

# DX Monitor

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### DX Calendar

- Tue Jan 6 WLET-1420, Toccoa, GA, will test 0015-0045 EST w/Polka and march mx, voice and code IDs, and 50/600/1000 Hz tone bursts.

  Send reports to Jan J. Bethke, WLET, 423 Prather Bridge Rd.,
- Mon Jan 12

  WEYZ-1450, Erie, PA, will test 0000-0030 EST w/big band mx & TDs every 10 minutes. Enclose an SASE if you want a verie. Send reports to: J.J. Sanford, PD, WEYZ, P.O. Box 1184, Erie, PA 16512. Arranged by Harley Steward, NRC.

  Mon Jan 12

  WGIG-1440, Brunswick, GA, will test 0000-0500 EST w/5kw non-
- Mon Jan 12

  MGIG-1440, Brunswick, GA, will test 0000-0500 EST w/5kw non-directional. TTs and c/w mx will be used. Non-collect phone calls can be made to 912-264-9444. Send reports to Bob LaFore, WGIG, 801 Mansfield St., Brunswick, GA 31523. Arranged by Bob Lafore, IRCA, who's hoping for lots of reports.

  Mon Jan 12

  WDMP-810, Dodgeville, WI, will test 0100-0130 EST w/250 watts
- Mon Jan 12 WDMP-810, Dodgeville, WI, will test 0100-0130 EST w/250 watts non-directional. Send reports to Richard Carroll, WDMP, Box 116, Dodgeville, WI 53533. Arranged by Mike Knitter, NRC.

### Odds & Ends

KXL-750 now fulltime. Bill Block and Pat Martin have informed us that KXL in Portland is now on 24 hours, with 50 kw days and 1 kw nights. That's not exactly the best news I've heard all week, but fortunately I can at least null them here for clear reception of YNX. KXL is apparently non-directional at nights, so you folks in the midwest and east might now have an easier shot at a rare western state (if you can get past WSB).

WTFDA Convention. The 1981 WTFDA Convention will be held July 31 through August 2 in Oklahoma City. Host will be John Zondlo. The Convention will be held at the Ramada Inn, Interstate 40 and Meridian, just down the road from the Will Rogers World Airport. For information, contact John at 1802 N. Rockwell, Apt. 107, Bethany, OK 73008.

ANARC Address Changes. Effective Jan 1, 1980, the following addresses should be used for ANARC correspondence:
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For new subscriptions, renewals, and other matters relating to the ANARC Newsletter: ANARC Newsletter, 1500 Bunbury Drive, N. Whittier, CA 90601. Editorial material concerning club activities, etc: Editor, ANARC Newsletter, 409 Laconia Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193.

All matters concerning club organization, membership, etc.: Dave Browne, ANARC Exec Secretary, 557 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101.

Solar Flare Hotline. For those of you who are unhappy with your low phone bill and like to listen to recorded messages on the latest solar flares & their impact on radio communications, call (301)344-8129. NASA has set up a hotline on that very subject.

# **EASTERN** DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: Tuesdays 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, etc.

- 590 VOCM NF St. John's,  $0202\frac{1}{2}$  11/27 in well o/ local WEEI w/ sort of "Irishpolka" music. Ancr mentioned "mx from Canada, from your friends." (SDM-MA)
  - CKEY ON Toronto, 11/27 0248 good signal, noted air personality talking w/ a YL on the phone. ID hrd after the DJ finished his con-
- versation. (SDM-WA) 610 WIOD FL Miami, 11/27 0219 hrd ID as WIOD, ancr mentioned "Your Can ???" show over WIOD, into Mutual nx, then into the Larry King! Show!! Good signal. (SDM-MA)
- 900 WISI KY Pikesville, 11/23 1700 very poor in CHML null, caught ID, spot for Ford dealer into C&W song by Waylon Jennings. (MB-ON)

  1080 KRLD TX Dallas, 12/5 1800-1808 noted in WTIC null w/ CBS nx, local wx for the "Metroplex", sports rpt, mostly about the Cowboys. (MB)

  1220 CJSS ON Cornwall, 11/28 0420 barely heard o/u 'GAR's harsh splatter w/

- a poorly audible ID heard. New. (SDM-MA)

  1240 CKLS PQ La Sarre, 11/26 1756 in FF w/ talk about Canadian constitution,

  "Ici Radio Canada" ID and CKLS jingle at 1800, then disappeared in mess. (MB-ON)
- 1280 WEXI FL Jacksonville, 12/11 1729 wx forecast for Jacksonville area by OM. #16 on 1280. Fair. (WPT-DC)
- 1300 WRKT FL Cocoa Beach, 11/27 0425 good, constant QSBing, though, but did enjoy their BFL mx regardless. (SDM-MA) (Steve, please note their new call letters--ed)
  - WMTN TN Morristown, 12/5 1713 w/ rpt on hunting, spot for Bradley's Pro Hardware, s/off at 1715, played SSB. Fair-good in WERE null. (MB-ON)
- 1310 WDOD TN Chattanooga, 12/5 1719-1730 w/ C&W mx, two traffic rpts, spots for Shell motor oil, Newton's Chevrolet & Record Bar record store. PSA for Forgotten Child Fund. Fair-good o/ CHGB, CKOY & CFGM slop. (MB-ON)
- 1360 WAZA GA Bainbridge, 12/9 1754 mention of Christmas parade & Bainbridge Mall by YL. #14 on 1360. Good signal. (WPT-DC)

  1400 KTUC AZ Tucson, 11/27 0445 "Unbelievable! but true, KTUC in Arizona was hrd at my QTH, hrd w/ the CBS Radio Mystery Theatre pgm on. "Good! signal!!" This reception marks my reception of my 33rd consecutive GYer; my fourth on the 1400 kHz frequency. (SDM-MA) (Steve, are you sure of the ID on this one? This is
- probably an impossible reception from your location--ed)
  1500 WLQV MI Detroit, 12/15 0004 nx, sports, wx (temp. 19°F) by YL after
  local WTOP s/off. Fair signal. (WPT-DC)
- 1560\*WFXY\*KY\*Middlesboro, 12/8 0331-0402 ET w/ rock & heavy metal mx, OC, ID "WFXY Middlesboro concluding tests" at 0402, then off.

  Good & alone, WQXR still has a SP on MM. (MB-ON)

  WWGM TN Nashville, 11/27 1745 w/ gospel mx, s/off anmt ending w/ "we are committed to make every pgm dedicated to the cause of Jesus Christ as we are all called according to His eternal purpose", choral hymn, no SSB. Fair in WQXR null. Caught this at half-
- time of Dallas-Seattle U.S. Thanksgiving game. (MB-ON) 1570 WCLE TN Cleveland, 12/14 1730 s/off by OM w/ ment of 2500 watt pwr. #25 on 1570. Fair signal. (WPT-DC)
- 1580 WJIK NC Camp Lejeune, 12/13 1659 fair on top of frequency w/ s/off mentioning "Where Jesus Is King." (RAL-VA)

#### DX TESTS

980 WCUB WI Manitowoc, 11/24 tried for but not heard because of NSP pests CFPL, CKGM and WRC. (MB-ON) (Mike, WRC is off on MMs--ed)
1590 WAWA WI West Allis, 12/15 0137 TT's, "WA..." by male CE. Fair to poor in WAKR null. #22 on 1590. (WPT-DC)

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## CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

KAKC OK

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UnIDed, Special, Changes, et. al. 12/1, 0500-0503, extremely poor W/"Even Cowgirls get the Blues", and YL 730 UnIDed DJ who blended into noise. RG-IL CASEY, on until at least 1715 11/28 W/regular format. This is 10 min 800 WKZI IL after sked. S/Off. DF-IL (I've seen them as late as 45 minutes, ed.) TOCCOA, 12/2 0026-0045, poor U/WVJS/WRGC/WINI W/"Semper Fedelis" March, 1420 WLET GA RG-IL & IDs. 11/15-16 2300-0026 (faded) weak, unclear IDs, mx by N. Diamond, D. 1590 KMKI UT Sommers, B. Streisand, R. Stewart, & so on. Ads @ 2349. Later on KZOK came on & took over. Also QRM from motown (?, ed.) stn. ID, jx "16 K??I" heard once. KMKI or other alike IDs are not in my radio log. RF-SK (This station is in Manti, UT, ed.) (Correct Call is KMTI. bp) All da Rest WDAK GA COLUMBUS, 11/24 0445 out of nowhere W/what seemed like a S/On but not 540 sure. Anyone know who was TTing here all morn ? BEM-OK MONROE, 11/21 1710 sig was not strong, W/lcl ads. GS-WI DOTHAN, 11/28 1742 fair W/heavy WIND/WHEQ GEN, W/lcl spot & rr. DF-IL KNOE 1.A 560 WOOF AL RUSSELLVILLE, 11/24 1840 O/WSGN W/WDAF nulled, W/lcl spots, much ment. of 610 KARV AR Russellville. In again W/ID 2000. Tremendous cx 11/24-this one of 20 logged on SRS & SSS DX. DF-IL PHILADELPHIA, 11/26 0015 a super signal not normally here. CS-WI WIP PΑ CMAHA, 11/21 0715 W/Wx, ID, & into rel. Quite strong. BEM-OK TORONTO, 12/1 0426-0450, poor U/KNBR & OC, W/rr mx, lcl ads, many "CFTR" 660 KCRO NE 680 CFTR ON IDs by OM DJ. RG-IL BAID KNOB, 11/24 0720 W/C&W mx, farm rpt., ID looping SW W/good sigs & 710 KAPZ AR mod. QRM. Hasn't been on too long. DF-IL DAUPHIN, 2015-2045 playing MoR Countdown, local country countdown pgm., 730 CKDM MB many IDs, sounded like a local for 20 min. RH-CO HOUSTON, 12/11 0507, very poor U/CBL W/ID & 2 OMs in talk. RG-IL BALTIMORE, 11/25 0651-59 W/OM interviewing YL about inflation, in WSB 740 KTRH TX 750 MD WEMD null, ID just before buried by WPDX. DF-IL CIARKSBURG, 11/21 1547 very good for 10 min W/complete hunting rpt. GS-WI WPDX W۷ NORFOLK, 11/21 0745 W/S/On, "This is WJAG, 780, in Norfolk, NE, good morning". I just happened to be sitting there waiting for that one. BEM-OK 780 NE WJAG JOHNSON CITY, 11/24 0706 clobbering WAKY W/local nx, spots & ID. DF-IL 790 WETB TN Out of Order ARLINGTON, 11/24 0657-0700 W/rel, mx, ID, fair W/WHEM nulled. DF-IL SAN ANTONIO, 11/30 0313, old rock mx, SID more oldies. Good sig. DW-WI OAK HILL, 11/25 0707 used to be common in Port Huron, but finally made in here W/fair signals in moderate QRM W/ID, lcl spots. DF-IL SASKATOON, 12/1 0159 Fiddle mx ending W/ID © 0200 as "Ici Radio Canada SK" 780 WABS 860 KONO TX YAOW WV CBKF2 SK signal was good but couldn't null strong TT from prob CJBC. DW-WI KANNAPOLIS, 11/25 0705 S/On after very long mx intro which I only hrd end 870 WGTL NC of, nice sig, WWL nulled. DF-IL FORT MORTH, 11/26, 11/28 1820-30 very weak U/WWL W/talk & mx, though couldn't tell what kind, tent. IDs & S/Off 1830, but I'm still not sure KJIM it was them. DF-IL FARMVILLE, 11/28 1656 no doubt about this one. Looping due east W/"WFLO WFLO news headlines". Good sigs & no QRM. DF-IL HENDERSON, 11/24 0650 W/"I'm comin' up" & ID, very good W/WIS nulled. DF 890 WHNC NC. HARRISON, 11/28 1755 booming in W/C&W mx, ID & farm info. Don't know how 900 KHOZ I missed this one for so long. DF-IL SPARTENBURG, here W/lcl spot, much ment. of Spartenburg, fair sigs but 910 WORD SC hvv QRM 11/21 1707. DF-IL WADENA, 11/25 0712 in briefly W/ID & 1cl spot during KDHL fade. KDHL 920 KWAD ΜN well on top by 0715. DF-IL ESPANO1A, 12/1 0526-0553, good-poor W/C&W mx, YL DJ, ID as "North 930 CKNS Ontario's music authority CKNR", lcl ads, TCs, Wx. RG-IL FORT SMITH, 11/26 2209, ad for NBC Sun. Night Movie on KIMN-TV, ch. 24. 950 KFSA AR Female ancr. W/ID & into Don Williams "I believe you". Fair in mess. DW ALEXANDRIA, 11/30 0210, Kenny Rogers singing "Lady", male ancr W/ID & 970 KSYL LA into old Archies hit, ID, Wx, 45 degrees, Request Line 442-7970 (why not call it & request whistling tomes & code IDs every 10 seconds, ed.). Sig. loud W/null on WDAY. DW-WI

