

February 14, 1998 - Volume 35 - Number 21 - Edition 1144-ISSN 899-9733 IRCA WEB SITE: http://fly.hiwaay.net/~waholler/irca.htm ************** PUBLISHER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: sanser@pe.net SOFT DX MONITOR E-MAIL ADDRESS: philip_bytheway@mukilteo.hac.com *********** IN THIS ISSUE: CPC DX test summary..2, Hot Stuff..2, Western DX Roundup..2, Central DX Roundup..6, Eastern DX Roundup..8, DX Worldwide-East. .10, Geomagnetic Indices..11, Broadcasting Information..12...... ********** PUBLISHER'S DESK: This DXM has a little different look inside as I used Phil's soft DX Monitor for the masters. This will give you a look at what the members with computers get. There is no difference in the information it is the same, the mastheads have changed with this issue. The members with computers get their soft DX Monitors at least a week before you get the same information in paper form. I am going to use Phil's soft DX Monitor 3 or 4 times to see if you like getting your in formation earlier by a week or so and I do not need to wait for the masters via the mail service. We will see how it works out. Using the soft DX Monitor is a lot easier on me, much easier to use the computer to paste up the DXM than the old glue stick......pub 1998 IRCA E-MAIL DIRECTORY: Charles Taylor <WD9INF@Skantech.net> is gathering e-mail addresses from on-line IRCA members for the 1998 IRCA E-MAIL DIRECTORY. If you wish your e-mail address, and also your Webpage URL, included; then e-mail Chas at the above address. ************************ 1998 IRCA CONVENTION: Anyone interested in hosting IRCA's 1998 convention...please contact Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary NW, Seattle WA 98117 ********** CLUB POSITIONS NOW AVAILABLE: CPC Chairman, "Hearing It Through The Grapevine" editor (anyone want to keep this going - let me know), Techniques" editor, "Sports" editor, IRCA Almanac coordinator as well as "DX Monitor" Publisher/Editor-in-Chief. Contact IRCA President Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334. ***************** IRCA REPRINTS: The IRCA maintains a large file of articles which have appeared in past issues of DX Monitor. These articles cover a wide variety of topics, including antenna theory and construction, tips for the foreign BCB DXer, how to improve your DXing skills, history of DXing and broadcasting, lists of stations by subject, construction projects and receiver modification, receiver reviews, medium wave propagation, and more. Copies are available for a nominal charge. For a list of reprints, send \$1.00 to: IRCA Reprints, c/o Steve Ratzlaff, 1885 E Bayshore Rd Sp 90, East Palo Alto CA 94303..... *************** RENEWING: Please note the numbers above your name on the address label this is your expiration number, a 35-21 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....Pub......

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CPC DX tests summary

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PLEASE NOTE: Even if you don't hear a test, be sure and drop a card, letter, or e-mail to the station personnel, thanking them for going to the trouble to run a test!

Sat, February 21, 1998 - WAMS-1380, Wilmington, DE 12:00-2:00 am EST.

Sat, February 21, 1998 - WILM-1450, Wilmington, DE 1:00-3:00 am EST.

Also, if you hear a test, PLEASE, PLEASE let me know, via e-mail or the newsgroup! And, if you send a reception report to a station, please remember to include return postage with your report... *******************

HOT STUFF *************

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I just got an E-Mail from Bill Harms informing me about the 5th X-Band station on. WPHG-Atmore AL. As I am typing this it is coming in fair with Gospel mx and so far one poor ID. The voice ID was weak, the music fairly good. The time as I type this is about 0815 EST.

2/1 Station is still coming in (better now) at 0845 EST as I type this. Station is 10 Day and 1 KW nights . Runs Gospel music Signed on a 6 AM Saturday morning (EST). Has had calls from Chicago, New York, Seaside Oregon, etc. Reports should be sent to:

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 930 KGER WA, Yakima 1/27 2200 air on top of jumble with ID going into relig. program, "KGER Yakima-Sunnyside." (PM-OR)
- 1590 KROY CA, Victorville 1/18 1925 good over KXSP with ID "You're listening to Real Country, on AM 1590, K-Roy." Back on. air, ex-silent. At Beverage site. (RW-CA1)
- 530 TIS WA, Port Angeles 1/10 1630 fair signal listing attractions & road conditions for Olympic National Park. New. (DS-BC)
- 550 KOY AZ, Phoenix 1/17 2000 heard coming in poor with ID. (CM-CA) KUZZ CA, Bakersfield 1/17 2030 fair signal with country music. (CM-CA)
- 560 KBLU AZ, Yuma 1/17 2100 good with announcement, CNN news, KBLU ID. (CM-CA)
 - KSFO CA, San Francisco 1/17 2110 ID, coming in very poor. (CM-CA)
- 570 WNAX SD, Yankton 1/16 1903 basketball commentary, then ID during break "This is South Dakota State basketball, on 570, WNAX." (NP-AB)
 - KNRS UT, Salt Lake City gave call ID at 2259 1/9 after talk show ended, then into Utah news. At 2259 1/10, ID'd as "570 K-News in KNRS, Salt Lake/Ogden/Provo." New, ex-KISN. QRM from KVI. (LG-MT)
- 580 KMJ CA, Fresno 1/18 2021 fair with news talk. (CM-CA)
- 680 KOMW WA, Omak 1/11 1800 strong signal all alone with Spanish programming. Legal ID, and ABC news. Back to Spanish after the news. Normally a rare catch. (DS-BC)
- 720 KFIR OR, Sweet Home 1/9 2305 announced call between C&W tunes in KDWN null. Rare here; supposedly runs 184 watts at night. (LG-MT)
- 760 CKQR BC, Castlegar 1/12 2300 noted back with AdCon again (after a short-lived C&W format). IDs only as "B-K-R" (Boundary Kootenay Radio). Will soon be moving to FM. (DS-BC)
- 780 KAZM AZ, Sedona 1/17 2134 good with many IDs, soft music, time check of 26 before 8, weather for Sedona. In KKOH null. (RW-CA1)
- 910 KVVQ CA, Hesperia 1/26 0429 poor with various NOS music, ad for the Apple Valley Senior Citizen's Club at 0429, then a partial ID "More unforgettable music...??," faded out in KNEW pull under XEAO. New tentative. (RW-CA)
- KNEW null under XEAO. New, tentative. (RW-CA)
 930 KAFF AZ, Flagstaff 1/17 1922 replacing KRKY with Jim Reeves
 song, ID, strong in KKHJ null. (RW-CA1)
 - KRKY CO, Granby 1/17 1915 good with NOS music, ID in KKHJ null, sitting on Tim Hall's patio! (RW-CA1)
- 980 KJOX WA, Yakima 1/26 0524 strong in KFWB null with FM ID "99.7 FM, The Hawk." Guess never went sports! (RW-CA)
- 1030 KLLU OR, Reedsport 1/18 1100 good signal in CKST-1040 splatter with legal ID "KLLU Reedsport-Winchester Bay-Gardiner" into USA Radio News. Ex-KDUN. (DS-BC)

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+1/26 0506 poor in KTWO null over KJDJ, with ad for Traylor
 TV "Near the North Bend Airport," ad for Shiloh Inns, ID "Real country is KLLU, AM 1030." Ex-KDUN for me. (RW-CA)
CA, San Francisco 1/18 2030 in fair with religious program.
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- (CM-CA) UT, Ogden 1/18 2035 in good with religious program. (CM-CA) 1120 KANN
- CA, Los Angeles 1/18 0318 in good with sports talk. (CM-CA) 1150 KXTA

1100

KFAX

- AZ, Tolleson 1/22 1200 "KMYL Music of your Life, AM 1190 Tolleson and ?? FM 105.3 Wickenburg (?)" into network news KMYL 1190 but too weak to tell which. Very weak but enough to ID. New! (FA-ID)
- 1220 (KBPA) CA, Palo Alto 1/26 0533 totally off, KBET in strong, KCCS in null. No KMIA! (RW-CA)
- OR, Salem 1/26 0537 good in KBET null with ID while looking KCCS for KMIA-CA. KBPA off. Rare here. (RW-CA)
- CA , Barstow 1/18 1902 good with ID "Hot talk AM 1230, KSZL. 1230 KSZL," mention of "Killer oldies KDUC and KDUQ," don't have a listing for this! At Beverage site. (RW-CA1)
- TN, Nashville was NOT the station I heard 12/26, per letter 1240 WKDA from station. (LG-MT)
- BC. Port Alberni 1/26 0000 "Port Alberni's news & CJAV information source, 1240, CJAV" ID between music and news. This is the first ID-able intruder into the previously
- sacrosanct KGY domain since I've been here. (PT-WA) CA, Gilroy 1/16 2004 poor under KMRZ with ID "Radio 1290 KAZA KA-zah." (RW-CA1)
- CA, San Luis Obispo 1/16 2120 good with ID "KKJL, The Crown 1400 KKJL Jewel of the Central Coast," completely dominant! (RW-CA1)
 - ID, Sandpoint 1/20 in long enough for a couple of IDs KSPT around 1130. (PT-WA)
 - UT, Provo 1/18 1935 poor under KKJL with ID "K-Star AM KSRR 1400," weather for Provo and Salt Lake City. At Beverage site. (RW-CA1)
- CA, Palm Springs 1/4 1105 ex-KPSI logged with spot for show 1450 KGAM at Town Center followed by ID and NOS song "The Lady is a Tramp." Easy reception only because KSPA had briefly abandoned their own NOS programming for Sunday morning infomercials. (MS-CA)
 - CA, Porterville 1/14 0000 very loud with spot for KTIP advertising on radio, promo for big band show on K-Tip. Legal ID and NBC news. (MS-CA)
 - WA, Puyallup 1/11 1200 poor signal under KONP with Korean **KSUH** programming. English legal ID heard which also mentioned KWYZ-1230. Ex-KKBY. (DS-BC)
 - CA, Sonora 1/14 0001 surprise ID "Wildcat Action (?) KVML K-V-M-L." Not heard in ages! (MS-CA)
 - CA, Ventura 1/4 1112 huge signal, giving phone number then KVEN KVEN Weekend Weather. (MS-CA)
 - BCN, Ensenada 1/4 0859 s/on??? Strong coming out of Mexican XESS National Anthem. Announcer gave several clear IDs as "X-E-Double S," mentioned lkw power and even gave phone number. Later noted playing pop tunes in English: "Tubthumping" by Chumbawamba. (MS-CA)
 - SON, San Luis de Colorado 1/4 0900+ good in mess with XECB constant "Radio Ranchito" slogans. (MS-CA)
- OR, Stayton-Salem 1/14 out of the blue with C&W music and ID 2300. No sign of KMWX for some reason. (PT-WA) 1460 KCKX
- CA, Santa Barbará 1/16 2125 blasting in over mess with ID 1490 KBKO "Esta en Radio Bronco, KBRO." (RW-CA1)
- UT, West Valley City 1/18 1728 PSA about child abduction, 1550 KMRI then ID "This is KMRI, West Valley City." (NP-AB) MN, Willmar 1/18 1714 weather report, ID "Good times & **KDJS**
- great oldies, 1590, KDJS." (NP-AB) CO, Aspen 1/18 1740 tourism info, including update on 1610 TIS Highway 82 construction & information on parking in Aspen. (NP-AB)
- 1620 KNNN868(?) CA, Irvine 1/29 0930 HAR station here repeated info on

