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"Please renew my membership for my 40th year in the NRC."

(Kermit Geary, Pa.)

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IT'S NOT REALLY A SECRET...

Somewhere along the line in the process of modifying the back page of DX NEWS we've dropped the current membership dues rate item; several members recently called this to our attention and we'll prepare a new back page shortly. A reminder in the meantime: Third Class is \$10.75, First Class is \$13.00, and Airmail is \$14.00...

ANNOUNCING A ST LOUIS DX CLUB...

All DX'ers living in the Metro St Louis area are invited to join a new club called the St Louis DXers Association and devoted to BCB, FM, TV, and SW DX'ing. For more information contact: Joe Goldenberg, 49 Fair Oaks, St Louis, Mo. 63124.

MEXICAN STAMPS TO BE AVAILABLE...

NRC'er Ernie Wesolowski is currently spending a month on vacation in Mexico; he plans to purchase a quantity of Mexican stamps to be used for return postage for reports to Mexican stations. Past experience has shown that mint stamps are much more likely to yield QSL's than IRC's in Latin America and this should help your XE- returns considerably. He'll be selling Mexican Airmail stamps for 8¢ each; send a check and a SASE if interested to him at: 1416 Pasadena Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68107.

POST OFFICE STRIKES AGAIN...

We've held this issue for a day past deadline awaiting Foxy's section of International DX Digest but still no show... Editor's sections seem to be arriving much more slowly this year than previously; two recent batches of Musings took 5 days by Special Delivery to reach Boston from NYC... This slow delivery of Editor's sections makes hash of our schedule here at HQ and delays mailing of DXN; we urge the Editors to mail sections even earlier than they're doing now what with the holidays coming...

*GPN & BGK

SPECIALS

	Kc/m	Power	A.M. E.S.T.	Info:
Mon. Nov. 20	WCHL 1360	Chapel Hill, N. C. 5,000 U-2	12:05 - 5:00	N R C
Sun. Nov. 26	WJVA 1580	South Bend, Indiana 1,000 D-1	12:01 -	N R C
Mon. Nov. 27	KDWB 630	St. Paul, Minn. 5,000/500 U-3	3:00 - 3:30	IRCA
	KTGO 1090	Tioga, North Dakota 250 D-1	3:30 - 4:00	N R C
	WAVN 1220	Stillwater, Minn. 5,600/361 U-1	3:30 - 4:00	IRCA
Mon. Dec. 4	WBIR 1240	Knoxville, Tenn. 1,000/250 U-1	1:30 -	NNRC
Mon. Dec. 11	WMWM 1090	Wilmington, Ohio 1,000 D-3	3:00 - 3:30	N R G
	WPAD 1490	Paducah, Ky. 1,000/250 U-1	3:30 - 4:00	NNRC
Mon. Dec. 18	KNOE 940	Monroe, La. 5,000/1,000 U-4	2:00 -	NNRC
	WCWC 1600	Ripon, Wisconsin 5,000 U-4	2:00 -	NNRC
	WEKR 1240	Fayetteville, Tenn. 1,000/250 U-1	3:30 - 4:00	NNRC
Mon. Dec. 25	WLK 1270	Newport, Tenn. 5,000/500 U-2	1:00 -	NNRC
Mon. Jan. 8	WGN 550	Pawtucket, R.I. 1,000/500 U-2	12:01 - 5:30	NNRC
Sun. Jan. 14	WJDX 680	Jackson, Mississippi 5,000 U-2	1:30 - 4:00	NNRC
Mon. Feb. 12	KWHN 1330	Fort Smith, Arkansas 5,000 U-2	2:00 -	NNRC
Sat. Feb. 24	KLCL 1470	Lake Charles, 5,000 U-2	3:00 -	NNRC
Mon. Apr. 2	WRAN 1910	Dover, N. J. 10,000/500 U-4	2:00 -	NNRC

WCHL - 1360. Rick Edwards, E & Mgr. Details next week.

CONGRATULATIONS

to NORMAN MAGUIRE, who, on Monday, October 16, was married in Houston, Texas, to the former Tacy Bowman-Paul. May happiness abound, folks, forevermore!

SOME FOOTBALL NETWORKS:

YALE:	WICC-600	WCDQ-1220	WOWW-1380.	(Mike Collins)
And these from Richard Noel Allen, of Billings, Oklahoma:				
U. OF OKLA.:	WNAD-640	KTOC-1000	KCRC-1390	KNOR-1400 KLTR-1580
OKLA. STATE U.:	KING-740	KRPT-780	WHRZ-1290	KOCY-1340
DALLAS COWBOYS:	KRHC-710	KLEC-800	KRPT-890	KSLA-910 KHEH-990
	KHLD-1080	KNOR-1400	KRPT-1450	KVLA-1470 KDEC-1500

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS: KCMO-810 KIND-1010 KSOK-1280 KFTO-1360. Dick also adds that KFMG-740 also carries games of the U. of Ark. when they do not conflict with games of Okla. State U. Our thanks to Mike and Dick for these!

ERNEST R. COOPER - 438 East 21 Street - Brooklyn, New York - 11226 (Carrier R. 56)
 Another v/1, this one from new WPTX-1470. DX this week was confined to MM 10/23, Veterans' Day. Some interesting "offs" today were WABC-770 WCBS-880 WIS-890 WGY-810 (off & on w/ET/mx) WENX-1380, which is "off-again on-again-Finnegan" - on MMs 10/2 & 10/16 & off MMs 10/9 & 10/23. But, FFC CFDA-1380 is AN MMs anyhow. "La X" (YNY) way atop 750 @ 1:48-2:02am, w/a Colombian & a Ven-
 ezuelán under him. He signed off while I was changing the water in my turtle bowl, hi, so I missed that and no report sent. The SS on 810 between WGY test spurts was weak, but sounded lik the ones on 670 & 690, and sure enough, it's only a Cuban. Unn WSBS ETing @ 2:30am. Two loud SSES on 540 - one is R. Horizonte, Bogota, w/the woman announceress, but who's the tuther? An rr u/CFDA-1380 @ 2:45am, unID, but it was 58° there, wherever it was. Could therefore, be WLKY. Unn WGOE-1590 w/an almost AN ET/rr, as usual on the fourth MM - if you need 'em, watch for 'em on MM 11/27. At 3:50, that SS-645 was already on, again weakish & stacey, so again, no ID. Unn WPUV-1580 noted on ET @ 4:12, could this be the WPUV Dave Schmidt will mention further inside this issue? Unn CJCB-1270 atop w/ c/w @ 4:25 - they probably s/on around 4. On 1230, I noted an FFC atop @ 4:31 w/ NX at that time, with WFAI, Fayetteville, N.C. on c/w along with him, and someone with announcement "3:46 Chicago Time" @ 4:46 EDT, WJOB? Still to be logged is the Colombian fighting WIP-610 every MM, he's easy - just postponed until later, hi.

