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What's Happening?

MEMORIAL DXPEDITION. A Beverage antenna expedition will be held in memory of John Clements on the weekend of March 24-26, 1984 in the desert near 29 Palms, CA. This is the site where John DXed from on many occasions during the past 10-12 years and where a lot of interesting Latin American DX has been heard. Any interested DXers are invited to attend. For more details on location, transportation arrangements, and so on, contact Greg Hardison at 801-891-4252 or Paul Swearingen at 818-7651.

KUUY CHANGING FREQUENCY. Rob Harrington, in another recent communiqué, says KUUY-1530 in Cheyenne, Wyoming, will change frequency to 870 later this year. They are currently constructing their new transmitter site and multi-tower array, and hope to bagin operation on their new frequency by September or October. This was per a recent phone conversation between Rob and KUUY's chief engineer.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES. We are rapidly approaching quadrennial pheonoemon in this country known as presidential primaries (and caucuses). It's possible that some radio stations may stay late to cover the results of the balloting (assuming they aren't already operating 24 hours). So, you might went to check the dials on the nights of voting in states near yours. You might be able to hear some rare station staying on a counple of hours later than normal.

DX TEST******Sunday, February 26******WLNT-1140 in Loudon, TN will test 0000-0100 EST with 1000 watts, non-directional. The test will include country music, voice IDs, and some 1000 Hz tones. Phone number is 615-458-4621. Address for reports: Howard Oberholtzer, jr., Chief Engineer, Radio Station WLNT, PO Box 465, Loudon, TN 37774. Info via NRC.

News from Headquarters

If you have written to headquarters about something recently and are waiting for a reply, there is a reason for the wait. Both Phil and I have been working a lot of overtime at our respective jobs lately. Which means that club activities have been cut back to the bare minimum (publishing DX Monitor, mailing DX Monitor, etc). The less urgent activites, such as sending out new member packets and replacing lost or damaged bulletins, are still getting done but at a much slower rate. So if you've written us about something and you don't hear back after 3 or 4 months, better write again to jog our memories. There's light at the end of the tunnel, but I'm not yet sure if it's daylight or an oncoming train.

ALMANAC UPDATER. Bill Hardy is currently working on a big Almanac updater. He says there's still time to include any information he hasn't already gotten, so if you have any info on additions, deletions, or changes to the latest Almanac, send them to him at 2301 Pacific Avenue, Aberdeen, WA 98520. At the very worse, if it doesn't make it into this updater, it will make it into the next bne.



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Western DX Forum

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IRCA—Serving the Broadcast Band DX'er Since 1964

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DEADLINES - WEEKLY ON TUESDAY, 12 DAYS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION DATE

*****IRCA ANNIVERSARY ISSUE****

DEADLINE FOR FORUMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 20th IRCA ANNIVERSARY ISSUE IS 12 MARCH 1984. --- If you have never before sent in a Forum, this is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the club. For the "regulars" this is the time to re-introduce yourself and tell a little about your interest in the hobby. You may send a separate Forum for the Anniversary issue with your regular forum (but mark it separately). The record for Forums in the Anniversary issue is 21, so let's all try to break that record! Forward, march. .

PAT MARTIN, P.O. BOX 843, SEASIDE, OR 97138

DX of late continues to be on the slow side. Have been trying to verify the other eight Oregon stations I need, or at least some of them. Reports out to: KURY, KBKR, KDOV, KBDF, KKAA, KUTY, CK001, CHED, CBKF2, CK00, CKSP. Veries in from: KCJJ 1560, CJCL 1430, KSPT 1400, KGRV 700 (should be on fulltime by the time you read this with 25/.5-religious), KASY 1210 (now 24 hours with 1/.25 kw, soon to be 10 kw days), and KOZE 950.

News of late -- KYTE 970 Portland is now MOYL, ex-RR (and ex-CWM, hi-RtH). Apparently (the story is), KUPL 1330 has done quite well with the format; last rating period #7 overall, but couldn't sell the format. KYTE was country for quite sometime, recently changed to RR (last year - automated), and lost their shirt on that move, so they've moved over to MOYL. Meanwhile, KUPL (AM & FM) is going country. That will make KWJJ, KRDR, KUPL, KUIK, KVAN, KOHI, KUPL-FM and KJIB-FM all country in metro Portland. KJIB-FM came in #1 last time around. (Boy, I'm moving to Portland - country hog heaven, hi-RtH.)

Over on the other side of town, KYXI 1520 can't seem to make it at "all

news," so they're changing to an adult MoR on 20 February, scraping most of the news. They'll still run old time radio at night, however.

Seems like the buzz from the heating pad is gone. Haven't heard it in quite some time. Hope it stays that way.

Have been hearing from Rob Harrington lately. Thanks for the call.

That's it this time. Good DX and 73.

JOHN E. WALLACE, JR., 24902 ALTAMIRA DR., LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653

Well, hello there. I haven't forumed in quite a while so I'd better take action.

JOBB 828 Osaka boomed in during the Christmas season and would het WCCO at around 0130 PLT and then fade out 30 minutes after sunrise.

Antennas or even hanging clothes to dry in front of your house is illegal

here, but no one notices the several antennas I've constructed in different directions with the assistance of Mark Strickert who "volunteered" to do so when visiting Southern California last November. This antenna system does

work, you can null, which is a big help here.
While vacationing in Julian, California (40 miles east of Escondido), I put up at 120-foot-to-140-foot wire to the east and was able to receive KCLG, KBLU, KTAR, KOY, KOWN, all at noontime with very good signals. I plan to go on another San Onofre DX pedition in February, yes, 1'll have to crunch through four-to-five-foot-high brush, but that's nothing compared to the woods back east I would hack through as a kid. But then, finding beachfront property in Southern California for a DX pedition is nearly impossible. (Just stay where you are -- Laguna Hills will be part of Laguna Beach soon, hi-RtH.)

Over Christmas vacation I received Idaho on 1400, KEST San Francisco over Escondido, and some other interesting stuff. Conditions have been much better

this winter than last. Am also getting into LW DX.

I would much rather have a station on tape than QSL; it's much easier and there's no room for doubt, just play the tape. But, it's always thrilling to receive a QSL from 882 Mongolia, but taping is a superior method, remember, it's 1984 now, not 1949, ha!

Is there going to be a Twentynine Palms DX pedition soon? Just wondering.

73 and best of DX to all.

PAUL W. PETERSKY, 15 S. CLARKSTON ST., #311, DENVER, CO 80209

Greetings. Although I've renewed my membership a half-year ago, I've been involved in a myriad of activities, including two moves. Now that the dust

has settled, I'm ready to do a little DX'ing from my new QTH.

For an intro, I'm 28 and a marketing research analyst at the Coors nrewery in Golden. I started DX'ing in 1968 as an SWL DX'er and graduated to the BCB

ranks with the acquisition of an old NC-183d receiver.

A good season and the collaboration of several Seattle DX'ers brought my foreign countries heard total to 36 by 1973 and that is when all hell broke loose. My receiver caught fire in the front end and Bruce Portzer has nursed it somewhat back to life, but since then I haven't had a good rig for BCB.

I'm presently using a Sony ICF-2001 and a Worchester SM-2 loop antenna. This combo proved to be a fair-to-good unit while living in Houston, but not

in the league of a decent communications receiver.

As a YP, I've opted for an inner city QTH which is great for general lifestyle, but not for low QRN. Over the years I've found apartment and DX do not go hand-in-hand. (10-4 on that, good buddy-RtH.)

I'd enjoy tapesponding with any IRCA member, particularly with an interest in swapping some music. Colorado DX'ers, give me a holler and let's get together sometime. 73. (Welcome to WDXF, Paul - hope to hear from you when time permits. But please double-space, my poor bloodshot eyes, hi-RtH.)

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Howdy gang. Well, two weeks to go from the time you read this until the deadline for IRCA's 20th Anniversary issue of WDXF. If you've never forumed before, don't be intimidated on how or what to write. Just send a few lines introducing yourself and your interest in the hobby. Let's make this issue a real block-buster!

Pat, we have two of KWJJ's ex-DJs working at local KRED 1480. What are big-city, slick-sounding, smooth-talking jocks doing in this tiny market, you ask? One, Robert W. Meyers bailed out of the rat-race after making his "fortune," and the other, Huggy Hart (formerly of Portland's Heartline) is taking care of an ailing mother and working Portland weekends at KWJJ.

Local ratings proved quite interesting on the last go-around. In the 18-35 crowd it's KATA 1340 and KRED 1480 (#1 and 2), 25-54 crowd it's reversed with KEKA 790, KINS 980 very distant third and fourth and KNCR 1090 barely showing. KRED and KATA account for 70% of total audience. Birch does the reporting around here. However, KEKA FM finally got their CWM going (4 PM to 8 AM PLT), so things may change a bit. Their tower is atop a 3200-foot high hill and running 100 kw.

John, as McGreevy can verify, there are many long stretches of deserted beaches up here on the North Coast within a 45-minute drive of Eureka where one or more Beverages can be constructed in absolutely noise free locations, and there'd probably be no one else around. And just a short distance more, mountaintop after mountaintop for FM/TV DX.

As you might have guessed from the content of this forum, I haven't been DX'ing much, but then what else is new?-hi.

Hope your DX is better than mine. 73 de RtH.

U.S., Canada Sign AM-Radio Accord: New Stations Seen

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Repo an agreement on AM-radio broadcasting tions, some of which date from 1980 that will open the way for new stations in both countries.

Canadian officials said the agreement grants Canada access to more than 100 new AM-station assignments in the U.S. U.S. offi-

clais said the accord also provides extensive new opportunities for U.S. broadcasters. The agreement is designed to make full use of the AM band of 535 to 1065 kilo-

AM-frequency assignments had been made since 1950 under the provisions of the North American Broadcasting Agreement That agreement assigned 25 channels to the U.S. and seven to Canada for each country's exclusive use. The new agreement elimi-nates exclusivity, permitting the 32 channels to be shared by the two countries.

The new accord contains a frequency-as-signment plan that covers North America

city by city, officials said.

Canadian Communications Minister

Francis Fox said the pact will "inaugurate a
new era for Canada-U.S. AM-radio broadcasting.'

In Washington, a Federal Communica-tions Commission official said the agreement will allow the agency to proceed with OTTAWA-The U.S. and Canada signed consideration of 350 broadcasting applica-

Canadian officials said its Communica-tions department will issue a notice of new radio licenses that will be available soon in various Canadian communities.