TUISA, 12/1 0328, rel. pgm ending W/Preacher wanting \$120 (They all do.

hi. ed.) ID @ 0330 and into Lester Sumrall pgm. Good. DW-WI

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DC WASHINGTON, 11/29 2018, in briefly W/male ancr. giving ID as "WRC Nx
980
      WRC
                 Talk 98" & promo for show on Ronald Regan @ 2100. In a mess W/KMBZ &
                 numerous others. DW-WI
                 MCCOMB, 11/14 1742-44 fair W/lcl spots, ID for WAPF AM & WIXQ-FM. JA-WI
      WAPF
            MS
                 MONETTE, 11/11 1800 O/KNIN W/S/Off & SSB. & SSB. JA-WI
990
      KRMO
                 DANVILLE, must be the one here W/repeated IDs that sound like WKLE (or
1000
     WKLO
            ΚY
                 E-sounding consonant) 11/21 1712-14, fair sigs. & much WVOV/WAPT. DF-IL
                 (Dave, the correct calls are WKIO, not WKLD, ed.)
                 HEMINGWAY, 11/21 1715 W/ID & ment. of Hemingway & SC fair, much WRM. DF-IL
             SC
      WKYB
                 ALTAVISTA, 11/28 1700 W/ID & into nx, poor W/mod. QRM, WCFL nulled. DF-IL BRUSH, 12/8 0250 a big suprise W/ET TT & OC, ID @ 0307. Fair-good sigs,
      WKDE
             VA
1010 KCMP
             CO
                 mostly O/CFRB/WINS. RK-IL
                 BLACK MOUNTAIN, O/KLRA W/KXEN partially nulled 11/21 1658. Had nice
      WFGW
             NC
                 readable ID & lcl nx. DF-IL
                 AMARILIO, 11/21 1848 W/C&W mx burying KLRA. DF-IL
       KDJW
             ΤX
                 CINCINNATI, 11/24 0635 W/C&W mx, ment. of Cincy, ID, fair W/XEG nulled,
1050
      WZIP
             OH
                 mixing W/stn. tent. IDed as WPAG. DF-IL
                 LOS ANGELES, 11/17 0125, good, Nx W/short KNX feature on L.A. Fires. RF-SK PITTSBURGH, 11/21 1522 I guess this was just before S/Off, fair sig. GS-WI
             CA
1070
      KNX
1080
      WEEP
                  (Gary, are you reporting in Eastern time? Your loggings appear to be in
                 Central, ed.)
                 CLINTON, 12/6 1741, fair-good W/Nx. RK-IL
CADIZ, 11/26 1730 O/WBT/KFAB W/ID & into lcl nx, good sigs. DF-IL
1110
      KGFL
             AR
       WKDZ
             ΚY
                 WASHINGTON, 11/22 1700 fair W/ID & apparent S/Off, some KMOX slop but
       WKEG
             PA
                 WBT nulled. DF-IL
                 PROVIDENCE, 11/24 0125 W/ET & ID O/KFAB/WBT/CKJD, TT @ 0110-15. JA-WI
       MIHW
             RI
                 (As Frank Merrill would say, You should be shot, ed.)
MUNPORDSVILLE, 11/26 1729 W/S/Off, good W/location, pwr. many IDs, no
1150 WIOC
            ΚY
                 SSB. Good sigs, mod. QRM. DF-IL
                 MCALESTER, 11/27 0725 lcl nx, spots, C&W mx, much ment. of OK & road cx,
       KNED
            OK
                 ONN Nx. DF-IL
                  BRANDON, 11/28 0155, male ancr W/ID, Don Williams mx, promo for Brandon
       CKX MB
                 Centennial, into rock mx, ID @ 0201 as "Western Manitoba's news leader",
                 O/UniDed TTer & usually strong CKOC. DW-WI
                 BAY ST. 10UIS, 11/28 1759 mixing W/KLIF & others W/S/Off, briefly atop
1190
      WXGR MS
                  for ID & whole S/Off was readable. DF-IL
                 MCGEHER, 11/20 1758 W/S/Off 0/4RW quick fade in-out. Good sig while in//
1220
       KVSA
                  DENVER, 11/21 1805 W/ID noting itself as the authority in contemporary
       KBNO
             CO
                 Latin American prog, Vy strong sig. BEM-OK
NEWBURCH, 11/11 1642-45, fair W/spots & very brief S/Off: "thank you for
       WGNY NY
                  listening to WGNY good night". JA-WI
                 LEWISBURG, former tent. now positive 11/26 1745, S/Off, fair W/something
       WAXO - TN
                  like "Due to FCC rules WAXO must now leave the air..." another recently
                  built stn. DF-IL
                 MONROE, 11/26 1755-1800 in & out W/rr mx, 2 IDs & into nx, much QRM. DF
1230
       KLIC
             LA
       WMPC
             ΜI
                  TAPEER, 11/21 1640 fair, W/ID & ment. of Golden Wedding congrats. JA-WI
                 SIOUX FALIS, 11/24 0400 atop freq. W/SID. Vy good sig. BEM-OK
       KKRC
             SD
                  ELK CITY, 11/22 2359 W/S/Off using "Taxi" theme as background mx. Fair
1240
       KADS
             OK
                  sig, O/U/UnIDed Stn. BEM-OK
                  DENVER, 11/17 0056, fair W/IDs, pop mx. RF-SK
1280
       KTLK
             CO
                  COLORADO SPRINCS, 11/24 0200 IDed as the News Authority, into CBS nx. Good sig., never noticed this one here before, always WKXI/KVET mess. BEM
1300
       KVOR
             CO
1320
       WCOG
            NC
                  GREENSBORO, 11/28 1656 W/KADI nulled; fair sigs, light QRM, rr mx & IDs//
                  MEMPHIS, 11/21 1835 W/EZR (?,ed.) & much talk, ID, very good & on top of
1340 WLOK TN
                  WSOY.
                         DF-IL
       KSET
             TX
                  EL PASO, 11/24 0500 hrd ID W/wk but clear sig, no &RM. REM-OK
                  FORT HURON, 11/7 1825 in briefly O/KWK W/ID as "WPHM, the sound of
1380
       WPHM
             MT
                  service. DF-IL
                  LAWTON, 11/21 0700 W/ID U/mostly KMUS. BEM-OK
       KSWO
             OK
                  DENVER, 11/3 1823 promo for rock concert, barely coming in O/KWYO spur//
1390
       KFML
             co
                  MINOT, 11/24 0058 W/ID U/TT, later found to be WFMJ. Fair sig W/no one
       KKOA
             ND
                  else there. BEM-OK
                  YOUNGSTOWN, 11/24 0227 W/TT &ID long after TT ended. Good TT sig, poor ID
       WFMJ
             OH
                  Last hrd about 4 years ago, but didn't have tape going. BEM-OK
SPRINGFIELD, 11/17 0135-40 fair-good W/KTTS Bumper Sticker promo & wx,
1400 KTTS MO
                  C&W mx. JA-WI
                  MOBILE, 11/21 1645 W/news, other stns. underneath. GS-WI
1410
       WUNI
             AL
                  FORT COLLINS, 11/24 1900 good O/WING W/ID as "KCOL Ft. Collins" into nx.//
       KCOL
             CO
                  LITCHFIELD, 11/21 1738-40 fair briefly W/sports & ID then covered by WING/
       KLFD
             MN
                  MARSHALL, 11/13 1815 fair W/S/Off, no SSB. JA-WI
       KKYR
             ΤX
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HARRODEBURG, 11/21 1730 poor in mess W/S/Off, ment. 500 watt psa.SSB. JA ROSWELL, 11/10 0200- TT W/ID about every minute, faint U/KOSI. GC-WY WINTER PARK, a real suprise 11/27 0741 W/very good sigs & clear ID. Seems

