

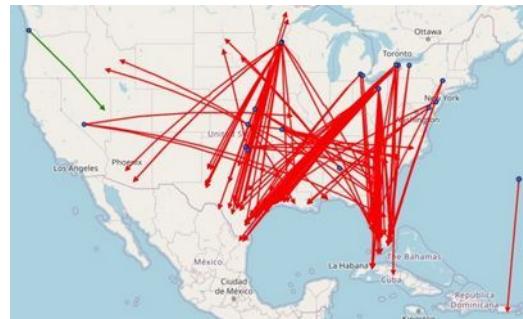
The kids are back in school and the eskip is fini.

September 2025 #11

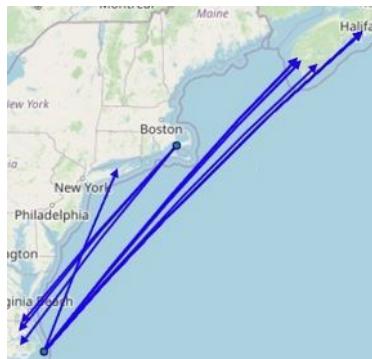
NEW MEMBERS. This time we welcome two more WTFDA members. Russel Lay (Nags Beach, NC) rejoins the club and we add our first Australian member. He's David Vitek in Port Holme, SA, where they are just beginning to enter skip season. Welcome to both of you!

AUGUST E-SKIP. August is considered by most of us to be the end of the skip season for the year. I think that a few of us were surprised to find out how good it turned out to be. The evenings of August 4th and 6th were good openings to the western US. August 11th was a big skip day for much of North America as were August 13th and 14th. August 22nd was a very good opening for Central and Western US from 4 to 7pm CDT. This opening should have been "it" for the summer but it wasn't. Skip returned one last time on August 24th were it was observed by Randy in Nevada and Mat in Palmdale, CA in their evening hours.

And double hop, yes, there was double hop. We have screenshots of some of it. One is from August 13th that shows Randy's reception of WOEX 96.5 in Orlando, Florida from Goldfield, Nevada. The screengrab on the right shows the full extent of the skip event in North America. Skip loggings are red.



Randy wasn't the only person with 2-hop in August. Pat Martin got into Alabama. Mat in CA caught skip to the mid-Atlantic coast. Bill Hepburn in Ontario found skip from Mexico. And I think it was Kyle in Washington (the state) who received double hop from Ohio. The winner of the double hop this summer is the west coast. (If your logs are not on this map, why aren't they??)



Yes, there was some really great skip in August, but there was some very special tropo received on August 17th at around 4:40pm ET. And it was TV TROPO. Rick Shaftan (Rodanthe NC, on the outer banks) was ready to go for a bike ride when he checked Rabbitears and noticed that something was up. What Rick found was CJCH-DT5 in Halifax, NS among other Nova Scotia loggings. CJCH clocks in at 1419km or 864 miles.

The crazy thing about this is that because of the high winds (from hurricanes and storms) that occasionally batter the outer banks of North Carolina, Rick keeps his antennas close to the ground. If Rick was using his 7 foot dish, the height above ground would be perhaps five feet.

Congrats to Rick on this outstanding reception!

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST. As you can see, there was plenty of Dxing going on in August but if you weren't on the logger (or Facebook or Slack) you'd never know about it. It seems like some Dxers like to report their DX to their own little online "tribe" and forget about the WTFDA. Folks, if you are a WTFDA member I need your support. Eric begs for TV submissions. I'd gladly take any FM info or reports you send regardless of size or format. And we need equipment reviews, technical info. Don't forget about this publication. Don't forget about YOUR DX club. One person is not the WTFDA. All 270 plus members of the club are.

FM DX Reports

Eric Bueneman, 631 Coachway Lane, Hazelwood, MO 63042-1347

Equipment: Kenwood AR-304 AM/FM/FM Stereo receiver, Channel Master CM3020 VHF-TV/UHF-TV/FM Yagi, Uniden Bearcat BCD996P2 analog/digital scanner at 28 feet (8.5 m), five-element beam modified for NOAA Weather Radio at 32 feet (9.7 m) above ground level.

All times CDT, all distance in miles/kilometers. New stations have call letters underlined.

June 7, 2025 (tr)

0608 KCVX 91.7 MO, Salem – “Spirit FM”, CCM, Scripture reading, underwriting 90/145
0618 KCKF 91.9 MO, Cuba – “Spirit FM”, CCM, over K220HT 70/113
0625 KLMZ 107.1 MO, Leadwood – local ads, wx forecast, Classic Rock 65/105
0632 KYLS 95.9 MO, Ironton – “Froggy 96”, local ads, over K240ES/WOLG 80/128
0637 WXL45 162.4 MO, Fulton – CDT time check, legal ID, wx almanac for Columbia 90/145
0652 WCVS 99.7 IL, Hillsboro – “99-7 CVS”, Classic Hits, ex-WXAJ 55/89

June 9, 2025 (tr)