Irvine and Santa Ana Freeways. Fair briefly on top of (PM-OR)

UT, Salt Lake City weak but audible 1/15 at 2258. KUTE (whose name seemed to be Reba) ID'd as K-Ute from the University of Utah, 1620 AM. She said to call the station from campus at 53449. (LG-MT)

WPJM404 VA, Stauton area one or more of the 4 or 5 transmitters in the Augusta County area. 1/29 0530 heard with male & female announcers. "Welcome to Augusta County" and "WPJM404" call ID, in the jumble. This one really gets out for 10 watts! (PM-OR)

DX TEST

570 (WHNZ) FL, Pineallas 1/24 2000 no sign of DX test even with KFXD nulled, just KVI. (FA)

HELP WITH UNIDS

- Lance Thomas' Spanish-speaker 12/14 was likely XEFW in Tampico, which I heard the same day at 0759. (LG-MT)
- Craig Rathbone's oldies station 12/29 may have been KNNS 1510 (ex-KANS) in Larned, KS, which I heard last season with this format. (LG-MT)
- Lance Thomas' religious station 12/15 was likely KKCM in 1530 Shakopee, MN. (LG-MT)
- Lance Thomas' TIS with agricultural info in the Columbia River 1610 area 12/14 was WCKY973 in George, WA. (LG-MT)
- Lance Thomas' TIS 12/13 mentioning Spokane was surely the one 1610 located at the Spokane airport. (LG-MT)
- Lance Thomas' very weak Spanish-speaker 12/14 was probably Radio 1620
- Esmeraldas in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (LG-MT) Chris Knight's unID in DXM 1/3/98 has to be WQ0808, Culver City, 1650 CA, now reported to be on 1690. QSL address: Randi L. Joseph, Public Information Officier, 9770 Culver Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232-0507. (GJ-CA)
- Pete Taylor's newscast 12/26 was surely the image of CKWX-1130 1690 which I hear frequently. (LG-MT)

UNIDS

- 1/26 0515 unID strong with varying TT's, suspect KIEZ-CA. (RW-CA) 540
- 1/1 Canadian news, "Best of Joey Reynolds" and ads for Buckley's 580 (Canada's best selling cough remedy); also heard "Hi, this is Michael Wright" and news form the Wick Radio Network between 0330-0500, all under KFXD. Obviously not CKUA and unusual for CKXR. (PT-WA)
- My CKUA tentative on 1/10 0725-0800 was not to be (they are 580 adamant about their 6am MST s/on). The Jack Benny programs and music of the 30's-40's on 1/10 was matched by more old time programming on 1/17. In both cases, same low key announcer and nothing readable at ID time 0800. KFXD atop both times. (PT-WA)
- 1/17 1940 unID Spanish good briefly in KKHJ null, under 930 KAFF-KRKY. Tim thinks it may be XEUS. Good ranchera music!
- 1/26 0550 unID looping NE with Art Bell, good over mess. Ideas? 1240 Never noticed Art Bell here before! (RW-CA) "Good time oldies" and "The oldies just keep coming" tracked
- 1260 intermittently 1/1 0420-0530. I would swear I heard "..CN" at 0420 and "KICN 1260" at 0530, but the PD says they're CNN overnight. KLYC likewise denies it (they are now 24 hours with a soft contemporary sound) and not KOIT. (PT-WA)
- 1/18 1947 unID good in KWKW null with ESPN Radio, either KGAK or 1330 KOVE? (RW-CAl)
- 1/29 0941 heavy metal and electronic music non-stop mixing with 1620 TIS stations. No ID. KUTE??? (PM-OR)
- 1630 1/29 0534 station in the jumble here, no idea who. May have

been Metra again (IL), but too weak. (PM-OR)

The last weekly deadline is Friday February 13. It's hard to believe that the weeklies are finished for the season! The Anniversary Issue deadline for WDXR is February 27th.