a bit late in the day for FL. DF-IL

1420

1430

WHBN KY

KKAT NM

FL

1440 WAJL

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1440 WPGW IN
                PORTLAND, 12/3 0701 fair W/end portion of S/On, this one a very, very
                 big suprise. I've never seen them reported anywhere. Only 3 left to go
                 in Indiana. RK-IL
1440
      KKXL
           ND
                GRAND FORKS, 11/29 0630 male ancr W/ID as K-K-X-L then said "... more of
                 the music you want to hear," into pop, dominating freq. GC-WY
1450
      KCDR IA
                CEDAR RAPIDS, 11/12 0135 fair W/ID & C&W mx. Ex-KLWW. JA (Jim, the calls
                are KCDR not the KCBR you reported, ed.)
1460
      WKAM
            IN
                COSHEN, 11/19 2055 usually KSO is here. GS-WI (Gary, please include some
                 program loggings with your report, ed.)
      WELZ
            MS
                BELZONI, 11/24 1756 ID & spot, rr mx O/WXOK. DF-IL
1470
      KDEW
                DEWITT, 11/24 1730-35 fair O/WMBD after WBKV/WMPP S/Off W/ID & NX from AR
                State Network. JA-WI
      KAZM
            AZ
                SEDONA, 11/28 1917 from short info pgm into wx for Flagstaff, fading U/
                KWSL.
                       GC-WY
      KARE KS
                ATCHINSON, 11/29 2259 Jerry Reed mx ending W/ment. of mx coming up after
                Nx, ID as KARE Radio, then SID and into NBC Nx. DW-WI
                NEWMARKET, 11/11 2328-35 poor-fair W/nx by YL then S/Off & NA. JA-WI
1480
      CKAN ON
1490
      WCLD MS
                 CLEVELAND, 11/18 1944 fair W/spot & promo for "WCLD Stereo 104 FM". JA-WI
1500
     KTXO
            ŢΥ
                SHERMAN, 11/19 1828, poor W/Nx then S/Off, no SSB. JA-WI
1510
     KIRV
            CA
                 FRESNO, 11/28 1942-45 PSA asking the citizens of the San Joaquin Valley
                to help fight drug abuse, promo for rel. pgm., then S/Off@ 1945 W/tech info, including 10,000d, faint U/mess. GC-WY
      KCTX
                CHILDRESS, 11/24 1832 soul mx & S/Off a bit late & also very strong; no
                SSB, no WTOP, KSTP nulled. DF-IL
1520 KOLM MN
                HOCHESTER, 11/29 0804 male ancr W/nx on MN W/CST & finally a SID "KOIM"
                 fading U/KOMA. GC-WY
                KENT, 11/24 0725 S/On I guess, gave many IDs, pwr, location but time
      WKNT
           OH
                 seems unusual.
                                 DF-IL
                 FORT WORTH, 11/22 2300 weak ID U/KXEL. BEM-OK
1540
      KTIA
            TX
                TUCSON, 11/28 1901 female ancr W/ment. of Tucson into jazzy mx, 1930
1550
      KUAT
            AZ
                S/Off W/ancmt of S/On at 1002, has dom. khz for past week. GC-WY DODGE CITY, 11/24 1807 W/lcl spot poor in mod. QRM. DF-IL WEST FARGO, 11/17 0110 rr, ID, Wx less than S1, another state. GS-WI
      KEDD
            KS
      KOWB
            ND
1570
     KLOV
                LOVELAND, 11/23 1836 finally got this one to ID after chasing this one for
            CO
                almost a month. Good sig. W/MoR mx, O/KZOL. BEM-OK
                HARVEY, 11/25 0750 mixing W/WFRL W/WOKZ partially nulled. Good W/Black
      WBEE
            IL
                 rel. & mx, & spot for Funeral home on E 79th st. in Chicago. DF-IL
                MARYSVILLE, 11/21 1815 W/S/Off just minutes after local KMYZ S/Off W/
      KNDY
            KS
                 good sig. BEM-OK, 11/24 1815 good W/lcl nx & S/Off, mixing W/KTER/KOIS//
                FREDERICK, 11/21 1830 W/S/Off, O/U/KTER no SSB. BEM-OK
      KTAT
            ОК
                LACRANGE, 11/23 1823 FSA for Radio ads, into ID, U/KLOV/KZOL. Rather
      KVLG
            TX
                 poor sig. BEM-OK
      KTER
            TX
                TERRELL, 11/21 1830 W/S/Off O/U/KTAT, no SSB. BEM-OK, 11/24 1814-25 W/
                 lcl nx, hospital rpt, TSN sports, & much ment. of Terrell but no ID
                noted, 11/26 1805-13 noted several IDs this time & same pgmmg as before.
                 Both times very good signals & after 1815 no QRM. DF-IL
                GREAT BEND, 11/15 2300, fair nx, wx, sports some fading, S/Off @0015. RF WAYNE, 12/1 0930 male ancr. said "AM & FM stereo in Wayne, Nebraska" into
            KS
1590
      KVGB
      KTCH
            NE
                 talk pgm, faint U/KMTI until KMTI power increase then gone. GC-WY
                CARTHAGE, 11/26 1815 very good just before S/Off W/lcl nx & promise by
            TX
      KGAS
                 ancr to be back for Cowboys game tomorrow. Moderate QRM. DF-IL
1600
      KLAK
            CO
                 LAKEWOOD, 11/16 0012, good IDs, C&W mx, weak but had freq. to itself. RF
                ALCONA, 11/28 1739 Alnoga Municipal Utility's economy tips into wx & into
      KLGA
            IA
                 old, strong. GC-WY
                BORGER, 11/29 0900 male ancr from C&W W/ID as "K-B-B-B Borger, your stn
      KBBB
                 to win", into Southwest Mutual network, strong, dominating. GC-WY
                                                        Freak Check
1530 WVFC PA MCCONNELISBURG, 11/24 0239 W/R/C TT. Good sig ment. S/On @ 0700 W/C&W.
                 Ended check W/SID. BEM-OK
                                            SOME WOOL FROM THE SHEEP TO:
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GC.... George Carter 1405 Stonegate Dr. Sheridan, WY 82801
DF.... Dave Faulkner Box 602 Witt, IL 62094
(TRF)
RF.... Ralph Fidyk General Delivery Beatty, SK SØJ ØCØ
(DX-160, 30' wire)
RG.... Rob Gerardi 1418 N. Lincoln Apt. D Benton, IL 62812
(TRF, IRCA loop)
RH.... Rob Harrington 3181 S. York Englewood, CO 80110
(Ford Pinto Car Radio)
RK.... You were expecting Captain Kangeroo ?
                                                                   (Continued on Page 10)
(HQ-129-X, HQ-100C, 2 4' X 3' spiral loops, LW, Parakeet)
BEM... Bruce E. McFadden 4730 S. Madison Ave. Tulsa, OK 74105
(HQ-129-X, LW)
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# CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

Robert Kramer 4639 N. Albany Chicago, IL 60625

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UniDed, Special, Changes, et. al.
TOCCOA, 12/2 0002-58 fair-good on DX test W/TT@ 0002 then EZL mx, ID@
1420
      WLET
             GA
                 0010, 0015, & 0030, SSB@ 0058. JA-WI

<u>GENEVA</u>, 12/11 1818½ fair-good W/Spot, new calls, ex-WGSB.
1480
      WFXW
             IL
                                           All da Rest
                  FLACSTAFF, a total suprise W/S/Off @ 0200 11/30. Vy good sig but was
      KEOS
690
             AZ
                  looking for (get this WCers) XETRA. They were there but too weak for ID,
                  U/KHEY. BEM-OK
                  COLORADO SPRINGS, 12/6 0250. C&W mx ending, female ancr W/ID & ment. of NBC
740
      KSSS
             CO
                  nx on the hour on "Kay-Triple S", into Faron Young mx. Good. DW-WI
                  MONTREAL, 11/28 1800-07 poor-fair O/PJB W/Nx & many lcl spots. No sign of
800
      CJAD
                  CKLW. JA-WI
                  ALBUQUERQUE, 2300 11/27 W/ID by YL, fair sig W/no sign of usual KARN. BEM
920
      KQ EXO
                  CRESTVIEW, 12/13 1743 fair W/S/Off. RK-IL
1050
      WJSB
             FL
                  PROVIDENCE, 12/14 0700 fair, U/KFAB W/S/On. Much wanted. RK-IL
1110
      WHIM
             RI
                  VANCOUVER, 12/6 loud on top of freq. W/Wx Nx, spot & C&W mx 0301-0310.
1130
      CKWX
                  First time since 60's here. NZ-NE
                  ENGLEWOOD, 12/6 0224 female hosting phone in talk show, tel. # 761-3646
1150
      KWBZ
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                  W/people telling their most embarrassing moment. ID @ 0230 W/Wx 31 degrees.
                  ad for lcl stereo store & Peter Boyles asking for Christmas gifts to give
                  lcl Children's homes. Good W/null on pesty CKOC. DW-WI
                  FAIRHOPE, ID hrd 1752 11/28 W/many FSA's ment. Fairhope. SID followed.
1220
      WABF
                  Fair sig W/much QRM. BEM-OK
                  WAUKECAN, hrd W/SID O/mess 1800 11/28. BEM-OK
SHREVEFORT, 12/3 1813-15 fair-good W/S/Off using Taps in background.
"KBCL Adult Radio" promo. JA-WI
       WKRS
             TI.
       KBCL
                  CORNWALL, 11/28 1743-46 good O/WGAR W/end of political talk, many spots,
       CJSS
             ON
                  ID then into Nx. JA-WI
                  MIDLAND, 11/28 2050-2110 poor-good W/Toronto-Washington hockey game, weak
1230
       CKMP
             ON
                  ID @ 2100, spot for store in Mississagua. Good cx to NE. JA-WI
                  MOORHEAD, 12/6 0311 mx by Boz Scaggs ending. Male ancr W/ID, ment. of
1280
      KVOX
             MN
                  meeting of Fargo Chamber of Commerce & into old gold "Crimson & Clover".
                  Signal was fair W/no sign of the usual WWTC. DW-WI
                  MESA, hrd 0400 12/1 W/ID into "layla" by Derick & the Dominoes. Good sig
1310
      KZZP AZ
                  W/KAAM way down under (they were vacationing in Australia ? ed.). BEM-OK
1320
       WHOK
             OH
                  LANCASTER, 11/27 1700-03 fair O/UnIDed W/lcl nx. JA-WI
                  MANCHESTER, 11/27 1708 fair O/KELO W/lcl record store spot. JA-WI
       WMSR
             TN
                  ROCHESTER, 12/3 0305. NBC Nx ending & into "Beautiful You" by the Oak
1340
      KROC
             MN
                  Ridge Boys, followed by Striesand/Diamond song. Also ID as the Spirit of
                  SE MN. Good atop the freq. DW-WI
                  FAIMONT, 11/27 1810 fair O/WSPD/KDTH W/UPI nx, Wx then SID & C&W. JA-WI DES MOINES, 11/28 0110 fair briefly O/WFBL/WVON W/Wx & S/Off, ment. 1 kw//MINOT, 12/6 0158, Larry King Show ending, Ancr Kevin Somebody JA-WI
1370
       KSUM
             MN
1390
       KCBC
              ΙA
       KKOJ
             NI)
                  W/ID, Wx, promo for hockey show & into MBS nx. Fair atop WVON. DW-WI
                  SANTA FE, hrd S/Off & song about America. Ancr ended W/"Nighty-Nite". How
1400
       KTRC
                  Quaint. (Did he offer to tuck the listeners in ? ed.). Poor Sig 0200 12/1//
MARTIN, 11/30 1745 poor W/1st part of S/Off then gone. JA-WI BEM-OK
LUBBOCK, 11/26 new on nighttime operation W/SS mx & SS & EE IDs on ½ hour.
1410
       WCMT
              TN
1420
       KLFB
             TΥ
                  Fair signal U/O/KTOE. 0315-0331. NZ-NE
                  CARBONDALE, 12/11 0250 good W/ET TT & OC, ID at 0200\frac{1}{2}. RK-IL
1440
       WCDL
1460
             ND
       KLTC
                  DICKINSON, 12/1 1750-52 fair-good O/WKAM W/FCC license renewal promo & ID
                  & Icl FSA's. JA-WI
RACINE, 12/14 1716½ good W/S/Off no SSB. RK-IL
ATCHINSON, 0800 12/4 W/SID into NBC nx. This one much wanted by this DXer//
       WWEG
             WI
1470
       KARE
              KS
       WSAC
                  FORT KNOX, 12/5 1723 poor W/Wx & ID. JA-WI
              ΚY
                  FARMERVILLE, hrd 0800 12/4 W/ID, came out of nowhere. BEM-OK
       KTDL
              LA
                  HOUMA, 12/8 popped up W/C&W mx & ID 0210-0213, fair sig. W/my local KIMS-
1490
       KJIN
              IA
                  1480 off for once. NZ-NE
                  LEWISBURG, 12/5 1827 poor W/ID in GY mess. JA-WI
       MLLW
1500
      WKZN
             IL
                  ZION, 12/13 1714 good O/WAKE W/S/Off SSB. Only the 3rd time hrd in 10\frac{1}{2}
                  years of DXing. RK-IL
                  DUNCAN, 12/8 a welcome suprise U/KSTP OC W/MoR mx & female DJ, spots, ID
       CKAY
             BC
                  & CKAY nx. 0240-0301. NZ-NE
                  CALHOUN CITY, 12/6 1725-30 poor-fair U/WCKY W/C&W mx & ID @ 1730 in brief
1530
      WJRL
             MS
                  null of WCKY. JA-WI
1560
                  SHELBYVILLE, 12/1 1730 poor-fair W/S/Off by YL & inv. to tune FM, no SSB//
      WSHY
             IL
                  PADUCAH, hrd during SSS W/ID 1855 11/28 this one never hrd at nite, only
       WPAD
             ΚY
                  KKAA & KWCO until S/Off. BEM-OK
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1590 WSWW WI PLATTEVILLE, 12/8 noted in passing loud on ET of TT, OC & ID & rock mx 0115-0120. NZ-NE

Freak Check

1290 WHGR MI HOUGHTON LAKE, 12/6 0025-0030 good W/TT, ID. JA-WI

CIAYTON, 12/6 good on freq. check of TTs, CW IDs & voice ID @ S/Off, 0209-0220. Best sig ever on this one. NZ-NE. 1450 KIMX NM

BAAAAAAAAAAAA :

JA.... JIM ALBRECHT 3313 N. Weil St. Milwaukee, WI 53212 (Panasonic RF-2200, TRF)

RK.... Ye ole editor

(HQ-129-X, HQ-100C, 2 spiral loops)

BEM... BRUCE E. MCFADDEN 4730 S. Madison Ave. Tulsa, OK 74105

(HQ-129-X, 60' LW)

DW.... DAVID M. WURL 908 W. 14th St. Marshfield, WI 54449

NZ.... NEIL ZANK 623 Lyncrest Dr. Lincoln, NE 68510

(HQ-180A, 2' box loop)

RK's Progress Report THIS WEEK # New Last Week To Go 2839 Heard 2842 3 158 QSLed 1880 1886 6 114 

BOOK REVIEW: From Beverages thru Oscar - A Bibliography by Rich Rosen

This isn't exactly the sort of book you'll want to read from cover to cover before you go to bed at night. However, if you're interested in tinkering with receivers and antennas, or if you like to collect interesting technical articles, this will be a very valuable book for you.