0336 WQLZ 97.7 IL, Petersburg – “The Rock, 97-7 QLZ”, AOR, KQBS nulled 90/145
0338 WIKC 96.7 IL, Virden – “K-Love”, CCM, promos, ex-WCVS 70/113
0347 WGKC 105.9 IL, Mahomet – “US 105-9”, Country music 145/233
0353 WXK72 162.4 IN, Putnamville – legal ID, wx forecast for Terre Haute 190/306
0356 WXJ71 162.475 IL, Peoria – Midwest wx conditions, CDT time check, legal ID, wx forecast for Peoria 140/225
0403 WMAY 92.7 IL, Taylorville – “92-7 WMAY”, ABC News, local ads, over W224DC 70/113
0405 WBNQ 101.5 IL, Bloomington – “101.5 WBNQ”, CHR 140/225
0408 WMCI 101.3 IL, Neoga – “101.3 WMCI”, Country music 110/177
0412 WZIM 99.5 IL, Lexington – “Magic 99.5, AC 145/233
0414 WSVZ 98.3 IL, Tower Hill – “Oldies 98”, Oldies 85/137
0417 WLRW 94.5 IL, Champaign – “Mix 94.5”, Hot AC 150/240
0442 WXJ57 162.4 IN, South Bend – legal ID, wx conditions for IN/IL/MI 300/483
0443 KZZ30 162.475 MO, El Dorado Springs – flood warning for the Osage River, wx conditions for MO/KS 210/338
0448 WMGI IN, Terre Haute – “Mix FM”, local ads, wx forecast, Hot AC 170/274
0608 KCKH 95.9 MO, Mansfield – “Spirit FM”, CCM 165/266
0610 KSSZ 93.9 MO, Fayette – “93-9 The Eagle”, *Wake Up Missouri* morning show 120/193
0615 KCVH 88.7 MO, Hermitage – “Bott Radio Network” *Thru the Bible*, WSIE nulled 170/274
0618 KCLQ 107.9 MO, Lebanon – “Renegade Radio 107.9 The Coyote”, local ads, wx forecast 155/249
0624 KGBX 105.9 MO, Nixa – “105.9 KGBX”, Hot AC, local ads, Springfield traffic report 200/322
0702 KCKZ 103.5 MO, Huntsville – “Spirit FM”, CCM, wx forecast, MO #215 125/201
0707 KCKP 100.9 MO, Laurie – “Faith Radio, promos 140/225
0725 KRMS 93.5 MO, Osage Beach – “93-5”, local ads, Classic Rock 140/225
0728 KZZ38 162.5 MO, Trenton – MO/IA/NE wx conditions, legal ID, Chillicothe wx forecast 195/314
0734 KHJR 88.1 MO, Saint Thomas – talk on Pope Leo XIV //KHOJ (AM), through KDHX 105/169

July 1, 2025 (tr)

0147 KZZ38 162.5 MO, Trenton – Chillicothe and MO/IA/NE wx conditions 195/314
0327 KKFI 90.1 MO, Kansas City – Blues show, Kansas City mention 225/362
0347 KMMO 102.9 MO, Marshall – Country music, local ads mentioning various West Central MO towns over K275CI 155/249
0355 KCVQ 89.7 MO, Knob Noster – “Spirit FM”, CCM, over KGNX 175/282
0412 KWKJ 98.5 MO, Windsor – “98-5 The Bar”, Country music, KTJJ nulled 170/274
0430 KWJK 93.1 MO, Boonville – “93-1 Jack FM”, Adult Hits, local ads, WWVL-LP nulled 125/201
0545 KZZ65 162.525 IL, Bloomington – Bloomington/Normal wx conditions and almanac 140/225
0559 WQLZ 92.7 IL, Taylorville – “The Rock, 92-7 WQLZ”, legal ID, AOR, W224DC nulled, ex-WMAY 70/113
0602 WPBG 93.3 IL, Peoria – “93-3 The Drive”, Classic Hits, KRTK nulled 140/225
0610 WMAY 97.7 IL, Petersburg – “97-7 and 970 WMAY”, *Wake Up Springfield* morning show, KQBS nulled, ex-WQLZ 90/145
0621 WXJ75 162.4 IL, Springfield – Springfield wx forecast and conditions 80/128
0622 WXJ92 162.5 IL, Macomb – legal ID, IL/IA wx conditions 115/184

July 20, 2025 (tr)

0211 WXJ91 162.525 KY, Madisonville – KY/IL/IN/MO/OH/TN wx conditions, CDT time check, Pennyrile region forecast 190/306
0229 WMIX 94.1 IL, Mount Vernon – “WMIX”, Country music, KNBS nulled 85/137
0239 WCIL 101.5 IL, Carbondale – “101.5 CIL-FM”, CHR, over KPLA 100/161
0248 KIH45 162.4 KY, Bowling Green – Bowling Green wx forecast, heat advisory 220/362
0423 WLLE 102.1 KY, Mayfield – “Willie 102”, Classic Country 170/274

July 22, 2025 (tr)

0148 KRES 104.7 MO, Moberly – “Superstation Kres”, Country music, local wx and ads, W284DN nulled 115/184
0215 KZPT 99.7 MO, Kansas City – “99-7 The Point”, Hot AC, WCVS nulled 225/362
0220 KCMQ 96.7 MO, Columbia – “96-7 KCMQ”, AOR, K244FO nulled 105/169
0325 WKRV 107.1 IL, Vandalia – “The Rockin’ Best, WKRV”, Classic Rock, over K296HA, W296DR 70/113

July 24, 2025 (tr)

0150 WBNH 88.5 IL, Pekin – CCM, SRN News, Central IL wx, legal ID 140/225
0250 KZZ65 162.525 IL, Bloomington – local, IL and Midwest wx conditions, heat advisory 140/225
0253 WZIM 99.5 IL, Lexington – “WZIM”, Classic Hits, over WCOY 145/233
0312 KWKZ 106.1 MO, Charleston – “C-106”, local ads and wx, Classic Country, K291CW nulled 145/233
0417 WRME-LP 87.7 IL, Chicago – “Me-TV 87.7”, Classic Hits 255/410
0434 KXI58 162.4 IL, Plano – IL wx conditions, forecast for Plano 220/354

August 13, 2025 (tr)

0306 WXL46 162.4 MO, Springfield – wx forecast for SW MO, conditions for Springfield and other MO cities while looking for Ms conditions 195/314

August 15, 2025 (tr)

0045 WXX41 162.475 MN, Rochester – wx forecast for Rochester, conditions for cities in MN, IA and WI, legal ID, CDT time check over WXX82 380/612
0118 WXX88 162.4 WI, Menomonie – wx forecast for Eau Claire and West Central WI, conditions for WI, MN, IA and SD, legal ID 425/684
0056 KSJN 99.5 MN, Minneapolis – “Classical MPR”, Classical music, promos, legal ID over WCOY 450/724
0105 KNXR 97.5 MN, Rochester – “Minnesota 97-5”, Classic Hits, over KWAP-LP, WBBA 380/612
0138 WAXX 104.5 WI, Eau Claire – “Wax 104-5”, morning show promo, Country music, over WFMB 425/684

