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NEW COLUMN: The IRCA Board of Directors has approved the Tropical Band column, and also has confirmed Patrick Martin as its editor. The column will cover 1720 to 4000 kHz, AM radio stations only. The time stations in the band will be ok, no hams, no utilities, no ship to shore, no morse code, no phone calls. The club will take a poll in the spring of 1996 and then the Board will review the continuation of the column. Send your reports to: Patrick Martin, PO Box 843, Seaside OR 97138. This will give you another area to DX with lots of low powered radio stations. Good DX.....

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NEW MEMBER: Stewart Ehly of Iowa City IA. **RENEWALS:** Steve Byan of Littleton MA, Osamu Aikawa of Japan, Glenn Thompson of Deming NM, Chester Jaffee of Berkeley CA, Harry Helms of San Diego CA, Randy Stewart of Springfield MO, David Sullivan of Jersey City NJ, Lee Freshwater of Ocala FL, James Herkimer of Pennellville NY. I would like to welcome Stewart, glad to have you. Thank You All....

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DX TEST BULLETIN

**** DX TESTS ARRANGED BY IRCA & NRC ****

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1995 - KLZ-560, 2150 WEST 29TH AVENUE, DENVER, CO 80222 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 2:00 & 2:30 AM EDT. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE VOICE ID'S, CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC, AND MORSE CODE. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. K.C. O'BRIEN - CHIEF OPERATOR. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1995 - WOBL-1320, P.O. BOX 277, OBERLIN, OH 44074 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 12:00 & 12:30 AM EDT. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TEST TONES AND MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. TRACEY LISTON - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1995 - WZEP-1460, P.O. BOX 627, DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FL 32433 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 5:30 & 6:00 AM EDT. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE VOICE ID'S, TEST TONES, AND MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. ART DEES - GENERAL MANAGER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1995 - KFAY-1030, P.O. BOX 878, FAYETTEVILLE, AR 72702 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 3:00 & 4:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. ANDREW STEPHENS (KB5ZSV) - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1995 - WSEZ-1560, P.O. BOX 26, PAOLI, IN 47454-0026 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 1:00 & 1:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. TODD EDWARDS - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1995 - WOON-1240, ONE SOCIAL STREET, WOONSOCKET, RI 02895 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 1:00 & 2:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE AND VOICE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. DAVE RICHARDS - OWNER & CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1995 - WPWA-1590, 12 KENT ROAD, ASTON, PA 19014 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 12:00 & 12:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. LLOYD B. ROACH (K3QNT) - PRESIDENT. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

A WORD FROM YOUR CPC

"Thank you" to the following people who made donations to the CPC during the '94-'95 DX season:

Frank Aden	C. Park Barton	Michael Bay	Tom Bryant	Larry Godwin
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Tim Noonan	Mark Nicholls	Jim Pogue	T. Reiser	Mike Sanburn
J.D. Stephens	S. David Warren	R.C. Watts	Karl Zuk	

And, a special "Thank You" to Tom Bryant and Bill Hardy for helping to arrange a few DX tests, and to Lee Freshwater for arranging two DX tests.

As always, your donations in the form of stamps or checks (no cash, please) are solicited. Your donations pay for the cost of printing and mailing DX tests request letters, "reminder" phone calls to stations who have agreed to run tests, printing and mailing of Certificates of Appreciation, mailing of DX test Morse Code tapes, and other facets of the CPC operations.

Don't forget - if you would like to participate in our "CPC Newsflash" service to notify DXers of late-breaking DX tests (for which we are not given enough lead time to publish in DX Monitor and/or DX News), simply send a supply of self-addressed, postage-paid postcards to the CPC address below. We will use the cards to notify you of late-breaking tests, and we will let you know when we have used your last card (so you can send a new supply). To assist us, PLEASE INCLUDE A NOTE TELLING US WHETHER YOU ARE A MEMBER OF IRCA, NRC, OR BOTH.

Also, remember, CPC TARGET LISTS ARE NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME. This will give us an opportunity to catch up from last season. Thanks for your understanding.

Your donations, or postcards for our "CPC Newsflash" service, may be sent to: J.D. Stephens, IRCA CPC Chairman, P.O. Box 605, Huntsville, AL 35804-0605.

BROADCASTING INFORMATION



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DEADLINES: 2nd & 4th Saturdays.

Compiled: 09/07/95

Much of this information was compiled from M Street Journal, DXM, and various other sources.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

CA. San Diego KFMB-760 increases to 50000/5000 DA-N

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

AZ. Glendale KGME-1360 inc. to 50000-D
FL. West Palm Beach WBZT-1290 change to 10000/4900
OH. Columbus WRFD-880 inc. to 23000-D
OR. Fairview KZTW-860 inc. to 5000-N (CP)
TN. Murfreesboro WAPB-810 6-N
TX. Bay City KPCC-1270 change to 2500/850
WA. Seattle KBLE-1050 dec. to 440-N

FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS:

CA. Anaheim KORG-1190 inc. to 20000-D, DA-2
Carmichael KFIA-710 inc. to 25000/500
IL. Rochelle WRHL-1060 inc. to 50-N, DA-1
MA. East Longmeadow WAQY-1600 dec. to 2500-D
MN. Fosston KKQC-1480 dec. to 90-N, ND

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

AZ. Casa Grande KFAS-1260 requests KKER

FORMAT CHANGES:

AL. Montgomery .WMSP-740 was sports, adds 1 On 1 Sports
Prattville WVKK-1410 was WRNB, silent, then WIQR, now
country "Kick"
AZ. Casa Grande KKER-1260 was KFAS, silent, now country
CA Barstow KSZL-1230 was country, now talk
Beverly Hills KNNS-1260 was KJQI, AS, now news //KNNZ
Fresno KEYQ-980 was talk, sports, adds oldies//FM
(Liddy mornings, sim. oldies days,
the Fan sports nights)
San Bernardino KCKC-1350 was nx, talk, adds 1 On 1 Sports
Santa Barbara KSPE-1490 was regional Mex//FM, now ranchero
Visalia KTHX-1400 was talk, sports//KEYQ, ads oldies middays
CT. Putnam WINY-1350 was soft AC, adds JSN soft AC
FL. Cantonment WNVY-1090 was sports, rptd. silent
Gulf Breeze WRNE-980 was R&B oldies, gospel, adds SS weekends
Largo WNZE-820 was sports, adds 1 on 1 Sports
Pine Hills WwZN-540 was sports, adds 1 on 1 Sports
Sarasota WSPB-1450 was classical, now Bloomberg news
GA. East Point WERD-1160 was R&B oldies, rap, drops rap nights
Fitzgerald WBHB-1240 was soft AC, now oldies
ID. Ammon KUPI-980 was AS, adds 1 on 1 Sports
Payette KIOV-1450 was rock//KQXR, now rock, talk

FORMAL CHANGES (CONT.):