The U.S.-Canada agreement is compatible with a new international telecommunications accord that covers broadcasting in the Americas, the Canadian officials said.

Wall Street Journal 1-18-84 via Matt Stutterheim

HERALD-NEWS

Joliet, Illinois, Friday, November 11, 1983

50 YEARS AGO, 1933; Radio Station WKBB, which has operated in Joliet for several years under the direction of Ray Fay, is broadcasting its last program in this city today. Tomorrow the station will open in East Dubuque, Ill. on a new wave length.

via Tom Jasinski

Part 1

Mark Connelly - WAIION DX Labs - 10 JAN 1984

There's been a renaissance in serious DXing in the '80s - truly fantastic catches by Neil Kazaross, George Hakiel, Brian Vernon, Bill Bailey, Pat Martin, and others frequently evoke memories of the late '60s Nelson era touted by some as the 'golden age of DXing'. Actually the current DX reported is of BETTER quality when you consider the increased domestic station & man-made noise QRM problems besetting us today.

Phased Beverages or phased longwires are an important part of many topnotch foreign-DX listening posts. As mentioned in previous discussions of phasing, it is not always a direct substitute for a good loop; simultaneously, a good loop is not always a substitute for phased wires. The serious modern MM DXer calls upon both methods of 'pest' nulling frequently and soon recognises which method will work better for a given kind of DX at his QTH.

A few years back, an article describing the construction & use of the 'MMDX-1' passive phasing unit was published. Several people have built variations of this unit and have generally had good luck with it.

Interest in phasing units has remained high, especially in light of the recent Kaz-lead African/northeastern Brazilian DX 'stampede'. Recent experimentation with phasers having dual active-tuner inputs has shown that aerials as short as 2 ft/ 0.6 m [e.g. car whips] may be phased to produce nulls of unwanted stations, reducing QRM to both weaker co-channel stations & to adjacent channel stations.

Q-Spoiling: Key to Phase Hull Stability

Testing of both active & passive phasing systems has been done at my West Yarmouth (Cape Cod), MA. foreign-DX monitoring station/antenna lab. Also, Neil Kazaross has helped me greatly by testing phasing units at his superb DX QTH in Ogunquit Beach, Maine - the first permanently-occupied Atlantic seashore Beverage-equipped installation in many, many years. (As we should all know, salt water on desired paths coupled with poor-ground blockage on undesired paths can be as valuable to a knowledgeable low-angle [e.g. foreign] & groundwave DXer as the best receiver money can buy.)

Both Neil & I have established that steadiness of nulls is superior on phasers using dual passive-seriestuner (PST) inputs than on those using initial-design active-parallel-tuner (RPT) inputs.

The reason for this turns out to be primarily a matter of tuner circuit Q [selectivity]. The APT-type input, unless deliberately Q-spoiled, is so sharply tuned that null stability, even on groundwave stations, is inferior to that of the older PST-inputs design. A sure sign of excessive Q in a phasing unit's input tuners is that, when a pest-station's carrier is nulled, the sidebands are still strong, producing the 'Donald Duck audio' reminiscent of ham SSB copied on a receiver in the AM mode. A proper phasing system must consist of tuners sufficiently broadband that when a moderate-strength station is phased, its audio & carrier go away together, leaving clean reception of subdominants which,

initially, may have been 40 dB below the dominant station. Minor touch-up of the vernier null controls should remove all slop from 10 kHz adjacent stations which were originally 60 dB weaker than the now-nulled pest station.

A dual-APT-input type phaser (= active phaser) can be Q-spoiled to enhance null stability: this can be accomplished by installing a 0 to 100K pot in parallel with each APT's tuning capacitor. The same technique can be used to Q-spoil loops - an important consideration for stable loop vs. wire or loop vs. loop phasing arrangements. Some have assumed that the transistors in loop amps. & active wire tuners lacked phase/gain stability, hence causing unstable nulls. This is less likely to be the problem than the inherently high Q of such circuits.

Future articles are planned to deal with improved shortwire phasing using Q-spoilable active input tuners. Also under design: a dual Passive Parallel Tuner [PPT] longwire phaser of comparable performance to the MWDX-2 and having as benefits simpler operation & easier construction.

The PST-type input tuner design works well as Q is spoiled by adjustment of the series pot between the aerial's impedance & the impedance of the associated passive series input tuner. Of course, anytime the Q of a tuned circuit is degraded, system sensitivity decreases & the likelihood of spurs from off-channel stations increases. For the or spors from or common amplifier after the phaser is first reason, the use of an amplifier after the phaser is recommended: this is especially true when wires less than 328 ft/ 100 m are being used during low-signal conditions [e.g. daytime or auroral night-time]. For the second reason (spurs), a high-Q tuner should be inserted between the phasing unit output & the receiver input. In the first case, a broadband amplifier (cascaded MWA-120's for instance) could be used and in the second case a passive-paralleltuner could be employed, but the most elegant solution to both the low signal & spur/low @ problems is the use of the APT-2 (Active Parallel Tuner with regeneration capability). Construction & use of the APT-2 tuner (including use as a tunable output amp. for phasing units & loops) was described in a recent DX Monitor/DX News article.

Neil Kazaross has reported good results by following

Neil Kazaross has reported good results by following his dual-PST-input passive phasing unit with the APT-2. The regeneration feature of the APT-2 is occasionally employed to enhance reception of the weaker Trans-Atlantic 'splits' after phasing has removed the bulk of the adjacent channel domestic-station interference.

MWDX-2: An Improved Passive Phaser

As most DXers who want to use phasing will be using aerials of length greater than 82 ft/ 25 m and because most have stated that a single-box design is more convenient; if less flexible, than the modular (3-box) approach, a unit equipped with dual PST-type input tuners will the subject of this article. This unit, the MMDX-2, offers substantial design improvements over the old MMDX-1.

Complete step-by-step construction details, of the sort offered with MMDX-1 & RFT-2, take up much valuable space & are boring to many readers. Such documentation for MMDX-2 will be limited to bare essentials: schematic with itemisation of critical parts, hole list, and details of the 'floating' variable-capacitors and RF transformers subassemblies. Data supplied should be sufficient for the experienced 'homebreuer'. The author will supply more detailed information upon request as well as components at cost plus shipping to those who want to build the MMDX-2. The unit should be producible for about \$100 if some of the parts are acquired at ham-radio 'flea-markets' rather than at commercial suppliers such as Radio Shack, Mouser, & Etco.

Experimentation with several toroidal core materials has shown that the Amidon FT-82-77 core provides good performance at reasonable cost (90 cents per core). The FT-82-61 cores used in previous designs exhibited some signal loss at frequencies below 800 kHz. The Miller F-87-1 cores work well, but are expensive (now \$5.99 at Mouser). The next round of experimentation here will involve evaluation of pre-made phase-reverser & balun transformers produced by Mini-Circuits Labs, Vari-L, & several other firms. Suffice it to say, if well-performing, reasonably-priced, pre-fabricated RF transformers are found, you'll read about it shortly. Winding transformer toroids and mounting them on vectorboards is one of the more tedious aspects of phasing-unit construction.

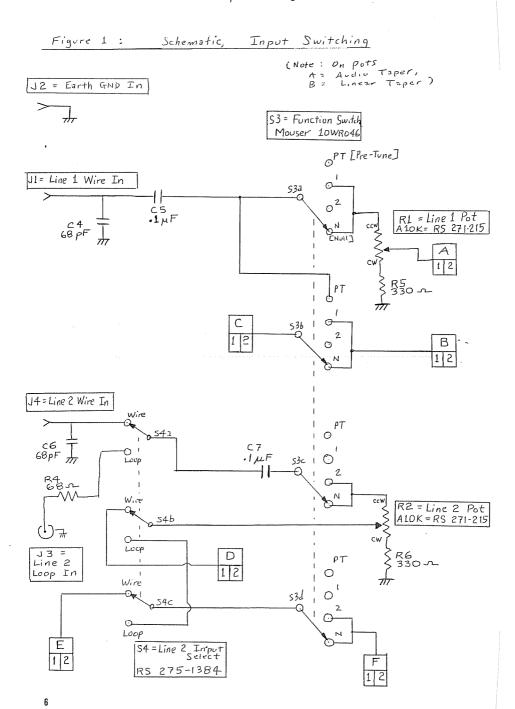
Figures 1 through 4 are the schematics for the MMDX-2 one-box dual-PST-inputs type phasing unit. Note the Frequency Range switch charts accompanying Figures 2 & 3. Table 1 lists holes to be drilled in the chassis box. For required tools, construction tips, etc. those outlined in the recent RPT-2 construction article should prove to be of assistance.

Figure 5 gives information which should be useful in fabricating the floating (=ungrounded) C1 & C2 tuning capacitor card subassemblies.

Figure 6 is the T1 Phase Reverser Card subassembly drawing and Figure 7 is the drawing for the T2 Balun Card.

MWDX - 2

1-Box Passive Phasing Unit for Wire Aerials of Length ≥ 25m. /82ft.



MWDX - 2 Phasing Unit

Figure 2 : Line 1 Wire Tuner

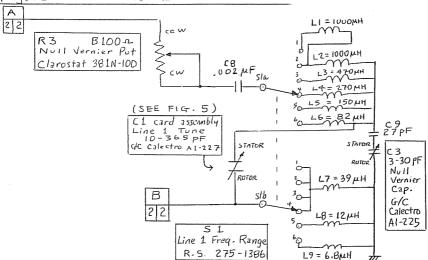
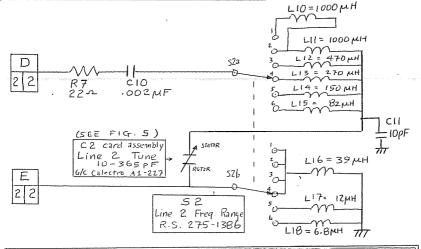


Figure 3: Line 2 Wire Tuner



S1, S	: 2 '	Ballpa	rk "	Settin	gs [3	0m/100.	ft. wires]
Range #	Switch Pointer "O'Clock"	F Min. KHZ	Max. KHZ	Nange	Switch Pointer "O'Clock"	F Min. KHZ	KHZ.
1	9:30	450	530	4	12:30	950	1100
2	10:30	530	700	5	1:30	1100	1700
3	11: 30	700	950	6	2:30	1700	2400

Inductors are Mouser 43LR series, or equivalent

MWDX-2

Phasing Unit

Figure 4 : Phaser Output

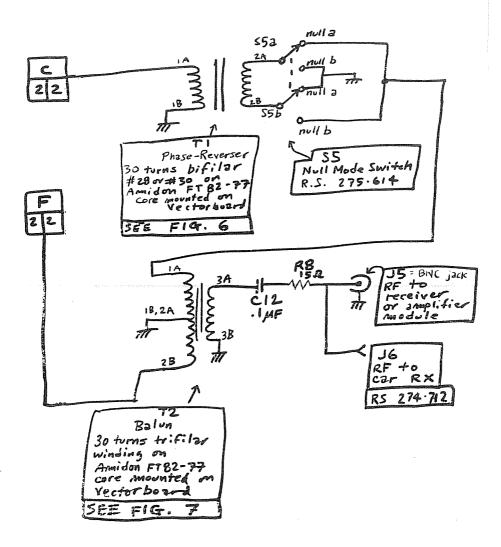


Figure 5

C1 & C2 Floating Variable Capacitor Cards [A1-227 air cap.]

