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#### DX CALENDAR DX CALENDAR DX CALENDAR

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Both Mon	. 12-29-75	0000- ?		Carlisle, PA	11cw
NNRC				Galesburg, IL	1/4
NRC				Portsmouth, NH	lkw
NRC		0300-0330	WFRX-1300	W.Frankfort, IL	
NRC		0330-0400	WBZB-1090	Selma, NC	lkw
NRC		0330-0400	WBAW- 740	Barnwell, SC	lkw
NNRC		0400-0500		Forest, MS	½kw
NNRC Tue	. 12-30-75	0400-0500	WIRE-1430	Indianapolis, IN	5kw
NNRC Mor		0100-0200	WBSM-1420	New Bedford, MA	5kw
NRC				Kimball, NE	lkw
NRC				Mocksville, NC	5/1
NRC Mor	. 1-12-76	0230-0300	KNIC-1550	Winfield, KN	14kw
NRC				Plainview, TX	1kw
NRC				Charlevoix, MI	5kw
IRCA Mor	. 1-19-76			Groton, CT	lkw
NRC		0300-0330	WTBJ-1090	Monticello, Fla.	lkw
NRC				Bellville, TX	14kw
NRC Mor		0300-0330			½kw
NNRC Mor				Somerville, NJ	1/2kw
NNRC Mor				Springfield, IL	1/1/4
	11	Both" mean	s joint IR	CA/NRC	

WIOO-1000 (daytime only). This is their r/c for the last Sunday in the month. V/s is Curt Allan, WIOO Radio, P.O. Box 399, Carlisle, PA 17013. Arranged by James Hopkins. WGIL-1400, no program details. V/s Jim Thompson, CE, WGIL Radio, 154 East Simmons St., Galesburg, IL 61401. Arranged by George Davis III.

WHEB-750 (limited by WSB), no program details. V/s Andy Carey, PD, P.O. Box 120, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Arranged by Neil Zank.

WFRX-1300 (daytime only), no details. V/s Stan Durst, CE, P.O. Box 128, West Frankfort, IL 62896. Arranged by Skip Dabelstein.

WBAW-740 (daytime only), no details. V/s Bruce Creekmore, CE, P.O. Box 1, Selma, NC 27576. Arranged by Skip again WBAW-740 (daytime only), no details. V/s Joe Wilder, Pres., P.O. Box 447, Barnwell, SC 29812. Arranged by Skip. WMAG-850 (daytime only), no details. V/s Tom B. Estes, WMAG Radio, P.O. Box 1539, Forest, MS 39074. Arranged by Kenneth Van Tassell. WBZB-1090 (daytime only), no details. V/s Bruce Creekmore,

WIRE-1430 will have regular programming. V/s Bill Robinson, WIRE Radio, P.O. Box 88456, Indianapolis, IN 46208. Arranged by Brian Ruppel.

## The Inside Story

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Until a permanent editor is appointed, send your CDXR reports to: Richard C. Evans, P.O. Box 392, New Buffalo, MI 49117. Let's see if we can get this column going again.

#### 7125 ...... •••••FLASH

The New Member Booklets are on their way: If anyone who joined in the last year didn't get one and one hasn't arrived by now, let us know and we'll shoot one to you.

HQ has received several comments about changing to the booklet format, mostly against. The entire publishing committee is in favor of keeping the present format, but the decision is up to the members, so I would appreciate it if everyone having an opinion would send me a card telling how you feel about it. In six months or so I will compile them and see where the sentiment lies. So far it looks like most members would like to see us change.

Word came in today (12-16) that a federal judge has ruled that the U.S. Postal Service can't raise postage rates on December 28th as planned. He said the Service's Board of Directors followed improper procedures in allowing the Postmaster General to file for the new rates. The ruling came from a lawsuit filed by an association of third class users.

CKLM-1570, CKRS-590, CKSM-1220, CHRC-800, and CHLC-580 have been granted a license to form a network for the purpose of broadcasting the hockey games of the Quebec Nordiques for the 1975 to 1976 season.

It's good to have all our Canadian members with us again, but there is a rumor that the postal strike might start up again fairly soon.

#### BROADCASTING

#### INFORMATION

(as compiled by Mike Worst)

		Day	Nite		
new	740	40w	40w	Nain, Nfld.	CP CBC
WKTZ	1220	1kw		Arlington, Fla.	to 5kw-D, DA
WRRA	1290	500w	500w	Frederiksted, V.I.	ND from DA
CBGL	1290	40w	40w	Mingan, Que.	to 740, 40w
WPPI	1330	500w		Carrollton, Ga.	start operation
CBLH	1340	40w	40w	Hornepayne, Ont.	to 1090, 40w
		40w		Edmundston, N.B.	to 1320, 40w
Fı	om tl	he De	cember	8, 1975 issue, and	the CRTC.

Th	ie fol	lowin		Pre-sunrise Service	Authorities,
			wi	th powers as shown:	
WNAK	730	1kw		Nanticoke, Pa.	115w from 124w
WKVE	800	250w		Cave City, Ky.	250w
WVAL	800	250w		Sauk Rapids, Minn.	239w from 250w
WEQO	1220	500w		Whitley City, Ky.	500w
WLSD	1220	1kw		Big Stone Gap, Va.	500w
KIKC	1250	5kw		Forsyth, Mont.	500w
WOIN	1290	500w		Lykens, Pa.	500w
KFLO	1300	500w		Shreveport, La.	500w
KZIQ	1360	lkw		Ridgecrest, Calif.	500w
KBAL	1410	500w		San Saba, Tex.	394w from 500w
KNAL	1410	500w	500w	Victoria, Tex.	291w from 400w
WAKE	1500	lkw		Valparaiso, Ind.	2.5w L-WTOP
WLKM	1510	500w		Three Rivers, Mich.	279w L-WLAC
WJRL	1530	250w		Calhoun City, Miss.	250w
WYAZ	1530	250w		Yazoo City, Miss.	250w L-WCKY
WRGM	1540	10kw		Richmond, Va.	7w
WTLK	1570	500w		Taylorsville, N.C.	271w from 500w
KCGS	1600	lkw		Marshall, Ark.	50'0w
WTLK	1570	500w		Taylorsville, N.C.	271w from 500w