IL. Carthage	WCAZ-990	was country, now nx, talk, country
Effingham	WCRA-1090	was AC, talk, now C&W, talk, AC (sim. WCRC 6-8 AM, hot AC 4 PM-s/off from WCBH)
IN. Seymour	WZZB-1390	was AC, adds JSN soft AC
KY. Owensboro	WVJS-1420	was oldies, now all nx
ME. Bath	WJTO-730	was AC, adds JSN AC
MA. Boston	WEEI-850	was sports, adds ESPN Sports Babe
MS. Biloxi	WVMI-570	was country, talk, now WWI/CNN nx, talk
Clarksdale	WROX-1450	was soft AC, talk, adds JSN soft AC
MO. Malden	KTCB-1470	was AC//FM, adds s. gospel 7 AM-noon
MT. Bozeman	KMMS-1450	was nx, talk, adds 1 on 1 Sports
NM. Portales	KSEL-1450	was country, talk, now all talk
OH. Celina	WCSM-1350	was AC//FM, adds JSN AC//FM
Cleveland	WHK-1420	was sports, adds 1 on 1 Sports
OK. Muskogee	KBIX-1490	was talk, not talk//KTRT
OR. Eugene	KDBS-840	was talk, rptd. silent (they are on the air w/SMN Real country-Ed.)
PA. Carlisle	WIOO-1000	was soft AC, adds JSN soft AC
State College	WRSC-1390	was gold-based AC, now nx/talk/sports
SC. Darlington	WDZS-1350	was WDAR, talk, now black gospel
York	WBZK-980	was oldies, adds SMN oldies
TN. Knoxville	WMEN-760	is new, MGS Christian country
TX. Childress	KCTX-1510	was oldies, adds JSN oldies
WV. Clarksburg	WPDX-750	was country//FM, now soft AC//WMQC

Dennis Gibson of Goleta, CA. confirms the earlier information on
KNNS-1260 CA., and sends along the following information:

CA. Simi Valley	KWNK-670	no longer simulcasting XETRA-690 BCN.
BCN Tijuana	XETIN-540	now simulcasting KNNZ-540 (still noted w/SS only on 9/1-ed.)

Thanks, Dennis for the tips!

Fall is just around the corner, school is back in session, the
summer is winding down, DX hopefully will pick up, it's been
dead lately! 73's.



DX Worldwide - West

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DEADLINES: 9/25, 10/2

DX continues to be good this time around too. A lot of great Asians and DU
DX too. So away we go:

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

531 NEW ZEALAND, Auckland-1PI-Pacific Island Radio good in some
splash from TIS-530 with man in presumed Samoan at 1330 on
9/5. (PM-OR)

540 AUSTRALIA, Longreach-4QL good with ABC nx at 1301 9/5 (PM-OR)
tCHINA, presume the source of the CC talk o/u 4QL at 1306 on
9/3 (PM-OR)

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- 549 AUSTRALIA, Orange-2CR-good //540 with ABC nx at 1302 9/5 (PM-OR)
- 558 JAPAN, Kobe-JOCR good w/JJ and US pops, JJ ancrrs, ment. of Kobe at 1335 9/3 (PM-OR)
- 567 NEW ZEALAND, Wellington-2YA-good with nx at 1304 9/5 (PM-OR)
- 576 AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2RN-very good with ID going into ABC nx at 1359.55 "Radio National 5-76" on 9/5 (PM-OR)
- RUSSIA, RR pops and man in RR at 1320 9/5. Later 2RN took over the channel. (PM-OR)
- 585 AUSTRALIA, Hobart-7RN fair //576 with Ethnic mx, sounded African at 1340 on 9/4 (PM-OR)
- 594 AUSTRALIA/JAPAN-mix here, man in JJ and MOR mx at 1411 9/4 (PM-OR)
- 603 AUSTRALIA, Nowra-2RN, here //576 at 1340 9/4 (PM-OR)
- 612 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4QR 1309 8/25, Pop mx at good signals //594 (NHP-BC*)
- +Also in, has been one of the strongest DUs this season, often in later than any of the others, noted at 1420 9/5. (PM-OR)
- 621 AUSTRALIA, Melbourne-3RN-fair in KIPA/KOTK splat with concert mx at 1320 on 9/2, //576 (PM-OR)
- 630 AUSTRALIA, Townsville-4QN-very good topping freq. at 1303 9/3 w/ ABC nx (PM-OR)
- 639 AUSTRALIA, two of three stations here, presume 4MS/5CK with ABC type stuff, and the pop mx from 2CS at 1332 9/2 (PM-OR)
- 648 AUSTRALIA, Tamworth-2NU good //702 with MOR mx 1345 9/5 (PM-OR)
- +AMERICAN SAMOA, Pago Pago-WVUV-presume the rr mx u/o 2NU at 1320 9/5 (PM-OR)
- 657 NEW ZEALAND, Wellington-2YC-good and on top of unids at 1340 9/4 w/talk on New Zealand. (PM-OR)
- NORTH KOREA, very strong at 1325 9/3 with man in KK (PM-OR)
- 666 AUSTRALIA/JAPAN, a mix here of JJ talk and 2CN at 1327 9/5 (PM-OR)
- 675 AUSTRALIA, Corowa-2CO 1352 8/25-A guess that this is more likely the one //702 w/man interviewing another man, poor to fair, 2BL and 2CO are the same network (but so is 3LO that was running separate programming.) (NHP-BC*) (Nick: I thought you might mean 2CO, rather than 2CN, as you listed the freq. as 675, rather than 666. Let me know if this is correct.PM)
- 684 AUSTRALIA, Kempsey-2KP-good with discussion at 1315 9/1 //702 2BL (PM-OR)
- 693 JAPAN, Tokyo-JOAB-good w/JJ talk at 1321 9/4 (PM-OR)
- 702 AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2BL 1353 8/25_more interviews, this time //612 (612 was delayed by about 1/2 sec.) fair to good. (NHP-BC*)
- 711 SOUTH KOREA, fair in splat w/KK talk at 1325 9/3 (PM-OR)
- 720 T.P.R. CHINA, presume the source of the CC talk o/u Russia at 1320 9/2. (PM-OR)
- RUSSIA, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk-Good mix with CHINA (presumed) at 1320 9/2 in JJ (PM-OR)
- PHILIPPINES, Iloilo-DYOK-good on top w/ball game at 1311 on 9/1, man in filipino, pause with spots and promo for "News Report on DYOK" at 1328. (PM-OR)
- 729 T.P.R. CHINA, CC talk o/u Aussie at 1326 9/2, then at 1329 heard man in CC, mentioned "Radio" in EE, at 1329, a Gong, followed by man in CC. Fair to good (PM-OR)
- AUSTRALIA, Adelaide-5RN-good with "Radio National 7-29" into program promos at 1336-9/5 (PM-OR)
- 738 T.TAHITI, Papeete-FR3 1315 8/25. Orch. mx, at fair signals, in splatter, then FF talk by man, best on 225 degree wire (NHP-BC*)
- 747 JAPAN, Sapporo-JOIK-good with JJ talk at 1320 9/3 (PM-OR)
- UNID, man way under JJ in what sounded like KK at 1320 9/3 (PM-OR)
- 774 AUSTRALIA, Melbourne-3LO-1350 8/25 "774-Melbourne 3LO" ID after man interviewing a woman on the telephone. Fair to good, mostly o/tent. 4TO (NHP-BC*)
- 783 RUSSIA, fair w/man in RR at 1310 9/1 (PM-OR)
- 792 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4RN-fair to good at 1359.55 9/5 with ID "Radio National-7-92". Into ABC nx at 1400. (PM-OR)
- 801 AUSTRALIA, Gosford-2RF-quite good o/presumed Taiwan in Cantonese sounding lang., At 1330 9/1 "Radio Italia" ID by woman, back into non-stop Italian pop mx. (PM-OR)
- 810 AUSTRALIA, Bega-2BA-fair way behind KGO with ABC nx at 1302 9/1, soon lost. (PM-OR)

