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CPC TESTS

- Monday, Dec. 5 KLUC-1140 Las Vegas. 0300-0900, 10 Kw non-directional. Veries to: Dave Anthony, Program Director, KLUC, Box 14805, Las Vegas, Nevada 89114. Arr: Ron Musco.
- Monday, Dec. 5 (or Monday, Dec. 12) WMTR-1250 Morristown, N.J. 0000-0300 (may possibly also run later) 5000w. Will use tones, non-directional. Return postage is a MUST. Veries to: CE, WMTR, Box 1250, Morristown, N.J. 07960. Arr: Dave Williams.
- Monday, Dec. 19 KTIL-1590 Tillamook, Ore. 0400-0500 with 5000w. Tones, IDs, mentions of GWDXA. Will operate non-directional 0400-0500, directional 0430-0500. Prepaid calls to: (503) 842-4422. Veries to: Jeff Lindorff, ACE, KTIL Radio 1590, Box 112, Tillamook, Ore. 97141. Arr: Pete Nolan, GWDXA.
- Monday, Dec. 19 KVNU-610 Logan, Utah 0300-0400, 5000w. non-directional. Tones, voice and code IDs, music to be included. Veries to: Bill Traue, KVNU, P.O. Box 267, Logan, Utah 84321. Prepaid calls to: (801) 752-5141 or 753-1977. Arr: R. Musco.
- Monday, Dec. 19 CKSW-570 Swift Current, Sask. 0300-???? with 10 Kw. Program: many announcements, some code IDs. Veries to: Mike Klippenstein, CE, CKSW Radio, Box 570, Swift Current, Sask., Canada. Return postage required! Program will be dedicated to NNRC. Notification to IRCA DX Monitor by Ken L.A. Burgess (and thanks IRCA for the info!)
- Monday, Dec. 26 WORX-1270 Madison, Ind. 0200-0230, 1000w. directional (NE-SW). Details still to follow but we're working on them! Arr: Ted Fleischaker.
- Monday, Dec. 26 WJOB-1230 Hammond, Ind. 0115-0200 with 1000w. Test is special arranged by John Zondlo and will include special programing including test tones, etc. Veries to: Gordon Boss, CE, WJOB Radio, 6405 Olcott Avenue, Hammond, Ind. 46323. Prepaid calls to: (219) 844-1230. Arr: John Zondlo, IRCA.

Also, please note that KGRN-1410 continues to test on Saturday mornings from 0630-0700 from Grinnell, Iowa. Next tests from them on 12/10 and 12/17.

Ron Musco tells us WYKR Vermont proof of performance was on though he didn't hear it. He also tells us KVNU's first test was on, so listen for the next one (see above) if you missed it. In addition, anybody hearing a tone on 1430 on Saturday morning, 11/26 be advised it was a proof from WLCE, Hodgenville, Ky. They will likely test for NRC this season, per Dave Burns, consulting engineer.

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STATIC FROM HQ

OK folks out there, we loused up. Our friendly make-up man (he's a member of the publishing committee, but we won't say who!) goofed and we had the convention ballot last week on the back of Musings, rather than on the back of a filler like he intended. We slapped his poor, little wrist and made him promise to do better, and for those who don't want to rip out the ballot from their last issue, we're rerunning it this time. We will also accept Xerox copies or post cards for votes, but be advised each voter must sign his or her ballot because just one vote per member (what do you think this is, Chicago?)

Also, since wrongs seem to be "in" just now, apologies from your editor to the Bay Area Radio Freaks (BARFs) for not getting their get together announcement in the DX News. We got it, and managed to leave it at home and thus it never made the pub session--see Rich, I told you I'd admit it was my fault!

Speaking of faults, the postal folks really won't officially admit anything, but for those who didn't get their Oct. 24 DX News until a few days ago, we came to find out the postal folks handled them as third class and not first class mail. That meant it took several weeks to get them delivered and even took five days to make it in Louisville!

Final calls...there are still several outstanding tests from last season which did not verify--those who arranged the KBCQ-New Mexico test and the WSDL-Louisiana test, please see why they did not verify...there are a lot of people needing those veries! Starting on the same foot this season, WAEN Honesdale, Penna. has not verified yet. The arranger, please see what you can do!!

We have had calls from several folks saying they are arranging tests and asking stations to test for NRC. Since most of us will have a few days off in the coming weeks please try to take time to write a station or two about a test--if every member wrote just one letter and just 10 per cent of the stations contacted tested, we'd have over 70 tests!!

Jar

DOMESTIC DX DIGEST

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No, Eric did not have too much turkey for Thanksgiving...but he did come down with a bad case of the flu and was unable to get his column together for this week. Hope you are feeling better Eric.

Welcome...older members please call
new members in your area.

THEY JOINED

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INTERNATIONAL DX DIGEST

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Times are GMT. For ELT subtract 5 hours. Deadlines are usually Monday.

Greetings. Conditions continue miserable for TA's and just average for LA's. Just one year past the sunspot minimum and I'm already thinking about the long wait until the bottom of cycle 21.

PFM's from Ron Schatz

Rumbos, CR	527.308	Portugal	1034.002
Algeria	529.043	Morocco	1044.002
Algeria	548.048	Os. Canajagua, Pan	1045.059
Morocco	612.000	Aeropuerto, Hond	1084.877
Cucu, CR	625.185	???? (not Guat)	1135.043
Sonora, CR	674.862	Haiti	1145.984
?????	679.194	YSCF	1155.191
Mao, DR	698.908	Artemisa, Cuba	1158.417
Surinam	724.976	Paraiso, Hond	1163.057
Colombia, CR	725.096	Casino, CR	1175.833
Melodia, Ec	735.104	Nueva Victoria, CR	1224.407
Senegal	764.060	El Mundo, Ec.	1223.856
LV de Barranquilla	760.531	Morocco	1231.998
Yoro, Honduras	805.215	????	1254.920
Titania, CR	824.985	Plata, Nic	1294.977
Peninsula, Panama	835.036	Constelacion, Hond	1345.384
Monumental, CR	874.803	Danli, Hond	1365.138
4VRMN, Haiti	894.993	Guinea	1402.999
HRYW, Honduras	941.046	Marian, DR	1413.729
Progreso, Cuba	953.004	???? (unstable)	1420.777
Carillon, Haiti	955.525	Colombia, CR	1524.480
Cacique, Haiti	984.785	Neyba, DR	1526.292
Ecuador	974.994	Femina, CR	1595.940
R. Centroamericana	975.301		
Colossal, Col.	1004.963		

From the WRTH Newsletter: Colombia- new stns are R. Pontificia Boliviarana in Medellin, calls are HJDI, on 1100 w/9 kw; R. Sensacion HJPK Medellin on 1430 w/1 kw. Venezuela: (reference these to your WRTH, the Newsletter has only this information and I'm at work and can't do the looking up myself-CH) 78) 1000-0400, 137) 5 kw 1100-0500, 127) now on 1460 ex 1380, 146) now 24 hrs. New Caledonia: the latest sked for R. Noumea is 1900-1100 on 670 khz. Costa Rica: delete stn #20, tx sold to Venezuela. El Salvador: New stns- R. Senorial 540 10 kw, R. La Ranchera 980 1 kw in Santa Ana, Estacion H Santa Ana on 1000 with 1 kw, R. Oriente San Miguel on 1080 with 5 kw, R. Moderna Santa Ana on 1130 with 1 kw. Guatemala: 730 now sked 1100-0730. Nicaragua: delete stns 24, 40, 25, 1, and 42. Add R. ABC Managua with 10 kw on 640, R. Noticias 840 in Managua with 5 kw, R. Centro in Leon on 1110 with 2 kw, R. Ondas del Chontalenas in Juigalpa on 1210 with 3 kw, and R. Ondas Segovianas in Esteli, 1250 with 3 kw. Bolivia: R. Illimani is on 1020/4945/6025/0555 with 10 kw 24 hrs.

