tech info available)
AL	W298BZ	107.5	Huntsville	Primary to WAHR-HD3
AL	WAOJ	107.7	Lisman	resumed operations, was silent
AL	WSHF	92.7	Haleyville	ex WWWH-FM
AL	W231DE	94.1	Birmingham	65w-V from 80w-V, same site
AL	W280GD	103.9	Scottsboro	Ex 104.5, COL from Fort Payne, 250w-V from 13w H&V, new site
AR	K237GR	95.3	Johnson	Silent 1/23 audio issues, coax problems
AR	KGPO	91.9	Caddo Valley	130w/-24m from 4.8k/233m, new site
AZ	KHTO	92.5	Willcox	12kw-H/10m from 3kw-H/6m
AZ	KSNJ	91.7	McNary	Cp, initial calls, 200w/32m from 5.8kw/134m, new site
AZ	KLPZ	90.7	Salome	ex KXXB, 320w/-23m from 2.5kw-v/11m, new site
AZ	K243BN	96.5	Lavern	Primary to KOOL-HD3
AZ	K281DK	104.1	Lake Havasu City	Ex 103.9
AZ	K258DY	99.5	Lake Havasu City	Ex 106.3, 16w-V
CA	KZFR-LP	93.3	Frazier Park	Silent 12/27/24 antenna damage
CA	KRJF-LP	92.3	Santa Rosa	Silent 1/3/25 transmitter failure
CA	KFQM-LP	101.5	Los Angeles	Silent 1/7/25 wildfire damage
CA	K219DK	91.7	Victorville	250w-V/430m from 10w-V
CA	KBUU-LP-FM1	99.1	Malibou Beach	20w, 34-02-00 118-42-06
CA	KGFI-LP	101.5	Anaheim	license canceled
CA	NEW	99.1	Camarillo	New cp, 100w/39m, 34-15-05 118-58-12, new tower site
CA	K213BZ	90.5	Richvale	primary to KEFX 88.9
CA	KPHD-LP	93.3	Modesto	HAAT from 26m to 14m, now H&V, new site
CA	K240FH	95.9	Lake Isabella	Ex 103.7
CA	NEW	106.1	Marina	new cp, 100w/20m, 36-36-17 121-49-34
CA	KPHD-LP	93.3	Modesto	resumed operations, was silent
CA	KWNK-FM	89.7	Tahoma	initial calls
CA	K215FX	90.9	Coalinga	Ex 91.3, new site
CA	K203FV	88.5	Lompoc	Ex 90.9, 7w-V from 10w-V
CA	K248DT	97.5	San Ardo and Bradley	10w-V
CO	KGNU-FM	88.5	Boulder	8kw/299m from 6.5kw/339m
CO	KRNX-FM	104.9	Rye	ex KWRY
CO	KWRY	106.9	Pueblo	ex KLCX

CO	NEW	97.9	Northglenn	New cp, 100w/30m, 39-54-01 104-58-41 (788271)
CO	NEW	97.9	Northglenn	New cp, 100w/8m, 39-53-37 104-58-01 787863)
CO	K267AZ	101.3	Cedaredge, etc.	Primary to KLHQ 99.5 (K-LOVE)
CO	K219DH	91.7	Grand Junction	Silent 1/23 tower lease terminated
CO	KSTY	104.5	Canon City	Silent 1/1/25 pending reorganization
CO	DKSHY	89.3	Nathrop	license canceled
CO	K251CV	98.1	Golden	Change primary to KCRN 1120
FL	WEKI	88.1	Weeki Wachee	5kw/111m from 20kw/58m, moved tower site
FL	NEW	91.9	Orlando	New cp, 25w/59m, 28-34-28 81-27-46
FL	WRBA	95.9	Springfield	Silent 1/17 pending completion of construction
FL	WJFR	88.7	Jacksonville	resumed operations, was silent
FL	WTLE-LP	95.9	Leesburg	HAAT change from 15m to 29m
FL	NEW	101.1	West Palm Beach	New cp, 100w/15m from 42w/46m, new site
