



IN SEARCH OF DOUBLE HOP ES...YES! THERE WAS SOME!

July 2025 #9

Welcome to the July newsletter. In June we had two new members. Welcome to Noah Bliese (Maple Grove, MN) and Flavio Archangelo (Sao Paulo, Brazil). Welcome to both of you!

JUNE SKIP? Would you say that June was a good month for Es? I wouldn't. I've seen much better seasons in my decades of FM Dxing. I'd just give it a big yawn. But there was some great double hop FM skip around for a few Dxers. Here are some examples.

Larry Horlick in Newfoundland caught the BBC 89.1 from Antigua and Barbuda (2161mi) on June 19th. On June 17th, he also heard KPFT 90.1 Houston TX (2542 mi) and KITA 90.5 in Louisiana (2400mi). On June 22nd he also caught SNRT Al Idaâ Al Amazighia, Morocco on 87.9. Not bad.



Then we have Greg Coniglio in Western NY who said "My TEF recorded XERED 88.1 Mexico City at 12:36PM at 2051 mile distance. There were a bunch of one hop signals in KY/TN/MS/AL at the same time, in the same direction".

And we have Dave Nieman in NW PA who posted "KAFF 92.9 Flagstaff, AZ 1829 miles my first logging from Arizona tuner is a Sangean HDT-1X fed by a Channel Master 4408 @ 22 FT AG" and he supplied this pic of his reception."

Randy Zerr posted on the Wlogger: "Many 2X receptions this morning (6/26). Going to take may hours to review. Was IL,IN,KY,VA,NC,WV,OH from about 1621 to 1643 UTC. Furthest so far found was 92.5 WYFL North Carolina 2141 miles. I made a video of some random SDR screen captures on the Facebook FM DX page." And next, "Mostly finished reviewing the 2X window from yesterday. 1623-1640 GMT. IL,IN,OH,WV,KY,VA and the furthest 92.5 WYFL North Carolina 2141 miles ..Also found a 5 second lucky fade up of 92.5 WESC South Carolina at 1602 GMT."

And last but not least, we have Mat in Palmdale, CA with his double hop "3rd 2X ES: WUOL 90.5 Louisville, KY @ 8:27 AM PST with absolutely beautiful full RDS (: (1799 miles) 2nd 2X ES: WFPL Louisville, KY @ 8:27 AM PST with RDS (1799 miles) 92.1 FM Log #37534 WBVX CARLISLE, KY FIRST 2X FM ES of 2025!!! RDS PI 5985 with PTY @ 8:27 AM PST!!"



And so, for some Dxers, June was very, very good. Most Dxers caught at least a little bit of Es. For a few, though, June was a good time to get any much needed dental work done without wondering if you were missing out on anything big.

The WLOGGER!

Wlogger v 2.0. The newest version of the WLogger will be available soon. There are some major changes to the wLogger.

- **The Map.** When you log a station (TV or FM), the WLogger will plot your reception on a map. Your name is noted at the start location. The station's calls are shown at the station's transmitter site. *Hover your mouse on the line between the two points to see the distance, bearing and power for FM logs, and distance and bearing for TV stations. This is a change from the original version.*
- To use Quick Find, click on [+], otherwise use manual logging.
- To show all loggings made during a specific time interval (one hour, six hours), use the drop down menu "Show logs on Map". Your current choices are 30 minutes, 2 hours, 6 hours, 24 hours and 7 days.
- Clicking on a user's name will show you all of that user's logs.
- Clicking "Show All" outputs all logs.
- There are buttons that when pressed will show you all FM logs or all TV logs or all TV and FM logs together (data logs and map plots).
- Paths on the map are color coded and correspond with the colors of the propagation mode in the data logs themselves. Tropo paths are blue, E skip paths are red, etc.

Your logs are now printable from a .csv file.