Hole Diameters: A-.14 (#23), B-.221 (#2), C-.113 (#3)

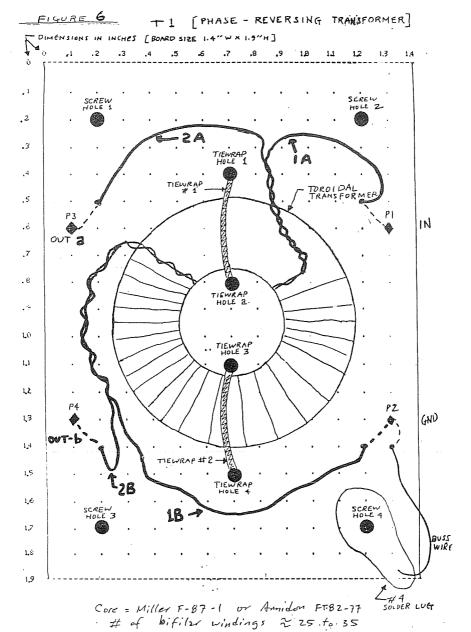
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CAPACITOR USED = GC-CALECTRO A1-227/MOUSER 524-A1-227
Punch out square defined by C holes. X is centre of cap.shaft
This is top [capacitor shaft protrusion side] of card.
Cap. body is behind card as viewed; plates, if visible, would be
seen to be pointing upwards on this page.

Corresponding top side chassis holes (per Table 1)

screw 1 (card column 2, row 3) = hole 10 (C1), hole 32 (C2) screw 2 (card column 2, row 13)= hole 11 (C1), hole 33 (C2) screw 3 (card column 22, row 3)= hole 13 (C1), hole 35 (C2) screw 4 (card column 22,row 13)= hole 14 (C1), hole 36 (C2) shaft clearance = hole 12 (C1), hole 34 (C2)

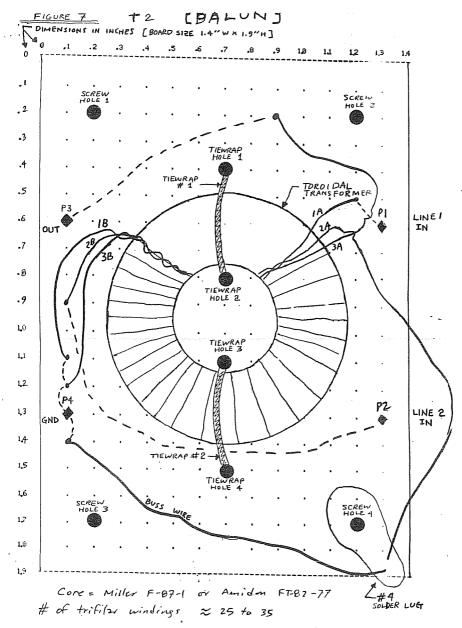
Cap.is mounted to card at B holes:card topside=head,6-32%.25screw Between card & cap.body = two #6 split lockwashers A series holes hardware (installed after mounting the cap. on the card): Cap.body side of card = head,6-32%.375 screw Top side of card = split washer against card, two 6-32 nuts fifter installing 'A' hole hardware and placing card such that the shaft of each screw protrudes thru proper chassis holes, install lockwasher & 6-32 nut on each screw shaft on outside (top side) of chassis box.



Mounting RF Transformer Card Subassemblies

Stage 1: At card screw hole locations 1,2,% 3) install (at each hole) a 4-40 X .25 screw, a split #4 lockwasher, % a 4-40 X .5 hex spacer so that the screw head % the washer are on the transformer side of the card % the spacer [enclosing the screw shaft] is on the backside of the card. At screw hole 4, follow the same procedure, except use a #4 solder lug instead of the lockwasher.

Stage 2: Mount the card to the inside of the chassis box by installing 4-40 X .25 screw with #4 lockwasher into each appropriate right side chassis hole (per Table 1). Each screw head & washer will be outside the box; screw shafts, inside box, should be mated to open ends of appropriate RF transformer card spacers. Referring to APT-2 Article Figures 6,12,& 13 may help.



SEE NOTES AFTER FIGURE 6 ABOUT MOUNTING CARD TO CHASSIS.

LEFT SIDE

Hole	Comp.	Description	X(in.)	Y(in.)	· DIA(in.)
1	J1	Line 1 Wire In	-1.75	1.0	0.3125
2	J2	Earth GND In	-1.0	1.0	0.3125
3	J3	(Line2)ActiveLoop/TunerIn	0.0	0.5	0.375
4	G1	GND screw, int.lug	1.0	1.0	0.113
5	J4	Line 2 Wire In	1.75	1.0	0.3125
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TOP

Hole	Сомр.	Description	X(in.)	Y(in.)	DIA(in.)
1	C3	NullVernier Cap., screw 1	-3.766	4.5	0.113
2	C3	NullVernier Cap., shaft	-3.5	4.5	0.5
3	03	NullVernier Cap., screw 2	-3.234	4.5	0.113
4	G2	GND screw, int.lug	-3.0	5.5	0.113
5	R1	Line 1 Pot, shaft	-2.1875	5.0	0.3125
6	R1	Line 1 Pot, tab	-1.875	5.0	0.14
7	Si	Line 1 Freq. Range, shaft	-1.0	4.5	0.375
8	Si	Line 1 Freq. Range, tab	-0.5	4.5	0.14
9	G3	GND screw, int.lug	0.0	4.5	0.113
10	Ci	LinelTuneCapCard, screw 1	0.75	5.0	0.14
11	€1	LinelTuneCapCard, screw 2	0.75	4.0	0.14
12	C1	LinelTuneCapCard, shaft	1.75	4.5	0.5
13	C1	LinelTuneCapCard, screw 3	2.75	5.0	0.14
14	Ci	LinelTuneCapCard, screw 4	2.75	4.0	0.14
15	G4	GND screw, int.lug	3.0	3.0	0.113
16	R3	NullVernier Pot, shaft	-3.75	2.5	0.3125
17	R3	NullVernier Pot, tab	-3.75	2.1875	0.14
18	G5	GND screw, int.lug	-2.625	3.0	0.113
19	S4	Line 2 InputSelect, shaft	-1.5625	3.0	0.375
20	S4	Line 2 InputSelect, tab	-1.25	3.0	0.14
21	S5	Null Mode Switch, shaft	3.75	3.0	0.25
22	S 5	Null Mode Switch, tab	3.75	2.75	0.113
23	G6	GND screw, int.lug	-4.5	1.0	0.113
24	S3	Function Switch, tab	-4.0	1.0	0.14
25	S 3	Function Switch, shaft	-3.5	1.0	0.375
26	G7	GND screw, int.lug		0.5	0.113
27	R2	Line 2 Pot, shaft	-2.1875	1.0	0.3125
28	R2	Line 2 Pot, tab	-1.875		0.14
29	S2	Line 2 Freq. Range, shaft	-1.0	1.5	0.375
30	82	Line 2 Freq. Range, tab	-0.5	1.5	0.14
31	G8	GND screw, int.lug	0.0	1.5	0.113
32	C2	Line2TuneCapCard, screw 1	0.75	2.0	0.14
33	02	Line2TuneCapCard, screw 2	0.75	1.0	0.14
34	C2	Line2TuneCapCard, shaft	1.75		0.5
35	02	Line2TuneCapCard, screw 3	2.75		0.14
36	C2	Line2TuneCapCard, screw 4	2.75	1.0	0.14
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RIGHT SIDE

Hole	Comp.	Description	X(in.)	Y(in.)	DIA(in.)
1	T2	Balun Card, screw 2	-2.25	0.5	0.113
ż	T2	Balun Card, screw 4	-2.25	2.0	0.113
3	T2	Balun Card, screw 1	-1.25	0.5	0.113
4	T2	Balun Card, screw 3	-1.25	2.0	0.113
5	J6	RF to car RX, screw 1	-0.394	2.0	0.14
6	J6	RF to car RX, body	0.0	2.0	0.5
7	J6	RF to car RX, screw 2	0.394	2.0	0.14
8	G9	GND screw, int.lug	0.0	1,25	0.113
9	J5	RF Out (BNC)	0.0	0.5	0.375
10	T1	Phase Rev. Card. screw 2	1.25	0.5	0.113
	T1	Phase Rev. Card, screw 4	1.25	2.0	0.113
11	T 1	Phase Rev. Card, screw 1	2.25	0.5	0.113
12 13	T 1	Phase Rev. Card, screw 3	2.25	2.0	0.113
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WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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BC, Richmond they will be moving to 650 kHz "sometime around the end of summer" (1984). (RW-CA)
OR, Portland new format as of 2/1 at 0300 is Music of Your 940 CISL 970 KYTE Life, ex-rr. (PM-OR) CA, Wasco (-Bakersfield?) Th 1/12 2300 noted stn giving "KWSO, Wasco-Bakersfield" IDs at the top of the hour. Note that "Bakersfield" probably isn't part of their true City **KWSO** 1180 of License. Stns can now add on extra cities due to new FCC rules & regulations. (SMM-CA) CA, Anaheim all-nx format was scheduled to end Sa 1/14 0300 1190 KNWZ KNWZ UA, Ananeim all-nx format was scheduled to end Sa 1/14 0,000 when KNWZ would begin simulcasting KEZY-FM 95.9, but simulcasting was noted already in progress at 0150. (SMM-CA)