- 837 AUSTRALIA, Rockhampton-4RK-1347 8/25, Good signal w/"This is ABC radio" ID by man after pop mx. (NHP-BC*)
- 846 tKIRIBATI, 1201 8/25-Island type choral mx at fair signals, but well after listed 1000 s/off. Does this stay on later now?(NHP*) (yes, at times I have hrd them I think AN. PM)
- 864 PHILIPPINES, unid filipino ball game in jumble o/u KK,JJ and others on channel at 1344 9/2 (PM-OR)
- 891 THAILAND, Bangkok-Radio Thailand here o/u JJ with Thai talk at 1307 8/31.Runs 1000KW. (PM-OR)
- 909 ++MALAYSIA, Sarawak-fair in splash, woman in Malay, mentioned Malaysia several times with what sounded like some sort of a Newscast or program at 1332 8/31. New. Reported. (PM-OR)
- 918 UNIDS, Several weak Asian lang. here(didn't sound usual JJ,KK, CC), but too much splash to tell much. At 1326 8/31 (PM-OR)
- 927 UNIDS, same here with strange weak lang. at 1327 8/31 (PM-OR)
- 936 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4PB-good with news at 1345 9/4. This is the most reg. of the "PB" stations, almost every morning. Runs 10KW on the channel. (PM-OR)
- 963 UNIDS, two or three Asian sounding stations here at 1331 8/31, unable to tell much. (PM-OR)
- 972 SOUTH KOREA, fair with woman in KK at 1340 9/2 (PM-OR)
- 981 UNID, with EE pop mx at 1331 9/4. (PM-OR)
- 1026 tAUSTRALIA, Melbourne-3PB-presume the "Worla News headlines" at 1350 9/4 (PM-OR)
UNID, thought this was maybe 3PB, hrd earlier-but received a note back saying it wasn't them-heard with "BBC nx at 1335 on 8/28 again. Beijing has an EE station here, maybe they run BBC nx? (PM-OR)
- 1053 KOREAS, jammer here very strong most AMs of late. (PM-OR)
- 1107 JAPAN, weak JJ talk in splash-one of the commercial stations I would guess at 1321 9/1 (PM-OR)
- 1143 TAIWAN, presume the source of the Cantonese talk at 1310 on 8/31 (PM-OR)
- 1161 tMALAYSIA?, strange Chinese mix of native type language, etc. by man at 1339 8/30, then again at 1340 9/4. Sarawak lists a station on 1161 running Iban-tent. report sent. (PM-OR)
- 1179 JAPAN, Osaka-JOOR-good with JJ talk o/splat at 1340-9/1 (PM-OR)

Dale Park send along these changes in Hawaiian radio:

- 670 HAWAII, Hilo-KPUA-8/21 Noted airing religious pgms(Christian) in the evening. Per board operator, KPUA bought out rel. KFSH-97.1-Hilo from University of the Nations and changed its format, so as part of the deal,KPUA is airing rel. instead of "The Jim Bohannon Show". This is sch. UTC Mon-Sat 0430-0730. Normal programming is NX/TX/SX as of 8/7. (5P-HI)
- 1460 HAWAII, Kailua-KULA-8/21 1010 UTC, was freq. surfing when I found this channel back on with AC mx(emphasizing Love Songs)//KRTR-96.3 Per owner Austin Valli, KRTR-FM put KULA back on the air around 7/4. CE is Clayton Caughill of Caughill-Palitz and stn runs 24 hours. Ironically, both stns are back under one ownership,albeit a different owner. KULA-1460 has been off since Nov.93,previous owner was Saul Levine had been shopping the stn and even considered donating it to the UOH(KTUH owner), and HI Public Radio(KIFO-1380-Owner). (5P-HI)
- 1570 HAWAII, Haiku,Maui-KUAU-Has been off the air since early July, when it was testing. I've been too busy to contact Richard Miller to find out what is going on. Format had been EZL/Hawaiian days Net talk at night with Dodger BB thrown in for good measure. (Stn. in co-located w/Millers condo rental service.) (5P-HI)

VERIFICATIONS

- 801 AUSTRALIA, Gosford-2RF-rec. nice vq and letter from John Wright ARDXC, as he is QSLing for the net, Radio Italia doesn't have the time to QSL-took 14d from taped report. Also sent along, hot off the computer a detailed list of Australian/Newzealand stations, with current addresses-Adrs: 31 Chamberlain Avenue-Caringbah,NSW 2229-Australia. Australian QSL 184, 71 from NSW! (PM-OR)

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THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

5P-HI DALE PARK-P.O. BOX 22778-HONOLULU, HI 96823-2778
NHP-BC* NICK HALL-PATCH-1538 AMPHION STREET-VICTORIA, B.C. V8R 4Z6
DXing at Sombrio Beach using homebrew rx, ICF-2010 and Beverages
at 270 degrees-2000', 225 degrees-1300', 305 degrees-1000', and
340 degrees-800' wire.
PM-OR YOUR EDITOR
Drake R8, Hammarlund SP-600, Term. 200', phased verticals,
Ground system.

DX  **WORLDWIDE
EAST**

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REPORT FROM: Mark Connelly - WA1ION

(Connelly*R-MA) = Rockport, MA (Granite Pier site)
(GC = 70.60 W / 42.67 N)
rx = Drake R8
ant = RTL-2 (remotely-tuned loop); MWT-3
controller / regenerative tuner

(Connelly-MA) = Billerica, MA (home)
(GC = 71.22 W / 42.54 N)
rx = Drake R8
ant = two 37 m. slopers w/ 50 m floating ground
for noise reduction; DL-2 phasing unit;
Mini-MWT-3 regenerative preselector.

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TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 549 ALGERIA Les Trembles, SEP 1 0447 - AA violins & vocal;
fair. (Connelly-MA)
- 558 SPAIN, AUG 30 0406 - fast SS talk; in slop. (Connelly-MA)
- 585 SPAIN Madrid, AUG 30 0408 - woman in SS; poor to fair w/
WBNW phased. + SEP 3 0246 - SS talk; poor in WBNW slop. (Connelly-MA)
+ SEP 1 0038 - SS teletalk; poor to fair in QRN. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 594 unID (MOROCCO or SAUDI ARABIA), SEP 1 0037 - AA-sounding vocal
music; slopped. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 603 SPAIN Sevilla / Palencia, SEP 1 0036 - SS talk & teletalk that
sounded // 621. (Connelly*R-MA) + SEP 3 0245 - SS teletalk; poor
to fair. (Connelly-MA)
- 612 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, SEP 1 0034 - AA male vocal, then talk at
low modulation level on good carrier; o/ others. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS Santa Cruz de Tenerife, AUG 30 0410 - news by
man in SS; fair on peaks. + SEP 4 0606 - SS news, still fair to good
at this late time. (Connelly-MA) + SEP 1 0035 - fast SS talk
by woman; fair. This was better about an hour earlier (ripping up
WZON on car radio). (Connelly*R-MA)

