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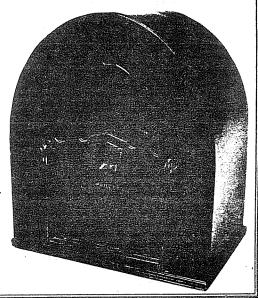
TIMES HAVE CHANGED . . . We've accumulated another TECHNOLOGIES HAVE CHANGED ... national Reply **BUT THE MESSAGE IS STILL THE SAME!** Coupons, so once

again we're offering them for sale on a first come, first served basis. You can get them for 60¢ each, plus an SASE from club headquarters (P.O. Box 21074 Seattle, WA 98111).

IRCA member Ted Fleischaker is now hosting a weekly do-it-yourself show on WHAS-840 every Friday from 9 to 10 pm (Eastern). They have a toll-free number 1-800-444-8484, so give him a call if your house is falling apart.

Don't forget the ABC Talkradio special on DXing and shortwave listening on the morning of Saturday, January 9. We ran details a couple of issues back, and we'll run them again just before the show.

Our ANARC rep, Albert Lobel, has sent some info on the 1988 ANARC Convention. It will be held July 13-16 in Huntington Beach, CA. We'll have complete details in the weeks to come. 73, bp.





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Greetings! The weather here at my QTH has gone from bad to worse, with a little snow and alot of cold. Gary Heisey writes that he's snowed in, with much snowing and blowing

Deadline: Fridays

outside. As I write this, the wind is whipping my longwires all over the place. With some luck, they should hold.

Jim Hall of DXWW-E fame checks in to confirm my logging of WTAE-1250 in Vol 25/#8. Jim writes that WTAE Pittsburgh is an all-talk station, and is 5 kW NSP. Many thanks for the help, Jim.

Tim Nooman of Milwaukee also checks in to ID Gary Heisey's clogging of WSBQ-740 in Vol 25/#6. He writes "740 WSBQ is WSVQ Harrogate,

TN...near Middlesboro, KY and Tazewell, TN." Thanks for your support, Tim.
With that, here's this week's Big Three...

(RB-NY) Raymond Bauernhuber; 141-12 243 Street; Rosedale, NY; 11422 Sony ICF-2010, shotgun loop, Palomar loop, Eavesdropper antenna

(GH-PA) Gary A. Heisey; Box 310F RD1; Osterburg, PA; 16667 EASTERN Philo radio, GE Superadio II, 4' floppy loop

(WPT-DC) Bill Townshend; 4500 Conn. Ave NW #901; Washington DC; 20008 Realistic Portavision 40 (12-648), Realistic TRF (12-650A)

(WPT-DC1) Bill Townshend DXing at 18th and K streets NW DX ROUNDUP

580 UNID 11-8 2005 Fair in WHP null, w/FF Canadian. FF rock mx, male and female FF annors, out of NX. (GH-PA) (Maybe CKY-Winnipeg? Readers? -TK)

620 WVMT VT, Burlington 11-10 0528 Poor, brief w/ local WHJB mixing, w/ "It's 5:30 on 62 WVMT" by man, into local nx. (GH-PA)

660 WXIC OH, Waverly 11-9 0730 Poor to fair in WNBC null, w/old T40 mx. "AM ?? WXIC" by man, into local nx. Ments of Wheeling, Tri-county area. (GH-PA)

740 WMBG VA, Williamsburg 11-1 1800 Fair to good w/ s/off by YL, no SSB. (WPT-DC)

780 WHNC NC, Forest City 11-6 1710 Fair w/ many spots for stores in downtown Forest City. Mx, then faded. No ID. (GH-PA)

780 WPTN TN, Cookeville 11-6 1728 Fair, fadey w/ many ments of Cookeville. Rock song, "WPTN 780 clear channel, Cookeville, TN" by man. Gone at 1730. (GH-PA)

780 WZZX AL, Lineville 11-6 1745 Wpoor w/mx by black artists. Vpoor, muddy ID by man in lengthy s/off at 1745, ment of AL. Barely got ID. Followed by another vweak stn, but lost in snow at 1800, WABC, WBEM splash. (GH-PA)

790 WNWS FL, S. Miami 11-2 1916 Fair u/ WTAR, w/ nx by YL. (WPT-DC)

840 WHAS KY, Louisville 11-15 1815 Good w/ oldies/R&R mx. Wx w/ Gary Rizzo, Dixie Furniture ad. (RB-NY)

850 KFUO MO, Clayton 11-6 1819 Vpoor w/ "Wx for St. Louis...It's 5:19. Here's today's business report from UPI" by man. May have s/off at 1830. Man gave FM call and address at Founder's Lane. Too much local WJAC to be sure. (GH-PA) (If I remember correctly, KFUO s/off is early to protect a Denver stn, KOA. KFUO-FM is on 99.1 FM. -TK)

850 UNID 11-10 0515 Good in WJAC null w/ FF Canadian. Ments of Air Canada. CKVL? (GH)

860 WBGR MD, Baltimore 11-9 1558 Poor, mixing w/ many others, w/ WBGR ID by man, into relig program. (GH-PA)

870 WGTL NC, Kannapolis 11-5 1714 Fair w/s/off w/ment of 1 kW. Tentative (7-30-79), now definite. (WPT-DC1)

880 WBKZ GA, Jefferson 11-5 1728 Fair to good o/ WCBS, w/ s/off. Temp 76. (WPT-DC1)

880 WBKZ GA, Jefferson 11-8 1730 Vpoor w/ "Z8 AM" ID, oldies mx. "WBKZ studios in Jefferson" s/off by man. (GH-PA)

900 CHML ON, Hamilton 11-15 1830 Poor to fair w/ heavy QRN/QSB. Pop (AC) mx. (RB-NY)

920 KDHL MN, Faribault 11-9 2110 Vpoor w/ KDHL calls by man, ment of some "reward".

Sounded like a s/off, can anyone confirm their s/off time? CKNX null. (GH-PA)

I have KDHL listed as 5 kW/ 5 kW. Readers? -TK)

930 WRRF NC, Washington 11-10 0730 Poor w/ "AM 930 WRRF," ment of Washington. Faded. (GH-PA)

930 WWNH NH, Rochester 11-10 0625 Poor, fadey, brief w/ spot for Granite State Natl Bank, ment of NH. Song "Will Power" by Gary Pucket. (GH-PA)

940 CBM QU, Montreal 11-15 1840 Excel m/ "Cross Country Checkup" m/ host John Proctor, guest Chairman of Economic Council Judith Maxwell. (RB-NY)

1000 MSPF NC, Hickory 11-10 0725 Fair m/ "HSPF Channel 1 mx." DJ Mike Roberts. C&W mx. (GH-PA)

- EDXR and Old Milwaukee beer...It just doesn't get any better than thiss:
- 1010 WFGW NC, Black Mtn 11-9 1732 Poor, brief w/ "WFGW/WMIG Christian radio" by man, out of Paul Harvey. (GH-PA)
- 1020 WRIX $\frac{SC}{Nx}$, Homeland Park 11-8 1658 Fair, fadey w/ WRIX ID, wx, ment of Ringold area. $\frac{SC}{Nx}$ from SC Radio Net. "AM gospel 1020 WRIX" by man. (GH-PA)
- 1130 WDGY MN, Minneapolis 11-6 2010 Peor w/ "WDGY" by man, C&W mx. "WDGY w/ the best country hits of yesterday and today." (GH-PA)
- 1170 KVOO OK, Tulsa 11-11 0832 Vpoor in WWVA null, w/ "It's 7:32 traffic Golden Eagle copter" by YL. "KVOO color radar wx," sports, wx. C&W mx. (GH-PA)
- 1170 WCLN NC, Clinton 11-9 0815 Fair, brief w/ "Your kind of mx on WCLN FM 107." T40 mx. (GH-PA)
- 1300 WFBR MD, Baltimore 11-15 1910 Good w/ "Talk radio 13, WFBR." Pop listening mx.(RB)
- 1380 WFCL MI, Clintonville 11-9 1940 Fair w/ "Mx for New London and Shawano, we're WFCL AM 1380." Oldies song. (GH-PA)
- 1440 WBLA NC, Elizabethtown 11-1 1744 Fair u/ WRRO, w/ s/off by man, SSB. Tentative (1-6-78), now definite. (WPT-DC)
- 1520 KOIM MN, Rochester 11-9 1800 Fair in partial null of strong WWKB, w/ "KOIM, serving southern MN and northern IA" by man, into local nx. "Oldies but goodies" slogan. (GH-PA)
- 1550 WKVL $\frac{TN}{and}$ Clarksville 11-9 1854 Vpoor u/ strong Ganadian, het, w/ song by Kool and the Gang, wx. WKVL ID by man. (GH-PA)
- 1580 WJIK NC, Camp LeJuene 11-7 0820 Fair, brief w/ ID by man, relig mx. (GH-PA)
- 1580 WLIM NY, Patchogue 11-7 0830 Big band mx, local nx. Ment of Patchogue and parade. Spot for Pat and Jim's Restaurant. "AM stereo 1580 WLIM." (GH-PA) (WLIM is located about 20 miles from me. Owned by Jack Ellsworth, who is also the GM. He has a show called "Memories and Melodies" which I believe is still on. -TK)
- 1580 WZKY NC. Albemarle 11-4 1747 Good w/ spots for auto dealer, ment of high school football game. #29 on this channel. (WPT-DC)
- 1580 UNID NC 11-8 0625 "More country 95.1 WRNS plays the hottest country in the east" and "Remember, if it happens in NC, it's on WRNS." Suddenly blocked by WPGC at 0645. (GH-PA) (WRNS is on 95.1 FM in Kingston, NC. -TK)
- 1600 WTZQ NC, Hendersonville 10-22 1842 Fair in pile w/ ID by man and unknown program content. (WPT-DC1)

Many thanks to this week's crew for a fine selection of loggings. Get your firewood or fill your tank, 'cause winter's a comin'. Best of DX, and 73s de TK...