MUSINGS OF THE MEMBERS

MEMBERS' LOGGINGS AND ACTIVITIES



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Greetings from the Static State, hi- If you haven't read it elsewhere Cesar Objio moved back to Santo Domingo, there being no jobs readily available here. His present address is Calle 34, Casa No. 30, Cristo Rey, Santo Domingo 5, R. D. We'll try again some other time when the situation changes. Otherwise I've been too busy on the job to DX more than a few minutes a week: TAs are in, though not too well, and the static doesn't help at all. Dakar is back to their old "Khors" IS, dropping the drums. Other TAs so-so; we don't get them as good down here, for we're a kilomeile further than Boston from Europe. Cubans: CMJI-1402.5, CMHK-1308, from 1306. The "Enciclopedia" on 880 is CMAF from 670, not Matanzas as previously surmised. ZNS1-1540 gives all indications of now being 20kw D-1; much weaker in Miami than before. UnID HJ on 1565k, regular s/off is midnight EST. (1:00am EDT -ERC) New AN YV on 1310, IDs as "R. Andina", so believed to be in the Tachira area. Alvorada-1133.5 very strong MM 10/16 despite static. If you can't figure out BGK's "dialect", then you haven't seen "A Clockwork Orange." By the way, the "Majak" Programme of R. Moscow is pronounced "mih-YAHK" and means "lighthouse." Feature articles coming to DX NEWS? ISCA, Broadcasting in Cuba, The question of Ethics Among DXers (very controversial), and after these three are in print I'll have a surprise announcement to make - also controversial to some. Good DX & 73. (Static? What static?? -ERC)

SCOTT BROCKWAY - 112 North Crescent Drive - Rome, New York - 13440

First time in over many months my irrelevant words have graced these hallowed pages, but research papers consume unimaginable periods of time, as does sleep. Ho hum. But in the past week I've managed to stay awake to catch the following: WOWW-1380 @ 5:51pm w/MoR, WKLO-1080 @ 7:51pm w/rr, WAFB-690 (in what I suspect was an Auroral night on 10/15 in that there were many Southerners in with a noticed lack of Canadians which usually dominate quite a few frequencies here) @ 1:43am w/rr. I got a good tape on him for 30th taped state. WHIO-1290 @ 2:10am w/rr, WDLA-1270 @ 12:11-12:20 w/NX and trivial chatter, WLIK-1270 @ 8:45pm w/rr, & finally, KSO-1460 @ 2:38-2:46am w/NX. I tried for the WMM TEST but to no avail here w/WBAL bombing in on the one night I listened. Nothing else, so I won't take up space. 73s & Happy Pumpkin!

BILL ALISAUSKAS Jr. - Box 93 - R.D. #1 - Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey - 07849

Hi all! Once again it's time to put in my 2¢ worth with a few items. They're not all that great, but they help the totals keep climbing. Not that it matters much, since we're in the process of buying a house & hope to be in there within a month. Since it's eight miles from here, I have my thoughts reserved about starting another log. I wonder what other members would do in this case - start all ove again, or just continue on? Anyhow, here's the latest: 10/13- KQ-850 7am, WPBO-1020 (I finally IDed 'em) 7:05am, WRCH-910 7:11, & WBRV-900 7:25am. 10/15- KSL-1150 12:10am & WIOD-610 surprisingly atop WIP @ 1:06am. 10/16- I was up for the 1080 TEST, but too much WTIC - I did hear TT but no IDs. Also heard were CKPC-1380 12:05am, KSO-1460 1:01am s/off, CJRN-710 1:03am w/WOR nulled & CFGO-1440 (ex-CKPM) @ 1:30am & on rocking away. 10/18- WAVA-780 alongside our wonderful pest 6:12pm, WFAR-1470 6:43pm, & a surprise in WKMF-1470 @ 6:48pm, & finally 10/19- (the morning I woke to about two inches of snow!) WGMF-1500 6:23pm, & I swear I heard WBUZ-1570 s/off @ 6:30 u/WFLR. I'll have to check around that hour the next few nights. Well, enough for now - I hope everyone has a good season.

RICHARD NOEL ALLEN - Billings, Oklahoma - 74630

I got my Night Pattern Book & it is just fantastic; my thanks to everyone involved in the production of this great book. It definitely explains why certain station's signals behave the way they do & why I cannot receive many stations I want to hear. The October issue of CQ Magazine has an interesting ar-

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ticle entitled "These Things We Call Countries" - What Are They?", which presents a comprehensive countries list and their current status. Another article on P. 97 of the same magazine gives a brief explanation of the WWV propagation forecasts and Geo-alert, which I find useful in my DXing. The following DX was heard on a Pioneer SX300T RX & a 50 cm frame aerial. Daytime DX: WMAX-570 S.D. weak u/WFAA w/TX @ noon local 10/2, for my longest daytime DX to date. The following on 10/15- KSIW-1450 OK, fair @ 10:43am, KGFF-1450, OK, weak @ 10:47. KWBW-1450 Kan. fair @ 10:57. KTJS-1420 OK, weak @ 2:02pm. KWON-1400 OK, weak @ 2:09. KNOR-1400 OK, weak @ 2:45. KBLR-1460 OK, weak @ 3:35pm. KVLH-1470 OK, weak @ 4:02pm. Sunrise DX on 10/16: KORC-1140 TX @ 7am weak. KWLG-1530 OK, fair w/KECK QRM @ 7:29am s/on. Night DX: XEFW-810 strong u/KCMO, QRM w/ror (?? -ERC) @ 9:25pm, 10/15. YNX-750 strong after WSB s/off @ 12:05am 10/9, w/EL mx (country #11). Since 1970 I have logged 263 stations in 11 countries, six provinces, and 31 states from present location. In 1969, I DXed at Beale AFB, Cal., and logged 92 stations in three countries, three provinces, and 22 states. Good DX to everyone & 73s.

CARL W. DABELSTEIN - 3300 North 56th Street - Lincoln, Nebraska - 68507

Now that the static has subsided, it appears that this DX season will be a good one. DX since my last Musing is as follows: 8/30- KBIG-740 Avalon, Cal. OC ET @ 7:55. 9/1- KFMB-760 San Diego s/on-SSB @ 7:53. WTOP-1500 logged for first time on 9/4 w/NX @ 5:40. 9/16 brought KGEK-1230 Sterling, Col. w/20-20 NX @ 2:20. The s/on-SSB followed by NX for KQXX-630 Salt Lake City heard @ 7:59 on 9/19. On 9/29 KXEN-1010 St. Louis heard w/NX @ 7:45. KOWB-1290 Laramie, Wyo. heard for first time on 9/30 w/NX @ 9pm. KLTF-960 Little Falls, Minn. heard o/KMA @ 7:37 10/2. Two new catches via the f/c-TT route were made on 10/6. WHBG-1360 Harrisonburg, Va. @ 12:10 followed by WWBZ-1360 Vineland, N.J. @ 12:15. This was State #47, my first new one since I added Alaska back in 1964. I still need R.I., N.H. & Vt. On 10/9 KTKT-990 Tuscon was heard w/a local political interview @ 2:50. KPNW-1120 Eugene, Ore. @ 3:30. WVOL in Berryhill, Tenn. & CFRW Winnipeg were heard on 1470 @ 4:30. The relatively new KOWO-1170 Waseca, Minn. was logged on 10/14 @ 10:30am w/"Coaches' Corner". On 10/15 the following catches were made using a 3,200' Beverage (info will follow in subsequent Musings) KMY-1240 Billings w/c/w @ 3:58, WCSB-1390 Charleston, S.C. heard briefly @ 4:21. KEIM-1310 (ex-KKGF) Great Falls rr @ 4:30. KOMO-1000 ID @ 6:30. WRIN-1560 Rensselaer, Ind. heard w/s/on-SSB @ 6:59. 10/16 brought the DX TEST from KYMN-1080 @ 2. F/c-M from WBTS-1480 Bridgeport, Ala. @ 3:15. WHBP-1230 Huntsville, Ala. heard w/c/w @ 3:30 & WOWL-1249 Florence, Ala. w/rr @ 3:40. Latest veries have been: KVOL WEDC KDFA KGEK KXEN WRCP KOWB KFKU WWBZ v/l. WAMY CFCE WISN PJCC KBIG CKVL WBGM WTOP WHBG v/q. Totals now are 1,452 heard, of which 1,279 are verified. I have sent some CPC letters and at least two stations have consented to have DX TESTs. Say ERC, do we still send a free copy of DX NEWS to those stations conducting DX TESTs? Well, I better 73 for now. (I believe the BPC sends DX NEWS to these TESTers, Carl - the issue with their write-up in it -ERC)

