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1974 CONVENTION REPORT

The 1974 IRCA Convention is now history, but its memory lingers in the minds of those who came. About 43 persons were present, including 26 IRCA members. The others included former & prospective members, guests and families of attendees, and NRC members. Those in attendance included:

Brian Scully, Brea, Calif.
 John Clements, N. Hollywood, Calif.
 Don Erickson, Riverside, Calif.
 Father Jack Pejza, San Deigo, Calif.
 Don Kaskey, San Fransisco, Calif.
 Dave Prather, Woodlawn, Calif.
 Jim Critchett, Yreka, Calif.
 Rob Harrington, Englewood, Colo.
 John "Charley" Keleher, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
 Rick Evans, New Buffalo, Mich.
 Ed Krejny, Middleburg Heights, Ohio
 Pat Martin, Astoria, Oregon
 Larry Godwin, Corvallis, Oregon
 Bill Hlock, Portland, Oregon
 Mike and Saralee Northam, Portland, Oreg.
 Bill and Nancy Hardy, Aberdeen, Wash.
 Chuck Albertson, Bellevue, Wash.
 Paul Petersky, Bellevue, Wash.
 John Mowbray, KQIN Radio, Burien, Wash. (guest speaker)
 Bart Cronin, Edmonds, Wash., NRC
 Jef Jaisun, Kirkland, Wash.
 Mark Richards, Mercer Island, Wash.
 Duane Westmore, Renton, Wash.
 Phil Bytheway, Seattle, Wash.
 Dave Christensen, Seattle, Wash.
 Jon Orren, Seattle, Wash.
 Bruce Portzer, Seattle, Wash.
 Karen Portzer, Seattle, Wash.
 Sherry Proctor, Seattle, Wash.
 Evelyn Vermillion, Seattle, Wash.
 Mike Worst, Seattle, Wash.
 Richard Wolf, Skyway, Wash., NRC
 Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Goodwater & family, Yakima, Wash.
 George Kestevan, Calgary, Alberta
 Percy Kestevan, Edmonton, Alberta
 Dan Sys, Vancouver, B.C.
 Brian and Chris Williams, Vancouver, B.C.
 Joe Markewicz, Alsask, Saskatchewan

First to arrive was Percy Kestevan, who rolled into town on Monday, July 15. Early arrivals must run in the family, as second to arrive was George Kestevan, who showed up around noon Thursday. Many others arrived Thursday, but most appeared on Friday after the meeting room opened.

Friday afternoon saw about 15 persons touring KIRO Radio-TV. Dave Hubert, CE for KIRO AM, gave a very thorough tour, followed by a lively discussion on DXing and veries, for which he received a well deserved round of applause.

A tour of KJR & KISW FM followed. Thanks to the skillful navigating of the lead car, a scenic sidetrip was made through the enchanting Harbor Island industrial area.

Friday evening was open and everyone spent the time talking, making new friends, and consuming vast quantities of refreshments. Many were fascinated by a time line tracing the history of Seattle radio from 1919 to the present. The ERBA delegation - Kaskey, Northam, Prather, and Krejny - appeared for about an hour before heading for the local bars. An HQ-150 was on hand and some actually had the audacity to DX. Many locals were heard but TVI and power

lines took their toll on weaker signals. The farthest catch of the night was KHHI in San Fransisco.

Many members toured KBES on Saturday morning. That afternoon, a caravan of cars headed out to the naval VLF station at Jim Creek. The size of the installation amazed everyone, especially when the transmitter was toured. Those present were actually permitted to walk inside the different stages of the transmitter; as Richard Wolf put it at one point, "I've never been inside a power supply before." There were a lot of things there not normally found in your average DX shack, such as coils the size of cars and capacitors the size of garbage cans.

The banquet unfolded in the penthouse at 7 p.m. An IRCA first occurred as the banquet was held where a radio station, KREN, once had its studios. After the banquet, John Mowbray, General Manager of KQIN, gave an excellent talk on his experiences in getting the station started. He included many fascinating comments and anecdotes about the F.C.C. and people he'd run across, and had many additional comments on broadcasting in general. Names were then drawn for door prizes. Joe Markewicz won a 24 hour timer, while John Clements and Brian Scully received a postal scale and an alarm clock, respectively. A pair of stereo headphones went to Bill Hlock while the biggest door prize of all - a door (complete with knob) - went to Richard Wolf. Rick Evans then conducted a highly successful business meeting, details of which appear elsewhere in DXM.

The auction followed. Bill Hardy acted as auctioneer with frequent assistance from Phil Bytheway. About \$152 was netted. As usual, those who bought junk paid high prices and those who bought anything useful got real bargains. For instance, Rob Harrington shelled out \$6 and \$7 for 1967 & 1968 WRTVH's while George Kestevan paid \$2.10 for a slide rule worth many times that amount. Father Jack bought a lot of stuff he says he'll use as filler material for the bulletin so if a lot of strange items appear in DXM in the coming months you'll know why. A mysterious package with Chinese lettering on it, which Percy and George Kestevan claimed contained Red Chinese contraband they smuggled across the border, finally went to Mike Worst for \$5.50. When opened, it was found to contain two tubes of toothpaste!

Most members checked out and headed for home Sunday morning. Those who remained headed for Talbot Hill Park for the softball game. Thanks to the brilliance of the Renton Park Department, IRCA was scheduled to use the baseball diamond the same time as a little league game. Since we were out-numbered, we headed for a clearing in the woods in the far corner of the park where a baseball polygon was constructed. It was a bit oddshaped, but it did have four sides. Home plate and third base were piles of sticks and leaves, while first and second bases were trampled down gopher mounds. After a picnic lunch, the game got under way. There weren't enough people to form two teams and not everyone wanted to play, so it was everyone versus everyone. Scoring was difficult as people on base would sometimes change places with people on base but the apparent winner was Phil Bytheway with six runs, followed by Charlie Keleher with 4 and George Kestevan with 3 three. Bill Hlock and Bill Hardy were tied with two runs each, while Mike Worst and Brian Scully each scored one.

After the game, everyone returned to the hotel. Father Jack gave a presentation on how DXM is prepared and a discussion then ensued on using computers for DX related purposes. The rest of the day was spent entertaining several prospective members who dropped by, talking, playing with flipover mazes and listening to dirty tapes.

Phone calls were received from John Zondlo and Skip Dabelstein. The farthest person attending was Ed Krejny,

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while the person coming the shortest distance was NRCer Richard Wolf, whose '59 Ford barely made it the mile and a half from his house.

This was probably the most publicized IRCA Convention ever. Articles on it appeared in no less than nine newspapers, including a special article on the hobby and the convention hosts that appeared in the Sunday magazine supplement of three papers. A convention host was talk show guest on KURB-1510, while shorter interviews were conducted over KIRO-710 and KMO-1360. Preconvention PSA's were aired on at least 12 stations and a convention blurb appeared on the bulletin board of a local amateur radio store. The results were quite productive. About 15-20 calls were received. A half dozen interested people showed up, including one old timer with a verie from a Cuban station, 6KW, dated 1924, and names of many prospective members have been forwarded to San Deigo.

In all, a great time was had by those who came. Watch DXM to see who gets suckered into, er...has the honor of hosting next year's convention!

MINUTES OF THE IRCA BUSINESS MEETING RENTON --- 20 JULY 1974

President Richard C. Evans called the meeting to order in the Penthouse of the Sheraton Renton Inn at 9:40 p.m. Committee Reports were then presented.

Secretary-Treasurer Carl "Skip" Dabelstein reports that the IRCA is sound financially at this time. Cash on hand as of 30 June 1974 was \$2,597, the combined totals of a checking account and two savings accounts. Over the present fiscal year total membership has remained relatively unchanged. Publishing costs have increased significantly due to the use of a commercial printer for our offset bulletin. This has been partially offset by a reduction in postage costs due to the smaller mailing size and Father Jack's second class efforts. The IRCA faces rising costs, however, but intends to keep the present dues structure for some time in order to reduce some of our surplus cash. A detailed financial statement will be presented in DX Monitor subsequent to the end of the fiscal year on August 31, 1974.

Editor-In-Chief Father Jack Pejza, representing the Publishing Committee, reported that second class mail service, begun in March, has been a failure. There have been many difficulties in obtaining a permit. Our application, still pending, has necessitated that we pay the first class rate of 10¢ per ounce while receiving second class service. (The second class rate is 2¢ per ounce.) Second class mail service has been very, very poor and will be discontinued on the first September bulletin when we will return to first class. Within the next few months (the length of the delay is uncertain) we will be granted a second class permit. At that time we will be able to claim a refund on our excess postage. We will not, for reasons stated earlier, use our permit, however. As for printer costs, the regular rate in April 1974 was raised to \$11.00 per thousand sheets. We are still paying an earlier, lower rate, however. San Diego Printers was sold recently so the future of our costs is uncertain. On reprints (which are photocopied) we break even on printing and postage costs. There were 2200 reprints in the past year. Four people including Grant Manning, Father Jack Pejza, Dave Stroup, and Albert S. Lobel regularly meet to assemble and mail the bulletin on Saturday mornings. Grant provides the space for equipment and storage, while Father Jack looks after layout, pickup and delivery of the copy. John Kolb, Jim Campbell, and Ralph Sanserino also lend a hand at various times. ANOTHER REGULAR IS RANDY SEAVER. (FJP)

Countries List Committee Chairman Mike Worst reported that a new list will be published this year. The Committee is short two members. Anyone wishing to join should contact Mike immediately (see his address in the Western DX Forum).