- 639 CZECH REPUBLIC Praha - Liblice (t), SEP 5 0201 - Slavic-sounding news by woman; mixed w/ others, poor. (Connelly-MA)
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM synchros., SEP 1 0048 - EE news & discussion about VE Day and VJ Day; atop Azores / Spain, SAH about 6 Hz. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 702 MOROCCO / SPAIN, SEP 1 0031 - apparent AA or Berber a cappella vocal, mixed w/ SS talk; messy. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 729 SPAIN Oviedo et al., SEP 3 0248 - bits of SS in CKAC slop. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 738 SPAIN Barcelona, AUG 30 0414 - SS teletalk show; excellent. (Connelly-MA) + SEP 1 0027 - man & woman in SS, then music dubbed over taped phone conversation as promo.; excellent. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 747 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, AUG 30 0415 - man & woman in SS; good on peaks. (Connelly-MA)
- 747 NETHERLANDS Flevoland, SEP 1 0053 - spooky music w/ interspersed DD dialogue (probably a radio drama); HUGE signal. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 756 GERMANY Braunschweig / Ravensburg, SEP 1 0025 - classical music; excellent. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 765 SWITZERLAND Sottens, SEP 1 0025 - classical music; fair. (Connelly*R-MA) + SEP 3 0243 - classical violin music; excellent. (Connelly-MA)
- 774 SPAIN synchros., AUG 30 0417 - man in SS; fair through CFDR & WABC slop. (Connelly-MA)
- 792 SPAIN Sevilla, AUG 30 0418 - man & woman in SS; to good peaks. (Connelly-MA)
- 819 EGYPT Batra, SEP 5 0135 - General Program excellent w/ AA male Koranic chant // 12050. (Connelly-MA)
- 819 unID, SEP 4 0601 - het persisting at this late time, likely Morocco. (Connelly-MA)
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, AUG 30 0419 - man & woman in SS; very good. (Connelly-MA) + SEP 1 0021 - SS talk, was NOT // 855; good o/ others. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 837 AZORES Barossa, SEP 4 0600 - bits of PP talk; briefly o/ Canary Islands. (Connelly-MA)
- 846 ITALY Rome, AUG 30 0420 - classical music; poor. (Connelly-MA) + SEP 1 0023 - opera; poor in WEEI slop. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 855 SPAIN Murcia et al., AUG 30 0421 - SS talk by 2 announcers; excellent. (Connelly-MA) + SEP 1 0020 - SS telephone interview; good. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 864 EGYPT Santah, SEP 1 0019 - AA group a cappella vocal; excellent. (Connelly*R-MA) + SEP 5 0220 - AA male vocal (Holy Koran service // 9756.4); to fair peak. (Connelly-MA)
- 882 UNITED KINGDOM synchros., SEP 1 0101 - woman in EE w/ news about Bosnia, // 693; good o/ other station. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 891 ALGERIA Algiers, AUG 30 0428 - instrumental music; very good. (Connelly-MA) + SEP 1 0016 - rock-influenced AA music w/ flutes & drums, then woman in AA; excellent, S9+50; like a local. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 909 UNITED KINGDOM synchros., SEP 1 0102 - news by woman in EE, // 693, 882; fair to good. (Connelly*R-MA)

954 SPAIN Madrid, SEP 1 0014 - SS teletalk w/ man & woman; good. (Connelly*R-MA)

954 CZECH REPUBLIC / SPAIN, SEP 3 0250 - man & woman in Slavic language o/u man in SS; SAH about 3 Hz. (Connelly-MA)

963 PORTUGAL Seixal, SEP 4 0552 - PP talk by man & woman; poor. (Connelly-MA)

999 SPAIN Madrid, SEP 1 0013 - SS teletalk; fair. + SEP 1 0104 - SS news by woman; loud, stronger than 1000 kHz domestics ! (Connelly*R-MA)

1008 CANARY ISLANDS / SPAIN, SEP 3 0251 - SS talk by man; o/ others w/ WINS phased. (Connelly-MA)

1017 GERMANY Rheinsender, SEP 1 0012 - classical music, then man in GG; very good. (Connelly*R-MA)

1017 TURKEY Mundanya (t), SEP 1 0157 - Middle Eastern music mixed w/ Germany. (Connelly*R-MA)

1017 SPAIN Granada / Burgos, SEP 4 0524 - SS male talk, folk guitar; good o/ others. (Connelly-MA)

1044 SPAIN San Sebastian, SEP 4 0525 - news by man & woman in SS; excellent. (Connelly-MA)

1053 UNITED KINGDOM, TalkRadio UK synchros., SEP 1 0111 - EE sportstalk, o/ SS & AA stations. (Connelly*R-MA)

1062 DENMARK Kalundborg, SEP 3 0252 - open carrier, strong. + SEP 5 0408 - news in Danish by man; excellent, 20 dB better than KYW - 1060 ! (Connelly-MA)

1089 UNITED KINGDOM, TalkRadio UK synchros., AUG 30 0435 - EE talk about aliens; good. (Connelly-MA) + SEP 1 0010 - man & woman in EE; o/ unID station, 4 Hz SAH. (Connelly*R-MA) + SEP 5 0118 - adverts for life insurance, long distance telephone service; followed by talk about tennis. (Connelly-MA)

1089 UNITED KINGDOM / ALBANIA (?), SEP 3 0253 - TalkRadio in EE o/ second station w/ eastern European sounding talk; both stations were stronger than WBAL - 1090. (Connelly-MA)

1098 SLOVAKIA Nitra, SEP 1 0113 - light orchestral music; way o/ others. (Connelly*R-MA)

1107 EGYPT Batrah, SEP 1 0009 - AA female vocal; fair to good. (Connelly*R-MA)

1107 SPAIN, SEP 4 0528 - SS talk; in slop. (Connelly-MA)

1134 CROATIA Zadar, SEP 1 0200 - light music, then Slavic language news by man; tough w/ WBBR slop. (Connelly*R-MA)

1143 SPAIN / others, SEP 1 0207 - SS news // 1152, in mix w/ 2 others. (Connelly*R-MA)

1152 SPAIN, SEP 1 0207 - news by man in SS; mixing w/ at least 2 others. (Connelly*R-MA)

1161 unID, SEP 1 0227 - fat het, little audio. (Connelly*R-MA)

