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"DX NEWS gets better looking every issue! It's great for active DX'ers and those of us who keep up a keen interest in what others are doing DX-wise. Long live the NRC!" (John Daller, N.Y.)

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MORE NEW NRC MEMBERS!

*Rick Matthew, 2972 W. 2nd Ave., Vancouver, Canada.

*Larry Southend, 6900 Juniper Avenue, Riverside, Ca. 92506

Welcome to the NRC, gentlemen, your new member kits are already in the mail and you should be receiving them shortly. We look forward to reading your contributions often!

RENEWALS...

Brauner... Prather... Smedley... Mehan... Vitti... F. Johnson... Feidt... Daller... Martens... Ryden...

PUBLISHING SCHEDULE ...

Copy for the next issue, Number 8, should be here in Watertown on or before 11/14 in keeping with our regular scheduled sequence. The next week is a skip for the Thanksgiving holidays; copy deadline for number 9 is 11/28.

PRINTING QUALITY ...

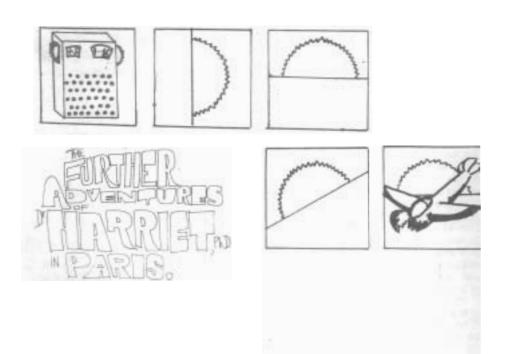
After a discouraging start, the printing quality of DX NEWS has continued to improve under our new contract to the point where we're now producing some of the best issues ever. More improvements are to be forthcoming

NRC LOGS ...

The local U.P.S. strike is now finally over and the P.O. says that the NRC Logs clogged up in South Postal will probably be arriving "fairly soon" (where have we heard that before?). According to our records, all of our members who reported to HQ that their Logs had not arrived have been sent instructions on how to go about obtaining a replacement copy. To date we've sent out about 35 replacements and they've all gone through without delay. When the original does arrive, PLEASE send it back and drop us a note telling us when it arrived (and the postmark date, if legible). We are now getting very low on Logs what with three dozen off on a world tour - if you haven't ordered one yet you may well miss out. We are holding off the final decision about a second printing until we get the NRC Latin American Log out of the way...

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE CREDITS ...

Recent attendees at HQ publication sessions have been: Marc DeLorenzo, Tom Holmes, Randy Kane, Mark Katz, Bob Karchevski, Ruth Nelson, Big George Kelley, Chuck and Jackie Rossier. Thanks also to non-NR Cers Keith McClelland and Don Hughes for helping out with publication, and to Russ Edmunds and Steve Bohac who missed publication but still pitched in to help with sundry HQ tasks last week. Along with the Editors, these are the people whose efforts make the NRC and DX NEWS possible every week!



SPECIALS

Fri. Nov. 27 W C R V 1580 Washington, New Jersey 1,000w. 12:01 - 12:30am.

This TEST, an NRC/IRCA dual TEST, will feature a tape prepared by NRCer DAN MYERS of Toledo. It includes Marches, cycle tones, IDs, plus code words yet to be determined. Send your reports to Mr. William Geitzenauer, Chief Engineer, Radio Station WCRV, Route 31N - Washington, New Jersey, 07882. WCRV is non-directional and should get out well in the EST and CST zone. Be sure to tune for this TEST, and if you don't hear it, please don't forget that little nicety, a thank-you card, to Mr. Geitzenauer. Info from DAN MYERS.

Mon. Dec. 21 WIZS 1450 Hemerson, North Carolina, 250w. 2:30 - 3:30am.

WJAG-780's TEST LAST JANUARY WAS A SUCCESS!

Another great dx catch for 53 listeners in 25 states and four provinces (33 East of Norfolk and 20 West of Norfolk, Neb.). Five reports from California, four from both Chio & Missouri. Richard Wood was the furthest, while in Hawaii.

WJAG thanks those who phoned during the 2½ hour PoP TEST and sent tapes. WBHM was asked to withhold testing till 3:30am, but didn't. I got a v/q for asking them to stay silent! There was interference also from YVOD, Ecos Del Torbes, in San Cristobal, Venezuela.

-ERNIE WESOLOWSKI: CMAHA, NEBRASKA

"AN" SITUATION
OFF: 780 K C R L MMs, 3-8em EST ON: 560 K B L U SPU

HEARD SINCE LAST ISSUE

1000 K O T D Plattsmouth, Nebraska 1590 K U U U Ex-KSND Ernie Wesolowski says KOTD-1000 opened RS on 10/26 with only 250w, directional, protecting only KXRB, Sioux Falls. Programming begins at sunrise w/c/w and polka music. Address is "Broadcast Hill", Plattsmouth, Neb. 68048.

Ernie also adds, "HITER WANTED FOR KRVN-880, Lexington, Nebraska."
Those who have a verie for KRVN-880 are lucky. They were testing last Fall with 50kw, with four towers located six miles N of Holdrege, Neb. Money fell short; the XR was repossessed. No plans to continue. They want to sell out for 50¢ on the dollar. It's a Class 1-B stateon.

DAVE COPELAND phones that he has just received a fine v/1 in SS from XEDD-1560 for their TEST of 10/5/70! Congrats, Dave - nice catch!

ERNEST R. COOPER - 438 East 21 Street - Brooklyn, New York - 11226 Veries in from WKLX-1350 and WTRQ-1560, both nice friendly v/ls. WKIX will dedicate a half-hour of their RS to NRC soon - watch this page for details. Only DX morning was || 11/2, and started w/someone on 1090 TTing up & down the scale 2:25-2:35 & on, no IDs noted. KAAY was still on RS w/religion. U/WIP-610 were an SS & WDAF, first time heard here in about 25 years! HJKC-850, of the Caracol net, was way atop all. R. Rumbos-570 was already on € 4, but seemed to have just s/on - great signal, an IPC (Lead-Pipe Cinch). But even louder on 560, & really rocking WFIL was BES, givingthose call letters after each selection, and using Caribbean-style EE & a most corny show, with selection dedications to kids "from your Mummy & Daddy" etc. When I heard from your Mummy, I thought it was Egypt, hi. SS chasers, the season is on again. Try these frequencies MMs & even other AMs: 570-860-900-970-990-1030 - and others - for early SS s/ons, mostly in Venezuela. BRS-560 comes on around 3:45 and is on a time 1th hours ahead of EST, in Georgetown, Guayana. I sent them a report las t March, but to reply, so I think I'll try again- they carry lots of short commercials at the above time. They're easy, w/WFIL on all-talk & other AWs off. On 550, Radio forizonte in Bogota comes on awfully early - they were already on @ 4 a.m. & they are on EST. Let me remind you to MUSE and to add "Carrier Route 23" to my;adiress, and to address me by the full name, instead of any nicknames. CUN 7.

MUSINGS of the Members

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Ernest R. Cooper 438 East 21st Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226

JAMES E. CRITCHETT - 1504 Glenwood Drive - San Diego, California - 92103 No report sent in three months, so here goes a little. I have had a 100° double wire, insulated, rumning from South to North, beside the housetop, so I finally changed the #14 Belden copper-covered wire from its NE to position & attached it to the North end of the 100' wire, ram it to an insulator on the TV antenna mast, toward the SW, then NW to the West side of the house. down its side. in the window & attached it directly to the A-1 post on the 1949 11-tube Hallicrafters SX-43. The A-2 and ground posts are linked with a wire. & the ground wire is attached to me outside water pipe. Father Jack mentioned someone using a ferrite loop stick, so I purchased one. I attached it to the X-2 & ground posts, but it had no effect. Maybe the wrong attachment; anyone had exerience with them? Along with everyone Out West, KCRL-780 was heard frequently during their tests; R3 has commenced. AN of course, but they were off @ 2:57 EST. to return at 8 km 10/19. 1440 has been a good listening post lately. SM 9/13 it was 1977, Little Rock, testing, heard from 5:44 to 5:50 their time. Verified on the hear of my report. Kenn-1640, Amarillo, & KDOT, Scottsdale, were reported to for C 10/25 reception. EFT Topeka, also was heard briefly. The KSWW-1250 TEST come n well. after local KSON-1240 went off. KBIU-560 Tuna requested calls -2:29 their time SM 10/25; AN. The Domestic Log, sent around the Horn on Adm -1 Melson's galleon has not arrived yet, so I oredered another, via Air Mail & I --ceived it Mon. Oct. 26. I also sent Air Mail postage for the L.A. Log when out. I entered the Drake Contest; a fairly good start. Best wishes to all.