Time to get on with it; I usually type it up on Wednesday but this week a conference prevented that. So here I sit on Thanksgiving day at work with a couple hour's worth of typing to do. Turkey Day all right . . .

- 529 ALGERIA Ain Beida in w/good carrier but poor audio on AA pgm 2257 11/10. Good w/female vocal 0020 11/11, also good at 0602 w/AA talk. (Connelly)
- 530 UNID TP mixing w/JOQK 1240 11/10, had YL anncr in what sounded like KK. (Tomer)
- 540 JAPAN JOQK Morioka weak w/OM in JJ 1033 11/14. (Tomer)
- JAPAN NHK1 synchros in weak 1055 11/14 w/OM, // 530. (Tomer)
- AUSTRALIA Longreach 4QL most likely source of YL singing 1035 then jazz at 1055, 6 pips at 1100 11/14. Weak signal. (Tomer)
- UNID weak TP carrier 1312 11/14, usually present on good TP openings. (Tomer)
- DOMINICA Roseau R. Jumbo weak but readable w/American pop mx,

(545, continued) FF anncts 2335 11/14. (Ponder) heard at 0150 11/15, good sig, heard harp and drum mx then OM, followed by s/off at 0200. (George) woman w/mellow rock in FF and EE till 2400, then man and woman w/Caribbean and/or reggae mx, sig good to excellent 11/12. (Conti)

548 ALGERIA Oran fair in slop w/bass viol plucking then moaning AA vocal 0111 11/19. Fair-good w/AA talk // 529 2257 11/10. AA talk o/fast SAH 0603 11/11. (Connelly)

570 UNID heard u/WFAA; could this be Rumbos? 0425 11/14. (Ponder) Rumbos or Cuba most likely-CH

600 CUBA San German, ID heard was "R. Rebelde Internacional" at @ 2600 (???-CH), sig fair to good 11/11. (Ponder)

612 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun good w/AA vocals 0104 11/9. Good w/AA flute mx 2259 11/10. Excellent w/a-cappella female vocal, then talk by man 0016; AA vocal mx vy good 0606 11/11. (Connelly)

615 CHINA Heijongjiang listed, weak w/YL in CC 1310 11/14. (Tomer)

625 NORTH KOREA weak w/KK talk 1307 11/14; just a carrier 1412 11/17. (Tomer)

635 NORTH KOREA Chongjin w/traces of KK talk 1438 11/18. (Tomer)

638 SPAIN La Coruna poor in QRN w/SS talk 0103 11/9. Poor in slop 2301 11/10. (Connelly)

647 ENGLAND Daventry poor to fair w/woman in EE 2302 11/10. Apparent nx report in WSM slop 0608 11/11. (Connelly)

655 EL SALVADOR San Salvador YSS w/"En el campo, en el ciudad, Radio Nacional de El Salvador" ID at 0355 11/15. (Ponder)

660 ALASKA Fairbanks KFAR xclnt sig, rock mx 1225 11/10. (Tomer) JAPAN Nagasaki/Obihiro, JOAG/JOOG weak w/JJ talk 1045 11/14. CHINA location unk, weak w/YL singing 1045 11/14. (Tomer, both)

665 PORTUGAL Lisboa fair w/PP talk 0102 11/9. (Connelly)

675 COSTA RICA San Jose TIJC R. Sonora w/ "Sonora-musica de buen gusto" ID at 0346 11/15. (Ponder)

680 ALASKA KBRW Barrow 10/25 at 0550 w/native chanting with a big drum followed by r&r 0553 in EE. (Vernon)

700 JAPAN Hiroshima/Kitami JOFB/JOKD good sig 1400 11/16 w/ID, then began SS lessons. (Tomer) CHINA/ALASKA/JAPAN all 3 mixing 1500 11/18; the Chinese was on top w/5&1 pips, KBYR Anchorage w/CBS nx, and the usually dominant JJ way underneath. (Tomer)

701 UNID carrier definitely on 701 (not 702) 0611 11/11. (Connelly)

714v SOUTH KOREA Seoul HlKA strong w/KK narrative 1318 11/14. (Tomer)

719 PORTUGAL Norte loud w/PP folk song resembling c&w mx 2306 11/10. Good w/operatic style PP vocal 0612 11/11. (Connelly)

725 NORTH KOREA Kimchaek weak w/YL talk 1015 11/14. (Tomer)

735 NORTH KOREA Pyongyang xclnt w/mens choir 1320 11/14; // 655. (Tomer)

737 SPAIN Barcelona fair w/Musak 0059 10/9. Good w/SS talk 2308 11/10. (Connelly)

740 SOUTH KOREA Daegu HlKG fair w/KK talk // 880; fair sig 0950-1000 11/14. (Tomer) CHINA Changchun most likely, in fair 0950-1000 w/singing, YL talking, 5&1 pips at 1000. (Tomer)

746 UPPER VOLTA/HOLLAND these 2 battling it out w/a 1.8 kz SAH resulting; Upper Volta atop w/chanting 2309 11/10. (Connelly)

750 AUSTRALIA Toowoombah 4QS heard w/cl mx 1325-1335 11/14, // to 840. (Tomer) NICARAGUA Managua YNX w/"Equis" ID's, variety pgm 0450 11/14. (Ponder)

755 COSTA RICA R. America Latina San Jose w/a pgm of tangos, ID at 0335, vy weak and noisy. "Faltan 25 para las nueve" and Carlos Gardel sings "Adios Muchachos" 11/14. (Objio) This stn drifting badly in the last year between 750 and 760-CH

755 PORTUGAL Lisboa fair level w/mushy audio; talk (probably PP) in at 0058 11/9. Opera in at potent level, totally free of any "slop" 2310 11/10. (Connelly)

760 MEXICO XEABC heard "R. Internacional Mexico" ID 11/14. (George)

764 SENEGAL Dakar loud on car rx in Belmont; AA talk, AA mx, then FF talk 2150 11/7. Exclnt w/talk and kalimba mx in background 2150 11/8. Like a local w/AA chanting and talk interspersed 2311 11/10. Bombing in w/a-cappella solo male AA chant 0615 11/11. (Connelly)