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CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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All times are Eastern.
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ICOM IC-R70, loop.
[KDF-IL] = Karl Forth, 2714 North LeClaire, Chicago, Illinois 60639
Hammarlund HQ-160, spiral loop.

[TMJ-IL] = Tom Jasinski, 503 Jensen Street, Shorewood, Illinois 60436 FRG-7, 2 1/2 foot loop.
[WMC-MB] = Wayne McRae, 103 Donegal Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba
           Emerson ATS-803, Superadio.
[JCJ-MT] = Your editor using an ICOM IC-R71A with a Radio West Loop.
540 KNMX NM Las Vegas, 11/22 weak in CBK null. 1845 w/SS music, talk, then
              1850 with spot in English, back to SS programming. 1902 sign
             off in English. New for me, NM#42. [JcJ-MT]
 560 CFOS ON Owen Sound, 11/2 u/WFIL, WIND just went off air. 0108 caught
              end of sign off. SSB played. [KDF-IL]
 750 KOAL UT Price, NRC DX TEST, 11/14 weak in WSB null. 0100-0130 heard
              only weak rock music, not sure if KOAL. Too tired to stay up
              for full test period! [THJ-IL]
 940 WMKC MI St. Ignace, 11/11 all alone w/weak signal. 0130 w/C&W music up
              until 0159 sign off. [THJ-IL]
1150 CKIQ BC Kelowna, 11/21 breifly good, CKX & KRZN nulled. 0905 with "IQ"
              Sports, promo for Kelowna Packers BC Junior Hockey game today
              on CRIQ. Lost to RSEN. New for me, BC#27. [JcJ-MT]
          UT Salt Lake City, 11/11 fair in WJJD null. 0008 w/News. Still a
1160 KSL
              regular here despite congestion on this frequency. [THI]-ILI
1180 KOFI HT <u>Kalispell</u>, 11/10 good, fades. 1800 w/Spots for Kalispell area merchants, ID. [UNC-MB]
 1230 WCUZ MI Grand Rapids, 11/11 good. 0301 W/CBS News, weather, "WCUZ, AM,
              12-30, Music country for West Michigan". Caw music. [SA-HB]
 1290 CIFX MB Winnipeg, 11/14 OFF AIR for emergency transmitter repairs for
      a period from about 0830-0930. [SA-MB]
KBMO NN Benson, 11/14 fair w/CIFX off. 0905 w/Minnesots News Network
              news, local spots, weather. New for me, MN#86. [SA-HB]
      KOIL NE Omaha, 11/14 fair w/CIFX off. 0830 w/"KOIL" ID, oldies music,
              local weather. [SA-HB]
      WCBL KY Benton, 11/14 poor w/CIFK off. 0850 w/local spot for Downtown
              Benton, C&W music. New for me. [SA-HB]
      WCOW WI Sparta, 11/14 fair w/CIFX off. 0845 with announcer "..it's 29 degrees at WCOW". New for me. [SA-HB]
 1380 WFCL WI Clintonville, 11/13 fair. 0640 W/local spots, Enjoy Wisconsin
              promo, local sports. Into "La Bamba". New for me. [SA-MB]
 1460 CJOY ON Guelph, 11/13 fair. 2210 ID as "CJOY" & "C-joy". Weather for
              Guelph, into song by Herb Alpert. [WMc-MB]
 1490 KRIB IA Mason City, 11/8 poor u/WESL. 0201 W/sign off. [KDF-11]
      KTTR MO Rolla, 11/8. 0105 W/end of Ai News, weather, sign off and God
              Bless America tune. Not heard in many years. [KDF-!1]
      WABJ MI Adrian, 11/15 common here when WPNA off, but very strong at
      times this morning. 0122 W/PSA, ID, music. [KDF-1L]
WPNA IL Oak Park, 11/8, 0100 noted W/sign off & SSB. This is a regular
              Sunday AM SP. [KDF-IL]
 1520 KMPL MO Sikeston, 11/7 fair. 0830 w/Jefferson City car dealer spot,
              KMPL news, into MOS type music. New for me. [SA-MB]
      KCLM MN Rochester, 11/10 very good. 1720 w/"Playing the music you grew
              up with" & "The Oldies Channel". Oldies music. New for me,
              are they using higher night power now? [WHC-HB]
 1530 KCLR TX Ralls, 11/15 good. 0749 w/accordian latin music, man with good
               morning and "15-30 AM" in English, "KCLR, Ralls, Lubbock" ID
               in Spanish. New for me now CISV has moved. [SA-MB]
      ???? ?? 2???, 11/14 fair. 0820 W/CEW, no IDs, no spots. Help. [SA-MB]
 1550 WBCV TN Bristol, 11/12 poor over mess. 0701 with sign on, into Gospel
               music. Faded at 0710. [TMJ-IL]
 1570 CISV MB Morden-Winkler, EX-1530, 11/9 moved to 1570, Using slogan
               "Your country music station, AM, 15-70". C&W music. Often
               mentions "Pembina Valley" area. Excellent here w/10,000 watts
               But nulleable at night, Atlantic Beacon receiveable. [WHC-HB]
              +11/9 strong, 1800 w/CEW. "V-Country" slogan. 1st day. [SA-HB]
+11/16 very poor in tight CKTA null, then many complete fades.
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Not enough for a report yet. [JcJ-HT]

- 1570 KPRO CA Riverside, 11/22 briefly good in CKTA null. 1915 W/C&W music, 1923 W/spot. "Playing the best in country hits, 3 in a row on KPRO. Surprise for me, looking for CISV. CA#100. [JcJ-HT]
- 1580 KDOM MN Windom, 11/19 weak mix w/KAMI. 1730 w/Minnesota News Network news, Later spots & turkey shoot contest. 1751 lost to KNIX. New for me, MN#31. [JcJ-HT]
 - KOKB OK Blackwell, 11/17 poor w/CBJ in WKKD null. 2155-2205, ABC News on the hour, 2205 sign off. [THJ-[L]
- 1590 KDJS ME Willmar, 11/19 weak to good, KCNN nulled. 1800 with United Stations Radio Network news, 1803 w/Minnesota News Network news, 1805 w/KDJS news. Spots. Lost to KVGB. MN#32 [JcJ-HT]
 - WAKR OH Akron, 11/4 poor w/fades. 1900 w/ID and "all you need to know news . [WMc-HB]
- 1600 WEGE VA <u>Saltville</u>, TENTATIVE, 11/17 o/mess, lost quickly. 0703 popped up with quick ID then Gospel music. NRC updater #3 shows call as WKDK, sounded like WKGK or WAGK. Which is correct? [THJ-11]
- Diplomacy is the art of letting someone else have your way.

RADIO PROGRAMMING NOTES

Editor: Geov Parrish, Box 16353, Alexandria VA 22302; (703) 379-4275 Deadlines: 12/19, 1/16, 2/13, 3/12, etc. Remember, if you're mailing to an address more than three houses away, and you want your package to arrive in time for Christmas, it should be posted by, oh, about last Easter... (Subtract another year for packages to or from Canada)

call KHz state/city

- KSHO 540 CA HESPERIA was Broadway show tunes, has added all jazz // FM (KKGO-105.1 Los Angeles) at night
- WXIK 600 NY BROWNVILLE new, to be religious
- KGTL 620 AK HOMER was KPEN, country, now easy listening (O'Connor-AK)
- KXDC KORL
- 630 CA MONTEREY was KIDD, rock oldies, now soft AC/EZL (Wien-CA)
 650 HI HONOLULU was adult stds, then silent, now adult contemp.
 relaying KLHI-101.1 Maui (which is not co-owned!)(Park-HI)
- 750 IL BROOKPORT new, album rock // FM 98.3 WRIK
- WETB 790 TN JOHNSON CITY was AC/oldies, now easy listening
- 790 UT BLANDING was silent, now country KUTA
- 830 AK LONG ISLAND was progressive AoR, then silent about a month, now satellite rock oldies under new owners (O'Connor-AK) KABN
- WNIS 850 VA NORFOLK was WRAP, black, now nx-talk in freq. switch w/1350
- 900 MI GAYLORD was WZXM, country, now rock oldies // FM WMJZ
- KBLG 910 MT BILLINGS was news-talk, now Transtar rock oldies
- 940 PA LEBANON was WVLV, country, remains country VADV
- KJHY 950 ID MERIDIAN was silent, now religious "K-Joy" to Boise
- 960 PA MOUNT POCONO was adult contemporary, now country WPCN 960 ON KINGSTON was CKWS, CHR, now CHR "96 Fox" CFFX
- 980 TN NASHVILLE was adult standards, now country
- WMOX 1010 MS MERIDIAN was country, now ad. con./oldies
- WJHR 1040 NJ FLEMINGTON new station will be AC, target date is Summer 88
- WKNG 1060 GA TALLAPOOSA was country, now CHR
- WRYT 1080 IL EDWARDSVILLE new, satellite rock oldies
- WORO 1080 PA HUNTINGDON was AC/CHR, now silent
- CISS 1140 AB CALGARY was CKXL, CHR, now CHR/AC mix (Sys-BC)
- WPLX 1170 TN COLLIERVILLE was WWEE, country oldies, now SMN country
- WFGN 1180 SC GAFFNEY was adult contemporary, now country KLPW 1220 MO UNION was AC/CHR, now "Country 102" // FM
- KQMD 1250 CA MADERA was Spanish, now automated adult contemporary
- WRKQ 1250 TN MADISONVILLE was country, now silent & being sold WMJI 1260 OH CLEVELAND was WBBG, adult stds, now AC // FM (Clemmer-IL)
- KWSH 1260 OK WEWOKA was CHR, now country
- KFIY 1270 CA TULARE was KCOK, adult standards/news, now news-talk
- WGBF 1280 IN EVANSVILLE was AC days, talk nights, now CHR // FM 103.1 WDGS 1290 IN NEW ALBANY was black to Louisville, now silent
- KGMG 1320 CA OCEANSIDE was "Classic Rock" oldies // FM, now SMN ad. stds
- WRAP 1350 VA NORFOLK was WNIS, news-talk, now black (see 850 KHz)
- KBUY 1360 NM RUIDOSO was KREE, country, now country // FM 93.5
- WMER 1390 MS MERIDIAN was WFEZ, adult standards, now black gospel