FRANK SMITH - 421 Chadbourne House - U. of Mass. - Amherst, Massachusetts - 01002

Another year is in progress here at UMass. I'm back in Chadbourne House, which has been completely renovated. It now has wall to wall carpeting, kitchens on every floor, and girls (not necessarily in that order). It also has all fluorescent lighting, which results in a noise level that you wouldn't believe. During the day, the noise level is a solid S-9 plus. Weekends and nights it's lower. After much checking of insurance policy, I've brought my SPR-4 back with me. As regards to the SPR-4 controversy, the Behr report raised my blood pressure somewhat, but now that Bob Fischer and others have jumped to tell how good it is, I'll content myself with a mild "I like mine." There is a paragraph in the September NNRC bulletin about a dealer's comment on the SPR-4. It states Drake had a quality problem around serial no. 1300. The serial no. of mine is 1,100 & mine works great. The article also gives a "test" for this RX to tell if you got a "dud". I'll agree with Behr that the audio for this set is poor. I got a set of Superex APS-11 communications headphones which seem to help. Anyone who can recommend an add on audio filter please write. A strange thing is the audio is the single side band mode is a lot "crisper" than in the am mode. That's all for now. Good DX to all. Thanks for all the work you do in DX NEWS!

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JOE KURETH - Box 138 - New Windsor, Maryland - 21776

For those who sent in contributions to the last NRC Log Updater, credits will be given in the next Updater in a few weeks. The NRC Log is only as good as you help to make it so make sure your information is accurate. I am taking a week's vacation with the wife to Southern Spain and taking the Norelco AM/PM RX and Cassette and the last EBU list for some DX. I hope to get enough time to make a report worth while. From the map, the location is near the Mediterranean and Gibraltar. Now to CX, which have been the most unusual in recent years. Some evenings show good reception to Europe, SA & California all at the same time. 9/6- WGPA-1100 Pa. finally @ 7:38pm & s/off WLFA-1590, Ga. 7:45. 10/2- WRPL-1540 N.C. 6:35pm w/rr. 10/12- WJNC-1240 N.C. 5am s/on. (WJNC heard only once before on an ET about six years ago). WSKT-1580 6:59pm s/off & WTLB-1310 N.Y. w/rr to 7:10pm. 10/13- Unk c/w on 1590 mentioning Barberton @ 4:55am & most wanted WMVA-1450 Va. 4:59 s/on. Later in the day, CKLB-1350 on o/WSLR 10:15pm. Sat. AM brought WCHL-1360 N.C. u/local WEBB @ 8:05-8:15w/rr. 10/17- I heard strong WDR-1586 8pm & KFI-640 way o/the Cuban. 10/18- New log on KNEI-1140 Ia. w/WRVA looped on the SM-1 w/c/w @ 7:22pm & long-needed WSJS-600 N.C. w/WAO nulled & some WICC @ 7:51. The '72 Convention sounded great - I hope everyone enjoyed it. Special thanks to Wes Boyd for his tedious work on the Pattern Book. This looks like a good season for DX. I hope everybody gets his share. A WTR "Country Mx Month" bumper sticker for an SASE. 73.

WILLIAM M. BLAZEK - 2716 Bellbrook Street - Hillcrest Heights, Maryland - 20031

Greetings. And moving right along, folks - a nice surprise on 10/12 w/WBYS-1560 s/on @ 7am for best Ill. catch here. 1560's been a pretty good frequency here, as back on 10/1 came WRIN-1560 s/on @ 7 for best from Ind. Let's see, what else? 10/15- WEAG-1470 w/s/off @ 7pm. MM 10/16 brought KYMN-1080 w/their TEST and much QRM from WTIC & WKLO @ 3:35am. I also caught, that morn, much wanted KIOA-940 @ 3:19-3:30am, very weak, but in the clear. A few minutes later @ 3:33-3:45am came WITI-1530 w/a test. I swear my tape of the IDs say WITI but the NRC & VJ Logs and the long distance info operator say WITI. Have I missed a call change? Oh yes, you caught me, ERC. WGOH-920 reported in last Musing should have been WYOH-920. Sorry about that! Blundering onward - do WABC and WNBC still verie? Three reports to each; RP, etc., but no replies yet. I finally received a reply to my f/up to WSUF. It was just as I had feared - I heard - I heard them as WPAC on 3/31/72, but the reply made no mention of hearing them with old calls. I'm counting it as a WPAC verie, as I have, of course, carbons of the original & f/up reports. Last week came a pleasantry in the form of a long-distance call from WLIX-540. It seems that WLIX's John La Barca, whom I believe is the PD there, saw my name on a reception report and called to see if I was the 'Blazek' he had known in Viet-Nam. I was over there, but wasn't the Czech he knew. Anyway, we had quite a nice chat (a la WLIX,hi). I understand WLIX was once a non-verifier. They've certainly changed, as all at the station seem very friendly now. Recent veries: Just a few: v/fs from WOKO-1460 & WSBS-860. v/q- WVKO-1580. v/lS- WPOW-1570 WHLD-1270 & WKYB-1000. Enough. 73s.

BOB KARCHEVSKI - Box 3151 - Daly City, California - 94015

10/17. The start of a new season, with a verie from KRVN-880, thanks to Dave Fischer & Bob Bitner. Also verie from my first Alaskan ever, KFQD-750, the result of GOATEPSLC. And isn't that contest great? I do more DXing when I have an objective, rather than just aimless listening. I guess I don't have the patience to sit on one frequency for any length of time unless somebody offers a prize. Thanks to Richard Wood, I was able to recognize a R. Peking-1040 ID in Japanese. Who is carrying Canucks Hockey in Vancouver this season? No die on KYMN-1080 and WHLM-550 DX TESTs on 10/16. Some foreign DX, see IDXD. Night Pattern Book is really great; same for IRCA Foreign Lg, a big help with the GOATEPSLC. After 15 Segments my best five average 6.6 points. Anybody who can hear three different Radio Pekings each period has got it made.