KEZY +2/1 1600 ex-KNWZ, back to old call, first noted today. Don't know if this was first day using "KEZY" call, though. Still simulcasting FM 95.9, ID by DJ "KEZY AM & FM, Anaheim," into rr mx. (JH-CA) +Is officially KEZY again, ex-KNWZ. End of rock song, then legal ID Th 2/2 1102 "It's 2 minutes after the hour of 8:00at KEZY...AM and FM, Anaheim. Now here's what's happening in the world..." into nx. Per call to stn, KNWZ officially became KEZY again at midnight (i.e., 0300 ELT). Note that if you tried to log the KNWZ/KEZY call change during the past few weeks & hrd ID's throughout the hour as "KEZY AM & FM," you really didn't log the call change as the AM was rm, you really clunt tog the call change as the Am was really still officially KNWZ. (Legal ID's were "KEZY-FM, Anaheim; KNWZ, Anaheim.") If you hrd the station after 2/2 0300 ELT, you logged the call change. (SMM-CA)

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OR, Ashland 1/30 0300 poor in mess w/s/off u/KPRL/KPAK/
1230 KDOV
            KCBN. "K-Dove" ID. Freq. change, ex-1350. Per check of
            1350 at SRS, nada u/KSRO! (RW-CA)
           OR, Portland 2/1 MYL at 0305, soon to change to C&W.
1330 KUPL
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Management claims, high ratings #7, but couldn't sell spots. Also KUPL-FM to C&W. That means KWJJ, KRDR, KUPL, KUIK, KVAN, KOHI, and KUPL-FM & KJIB-FM (in Metro Portland) C&W. (PM-OR)

1380 CA, Lancaster 1/31 1400/1500 1st time logged mid-day ground-KOTE wave, also 1st time hrd w/new calls, ex-KKZZ. Using the "Unforgetable" format. Many IDs "With Unforgetable Music this is KOTE." Many local ads. Fair to poor, some KGER-1390 slop. (JH-CA)

OR, Oregon City to change to MOR about 2/20/84, from all nx. Claims no money in all nx in Portland, but will still run 1520 KYXI nx (some). (PM-OR)

1560 KLLV $\underline{\text{CO}}$, Hesperus phone isn't ringing & no one answering anymore. AT&T is answering w/ment. of "fail-safe technicians working

on the line," so something is stirring there! (RW-CA) 540 KNMX

NM, Las Vegas 1/28 1918 s/off 2 min. later. Clear w/no static & no KNAK. IDs in SS & EE. (PZ-NV)
UT, Delta 1/26 1908 fair w/moderate fading. (PZ-NV) KNAK

CA, Bakersfield atop 1/30 0435 w/KSF0-560 off. Noted PSA, 550 KAFY

then C&W mx o/KOY et al. (DKK-CA)

?KARI? WA, Blaine 1/30 0710 w/Wash. wx, weak o/C&W outlet. (PT-CA)

KPQ WA, Wenatchee fair ID thru KSFO OC, 1/30 0715. KSFO was on 560 RS at 0735 tune-in. (PT-CA)

580 BC, Salmon Arm 1/29 1010 fair to good o/mess on car rx CKXR (Sanyo), coming back from Longview, WA, hrd from 20 mi. east of Astoria, to Astoria. IDs, mx, spots. (PM-OR)

ID, Idaho Falls 2/5 2000 a shocker w/nice singing ID after 590 KID a Herb Alpert instrumental, then into CBS nx. Fairly good mixing w/KUGN which simulcast the CBS nx but had different ads for PST vs. MST time zones. No sign of KHQ, which usually dominates in the KUGN null. New & much wanted. (BH&NH-WA1)

610 KVNU UT, Logan 1/27 2331 ads & classical mx. Fair, fading, o/ KFRC. (PZ-NV)

650 KYAK AK, Anchorage good ID 0718 1/30, then clanked into oblivion

by KFI-640. (PT-CA) ID, Boise 1/30 0242 noted w/OC. (RW-CA) 670 *KB0I*

UT, N. Salt Lake City 1/28 1517 fair w/IDs and ads, classical 700 KFAM mx. (PZ-NV)

710 KMPC CA, Los Angeles 1/28 1850 w/ads & classical-type mx. Faded several minutes later. (PZ-NV)

NV, Reno 1/25 0425 noted w/OC. (RW-CA) 780 *KROW*

MT, Billings 1/30 0145 loud w/mx and 90 deg. off KABC.(PT-CA) NM, Santa Fe Mon 1/2 1830-1915 called stn per 810 unID (see 790 KGHL 810 KAFE unID's section), & though DJ was unable to confirm that my midday unID was KAFE, he was extremely excited to hear that he gets into L.A. at sunset! So I told him that when the stn faded in at SS, I'd tape him so he could hear how he sounds; hence this logging... In w/very good signal. Used "Super Country," "Cafe," and "8-10 Country--KAFE" slogans. Had "Airborne Traffic Watch" & promos for ski rpt. CBS News Roundup 1900-1915. Local nx at 1915. Disappeared at 1915:30 when power was cut for PSSA power. (SMM-CA)

AK, Long Island-Big Lake 1/12 1014 good w/bluegrass-folk mx, ment. of Big Lake Schools, TC. (EH-WA)

CA, Thousand Oaks Mon 1/2 1705 hrd w/Larry King at 2:05 in the offences.

830 KABN

850 KGOE the afternoon. What an ungodly hour to carry this show, hi! (SMM-CA)

KOA CO, Denver 1/26 1926 talk on the Golden Nuggets BKB team. (PZ-NV)

CBKF2 SK, Saskatoon 1/25 2258:50 CBC theme, "Ici Radio Canada," then local ID in FF CBC show consisting of flute mx & definite "CBKF, la voix Francais de..." and back to CBC 860 show. Poor w/CFPR nulled. (BH&NH-WA)

NE, Lexington 1/26 1928 sports. Moderate fading. (PZ-NV) $\overline{11}$, Chicago 1/27 0020 w/rock mx. However, did hear SS in 880 KRVN 890 WLS background. (PZ-NV)

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HI, Waipahu 2/6 0414 fair sig, deep fades, KFRE off, CJIB
 940 KDE0
                      weak to nil. C&W mx, promos for some of its syndicated shows. Much better at 0500 legal ID, back to C&W. Slogans
                      snows. Much Detter at 0,000 legal ID, back to C&W. Slogans include "K-Dee-Oh, Country Radio, A-M 94." Not hrd since KFRE went NSP; last logged as KAHU. (BH&NH-WA1) UT, Provo 1/28 1518 weak w/ads & mx from series "The Rockford Files." Moderate static. (PZ-NV) CA, Coachella 1/29 1634 1st time logged during mid-day
 960
           KDOT
 970
           KVIM
                       ground wave. Fair, some KFWB-980 slop. ID in SS, ad ment.
                      Indio and Palm Springs. (JH-CA)
AZ, Show Low 1/31 1935 fair w/IDs as "KVWM, Show Low."
Moderate fading. (PZ-NV)
NV, Paradise 1/31 1945 nx & mx. Fair. (PZ-NV)
           KVWM
           KNUU
                       II. Chicago fair o/u KTOK W/Larry King Show at 0510, after Mutual nx & ID on hour. KOMO was off MM (1/23), Tu (1/24) and Thurs. morn (1/26). WCFL hrd all 3 mornings, Tues. was
1000
           WCFL
                       best. (PM-OR)
          (KOMO) \frac{WA}{SP}, Seattle 1/24 0422 noted totally off on rare weekday \frac{WA}{SP}. (RW-CA)
                       \underline{\text{CA}} , Delano 1/27 1944 w/"For Sale" items (second hand). Are they still 5kw/1kw? (PZ-NV)
1010
           KCHJ
                       NM, Roswell 1/27 1940 w/mx, IDs. (PZ-NV)
1020
            KBCQ
                       TA, Des Moines 1/27 0000 moderate static. W/talk. Fading,
1040
            WHO
                       Slop from KTWO-1030. Do they have a SP? (PZ-NV)

D. Coeur d'Alene 2/5 2004 call letters ment. into local
1080
            KVNI
                       nx story. Quite good w/KWJJ nulled. New--one of my most-wanteds. (NH-WA1)
                       OR, Portland 1/27 1927 fair w/IDs, moderate fading. (PZ-NV) CO, Aurora 1/27 1923 fair w/mx, ex-KLDR. (PZ-NV) CA, San Francisco 1/31 0537 totally off. (JH-CA)
            KWJJ
1090
            KKBB
 1100 (KFAX)
                       OH, Cleveland 1/31 0537 poor to fair w/KRLA-1110 slop & XEPRS-1090 slop. Pop mx, DIS "3-W-E." DJ ment. Cleveland.
                        (JH-CA)
                       (JH-CA)
AZ, Window Rock 1/26 1935 w/relig. and s/off. Are they still 10kw? First one this year. (PZ-NV)
HI, Kihei 2/6 1100 ending instrumental mx, legal ID by 0M who then read the "6:00 News Report. Poor, barely made out ID but obviously Hawaii because of time check, loop bearing,
 1110
            KHAC
            KHEI
                        band cx, & daylight in all other directions. KPIP nulled,
                        pand cx, & daylight in all other directions. KPIP nulled, no sign of KBND. New. (BH&NH-WA1)

NV, North Las Vegas Wed 1/11 2205 happened to hear the DJ say that he was Bobby Ocean. I remember listening to Bobby Ocean back in the 60's & 70's on 93 KHJ! (SMM-CA)

CA, Morro Bay 1/27 oldies into 0259 s/off; nulled and in the clear. (PT-CA)
 1140
            KMJJ
 1150
            KBAI
                        WA, Seattle 1/26 popped up w/nice ID at 0242 in KPRZ null.
             KSPL
                      Vocal EZL type mx followed...soon lost in mush. (DKK-CA) +1/30 0215 ID thru the mush. (PT-CA)

CA, San Jose 1/26 1951 fair w/mx & DJ's name Boom Boom ??