FL	W298CB	107.5	Fort Myers	resumed operations, was silent
FL	NEW	94.1	Bassville Park	new cp, 45w/45m, 28-49-12 81-46-27
FL	WOUK-LP	94.1	Bassville Park	initial calls, new CP ,45w/45m, 28-49-12 81-46-27
FL	WPBW-LP	90.1	St. Petersburg	Silent 2/4, transmitter failure
GA	WNEG-FM	95.7	Clayton	ex WRBN
GA	WRBN-LP	97.5	Clayton	ex WFJV-LP
GA	W273CT	102.5	Canton	90w-V from 250w H&V, new site
GA	W201DR	88.1	Brunswick	Ex 91.7, all else unchanged
HI	KAPA-FM1	100.3	Puueo	Silent 1/10 antenna damaged
IA	K210CG	88.3	Spirit Lake	Silent 1/16, displaced by another station
ID	K267AE	101.3	Jerome	Change primary to KRXR 1480
ID	K249EE	97.7	Idaho Falls	Silent 1/2/25 with technical problems
IL	WDKR	107.3	Maroa	Silent 12/30/24 financial issues
IL	WXFM-FM	99.3	Mount Zion	Silent 12/30/24 financial and staffing issues
IL	WLCG-LP	106.3	Lincolnshire	New cp, initial calls, 100w/27m, 42-10-37 87-56-38
IL	WLWX	88.1	Wheaton	250w/41m, 41-52-15 88-05-42
IN	NEW	89.9	Clarkesville	New cp, 80w/34m, 38-15-47 85-34-43
IN	NEW	88.5	Seymour	New cp, 1.8k/108m, 38-58-33 85-53-21
IN	WZRP-LP	89.9	Clarkesville	initial calls
KS	KQUI	89.3	Ulysses	initial calls
LA	NEW	103.5	Monroe	100w/14m, 32-31-45 92-00-12
LA	WAKN-LP	94.7	Monroe	initial calls
LA	KSBH	94.9	Coushatta	Silent 7/22/24 and granted an extension
LA	NEW	99.9	New Orleans	new cp, 100w/27m, 30-02-39 89-59-39
MA	WBSK	107.5	Springfield	initial calls (all basketball related pgms)

MA	NEW	107.5	Westfield	100w/-38m, 42-05-35 72-48-11
MA	WRYP	90.1	Wellfleet	Silent 12/23/24 power supply issues
MA	WMWM	91.7	Salem	Silent 2/6 transmitter failure (but reported on air, open carrier and RDS)
MD	WTRA-LP	106.5	Berlin	initial calls
MD	WYPO	106.9	Ocean City	resumed operations, was silent
MI	NEW	97.1	Lansing	100w/9m, 42-41-46 84-33-59
MI	WRRR-FM	97.5	Bridgeman	ex WYTZ
MI	WYTZ-FM	99.9	Benton Harbor	ex WQLQ
MI	W215CH	90.9	Grand Ledge	Primary to WKFV-HD4
MI	W258AH	97.5	Kalamazoo	resumed operations, was silent
MI	W205CX	88.9	Caro	Ex 90.5m, 13w-V from 5w-V
MN	KQDX	106.3	Hibbing	ex WMFG-FM
MN	K217GP	91.3	Fairmont	Silent 12/10/24 displaced
MN	WGRO-LP	104.5	Cottage Grove	initial calls,
MO	KPWB-FM	101.9	Marquand	50kw/147m from 3.7kw/261m, move tower site
MO	KDEX-FM	102.3	Dexter	9.7kw/85m from 25kw/81m, same site
MO	KFCJ	88.1	Fidelity	ex KRGJ
MO	K235AO	94.9	Salem	Silent 1/15/25 financial issues
MO	K234CE	94.7	Sedalia	Change primary to KSIS 1050
MO	K245BO	96.9	Warrensburg	Change primary to KSIS 1050