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WHCC 1400 NC WAYNESVILLE was adult contemporary, now SMN CHR
WJJK 1400 WI EAU CLAIRE was country, now adult contemporary (Clemmer-IL)
WRPZ 1440 KY PARIS was black to Lexington, now silent
WRGM 1440 OH ONTARIO new, easy listening
KPUR 1440 TX AMARILLO was black, now album rock // KATF-107.1 "The Cat"
WDNG 1450 AL ANNISTON was adult contemporary, now rock oldies
KDRW 1450 CO SILVERTON was country, now silent
KEZJ 1450 ID TWIN FALLS was KEEP, ad. con., now country // FM (Wien-CA)
KSKR 1450 MT WHITEFISH was adult contemporary, now silent, KJJR-880 has
              purchased all their old equipment (including studios &
              tower) so this one may be off for a long, long time
WTMH 1460 WI TOMAH was SMN adult standards, now country (Clemmer-IL)
WDUR 1490 NC DURHAM was black, now black gospel
KCLF 1500 LA NEW ROADS was silent, now SMN rock oldies
WTKS 1510 SC BURNETTOWN was WWWA, country, now silent, has new owners
              so they may be back on soon
WDBS 1520 GA EATONTON was country, now silent
KADI 1520 MO CAMDENTON new, to be AC/CHR mix
WCLY 1550 NC RALEIGH was black, now black gospel
WHEZ 1560 MI PORTAGE was SMN ad. stds, now Transtar oldies to Kalamazoo
WOKG 1570 OH WARREN was AC/country mix, now news-talk
KIIQ 1590 NV SUN VALLEY was KSRN, country to Reno, still country
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Proposed Station Sales (* means check the format listings for more info)

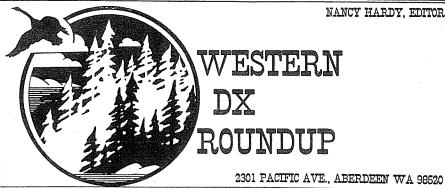
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WYLO-540-WI, KCMX-580-OR, KSLR-630-TX, WLOR-730-GA, WCPS-760-NC, WIKX-770-FL, WSMJ-800-KY, KFJZ-870-TX, KAVR-960-CA, WJCM-960-FL, KBLS-990-CA, WJCM-960-GA, KNDK-1080-ND, WUNN-1110-MA, KTEK-1110-TX, KVOJ-1130-TX, WJCM-1210-OH, WWC0-1240-CT, WJIM-1240-MI, KOFC-1250-AR, WRKQ-1250-TN*, WDK-1310-VA, WAGG-1320-AL, WDMJ-1320-MI, WOYK-1350-PA, KSPG-1360-KS, KWJS-1360-TX, KWT-1370-MO, KAWL-1370-NE, WRAB-1380-AL, KCNW-1380-KS, WRAQ-1380-NC, KCZJ-1450-ND, KUXL-1480-MM, WNF0-1480-NC, WSW-1490-NC, WXIT-1490-WV, WIRV-1550-KY, WKIQ-1560-FL, KUXL-1570-MN, KBOR-1600-TX
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Station Sales That Failed: KXOI-810-TX, WQKA-850-NY, KTWO-1030-WY, WFLZ-1200-FL (CP not on yet), WBBG-1260-OH*, KFLJ-1380-CO, WRDC-1410-MS, KKIP-1440-AR (CP not on yet), WNOS-1450-NC, KZZJ-1450-ND, WGAB-1550-CT (now silent)

Tim Noonan notes that WLUM-1590-WI is soon to be sold by its FM (102.1), who will in turn buy WMVP-1290. So, look for the 1590 to change owners, calls and formats soon. Also, says Tim, a correction to last month's WISN-1130-WI listing: it's now mostly talk, with only a little news.

The sales of WYLO, KTEK, WDCT, KWJS, KCNW and KUXL mark the beginning of the breakup of maybe the most unique broadcasting chain in the country. The six stations are being sold by Universal Broadcasting to UB's GM, Dick Marsh, as part of a move by the station to move toward more "mainstream" facilities in major market; the recent format change by WWCS-540 in suburban Pittsburgh was also part of that trend. For 20+ years Universal has built a chain of mostly suburban AMs with bad signals in larger cities, run religious and brokered ethnic programming, and made the stations profitable. They still have AM stations like KEST-CA, KPPC-CA, WGRT-IN, WNDZ-IN, WTHE-NY and others; look for some of these to either be sold or switch to more popular formats in coming months.

Dan Sys passes along word that in September CKNW-980-BC and their entire province-wide network of stations dropped their own overnight talk show and picked up Larry King instead. Just what Canada needed. Another Canadian note: contrary to some reports, the CKO/CKEY facility switch (in which CKO, an all news FM, proposes to trade frequencies with CKEY-590 and its music format) has not taken place. The switch requires CRTC approval, which will take some time and which may not be forthcoming (the CRTC is notorious for refusing to allow listenable formats on FM).



DEADLINES: Mon. 12/14, Mon. 12/21, Tues. 12/29, Tues. 1/5

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R-1000, R-390A, 4° box loop

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

CA, Folsom 11/16 0930 KIOQ has come back on the air as KKSA, apparent 1st day of broadcast. Big band music, ID on hour "The legends, on 1030, KKSA, Sacramento." Call change, ex-KIOQ.(RW) 1030 KKSA +11/21 1000-1015 in & out, fair to nil, in partial KMAS null while looking for KDUN. Nonstop big band & nostalgia music, nice promo 1015 for Monday's afternoon show on KKSA, back to music. Also in 11/22 0900 with full data s/on giving power as 12,500 watts day, 250 watts night. Ex-KIOQ/KHWY; just logged as KIOQ on 9/221 (BH-WA)

OR, Reedsport 11/19 1034 now here, ex-1470 kHz. Local news, ads for a furniture store in North Bend & a Texaco station. Triple-A road report, weather, easy listening music. Mixing with KMAS. Per call to station, using 10,000 watts day, 650 watts night. 0900-

0100 Eastern time. (PM-OR)

7KDUN?+11/21 1011 probably them with local ad for Umpqua Shopping Center and at 1030 going into CNN News sponsored by car dealer in North Bend. Too much KMAS/KKSA to get a firm ID, poor to nil signal. Tried 11/20 1930 but way too much KTWO on sunset skip. (BH-WA)

1250 KQMD CA, Madera 11/16 1000 faded over mess with ID "Your classic hits station, KQMD, Madera, " into CHR. No longer Spanish. Call

change, ex-KHOT. (RW-CA)

CA, Tulare 11/16 0400 usual good signal in KPLY null, splash 1270 KFIY from KKAL-1280. ID "...send your news announcement to "FYI" 1270. This is KFIY, Tulare, "into Mutual News, back into Larry

King at 0405. Call change, ex-KCOK. (RW-CA) TX, Ft. Worth 11/12 1755 ad for Kenneth Hagen Crusade at local cathedral, traffic, "WJS Weather," 1800 USA Network news. Fair/ 1360 KWJS good at times, but eventually losing to KRKK. Ex-KXOL, finally logged this old call change. ($\not p_W$ -CO)

MT, Laurel "Rock oldies the way they were meant to be on KBSO" ID 11/9 1020. 1030 ads for "Billings community." Ex-KLYC. (BN) 1490 KBS0

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MB, Morden v/l for 1530 kHz says they moved to 1570 on 11/9
1570 CISV
                       with 10kw fulltime. (BN-CO)
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  530 (WNFG219) CA, Anaheim 10/29 0905 & 1310 off the air both times I passed
                        through their coverage area. Only faint KRN984. (TRH-CA1)
                       CA, Hesperia MM 11/2 0500 LOUD with pub. service program on drunk driving, man with KSHO-KKGO ID, etc. I'm right on their major null line -- did they get their 25,000 watts approved?
  540 *KSHO*
                        (TRH-CA)
                        CA, Redding 10/27 2026 good with full data s/off & SSB/Lord's
            KVIP
                        Prayer. No sign of usual CBK, unID Spanish took over freq. at s/off...any ideas? New, CA #26. (JSM-BC)
                        UT, Delta 10/27 0822 strong with 3 in-a-row into Central Utah Updater, TC on "K-N-A-K Country Music at its Best." New. (JSM)
            KNAK
                        AZ, Tucson 11/13 1923 ID, PSA for Tucson Chrale & ad for North-
ridge subdivision. (BN-CO) (Chrale??--NH)
WA, Spokane 11/17 2300 atop KUGN with ad giving KAQQ mailing
   580
            KJMM
   590
            KAQQ
                        address twice. Promo for Spokane Chiefs hockey ending "KAQQ,
                         Spokane, " then NBC News. New for me, ex-KHQ/KLSN but didn'
                        log the KLSN calls here. (BH-WA)
BC, Kamloops 10/28 2005 good with network news. New. (JSM-BC)
   610
             CHNL
                        AZ, Phoenix 10/26 2100 coming in good with "This is KTAR 62
   620
            KTAR
                         Phoenix, " then ABC News. (CM-CA)
                         HI, Hilo 10/28 0700 has been very loud lately, could be their
             KIPA
                         synch xmtrs, or just that KCLQ is no longer AN. Puts a dent in
                         mega-pest KTAR every night with talk program. (TRH-CA) OR, Portland 10/28 0700 now a nightly regular with KCLQ off.
             KGW
                          Fair in KTAR/KIPA null with rock oldies, few if any ads. Tough
                          to get details for a report. (TRH-CA)
                         1D, Boise 10/27 0857 poor with sports news into network news at 0900 u/o KCIS. New. (JSM-BC)