770 JAPAN Akita JOUB good w/EE nx 1007 11/14. (Tomer) 1249 11/6 w/OM in JJ. (Vernon)

773 SPAIN Caceres/San Sebastian good w/light jazz 0056 11/9. Demolishing WABC on car rx; SS talk heard at 2140 11/10. Man in AA (AA on RTE???-CH) fair thru WABC splash 0616 11/11. Het on WABC

(773, continued) noted an hour before local sunset on car rx in Rockport at 2030 11/11. (Connelly)

780 CUBA CMJN Camaguey 11/14 at 0954 in WBBM null while searching for KNOM. KCRL was off as they have been for the past few MM's. Lots of KOB slop. Heard several "R. Rebelde" ID's. First time this one has been heard here. (Lobel) CHINA Shijizhuang listed, mixing w/ the Japanese NHK1 synchron 1330 11/14; neither one dominant. (Tomer)

782 USSR Spaask Dalniy w/good sig 1010 11/14; OM and YL in RR. (Tomer) PORTUGAL Miramar good w/PP style slow operatic male vocal 0114 11/9. Good w/PP talk 2315 11/10. (Connelly)

785 NORTH KOREA, loc unk, weak w/YL, singing etc. 1010 11/14. (Tomer)

790 COLOMBIA R. Junin Medellin, ID at 0301, then pop mx in Todelar net 11/7. (Objio)

815 MOROCCO Rabat fair w/AA chant o/TVI birdy 0116 11/9. Fair w/AA groaning 2355 11/10. Ultraloud w/AA talk, then guitars, violins, and male AA vocals. (Connelly)

820 NORTH KOREA Najin in good 1425 11/16 w/YL; // 2850 SW. (Tomer)

827 MOROCCO/LIBYA Morocco w/AA mx // 818 o/u Libya w/AA talk, both loud 2357 11/10. Morocco noted alone // 818, good. 0619 11/11. (Connelly)

830 JAPAN Osaka, JOBB good w/EE lessons 0945 11/14. (Tomer)

835 CHINA Nanchang good w/CC talk 1434 11/18. (Tomer)

836 UNID bouncy uptempo vocal, then rooster crowing and good morning greeting from "Good Morning" by the Beatles, then SS carnival style mx o/faint SAH. Canary Islands suspected 0624 11/11. (Connelly)

840 AUSTRALIA 4RK Rockhampton 11/6 1120, OM interviewing another regarding art galleries in London, // 910. (Vernon) USSR Spassk Dalniy listed, 11/6 at 1259 Mayak IS noted u/ much QRM, many tones at 1300, created a weird echo effect. (Vernon) fading in at 0630 (!) 11/18 w/Midnight in Moscow IS; earliest time ever heard this one. Quiet mx till 0700. (Tomer)

844 GILBERT ISLANDS Tarawa VSZ1 strong 0908 11/14 w/native mx.

850 NORTH KOREA loc unk, punching thru KTAC 1431 11/16; KK talk.

866 NORTH KOREA probable source of good carrier 1420 11/16; possibly could be China. (Tomer, last three)

880 CUBA Pinar del Rio CMAF w/"Radio Progreso" ID at 0330 11/15. (Ponder)

890 COLOMBIA Bogota HJCE, 10/31 at 1027, many "LV de Bogota" ID's. Heard per tip from Jim Young who phoned a few moments before. (Lobel) JAPAN Sendai JOHK strong at 0850 11/14 w/2 OM's. (Tomer)

891 FIJI Lautoka R. Fiji in strong at 0853-0905 11/14 w/play in unfamiliar lang; Hindustani sked for this time. (Tomer)

910 AUSTRALIA 4QB/4QO Maryborough/Eidsvold better sig than 840 // at 1120 11/6. (Vernon)

953 UNID AA sounding mx at weak level, big carrier. Loop says North Africa-who is it? At 0630 11/11. (Connelly) No North Africans listed in WRTH or reported in the foreign bulletins-CH

965 PANAMA Ondas Populares HOF, ID at 0312 in the middle of a dancing party, some ads, but mostly a very gay speaker talking to everybody. Very good 11/7. (Objio)

969 SOUTH KOREA Gimje HLSR w/strong carrier, some KK talk 1428 11/18. (Tomer)

970 ALASKA AFRS King Salmon 11/8 at 1116, OM w/ID "Northern AFRN", then r&r briefly o/KIAK. (Vernon)

990 HAWAII KHVH Honolulu 11/6 at 1127 w/ID as "Newsradio 99", nx, then CBS net nx at 1130. (Vernon)

1005 COLOMBIA R. Colossal, Neiva heard w/pop mx, just ID at 0429 on 11/7 and new record. (Objio)

1010 AUSTRALIA 4IP Ipswich 11/6 1133+ tete-talk w/male discussing human sexuality, also occasional rock record. (Vernon) JAPAN Osaka JONR assumed the source of JJ DJ playing US pops 1145-1155 11/14; super signal at peaks; some XEHL QRM. (Tomer)

1015 EL SALVADOR San Salvador YSC w/"R. Interbacional" ID at 0105 11/15. (Ponder)

1016 WEST GERMANY Mainz dominant w/mushy vocal; no trace of the Turk 2230 11/10. (Connelly)

1020 CUBA San Cristobal CMAC w/variety pgm and R. Guama ID 0030 11/14. (Ponder)

1034 PORTUGAL Porto Alto probably the stn here w/march (anthem?) at s/on, surfacing thru WEX slop 0569 11/11. (Connelly)

1030 CHINA (out of order-CH), loc unk, weak w/emphatic CC talk by YL 1145 11/14. (Tomer)

1032 UNID (you guess it-out of order-CH) strong carrier, some weak

(1032, continued) CC sounding talk 1435-1500, fade at ID time, then quiet mx until 1515. Not China 1030 off freq as they were in at the same time; could not find //'.s. (Tomer)

1040 CHINA R. Peking 11/6 1140+, very strong w/inevitable YL anncr; read somewhere that "important anncts" are always read by males, guess that nothing important happens there! (Vernon)

1043 EAST GERMANY Burg easily seperable from equal strength Morocco 1044; Burg had Acker Bilk style muzak-jazz 2220 11/10. (Con)

1044 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun good w/rock instrumentals but heavy het from the German on 1043 2220 11/10. (Connelly)

1060 COLOMBIA Transmisora Caldas, Manizales, with pop mx on Sunday night at 0319 on 11/7. (Objio)

1070 COLOMBIAR. Santa Fe, Bogota, heard thru Emisora Atlantico with pop mx following record of "Alborada Guajira" at 0320 11/7.