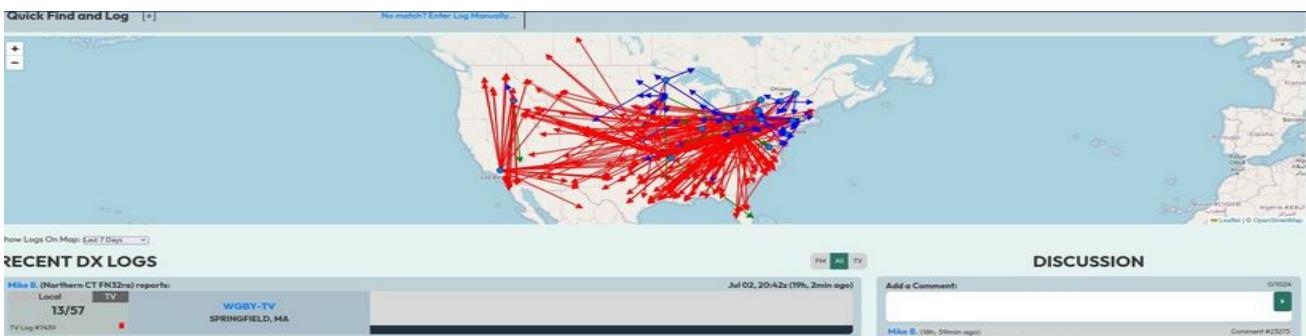
- See "Settings and Export" on the top right menu. You can choose to download a csv file of your loggings for the past 24 hours, the past week or the past month.

You can now edit your posts in the discussion pane of the page.

Unlike the map on FMList, the map page is not a public page. You need to be a WTFDA member and you need to be logged in to see and use it.

We hope that some of you who post on FMList might give our Wlogger a try. It's much easier to post your DX on a map using the Wlogger than it is using My FM on FMList. Writing your logs down on paper isn't necessary anymore. Just log them on Wlogger and see them on the map (OpenStreetMaps) or download them daily or weekly and save them on your own computer quickly and easily. And if you just want to talk, there's the discussion pane of the Wlogger where you can do just that.

We want to thank Nick Langan for creating the Wlogger concept and for a developer by the name of Jason Gauthier for working on the upgrades with us and adding new value to the Wlogger. There truly are good people out there.



WELY radio station moves to downtown Ely, operating under temporary frequency



[Kalli Hawkins](#) | June 9, 2025

WELY is officially back on the air.

As of Friday, the WELY radio station in Ely, Minn., is operating under a temporary 103.9 FM frequency.

“That is hopefully just a stopgap between where we are now and the work that still is yet to be done for 94.5,” said Kory Hartman, VP of Broadcast Operations for Civic Media.

Civic Media, a Wisconsin-based company, purchased WELY in January 2025 from Zoe Communications. Hartman said the acquisition did not include any studio equipment, but rather, the company “bought a dark license.”

Due to financial challenges throughout their ownership of the Ely radio station, Zoe Communications was unable to get WELY on the air due to various issues, including the transmitter.

Hartman said Civic Media is actively working on the tower, and after unsuccessfully attempting to repair the 1991 transmitter, the company had to purchase a brand new one.

“The biggest problem, though, is actually the antenna itself for 94.5 FM that has been damaged by previous work on the tower,” Hartman said.

In the coming months, work will continue to repair the antenna and tower issues. In the meantime, the listeners in the immediate area of Ely, Tower, and Babbitt can listen to WELY on 103.9. WELY’s AM 1450 frequency has been operational and back to full power for nearly a month.



WELY is also located in a new building in downtown Ely.

“We’ve got a great location in downtown where we wanted to be,” Hartman said. This past week, Civic Media has been installing studio equipment and getting the new space operational. With all the ongoing work, Hartman said he has received an outpouring of support from Ely residents and WELY supporters. “The outpouring of support already has been great.

For the entire article, [go to <https://wtip.org/wely-radio-station-moves-to-downtown-ely-operating-under-temporary-frequency/>](https://wtip.org/wely-radio-station-moves-to-downtown-ely-operating-under-temporary-frequency/)