The Elections Committee Chairman reported that Seattle had won the bid for the '74 convention site and that all three by-laws proposals had passed in the election of February 2, 1974. The Ted Vasilopoulos Award election, held May 4, 1974, had been unfavorably affected by the poor second class mail service with many ballots not arriving until the June 7, 1974 deadline and a few coming in after this date. Chairman George Jensen stated that members could assist him by "More active participation by the membership in casting ballots in the elections. I read a lot of gripes, but when the time comes for an official form of redress, these members disappear. Vote."

Percy R. Kesteven, Achievement Awards Committee Chairman, reported that 37 awards had been given out over the past year.

Contest Committee Chairman Dr. Michel Breger reported that the five contest divisions were very popular with 26 participants in the Domestic and 16 contestants in the Foreign Division. Experimental changes this year included bonus points for the domestic contest, printed certificates instead of money for prizes, and an amateur section for

novice DXers. The contest lost money because of the printing costs involved with the certificates, but the Committee expects to recoup these losses next year as surplus certificates were printed for upcoming contests.

The winner of this year's Ted Vasilopoulos Award was Bruce Portzer.

President Evans noted that the furthest member who attended the convention was Ed Krejny. He also remarked that two people present, Don Erickson and Ed Krejny, had attended ten of the total eleven IRCA conventions held during the Club's history.

Two items were opened for discussion under New Business.

President Evans noted that a By-Laws proposal to permit the inclusion of longwave material in DX Monitor was ready to go before the membership. Only regular longwave broadcast stations would be listed, the utility ones coming in for a mention only as interference. Medium Wave is to be given top priority in case of space conflicts. The assembled members brought up a number of points, including the fact that only the Realistics and the Drake SPR-4 receivers cover the LW band and that these stations exist almost exclusively in Europe. Some members questioned where this expansion would end. Others felt that editors already could publish information of interest to general members without a By-Laws amendment. President Evans, in response to a question about whether the Constitution as well as the By-Laws would have to be changed, expressed a negative opinion as the Constitution mentions the Broadcast Band but does not specify frequencies.

Secretary-Treasurer Skip Dabelstein requested that the members discuss the problem of a convention committee which found that they had a deficit after some future get together. Club tradition has been for profits from the convention to be donated to the treasury, as with auction income. Skip felt that, while this deficit situation has never occurred, provision should be made for its eventuality. Larry Godwin expressed the view that individual cases could be brought before the Board of Directors and that no universal ruling should be made. Convention hosts are responsible for all costs, except special ones such as theft, and should be made to pay all expenses.

Father Jack noted that it has been the practice of the Club to receive information from members located in foreign countries. Ron Shatz, Father Jack noted, has suggested that members receive only DXWW at special reduced rate with the proviso that these foreign members contribute information on local conditions. Such an arrangement would cost about 26¢ airmail per issue to the eight or ten overseas members. Mike Worst remarked that a member he knew in England wanted the whole bulletin, not just part, presumably for the domestic DX content.

Larry Godwin suggested contest results be announced at future conventions (not possible this year). President Evans said this suggestion had already been made to the Contest Committee Chairman Dr. Michel Breger.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Percy R. Kesteven
Director, IRCA

REPORT FROM THE IRCA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS COMMITTEE

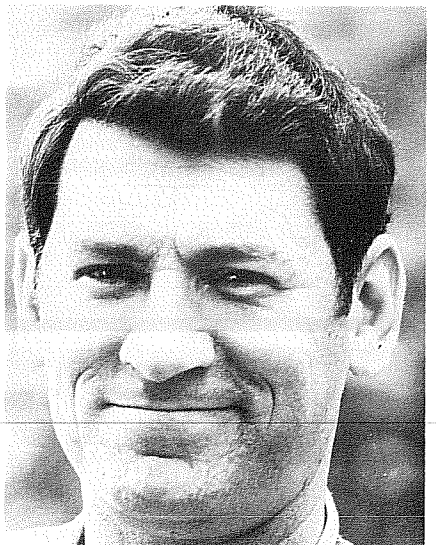
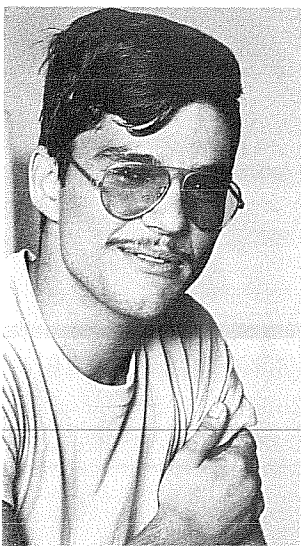
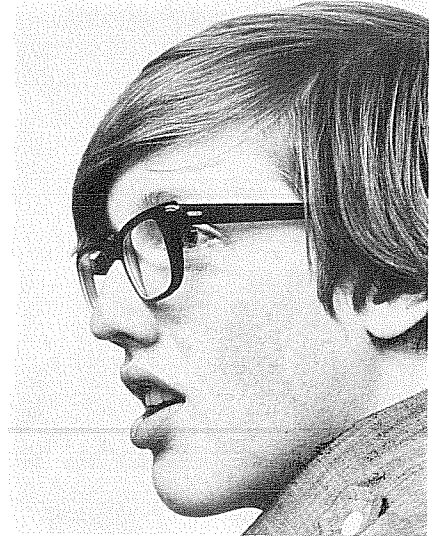
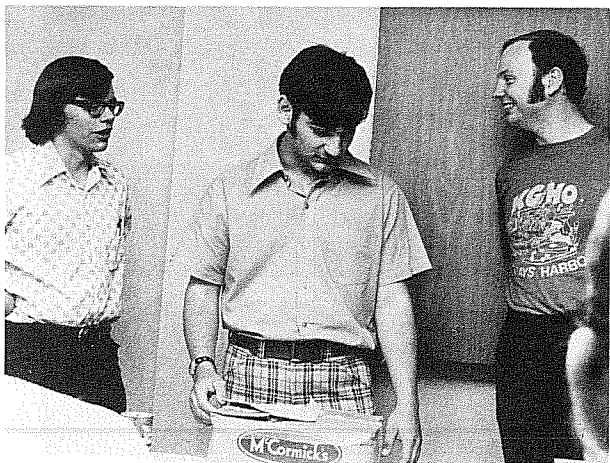
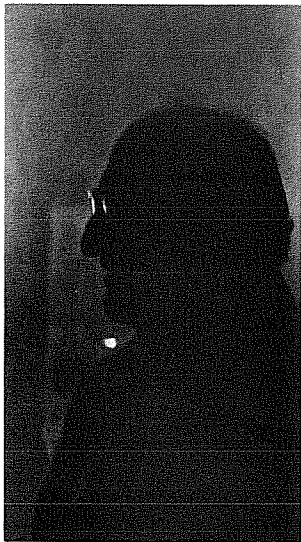
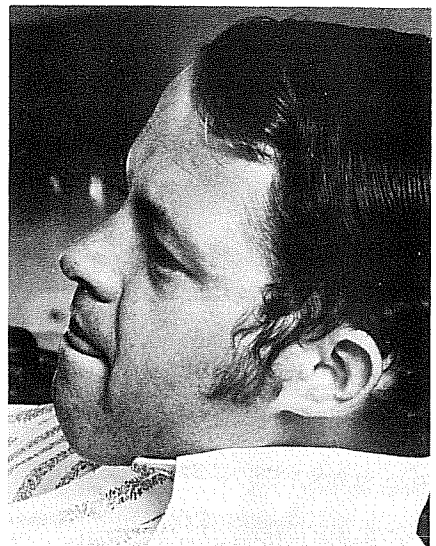
Over the past few months the following people have received Achievement Awards:

Series I, States Award

Gregg Allinson (30) & (40)	Paul R. Mount (20) & (30)
Budd Bailey (40)	Jerry Peek (20)
Dennis Bednarz (20) & (30)	Randy Penner (20)
Keith Birlingmair (30)	David Peterson (40)
Jeff Brasier (20) & (30)	Rick Pinson (20)
Jan H. Brown (40)	James T. Pogue (20) & (30)
Tom Butas (30)	Jim Poterba (45)
Bob Calhoun (20)	James C. Reda (20)
Tom Christian (20) & (30)	John F. Schneider (40)
Mark L. Fisher (20)	Gregory C. Spencer (20)
Derek J. Ford (40)	Douglas J. Stark (30)
Michael Hogan (20)	Gregory P. Steele (20)
Jmaes Hopkins (20)	Elliot R. Straus (40)
John C. Keleher (20) & (30)	John Tracy (20)
Frank Lawrence	Dave Whatmough (45)
Fred McClelland	Out of Order:
	Richard Eckman (20)