RCMALD F. SCHATZ - 510 N.E. 158 Street - North Miami Beach, Florida - 33162 Greetings & sanitations! No, I'm not on furlough; I'm out. "Veteran" is the term. Well, it's been a long time, so some words of introduction: 6' tall, slender, latter 20s, ugly, unpopular, lousy DXer. I'm originally from Philadelphia & South Jersey, but I ve been a resident of Florida since '59, not including three years in Vallejo & San Diego, of course. Other interests include linguistical science, chess, securities, electronics & travel, and the that is no all-inclusive. My location is just South of the Dade-Broward county line & two miles South of the Miami IV antenna farm. Ulete is the name of my bit of unincorporated county, but the city of N.M.B. handles thr mail. Equipment includes a Lafayette HE-30, with a recently-added mechanical filter, a four-speed four-track stereo TR, & a spiral loop as tall as I can make it for the den - 7'. I limit my DX to domestics: Cuba, IA, Europe, etc. I can't see wasting valuable time on monotonous foreign stations, like KMOX, etc. You hear one, you hear 'em all. The RFS Cuban List is already badly outdated & no longer "deadly accurate". Please bear with us while we get the Ninth Edition ready; it is still several months away, thanks to the ICR's juggling of stations down there. A note on mechanical filters; the MFs supplied by the NRC are simple to install, but many are having problems with them because of a lack of clear instructions in print and strange circuit alterations, practical only in theory, designed by ham engineers. Some tips on installation: 1) Add no resistance to the plate voltage line, or you'll deny the tube its full intended voltage swing & thus attenuate the signal something bad. In fact, go ahead & send all 200 volts or so through the primary of the first tuning transformer. The current is low enough to make it perfectly safe.** 2) Stay clear of standard alterations. An alteration with like-value compoments will work fine for one RX but not for the next. 3) If possible, try a imreplacement of the first IF can. The results are rewarding in most cases. Well, barring the unforseen, Florida will definitely bid for the '72 Convention & if I can make it mack to San Francisco to place the bid in person, I'll do so. Local phone here is A.C. 305-945-4915, call any time, day or night. 73.

DON EGGERT Box 134 - Crown Point, Indiana - 46307 Hi. Some really good DX being heard here on SSS & otherwise, so here goes. 10/17- WSVL-1520 @ 5 05am EST s/on-SSB. 10/24- KSVP-990 @ 2:28 end of r/c-TT per IRCA list, KXJK-950 @ 6:28 s/off. KSPR-1590 @ 6:45 s/off, KYAL-1600 @ 8 ELT s/off, kwco-1560 finally @ 8:17pm w/WDXR looped & no wQXR. KTUF-1580, one of my most-wanted & never heard stations in South Bend @ 7:30pm, IDs as K-Tough". 10/25- WKCU-1490 @ 6:16 s/off, KTUI-1560 real weak @ 6:25 s/off u/ everybody, KXGI-1360 @ 6:29 s/off. KEOR-1110 a surprise w/real clear signal @ 6: 35 to 6:45 s/off w/"Oklahoma". Evidently KFAB has XR fixed, & the following all heard w/no WRVA. KIPR-1140 @ 6:45 s/off w/c/w, KCRC-1140 @ 6:58 s/off after Dallas FB, & KNAB-1140 @ 6:12 s/off. MM 10/26- KSAL-1150 u/jumble @ 12:07. WOMS-1050 r/c-mx @ 12:11, KLPS-1480 r/c-TT @ 1:21 w/Lee's Summit, Mo., KLZ 560 easy w/ WIND off @ 1:40. (I'm about 10 miles S of WIND, but they can be nulled pretty good at night), KWLA-1530 start of TT @ 1:53 w/WCKY off, WFPG-1450 a frequent visitor in South Bend a little tougher w/WVON NSP here at 2 09. KAOK-1400 perhaps a test or something @ 1:38 simpe only the ID was beard, WEB-1310 topping

KYNO or someone giving PSE & a station I was beginning to think didn't exist at all, KORL-650 @ 3:49 for State #40 in 1½ months here, plus KENO-1460 @ 3:40 w/20-20 NX. KEHB-810 @ 6:50pm w/lots of local spots but Rog Winsor says they don't verie. KJII-970 briefly @ 6:57 s/off way on top, & KVSH-940 "Voice of the Sand Hills" @ 6:59 s/off w/no CBM. Also I'm fairly sure that I caught KURL-730 & KAPI -690 as both were giving severe snow WX. Ah, the big one always gets away, hi. 10/27- I was somewhat surprised to hear WMCB-840 @ 6-6:15 s/off killing WHAS. 10/28- WRNG-680 "Ring Radio" @ 5:52pm w/-you guessed it - a phone-in show. KSDR-1470 a surprise on top of a clear frequency @ 6:15. KSCJ-1360 @ 6:23pm, KBEA-1480 @ 6:30 w/good signal, KCJO-1410 @ 6:33pm, WFAA-570 @ 6:40pm (I never did hear WBAP here) & KBAT-680 @ 7pm. Veries: WAFI KCRL WNMT WNJH WMNS WTRQ v/1, & KGYN WELO v/q, WMMW-;470 v/f. New NRC Log is great and mandatory for all DXers!

the frequencymmost of the AM w/NIFE evidently off, & on 1300 evidently WMAK WTAQ

BLAKE LAWRENCE - Box 803 - Canon City, Colorado - 81212 10/29. So we meet again! Totals up to 430 this week with the catches listed below. 10/25- KEEN-1370 Cal. in w/c/w @ 3:24am; KAKE-1240 Kan. w/ your friend & mine, Miss Dolly, @ 3:55em. A new state logged thanks to WUMI-1410 Ala. W/ID, NX @ 4am. They were in so well I'm surprised it was their first time KMBY-1240 Cal. w/rr, 20-20 NX @ 3:40am. This has bo be my best 250 watter. As near as I can estimate, they are at least-1,000 miles away! They were getting higher S-meter ratings than 1,000w KYA, too. SSS: KEZU-920 S.D. @ 6:55pm w/rr. KSVP-990 N.M. @ 7:19pm, KTRN-1290 Tex. w/light rr @ 7:41, unID-630w/8s u/KHOW @ 7:50. 10/280 KEDD-1550 Kan. @ 6:51pm, KWHO-860 Utah @ 6:55pm, WMT-600 Ia/ w/ID @ 7, tele-talk u/KHOW-630 @ 5:25-5:40pm, can this be KSXX, Utah? 10/29- KJSK-900 Neb. s/off @ 6:49pm. Reports out to KTKT & KRIA. Paul Hart's DA pattern article is fantastic! I'm looking forward to Part II. If anyone is interested in corresponding or trading SCs, please write. I have KDZA-1230 & KIMN-950 SCs, but the KIMN ones would be a few weeks old. Do other Colorado DXers exist? If so, they must not know how to write, 'cause they never Muse, hi. You griping Basterners should come to Colorado to DX - "where seldom is heard a discouraging word" (i.e., "MSP".)! I have an old station list that has KYW on 1100 in Cleveland & Philly's 1060 was WRCV. What happened, pray tell? (That's a long story, hi -ERC) And how long has KRVN had that CP for 880, 50kw? Will they ever switch? I hope not, hi. I found a list of NBC affiliates in Newsweek & checked them against the Log. I sent the corrections in to RjE; I hope the info is useful. 73 & lotsa luck.

CLIFF RENO - 75 Parish Road South - New Canaan, Connecticut - 06840

Hi friends. The new DX season has brought only a couple of new aditions to my log, but many "old friends" have been noticed. DX: 10/12- WEXE1250 & WJAS-1320. 10/18- WARV-1590. Those are now. 10/27- My hopes were let
iown after hearing CMQ-640 like a ton of brick w/R. Liberacion ID @ 7pm. I was
toping they were off the air! 10/28 saw YVNC & CM??-740; HJCY-810 fighting it out

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w/WKVM-810; I already have them all. Only new veriewas from KYSN-1460 Colo.
I heard them while I was out there in August. It was a v/r w/a "KYSN Niters Club" membership card. I have a working Knight T-60 XR, never put on the air!
I would like to trade it for a RX of compatable value. Well, that's it - gotta go. Until the next time, 73, & good DX.

J. MUSCO - 16 Chestnut Drive - Windsor, Connecticut - 06095

I had a great time at the Convention meeting the "gan.". DX:

WCRV-1580 & as Jerry Starr says, what a signal! 9/9 from 7-7:15pm EDT s/off.