MO	K216GK	91.1	Brookfield	Change primary to KAWZ 89.9
MS	WZMC-LP	107.1	Clinton	initial calls
MS	KUMB	89.7	Hollywood	Silent 1/14/25 due to storm damage
MS	WYJL	88.1	Grenada	4.5k/61m from 5k/84m, new site
MT	KHDV	107.9	Darby	Silent 12/31/24 owners retired, want to reassign station
MT	WMSO	102.5	Missoula	Silent 12/31/24 owners retired, want to reassign station
MT	K292GH	106.3	Hamilton	Silent 12/31/24 its primary (KMSO) is silent
MT	KBCK	95.9	Columbia Falls	ex KHNK
MT	KHLN-LP	93.5	Helena	initial calls,
NC	WSPQ-LP	106.5	Apex	100w/37m from 84w/33m, new tower site
NC	NEW	95.5	Clayton	new cp, 100w/24m, 35-39-47 78-28-43
NE	KOOW-LP	95.1	Central City	Silent 12/23/24 xmtr failure, 6 month extended STA
NE	K277CA	103.3	Lincolnshire	Change primary to KFRX-HD2
NJ	W252DY	98.3	Sussex	resumed operations, was silent
NM	K212EF	90.3	Las Vegas	resumed operations, was silent
NM	KYAS	88.7	Artesia	50w-H, drops vertical
NM	KENY	90.5	Wagon Mound	200w/468m from 1.7kw/468m

NM	K273BM	102.5	Farmington	Primary to KAWZ 89.9
NM	KVLK	89.5	Milan	285w from 105w, no other changes
NM	K212GS	90.3	Santa FE	Ex 91.1
NV	KADD-FM2	93.5	Las Vegas	275w from 85w
NV	KXLI-FM2	94.5	Las Vegas	275w, 36-12-38 115-03-36
NV	KXLI-FM1	94.5	North Las Vegas	COL from Moapa
NV	K254AK	98.7	Reno	Silent 10/26/24 audio issues
NV	KQMB	90.3	Beatty	initial calls
NY	W233DD	94.5	Middletown	Ex 94.9, 99w from 150w, same site
oh	NEW	106.7	marion	10w/91m, 40-36-46 83-07-48
OH	W212BM	90.3	Jacksonville	Primary to KHRI 90.7
OK	KCLJ	91.3	Clinton	initial calls
OK	K203FT	88.5	Woodward	Ex 88.7, 10w-V from 92w-V, new site
OR	K265DX	100.9	Enterprise	Silent 1/10/25 transmitter issues
OR	K207EY	89.3	Enterprise, etc	Silent 4/1/24 extended STA, xmtr issues
OR	KRPZ	90.5	Ashland	initial calls
PA	W205CW	89.3	Tyrone	250w from 10w-V
PA	WVFN	89.1	Evans Falls	license canceled
PA	W201DO	88.1	Milford	Silent 7/5/24, 2/13/25 granted 120 day extension
PA	WLWS	90.1	Scottsdale	720w/55m from 240w/-35m
PR	WNT0-LP	90.9	Las Morias	initial calls
PR	WRQB-LP	89.3	Quebradillos	initial calls
PR	NEW	103.3	Mayaguez	100w/7m, 18-10-52 67-10-03
PR	NEW	90.1	Canavasas	new cp, 100w/-26m, 18-25-00 65-49-43
PR	WMAA-LP	93.7	Moca	Silent 2/11 transmitter failure
SC	W212CN	90.3	Charleston	Silent 1/9/25 at request of tower owner
SC	W201CH	88.1	S. Charleston	Silent 1/9/25 at request of tower owner
SC	W262CE	100.3	Clemson	Silent 2/1 new site for 96.1 under construction
SC	W207CN	88.9	Charleston	resumed operations, was silent