1179 SWEDEN / SPAIN - CANARIES, SEP 1 0226 - music mixed w/ SS talk; messy. (Connelly*R-MA)

1188 HUNGARY Szombathely (t), SEP 1 0223 - test w/ several audio tones // 1251. (Connelly*R-MA)

- 1197 UNITED KINGDOM, SEP 1 0222 - Virgin Radio // 1215 w/ "I'm on Fire" by Bruce Springsteen; very briefly over 3 to 4 station mess. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1206 POLAND Lublin et al., SEP 1 0220 - Polish talk; poor. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1206 FRANCE Bordeaux, SEP 4 0521 - tropical jazz instrumental, then FF female vocal; good. (Connelly-MA)
- 1215 UNITED KINGDOM, SEP 1 0216-0220 - Virgin Radio excellent w/ "Love Will Tear Us Apart" by Joy Division, EE talk, "A Girl Like You" by Edwyn Collins, then "I'm on Fire" by Bruce Springsteen. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1215 SPAIN, SEP 1 0217 - SS talk briefly popped up o/ Virgin Radio. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1224 unID, SEP 1 0218 - bits of music, possibly // UK - 1215. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1251 LIBYA Tripoli, SEP 1 0005 - violins, AA talk by man; good, o/ others. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1251 HUNGARY Marcali (t), SEP 1 0223 - o/u Libya; test w/ several audio tones // 1188. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1259 unID, SEP 1 0211 - weak het on WEZE. Azores still here ? (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1269 GERMANY Neumunster, SEP 1 0152 - classical music // 756, 1422; fair through CJCB/WTSN slop. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1314 SPAIN, AUG 30 0453 - bits of SS talk; in CKEC slop. (Connelly-MA)
- 1314 NORWAY Kvitsoy, SEP 1 0004 - man in Norwegian, then soul vocal. + SEP 1 0134 - pop-rock music; in like a ton of bricks, 15 dB better than 1310 & 1320. Weak 1313 het (Angola) present. (Connelly*R-MA) + SEP 3 0259 - song w/ fiddle (sounded like "Jig of Life" by Kate Bush), then man in Norwegian. + SEP 5 0405 - classical music; excellent, o/ Spain. (Connelly-MA)
- 1325 MOROCCO Safi, AUG 31 2358 - mellow pop vocal; poor. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1341 NORTHERN IRELAND Lisnagarvey, SEP 1 0125 - EE talk; poor. (Connelly*R-MA) + SEP 3 0300 - fair w/ EE news by woman. (Connelly*MA)
- 1349 MAURITANIA Nouakchott, AUG 31 2357 - woman in AA; fair to good, over CKAD/WOYK/WSVY slop. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1377 UKRAINE synchron., SEP 1 0135 - classical music, then Slavic talk; fair. Other station under, maybe Portugal. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1395 ALBANIA Fllake, SEP 5 0357 - talk in unID language, then religious music; carrier dropped off at 0359. Signal poor to fair. (Connelly-MA)
- 1404 unID, AUG 31 2348 - het, Ukraine ? (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1413 SPAIN, SEP 1 0138 - SS talk in growl / jumble. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1422 ALGERIA Algiers, AUG 31 2347 - AA vocal at about 20% modulation level; on huge carrier, atop Germany - SAH about 4 Hz. (Connelly*R-MA)
- 1422 GERMANY Heusweiler, SEP 1 0149 - classical music; very good / dominant. (Connelly*R-MA)

1467 FRANCE Roumoules, SEP 5 0402 - man in GG; to good peak.
(Connelly-MA)

1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba, SEP 3 0303 - male AA Koranic vocal;
excellent on phased wires, slopped by WWKB on borrowed Kiwa loop.
(Connelly-MA)

1521 SPAIN Manresa, SEP 5 0354 - excited SS talk occasionally
surfacing o/ WWKB slop & bits of fading Saudi. (Connelly-MA)

1530 SAO TOME, VOA, SEP 3 0306-0312 - VOA African Service news //
7405; mixed w/ Vatican & remnants of nulled WSAI. It cut through
best when there was a speech followed by loud applause. Bits
of Sheryl Crow song noted at 0312; by this time signal was u/
WSAI & Vatican. + SEP 5 0348 - VOA environmental news in 'special'
(slow) EE // 7405; very good (!) o/u WSAI. (Connelly-MA)

1530 VATICAN, SEP 3 0314 - Slavic-sounding talk by woman;
briefly o/ WSAI & VOA Sao Tome. (Connelly-MA)

1537.8 unID, SEP 1 0142 - het, possibly the anti-Iraqi clandestine
that Burnell has been hearing. A het was also noted on 1539.
(Connelly*R-MA)

1544 CLANDESTINE (ALGERIA or MOROCCO), AUG 31 2342 - AA speech by
man; huge, S9+50 ! (Connelly*R-MA)

1548 UNITED KINGDOM, AUG 30 0500 - news by woman in EE; poor to
fair. (Connelly-MA) + SEP 1 0145 - bits of EE talk in mix of
several stations; tough w/ slop. (Connelly*R-MA)

1557 FRANCE Nice, SEP 4 0522 - FF female vocal // 1206;
poor. (Connelly-MA)

1563.08 unID, SEP 4 0537 - PP or FF teletalk; poor. Is
Covilha, Portugal still drifting near this frequency ?
WQEW was off at the time. (Connelly-MA)

1575 SPAIN, SEP 3 0420 - SS talk u/ open carrier. (Connelly-MA)

1584 SPAIN, AUG 30 0457 - woman in SS, bits of techno-rock
instrumental were blended in for emphasis; fair through CBJ
slop. + SEP 3 0420 - fast SS talk by man; good. + SEP 4 0544 -
excited SS talk; to strong peaks, but very jumpy. (Connelly-MA)

1602 SPAIN, SEP 1 0147 - SER SS news; in WUNR slop. (Connelly*R-MA)
+ SEP 5 0058 - man & woman in SS; poor. (Connelly-MA)

1608a unID, SEP 3 0410 - RTTY signal, probably of European origin.
(Connelly-MA)

1611 VATICAN, SEP 3 0316 - woman talking in unID language; fair.
+ SEP 3 0419 - talk, Ave Maria on organ, Vatican IS; good.
(Connelly-MA)

1615 UNITED KINGDOM, SEP 3 0415 - "GCC1" CW ID; poor to fair.
(Connelly-MA)

1619 NETHERLANDS Scheveningen, SEP 3 0416 - "PCH" CW ID, then
8 data bursts; good. (Connelly-MA)

PAN-AMERICAN DX
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595 DOMINICA, DBS Hillsborough, SEP 1 0036 - accented EE teletalk;
fair on peaks, some 594 QRM. (Connelly*R-MA)

733.9a unID, SEP 1 0028 - weak carrier. (Connelly*R-MA)

885 MONTERRAT, ZJB Plymouth, SEP 1 0017 - female pop vocal surfacing o/ T-storm QRN & WCBS slop. (Connelly*R-MA)

895 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, Charlestown, SEP 1 0015 - soca music; very good. (Connelly*R-MA)

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August 21, 1995

Caltch Observatory Sees Start of New Solar Sunspot Cycle

PASADENA-The first sunspot in the new sunspot cycle was identified on Saturday, August 12, by astronomers at the California Institute of Technology's Big Bear Solar Observatory in Big Bear City, California. The new sunspot marks the end of the sun's quiescent period and the beginning of a new surge of sunspot activity.

"This makes us happy," said Hal Zirin, professor of astrophysics at Caltech and director of the Big Bear Solar Observatory. "The sun is a lot more interesting to study when things are going on."

Sunspots are relatively dark spots that typically appear in groups on the surface of the sun. They are associated with strong magnetic fields and with solar flares, and follow an approximately 11-year cycle of increasing activity followed by a slow decline into a quiescent period. Early in the cycle, sunspots appear rarely and at relatively high solar latitudes around 30 to 35 degrees, then increase in frequency and appear at lower latitudes until they reach sunspot maximum. After this peak in activity, the number of sunspots slowly declines, and they appear ever closer to the sun's equator until they reach a relatively quiet phase called sunspot minimum.

There is typically some overlap between successive sunspot cycles. As the last sunspots of one cycle appear near the equator, at latitudes of about 7 degrees, the next cycle starts again with sunspots near 30 degrees, but with the magnetic polarity of the new spots reversed.

That's exactly the point the sun is at now; it has been in a quiescent period through much of 1994 and this year, with a few spots showing up near the equator. The new sunspot photographed on Saturday appeared at a solar latitude of 21 degrees, and its magnetic polarity is opposite to that seen over the last decade, a key to identifying it as the manifestation of the start of a new cycle.

