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RENEWALS: David Auld of New Zealand, Yasuyuki Hashimoto of Japan. David Gordon of Los Altos Hills CA, Timothy Kridel of Columbia MO. Keith Short of Columbus OH. Thank You All Very Much.....

RENEWING: Please note the numbers above your name on the address label this is your expiration number, a 34-15 means your membership in the IRCA will expire with this issue. I will rubber stamp a reminder on the front page of your DXM and I will try to remind you 2 issues before you expire. If you have not renewed on time your name will be removed from the address list, so please try to renew early...Thanks.....

IRCA 1996-7 TED VASILOPOULOS AWARD BALLOT

Each year, the IRCA membership selects an IRCA member to receive the TED VASILOPOULOS AWARD (TVA). The award was named after Ted Vasilopoulos, a charter member of the IRCA known for his high DX standards and contributions to the club. The award is given to the IRCA member that has made a significant contribution to promoting and keeping the IRCA a thriving club during the 1996-1997 DX season. The winner receives an engraved plaque and a free year membership in the IRCA. The last 5 TVA winners are not eligible for the award. They are Phil Bytheway, Lynn Hollerman, Nancy Hardy, JD Stephens and Ralph Sanserino. Any other IRCA member can be nominated and last year's winner, Phil Bytheway is coordinating the nominations. Send the names and a brief description why the person should receive the TVA to: Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary NW, Seattle WA 98117 (bytheway@atk.com)

Also up for voting is the Heald Award. The purpose of the Heald Award is to recognize the IRCA member who most benefitted the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year (1996-7). JD Stephens and Lee Freshwater are not eligible for the Heald Award. The winner receives a printed certificate. Should the same member win both the TVA and the Heald Award in a given year, he/she would be presented with the TVA, and the runner-up for the Heald Award would receive the Heald Award. Send your Heald Award nominations to: Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary NW, Seattle WA 98117 (bytheway@atk.com)
 Deadline for receiving nominations is February 28 1997. pb

1997 IRCA CONVENTION

The 1997 IRCA convention will be held on July 25, 26, 27 in Costa Mesa California. Registration form and convention information are a centerfold in this DX Monitor. Be sure to mark your calendar.....

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

DX TEST BULLETIN

**** DX TESTS ARRANGED BY IRCA, NRC, AND OTHERS ****

NOTE: EVEN IF YOU DON'T HEAR THE TEST, BE SURE AND DROP A CARD, LETTER, OR E-MAIL TO THE STATION PERSONNEL, THANKING THEM FOR THEIR TROUBLE.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 - THURSDAY JANUARY 30, 1996 - WWCN-770, P.O. BOX 9600, ESTERO, FL 33928 WILL TEST AT 1,000 WATTS DIRECTIONAL BETWEEN 12:30 & 1:00 AM EST EVERY MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S INSERTED DURING THEIR REGULAR PROGRAMMING OF OLD-TIME RADIO SERIALS AND VIINTAGE COMEDY. REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. "JOEY C." - PROGRAM DIRECTOR. (ARRANGED J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1997 - KXNO-1140, BOX 14805, LAS VEGAS, NV 89118 WILL TEST BETWEEN 3:00 & 3:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TEST TONES, VOICE ID'S, MORSE CODE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. DURING THE TEST, KXNO WILL SWITCH BETWEEN 10,000 WATTS NONDIRECTIONAL AND 2500 WATTS DIRECTIONAL. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. TRACY TEAGARDEN (W2ATRK) - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC).

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1997 - CFGO-1200, 1575 CARLING AVENUE, OTTAWA, ON K1Z 7M3, CANADA WILL TEST AT 50,000 WATTS DIRECTIONAL BETWEEN 3:00 & 4:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S, VOICE ID'S, AND TOP 40/CHR MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. MARC GERMAIN - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1997 - KEZM-1310, 101 WEST NAPOLEON STREET, SULPHUR, LA 70663 WILL TEST AT 50 WATTS DIRECTIONAL BETWEEN 1:00 & 1:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE & TONES. REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. BRUCE L. MERCHANT. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1997 - KPQ-560, P.O. BOX 159, WENATCHEE, WA 98807 WILL TEST AT 5,000 WATTS NONDIRECTIONAL BETWEEN 3:00 & 4:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S, VOICE ID'S, AND TEST TONES. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. MICHAEL H. GILBERT (WB7EUE) - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC).

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MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1996 - WAKK-1140, P.O. BOX 1649, MCCOMB, MS 39648 WILL CONDUCT A RESCHEDULED DX TEST AT 1,000 WATTS NONDIRECTIONAL BETWEEN 1:30 & 2:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MARCH MUSIC, TEST TONES, VOICE ID'S, AND MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. RICHARD WATTS - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC).

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1996 - WAPF-980, P.O. BOX 1649, MCCOMB, MS 39648 WILL CONDUCT A REPEAT DX TEST AT 5,000 WATTS NONDIRECTIONAL BETWEEN 2:00 & 2:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MARCH MUSIC, POLKAS, TEST TONES, VOICE ID'S, AND MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. RICHARD WATTS - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1996 - KNOE-540, P.O. BOX 4067, MONROE, LA 71211 WILL CONDUCT DX TEST AT 1,000 WATTS DIRECTIONAL BETWEEN 2:00 & 6:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE VOICE ID'S, AND ONE MORSE CODE ID PER HOUR. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JERRY HARKINS (NSZEV) - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC).

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Web: <http://custiamerica.net/knoe/index.html>

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1996 - CHUC-1450, P.O. BOX 520, COBOURG, ON K9A 4L3, CANADA WILL CONDUCT A REPEAT DX TEST BETWEEN WITH 8,000 WATTS NONDIRECTIONAL BETWEEN 12:00 & 6:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S AND VOICE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JOHN TON - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC).

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27, 1996 - WWCN-770, P.O. BOX 9600, ESTERO, FL 33928 WILL TEST AT 1,000 WATTS DIRECTIONAL BETWEEN 12:30 & 1:00 AM EST EVERY MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S INSERTED DURING THEIR REGULAR PROGRAMMING OF OLD-TIME RADIO SERIALS AND VIINTAGE COMEDY RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. "JOEY C." - PROGRAM DIRECTOR. (ARRANGED J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC).