(PZ-NV)
 1170
             KT.OK
                         OR, Portland 1/27 0200 fair w/ads, ABC nx. (PZ-NV)
  1190
             KEX
                        OK, Guymon 1/26 2006 w/ads & mx. (PZ-NV)
 1210
             KGYN
                       +Creaming all the new clear-busters 2/1 at 2331 w/regional nx. (DKK-CA)
             KASY WA, Auburn Per verie, day power is 2500w, 1kw nights, non-
directional. They are now 24 hours. (RW-CA)
+1/29 0630 I was hoping their 24 hour sked announced earlier
                         in the week would actually start Mon nite/Tues. morning PLT.
                         Got up at 0330 PLT for last shot at KGYN; all KASY. (PT-CA)
                       +Noted 1/30 all night, must be NSP now. Female anner. o/
                       WCAU. ID 0412. (DKK-CA)
+1/30 0400 seems to be AN now, wx by female DJ, pop mx.
Fair, w/KEZY-1190 slop. Also, per verie from GM, they're
2500w days, 1000w nights, both non-directional. Waiting for
                         their new 10kw xmtr for day use. (JH-CA)
                         BC, Castlegar 1/29 0631 fair o/KWYZ w/rock songs, "Q-R"
  1230 CKQR
                          sports. (EH-WA)
                         OR, Redmond 1/24 0823 fair w/ads, ID w/ment. of FM. (EH-WA) CA, Grass Valley finally hrd this one 2/1 w/BKB game between Grass Valley & Auburn 2315-0000. Way u/KTMS/KWSU w/major
  1240
              KPRB
  1250
              KNCO
                         KOIT-1260 lop. (DKK-CA)
MT. Forsyth 1/24 0819 briefly w/wx, ads mentioning Forsyth.
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(EH-WA)

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SK, Saskatoon 1/24 0812 xlnt in KKFX null w/sports, wx,
1250 CKOM
                          rr mx。(EH-WA)
                          UT, Salt Lake City 1/27 0439 u/mess w/mx & IDs. (PZ-NV) WA, Seattle 1/30 atop 0300-0400 w/C&W mx, many IDs w/minor KWKW QRM. KYNO off, altho using OC. KDIA-1310 off so no
            KDYL
1280
1300
            KMPS
                          slop. (DKK-CA)
           KIOT CA, Barstow 1/29 1605 noted w/program called "Soundtrack of the Sixties." Fair. (JH-CA)
(KDIA) CA, Oakland 1/30 0300-0845+ totally off this period. (RW-CA)
1310 KIOT
                                 Great Falls 1/30 atop 0330-0400 w/KDIA off. C&W mx.
             KEIN
                           (DKK-CA)
                          CA, Oceanside 1/29 1620 noted w/new format, no longer oldies, switched to "Unforgetable," ID "Music for your mood that's unforgetable, this is AM 13-20." Then, at 1659 "The
1320 KEZL
                          hits of the right..., from unforgetable, K-E-Z-L, Oceanside."
                           Similar to MYL. Two other stns around here also using this.
                           Some slop from KFAC-1330. (JH-CA)
                        +Has changed formats to "Unforgetable Music" (similar to MYL); ex-oldies. Hrd Tu 1/31 0040: "AM 1320, with Unforgetable
                           music to remember us by." Legal ID (slightly late!) was at 0109, "There's only one, Unforgetable, KEZL, Oceanside."
                          KEZL-FM 102.1 is also Unforgetable Music now, though the AM & FM aren't //. Thanks to Jim Hilliker for this tip.(SMM) UT, Salt Lake City ID as the "new Bug," 0730 1/30; KDIA off at the time. (PT-CA)
              KBUG
           at the time. (PT-GA)

*KXRO*

WA, Aberdeen 1/30 0432 fair in KBUG null w/ID "KXRO, conducting transmitter testing," then rr mx. (RW-CA)

KATA

CA, Arcata 1/29 0400 DX'ing at KYMS xmtr building in Santa Ana, 10 miles from home. End of oldies song, DJ "...the best music, why we're K-A-T-A, Arcata," into song "One of These Nights." Briefly on top of mess, then gone. New. This still counts, doesn't it Nancy? (JH-CA) (Sure. I go w/the 25-mile-from-home theory. Anything you hear within 25 miles of
 1340 KATA
                           from-home theory. Anything you hear within 25 miles of your "DX Base" counts.--NH)

CA, San Diego 1/30 another call change I've been frantically chasing up w/"K-Pop" ID 0330 thru KFIV & heavy KEEN-1370
 1360 KPQP
                            slop. (DKK-CA)
                            WA, Tacoma s/off w/full details 1/30 at 0300 to return at
               KAMT
                            0745. (DKK-CA)
                           TX, Longview 1/28 0211 fair w/IDs. Clear "KFRO" two times, then faded in mess. No KXLF. New, #4 for '841 (PZ-NV)

CA, Sacramento 1/27 0327 fair w/talk. QRM from TTer.(PZ-NV)

EC, Nelson 1/13 0700 good w/"K-C Radio" slogans into rr
 1370
               KFRO
 1380
               KGMS
                           BC, Nelson 1/13 U70U good w/"K-C Kadlo" slogans into FF mx. (EH-WA)

CA, Santa Paula 1/31 1403 first time logged w/new calls, ex-KKBZ. Also, uses "Unforgetable" format. Long promo w/ names of singers, "Unforgetable 1400, K-A-A-P, Santa Paula."

Noisy w/KGER-1390 slop. (JH-CA)

CA, Stockton 1/31 0515 fairly loud, but much KALI-1430 slop.

"Much more music on KSTN." Seemed to be C&W. (JH-CA)

WA, Centralia-Chehalis 1/29 0315 nulling both XEXX & KSTN,

First noted w/"more music" slogan and "Kit..." something
 1390
               CKKC
  1400
               KAAP
  1420 KSTN
               KITI
                             first noted w/"more music" slogan and "Kit..." something (Kits? Kiti?). Clear pre-news ID 1/30 0200. (PT-CA)
                          +2/4 0330-0500 noted w/several others in/out w/KSTN. Pop/rock
  mx w/female anner. Finally got good clear "KITI Centralia" ID at 0500, then into Ai nx til 0505. (DKK-CA) 1440 ?KPRO? CA, Riverside assumed to be the one 2/1 carrying Lakers-
                             Denver BKB u/KVON 2235-2255+. Believe KSMA-1240 carries Lakers, so doubt if this was KUHL. Didn't get ID. (DKK-CA) OR, Medford 2/1 w/ads & ID 2321 way u/KVON. KMED had pop
                KMED
                             mx. (DKK-CA)
UT, Provo-Orem 2/6 0315 in w/nice ID and Elton John "Your
   1450 KEYY
                             Song" while looking for KTXX f/c (not hrd). Rare. (BH-WA1)
                             NV, Las Vegas 2/1 w/pop/C&W mx 1920-1935. Mx interspersed w/2 minute segments of advertising. Minor KEST-1450 slop.
   1460
                KENO
                              (DKK-CA)
                             AB, Medicine Hat 1/24 0758 fair o/u KMWX w/MOR-EZL mx, CBC
                CJMH
                             nx. (EH-WA)
                             CA, Palmdale 1/29 fair w/C&W mx, o/u presumed KXOA (MYL) at 0455, ID at 0500. (PM-OR)
   1470 KUTY
                             BC. Vancouver barging atop 1/31 w/ads, stn promos & CJVB ID at 0930. Nx then to 0935 ending w/wx. This followed by a
                CJVB
                             polka but later into more or less pop mx. Sports at 0944.
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New here. (DKK-CA)

- 1480 ?KPHX? AZ, Phoenix 2/6 0329-0331 fairly good, ads in SS, promo mentioned "radio en Español de Arizona" & "en Phoenix."
 Ranchera mx. No sign of KWUN. (BH-WA1)
 CA, Eureka 1/31 0330 w/KWIZ off, o/KYOS w/C&W, female DJ
 - KRED ment. s/off, I believe at 1am? Fair to poor. (JH-CA)
 - ment. s/off, I believe at lam? Fair to poor. (JH-CA) CA, Santa Ana 1/31 0300 after much joking from DJ about having to go off the air for a few hours, "We now leave the air with, oh, no, 'God Bless America.'" Into song by Kate Smith, ID by CE Joe Talbot "KWIZ, Santa Ana." Carrier off. Eack on by 0600. Should be at new 5kw nite power by time this is printed. Asst. CE says it'll be 5kw day & nite, same pattern. Will cover from Malibu to Riverside. (JH-CA) WA, Vancouver-Portland 1/31 0400 on top briefly w/this legal ID "1480, KAAR, Vancouver-Portland" SID "The All-American." Into AEC nx. Good. (JH-CA) KWTZ
 - KAAR
- Into AEC nx. Good. (JH-CA)

 CA, Yreka 1/27 2038 fair w/blip ID, C&W mx. (EH-WA)

 WA, Mountlake Terrace 2/6 1123-1129 fair-poor w/nonstop 1490 KSYC 1510 KKNW rock mx, no QRM. Dipped u/KGA's nx 1130-1134, then atop 1135 w/DJ definitely saying "15-10, KKNW" & into rock. New, much wanted, logged as KURB once in June 1974 on SRS before
- KGA s/on. Never logged as KAAR. (BH&NH-WA1)

 AZ, Phoenix 2/5 1930-1935 fair thru KZLA w/KJZZ nulled.

 Gospel-C&W mx, promo 1934 for weekday relig. feature ment.