This new sunspot appeared a bit earlier than astronomers expected. Typically, as a solar cycle winds down, late bursts of sunspot activity will appear near the equator before the new cycle starts. Scientists had seen these late pulses of sunspots in 1984, but saw little late activity this time and therefore expected an early beginning to the new cycle, but not this early.

Sunspots have effects far beyond the sun itself, so while solar astronomers are excited by this news, people in many other fields are keenly interested as well. Solar flares often occur above sunspots, and can disrupt radio communications on earth and sometimes even cause widespread power outages. Flares also cause the colorful celestial displays known as the northern (or southern) lights, and cause unusual behavior in satellites, such as increased drag and disabled orientation.

Sunspots in the new cycle should rapidly become more common and reach a high level of activity in 1998 or 1999.



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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1090 KNWX WA, Seattle 8/30 1530 on air mention that "We're moving down the dial to serve you better...in the next few weeks KNWX will be at 770 on your AM dial."
Apparently KNWX and KRPM are switching frequencies in September! (TW-BC)
+As of about 8/30 has been running frequent announcements saying they will move to 770 "in a few weeks." (bp-WA)
- 1240 KKLA CA, San Bernadino 8/28 0540 ex-KLFE (calls now in Seattle on 1590). Good over KNRV with "Haven of Rest" program, phone 1-800-65-HAVEN to call in to program, ID at top of hour. (RW-CA)
- 1590 KLFE WA, Seattle 8/31 1100 C&W music into ID "Welcome to Positive AM 1590, KLFE Seattle" (yet another set of calls for 1590!). (TW-BC)
+Recently added conservative talk shows in the afternoon, otherwise still "Positive Country" country format. (bp-WA)
- 521 INE MT, Missoula 8/3 0150 CW beacon with good signal. (MEM-OR)
- 610 KONA WA, Kennewick-Richland-Pasco 8/20 1810 "KONA Information Radio" into ads. (NH+JCJ-OR)
- 620 KGTL AK, Homer 8/29 0340 fair mixing with KOTK, with adult standards, "K-G-T-L" ID. First time heard this season. (PM-OR)
- 670 WMAQ IL, Chicago 8/4 0237 fair in KBOI null, all news, gave weather for Chicago. I'm hoping this is a sign of a good DX season to come. (SW-WA)
- 730 KSVN UT, Ogden-Salt Lake City 8/21 1800 ID in Spanish then English "KSVN Ogden-Salt Lake City," into local news in Spanish. (NH+JCJ-UT)
- 770 KATL MT, Miles City 8/2 0600 weak, mixing with CHQR and KRPM. Gave top-of-the-hour ID into ABC news. (SW-WA)

- 790 KGHL MT, Billings 8/22 0552 weak, mixing with CFCW, C&W music, gave ID at end of spot break. First time I've heard them here since the 1960's! (SW-WA)
 (KJRB) WA, Spokane 8/22 0550 off air on a Tuesday morning and the first time I've caught them off in many years. (SW-WA)
 CFCW AB, Camrose 8/22 0555 weak, C&W with female DJ, I haven't heard them since the early 80's. (SW-WA)
- 840 WPEX968 CA, Belvedere 8/14 0928 weak, fadey after KVEG fade out, but readable with ID "This is the city of Belvedere's emergency advisory radio network..." New. (RW)
 KDBS OR, Eugene now is satellite country, "Real Country." (PM-OR)
- 860 KAPN UT, Salt Lake City 8/27 1100 "The news station, Super News, KAPN Salt Lake..." into AP News. (NH+JCJ-UT)
- 880 KIXI WA, Mercer Island 8/13 0552 fair, unusual here, on top of unID which was probably KRVN which usually dominates this frequency. (SW-WA)
- 980 KUPI ID, Ammon 8/4 0140 atop with local ads & ID. (MEM-OR)
- 1010 KPSL CA, Thousand Palms 8/28 0530 fair over/under KIQI with "Sportsfan" network programming and one local ad. Called station later on Monday to confirm, they said they were testing special high-power daytime antenna. Call change for me, ex-KCMJ. (RW-CA)
- 1140 KHTK CA, Sacramento 8/21 0150 with "One on One" sports and "DirecTV" ad. (PT-CA)
 ?KGEM? ID, Boise 8/21 0150 presumed them with nostalgia format // KABL-960. (PT-CA)
 ?CFXL? AB, Calgary 8/21 0150 presumed CFXL with mention of Alberta, Canadian Broadcasters PSA and music (GTO). (PT-CA)
- 1300 KACI OR, The Dalles 8/20 1734 ID and local ads after oldies, 1745 "FM 97" ID. (NH+JCJ-OR)
- 1340 CINL BC, Ashcroft 9/1 0037 adult contemporary oldies, ID "Your 24 hour news and information station, Radio NL." //610. New. (TW-BC)
- 1380 KOTA SD, Rapid City 8/8 0100 weak, gave promo for local weather coverage on "1380 KOTA" into top of the hour ID and network news. A nice surprise while looking for Sacramento. New for SD #4. (SW-WA)
- 1400 KLCK WA, Goldendale 8/20 1754 big band/nostalgia music, ID "KLCK Goldendale." (NH+JCJ-OR)
- 1490 KENE WA, Toppenish 8/20 1802 country music, 1806 ID "KENE White Swan-Toppenish" into more country music. (NH+JCJ-OR)
- 1540 (KMBY) CA, Aptos-Capitola 8/14 0937 noted silent per tip from Jim Hilliker. No trace of them, only usual L.A. station. (RW-CA)
- 1580 KGAL OR, Lebanon 8/17 1836 continues to test off & on during the day with talk (net). On at night with newstalk, but buried under others most nights. (PM-OR)
 +9/1 0100 satellite talk show into ID "Power talk all day, one-on-one sports all night, KGAL Lebanon-Albany-Corvallis" into AP Network News." New. (TW-BC)
 +9/1 0933 strong but sometimes covered by KLFE-1590 splat, local & AP news, call IDs, slogan The Talk of the Valley." (bp-WA)
- 1590 KZOK WA, Seattle 8/4 0120 local ads and ID'ing as "Positive Country." Is KZOK still the call? (MEM-OR) (See Of Special Interest above. -NH)
- 1610 KOD762 WA, Mt. Rainier Nat. Park TIS at Nisqually entrance noted back on the air when I was there in mid-July. Had been silent the previous 2 summers. (bp-WA)
- 1610 WPHF829 WA, Spokane 8/30 2340 TIS at Spokane International Airport. First noted on air in May with the call WNEN670. Changed to this call in June, and finally put up a sign to tune in enroute to the airport in August! Male announcer with parking and flying info. Gives clear ID & I can hear them well at my location about 6 miles away. (SW-WA)
- 1620 WPAM217 TX, Houston 8/23 0420 good to fair with "Alert Radio" ID's and call letters, mixing with unID NOAA radio service, mentioned Lake Charles, LA. (PM-OR)

UNIDS

- 840 8/21 0928 unID coming in good in KVEG null with what sounded like SMN Real Country. ID "30 minutes after the hour, at Real Country." Did KDBS-OR change format or is this a new station? KRAO-WA or KRKL-CA? Ideas? (RW-CA) (See KDBS tip above! -NH)

Thanks to all the WDXR reporters this time. Weekly WDXR deadlines are back again!