As the title states, this is a bibliography. With the help of a computer, the author has arranged an impressive list of articles organized by category. It's over 600 pages long and lists articles which have appeared in 292 different publications.

The articles listed in the book are oriented heavily towards amateur radio operators. The biggest share of the articles referenced are from the four major ham radio publications: every article which has ever appeared in  $\underline{CQ}$ ,  $\underline{73}$ , and  $\underline{Ham}$  Radio is listed, as is every article which has appeared in the last 34 years of  $\underline{QST}$ . A total of 30,000 articles are listed.

Many of the categories are of interest to Broadcast Band DXers, including:

- · Beverage Antennas (including articles published in 1917 and 1919)
- Ground Systems
- · Propagation
- Miniature receiving antennas (including loops)
- · Collins Receiver Modifications
- Noise
- · Signal Enhancement Techniques
- Interference (Power lines, etc.)
- Receivers
- VLF,LF
- Oscillators, audio filters, counters, and other circuits
   Crystal, LC, and mechanical filters
- · 160 meter antennas and equipment
- · Equipment reviews

You'll find all sorts of interesting sounding articles listed. And if you're lucky, a nearby library or university may even have the magazine in which an interesting-sounding referenced article appears in.

The title of the book apparently refers to the oldest and newest advances in radio communication technology: the circa 1920 Beverage antenna (which of course is still used by radio hobbyists) and the amateur radio communications satellite, OSCAR.

This book appears to be a very useful reference for anyone who spends lots of time tinkering with receivers and antennas, especially those with non-BCB radio interests (LF/VLF, ham radio, SWLing, VHF/UHF, etc.). It can be purchased from its author for \$20 (plus \$2 handling). His address is Rich Rosen, 6043 W. Maplewood Drive, Littleton, CO 80123.

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# WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

All times are Eastern Local

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Phone for hot WDXR tips: (206)532-6827 till 10:30pm(PLT)--no collect calls
DEADLINES: Wed. 12/31, Thursdays 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, Wed. 2/11
REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:
(WJH) Bill Harms-Univ. Station P.O. Box 7428-Provo, UT 84602
                FRG-7, 3' wedge
        Bill Hardy-2301 Pacific Ave.-Aberdeen, WA 98520
(BH)
                FRG-7, SM-1
        Jef Jaisun-12860-136th Ave. NE-Kirkland, WA 98033
SP-600, 2200 SSE Beverage
(JJ)
(MTL) Mark Lewis-333 N. Rengstorff #11-Mtn. View, CA 94043
        GE Superadio, 3' loop
Bruce Portzer-6546-19th NE-Seattle, WA 98115
HQ-180A, FRG-7, 4' box loop
(bp)
        Robert Wien-1309 Dentwood Dr.-San Jose, CA 95118
OF SPECIAL INTEREST:
                WA, Sumner 12/16 noted using new calls, ex-KDFL, while driving
1560 KFWY
                thru Tacoma. Has APR nx on hour, big bands & old MOR mx,
                infrequent ID's. (BH-WA)
580 (KMJ) CA, Fresno 12/8 0300 noted s/off. Must be new s/off time, as old
                s/off time was 0400. (RW-CA)
 720 (KDWN) NV, Las Vegas 12/8 0450 noted totally off; Cuban in. Had been off also 12/7 before 0650-0810+. (RW-CA)
              off also 12/7 before 050-0610. (RW-CA) + 12/8 0432 noted completely & totally off! WGN in very good, along w/a SS unID. (MTL-CA) 

CA, Avalon 12/7 0807 w/OC, ID w/ment. of ET'ing; all alone.(RW) 
CO, Cortez Su 12/14 0845-0858 fair to good w/hymns, SID's at 
0853, 0856. Blown away by CBX/KCBS s/on's 0858. (bp-WA) 
OR, Portland 12/2 1922 good thru KCBS-740 slop w/Portland
 740 *KBRT*
        KVFC
 750
        KXL
                traffic report. (RW-CA)

WA, Seattle 12/2 1924 way o/KOB w/"Old Gold" promo. A pest at
        KXA
                night. (RW-CA)
 780 (KCRL) NV, Reno 12/8 0108 noted off 2 hrs. before regular s/off time.
 Looks like Nevada took the night off, hi. (WTL-CA)

790 (KABC) CA, Los Angeles 12/8 0320 w/0C, totally off later on. (RW-CA)

KGMI WA, Bellingham 12/8 0410 great sig. in KGHL null, mucho KGO-810 slop, but readable. Spot for something in Ferndale, EZL mx. Poss. an ET--wouldn't seem their E/W pattern would make it this
                far w/that strength. New. (RW-CA)

CO, Denver 12/8 0314 off & testing w/various TT's. Back on two
 850 *KOA*
               hours later. (MTL-CA) +MM 12/8 0336 ET w/tones & OC. Unfortunately they never cut the
                carrier the time I listened until 0402. (WJH-UT)
               +12/8 0400-0500 testing w/TT, OC later on, then totally off
                briefly. Colombian newie in. (RW-CA)
 860 *KTRB* CA, Modesto 12/8 0317 noted w/ET w/OC, ID, into C&W mx. On 10kw day pattern, killing WWL. Later on ET'ing w/banjo mx. (RW-CA)
930 KAGI OR, Grants Pass 12/2 1920 good w/skiing rpt. for southern Oregon,
                o/KSEI. (RW-CA)
                AB, Calgary MM 12/8 0205 wx for Calgary & vicinity. ID into mx.
 960
        CFAC
                A very delicate null on KDOT. (WJH-UT)
               +12/8 0350 completely wiping out KABL on best reception of this
                one ever. Actually had to null this one to hear KABI! Caw mx, "96 CFAC" ID's. (RW-CA)

CA, Pittsburg 12/5 0358-0400 noted caller on Collins talk show
 990
        KKIS
                asking about IRCA material in Braille. Also ment. of reception
                of KKIS in Solomon Islands w/KHVH QRM. Interesting! (RW-CA)
               +12/8 0409 Al's show still on, AN, w/frequent ments. of IRCA and
                the art of DX'ing, hi. (MTL-CA)
CA, Los Angeles 12/8 0401 off & testing. Thought their SP was
1070 *KNX*
                2nd MM?! (MTL-CA) (12/8 is the 2nd MM!--NH)
       *KERR* MT, Polson 12/4 0250-? w/TT blowing KNX away, even OC left KNX
                heavily garbled, CFAX in background. Also testing 12/8 0400-?,
                w/KNX off on usual 2nd MM SP. All alone w/CFAX. This would have
                really gotten out! (RW-CA)
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1110 *KRLA* CA. Pasadena 12/8 0445 noted w/OC. (RW-CA)
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KPRZ  $\overline{\text{CA}}$ , Los Angeles Su 12/14 0737 briefly atop CKIQ w/relig. mx,  $\overline{\text{ID}}$ , Lung Assn. PSA. (bp-WA) 1150

1220 KIBE CA, Palo Alto 12/8 0016 noted w/a definitely illegal broadcast. On air w/KDFC-FM simulcast of a concert, including ads! Forgot to switch their xmtr off??? (RW-CA)

\*KIBE\* 12/8 0311 noted on a legal broadcast this time w/ET. TT sounding like a revving engine. (RW-CA)

WA, Auburn 12/2 1913-1915 w/wx, ment. of local sponsors, ID as KASY "Radio K-C," into s/off w/no SSB, not even a ment. of power. Off quickly leaving CJOC, CKDA. (RW-CA)

1230 \*KINO\* AZ, Winslow Tu 12/2 f/c ID as "This is a frequency check from KINO Winslow, Arizona." Good o/all. (WJH-UT)

KIBS  $\frac{CA}{W}$ , Bishop a new pest noticed 0230 w/info for hunters o/KPRQ. (WJH-UT) (Date?--NH)

 $\underline{\text{NV}}$ , Ely Th 12/4 2135-2140 H.S. basketball game Ely vs Wendover. KELY Good w/KPRQ nulled. It was halftime w/ad for Save-More Drugs.

ID, Pocatello 12/9 0353 good after KEVA fade-out / (WJH-UT) 1240 KWIK  $\overline{\rm w/YL}$  DJ local spots, C&W mx. Very rare here, usually only SRS.  $\overline{\rm wY}$ , Evanston 12/9 0351 good & alone w/Larry King. / (RW-CA) Must be a new affiliate. Local spots. New. Must be 24 hr. now. KEVA UnID w/opera in background! (RW-CA)

CKOO BC, Oliver-Osoyoos 12/8 0305 dominating channel w/possible

s/off. Mentioned all the stns on the "network" including FM.
1300 \*KMPS\* WA, Seattle 12/7 0700 w/TT o/KPTL, ID. (RW-CA) / (WJ
1310 KIOT CA, Barstow 12/2 1940 booming in in KDIA null w/"Minute (WJH-UT)

Mystery" contest, "K-131" slogan as usual. (RW-CA)
WA, Aberdeen 12/2 1938 good o/K3NR, KCPX thru KDIA-1310 slop;
W/ad for something in Aberdeen, ment. of "West Market St.," 1320 KXRO quite fadey, tho. Only 2nd time hrd. Still on day pattern? (RW-CA) (Quite likely, --NH)

AZ, Tucson Th 12/4 0340 ment. of Lowriders in downtown Tucson 1400 KTUC streets, ID into local ad. Good o/KJJR, etc. (WJH-UT)

ID, St. Anthony Tu 12/2 s/on 0700 into UPI & local nx. Good o/

KIGO all. (WJH-UT)

MT, Whitefish Th 12/4 0346 ID into a song faded up momentarily.  $\overline{\rm UT}$  Provo s/on time is now 0800 instead of 0700 / (WJH-UT) KJJR KFTN as per annot, at their s/off (at 0200). This is a change from what was reported before. (WJH-UT) OR, Klamath Falls Th 12/4 2122 ID "It's 330 at KFLS Klamath

1450 KFLS Falls, into a song. KEYY precariously nulled. (WJH-UT)
+Su 12/14 1010 atop w/road cx & wx for Klamath Basin & Crater
Lake areas. Clear KFLS ment. Much wanted. Local KBKW blocks this out 0800-0300 weekdays & after 1025 Sun. KFLS evidently has switched to an earlier Sunday s/on of 1000 or earlier. (BH-WA)