WELL, IT LOOKS A BIT BETTER THIS WEEK, LADS - LET'S KEEP IT UP. WE WANT THE OLD-EST "DX NEWS" SECTION TO BE THE BIGGEST AND BEST AS IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN! REPORT!

REPORTEDLY IN OPERATION...

USSR. Regarding the Finnish-originated item about the 'powerful Vladivostok station on 1525' mentioned in DX NEWS #32, I do not entirely agree... There is a Soviet stn on 1525 carrying Majak programs, but it is not powerful and probably not in Vladivostok. Our guess is rather Khabarovsk (perhaps the one listed on 1586 that I haven't been able to hear after 4 years here?). **But, there is another strong Soviet stn currently on a frequency somewhat lower than 1530, causing a heterodyne on 1530 - perhaps on 1529. This station has been around for at least a year but was not noted regularly here until last August when it started to cause the het. Carries the Chinese language Foreign Service of Radio Moscow and the "Peace and Progress" program. S/on is at 0900 GMT; heard past 1930. Signal is fairly powerful but in no way as strong as 1250 which is heard with local strength on any kind of radio in Tokyo. My guess is that 1529A is highly directional towards China from a location in NE USSR. To further complicate the USSR Pacific Coast picture, the station that used to be on 1550 (listed as Khabarovsk) has disappeared as of last summer, leaving AFNT alone on the freq. The Russian on 1025 kHz (listed as Tomsk) can be heard from about 1250 GMT with Majak programming // 1150 and 1525. (Lars Ryden, Japan)**

SOUTH KOREA. It seems as if South Korean stations are adopting the idea of split channel operation from North Korea. The KBS powerhouse HLSA (nominally on 970) seems to have settled definitely on 967. This leaves a North Korean on 970 and the USSR station on 976 in the clear. Some local South Koreans tend to slip off channel now and then but this probably is due to accident. However, HLKG (nominally 750) has been on 745A now at least since mid-August in parallel with 750. (Ryden, Japan)

BOTSWANA. Gaberones is now operating on 971 with 50 kw; s/on is 0400. (ARC)

GABON. Yes, 989 is Franceville with 20 kw, not // to 1554. (ARC)

GERMANY. Frankfurt on 593 iw now 400 kw NSP with directional antenna. SDR on 998 and 1169 are now AN. (ARC)

GREAT BRITAIN. Moorside Edge on 692 (Radio 4) is now 190 kw on the way up to 300 kw. (Blodorn, Germany)

GREECE. VOA at Kavalla tested with 500 kw but due to power shortages is currently down around 150 kw. (USIS via ARC)

IRELAND. Conamora is on 599 with 2 kw; Corca Dhuibhne is 1 kw on 1250; Conamora is 2 kw on 962. (ARC) These regional Irish stations remain unheard on this side of the Atlantic...

PORTUGAL. Mirandela on 728 is now 10 kw. (Blodorn, Germany)

ROUMANIA. M. Ciuc is now 14 kw on 944. (Ericson, Sweden)

PIRATES AND BOOTLEGGERS...

Radio Veronica left 1562 at 1130 GMT on 9/30/72. One second later, Radio Nordsee International started on 1562 with test transmissions with a new 10 kw transmitter.

They gave frequent announcements that Veronica was now on 538 meters. At 1200 Radio Veronica started programming on 557. First was a speech from Bill Verwey, one of the Directors. This speech was also relayed by RNI on 1562! In the first Veronica newscast at 1300, Radio Veronica stated they had nothing to do with RNI's use of 1562 and that they considered it very unfair. **The test transmissions lasted only a few days.** Veronica is actually still using 1562, with a tiny transmitter (I estimate the power at 100-200 watts) broadcasting a jingle and announcement that they are on 557 now. **There were two reasons for the Veronica frequency change: increasing QRM from the Swiss during the night hours, and to increase the effective groundwave coverage to provide better service over all of Holland. (ARC)**

PLANS AND RUMORS...

A 1500 kw transmitter is now under construction in JORDAN... Two new 10 kw Libyan transmitters for the local European program will go into operation in April... Plans call for Monte Carlo increasing power to 800 kw on 1466... **A 750 kw transmitter in ABU DHABI will go into operation next June...** October 15th Radio Luxembourg was to have begun operations with a new 2,000 kw transmitter on 233 kHz long wave...

The following station frequencies have been recently measured at NRC HQ and are meant to update the EBU information appearing in DX NEWS. Equipment consists of an LFE digital frequency counter, a modified BC-221 transfer oscillator, high precision Kron-Hite ELF oscillator, and oscillographic displays. **The master clock is synchronized with WWV and error brackets given include all sources of error including truncation.**

718.9961 ± 0.4 Hz; Portugal measured 10/29 1912.
 719.0343 ± 0.4 Hz; Tunisia measured 10/29 1914.
 724.9726 ± 0.5 Hz; SRS, Surinam measured 10/30 at 1901.
 737.0011 ± 0.5 Hz; RNE, Barcelona measured 10/30 1832.
 755.0029 ± 0.3 Hz; Portugal measured 10/29 at 1650.
 764.0001 ± 0.3 Hz; Switzerland measured 10/30 at 1804.
 764.0196 ± 0.3 Hz; Dakar 10/30 at 1806.
 781.9959 ± 0.4 Hz; Portugal measured 10/30 at 1733.
 782.0056 ± 0.4 Hz; East Germany 10/30 1737.
 907.9486 ± 0.4 Hz; Unid West African, believed Gambia, 10/29 at 1625.
 917.0097 ± 0.3 Hz; RNE at 1616 on 10/29.
 962.0221 ± 0.2 Hz; Tunis at 1806 on 10/29. (GPN)

LAST MINUTE INFO...

SABA. Correction on last week's item; the frequency for this new station is believed to be 1435 kHz and not 1385 as previously stated. (Ray Moore) Editor's error, sri...

SHARJA. The mystery Arab being heard in Europe on 1574A is now believed to be located in Sharja and not Egypt. (Ericson, Sweden) Just a chance for this one here in North America if he's staying on late for Ramadan.



COMMENTS ON ERNEST BEHR'S RECENT ARTICLE

*Olle Alm, Sweden

I just read the article about the SPR-4 and would like to make a few comments as I have been an SPR-4 owner for 18 months. Numbers refer to points in Behr's recent article:

- *1) Yes, the sensitivity is low. However, in many locations you just can't use a high sensitivity because of local noise. Furthermore the SPR-4 is very sensitive to antenna mismatch. On MW & LW the antenna input is designed for very long antennas and does not work well with the 100' antenna which satisfies most other sets. I have connected the central heating system (fourth floor) with good results. However, at least 300' outdoors would be much better if the space is available. On the tropical bands the sensitivity may be sharpened by using preselector settings of about E2 for 60 meters and D2 for 90 meters.
- *2) The two strongest spurs result from the receiver being tuned to the same freq as the VFO. 4972.5 may be eliminated by using the next higher band crystal.
- *3) On my set the noise blanker works exactly as promised. It removes impulse noise, like that from ignition and switches, very effectively. However, of course it does not work so well on other types of noise. A clipper circuit should have been included as well. Thanks to the NB suppressing sharp impulses, these do not affect the AVC. With the NB switched on I do not experience any gain cutoff caused by noise impulses. Where the noise is of other types, however, it is made worse (!) by the NB.
- *4) Indeed the 4.8 bandwidth is too wide. This drawback is easily remedied by cutting the mode switch shaft between the two rearmost switch sections and threading a substitute shaft from the back of the set through holes already existing and through the rearmost section which controls the bandwidth. You can easily hear which bandwidth you have at any moment. I have found that the 2.4 kHz bandwidth is very well adapted for MW DX'ing. The filters, if properly adjusted, should give a flat passband with very steep sides, like a mechanical filter. The notch could preferably be turned to 7 O'clock to further decrease the 60 db bandwidth.
- *5) On my set the notch shows a single frequency attenuation of about 60 db anywhere in the passband. Hets as near the carrier of the wanted station as 500 Hz may be suppressed, of course depending on relative signal strength.
- *6) See 3) above.
- *9) Calibration and exact frequency readout is always done by nulling the beat with the BFO switched on. Unless you have a very narrow bandwidth there would be no other way. With a wide band and no BFO you can make neither exact calibration or readout. I have made a one-time calibration and the few times I need an exact frequency reading (on an off or odd freq station) I just measure the difference to the nearest calibration point or a known station with the BFO switched on (CW).
- *10) Yes, this is annoying.
- *11) The audio sound of the SPR-4 is much better than what is normal for a communications receiver due to the elaborate audio section - that is if you are listening for enjoyment only. However, when you are listening to something far away and in the noise there is too much bass. With a suitable speaker or an additional amplifier with proper tone controls there should be no problem. SSB listening to AM signals also results in sharp and clear audio.

On the European scene with its crowded bands, the direct frequency reading and sharp selectivity plus the het attenuation are the most needed qualities, which makes the SPR-4 very useful (if properly aligned and adjusted). This might not be the case in the US where most of the listening is done on the domestic BCB scene. Thus there might be quite a difference in our judgements of the same set...

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Greetings once again, folk. Deadline & time for doing column upset a bit this time due to work & suchlike, but this includes all stuff rec'd thru 10/24, tho' not typed 'til 10/26 pm.

changes

- + 800 KLEC-OK ex-KJEM
- + 850 WMAG-MS Is here, ex-860, currently on a temporary 1000 DL pending completion of allotted 10000 D3. Dunno if any CH power is applicable on this. -RJE
- + 950 KRXA-AK SCH: 1200-2400 M-TH; 1200-0500 F-Su.
- + 1340 KTSL-TX SCH: 0700-2000 (is SH-1). Listed by Broadcasting as KHLB. Dunno what significance of that is. -RJE
- + 1510 WKAO-FL new call, Boynton Beach. Still not sure if this is a CP or an initial decision -RJE
- + 1600 WPDC-PA CP: DL

r/c's

- SEPTEMBER: 2nd TH: WPCF-1430;
- OCTOBER: 3rd MM: WKIG-1580, WORV-1580, WPJD-1550; 3rd WM: KULY-1420; 2nd TU: WTID-1270.

call applications

1320 WJAS-PA req. WPIQ

sunset & evening

- 1400 CBWG-MB Hrd 2008 9/30. Finally logged this as closest unhrd & o/100 miles. CBC net // GBW & CRTM. Quick QSL back from Winnipeg. (Morris Sorenson, God's Narrows, Mb.)
- 1440 WSGO-NY At s/off 1830 10/15 hrd several ID's, then dropped into mess. (Jim Poterba, Yardley, Pa.) ** Welcome to DDXD, Jim. Your TA Log will be on the way shortly -RJE
- WGCB-PA S/off thru just after WODL off for one of my closest unheards 10/8 1830 (JMP)
- 1470 WBTX-VA Newie hrd here w/good sig, littel QRM from nulled WSAW after nx 1830 into slow mx to 1842 s/off 10/12. (JMP)
- 1580 WBBA-IL Noted w/rr up to 1929 s/off 10/16 w/SSB (JMP)

midnight to sunrise

- 550 WHLM-PA Great 0208-20 & 0237-240+ on Day Patt. Nite patt 0220-37 fair to poor on TEST. (Wes Boyd, Youngstown, Ohio)
- 710 KBTR-CO Hrd 10/9 0304 fair w/nx (MS)
- 840 WMOB-AL Copied ET w/IT vy strong 0100-0115 10/16. Same sort of thing hrd 2/14, but that was 2nd MM. (Paul K. Hamt, Ft. Worth, Tx.) ** How 'bout maybe 2nd MM after 2nd SM - that'd cover both of 'em - RJE
- 880 KPWN-NE Hrd 9/28 2351 w/ID. Later farm rpt. Poor w/ unID SS. TJJ?? (MS) ** Possibly, but also a Panamanian likely -RJE
- 960 CKWS-ON MM s/on 10/16 0457. (Boyd)
- WFIR-VA MM S/on 10/16 0458. (Boyd)
- 980 KMBZ-KS S/off 0100 10/16, reg. 3rd MM SP, but think carrier back 0105 to stay. (PKH)