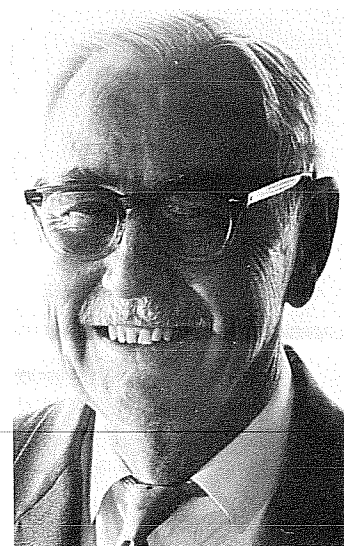
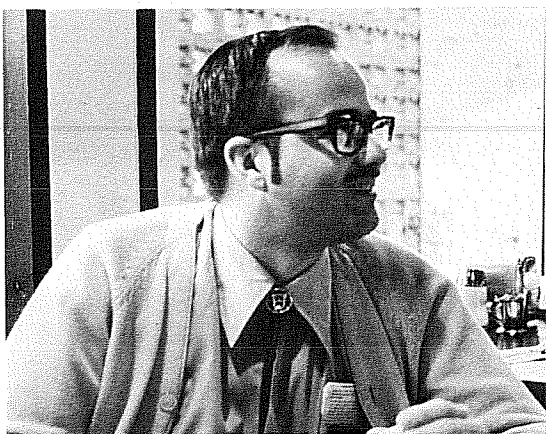
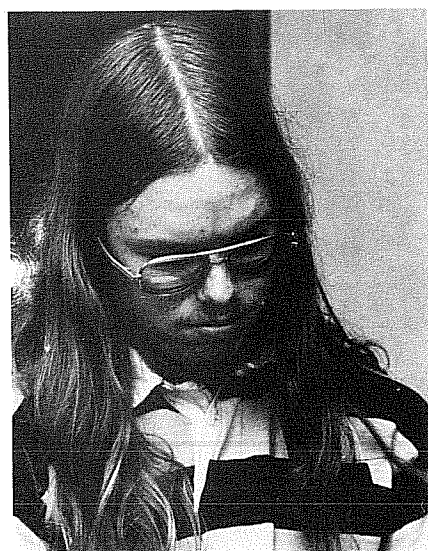
Series II, Provinces Award

Jan H. Brown (6)	Albert S. Lobel (8)
Derek J. Ford (6)	Douglas J. Stark (6)
Angel Manuel Garcia (10)	Elliot R. Straus (6)
Jeff Hodge (8)	Dave Whatmough (10)



September 7, 1974

CONVENTION PHOTOS: LEFT COLUMN: Pat Martin, Ed Krejny (The Shadow); Joe Markewicz. MIDDLE COLUMN: (top) Father Jack Pejza, Bruce Portzer, Evelyn Vermillion, Rick Evans, Charley Keleher; (Middle) Auctioneers Bruce Portzer, Phil Bytheway, Bill Hardy; (Bottom) Auction-goers (in front) John Clements, Don Erickson, Rob Harrington; (back) Pat Martin, Brian Scully, Glenn Goodwater. Jim Critchett (partly hidden), Mike Worst (partly hidden), Bart Cronin. RIGHT COLUMN: Don Erickson, George Kesteven, Mike Worst.



CONVENTION PHOTOS: LEFT COLUMN: Charley Keleher, Chuck Albertson, Larry Godwin. MIDDLE COLUMN (top), Bill and Nancy Hardy, (2nd), The Annual Softball game; (3rd) Percy Kesteven; (bottom), (front) Karen Portzer, Larry Godwin, John Clements; (2nd row) Sherry Proctor, Bill Block; (3rd row) George Kesteven, Jeff Jaisun; (4th) Charley Keleher, Dan Sys. RIGHT COLUMN: John Clements, Father Jack Pejza, Jim Critchett. All photos by Mike Worst.

FCC RULES & REGULATIONS: A new idea in Special Features

Offset printing, introduced to IRCA members through DX Monitor just a little over a year ago, has provided boundless new opportunities to provide our readers with helpful and interesting DX info. One new possibility I've just uncovered is the direct reprinting of FCC rules and regulations that pertain to DXing.

The possibilities of this new idea in features are wide-ranging. In addition to legal operating and technical requirements of standard broadcast stations (the FCC's definition of an AM BCs station), the rules contain detailed standards for frequency allocations and assignment availabilities, including what channels are available for new stations and under what conditions, and what channels are not available in the U.S. for new assignments. There's also information on permissible day and nighttime signal radiation who gets protected on a frequency, why, and how much. This helps explain some of the directional patterns you see in the NRC Pattern Book. And there are numerous interesting graphs and charts on AM propagation - surely more interesting to most members than page after page of sunrise/sunset times for all latitudes of the world!

We don't want to turn DXM into a completely-technical bulletin, so what I need to know is how much and which of this material you'd like to see reprinted in DXM. It will be used on a space-available basis. It's not limited to the above. If you have a question about U.S. station operation and what the law requires, feel free to write to me at the above address. If the rule is of general interest or helps clear up a general misconception (such as what constitutes a legal ID), we'll reprint it. If you'd like to see more FCC rules reprinted in DXM, we've got the capacity!

THE NEW (DEC. 1972) STATION ID RULE To kick off our FCC rule reprints, let's give you the FCC version of perhaps the most important rule to any DXer: the rule requiring regular station ID's. As you know, they were required to be given on the hour and half-hour until Dec. 15, 1972. At that time a newer, simplified rule went into effect, requiring ID's only on the hour. The new rule is reprinted here. You may find it interesting that legal ID's are required at s/on and s/off as well as on the hour. In fact, a legal ID is the only information required at s/on-s/off time, and most DXers are glad to get other info that broadcasters put in by tradition - power, frequency, licensee, address, etc. You see, things could be worse!

Subpart H—Rules Applicable in Common to Broadcast Stations

SCOPE

§ 73.1001 Applicability.

(a) Except where they expressly provide otherwise, the rules in this Subpart H apply in common to all standard, FM and television broadcast stations, both commercial and noncommercial.

(b) When expressly so provided in the separate rules governing stations in other broadcast services, designated rules in this Subpart H apply also to:

International Broadcast Stations—Subpart F of this part.
Television Broadcast Translator Stations—Subpart G of Part 74 of this chapter.

Television Broadcast Booster Stations—Subpart H of Part 74 of this chapter.

(c) References in this Subpart H to "station(s)", "broadcast station(s)", "licensee(s)" or "broadcast licensee(s)" shall be construed accordingly.

(d) "Licensee" includes the holder of a construction permit.

§ 73.1201 Station identification.

(a) *When regularly required.* Broadcast station identification announcements shall be made: (1) At the beginning and ending of each time of operation, and (2) hourly, as close to the hour as feasible, at a natural break in program offerings. Television broadcast stations may make these announcements visually or aurally.

(b) *Content.* (1) Official station identification shall consist of the station's call letters immediately followed by the name of the community or communities specified in its license as the station's location.

The following is the OLD rule on station ID's which the above rule replaced on 12/15/72. It is reprinted here for comparison only, and you are cautioned that it is no longer in effect. Its key provisions, deleted completely in the new rule in favor of the phrase "as close to the hour as feasible," include the provision for late ID's during ball games and live music presentations, and for ID's up to 15 minutes late during proof-of-performance tests. This rule, in turn, had replaced a rule in Jan. 1970 which allowed 5 minutes leeway on ID's during sports broadcasts.

§ 73.1201 Station identification.

(a) *When regularly required.* Broadcast stations shall announce station identification: (1) At the beginning and ending of each time of operation, and (2) regularly, during operation, within 2 minutes of each hour. Standard, FM, and noncommercial educational FM broadcast stations shall, additionally, announce station identification regularly within 2 minutes of each half hour. Television broadcast stations may make these announcements either visually or aurally.

(b) *Content.* (1) Official station identification shall consist of the station's call letters immediately followed by the name of the community or communities specified in its license as the station's location.

(2) When given specific written authorization to do so, a station may include in its official station identification the name of an additional community or communities, but the community to which the station is licensed must be named first.

(3) A licensee shall not in any identification announcements, promotional announcements or any other broadcast matter either lead or attempt to lead the station's audience to believe that the station has been authorized to identify officially with cities other than those permitted to be included in official station identifications under subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph.

Note: Commission Interpretations of this paragraph may be found in a separate Public Notice issued Oct. 30, 1967, entitled "Examples of Application of Rule Regarding Broadcast of Statements Regarding a Station's Licensed Location." (FCC 67-1132; 10 FCC 2d 407).

(c) *Channel.* (1) *General.* Except as provided in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, in making the identification announcement the call letters shall be given only on the channel of the station identified thereby.

(2) *Simultaneous AM-FM broadcasts.* If the same licensee operates an FM broadcast station and a standard broadcast station and simultaneously broadcasts the same programs over the facilities of both such stations, station identification announcements may be made jointly for both stations for periods of such simultaneous operation. If the call letters of the FM station do not clearly reveal that it is an FM station, the joint announcement shall so identify it.

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§ 73.1201 (a) amended and para. (d), (e) and (f) deleted eff. 12-15-72; III (72)-I



This sign on Interstate 5 went up yesterday to announce the start of a radio service that will tell motorists about traffic at the border gates.

**NEW SERVICE
Radio Tells
Auto Flow
At Border**

The county's newest radio station went on the air yesterday, and the disc jockeys were U.S. Customs agents. The service admits that this is a unique role for the San Ysidro agents who monitor the busiest entry gates in America.

They also say it is a role that could "revolutionize their public image."

TAPE JOCKEYS

The agents will actually be "tape" jockeys, recording and playing brief bulletins over a special network;

"1600 on your AM dial," they call it.

No music. No news. No talk shows. "We will offer complete, regularly changing broadcasts about conditions at the border gates," said Albert Bergesen, regional commissioner of the service in Los Angeles.

"If the lines are long or short, we can let people heading back know about them," said Bergesen. "We will get more specific whenever we can."

For instance, the station hopes to be able to tell a tourist the exact waiting time at the gates.

A sudden blockade of cars would result in an immediate change of the tapes, say the officials.

The broadcasts have a radius of three miles, depending on conditions, from the Customs headquarters.

"We hope this is enough distance, right now, to let motorists know about conditions before they get stuck in a line."

CARRY BULLETINS

The network will also carry bulletins about checkpoints at the border, special crossing information and, periodically, a set of instructions to aid in what the service calls "smooth crossings."

The tapes will be bilingual. Each broadcast will last 35 seconds.