BC, Vancouver off 0300-0900 each morning 11/25 to 11/28, mostly OC, some TT but no IDs heard. (DJF-BC)
MB, Dauphin 11/27 0436-0506 fair o/
XEX in null of CKLG OC; MOR mx w/ eastern dx Editor: Mike Mitock,
Box 533 roundup Lorain, c... Box 533 Lorain, OH 730 CKDM requests, yacky male DJ, no spots, cuckoo clock & ID on hour, into nx, back to mx at O505. (DJF-BC) 680 WRKO CA, Avalon 12/8 testing at 0525 w/exc 740 \*KBRT\* OC-TT. (RA-MA) signal as CKLG off. (KH-BC) 910 PA, YORK with a PSA for consumers at 0125-GA, Atlanta 12/1 0718 pop format & spots for clothing store, IDs as "Wisbee" radio 75. (MS-CA) (Must have changed their IDs--used to be "S-B" 750 WSB 0126. Good sig 11/28. (BIG-CT) 1230 NC, KINSTON this GYer in well 11/30 1014 with r&r. (GA-NC) SC, MULLINS 12/1 1400 best ever w/WJAY-AM & 1280 radio.-NH) WCIG-FM ID followed by Wolfmans' USAF pgm. (GA- $\overline{\text{HI}}$ , Honolulu 12/8 0535 fair w/rr. (KH)  $\overline{\text{AB}}$ , Camrose 12/8 0600 nx fair o/u KABC followed by C&W mx. (KH-BC) 760 KGU WHWH NJ, PRINCETON 11/26 Heard o/WKLX AN w/Nite Cap 790 CFCW 1350 Herb Jepko...rare here. (RA-MA) VA, MANASSAS top 40 mx in fair 11/26 1624, some CA, Norwalk 12/4 1600 low power broad-casting stn from Cerritos College. 1460 830 KCEB Range is about 2 mi. Trans local: week-days 0700-1700. (MS-CA) 11/27 0700 ABX nx then C&W mx, way u/ 11/27 0700 ABX nx then C&W mx, way u/
KRVN. Much SSB interference. (MS-CA)
UT, Salt Lake City 11/23 0757 o/KJJJ
and KNEW w/ID "Great Radio KALL.(MS)
NV, Las Vegas 11/24 0445-0501 fair to
good o/faint unID (KSRM maybe) w/MOR
mx, PSAs and local spots; ID on hour
for both FM & AM, into NBC nx. (DJF)
OR, Lebanon 12/9 0413 rock mx u/KORK,
frequent wx reports & IDs. Pest KHJ930 noted off. (MS-CA)
BC, Quesnel 12/8 1722 MOR mx exc. o/
KTTN, ID as "CQ 92", first time hrd
on this frequency. (KH-BC)
CA, Pittsburg loud & clear 12/3 nx &
wx at 10:30. Station slogan "Fresh Air
Station". (MDR-CA) (AM or PM?-NH) 880 unID FROM THE "DX CALENDAR":
1090 WTBJ FL, MONTICELLO 12/1 0335-0350 very tentative 910 KALL on NRC Test w/1kHz TT, Christmas mx 03362-0339 & ID @ 0350, nothing else heard due to QRM from 920 KORK CKKW & another unID station. (RA-MA)
NJ, LAKEWOOD 11/28 Test tried, but not heard 1170 WHLW 920 KGAL PER THE LIST: 1420 WASR NH, WOLFEBORO 11/26 0005-0011 Test-r/c heard somehow thru local WBSM & WHK QRM w/1 kHz TT-OC CKCQ 920 THIS WEEKS CAST: 990 KKIS (RA)-Ray Arruda/48 Woodlawn St., New Bedford MA 02744/ Station". (MDR-CA) (AM or PM?-NH) SD, Sioux Falls 10/27 0753-0757 very SX-122; 1976 TRF; and SM-1 (BIG)-Bruce Goldsen/27 Spruce Hill Rd., Georgetown CT 06829/ Monarch Ham-2 & 50 longwire 1000 KXRB poor thru KOMO OC o/unID SS w/CKNW-(GA)-Gregg Allinson/919 N. Kerr Ave., Wilmington NC 28401/ 980 slop, clear spot for John Deere dealer in Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls S-38C & longwire stock report, then gone. (DJF-BC)
AZ, Tempe 10/20 0548-0604 poor thru
CFCN OC o/KYW, KNOE w/religious prgm
(Outreach), ID on hour for both FM & Kinda small this week, perhaps due to the deadline change. 1060 KUPD NOTE that I have now moved my deadlines to Saturday, which roughly figures out to 2 weeks before the Masthead date. I will empty the box on Saturday afternoon, and type up AM, into documentary on a local service organization. (DJF-BC) the column Saturday evening, and mail it Sunday morning. Apparently the Post Office is delaying mail somewhat now LA, New Orleans 10/20 0602-0605 surfaced briefly thru KUPD, KYW & CFCN OC 1060 that they took away Air Mail, and the Monday deadline/Tues. mailing wasn't reaching SPC in time. Let's hope moving up w/promo for station game, rock mx.(DJF) the deadline solves that problem! Let me now wish all the MT, Kalispell 12/9 excellent 1200 w/
Homemaker News. (KH-BC)
CA, Taft 12/5 0745 blasting w/s/off
just after KIOT. Mentioned studios on KOFI 1180 membership, fellow editors and the publishing crew a very merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season! 73, CUN7! 1310 KTKR Highway 33, remote location in Bakers-field. (MS-CA) NANCY HARDY, Editor OR, Hermiston 11/13 1034-1055 poor w/
KFDR, KMO, KUIK, local spots, nx at
1055, severe fading. (DJF-BC)
WA, Grand Coulee 11/13 1038-1106 poor
to fair o/KOHU, KMO, KUIK; MOR mx, lots
of local spots, Community Calendar at Western dx roundup 1360 KOHU 2301 PACIFIC AVE. ABERDEEN, WA 98520 1360 KFDR REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE: (DJF) Derek Ford-4B-1385 West 15th Ave.-Vancouver, Eddystone 830/2, Sanserino loop BC V6H1S2 (KH) Ken Horne-2150 West 20th Ave.-Vancouver, BC RCA A-4, 100' longwire V6L 1G1 1045, ID on hour mentioned "Coulee Country" and "The electric capital of the Pacific Northwest", into stn ns.

MT, Butte 12/9 1110 fair o/u / (DJF)
CHPQ, MOR mx, ID'd as "Music Radio".

AB, Westlock 12/8 1605 / (KH-BC) 1370 KXLF(MDR) Mark Robertson-6909 Fullbright Ave.-Canoga Realistic DXO150A, Park, CA CFOK 1370 Sanserino loop excellent w/CHPQ nulled, rr mx, ID as "OK Radio". (KH-BC) Mike Sanborn-15921 Ryon-Bellflower, CA (MS) RCA 1-RA-11, ferrite loop CA, Redding 11/17 0421 test w/ID, loudest on frequency. (MS-CA)

MT, Great Falls 11/26 0435-0437 poor 1400 \*KQMS\* HI, Wailuku 12/10 0417 I-55 IDs, fight-550 KMVI ing u/KOY w/rr mx. (MS-CA) CA, Monterey 11/25 1953-2001 fair, 1400 KARR thru CINL/CHNL-1 w/CFUN-1410 off (cO400-0446); promo for Metropolitan Opera broadcasts on KOPR-FM. (DJF-BC) 630 KIDD alone; easy listening mx, local spots for Monterey & Salinas, slogans & IDs included "6-3-0 Radio", into nx at SK, Melfort 10/30 0757-0816 fair w/CFUN 1420 CJVR slop, morning farm-type programming, some C&W mx, wx, agricultural reports, 2000 followed by almost immediate disappearance at pattern change. (DJF) WA, Omak 11/13 0958-1016 fair to good, alone; KNBR gone and CBU-690 on local hockey scores, local spots (with an incredible 9 spots & local annots continuous o/5 minutes!). (DJF-BC)
CA, San Rafael 12/4 0914 flash IDs 680 KOMW emergency transmitter, MOR mx, nx on the hour, lots of local spots. Much wanted. (DJF-BC) 1510 \*KTIM\* then gone. O/KSOM/KGA. Presumed to be a test. (MS-CA) AZ, Flagstaff 12/4 0854 in briefly o/ AZ, Phoenix 11/22 0700 s/on & religious program after nx. Clear in KPOL KEOS 690 1540 KASA KHEY w/some QRM, ruined by XETRA buzz tone then s/on. (MS-CA)
NV, Las Vegas 12/8 MOR mx, "K-Dawn" IDs

720

KDWN

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excellent w/CKLG off at 0518. (KH-BC)

null. (MS-CA)

CKLG

730

It's good to have our Canadian members back! Since there were only a couple of catches on the older side that got caught up in the strike, rather than list them separately I've incorporated them right into the column. Normally DX that is over a month old is not listed in the column, but this is an exception. I'm glad that things are returning to normal in Canada. Have a Merry Christmas all! 73

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NOTICE: CDXF has now faded into oblivion, hi. From now on, send your Forum reports to EDXF if you live east of the Mississippi River. If you live west of the river, your reports go to WDXF and Rick Heald. I'm sorry to lose many of my great reporters from CDXF, but my loss is definitely RtH's gain.-jz

Larry V. Flegle-25 N.E. 185th Terrace-N. Miami Beach, FL 33179
Hello, out there in radio land. I've been trying to get all the DX tests. I've been fairly successful, but WEAG is the only QSL so far. Curious thing happened to day- I had two Roundup reports returned in the mail "unable to deliver". Their dates were 10/17/74 and 11/26/74. No wonder QSL's take so long! I'm trying now to restore my Radiola 25. It came with a box loop (18" X 30") and I'm curious to see how well it works with the loop. I tried out the new Realistic TRF the other day. I guess that it's about the best inexpensive portable TRF on the market today. However, I prefer my old TRF over the new one. Take care & 73's LVF

Wayne Murphy-1411 Phyllis Ave.-Louisville, KY

Haven't checked in for a while due to schoolwork and general lack of time. The discussions generated recently concerning merger, bulletin format, etc., are very interesting and I guess I'll put my 2¢ in. Merger is obviously out, if for no other reason than such a large number of IRCAers are opposed to it. It could work with cooperation from both clubs and would certainly have many advantages, but that is not present. The topic has now come up in NRC so we shall soon see what is thought of it over there. I believe the switch to a magazine format would be a definite plus. I feel those opposed to it base their feelings more on the present format's identification with IRCA than practical realities. A prospective member reviewing his choices, a person who is usually completely unbiased in favor of one club or the other, will almost definitely think the NRC format looks more professional. One local guy, who just joined the NRC a couple of months back, received a sample IRCA bulletin the other day and did not like it. The primary reason was the unbound pages. To experienced DXers, the content is more important, but the more superficial things tend to be noticed by novices & newcomers; that is who we're after, isn't it? Also, missing columns have to stop. The NRC has not missed one major column since I joined 16 months ago. This does not look too good for IRCA. A couple of notes: WFIA-900 will be running FT's starting 12/15, around 0130 or so. Be looking for them. Finally, the 1976 Convention QSLs are now ready. Distributing them will be: WTMT-620, WAKY-790, WHAS-840, WFIA-900, WKIO-1080, and WINN-1240. WAVE-970 is distributing their own card with our message on it; but is not ready yet. I've taken up too much space already, so 73.