1080 VENEZUELA R. Universal, Maracay, at 0324 11/7. ads for "Cerveceria El Oso" then the usual pop mx. (Objio, last 2)

1089 COLOMBIA a CARACOL stn off freq w/pgm "Carta de Colombia", only ID was "Caracol", quite prob "La Voz de Cucuta" from 1090 at 0347 11/14. (Objio)

1090 MEXICO XEPRS Rosalito, B.C. 11/5 at 0757 w/"Foundation of Human Understanding" to 0800, then rel "New Hope Broadcast", way o/ KING, real blockbuster here nighttime. (Vernon)

1092 COLOMBIA La Voz de Monteria, long pop mx pgm anncing "Ron Viejo de Caldas" at 0358 11/14. (Objio) Freq 1091.2-CH

1130 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIRL R. Exitos assumed the source of 2 TC's mentioning "Republica Dominicana" 2334 11/22. (Hutton)

JAPAN Tokyo JOQR possibly the source of JJ talk punching thru CKWX 1223 11/14. (Tomer)

1180 JAPAN Osaka JOOR on new freq, must be the stn heard 1120 until KOFI s/on 11/14 w/extremely strong sig during peaks; had YL and OM DJ's chattering in JJ, playing US pops. No ID or pip heard on the hr but format exactly like that of JOOR when they were on 1210. (Tomer)

1200 COLOMBIA HJNF R. Super, Cali noted on 1200.4 with good sigs of recent. (Hutton)

1210 CHINA Yanji strong 0927 11/14 w/OM in what seemed KK. (Tomer)

1212 CUBA R. Moron CMJX super strong but second-to-second stability is so poor that it is impossible to place the carrier anywhere near the edge of a mechanical filter passband. (Hutton)

1214 GREAT BRITAIN BBC noted w/man and woman in EE o/Albanian SAH poor/fair, dogged by horendous WCAU slop 0551 11/11. (Connelly)

1215 UNID weak carrier 1432 11/17 and 1440 11/18; possibly the Indonesian. (Tomer)

1250 USSR Vladivostok FS tentatively the source of CC hrd u/KYAC null 1140 11/14. Did not sound like programming originating from China. (Tomer) Vladivostok FS 11/6 at 1245 w/piano mx, then into CC pgm w/YL anncr. Strongest sig across the dial. (Vernon) How odd it must be to be DX'ing from way up north and hearing this strongest on the dial-CH

1280 VENEZUELA R. Impacto Caracas, s/off at 0408 w/"Alma Llanera" and then NA 11/14. (Objio)

1286 CZECHOSLOVAKIA Prague to fair peaks w/cl mx 2243 11/10. (Con)

1375 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON good w/Tom Rush style folk vocal in FF 0134 11/9. (Connelly)

1376 FRANCE Lille loud, obliterating 1375; man and woman in FF 2244 11/10. (Connelly)

USSR Vladivostok (tentative) 11/6 at 1210, YL singing, noted again at 1232 w/OM, barely audible lang unid. (Vernon)

1394 ALBANIA Lushnje fair in slop w/tak by woman 2245 11/10. (Con)

1395 ECUADOR La Voz de Esmeraldas w/long and deep fades with local kind of music heard first time at 0400, then back at 0420 on 11/14. The speaker announced to leave the air at 0422, then Ecuadorian NA. (Objio) Nice!-CH

1403 GUINEA heard very good 0211-0218 on 11/14 with a man speaking in FF about revolution with African accent, different from Haitian FF. No ID heard but who else could this be? (Objio)

1425 GREENLAND Thule AFRS 10/30 1058+, a Philadelphia bi-centennial choir to 1100, ID "Radio 1425, part of the world-wide American Forces Radio Service" then into CBS nx following 7AM TC. Very strong, surprisingly heard quite regularly here. (Vernon)

1439 LUXEMBOURG Marnach in loud w/het, fragmentary audio, but too much WNCR/CFGO for good copy 0540 11/11. (Connelly)

1456 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC R. San Cristobal with pop mx at 0202 on 11/14, ID as "Radio Cadena Bello"; this means that Manuel E. Bello the owner of R. Bani has hired R. San Cristobal and R. Bonao 1290 in order to form a network with the three of them. R.

(1456, continued) Bonao was dropped and right now there are only two in "Radio Cadena Bello". (Objio) Wow, a "network" of 2 stns. NBC and CBS, watch out.-CH

1465 ECUADOR R. Iris, Esmeraldas with program "Voces y Guitarras en la Noche" in which persons from the town sang, some ads, ID at 0304. Very good. (Objio)

HAITI unusually good this evening with the long and monotonous rhythm of Haitian merengue, could not hear any ID when the speaker was heard, but quite probably La Voix du Nord, Cap Haitien at 0400 11/7. (Objio)

1466 MONACO Monte Carlo xint w/EE sermon 2251 11/10. (Connelly)

1475 AUSTRIA Wien poor w/soft orchestral mx, o/others 2253 11/10. (Connelly)

HAITI La Voiz du Peuple, Port-Au-Prince with Haitian merengue heard at 0225, a man speaks, ID at 0232 and then continues the same kind of mx and pgm "Musique d'Haiti" 11/14. (Objio)

1480 COLOMBIA R. Olimpica, Barranquilla, ID at 0148 on 11/14 w/pop mx, a move from 1340. (Objio)

1483 COLOMBIA R. Futurama, giving time as "9-45 minutos" at 0243 on 11/14. ID again at 0250 at this time, did not hear location, s/off at 0258 with Colombian NA. (Objio) Attention, Cooper

1570 SOUTH KOREA Jeju Island, HLDA hrd w/OM in KK 1248 11/14. (Tomer)

1586 WEST GERMANY Langenburg poor to fair w/Muzak, heavy slop from compressed, distorted SS mx and pgm from WUNR 1600 at 2254 11/10. (Connelly)

IDXD made a good comeback this week. God save my poor typewriter if this keeps up.

Mark Connelly-Arlington, Mass	R390A, TRF, SM2
Bruce Conti-Glen Cove, N.Y.	SW717, SM2
Charles George-Dallas, Texas	SSR1, SM2
Chuck Hutton-Decatur, Ga.	R390A, 1500' phased Beverage
Al Lobel-San Diego, Ca.	DX160, Sanserino
Cesar Objio-Santo Domingo, Dom. Rep.	HE30, 4' loop
Steve Ponder-Fort Worth, Texas	TRF, GC1A, Wedge
Randy Tomer-McKinleyville, Ca.	HQ180A, FRG7, Sanserino loop
Brian Vernon-Elsa, Yukon Terr.	DX160, what ur ant-Alaskan pipe-line??

Mike Hardester passes along word that on Nov. 23, FEN Okinawa will change to 648 from 650. FEN Tokyo will remain on 810 for now. This culled from Pacific Stars and Stripes.

Dat's it, turn those radios on and let's see some more names in IDXD next time.

DOMESTIC DX ACHIEVEMENTS

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After a somewhat longer delay than I had expected, Domestic DX Achievements has returned. I had hoped to have this column in DX NEWS in issue number six, but a move which did not change my address put a crimp into those plans. There should be no more delays (I hope) so DDXA should remain on schedule.

Below is the schedule for DDXA through summer.

COLUMN NUMBER	DEADLINE	LISTING
35	12/15/77	Verifications
36	2/ 1/78	Heard
37	3/15/78	Taped
38	5/ 1/78	Verifications
39	6/15/78	All Location Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame column will be a listing of all members who have ever appeared in DDXA since November of 1970 (the inception of the column then called Domestic DX Supremacy Ratings).