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IRCA CONTESTS

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★ PRODIGY
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Welcome to the 1995-96 IRCA DX contests! This year we have one domestic contest, and one foreign contest (made from suggestions from IRCA members). Hopefully a lot of people will be motivated to DX and to enter into the fun of the contests. **There is no fee to enter IRCA Contests.**

Each contest will have a prize of \$5 towards the IRCA Bookstore - Almanac, updaters, Mexican Log, etc. This season the contests will be:

DOMESTIC

Log 10 stations from each state or province. Scoring: #1=1 point, #2=2 points, #3=3 points, #4=4 points, etc., with #10 being worth 10 points. BONUS: 5 points for each "I" "R" "C" or "A" appearing in the calls letters. For example, KJOA would earn 10 bonus points (5 points for the "I" and 5 points for the "A"). During the contest period an entry can be replaced with one of a higher value.

FOREIGN

The object of this contest is to log as many foreign countries as possible. #1 from each country will be worth 5 points, with each subsequent station from that country worth one point. The purpose is to log many different countries, not massive numbers of stations from any one particular country. Stations within the continental U.S. and Canada will not be eligible. Stations in Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico & Cuba will count as foreign. For this contest, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, etc. are each considered a country.

BASIC INFORMATION

1. All contests began October 1, 1995 and will end May 31, 1996.
2. There is no entry fee for any contest.
3. You may choose to enter just one contest, or both.
4. Any IRCA member may enter the contests until December 31, 1995. You may begin counting loggings from the first day of the month you enter.
5. You need not register beforehand, as your first entry will be considered your registration.
6. Each entrant can win only one contest, the one where they receive the most points.
7. Stations may be any AM broadcast station, 530 to 1710 kHz, licensed by their country's government. They may be "first time" loggings or stations you have heard before.
8. To count a U.S. station, you must hear the call letters. To count a Canadian or foreign station, you must hear the call letters, or hear a recognized slogan plus location.
9. Stations that change call letters during the contest may be counted only once. Stations that change frequency may be counted on each frequency heard.
10. Your report of stations heard in any particular month must be postmarked by the 5th day of the following month. For example, a station heard on Oct. 3 must be submitted by Nov. 5 to be eligible. Dec. 5 would be too late.
11. When you send your entry include the following: frequency, call, city & state, and date & time of ID. The time you use can be your choice (Eastern, Central, Mountain, Pacific, UTC/GMT, etc.) but be sure to indicate what time you are using for your entry.

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[JcJ+NjH-MT] Your editor and Nancy Hardy using an Icom IC-R71A with a Radio West loop.

SPECIAL INTEREST

1590 KLFE WA, Seattle. **EX-KZOK**. 9/3 good. 0102 with "Positive country, AM 15-90 KLFE Seattle" ID during country music. [JcJ+NjH-MT]

DOWN THE DIAL

940 CJGX SK, Yorkton. 9/3 good in KIOA null. 0130 with extended weather forecast. NOS format. [JcJ+NjH-MT]

1090 CKRX AB, Lethbridge. 9/3 domiant. 2318 with promo for "CKRX's Stork Club" and slogan "Southern Alberta's home of rock and roll." [JcJ+NjH-MT]

1320 KELO SD, Sioux Falls. 9/3 good. 0137 with rock oldies. IDing as "KELO 13-20. News and information you need." [JcJ+NjH-MT]

1380 KOTA SD, Rapid City. 9/3 good. 0150 with "Solid Gold Saturday Night" program. 0200 ID by Dick Bartley "13-80 KOTA Rapid City." [JcJ+NjH-MT]

1520 KFXX OR, Oregon City. 9/3 weak in KOMA null. 0109 with "KFXX Oregon City, Portland" ID in sports program. Very rare here. [JcJ+NjH-MT]

1590 KVGB KS, Great Bend. 9/3 in KLFE null. 0057 with rock, 0100 sign off. [JcJ+NjH-MT]

1600 KYGO CO, Lakewood. 9/3 good. 0104 with CBS News. 0106 ID "AM 1600 KYGO" and slogan "Classic Country KYGO AM." [JcJ+NjH-MT]

25 YEARS AGO

September 19, 1970 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor"...New members included Philip Bytheway of Seattle, WA, Robert Kramer of Chicago, IL, and Ted Wendland of New Westminster, BC....Gene Martin of Denver, CO tracked down his electrical noise problem. A wire arcing on a pole three blocks away. The power company had it fixed in an hour....Bill Nittler of Englewood, CO received a verie from ZBVI-780 for country #42....New member John P. Lombardo of Irvington, NJ said he was 16....Dick Clark of Fort Lauderdale, FL told of WAVS-1190 coming on the air....Rick Evans of Gary, IN, editor of Midwest DX Roundup, asked for comments concerning the two-letter state abbreviations.

OPEN MIKE

Time is nature's way of making sure that everything doesn't happen at once. Speaking of time, it's time to dust off those receivers and check out the new DX season! Don't forget your DX columns, be sure to report often. We are almost back to the weekly issues. Deadline is every are Saturday. To get you started on the DX season you might want to join one or both of this years DX contests. You'll find complete details in this issue of DX Monitor 73, John.



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STARS OF THE WEEK

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- (LF-FL*) 83 GMC p/up with window wire ant
- (LH-AL[]) Lynn Hollerman 514 Carrsbrook Rd. Huntsville,Al (via E-mail) SuperRadio III & Internal ANT.
- (LH-AL\$) Lynn Hollerman using Nissan Car Radio
- (LH-AL*) Lynn Hollerman w/ DX-440 w/MJF-956 tuner & 60' LW
- (MH-NC) Mike Hardester 3118 Gaitway Ct, Jacksonville,N.C. 28546-6973 approaching Greenville ,1986 GMC w/fender ant (via E-mail)

LOGGINGS

- 680 WJCE TN Memphis 8/25 2225-2230 "Solid Gold Soul" request line with "Hollywood", "The New AM 6-80", ads, R&B mx. (LH-AL*)
- 710 WROM GA Rome 8/25 1604 Nx, weak. (LH-AL\$) also 8/28 1404 USA nx local ads, ID. (LH-AL[])
 - WUFF GA Eastman 8/25 1606 USA nx, Weak, but different signal than WROM. (LH-AL\$)
 - WZRS TN Smyrna 8/28 1400 Local ads, nx (LH-AL[])
- 720t WWDF MS Richland 1510-1525 Instrumental mx, "We apologize for the delay, we're ready to go now." ID into some kind of talk pgm, something about God. Fading signal. (LH-AL[])
- 770 WABC NY New York 8/25 2234 Heard "WABC,NY" jingle (LH-AL*)
- 800 CKLW ON Windsor 8/25 2240 Blue Jays/White Sox BB (LH-AL*)
- 810 WGY NY Schenectady 8/25 2245 ID between ads- "Radio 8-10, WGY", into wx forecast. (LH-AL*)
- 830 WCCO MN Minneapolis 8/25 2250 Brewers/Twins post game (LH-AL*)
- 840 WHAS KY Louisville 8/25 2251 Talk Show, ID "You're on 84-WHAS" (LH-AL*)
- 990 WEEB NC Southern Pines possibly the one noted 8/15 [0700 w/bits of audio (this hrd in Jacksonville) Signal faded in/out, and finally a positive ID while in Clinton, N.C. [1200 w/end of Paul Harvey nx, into local spot for Pitkin? Cars, ID and slogan "WEEB: We Entertain The Thought." Still weakly audible on return trip into Jacksonville at 1600. Storm Related reception? (MH-NC) Mike: I built a production room for WEEB in 1989, They use a Harris MW-10 Xmtr but has poor ground conductivity. For 10Kw, they dont get out as good as they should-ed.
- 1370 WLLN NC Lillington possibly noted 8/15 at 0710 (In Jacksonville) w/gspl mx, continually audible between checks of 990-WEEB. Fair to poor lvl. ID'd in Clinton, NC [1300 into USA nx. Nx followed by local update on "Felix" and then into "Landmark Christianity" pgm. Still weakly audible (gspl mx) on return into Jacksonville at 1600. Storm related reception??(MH-NC)