 KASA twice. Also think there was a "1540 KASA" mention at

 1930. New. (BH&NH-WA1) 1540 KASA
- CA, San Francisco 1/30 0308 noted on a little past normal 1550 KKHI
- S/off w/end of classical mx marathon/telethon. (RW-CA)
 CA, San Jose 1/30 0320 briefly on top of KBBQ & mixing w/
 same. ID, MYL. Fair. (JH-CA) 1590 KLIV
 - (KLIV)+1/27 0420-0505 totally off on 1st SP since they changed formats, KBBQ completely blanketing freq., no sign whatsoever of KJET (need call change) they must be extremely directional: (RW-CA)
- UT. Centerville 1/31 atop ending relig. program 0914. ID 0915 1600 KBBX & into another relig. program. Also caught tail end of s/off same day at peculiar time of 1955 (25 min. after S.L.C. s/off time). (DKK-CA)
- Feb. f/c heard: 1st MM: 0300-0315 KQIK-1230 OR (BH&NH-WA1)

ID'ing an unID: 1360 WMOB <u>AL</u>, Mobile reported in 12/31/83 WDXR (see also 1/21/84 WDXR) my report in NRC's DXN. Steve checked the 1983 Mobile phone book, and WIXO-1360 (now WMOB) is located at 328 S. Sage Ave. the address we hrd clearly in the WMOB ad. Listed as 500w PSRA till 0745 in Dec. although I can't rule out them being on 5kw by accident. In any case, Alabama #2 and a sensational catch! (BH&NH-WA1)

Another ID'ing an unID:

Per my tent. KTUC-1400 logging w/NBC Talknet a few bulletins back, KQMS & KTUC listed carrying Talknet in Almanac, sent letter to KQMS. They said they do still carry Talknet, but not on MM's, since they're off the air 0300-0800 MM's. So no way it was KQMS I had, had to be KTUC. (RW-CA)

UNIDs:

- 1/30 stn here w/NBC nx on the hour in jumble at 0500. The only NBC stn I can find is WGBS-Miami. Is there anything else on 710--NBC? 710
- KIRO & KMPC off. Ideas? (PM-OR)
 Tucson, AZ? 1/28 1904 w/nx, many ments of "here in Tucson." Moder-780
- ate fading. (PZ-NV)
 Mon 1/2 1715 was doing a midday bandscan & stopped when I hrd C&W on 810! Song ended & I'm 90% sure I hrd male DJ say "K-A-F-E," & then into an Elvis Presley song. (This was 2 hours before SS at KAFE,) Called stn, but DJ said he hadn't played any Presley songs. Yet I'm positive I hrd C&W. Maybe KWSR (though never hrd here), or maybe it was a Presley remake. Perhaps even KGO. In any case, I probably wouldn't count it as midday reception anyway, as KAFE was probably just beginning to generate its skywave signal. An hour later, KAFE was bombing in w/a very loud, strong signal (see column above). (SMM-CA)
- 1130 1/26 1940 SS w/mx. Moderate fading, then lost. (PZ-NV)

- 1340 MM 1/2 0500 someone went into NBC nx. Almanac shows only KDEN-CO and KWKC-Abilene, TX (though VJ & NRC show KWKC as Ac; not NBC). Could KRAM be NBC now? KIST & KDOL off. (SMM-CA)
- 1340 MM 1/2 0510 w/"Charlie Daniels band live at Gilley's Nightclub." Sounded syndicated. KRAM? KIST & KDOL off. (SMM-CA)
- 1340 MM 1/2 0500-0535+ continuous TT's. Very poor; barely perceptible. Probably 1kw, very distant. Anyone hear someone testing at this time? (SMM-CA)
- 1380 1/27 0320 someone here TT'ing w/steady tone. Fair w/KGMS QRM. Any ideas? (PZ-NV)
- 1490 1/31 0306 slowly on top of mess w/end of s/off w/a male chorus singing the SSB. Then off. Any help, folks? (JH-CA)

A good turnout this week! Everyone in WDXR-land is invited to send a report for the Anniversary Isuue. The deadline here will be Tuesday March 13. If possible, I would appreciate it if reports could be received the previous Saturday. It would give me more time to edit reports. Everything that arrives through Tuesday the 13th will be used. My goal this year will be to have at least one report from each state & province in WDXR-land. There are no members in Utah, so I'll let that state off the hook. BUT--from looking at the member distribution map in the 12/24/83 issue we have a member in NM, one in Wyoming, 3 in Idaho, and FIVE in Montana! So, please report to the Anniversary

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

Robert Kramer 6416 N. Richmond Chicago, IL 60645

Unided, Special, Changes, et. al.

1580 WZKY NC ALBERMARLE, 1/30 0138 fair u/CBJ & WLIM ETs on DX Test, only 1 ID hrd. RK PORT LAVACA, 1/29 0253 fair during brief "YWA" fade w/CW IDs, aerobeacon.// 515 "PKV" TX MCLEANSBORO, 1740 fair 1/17 w/4 ads & ID. DRW-IL
WEST BRANCH, 1712 1/17 poor w/ID & ad. DRW-IL
ALBANY, 1/19 0737 w/ID "KASM Your Farm Info. Stn". DRW-IL 1060 WMCL IL WEMB MI 1150 KASM MN CHICACO, 1/13 noted off, listened to KSL till 0112 when woman ancr came on 1160 WJJD IL , told they were off air due to xmtr trouble. DRW-IL TUISA, 1/15 2345 poor ID & ad. DRW-IL 1300 KBBJ OK 1320 WFHR WI WISCONSIN RAPIDS, 1/16 1810 poor, ment. Wood County during nx, ID. DRW-IL 1350 PINE CITY, 1/20 0700 w/s/on, temp . DRW-IL WCMP MN FT. MADISON, 0702 w/nx, ID, ad, fair. DHW-IL(Date ? ed.)
MOBILE, 1/7 1802 good, "Your Kind of Country WMML Mobile". DRW-IL (Don, 1360 KBKB IA 1410 WMML AL note the correct calls, ed.) HARLAN, 1/17 1845 fair, wx cancellations, KY basketball & ad. DRW-IL WHLN KY DUQUOIN, 12/30 fair 1903 basketball game, ad & s/off. DRW-IL 1580 WDQN IL MCKINNEY, 1844 fair "The 24 Hour Gospel Alternative KXVI", rel mx & pwr cut 1/17. DRW-IL 1600 KXVI TX

Dat's It

RK... The All American Boy (R-1000, HQ-140X, HQ-129X, Radio West Loop, Kowalski Loop, spiral loop) DRW... Don Weinzierl 6100 W. 97th St. Oak Lawn, IL 60453 (hallicrafter's SX-42, SM-1)

Mon., Jon. 30, 1984 象策ouis ®lobe-要emorral 11A 1 - via Rob Gerardi -

Anti-Cuban broadcăst heard in Havana

HAVANA (Reuter) — A special broadcast of the Voice of America directed to the Cuban people and attacking Cuba as a "closed society" was heard clearly in Havana on the medium-wave, regular broadcast channel last night despite what seemed to be slight jamming by Cuban transmitters.

The one-hour broadcast, in commemoration of the birth of Cuba's Independence hero of the past century, Jose Marti, was announced as the forerunner of regularly scheduled broadcasts by Radio Marti, a Radio Free Europe-type station. Radio Marti is expected to go into operation shortly under the general control of the Volce of America.

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Cuba has strenuously objected to the proposed medium-wave transmission of Radio Marti, which it says will be a violation of international law. There was no official Cuban comment on Saturday's

The broadcast said that Radio Marti will strive to tell the Cuban people about what is really happening inside Cuba.



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EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

Bob Lazar 11011 Becontree Lake Drive, #410 Reston VA 22090

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Deadlines: Sat. 2/18, Mondays 2/27, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 4/2

530\$TIS \$MD Rockville, 1/20 poor-fair all day mixing w/ National Airport TIS. Received prepared card from Md. State Hwy. Administration in Baltimore. Location is at Shady Grove Rd. interchange on I-270, 20' antenna height, power is 20 watts. Call letters are KCB638 or something similar. Info hrd on air was about a public meeting on highway changes so perhaps this may not be on the air

meeting on highway changes so perhaps this may not be on the air much longer. (BH-MD)

590 WVLK KY Lexington, 1/15 0730 good w/ bible school, ID, f DJ. (RSR-ON)
600 WICC CT Bridgeport, 1/10 0058 fair w/ f w/ nx, wx, ID. (RSR-ON)
630 WKEX GA Savannah, 1/29 2332 good w/ C&W mx, ID as KB-63, local ads, wx.
In CFCO null. (RSR-ON)
790 WNWS FL South Miami, 1/3 2304 good w/ talk show, talk about Orange
Bowl & Miami, IDs. (RSR-ON)
850 CKVL PQ Verdun, 1/14 0655 good w/ m talking in FF behind WJW. (RSR-ON)
920 CFLS PQ Levis, 1/6 0240 very good w/ rock mx, m talking in FF, IDs.(RSR)
990 WNOX TN Knoxville, 1/27 0641 "AM 99, WNOX", C&W. Fair. (JBH-FL)
1080 KRID TX Dallas, 1/20 0247 good w/ ID by f, talk by m DJ, ads. (RSR-ON)
1120\$WYNO\$OH Nelsonville, 1/26 1715 ID & wx for central (?) Ohio during C&W
format. (CMS-ON)
1200 unid ?? w/ EE lang rlgs pgm at 1725 1/26. Though very early I ens-

1200 unid ?? w/ EE lang rlgs pgm at 1725 1/26. Though very early, I suspect KFNW as NW cx for upper latitude domestics were xlnt eg. WWV was already in w/ clear sigs on 2500 kHz at 1700. (CMS)

wOAI TX San Antonio, 1/30 0044 rlgs pgm. Fair. (WPT-DC)

1210 WAVI OH Dayton, 1/11 0719 fair w/ ID, wx, talk by m. (RSR-ON)

*WCAU*PA*Philadelphia, 1/30 0042 noted ETing. (WPT-DC)

1350 WSMB LA New Orleans, 1/22 0544 "Tiger Radio New Orleans." T40 oldie into talk show. Fair w/ fading, ABC nx at 0600. (JBH-FL)

WCAI FL Ft. Myers, 1/22 1730 ID w/ ad for Paul Harvey, continuous CNN nx. Poor-fair. (JBH-FL)

\$WGIA\$GA Blackshear, 1/23 0606 ID w/ "currently in Blackshear." New. Poor-nil. (JBH-FL) (These are new calls.--ed)

1360 WYXY FL Cypress Gardens, 1/20 1553 "This is 13-60 WYXY" ID into soft pop mx. Fair. (JBH-FL)

1370 WCOA FL Pensacola, 1/21 1817 ID w/ anmt for upcoming game, Joe Berry w/ wx. Fair. (JBH-FL)

1410\$WMML\$AL Mobile, 1/21 1841 new ID noted w/ C&W, "14-MML", Mutual nx. (JBH-FL)

WING OH Dayton, 1/4 0130 fair w/m w/ ID u/ KQV. CKSL off. (RSR-ON)

WING OH Dayton, 1/4 0130 fair w/ m w/ ID u/ KQV. CKSL off. (RSR-ON) KQV PA Pittsburgh, 1/4 0129 fair w/ Larry King, break for local nx, ID. CKSL off. (RSR-ON)

(CKSL)ON London, 1/4 0110 off the air. This is rare. (RSR-ON) 1430 CJCL ON Toronto, 1/15 0722 good w/ wx, m talking, ID, MoR/big band mx. Last logged as CKFH. (RSR-ON)

1440 WOOJ FL Lehigh Acres, 1/20 1501 ID after Pink Floyd mx. Poor-nil.(JBH) 1480 CKAN ON Newmarket, 1/13 1758 fair w/mx, ID, into wx on hour, ads.