THE SAN DIEGO UNION

Friday, August 2

Radio Is Tie Binding Bahamas

Around the Americas

By DON BOHNING
Herald Latin America Editor

NASSAU, Bahamas — "To Charlotte Gray at Betsy Bay, Mayaguana: 'Your husband underwent a successful operation on Saturday. His condition has improved.' Signed Alfreda Gray."

"This message was received from The Bight, Cat Island, and goes to Isadora Nelson somewhere in Nassau: 'Please come home as soon as possible. The children are ill.' Signed Liz Saunders."

"To Irene Withfield at Sugar Loaf, San Salvador: 'Regret to inform you that your brother Abraham Black died yesterday morning.' Signed Hazel Ballard."

"To the Rev. James Mackey at The Bluff, Cat Island: 'Freight shipped by the M.V. San Salvador Express. Please Collect.' Signed Olive Hepburn."

"The motor vessel Noel Roberts is taking freight today, tomorrow and Thursday until 2 p.m., sailing at 4 p.m. for Grand Bahama from the City Lumber Yard docks."

"To Mr. Ekren Cleare at Orange Creek: 'Please meet the mail boat. The children are coming.'"

"All ministers of religion are invited to attend the showing of the gospel film entitled 'The Gospel Road' at the Shirley Street Theater tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock."

For good news and bad, weddings and deaths, storms and sunshine, meeting notices and ship sailings, people of the Bahamas have relied on ZNS Radio Bahamas since 1936.

ZNS is more than a radio station; it is an institution. It transmits tragedy and carries cheer. It is the tie that binds the Bahamas — a nation of more than 700 islands and cays — together.

If ZNS is an institution, its three times daily "Communi-

ty Page" — from which the preceding items were randomly selected — is the cornerstone.

"That," says news director Ed Bethel, "is holy time. We program around it."

At 8:15 A.M. and 1:15 and 7:15 p.m. daily the "Community Page" is aired. The times are inviolate, not only for the radio station but for all the Bahamas, from Grand Bahama off the coast of Palm Beach to Great Inagua, near Haiti.

"In the Out Islands, especially, the entire social structure is adapted to it," says a former resident of those population pockets away from Nassau, the capital of the island nation.

"Nothing happens until after 7:30 p.m. (when the 'Community Page' is concluded). You walk down the street of any small out island settlement and you can hear ZNS without a radio. Every house has it tuned in.

"ZNS is a religion. Meetings are not scheduled, church services don't begin, until after 7:30."

Invariably, the community announcements begin with ship arrivals and ship sailings. They conclude with the weather forecast.

IN BETWEEN comes a revealing slice of life from the Bahamas, the not-so-private back fence chit-chat of an entire nation.

ZNS began in 1936 as a short-wave station to give weather information, particularly on hurricanes, emergency announcements and shipping news to those remote Out Island settlements.

In its 38 years, it has blossomed into a complete broadcasting service with some 70 employees, AM and FM broadcasting and three operations — serving (1) the nation, (2) the major northern Bahama Island of Grand Bahama, Abaco and Bimini, and (3) New Providence or Nassau,

the capital.

The national service is a 20,000 watt, round-the-clock operation that provides music, news, drama, sports and the community announcements. It is known as ZNS-1. ZNS-2 is the local, 1,000-watt service for New Providence and ZNS-3 is the 1,000 watt service for the northern Bahamas. ZNS-3 celebrates its first anniversary this month.

Although ZNS is publicly owned, it is relatively autonomous and totally self-supporting. It is the only local radio or television service in the Bahamas although Florida radio and TV are received here.

WHEN THE STATION began in 1936, staffers were dispatched to the Out Islands to install wind-powered receivers in community centers of the major settlements so it could be heard.

Now, residents of remote fishing and farming villages of the new nation have come to rely on ZNS for news of ship sailings, weather reports, parliamentary reports and — most importantly — personal messages.

Harcourt Bethel, general manager of ZNS from 1938 until his retirement in 1972, once referred to the station as "the Bible" of the Out Islands. "They depend on us for everything."

Still, it is the community announcements for which they depend upon ZNS the most.

"We get everything from lost parakeets to lost husbands," says news director Bethel, the man with immediate responsibility for the Community Page.

Bethel says that one of the more memorable notices for him, came as he was reading the announcements over the air cold. It began: "Lost, one black hog . . ."

"I read it and broke up right there on the air," says Bethel. "Then I apologized and continued reading."

Another he recalls is one from a Nassau funeral director who was providing details for a service in one of the out islands. Included were specific instructions for the size of the grave.

STILL IN FILE in his Nassau office is a wedding notice detailing the marriage of a Bahamian couple that carried this final paragraph:

"Within 29 hours after the ceremony the newlyweds had an addition to their family — a baby girl which arrived at 1 a.m. Tuesday morning in Princess Margaret Hospital."

The ending didn't make it on the air.

For an outsider, some of the announcements need translation.

For example, one routinely calls for "the mothers of the following children" to "contact the children's ward of the hospital as soon as possible . . ." It usually means that the parents have returned to the out islands and the child is ready for discharge or that the child has taken a turn for the worse and the parents should be at his side.

Or, when "Basil Spars is asked to report to the Supreme Court at 10 a.m. tomorrow morning," it is likely that Spars was not properly notified that he was to appear as a witness in a court case.

Normally, the Community Page runs for 15 minutes, but it is open-ended until the announcements are completed.

THE SHIPPING arrivals and departures, public service announcements, deaths and weddings are carried free of charge. There is a \$5 charge, per broadcast, for a lost item and a \$3 fee for an essential announcement such as a notice about illness. The paid announcements in recent years have accounted for about \$20,000 to \$30,000 annually in station revenue.

The station attempts to screen out those announcements that appear to be intimate messages resulting, perhaps, from a lovers' quarrel.

Still, however, they occasionally make it on the air. For example, one recent message addressed to Leroy and signed by Sybil asked: "Please contact me for important business."

So dependent are the Out Islands on Radio Bahamas that even on those islands where only a single settlement exists and word of mouth is the most convenient bulletin board, the Community Page is still important.

"For those people," says Ed Bethel, "it's not true unless they hear it on Radio Bahamas."

Even then, he concedes, they had trouble convincing some people that men really had landed on the moon.

GREENWOOD, IND. (NRB)—Listeners to Haiti's Radio Lumiere who are not located on that French speaking island are primarily Spanish speaking. The Oriental Missionary Society, which operates the station, estimates that there are nearly 1385 potential Spanish speaking listeners within its reach for every 12 potential English speaking listeners. As a result, 4VEH has expanded its Spanish broadcast with programs specifically aimed at listeners in the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Letters received from Cuba as a result of the new programming are primarily coming from young people. OMS estimates that 75% of its letters coming out of Cuba are from listeners under 20 years of age.

PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI (NRB)—By the end of summer, 1974, a new antennae system at Radio Station 4VEH in Haiti will allow the station to concentrate its signal in Cuba and the Dominican Republic for Spanish broadcasts, on the Caribbean Islands to the northwest for English broadcasts, and to Haiti for French and Creole. A high conductivity in the antenna area, plus the surrounding salt water, will give 4VEH excellent opportunities to reach most of the Caribbean with Gospel broadcasts.

MADISON, N.J. (NRB)—The fuel shortage which many Americans experienced earlier this year has generally passed. No longer are there long lines at gas stations, with state-enforced rules about "odd" and "even" license plates, inspection stickers and other requirements.

But the fuel crisis is not over, and its impact worldwide is being felt by overseas broadcasters who use fuel to generate power for large transmitters. Several missionary operations have reported back to seriously re-evaluate every program being broadcast in light of the increased cost of fuel oil for diesel generators. For the time being, indications are that most stations will not make drastic program cutbacks, although future increases in fuel oil costs or a scarcity of supply could greatly decrease the global outreach of overseas Christian broadcasters.

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AUGUST 6, 1974



Radio Bahamas Has Become a National Institution
... its notices are particularly important for Out Islands

SINCERELY,
Max A. Chapman
MAX A. CHAPMAN

Constitution of the
INTERNATIONAL RADIO CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
(in effect August 31, 1974)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the International Radio Club of America, Inc.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the International Radio Club of America shall be to promote the hobby of radio listening on the AM Broadcast Band.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the International Radio Club of America shall be open to anyone in any nation interested in the hobby of broadcast band Dxing.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

Dues in the International Radio Club of America shall be enacted on an annual basis, the amount to be determined by the appropriate governing body, to be known as the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The government of the International Radio Club of America shall be comprised of the following officers:

1. President
2. Secretary-Treasurer
3. Board of Directors (seven members)

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Elections for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Directors will be held every two years.

ARTICLE VII - CONVENTIONS

The one official international meeting of the International Radio Club of America shall be the annual convention.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Amendments may be made to this Constitution by submitting a proposal in written form to the President of the International Radio Club of America at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the annual convention. To become enacted (as) an amendment, the proposal must receive a full hearing before the members assembled at the business meeting at the annual convention, and announcement must be made at that time to express the intent to have the full club membership vote on the proposal. In addition, to become enacted, a proposal must receive a two-thirds majority of the total club membership.

ByLaws of the
INTERNATIONAL RADIO CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
(Revised to August 31, 1974)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the International Radio Club of America, Inc., and the official abbreviation IRCA may be used in referring to this organization.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the IRCA shall be to promote the hobby of radio listening on the AM Broadcast Band, 510 to 1630 kilohertz.

ARTICLE III - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1 - Frequency of Elections; Term of Office

Regular elections shall be held in odd-numbered years to elect the officers listed in Article V of these Bylaws, including the Chairman of the Board. All terms of elective office shall begin at 0001 Mountain Local Time, on September 15 of odd-numbered years (or, in case of replacements, at 0001, Mountain Local Time, on the date of the DX Monitor in which the results of elections are announced), and shall expire at 2400, Mountain Local Time, on September 14 of odd-numbered years.