9/15- WCRK-1350 easy from 9-10pm w/BB. 9/16- WCCJ-1420 o/WBSM from 9:30-10pm

w/Phillies BB. I took a day off from work 10/14 with the additions of WIMS-1000

9-9:30am, WILD-1090 rough w/WIIC splatter from 2-2:45pm. I tried for WKDR-1070

in Plattsburgh but too much aplatter & I haven't got a loop yet. On 1170, WWIE

in Cornwall, N.Y. at S-7 from 4-5pm, very good signal. I received DX NEWS 10/23

& saw listing of WHIL TEST for the next morning, & I stayed up. I noted s/on @

12:36am but unk tester @ 12:21 might have been they. Signal great with 5kw but

w/1 kw @ 1:06, WMJR was a problem. Lots of reports out, few veries back. v/f

from WCRV & WORK. v/1- WMLE. 10/25- WKOL-1570 s/off @ 5:15pm & later on, WAPA
690 noted @ 7:35-8:30pm, not enough for a report. I had a great time at the

Convention. Sorry I missed Moston since it's so close. 73.

NEW LYON - 9415 Goodrich Road - Clarence Center, New York - 14032

DX is picking up now. I had my first good SSS session on 10/28. DX this week: 10/26-WCBG-;590 f/c-TT 12-12:15 mm strong o/WAKR, WNAK-730 w/f/c-TT 12:50-12:45 mm v/CBL slop, WTON-1240 w/f/c-TT 12:47-12:54 mm fadeout. 10/27-WHUN-1150 w/TT, ID every minute, heard a week ago at the same time, 12-12"15 mm. 10/28-WAFI-1070 w/commercial for Associates © 6:15 pm, KXLW-1320 heard © 6:24 pm w/R&B, s/off © 6:29 pm, WTHI-1480 © 6:59 pm w/local NX & AI NX © 7, KTOE-1420 in strong @ 7:21 pm w/NX, KSO-1560 w/rr @ 7:34 pm w/QRM from WHEC. 10/30-WILY-1210 w/ABC NX © 6:06 pm u/WCAU. Veries this week are WLYB & WHUN. WHUN was reported before, but no answer. C U later.

JERRY STARR - WHOT Radio - Youngstown, Ohio - 44505

Several days ago one of our DJs who flies his own plane spotted the site of our new local WDNI-1570 with one-and-a-half towers in the air. This afternoon (10/31) we went for a drive to the site & found both towers up, painted & lighted already. The location has just been recently cleared of trees & brush & waw a sea of rud, seemingly a marshy area. So it looks like this often-illfated station is actually taking form after all this time & several owners later. The Ariginal owner of the CP sold it for his costs without ever building or buying anything. All the new owners got for their money was a piece of paper from the FOC & a lease on a piece of uncleared land. There was no sign of any type of building or foundation so I assume it will be some time yet before anything hits the air. Probably ETs could be expected before the first of the year. There is an old empty house on the property from which the power for thr tower lights is coming, so perhaps the XR equipment will be (or is now) housed there. If this is the case, look for ETs any time. More info on this station as soon as I can locate & talk to somebody commected with it. This will be my lucky 13th local, w/ two more newles in FCC hearing now; one for 1500 and one for 1000k. I can hardly whit. Welcome to WHOT, Dave Schmidt. When you hear Big Al now from 12-6am you will know Dave is pushin' the buttons. Dave & Wes Boyd have been out to the house to DX & shoot pool & to partake of the grape from time to time & we'll soon be planning am area get-together. More later.

RCMAID F. SCHATZ - 510 N.E. 158 Street - North Miami Beach, Florida - 33162

Greetings & Come on Down! DX CX have improved again over the previous week, w/Tas the best since I got home. On the domestic scene: WGMA-1320 is off MMS 12-5am. Still on past 1 11/2 were WQAM-560 WIOD-610 WGBS-710 WFUN-790 WUCX-1090 WWOK-1260 WKAT-1360 WFII-1400 WOCN-1450 WMRM-1490 & WSRF-1580. I would tend to call that a log of most Miami-area fulltimers! I tell you, ANY AM ten

years ago was clearer than our present MMs! Also add relatively "clear" 730k to the "Voz de Cuba" list - rats! Needless to say, I'm a staunch member of the "Move 'em to FM" club, hi. Local WINZ-940, only four miles from me, was TTing over much of the band 11/2 around 1:10. I have not shielded my mechanical filter, which could be the reason. I'll drink to J. Conrad's beverage. Maybe I can try the same thing using the established phone line, but I can imagine the results: WINZ cracking every tube in the set! By the way, Geoff Fox is on WNUM-97.9, alias "Mother", daily from 2-6pm. The station must be heard to be believed! I called the FCC monitoring station in Fort Lauderdale the other day to see what they know of the Cuban situation, & they know a lot more than I do at first impression. They keep their info on index cards. Man - how would you like to DX for a living? Question: Who speaks EE in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica? Both TIQ-1203 & WIMAR-1375 are carrying EE late evenings. Swan Island is now Isla de Cisnes & part of Honduras - no longer the CIA's. Cuba's Isla de Pinos had its name changed to Isla de la Juventud, or the Isle of Youth. British Honduras should be called Belize, though Guatemala may become the name if things go wrong, hi. An ERBA-style gettogether for Florida is in the planning stage. LXXIII et bonum DX.

ERNIE J. WESOLOWSKI - 1416 Pssadena Avenue - Omaha, Nebraska - 68107 From an inactive DXer, I must confess. Nearly a year has passed since last report, so I will re-introduce myself. I'm single, 30, have some 1,050 veries in 47 states, nine provinces & 20 countries in ,y 12 years of DXing. RX is an HQ-180A, I use the 40" loop & have a new den in the basement all set for DXing. Welcome to the Omaha area, Dan Morisseau. Some late veres are mostly FM. Only AMs are ex-KFBB-1310 in Great Falls, Mont., now KKGF. After five tries by mail, a personal visit paid off last July. An interesting one, though I won't count it, is from CBRD-860 in Field, B.C. logged while in Field on vacation. My only 40 watter & it's an IPRT. Report sent to CBU in Vancouver. Oh yes, a verie from our local police on 154mc. KING-1490 new call in town, from ed-KBON. KOTD-1000 Plattsmouth, Neb. is the only holdout for Nebraska being 100 verified. As many of you older friends know, I like to travel & talked to Len Kruse two weeks ago while in Dubuque. Last July while in Canada I visited CKPG-550 Prince George BC. & CKPR-860 Prince Rupert, B.C. The IPRTs are sure popular along the highways but get out only about ten miles at most. Then "Way Up North" a visit to KTKN-930 Ketchikan, Alaska. I know now why it's so hard to hear our 50th State. Ketchikan on 930 was the only Alaskan station that I could hear on the car radio from just 90 miles S on Prince Rupert B.C. & that was poor. thing along the WC S ofthere was heard very well. KLAK-1600 in Denver, but nothing from KOA-850.

BRUCE WINKELMAN - 1404 Alumni Place - Lawrence, Kansas - 66044

Greetings one & all! Right now I am very excited about this me DX season. All of my DX has been on SSS the past ten days & it's been productive Tonight 10/29 I logged what I consider a fantastic catch on SSS. I was logging WHAM-1180 for a long overdue report & noticed several stations in the background. Then during WHAM's ID & commercial @ 6pm, I noticed very clearly in the background the "Yankee Doodle" IS of VOA. I am familiar with it from my SWL days. I am still quite excited about this even though it's almost an hour since the logging. I heard the Yankee Doodle theme at least four times. This was logged on my car RX, a '63 Chevy Impala in the parking lot behind my dorm. Am I justified in being excited about this catch or is this a normal reception on SSS? Have any other Mid-western NRCers logged this on SSS? Well, on to other DX. 10/19- KFMJ-1050 @ 7:45pm s/off. 10/25- KLIK-950 @ 5:45pm, WCBL-1290 @ 6:15pm w/s/off really buried in the mess. 10/27- WIMS-1420 @ 6:01pm w/NX, CHK-540 @ 11:13pm. 10/28- KXJK-950 @ 5:55pm w/sports, WAPI-1070 @ 6:06pm reallu battling KFDI, WJJD-1160 @ 6:15pm w/ c/w. 10/29- VOA-1180 caught only the Yankee Doodle theme as mentioned before, KHAD-1190 @ 6:07pm w/WX, WILY-1210 @ 6:09pm w/Ai MX & Tom Harmon Sports. All the times except KFMJ are EST; KFMJ EDT. I just received the 10/31 DX NEWS & really enjoyed the article on patterns by Paul Hart. Keepuup the good work, Paul! Reports out to WILM KIOA KGLC KWKH WDXR WHEF WMT & WJJD. Recent veries, WOW KTBA. That about wraps it up for this time. 73s.

Florida

By one who knows

Ronald "Florida" Schatz

For 8 years now I've been telling you about how wonderful the DX is down here in Florida. I must confess that I've been only half right. True - the location is great, but the CX? We wouldn't wish it on California? A Floridian will DX under static levels that would retire a Californian from the dials permamently! This is easy to understand when one considers that Florida averages over 80 thunderstorms per year - more than any other state in the union. Even on a clear night we pick up these tempests on skip as they dump their excessive contents over Maracaibo or San Juan.