CKER AE, Edmonton atop for a few minutes w/BFL mx, TC & ID 12/7 0208. Apparently the one w/Indian or Pakistani pgm 0111. 1480 was like a GY that night w/CKER/KARO/KJCX/KRED/KYOS all taking turns at 1480 dominating the channel. (bp-WA)

BC, Duncan a new pest here. First noted Wed. 12/3 0026 w/ID "It's 1500 CKAY plus one degree at CKAY" into a song. (WJH-UT)

UT. Bryce Canyon Nat'l Park Fr 12/12 0205 good signal, loop tape. YI w/info about what to see in the park. ID as "The Nat'l Park Service welcomes you to Bryce Canyon Nat'l Park..." (WJH-UT) 1610 TIS

#### UNID's:

11/29 1947 tail end of somebody's s/off. Suspect Medford, OR off 1300

late. (JJ-WA) 11/30 1148-1200 SS stn w/YL & OM, YL w/ID at top of hour given in SS, 1340 but calls sounded EE, w/whistle sound & phonetics similar to KMPS or KNTX??? (JJ-WA)

KNTO ?? 11/30 1140 YL popped up w/one muddled ID followed by a very 1340

distinctly spoken K-N-T-O. Where is it? (JJ-WA) 11/30 1202 top of the hour ID, "This is 1340, KAQA." Didn't hear a 1340 location. (JJ-WA)

1430 Very weak TT u/KBRC et al 12/8 0208. Called KCRX (hrd on unlisted 2nd MM f/c at this time while in NM in June) but no answer. (bp-WA)

Saul Chernos writes regarding ASL's report in 11/22 WDXR trying for the WYNN-540 DX test. No one heard WYNN, which probably wasn't on. But Mike Brooker heard KWMT ID at that hour, ET'ing, so it was possibly them.

Bill & I had to cut back on Christmas cards this year, so we'd like to
wish each and every one of you a happy holiday season!

# Worldwide

Neil Kazaross Eastern Editor

## All times UTC

Deadline Tuesdays 401-722-3652 1200 to 2315 ELT PAWTUCKET, R.I. 02861 30 KING PHILIP RD.

Please remember that all reports mailed after Jan. 1,1981, go to my school address: Union College Box 1024 Schenectady, NY 12308.
No reports arrived here this week. I'll bet that the Tortoise Express(USFS) is at fault. well here is my own Dx.

TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP (all from Kaz in Narragansett, RI)

819

MOROCCO Sebba Aioun pr-fr w/ AA mx & het 2120 Dec.15.

CANARY ISLANDS likely w/two minutes of S5 talk taped here w/fair sig. 837 t in increasing slop 2125 Dec. 15. But who's the het on 836???

ALGERIA Algiers Very good w/ AA talk & chants hetting WHNC 2110Dec15

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PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP (all from Kaz in Pawtucket,RI)
541 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC apparently still here w/big het on 540 mess. WGNG
slop too much for audio 0035 Dec 16.
770 PANAMA/COLOMBIA fighting it out here w/WABC off 0800 MM Dec.15.

COLOMBIA Barranguilla HJLQ in u/WKBW w/Barranguilla ads 0010 Dec.16. 1520

BAHAMA ISLANDS in briefly o/WPTR w/Bahamas nx ment. 0005 Dec.16. 1540

Best ever heard w/WPTR on.

TURKS& CAICOS ISLANDS VSI Aftertrying to copy a domestic s/off at

2259 I heard the BBC 6 pips pop out of the wBSC/LAm Mess in CBE null 1550 at 2300 Dec. 14. These islands are a British possession and use BBC pips. I've tried for them for several years w/no luck! A gift from the DX gods for country # 88. (Lucky Kazaross)

CONTRIBUTOR:

Narragansett, RI R390A, Sanserino Loop, broken beverages. Pawtucket, RI THF SM2, R390A Sanserino Loop. Neil KAZAROSS

Unfortunately road construction severed my two beverages at Narragansett.

73°s & Merry Xmas - KAZ

# Rare aurora borealis display may be visible here

Times science reporter

A major magnetic disturbance in the earth's atmosphere may give Seattle residents a rare chance to see northern lights tonight, if skies are clear.

Scientists at a federal "sun-watching" agency in Boulder, Colo., said there is a 30 per cent chance of seeing aurora borealis low in the north after dark here and in other northern states. The chances increase farther nor h.

The magnetic storm also was cousing voltage overloads on some long-distance power lines in Canada, the federal agency said.

Some ham-radio operators reported to the space-environmental services center in Roul

der that they were reaching "incredible" distances with their communications. Scientists said the radio signals apparently were bouncing off a magnetically charged layer in the upper atmosphere, giving unpredictable results.

The magnetic storm, the biggest in more than a year, was detected by a satellite in

interplanetary space.
Frank Cowley, forecaster for the agency, said the satellite detected a sudden "pulse," a change in both magnitude and direction of the sun's magnetic field at 8 p.m. yesterday, Seattle time. Interactions between the sun and earth's magnetic field cause disturbances in communication and other high-technology activities.

Left: Coattle Times 12-19-50 Below: S.F. Chrc. I le 12-11-50 via John Hart

### Radio Tribute To Lennon

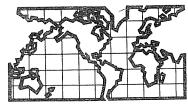
KFRC radio in San Francesca. will remain silent for 10 minutes beginning at 11 am. Sunday in memory of slain pop star John Lennon, a station spokeswoman announced yesterday.

The station is urging other Bay Area radio stations to follow sont.

GS.... Gary Shea 3355 N. Oakland # 205 Milwaukee, WI 53219 DW.... David M. Wurl 908 W. 14th St. Marshfield, WI 54449

Riddle Clue # 3: I'll break your legs if you don't come here.

			RK's progress Rp		
	This Week	Last Week	# New	To Go	
Heard	2839	2837	2	161	
QSLed	1880	1877	3	123	



### DX WORLDWIDE - WEST

Pat Martin - Editor

P.O. Box 843, Seaside, Oregon 97138 (503) 738-3198 - deadline Tuesday

DX of late has been rather poor, except to the Pacific area. Looks like my report is the only one that makes the deadline this week. Not too much to report this week, except the addition of an Audio Filter to the shack, the QF-1. It really cleans up the signals. Thanks to Dave Williams. On to the report: Where is everybody?

#### PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- MEXICO, Mexico City-XERFM-almost local-like, which is rare here w/SS mx and call 660 letters given often in SS at 0745 on 12/13. UNID Latin behind them.
- COSTA RICA, San Jose-TILX-hrd w/R. Colombia ID's and LA mx at 0730-12/13. Good! 725 HONDURAS, Tegucigalpa-HRGLL-hrd. w/R. Honduras ID's and TC's in SS at 0645-12/13. 890

### TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- AUSTRALIA, Rockhampton-4RK good w/Big Band mx, old radio shows, etc. o/NZ at 1040 on 837 12/13. Best hrd in a while.
- KIRIBATI, Tarawa, exc. w/OM in Island lang., almost equal w/Tonga that was 10 DB/S9, 846 at 0648 on 12/14.
- AUSTRALIA, Sydney-26B, w/Nat King Cole mx (Christmas) and TC at 1030-12/14. Good. AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4BH good o/IYC w/EZL mx at 1107 on 12/14. 873
- 882
- FLII, Sigatoka-R. Fiji II ID at 0800 on 12/14, hitting about S-8 on peaks. 927
- SOLOMON ISLANDS, Gizo-fair at 0945 w/YL in Pidgin, EE ID at 0950, Island mx, drum 945 roll on 0955, slop from 940/950. Best ever hrd. Reported 10/14.
- AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4IP-good o/NZ w/rr mx and ancer "4IP---" ID's at 1050-12/14. 1008
- TONGA, Nuku Alofa-A3Z-I wouldn't normally even list this as it is hrd about every 1017 night year around, but on 12/lh, they were almost local, much stronger that Los Angeles on 1020, sometimes causing a little slop-Tonga was 10 DB/S-9 at least on peaks. Fantastic morning. Strongest ever hrd them. The last record was about 5-9.
- Running normal Island mx, some US rr at 1025.

  AUSTRALIA, Melbourne-3DB, topping LMK at times w/rr mx and "DB" jingles at 1134 on 12/14. 1026
- 1035 \*\*\* SOLOMON ISLANDS, Honiara-a move from the more crowded 1026 KHZ freq, hrd firstly on 12/9, at 0944 w/EE ancr w/ID, then // to 945 on 12/14. Not hrd on 1026 since Signal is still poor here most mornings, but normally in the clear o/NZ. This should help them get out better.Look for EE/Pidgin nx at 55 before the hour, ID's normally run at a couple minutes before the hour and after sometimes.
- NEW ZEALAND, Dunedin-42B good w/rr mx, prob. the Tonight show at 0907, after nx on 1014 12/15.
- NEW ZEALAND, New Plymouth-2ZP hrd. // to 1044 at 0908 on 12/15. 1053
- WESTERN SOMOA, Apia??, hrd. OM in EE??, nx?? at 1002 on 12/14, soon lost to slop. 1062 Been trying for this one for quite sometime, only 3KW. At the same time 2AP-1404 was fairly good during peaks in Somoan presumed. Will keep trying.
- NEW ZEALAND, Timaru-3ZC hrd. // to 1044 and 1053 at 0911 on 12/15. 1152
- AUSTRALIA, Grafton-2GF hrd. w/Commercial mentioning 2GF promotion at 1025 on 12/13, 1206 o/u Fiji and UNID, presumed NZ.
- MARSHELL ISLANDS, Kwajalein-presumed the one w/EZL mx and AFRN type DJ w/TC at 1117 1224 on 12/14. Unneeded but nice to hear, only 1 KW.
- NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA-1ZH/hHK mixing here , both w/rr mx, at times hard to tell apart, 1296
- at llh7 on 12/lh, w/"hBK mx" ann. FIJI, Rakiraki,R. Fiji I, w/YL in Fijian at 0800 on 12/ll, w/ID. 1323
- AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2EA- hrd. w/ OM in Slovak type lang (2EA is ethnic) at 0956 on 12/13. 1386 vy poor, lost soon.
  WESTERN SOMOA, Apia-2AP hrd. well w/OM in Somoan presumed at 1003 on 12/14.
- 1404
- 1476 NEW ZEALAND, Auckland-IXA-R. Hauraki, noted w/heavy rr mx, and as usual few ann., hrd. TC at 1145 on 12/12.
- AUSTRALIA, Wollongong-200, hrd. w/rr mx and "2-Double O" ID at 1432 on 12/15. 1575
- 1593 NEW ZEALAND, Manakau-IXP, hrd. poorly w/some kind of interview show, ancr mentioning NZ. hrd. one TC at 1345 on 12/13. soon faded under slop.

Well there she is this week folks, all submitted by yours truely. Someone must be hearing interesting DX out there somewhere. By the way, thanks to all that have sent me Christmas cards. Much appreciated. Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and good DX in 1981. If you hear any good DX ...... Report. Hint ... hint ....

EASTERN the column of the 80's

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It hasn't exactly been raining LX here lately, but SSS has had its moments. No veries in this week, but I have sent some reports cut. Will probably end up with a total of 4 stations for NCV. as compared to 52 last year. Up to 739 heard now. Faul: 'Sorry, I forget to mention that I was in Syracuse only long enough to visit WYRD, whDR, and DXer Faul Rickert for a total of 3 hours. If I had had more time, and I had known, I would have been glad to tape WFBI for you. I dien't get to visit WCLF on 1490! Hope to report soon again with results from an upcoming Expedition to Dunedin CX (find that one on the map). 73's.