Jim Nall-606 N. Hite Ave.-Louisville, KY 40206 Hello all: Not a lot of DX lately, although I intend to start doing it on MM's much more. I have to be at work at 7:30 AM on Mondays, so that limits me a lot. Most often I stay up until about 2:30 AM and go to bed, but that doesn't seem to be working too well. A couple of the other local DX'ers just go to bed and get up at about 3:00 AM, and come off hearing more than me. Especially since the TA's have been so scarce lately. These days it seems like there is so little to be

heard before 1:30 or 2 AM on MM, at least from domestics. Early this AM (SM 12/7) I did notice a strong carrier from Germany-1586, and just carriers from 1466. For those who like to collect different QSL cards, several Louisville stations are sending out commemorative v/q's for the upcoming 1976 NRC Louisville convention. The stations cooperating currently are WTMT-620, WAKY-790, WHAS, WFIA-900, WKLO-1080, and WINN-1240. So go ahead and verify them or reverify 'em!! Most of those stations are very friendly and helpful to DX'ers. Louisville is fortunate in those respects! I can only think of one station (not mentioned here) who doesn't like to verify. Not a whole lot more to comment on. I'm still anti-merger, since there is room in the USA for 2 clubs (remember the old saying from Westerns that went..."you got until noon to get out of Dodge cuz this town ain't big enuf for 2 of us"). Oh well, good DX/73.

Gregg Allinson-919 N. Kerr Ave.-Wilmington, NC 28401

Dear friends, as Rittenhouse so bluntly put it in one of his recent WDXF's, it's time to fight for IRCA!! Either we start working to improve and make this club strong or else we might as well hand over our heritage (& apathy) to NRC. I have recently been confirmed as Chairperson of the Membership Committee, which is a direct link to our illustrious future. I hereby call for volunteers to serve on this committee. As of now there's little to pursue as I'm laying the foundations, but soon, things will start shaking and I would like a few dependable persons to help in this endeavor. I promise no pay & even less gratitude from fellow members, but it means separating the doers and workers from the talkers and apathetic. Please write if interested. Meanwhile...saw article on SWL by Dr. Wood in the new Communications Handbook. Had his pix in there too, confirming my theory that DX'ers are ugly, hi! IRCA has a nice plug in the DX club section. As for my dial fidgeting, things are slowing down some. Latest QSLs in: WHEO v/l with brochure and CM; WSRF v/c. Finally, as pointed out in a half dozen magazines, WIIM-1450 is going all NBC News as of 1/1/76. Good DX and remember, UNCLE GREGG WANTS YOU!!!

Eric Fader - 23-35 Bell Blvd. - Bayside, NY 11360 Howdy, DX types. Since DX here has been practically nil, I figured I may as well do something! So here I am, please cheer just a BIT louder, hi. First a re-intro. I'm 16, a senior at Bayside High, some activities are bowling, basketball and bicycle riding in between heavy workloads.

Gollect stamps, coins, postcards, SC's, cassettes, & some other stuff. Been DXing since 12/72, totals now about 780/33/8/28. Recent notable newies are Lighthouse-1165, XEB/HJFV tent. on 1220, & CKGM-980 finally, despite incredible spur trouble on 978, 981 and 990. My "spurs logged" is over 250 (with 2 states, hi). Back in October, 24 SSS newies were heard in the last week, but in Nov. only 13 newies TOTAL! I thought this would be a good season, now I have my doubts. Now, some off-camera voice is supposed to say "You can make it a better season for all by reporting to DXM! Enjoy the thrill and ego-trip of seeing your name in print! Make everyone sick with accounts of your fantastic catches! SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!" but, on second thought, it would probably sound too much like a plug. Re the merger—I am also in NRC, which is an entirely different type of club (notwithstanding the identical goals of each, that is) and a merger would be eliminating one side of the DX hoby "viewpoint". I enjoy receiving two weekly bulletins, but, if the economics factor becomes a problem I will not vote against a merger. I do doubt that it will take place, though, so any of you who don't want to join NRC for whatever reason should try to support IRCA with more than one "token" contribution. 73's

Ronald F. Schatz-Box 592814 AMF-Miami, FL 33159 AC305-945-4915 Please, brothers, let us talk no more of merger

Please, brothers, let us talk no more of merger with NRC, as it is now obviously a dead issue. I brought up the subject only as a better alter-

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native to dissolution, and the vigorous debate in these pages, be it pro, con, or naive, has given new life to a dying club. Now that we have chosen life for IRCA, where are we headed? How can we be a viable alternative to NRC? What should we emphasize and deemphasize? How can we improve DX MONITOR content-wise? NRC is a "patrician" club, preferred by the top DX'ers (certainly not all the top DXers, RFS-jz); perhaps we should emphasize the needs of beginners and the "average DX'er" in IRCA. While NRC's feature articles are highly technical in nature and hard for many to green ours could serve to improve for many to grasp, ours could serve to improve basic skills and knowledge. IRCA already has the superior presentation of DX tips (NRC's are scattered throughout their "Forum" reports, called "Musings"), but NRC's booklet format is more psychologically appealing, be it logical or not, to most members. IRCA is also the leader in the DX technique of the future- PFM. Yes, brothers, we don't have to be a "Xerox copy" of NRC! On the question of a new Constitution and By-laws, even our founding fathers considered them to be too complex for a club of our nature; now the red tape they cause stifles needed flexibility. A simpler Constitution can and will be much more democratic than the one we have now, since it will be more responsive to our wishes. Perhaps we can add a "Bill of DX'ers Rights" as well. Let us on your BoD know how you feel on these matters. 73 de RFS.

Ray Arruda-Cove Motel-Box 278-Orleans, MA 02653 Did anyone else besides me receive a Christmas Card from Grandma Greene and Little Mo Mi? Who is this avid California DXer? Was in ERC Land on the afternoon of December 5. DX time is still confined to MMs here as I'm still on Cape Cod during the week working. MM 12/8 was only mediocre with WNRI week working. NMM 12/0 was only medicare with what and WMTY the only tests to make it here. Three interesting veries: V/l from WEAG-1470 for TN #11, WASR-1420 for r/c, and a prompt v/l from WEEZ's Dave Schmidt. Would be nice if all stations replied as quick as Dave, including all our non-verifiers! I'm counting that somewhat peculiar letter received from WASP as a verie because I along with four from WASR as a verie because I, along with four other DXers sent reports that could have been verified, but weren't for some strange reason. I'm 200% sure I heard 'em. 73

John Zondlo-6617 Maryland-Hammond, IN 46323 Greetings. Like RFS, I'm tired of hearing all this merger talk. It seems from all I've heard that the membership is definitely against any such idea. So let's get on with supporting IRCA with contributions to the columns and the various committees. Gregg Allinson needs your support now with the Membership Committee...drop him a line and volunteer to help. I'm definitely encouraged by the recent progress of IRCA. Our publishing setup is now stable, with the exception of one editor, and the membership support has been increasing. We still need far more support, however. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the CADX meeting the last week of December. 73.....

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The BARFest over the Thanksgiving weekend was certainly a big success! There were some problems because of the Christmas shopping crowd, but otherwise things were cool. I read with great disappointment the decision of the publishing committee to go to the booklet format for DX Monitor. The Monitor is not a magazine by any stretch of the imagination. DX News is a very clumsy publication both for reading and for filing. There is no good reason for us to follow NRCs mistake. I am and always have been in form of the legal of format in

that the publishing committee will reconsider

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ways have been in favor of the looseleaf format as the most practical and convenient format. I hope

their ill-advised decision. DX has really slowed down since its spectacular beginning. The bandwas flat as a pancake on 12/01. Here's hoping your Christmas is happy, holy, and filled with the best in DX: 73. (Welcome back stranger! Hope to hear more from you in the future-RtH)

BILL HARANG-811 NEVADA AV-SAN JOSE, CA. 95125 Ph: (408) 292-8198

NRC member John Sally of Ohio, after hearing a tape of our DXer Report programs, said the following, "Your DXer Report on KDWN is very interesting... it's mass audience stuff. It's not complicated, and it's really a good height for the IRCA, a very good height...Jack London sounds good." On our 10/29 DXer Report prgm, Jack London mentioned that I rovd a letter from Denzil Baker of Durban, S.A.. Although KDWN, of course, can't be heard in S.A., Denzil said in the letter to me that he would like to help w/our DXer Report prgm in any way he can. By the way, the main topic of our 10/29 prgm was how to hear Japan on the AM band. KEXs nightime contour (including skywave) comes ashore around the Peninsula, and heads more or less due North Monterey passing Portland only about 30 mi E of the city & heading N up through B.C. into AK., and still heading W o/land at that point. Huge signal -- too bad caribou don't have radios! Their daytime contour (same 50kw pattern day & night) touches the OR coast opposite Portland, goes N to almost Puget Sound, E to about 30 mi E of Portland, and South to Eugene. It's sort of a diamond shaped pattern. (Strange, that's what the Pattern book shows!!-RtH) Both of these are .5 mv/m contours.