Another summer without E-skip so far...I have not had an E-skip opening since June 11, 2023. That will make two straight summers without an E-skip opening reaching the FM band. I was able to add five new FM stations from Missouri in early June, including my closest unheard, KCVX 91.7 in Salem. Missouri overtook Illinois as my most productive DX state in the June 9 opening, with the station putting my home state over the top being KCKP 100.9 from Laurie, near the Lake of the Ozarks. I nulled out locals on 88.1 and 88.7 to pull in DX. I was able to totally null out WSIE to hear KCVH, which was carrying the Bott Radio Network, the same group as my local KSIV 91.5. KHJR 88.1 was a pleasant surprise. That brings the Missouri FM total to 217. I also had an opening to Chicago on July 24 with one new DTV logged. I listened for several hours during the meteor shower of August 12-13 but only logged regional tropo. The tropo opening of the wee hours of August 15 was a pleasant surprise, not only adding new NWR stations from Minnesota and Wisconsin, but two new National Weather Service offices. WXX41's programming is from the La Crosse, WI office, while WXX88 originates from the Chanhassen, MN office. The FM total now stands at 1,393; the NWR total now stands at 145. 73 and good DX from the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.

Mike Bugaj – Enfield, CT

Logs for August 11th. All loggings made using a TEF 6686 radio with an APS-13 yagi. Logs entered into the WTFDA Wlogger, printed on the map and downloaded for publication here. Times are UTC. This was without a doubt my best skip of the year.

Date	Mode	Freq	Calls	City	St		miles
2025-08-11 13:07:11	Es	92.1	WCTQ	VENICE	FL	strong!	1168
2025-08-11 13:09:31	Es	89.7	WUSF	TAMPA	FL		1120
2025-08-11 13:11:20	Es	92.3	WWKA	ORLANDO	FL	8fc4	1043
2025-08-11 13:12:02	Es	92.9	WMFQ	OCALA	FL	74ea	1040
2025-08-11 13:15:39	Es	99.7	WJKD	VERO BEACH	FL	6d73	1081
2025-08-11 13:19:04	Es	88.3	WPOZ	ORLANDO	FL	7dc9	1042
2025-08-11 13:20:05	Es	89.7	WMLV	MIAMI	FL	758b	1223
2025-08-11 13:21:45	Es	87.7	WEYS-LD	MIAMI	FL	3d44,	1189
2025-08-11 13:25:00	Es	94.9	WZTU	MIAMI BEACH	FL		1190
2025-08-11 13:29:52	Es	99.7	WWTN	HENDERSONVILLE	TN	a9bb	862
2025-08-11 13:38:51	Es	92.1	WUMS	UNIVERSITY	MS	8ac2	1052
2025-08-11 13:40:08	Es	94.9	KHKN	MAUMELLE	AR	138d	1184
2025-08-11 13:42:38	Es	98.7	WHOP-FM	HOPKINSVILLE	KY	689f	872
2025-08-11 13:45:38	Es	92.1	WQQK	GOODLETTSVILLE	TN	a892	855
2025-08-11 13:47:05	Es	92.9	WJXA	NASHVILLE	TN	6ec2	872
2025-08-11 13:50:07	Es	98.7	WKDO-FM	LIBERTY	KY	6f6c	732
2025-08-11 13:56:33	Es	88.3	WEBF	LEROSE	KY	5f57 K-LOVE	663

2025-08-11 13:59:18	Es	93.3	WSYE	HOUSTON	MS	86a4	1054
2025-08-11 14:01:11	Es	93.5	WKWX	SAVANNAH	TN	voice ID	960
2025-08-11 14:03:51	Es	94.9	WMSR-FM	COLLINWOOD	TN	763d	952
2025-08-11 14:05:11	Es	95.3	WADI	CORINTH	MS	54fe	985
2025-08-11 14:08:21	Es	91.7	WFCM-FM	MURFREESBORO	TN	621c	868
2025-08-11 14:09:11	Es	91.5	WFHU	HENDERSON	TN	621c	977
2025-08-11 14:10:07	Es	91.5	WAVI	OXFORD	MS	56d2 - AFR	1079
2025-08-11 14:11:03	Es	91.9	WOWL	BURNSVILLE	MS	7be7	985
2025-08-11 14:11:48	Es	92.1	WUMS	UNIVERSITY	MS	8ac2	1052
2025-08-11 14:13:19	Es	89.5	WMAE-FM	BOONEVILLE	MS	745c	1011
2025-08-11 14:26:51	Es	89.5	WMAE-FM	BOONEVILLE	MS	745c	1011
2025-08-11 14:29:49	Es	89.7	KRLE	CARBON HILL	AL	8FF5	985
2025-08-11 14:31:55	Es	89.7	WLXW	WAYNESBORO	MS	K-LOVE	1139
2025-08-11 14:34:36	Es	91.1	WKNO-FM	MEMPHIS	TN		1043
2025-08-11 14:35:34	Es	92.9	WTUG-FM	NORTHPORT	AL	88e2	1025
2025-08-11 14:40:14	Es	92.1	KHPQ	CLINTON	AR	2412	1154
2025-08-11 14:41:45	Es	90.1	WLGO	SAWYERVILLE	AL	725E	1055
2025-08-11 14:46:15	Es	87.7	WTBS-LD	ATLANTA	GA	AF87 the Vibe	859
2025-08-11 14:49:32	Es	89.7	WJHO	ALEXANDER CITY	AL		952
2025-08-11 14:50:38	Es	91.5	WSTF	ANDALUSIA	AL	8623	1060
2025-08-11 14:51:17	Es	91.7	WMVW	PEACHTREE CITY	GA	768f	886
2025-08-11 14:52:57	Es	93.3	WVFJ-FM	GREENVILLE	GA	8ca7	908
2025-08-11 14:53:52	Es	95.3	WMJB	VALLEY	AL	7543	940
2025-08-11 14:54:39	Es	95.5	WSBB-FM	DORAVILLE	GA	844b	857
2025-08-11 14:56:01	Es	96.9	WDJR	HARTFORD	AL	5d8f	1057
2025-08-11 14:57:46	Es	98.9	WBAM-FM	MONTGOMERY	AL	5758	1020
2025-08-11 14:58:40	Es	99.7	WOOF-FM	DOOTHAN	AL	7b11	1022
2025-08-11 15:01:04	Es	103.7	WLTC	CUSSETA	GA	73a4	944
2025-08-11 15:01:51	Es	104.7	WAAZ-FM	CRESTVIEW	FL	54c1	1098
2025-08-11 15:03:13	Es	105.3	WACR-FM	COLUMBUS AFB	MS	54ed	1047
2025-08-11 15:04:13	Es	106.1	WMXU	STARKVILLE	MS	76c2	1063
2025-08-11 15:11:33	Es	107.5	WVFG	UNIONTOWN	AL	8ca4	1056
2025-08-11 15:13:06	Es	105.7	WAKH	MCCOMB	MS		1234
2025-08-11 15:13:24	Es	105.7	WQAH-FM	ADDISON	AL	7eef	949
2025-08-11 15:14:57	Es	105.1	WASJ	PANAMA CITY BEACH	FL	5685	1098
2025-08-11 15:16:00	Es	104.9	WYLS	YORK	AL	9538	1092
2025-08-11 15:19:08	Es	101.1	WNOE-FM	NEW ORLEANS	LA	voice ID	1274
2025-08-11 15:20:12	Es	99.5	WRNO-FM	NEW ORLEANS	LA	12ec	1274
2025-08-11 15:23:13	Es	95.3	WFFN	COALING	AL	626b	1025
2025-08-11 15:28:41	Es	94.9	WKSJ-FM	MOBILE	AL	17ed	1148
2025-08-11 15:34:02	Es	89.9	WWNO	NEW ORLEANS	LA	A920	1280
2025-08-11 15:34:56	Es	89.9	WJTF	PANAMA CITY	FL	6e5f	1087