LA, New Orleans 11/18 0537-0616 fair with KHEY, CEKF1, with local
    630
             KIDO
    WILLA, New Urleans 11/10 000/-0010 fair with RREI, CERT, with INC
XETRA off (most of their SPs are on weeknights). Rock oldies,
ads, male DJ, WTIX Weathercenter forecast with meteorologist
Alan Archer. Contest promo for LSU tickets. New, LA #4. (TRH)

760 (KFMB) CA, San Diego MM 10/26 0350 OC, man with IDs, TTs, leaving
mostly CMBD Radio Reloj. WJR not noted for some time now. (TRI

790 KFLI CA, Eureka 10/26 1730 coming in fair with man giving KFLI ID,
Mutual News. "This is KWII Fureka." (CM-CA)
    690
             WTIX
                          Mutual News, "This is KFLI Eureka." (CM-CA)

MM, Santa Fe 11/15 1918 Spanish lang. talk show hosted by man &
woman. Today's topic: "Communications." 2009 s/off of news/
              KMIK
    810
                          talk portion of programming, then cont. with simulcast of KLSK-FM. Seemed much stronger after SS during simulcast - wonder what
                          nite power is? Ex-KAFE. (DW-CO)
ON, Hamilton 11/10 0720 fair in KGNW null with female DJ and
     820
              CHAM
                          ON, hamilton. 201 (JSM-BC)

C&W, temp. -201 (JSM-BC)

CO, Denver 11/15 0000 with psychic talk show & "85 K-O-A" ID,

"Kellen & Co." promo, then Susan Winfield with the news, "85,
     850
              KOA
                          KOA News." (DK-OR)

AZ, Phoenix 10/28 0745 is apparently no longer AN; noted off
     860 (KVVA)
                           the air every night I ve checked this month. (TRH-CA)
                           TX, Fort Stockton 10/28 0753-0800 fair, dominated channel until local XEMO s/on. Lots of ads, IDs, Texas State Network news at
               KFST
                           0755. (TRH-CA)
                          BC, Dawson Creek MM 11/9 0320 good, level with WLS. Vancouver Canucks sweepstakes promo. Not heard much lately. (TRH-CA) (O, Granby 11/7 1957 "KTLD Update" with item on Grand County and then clear ID for station; KSEI/WKY/KIUP all mixed in.
      890
               CJDC
      930
               KTLD
                           CA, Fresno 11/15 0356 Dolly Parton song, and *51° at KFRE.*(DK) MT, Helena 10/29 0400 on top with XEFA during SP of local XEGM. AP News, live DJ with weather, EZL. (TRH-CA)
                            (BN-CO)
      940
               KFRE
      950
               KMTX
                           CA, Apple Valley 10/26 1700 coming in good with KABL nulled. "This is KAVR, AM 96." I heard them s/off the air. (CM-CA) CA, Los Angeles 11/12 0758-0830 completely in clear for 30 min. with no sign of KCKN which is normally audible in daytime here.
      960
               KAVR
    1020
                KTNQ
                           First time I've positively ID'd them in a long time. (BN-CO) MY, Casper MM 10/26 0310 as noted by others, no more MM SP for this station. Stronger than ever with KKSA (KIOQ) off the air.
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NM. Los Ranchos de Albuquerque now cn air fulltime as of 11/16.

Heard with oldies 1145 under KTBA. (BN-CO)

1030

1050

KTWO

KNXX

Rats! (TRH-CA)

- 1060 KPAY CA, Chico 10/27 0111 strong, female DJ with oldies and TC/ID.
- KPAY CA, United 10/2, Olla Strong,
 New. (JSM-BC)

 KPAY+11/16 0334 noted with TT. (RW-CA)

 CHEC AB, Lethbridge 10/29 0745 AdCon, male DJ, nice to hear this one whenever local XEPRS takes one of their "don't-blink-or-you'll-miss-it" SPs. (TRH-CA) 1090 CHEC
- CA, San Francisco 11/17 0011 with morally sound (hi) talk show, 1100 sort of, about money & marriage. (DK-CA)
- BC, Vancouver 11/17 0013 country music with much noise. (DK-CA) 1130 CKWX AE, Calgary "The New Kiss AM" heard completely in clear for a surprise 11/7 1930-1950 rock music & freq. IDs. (BN-CA) +11/10 0101 news by woman with many audio cuts; "Accu-weather," 1140 CISS then "Nine in a Row," pop music that is...ad string at 0146. New, AB #19. Ex-CKXL, never logged as CKXL. Fine signal almost every nite - power or antenna change? Seems I would have heard
- them before with such strength. (ØW-CO)
 UT. Salt Lake City 11/15 0356 with Lionel Ritchie song, male DJ 1160 KSL
- with news & ID. (DK-CA)

 CA, Wasco 10/14 2300 coming in very good with contemporary 1180 KERI
- Christian music. (CM-CA) UT, Washington 11/18 1900 area news read by Barbara something. 1210 KONY Good signal, but mixing with several, so tough copy. At 1928 played "KONY \$100 Giveaway" phone game. Ex-KCLG. (ØW-CO) CA, Willits 11/16 1005 faded over KTMS/KQMD/KWSU/KKFX with ID,
- 1250 KLLK
 - wa. Seattle 11/15 0353 soul music, ads for nightclubs, "K-Fox concert information" including LL Cool J (sic-NH) with male KKFX announcer, "Keep it here Seattle, on the Fox" then more soul music. (DK-OR)
- 1260 KPIN AZ. Casa Grande 10/31 1939 briefly over KGIL with weather. "K-Pin Country" slogan. Still need a report. Rare here. (TRH) IL, Belleville 11/11 1845 pop/C&W music, 1900 ID & CNN News. More music followed. Semi-regular here, but still need to get WIBV
 - it verified -- report sent. (ØW-CO) It verified--report sent. (pw-CU)

 IA, Boone 11/2 0159 great signal over KVSF with reg. f/c, lasting all of 1½ minutes: ID by man, giving call phonetically
 ("Kilo, Foxtrot, Golf, Quebec"), then TT for a minute. ID & off at 0201. New, IA #22. (pw-CO)

 OR, McMinnville 10/27 0133 poor under CFRN & two others; ID only. New, OR #35. (JSM-BC)

 WA, Seattle 11/17 0014 "Washingtonian" with request. "Can I *KFGQ*
 - KCYX
- 1300 KMPS make a request on KMPS?" with full ID (AM & FM) by male DJ.
- more music. (DK-OR)

 CA, Crescent City 11/4 1700 heard with KDIA nulled, coming in good. "This is AM 1310 KCRE and FM 94.3." "1310 KCRE covering 1310 KCRE the north coast. " Light rock music. (CM-CA)
- 1320 (KRDD) NM, Roswell someone cut their guy wires on Halloween and their tower came crashing down. Will be off the air for a few days. (BN-CO)
- CA, Needles 11/16 0500 the last CA station I needed on 1340 finally heard with ID "...Needles radio, KSFE," several local 1340 KSFE spots, then buried by KRAM, no comeback, so possibly a fluke
- fade-up. Right spot at the right time! New. (RW-CA)

 IA, Sioux City 11/12 1731 "Radio Iowa" news (state network),
 then assorted pop music, ads, weather, eventually submerged
 by SSS QRM. This is always one of the first midwest stations to 1360 KSCJ fade in, usually around 1700 (3pm local), well before sunset. (ØW-CO)
- AZ, Sierra Vista 11/2 Music Country Radio Network break 0125 & ID as "Your Country Giant, K-Tan," brief news summary and back 1420 KTAN into MCRN. (BN-CO)
 - WA, Walla Walla 11/17 0017 with folk music then ID "....on a KUJ cool valley night with music you remember, 14-20, KUJ" by female DJ. (DK-OR)
- CA, Santa Maria 11/4 1900 coming in good with KVON nulled, "This is newstalk 1440 KUHL." (CM-CA) 1440 KUHL
- MT, Bozeman 11/9 1005 news & good ID. (BN-CO) 1450 KXXL
- WA, Aberdeen 10/28 1958 fair with weather check for Harbor KAYO Country into ABC News at 2000. New, WA #48. (JSM-BC)
 - $\frac{\text{WA}}{\text{K-C-L-X}}$ Colfax 10/28 1958 poor with female DJ and rock; "1450 K-C-L-X" ID. New, WA #47. (JSM-BC) KCLX

- CA, Salinas 11/15 0410 with AT&T ad, then carted ID *14-60, 1460 KDON KDON, " then into music. (DK-OR) 1470 (KUTY) CA, Palmdale 10/31 0700 no trace of them; local XERCN not running
- usual OC tonight. (TRH-CA)

 TX, Dimmitt 10/31 0700 fair-good with XECU. Man with ID, ABC

 News, ID/slogan "More great American music from KDHN Radio."
 - KDHN (TRH-CA)
- CA, Eureka 11/17 0007 ABC News, local news, weather (gale warnings), "McMurray-n-sons" ad, "Here's...on Big Red AM & FM Eureka." (DK-CA) 1480 KRED
- OR, Roseburg 11/1 0313 fair thru mess with ID "K-R-N-R Roseburg 1490 KRNR Oregon, best in country," new, Oregon #30. (JSM-BC) UT, Jordan 11/10 ID 0915 "New Talk Station KZZI" with part-
- KZZI time Spanish programming, asking for mail to Box 339, West Valley City. Station has been in news with Aryan Nations 1510
- programming. (BN-CO)
 1530 *KFBK* CA. Sacramento 11/16 0317 song "You Can Do Magic." Seemed to be test period. Song cut on & off, then OC. A bit later, ID "This
- is KFEK Sacramento, " carrier off. (GL-CA)