BILL HARDY-2301 PACIFIC AV-ABERDEEN, WA. 98520 \_\_\_ Many thanks to Gregg Allinson of North Carolina for getting, arranging by frequency, and sending to IRCA HQ a list of Nitecap stns. I wanted to do this myself, but I dropped the ball, mainly by making the mistake of writing to Mutual directly! A full month later they STILL HAVEN'T ANSWERED!! If Mutual owned any stns they'd likely be poor verifiers, hi! Rick Heald's comments on the FCC in his 11/22 DXF report are interesting. Rick, there is NO RULE prohibiting are interesting. Rick, there is NO ROLE prohibiting an AM stn from simulcasting an FM stn 100%. The rule prohibits the FM stn from simulcasting the AM stn more than 50% in a market that size. Since KIQI (AM) is daytime only, w/no pre-sunrise authority (oh yes he does, since last Spring-RtH) obviously KIOI (FM) only simulcasts 50%. If Jim Gabbert gets his way & good fulltime on AM (which he will-RtH) then progoes fulltime on AM (which he will-RtH) then programming will have to be seperated at least some of the time. The FCC is also considering extending the 50% limit to no duplication in major markets. I believe the FCC has dropped, for the time being, prohibition of cross-ownerships between AM & FM stns. There still is a prohibition in new cross-ownerships of radio (AM and/or FM) and TV stns, also, TV stns and cable companies. Existing AM-TV, FM-TV, or AM-FM-TV combinations don't have to break up, but they can't sell the TV and radio to the same people; they have to sell the TV and radio to different people, or keep either TV or radio while selling the other. If the radio and TV had the same selling the other. If the radio and IV had the same calls (such as KBOI-AM-FM-TV), then one or the other has to change when the sale is made to different owners. Usually it's the TV that changes; radio identifies and promotes itself mainly by letters, while TV promotes mostly by channel numbers. More

RICK HEALD-534 WELDON AVENUE-OAKLAND, CA. 94610 Ph: (415) GLencourt 2-4816 before 2230 PST \_\_\_ Got some comments re KIOI/KIQI, I see. However, I asked whether or not KIOI/KIQI was service to the community. Most of us in the Bay Area agree that it is not, never has been and never will be. Bill, KIQI got a PSA grant of "9" watts last Spring. He sounds about 10 times that strength at 0600 s/on. He put in a very potent signal in Castro Valley, 18 mi to XR on his PSA, did not sound at all like 9 watts. I was told by SF FCC office, KIOI got a waiver to broadcast from FM to AM, and that a waiver was necessary in ALL cases of an FMer broadcasting to AM. KKHI got the first such waiver to broadcast from FM to AM. It's a shame that some one w/money and power can get the FCC to bend the rules and infringe on treaties and other stns whereas a small operator takes a back seat. The FCC, I feel, is owned by the big interests. After

all, the FCC Commisioner knows nothing about broadcasting, has no experience there, just an appointee, how can he possibly make any valid judgements? While on the subject, does anyone know what station James (neeyohh) Gabbert bought in Hawaii? Art Peterson, great seeing you again after about 11 yrs or so, at recent BARFest. I agree, cx have fallen flat. We started out great, and I logged my second TA (BBC 1214), but I can't even raise N. Korea 655 or China 1040, but you should hear Mexico around 0500 PST behind almost everyone. Stay tuned for further info re upcoming BARFest next early Spring and, of course, SAN FRANCISCO in '76. I'd like to thank all of you who have contributed to WDXF this past year, and to wish everyone a most Merry Christmas. 73.

NICK HALL-PATCH-3272 ALDER ST-VICTORIA, BC, CANADA V8X 1P2

Greetings from the silent North. Our postal strike is finally over and it's sure nice to see those DXMs rolling in again. With mail costing a dollar apiece by courier service I haven't been supporting those DXM columns the way I should. Too bad, because I've been crawling w/DX tips (small insects similar to the common louse), mostly out of date now. Been doing a little split-channel DX w/my National HRO and IDed YSS 655, R. Belize 834, and YSC 1015 all around 2000 PST on various Nov evenings. Does anybody have recommendations for mechanical filters? Collins has sent me specs for the 455FA-21 but it seems to have a rather tight bandwidth. Does Lafayette still make theirs? I've heard of Kokusai are they any good, if so, where can you get 'em? Any info much appreciated.//Been getting a few of the easier TPs as well, but what's considered a positive ID? I'm not too familiar w/CC, KK, JJ etc positive ID? I'm not too familiar w/CC, KK, JJ etc needless to say. (Nick, JJ IDs top of hour, calls are given in EE, since JJ obviously has no EE al-phabet, CC & KK takes patience, LOTS of patience, hi-RtH). Time pips seem pretty distinctive, but I've got no reference as to which pips belong to whom or whatever. (Seems like good subject to our Special Features column or DXWW, anybody???-RtH) There's so many questions in the last few lines that maybe I should write Ann Landers??? Built the NRC lft loop w/out the FET amp--can't get the 10.000 microhenry coils here. Even minus the pre-10,000 microhenry coils here. Even minus the preamp it puts out more oomph than my old IRCA spiral and often has better nulls. The tuning unfortunately is not nearly so sharp and cross modulation is a problem near the locals. Such is life---good DX. 73. (Nick, try the wedge loop, we've found it outperforms the spiral, SM2 and NRC loop.-RtH).



### DX RECORDS

HEARD: Dr. Michel Breger VERIFIED: Steve Moss GRAVEYARD: Walter Kuenast

CENTEXDX: 7217 Creekside Drive, Austin, Tx 78752.

#### DOMESTIC HEARD RECORDS

Symbols - TDH: total domestic stations heard, SH (PH): total states (provinces) heard, TSH: total stations heard, YR: year started DXing in present location, \*: totals need updating.

-	TO TOWARD INCOME MENT						
	NAME	TDH	SH	PH	TSH	BEST	YR
23456789011234 11111	Francis, Tenn. Forth, Ill.* Portzer, Wash. Eddie, Mo. * Arruda, Mass. Bytheway, Wash. Seaver, Cal.* White, Va. Breger, Texas Fader, New York Horne, B.C. * Lutz, Ky.* Orren, Wash. Florian, Ill. * Hogan, Ind.	1595 11583 1055 9799 8392 6000 5359 5000 5359 5000	44444434333333333333333333333333333333	8769674676355	1152 1083 1121 979 1055 1241 684 818 701 529 562 513	GEORGIA 140 STNS ILLIN. 99 STNS CALIF 165 STNS ILLIN. 85 STNS WGIL 1400 CALIF 139 STNS CALIF 185 STNS PENNA 84 STNS TEXAS 166 STNS N.Y. 101 STNS WASH. 93 STNS KENT. 82 STNS CALIF 108 STNS CALIF 108 STNS ILLIN. 65 STNS ILLIN. 67 STNS	70 64 67 68 68 68 72 68 768 768 769

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404 31
380 34
336 32
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18 Fader, N.Y.*
19 Ford, B.C.
20 McClelland, Cal.
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434 CALIF 67 STNS
389 KMVI 550 HAWAII
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                                        35
21 Ball, Ont.
22 Wootten, Md.
                                   68
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     NAME
                                    TFH CH TSH BEST
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  1 Seaver, Calif.
2 Pejza, Calif.
3 Breger, Texas
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                                     434
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                                                   721 BBC-1214
818 SPAIN-638
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  4 Wootten, Md.
                                            37 274 VLADIVOSTOK-548
29 1811 ZYD65-1180
                                     206
  5 Francis, Tenn.
6 Bytheway, Wash.
7 Fader, N.Y.
                                     216
                                            34 1055 FIJI-640
27. 701 LUXEMBOURG-1439
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9 Eddie, Mo.
10 Ford, B.C.
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                                                   617 VOA-1580
                                             22 1121 KORL-650 HAWAII
17 434 HJCV-1190
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                                                   389 BELIZE-834
11 McClelland, Calif.
12 Orren, Wash.
13 White, Va.
14 Ball, Ont.
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                                                    562 VLADIVOSTOK-647
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                                       32
                                             14
                                                    274 YVNN-940
15 Fader, N.Y.
                                             10
                                                   436 HJFF-1210
16 Hogan, Ind.
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721 CALIF 168 STNS

16 Pejza, Calif.\*

Notes: Hawaii and Alaska count for both Domestic and Foreign Records. If you have any Alaskan or Hawaiian stations, your total number of stations heard (TSH) is not the sum of the domestic and foreign stations foreign stations.