Section 2 - By Whom Elected

Part 1 - The President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by the membership at large. Each member in good standing shall have one vote for each office.

Part 2 - The seven members of the Board of Directors shall also be elected by the membership-at-large. Each member in good standing may vote for seven of the candidates seeking Directorships.

Part 3 - The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be selected by the Directors in accordance with Article III, Section 6.

Section 3 - Eligibility to Hold Office

Any member in good standing, regardless of where he lives, shall be eligible for regular election to any office provided he has held one year's continuous membership in the IRCA as of April

15 of the election year. For purposes of special elections, the requirement shall be one year's continuous membership as of the effective date of vacancy of the office in question, such date to be determined by the President. It is not necessary for an eligible member's name to be printed on a ballot for him to be elected.

Section 4 - Authority for Elections

The Election Committee Chairman (EEC), appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board, shall handle all aspects of all elections of officers, whether regular or special, with complete authority.

Section 5 - Regular Elections; Procedures and Date

Part 1 - The President shall be responsible for announcing in the DX Monitor full details concerning the upcoming elections approximately February 15 of election year.

Part 2 - Nominations shall be open for President Secretary-Treasurer, and the seven members of the Board of Directors from March 1 through April 15. Only one nomination each for President and Secretary-Treasurer, and only seven nominations for the Board, shall be allowed each IRCA member. All nominations must be submitted in written form to the ECC by April 15.

Part 3 - As soon as possible after April 15, the ECC shall send to the Secretary-Treasurer a list of all nominees. The Secretary-Treasurer will return the list to the ECC as soon as possible, indicating which nominees have been members in good standing for the required one-year period.

Part 4 - The ECC shall notify by letter all eligible candidates concerning their nomination by May 1. Each letter of nomination shall contain the names of all eligible members who have been nominated for the particular office in question. Such letters must stress that the nominee must reply in writing if he accepts the nomination, and each such letter must request from each nominee a campaign statement, not to exceed 15 stencil lines, to appear in a June issue of the DX Monitor. However, a nominee is not required to submit a campaign statement provided he has duly notified the ECC of his intention to run for office. An IRCA member may be nominated for more than one office, but he must decide for which he prefers to run, and so notify the ECC. A nominee who has indicated his intention to run for an office may not be considered as a write-in candidate for another office in the same election.

Part 5 - All letters of acceptance of the nomination, and all campaign states, must reach the ECC by May 20. The ECC shall prepare the ballot and the campaign statements and submit them to the Publisher by June 1. Ballots shall contain spaces for write-in candidates.

Part 6 - Elections: Ballots and the printed statements are to be mailed to all members via first class mail separate from the June issue of DX Monitor, and are to be postmarked during the second calendar week of June of the election year.

Part 7 - The ballots are to be returned to the Election Committee Chairman prior to August 1.

Section 6 - Election of the Chairman of the Board

The ECC shall ballot the Board of Directors soon after each regular election to determine the Chairman of the Board, who will be the spokesman for the Board and will be responsible for assuming the President's office in case it is vacated during the current term. In the event the Chairman of the Board becomes Club President, he shall be required to resign his Board position. The ECC shall then ballot the Board of Directors again to determine the new Chairman of the Board.

Section 7 - Special Elections of Officers

In the event the Secretary-Treasurer, the Chairman of the Board, or a regular Director on the Board resigns, or in any other circumstance requiring a special election of officers, a special election shall be conducted as soon as possible by the ECC, in accordance with the relevant procedures outlined above. If advisable, the various deadline dated fixed in Article III, Section 5 shall be altered by the ECC, but the relative timing of the various procedures will be retained.

Section 8 - Determining Winners

The seven eligible members who receive the most votes cast shall be deemed winners during a regular election of the Board of Directors. In all other elections, whether regular or special, the eligible member who receives the most votes cast shall be declared the winner.

Section 9 - Ties in the Ballotting

Insufficient Nominees

Part 1 - In the case of a tie in the balloting for President or Secretary-Treasurer, the Board of Directors (to be polled by the EEC) shall break the deadlock. In the case of regular elections, such deadlock shall be broken by the newly-elected Board members.

Part 2 - In the case of a tie in the balloting for the Board of Directors, a run-off election among the persons who tied will be executed immediately by the EEC. In the event there is a tie in the run-off election, the elected members of the Board shall determine the winner. A deadlock in the Board voting shall be broken by the President, or in the event his office is vacant, by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Part 3 - In the case of a tie in the balloting for the Chairman of the Board, the President (or in the event his office is vacant, the Secretary-Treasurer) shall cast the deciding vote.

Part 4 - In case no persons are nominated to fill the office of President or Secretary-Treasurer, or in case fewer than seven eligible members are nominated to the Board of Directors, and no eligible write-in candidate(s) is(are) declared the winner(s), the Board shall select the officer(s) in the best manner they see fit.

Section 10 - Announcement of Results of Elections

The results of all regular and special elections shall in all cases be announced by the ECC in the DX Monitor within 30 days after the deadline for receipt of ballots. If it may be done in a timely manner, the election results shall first be announced by the ECC or his appointee at the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

Dues will be collected on an annual basis and the amount will be subject to change by the action of the Board of Directors. The Secretary-Treasurer will be in charge of collecting dues.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1 - Officers

The government of the IRCA shall be comprised of the following officers: President, Secretary-Treasurer, and seven members of a Board of Directors.

Section 2 - Duties of Officers

Part 1 - President

- Shall preside at all official club functions, including the annual business meeting, when in attendance. If he is not to be present at an official club function, he will, when even possible, appoint a member who does plan to be present to preside at the official club function; this appointment is not subject to Board approval.
- Shall be responsible for protecting the reputation and dignity of the IRCA, and promote and administer the affairs of the club to the best of his ability.
- Shall, with the approval of the Board, have the power to bring reprimand and revocation proceedings against any member who he deems is not adhering to the rules of the organization; he must submit in written form any findings to the Board for their action.

- Shall have the power to appoint the chairman of any committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors.
- Shall have the power to remove a chairman of any committee for neglect of duty; this action must in turn be approved by the Board.
- Shall have the authority to act on any suggestions or proposals, making any recommendations if he so desires, but also submitting the primary proposal to the Board of Directors; any action on a suggestion or proposal is subject to the final approval of the Board.
- Shall have the power to vote on any proposal that does not receive a majority decision by the Board of Directors during the contemporary administration so as to break any deadlock that would occur.
- Shall not have veto power over actions of the Board.
- Shall be responsible for the inclusion of the complete IRCA Constitution and Bylaws, as amended during the previous year, in one of the summer issues of the DX Monitor each year.
- Shall be responsible for reporting the results of voting by the Board of Directors in the DX Monitor as soon as possible after the votes have been counted.
- Shall, in September of each year, request the Board to reconfirm the appointment of each editor and Committee Chairman currently serving the club. Such request will be accompanied by the President's recommendation concerning each individual, based on a review of the past year. The Contest Manager and the Courtesy Program Committee Chairman, however, are to be reconfirmed in May of each year.

Part 2 - Secretary-Treasurer

- Will be in charge of collecting all dues for membership and membership renewals.
- Shall issue IRCA membership cards.
- Shall keep an up-to-date list of all members.
- Shall keep a complete financial record of all monies received and spent.
- Shall submit every six months a condensed financial statement to the Board for their examination, and, at the time of said submission, shall present the statement to the membership through the official club publication. The financial statement of the club must be approved by the Board of Directors before publication in the DX Monitor.
- May, with the consent of the Board, appoint members to assist him in some of the book-keeping work.
- Shall be responsible for recording and filling minutes of the annual business meeting. In his absence at the business meeting, he shall appoint another member to record said minutes.

Part 3 - Board of Directors

- Shall be responsible for protecting the reputation and dignity of the IRCA, and promote the affairs of the club to the best of their ability.
- Shall have the final power in ruling on any club affairs, suggestions, proposals, recommendations, or findings submitted by the President; the Board shall have the power to present legislation and findings as well as make rulings.
- Shall not have the power to appoint chairmen of the various committees, publishers, or editors, but shall have the power to confirm their appointment.
- Can conduct most of their business by mail, but if five are present during an annual convention, a quorum for business shall be said to exist.
- Shall have the power, if they deem it necessary, to call for a special election to submit a major issue to the membership-at-large; the Election Committee then will handle all aspects of the special election.
- Shall have the power to submit a question to the vote of those present at the annual business meeting with a simple majority of those voting prevailing.