 CA, Bakersfield 11/11 2128 fair at best with long fades. Santa Anita track results, "Frost Report" (area weather), jingle, Mutual features, etc. (ØW-CO)

 BC, Naniamo 11/15 0403 female DJ, then "via satellite, the 1560 KPMC
- 1570 CHUB Night Shift on 15-70 CHUB. (DK-OR) +11/16 0340 blasting in over CKTA with Cutting Crew song, ID,
- rarely that strong. (RW-CA)

 AZ, Tempe-Phoenix 11/16 2359 both AM & FM IDs, then male DJ "I°m 1580 KNIX George **crackle sputter** stick around on KNIX, " into country
- music. (DK-OR) CA, Fresno 11/4 2135 fair with English ID, then back to Spanish 1600 KGST language programming. (CM-CA)
- MM 11/16 unID TTs looping ENE under KABC. Maybe KUTA or KFY0? Seemed UNIDs 790 too weak to be XESU. (TRH-CA) 11/13 0926 unID with MYL, possibly KXOA. Clobbered by KUTY switch to 1470 day pattern at 0930. (TRH-CA)
- Welcome to WDXR. David. We can always use another reporter from Oregon: I think I'll quit while I'm ahead. When I was typing the KRNR tip, the "one" key came flying at me and landed on the floor. Bill couldn't fix it, so I've had to use the small L instead. It really throws my typing off, as I touch type. 🛡

SCHEDULE FOR RADIO MOSCOW WORLD SERVICE (IN ENGLISH)

MEDIUM WAVE FREQUENCIES IN USE TO EUROPE SEPTEMBER 27, 1987 to MARCH 26 1987

	Lvov Kaliningrad		Until 31 Dec After 1 Jan
*1215 *1323 *1386 1431	Krasnodar(?) Site Unknown Leipzig Kaliningrad Odessa (?) Leningrad	2200-2300	After 1 Jan

" - QSL card site says Nauen, but WRTH says Leipzig - QSL card site says Kanuas, but WRTH says Kaliningrad.

NOTE: The frequency of 1548 (site unknown) is used on occasion. Also the above broadcasts may ne pre-empted by domestic service broadcasts.

SOURCES: Radio Moscow World Service's printed schedule, 1987 World Radio and Television Handbook, personal monitoring, and DX publications.



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 \blacksquare Things have been rather slow lately. I did get time to erect an 875' (approx) ant at about 80° for TA's. It works great, but still the only TA's showing are the biggies. I'm still looking for the 981 but nothing as of yet -- coupled with the poor TAcx [1] probably have to wait awhile. Re the 1574.8 Dominican logging in the 11/14 DXM, change the last sentence to read "I suspect they've drifted to combat the ORM from the Turks & Calcos" (operating in D.R.'s backyard with 50kW). Only report this week is a card from Dan Sheedy in Encinitas, CA with some help with previous loggings. Reports this week are from the editor using an ICOM R71A, several Beverage, mini-Bev, longwire, and loop antennas. Times are UT:

TRANS-PACIFIC DX?

- uniD, carrier as early as 0816 several Nov. mornings checked. Almost always very 738 weak and fragile.
- uniD, hrd as early as 0818 (11/21), slightly fadey. Occ hrd. Others missing most 756 every morning checked, so may have to wait til next year for these TP's.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- t SPAIN, 0018 11/23: Seemingly SS talk by man.
 t YUGOSLAVIA, Tovarnik 2322 11/22: Briefly strong enough to sound //1134, but this 1125 just isn't strong enough to kill off the slop, esp. @LSS with all the skip slop.
- YUGOSLAVIA, Zadar/Biograd 0334 11/21 : Almost good on peaks o/slop w/folk-like 1134 vocals. +@2259 11/22, sd/lk 3 long pips (unsure) at 2300, Slav-sounding talk into
- "Banjo On My Knee" mountain-style banjo sound, no vocal. This fol/by vocal mx. FRANCE, Bordeaux 0630 11/23: Occ just o/slop enough to determine as //1557's Home 1206 Service pgm. Nice to hear this one again.
- MONACO, Monte Carlo TWR 0552 11/20: TWR actually is audible in NAm after their 1467 0415 antenna beam switch, but strength is greatly affected. Poor/nli this eve - hymna and choral mx occ audible but lang. unID (possible AA but I can't tell yet) in slop. Is this on 400kW at this time? Wouldn't think, as the 400kW is prob. used on 1466 day freq. if 1466 is still used. Bill Harms was right about this from an issue or two ago 0600 another possible beam change/other as the carrier suddenly became inaudible. Exact same next eve, but a bit better signal, again gone at 0600. +@2252 11/22 : V. good, very readable at times in EE - hymns and m talk. As usual, best TA at LSS.
- 1521 t SPAIN, 0642 11/23: Seemed like SS-sounding talk amidst 1520 slop.

 SAUDI ARABIA, Duba Suprised to be able to hear again at LSS. 2251 11/22 male AA call chant. Using ECSS-USB the slop from 1520 has the deep "Donald Duck" sound.
- FRANCE, Nice 0627 11/23: Folk-like vocal, later beer-pub like song. Lang uniD but 1557 sounded Arabic. //weaker 1206.
- SPAIN, synchros. 0119 11/19: In briefly @ this time w/SS talk, poor in slop. Also 1584 0643 11/23 fair at times w/fast SS talk by m, ECSS showed 2 or 3 carriers, creating possible fast SAH, but hard to tell at this freq.
 WEST GERMANY, Langenberg WDR 0123 11/19: Fadey, GG talk poor. TA's not usually hi
- 1593 well mid-evenings here (0100-0300a).

PAN-AMERICANA DX

- ANGUILLA, The Valley C.B. 0256 11/24: //1610, good at times w/QRM desde Cubar. 690 Hymns and rigs talk.
- ST, VINCENT, Kingstown 0348 11/21: Radio St. Vincent fr w/m talk, Afro-beat song. 705 Usually difficult to pull out audio from this one - mod is low. Also good at 0249 11/24 w/talk.
- COLOMBIA, Richacha HJZW 0240 11/24: On top o/WBBM/YV on Bev's. w/colombiano vocal 780
- several "R. Almirante" ID's by announcers and in promos.

 MONTSERRAT, Plymouth 0236 11/24: ZJB in quite well w/UST40 song. V readable at 885 times, best on Bev. S/off 0301 w/apparant rigs verses or similar.
- ANTIGUA, St. John's CRL 0210 11/21: In very well w/gospel pgm. 1165
- CUBA, 0803 11/23: WOXR off leaving several stn's incl. Cuban w/SS girl, TC's and 1560 facts, lite jazz and mx'al US/Latin songs. Some mx bordered on classical type, like hrd on QXR. QRM from possible Mex, uniD w/Best of King, another uniD w/CEW/pop, and KTUI testing w/rigs tape at 0816z.

HELP w/uniD's etc.: (D. Sheedy-CA)

Re Hall's tent. XED-1050 in DXM's Halloween issue, XED does use "La Gran "D" de 1050 Mexicali" as a slogan.

Thanks also for the help re the tent. 925 Guatemalan, Dan, and thanks for taking the time to drop DXWW-E a card! Dan's address is:Box 31, Encinitas, CA 92024. 73 til next time. 11

DXWW-E CONTINUES:

🖩 Once again, the P.O. delivered mail twice again on this deadline day, so we have a couple more reports. Good to hear from William and Bill this week, and thanks for the Free R. Svce. info, Bill! On with these reports:

PAN-AMERICAN DX (Wyllle-MA)

- 640 CUBA, Guanabacoa CMBB 0627 11/2 & 0217 11/8: Strong both nights, 0630 noted ID w/ rooster crowing. R. Progreso
- 650 uniD, 0250 10/11: Weak signal, SS, some kind of sporting event. (Possibly DR. ed)
- 670 VENEZUELA, CaracasYVLL 0345 10/11: Radio Rumbos booming in, then Cuba boomed in kept going back and forth.
- 720 VENEZUELA, Porlamar YVQL 0353 10/11: Strong w/SS mx, ID as "Radio Vision Oriente" first time logged here.
- 730 MEXICO, XEX 0640-0700 10/5: SS mx, no 10 hrd butimany ments Mexico so I'm sure it's them - have gotten this many times.
- 740
- CUBA, Camaguey 0710 10/5: V. good signal w/Progreso pgmming, //640 kHz.

 COLOMBIA, Barranquilla HJAJ 0510 10/12: SS mx, goo signal, ID "LV de Barranquilla",

 ANGUILLA, The Valley 0605 10/5: Caribbean Beacon, good signal at 0604, news, then 760 1610 s/off at 0605. Strong at all times.