Climatically, Florida has two seasons: Summer is hot, humid and rainy; winter is lukewarm and relatively dry. The latter runs from November through April, but the period may be shorter. If we miss the summer static, winter's power-line noise is sure to be around. Especially along the coasts (and we've got 2 of them) salt and mineral deposits build up on the insulators causing the lines to buzz at teeth-gritting volume, and the rains necessary to wash the deposits away may not come in weeks during Florida's arid winter. Loops seldom help, by the way, as two or more poles rearing at a time is not the exception.

Dismissing our noisey environment, one coundn't ask for a better DX location. Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, is only 900 miles from Miami. Barranquilla is 1200 miles to the south. If you like Latin DX, we've got it - both day and night. Our state is as flat as a hotcake, swampy in parts, and surrounded by salt water, so good daytime ground-wave reception as far as 700 miles is regular. Both Bahamian stations are virtual locals from Key West to Cape Kennedy, and the same can be said for the more powerful Cubans from Lake Okeechobee on south. In fact, ZNS2 on 1240 kHz completely obliterates two closer domestic stations on the same channel along the SE coast, thanks to the water path. Other "regulars" in South Florida include the JBC-750, 4VEF-1035, 4VE-830 (behind CMCA), and WWL-870.

You may think that all our powerful daytimers pose a distasteful problem at night, but this is not necessarily the case, for the combination of powerful sky and ground waves tend to cancel each other out. At night ZNS2 dissappears behind the din, and HJHJ-600 drowns out powerful CMKV with no apparent trouble.

Nighttime reception, outside the Caribbean area, is not that unusual. Trans-Atlantic reception is normal for the EC, although we're some 1000 miles further from Europe than Boston is. Deep South America is also normal, with Brazil in best but Chile extremely difficult. The impeding Andes make reception west of them a problem in Florida. Here is where California has the Latin edge! Anyway, come on down, and enjoy the best DX this side of Cuba!

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10 THE BCB DX'ERS BEVERAGE

- Gordon P. Nelson

rry Conrad is now beginning to report some remarkable DX reception with his new Beverage antenna and this would seem to be a good time to present a long-planned article on this unique but little-known type of MW antenna. Very few DX'ers are fortunate enough to have adequate space for the construction of a Beverage antenna; this, plus a shortage of information in the amateur press, has meant almost total neglect of the Beverage for MW DX'ing.

The Beverage type of antenna was first described by Harold H. Beverage in 1923 for the reception of LW signals and belongs to the class of antennas known as wave antennas. While superficially the Beverage seems to be no more than just an unusually long "longwire", it actually operates on an entirely different physical principle from more common types of antenna. The Beverage is most useful on the long and medium wave bands and, like the loop antenna, loses efficiency so rapidly with increasing frequency that it is poorly suited for operation on higher frequencies.

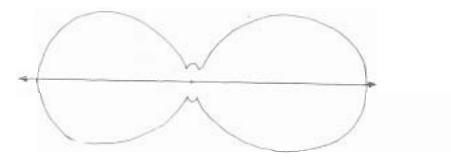
Again as with the loop antenna, the Beverage is useful only for reception and has little application for transmitting; in the case of the loop because of the low radiation resistance in comparison with other losses and in the case of the Beverage due to the excessive ground losses experienced.

The most important application for the Beverage antenna is in the field of radio intellegence monitoring - a potential recognized and exploited by both sides during WWII; the German intellegence agencies regularly monitored MW East Coast U.S. stations from a site near Warnsee while Americans kept abreast of internal Japanese affairs by monitoring low-powered Japanese BCB domestic outlets with Beverage installations on Kauai, Hawaii and later on Guam. Modern installations for this sort of work frequently employ complex arrays of wave antennas arranged in parallel or radial configurations and in many ways these represent the "ultimate" in MW DX'ing antennas!

How does a Beverage antenna work? The figure below shows a typical wave antenna for long or medium wave DX'ing; essentially it's nothing more than a very long piece of wire streched out in a straight line and supported a few feet above the ground. The exact height above the ground is not critical;

3 to 10 feet high is the usual range. Even the length is relatively uncritical the Beverage is a broadband antenna and the longer it is in terms of signal wavelengths the "tighter" the pattern becomes. The Beverage effect begins to become significant when the antenna reaches about half a wavelength in size; this corresponds to 1825 feet on 540 kHz and 620 feet on 1600 kHz; as shown in figure 2, further increasing the length of the antenna (in terms of wavelengths) has the effect of narrowing the "field of view", reducing the pickup off the sides, and increasing the pickup for stations in the center of the "beam". While not obvious from the pattern diagrams, increased length also results in improved signal-to-noise ratio due to noise phase cancellation effects. With a very long Beverage, say 10 wavelengths (7 miles long on 540!) extremely quite and stable reception can be experienced from stations totally inaudible on other antennas. Before you rush out to set up one of these remarkable antennas, be forewarned that with the present high cost of copper, a thousand feet of 7x22 wire will cost in the vicinity of \$20...

One wavelength:



Two wavelengths:

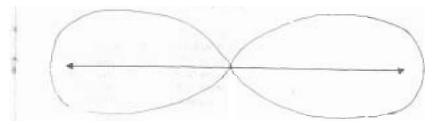


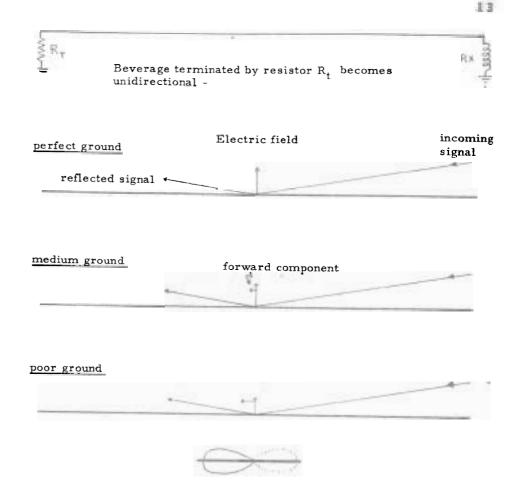
Figure 2. Rough radial pickup patterns in horizontal plane for typical one and 2 wavelength Beverage antennas.

The next figure explains just how the Beverage antenna works and why the performance depends critically upon the nature of the terrain under the antenna. In the first case we show what happens when an incoming skywave MW signal reflects off a perfectly conductive earth (say you built your wave antenna over a solid silver field for example...); in the vicinity of the earth the electric component of the signal wavefront is exactly perpendicular to the ground (per basic Maxwell). In the next case we have built the Beverage over a well conductive real earth, say a salt marsh or swamp. Because of the imperfect nature of the ground under the antenna, there will be a small component of the electric field of the wavefront parallel to the ground in the direction of propagation. The poorer the conductivity of the ground under the antenna, the larger this forward signal component will be; in the last figure the signal is reflected from a poorly conductive ground such as solid Continental Shield granite in New England - the forward component is now quite significant. The Beverage antenna simply sums up all of the forward components from the incoming signal and delivers the summed voltage to the receiver. The better the ground the weaker the forward component and the longer the Beverage must be to deliver the same summed voltage to the receiver; thus the performance of a particular Beverage will depend primarily upon three factors: (a) length of conductor; (b) conductivity of ground under the receiver; and (c) frequency.

Note that the patterns on the preceeding page show that the Beverage is basically a symmetrical antenna; pickup will occur from stations both forward and backward in the direction the antenna points. Reception from the back lobe takes place because the summed signal is essentially reflected back towards the receiver from the far end of the antenna if that end is left "free". If instead the far end of the antenna is connected to a good earth ground (copper pipes driven into the ground and soaked with concentrated salt solution, a cold water pipe, etc.) through a resistor of the proper value, the back lobe pickup will be dissipated in the terminating resistor, no reflection will take place from the far end of the wire, and the only signals delivered to the receiver will come from the forward direction! The exact value of the terminating resistor is the same as the characteristic impedance of the wire as considered to be a single transmission line with ground return. This is not an easy quantity to calculate or measure and the value of the resistance is usually determined experimentally by trying different values until back lobe pickup is minimized. Values in the 400 to 1000 ohm range are typical.

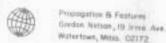
Because of daily and seasonal variations in the effective electrical properties of the ground under the antenna, the actual value of the terminating resistor which best reduces back lobe pickup will vary with time; in the most sophisticated modern installations the exact value of the terminating resistance may be remotely changed from the receiver site to optimize performance under specific conditions.

For maximum signal transfer into the receiver the input impedance should also match the characteristic impedance of the antenna lest part of the signal



be reflected back towards the far end of the receiver. By the same token, receiver ground should be as good as possible although ordinary capacitative coupling to power line ground will probably prove adequate. Note Nature's little irony in the matter of the necessary connections to earth ground: the poorer the ground conductivity the better the Beverage effect - and the harde it is to make a good earth ground at the ends! Ideally a patch of rocky desert between two salt marshes would be just the thing but try telling that to a real estate agent sometime... The attached maps give a rough idea of the effective ground conductivity in the U.S.; the lower the number the poorer th conductivity and the better the Beverage antenna will perform. Note that sea water in comparison is 5000 or more. In conclusion let us remind you that chopping down power or phone lines for the wire is a federal offense...