OK, here's the listing, if a * appears beside your name,
I need an update from you.

Our totals this time are by tapes.

DOMESTIC DX ACHIEVEMENTS (# 34)

YR	NAME & GENERAL AREA	TDH	TDI	ST	PF
63	*BOYD, Wes-near Cleveland	1,476	1,064	48	10
67	*BOWKER, John-nr. Chicago	1,415	1,009	43	3
64	*DUNNING, Dave-nr. NYC	1,510	964	44	9
70	*FORTH, Karl-Chicago	1,624	891	48	8
75	*McCOURT, Dave-NC PA	851	846	41	7
73	MURPHY, Wayne-Louisville	1,372	704	45*	6
??	EDMUNDS, Russ-NYC (NJ)	1,426	676	41	8
68	PIMPER, Dennis-nr. SLC	1,341	621	40	5
70	BUEHLER, Lou-nr. St. L.	589	478	38*	5
73	AYERS, Jim-Jackson, MS	517	432	32	1
70	HAYES, Harry-NE PA	893	243	35*	4
74	WALKER, Bob-nr. Louisville	480	215	31	4
30	WHEELER, Frank-NW PA	2,678	208	34	3
69	HOGAN, Michael-NW IN	576	205	28	4
73	HANAVAN, Brett-nr. S. Diego	623	172	26	4
73	MOUNT, Paul-NYC (NJ)	384	140	24*	4
74	WATERMAN, Sharon-W MA	674	104	27*	4
62	ATKINS, Gary-Louisville	1,331	100	36	1
75	*LEWIS, M.E.-near Indy	172	64	19	3
62	MUSCO, Ron-Hartford, CT	1,067	56	25	3
60	RUGG, Andy-Montreal	1,115	38	8	3
69	*HARDY, Nancy-NW WA	484	32	15	3
66	SIEGEL, Gary-Toledo, OH	2,140	25	12	4
74	*KITTE, Jeff-near KC	468	3	3	0
67	SHEEL, Michael-E IA	818	2	2	0

A "*" means that DX'er has the District of Columbia
in that particular area.

PLUS: THOSE WHO DO NOT COLLECT TAPES:

ALLEN (3,006); ARRUDA (1,111); *BUJAK (253); EDDIE (1,232);
*FALCONER (1,191); FRANCIS (1,814); *FLEISCHAKER (567); HATH-
AWAY (666); KAY (305); KWIATKOWSKI (1,429); PISTEK (1,316);
STRAUS (1,110); and *TROCHIMCZYK (528).

My apologies to Ted Fleischaker for again losing his phone
in update. Sorry!

By the way, you can phone in updates to me at (502) 222-1900,
no collect calls please, between the hours of 5PM-10PM, ELT (Mon-
day thru Thursday) and 10AM-1PM (Saturday and Sunday).

Till the December 15th deadline.....73s.

No apologies needed, Bob--my current total is 676--remember that, hi!

--Ted.

MUSINGS

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and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers or NRC.

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DX so far in November, all times are AM except where indicated: 11/8- WEYY-1580
on ET w/c/w testing 2.5kw KR 2:55 to 4:15 s/off, good signal, with ID at end. The new CKLQ-
1570 in Brandon noted by Frank Dailey and myself after 3:30 u/CKLM OC with no sign of CROR/
CHLO for the highlight of this weekday morning. 11/9- WTRQ-1560 N.C. on ET w/ID @ 2, u/WQXR
OC, but nothing else heard. Sat. 11/12- WCVR-1320 Vt. on for PoP with solid signal 12:25 to
2:15+ asking for phone calls and letters. Late Sunday PM 4:40 to 4:45 brought WHLW/WBRW-1170
fighting it out at s/off, this on 11/13. MM 11/14 was very disappointing: CKLM-1570 off a-
gain and unID testers noted on 1230 & 1260 from 1:30 to 2:30. Nobody IDs any more. WCAZ-
990 heard in passing @ 1:20 w/TT. I tried for KVVU-TEST and heard tones in steps w/WIP. I
got all excited and called KVVU, but the tones were not theirs, but another station running an
ET at the same time. I thanked the engineer for running the TEST however, and he did mention
receiving a call from Indiana noting some TT also. Maybe next month. One verie only, a v/q
from WARE-1250. 73.

ALAN IMPRESCIA - 201 East 17 Street - New York, New York - 10003 212-777-3678

Well, now that the DX season is in full swing, I thought I'd get myself off
my duff and get a Muse in. CX here have drastically changed from ridiculous to sublime, with
additions of 13 new stations in a little over a month. 10/12, WAWN TEST heard L&C with very
little QRM from WAKR. Going back to 9/5 for a second, new call CFYN-1050 heard @ 2:48am w/EZL
in WHN's absence. Back to October, WUPE, WMLB, WZZD all logged for call changes. Also us-
ing new calls are: WKIE, ex-WRVA and WFTQ, ex-WNCR-1440. To some real DX: 10/12- CKLD-1330
over all @ 1am w/EE rr & FF announcements. 10/30, one of the weirdest loggings I have ever
made - WOKI-1550 with SUPER signal @ 2:20am. I thought at first it was just "another unIDing
tester" with continuous rr selections, but something made me stick with it. And sure enough,
an ID came through @ 2:30 "WOKI-FM". So I phoned, and they told me the AM was NOT on! So
after thinking I was losing some of my marbles, I took a 50 minute report on them, & phoned
the CE the next day. He told me the AM WAS on, but wasn't supposed to be - the meters on the
XR went beserk, and so the mix-up. Anyway, a pleasant surprise. 10/31- Super signal from
WBZQ-1550 w/ET @ 1:06am & on. Finally a re-log on WWVD-1240 @ 2:10 w/rr. 11/7, WHLN-1410
in o/WPOP w/emergency broadcast for flooding. 11/8, WCRE-1420 @ 5:10pm with auction-type
selling over the air type program. They just about made it through WBSM. Also on 11/8,
WCIR-1070 w/rr & ads into s/off, 5:36-5:45pm. He was all alone on channel, and a most-wanted
one. UnID on 791 on 11/10 @ 8:30pm w/FF & SS vocals, an announcer and into Hindu @ 9pm. I
thought I caught a "Radio Canada" ID, but not sure - anybody help on this? 11/11, WKBQ-1000
@ 4:45pm w/c/w & a spot for church meeting. Veries of late: WCNW, WUPE v/l's & bumper stick-
ers, WCKC, WRAA, v/l & PP/c's from WPXC & WXLK. I would like to thank Norm Maguire for his
help and cooperation with my NRC Awards - thanks, Norm, and I also want to wish ERC the best;
I heard he was a bit under the weather. I found a WHOT SC from 1967 in my files. It has a
picture of all the DJ's INCLUDING Jerry Starr - quite a sight, hi. That'll do it. Good DX
and let's all Muse now that DX is here!