REPORT FROM BAVARIA : (Harms-FRG)

- 819 INTERNATIONAL WATERS, (?), Radio Caroline (?). 11/16 1919-2200*. Heard various rigs pgms. But, because of severe interference from Italy on the same freq. I was unable to get pgm details 100% of the time. I did hear the following, though: 1919-1958 talk show - m w/British accent took calls from listeners. I don't know if the pgm was live or not. W called re a 'moral dilema' with her husband. There was a tape offer and an address in the US and the UK was given. The UK address sd/1k Box 66, London WP1. 2000-2030 Italy took over chan completely. 2030-2100 a black preacher gave a sermon w/ 6 PM. I don't know if that was Central European Time or UTC, he also gave the same P.O. Box 66 address from above. I listened to 963 and R. Caroline was not there. According to Free Radio Service Holland, Radio Caroline has been looking at changing their freq. to 981, but it looks like they decided on 819 instead (or maybe a typo? I will try to research this for you Bill, if I can get my hands on some data. ed). The signal strength for this station on 819 was about the same as R. Caroline on 963, so with all this circumstantial evidence I have to conculude that this is likely the same transmitter that was used for the 963. (Sure sds/ik them. ed)
- BELGIUM, Kuume, BRT. It looks like another channel is biting the dust. Heard mx (mostly pop oldies and some current stuff) (US? ed) and talk in Dutch here beginning on 10/25 at several times from 2300 to 0400. Now apparantly NSP. Fr to good signal here. Now it blocks Radio Dublin which I have been tyying for on this channel. Argh! (When I) 1188 joined IRCA I rec'd a pamphlet that said there'd be some frustrating times in DXing. ed)
- 1359 GERMAN DR. Berlin, Radio Berlin International. 2334 11/8: Heard RBI English lang. European Service with a talk about research in Anarctica. The first time since last winter I have noticed RBI pgmming on this freq. Probably started on 11/1. Good signal as usual. NOTE: This channel is no mally used for DDR-1 pgmming in the daytime. I don't know the entire RBI schedule for this freq. yet.

CRED ITS:

(Wyllie-MA)

(Harms-FRG)

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(OCT loggings on Fisher PH-418 w/indoor ant. NOV 8 logging on Realistic Modulaire 2200 in Franklin. OCT loggings from Prudence IS, Rhode Island)

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DXWW-E UPDATE:

A couple reports made it in to DXWW-E after the deadline (this address often gets mail delivery twice daily); I'll try to get them in for this week's DXWW-E column, since they are good ones. Thanks to Ray and John for their reports. Remember, as us editors have said and like John and others have done, you need not live in the geographical reporting boundaries in order to submit help with uniD's or similar information.

<u>TRANS-PACIFIC</u> <u>D</u> <u>X</u> (postcard copied verbatim) (Moore-MA all)

■ Glad someone else out there is listening (for TP's. ed). Hope you persevered because 1629k reappeared 11/12 and 11/13. On the dates you listened (ed loggings. ed) my log shows: 1629k trace of carrier 10/27, NIL 10/28. 738k good carrier 10/27 with 1-2 Hz SAH, good carrier 10/28.

765k Ur unID probably NZ. Carrier w/DF 230-260 deg often noted here 1045-1115.

1575k uniD : Fair carrier noted arnd 1115 11/12 and 11/13. Also noted by Bill Bailey 10/19 Probably Australia.

1629k AUSTRALIA. Bill Bailey got audio on this one on 10/19. (the only AM I missed in Oct; Poor to NIL last half of Oct. and first Nov, except for some audio 1105, 10/31. Returned 11/12 with traces of audio and 11/13 peaked 1120-1126 w/woman talking. 11/14, 11/15 NIL.

re. editor's possibly Mexican loggings in previous issues HELP w/uniDs: (all @W-CO)

XEFI and XEMU are both pretty regular here. I've never logged XEAV, and I don't 580 recall ever seeing a logging of it. The inland Mexicans are quite difficult here, and would be at your QTH, too, except for the fact that your Beverages make anything possible! With such antennae, and southern propagation (auroral cx), anything's possible, and my loggings here are basically irrelevant, to a large degree, as far as your QTH is concerned.

XEG and XED are both quite good here, and conveniently 90° apart, enabling me to 1050 easily null one in favor of the other. XED still uses "La Gran D de Mexicall" as their slogan, and XEG is "La Ranchera de Monterrey". So, looks like you got XED, although their format is mostly mariachi. (1'll have to review my tapes if I can locate them. I know I heard a "La Gran D" iD so there's no doubt I had XED then. I'll also have to reassess what type of mx it was, although I'd have to say it was indeed mariachi if I'm recalling the tune correctly in my mind. ed)

No ideas, although I once logged XERED in AU cx. "Ay" is not a real SS word, although I think it is used as an exclamatory remark, but certainly not the name of newspaper, I wouldn't think. (The ad heard was seemingly a "field" type, that is, on the spot on a busy street corner setting at a nxstand with the vendor calling "Ay !", the blank line representing the newspaper name, in an effort to sell them, with vvehicles passing by in the background. I have the ad on tape from several years ago when I also heard it on XEX-730, so !'ll have to review it to see if this is indeed a newspaper ad or something else. In any case, there's something in Mexico that's referred to as "Nacional"! Thanks for your thoughts on these XE's, John. ed)

Thanks Ray for the interesting TP report. Some carriers have still been showing at my listening, but they seemed better through October. I'll keep trying when possible, of course, and we look forward to hearing more from you on your receptions. Per John (and propagation forecasts) as Solar Cycle #22 continues to rise rapidly we should be experiencing continued and more intense auroral situations that will affect the BCB. I sure hope so, John. John also mentioned a logging he made while vacationing in lowa in October using a SuperRadio 11. Yes John, the DXWW-E boundary is east of the Mississippi, but you were close enough to the boundary so here it is:

ANGUILLA, The Valley 0400 10/1: "Caribbean Beacon" ID, announcing freq's of 690 and 1610, then Into "V. of Power" pgm. Minor QRM from TIS at Saylorvilla Dam, near Des 1610 Moines. Can't hear this at home in CO, due to slop from local KRXY-1600. (Wilkins-IA)

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DX Worldwide - West



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DEADLINES: 12/15, 12/22, 12/29

Very little to report this week as conditions continue to be rather poor. A couple tips from $\operatorname{\sf Tim}\nolimits$ $\operatorname{\sf Hall}\nolimits\colon$

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

Glen Kippels Unid in 10/17 DXM issue is my semi-local XEYX-Mexicali.
Grabaciones B.C. is a regular sponcer on that station. (TRH-CA)
(Thx for the info on that, Tim.PM)

MEXICO, Cd. Juarez-XEZOL 10/28 1245 good but some fading. Lots of slogan IDs "Musica en espanol, La mejor en Radio ZOL--86" New XE #107. (TRH-CA)

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ALASKA, Kenai, QSL letter in 45 days for taped report. (PM-OR)



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DEADLINES — WEEKLY ON TUESDAY 11 DAYS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION DATE

NIEL J. WOLFISH, 867 WICKLOW ST., WINNIPEG, MANITOBA R3T OH9 CANADA

DX season number three in Winnipeg has been a moderate success. 47 new stations have been added to the log bringing me closer to 800 heard from Manitoba. I wonder where I'll finish when I return to Toronto for good in April? The logging of the season thus far goes to KWNA 1400, my first GY from Nevada. Now if they would only verify.

CISV 1530 Winkler-Morden has moved to 1570. I'm glad I got my Turks and

CISV 1530 Winkler-Morden has moved to 1570. I'm glad I got my Turks and Caicos (Atlantic Beacon) QSL last year. CISV leaves 1530 DX'ers with WCKY, KKCM and occasionally KFBK. (Good show; at least they still get out-RtH.) WCKY usually killed CISV at night anyway. Lost in action on 1570 are CKTA, XERF, CFOR, CHLO, WFRL and the Atlantic Beacon. 1580, which is fairly useless up here anyway, gets a tiny bit of splatter now. CKLQ Brandon used to be heard on MM in Toronto back when they were on 1570. Maybe CISV will be a possibility, although it would take three or four simultaneous SPs to do it. Another "bonus" courtesy CISV's move: CIFX 1290 leaves an image right on 1530 (CIFX 1290 - CKSB 1050 + 1290 = 1530.

What a fantastic job Tim Hall has done with the Verfication Signers column. For my part I'm two for four this season, with QSLs from WSBT 960 and KRXR 1480. Most of the stations I've logged don't seem to be worth writing to for veries. It's hard to get adequate program details on a GY station that lasts two minutes.

Well, enough complaining for now. Before I sign off, a belated welcome to Wayne McRae, Winnipeg's newest IRCA member. With Shawn Axelrod leading the way, Winnipeg will soon be known as the DX capital of Canada, hi. (Or maybe Manitoba?) 73. (Written like a true lawyer-to-be. Folks he wrote it on legal size paper, hi-RtH.)

ROBERT WIEN, 1390 DENTWOOD DR., SAN JOSE, CA 95118

RtH, I guess you were interested in how strong KPLA 770 comes in here at night. Well, I can tell you they usually override KKOB totally in the early evening, but by later in the evening, they are mixing with KKOB and then eventually under KKOB. After KPLA signs off, KKOB dominates with CHQR and KRPM underneath. (That verifies what I thought. KPLA is sending it all west at night. I hear KKOB, KRPM and CHQR in that order of strength-RtH.) I guess you were interested in how strong KPLA 770 comes in here at

Had a fabulous MM yesterday (16 November) netting four new stations. Netted KKSA 1030 Folsom ex-KIOQ at 0630, probably first day on the air, KQMD 1250 Madera for call change ex-KHOT, KFIY 1270 Tulare ex-KCOK, and for a solid newie, KSFE 1340 Needles, the last 1340 station needed to complete California. So, three of the newies were Valley stations, too. KKSA's signal here seems stronger than before, but they're buried under KTWO at night. Their new format seems to be pretty good, a little like KLIV's. (They're going head-to-head with KXOA 1470, and neither get out at night, hi-RtH.)