To be continued

Verification Signers

September 7, 1974

Dave Schmidt

540	KDLT	Glen Gardner, GM	C	1130	KLEI	q Alan Roycroft, CE	D	1450	KAWT	John Hart, CE	D
	KVIP	Eddie W. Hash, GM	D	1140	KLFR	Dink Bernardy, PD	C		KEST	Dave Billeci, CE	D
550	KOAC	Ben J. Ballard, CE	D	1150	CKWX	f Robert T. Bye, Prog. Man. D			KRZY	Guy Smith, CE	D
560	KBLU	Richard L. Nix, CE	D		KAYO	Benjamin F. Dawson III	D		KOBE	Richard Pachalshi, CE	D
	KLZ	q S. L. Vaughan	E		CHSJ	q T. Reid Dowling, CE	*		KDKU	L. John Miner, GM	D
570	WGMS	f H. K. Leyhi, Ce	A	1190	KEX	Paul F. Mathew, CE	C	1460	KTYM	Roger W. Knipp, CE	D
	WSYR	F. Rioux	B		KRDS	Jim Clark, CE	D	1470	KUTY	p Claude A. Blacker	D
	KVI	q Dick Velo	D	1220	CKDA	Fred Cole, Dir. Eng.	CD		KDHN	w (Unsigned)	D
580	WHP	Naurice Gannaway	A		KLIP	Woody Miller, CE	D	1480	WLEE	Tom Kita, OPer. Mgr.	A
	KIKX	George D. Butch, CE	D		KCCS	Dale Brown, Manager	D		KPHX	Martin Tallberg, News Dir.	D
	WIBW	q (Unsigned)	D	1230	KQIK	E. L. McKinney, Man.	C		KONI	George K. Culbertson	D
590	KHQ	q Al Kern	D		"	R. Leland Salsig, CE/PD	D		KLMS	f (Unsigned)	D
610	KRKE	q Mike Langnet, CE	CD		CJOK	Stu Morton, Manager	F		WISM	q Chris Cain, CE	D
620	KWFT	Lonnie Padron, CE	C		WBPZ	Albert Stratmoen, CE	*	1490	KYCA	Don Harrison, Eng.	D
	KNGS	Kathleen Williams	D	1240	WATN	R. H. Righter	B		KAIR	Charles Cohen, Eng.	D
630	KIDO	David Bennett, CE	D		KCLV	John Gentry, PD	C		KWAC	Robert J. Duffy, GM	D
690	KRCO	Collin Matheny, CE	D		KSON	Dick Warren, CE	D		KDB	Robert W. Hughes	D
	CBU	q (Unreadable)	D		WCNC	Joe Lamb, Jr., CE	*		KDBM	Burt Oliphant, CE	D
710	KERE	Richard M. Hanseth, CE	C		WKOY	Mickey Garrett, CE	*		WTVL	David D. Brown VP	*
	KGHC	q Henry White, CE	D	1250	KSWW	Jack Hughes, GM	D	1500	WKBX	Wayne Outland, CE	*
730	KURL	Al Ortmann, CE	D		KWSU	q Frank Coile	D	1510	KTIM	Robert W. Dinsmore, GM	C
	KBOY	Ed Tomlin, CE	D	1260	WNRD	q (Unsigned)	C		KIRV	Dick Dragan, PD	D
740	WKIS	q (Unsigned)	D		KPSO	Rick Boyd, CE	C		KGA	q Tom German, CE	D
780	KCRL	Euell Labhard, PD	D		KVSF	Nelson H. Martinez	E	1520	KMPG	Barbara Logan, Mgr.	D
790	WAKY	Archie Erickson, CE	D		WBUD	w R. M. Hardin	*		KAMX	Donald W. Flaig, CE	D
	KULF	f Norman N Sartain, CE	D	1270	KIHL	Richard C. Loth, CE	D	1530	KMIE	f Tom Rose, CE	D
	KJRB	w V. L. Hoffart, CE	D	1280	KVOV	r (Unsigned)	C	1540	KASA	Jim Clark, CE	D
850	CKRD	q K. L. Martin	C		KRZE	Jesse R. 'Skeet' Liles	C	1550	KQKI	x Lloyd Allen, CE	D
910	WRNL	George P. Obert, CE	A		KJJO	Jim Tiaoewell, CE	D		KKJO	Robert Laughlin, CE	D
920	KARN	q (Unsigned)	C		KTLK	q Ron Kisher, CE	D		CEE	q M. Piche	D
	KDES	James S. Stanley, CE	D		KIT	H. Ben Murphy, CE	D	1560	KIQS	Bob Melrose, News Dir.	D
	KORK	w Gordon N. Alsom, CE	D	1290	KHSL	f George O. Wussow, CE	D	1570	KRSA	David Rodgers, Pres.	D
	KOLO	w Carl E. Roliff, CE	D	1300	KHAC	Allan Borrett, CE	C	1590	WHFY	Erick I. Steinberg, CE	*
	KLMR	Ronald Persha, CE	E	1310	WISE	f Bob Kaghan, PD	A	1600	KGST	(Unsigned)	C
940	KGRL	Dan Brooks, CE	D	1320	WKIN	p Kenneth H. Morsen, GM	*		"	Ben Gutierrez, Op. Mgr.	D
950	KAHI	Robert V. Thompson, CE	D	1330	KGAK	Mark Ramsay, Prod. Mgr.	D				
	KBRJ	Craig Clyde, Op. Dir.	D		KPOK	q Herb Davidson, CE	D				
960	KABL	q Jacques Verdi, CE	D		KOVE	Lee Roberts, Asst. Eng.	D				
970	WWSW	q (Unsigned)	A	1340	KFER	Bernard Wilson, Mgr.	C				
	KSYL	c Leonard J. Dupree, CE	C		KAIN	Dan Bower, CE	D				
	KVEG	Ralph Hamilton, CE	D		KRAM	Gordon E. Atteberry, CE	D				
	KFEL	w Don Wayne, CE	E	1360	KFIV	John Coppell, PD	D				
990	WVSC	Harold P. Showman, CE	AB		KMO	q Clay Freinwald, CE	D				
	KTVD	Robert Ripley, CE	D		WEBB	Herman M. Stevenson, Jr.	*				
	KRKS	Richard J. Schroeder, CE	E	1370	KPOS	Maxine Marks	D				
1000	WIQT	q John M. Mulligan	B		KKZZ	w Ed Lytle	D				
	KSTA	Jerry Rodgers, Asst.	E		WABD	c Ronnie P. Poul, CE	*				
	KXRB	John L. Breese, CE	D	1390	KENN	Robert C. Hauok, CE	D				
1010	KCMJ	w William Hesson, GM	D	1400	KEMI	Ivan Braiker	C				
1020	KSWS	q Larry Taylor, CE	ED		KUOY	John Gabourg, CE	D				
1040	KHUH	f Dick Cook, GN	D		KTNM	w S. R. Barnes, Mgr.	D				
1060	CJRP	q Claude Bouchard	B		KIXX	Bryce Rydelch, PD	D				
	KPAY	x Don Widders, CE	D	1420	KTAN	James H. Young, CE	D				
	KRSP	q C. R. Murray, CE	D		KULY	Tex Smith, Egr.	D				
	CFCN	q (Unsigned)	D	1430	KAMP	m Robert Weaver, GM	C				
1070	WNCT	Jack Fisher, CE	A		KLO	q (Unsigned)	D				
	CBA	q (Unreadable)	D	1440	KUHL	w Ed Mack, CE	D				
1080	KIOE	q Alan L. Roycroft	C		KEWI	x James A. Campbell	D				
1090	KTGO	Jim Karn, CE	D		WGCB	Fred W. Wise	*				

The ones that made the above possible:

- A - Thomas H. Wite
- B - Paul R. Daplyn
- C - William L. Cowles
- D - Jeff Brasier
- E - John Bradley
- F - Jonathon Perkins (good to hear from you, Jon!)

* - Inserted by ye editor

NOTICE TO BUDDING IRCA EDITORS: Never try to type a column after drinking a taste of Southern Comfort, after a bit, you said to get things sdrawkcaB...or lets try start....I blew it....goodnight!

More when you send your verie signers to me:

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CASTLE HILLS, New Castle,
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ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS--continued from page 2

Series III, Countries Award

Melville C. Coffin (15)	Angel Manuel Garcia (10)
Richard T. Eddie (15)	Jeff Hodge (10)
Derek J. Ford (15)	Albert S. Lobel (10)

Series IV, Total Stations Verified Award

Eugene S. Allen (2800)	John C. Keleher (100) & (200)
Gregg Allinson (100)	George C. Kesteven (100)
Dennis Bednarz (100) & (200)	Paul R. Mount
Jeff Brasier (100) & (200)	Allen E. Ogrizovitch (400)
Tom Butas (100) & (200)	Jerry Peek (100)
Tom Christian (100)	Rick Pinson (100)
Melville C. Coffin (200)	James C. Beda (100)
Allen W. Denny (100)	Douglas J. Stark (200)
Richard T. Eddie (650)	Elliot R. Straus (300)
Larry V. Flegle (200)	Ernest J. Wesolowski (1300)
Derek J. Ford (200)	Dave Whatmough (900)
Jeff Hodge (200)	Thomas H. White (100)
James Hopkins (100)	

Series V, Domestic Capital Cities

Gregg Allinson (20)	Tom Christian (20)
Budd Bailey (30)	Derek J. Ford (20)
Dennis Bednarz (20)	Jeff Hodge (30)
Keith Birlingmair (20)	John C. Keleher (20)
Jeff Brasier (20)	Dave Whatmough (45)

Series VI, Graveyard Channel Award

Elliot R. Straus (25)	Ernest J. Wesolowski (125)
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If you have lost your copy of the "Regulations for Applying for ECB Awards" or would like another one, write for a free copy. New applicants get a picture of me with their first award! Let's get to know each other. Send me your mugshot and we'll trade!

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eastern dx forum

Editor: Bruce R. Heimburger
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James Hopkins - 29 Grandview Ave.
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Hi. DX hasn't been too good lately, although I did do some. Anybody know why you can't send a letter to WHHY, Montgomery. The letter came back w/the box checked; moved, not forwardable. I'm interested in building a box loop, so anybody who built one and wants to write me, please

write. Anybody who wants to write, write! I have to start hand writing everything until I get that dumb 1919 typewriter to work again. Anybody needing VT try WCFR on their r/c. You know, MM are starting to get boring around here. Haven't got anything for a long while or just a few on MM. I just can't seem to get into the groove, especially when you're tired, hi. I finally got myself up to try some SR DX but I didn't do so great. Wow, one stn. As I say, DX hasn't been too good lately, like 1 in April, 4 in June. Hopefully I'll do better than that. 73s in '74.