FCC GRANTS AND ACTIONS

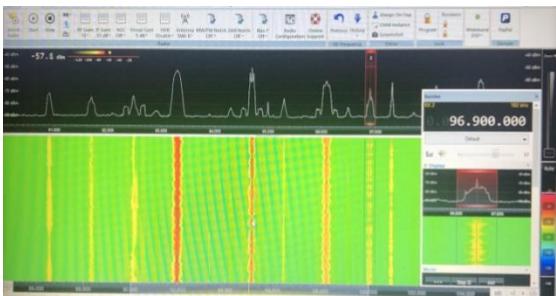
From fcc.today and the FCC

July 2025

AK	KICE	95.9	Deltana	initial calls
AL	W287DH	105.3	Huntsville	new site 34-44-16 86-32-02
AL	W217CL	91.3	Huntsville	Ex 90.5 (W213BY)
AL	WMFC	99.3	Monroeville	15kw/94m from 30kw, same height at current site
AL	W266DZ	101.1	Tellassee	250w from 180w at current site, ex W293BK 106.5
AR	KSMD	88.7	Dover	100w/-39m from 10kw/406m at new site 35-23-27 93-06-43
AR	KUOZ-LP	100.5	Clarksville	license cancelled, streaming only
AR	K254AM	98.7	Fort Smith	change primary to KFPW 1230 (talk, the Marshall)
AZ	KUUA-FM	89.1	St. Johns	13k/361m from 50k/241m at new site 34/14/59 109/35/13
AZ	K220FM	91.9	Carefree	Ex 91.9 (K205CI), change primary to KRKU 89.1,
CA	K218FP	91.5	Hayfork	Ex 92.1 (K221EV), 250w/-216m 40-34-04 123-11-34
CA	NEW	101.3	Ventura	New-cp 2w/222m, 34-19-33 119-11-10
CA	K299BI	107.7	Palm Desert	250w-V/162m at new site 33-52-04 116-26-02
CA	K215GA	90.9	Los Gatos	ex 90.3 (K212AA), 5w-H/267m from 55w, new site 37-12-58 121-57-37
CA	KZLA	98.3	Riverdale	Silent 5/24 lightning damage
CA	K280FO	103.9	Coachella	Silent 5/29, lost lease
CA	K259BI	99.7	Ventura	Silent 5/23 microwave failure
CA	K267BA	101.3	Lakeport	COL fm Ukiah, 10w/565m fm 55w at new site 39-02-35 122-46-01
CA	KMVE	106.9	California City	Silent 6/3/25 problem at remote site
CA	K233CU	94.5	Stockton	license canceled
CA	K217EK	91.3	Palo Colorado Canyon	license cancelled
CO	K222DS	92.3	Fort Collins	change primary to KRKU 89.3
CO	K214FJ	90.7	Golden	change primary to KRKU 89.1
DE	WDDE	91.1	Dover	6kw/117m from 9kw/94m at current site
FL	WVLQ	101.9	Port St. Joe	Silent 5/5 with equipment problems
FL	WMJP-LP	102.9	Citrus Springs	initial calls (shown on FCC as Citrus Sprinsg)
FL	W245DO	96.9	Lake Wales	new site 27-54-57 81-34-56
FL	W237BE	95.3	Pensacola	COL from Brewton, AL. No site change.
GA	WTFT	91.9	Cuthbert	3.3kw/62m from 3.7kw/128m at current site
GA	NEW	98.5	Brunswick	mod, 100w/29m, raise HAAT from 6m, new site 31-11-40 81-29-30
GA	WDOL-LP	104.1	Athens	.052/42m from 100w/29m at new site 33-57-41 83-23-54
GA	WDOL-LP	104.1	Athens	21w/65m from 52w/42m at current site
GA	WACG-FM	90.7	Augusta	5kw/451m from 3.7kw-H, add vertical, 420m at new site 33-15-33 82-17-07