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP



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WDXR DEADLINES: Each Saturday, Please use Eastern Time.

REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:

- (FA) Frank Aden-4096 Marcia Place-Boise, ID 83704
Modified FRG-7, modified Radio Shack TRF, Sony SRF-42 AM stereo Walkman,
45' N-S longwire, 180' L-longwire, 4' box loop
- (TC) Tim Colvin-Santa Monica, CA
Drake SPR-4 and KIWA loop
- (LBG) Larry Godwin-2390 Clydes Dale Lane-Missoula, MT 59804 lbg@selway.umn.edu
Hammarlund HQ-150, Sanserino air-core box loop & KIWA loop
- (GJ) Gary Jackson-7735 Center Parkway-Sacramento, CA 95823
FRG 8800, KIWA loop
- (GK) George Kesteven-247 Scenic Way N.W.-Calgary, AB T3L 1B6
FRG-7 with Worcester Space Magnet #2
- (SW) Stan Weisbeck-411 E. Sinto #203-Spokane, WA 99202
Sony 2010, KIWA loop

- 540 KNAK UT, Delta 12/12 2252 strong signal even with CBK, with "AM 540 K-Nack weather" and it's own phone number 864-5111. Must have forgotten to power down. (LBG)
- 590 KTHO CA, South Lake Tahoe 11/19 1946 weak, heard local ad for business in S. Lake Tahoe. Later heard "K-Tahoe" slogan & legal ID. New for me. (SW-WA)
- KID ID, Idaho Falls 11/20 0923 briefly on top with news & weather on "Newsradio 590 K-I-D." New for me. (SW-WA)
- KGLE MT, Glendive 11/20 0825 fair, mixing with WOW. Farm news & weather, then into religious program. New for me. (SW-WA)
- WOW NE, Omaha 11/20 0820 weak, heard "Country W-O-W" slogan & mention of Offutt AFB. New for NE #6. (SW-WA)
- KUGN OR, Eugene 11/19 1923 weak, mixing with unID (WOW, I think). Local talk show. Host welcomed caller to "Eugene's newsradio 590." New for me. (SW-WA)
- (KAQQ) WA, Spokane 11/19 1900 off air because of power outage due to ice storm. Was off for 3 days. (SW-WA)
- 680 KKGR MT, E. Helena 12/10 open carrier 0958-1000, then call ID & SRN news. (LBG)
- 790 KABC CA, Los Angeles 11/19 2146 weak with traffic report & local ads on "Talkradio 790 KABC." New for me. (SW-WA)
- KGHL MT, Billings 11/20 0145 good with C&W, "It's 8 degrees at Montana's good neighbor, KGHL." One of my regulars on the rare occasions that KJRB is off. (SW-WA)
- (KJRB) WA, Spokane 11/19 1900 off air but returned by 0800 the next morning. (SW)
- 850 CKMA BC, Abbotsford 12/9 0958 moderately strong atop KOA with oldies. At 1000 man said "Good morning, I'm Robert Lindon with Max news to 7:00." No call ID. (LBG-MT)
- 970 KDWG MT, Billings 11/19 1901 good, gave "Kat Country KCTR-FM Billings" ID. I wonder when the AM is ID'd. (SW-WA)
- KUPL OR, Portland 11/19 2100 good wit C&W, uses slogan "Straight Country." Last time I heard them I believe was in the late 1960's as KOIN. (SW-WA)

- (KTRW) WA, Spokane 11/19 1900 off due to our big ice storm. (SW-WA)
- 1180 ?KERI? CA, Wasco 12/10 seemed the call in Spanish under KOFI at 0758. May have been s/on, as announcer mentioned "estudios." (LBG-MT)
- 1210 WPHT PA, Philadelphia (not heard) carries Larry King 2100-2200 M-F, and a local show with frequent ID's hosted by Don Lancer 2200-0200, per call to station. (LBG)
- 1280 KIT WA, Yakima 12/12 0800 atop normally dominant KDYL. Man ID'd as "Newstalk radio KIT Yakima," then CBS news. (LBG-MT)
- 1370 KSOP UT, South Salt Lake 12/7 2223-2233 country music, ID at 2232 as "...104.3, KSOP." Heavily mixed with KWRM. (TC-CA)
- 1420 KSTN CA, Stockton 12/4 good signal at 1840, running rock/CHR format. (FA-ID)
- 1430 KBRC WA, Mt. Vernon 12/4 1900 running local news and adult contemporary format. New on my bandscan. (FA-ID)
- 1470 KXOA CA, Sacramento 12/4 1830 "Crusin' 1470" fighting it out with KELA. (FA-ID)
KELA WA, Centralia 12/4 1820 local ads with talk show. Fair signal for daytime. (FA-ID)
- 1510 KFNN AZ, Mesa 11/19 1933 weak, heard promo for a talk program mornings on "1510 KFNN." New for me. (SW-WA)
- KNOB CA, San Rafael 11/19 1954 heard "America the Beautiful" sung by Ray Charles at s/off. Larry Godwin helped me to ID them. New. (SW-WA)
- (KGA) WA, Spokane 11/19 1900 off due to ice storm like most of the other Spokane stations. (SW-WA)
- 1560 WQEW NY, New York 12/9 2300 had station-produced national news, then ID'd as "Your home for American popular standards, 1560 WQEW." Some QRM from KNZR. (LBG-MT)
- 1610 TIS CA, ??? 12/9 & 12/10 0600-0700 TIS/HAR saying Tioga Pass is closed and Highway 120 is open. Suspect location is near Yosemite, as 120 goes into park. Caltrans is putting new transmitters in that area. Called Caltrans Fresno area, and they are going to check it out and call me back. (GJ-CA)
- 1620 *TIS* CA, Burbank 12/10 0615 TIS/HAR is still testing. (GJ-CA)
TIS CA, Orange County 12/10 0600 is no longer testing, now fully operational giving road info. (GJ-CA)
- 1660 WJDM NJ, Elizabeth 12/10 0000 surprisingly strong. Kid ID'd as "WJDM 1660 AM Elizabeth and New York... Radio Ahs." Incredible signal for 1kw, even though non-directional. Heard weak with "Radio Ahs" ID at 0753 12/12, still audible at 0859. (LBG-MT)

DX TESTS

- 620 KAAM TX, Plano 12/9 0200-0230 DX test with Morse code IDs heard under a very dominant CKCK at 4 and 14 minutes after the hour. Regard as tentative, but have sent taped report to station for confirmation. (GK-AB)
+12/9 0200-0230 very weak code ID's heard under KOTK at about 0208 and 0228. (FA-ID)
- 770 (WWCN) FL, Estero 12/8 0300-0400 nothing this time either. (FA-ID)

If you have been thinking about entering the IRCA contests, do so now. The December 31 entry deadline is very near!