Hot tip: KSRN 1590 Sun Valley, Nevada granted KIIQ, easy one for you, RtH. (Nope, not a trace thanks to KLIV. And they're KICK per thier FM, KIIQ, which I'm listening to as I type this, and that's not theoretically

correct, hi-RtH.)
Two MM's back, logged CISS 1140 Calgary actually overriding KRAK at times. (RW, see my forum-RtH.) KRAK's singal here seems worse than it used to be since they altered their DA pattern. Other Sacramento stations and how they; re received here: KGNR 1320 is usually well underneath KCPX Utah, KSMJ 1380 is rare here because of heavy slop from KEEN 1370 and KTOM totally dominates 1380 here, KSAC 1240 is occasional in the mess, KJAY 1430 logged one day at SSS about ten years ago with local KNTA off, not heard since. Sacramento FM penetrates San Jose fairly well, I enjoy listening to KROY-FM and occasionally listen to KCTC. Farthest FM DX here is KRUZ Santa Barbara heard once as well as KREO Healdsburg.

Noticed a lot of ex-San Jose announcers joining KKSA, including KEEN newscaster John Clark Fortner. My favorite station in this area is KWSS 94.5 followed by KATD 95.3 with KIOI coming in third. 73.

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This column being typed under duress; not my typewriter, hi. It's doing

what it wants to do, hi. Oh yeah, greetings, etc.
RW, KRAK changed their DA pattern to better serve the rapidly growing foothill region, thus less signal going toward the Bay Area. The Mother Lode area is experiencing explosive growth from retirees and artistic types bailing out of L.A. and Bay Area, so KRAK changed their DA pattern to better serve the area. I was also listening MM O2 November and noticed 1150 and 1130 listenable. RW, KRAK was running their 5 kw standby transmitter.

I'm a little confused. The 14 November DXM listed KKSA 1030 as 50/10 kw.
Did they indeed get a power increase at night? Last I knew they were

50/1 kw. Was it maybe a typo? Gee, I thought that was MY department, hi. Yes, KKSA is indeed on the air and sounding just as bland as KXOA. When KIOQ announced they were shutting down for adjustments to their towers, I

knew they had bit the dust. Let's see how long KKSA lasts.

Now then, our prez says a bid for the '88 convention has been received from Louisville. That's nice. Of course '88 is west-of-the-Mississippi year, you know. Therefor, how 'bout it gang, Bay Area types and the other two Valley members, Sacramento in '88? I suggest Sac. because our hotel rates are about one-third that of the Bay Area or Monterey and we are bordering on international status at Metro Airport and I can guarantee summer weather. I'm willing to help with it, but coult do it close Detern summer weather. I'm willing to help with it, but can't do it alone. Peterson, Kippel, Nyholm, McGreevy, Kaskey, Toebe, RW, et al, I'd like to hear from you. We can do it!

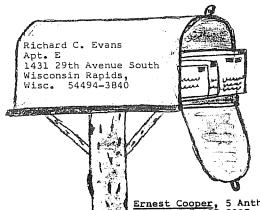
KSGO 1520 Oregon City must have been off MM 23 November. On my TRF, mind you, while checking to see if KFBK was off (and they were), I heard a very clear, "KOMA weather for Oklahoma City. ...," I haven't heard those guys in years. Fired up the FRG-7 and heard SS under WCKY. Too much WCKY and 1540 slop prevented me from checking it out any further. Ideas? Also off was KXOA 1470, but with OC. No matter, Tijuana clobbers 'em when they are on, hi. But who's the C&W in there, Moses Lake? And speaking of C&W, when did KTWO go country? Good show, guys. Another station to listen to.

Well, that's a wrap for this week. Keep those cards and letters coming. Until next week, best of DX de RtH. .

IRCA Foreign DX Reference. Volume 24

Phil Bytheway is completing the cross reference listing of all the stations reported to DXWW-W and DXWW-E. during volume 24 of "DX Monitor" (9/86-8/87). There are three sections available: Trans-Atlantic, Pan American, and Trans-Pacific. Each section contains a frequency listing (countries reported for each frequency) and a country listing (frequencies reported for each country) showing the "DX Monitor" issue number in which they were reported. These guides are a valuable reference to what was heard last year, and where to look to find specific information about the receptions.

Each listing is 5 or 6 pages long. You can order any one of the three (TA, PA or TP) for \$1.00 each, or all three for \$2.50. Make checks out to Phil Bytheway and send them to: 9705 Mary N.W., Seattle, WA 98117. 15



EASTERN DX FORUM

Reports from members living east of the Mississippi River

Deadlines: Fridays

This column typed: 11/21/87

Ernest Cooper, 5 Anthony St., Provincetown, Mass. 617-487-9337. Only AM veries 02657 have come in from WNNR-1220 (Winner!) and WXXI-1370, for a total of 4,323, dating back to 12/28/32. Reports are out to WXTC-1390 (ex-WCSC), WWCS-540, ex-WARO, WNCG-1450, ex-WCEA, to new WRNS-1590, Kinston, NC, heard 11/8 at 0230-0300 carrying WRNS-FM-95.1 c/w programming and battling CBJ, and

giving their address as Box 609, Kinston, 28501, and their ID at 0301 went: WRNS, 95.1, Kinston - Jacksonville - Morehead City." And a report will go to new WOKO-1460, Albany, NY, ex-WWCN, which had been silent for at least six months, just as soon as I get their correct mailing address. (Ernie, I veried them as WOKO back in 1971--rce) I think Gary Heisey's 740 WSBQ-VA might be WSVQ, Box 224, Harrogate, TN, which should serve a bit of Kentucky and Virginia also. Tim Kridel, WSGN used to be the calls for Birmingham on 610, but they are now WZZX and have been for at least 1½ years. Who is the French Canadian ANing on 610 these mornings, CHNC? Shawn Axelrod, I believe the Calgary station on 1140, ex-CIOF, is CKXY, "Kicks-106". No, I haven't heard 'em, hi! In the discussion of changing the dates for the IRCA Conventions, those of us at the Peoria Convention all seemed to have Columbus Day as a holiday. I think it'd be worth a try for one year, and Ted Fleischaker thinks so too - so much so that he is willing to host such an event in 1988. I'd enjoy reading more reports in this section, gang - how about it? The CDXR column is looking so much better now with the new type and new support - keep it up, John! In case I don't check in again before Christmas, watch for French Canadians on 12/25 running AN w/midnight Mass, folo by festive Christmas music, phone calls, and carols, and few IDs! Also many LAS stay on AN that morning that don't ordinarily. And of course, that goes for many USA stations as well, so a crowded dial is to be expected then and on New Year's morning - hic! Happy Trails, Merry Christmas, and Forward - March!

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Tim Kridel, in edition 798 your 1200 unID which sounded like WBTY would suggest WBZY in New Castle, PA. NRC lists 1 kw night but I'm not sure if they have Larry King. Edition 789 DXM shows WMLI with Larry King. WBZY not often heard here, mostly WAGE and WOAI. Your 1250 unID was most likely WTAE as they are Nx Talk format. A few days ago I located the source of a weak buzz I was hearing on my radio for sometime. Turned out to be my nightlight. This is a small, sealed, white plastic disc shaped 2" dia, with no bulb to replace, but glows orange when lit. I had this light almost eight years and wondered why I didn't notice it sooner. DX conditions have gotten worse here with no defineable window just before SRS, like I had last Sept. and Oct. Now I hear all the stations rushing in at once and before I know it my locals have s/on. Could I be approaching DX burnout already? I sent a recpt. report to the pirate, RNI last July, but still waiting for my USL card. Does anyone know where WLS afternoon personality Larry LuJack is? Seems like Landecker is in his place. Glenn Kippel, I noticed your WFCV tip in WDXF, many thanks. Tim Hall, I think I've IDed my unID French station on 1170. Thanks to the info in DXWW-E (edition 798) it may have been 4VRS in Haiti and not a Canadian after all.

Jim Hall, 240 Byron Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237-4015 Domestically speaking, some rather good DX has been heard here so far this season with a few nice openings to the West. EDXR DXers may want to look for the following: With WQXR's regular MM SP 1560 often opens up for DX - 10/26 had KCJJ Iowa City, IA occ topping off the channel. Same morning a nice relog of KAAN-870 Bethany/New Hampton, MO, giving WWL a rough time much of the morning. Nice to hear them again. Several TIS's heard here lately which I need information on (mostly calls/powers): Jamestown, VA on 1610 at Yorktown Nat'l Historical Park/Yorktown Battleground; 1610 @ Harper's Ferry Nat'l Historical Park, WV. Which oneof the 10-watt Chicago area 1610 TIS's am I occ hearing giving north to south highway/ Chicago area 1610 113's am 1 occ healing giving north to south highway, lane information for the Edens, Kennedy, Eisenhower, Stevenson, Ryan and Calumet Expressways and a wx update every 5-min? Is this Ill. Dept. of Transportation's KMB824 along I-94? Also logged KID702 at Appomattox, VA's Highway 24 Park area, and KNEB723 at Cleveland Hopkins Int'l Airport. Also, tentative heard a "WJIU719" call given from a 1610 TIS - anyone know if this is indeed a TIS call on the freq.? Information concerning these would be appreciated. Finally, after years of trying, heard much wanted WKKD-1500 Aurora, IL w/N. IL high school football on Halloween eve. Has there been a list of U.S. station's night authorized powers on Mexican and Canadian Clears published yet? Perhaps one of the best domestic catches here so far this season has to be 500w WKWF-1600 Key West, FL, thanks to a call from Ron Trotto of St. Cloud, FL on 5 Nov. Ron put his reception of WKWF's Ray Charles song and "Mx for the Key's" slogan up over the phone and I could pick out only bits of its "parallel" in what I was hearing on 1600 via the LA mini-bev's and bev. Absolutely no way I could have known these bits of audio (ntermixed with the signal fluctuations/variances of combined audio from probably 5 or 10 other stations) were WKWF's if it hadn't been for Ron's phoned audio of a much clearer WKWF signal and my confirming of a "//" in the pile on my 1600 reception - Thanks Ron! A few days previous to this I confirmed for Ron by phone his daytime reception of WLW-700 Cincinnati, OH - his noise-ridden audio at just after midday was // my armchair level copy of WLW. An extraordinary 900-mile distant daytime reception, Ron. This is an interesting but sometimes costly method of IDing stations. Perhaps we could establish a list of members who would be willing to accept prepaid calls from Distant DXers wanting to "verify" local stations heard by the person called. Just a thought — some DXers may not consider this true DXing, but "true DXing" basically consists of a distant signal propagating to a distant location and somehow being identified. These criteria are present in these receptions, of course. Comments, anyone? (continued next week...)