JIM HOPKINS - 29 Grandview Avenue - Pitman, New Jersey - 08071

Time for another Muse. Not too much to report this time around. ERC, your
unID on 1560 on 10/9 with the garbled ID @ 2:09 was WCCP, Clemson. (Thank you, Jim! -ERC)
10/10- WAWN-TEST heard fairly well, no WYZ's TEST that night. 10/12- Two TTers @ 12:20 on 1460
& 1240. 10/15- 690, TT 1,30-2, no IDs heard. 10/16- WSPD-TEST very good as expected. 10/
17- No WXAP TEST, apparently not on. 10/20- TT heard u/new WZZD-990 from 12:28 to 12:35.
11/5- TT heard on 1420, 1530, 1440, & 1090 between 12:07 & 12:24. That SSS, I heard CJVA-810
from tip from Dave Schmidt. Not enough for a report, but I heard FF & mx. Also that night,
WYNO-1610 appeared. They played T-40 mx. & were very strong here for a pirate. They were
heard right after SSS. By the way, if you don't know me, I'm 18 years old and a Freshman at
Drexel University in Philadelphia. I'm also a member of the IRCA & WTFDA. I DX w/a TRF, & a
triangular type LW. I also DX with other portables, and loops. I would like to correspond
with anyone, and already have been corresponding regularly with John Kromka. Well, I don't
really have much else to say, so 73s for now.

TONY LAGATTUTA - Bx 6291 - Portsmouth, Virginia - 23703

Greetings. I trust this season will be very prosperous for all. DXing or
anything directly related to same has ceased here as virtually all spare time is being used in
preparation for a commercial FCC license. Tentative plans are to move from the Norfolk area
& to relocate in southern California (Los Angeles or San Diego areas) hopefully within two
years. I would enjoy hearing from any NRCers in southern California who may have some advice
or info concerning employment opportunities there for an electronics technician. I plan to an-
swer all letters & will return your postage. Any help will be appreciated. 73.

NANCY HARDY - 2301 Pacific Avenue - Aberdeen, Washington - 98520

Bill & I were able to attend the Portland get-together and we had a great time. Every convention or get-together I've been to so far I've met some faces to go with the names in the bulletin. I'm glad that I entered the NRC Contest - during Contest #1 I heard a dozen or so new stations. If there is a reason to DX (such as the contest) I'm more likely to be motivated to DX and get new stations in the process. More recent catches: 10/28- KTRT-1400 9:09pm w/call letters, then a spot w/KQMS. 11/5- KDOV-1350 7:44pm s/off weak w/KXRO-1320 sloop null'd. New KGA-1460 on 11/6 @ 9:51pm "K-G-Double-A" slogan, then c/w. 11/6- KLOO-1340 "K-L-Double-O" slogan @ 8:10pm following sports program. (They must have employed the same slogan writer as KGA, eh? -ERC) 11/9- KPOD-1240 mx 7:56 till legal ID @ 8:01pm. All of these are new catches for me w/KPOD raising my totals here in Aberdeen to 600. With my most-wanted station WKBW-1520 heard last season, it's on to N.H. this year. I'll settle for either WFEA or WKER, hi. 73, 88 to Bill.

HILL HARDY - 2301 Pacific Avenue - Aberdeen, Washington - 98520

Nancy & I are looking forward to the "second phase" of the NRC DX Contest, Thanksgiving weekend. The first ten days of the Contest (10/1 to 10/10) I logged 20 new stations. In the 30 days following that, I got only five new ones. Motivation to DX sure helps! Well, also, I got back from the 10/29 Portland DX get-together to find electrical noise day & night for the next ten days on all frequencies above 1340, wiping out all weak signals (i.e., all DX). So we got nothing new on 1380 on MMs 10/31 or 11/7. The noise also fouled up our efforts to hear something new on 1480, which has been fairly open after KRED's nightly 3am s/off. KWIZ is AN-6 but nullable, usually leaving KLEO fair-to-null. MMs, usually KEOX is alone. The Portland gang tipped us off that KVAN-1480 plans to go AN w/"album rock" (i.e. underground type) format as soon as they're given the green light for fulltime, target date 11/11. I have the feeling KVAN will be AN-6 or maybe NSP, doing to 1480 what KGAR/KRGO are doing to 1550 - to wit, another frequency shot. The Portland get-together was very interesting. Bill Block was a very good host. Not too many NRCers were there, mostly IRCA & WTFDA types (Portland hosted the WTFDA Convention in August) but fun nonetheless. Oh, yes; Sun. 11/6 @ 7:44pm, KKEY-1150 was fair-to-good ending a tele-talk show w/black host, theme song "1900 Yesterday". The recorded s/off 7:44 mentioned "Key Radio" & Mutual network as well as legal ID "KKEY Portland" & ended w/Mutual NX sponder just before the carrier disappeared. KKEY used to be regular here w/KAYO in the 1960's when they were 1kw ND from Vancouver, Wash. But then they moved to Portland, Ore. w/5kw-DA, protecting Seattle & thereby sending virtually no signal this way. I've been trying for them ever since. But in November they stay on 15 minutes past Seattle's sunset, so KAYO was nullable. I know some DXers don't, but I DO count all call changes & frequency changes as new stations, & I also count changes in city-of-license, such as KKEY, as new stations. However, I do not count power increases nor a daytime/going fulltime as new stations as changes like that actually make stations easier to log, not tougher. And I also do not count the addition of another city to the licensed location, such as when KFYD-580 Nampa, Ida. changed location to Nampa-Moie - that's still the same station to me.

RANDY TOMER - Box 2674 - McKinleyville, California - 95521

Most people readily admit that the Realistic TRF is the RX to beat in MW portables & I'll agree wholeheartedly, but I enjoy looking for alternatives. I just noticed in the '77/'78 General Electric catalog a #7-2870 TRF (AM-FM-instant weather). They claim good selectivity through the use of nine tuned circuits in the IF! That's one of the ways an HQ-180 gets such outrageously good selectivity, lots of tuned IF circuits. Although probably more expensive than the Realistic, the GE may be as good or better on MW, probably has a lot better audio, plus has FM & WX. I think a report by anyone owning one of these would be interesting. Robert Wein of the IRCA has been using a GE TRF w/great success, but I don't know its model number. People wonder why the Realistic doesn't come alive with signals when they hook an LW to its antenna jack; it's probably because TRF's built-in antenna already is as efficient as most LW's ever could be. The antenna jack is useful if you live in a metal-shielded environment such as a trailer or mobile home, then hooking up an LW or whip antenna to the TRF makes a heckuva difference. The Space Magnet antenna is the easiest way to hop up a TRF but they are expensive. Probably the TRFer could rig up a tunable loop using a ferrite bar from a junk radio; this would be cheap & a loop amplifier would be unnecessary. By the way, I propose to refer to the Realistic TRF, model #12-655, simply as the "TRF", since it's the overwhelming favorite in portables; call the others by brand name followed by TRF. This is pretty much what's been going on anyway.