SC	W294CW	106.7	Loris	new site 33-51-16 78-43-00
SC	W201CH	88.1	South Charleston	10w-V from 13w-V, new site
SC	W212CN	90.3	Charleston	10w-V from 13w-V, new site
SC	W218BX	91.5	Bluffton	Silent 1/13 unknown problems
SC	W225AJ	92.9	Sandy	Silent 1/9 signal receive issues
SD	K209FR	89.7	Aberdeen	Primary to KAWZ 89.9
TN	WAUO	90.7	Hohenwald	Silent 1/20 unknown problems
TN	W275AD	102.9	Knoxville	new site 36-00-09 83-56-40
TX	W284CT	104.7	Jacksonville	Silent 1/2/25 primary station (KEBE) is silent

TX	NEW	91.5	Knippa	100w/90m from 2.3kw/90m
TX	KRLD-FM	105.3	Dallas	ERP/HAAT increase 100kw/506m, 32-34-55 96-58-33, new site
TX	KJKK	100.3	Dallas	same as KRLD-FM,
TX	KSPF	98.7	Dallas	same as KRLD-FM
TX	KMVK	107.5	Forth Worth	20.5kw/506m from 16.5k/574m, same site as KRLD-FM, etc.
TX	KVIL	103.7	Highland Park-Dallas	same as KRLD-FM
TX	KJBB-LP	94.7	Brownsboro	license canceled
TX	DKTPM	88.5	Encino	license canceled
TX	DKRNF	89.7	New Falcon	license canceled
TX	KDDM	93.9	Groveton	resumed operations, was silent
TX	KAGZ	95.5	College Station	initial calls
TX	NEW	90.5	Tenaha	1kw/20m from 5kw/54m, new site
TX	KUVG	91.5	Knippa	initial calls,
TX	K274BL	102.7	Anthony	90w-V from 62w-V, new site
TX	K236BJ	95.1	Crystal City	Silent 1/7 transmitter failure
UT	K249EQ	97.7	St. George	Primary to KDXU-HD2
UT	KPUT	92.9	Mona	1.5kw/702m from 16kw/266m, new site
VA	W218CV	91.5	Fredericksburg	Silent 12/7/24 with technical issues
VA	NEW	91.3	Appomattox	200w/54m, 37-22-20 78-50-05 (full svc FM)
VA	WLVN	90.9	Appomattox	initial calls
VA	W278BK	103.5	Wise	COL from Jenkins, KY, change primary to WGCK-FM 99.7
VA	W218CV	89.1	Fredericksburg	resumed operations, was silent
WA	KAHS-LP	106.5	Aberdeen	-37m from -21m
WA	K293AY	106.5	Enumclaw	Silent 7/31/24 Silent STA Extended, tower destroyed
WA	KNVW	92.9	Napavine	280w/249m from 4kw/256m, no site change
WA	K205GL	89.7	Olympia	140w-H from 35w-H&V, new site
WI	NEW	103.7	McFarland	100w/2m, 43-02-09 89-18-08
WI	NEW	90.1	Milwaukee	84w/33m, 42-59-04 88-00-30 (788356)
WI	NEW	90.1	Milwaukee	100w/4m, 43-01-29 87-55-37 (784706)
WI	NEW	103.7	Monona	100w/-7m, 43-03-34 89-25-41
WI	WAWA	91.1	Columbus	initial calls
WI	WHMM-LP	100.5	Sturgeon Bay	initial calls
WI	W286D	105.1	Appleton	Silent 1/3 transmitter failure
WI	W260DL	99.9	Oshkosh	Silent 1/3 transmitter failure
WV	W231CY	94.1	Point Pleasant	250w from 170w
WY	K212GR	89.5	Thermopolis	COL from Worland
WY	KQDN	88.9	Eden	initial calls,