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP ******

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Kenwood R-1000, "Radio West" loop. [RCP-IN] Robert C. Pote, Greenwood, Indiana.

Drake R8A, Quantum loop. ******************

DOWN THE DIAL

- 600 WKLW KY, Paintsville. 1-17 weak in and out. 0638 with Gospel music, ID "Solid Gospel 600 WKLW." [LB-MO]
- NC, Raleigh. 1-14 weak signal in mess. 1730 with ID "This 680 WPTF is 6-80 WPTF first with news for Raleigh, Durham.... All news." TC, news, weather. [LB-MO]
- 690 WTIX LA. New Orleans. 1-9 fair to good in CBF null. 1800 with ID into news. [RCP-IN]
- MB, Dauphin. 1-10 fair to poor. 0439 with "The original 730 CKDM CKDM" and several country songs back to back. Spot for inventors hot line. [RCP-IN]
- ON, Timmins. 1-16 weak fluttery signal drifting in o/WSB 750 CKGB for awhile. 0703 with PSA for Northern Colleges, weather, "...minus 23 in Timmins, for CKGB I'm...." Musical jingle ID. Listed program feathers and "Country Club Birthday Bash." Another jingle and country music. [LB-MO]
 - IN, Portage. 1-14 weak signal with noise and interference WNDZ from unID (WSB?). 1229 with religious program "Radio Rosary." Asked for donations to be sent to a Cincinnati address. TC, ID "This is Chicago's multicultural radio station, 7-50 AM WNDZ Portage, Indiana." Ethnic religious programming. [LB-MO]
- 760 TN, Knoxville. 1-7 with much background noise, WJR barely WMEN heard. 1740 with "Mind Over Body" program followed by station ID. [RCP-IN]
- KS, Colby. 1-13 fair signal in and out of mess. 1925 with 790 KXXX ID "K-triple-X." Country music, several more "K-triple-X" ID's. [LB-MO]
- 840 KWDF LA, Ball. 1-16 poor to fair u/WHAS. 1826 with several Gospel songs, 1828 station ID. First time heard. [RCP-IN]
- MI, East Lansing. 1-11 fair to poor in WWL null. 0835 with 870 WKAR station ID in EE into a program of SS music. [RCP-IN]
- WSUI 910 IA, Iowa City. 1-14 weak signal in and out. 1629 with announcement for Archer Daniel Midland conglomerate for supporting NPR. Outline of next days "Morning Edition" by Bob Edwards. Weather, TC, ID "This is WSUI Iowa City, Cedar Rapids." NPR News. [LB-MO]

- 940 WMWR GA, Macon. 1-18 fair while in. 0736 with promo for Art Bell "coming up on WMWR" followed by a spot read by Art Bell for one of his tapes. New for me. [RCP-IN]
 960 CFFX ON, Kingston. 1-7. 1803 with local news and weather
- 960 CFFX ON, Kingston. 1-7. 1803 with local news and weather followed by several "CFFX" ID's and mentioned that "CFFX is good time oldies." New station for me. [RCP-IN]
- 990 CKGM PQ, Montreal. 1-15 fair with some fading. 1723 with promo for the "Dr. Joy Brown Show" followed by "AM 9-90 CKGM" into a call-in doctors show answering medical questions from listeners. First time heard. [RCP-IN]
 - KWAM TN, Memphis. 1-15 fair, mixing w/CKGM at times. 1730 with traffic report for the Memphis area followed by station ID into Gospel music. [RCP-IN]
- 1000 WIOO PA, Carlisle. 1-8 briefly heard in WMVP null. 1736 with "WIOO your sports leader." First time heard. [RCP-IN]
- 1020 WPEO IL, Peoria. 1-14 weak signal with interference, slop from local KXEN-1010. 1355 with anti-abortion commentary from a Cal Thomas. Spots, ID "Inspiration for Central Illinois, WPEO Peoria." News. [LB-MO]
- 1050 WEVD NY, New York. 1-8 very poor signal. 1800 with "Good evening, this is WEVD, it's 6 p.m..." Brief fade out then returned with the stock market report. Several "WEVD" ID's heard. First time this station has been heard. [RCP-IN]
- 1170 WPLX TN, Germantown. 1-17 weak signal beat up by KVOO. 0839 with promo "Listen to Don... and Big Band Johnson Sunday at noon on 11-70 WPLX." NOS format. [LB-MO]
- 1180 WHJM TN, Knoxville. 1-14 fair fading in and out along with WHAM,
 WJNT. 0715 with Gospel music, frequent TC's and "Solid
 Gospel" and "Southern Gospel" slogans. Weather and at 0731
 an ID "Radio ... WHJM." Gospel format. [LB-MO]
- 1190 WGKA GA, Atlanta. 1-16 fair signal in WOWO null. 1733 with Broadway musical selections. Was able to follow until 1745 sign off. No SSB. New station for me. [RCP-IN]
- 1280 KYRO MO, Potosi. 1-13 barely readable, terrible interference.
 1536 with "The latest KYRO weather.." TC, mention of web site at www.kyro.com. Country music. [LB-MO]
- 1330 KFH KS, Wichita. 1-18 weak in mess. 1852 with talk astrologer/physic giving readings and advice to callers. "Talk radio KFH." 1859 with "KFH News Update" Kansas news. 1900 with CBS News. [LB-MO]
- 1340 WMBN MI, Petoskey. 1-24 fair to good, way on top. 1732 with weather from the "WMBN Great Lakes Weather Center."