MARK CONNELLY - 52 Amden Street - Arlington, Massachusetts - 02174

A nostalgia issue will be out soon. I'd be interested in hearing about many topics - including DX during World War II: U.S. stations heard by GI's in Europe, unusual European MW spy & propaganda stations, European stations heard in U.S. by DXers, FCC, FBI, & military monitoring station personnel. Also of interest: DX heard during CONELRAD tests in the 50's & 60's when commercial domestics went off & special rigs on 640 & 1240 were activated. Also: Musings from broadcast station personnel about unusual & interesting foreign DX reports & phone calls, any reports from DXers listening from ships or planes in the middle of the Atlantic, say halfway between Boston & London. Rare DX during hurricanes, power blackouts (e.g. 1965), snow emergencies, solar eclipses, etc. are of interest. Another wanted item: a catalog of "bootleggers" through the years, including calls, slogans, QTH, frequency, power, mx played, etc. So, let's hear it! 73.

WE HAVE A GREAT TURNOUT IN MUSINGS THIS WEEK, GANG! THANK YOU, AND LET'S TRY TO KEEP IT UP!

RICK A. CARR - 208 1/2 West Graham Street - Bloomington, Illinois - 61701

Hello. I guess I'll start with new stations that I've logged in the past few weeks, thanks to great Aural CX. These stations bring my station totals to 829/510. October brought (NCE, WGTG, HCFR2 on 540; WKAQ-580; R. St. Lucia-660; WAPA-680; WJMT, HUCU on 730; KBOE, WBAM & R. Antilles on 740; KSSD/AM-J-750; CHIC-790; KGO, WMTS, XEFW on 810; KIX-850; CKEI-900; WLSQ-900; KWAM-990; WMO-920; YVRS-1020; WFLI-1070; TGMX-1210; WHER/WCOO-1290; CJME-1300; WFHR-1320; WLDY-1340; KFRO-1370; KOTI & KSWO on 1380; KAYS, WJZM, WMSL on 1400; WFTX & WFTR on 1450; WYYY-1470; WHOC-1490; WPMB/WMLJ-1500; HJLQ-1520; WSWG-1540; KOKA-1550; WYSE-1560; WCLE-1570; WMTL, KLTR, WQON, WBSA, KTGR, KZIA, KRZJ, WEYY, WAMY, KESM on 1580; KERC, KRAD, WGOE, WSMa, KVGB, KSPR, WSWW on 1590; KBBB, KXVI & WEUP on 1600. Also HRFQ on 1163yf.; R. Senegal-764; OAXH-854; & HJFZ-1055. So far November has brought KVNW-610-TEST; WMTT-620; KOMW-680-TEST; YVKY-710; KLOE, HIZ, R. Trinidad-730; KHGL-790; WRUF-850; KFSA/KMTX on 950; KAYQ-1190; KFGQ-1260; KZNG-1340; WJBD-1350; WTNK-1390; WFRS-1440; WBRN-1460; KCUZ-1490; WSVL-1520; WJRL-1530; WGNW-1560; WOBW/WLBQ/WKYR-1570 & last but not least, WSTL & WIXY on 1600. Up till Nov. 14, veries from HJHR, KTSa, KFH, WILY, S.R.S., WBAM, KTLK, WFLI, WCLE, WFAA, KVGB, WGTG, & R. St. Vincent sent cards. TILX, CKAP, WKNR, WHBG, WHOW, WCCR, KIMN, KKAZ, WXLW, KCLN, WCGO, WEPN, WFHR, KAYS, WREM, KBOE, KWKY, WSWG, WESL, WBSA, WFIX, KSWO, KLTR, KSED, KZIA, WLDY, WQON, WHOC, WMOX, KFRO, WSWW, WLSQ, WEUP, CHIC, WACO, KBBB, WKAQ, WYLD & R. Barbados sent letters with assortments of CM's, stickers, & other junk (?). All these received within the last 30 mailing days. Since my last Muse I have received my SM-2 and have bought an HQ-180. Both work unbelievably well. I am still looking for someone to trade stickers with, doubles that is. I have about 70 sitting around. Anyone interested, I'll send them a list. I'm just looking for stickers from the stations that didn't send me any. It was nice talking to Ernie on the telephone. I went over the tape of the mystery station on 730 and it was HIZ. Thanks. (Could you send us those verie signers, Rick, for that column, please!ERC)

JIM HAGAN - on a business trip to Nigeria, Africa.

I have been quite busy with my LW loop and converter project & other things, so this is my first Muse in quite a long time. In spite of this I have certainly not quit DXing though. I am presently in Nigeria attempting to demonstrate & sell a satellite TV system to the local government and to provide live TV coverage of Carter's visit to Lagos in November via the same satellite. I spent a few days in Europe on the way over here & hope to take two weeks there with my wife in December. I had time for some DXing while there. I discovered that my LW station reported as Moscow-173 from Florida last season is not Moscow, but Minsk & can be heard in Amsterdam even in daytime. Nigeria is an excellent DX location. There are only 23 MW stations audible here in daytime. Two of these are in Lagos, 1088 & 1484, I think. I don't have good frequency readout & cannot find out for sure yet. WRTS is inaccurate as far as Nigeria is concerned as the country is adding stations rapidly and the material is out of date. Of the rest of the stations I hear, they range from fair to very weak. At night many other stations are heard. IDed include Vatican-1529, BBC-908, Germany-1602, Dakar-764 (very strong), no American stations yet, but I am trying - I heard WGBS-710 & WLAC-1510 from Liberia in 1961 so it should be possible. Incidentally ELWA-710 is conspicuously absent here. Wonder why? On LW I have heard Donebach-151, Romania-155 (this one weak in Amsterdam), Al-Louis-164, Saarbrucken-180, E. Germany-185, Motala, Sweden-191 not heard here & very weak in Amsterdam, BBC-200, Morocco-209 very strong, Monaco-218 very strong, Poland-227, Luxembourg & Leningrad together on 236, and Tebessa-251 very strong. Seems like Tebessa should be audible in daytime, but I can't seem to hear it yet. I am using a Wards Airline six-band portable with a coupler to tune its 43" whip on LW & CB as described in my article in DX NEWS a while back. Without that coupler I would never hear any DX here. 73. (Check received & forwarded -ERC)

BILL KARSCH - 27 Olive Street - Galesburg, Illinois - 61401

Finally, out of the vast reaches of silence, comes a Muse! Being my first Muse, I guess an intro would be in order - I'm 23, single, and am employed as the nighttime voice of Galesburg on WGIL-1400. I've been here for 15 months and simply love it. 1978 marks our 40th year and we'll be running all kinds of promotions. To top everything off, we're getting a new jingle package - it should make us sound like a real radio station. DX-wise, I've been at the dials off & on since 1971, going mostly for domestic DX. Totals are 352 heard from 36 states and six provinces. My RX is an Allied eight-band #2632. The fine tuning designed primarily for the SW bands works wonders on AM. With all the recent Muses praising the TRF, I'm seriously thinking about spending my Christmas bonus a month early and picking one up. Looks like the NRC has members strung all along I-74 here in central Illinois - Galesburg, Peoria, Bloomington, & Champaign. Maybe a GTG in the future? That's about all from the land of corn. Next time, recent DX. 73. (Welcome to the NRC & Musings, Bill! We'll be looking for that promised Musing with your DX in it - how about a WGIL DX TEST? -ERC)

KONSTANTINE RYCHALSKY - 22 Carroll Court - Bridgeport, Connecticut - 06607

XII. Verie #244 in this week - a stationary post card with details printed by the GE on back, from WEAT-850 Florida. Latest DX: 10/15 @ 1:45am, CKLM-1570 testing by simply on and off signals, at times of one second intervals. After taking two Bufferins, the unID SS underneath IDed as "Entertainment is coming your way from powerful XERL???" Is this a relay since 1570 carries XERF? Report out. Again 1560 carried my unID SSer with news items between minute tones and ticks per second. Who is it? They ID something like "Reloj Nacional". "This is the (famous?) 'Cuban Minute Man', Kon - CMGB, Cardenas - ERC)

WE'D LIKE TO SEE THIS SECTION THIS BIG EVERY WEEK! WE CAN DO IT! YOU CAN HELP! WON'T YOU?