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REPORTEDLY IN OPERATION

PAKISTAN, A superpowered new station is currently testing on 1030 kHz and is widely heard in Europe at this time. (Ericson, Sweden)

SUDAN. On October 15th Omdurman radio announced that at 1800 that day the Minister of National Guidance, Umar al-Haj Musa, would open the "Holy Koran Radio" station to operate on 958 kHz (plus SW). From that date the station has been on the air with Koran readings in Arabic and ID as "The radio of the Democratic Republic of Sudan from Omdurman, the Holy Koran station." (Ed) This one should be AN during Ramadan; best bet for Sudan if you can't hack WABC's splash on 764... (Ed)

JORDAN, Amman Radio is currently operating on 843 kHz. (Editor)

HUNGARY. Szolnok Radio on 1187 kHz recently increased power to 300 kw according to an announcement from the station. (Editor)

DUBAI (TRUCIAL AMIRATE THEREOF). The Voice of the Coast has just been logged in Scandinavia by an Arctic member on 1250 kHz; to the best of our knowledge this is the first logging of this one outside the Persian Gulf area; even the "prots" have been unable to hear sither 1250 or 737 in Europe to date. (Editor)

CLANDESTINE AND PIRATES

INTERNATIONAL WATERS (HOLLAND). Capital Radio has been off the air because of damage suffered the ship, MV King David, during a recent storm. They are now back on the air on 1115 kHz with increased power of 10 kw but a new skywave repressing antenna as well. This one has recently verified. (Arctic & SCDX)

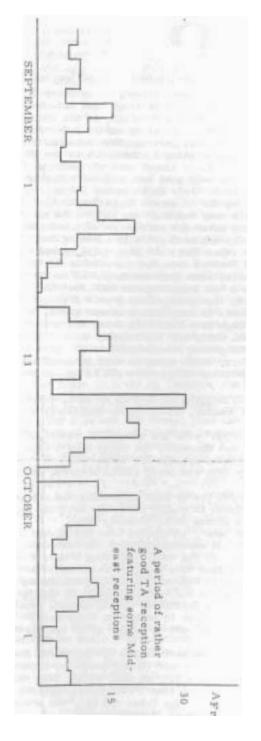
IN THE PLANNING STAGE ...

prese t we have no radio station by we are contemplating to the n ar future', writes N. Change Director of the Ministry in the Kingdom Bhutan. (SCI

UGANDA. 4 new MW transmitters costing 5,000,000 shillings each are to be built soon in this country; one will be located in Ojera according to the Minister of Information. (Editor)

NIGERIA. Bids have been tendered for the construction of 10 new MW stations in this country. (Editor)

RAMADAN, the Muslem holy month is now in progress; many Arab stations will be transmitting all night during the rest of the month. Watch for Sudan Saudi Arabia, Libya, Iraq as well as the more common outlets!



INTERNATIONAL DX Digest

Menters' Loggraps Bob Forwarth, GPD Box 2117 New York, N.Y. 1000;

Receptions: (all times in IDMD are GMT. Deadline is Wednesday AM box delly.) The Editor calls your attention to some remarkable receptions by Jerry Comrad in Florida who has recently installed a 1 kilofoot Beverage Wave antenna. This represents the first known current usage of a Beverage, in the crowded band ox existing here in No. America; Jerry is preparing material describing the antenna for DX News. The design is not new; Beverage Wave antennas were In use before WW II but experimental data relating to their use on the MW BCB in a congested area such as Eastern N.A. is almost entirely lacking. Of course our colleagues in New Scaland have made good use of these antennas over the years in logging West Coast stations at their local sunset - but - on what are essentially clear channels for them, due to sunset happening at the times of reception for WCNA. Extreme QFM from many bearings are conditions suited to Beverage Wave antennas as the pickup lobes are narrow. We will have more information about this heretofore little-explored topic in upcoming issues of DX News in the hope that it will spur other DXers who have quiet, rural locations with at least a couple thousand feet of open space available to try these antennas so that we can know better what they can do for us as EKers. The minimum usable length seems to be a bit less than the 1000 feet there is in JUC's run. He is using #22 stranded, insulated, about 3 or 4 feet off the ground, supported by poles every 75 feet. It runs thru a citrus grove. Anyons who wants to try duplicating the Beverage Wave can write Jerry and your MR editor (me) who will send further info. Jerry may try running another 1000 feet, which theoretically will pull the pickup lobes closer to the wire axis. We will pass along any further info Jerry sends along as this is something the DX community has not had much experience with before and it is all news! * * * * *

580 Puerto Rico. WKAQ San Juan hrd 10/26 IDing at 0745 on AN shed. (Chilo) WKAQ hrd 11/2 0527-35 with ID in Spanish, commercials. Completely atop and no loop needed. (Heald, NY)

590 Mexico. XXPH, Mexico City, "Radio 590" with IDs after each record 0610 10/24 and much Latin type music; not Eanchero. The Cuban wasn't even audible. (Conrad. Fla. roughly between Orlando and Tampa area)

625 Ecundor. HCPM6 runs AN; sig only fair and local static bothers. (Schats,

Mismi area, Fla.)

630 Mexico. XEPB Monterrey at 0410 10/25 pretty much dominating the channel with a very nice ID at Calo. No Cuban in sight; seems the Beverage null is sometimes more useful than its pickup lobe. (Conrad. Fla)

Hayaii. KORL Honolulu at 0305 and later, 10/26. Unn here but always a thrill to hear this one. Good sig but exceedingly high QRM from some thunderstroms in the Atlantic just off Fla coast made copy rough. They have a great many more commercials than they used to; still easy-listen music. Not as strong as KIEI the night before, but still good. (Conrad)

655 El Salvador, YSS hrd with good strength 10/24 at 0352 with ID then a speech by El Presidente, Pidel Sanchez Hernandez, (Craig Koukol, Naperville, Ill.) (Welcome to HEXD, Craig, hope to hear from U agn -ed.)

** 660 Maxico. XERPM now using "Radio Juventud" and no longer gives call letter ID. (Conrad)

660,6 mID, msd here on the R-390A; might be West Indies but not sure. Has been noted by a couple other DXers who thought it was Easterly. (Conrad) Guatemala. Radio Fabulosa, TGRT Guatemala City at 0330 10/25. This one has Latin rhythms and some marimbas. First time I have heard this one since they were on 885 several years ago. The Cuban was atop the channel but Fabulosa was only about 3 db below them. (Conrad. Fla.)

Mexico. XETRA, Tijuana 0800 10/26 for the first time in years. even hrd an ID in Spanish at 0800 which was followed by a promo for the Navy Nurse Corps and easy listen mx all in Eng. An amazing signal, wen with

and at times over CMBC. (Conrad, Fla)

690 Cuha, CMBC Havens noted here at 0055 10/2h with L.V. Vietnam pgm. Good, (Koukel, Ill.)

715 unID, Strongly suspect Cuba here but no positive location hrd. Constant ment of Badio Caribe. 10/20 0520 and most eves around 0500. (Shannon, Pa) (HRTV was rpid here, often, a couple years ago but don't know where they are now. Let us know if you ID them -ed.)

719 Portugal. IDed at 2300 11/1 for nice evening reception here. BBC-type "Big Ben" but with more notes, then a long "gonnng", then ID. They - the TA - were spinttering on the Cuban on 720! Was taping this excellent signal so couldn't check arounf much; a good Medit's and No. African opening, (Courad, Fig.)

725 Costa Rica. TILX San José at 0355 10/25 s/off v/complete Endio Columbia ID listing all the stations on the network. An excellent signal but they

gave no truly local ID at all, (Conrad)

730 Mexico. XEX at 0557 s/off with a very nice sounding ID tape. Naturally a power house but the Cuban off a few minutes early for a change. (Courad)

730 El Salvador, YSE logged 10/25 at 0600 s/off, right after XEX. They gave the complete YGB net ID with calls and locations for each stn. Very nice signal and wonder why I missed them before, (Comrad)

760 Quatemala, TGHS "Super Radio" way on top 10/24 at 0400. Many "Super Hadio" Ils and it's real easy to spot the nariabas. All these last ones hrd on the Beverage, by the way ... (Conrad) (*sno foolin? -ed.)

760 Cuba, CNCD Havana good at 0130 10/24 with pgn of continuous news and one per second clock ticks; TC on the minute. (Koukol, Ill.)