A visual representation of stations logged during this event.

Digital Notification Exhibit

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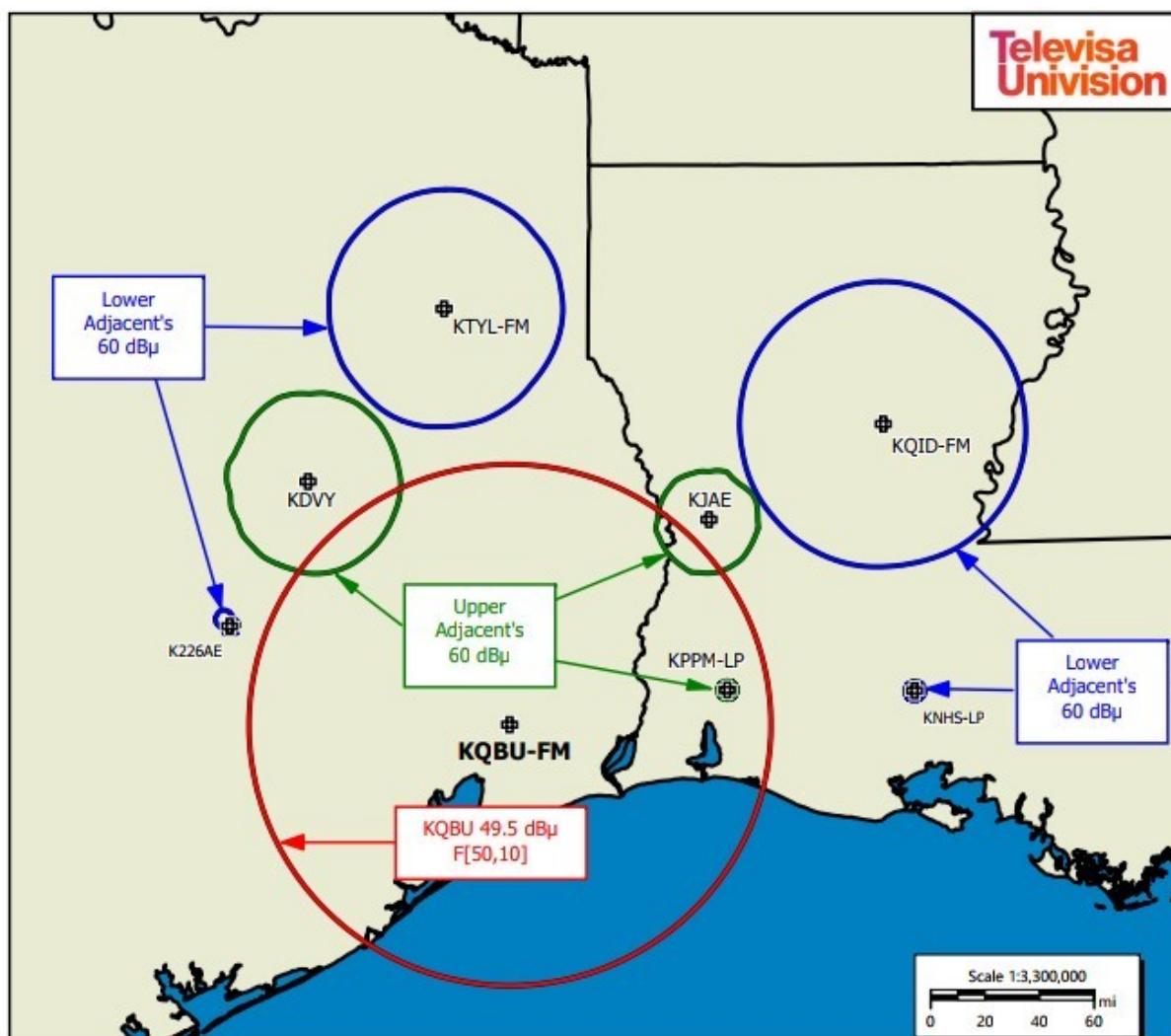
KQBU-FM Port Arthur, Tx

Ch 227, 93.3 MHz

Class C, 100 kW, 595m HAAT

TelevisaUnivision, Inc, owner of Tichenor License Corporation, licensee of KQBU-FM ("KQBU"), hereby notifies that it commenced hybrid digital operation on 8/20/2025.