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So far I've gone O for 3 in the SFC tests. WCUB-980 tried for but not heard because of pests CFPL and CKGM. WDLM-960 also not heard because of CMWS and WFIR. WYNN-540 not heard because of a KWMT test at the same time. I heard carrier and CEW mx, thought it was WTIN, but it turned out to be KWMT, which I already had on a 1977 test. Other tests were not tried for. I already had WGTD-540 and WAYC-1600. KFTL-1500 dream on, hi. hay as well throw in my two cents about music. I don't care too much for CEW, AdCon. Mx of Your Life (and death) or new wave. I like most good cld 60's rock & roll. The 'oldies' stns that I've heard don't play enough of it. Seems to me that a stn can play songs from as recently as 1978, plus the Stones, Beatles, Elvis, Buddy Holly etc and call itself "The music you grew up with." I know almost zilch about top 40, as I do not listen much to music on the radio. When I'm not DXing, I usually listen to baseball, football, and hockey playwhen I'm not Ding, I usually listen to baseball, football, and hockey play-by-plays or sports talk shows on WCAU and KNOX. I heard my 35th stn on 1550 this morning, EJCB, la Voz de Portena. Of those 35 stns, 10 were heard on ETs, 17 on SSS/SRS, 1 on all night because of a blizzard, 5 were domestic nighttime and 2 foreign (both Colombian). A DXer is like a quarterback - we need a good receiver for the big catches. Out of field goal range with ne time cuts left so 73. Like.

FILL TOWNSHEND 4500 Connecticut Ave NW # 901 Washington DC 20008 Wed 12/3

202-966-8046 Greetings from Abscamville. Total heard is now 1000 including 17 in Rovember. I also heard MSL-116C and WKIN-132O for the 1st time since the late 1950's. I did hear a Chicago strathigh noon on Election Day (12:15 pm) WJJD-116O rather than WMAQ-67O (I must have an uncanny knack, hi.) I weekended in the Queen City (WLW-land) over the last three days of lovember for fun and games, hi. This was a Catholic Alumni Clubs (CAC) convention at the Harriott Hotel. The theme was the "Wacky Cast and Crew." WCAC in Cincinnati - I challenge anyone to log this station, hi; there "ain't no such stn on All or FM). This explains WPT-OH and WPT-KY in the LX reports. After I got back we had two days in upper 60's, but the coldest wx since the WADLA GTG in Faltimore last March is due tonight, our first subfreezing wa at National Airport on the Riverfront. I'll s/cff now. \_\_\_\_\_/from Bill T Log\_ 67,585,198,634,817,523,235,520,443,624,317,923 (which is 73 and good DX Vol 3 # 24 STEVEN I. HILLER Box 46 Boston MA 02125

kello! everyone, how's DN? This week's headline would read "Be's nclic! everyone, now's DAY. This week's headline would read "he's received his new typewriter. That's right! on the morning of 12-15-80 Santa arrived 10 days early, and he told me"...since it hasn't snowed here yet," I could 'use the new Brother elite type typewriter - immediately. Seriously, it's a beaut'! and I love it. Also making news this week is the possibility of logging my farthest GY to date - it's KTUC-1400 in Arizone, tentatively confirmed by the IRCA Almanac. Noted them with the CFS Radic Mystery Theatre, details in this issue's EDMR. Ty the way the above reception is my 35rd graveyarder; my fourth on1400 khz. Note: Fow that I possess a typewriter, I'm hereby officially the IRCA's Conditions of Frequencies (CoF) editor. Publications I've yet to two are as follows: The IRCA Techa typewriter, I'm hereby officially the HCA's Conditions of Frequencies (CoF) editor. Publications I've yet to twn are as follows: The IRCA Technical Mandbook, '81 WRTYH, and the World DM Guide. Also of this issue, I've joined the 3 major shortwave exclusively TM clubs, which means shortly I will have 5 DM club membership certificates framed an up on the wall. All would need then is a certificate from the GMDMA (how about it Fete M, hi) to make an even six, 3 medium wave; 3 shortwave. Whatever, five out of a possible six is great! If this issue is the one before Christmas, I bid you a safe & joyous holiday season, and merry Christmas! and a Happy New Year! So until after I'm sober from all that holiday champagne, 94s and the best of Eking to you. Produced by SDM for ECE Productions, Inc.

Happy Haliday season to everyone. I'm staying at my mother's in 'Jersey where she is recuperating from eye surgery to remove a cataract. LK has been sensational! Last night I called Faul Mount to hear WNDF-1260 Indianapolis. They had a blockbuster signal around 11 p.m. send a DX report to Bob Lazar this week. Recently heard CKAF-580 Kapus-kasing CN on a NX. WSAY-1370 Rochester came in and Radio Sutatenza SiO from Bogota Colombia. Called Bill Dergadano on Staten Island to check out a Dutch speaking station on 1240; turned out to be a foreign language outlet in Canada. Radio Paradise on 825 has been heard as well as another missionary outlet on 910, those on the 2200. From my mother's experience I coined for WOTC - What Causes Those Cataracts? happy New Year & 73's

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How quickly another year has gone by! The first tell tale signs of Christmas are upon us. Carols on the radio, lights on houses and buildings the shorter days bringing in all that awaited DX! Some recent new DX includes getting an unbelievable 3 loggings on Thanksgiving Day. No turkeys were these, hi! On 11/27 at 3:05 am caught KBUK-1450 Demidji coming out of UFI news and into CSW, mention of 16° F, brrr! Later thad day at SSS heard WJES-1190 on lengthy s/off giving info on cwnership, station location, etc, this at 5:29 pm, and then tuned down to 1060 in time (5:30 pm) to catch WHPC in Kewport TK s.off all alone on the channel. These three goodies gave me 5 stations new in Movember, 29 on the year, needing only 6 more to top 1979 in that category and raises the total to 2,511. Watch out Chi-town Sheik I'm making my move, hi! The Kramer charge on 3,000 will be interesting to follow. I know how tough it is to add those new stations teresting to 10110W. I know how tough it is to add those new stations these days. When do you "igure to attain the 30 mark Robert? I'll say about the end of 1982! Keep plugging, hi! Congrats to ERC on all those 4000+ veries. The Postal Service has to be appreciative of your hard work, too, hi! Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and a very Herry Christmas and Chanukah! I also hope 1980 was a good year for everyone and that 1981 will be a happy, healthy and good DX year for all. 73s. EZZT!

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Well let me thank you both for your Christmas cards and best wishes to all for an enjoyable 1981. Been awhile for my own Forum, so going back to the weekend of Hov 22-23, went to the Rockages Rock N Roll Floa Market/Record Show/Film & Video Festival, etc at the Sheraton in downtown Philadelphia. WDR was the sponsoring radio station (95.37%) and was present for live broadcasts with Peter Tork and the Buzzcocks. Also by chance met the former PD from WHEN-1580 Columbia PA. Then drove over to the University of Pennsylvania where I met IRCA member Rick Kenneally (fellow exclioan) who went with me to visit ex-IRCA member Eric Fader who lives two blocks away from Rick. These are two very busy young men w/Mr. Fader being in Law School. Beither said they had been Exing much though portables had been brought along. Ir. Fader has been active in WTFDA in recent bles had been brought along. Ir. Fader has been active in WTFDA in recent years. Well, the end of an era sort of ended as Jack in the Box sells all its Fast Coast and MidWest stores and I'm out of a weekend job. Karl Forth, where will you and RSK go for an 0400 post MR snack now? Should mention that despite not being in IRCA for 4 years, Eric Fader readily identified pictures from old bulletin photo pages that I brought along. Nore to come hext week.

Bruce Portzer - 6546 19th Avenue Northeast - Seattle, WA 98115 A rather light issue this week; undoubtedly the result of lousy cx, Christmas shopping, and earlier deadlines. Next week will probably make up for it, hi. I got my HQ-180A up and running again. Something went wrong in the noise blanker circuit --- two or three resistors in it now look like they were in someone's fireplace. When they burned out, they took the filter choke with them. The noise blanker is now bypassed (it never worked very well anyway) and the filter choke has been replaced. The radio now works as well as it ever did. And just in time for the Rhode Island DX test.

This has been a relatively poor season for foreign DX. Aside from some good conditions in late September, TP openings have ranged from nil to abysmal. I can hardly wait until the solar flareups brgin their downward trend. Latin Americans have sometimes been good lately, but nothing too spectacular has been heard lately.

Oh yes....the Almanac will be at the printer's by the time you folks read this issue. It should hit the mails in January, unless something dreadful happens.

Happy new year and good DX in '81. 73. bp.



### Western DX Forum

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GARY LARSON, 2806 LINCOLN, BURBANK, CA 91504 11 December 1980

Really sorry to hear of John Lennon's death on 09 December. Many of Los Angeles's stations began programming his music with interviews. At least I can

say I'm happy to have grown up with his music. Talked to a friend in NorCal last night who says he expects KUTY 1470 to begin construction of the new night antenna sometime around the first of the year.

Locally, it's been real windy, weatherwise, but almost no rain.

At least the wind has kept the smog away.

Greg Monti, thanks for the letter.

Does anyone know if KGAM 1230 Bakersfield is still BFL? They programmed that as KGEE.

Really something how KROQ 1500 is heard in different areas when their power is 1 kw day and .25 nights, non-directional.

I've been receiving a SC weekly from WFIL 560 Philadelphia. Noticed that, per their envelopes, they have a new address.

Anyone ever deal with Windy City Airchecks of Lansing, Illinois? Well, that's all this time. 73.

BILL HARDY, 2301 PACIFIC AVE., ABERDEEN, WA 98520 - 12 December 1980

Let's see if I can remember how to write a forum, hi. The second edition of the IRCA Almanac has gone to the printer and should be in the mails around the same time as this issue of the Monitor. Anyone finding errors, corrections, changes, additions, deletions, etc., to any Almanac listing should please send them to be right away. The first updater will appear in January, with further updaters as needed.

Also, if you have comments, criticisms, suggestions, etc., about the Almanac, please mention them in your forum or send them to me. Some good ideas for the third edition (circa 1982) are already on hand. As long as IRCA members support the Almanac project, I'd like to see it continue on a semi-regular basis, and will ask the BoD to approve it as a continuing project. Thanks to everyone who helped this time.

With the Almanac project occupying most of my free time since July, most of the DX'ing here has been done by Nancy, mostly at sunset while I'm still at work. She's netted four new stations since 01 November this way, which ties my total for all of 1980! My only new logging since 01 November was KANN 1090 Ogden, Utah, on a Sunday s/off. They announced "5 kw" so the power increase must be why they're being heard. Nancy heard KANN three days earlier and suggested that I try for it. She tried it because Bruce Portzer logged it (through his 50 kw local KING) and reported it to WDXR, which Nancy edits. Bruce, in turn, tried for it because Chris Knight reported it to CDXR. That's one of the benefits of being an IRCA volunteer editor. . . you see the good DX tips a week or two ahead of their appearance in print in DXM. (Yeah, ain't it great?-RtH.)

That makes me think back to 1964 when the entire DXM was mimeographed in Denver. DX tips could be typed up one day, taken to the mimeo session that night, and read by the members two days later (airmail still existed then). A hot catch on a MM could be in the member's mailboxes in time to use it for the following MM. Slower mails, plus the one-week delay caused by off-set printing mean that tips don't appear in print until two or three weeks after they're sent to the editors. I sure wish there was some way we could speed up this process. 'Twould also be nice to return to the uncrowded band of 1964, too!