Next listings: Verified, Graveyard Records. The next Heard Records will be listed in March and will be ordered by number of states/provinces as well as countries. Now that DX Records is again a regular feature (after a short absence), why not send in your totals? A special report form is no longer needed. See DXM October 25, page 65 for details.

happy holidays.....centexdx....michel

#### FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S KITCHEN TABLE

Any of you old-timers out there remember when ships had three letter calls? Of course, it was a bit before  $\frac{1}{2}$ my time, but I found the following list in a CDXC bulletin of September 1966. It's based on government lists of 1916, 1919, and 1925, so it cannot list all the uses of a particular call. In fact, it's probably not complete. Anyway, every three letter call in use today was once somewhere else. It's a good bet that very few employees at these stations know the history of these calls. All call signs shown are in actual use by broadcast or (+) utility stations. Underlined stations are names of ships.

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Call	Was	Is
KCC	Cape Spencer, AK	+Corpus Christi, TX
KDB	Caracas	Santa Barbara, CA
KEX	Los Angeles, CA	Portland, OR
KFH	Herman Frasch	Wichita, KS
KFI	I. D. Fletcher	Los Angeles, CA
KFS	San Francisco, CA	+Palo Alta, CA
KGA	Coamo	Spokane, WA
KGB	Baganito	San Diego, CA
KGO	Underwood, WA	San Francisco, CA
KGU	Kanakanack	Honolulu, HI
KGW	D. N. Luckenbach	Portland, OR
KGY	Pathfinder	Olympia, WA
KHJ	Koko Head, HI	Los Angeles, CA
KHK	Wahiawa, HI	+Kahuku, HI
KHQ	Phoenix, AZ	Spokane, WA
KID	Matinicock	Idaho Falls, ID
KIS	Marshall, AK	+Anchorage, AK
KIT	Tiger	Yakima, WA
KJR	Rialto, CA	Seattle, WA
KLO	Santa Rosalia	Ogden, UT
KTM	Port Althorp, AK	+Pasco, WA
KLZ	Speedwell	Denver, CO
KMA	<u>Alliança</u>	Shenandoah, IA
KMJ		Fresno, CA
KMO	Augusta	Tacoma, WA
KNX	Susanna	Los Angeles, CA
KOA	<u>Hamilton</u>	Denver, CO
KOB	Princess Anne	Albuquerque, NM
KOH	Glenpool	Reno, NV
KOL	Mount Hope	Seattle, WA (gone)
KOY	Herbert L. Pratt	Phoenix, AZ
KPH	Hillcrest, CA	+Bolinas, CA
KPQ	<u>Sunlite</u>	Wenatchee, WA
ΚQV	Samuel Faunce	Pittsburgh, PA
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KSD	San Diego, CA	St. Louis, MO
KSL	St. Louis	Salt Lake City, UT
KSO	St. Paul	Des Moines, IA
KTW	Delaware Sun	Seattle, WA (gone)
KUJ	Mundale	Walla Walla, WA
KVI	Unga Is., AK	Seattle, WA
KWG		Stockton, CA
KWK	Segurança W. B. Keene	St. Louis, MO
KXA	Boston	Seattle, WA
KXL	City of Taunton	Portland, OR
KXO	City of Brockton	El Centro, CA
KYA	Kanawa	San Francisco, CA
KYW	Wayfarer	Philadelphia, PA
WBT	Binghamton, NY	Charlotte, NC
WBZ	Santa Elena	Boston, MA
WCC	S. Wellfleet, MA	+Chatham, MA
WCM	Calumet, MI	+Irwin, PA
WDR	Detroit, MI	+Miami, FL
WDZ	Aramis	Decatur, IL
WEW	Marquette & Besseme	
	Harqueete & Desistant	St. Louis, MO
WGH	Grand Haven, MI	Newport News, VA
WGL	Dreadnought	Fort Wayne, IN
WGN	Carl D. Bradley	Chicago, IL
WGR	Governor	Buffalo, NY
WGY	City of Topeka	Schenectady, NY
WHA	Cape Hatteras, NC	Madison, WI
WHK	New Orleans, LA	Cleveland, OH
WHO	Colon	Des Moines, IA
WHP		
WIL	Point Arena Jim Butler	Harrisburg, PA St. Louis, MO
WIP		Philadelphia, PA
WIS	Carmen F P Starling	Columbia, SC
WJR	E. R. Sterling W. M. Tupper	Detroit, MI
WLW	Hobokon N.I	Cleveland, OH
WKY		Oklahoma City, OK
WLC	Rockingham New London, CN	+Rogers City, MI
WLS		
WMC	Arborean Santa Pita	Chicago, IL Memphis, TN
WMT	Santa Rita Point Bonita	Cedar Rapids, IA
WNU	New Orleans, LA	+Slidell, LA
WOC	_	
WOI	Oregon Akron OH	Davenport, IA Ames, IA
	Akron, OH	Washington, DC
WOR	Los Angeles	New York, NY
WOW	California	Omaha, NE
WPD		
WRC	Tampa, FL J. B. Stetson	+Tampa, FL Washington, DC
WSB	Firwood	
WSC	Firwood Siasconset MA	Atlanta, GA +Tuckerton, NJ
WSL	Siasconset, MA Sayville,LI, NY	+Amagansett, NY
WSM		Nashville, TN
WSY	Virginia Beach, VA	+New York, NY
WWJ	Peru	Detroit, MI
WWL	San Jose	New Orleans, LA
VWW	Washington, DC	+Ft. Collins, CO
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HALF A CENTURY AGO: THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO WEEK TESTS by Thomas H. White

#### Chapter 4

With the exception of a few far-western stations (mainly KNX, KFI, and Gene Martin's KPSN), there was almost complete cooperation from North American stations during the silent periods. Even the rum runners, who had been asked not to interfere, apparently stayed off the air.

But, for all the improvements and high hopes, the tests did not fare well. Distribution of information was poor, even though, as noted earlier, efficient communication had been one of the goals for this year. A fierce storm was raging in the Atlantic, and, on the first two nights, transmissions by the East Coast stations were curtailed when SOS were sent by ships in distress. (At this time all nearby stations were required to sign-off during emergencies, to curtail possible interference to rescue operations.) CZE in Mexico City held an English and Spanish program before and after the silent hour the first night, which many though was coming from Spain.

Although programs from OAX in Peru and from the two Argentinian broadcasters had gotten out well, there were fewer reports of European reception than in the 1924 tests the year before. L.A. Nixon, the secretary of the International Radio Week Committee, reported from Garden City that, of the five thousand reception reports they received, only two thousand could be verified. Many reporters had apparently been fooled by hoax stations, operating in New Orleans, New York City. and Omaha.

So, even though more persons than ever were listening for the tests, loggings of the Europeans had declined. In fact, the former helped cause the latter. The bloopers of the regeneratives, which had interfered so much on previous

occasions, were now a critical problem. Two-thirds of the five million sets in use at this time were regenerative types, and the howls and squeals of their combined voices, especially around the cities, was a din that one compared to "feeding time at the zoo." In many areas you did not have to know what frequencies were the most promising for that nights tests, all you had to do was find the greatest concentration of regenerative whistles. It was felt that many persons with better receivers would have logged Europe, had it not been for the radiating sets.

It is interesting to compare the two magazines which gave the most publicity to the 1926 tests, Radio Broadcast and Radio Digest - Illustrated.

Radio Broadcast of course, originated the tests. It was a monthly publication, costing 50c, and printed on the same high quality paper that National Geographic is famous for. Its cover, in 1925 and 1926, was a symbolic view of radio, which was used each month in a different color. The magazine had technical articles on subjects such as receiver design and maintenance, in addition to subjects of more general interest.

Radio Digest was quite a different publication. A weekly costing 15c, it was published on newsprint, with the cover usually featuring a radio personality. The magazine itself dealt with radio celebrities, the week's program schedules for 160 stations around the nation, and innumerable contests to keep the circulation up. Radio Digest seemed more disappointed than most listeners in the lack of success of International Radio Week. Their contest, offering \$100 in gold for the best reception reports, received only 16,784 letters and telegrams. (This can be compared to the 225,000 telegrams KFNF in Shenandoah, Iowa received, during a 30 hour program they held in March for their second anniversary.) The magazine also had strong opinions (not unusual) about problems which had plagued the test. They attacked the broadcasters which, even accidentally, had intruded into the silent hours. Radio Broadcast had special words too, for the stations which purposely had broadcast through the silent periods, saying the stations were more interested in commercial profit than in the rights of the general public.