- ++ 980 WSIX-TN MM SP is now 0100-0600 (PKH)
CKRM-SA Hrd 10/16 0404-0427 w/nx-wx-sx, Dave Hart Show, pop & c&w mx s2-3 w/ some QRM (John Tull, Kansas City, Mo)
- CFPL-ON Hrd 10/16 0429-0442 w/ nx-wx-sx, contest for listeners, s2-3 level. (JT)
- KFWB-CA Hrd 10/16 0446-0500 w/ mx,wx,sx, some psas, no mx, suspect an all-nx format. (JT)
- 1080 WRC -DC 0500-11 10/16 w/ ET-TT. Lost signal 0512. S3-4 w/ KMBZ off (JT)
KYMN-MN TEST copied wk u/KRLD OC, then at steady sl after OC off 0205 10/16. Called, they used my name on air, got on tape. (PKH)
Good sigs w/TEST 0134-0215+ w/WTIC,KRLD,WKLO... (Boyd) On DX TEST fair u/WTIC w/ several anncts. hrd then TT 0220 10/16 (JMP)
Noted in RS-rr 0500 10/16, was previously off MM's. A change??
- 1150 WGOW-TN ID 0300 10/16 in PoP. Unn. but vy strong. (PKH) (Boyd)
- 1240 WKDA-TN Testing again 10/9, ID's 0145,0206. Not hrd 10/16 (PKH)
- 1300 KWCK-AR S/off copied 0218 again 10/16 roughed up by following. (PKH)
KRCP-CA Testing most of AM 10/16 and 10/9 from s/off to 0300 (PKH)
- 1310 WRBC-MS Vy wk again most of AM 10/9, but ID good emuf for tape 0400
WIFE-IN Testing from WRR s/off 10/9 to ard 0200. IDs wk w/low modulation but readable. Think all ID's on nite pwr. (PKH)
KFSSB-MO S/off copied nicely 0159 10/9. Cx looking up... (PKH)
- + KKGK-MT S/off is now consistently 0105 MM's (PKH)
- * WRR -TX Copied wk 10/9 s/on, ard 0600 after "five hours of maintenance" so may be log change. Hrd thru WRR OC. (PKH)
- + CFGM-ON S/off copied good emuf for tape 0153 10/9. Again 0157 10/16, so change log.
- + 1320 WJAS-PA Noted s/off just above rest of channel 0123 10/1 (JMP)
- 1330 WCRB-MA ID copied 0136 10/16 thru powerful but momentary lull in WSMB nxcst. (PKH)
- 1350 KRNT-IA Copied clean ID 0238 10/9 w/ WSMB, KCOR both off. (PKH)
- 1380 WXCL-IL S/off no SSB 0205 10/16 (Boyd)
WAOK-GA AN MMs. Noted w/RS-rr 0230 past 0305. Does go to quiet talk ard 0400. Only noted CFDA & XECO in mull 10/16 (Boyd) ** This is finally the fruition of the new management's plans to go NSP annct'd when they changed call last spring. -RJE
- + WPHM-MI DX TEST good w/CFDA. Many long ID's, anncts. 0322 10/9 (JMP)
- + 1400 KTTS-MO TEST hrd 10/9 0316-0330. Easy w/ instr. mx, many ID's (MS)
Strong unID TT 10/16 cut 0245. Wk KTTS ID up after then "24 hrs. of c&w radio". Not sure if tester was they, but change log anyway, hi. (Hart)
- 1410 KAHL-NE Vy strong test from bl 0252 to 0303 off 10/9 (PKH)
- * 1420 WHK -OH Off again noted 0302 10/16. (Boyd)
- KTSN-CA May be what I hrd 0433-39 w/ mostly top 40. Did catch jingle 0438 w/ "K-GM" or something close, then more mx. Help. (Boyd)
- 1440 WRBE-MS Vy strong test 0135-0140+ 10/16. Almost continuous ID's thru the mx. (PKH)
- CFGO-ON NSP "The Big 14" w/ 20-20 mx, a pest here esp. MM's (Boyd)
Hrd 10/9 0400 w/ID mentioning "CFGO - for Greater Ottawa" (MS)
- 1460 WVOX-NY S/on in clear w/ WJZ mull'd 0601 10/14, one of my most wanted (JMP)
- 1470 WBBD-IL ID copied 0257 in PoP 10/16 vy strong. (PKH)
- + 1480 WHBC-OH Nx-sx-morenx, etc. 0501-04+, now on 0500 MM's. (Boyd)
- xxx+ 1390 WCSC-SC Now s/off 0108 daily. "The Country Giant" (Boyd)
- 1530 WTTI-GA Testing w/mx, ID 0313 10/16, so strong they cut up WCKY test badly. (PKH)
- ** 1540 WRGM-VA Unreal thing 10/16 0100-0215 t/out. Some kinda test. Much undergroung rr, comedy dropovers, calls, including one from somebody wanting to know what WLEE was playing. Feedback & multiple anners. Dumno if all this legal or not. Tried calling past 2 nites, but recording sez out of order, tho' not on operator's list of dead phones. (Jeff Fox, Charlotte, NC)

- 1550 WSHN-MI ET o/WOKJ, WEXT (also ET) strong sigs, ID's on hr, 1/2 hr.
Music between 10/7 0130 (JMP)
- WEXT-CT ET u/ above, varie sez annual PoP. 0230-0400 10/7 (JMP)
- 1570 WKOL-NY S/on, no QRM 0555 10/15 then 0600 into "Revival Time" (JMP)

Well, that's all this time. Remember the Thanksgiving DX Fanork and we'll leave the remaining space for HQ to diddle with. 73, RJE

2 firsts in radio for Hub tenants

By Viola Osgood
Globe Staff

Boston's most unique radio station signed on the air shortly after 2 p.m. yesterday amid cheers from some 100 people who were on hand for the event.

The station, whose call letters are WTMC, is unique for being the first "carrier current" radio station in the nation, besides being the first radio station built specifically for a public housing project.

WTMC, located at 640 on the radio dials of those who reside in the immediate community of the Bromley-Heath Housing Project area, operates through electricity rather than the regular air waves.

"Carrier current," a form of cable radio, eliminates the need for an outside antenna by transmitting the radio signal over the normal AC power cables in the area, permitting only the people using the same power cables to pick up the station's signal.

This new radio station, the brainchild of the Bromley-Heath Tenant Management Corp., (TMC), is located on the second floor of the Bromley-Heath Community Centr at 10 Lamartine st., Jamaica Plain.



At yesterday's ribbon-cutting ceremony many residents, city and Federal officials turned out to tour the station.

Thomas W. Weeks, of the TMC, said at a press conference: "This is a great day for Bromley-Heath. We are witnessing a new era in public housing for public housing tenants.

Norman Watson, assistant secretary for Housing Management of HUD, said the radio station has great potential.

"I will probably do all I can to steal the idea and plant it in other communities across the nation," Watson said.

The opening of WTMC was significant because it occurred 23 years to the day from the opening of the first black-owned radio station in Atlanta, Ga.

Weeks said that the station will provide air time for all community agencies servicing Bromley-Heath and will have a staff made up predominantly of Bromley-Heath community members.

Programs will be informative, as well as entertaining, Weeks said.

Nathan Peace Ship Stops for Drydock En Route to Mideast

Abie J. Nathan's floating radio station Peace logged the first dozen miles of a planned 5,100-mile voyage to the Eastern Mediterranean last week from West New York, N.J., to a New Brighton, S.I., shipyard, under tow.

The 180-foot former Dutch coastal freighter is to remain at the facilities of the Brewer Dry Dock Company for at least 10 days for such work as dry-docking, cleaning, painting and having her tailshaft drawn.

All this work, Mr. Nathan said last week, was in preparation for a one-way trip to a point in international waters between Haifa, Israel, and Port Said, Egypt, for a one-year stay at anchor.

"We plan to leave for our destination the first week in November," he said, adding that informational broadcasts, telling some 30 million Arabs and Israelis of the ship's presence, are scheduled to start on Dec. 15.

Regular broadcasts from the ship's 50,000-watt AM transmitter, he said, would start New Year's Eve. Schedules call for 12 hours of daily broadcasting.

"Right now," Mr. Nathan said, "we are in the process of recruiting a crew of about 20. We are asking them to sign up for one year. Most of them will be volunteers, but we are also looking for eight paid radio specialists to operate the 'Voice of Peace.'"

Programming in the beginning, he said, will consist primarily of Arab, Israeli and pop music, interspersed with regular news bulletins.

Mr. Nathan added that he hoped it might be possible to bring responsible representatives of the Arab and Israeli points of view on board by launch for face to face dialogues to support his efforts to bring about an Arab-Israeli rapprochement.

The radio station's signature tune, he said, would be "Give Peace a Chance."