I hope everyone had a good holiday season and will hear their most wanted station in the New Year. 73 and good DX.

NEIL G. 7ANK, 623 LYNCREST DR., LINCOLN, NE 68510 - 13 December 1980 Holiday greetings to one and all. I guess the best way to support WDXF is to contribute a forum, hi. There don't seem to be many from the Plaines area.

DX here this season has been coasting along at a moderate rate, with 15 new catches in my log since the first one on 26 September. This brings my combined domestic/foreign total to 1,238 stations heard. New catches include KGO 810 and probably my catch of this season is CKAY 1500. CKAY heard MM 08 December fair under a rare KSTP OC with MoR music with female DJ and ID, "This is Radio CKAY, One-Five-0, The Voice of the Cowichan Valley." Also noted CKWX 1130 on Saturday morning, 06 December for the first time here since back in the '60s. I sure wish I could have caught CHUB 1570 Nanaimo in the days before CKTA and CKIQ came on the air. At present, XERF 1570 seems to be running until 0330 ELT s/off with a taped C&W music program selling records and tapes from an acress in Shreveport, Louisiana. They are announcing at times, "XERF, you Louisiana outlaw station." What a wierd outfit they have been over the years.

I would hope that some IRCAn will step forward to chair the CPC, to take up the fine work which Mike Hardester performed. I am in my second year as chair of the NRC CPC. Four of my new catches this season have been the re-

sult of CPC tests.

On the local radio scene. KFOR 1240 has joined the Larry King bandwagon so they are AN6. They had s/off at local midnight for years, so quite a change for them. The join WOW 590 as Nebraska stations carrying King now. I believe that they are the only stations ever to carry an AN telephonetalk-type network here in Nebraska. There has been AN local talk in Omaha before. For those interested in graveyard DX, this means two Lincoln, Nebraska stations on all night with MM SP's; KFOR 1240 and KLIN with MoR and Jazz. 73.

RIC HEALD, 814B OHIO ST., VALLEJO, CA 94590 Tele-Forum: (707) MIdway 4-0700 to 2200 PLT and prepaid - 16 December 1980

Howdy y'all! Thanks to all for your calls and letters regarding my progressive country show on KNBA. Just doin' my thing. Gene Allen wasn't too wild about the Marshall Tucker Band, but, oh well, hi. With calls coming in from as distant as Auburn, Ukiah and Monterey, I'm trying to sweet-talk the boss into letting me do a 2-3-minute thing about IRCA. So far, our Monday to Friday afternoon jock has shown considerable interest in DX and related subjects, so loaned him some DXMs and possibly he'll join.

Mark Lewis, I know what you mean about KEX obliterating KNBA toward sundown. I was only a few kilometers away in Pinole the other afternoon on

my sales calls, and noted KEX peeking through as early as 1615 PLT

Vallejo (Van-lay-oh, not valley-joe, hi) continues to be held in the grip of the noise monster (no doubt the work of the devious JJ, hi), but Gene Allen said he'd place a call to the person-in-charge at P.G.&E., and added, "... not to expect immediate results." How well I know, hi. The one and only rainstorm we've had this season (and my isn't it beginning to resemble '76-'77 all over again) did little more than wash enough dust off the power lines to make them really sing. Oh how I wish it would rain, and rain, and rain. . We were down to one-half kilometer visibility today here in the North Bay, no, not fog, <a href="smog!">smog!</a> Beginning to resemble a normal day in this city down south that I somehow can't remember the name of at the moment. hi.

I would like one of our "experts" to clarify something. Is the BCB band indeed being expanded to 1800 kHz? Is that coupled with 9 kHz spacing? Will all of that also include AM stereo? By the way, working at a radio station doesn't give me those answers; all the industry publications never leave

the boss's desk, for some weird reason.

Well, that's about it this time around. Thanks all for the fine contribution this week; good to see Midwestern forums--keep 'em coming. We're finally getting some rain here; started looking like 1976 all over again, and a drought is not pleasant to deal with.

Hope all had a great Christmas. Looking forward to an even better 1981. Again, my apologies for not sending out cards this year, but remember, I now work in radio, hi. Good DX to all in 1981 and 73 de RtH..

### COMING SOON ---- THE SONY ICF-S5W

#### Gerry Thomas Armand DiFilippo

SONY began test marketing a new radio in the New York City area in May of 1980 and, from what we've been able to learn (from company-released information), this radio appears to have been designed with the BCB DX'er in mind! Yes, you read right. This radio not only appears (on paper, at least) to have the potential to be a great BCB DX machine, but one that actually encourages the casual purchaser to listen to distant stations (and, hopefully, become an inveterate DX'er like the rest of us, hi!). It accomplishes this latter deed by the use of a unique "Zone Selector Dial" which, in essence, is a station log broken down into 10 geographical areas. The way it apparently works is --- First, you identify your geographical zone, then the "Zone Dial Area Selector" is rotated until the selected zone appears on the dial scale: now, across the dial there appears a listing of the stations (at their proper frequency positions) which should be audible in your area. Pretty neat, huh?

area. Pretty neat, huh?
The cleverness of the Zone Dial Selector notwithstanding, though, the SONY ICF-SSW will be of little value to the DX'er if its performance doesn't measure up. Because the ICF-SSW has not been officially released (it is due out nationally in early 1981), only speculations about performance, based on SONY literature, can be made at the present

time, so here goes.

First, the hard data. The ICF-S5W is an AM/FM radio weighing 2 lbs. 9 oz. (with batteries) and measuring 6-3/8"H x 8-13/16"W x 2-5/16"D. It is powered by either three C-cells, an external AC adaptor (optional), or 12 VDC (with optional adaptor) and uses a dynamic 4" speaker housed in its dark grey cabinet. Semiconductor complement includes 12 transistors, nine diodes, three FET's (yep, an FET front-end), and five LED's. The antenna system is comprised of a telescoping whip and external antenna terminal for FM and an "oversized ferrite bar" for AM. There is also mention of a 4-element ceramic filter which, presumably, is an FM section component. Somewhat surprisingly, there is an RF gain control in the form of a "Local/DX" switch which is operative on the AM band. Other features --- "3 LED indicators (which) show optimum tuning;" a continuously variable tone control; and a detachable carrying strap.

The brochure describes performance in the following manner --- "The ICF-S5W offers outstanding sensitivity and selectivity which means better reception of weak, hard-to-tune signals and clean, clear reception in crowded dial areas." The June, 1980 issue of <u>Consumer Electronics</u> also spoke highly of the ICF-S5W's selectivity. We DX'ers, however, have standards of performance somewhat more stringent than the average con-

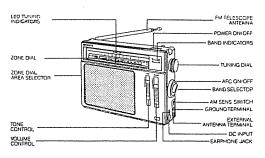
sumer, so a thorough test of the unit is what is really required.

Some closing observations might be useful. In the SONY literature, no mention is made of whether the front-end is tuned or un-tuned (i.e., is the ICF-S5W a "TRF"?). In reference to the dial, the tuning scale includes not only the "Zone Selector" feature but also a linear numerical scale (i.e., no bunching of frequencies on the high end!); the resolution of the scale could not be determined from the illustration, however. On the selectivity issue, it appears that IF amplification is accomplished through individual transistors so the emitter by-pass capacitor substitution modification could be readily applicable here. Finally, the operational life of the three C-cells is a question mark.

I guess this is where it is going to have to rest until someone can get their hands on one for a proper performance evaluation. We're told that the ICF-S5W will be (is now?) available from 47th Street Photo, Inc., 67 West 47th St., NY, NY 10036 at a discounted price of \$58.50 (list price, by the way, is \$74.95). A brochure on the ICF-S5W can be obtained by writing to Joan Bardong, Consumer Relations, SONY Corp. of

America, 47-47 Van Dam St., Long Island City, NY 11101.

73's and Best of DX!



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#### TRANS-PACIFIC

Alaska. According to a recent verie, KBBI-1250 is on daily 1600-1005. Format features many kinds of music, drama, news, etc. with heavy emphasis on NPR programs. (Portzer)

American Samoa. Quality Media Corp. has applied for a 500 watt full time station on 585 khz from Pago Pago. Format would be religious. Company is out of Columbus, GA. ( Broadcasting 11/10 via Pete Taylor)

Australia. The Australian Broadcasting Tribunal reports that 124commercial stations are on the air. Nineteen lost money. Fifty-three were 24hours a day. The Emerald Broadcasting Company hasn't proceded with its commercial station in Emerald, Gald. even though a license was issued in December 1977. (NZDXT 11/80)

China. The Shandong People's Broadcasting Station in Jinan operates on 594, 918 and 1548from 2055-0030, 0240-0630, and 0845. The Heilongjiang FBS in Harbin reported that the Daquing PBS went into operation on 1080 on 4/24/80. The Foreign Service of Radio Peking is on 719 from 0930-1530 JJ/1044; 819 from 2130-2200 JJ; 918 0930-1530 JJ; 1018 from 1100-1500 KK; 1188 from 1130-1200 Thai; 1206 from 1500-1600 Bengali, 1600-1800 Hindi; 1314 from 1200-1300 Mongolian; 1296 from 1130-1200 and 1230-1300 in Vietnamese, 1200-1230 Cambodian, 1330-1430 Thai, 1430-1530 Laotian; 1320 from 1130-1230 Tagalog, 1300-1400 Vietnamese, 1430-1500 Tagalog. (NZDXT 11/80)

Hong Kong. Radio Television Hong Kong has gone 24 hours. (Arctic 10/24)

Korea, South. Current sked and antenna headings for HLAZ-1566 are as follows:

Ež (north) 2000-2030 JJ (east) 1230-1330 KK (north) 2030-2100 CC (west) 1330-1500 CC (west) 2100-2230 RR (north) 1500-1745 KK (north) 0955-1230 (Portzer)

Taiwan. The BBC, Voice of Free China, broadcasts to the mainland of China in standard CC on 750, 900 and 1100 and 1200 from 2045-0100; 900 and 1200 from 0100-0345; 750, 900, 1100 and 1200 from 0345-0700; 750, 900,1100 from 0700-1000, 1045-1600; 750, 900, 1100 and 1200 from 1600-1900. (NZDXT 11/80)

Thailand. Radio Thailand has announced that a new 10 kw transmitter has been brought into operation "on the AM band," from Maha Sarakhan province. Since June, Radio Hanoi has been attacking Thailand, accusing them of violating Cambodian territory. Thailand will reorganize the Voice of Free Asia to counter the propaganda offensive. (Arctic 11/7)

#### LATIN AMERICA

Argentina, LT19-1550 R. Municipal deSanto Tomé no longer is on. (Arctic 11/21)

Brazil. ZYI...-610 R. Poty is new with 10/1 kw. 670 YZH...-670 R. Cult. de Várzea Alegre ex1530. YZK560-760 R. Auri Verde de Baurú ex 1160 now 10/.25 kw. ZYI...-770 R. Dif. Princesa do Sul new with 5/.25 kw. ZYH609-770 R. Vale do Salgado ex 1550. ZYH589-810 R. Verdes Mares ex1410 on 24hours. ZYK...-890 R. Jornal Ilustrado ex 1510 with 5/.25 kw. ZYL200-930 R. Cl. de Campo Belo ex 1580. ZYI...-960 R. Do Grande Rio new with 10/.25 kw. ZYJ733-960 R. Guarajá ex 1490. ZYK220-1030 R. Camaquense now 5/.25 kw. ZYJ771-1030 R. Atalaia de Londrina ex 1260. ZYI240-1030 R. Dif. Cruzeiro de0este ex 1510. ZYK594-1070 R. Anchieta ex 1590. ZYK216-1090 R. Cachoeira do Sul, now 5/.25 kw. ZYK313-1350 R. Dif. Tres Passos now 10/1 kw. ZYK243-1370 R. Independencia ex R. Em. do Noreste now 10/.25. ZYL...-1380 R. Veredas de Unaí ex 1480 now 5/.25 kw. ZYJ200-1430 R. Cl. Paranaense now 50/10. (Arctic 11/21)