780 B.V. Is. ZEVI had at 2210 10/26 with local ads and music. Nice signal this early in the evening, about one hour before my local sunset. They were all alone for a change. (Comrad)

780 El Salvador. A YSEL relay is here, could be YESTA from 750 as I haven't

hrd them there in a while. (Schatz, Fla)

900 Barbados, Brd at 0930 s/on with Bugler's Holiday and directly into Be Still and Know. 11/2. Also had YVOD give a complete ID at 0755 sume date in Eng for 2 mw and BCN freqs, then some in SS and PP. (Courad, Fla.)

791 unID, Several ments of Colombia in rough WTAS splanh so didn't catch ID.

Hrd 0505 s/off 10/21. (Shanmon, Pa.)

810 Columbia, Badio Sutatenza hrd with strong sigs 10/24 at 0120 with Latin mx, ID 0122, This free is // 5075 and 5095. (Koukel) 840 unip. Some CA is here 188's past 0605 with HJBI mulled. I'll keep after.

844 Gilbert & Ellice. How do you get an ID out of this one. Hrd 10/24-5-6 from about 0730 on but never good and spatches of mulio only are hrd. have more trouble from MDA guidio than I do from WHAR. If the QRW will die down enough, this will be fairly easy copy. (Conrad, Fia)

855 Equator, unID from here, is slightly stronger than looped-out Murcla-

854 and static level still too high to bag. (Schatz)

855 Noth, Antilles, Radio Curom, FUCE Curação good at 0148 with U.S. rock and some local tunes 10/24. (Noukol) Finally located Willemstad. They scened to be in Dutch 0156 10/20. Seemed to go past s/off as listed in WHITH. They s/off Oloc instead of listed 0300. Is this a sked change? (Conrad, Fis.)

860 Dom. Rep. HILE, Santo Domingo. This one very strong most mornings with good IDe as Batto Clarin. First logged 10/13 0655. Should be the newcomer

best bet for their first Dom. Rep. station. (Shannon, Pa.)

965 Ricaragua, YMID Radio Managua hrd 10/24 at 0214 with US pop mx, strong with many Inc and Tos. (Koukol)

975 Costa Rina, Badio Atenes, TIRS in fair 10/24 at 0237 with TC and soft

LA mot. (Noukol) 975 Ecuador, HCAMP, Guayaquil. Finally IDed my "pest" here as Ondas del Pacifico. Many nice IDs tonight for a change, Quite strong and easy to separate from suni-local WWW. 0706 10/26. (Shannon, Pa.) 1010 Honduras, MIXI, Tegucianipa, "Union Radio" gave a crystal clear ID at

0545 11/2 and were dominant at the time. (Schatz, Pla)

out of order

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El Salvador. Radio Internacional, YSC in strong 0242 with complete ID, then Latin mx 10/24. (Koukol)

unID. I guess this is Panama but can't equate their strong sigs with the listed 1 kw power. Hrd nightly. Have they increased power? also, do they ever give an ID? Have listened and hrd plenty of talk but no ID. (Shannon, Pa.) (There is also evidently someone on 1041; they might be HJ -ed) Costa Rica., TIFC San José noted 0300 with English ID, then into relig

pgm. They // 9645 and 6037 SW. Hrd 10/24. (Koukol, Ill)
Mexico. XERB Tijuana at 0425 10/25 mixing it up with KAAY with record
album ads. This one is really great, signal-wise, on MM's here but they
are rare during the week. (Conrad, Fla)

Spain. Hrd 0632 11/4 with traditional music, very little talk. (Heald, NY)
Venezuela. YVSW, Radio Angostura, Cd. Bolívar, hrd for the first time
with s/on 0854. A new station on the air. (Objio, D.R.)

Libyan Arab Rep. al-Bayda with strong signal, good audio with chanting past Miami LSS. Strongest Arab on the band. (Schatz) (date hrd?)

4 YNRC listed 1130 seems to be the one here; hrd with ment of Managua and Nicaragua. Has lots of No. American mx; must be 10 kw as they have a good signal. (Conrad. Fla.)

Hawaii. KLEI Kailua hrd with all Hawaiian mx 10/25 0730 for tape logging but had been hearing them off and on for over an hour before the Cuban s/off at 0700. After that they were about even strength with WNEW and at times way over them. First time for this one either here or in Ky. and far and above the strongest Hawaiian aver heard by me. (Conrad, Fla)

Colombia. HJAC Em. Rio-Mar dominant most evenings here. (Schatz, Fla)
Guatemala. Radio Reloj, TGRR is here ex-1120. (Schatz, Fla)

Guatemala. TGT Radio Sonora in well 0340 with old pop mx 10/24. (Koukol) Colombia. HJCT Bqla gave a very complete s/off anmt at 0447 10/19, ment call, slogan, freq and location. Very strong and dominated 1190. Their slogan is L.V. de la Costa. (Shannon, Pa.)

Costa Rica. TIQ, Radio Casino, San José hrd with West Indian mx and Eng. spoken on 10/25 and the first time I have hrd it this way. It had been raining during the evening and so had a lot of QRN. Faded some. Their s/off at 0605; no anthem played. The march played was not "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." (Objio)

Sierra Leone. Freetown was fighting it out with equal-strength Bordeaux and both talking at 0610. Roughly 10 Hz apart in freq. (Schatz) Freetown with nice ID and all in Eng and playing standards. This at 2250 10/24 and the sun still up here. This one is often in there but the audio is a bit shallow. (Conrad, Fla)

1212 Colombia. HJBE, R. Internacional very strong 10/12 at 0447 with many IDs.

Hard to split from WCAU but very strong on MM. (Shannon, Pa.)

Costa Rica. Stn hrd IDing as "Radio B-C, Costa Rica" and don't know, but it may be a change of name from Radio Victoria. 0600 10/26. (Objio, DR)

I got ID of my mystery as Radio BC or 2 other similar-sounding letters. Gave the time and ID over the beginning of each record. 0125 10/27 and was rough with WGAR splash. (Shannon. Pa.)

Cuba. Reloj Nacional hrd IDing every minute with nx all the time, at 0620 10/25, time in EST. Don't know which xmtr this is; might be CMKA in Guantanamo, CMAG Consolacion del Sur or CMDE Bayamo. Whichever it is, they are drifting. (Objio)

Mexico City. Radio Capital, XEL with Eng and EE Top 40 sounds 0525 10/25. A promo for Radio capital's special service for listeners who are going out of town for a while - send a letter, they will play a request for you. Seems to be in Eng for 6 hours per night, but which 6? They were mixed with XER Monterrey. (Conrad, Fla)

Ecuador. Radio Universal, Guayaquil hrd for the first time IDing at 0628

on 10/25, playd pop mx. (Objic, DR)

N.W.I. Sint Maarten. PJD2 10/25 0200 with a very nice ID between relig pgms. Strongest carrier ever noted from them but still shallow audic. (Conrad. Fla.)

unID. Possibly Cuban CMJQ, as it loops in that direction, but relays CMBF. I only hear CMJQ days, and they were solid on 1300 every forenoon after monitoring 1302. (Schatz, Fla) (is CMJQ on 1300 now? -ed.)

Mexico. XEMT, the "RCN" outlet in Matamoros at 0600 10/24 with the "works" at s/off- calls, location, slogan etc. A nice signal but some "alegria" intf. Nice tape and Mexico #2 on 1340 here. (Conrad)

El Salvador. YSXW, San Miguel, "Radio Novedades" is in fair every eve. Gives call and slogan; the latter differing from FBIS. (Schatz, Fla) .5 Cuba. Presume CMBG Havana with LVdC pgmg; no local ID noted 0520

10/26. Can anyone confirm this is they? (Edmunds, NJ)

France. Lille powerful signal past 0500 any morning. They are the 2nd best European, after 1394. (Schatz)

Cuba. The name "Siboney" comes from the Cuban Indians. When the Spaniards arrived on the island of Cuba, they were known by that name. Mexican Indians are Aztecas. (Objio, D.R.) (Tnx, Cesar -ed.)

Mexico. XEHF Nogales at 0700 10/26 with complete ID folo by ranchero style mx. Not very strong but still a nice tape. (Conrad)

Costa Rica. TIMAR, Puerto Limon. This one has more, and better English than its neighbor TTQ. Try late evenings in East. (Schatz)

unID. Who here carries Wolfman Jack a la XERB etc. Was audible on loop; mixed with KRKO on B.W., looped due West i/e/ central Mexico. (Conrad)

Cuba. CMJ- is a new one in Camagüey province. Strong but extremely distorted. Hrd in evenings here. (Schatz)

unID. Had what I think might be Togo. A very suspicious het here a bit higher in freq than Tirana and hrd on the B.W. which is very direction al to Africa so could be them. (Jerry is running it with the far end unterminated, so it is bidirectional -ed.). Was hrd 10/23 and 24 at LSS but

very weak. (Conrad) (The word is that Togo is now using 20 kw -ed.)
The "Mexican" I was hearing here is KUNO, Corpus Christi, Texas. They
do not give English IDs on the hour; have not hrd call letters in either
Eng or SS except at s/off. They play ranchero, too, just to liven things
up a bit. (Conrd, Fla.) (Someone notify D. Popkin, quick!: -ed.)