GA	WILH	90.3	Lincolnton	10w-V from 12w-V/96m at new site 33-30-49 82-26-48
HI	KAUH-LP	104.7	Ocean View	100w/9m from 27m at new site 19-05-14 155-45-38
IA	KMHV	89.5	Kalona	8.2kw/56m from 5.5kw/56m at current site
ID	K257GX	99.3	Mountain Home	COL from Sebree, 250w-V only, at current site (ex 99.1 K256DI)
IL	W287BY	105.3	Rockford	Silent 4/30 with transmitter failure
IL	W222EQ	91.9	Galena	Ex 90.1 (W211BZ) 250w/98m from 16w-V/98m new site 42-27-30 90-46-41
KS	K204CD	88.7	Tribune	new site 38-27-55 101-54-57
KS	K273CX	102.5	Wichita	new site 37-44-27 97-21-05
KS	K230BY	93.9	Wichita	new site 37-44-07 97-21-05
KS	KTWI	88.5	Liberal	initial calls
KS	KTWI-LP	94.3	Liberal	license cancelled, now full power on 88.5
KY	WXYR-LP	104.5	Monticello	Silent 6/1/25 due to loss of programming
KY	NEW	101.1	Frankfort	new cp, 100w/26m, 38-10-27 84-53-50
LA	KNSU	91.5	Thibodaux	Silent 5/23 no staff available during the summer
LA	W252DQ	98.3	Lake Charles	To 180w/131m at current site
LA	WBOX-FM	92.9	Varnado	Silent 5/23 with transmitter issues
MI	W284DF	104.7	Petoskey	new site 45-19-17 84-52-33
MI	W277DY	103.3	Petoskey	250w at new site 45-19-17 84-52-33
MI	W236DZ	95.1	Big Rapids	ex W256CC 99.1. No site change.
MO	K273DR	102.5	Springfield	Ex 93.7 (K229AE) at current site
MO	KFTN-LP	92.7	Fenton	Silent 5/23/25 school closed for the summer
MO	KZGM	88.1	Cabool	Silent 5/16/25 technical issues, financial difficulties
MT	KFLF	91.3	Somers	32w/145m from 1kw/79m at new site 48-05-39 114-16-14
NC	WHFK-LP	105.5	Red Oak	license cancelled
NC	W273DP	102.5	Clinton	Silent 4/16/25, primary WRRZ 880 is silent
NM	KXNM	88.7	Encino	Silent 11/18/24 power issues at remote site - STA extended
NM	K218AK	91.5	Artesia	Silent 2/27/25 transmitter failure
NV	KIYQ	90.9	Pahrump	2.3kw/-104m from 1.5kw/135m at new site 36-16-19 116-03-26
NV	K296HP	107.1	North Las Vegas	99w adds V to H at new site 36-12-52 115-09-21
NV	K240CA	95.9	Crystal Bay	license cancelled
NY	W232AL	94.3	Pomona	change primary to WPLJ-HD3 (The Bridge, CCM)
NY	WLEA-FM	92.1	Hornell	ex WCKR
OH	WXMO-LP	98.1	Mason	new callsign
OH	W221EW	92.1	New Boston	Ex 106.7 (W294CN), 250w from 106w at current site
OK	K202EU	88.3	Enid	Ex 88.7 (K204GU) no other changes
OR	KBZR	89.9	Baker City	490w/-150m from 450w/-141m at current site
OR	K287BF	105.3	Glide	Silent 5/18 can't receive KWAX due to interference from KQUA 90.5

OR	KBDM	88.3	Boardman	4.5kw/78m from 100w/-33m at new site 45-48-24 119-33-35
PA	W201DO	88.1	Milford	change primary to WPAU 91.5, (WVIA Public Radio)
PA	W231AH	94.1	Bradford	Silent 5/26 moving site
PA	W273DO	102.5	Philadelphia	84w-V from 99w at new site 39-57-05 75-09-37
PA	W260DD	99.9	Lees Crossroads	Silent 5/29 sold and pending move by new owner
PA	W288DF	105.5	Mount Pocono	55w from 30w at new site 41-02-47 75-22-09
PA	WSTY	89.3	Milledgeville	550w/20m from 4kw/101m at new site 33-07-44 83-10-47
PA	W262AQ	100.3	York	Silent 1/5/25 lost site, STA extended
PA	W283DT	104.5	Hershey	30w from 120w, ex W265DE 100.9
PR	WICI-LP	90.7	Aguada	initial calls
SC	WBEI-LP	102.9	Charleston	95w/31m from 100w/128m at new site 32-50-37 80-01-09
SC	W211BV	90.1	Lexington	new site 33-53-59 81-13-29
TX	KOUI	88.3	Mount Pleasant	Silent 4/12 lost site
TX	K220GL	91.9	Pleasanton	92w-V only from 100w H&V at current site
TX	K212GT	90.3	Dumas	Ex 91.7 (K219CC) at current site
TX	K300DS	107.9	Corsicana	license canceled
TX	K244FC	96.7	Hillsboro	license canceled
TX	NEW	88.9	Asherton	cancelled
TX	NEW	91.1	Uvalde	cancelled
VA	W219CX	91.7	Richmond	new site 37-33-59 77-28-34
WA	KLSY	93.7	Belfair	33kw/672m from 28kw/718m at current site
WA	K220GX	91.9	Wishram	8w/542m from 14w at current site
WA	k219NM	91.9	Chehalis	new site 46-33-15 123-03-30
WA	K211GJ	90.1	Chinook	Ex 89.1 (K206CL) at current site
WA	K216GV	91.1	Bellingham	11w from 8w at current site
WA	K206DL	89.1	Granite Falls-Everett	Ex 88.9 (K206GD) at new site 48-03-03 121-51-44
WA	K201EN	88.1	Everett	9w-V from 5w-V at new site 48-03-03 121-51-44
WA	KAKP	101.3	Pasco	ex KGDN
WV	W294CP	106.7	Huntington	Silent 5/29 pending move and new construction
WY	NEW	99.9	Ethete	New-cp, 49kw/570m 43-27-29 108-11-41
WY	KIML-FM	93.3	Antelope Valley-Cres	ex KLED
WY	KJUW	88.9	Pinedale	2kw from 8kw at 138m at current site
WY	K214DI	90.7	Casper	change primary to KRKU 89.1
WY	K206EO	89.1	Granite Falls	change primary to KRKU 89.1
WY	KRKU	89.1	Hillsdale	420w from 200w, same height at current site