In accordance with Report and Order FCC24-105 and 73.404(f) of the Commission's rules, KQBU is operating asymmetrical sidebands of -13 dBc lower, -17 dBc upper for a total ERP of 100 kW analog, 7 kW digital. The relevant first adjacent stations are KDVY, KJAE, KTYL and KQID; and low power station KPPM that is not protected. As shown in this exhibit below, KQBU's 49.5 dB μ F(50, 10) contour does not exceed the lower adjacent channel station's 60 dB μ F(50, 50) contours.



JUNE 18, 2025

HYDRASDR RFONE: A NEW UPCOMING SDR SIMILAR TO THE AIRSPY R2

Recently, we have heard news about a new [upcoming SDR called the HydraSDR RFOne](#), created by Benjamin Vernoux, who also worked on the design of the Airspy. The HydraSDR RFOne appears to be very closely based on the Airspy R2 design, and it has very similar specs, including a 24-1800 MHz RX range, 12-bit ADC, and up to 10 MSPS sampling rate output, giving 9 MHz of spectrum. While HydraSDR is very similar to the Airspy R2 in design, as it uses the same main LPC4370 and the same overall design and layout, there are a few minor changes. The HydraSDR RFOne uses a Rafael R828D tuner chip, instead of the Rafael R820T2 tuner. The R828D has three input pins; however, it appears that only one pin is connected to the SMA input port. The other two ports are connected to uFL connectors on the PCB, which are inaccessible from the metal enclosure.

A second interesting feature is that it comes with a much larger enclosure that can house up to three HydraSDR boards in one. Also, a USB-C connector is used instead of the microUSB (we note that the device would still be USB2.0, not USB3.0).

Another differentiating point is that HydraSDR will be made in the USA, versus China, where the Airspy R2 is made. This may be good for US customers now that the Trump-China tariffs have been implemented. But we have recently seen that iTead, Airspy's Chinese manufacturing partner, recently opened a US store with US stock. So it seems that the retail price of the Airspy will not appear to be affected by tariffs.



HydraSDR with a Single Board

You can find out more about the RFONE at <https://hydrasdr.com> or you can order one from [Digikey](#) for \$189.99.

REVIEW OF THE HYDRA SDR

Matt Sittel

Found on Slack

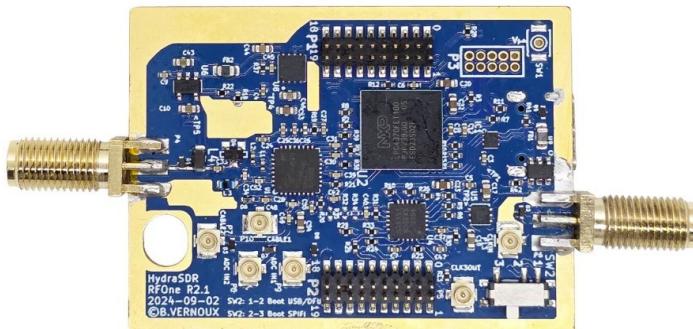
I like the Hydra, but SDR++, the approved software for interacting with it, needs some work. It's not very good at decoding RDS-throws a lot of fake codes which change rapidly, and you have to watch for the legit one amongst them to identify stations. It does work with SDR#; when you open the software it thinks it is an AirSpy R2. Playback of recorded baseband files within SDR++ is missing the ability to jump around within a recorded file; you can only play it from the start to end. If you stop mid-file, it resets to the start of the file. There doesn't appear to be an immediate plan to add this feature either from what I have read. If I access the Hydra in SDR# it will only record 8 MHz width instead of 10 which is a trade off for using software that will allow you to move around within a recorded file.

I was unable to open an SDR++ recorded file in SDR# though; I thought that could be a workaround. If you have an SDR that can record 10 MHz already, you probably don't need this one. But if you don't, this capability is nice, and has been useful in the past few weeks to capture skip signals and boost my logs. It seems to be less fragile than the AirSpy.

I was hoping to run two of them simultaneously from the same laptop, but when I do, the result is a stuttering sound on the second one, even if bandwidth is brought down to 2.5 MHz from the maximum allowable 10 MHz. This is on a new 32 GB memory laptop with nothing else installed but Microsoft 365. SDR++ does run fine on a 16 GB memory laptop as well, so there doesn't appear to be a minimum memory needed to effectively record 10 MHz at once, so this doesn't require a new laptop. That said, I guess I'll need two laptops to record 20 MHz at once which is cost prohibitive. With last night's skip I manually tuned 98-108 and recorded 88-98. I have about 35 minutes of audio to review. Recording at 10 MHz takes up about 2 GB per minute. I haven't tried writing direct to an external hard drive in real time; I'm just writing to the laptop's hard drive and transferring the files after the fact to a 256 GB flash drive to review on my main laptop I use for both work and home activities (I have SDR++ and SDR# installed on my work laptop so I can listen on the road).

SDR++ has a lot of adjustable parameters. I've found the maximum allowable gain largely depends on where I have my antenna pointed.

It ships with a USB-C female to USB-A female plug, but you can switch this to USB-C to USB-C with no issues (I'm limited on ports on my laptop). Antenna connector is the same small SMA like on AirSpy.