 [TN-WI]
- 1400 KJFF MO, Festus. 1-14 very weak signal. 1445 with "In Jefferson County, KJFF" and "Time for the headlines on AM 1400 KJFF." Weather, news. [LB-MO]
- 1420 KTOE MN, Mankato. 1-13 up on top of pile for awhile. 0558 with weather, promo for "KTOE Sports." ID "Friends you know, friends who know you, AM 14-20 radio KTOE in Mankato."

 Musical jingle, ABC News. [LB-MO]
- 1550 WJIL IL, Jacksonville. 1-13 barely readable with lots of interference. 1445 with phone-in talk "The Common Man." ID "WJIL in Jacksonville." "The ??? Brownfield Show on
- news-talk WJIL." Back into call-in program. [LB-MO]

 1650 KGXL CA, Costa Mesa. 1-13 fair while in before sliding into deep fades. 0347 with music from Broadway shows. Dual "12-60 AM KGIL and 16-50 AM KGIL Costa Mesa." More music followed by another ID "AM Stereo 12-60 and AM 16-50 all stations, KGIL" back into music. [RCP-IN]

UnIDS

1620 unID 1-20, 1-21, and 1-26. 0200-0500 TIS on top briefly with the mention of the Mississippi River and Lake Michigan. Not sure where this one is located. Always mixed with the Stauton, VA and Niagara Falls TIS's. Very good conditions on 1-25 and 1-26 with the Stauton and Niagara Falls in all night. [TMJ-IL] unID 1-16 2300 to 1-17 0600. UnID station with what sounded like

a regular broadcast. Heard modern rock music, DJ sounded like Wolfman Jack, spot for a window company. Loop bearing NW-SE. Not heard on the day before nor on the following days. [TMJ-IL] +1-17 very good signal with little fading noticed. Some background noise. UnID (possibly a pirate). 2156-2211 sign off. Tuned in at 21:56 with 50's rock music being played (Coasters, Isley Brothers, etc.). DJ said "On the X, let's keep on rockin' man. Just remember on 16-20 it it don't rock it, we don't stock it." A couple more songs followed and then then DJ wished everyone a good evening. "16-20 the Big X leaves the air, be cool." Anybody know where this was coming from? [RCP-IN]

25 YEARS AGO

February 10, 1973 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Randy Minnehan of Columbus, OH logged KOOL-960 for state #45 ... Angel M. Garcia of Flushing, NY received a verie from CJOC for province #10 verified ... Jim Nall of Louisville, KY told about his HQ-129X and 3 1/2 foot box loop ... EDXR editor Nancy Gantzer of Fredonia, NY offered WBBF and WYSL record surveys to reporters to EDXR.

OPEN MIKE

I wonder how much deeper would the ocean be without sponges? We're almost to the end of the weekly issues for this DX season. Please note the deadlines at the top of this column for the remainder of this volume. Today is Valentine's Day. If you didn't know, this is also Nancy and my Wedding Anniversary! :) 73, John.

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Welcome to February, some interesting things this week, altho a bit slow....Deadlines are Wednesdays 6 PM EST LFreshwate@aol.com

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LOGGINGS

- 560 WEBC MN Duluth, 1/17 1800 fr-gd o/CFOS w/end of "Money Talks" program, ID/promo "Keep pace with the superstars of NASCAR racing on Great Talk Radio 560, WEBC Duluth-Superior", into ABC nx. (MB-ON)
- 580 CKWW ON Windsor 1/17 2303 Thru a jumble, I heard: "it is ? degrees in Windsor", gone. (EM-PA)
- 660 WFAN NY New York, 1/19 0130 noted off. Returned w/usual sports at 0302.
- 790 WSKO RI Providence, 1/30 1800 fr o/CIGM w/talk on triple A baseball, ID as "This is sports radio 790 the score, WSKO Providence" into ABC news. (MB-ON
- 950 WGTA GA Summerville, 1/31 0815 fr o/usual pest WWJ w/local nx, including a detailed "police blotter" report on all the