Mexico City. XEBS at 0710 10/26 for one I've looked for for some time.

They used to be very strong in Ky. They were here, too, MM over WING and KQV. Many Radio Sinfonola IDs and great ranchero mx. S/off at 0700. (Comma

Cuba. CMXZ, Palma Soriano "Radio Tabajal" seems to be the new slogan. Picking out aboriginal words thru the garbage isn't éasy. (Schatz, Fla.) (Objio says it is "Baraguá" here, last week -ed.)

Mexico. XELZ Mexico City all alone on channel, noted MM's since 10/12 at 0715. Many ments of "Musica de Mexico" and "Variedades". (Conrad) Cuba. Rptd // CMDX-1419. Local WOCN-1450 likes to splash at ID times so

haven't IDed yet. (Schatz)

Cuba. Santa Cruz, "Radio Maboa" reported here by FCC Monitoring stn in Fort Lauderdale. Have to visit some day! (Schatz, Miami Fla)

unID. Presume C.R. or Salvador from format, mostly soft mx and ammts but no noticeable IDs in fady sigs to 0510 s/off 10/26. Very resonant and deep voiced ancr. (Edmunds, NJ)

Colombia? Looped properly, format too, for unID SS with 0455 s/off 10/26. Could be Cesar's Radio San Juan. (Edmunds, NJ)

Hawaii. KUMU under KBBQ 10/26 0830 with easy-listening. Only audible on the Beverage Wave; not even KBBQ could be heard on the loop! Hrd again 11/2 just after XERH s/off 0800 with talk about old time islanders with canoes; at 0830 "at the top of your dial, KUMU, 1500 Honolulu" and also had some KXRX in there. KORL was hrd same time and date. (Conrad, Fla.)

Mexico. "R-H, Radio Tricolor" hrd for the first time IDing this way at 0654 10/25 with ranchero mx. Is this a name change from "Radio Difusoras

Comerciales"? (Objio, D.Rep.)

1520 Mexico. XEYP, a listed daytimer, gave call 0100 ll/l which was 8pm here.

Do Mexican daytimers s/off at LSS there? Also, they gave calls as "Equisay-grekoyeh-pay" or similar. Have not had the "y" so pronounced. (Conrad)

Australia. Had great signal from 4QD 0945 to CBE s/on and they were

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1550 Australia. Had great signal from 4QD 0945 to CBE s/on and they were even hrd thru CBE for another 15 minutes or so. They had newscast at :45 and some music afterwards which I could identify. Reported. This is the first ECNA reception of 4QD I can recall in years. (Conrad. Fla.)

1550 Mexico. XEBG Tijuana 10/25 0815 with many "BG" IDs and much music.

Amazingly strong for only 1 kw and MM they were even stronger. (Conrad)

1562 Int. Waters. Radio Veronica hrd 11/4 0650-0702 with uptempo MoR, 6 pips on the hour and a commercial after the pips. (Heald, NY)

80 Colombia. Armonias Zipaquireñas, Zipaquirá hrd for the first time on 10/26 with pop mx, IDed at 0956. (Objio)

1600 Colombia. Radio Ciudad Milagro, Armenia. Moved to assigned freq ex-1595 (and perhaps on REW's recommendation; see verification section in TDXD July 5, 1969-c.o.)(Objio)

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A few veries here, including HIJB and some odds and ends but I am exhausted and it's getting late so will send this off now, and leave the rest of the page for BPC use.

73 BcL



ROGER W. WINSOR - 718 North Fremont Road - Valparaiso, Indiana - 46383 CX have definitely improved. Much DX to report: 10/12- WKMR-1310 s/off @ 12:27 to return @ 5 for NRC Log addition. High point was KCRL-780 w/MoR 2:51 :: 20, v/1 received already. 10/13 - WNUS off again, but doesn't seem to be a permanent thing. TT 1-1:15 during KVRS time, but no IDs heard. KABQ-1350 I&C w/r/c-TT 1:15-1:30. That PM, KFAB-1110 logged just for the heck of it, 9:03-9:30. 10/16- Strong Aurora on TV to Canada. On BCB I noted all alone, sig nal of KFFA-1360 Ark. w/FB 8-9:56 s/off. Change NRC Log s/off time. 10/19- Unk on 930 @ 11:05pm, must have been Montserrat, but not for sure. WTHB-1550 om for unlisted f/c 12:30-12:45, as was WKSK-1600 1-1:15. Drat these times. What is EIIT anyway? (Still Eastern Local Time -ERG) WBOW-1230 Ind. noted AN-rr, logged 1:03-1:50 off/on, w/WTBC/WBHP QRM. WORV-1580 noted on r/c w/organ mx 2-2:15, nice clear signal. 10/21- TIJJC-1575 "R. Columbia" noted @ 11:36 w/nice signal @ ID. YNG-555 "R. Tic Tac" noted also for first time this season @ 11:50. WJRI 1530 Miss. noted w/ET 12-12:38 w/c/w, plenty of IDs & WCKY QTM. (Is this CDT, ber chance, Rog? -ERC) KWWL-1330 Ia. noted w/TT 1-1:10. That FM I logged WROK-1440 on RS for the beck of it. That was daytime DX, then RTUI-1560 Mo. 6:20 to 6:30 s/off-SSB. 10/22- I logged WITY-980 on RS daytime 2-2:30pm. They must be in the bucks, no more than 12 spots in a half hour. 10/23- Russ Brown & Don Eggert over, # I got my tape recorder going, & logged KZRK-1540 Ark. @ 6:45 s/off. 10/24- WGAF-910 Ga. w/CBS NX ending @ 6:10, WATV-900 6:15 s/off, 28S-1200 @ 6:55 HEY-690 strong w/Texas FB @ 7:15. 10/25- WJJM-1490 w/c/w @ 6:50 above the mess Then 10/26, KDR0-1490 Mo. w/12:05 soff. WNDU off @ 12:05 w/Lord's Prayer. WVJS 1420 Ky. nicely in, 12:09-12:34 for much wanted log, R. Mundial-THET-700 equaling WIW at times @ 12:40, KNIN-990 TX all slong, @ 12:55 final NX, KQEO-929 w/rr @ 1: w/WGST nulled. WJHO-1400 w/UG rock (??? = ERC) & Wild Child Show 1:48-2:05, apparantely AN, copied 2:00 s/off of WROZ Ind. & finally KLWW-1450 Ia. om f/c 3:13 3:17. A few veries: in: KGRL KABQ, both v/1, v/f from WFDF & v/q from WROK KFAB. I am now at 2,608/982, & states at 50, countries at 42/5. Byeec.

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No DX MM 10/26, as too much partying on Sat. night, but
Tuesday PM 10/27 made up for it from 5-7:45pm, with one of the greatest
to the Great Plains ever noted. Shades of things to come! WMPS-680 was fighting
with semi-local WDBC for a new log. 1050k was a jumble until after 6pm when KMYC
Little Rock & MLH Mipestone dominated. 1580k was a gem with KLTR/KAMI/KPTK/KMMI
all dominating till their respective s/offs. KTUF was so loud it could have been
heard coast to coast. KJIT Morth Platte noted @ 7pm s/off-SSB & KAMI mame on 156
KWBG-Boone Ia. atoo 1590 w/sports @ 7:15pm. KHUB-1340 Fremont Reb. ON THE GRAVE
yard frequency, easily the loudest & clearest station on the dial from 7-7:45pm.
"Calling Radio"-KING-1490 Omaha about the same on that graveyard. KEWI-1440
Topeka @ 7:45, & new log im KWBB-1410 Wichita w/Amm making a boo-boo & IDing as
WKBB, Wichita. KIXZ-940 Amaraillo o/u MMIX until latter s/off @ 6:30. All in
all, eight new logs & a total of 176 in the log period 10/27/69-10/27-70,

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As expected, the NRC log was great. Many thanks for a fine publication. 2 I finally kept a longwire up after three came down! BCB & other DX is better here than in Baltimore - not so many locals. Back in August, new WCEX-1130 noted about even w/WPYB on 8/29. Same date, new WFIC with good signal on 1530 @ 6pm. They are awaiting new Chapel Hill N.C. station on same frequency. On 10/10, new log on KGGF-690 Kan. & KFI clear @ 7:15cm! No sign of Cubans on either channel. I am again with WEEB-990 & planning on a TEST some time this season. They had one back in 1/68 & the response was great with some 43 verifiable reports, but this one may have to be by v/f due to a lack of time for DX & other indoor sports, hi! It sounds like the Convention was great; '71 looks like a good year to visit San Francisco! 73.