Mixing w/ WHBC. (RSR-ON)

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1490 WOFN FL Bradenton, 1/22 1630 Mutual nx, pop mx. (JBH-FL)

WJMO OH Cleveland Heights, 1/8 1427 good w/ talk show, ID. (RSR-ON)

WVGB SC Beaufort, 1/30 0027 ID by f, fair. (WPT-DC)

1540 WABQ OH Cleveland, 1/8 1405 good w/ rlgs pgm, mixing w/ CHIN. (RSR-ON)

1550 WMOO AL Mobile, 1/28 1810 ID w/ rlgs mx, full ID w/ sloff at 1815.

Good but fading. New, but was trying for WBSC. (JBH-FL)

1560 WBKC OH Chardon, 1/8 C&W mx, ID's, talk by m DJ. (RSR-ON)

1590 WRXB FL St. Petersburg Beach, 1/22 1503 NBN nx, R&B mx. (JBH-FL)

Eastern DXers

BH - Bill Harms, Laurel, MD JBH - Jody Hughes, 13720 Gulf Blvd., Apt. 401, Madeira Beach, FL 33708 (DX-160, DA-5)

RSR - Robert S. Ross, Box 4373, Stn. C, London, ON N5W 5J2

(Panasonic RF1115, TRF, Marantz 2226, RCA AR77, 100' LW)

CMS - C.M. Stanbury II, RR #1, Ridgeway, ON LOS 1NO (Collins 514J, 90' LW)

WPT - Bill Townshend, Washington, DC (Realistic TRF, Sony ICF-S5W)

DX WORLDWIDE - WEST

Pat Martin - Editor

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DX this week is sure improving. Monday Morning 2/6, DU's once again were all over the dial. The best I have heard them for at least 6 months. I pulled in a new one 2YP-New Plymouth, New Zealand-1530 KHZ, with 1 KW. KFBK was off, leaving only 2VM-Moree, N.S.W. (heard and QSL'd before), and 2YP, with the National Program. Many others heard too, but that was the only new one here. Also there is a report from Nick Hall-Patch, on with reports:

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

CUBA, Holguin, CMKC at 1100 1/16, YL w/Liberacion mention, then chimes 730 and two short and one long and higher pitched pip on hour. CKLG off and this nil to fair o/u suspected CKAC (NHP-BC)

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

UNID, brief carrier here and possibly 1521 and 1593 at 0450 1/11, vy 1566 weak and quickly disappeared. (NHP-BC)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- AUSTRALIA, Kempsey-2MC, vy good with Pop mx, o/u 4XA, at 1021 on 2/6, 531 best hrd in quite sometime. (PM-Or) NEW ZEALAND, Alexandra-4XA, fair, mixing w/2MC w/Radio Otago IDs and
- Pop mx, wxcast, at 1029 on 2/6 (PM-Or)
 WESTERN SAMOA, 2AP relay poss the one here w/Drum mx, weakly w/LPRT
 QRM at 0831 on 2/6, tryed for copy, but too much KMVI splash (800B+ 540 on 550 KHZ) (PM-Or)
- AUSTRALIA, Orange-2CR, vy good w/ABC nx at 0900, but after KMVI news at 0905, lost to slop, on 2/6. (PM-0r)
 FIJI, Suva-Radio Fiji l here with YL ancr in EE and C&W mx, some pops, 549
- 558 w/British accent, vy good, better than 891, at 0930-2/6. (PM-Or)
- AUSTRALIA, Julia Creek-4JK, good w/Jazz o/u 2YA at 1021 on 2/6. (PM-Or) 567
- AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2FC presumed the one w/Class. mx in passing, at 0945 576 on 2/6 (PM-Or)
- AUSTRALIA, Horsham-3WV, vy good w/Jazz //ABC at 0945 on 2/6 (PM-Or) 594 AUSTRALIA, Hobart, weak clas. mx // 576 at 0947 on 2/6, presumed 7ZL, 603
- first time hrd in a while. (PM-Or) AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4QR, vy good w/ABC nx at 0901 on 2/6, slight 610 612
- slop. (PM-Or) AUSTRALIA, Melbourne-3AR, presumed the source of Clas. mx in pass, 621
- terrible het on 620 KIPA/KGW at 0950 on 2/6 (PM-Or)
- AUSTRALIA, Townsville-4QN, prob. the one w/Jazz o/u KIDO and others, 630 lost to other stations after a while at 0955 on 2/6 (PM-Or)
- AUSTRALIA, Mossman-4MS, poss. the one w/Jazz at 0835 on 2/6, a little 639 early for 5CK, some other mx mixing, poss. NZ in there, also (PM-Or)
- AMERICAN SAMOA, Pago Pago-WVUV, vy good w/US RR mx and ancr in EE, PSAs, wxcast, at 0730 on 2/6. (PM-Or) 648
- AUSTRALIA, Tamworth-2NU, fair o/u WVUV w/Jazz at 1035 on 2/6. (PM-Or) AUSTRALIA, Byrock, 2BY fair o/u 2YC at 1110 on 2/6, // 648. (PM-Or)
- 657 NEW CALEDONIA, Noumea, FR3 quite good w/OM in FF Jazz mx, but mostly 666 talk in FF, no splash, as CFFR vy weak or off, not hrd on 660, at 0820
- on 2/6. (PM-Or) NEW ZEALAND, Christchurch-3YA-vy good w/National pgm, and MOR mx at 1015 on 2/6, some KNBR slop. (PM-Or)
 AUSTRALIA, Kempsey-2KP, w/ABC nx at 0903 on 2/6, in passing (PM-Or) 675
- 684
- AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2BL, w/ABC nx //684 at 0904 in passing. (PM-Or) 702
- AUSTRALIA, Launceston or/and St. George, hrd weakly in passing w/ 711 ABC nx at 0904.30 on 2/6 (PM-Or)
- NEW ZEALAND, Invercargill-4YZ-fair u/o KUAI and others at 0901 on 2/6, 720 some SS QRM w/OM in nx, some other accented DJ, Aussie?, 4YZ running nx on National pgm. (PM-Or)
- AUSTRALIA, Adelaide-5CL, presumed the source of Clas. mx in passing 729 at 1018 on 2/6. (PM-Or)
- AUSTRALIA, Grafton-2NR, hrd w/Concert mx at 1019 on 2/6, low keyed 738 Aussie andr (PM-Or) .
- AUSTRALIA, Toowoomba-4QS, good w/talks at 0957, into nx at 1000, // 747 to 612 and 855 KHZ, 2/6. (PM-Or)

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NEW ZEALAND, Auckland-1YA, good w/Mor mx at 0715 on 2/6, earliest hrd in quite a while. (PM-Or)
756
              NEW ZEALAND, Hastings, 2ZK, presumed the source of rr mx in passing, at \overline{0810} on 2/6. (PM-Or)
765
              FIJI, Suva-Radio Fiji 2, w/Hindi prg after 0800, before 0800, was in EE at usual w/mx and wxcast, etc., on 2/6. (PM-Or)
774
              AUSTRALIA or NEW ZEALAND, prob. 2KA, but unid DU w/RR mx at 1022 on
783
              2/6. Both unneeded, but nice to hear. (PM-Or)
              AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4QG, at 0840 w/Clas. mx in passing 2/6. (PM-Or) NEW ZEALAND, Nelson-2XL? poss. the one w/vy weak hymns in KGO slop, soon lost to noise and slop at 1017 on 2/6. (PM-Or)
792
801
       t:
              AUSTRALIA, Glen Innes-2GL, vy good w/ABC nx at 1101 in passing, o
unid station presumed NZ on 2/6 (PM-Or)
819
              ALASKA, Fairbanks-KCBF, at 1522 1/10, good w/C&W mx,ID ads and CBS nx, Suspected KABN-830, KRSA-580, and def. KYAK-650 also in at same time, but no sign of KFAR-660. (NHP-BC) (Nick: KFAR has made very
820
              few appearances this season, here. PM)
              NEW ZEALAND, Palmerston North-2XS, fair w/rr mx o/u 3GI at 1040 on 2/6, TC and more rr mx. (PM-Or)
AUSTRALIA, Rockhampton-4RK, good w/ABC nx at 1200 on 2/6. (PM-Or)
828
837
              NEW ZEALAND, Whangarei/Kaitaia-lYX/lYK, making an early appearance
              at 0630 w/EZL mx, all alone on 2/6. (PM-Or)
              AUSTRALIA, Canberra-2CY-fair w/Clas. at at 0945 on 2/6, o/u Kiribati
846
              all alone after 1002 Kiribati s/off. (PM-Or)
              AUSTRALIA, Maryborough/Eidsvoid-4QS/4QO, good w/ Jazz at 1020 on 2/6,
855
               // to ABC net (PM-Or)
              NEW ZEALAND, Invercargill-4ZA, good w/Tonight Show Pop mx pgm, // 1008, 1035, etc., o/suspected 7H0 on 1050 on 2/6. (PM-0r)
 864
              AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2GB-fair w/ Talkback pgm at 1035 on 2/6, in passing,
 873
              some QRM under, maybe NZ. (PM-Or)
AUSTRALIA/ NEW ZEALAND, both mixing here in passing at 1055-2/6. (PM-Or
FIJI/NEW ZEALAND, Radio Fiji 2 on top on 2XW (Pop mx) at 0909 on
2/6, in passing. (PM-Or)
 882
 891
               AUSTRALIA, Gladstone-4CD, poss. here w/Non-stop C&W mx, at 1116 on
 927
               2/6. (PM-Or)
               SOLOMON ISLANDS, Gizo, fair w/940-950 slop at 0715, OM in Native
 945
               lang. poss. Pidgin, Island mx, lost to noise, sounded also pop mx in there, so also NZ poss, on 2/6. (PM-Or)
               AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2UE, talkback pgm in pasing at 1037 on 2/6, fair,
 954
               w/some slop. (PM-Or)
               NEW ZEALAND, Christchurch-3YC, fair // 657 at 1111 2/6. (PM-Or)
 963
               NEW ZEALAND, Kaikohe-1YE, hrd //-963 w/Clas. mx at 1112 2/6 (PM-Or) AUSTRALIA, Nowra/Broken Hill-2ST and 2NB mixing here, 2ST w/Pop mx, and 2NB w/Jazz at 1052 on 2/6, KOMO off. Unneeded but nice to hear.(PM)
 981
 999
               NEW ZEALAND, Tauranga-1ZD, vy good all night w/Tonight Show and
 1008
                pops, 2/6 (PM-Or)
               AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2KY, talking about racing in passing at 1058-2/6 (PM AUSTRALIA, MacKay-4MK, one of the strongest Aussies hrd here, w/Pop
 1017
 1026
               mx all night 2/6, 40DB+/s/9. (PM-Or)
SOLOMON ISLANDS, Honiara-SIBC, poor under 2ZB at 0745 on 2/6. (PM-Or)
 1035
               NEW ZEALAND, Dunedin-4ZB, again vy good all night 2/6, Tonight Show(PM NEW ZEALAND, New Plymouth-2ZP, fair // 1044, Tonight Show, Pop mx
 1044
 1053
                at 0935 on 2/6 (PM-Or)
               AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2UW, poor w/Pop mx at 1230 on 2/6, in passing (PM)
AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4BC, fair w/l120 slop, but hrd w/Pop mx and TC
 1107
 1116
                at 1220 on 2/6. (PM-Or)
               NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA, Both mixing here, NZ w/presumed National pgm, and unid Aussie w/Pops at 1211 on 2/6. (PM-Or)
 1143
               NEW ZEALAND, Timaru-3ZC, fair o/ZWG? w/Tonight Show at 0926-2/6 (PM-0r WALLIS ISLAND, OM in FF at 0710 on 2/6, lots of KEX slop. (PM-0r)
 1152
 1188
                NEW ZEALAND, Wanganui-2ZW, fair // 1008, Tonight Show-2/6 at 1118 (PM)
 1197
                AUSTRALIA, Grafton-2GF, good w/C&W mx o/presumed 4X0 (Pops), at 1212
 1206
                on 2/6. (PM-Or)
                AUSTRALIA, Tamworth-2TM, fair w/C&W mx, at 1237 on 2/6. (PM-Or)
AUSTRALIA, Wollongong-2WL, good w/rr mx and 2WL IDs at 1149 on 2/6,
 1287
 1314
                also noted on 2/5, but weaker. (PM-Or)
NEW ZEALAND, Auckland-IXI, hrd "Radio I" in passing after ONJ song,
Tots of KUPL slop, at 1046 2/8 (PM-Or)
AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2EA, poor, w/YL in European lang at 1027-2/6, in
 1332
 1386
                passing. (PM-Or)
                AUSTRALIA, Newcastle-2KO, poor w/rr mx and weak ancr at 1150 on 2/6,
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1413