- persons arrested for drug possession, DUI, etc., ad for Alan Smith Chevrolet-Oldsmobile, into local wx "from the WGTA News room..."
- 960 WELI CT New Haven, 1/19 1548 fr o/GTO (presumably Kingston, ON)
 w/ID as "Nwes Talk 960 WELI", ad for ORECK vaccuum cleaner.
- 960 WKVX OH Wooster, 1/24 1715 fr o/CFFX & WFIR w/anct by DJ "keep it on WKVX for more great oldies" into Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Proud Mary" (MB-ON)
- 990 CJAD PQ Montreal, 1/26 0758 fr-pr in fight w/WDCZ, sports report,
 ID as "News-talk radio CJAD", into news at top of hour.
 Did not mention 990 frequency in ID. (MB-ON
- 1220 CKCW NB Moncton 1/25 1705 Clear call letters surfaced momentarily above WKNR and several others. (NB # 11) (EM-PA)
- 1420 WAMV VA Amherst 1/23 1800 W. with station ID & then sign off, vocal rendition of National Anthem. (unexpected-not listed as daytime only.) (editors note: Alot of stations authorized for full time operation are cutting their schedule and running as daytime-ed) (EM-PA)
- 1570 WPGM PA Danville, 1/19 0928 fr in jumble w/end of "Hope for the heart" gospel program, local wx for Susquehanna Valley, ID as "you're listening to WPGM, 1570 AM, 96.7 FM", into "Back to the Bible" program at 0930. (MB-ON)
- 1600 WWRL NY New York, 1/19 1515 fr-gd w/usual urban mx, promo "Black music is America's greatest legacy and WWRL is keeping it alive with 100% pure soul in stereo". CHNR appears to be gone for good after a few months of simulcasting FM.

(MB-ON

asking for phone calls caught the number 1-800-495-9495 and gospel music. Did not get a good copy of the call letters yet, but did clearly hear "Atmore, Alabama." Announcer noted that he had callers from California, Florida, Chicago, Sherwood Park, New York, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. Mentioned that today is the "first day of operation." Guess previous reports were just test transmissions. Another good channel for long distance TIS reception bites the dust. Also ruins chances for Argentina. Get 'em while you can. (Harms - MD)

+Just called the station. The man on the phone said he would send a letter "commemorating the reception" of the station on its first day of operation. (Harms-MD)

SPECIAL INTEREST

- 790 WQXI-GA Atlanta 2/01 * Adds United Stations Network's "Online Today with David Lawrence" per show today; program airs live Suns. 1406-1600. (5P-HI)
- 790 WNIS-VA Norfolk 2/01 * Adds CBC/TRN's Sunday program "Dreamland with Art Bell" per show today. (5P-HI)
- 1210 WNMA-FL/1700 WCMQ-FL Miami * Per PR Newswire via AOL, Radio Unica Network has purchased these two stations and began feeding Radio Unica programming to WNMA under a Local Marketing Agreement as of 2/01. Radio Unica is affiliated with Mexico's Grupo Radio Centro and airs some of GRC's shows. This move reunites the two frequencies under one roof and discontinues sports programming on 1210 after only a few weeks. (5P-HI)
- 1230 WTBC-AL Tuscaloosa 2/01 * Adds "Dreamland with Art Bell" again per show today. (5P-HI)
- 1320 WHHO-NY Hornell 2/01 * Adds "Online Today with David Lawrence" per show today; program airs live Suns. 1406-1600. (5P-HI)

DX TESTS

- 670 WVNS Claremont, VA Jan. 31 0000-0200 Not heard. Only WMAQ, Cuba and CFTR-680 slop. (MB-ON)
- 670 WVNS Test not heard Just a strong WMAQ and Spanish (Cuba)

underneath. At one point I thought I heard a test tone, but nothing else. This was 0000-0015 2/1. Maybe the test was on later. I heard them on their regular schedule at 0800. I understand the test was a no-go for the previously scheduled time (Harms - MD) **********

SPECIAL

1644 SC Greenwood 1/31 1955 Tuned in to find very distorted audio, but a nice strong signal...Could tell it was NBC Talk Net w/Bruce Williams. Every few minutes the audio would clear up enough to be readible. Thought it was a local "spur" but no one here carries talknet. Got good readible copy on a couple of local spots for Greenwood. 2000 TOH ID came as "WLMA News/Talk 1350, Greenwood, SC" A big surprise, as this is one SC station I have NOT heard.

1640-1645 WLMA SC Greenwood. Yes, the frequency is correct. At first I thought this was WPHG putting out a spur, but it is apparently a station in South Carolina. I heard a series of local ads including one that gave an 864 area code number. This station is putting out a messy FM-like spur on 1640-1650 ruining reception of the stations there. 2/1 0722 (Harms-MD) *****************

The big news this week was the logging of the new Expanded Band station on 1620. (Not a big deal as it is almost a daytime local for me, but fun) The big event was the logging of WLMA on 1644. My first out of state "spur" !!! I spoke with the people at WLMA. The spur was caused by a faulty capacitor in a tower tuning unit. Engineer Ron Moore said the problem was corrected Sunday afternoon 2/1 and should not reoccur. He will WELCOME reports and tapes, and seemed VERY friendly to the DX community. As far as I know, they were heard in MD, FL and IL. Send you reports to RON MOORE C.E. WLMA Radio 811 Montague Ave, Ste. A, Greenwood, SC 29647..... Thats a wrap, see you all next

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During DXing from Cape Cod on Saturday 31 JAN, I noted a couple of off-channel stations. Both were Latin Americans. One was on 870.38 kHz and the other was on 941 kHz. Audio extracted from the 870.38 station seemed to have advertising in Spanish (so probably not a non-commercial Cuban).