Format Flips

and branding, too

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BC

Alternative CKKS 107.5 Chilliwack BC is now airing Millennial Hits. Formerly known as “Sonic Radio,” the pop hits from the 90’s and 00’s branding is “Kiss Throwbacks.” And no, the old format has nothing to do with Sonic Radio heard at Sonic restaurants.

CT

Many stations have moved from over the air to webcasting in recent years. In Waterbury CT streamer “Wow Radio CT” is now on WATR 1320 and it’s translator W249DY. Wow operates from Toyota of Wallingford (CT). Yep, a streamer in a car dealership.

FL

Salem Media has made some changes in Miami. Its Spanish Conservative Talk format, “La Poderosa,” is now heard on WMYM 990 and its translator, W276DV 103.1, both Kendall FL. The Preaching “The Word” format is now on WWFE 670/W276DV Miami and WRHC 1550 Coral Gables/W254DV Miami.

GA

The Classic Hits format is out at WPGY 1580 and W229CE 93.7, both Ellijay GA, and W251CZ 98.1 Jasper GA. In its place is Sports as “The Sports Pig.” The positioning statement is “North Georgia’s Sports Voice.” The Sports Pig will carry NASCAR races, sure to be a winner in Georgia.

HI

Hard to believe, but Honolulu hasn’t had a Spanish CHR station til now. “Mega 104.7” K284AL Honolulu had been Filipino til the switch. It’s fed by KCCN HD2 100.3.

IL

Woodward Community Media is making sweeping changes in its Springfield IL cluster. WQLZ Petersburg IL is moving to its original frequency, 92.7, after using 97.7 since 2015 for its Rock format. News/Talk WMAY Springfield is swapping with WQLZ.

LA

Classic Country is out at KBKK 105.5 Ball LA. The former “105.5 K-Buck” has kept the call letters and switched to Classic Rock as “105.5 The Fox.” Stephens Media Group, based in Tulsa OK, recently sold their stations in the Alexandria LA market to Globecom Media.

ME

Up northeast, WBYA 105.5 Islesboro ME has sent the Country format known as “105.5 The Wolf” packing in favor of Soft AC as “105.5 The Wave.”

MT

K292GH 106.3 Hamilton MT is back on the air. The translator is fed by KDXT HD3 97.9 Lolo MT. The format is Classic Hits.

NV

Sometimes you have to be creative to cover a geographically large market. Las Vegas is one of those markets. Summit American has flipped Classic Hits KJUL Moapa Valley NV to a simulcast of co-owned Oldies KQLL 1280 Henderson NV/K272EE 102.3 Las Vegas. KJUL covers the northeast side of Vegas while the AM/translator combo hits the main population center of Golden Knights country.

NY

WSSV 1160 Mechanicville and its translator, W227DW Saratoga Springs NY are no longer known as "93.3 Lake FM." The new branding is "93.3 Fun FM." The Classic Hits format for the pair is still alive and well.