lots on 1410 slop. (PM-Or)

NEW ZEALAND, Auckland-Radio Hauraki, good at 0747 on 2/8, into nx at 0800 or there abouts, wx at 0803, as I tuned back, more pop mx, seems the format is more Top 40 than last time I hrd them, before, more heavy rr. (PM-Or)
NEW ZEALAND, New Plymouth-2YP, fair to poor u/o 2VM, w/National pgm, 1530 // 756 and others, at 0930 lost to 2VM (With nx), and tuned back, and was good after 1000. New and 1KW. (PM-Or) AUSTRALIA, Emerald-4QD, good in passing all night 2/6, Clas. mx (PM-Or AUSTRALIA/ NEW ZEALAND, both mixing here in passing at 1007-2/6 (PM-Or AUSTRALIA, Wollongong-200, poor to fair w/rr mx at 1127-2/6. (PM-Or) 1548 1557

VERIES:

1575

1476

620 ALASKA., Homer-KGTL, rec. form letter for taped report in 3-4 weeks, along w/map of Homer, Alaska QSL #28 from Oregon. Signed: David F. Becker-President. 5KW (PM-Or)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS:

NHP-BC Nick Hall-Patch-1538 Amphion Street-Victoria, B.C. V8R 4Z6 Trans. HRO, 3' Box Loop PM - OR Yer Editor SP-600JX rx, 200' Term. LW running NE (for DUs), Ground system.



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ight falls hard in the California desert. A few blinks after sundown and even the rosy edge of the horizon is coffin black.

It's lonely in those infinite dark stretches between Las Vegas and Barstow and Palm Springs and Yuma, where the long-distance salesmen, the truckers and other vagabonds rediscover the secret mystique of radio.

Buzzing on No-Doz and Diet Pepsi, the Brotherhood of Midnight Radio understands what most of us homebound video-conditioned urban commuters have long forgotten: Radios are meant to be tuned in, not punched up like a

But the Motorola mass of men lead lives of conditioned desperation:

One button for an all-news AM. Another for a little all-talk.

A third to punch in Rick Dees or some

other mini-playlist FM rocker.

And the remaining two buttons for a little classical, country or some sports . . whatever suits our programmable

With its five-button limitation (two for AM stations, three for FM), the digital generation doesn't seem to need dials anymore.

It takes a dark journey through the Mojave or deep into the ink of the Coachella Valley to bring it all back.

I drove out to Palm Desert a month ago to visit Mary Neiswender, an old friend who now owns an all-news radio station. We talked too long and I looked out the station window to see the last light

PUSHING THE MANIC BUTTON

Car Radio Heats Up in the Dark Night of the Desert

By DENNIS McDOUGAL

choked off behind Mt. San Jacinto, I panicked, gave Mary a goodby hug and departed.

When I crawled behind the wheel, I instinctively punched up . . . nothing.

City radio buttons don't work in the desert. Except for clear-channel KFI, whose brute-strength wattage cuts through the night all the way to Albuquerque, Los Angeles radio is simply headed off at the San Gorgonio Pass. Virtually nothing gets past Banning and-when the sun goes down-even the Palm Springs stations that remain on the air cut their power down to a whisper.

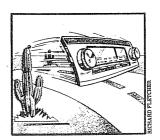
In their place is a potpourri of programs bouncing around in the dark like voices at a slumber party:

☐ The call-in astrologist from Denver who casts telephone horoscopes over the air, based on the date and hour a caller was born.

☐ The financial adviser from the Midwest who can't seem to get his listeners to buy enough insurance, save enough cash or find enough tax deductions.

☐ The San Francisco commentator who must have been a student of the late, great audio pugilist Joe Pyne, picking a brawl with every other caller.

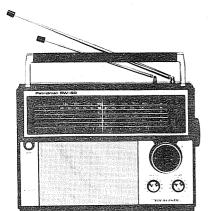
Evangelists, country drawlers, Miss Lonelyhearts of the airwayes, all beam-



ing into the isolation of the Toyota as it cuts through the long asphalt ribbon running through the center of the desert.

Satellite feeds are all over the dial, breaking news as seen by AP, UPI, Mutual, CBS, ABC, NBC. But, in the dark, I get more than enough of that. I want companionship, not headlines.

I want "Amos 'n' Andy" and "Fibber McGee and Molly." I want limericks and jingles as performed each Saturday night by the Folk Song Department on "A Prairie Home Companion." I even find myself craving a little Paul Harvey, turning the make-believe pages of his make-believe newspaper, replete with



THE RADIO SHACK

PATROLMAN

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by Pete Taylor

The SW60 is a relatively new Radio Shack product which costs about \$60. My initial attraction was that it had a bunch of weird bands for which I did not previously have receivers. And as well all know, if it emits a signal, I want to be able to pick it up...

FEATURES: 6 bands, including AM; FM; SW 6-18mHz; two VHF bands, 30-50 and 108-174mHz; and UHF, 450-512mHz. Two swivel antennas: FM/SW/VHF, and UHF. Internal Ferrite loopstick for AM. Dial light button. Large jack for headphones (as opposed to mini). Fine tuning

control. Squelch control. Battery (4 C cells) and AC operation.

PERFORMANCE. I have been quite pleased with the set. The audio quality is good (even I can occasionally hear the 10kHz whistle between adjacent channels). And while there is fine tuning, AM signals are generally wide enough so as to be able to use only the regular tuning control.

As far as "other" band operation goes, the FM has non-optional AFC, so you miss a few weak stations. VHF and UHF TV stations pop in from time to time on the high VHF and UHF bands, which is sort of fun. And the airplanes, utilities, and other signals are also fun. However, the SW band is useless. I have yet to pick up any signal between 6-18mHz. There is nothing but FM/TV induced noise.

As for AM DX, the internal loop is good. For example, I can null KSTN/XEXX on 1420 and hear only KITI. KBAI is in the clear with proper set orientation. I can null out both KEST and KRE. It is not as effective below lmHz as it is above; the signals are just too fat. Above this, however, I can hear stations on all the frequencies which are first adjacent to locals. It is virtually image free (on the ICF2001 & ICF 6700W, KABI-960 is on 860, 1010, 1150). There is some FM/TV related white noise between 1000-1100kHz, but it is not too bad.

As far as loggings, KYXE-1020 came in stronger on the SW60 than on the adjacent ICF2001, and outperformed it in most other instances. KYAK-650 was noted at 2:15am PLT the other morning, after I nulled KFI. Since there is no external antenna connection, it obviously isn't designed to handle that, and would probably overload.

All in all, I am really pleased with it, and am amazed at the instances where it is a superior DX instrument compared to some of the other more expensive sets in the house. It won't replace your main set, and you probably won't find it picking up TA/TP splits too often, but for the price, I think you will be pleasantly surprised; I certainly was!

gee whiz stories. (Did you know Abner Doubleday did not invent baseball! Here's the rest of the story. . . .)

Paul, the Denver astrologer, the cranky San Francisco commentator—they all crowd in the front seat with me as I move at 55 m.p.h. past Banning and Beaumont. It doesn't seem quite so lonely with all of them in the passenger seat, shouting, chuckling, cajoling. . . .

But something happens around Riverside. The buttons work again.

The late Canadian media philosopher Marshal McLuhan divvied up the world of media 'twixt hot and cool.

A hot medium such as radio demands participation, he reasoned, because it takes some imagination to "see" what you hear. But a cool medium such as television only demands attention. The least imaginative among us can fester before a TV for days without once having to think much about what we are witnessing.

In an insidious way, push buttons have brought a coolness to the medium of car radio. It doesn't take much thought to avoid all but five stations of the 83 that operate in metropolitan Los Angeles.

It's only when they are rendered useless in the black grip of the desert night that the heat of radio really returns

But the freeway sign reads "Corona" now and Orange County is just up the road. It's time to get back to cold reality.

By Anaheim, I'm resigned to my fate and punch up the nearest button.

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