IRCA CONTEST STANDINGS

DOMESTIC

1. Larry Godwin	46,613
2. Charles Dobbins	26,740
3. Craig Rathbone	26,296
4. John Tudenham	24,440
5. Stan Weisbeck	20,874
6. Dale Park	19,355
7. Greg Hall	19,285
8. David Yocis	17,687
9. John C. Johnson	11,685

FOREIGN

1. David Yocis	110
2. Larry Godwin	100
3. Greg Hall	88

Contest standings as of:
December 15, 1996.

Central DX Roundup



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RIDING GAIN

- [SA-MB] **Shawn Axelrod**, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca
Icom IC-R70 with filter mods and Palm board.
4' box loop, Quantum loop, 100' longwire.
- [CB-CO] **Craig Barnes**, Wheat Ridge, Colorado.
Drake SW8, Sony 2002, GE Superadio III, DX-400. 4' un-amplified box loop,
Harley Loop, two 70 foot center fed, impedance matched slopers feeding a DL-1
phasing unit.
- [EB-MO] **Eric Bueneman**, NUIH, Hazelwood, Missouri. EricB631@juno.com
Sangean ATS-803A, Realistic DX-400, TM-152, Worcester Space Magnet 2.
- [KDF-IL] **Karl D. Forth**, Chicago, Illinois.
- [NJ-MT] **Nancy Johnson**, Billings, Montana Nancy_Johnson@prodigy.com
Icom IC-R71A, Yaesu FRG-7, Lafayette HE-30, GE Superadio III,
2 "Radio West" Loops. Or the radio in the 1995 Mustang. ☺

SPECIAL INTEREST

- 680 **KKGR** MT, East Helena. **EX-KHKR**. 12-10. 1456 with "weather at KGR..." Country music.
1500 ID into SRN News. Easily heard on the Mustang radio. ☺ [NJ-MT]
- 980 **KKMN** MN, Richfield. **EX-KEGE** which was silent. 12-9 good to fair. 2010 with religious
programming. They are saying that they are a new station and will have religious
programming and Bible programs. Even the spots were of a religious nature. Slogan
is "Minnesota's Word." 2014 clear ID "KKMN AM 9-80 Minnesota's Word." [SA-MB]

DOWN THE DIAL

- 800 **KQAD** MN, Luverne. 12-1. 0800 with "Old Rugged Cross" hymn followed by "KQAD
Luverne" into another religious song. **New for me, MN#24.** [CB-CO]
- KQCV** OK, Oklahoma City. 11-29 in briefly. 0728 with female announcer "Good morning,
my name is ???? On KQCV." Lost to KSOS. **New for me, OK#32.** [CB-CO]
- KXIC** IA, Iowa City. 11-29 in briefly. 0729 with TC "KXIC Iowa City news time...." into local
weather and CNN News. **New for me. IA#26.** [CB-CO]
- 810 **KSVW** NM, Santa Fe. 11-29. 0829 with call ID in SS, birthday messages, and SS ballads
music. [CB-CO]
- WCTA** TN, Alamo. 12-13 good to poor in WGY null. 0417 noted with spots for Alamo,
Maury City, and Humboldt. Calls and country music. This is the second station in
the area to be caught on overnight. [EB-MO]
- 860 **KOSE** AR, Osceola. 12-9. As per verie, KOSE has changed format from AC/Oldies mix to a
Southern Gospel format. They also have an FM on 107.3. [EB-MO]
- 1050 **KNML** NM, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. 12-3. 1935 with ID "Sports radio KNML. The
Sports Animal" into local traffic report. First time heard with new call. [CB-CO]
- 1070 **WAPI** AL, Birmingham. 11-26 looped SE, very good on peaks in KNX null for about 15
minutes. 0727 with two call ID's, Birmingham weather. Finally, a new state heard!
AL#1. [CB-CO]

- 1090 **WAQE** WI, Rice Lake. 12-11 good to local-like in KAAY null. 0551 noted with "Classic Country AM 1090" slogans. Classic country music. Spots for Rice Lake area. Station cut audio in the middle of a spot, and no legal ID at 0600. [EB-MO]
- WKTE** NC, King. 11-12. 2015 at end of religious program with NC address and then bluegrass music. Several "WKTE" mentions at 2028. [KDF-IL]
- 1210 **KOKK** SD, Huron. 12-10 fair to poor w/KUBR, WPHT after WILY sign off. 1728 with "12-10 KOKK" ID's. Local spots, country music. [EB-MO]
- KUBR** TX, San Juan. 12-10 good to poor w/KOKK, WILY, WPHT. 1722 noted with Tejano style Christian music. Announcements in SS. [EB-MO]
- WPHT** PA, Philadelphia. 12-11 very good mono and stereo signals, WGSF heard in null. 0255 with taped replay of Larry King. Station promos, 0300 legal ID into CBS News. This is the 4th call I've logged this one under since I moved here in 1992! [EB-MO]
- 1300 **CJME** SK, Regina. 12-3. 0736 with call ID, local weather. Mentioned Moose Jaw at -11 C. Oldies music. Heard this one on the Delco car radio on the way to work. In for about 5 minutes or so before KVOR took over. [CB-CO]
- 1310 **KIVA** NM, Corrales. 12-4 with KFKA phased. 0959 with ID "KIVA Corrales, Albuquerque" into CNN News. NOS music format. New for me, NM#44. [CB-CO]
- 1320 **KXYZ** TX, Houston. 12-11 fair through KSIV. 0530 with Tejano music, SS announcements. This was a regular on 1320 when KSIV was a daytimer. [EB-MO]
- 1400 **WWKN** MI, Battle Creek. 11-13 fair. 0000 ID "Oldies Radio WWKN Battle Creek." [KDF-IL]
- 1520 **KTRO** CA, Port Hueneme. 12-15 good w/KOMA nulled. 0000 jingle ID into news. [NJ-MT]

DX TESTS

- 1220 **WIMN** MN, Stillwater. 12-13 DX Test in well for a couple minutes then faded out. 0139 with "WIMN" into a Bobby Vinton rock oldie. [NJ-MT]
(Nancy, you'd really like Stillwater, MN. It's located about 10 minutes from Minneapolis. Across the river is WI. Reminds me a little of Banff, Alberta - without the mountains of course. ☺ John.)