Colombia. Radio Cadena Nacional has signed a contract with Harris Corportation for \$800,000 worth of equipment, including 13 ten kw. AM transmitters. HJBZ-1090 Ondas del Rionacha ex 1440. HJZY-1390 R. Lemas ex 1385. (Arctic 11/21)

Dominican Republic. HIZ-730 Broadcasting Nacional, Santo Domingo now 10 kw. HIAZ-810 R. Santiago, Santiago ex 820. HION-1040 R. Central, Santo Domingo, now 10 kw. HIAD-1440 R. San Juan, San Juan, now 5kw. HIAC-1450 R. Til, Salcedo now 5kw. HIFV-1470 R. Cumbre, Villa Tapia 3 kw. (Arctic 10/24)

Ecuador. HCVI5-1560 La Voz de Ingapirca has been bought by the Lutheran Church and will broadcast educational programs and 10% religious. 45% will be in Quechua. (Arctic 11/21)

Panamá. HO..-800 R. La Existosa, Chitré now 10 kw. HOF-965 Onda Popular, Panamá, unheard since 6/80. HOS56-980 R. Mía, David now 10 kw. HOF2-1020 Onda Popular, Colón unheard since 6/80. (Arctic 10/24) HO..570 R. Uno, Panamá new. HO..-630 R. Provincias, Chitré, new, 10 kw. HOG-810 R. Mundial, Panamá ex R. Latina. HOS56-930 R. Mía, Los Santos, ex 920. HOU44-990 ABC Radio, Panamá. HO..1400 La Voz de Tonosi, Tonosi, new. (Arctic 11/21)

Puerto Rico. WVOZ-1400 Carolina now WIDA. WHOA-870 has been sold and will be moved to FM. WVOZ-1400 has moved to 870. [A little conflict? Ed] (Arctic 10/24, 11/21)

Trinidad. National Broadcasting Service-610, Port of Spain now 50 kw. (Arctic 10/24)

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Belgium. The new 600 kw tx in Wolvertem has been testing on 1512. (Arctic 11/7)

Burundi. Gitega-1116 100 kw will be on the air during 1981. (Arctic 11/21)

Clandestine. Radio Free and United Lebanon from Ihdin in support of former Pres. Franjiyah has been heard on SW since 10/21; last heard on 1308 in July. (SCDX 11/11)

Cyprus. The Nicosia transmitter on 603 still carries special programs for Irish troups stationed here. (SCDX 10/21)

Finland. Radio Finland opened a new MW outlet on 963 from Turku with 100 kw for the EB service, from 2130-2245. (SCDX 11/4)

Germany, West. The transmitter on 630 is in Luchow. Sudfunk's 3rdprogram is on 711 from 0800-1600. Bayerischer Rundfunk on 909 now 0600-1800. Tests are being held on 612 from Unna-Massen, near Dortmund. BR will close 909 on 11/15 and move back to 801. (Arctic 10/24,11/7)

Great Britain. Severn Sounds in Gloucester opened on 10/7 on 666 and 774. Radio Tay in Dundee-1161 is now on. A twin from Perth on 1584 will soon be on. Devon Air will soon begin testing on 954. BBC Radio Norfolk-855 is on with 1 kw.
Two Counties Radio-828 began service 9/15. Radio Norfolk-1602 now from Kings Lynn. Devonair began on 666on 11/7; later 954 will be used for Torbay. Radio Lincolnshire BBC on 1368 began 11/11. (Arctic 10/24,11/7,11/21)

Guinea. Under construction are Kankan-603, 20 kw; Nzerkore-666, 20 kw; Labé-1386 20 kw. Kindia-1476 7kw. Kipe-1412 now seems to be here. (Arctic 11/7)

<u>Iran.</u> A new transmitter is on 990. the VIRI broadcasts all day in AA on 576, 612, 990, 1080, 1116, and 1386. (Arctic 11/7)

<u>Ireland.</u> RTE Radio Two uses 1278. The old 1251 tx is heard only with CC.(Arctic  $\overline{10/24}$ ) A new law will outlaw pirate stations. Radio Dublin has moved to 1251. The station also uses 1195. (SCDX 10/21,11/11)

Lebanon. The Voice of Hope has been heard on 945//1593. The Voice of Arab Lebanon is now on 932, s/on 0430; s/off after 2000 news. (Arctic 10/24,11/7)

Lesotho. Maseru-891 is now 100 kw. 0400-2030; Wed and Sun to 2105. (Arctic 11/7)

<u>Liberia.</u> 600 has been renamed Liberian Broadcasting System; a new system is projected, costing \$18 million. US has promised a contribution of \$11.7 M. (Arctic 11/21)

Libya. The station on 999 s/on 2245. (Arctic 10/24)

<u>lichtenstein.</u> Switzerland has made an agreement with this country to control all activity in radio and TV. A new Andorra or Luxembourg is impossible. All licensee funds will create a local station sooner or later under the control of Swiss PTT. (Arctic 10/24)

Morocco, Radio Mediterranean International now broadcasting from Tangier 0500-2100 in AA and FF, on 1233. (Arctic 10/24) Morocco Radio will be 24hours a day. All stations (209, 711, 819, 828, 963, 971, 1080 and 1115 from 0000-0100; 209, 711 and 819 from 0100-0300; only 209 0300-0500. (Arctic 11/7)

Nigeria. Anew transmitter of FRCN on 909 at Abuja began 10/1. 0500-2200. (Arctic 11/7)

<u>Portugal</u>. RDP One and Two will go commercial, as Three already is. Radio Renascenca is reaching completion on the new 100 kw txat Muge outside Lisboa. It should be on before Christmas on 594. The 1287 tx will betaken out of service when the new tx goes on. They will try the new tx 24 hours. Radio Club do Centro-Emissora das Beiras, Caramulo (near Viseu) is name of station on 1460. Polo Norte ID has been dropped. 5 or 10 kw; 0800-2000. (Arctic 11/21,11/7,10/24)

Reunion. St. André-729 now 20 kw. (Arctic 11/7)

Remania. A new 15kw tx at Covasna on 1197 is now on. (Arctic 11/7)

Saudi Arabia. Damman has been heard testing on 1440 at 1630 and 2300. (Arctic 11/7)

Spain. For a complete updated list of Spanish stations, send a SASE to me. Ed.

Sudan. Radio Omdurman now broadcasting 0400-2200 mostly in AA. FF 1530-1545 and EE 1545-1600. 764,960 and 1296. (Arctic 11/21)

Yugoslavia. Radio Svetozarevo new on 1062 with own programs. Radio Svetozarevo on 1/40 only relays Belgrade 2. Sarajevo 2-945 broadcasts local programs with 100 kw. Skopje 2/3 on 1314 recently went to 100 kw, 0900-2100. Orijek-1557 has increased from 2 to 20 kw, with Croatian main program and local programs. (Arctic 10/24,11/7 )

Clubs. Steps have teen taken to organize an umbrella organization similar to ANARC or EDXC in the Asia/Pacific area. Write Alok Das Gupta, 26/1B, Northern Ave., Calcutta - 700 030, India. (SCDX 10/28)

That's about it for now. This has been a presentation of PBS, the Pejza Broadcasting System. This program has been made possible by a grant from the BARF Foundation.

# Some behind-the-scenes tidbits out of Radioland

Time for an inside peek at Bay Area radio.

What we have today are pieces of informa-tion, insight, speculation and opinion from four knowledgeable and experienced industry sources and someone who flies on pants-seat know-how -

The Oakland A's suddenly are a prize radio property because Billy Martin seems entrenched as manager, the team has new owners who vow to

keep it here and it's playing exciting, winning ball.

Four stations—KSFO, KCBS, KNEW and
KDIA—were in the running for broadcast rights. but KCBS formally withdrew Wednesday, making KSFO the odds-on favorite.

The selection of KSFO holds advantages for both team and station: KSFO's ability to form a network of outlying stations; its strong sportscasting tradition; announcer Lon Simmons, a longtime Bay Area favorite and a top talent; and the potential ratings boost.

True to a nationwide trend, AM music stations are losing ground increasingly to FM stations geared toward either or both young-adult and ethnic audiences.

B KFRC, once a red-hot Top 40 station, is at a new ratings low. But only if you consider past numbers does the station look weak.

It still has popular morning man Dr. Don Rose and, thanks to a terrain that blocks wide-spread FM penetration, KFRC will keep a respectable, though not phenomenal, share of the rock audience.

& Another onetime AM king, KSFO, also is at

Still, the station seems to be on the right track, shifting focus from mostly music to talk and lifestyle features-even if it's alienating oldtime listeners.

Key question: Talk may be the way to go, but will KSFO's brand of talk be successful? Too soon to tell.

The addition six months ago of Dr. Bonnie Ring, host of a weekday psychology talk show, has caused no appreciable ratings loss or gain.

# KOME, inching ahead of KMEL for dominance in the nard-rock market, along with KSOL, the No. 1 station among teen-agers, and KBLX, both with a slick "urban-contemporary" sound appealing largely to andiences between 25 and 34, are at all-time rating highs.

KNBR, the last major vestige of AM's oncedominant middle-of-the-road/personality format, will remain stable even without Giants baseball.

Bagging the Giants, though, may not have been as helpful as the station hoped. Ratings have

been lower than normal during game broadcasts. KNBR pluses are its listening strength outside the San Francisco metropolitan area and a large core of loyal fans. "That station throws a party

via Rich Toebe

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and everybody comes," an envious rival says.

a San Jose's KLIV, the first Bay Area AM station attempting to cash in on FM's success, is doing well with its hard, album rock sound.
"On AM," one source says, "album-oriented

rock could be tomorrow's Top 40."

at As a whole, easy-listening stations remain strong. On FM, that is. They've been driven away from AM except for KABL, which probably would be dead if it weren't for its FM simulcast operation. As such, KABL AM and FM combined are among the Bay Area's strongest stations.

RKIQI, now under new ownership, has gone from oldies to Spanish-lang rage programming. Before the changeover, though, KIQI hit an alitime ratings high.

Former FM sister station K101 also has new owners who probably will refine rather than alter the pop/soft-rock sound and may try to buy an AM outlet here.

Z KGO, with its all-talk format invenerable to FM competition and a strong lines; of talkshow hosts, continues to rack up impressive rat-

The departure of Art Finley-he's taking a high-level radio news job in Canada —and the addition of a five-night-a-week psychology talk show, though, may loosen KGO's grip on nighttime ratings.

M All-news KCBS is doing well enough, considering it's recovering from a serious ratings loss. It continues to hold a high-quality, upscale audience during peak listening periods-typical of successful all-news stations everywhere.

if any new trend comes along it might be something called "country-oriented rock

Major stations in Los Angeles and New York aiready have abandoned traditional formats to jump on the country-western bandwagon.

One source suggests an FW station without much success, KCBS, for example, might be ready to go country-rock. "No way," says a source closer to KCBS.

a A station to watch KDIA.

The Oakland station, once associated mostly with black teen-agers, has a new slogan-"Free -and plays what it calls "black beautiand Easy" ful music," a mix of mellow sound.

The format and image, in time, may attract a crossover audience and add more of an FM flavor to AM radio.



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