TIS

- 530 TIS NC Greenville. East Carolina University TIS noted 8/16 at 1130 about 10 miles South of campus. W anncr with parking regulations, and warnings of flood prone areas to avoid if Hurricane Felix hit area. A second W anncr with digitalized day/time/date anncmnt also noted. Not that strong on Campus fair lvl at best (MH-NC)
- 1610 TIS FL Lake City. Noted TIS located at interchange of I-10 & I-75 8/26 [1200. looped message about road construction on I-75 through the Lake City area. No calls mentioned. Looked for antenna and trailer, but did not see it. (LF-FL*)

SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1230 FL Gainesville. Looks like they will return to the air as a "For The People" affiliate. According to my inside source, a deal has been struck with the FTP net to run things. The station will be sold in the process, but I don't think it will be owned by FTP.
- 1450 FL Sarasota As mentioned 8/12 they were off. Look for them to return as a "Bloomberg" Business affiliate. They will be in direct competition with WTMY-1280



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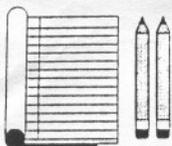
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(E-Mail: 73201.2263@CompuServe.com) I wrote my first Forum in 1964, shortly after IRCA was founded. I've written at least a hundred Forums in 31 years, but this will be my last. It is the most difficult to write because I've made so many wonderful friends through this club. As you may have read in the President's Report in the May issue, my term as President ends on 9/14/95, and I am leaving IRCA on 9/15/95. I quit DXing last February, ironically as the KUJ-KTCR DX test began. I want to thank those of you who have written and called, asking how I've been doing. I'm doing just fine. The first four weeks were full of anguish for me. But in late March, my daughter Melanie chose to return home, and since then I've been a full time single parent to both children. Single parenting is a rewarding challenge, joyous but busy. I haven't even turned on an AM radio except to listen to Seattle Mariners and Grays Harbor Gulls baseball. Even when the kids spent four weeks in Montana this summer, I couldn't complete the club projects I'd planned, choosing instead to fix up the house. So it's time for me to move on. Rich Toebe will do a great job with the Almanac project, and I hope you'll give Rich the same outstanding support that you gave me for the past 16 years. Phil Bytheway has a wealth of experience as club President. And IRCA, the democratic club where you decide club policy, is the greatest DX club in the world. I'm proud of the many friendships I've made through this club. This is the final issue of DX Monitor I'll be receiving, so I hope you will all stay in touch, via mail or E-mail. God bless IRCA, and God bless you. For the final time, 73 and good DX.

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[8/28] Hi everybody: Had a great time at the convention. I would like to than Frank and Mark for hosting the great convention. Always enjoy attending the conventions, as you get to see old friends and get the chance to meet new ones. In all the travelling I have done through the years, I had never been to Boise either. It was quite interesting to see. It is a lot different than Northern Idaho! DX of late is on the improvement side. Hopefully it will be a good year. Already I have tent.'s of INDIA - 729 and 1134. But too weak to tell for sure. I received my 184th Australian QLS recently, 2RF-801 Khz-Gosford, NSW. That is my 2287th MW QSL. Lots of reports out, many followups. QSLs in lately: 2RF-801, KRGS-810, KDLA-1010, CKBA-850, CKEG-1570, WGYJ-1590, KGAL-1580, DZRH-666 (my 14th Filipino verie), and TIS-Othello WA-1610. We have a new station in Oregon. KGAL-1580-Lebanon, has signed on the air with news-talk, mostly net stuff. They are diplexed on the same tower as KSHO-920 (ex KGAL), and Richard Eads has both stations. Same address for both, PO Box in Albany. Also same directional pattern as KSHO, 2 towers aimed at about NW of Lebanon, running about S5/6 during the day, and much of the time lost in the jumble at night. Don't know if they are 24 hrs or not. They probably will be, as 920 is (I think). Have a great DX season. Remember, if you hear DX, send the tips in. 73s.

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Normally when I send in to these columns I have good news to report with new loggings or some local change on the radio scene in the Toledo area. This time however is different. Perhaps by the time you read this you will have learned of the sad news involving the passing of one of the DX fields most accomplished DXers. On August 7th very good friend and spirited DXer Ken Romstadt of nearby Ottawa Lake, MI (suburban Toledo-Ken was a native Toledoan having grown up in my neighborhood in the Point Place section of Toledo) died of natural causes at age 39. He leaves behind wife Cheryl and son Kevin along with a host of memories that we as DXers shared. I knew Ken for some 35 years, even before either of us got into the DX Hobby. When I got interested in the hobby in the mid-60's, Ken became interested soon after and took the hobby very seriously after 1970. While I may have been the catalyst for getting him started DXing he took the hobby to very accomplished heights. Many of you may not be familiar with Ken (although some of you met him at the 1971 IRCA, 1974 NRC and 1984 IRCA Toledo conventions) he did have a way of carving out friendships in the hobby while not being widely traveled. It was through Ken that my own DX horizons and some of my best friendships developed in the hobby were forged and expanded. Had it not been for Ken I might not have heard or known about the DX clubs such as IRCA, NRC or WTFDA. Some of my earliest introductions to other DXers such as Dan Myers, Frank Merrill, George Greene among many others were through Ken; so many like Dan, Frank and George have proven to be lasting friendships that I owe quite a debt to him that can never be repaid but through these pages you will come to know Kenny a little better than you might have. Ken was not a bragger when it came to DX or in life. He went about his business as best as he could. While we were competitors on the DX field we were also friends as I mentioned and we often exchanged notes on catches, tips and conditions. We both greatly expanded each others logs, interest in the hobby and in a myriad of other non DX related areas. I considered Ken to be my eyes and ears in the western end of Lucas County (he lived just yards over the Ohio line in Michigan) and I'm sure he saw me the same way in the eastern portion of Toledo's county. While I haven't been able to assemble Ken's final DX totals I can pass along that by my best estimate he heard over 2500 AMers, over 500 FMers and saw about 500 TVs. On AM he easily had me beat in countries with some 70 some heard. I will as time goes by submit some of his best catches to these pages to give each of you a picture of just how good a DXer Ken was. And for as good a DXer he was, he was an even better person. He will be sorely missed here. On a happy side note perhaps my best TV catch CH.3 from Venezuela being IDed as such goes to his credit--he first suggested that was who we were seeing and on video tape stop action later I was able to confirm his suspicions. It was this ability that made him so valuable to me DX wise. The fact that I know so many of you and appear in these pages to share his accomplishments with you is to his credit also and stands as a testimonial to him. Ken we'll all miss you.

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