DARRYL BELANGER - Box 495 - Swan River, Manitoba

Greetings to all DXers. Having just renewed for another year I thought that it was about time for a Muse. Also I guess a re-introduction is in order. I have a birthday coming up so I'll soon be 29. I'm also married and have three kids. I've been in this crazy hobby since 1963 on and off, mostly off, with only about 470 stations logged. Enough of that, now to re-cap since last time around. I did no Summer DX at all, but had an enjoyable vacation the beginning of August when the family & I went out to the WC. While travelling I tuned around & listened to many of the stations heard from Swan River. I was really surprised at the daytime coverage of CJGX, Yorkton Sask., and also the signals of CKCK and CFQC. While passing through Kamloops I stopped in to the station to pick up a verie for my reception of CJNL-1240, Merritt, B.C. earlier in the year. High-0 light of the trip was listening to all the coast stations from Cal. to Wash. I'd give anything for some of those to be heard in Swan River. Coming back, while in Medicine Hat, Alta. on 8/3 the family was treated to an impressive Auroral display that covered 3/4ths of the sky, radiating from overhead (The Big Storm). I just started DXing again with a few new ones heard. To DX: (Times EDT). MM 10/9 five new ones. 2:40am, f/c-TT KKRA-1490. 3 on 850, HJCK w/Oaracol mentioned. 3:01-3:30 TEST on WPHM-1380, poor. At 4 I caught a nice ZNSI ID through WPTT TT & KXEL OC. Then what is going to be my 1530 pest, KCHY w/rr & spots 5-5:15, good. MM 10/16, two more. WKLK-1230 f/c-TT 1:50-2, poor. Also, 2:30, I caught end of WCCR-1580 f/c-TT w/ID, good. I also noted KAKE-1240 and KGPC-1340 on r/cs but didn't take note of times as they were unkn. That's about it from here so I'll s/off. PS- Is there a Cuban on 550? I heard something that sounded //590-640 but I can't be sure. (Yes, Darryl - OMAN, Pinar del Rio -ERC)

GARY ATKINS - 2200 West Burnett Avenue - Louisville, Kentucky - 40210

Before listing my new DX catches, I might mention that local WHEL-570 across the Ohio in New Albany, Ind. was recently granted permission by the FCC to s/on 12 months a year @ 6am w/a PSA of 500w. Dan Phillips left Louisville recently for the Deep South. He will sure be missed here as he was a great help to me, being far more advanced in the hobby than myself. Heard since last Musing: 6/19- XECO-1380 3am. 6/28- WKIN-1320 w/6:30 s/on over the car radio. 7/29- KXOW -1420 s/off 9:30pm. 8/28- I heard an SS on 650 w/an EE announcement @ 1:58am which I failed to pull the ID out of. Colombia mentioned often so presumed to be HJJX. 9/4- WHVL-1600 w/6am s/on; and @ 7:05 a big surprise in KOWH-660 in the clear. 9/11- R. Belize-834 @ 1:06am prior to s/off, just after WHAS s/off. This one has eluded me for years. 10/2- Four stations in the clear that I can't understand why I never heard them before: KWVL-1330 @ 2:03 s/off, WBEF-950 @ 2:42; WKIS-740 @ 3:22 and WFIL-560 @ 4am. 10/7- WMSG-1050 in Oakland, Md. s/on @ 6:02. 10/9- WNFL-1440 s/off 1:05. 10/16- HJKH-770 R. Tequendama @ 2am, and at 2:06, Arabic chanting was heard near 764 w/an unbelievable signal and an equally loud het. Though not logged I presumed this to be Dakar, my first TA. 10/21- WFTN-1000 heard @ 7:20pm, first heard in 1963 on 1150. Recently heard, w/ET, ex-WHHT-1440 in Lucedale, Miss. with call sounding similar to WRBE. Anyone know the correct call? Log total now at 1,096. Here's looking forward to a great DX season. 73.

G. HARLEY DeLEURERE - Box 10 - Hendricks, West Virginia - 26271

Greetings from Hendricks! On 10/9 a small transistor RX (Sears 2265) I heard a most unusual station. It broadcasted on either 1200 or 1210k from Bethany, O. It was a special test broadcast in SS from the Voice of America. What is it all about? Oh yes, it s/off @ 10 a.m. In the 8/1/72 issue of DX NEWS on P. 32 I note the book "When Pirates Ruled the Waves" was reviewed. The price quoted was \$7.95. Let me say the same book can be purchased for considerably less. The casebound edition (SSN 901311 06 5) can be bought for \$11.80 (approx. \$4.50) & the paperback edition (SEN 901311 09 X) costs only 80 new pence (about \$2). If you're interested, you can write to Impulse Publications Ltd., 28 Guild St., Aberdeen, AB1 2NB, Scotland. Other publications available are "The Radio Nord Story" L3-25; "To Be a Pirate King" L2-00 & "On My Wavelength" L2-75. In addition a record "History of Offshore Radio" which contains recordings from 25 such stations can be had for L2-25. It costs a lot less to deal directlu. I might add too that there's a trade discount available. Well, I had better close for now.

JERRY BOND - 1624 Clinton Avenue North - Rochester, New York - 14621

Hi gang. After a very long absence from these pages, I decided it was about time I got on the ball and sent in a Musing. Although I haven't done any DX this Summer, I still have a little news to report. The biggest is that WOTT-1410 has finally gone fulltime after many years of fighting off WPOP's protests. They were originally planning to come on the air fulltime about two years ago but WPOP's protests and delays in getting all the necessary new equipment caused them this long delay. They went fulltime on 9/28 and are AN. I'm not sure if they are off MMs but they probably are. They're definitely on SM though. Walt Breville & I recently visited WOTT and they have probably one of the most modern facilities of any station in the country. Walt said KXYZ is the only station he has seen with a more modern setup. We inquired about their directional pattern (they have a four-tower array) but they didn't know exactly what it was. They said they probably have one lobe NW towards Kingston, Ont., and another small one towards Rochester. This is probably true as I can hear them here many nights mixing w/WING/WDOE & everybody else on 1410. I'll be interested to see how widely heard they are this Winter. In other news, I was very happy this Summer to have visits from Dan Myers, George Greene, Steve Thaffe, Rick Marr, Bill Alisaukas and Walt Breville. Much time was spent trading SCs and CMs & visiting stations and a fun time was had by all. I guess that's about all there is to report for this time. I will check in again when I have a little DX to report. 73.

JEFF FALCONER - Box 63 - Clinton, Ontario

Well, as this is my first Musing I'd better introduce myself. I am 19 years old and am employed in a factory here in Clinton. I have been DXing BCB since 1969 and before that, SW. I am mainly interested in domestics; however lately I've been trying some foreign DX. I have been inactive most of the Summer but now the DX season has arrived my interest has returned. Recent DX: 9/7- CKMP-1230 in w/WMP 6:22pm. 8/20- CFRS-1560 @ 6:40pm. This was my nearest un- heard. 9/11- WMB-1060 fair w/MoR, 3:30pm, new station. 9/11- WATZ-1450 w/WHLS @ 4:15pm, WPVL-1460 w/CJOY @ 4:40. 10/1- WMPX-1490 @ 1:35pm, weak u/CHYM. 10/3- At 10:50pm, YSS 655 fair. 11:31pm, PJ2-855 fair w/MoR. 10/9- At 5:57am, KDAY w/KLOU. WKOK-1070 u/CHOK @ 6:20pm. 10/11- SRS-725 @ 11:10 w/MoR. 10/15- WJCW- @ 7pm w/NX. 8:45pm, TTOS-825, weak. PJA6-925, R. Victoria, w/MoR @ 9pm, very good. At 9:25, 4VEC-1035 w/religious program. 10/16- WBEF-1290 weak @ 9:10pm. A probable ZIZ-555 @ 11pm s/off severely hetting w/WGR. 10/18- WHBL-1330 @ 7:07 pm w/NX. I had a visit the other day from NRCer Wayne Plunkett from Weston, Ont. (WHO??- ERC) By the way local CJOE-1290 has changed ownership and has changed calls to CJBK. I hope soon to hear some TAs. 73 & good DX. (Welcome to our throng, Jeff, and we'll be hoping for many more fine Musings! -ERC)