THIS THINK COMES OUT EVERY WEEK. WHY DON'T YOU DO YOUR THING AND GET A THING IN THE NEXT ISSUE? DEADLINE IS EVERY THURSDAY AT OUR BROOKLYN ADDRESS. PLEASE DOUBLE SPACE. THERE'S A 30-LINE LIMIT. DO NOT INCLUDE V/S NAMES IN MUSIEGS! G. HARLEY DeLEURERE - Box 10 - Hendricks, West Virginia - 26271

The 2,000 mark was reached one day before my vorthday last month. Yes, my 2,000th verie arrived 10/9 in the guise of YVKW-1070, LaGuaira, D.F., Venezuela. They wrote an exceptionally friendly letter. In part. it reads: "Ithhas been a pleasure to receive your letter which we appreciate very much. You can't imagine how glad we feel when somebody as in your case send us a report about our station. We want to inform you that next month we shall start working with 10,000w, so that it will be our pleasure to know that we can penetrate clearly that beautiful country which you belong, as it is the United States of America. Thanks a lot for the souvenir & remember that you will always have friendly people willing to hear of you." 'So it sounds like YVKW has gone to 10kw and want reports from fellow Americans. The address is Emisora Vargas, Edificio Marquez Yanez, Avenida Soublette, La Guaira, D.F. Let me say it did my heart good to get such a letter as this one, I've been down in Venezuela, and there was much anti-American feeling there. Of course, with a name like DeLeurere, he might have thought I was a transplanted Frenchman. For the Club's information R. Barbados changed its frequency from 780 to 900k on 4/19/70. I heard the 900 outlet about five months ago & was quite surprised. According to my verie, 4/19 was the date. Well, that's it. What is WCDE's frequency? (??-ERC)

TIM KERFOOT - 34 Cross Street - Weston, Ontario

DX has been scarce so fur this season compared to last. A few new ones have been added to the log since last Musing: 10/27- KSD-550, 5pm w/local WGR mulled. 10/28- WABI-910, 4:30pm. 10/31- XEX-730, 11:30pm. 11/1- WVSC-990, 4:55pm; WAXU-1580 5:30pm s/off. Also a couple of tdntatives on 10/25. UnID SS on 810 around 1-pm, quite strong w/WGY nulled on XR; seemed too strong for HJCY. The same night, 10:30-11pm, unID SS on 1190 or so, with beep-type NX, strong signal, with frequent mentions of "libetacion". I am not sure about frequency, as WOWO was not coming through at all. Two new veries: CHIN-550 & WLAP-630. I am LOOKING FORWARD to the NRC IA Log. 73.

We'll be looking for YOUR Musing for the next "sitting". We are getting on the average, about ten LESS than we used to get just a year or so ago. How come? We know mostvof you love the technical articles, IDXD, DXDD, and special features. We hope you haven't foresaken the oldest section of all in DX NEWS - Musings of the Members!" At one time, in fact, it was the ENTIRE DX NEWS! Lots of KRCers have paid us compliments on this section down through the years - how about you lads pitching in and keeping the section alive, interesting, and BIG?



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Greetings, again, proples: This one is small, and hopefully, I'll make few mistakes, since I'm out of correctype presently. We now have enough people for typing correctors & such, and I'm hoping to get that done and ready for publication by Thanksgiving.

A bit of random comment, at the outset: I note with interest Harry Helms' comments on DX'ers verifying reports. Aside from the obvious fact that I signed last year's WRAN test, and will do so for future WRAN tests, or, more precisely, we used printed cards and I verified them (since I did much of the test), I see no difference. I agree with Harry that a DX'er tends to be much more careful in verifying than the average engineer, etc/and I see no reason that he cannot be considered a "OSL Manager" on a temporary basis. I know af instances where DX'ers do all verifying for a stn. because the station won't do it. If the verification is legitimately checked against program logs or whatever, it matters not to me who signs it—If a DX'er does, one thing is sure, it most certainly is NOT an "automatic" verie, and therefore is more valid than many "veries" signed by station personnel. Nuff said.

midnight 10 sunrise

	560	KLZ -Co-	**I'll assume EST times throughtout on this this is why
		KALO-er WRR -Tx KENO-!'v	I don't DX at time-change, hi)-RjE Hrd MM 10/26 s/off 0202 w/ SSB u/WTAE (Eggert) Fair 10/26 w/ WIFE apparently off all AM (Eggert) Broke thru AN WBNS 10/26 03h0 w/ 20-20 nx. (Eggert)
		MOKO-MA	Again this season appears to be on w/ TT/OC/cfm ET's many MM's, hrd 11/2 (RjE)
x :	1300	WT 4Q-II WMAK-Tn	Off in 10/26 (Eggert)
	1560	WERE-Oh WIRQ-NO	Hrd w/ ET-c&w mx 10/25 (Mark Katz, Brighton, Ma) 0115+EDT

sunset & evening

810	KBHB-5D	Surprisingly strong w/ no WGY 10/26 1850 w/ many local
		spots (DE)
920	ETOC-La	10/26 s/off 1846 SSB. (DE)
950	KYSH-Nb	10/26 1859 s/off in clear during aurora w/ mentions of the
TAGE.		"Sand Hills" (DE)
970	KJLT-Nb	10/26 1857 s/off. (DE)
1180	KEOR-Ok	10/25 strong on SSS 1830-1845 s/off w/ "Oklahoma" (DE)
1110	KPWB-Mo	Good 1816 10/26 w/ WRVA looped (DE)
100000	KORG-Tx	Hrd 10/25 w/ Cowboy FB to 1858 s/off w/ no WRVA (DE)
	KNAB-Co	In 10/26 after KORC's s/off to 1915 s/off (DE)
1520	WARR-NO	Is on. Hrd w/ replay of HS FB game, ad, ID 1653-1700
7,000		s/off 11/3 o/u WKBW. (RjE)
1530	WQVA-Vo.	Unn. atop channel w/rr 1650-1700 s/off 11/3 (RjE)
110	WTHE-MI	Atop channel 1700-1715 s/off 11/3, unn. (RjE) (RjE)
1550	MANY-AL	Hrd w/rr, ad, SID o/u CBE, others 1735-45 power cut 11/3
570	WSAD-Ma	Hrd briefly after WAAY power cut u/CBE 1750 11/3 (RjE)
1560	KWCO-OK	10/2h w/ many local spots, 182h (DE)
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changes

1030 WBZ-Ma Annced format change which would mean to be on until at least 0100 MM's, #*%\$! (Phil Sullivan, Leominster, Ma.)
+ 1520 WARR-Nc Is on.

r/c's

WFTC-960, WPLB-1380, WEVA-860, ist MM by RjE; KWLA-1530 4th MM by Eggert

That appears to be it as of 1500 EST 11/4. I do have a few comments of propagation and domestic DX, however:

In view of the lack of a significant decrease in geomagnetic activity this season, there is no particular reason why one should feel like giving up DX'ing and taking up knitting or somesuch. He can always go to Boston & to publishing sessions, hi. Seriously, however, the type of cx which we have experienced for much of this fall, and can expect to continue are quite good for DX'ing domestic sunset. Although an article on sunset DX is for homoming, it should be noted here that since auroral cx manifest themselves in the blocking of signals from the North, and sometimes from the East and West of the DX'er's location, signals from the South appear enhanced. Likewsie, since the lines of demarcation of sunset sign-offs, etc. progress across the continent from Northeast to South, to West & Northwest, many DX'ers in the East, Central & Midwest sections of the continent can take advantage of these cx to hit the sunset boute. As witness the past few issues of DDXD, one can see that SSS is good still throughout much of North America.

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*NOTE regarding NRC mechanical filters. I think Ron was out of the NRC when our fairly comprehensive 19 page article on mechanical filters appeared in DX NEWS. In it we covered various alternative methods for adding MF's to receivers; the Lafayette filters described in that article are electrically identical to those available today and are in fact produced by the same manufacturer. The 10,000 ohm resistor shown in the conversion instructions is specified by the manufacturer as the appropriate value to properly match the input impedance of the transformer; I also independently verified that this is the correct value by checking the transformer with an RF impedance bridge. There is some drop in plate voltage across the load resistor but only rarely is this a problem; we discussed in detail ways to avoid shifting the mixer operating point unduly in the first article. The miniature IF transformers supplied by Kokusai are extremely delicate and burn out immediately when subjected to excessive current flow. If you happen to install the transformer without the coupling capacitor, there is a very good chance that the steady-state plate current will blow the transformer; if the mixer happens to be a low current device, transients can still kill the transformer nevertheless. Kokusai did not design these transformers to operate without the coupling capacitors and will not refund or exchange transformers blown by omission of the coupling capacitors. I once accidently blew one by shorting out the coupling capacitor and I know of several other DX'ers who have had similiar experiences. As the writeup in the June-July, 1965 issue of Radio TV Experimenter said, "Do not try to feed the voltages through the filter's input and output transformers - it's a sure way to blow twenty bucks!"

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