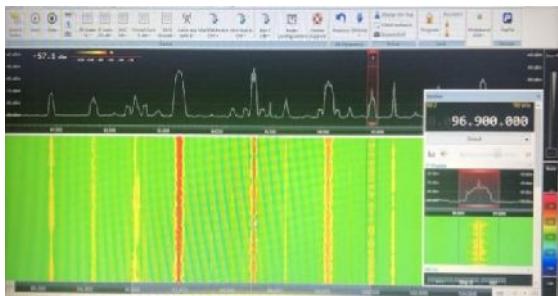
FCC GRANTS AND ACTIONS

From fcc.today and the FCC

September 2025

AK	KPOL	91.3	Dillingham	initial calls
AK	K211BG	90.1	Sitka	license cancelled
AK	KJLK	89.9	Soldotna	ex KBEW
AL	W209CU	89.7	Huntsville	Ex 91.3 (W217CL)
AR	KOJC-LP	97.1	Springdale	initial calls
AR	KDPC	98.9	Rison	initial calls
AZ	K237FX	95.7	Casas Adobes	Silent 8/2/25 pending move to 105.7
AZ	K263CA	100.5	Taylor	Silent 8/20/25 pending move to 103.5
CA	NEW	107.1	Visalia	new cp 100w/20m, 38-18-44 119-16-29
CA	KNAC	94.9	Baker	ex KHRQ
CA	KWTF	88.1	Bodega Bay	Silent 7/31, lost site
CA	KSDE-LP	101.5	San Dimas	initial calls
CA	KUMR-FM1	90.5	Point Reyes Station	100w, 38-15-40 122-54-13, new CP
CO	KZNM	100.9	Towaoc	Silent 4/25 transmission system failure due to high winds
DE	W236EA	95.1	Wilmington	COL changed from Swedesboro NJ, ex 99.9 (W260BW)
FL	WZQR-LP	100.7	Bokeelia	Silent 7/11 programming issues
FL	NEW	106.5	Lake Placid	new cp 100w/30m, 27-17-36 81-21-56
FL	NEW	106.3	Lake Wales	new cp, 75w/35m, 27-54-09 91-35-19
FL	NEW	96.3	Sebring	new cp, 84w/33m, 27-30-42 81-30-24
FL	NEW	92.5	Sebring	new cp, 100w/30m, 27-30-43 81-26-53
FL	WLJM-LP	95.3	Miami Beach	license cancelled
FL	WQAM-FM	104.3	Miramar	call change from WSFS
FL	W233CM	94.5	Pensacola	COL changed from Milton, joins W229CV 93.7 on same tower
FL	WDRD-LP	100.3	Tampa	Ex 99.9
GA	WJGS	91.5	Norwood	Silent 7/13 transmitter issues
GA	WTOC-FM	95.7	Toccoa	Silent 2/1/25 pending station construction at Toccoa
GA	W262CE	96.1	Clayton	Silent 2/11 relocating to Clemson SC on 96.1, new site under construction.
ID	K203FY	88.5	Fairfield	Ex 89.7 (K209AG), COL change from Challis, etc.
IL	WJQC-LP	105.5	Moline	initial calls
IN	WLHL	90.5	Middletown	initial calls
KS	K224FX	92.7	Ashland	Ex 92.3 (K222BJ)
LA	K271DG	102.1	Baton Rouge	COL changed from Thibodaux, ex 103.7 (K279OU)
LA	K274CW	102.7	Franklinton	Silent 8/23 construction STA extended
MA	WUHC-LP	96.5	Taunton	initial calls
MD	W224EM	92.7	Wye Mills	Ex 96.1 (W241AO)

ME	W287DD	105.3	Bath	Silent 7/29 primary WJTO is silent, tower demolished, lic wants to sell
ME	W247DK	97.3	Lewiston	Silent 8/14/25, primary WLAM silent, stations for sale
ME	WJAH-LP	94.9	Union	Ex 94.5
MI	WJKN-FM	89.3	Spring Arbor	Silent 8/12/25 causing interference to aircraft freqs
MT	K204GX	88.7	Shelby	Ex 88.1 (K201CO)
NC	WRVS-FM	89.9	Elizabeth City	Silent 6/10 moving site
NC	W202BR	88.3	Rockingham	Silent 7/31, translator displaced by WRNC 88.3, looks for new freq.
NC	W245DS	96.9	Sylva	COL moved from Franklin
NC	W297CV	107.3	Mooresville	Ex 99.3 (W257EJ)
NE	KKNL	89.3	Valentine	Silent 7/7 transmitter failure
NE	K217FM	91.3	Norfolk	COL changed from Billings, MT, new site 42-01-56/97-22-08
NM	K271DC	102.1	Edgewood	COL change from Moriarty
NM	KHBX-LP	99.3	Hobbs	license cancelled
OH	WKKE	88.9	Miamtown	ex WMWX
OK	KCMJ-LP	91.7	Tulsa	initial calls
OR	K248DD	97.5	Portland	Silent 7/11/25 lost site
PA	WKYJ	92.7	Starview	call change from WPPY
PA	WVLY-FM	100.9	Milton	Silent 7/29 no program source plus needs equipment
TX	KERB-LP	99.9	Grand Prairie	COL changed from Arlington
TX	K211GK	98.1	Gardendale	Ex 102.5 (K273AW)
TX	KKFS	90.1	Fort Stockton	initial calls
TX	KHWD	91.7	Pampa	ex KLCP
TX	KQBU	93.3	Port Arthur	adds HD, -13dbc lower and -17dbc upper 100kw analog 7kw digital
TX	K235CS	94.9	Houston	Silent 1/31 lost lease, STA extended
UT	K299CB	107.7	Saint George	Silent 7/28/25 displaced by KCAY 107.7
UT	K264DH	100.7	Saint George	Ex 107.7 (K299CB)
VA	WATO-LP	99.1	Elkton	initial calls
VT	W276DK	103.1	Irasburg	COL moved from Newport
WA	K203FX	88.5	Aberdeen	Ex 88.7 (K204ET)
WI	NEW	92.9	Oxford	new cp, 100w/2m, 43-46-48 89-34-05
WI	NEW	104.7	Rhineland	new cp, 100w/27m, 45-41-33 89-21-52
WI	NEW	107.7	Sturgeon Bay	new cp, 100w/12m, 44-50-43 87-22-36
WV	WVWC	92.1	Buckhannon	license cancelled
WV	WXEE-LP	94.7	Welch	initial calls
WV	W257EX	99.3	Huntington	Ex 106.7 (W294CP)
WY	KJWS	89.3	Kemmerer	ex KWSJ
WY	KKUW	99.3	Kemmerer	ex KTUW



Format Flips

and branding, too

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AL

WZTZ 101.1 Elba AL is still Classic Hits, but the branding has changed from “Z101” to “Retro FM 101.1.” The station positions itself as “South Alabama’s Retro Hits.”