UnIDS

- 1430 unID 12-11 unID in WRTH null with Imus In The Morning. Who could this be? [EB-MO]

unIDS HELP

- 940 unID [RCP-IN]'s unID with SS talk and EE Blues may be XERKS. I also have tentatively heard this one, and is reported in both DXWW-W and DXWW-E. The 1996 WRTVH lists the hours for this 1kW as 0700-2100, but may have gone 24 hours. Perhaps someone from the TX area could confirm this one? [EB-MO]
- 1000 unID [RCP-IN]'s unID with SS and talk is XEOY. They have been heard frequently in WMVP's null along with KTOK. [EB-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

January 1, 1972 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" - Ted Wendland of New Westminster, BC talked with CJJC-1150 and they told him they would move to 800 in mid-January - Bill Hardy of Aberdeen, WA told about finding copies of 1964-65 DXM's in an attic. He mentioned he missed being a Charter Member by 2 issues - Bruce Portzer was in first place in the foreign contest with 156 points - Budd Bailey of Williamsville, NY told about his new Allied A-2515 receiver. He logged 46 new stations in a month.

WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

If you have a sound card and speakers, you might want to spend some time at this web site:

<http://www.audionet.com/radio>

Various radio station links are provided, many offer "live" audio from the station selected.

OPEN MIKE

Before borrowing money from a friend, decide which you need more. As we head into 1997 let me take a moment to thank all of you who have contributed to CDXR. With club membership around 260 we once again wonder just what those that haven't reported to the columns are hearing. If you are living in an area that isn't represented in the columns, please send along a few tips. Remember, you don't need to report lots of things, two to five tips would be welcomed. Nancy and I wish you a very Happy New Year. May 1997 be your best DX year ever! 73, John.



Eastern DX Roundup

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Here we are with the LAST issue for 1996 !! Hope the DX year has been good to you...Report your DX here: LFreshwate@aol.com or FAX at 352-732-7223...Land line is 352-732-6408 prior to 9 PM EST...On with the show...

STARS OF THE WEEK

- (LF-FL) your editor Hammarlund HQ180A/145A, Potomac FIM-41
KIWA Loop, 75' l.w. N/S
- (EM-PA) Ernest Meyer 7916 Burholme Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111
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- (WW-MA) William Wyllie 93 Peck St., Franklin, MA 02038--2217
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- (TB-TN) Tom Bryant Nashville, Tn. VIA E-MAIL
- (HL-LA) Henry Lazarus 1313 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116
Sony 2010 w/KIWA Loop VIA E-MAIL
- (PB-AL) Park Barton P.O. Box 20338, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402
Drake R-8A 35" Spiral Loop VIA E-MAIL
- (KCF-SC) Karl D. Forth driving 1996 Buick between Columbia, Florence,
and Charleston, SC VIA CDXR
- (JD-AL) J.D. Stephens 106 Anita Dr., Madison, AL 35758-7163
Drake R-8, SR II, Panasonic RF-2600, Rad shack
di-pole/ Shotgun Loop, 75' l.w. VIA E-MAIL
- (MB-ON) Mike Brooker 99 Wychrest Ave., Toronto, ON M6G 3X8
Panasonic RF-2200, RFB-45 VIA-E-MAIL

LOGGINGS

- 540 WWCS PA Cannonsburg 11/24 1705 good but fady signal. Much
static. ID: "You're listening to WWCS" into program
called "What's Up America" (WW-MA)
- 580 CFRA ON Ottawa 12/7 1730 gd w/sports talk, announcing phone
numbers 738-CFRA, 1-800-580-CFRA, and Star 580 on a
cell phone. (MB-ON)
- 600 KSJB ND Jamestown 12/4 1804 fr o/FAN-590 slop w/end of ABC nx,
and anct "4 minutes after 5 o'clock on KSJB" into local
nx. (MB-ON)
- CKAT ON North Bay 12/9 1719 gd w/ID as "AM 600 the Cat, 30
minutes of continuous country", CKAT jingle, into C&W
song.Ex-CFCH (MB-ON)
- 690 WZAP VA Bristol 12/9 1659 pr in CBF null o/CFTR slop w/heavy
duty preacher spewing out garbled EE (speaking in
tongues, perhaps) "WZAP Bristol, VA" legal ID at 1700
into USA Radio nx. (MB-ON)
- 700 WWTL MD Walkersville 12/12 1647 pr in WLW null signing off w/SBB
and anct "This is WWTL AM 700 Walkersville, MD the
station of the nations". Heard Arabic here prior to
s/off and presumed it was WWTL, as their slogan would
match an ethnic format. (MB-ON)
- 720 WGCR NC Pisgah Forest 12/12 1715 fr in WGN null w/sign off
mentioning "Gospel Carolina Radio WGCR", played SSB.
(MB-ON)
- 730 WJTO ME Bath 12/1 0004 Very poor signal with CKAC and a SS
(XEW?) Noted WJTO weather, into CNN Radio News. Ad for
First Federal Savings. Chorus singing "W-J-T-O" Also

noted at 0003 a station s/off with SSB. M Street 96 lists this as 6 watts at night. (WW-MA)

WMTC KY Vanclave 12/12 1659 fr in CKAC null w/end of USA Radio nx, anct "5 o'clock here at WMTC AM 730...during the month of December WMTC AM broadcasts from 7:45 AM to 5 PM and on Sundays from 12:30 to 5 PM". Mention to tune to WMTC FM 99.9 Off w/no SSB. (MB-ON)