Radio Digest cited the inefficient planning and poor communications of the International Week Committee, noting, "It is hoped that the next foreign test be arranged in a more business-like fashion." In contrast, Radio Broadcast was proud that "In spite of these handicaps, the foreign arrangements for the tests went forward with great completeness."

Then there was the matter of the bloopers. Radio Broadcast, in a section titled, "Printable Remarks About Bloopers," noted that they had never printed a design for a radiating set, and had frequently refused to advertise regenerative sets. But, they pessimistically reported, "...the fight is apparently a losing one, and our own weapons not strong enough to combat a menace this size."

Radio Digest disagreed. They declared war on the interference, forming the "I WILL NOT BLOOP CLUB." Membership was gained by signing a pledge not to bloop, and a certificate "suitable for billfold or framing" was issued to each member. The tremendous mail response which followed helped Radio Digest forget about the disappointing International Week contest.

Radio Digest closed its article with, "The bloopers, aurora borealis, SOS signals, selfish-minded stations, etc., also are NOT invited to participate during silent periods next time," while Radio Broadcast wished, "Better luck next time!" However, there was no "next time."

From the Second Annual Convention of Radio Manufacturers, held in May in Atlantic City, came the news that the association would not support any more trans-Atlantic tests, because they were too expensive. The International Radio Week Committee was reported to be asking for public support in changing the Association's decision.

In August, David Sarnoff, Vice President of RCA, visited Europe, with hopes of setting up regular broadcasts of European programs in America. He was quoted as saying, "The day is done when people in the United States will listen to Europe for the novelty of doing so. The listeners are no longer interested in how they get their programs, but in what they get."

Mr. Sarnoff was right. With the coming of better programming from the commercial broadcasters, the lure of long distance reception could not compete with the entertainment that the local stations now offered.

Most of the information for this article came from the 1923 - 1926 issues of the New York Times, Radio Broadcast, and Radio Digest - Illustrated. Other sources were Radio World and Radio Times, as well as Gene Martin's original article.

The  $\underbrace{\text{New}}_{\text{tot}}$   $\underbrace{\text{York}}_{\text{the periodicals}}$  were read at the library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Since special permission is  $\underline{\text{not}}$  needed to read materials at the Library of Congress, it is an excellant source of information that more people could use.

## Worldwide

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#### ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

UNID/MOROCCO, Rabat strong w/usual pgm 11/17 0236; freq 818 Fairly strong second carrier came on meas'd 818.0425. 0254 on meas'd 817.9641. Quite a bit of audio at times but man ancr had low pitched voice w/rather shallow modulation; sounded like EE but no words clearly distin-Dropped into noise for good 0326. Direction finding, freq signature (vis-avis EBU), sked, & dawn-fade all consistent w/250 kw Iusaka, Zambia. Still can't get a good enuf SW // for positive ID, tho, drat. This one seems to be there almost every night that local neighborhood TVI is relatively quiet. (Nelson, MA) hood TVI is relatively quiet. (MeIson, MA)

CANARY ISLANDS/SPAIN, per last DXWV rpt, Martin's unid has been def IDed as EAK35, Las Palmas. Tune-in 0530 yielded a good ID from RNE, Huelva on meas'd 836.0001; alone on the channel at the time. Strong 2nd carrier showing as a 22.6 Hz SAH came on 05h9:50 and DF shifted from 71 +3

(Huelva) to 88°+h° (Las Palmas). At 0553 the latter stn 836 (Huelva) to 86 th (las Palmas). At 0553 the latter 5th began to repeat their IS of 2 tone chimes. The first 2 notes are relatively soft, the following 6 in groups of 3 are much more audible; after 5 or 6 repeats of the IS the ID as "R. Popular Ias Palmas" is given. The IS is identical ID as "R. Popular Las Palmas" is given. The IS is identical to that on the tape sent by Gene, altho he didn't have enuf signal-to-noise ratio to realize that the 3-note sequence was part of an 8-note sequence. Congrats to Gene on what I believe to be the most westward logging of the Canaries ever. In response to his question, I believe there has been one better WC TA reception on the channel: Roy Millar (NRC) got Reimit 836 at 0300 e/or short 9 rears again I reception 1560 Beirut-836 at 0300 s/on about 9 years ago if I recall correctly; Millar was (is?) in Washington state. (Nelson, MA)

#### PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

GRENADA, R. Grenada hrd Sun eve here at 0214 12/8 w/what 535 appears to be their reg s/off after cl mx pgm & short rlgs item. This stn is being noted more consistently here this season tho usually not as well as ZIZ. Listed 800 w, they sound more like several kw, but usual weak audio. (Foxworth) CUBA, San German, CMKV //640/590 way u/KOGO/CJOR 12/1 at 1002. (Bytheway, WA) 600 655

EL SALVADOR, San Salvador, YSS 12/3 00hh-0130 fair w/slow fading, YL anor, 0051 ID as "R. Nacional de El Salvador." IA mx mstly fast, did not remain all eve as carrier barely detectable at 0340. (Curtis, VT) SURINAM, Paramaraibo, R. Omroep Surinam 12/3 0040 fair playing "Santa Claus is coming to town", ID from DD lang; long slow fades, still in at 0130. (Will recent Surinam independence make a change?) (Curtis, VT) 725

COLOMBIA, Bogotá, HJCU was surely the one w/throbbing fast-paced LA mx u/XEX tele-talk show 0804-0829 12/8. 730 Believe I caught ment of Colombia and Melodia during anmts but haven't played back tape yet so not sure. CKIG off. (Portzer,WA)

CMRH off. (Portzer,WA)
CUBA, Camaguey, CMNN w/pgm //6ho/590 u/WBBM 09hh 12/1.
Very weak so checked // during mx & anmts.(Bytheway,WA)
COLOMBIA, Cali, HJED 12/1 1030 w/CARAGOL ID, male ancr
hrd w/good signal u/WBAP. (Lobel,CA)
MEXICO, Culiacan, XEVQ 12/1 1325 w/"X-E-V-Q" ID 1350.
However, also hrd ID as "R. Mexicana"; MexiGlenn list
shows "B. Mexical" (Tobel CA) 780 820

830

shows "R. Musical.". (Lobel, CA) BELIZE, Belize on late w/prize fight 11/17; s/off 0535. 834 (Nelson, MA)

PERU, Lima, OBZLAN, R. Union strong 0845-0905 12/10 w/ 880 The as "Union en el Camino & "Union, la Radio". At 0904 they began a pgm called "Buenos Dias, Perú"; hrd same pgm 0900 last 1/8. (Korn,CA) COLOMBIA, unid 12/1 0202-0230 & 12/2 0000-0110 obviously

905 Colombia as most nx datelines are Bogota, 0000 int'l nx incl tape of Pres Ford's speech, freq mx comm'ls, seems to follow format of many US stns w/int'l nx, then local nx, full hr of nx, thot I hrd R. something in Bogotá? nx, full hr of nx, thot I hrd R. something in Bogta; QSB & hets but very good at times. (Curtis,VT) (Sounds like it might be HJAF, which has been drifting down to 908 from nominal 920 kHz recently. bp)

COLOMBIA, Ibague hrd weak w/slop from KTWO c/w show 12/12 0050 w/chimes & TC. 0902 f/up w/arunt "Ecos de Combeina" and into spot. (Bytheway,WA)

COLOMBIA, El Espinal, 12/1 w/arunts at 0925 ment Colombia & spot for something called "Colcana (sic)" 0927

1025

1055 bia & spot for something called "Colcana (sic)" 0927 ID w/"La R. de Colo..." followed by high-spirited mx. (Bytheway, WA)(High-spirited 95 proof Christmas cheer? bp)

1188 GUATEMALA, Sonora was hrd & IDed on this freq w/good sigs in Nov during auroral cx one night. They presumably were hrd again 0105 12/7. No ID this time but format was similar so am sure this is TGT here.

Reported on 1137 in past seasons, but up to 1138 now; easily separable from WOWO. (Foxworth, NY)

MEXICO, México, DF, 11/28 0828 w/usual crazy sounds and R. Cuatro ID. Also hrd 11/30 0932 w/good ID and S-9 signal. Sanserino loop really makes a difference o/IRCA spiral loop I was using 11/28.