Northern Africans and Spaniards were strong, little was noted from northern Europe (UK, Norway, Germany, etc.)

Burkina Faso-747 was quite good just after local sunset, Senegal-765 was like a local, numerous Moroccans and Algerians were very good,

Mauritania-1349 was huge, bits of Angola-1088 made it in (stronger than anything on 1089), and I had likely Gambia on 648. There was also something Arabic-sounding (Libya or Saudi ?) blending in on 648.

High-band stations (France-1467, Italy-1332, Saudi Arabia-1521, Algeria-1544) blasted in early (before 2300 UTC) but then became less numerous.

DX WORLDWIDE - WEST ******

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NOTHING THIS TIME

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NOTHING THIS TIME *******************

WESTERN DX FORUM ******

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NOTHING THIS TIME ****************

GEOMAGNETIC INDICES

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Tabulated from WWV at ~0518 GMT nightly

Geomagnetic Summary January 23 1998 through January 29 1998

GEO - Geomagnetic activity pca - polar cap absorption maf - major flare mas - major storm SA - Solar Activity

spe - satellite proton event

mis - minor storm ss - severe storm

	Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
	1/23	97	3	1	very low	quiet	_
	24	98	3	4	very low	quiet-active	-
	25	100	8	0	moderate	quiet-unsettled	-
	26	100	1	2	low	quiet	-
	27	Z	2	z	Z	z	_
	28	97	2	3	low	quiet-unsettled	-
	1/29	94	7	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
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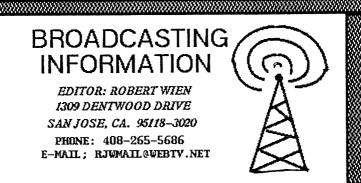
If you note any AM changes (call, format, slogan, etc), please send them to the NRC Log coordinator (Wayne Heinen) @ nrclog@aol.com **********

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NEW STATION APPLICATIONS:

CA. South Lake Tahoe new-1400 no facilities given new-1400 no facilities given NV. Sparks

NEW STATION GRANTS:

CA.	Auburn	new-1620	10000/1000	ND
GA.	Warner Robins	new-1670	10000/1000	
IL.	Johnson City	new-1690	10000/1000	ND
IN.	South Bend	new-1620	10000/1000	ND
MD.	Lexington Park	new-1690	10000/1000	ND
MI.	Kalamazoo	new-1660	10000/1000	ND
NH.	Rochester	new-1700	10000/1000	ND
NJ.	Princeton	new-1680	10000/1000	ND
NM.	Farmington	new-1620	10000/1000	ND
ND.	West Fargo	new-1660	10000/1000	ND
TX.	Fort Worth	new-1630	10000/1000	ND
	Sherman	new-1700	10000/1000	ND

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

AK. Juneau	KINY-800 inc. to 7800-N, ND
Nome	KNOM-780 inc. to 25000/14000 NE
KY. Glasgow	WCDS-1440 dec. to 425/30 ND
MN. Waseca	KOWO-1170 adds 60-N, ND-D
NC. Burgaw	WVBS-1470 dec. to 880-D, ND
BC. Vernon	CICF-1050 inc. to 4000-N
NB. Saint John	CHSJ-700 moves to 94.1 FM

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

IL. Danville WITY-980 change to DA-1 WCEM-680 inc. to 50000/20000 DA-2 MD. Baltimore WCEM-b80 Inc. to 250/9 ND KQYX-1560 dec. to 250/9 ND to 700 khz.

OH. Washington CtHse WOFR-1250 move to 700 khz., 1000/1000 ND

PA. Harrisburg WKBO-1230 dec. to 480/480 ND (CP)

CKCN-560 move to 94.1 FM PQ. Sept-Iles

FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS:

WJLT-1060 inc. to 40000-D, DA MA. Natick WSLI-930 dec. to 3600-N, DA MS. Jackson

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**NC. Taylorsville WACB-860 inc. to 1000/130 DA-N TN. Shelbyville WLIJ-1580 inc. to 5000-D, ND WKGI-950 dec. to 3900/45 ND AB. Fort McMurray SK. Saskatoon CJWW-600 change to 25000/8000
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CALL LETTER CHANGES:

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AL. Tuscaloosa WTNW-1230 becomes WTPC
Oakland KROP-1300 becomes KKSC
Oakland KDIA-1310 becomes KKSC
Oakland KRSJ-1370 becomes KKSC;
IN. Anderson WHUT-1470 becomes WUNR
MI. Whitehall WEFG-1490 becomes WUNR
MN. Nashwauk WKKO-650 becomes WNMT
MO. St. Louis WKBO-1380 requests KKWK
NY. Glens Falls WBZA-1230 becomes WDOT
South Glens F11s WSTL-1410 becomes WDOT
South Glens F11s WSTL-1410 becomes WJTD
OH. Wellston WYPC-1330 becomes WJTD
OK. Holdenville KKNG-1370 becomes WJTD
OK. Holdenville KUNG-1380 recomes WKBL "KOO1"
TX. Beaumont KJUS-1380 becomes WKBK "KOO1"
HOUSTON KKROO-790 requests KEME
UT. West Valley City KRGO-1550 becomes KMRI
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FORMAT CHANGES (SECTION 1):