790 CFAN NB Newcastle 12/4 2205 Two call letter IDs emerging briefly from slop under WAEB Allentown, Pa. (EM-PA)

800 WTMR NJ Camden 12/7 1658 Poor signal. Good for a minute or so here & there. Gspl mx. 1658: More gspl mx at 7:30. Into ID: Radio 800 WTMR Camden, New Jersey". Into a gspl preaching show. Got much weaker until 1718, poor after that. First time logged. (WW-MA)

CKLW ON Windsor Noted ID as "93.9THE RIVER" CIDR is the FM in Windsor-Detroit (WW-MA)

850 KOA CO Denver 11/30 0500-0505 ESPN news, "Home of the Broncos, News Radio 850- K-O-A" dominated busy channel for several minutes. (EM-PA)

WEEU PA Reading 12/7 1722 In and out, mostly out until 1732, with Christmas songs and rock songs by CCR. Id's "850-AM WEEU" and "WEEU Holiday Music of Sound" They'll play Christmas music now until Christmas. Good but weak signal behind and mixing with WEEI & WRUF. First time logged. (WW-MA)

860 WDMG GA Douglas 12/13 2320-2330. Strong with light rock (Sheryl Crow, Hootie & the Blowfish, etc.) //FM with IDs & slogans for WDMG-FM 99.5. (JD-AL)

950 CFAM MB Altona 12/10 0719-0735 fr-gd o/WWJ w/local wx. ID as "CFAM your Christmas music station", ads for Olympic Sports in Morden, Manitoba Co-operator farm newspaper, Althouse Jewellers and Spassky's Home Entertainment Center in Altona. Local nx in which lead story was a school board offering parents \$345 to send their kids to Gravesville Elementary School....as you can see, I got alot of good local verifiable stuff that I can use in a report. Hope they QSL ! (MB-ON)

1000 KTOK OK Oklahoma City 12/14 0115 Good, mixing with WMVP, with satellite country, "AM 1000 KTOK" slogan/IDs. (JD-AL)

1050 WJXY SC Conway 12/4 1426 "Starlight 1050" and ID later mentioned "Your music and memories station." (KDF-SC)

1070 WTSO WI Madison 12/14 0010-0015. Fair with ID as "AM Ten Seven-Oh- WTSO", into local talk show. (JD-AL)

1230 WCOL OH Columbus 12/9 0829 pr o/WECK w/"It's 30 degrees in Columbus" into local nx. (MB-ON)

1250 WEMP WI Milwaukee 12/14 0015-0020 Good with local spots, local weather preceded by a "WEMP-Milwaukee's Weather" jx, into oldies. (JD-AL)

1300 WXXU FL Cocoa Beach (no date/time-ed) Good with local spots mentioning "Tell'em AM 1300 sent you" ID as "WXXU 1300 AM, a service of Travelers Information Radio Network", into TIS programming. (JD-AL)

1310 KMLB LA West Monroe 12/13 0120-0200 Good with satellite oldies, slogans of "Cool Oldies", "Cool Oldies AM 1310" and just "AM 1310" Legal ID at TOH of "You're listening to the all new Cool Oldies 1310 AM KMLB- Monroe No West Monroe in their ID. Have they changed city of license? (JD-AL)

1320 WISW SC Columbia 12/2 w/promos for WIS-TV news simo at 1900 and 2300. (KDF-SC)

1350 WTOU OH Akron 11/30 2220-2230 Ad for Northern Ohio store chain, several mentions of Akron, contmp mx. (EM-PA)

1400 WGTN SC Georgetown 12/4 1644 ID as "G-101" country music. (KDF-SC)

1410 WLWV AL Mobile 12/14 2130-2140. Unusually strong with local spots for Mobile and Prichard merchants. ID as "AM 1410 WLWV", into Black Gspl. (JD-AL)

1430 WRTH IL Wood River 12/14 0130-0135 Fair with Nostalgia music, slogan of "When you're smiling, your listening to WRTH" (JD-AL)

1450 WHSC SC Hartsville 12/4 1200 Bloomberg News Radio ID (KDF-SC)
 1460 WEMR PA Tunkhannock 12/5 0704 fr o/CJOY w/"We're Northeast Pennsylvania's best country, WEMR Country stereo" into C&W song. (MB-ON)
 1500 WFIF CT Milford 12/2 2255-2300 Rel. pgm "This Is Life Changing Radio WFIF" under WTOP. (EM-PA)
 WGHT NJ Pompton Lakes 12/5 1628 Poor battling WTOP w/ weather and traffic report. Caught ID at end of traffic rpt. "here on WGHT" Gone by 1630. M Street 96 lists this as a 1000 watt daytimer. (WW-MA)
 1530 WCTR MD Chestertown 12/2 2240 Caught call letter ID at sign off. (EM-PA)
 WRTP NC Chapel Hill 12/2 2250 Local ads, full ID (EM-PA)
 1550 WUTQ NY Utica 12/6 2230 "Your station for great songs from the past, WUTQ" Fair (EM-PA)
 1570 WBUG NY Amsterdam 12/10 0700 fr w/three-pronged ID "AM 1570 WBUG Amsterdam, AM 1230 WLFH Little Falls-Herkimer, and 102.1 WBUG Fort Plain" (MB-ON)
 1590 WWCC PA Honesdale 11/24 1735 Good but fady signal. Floyd Cramer's "Last Date". ID as "Easy 1590". In & out at times. (WW-PA)

 SPECIAL INTEREST

600 WBWL FL Jacksonville 12/18 1300-1400 Noted with new calls AND new format with Sports Talk...IDing as "The BALL"(LF-FL)
 1230 WGGG FL Gainesville. Another one of my "inside sources" tells me that this long silent stn WILL return as soon as power and phone lines are restored. (Not on as of today 12/18) WGGG has entered into an Local Marketing Agreement with WMOP-900 Ocala who recently switched to all Sports. WGGG will simo WMOP for now. The FCC recently ruled that any station SILENT for over 12 months will LOSE their license if they don't return to the air by the first part of 1997. (LF-FL)

 UN-IDEN:

940 ???? ?? ?? 12/9 1806 Creaming nulled CBM w/"We're playing great oldies on Cool 94 AM" into "California Dreamin". Suspect KIOA. (JD-AL)
 1590 ???? ?? ?? 12/14 0135-0200+ Strong with One On One sports. Never could catch an ID. Seemed to come from the West/Northwest. Anyone have a One on One affiliates list? (I show WATX-Algood, TN as a 1 on 1 affiliate, but they are supposed to be daytime? Can anyone else help??-ed) (JD-AL)