JIM POTERA - 949 Queens Drive - Yardley, Pennsylvania - 19067

Since I'm a new member of the NRC, I would imagine that an intro is in order. I'm 14, a Freshman in H.S., and have been DXing since 1970, May. I moved here from Long Island in July '71, and started new totals effective 8/1/71. At present, totals are 839/235, 39/35, 7/6, 30/11. Equipment consists of a Ham- arlund HQ-200 and an SM-1. I also have a 1928 Atwater Kent, seven tube, but it's ver rarely used, and a 1921 Halson which is inoperable. Best DX has probably been WLOK-1340 and Oran-548. Now to current happenings: Some veries in of late: v/g- WFBC-1330 WDIC-1430 WVOK-690 WEEL-590 WBRE-1340 ZIK-1100 WIBX-950 WCBG-1590 YVNY-840. w/1- WKOK-1070 WLAB-790 WIBX-950 WFTL-870 WIRD-920. Some late DX: Both 10/9 and 10/16 proved good TA openings, with clear audil on BBC-647 and Lile- 1376 on 10/9, and on Oran-548 Dakar-764 & BBC-1088 on 10/16. Both WPHM-1380 and KYMN-1080 DX TESTS made it here. WPHM was fair w/asserted QRM, while KYMN did fairly well beneath WPIC. Pattern Book is a great accomplishment, and has been of much use so far. Looks like a good season for DX TESTS with quite a few al- ready sked. 73s and good DX. (Welcome to you too, Jim, and we also hope to hear regularly from you in Musings! -ERC)

"DX NEWS" IS ON ITS WEEKLY SKED, AS YOU WELL KNOW BY NOW. LET'S SEE THOSE MUSING FOR THESE BIG ISSUES. STICK TO 30 LINES, AND TO DX TALK, AND PLEASE LEAVE NAMES OF VERIE SIGNERS OUT OF THE MUSINGS AND LIST THEM SEPERATELY. DOUBLE SPACE!

TIM KERFOOT - 34 Cross Street - Weston, Ontario

DX has been good, but most listening here has been at SSS. New catches: 9/21- WFRU-1600 7:50-8pm, with heavy interference from WAAM/WWRL, but I got a fair report. 9/27- WENY-1230, 7:15pm, in just long enough for an ID. 10/1- Surprise catch, CJLM-1350, 7:27-8pm, o/local CKLB. 10/6- WICK-1400, 6:57-7:01pm. This was probably heard before, but it was never counted in my log. Other items: 10/4- Another unID CBC FF on 1400, gave usual CBC NX @ 7pm, & at 7:07 gave ID as "Ici CKLS La Sarre", just after network ID. CKLS is on 1240, so I think this might have been CKHN as they are in the same area. (And on the same network too -ERC) 10/9- I heard unID TT on 1230 from 11:50pm to past midnight, kind of a weird time for an f/c. It topped the frequency at times. 10/16- I got everything but an ID on WS00-1230 from 6:55 to 7:10pm, but could not count. I forgot one new catch: WMLP-1380 on 10/10, 6:28-6:30pm, rough through CKPC. New veries: WFRU-1600 CJLM-1350 (with an interesting booklet about station) & WICK-1400. 73.

MATT EDWARDS - 23 Church Street - Rockaway, New Jersey - 07866

Countries heard since starting to DX all over again last year (after a seven-year hiatus) now total 31, with St. Pierre & Miquelon-1375 added 10/2 from 11:10pm to 1:02am, GMT. The last 90 minutes was taken up with a play in FF with guitar mx accompaniment. I've got a suggestion that might interest the North Jersey crowd - how about a CB net on MMs only, to compare catches, etc.? Last year I spoke to Page Taylor about perhaps getting a ham ticket for 2-meter FM, but the code is beyond me. Using CB means that there'd be no technical requirements for a license, and QRM at that hour would be minimal. Those who didn't have an XR could still monitor on a regular SW RX capable of tuning 27mhz, & could get clues as to what to listen for. How about it Only other new DX is Curacao w/R. Victoria heard 10/17 @ 11:15pm w/good signal on 925. I can barely get WPAT-930 and WWDJ-970 here. 73s. (Lucky Pierre! -ERC)

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After making it up to Joe Fela's semi-get-together on 10/22, a bit of an MM DX session went on 10/23 but too tired after the drive to stay at it all MM. However, here's what's what: (All times EDT). WCVR-1320 noted on ET w/mx/TT/OC on top of WJAS/WVOJ 12:05-12:22am, but still noted going past 12:45am w/mx & TT, good signal and reported. Also same MM, WPUB-1580 noted running what sounded like a PoP, 1:03-1:26am. They gave two IDs at end of test and went to sleep. Bad news department: WCAM-1310 is back to AN on MM, with gospel mx and all. CHR-1480 sounds like the FF on top here most of the time I stayed up, noted @ 1:10, past the 12:30 s/off. Also, WAAY-1550 & KKJO-1550 both noted u/CBE at their MM s/off. WILM was also on that morning so 1440/1450/1460 were gone. UnID TTs on 1360, and a no-ID OC on 1530 after WKCY s/off. Lotta Mexicans, too. WABC WCBS WLS all noted off. A question for all: Why the lack of support toward the Club? It's sort of a disappointment to get a small bulletin, especially when CX are good. Musings are skimpy, DXDD doesn't have much, IDX is down, our CPC isn't doing anything (even though I'm trying at it, too). etc. It's a shame to see the size of a Club like the NRC have so little support toward the Musings. Maybe the members should have a right to complain about why their support toward the Club is down. It's just a thought that crossed my mind, that's all. Again, thanks to Joe Fela for putting up with us for the day on 10/22. It was good to see ERC again. That's it for now so 73s and best of DX. Support the NRC. (My sentiments exactly, Dave! But this week we got BETTER THAN 3% SUPPORT, whereas last week, it was only around 2%. We have NINETEEN Musings this issue! -ERC)

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1060 W B M B ??? 1440 C F G O Ex-CKPM (AN-rr)
1310 K E I M Ex-KKGF W R B E (?) Ex-WHLL

"AN" SITUATION

ON- 1310 W C A M Inc. MM - NN OFF- 1070 C H O K
PLEASE DOUBLE SPACE YOUR MUSINGS AND YOUR VERIE-SIGNER LISTS. PLEASE USE E.S.T. ONLY IN YOUR MUSINGS, A.M. & P.M. DO NOT INCLUDE NAMES OF VERIE SIGNERS IN A MUSING. PLEASE STICK TO DX-RELATED TOPICS, AND PLEASE HOLD TO 30 LINES! -ERC

VERIE SIGNERS

Table listing Verie Signers with columns for call letters, names, and frequency. Includes entries like A - W. Lemak, E - A. Merriman, 590 W PFL O J. Merkison, etc.

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