AL. Daleville		s silent, now talk	
CA. Thousand Palms		s nx, talk now 1 on	
CO. Boulder	KBC0-1190	s talk, now silent p	
		iversity Of Colorado	as donation
FL. Vero Beach		s nx, adds talk	
GA. Douglas	WOKA-1310	s s. gospel, rel., r	
-		im. is temporary, ex	opect new fmt soon)
Thomaston		s oldies, talk, now	
KY. Cumberland	WCPM-1280	s C&W, c. Xtian, CHI	R, now JRN CD C&W
ME. Millinocket	WSYY-1240	s silent, now WWl ol	.dies
MS. Grenada	WYKC-1400	s R&B Oldies, now co	ountry//WOXB
MO. Kirksville	KIRX-1450	s nx/talk/sports, no	w JRN oldies, spts
NM. Hobbs	KKEL-1480	s oldies, rptd. sile	ent
NY. Glens Falls	WWSC-1450	s stds, talk, adds /	ABC stds.
NC. Albermarle	WZKY-1580	s JRN soft AC, now a	TRN AS
Troy	WJRM-1390	s variety, now JRN (Country
OK. Oklahoma City	KEBC-1340	s sports, SS, R&B,	drops sports days
PA. Altoona	WVAM-1340	s country, now The	Fan sports
Pittston	WKQV-1550	s talk//WARM, now 1	on 1 sports
TX. Houston	KBME-790	s KKBQ, country//Fm	, now ABC stds.
Huntsville	KYLR-1400	s talk, now religion	n //KHCB-FM
Pasadena	KLVL-1480	s tropical, now SS	religion
UT. West Valley City			
WA. Moses Lake North	KWIQ-1020	s country//FM, now	JRN classic C&W

FORMAT CHANGES (SECTION 2):

FL. IN. MI.	Brawley San Diego Miami Springs Fort Wayne Caro Whitehall Grand Island Albuquerque South Glens Flls	KSON-1240 WMA-1210 WGL-1250 WKYO-1360 WUBR-1490 KMMJ-750 KHTZ-1520 WBZA-1410	was was was was was was was	KROP, country, now sports country//FM, now Radio Disney sports, now Unica SS talk nx, talk, now 1 on 1 sports silent, now ABC Real C&W classic hits//FM, now JRN AS nx, talk, now SS contemp. (HSN) R. Aahs, now modern//KTEG country//FM, now talk
NM.	Albuquerque			
	Cincinnati	WCKY-1360	was	talk, now sports
PA.	Harrisburg York	WWKL-1460	was	AS, now sports "Bob 2" WCMB, talk, now oldies//FM AS, now country//WRKZ

FORMAT CHANGES (SECTION 2) (CONT.):

TN. Germantown WOWW-1430 was. R. Aahs, now talk

Springfield WDBL-1590 was C&W, Americana, R&B, drops urban (Country 5AM-noon, sim. WYYB noon-5AM)

UT. South Salt Lake KKDS-1060 was R. Aahs, now AS CKGM-990 was talk, sports, now nx/talk "CJAD" PO. Montreal

(CKGM bdcst CJAD's pgm till CJAD's xmtr destroyed in an ice storm is rebuilt).

Tim Noonan of Madison, WI. sends the following tip:

WTDY-1480 per call to station, won't begin testing WI. Madison

on 1670 till March.

Several DX'ers (Pat Martin-OR., Bill Harms-HI. among others, sends the following tip):

WPHG-1620 now here, ex-1590 khz., 10000/1000 ND AL. Atmore

Address is: WPHG, 805 North Main St., Atmore, AL. 36502. Moved 4 wks. ago.

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. sends along the following tips:

KORC-820 may have changed format to oldies OR. Waldport

planning on coming air in March //KPAM-OR. Junction City KZTU-660 860, power 10000/75 ND. Tower is up.

WA. Yakima KJOX-980 now these calls.

WA. Yakima KGER-930 si. KTBI/KSPO-Fm, canned religion.

KALE-960 using slogan "The new 960", now MOYL, ex WA. Richland

-Stardust.

Ye editor, and Mark Strickert of IL. pass on the following tip:

R. Aahs is now carrying "Aahs World Radio". Some of the former affiliates are now carrying this format, eclectic AC. Former R. Aahs network folded up 1/31/98.

Mike Stonebridge of AB. passes on the following tip (confirmed by ye editor and Dennis Gibson of Goleta, CA.)

KDIA-1640 now these calls, ex-KXBT. CA. Vallejo

Dennis Gibson also passes on the following tip:

KIST-1340 may go all-sports in early March. CA. Santa Barbara

A fairly long column. The weather in California here has been horrendous of late, lots of flooding, even had a tornado come down at my work yesterday! Strange weather, 1 week till Valentine's day, show your true love of DX'ing! 73's.

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