CO

Frontier Frequencies has taken over formerly silent KSTY 104.5 Cañon City and brought it back to life as its old format, Country, as “104.5 Star Country.”

FL

“104.3 The Shark” no longer swims in Miami. Abandoning their Alternative format, WSFS 104.3 Miramar is now simulcasting WQAM 560 Miami with new WQAM-FM call letters. Sadly, for them, they’re stuck with the Miami Heat instead of the best team in south FL, the Florida Panthers.

MD

WTRA-LP 106.5 Berlin MD is brand new to the air. Format is listed as religious, which oftentimes means a bunch of paid programs.

MS

Another LPFM is on the air and DX ready. WZHI-LP 95.5 Maben MS airs a mix of classic hits and Gospel music.

OH



Yet again, for the second time this year, WIRO Ironton OH has changed format. This time, tho, they’ve also changed frequency. Early in the year they switched to Classic Country as “107.1 Hank FM.” Now, with a switch to 106.7, they’re Conservative Talk as “106.7 The Eagle.” And if that wasn’t enough, the switch moves them to the Portsmouth OH market from Huntington WV.

Oldies formatted “97.7/106.7 The Oasis,” hitting the Dayton and Cincinnati markets, is now a trio. WOXY 97.7 Mason OH and WNKR 106.7 Williamstown KY welcome WYDB 94.5 Englewood OH as the third signal of the group. WYDB had been Conservative Talk under a \$10k per month LMA with Salem Media.

PA

The 800 pound gorilla of radio isn’t getting its way in Williamsport PA. iHeart is being denied access to its transmitter site for W235BA by the property owner. “Rock 94.9” is the translator for WRKK 1200 Hughesville PA, and it’s off the air. To keep the Rock format going, it’s been moved to WBYL 95.5 Salladasburg PA as “Rock 95.5.” That station was half of the Country “Bill 95” simulcast, which will remain on WBLJ 95.1 Shamokin PA.

SC

AAA “105.5 The Bridge” WCOO 105.5 Kiawah Island SC is changing things up a bit. Going deeper into Americana music, its positioning statement is “The Sound of the Lowcountry.”

TN

Regional Mexican WPFT 106.3 Pigeon Forge TN is no more, replaced by Conservative Talk “Talk 106.3.” It’s heavy with syndicated shows. Will Dolly Parton listen at Dollywood? Maybe.

UT

KCAY 100.7 Enterprise UT is now Oldies from the ‘60’s and ‘70s. Using *Scott Shannon’s True Oldies Channel*, the station now bills itself as “True Oldies 107.7.” KCAY is one of 5 Redrock Media stations in the St. George UT market.

VA

Soft AC is the new format for WNOH 105.3 Norfolk. The iHeartMedia station had been stunting with Christmas music prior to the change. I remember visiting the station in 1979 when it was owned by CBN as WXRI.

WI

Liberal Talk WGBW 1590 Denmark WI and its translator, W250CV 97.9 Green Bay, has flipped to Oldies. Once upon a time the station had aired Scott Shannon’s “True Oldies Channel.”

EMF grabs two more WI stations. WLUM 102.1 and WLDB 93.3, both in Milwaukee, are the latest acquisitions for the 800 pound gorilla of Christian radio. \$4 million is the price tag for the two, which join WLVE 105.3 Mukwonagois in their Milwaukee area stable. Gotta figure the new two will be K-Love and Air 1. How about Radio Nueva Vida for Mukwonagois? Maybe.....

OK, so it’s not about a station changing format, but perhaps some of you knew this gentleman (and I sincerely mean that word). Per HisAir.net: “HisAir is deeply saddened to report the passing of former KSWP/KAVX/Lufkin GM Al Ross. Al served the radio ministry over 25 years. Al suffered a stroke nearly 3 years ago and never fully recovered.” In OKC and Tulsa, he was better known on air as Benjamin Cain. He hired me at KJYO 102.7 OKC in 1981, and I’m still in the iHeart OKC cluster (Insilco owned KJYO then). RIP, my friend.

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

MWDXER (Warrenton OR CN86ac) reports:		Aug 13, 05:15 PM EDT (2h, 4min ago)	
E-Skip	FM	KXKS-FM	Double hop! 95 KW-1010 FT HAAT
93.7		SHREVEPORT, LA	1834 miles 110* 95 kW
FM Log #42628		Aug 13, 05:13 PM EDT (2h, 6min ago)	
MWDXER (Warrenton OR CN86ac) reports:		New! 100 KW-544 FT HAAT.	
E-Skip	FM	KFXI	1564 miles 111* 100 kW
92.1		MARLOW, OK	Aug 13, 05:13 PM EDT (2h, 6min ago)
FM Log #42625		1564 miles 111* 100 kW	
MWDXER (Warrenton OR CN86ac) reports:		New! 45 KW-498 FT HAAT	
E-Skip	FM	KWKL	1553 miles 112*
89.9		GRANDFIELD, OK	Aug 13, 05:10 PM EDT (2h, 9min ago)
FM Log #42632		1553 miles 112*	
MWDXER (Warrenton OR CN86ac) reports:		New, Another Double hop. 50 KW-492 FT.	
E-Skip	FM	KBYB	1795 miles 108* 50 kW
101.7		HOPE, AR	Aug 13, 05:09 PM EDT (2h, 10min ago)
FM Log #42630		1795 miles 108* 50 kW	
MWDXER (Warrenton OR CN86ac) reports:		New, Double hop! 100 KW-380 FT HAAT.	
E-Skip	FM	KETR	1720 miles 111* 100 kW
88.9		COMMERCE, TX	Aug 13, 05:09 PM EDT (2h, 10min ago)
FM Log #42631		1720 miles 111* 100 kW	

Pat Martin's double hop E skip from August 13. Longest distance was 1834 miles from KXKS-FM in Shreveport LA.