Jim DeYoung - 1514 Greenbrier Dr.
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Hi! Cx seem to be getting better, tho not my much. Received my 500th stn in WLBj (see DXR). Totals as of now are 511/15, 35/11, 3/0, 10/2. The GYS seem to be the only freqs. I can listen to any more w/any consistency, they're also the best way to build up your totals. I've had a lot of trouble w/testing stns that DO NOT ID from s/ on to s/off. I just sent a letter to Randy Minnehan for some CPC info, as I hope to schedule some DX Tests this season. School starts here soon so can't DX as much as I'd like to, also a new job at a men's clothing store takes all my time. Lets all DX and report to our columns. 73s

Gary Siegel - 2728 106th St. - Toledo, OH 43611
It has been a long while since I've written so I'll pass along what I've been up to. I am a Dec. grad. of the U. of Toledo & am presently employed by Buckeye Cablevision. Before that I was baby-sitter at WMHE-FM but I managed to "escape." I continue to DX frequently w/my totals now at 1951 (my birthyear, hi!), 1778 domestics, 49 states, 9 prov., & 36 cntys. Leading states are OH w/108, MI w/101, & PA w/96 hrd. 73s.

John Simmons - POB 127 - Amityville, NY 11701
Greetings radio freaks. Amityville is a town about 30-40 miles E. of NYC. I recently saw an unID stn competing w/WNBC-TV. I think it was WCCO-TV. AM reception is lousy but winter must return. Can an IRCA loop be used on a \$20 rx-record player? The so-called loop that came w/ the set is useless against more than one stn at a time. How would I go about connecting a loop to my set? In DXM I forgot to mention WXYZs azimuth alignment and FC PAL-1, hrd on 5/27 from 0200 to 0305. No ID hrd but I saw PRM's rpt in DXM. Like I said before, feel free to write me.

Richard K. Shaftan - 60 Gramercy Pk.
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Hi gang - by the time you read this, I'll be back in gud ol' (sic) NYC. Having completed a yr in the greatest DX club in the world, here's a re-intro. I'm 16, a junior in Trinity High, & I've been DXing since 11/71 - BCB since '72. Rx is an Ameco R-5 but I'm hoping to con my folks into getting me an HQ-180 for Christmas. Aerial is an SM-2. I also have an 80' LW which I used until May (I used to couple it to the SM-2), when I took over the dining room. (RKS: I edited your "awards" section because of its length & lack of DX relevance-Brh) I disagree w/RFS on the veries question. I've gotten pink slips from "automatic" verifiers. For example during my early days of DXing-before I knew about details, etc., I got a "pink slip" from VOA (that's embarrassing-hi) so you see-not all stns will verify anything. I've also received no veries from WEAN, WRVA, WGY, WHWH, WOKO, & WGSA. Congrats to BP on the TVA. Phone is 212-OR4-7542, no collect-I'm cheap. NYC in '75.

Pete Kemp - 13-B Fleetwood Ave.
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Since I was unable to attend any of this summer's conventions I decided to pack my radios and camping gear into the car and head for the wilds of NH for a week. New stns added to my log include: WGIR, WDEV, EJTC, WCAS, & WEAN. (Other catches deleted. My policy is a limit of 5 catches per report-Brh) All of my DXing during this trip was during the day since I was unable to break away from a hot and heavy gin rummy game that ran the entire week. One interesting side trip took me to the top of Mt. Washington. At the summit WMTW maintains TV & FM facilities. The station's

engineers are required to winter-in, unable to leave the site for months and months, and monthswell it must be a great location for winter DXing. While driving up to Mt. Washington my car radio hit a dead spot in Franconia. I Pulled off to the side of the road, took out my portable trying to receive something. Finally after tuning around the assorted blips I wound up w/CKAC-730 in Montreal. It seems somewhat unique to be in the middle of NH & only be able to receive a Montreal stn. 73s

Larry Flegle - 1004 E. Powhatan
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No DX lately, but I'm anxiously awaiting the fall and better cx. Thought some might like to see my rx list: R-388/URR, DX-120, TRF, Heathkit FM, Philco 60, Philco 40-150, Sparton 410, RCA 143, Ware model "L", & Atwater-Kent Model 55. All work except the 1924 Ware. I've been doing quite a bit of reorganization in the radio room lately and also setting up some new antennas. Ideal Recruit a friend to BCB DXing this season. 73s.

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Larry Godwin-2340 South St. #202-Boulder, CO
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Hi gang! I just returned from the enjoyable Seattle convention. Seeing all my DX friends again was really great. Even the ERBA crew attended, and Percy was a million laughs. The banquet speaker was excellent, and the food was the best I have tasted at any IRCA convention. The hosts' planning paid off, as all events went smoothly (at least through Sunday AM when I left). The auction netted over \$150, too. John Zondlo called to give us his greetings Friday night. So, is it Columbus in '75? I plan to move to Corvallis, OR at the end of August, and hope to set up a decent DX post again. An employee of KPOF-Denver called me last week, requesting designs for a QSL card, so look for a printed QSL from them soon. 73.

Rob Harrington-3181 S. York St.-Englewood, CO
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Greetings to all IRCA members. I just returned from the 1974 IRCA convention; it was really great to meet all you folks of the IRCA. Last year was a very bad year for my BCB DXing. No QSL's were received in the past year. If anyone would like to call me you can dial 303-781-1185. Because of a new telephone answering machine, you can call me 24 hours a day. If I am not here, or busy, my telephone answering machine will take a 25 second message from you. 73s and good DXing.

Mike Heppe-Box 7-Houston, MS 38851 601-456-4364
(two reports- accidentally misplaced one from last DXM. Sorry!-jz) Everything is hot down here. Haven't been doing very much DXing lately. In the summer, I go towards TV. Last night, new states Arizona and Colorado. I have an antique TV restoration project. Would someone please help me find a schematic for a GE model 12T3 television. When are we going to have any more DX tests? I enjoyed staying up, listening for those tests. I finally received a verie from KRVN after 7 months. If anybody has difficulty in getting a verie from KRVN, you must send a self addressed stamped envelope. Latest veries are WNAG, WGSO, WTUP, WHLL, WIRE, WEMP, KJFZ, KRVN. What happened to our DX Forum contributors, especially WTC of ALA, and other Miss. members? In the last, but not least, copy of DXM, it said that I have 2 issues until my membership expires. I truthfully say thanks to the office crew for the advance notice. Well, so far this has been a very enjoyable year for me, joining the club, purchasing SP-600-JX, SM-1, and reading everyone's thoughts about DXing in the DXM. I am presently having my blank reception reports offset printed. Does anyone have a small IRCA or NRC emblem? What does anybody want to trade for Heathkit GR-54 with manual, 12 volt DX power supply, or a Navy voice filter. Also, anybody want to get rid of an HR-10, SM-1, SM-2, low frequency receiver for above items? If not, make

offer. I hope everybody has a DX-full August, if you can take the static. I have learned to put cotton in my ears to get rid of loud static crashes. (HI-HI-HI)

September 7, 1974

Walter Kuenast-6304 Belo Horizonte-Austin, TX 78731

Greetings. I guess I'll start with an intro. I'm 18, a freshman at UT majoring in electrical engineering, and have DXed BCB for 1½ years with 317 heard. My equipment includes a Sharp Z-2500 w/3 ft. box loop, and a Sony TC-60 Cassette recorder. I also have a Heathkit SW-717 in dire need or repair. On the local scene, KIXL 970, formerly KTAP, is now MoR. I have been listening primarily to SSS with Mexicans the biggest pest. A tunable 800' LW with the major lobe NE was set up last year on land 12 miles west of Austin with fellow Centex DX member Steve Moss. We have used the antenna on several weekends with excellent results. Summer DX has been good with approx. 35 new stations heard. That's all for now. 73s.

George Paetzmann-7507 Jefferson Ave.-Hammond, IN 46324

This is my first report to CDXF in quite a while, as I've done almost no DXing in the last six months or so. But I've got a problem and maybe somebody can give me an answer. On 5 July, I was trying for KV00 again, and found HCJB in Ecuador coming in on 1170. It faded in at 8:02 and out at 8:19, so I wasn't able to catch the announced frequencies. The W.R.T.V.H. lists no MW freq. for HCJB, but I decided to write for a QSL anyway. I asked them if they weren't broadcasting on MW, if they had any idea why I picked them up on 1170. As SWL's probably know, the HCJB QSL card has a space for both "verified" and "not verified", and one or the other is checked. Well, on mine, they checked "verified", and filled in "time" and "date", but left "frequency" blank, and enclosed a note which said "frequencies are announced at the top of the hour." Their program schedule lists no MW frequency either, and HCJB is usually very particular about having the frequency exactly right before they will verify. Is it possible for atmospheric conditions to have caused this? I doubt if it's my receiver, as I've never picked up SW on the BCB before. Help! Besides HCJB, only verie in eons is WHIO v/l+CM, v/s Allen Saunders, V.P. I wonder if Bruce Portzer got his BYB yet; it took 5 months for mine. I'd almost given up hope. This report is probably way too long, but maybe you can split it up or something. 73's.

Fred Hendricks-1641 W. Sunset-Decatur, IL 62522

This is my first report in a long time. Resume: I am a 48 year old school teacher who originally discovered DXing in 1941; dropped out after WW2. Came back to the hobby in January 1970. Since then I've heard 689 and verified 416. I am using a Hammarlund HQ-140XA with SM-1 antenna. I haven't verified much of interest this summer except daytime Illinois stations. Last received v/1 from KAHL-1410. I'm going to try and be a regular reporter this DX season.