1265

ST. KITTS, Basseterre, R. Paradise 12/7 2355 rlgs sermon, poor. (Curtis, VT)
MEXICO, Cd. Juarez, Chih., XEP 11/28 0815 w/ment of Juarez & something about El Paso, followed by 1300 horse race theme (notes played usually before a stn gives race results). In w/S-9 signal; they 1310

sun gives race results). In W/S-9 signal; they must be more than 500 watts at night.(Lobel,CA) MEXIGO, Tijuana, XEC 11/28 05h0. Could it be XEC or XEJ-970? Or was it they were BCing in simulcast? XEC had same pgm as XEJ. Thot I hrd ment of Juarez, then hrd "XEC" ID & sure enough, same song as on YEJ (Tabel CA) same song as on XEJ. (Lobel, CA)

11/70 MEXICO, Tijuana, XEBBC 12/1 had OC for several hrs from abt 0900 to around 1300 when they were back on air w/reg pgmming. I'll bet some idiot forgot to pull the plug on the xr. (Lobel, CA) (Or else they had to run an ET. bp)

MEXICO, Sam Luis Rio Colorado, Son., XEEH 12/1 1200 w/ID as "R. Sonora Internacional...X-E-E-H 1520 ...San Luis, Sonora, en la Republica Mexicana." Hrd at S-9. (Lobel,CA)

MEXICO, Muevo Iaredo, Tams., XENU 12/1 0435 hrd "Ia Rancherita Contenta" ID here, must be XENU as only one listed w/that slogan. XEBG off. (Lobel, CA)

MEXICO, Cd. Juarez, Chih., XEJFV 12/1 1240 w/good "X-E-J-P-V, R. Chamizal" ID. Had accordian mx Mexican style. (That's known as ranchera mx.bp) Signal S-7. (Lobel, CA)

#### PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

NORTH KOREA, Pyongyang 12/1 1045 w/woman in what sounded like KK, then some chanting. Lots of KFI slop. (Lobel, CA)

GILBERT ISLANDS, Tarawa finally logged 11/17 from tune-in 07/10 on meas'd 844.0580. Signal peaked 844 around 0755 and went steadily downhill thereafter. Polynesian mx noted a couple of times and lots of talk in accented EE; perhaps 20% readable on peaks; one positive mention of "Tarawa"; that and DF of 280°+5° is sufficient for me to log this one as is sufficient for me to log this one as country #132. (Nelson, MA) (Good going. bp)

#### VERIFICATION

TRIMIDAD, Port-of-Spain sent prompt v/l signed by Frank Thompson, GM/OE. Interesting to note that 610 a perusal of back issues of DXN following this stn's 12/21/60 DX Test shows that Mr. Thompson was the v/s at that time, too. I thought about arranging a DX from them but with both WIP & WIOD blasting away all the time, I feel that auroral cx in mid-evening still offers the best hope of hearing them. Perhaps, tho, someone may still wish to contact them. Richard Wood tells me that he had traces of them at times in England in past years but feels they get out poorly. I have to consider this my best DX catch of the season. Incidentally, return postage is 30¢ in their local currency, stamps of Trinidad & Tobago. (Foxworth, NY)

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RADIO HISTORY - 1912 to 1937

1912 to 1930 by the Department of Commerce 1930 to 1937 by the Radio Daily staff

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1912. F. A. Kolster, of the Bureau of Standards, invented result, exprand developed the Kolster decremeter, which is used to make direct measurements of wave length and logarithmic decrement. 0.01 second. This instrument has been used by the radio service of the Department of Commerce since it was invented.

In February the Marconi Co. procured the patents of Bellini and Tosi, including those for the wireless direction finder.

On February 9 the Australian Commonwealth station was

On April 15 the steamship "Titanic," on her maiden voyage, struck an iceburg and sank, but owing to the prompt wireless call for assistance the lives of more than 700 of her passengers were saved.

The International Radiotelegraphic Conference opened in London on June 4 and approved important regulations to have uniformity of practice in wireless telegraph services. On July 5 the International Radio Telegraphic Convention was signed at London.

July 23: Act approved by the United States Government extending act of June 24, 1910, to cover cargo vessels and requiring auxiliary source of power, efficient communication between the radio room and the bridge, and two or more skilled radio operators in charge of the apparatus on certain passenger-carrying vessels.

August 13: Act approved by the United States Government licensing radio operators and transmitting stations.

During this year the Governments of France and the United States experimented between the Eiffel Tower station and Washington by wireless to produce data for comparing the velocity of electromagnetic waves with that of light.

On October 11 the "Volturno" was burned in mid-Atlantic, and in response to the wireless appeal 10 vessels came to the rescue, 521 lives being saved.

November 12: Safety at Sea Conference held in London. At this conference the use of radio received appropriate consideration.

On November 24 the first practical trials with wireless apparatus on trains were made on a train belonging to the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad.

The station at Macquerie Island was the means of keeping Doctor Mauson, the Australian explorer, in touch with the outer world. Radio dispatches were published in a small journal which was established, called the Adelle Blizzard.

High-powered transoceanic stations were completed at Carnarvon, Wales, Belman, Honolulu, and San Francisco during the autumn of 1914. The Honolulu - San Francisco stations were opened to public service September 24. The Tuckerton-Eilvese and Sayville-Nauen stations were in operation about this time.

Most of these stations made use of the latest developments in the art, using undamped and long waves as produced by the Poulsen arc and the radio-frequency alternator.

On October 6 E.H. Armstrong was issued a patent covering the regenerative circuit also known as the feed-back and the self-heterodyne circuit.

During 1914 and 1915 the United States Navy duplexed its principal shore stations in order that these stations could communicate with ships and with each other simultaneously.

1915. During this year F.A. Kolster, of the Bureau of Standards, developed a radio compass said to be more effective than that which was being used.

April 1: Service was established between the station at Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii, and the United States naval station at Tutuila, Samoa Islands, a distance of 2400 miles.

On May 12, in Battery Park, New York City, the mayor unveiled the monument in memory of wireless operators who had lost their lives at the post of duty.

On July 27 wireless communication between the United States and Japan was effected. Two terminal stations were located at San Francisco and Funabashi, near Tokyo, and the messages were relayed through Honolulu.

On July 28 the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., working in conjunction with the Western Electric Co., succeeded in telephoning the wireless across the American Continent from Arlington to Hawaii, a distance of nearly 5000 miles.

On October 26 the wireless telephone experiments were continued, communication being effected across the Atlantic from Arlington to the Eiffel Tower, Paris.

During this year ship service was greatly improved through the installation of new equipment, embodying features of great practical value, by various operating companies. Efficient emergency radio transmitters came into wider use owing considerably to the efforts of the radio service of the Department of Commerce and its refusal to pass inefficient equipment.

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 $\underline{1916}$ . During the course of a severe blizzard in the United States during February wireless telegraphy was extensively used for train dispatching, as the telegraph wires were down.

The determination of the difference in longitude between Paris and Washington with the aid of radio which had been in progress since October 1913, was completed during May, the result, expressed in terms of time, being 5 hours 17 minutes 35.67 seconds, and has a probable accuracy of the order of 0.01 second.

The initiation of the newly established trans-Pacific wireless service between the United States and Japan was celebrated on November 5 by an interchange of messages between the Mikado and President Wilson.

 $\underline{1917}$ . June 2 marked the "coming of age" of wireless telegraphy in England; that is, that 21 years had elapsed since the registration of patent 12039 in 1896.

1918. The trend of progress toward continuous-wave communication as distinct from that by damped waves was very marked during this year, a particular impetus being given by the continued development of the electron tube as an efficient receiver and generator of undamped oscillations. Steady improvement was also evident in the arc form of generator which was installed in many new high-power stations.

Wireless telephony also progressed to a marked extent, particularly in the direction of reliability and increase of range, due mainly to the development of valve generators and receivers.

In the equipment of aircraft with wireless great progress was made, both in radiotelegraphy and radiotelephony.

In April a high-power station was opened at Stavanger, Norway, for the use of the Norwegian Government. The station communicates with the United States.

In the Argentine the erection of a station destined for direct communication with the North American Continent was commenced in the vicinity of Buenos Aires.

On July 31 the United States Government took over all wireless land stations in the United States, with the exception of certain high-power stations, which remained under the control of commercial companies.

On September 22 messages transmitted from Carnarvon were received in Sydney, 12,000 miles away. Cable confirmations of these messages were sent forward at the same time, but were received some hours later than the corresponding radiotelegrams.

At the end of the year a high-power station, erected by the United States Government, was opened at Croix d'Hins, near Bordeaux.

 $\underline{1919}$ . The successful trans-Atlantic flights of Alcock and Brown, of the American "NC4" and of the British dirigible "R34" during the summer of the year-focused attention upon the application of radio for aviation purposes and its great value for aerial navigation.

In February a Spanish decree was issued to the effect that all sailing vessels of 500 tons or over and carrying 50 or more passengers must be equipped with wireless apparatus.