TV DX and Photos

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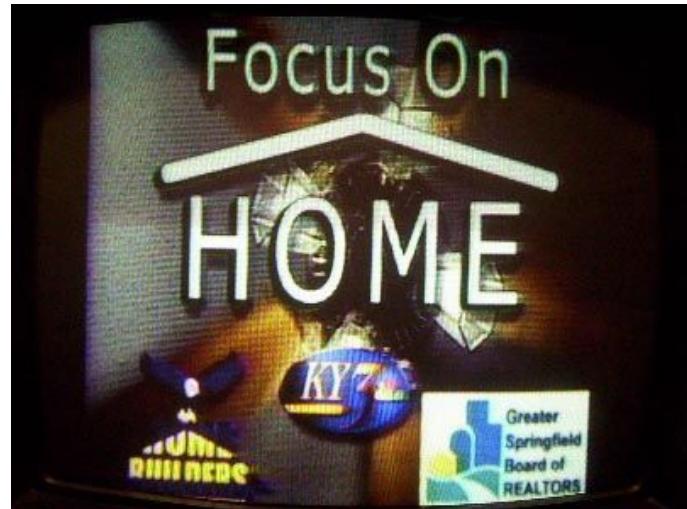
This month, I will be profiling the best video captures from my first year of DTV DXing. In September of 2005, I bought my first DTV converter, a Digital Stream HD3150 ATSC 1.0 tuner. It opened up a whole new world for me. At first, I used a digital camera to take pictures before buying a Hauppauge Win-TV-Go video card and coupling it with my first Zenith DTT-901 tuner. Here's a few of the best video captures from my first year of DTV DXing, 2005.



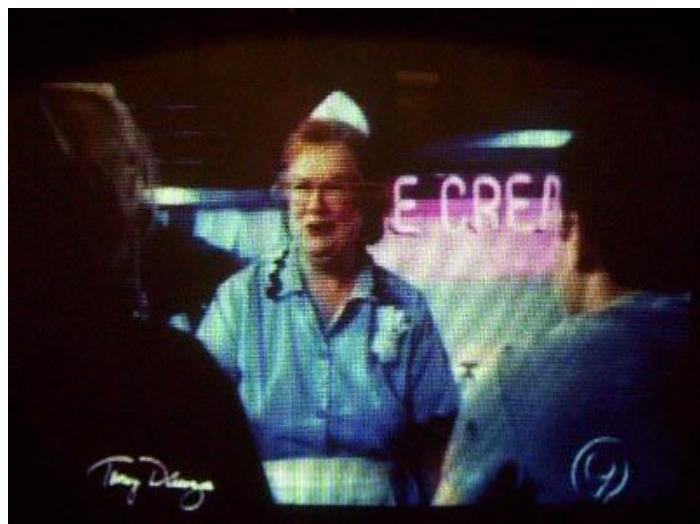
The first one: WICS 42 (20) Springfield, IL
80 miles tropo
Seen September 19, 2005
(Now on RF 15)



WSIU 40 (8) Carbondale, IL
100 miles tropo
Seen September 19, 2005
(Now on RF 8)



KYTV 44 (3) Springfield, MO
195 miles tropo
Seen September 20, 2005
(Now on RF 19)

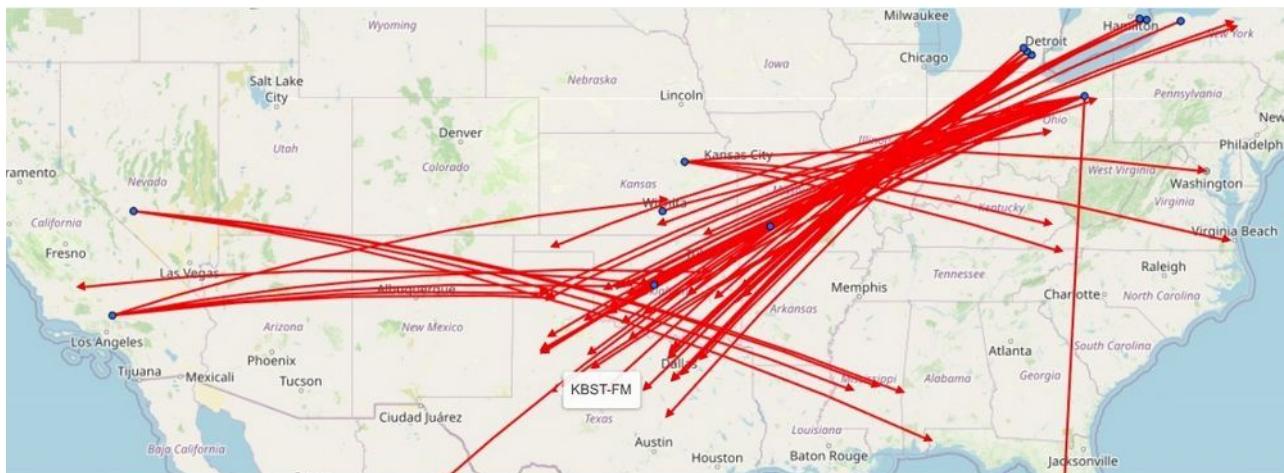


KMBC 7 (9) Kansas City, MO
225 miles tropo
Seen September 22, 2005
(Now on RF 29)



WHAS 55 (11) Louisville, KY
 250 miles tropo
 Seen November 2, 2005
 (Now on RF 11)

In the next edition, I'll take a look back at 2006. Just a gentle reminder...I'm still looking for reports from other WTFDA members. This column doesn't revolve around Ryan Grabow and yours truly, you know! 73 and good DX from the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.



August 23rd evening E skip featuring double hop Es to MS, AL and FL by Randy Zerr (NV) and double op Es from Bill Hepburn in Ontario to Mexico.



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