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Well, the goal for the end of the year is to hear 250 stations, but
thru SSS on 11/21, I'm up to 247 heard with 25 veries. No veries this week, but more reports going out, with 4 ready to be typed when this column is finished. Because I work so late, I normally get to bed about 0230 only to wake up around 0800 CLT. I've been getting up, listening to the radio for late SRS for an hour or so, then going back to bed. That's how last weekend I had the KRVN/CKLQ-880 mix at 0900 CLT. I usually get two or three stations, but that's alright with me. I'm willing to work up the numbers on a"nickel and dime"basis, hi. Only two new stations on MM 11/16 but one of them was KSL-1160 for state #28. Gary, your comment about the nightlite reminded me of an incident Roger Winsor had about 20 years ago. He had a bad noise problem around Christmas time, and he finally tracked it down to the lights on his neighbor's Christmas tree. Several weeks ago, John Stephens mentioned an envy of northern DXers who could talk more often on the phone without running up the phone bills I think he has a point. DXers helping other DXers is a win/win situation, and hindering another DXer does not gain anything for a person. I have fond memories of the season I took my radio out to Roger Winsor's house every MM, and then later, when he could call my apartment as a local call, we spent many hours on the phone DXing that way. We were only 10 or 12 miles apart so most of what we heard was the same but he could be checking one end of the dial while I checked another. The only different frequency was 1420 where WIMS put their main lobe at night over his house but didn't make it to my place, so I could have my run there during SSS while Roger had a choice of one station (WIMS). We did run into some problems at times reporting to the same stations for the same time period as our addresses were similiar, and the station would verify one of us but not the other thinking he had answered both letters. I wouldn't trade those days for anything, even though there were non-DX experiences then I would just as soon not remember. Two of my more wanted stations now are WOXR-1560 and WWKB-1520. Believe it or now, KOMA-1520 Okla. is solid as a rock here. Back in Gary, it was always a mix of KOMA and WKBW. 1560 is usually just a jumble here. CFFX-960 Ont. has been noted here on SSS over WTCH-WI. 73.



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Kenwood R-5000 Modifications by Don Moman

Sensitivity Increase

Stock MW sensitivity is adequate for most users, but with an unamplified loop, or while DXing in very quiet locations, more gain could be used to advantage. All mods are performed on the RF board, which is located on the underside of the set, on the side nearest the antenna connections. The MW bandpass input filter contains a fixed attenuator, consisting of R9, R10 and R11. Jumper R10 with a short length of wire, and cut R11. Then simply cut R9 and put a 470 ohm resistor in series to increase the resistance. Values aren't critical but there must be a DC path for the switching control voltage. The 470 ohm resistor allows the DC switching voltage to pass but introduces very little attenuation to the RF signal. A quick version of this mod, is to clip either one (not both) of R9 or R11. This gives quite an increase in gain, with minimum effort.

LW Sensitivity Increase

The LW bandpass filter has no fixed attenuator, but R7 can be increased by installing a 470 ohm resistor in series with it. This brings up the sensitivity somewhat but there still is some loss through the lowpass filter components (L7-L9, C19-C26). I don't suggest changing or altering this at all, since it provides a large degree of rejection to local signals above 500 kHz.

Diode Front End Protection

RF protection is afforded by D6 and D7, which conduct if excessive RF voltage is applied to the input. They may also conduct on strong MW signals, causing severe overload. To prevent this, front panel switchable 10, 20 or 30 dB attenuators are provided. Since the diodes are placed after the attenuators, strong signals can easily be reduced below the conduction level. D6 and D7 should not be removed unless you replace them with an alternate form of RF protection.

SSB Level Increase

The R-5000 is an excellent performer for non-synchronous heterodyne detection (NSHD), a fancy name for tuning an AM signal in the SSB mode, often inaccurately referred to as ECSS tuning. Whatever mode you choose to call it, the R-5000 does it very well with its extremely accurate and stable tuning, good filter options and pleasant audio. However there is a considerable difference in level when switching between AM and either SSB position. A simple cure is to increase the SSB detector output by paralleling R148 on the IF board with a 22k resistor. R148 is pretty small, physically, and you may wish to lift the IF board and unsolder it, and replace it with a 27k resistor. Again, the value isn't that critical.

Beep Tone Adjustment

If you get tired of listening to all those beeps and morse code letters as you attack the farious front panel keys, there is an easy way to change it. VR8 on the IF board adjusts the "beep" level from very loud to completely off. Guess where I adjusted mine! The audible beep and morse identifiers can be of use in some situations, as in a dark room or if you are visually handicapped, since they indicate which mode you have selected, or if you have made some sort of error (four quick beeps). On the CONTROL board (X53-3020-XX) there are additional ways of controlling and modifying the beep tone. Diode D9 enables the "Beep" oscillator. D66 selects between Morse and a single beep for the mode annunciator.

The Lowe HF-125

via Ben Peters

This British receiver was described in the March 7, 1987 Technical Column. Since then, articles describing its circuit design have appeared in the British magazinės Practical Wireless (March and April 1987) and Electronics and Wireless World (April 1987). What is really stunning is how little of the space on the circuit board actually processes the signal. It is a dual conversion set using two Plessey SL6440 mixers, while the IF amplifier/AGC and detection circuitry are on a Plessey SL6700 IC, i.e. there are three active devices between the antenna and the audio amplifier! Mind you, there are RF and IF filters and an RF attenuator controlled by the AGC line

in there too, but the bulk of the board is taken up with the synthesized oscillator, memory circuitry, and the large amount of electronic switching necessary to make a receiver like this function. The Plessey IC's are described in QST of April 1981, and the SL6700 is covered in the DXM of April 16, 1983.

Unfortunately, a review of performance appears only in the Practical Wireless article, and it mostly states that laboratory tests verify that the Wireless are accurate. It does point out the the 2.5, 4 and 7 kHz IF given specs are accurate. It does point out the the 2.5, 4 and 7 kHz IF filters have a shape factor of better than 1.6, and that the S-meter is quite accurate. The keyboard tuning option is recommended, especailly as the reviewer had difficulty in getting the tuning knob to zero in on a the reviewer had difficulty in getting the tuning knob to zero in on a signal due to overshoot, a not unusual problem with electronic tuning knobs signal due to overshoot, a not unusual problem with electronic tuning knobs optional synchronous AM detector worked best on signals suffering some types of selective fades, but was not always effective.

An extensive review of the Lowe HF-125 is available from IBS, Box 300, Penn's Park, PA 18943 for US\$4 (overseas US\$6). The set is sold in the USA by Universal Shortwave, 1280 Aida Drive, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

More on Sloping Random Wire Antennas

by NHP

In DXM #719, dated April 27, 1985, Jim Herkimer gives a brief description of his use of a random wire antenna which sloped down to ground level. The antenna was directional from the low end, whether the receiver was fed by the high end or the low end of the wire. He also found that grounding the low end of a 120' long sloper (receiver was fed at the high end) meant increased antenna directionality.

I used an 85' sloper during the day at Pender Island, B.C. which was pointed at 275°, and could be grounded in salt water. The receiver used was a SONY 2010 with a step attenuator. As most of my test stations were off the back of the antenna, it wasn't too surprising that a 15' high vertical gave better signal strengths (up to +12 or 14 dB, though most were in the 3-4 dB range), than the ungrounded sloper, on all but the few signals within 50° of the end of the sloper. These signals were about equal on the sloper and the vertical. An anomaly was that a couple of signals directly off the back of the sloping antenna were also about equal in strength of the vertical and the sloper.

Below about 1350 kHz, there were not really significant signal strength differences between the grounded and ungrounded sloping antennas. However, there were no signals in this frequency range which were really off the end of the antenna, not within $^490^{\circ}$. Above 1350 kHz, there were stations located off the end of the wire, and these increased in strength about 8 to 10 dB when the end of the wire was grounded in salt water.

I was not able to try the sloper and vertical at night on skywave (antenna comparisons are often difficult on such signals anyway), nor on any Australians which may have been coming in at dawn. My results were not too spectacular in favor of the grounded sloper, but such results may have been due to the less than optimum angle of the sloper (about 30°) and relative shortness of the wire. Perhaps Jim will be able to give us some conclusions from his own sloper observations at some future date.

In the meantime, Jim offers a few words on the "snake" antenna:
"The snake antenna is quickly gaining popularity among 160 meter amateur radio operators as a simple, yet effective low noise receiving antenna and as a makeshift transmitting antenna. It consists of 130 to 150 feet of coaxial cable, of which any type of coax will work fine. The far end of the coax has the center conductor tied to the braided shield. The other end, where it is connected to the receiver, has the braided shield broken approximately an inch back from the end, leaving only the center conductor connected to the receiver. Amateur radio operators claim that the coax is simply stretched out on the ground, in a straight line, and the antenna is directional off its far end. (Therefore, the longer the better). It is generally used with a matching device to accept power from a transmitter. However, I'm nct sure if a matching device is necessary for receiving purposes only. A fellow in Florida worked another ham in Italy with such an antenna, running a transceiver "barefoot", i.e. no linear amplifier, so it does indeed work"

Thanks to Don, Ben and Jim for contributions this time. 73

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