News/Talk is the new format for WKXZ 93.9 Norwich NY. It's simulcasting WNBF 1290 and W221EJ 92.1, both in Binghamton.

NC

A country station in the educational band of FM, and it's not Canadian? Yep, and WTFDA member Rick Shaftan has it in his backyard (figuratively speaking). WIID 88.1 Rodanthe NC has flipped from Hot AC as "Sunny 88.1" to Country as "88.1 OBX Country." It features programming from Local Radio Networks.

ON

In Ontario, another two former Bell Media stations have made changes. Whiteoaks Communications is the new owner, and they've kept the Variety Hits format alive on CKLH 102.9 Hamilton. Big difference is the branding, with the "Bounce 102.9" moniker bounced for "Legend 102.9." Down the road in St. Catherines, Adult Contemporary CHRE 105.7 has switched from "Move 105.7" to "Dream 105.7."

OR

KNCU 92.7 Newport OR is trading Classic Country as "92.7 Hank FM" for Sports as "Fox Sports Newport." With the west coast bent of Fox Sports Radio, maybe they'll do better with the format than we do in OKC.

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



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E-Skip has been very disappointing so far this summer. However, I can confirm two channel changes in my part of the United States. I had a tropo opening on June 9 which allowed me to report these changes.

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1984 Samsung 19-inch color TV, 1992 Panasonic 19-inch color TV, 1999 Daewoo 13-inch color TV, two Zenith DTT-901 ATSC-1 tuners, ADTH X23A3U-22 ATSC-1/ATSC-3 tuner, Channel Master CM3020 VHF/UHF/FM Yagi at 28 feet (8.5 m) above ground level. *All times CDT, distances in miles/kilometers.*

June 9, 2025 (tr)

0358	<u>WCIX</u> 11-1 (49-1) IL, Springfield (local programming, ex-RF 13)	80/128
0401	WCIA 34-1 (3-1) IL, Champaign (CBS)	150/240
0407	WAWV 18-1 (38-1) IN, Terre Haute (ABC)	170/274
0410	WTHI 10-1 (10-1) IN, Terre Haute (CBS)	170/274
0435	WCIX 11-2 (49-2) IL, Springfield (WCIA 34)	80/128
0436	WCIX 11-3 (49-3) IL, Springfield (Ion Mystery)	80/128
0437	WCIX 11-4 (49-4) IL, Springfield (Laff)	80/128
0557	KRCG 29-1 (13-1) MO, Jefferson City (CBS)	100/161
0558	KOMU 27-1 (8-1) MO, Columbia (NBC)	105/169
0559	KOMU 27-3 (8-3) MO, Columbia (CW)	105/169
0600	KOZL 22-1 (27-1) MO, Springfield (local programming)	195/314
0625	KOLR 10-1 (10-1) MO, Springfield (CBS)	195/314
0626	KOLR 10-2 (10-2) MO, Springfield (Laff)	195/314
0626	KOLR 10-3 (10-3) MO, Springfield (Grit)	195/314
0627	KOLR 10-4 (10-4) MO, Springfield (Defy)	195/314
0750	KHQA 22-1 (7-1) MO, Hannibal (CBS)	85/137
0752	<u>WGEM</u> 19-1 (10-1) IL, Quincy (NBC, in KPTN-LD null, ex-RF 10)	110/177

It's a start for the summer after a very disappointing 2024. I finally logged WCIX on post-repack RF 11 (still virtual 49), while I logged WGEM on RF 19 (still virtual 10). I'm sure that WGEM moved from 10 due to being short spaced with WAOE 10 (virtual 59) Peoria, in addition to getting better coverage on 19. One thing that's changed, though...I have to null out a local LP DTV to pull it in. WCIX 11 is my 60th DTV station from the Land of Lincoln (I logged 62 analogs from the state next door). DTV total now at 228.

Now, here's a couple of video captures from that day:



KRCG 29 (13) Jefferson City, MO
100 miles (161 km) tropo
Seen June 9, 2025



KOMU 27 (8) Columbia, MO
105 miles (169 km) tropo
Seen June 9, 2025

I'd love to see more reports, especially from areas OTHER than the Saint Louis Metro Area or Florida. Don't be afraid, contribute your logs and pictures! I'd much rather see them in *Line of Sight* than on the Internet. That will wrap up another column...please report! 73 and good DX from the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.



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