 TIS-HAR

1610 WWWW882 SC Florance 12/4 1338 TIS of Francis Marion Univ. with general info on events. Phone # 803-661-1220 given. (KDF-SC)

 DX TESTS

690 KSTL MO St. Louis 12/14 0300-0330 Listened the full half hour ..needed...but NOT heard. Only CBF and weak unid Spanish. (TB-TN)
 KSTL MO St. Louis 12/14 0300-0330. DX TEST NOT Heard (PB-AL)
 1180 WSAF GA Summerville 12/16 0230-0300 Frequent CIDS heard at beginning of test period and between march music selections. Heavy QRM from Radio Taino...but at time WSAF signal was up enough that I could hear voice anncmts. NEW ! GA #55. New total 941. (TB-TN)
 WSAF GA Summerville 12/16 0230-0300 DX Test Heard. Morse code IDs, a couple of voice Ids and some march music heard. (HL-LA)
 WSAF GA Summerville 12/16 0230-0300 NUMEROUS CIDS mixing with

presumed WHAM & Radio Taino. Poor signal, but code came through pretty well. CIDS "WSAF WSAF WSAF Summerville, GA" repeated several times at 0230,0231,0235,0239,0241, 0245,0247,0251. Not needed, but nice to hear a test !

(LF-FL)

1220 WIMN MN Stillwater 12/14 0154 Good solid set of code IDs. Nostalgia music heard mixing w/WKNR during entire test period, presumed to be WIMN; but no other voice or code heard. New for MN #1 ; total 941 (TB-TN)

WIMN MN Stillwater 12/14 DX TEST HEARD (PB-AL)

WIMN MN Stillwater 12/14 0130-0200. In reasonably well with Nostalgia music, only CW IDs noted was a block of 2 or 3 IDs toward the end of the test giving calls many times, as well as city and state. This one logged on my father in law's smaller than a paperback ATS-800A, and just a couple of miles from a local on 1230. (JD-AL)

 Nice to have a visit from Karl Forth this week, and thanks to John Johnson for forwarding Karls report to us. Thanks to you all, we finish the year with the largest column yet !!! HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all....
 c u in 7.....fresh



Western DX Forum 8 8

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[12/7] Hello. A recent loss of my car in accident has caused limited involvement in things here. Local buses used plus occasional rides. Haven't attempted to find out more on date of move of 540 here to 1650. Think 540 would be now opened up for new appl/owner. Very nice XR site currently for it in desert. Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. 73

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GEOMAGNETIC INDICES

Geomagnetic Summary December 12 1996 through December 23 1996

GEO - Geomagnetic activity	pca - polar cap absorption
maf - major flare	SA - Solar Activity
mas - major storm	spe - satellite proton event
mis - minor storm	ss - severe storm

Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
12/12	81	8	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
13	z	2	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
14	82	4	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
15	85	13	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
16	86	11	1	low	quiet-unsettled	-
17	86	8	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
18	88	4	0	very low	quiet	-
19	87	0	0	low	quiet	-
20	83	2	0	very low	quiet	-
21	84	4	0	very low	quiet	-
22	82	4	3	very low	quiet-mis	-
12/23	80	10	1	very low	quiet	-

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314-539-9751 (prepaid only) (E-mail: EricB631@juno.com) Expect another three-letter call to fall in St. Louis by the time you read this...In fact, it's one that's fallen before. KSD-550, which has recently been sold to Tim Dorsey, is planning to change calls. Dorsey also got the financing to buy out the interest in the station and WIBV-1260 currently owned by Charter Communications. That will, once again, leave WEW-770 as the only three-letter call remaining on AM in St. Louis. However, the KSD calls will remain on 93.7 FM. I remember KSD as an AC outlet in the early 1970's, before going all-news in 1979. KSD went Country in 1981, began broadcasting in AM Stereo in 1984, and changed call to KUSA shortly thereafter. As KUSA, it was country for 12 years, before returning to an all-news format in March, 1993. Seven months later, after the station was sold to EZ Communications, the KSD calls were restored on 550. In 1995, the station tried an Adult Standards format, but went all-talk within a year. When WIL-1430 became WRTH in 1991, Heritage Media was wise to keep the historic WIL call on 92.3 FM. The old WIL-AM was the main Top 40 outlet in the late 50s and early 60s, and featured such personalities as Gary Owens, Jack Carney and Bob Osborne. KWK-1380, a rock hits station in the late 70s and early 80s, became KGLD with an Oldies format in 1984. The KWK calls remained on 106.5 FM (assigned to Granite City, IL) until 1988, when the FM's calls were changed to WKBQ. Two years earlier, KWK had changed to Top 40 from rock hits. The only other old-line St. Louis call that has transferred to FM in recent years has been KXOK. The call is now on 97.1 FM, assigned to Florissant, MO (15 miles NNW of St. Louis). KXOK was on 630 kHz for 54 years (after moving from 1250 kHz about 1940), and went on to become St. Louis' main Top 40 station in the 60s and 70s. The FM (then KLTH) was purchased in 1986, and was a Top 40 station itself (albeit a dance version, as KHTK) from 1989 to 1992. KXOK's current Urban AC format was adopted first on AM in 1990, then the FM picked it up in 1992, first as a simulcast, before the AM and the FM went their separate ways in April, 1994. The FM kept the Urban AC format, while the AM became fundamentalist Christian talker KJSL. Locally, Gary "Records" Brown, the former morning DJ and PD at KGLD-1380, back in AM drive, this time at KLOU-103.3. He replaces Rocky Marlowe, who was fired. Yours truly has moved from Saturdays to a fill-in role at WGNU-920, still as a studio engineer. Frank O. Pinion will be leaving KSD-550 when the station changes hands (probably by the time you read this). He will be replaced, of course, by Bill Wilkerson and Wendy Wiese (ex-KMOX). KMOX-1120 mid-afternoon talker and fill-in PM drive newsmen Charles Jaco, well-known for his work with CNN during the Persian Gulf War, has prepared a novel set during the same period. He is now looking for a publisher for the book. Through ham buddies comes word that another KMOX talker, late-night personality Jim White ("The Big Bumper") has gotten his new Ham Radio call through the FCC's Vanity Callsign program. His calls changed from WONJB (W-Zero-NJB) to KMOX (KM-Zero-X) sometime around the beginning of November. (continued next week)

Rick Evans, 237 Laurel Meadows Drive, West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

I was up SM 12/15 for the WWCN-770 test. Still nothing here. Just too much WABC. However, I almost missed the WSAF-1180 test (fell asleep in the recliner, hi) but managed to catch the last two or three minutes. I caught a little bit of what sounded like Morse Code, followed by a few bars of music and then a partial s/off statement. WHAM was fairly strong here. I was up then for another couple of hours and added three more to the log to bring it up to 139 heard. One of the three was a fairly strong CBM-940 to bring my province count up to two. 73.