On June 30 there were 2312 ship stations of the United States, having increased from 1478 on June 30, 1918. At this time new ship stations were increasing at the rate of 100 a month. This increase was due to the great number of vessels built during the war period.

During the year the Radio Corporation took over the radio interests of the American Marconi Co.

1920. The steady development of continuous-wave wireless work was continued during the year and some further progress made in the commercial application of tube apparatus.

1921. Experiments were carried out in France with successful results in the application of Baudot and similar high-speed telegraph apparatus to radio work.

The progress made in amateur and experimental wireless is exemplified by the attempts made in February and December of this year to effect communication on short-wave lengths between the wireless amateurs of the United States and Great Britain. The first attempt was unsuccessful, but during the second test signals from many American amateur stations were heard by both British radio amateurs and by the representative of the American Radio Relay League who was sent over for the tests. The signals were also heard in Holland.

The American Radio Relay League held its first annual convention in Chicago, August 30 to September 3, at which many thousands of amateurs of the United States were present.

The first licenses for broadcasting stations in the United States were issued in September of this year.

New York radio central station opened on Long Island. 1922. During this year broadcasting stations increased

During this year ship service was greatly improved through rapidly in keeping with the great interest taken in the art. installation of new equipment, embodying features of First Annual Radio Conference held in Washington, D.C., eat practical value. by various operating companies.

February 27.
On June 7 E.H. Armstrong read a paper before the Institute of Radio Engineers on some recent developments by him of regenerative circuits. Professor Armstrong was granted a patent for the superregenerative circuit.

Experiments in radiotelephony from ship to shore were conducted during this year. In tests from the steamship "America" it was proved possible to communicate with land telephone stations more than 400 miles distant from the ship.

1923. On March 2 L.A. Hazeltine, of Stevens Institute of Technology, presented a paper before the Radio Club of America on tuned radiofrequency amplification with neutralization of capacity coupling. Professor Hazeltine was granted phical sciences in general, will have radio as their only a patent for the nonradiating neutrodyne receiver.

On March 4 the Cleveland, Ohio (KDPM), station of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. successfully repeated short waves from the East Pittsburgh, Pa. (KDKA), station for the first time in history.

Second Annual Radio Conference held in Washington, D.C., March 20.

The Marconi Co. made a tender, which was accepted, for the erection of a transmitting station in Australia of a power of 1000 kilowatts with 20 steel masts, 800 feet high. Corresponding stations were to be provided in England and Canada. The receiving arrangements would permit simultaneous reception from five stations.

The construction of a large radio station in a valley between the Herzogstand and the Stein, two of the foothills in the Bavarian Alps, was undertaken. The aerial will be suspended by wire cables stretched between the tops of the

The increase in traffic on some of the large liners of the transmitting a strong signal. Atlantic route led to the installation of apparatus for high speed automatic transmission and reception on several lines.

Successful tests on wireless-controlled airplanes were carried out at the Etampes Aerodrome in France. Flights were made without a pilot. Flights were also made with a pilot using a gyroscope stabilizer and special steering motors which could be controlled from the ground.

The International Commission for Aerial Navigation agreed, as a general principle, that all aircraft engaged in public transport must carry radio apparatus.

The General Electric Co. developed a tube capable of delivering 20 kilowatts of high-frequency energy to an aerial. Using six of these tubes in parallel with 15,000 volts on the anode, a current of 310 amperes in an Alexanderson multiple-tuned aerial was obtained. A tube of the magnetron ments used in conducting tests and investigations. type was developed by the same company capable of giving 1000 kilowatts at 20,000 cycles with an efficiency of 70%.

Great progress was made during the year in the development of vacuum tubes.

The McMillan expedition to the polar regions had radio as their only means of direct communication. Using low power and short wayes, their vessel, "Bowdoin," communicated with several stations in the United States while they were frozen in thousands of miles away. Broadcasting concerts from United States stations were heard during the long dark nights of the Arctic Zone.

During the year foreign countries became interested in radiotelephone broadcasting.

Broadcasting in the United States heard in England. British programs were also heard in the United States.

On December 31, East Pittsburgh, Pa. (KDKA), transmitted a program to Great Britain on a short wave.

1924. The high-power station at Monte-Grande, Argentina, was opened in January for direct communication with New York, Paris, and Berlin. The service will be extended to Great Britain when a corresponding transmitting station is available. The power of the station is 800 kilowatts, the aerial being carried on 10 masts, each 690 feet high. The receiving station is at Villa Eliza, 30 kilometers from Buenos Aires, the actual control being effected from a central office in Buenos Aires.

On February 5 a radio program broadcasted in the United States from the East Pittsburgh, Pa. (KDKA), station of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. was received and rebroadcast in England for the benefit of English stations.

On February 23 a concert broadcast by the same station and relayed from London, England, was heard clearly in Calcutta, India.

In July an agreement was concluded between the British Government and the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. (Ltd.) for the construction of a wireless station on the beam system, capable of communicating with Canada and of being extended to India, South Africa, and Australia, the transmitting station

to have an input of at least 70 kilowatts.

The short-wave direction system of radiotelegraphy and the results obtained in tests made on it were described in a lecture before the Royal Society of Arts, in July by Senatore Marconi.

During the period from August 5 to September 24 the East Pittsburgh, Pa. (KDKA), station maintained communication with the ship "Arctic" while on its expedition to the Arctic regions. Upon the ship's return it was reported that messages sent on short waves by the East Pittsburgh station were received at Cape Sabine within 110 of the North Pole. This is the farthest north radio messages have been received.

Third National Radio Conference held in Washington, D.C., October 6.

 $\ensuremath{\text{O}_{11}}$  October 11 signals from the East Pittsburgh station were successfully repeated from a station in Cape Town, S.A.

An expedition from the United States, under the leadership of Hamilton Rice, which will explore the Amazon and Orinoco Rivers in Brazil and Venezuela, in the interest of geogrameans of communication.

A wireless lighthouse has been set up on an island in the Firth of Forth, Scotland. Wireless waves are concentrated by reflectors into a beam which can be sent 100 miles, giving ships their position in a fog.

1925. Considerable progress was made during 1925 in working with short waves. Several transoceanic stations are working foreign stations at great distances on wave lengths varying from 22 to 103 meters (13,500 to 2900 khz).

In an experiment between the Hastings, Neb. station and the East Pittsburgh station the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. demonstrated that a 64 meter (4700 khz) wave could be picked up, and by placing it on a short transmission line to the transmitting station, increasing the strength of the signals to their original power or greater, if necessary, the amplified wave could be transmitted onward. This experiment shows that repeater stations can be constructwo hills, the aerial wires being suspended from these cables ted in different parts of the world and be fairly certain of

A number of short-wave transmissions were made by KDKA transmitting to South Africa and Australia.

During July programs were broadcast to the American naval fleet in Australian waters.

The practical use of the telephone and radio for the transmission of photographs was more clearly demonstrated during the year.

Broadcasting programs from airplanes was done in a few instances.

The General Electric Co., the Radio Corporation of America, and the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. conducted experiments in broadcasting, using as high as 50 kilowatts.

The Department of Commerce placed in commission a "radio test car" which is equipped with an assortment of radio instru-

The Fourth National Radio Conference was held in Washington, D.C., November 9.

The Radio Corporation of America began the operation of a high-powered broadcasting station at Bound Brook, N.J., for Short waves were used to greater advantage than heretofore transmission of programs to Europe. This station is equipped so as to use as high as 50 kilowatts.

One of the large electrical companies conducted experiments to determine the characteristics and peculiarities inherent in the piezo crystals. Several stations are now using this quartz crystal to maintain a constant frequency which eliminates to a great extent the "beat notes" resulting from two stations heterodyning at an audio-frequency. The radioinspection service of this department has been supplied with these crystals to insure accuracy in frequency measurements.

1926. During this year directional or beam transmission developed to a point where it may now be considered as practical for commercial usage.

The use of quartz plates for maintaining constant frequency of radio transmitters advanced considerably during the vear.

Successful radiotelephone experiments were conducted between New York and London. This service will be used commercially in the near future. With the development of transmitting pictures by radio it is now practical to transmit weather maps to vessels at sea.

The single-dial receiver came into greater use for reception of programs from broadcasting stations.

Commercial pictoradiogram services are now in operation between New York and London and between San Francisco and

On July 8 the Attorney General of the United States rendered a decision to the effect that the Secretary of Commerce has no jurisdiction as to the wave-length, with the exception of the band between 600 and 1600 meters (440 to 190 khz) reserved for Government stations, or the power used by commercial stations, including broadcasting stations. (To be continued.)

#### FROM YE ED-IN-CHIEF

We're running out of articles and such things to run in the bulletin. If any members out there have anything they would like to share with the rest of the club, please send them in. I will type them up if necessary. MGW

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