Mike Hogan-4811 Euclid Ave.-E. Chicago, IN 46312

Well, another productive summer of DXing eluded me again due to working full time during the SSS period when I usually log most of my stations. 21 stations logged in June, mainly frequency checks, 1 station in July and 5 so far in this month of August. Log still stays below the 500 mark with 473 logged all total with 453 domestic. Best frequency still remains 1400 with 12 stations. The best state is Illinois with 62 logged. My most productive month was in July 1969 with 56 stations, next is January of 1974 with 43 stations. I'm still shooting for around a total of 600 by the end of the year. Total of 153 stations heard this year. Hope the convention was a success. 73's for now. All correspondence and tapesponders are welcome. How about having a tapesponders list?

Gene Martin-3303 E. Evans Ave.-Denver, CO 80210

A good example of how age affects your opinions is found in the Monitor, August 1, in the Bruce Portzer comments to a Seattle reporter in connection with the IRCA Convention. Radio in

Australia, he is quoted, is 30 years behind American radio inasmuch as it features such things as drama and discussion. Now this is Bruce's subjective opinion. I have my own subjective opinion on American-Aussie differences and it contrasts wildly with his, for I am a lot older than Bruce. I would have put it this way: Australian radio still tries to maintain some standards of excellence as the CBC does in Canada. It has never permitted itself to become a contemptible adjunct of the record business, which is one of the sleaziest enterprises in the U.S. Oldtime radio in the U.S. held itself above the record business and both NBC & CBS would not permit any recorded thing to reach the airwaves 40 years ago. Sentiment against recorded matter was so great that NBC came close to refusing to carry the King Edward speech of abdication in 1936 because it had been wire-recorded.

John Zondlo-608 N. Martin, #9-Muncie, IN 47303

Please note the new address, which is effective immediately. I'll be back at Ball State September 3rd. Nothing great happening in the way of DX; the static is driving me crazy.....See y'all next time.....

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It has been quite a while since my last report so I thought it about time for another one. Those of you who often write to me note my new address above. I have not actually moved just closed out my P.O. Box to save a little \$'s. I have just been appointed editor of DXM's newest column which appeared for the first time in the 8/3/74 DXM. The column is called "Items for Sale, Trade, or Wanted." I hope many of you will report to it often. See the 8/3 DXM for full details! Not much new here DX wise -- hope the summer has been treating all of you well. By now the 74 convention is History. Hope all those who attended had a great time! Money is what kept me from attending. Well that will be it for this report! 73's and good DX to all. P.S. DON'T FORGET TO REPORT TO MY NEW COLUMN!!!

Brian M. Scully, 1301 Wardman Dr., Brea, CA 90621

Since I have not written to the Forum in quite a while, here I am. First I must congratulate the Seattle people for a finely organized convention at Seattle this year. Almost seemed professional, hi! Seriously, it was excellent. Hope to have one in the Ontario/Riverside area in 1976 when the west coast gets another crack at hosting. If you haven't noticed, DX has been the worst in four or five years. Locally, KLAC-570 is broadcasting So. Cal. Suns football with Tom Harmon. Other WFL stations -- Portland Storm, KEX-1190; Houston Texans, KTRH-740; Hawaii Hawaiians, KGMB-590. Up in Bakersfield KAFY is being sold for \$665,000 to General Broadcasting who also recently obtained KGOE-850 in 1000 Oaks. At the Seattle convention I obtained all sorts of DX miscellaneous. Even though I have given away hundreds of record surveys I still have hundreds so they are for sale or trade. Just write and name your price. (Long list of SC's deleted. mw) Welcome to Kirk Schneider of La Habra. We need more brave DXers to brave the wilds of So. California radio, hi. That's all for now. 73s

Percy R. Kesteven, 13112 134 Street, Edmonton, Alta.

Hi' all! Been quite some time since I've appeared in these pages. I'll confess right here and now that I haven't DXed in a very long time but I keep promising myself ... soon! The Seattle Convention was really enjoyable. Everyone seemed to know everyone else and the whole atmosphere was very friendly. Hats off to the planning committee in Seattle, especially for their unique field trip to the Naval Station at Jim Creek! Is there anyone in the club who teaches Grade 5 (ten year olds) and who would be willing to have their class and mine pen pal this coming year? If so, please drop me a line. 73.

Bill Hardy, 2301 Pacific Ave., Aberdeen, WA 98520

My first married DXF report, so first, thanks from Nancy and me to all who've sent congrats and best wishes over the past year. The Seattle Convention was my first, Nancy third; we both think the Seattle hosts did an outstanding job. Thanks, Bruce, Phil, Mike, Jon, and everyone else.

Question: Anyone know what stn on 1430 would have tape-delayed and NBC hourly nxcast till 0345-0350 EDT 6/7? That was just before I heard WIRE, which catches me up with Nancy in states at #36. Al Ogrizovich's comments last time about calling stns during proof-of-performance (PoP) tests are well taken, if the stn bothers to ID during the test. It's difficult for them to give live ID's during a test 'cause the mike is disconnected where the tone generator goes in. Even so, they're legally required to ID at the start and end of the test, before disconnecting and after reconnecting (respectively) the mike, or by using a pre-recorded legal ID (call & city, spoken or sung). Big-market stns tend to follow the rules, but small-stn CE's sometimes get in a hurry and shut the carrier off without ID'ing. I recall a recent weeknight when we heard two PoP's on 1380 simultaneously thru KRKO. We listened for more than an hour hoping for an ID, but after 45 min. all that was left was KRKO alone. A quick phone call to possible unID testers to ask "Could you please tell me if you are testing?" and if they say "yes" a quick "That's all I wanted to know, thanks very much" will keep you out of the CE's hair and pin down which of the dozen or so possibilities it is. I'm writing a complete feature on the often misunderstood PoP test; it'll appear soon. I've actually DX'ed this summer; see DXR as well as my next DXF. Out of room so 73.

Nancy Hardy, 2301 Pacific Ave., Aberdeen, WA 98520

This is my first DXF using my new name. Probably some of you will still think of me as Nancy Gantzer (but not Bill, hi). The Seattle members surely put on a fine convention. I had a wonderful time. One of the things that I enjoyed most was the tour of KIRO AM-FM-TV. The "surprise packages" were really great, I love the little pink KBES key-chain record. I'm looking forward to the contest this season, as both Bill and I will be entering. Should be interesting. By the way, remember to try for the KGHO DX tests Oct. 21 and 28. 73/88

Bill Harang, 811 Nevada Ave., San Jose, CA 95125

I've been visiting local radio station KLOK-1170 San Jose quite a lot lately. I met Dave Evans, CE of KLOK a short while ago. Dave told me that he has received quite a few "phony" reception reports. It seems that quite a few so-called "DXers" are faking their reception reports. He stated that it is so obvious to him many times when one "fakes" a report. He mentioned the fact of how some are using tapes from their friends in attempting to receive a written verification by that unethical method. I, myself feel that most members in IRCA are honest with some possible exceptions. However, we can't eliminate the possibility that there may be more members "faking" than we thought. It should be clear to anyone with a mature mind that a written or tape "verification" is as good as the person's word. Anyone holds the power of being honest or dishonest. If a man becomes a habitual liar, it is almost impossible to help him for anything he says or does, as it may simply be another deception. The dishonest should not waste valuable time of paid and volunteer station personnel. Mike Hardester stated in his 8/3 WDXF rpt that KTRB is off MM. To the best of my knowledge, they must've changed to NSP now. SCers, CMers (including photocopyers), cassette tapers, etc. are more than welcome to write. 73's to all.

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ANARC ANALYSIS

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Virginia DX Association is going out of business after four years. They are refunding memberships to members.

Handicapped Aid Program needs operational or repairable receivers for handicapped DXers. Please notify Gene Moser, 6805 Woodland Court, Coloma, MI 49038 before taking any action on equipment. HAP now has a branch in England with Ted Hingle, Exec. Director, 13 Thirlmere Road, Preston, Lancs. PR1 5TR, England, in charge.

Minnesota DX Club, with 26 members, has decided not to move toward a formal club format (bulletin, dues, etc.), but will continue with emphasis on face-to-face gatherings, with only the meetings of these gatherings printed.

The ANARC Convention, held in Bronxville, NY hosted about 32 DXers. Al Niblack was awarded the 1974 ANARC Man of the Year Award for his valuable work for NASWA in providing last minute tips. Presentations were made on HAP, on the equipment market, on Latin American radio, on utilities, on Radio Free America, on ANARC, and on trend in communications. The convention did suffer a loss of about \$270, since not as many attended as had been planned for. ANARC covered \$100 of the loss from its funds, with the remainder being absorbed by the convention committee.

The Convention committee recommended that a Convention Scheduling Committee be established to coordinate conventions of the major DX clubs, to encourage maximum attendance at all. The committee also recommended that future convention committees consider well their ability to shoulder both time and financial drains if such should arise.

David B. Browne, 557 No. Madison Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101, has been nominated for ANARC Executive Secretary for the new term starting in October. Dave has been an active member of the ANARC Public Relations Committee. He has been an active DXer for nearly 20 years, is a member of NASWA, SPEEDX, ASWLC, and RC-USA. He is an editor by profession and has served in elective offices in other hobby groups besides DXing.

NRC has submitted a constitutional amendment to ANARC, changing the length of time a club must be in operation before it can be elected to ANARC. The idea behind the proposed amendment is to increase the stability of the club before it is admitted to ANARC, since past experience has shown that many small clubs have folded quickly.

SPEEDX has a new official address: Box E, Elsinore, CA 92530.

Alan Brooks has submitted two designs as possible logos for ANARC, since the organization doesn't have one yet.

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