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FREQ	CALL	NAME and TITLE	ADDRESS	WHAT	WHEN	WHO
530	WPJP546	Patricia Jocius, OFS Coordinator	San Mateo Fire Dept 120 S Ellsworth San Mateo CA 94401-3973	P+	8	GVJ
620	KTAR	Louis B Burke, Jr	301 West Osborn Rd Phoenix AZ 85013-3953	cf	11	CAD
650	XEZM	Jose Laris Rodriguez, Director General	Av. 5 de Mayo No. 501 Sur Jardines de Catedral Zamora, Michoacan C. P. 59670 Mexico	P+	63	HL
750	KAMA	David Stewart, CE	2211 E Missouri, South 300 El Paso TX 79903	LMB+	11	CAD
830	KOTC	Mike Scallorns, PD	830 First St, P O Box 271 Kennett MO 63857	L+	10	CAD
850	KEYH	Robert Tindle, CE	1080 Post Oak Blvd Suite 1500 Houston TX 77056	LMB	5ffff+	JDS
860	KOSE	Ed White, Mgr	509 South Walnut, P O Box 249 Osceola AR 72370	L	20	EB
880	XETC	Ing Eduardo Aguiar C, Departamento de Ingenieria	Acuna No. 2o Piso Torreon, Coah. C. P. 27000 Mexico	LP	61fn	HL
910	WNEZ	Gene Faltus, CE [N1EF]	10 Executive Dr Farmington CT 06032			CPC
920	XETAA	Paco Xavier, Staff Production	Priv. Eulogio Ortiz y Pamanes Col. Ampl. Los Angeles Torreon, Coah., Mexico P O Box 707	CP	43f	HL
950	KXJK	Janet P Benson, PromoDir	Forrest City AR 72336-0707	LM+		CAD
	WJPC*	Ed Stimac, CE	800 S Wells St Suite 250 Chicago IL 60607	LMB	6ffff+	JDS
	WWJ	Ed Coury, Asst Nx & PD	16550 West Nine Mile Rd Southfield MI 48086	L+	15ffff+	JDS
	KNFT**	Paul Hunter, P	5 Race Track Rd, P O Box 1410 Silver City NM 88062	L	178f	CAD
	XEYJ	Mario Alberto Franco Lopez, Gerente	Reforma y America Altos Nueva Rosita, Coah. C. P. 26850 Mexico	LPB	33f	HL
1000	WMUF	Sherri James, NxDir	P O Box 1239 Paris TN 38242	LB+	14f	HL
1020	WJEP	Melissa L Pittman, Sec	P O Box 90 Thomasville GA 31799	LM	7f	JDS
1070	KNX	Helen G Dollar, OffMgr Richard Rudman, DirEng Vin Deegan, TechnDept	6121 Sunset Blvd Los Angeles CA 90028	L	26ffff+	JDS
1100	WTAM	K Meg Yarham, Programming	1468 West 9th St Suite 805 Cleveland OH	L+	23	CAD

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FREQ	CALL	NAME and TITLE	ADDRESS	WHAT	WHEN	WHO
1140	KSSQ***	Maribel T Trevino, Promotions/PD/On-Air Personality	300 E Bryant Rd Conroe TX 77301	LM+	18f	HL
1210	WPHT	Sam A Virgillo, Technical Supervisor	City Line and Monument Rd Philadelphia PA 19131	L	36	JDS
1220	KMVL	Leon Hunt, O/GM	102 West Main St Madisonville TX 77864	L+	13	JDS
	XEB	Guadalupe Hurtado Tre- vino, Gerente	Grupo IMER, Mayorazgo No. 83 Col. Xoco C. P. Mexico, D. F., C. P. 03330 Mexico	L+	43fn	HL
1240	WIMZ^	Craig Jacobus, GM	P O Box 27100 Knoxville TN 37927-7100			JDS
1250	WGL		2000 Lower Huntington Rd Fort Wayne IN 46819	LB	12	JDS
1270	WKBF	Jon Book, Eng	3535 East Kimberly Rd Davenport IA 52807	L+	40	EB
1300	KAKC	Steve Davis, DirEng	Clear Channel Radio, Inc 5801 East 41st St Suite 900 Tulsa OK 74135-5601	L	10	CAD
1330	KFH	Tony Duesing, PD	2120 N Woodlawn. #352 Wichita KS 67208-1847	PMbc	10f	HL
1350	WTOU	Stephanie Peake, OpsMgr	1867 West Market St Akron OH 44313	LB	25fffff	JDS
	WOYK	Lisa Krout, OffMgr	1360 Copenhafer Rd York PA 17404	LB+	36fffff	JDS
1370	WDEF	David Howard	3300 Broad St Chattanooga TN 37408	L	5ffff+	JDS
1380	WKBQ	Bob Hoffman, Eng	638 West Port Plaza St Louis MO 63146	L	9	JDS
	KBWD	Bob James, DirOps	P O Box 280 Brownwood TX 76804	L	12ffff+	JDS
1390	WROA	Bryan Rhodes, MxDir	P O Box 2639 Gulfport MS 39503	L	4ff	JDS
1400	WJPS	Carl J Becker, PD	P O Bx 3848 Evansville IN 47736	LB	20fff	JDS
1420	WMYN	Mike Moore, GM	P O Box 311 Madison NC 27025			CPC
1430	KEES	Janna Redman, OffMgr	1430 W Highway 80 Longview TX 75604	L	10r	HL
1440	WGIG	Joe Sousa, OpsMgr	117 Marina Dr St. Simons Island GA 31522	L	?f	JDS
	KEYS	John Gifford, CE	2117 Leopard St Corpus Christi TX 78048	LB+	9	CAD
1460	WCMB	Bobby Gray, CE	3605 Vartan Way Harrisburg PA 17110	cf	14fffff	JDS
1470	WWWM	Ron Finn, PD	2965 Pickle Rd Toledo OH 43616	L	12ffff+	JDS
	KWRD	Chipper Dean, Mgr	P O Box 1400 Henderson TX 75653	L	11	CAD
1480	WZJY	<i>The WZJY Staff</i>	P O Box 6196 Charleston SC 29405	L	26ffff+	JDS
1490	WLOE	Mike Moore, GM	P O Box 311 Madison NC 27025			CPC
1550	WRHC	Jorge A Rodriguez, P	330 SW 27th Ave Miami FL 33135	L	8ffff+	JDS
1560	KEGG	Bill Wright	P O Box 497931 Garland TX 75049-7931	L		CAD
1570	WZCC	Olympus Zarris	P O Box 655 New Albany IN 47151	LB	17ffff+	JDS
1580	WESY	Stanley S. Sherman, O	P O Box 5804 Greenville MS 38704-5804	LMB	5f	JDS
1590	KLFE	Richard B Harris, Corpor- ate Projects Engineer	2815 Second Ave Suite 550 Seattle WA 98121			CPC
1600	WXVI	John T Hadrick, OpsMgr	207 Montgomery St Suite 1025 Montgomery AL 36104	L	5ffff+	JDS

FREQ	CALL	NAME and TITLE	ADDRESS	WHAT	WHEN	WHO
1600	KSSA^^	Illegible, Administrative Assistant	3500 Maple Ave Dallas TX 75219	L	?	JDS
1640	KWJC+	Howard J Compton	KWJC-AM and KWCK-FM P O Box 267 Green Acres WA 99016-0267	L	3	GVJ

WHAT was received: L = Letter with personalized statement; F = Form letter; Q = QSL card, commercially printed; C = Postcard or similar card supplied by station; P = Prepared card supplied by DXer; R = DXer's report returned with statement; cf = Certificate; E = Verification by e-mail; fx = Verification by FAX; M = Coverage map; B = Bumper or other sticker; bc = Business card; + = Extra goodies

WHEN the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f = Follow-up; n = Return postage not used; r = Return postage returned

NOTES: * [for this column] = Callsign now WEJM; ** [for this column] = See comment below; *** [for this column] = See comment below; ^ [for this column] = Verie received for FM sister station but info good for AM also; ^^ [for this column] = Callsign now KRVA; verie received after at least 5 follow-up reports; + [for this column] = Pirate: 1639.9 kHz

Good to have Chuck back with us this month! He reports that KNFT-950 sent him a letter 15 days after he visited the station confirming his reception of their 225 watt signal but saying that "We really are not interested in the distance of transmission except as it affects the FCC and sales" and "My guess is that you monitored a skip of our low power setting caused by meteorological conditions." He also notes that the verie from KEGG-1560 mentioned that his was the most distant reception (225 miles) reported to them to date. Finally, Chuck laments that he still hasn't received replies to some of his reception reports even after visiting the stations, reprinting his original letter, including a prepared card, and adding another postage stamp! Hang in there, Chuck! Verifying can be a frustrating and expensive pastime. You might want to try FAXing your follow-up reports, as J. D. has had some recent success using this technique. Still, one would think that visiting the station in person would be the most fruitful way of stimulating a response! Henry notes that KSSQ-1140 is now KCHC; his verie was an answer to his follow-up of a 1994 reception. In the letter, the signer noted that, despite the callsign change, the station is still owned by Darrell Martin and that they continue to broadcast Christian/Gospel music. Thanks for the kind words, Chuck and Henry! Please note my new e-mail address at the top of the column! This column was prepared on 12/18/96. 73, SSH.

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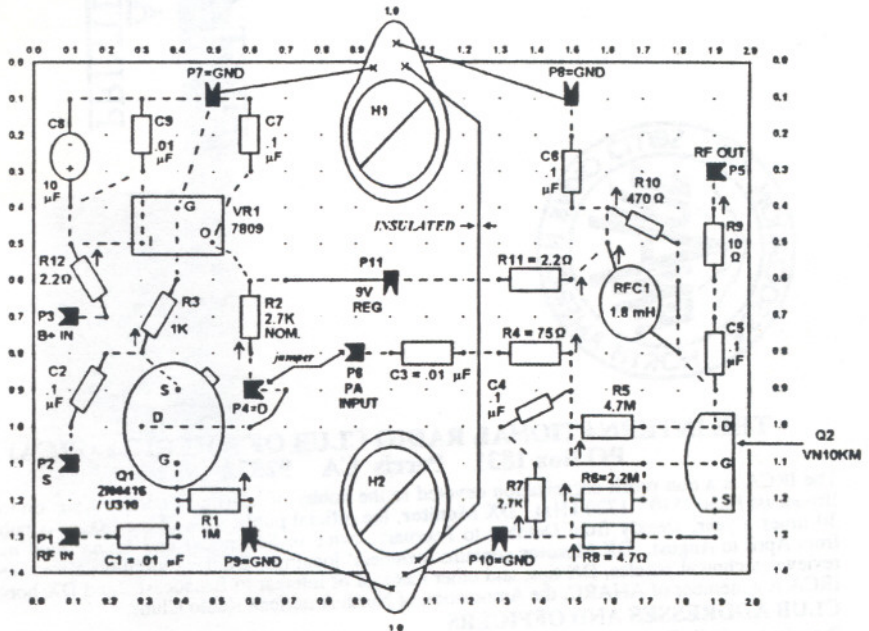
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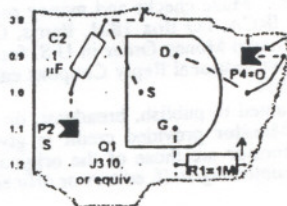
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 ↑ = LONG-LEAD SIDE OF VERTICALLY-MOUNTED AXIAL-LEADED COMPONENT.
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