JAMES E. CRITCHETT - 1635 Walbridge Street - Red Bluff, California - 96080

From 10/25 to 11/14 the following items may be of interest to other DX-ers. On 580, KFSD, Nampa, s/on @ 7:02 EST, Tue. 10/25, not 7:30 as shown in "The Log" (off @ 4:01 Tue. 11/1). Fri. 10/28 @ 10:55am on 1380, KKZZ, Lancaster, Cal. IDed for a call change; announced c/w mx. SM 10/25 @ 8:35am on 1490 I was pleasantly surprised to hear an ID by KCID, Caldwell, Idaho (KELF not on, yet). While trying for a s/on by KS90-1350 @ 9, KLYD, Bakersfield, came on at the same time; another new one for me, here. Thu. 11/3 after KQMS-1400 went off @ 3:08, KRE, Berkeley, IDed @ 3:14, then faded. At 3:21, KEMI, Henderson, Nev. IDed, no longer "Beautiful mx". Fri. 11/4 brought me two new ones in quick succession: At 9:07 on 1370, KFIR, Sweet Home, Ore. came through KEMN, @ 9:11 on 1560 it was KGHO, Hoquiam, Wash., the Hardys' local pest; even w/KPMC @ 9:15. MM 11/7 @ 3:01, on 680, KOMW came on for the DX TEST, & were even with the WC pest KNER. They played a march, @ 3:04 gave full ID, testing transmitting equipment. They used a tone for a while, then more march mx. On 1230, KQIK, Lakeview, Ore. was using TT & CW by tone for their f/c; no voice ID heard; off @ 3:18. There was no KMCL f/c heard on 1240, but KVAC IDed @ 3:24 on 1490. KOMW's 680 TT went off @ 3:29, then on 950, KMTX used TT & ID @ 3:31. I left at 2:30pm for Crescent City, Eureka, C. Cr., (?? -ERC) Applegate, Oregon, Yreka, Cal. & home Thursday PM. What is your phone number, Randy Tomer? Friday, 11/11 @ 3:32 on 1490, KLOG broke through for an ID. Sat. 11/12 @ 3:35 on 1270, CHAT said 24 hours; but not on, Mon. 11/14 @ 3:40; no CHWK nor KTLG either; just an OC & weak talk. SM 11/13 @ 4:18 I heard my latest "Most Wanted" on 990 as KHVH was definitely IDed by a woman. Not there @ 5:18, so maybe s/off @ 5. Frances was not feeling too well Sunday, so we both stayed home, and I DXed from 2 to 3:35, filling in my 24-hour log for those two hours. I heard 75 stations each hour. MM 11/14, KVNU-610 on TEST. 73s.

MARC A. BERGMAN - 1120 Hull Place #4 - Oxnard, California - 93030

I sent a copy of the tape I made of Chile-1210 to Chuck "utton. This reception was reported in the Oct. 31 issue. Chuck mentioned that this station was not sked at this time and according to WRTM it isn't. However I'm sure after he listens to the tape Chuck will agree with my ID. Also I said they made mention of XQBC 96.5 FM. Chuck said there was no FM in Chile. According to "Broadcasting Stations of the World", Part 3, 1974, there are 31 FM stations in Chile. They list one on 96.5MHz as R. Universidad Tecnica, Universidad Tecnica del Estado. They don't list any call letters. On to more important business. My FRG-7 has arrived. I'm busy making modifications to it. I've put in a better ceramic filter. Soon I'll put in a mechanical filter. The unit does have a tuning parallax problem. Instead of working on that I'm using a digital readout. I'm having some problems with overloading using my loop and an FET amplifier. The unit could use an RF gain pot. instead of a three-position switch. The unit is quite sensitive and has good audio. I haven't had much time to DX because of school. I hope to listen to the KVNU-610 TEST tonight plus some foreign DX. I hope KFI will be off. That's all for now.

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Time for some more ramblin'. MM 10/17- KAKE-1240 new AN w/T-40 mx for report. Report on KGNC-710 w/KERE off 3:25am w/re-broadcast of WOR talk show (confusing, what?) To Dave Bennett: Late night 940 talker is usually KPFE here. 11/2- KRDS-1190 now religious format for report 2:52-3:05am. 11/5- Two newies on 1330: KVXM on late for H.S. FB 2:26-2:34am s/off, then KOVS; both reported. Last of the morning was report to NRCer Carl Mann at KCRG-1600 w/rr o/KLAK. MM 11/7- A little tipsy from evening out, but I logged two r/c's for reports: KFGQ-1260 w/religious mx 2:10-2:16am, then KVSL-1450 w/TT 2:35-2:44. Last was tentative of snatches of march mx & TT for KOMW-680-TEST w/KNER & KWKA playing dominants this AM. 11/8- Logs for reports on regulars KFVX-580 w/rr, KGGF-690 w/MoR, WHEP-1270 on AN now w/c/w, KRDD-1360 w/rr. Veries now at 618 with v/l's KCJ-1560, KLMO-1060, & WVJS-1420. Many thanks to John Hoogerheide for that BAX-1 amplifier that he won but didn't want. It really beefs up the RBB. Anyone passing through or planning vacation in this area, just pop in - we usually have a few beers in the ice box & a decent amount of DX "tales" to swap. 73s, gang.

CHARLES GEORGE - 6407 Howard - Dallas, Texas - 75227

I want to thank Dallas Lankford for sending me info & comments on the HQ-180A & HQ-180. I found out NRC has a member as an engineer at KRKV, Artie Blegley. The first RX I ever had was a nine transistor pocket radio from Radio Shack I won when they drew my name off a sales slip. It worked until it took a severe fall; I was only 11 at the time. My favorite station to listen to on it was WLAC with John R. I was wondering, is he still on the radio somewhere? I have some stamps off of letters from Colombia and a few other countries of the world. I will send some to anyone willing to drop me an SASE. I am glad I don't live where Cubans clobber the dials since I hear enough of them on 590, 600, 720, 760, 770, 880, & 1020. Also I hear a Cuban on 550. Used to whenever I heard some station in SS I thought it was from Mexico. I am at the present looking to log a station from N.M. I have heard KOB but I have never been able to hear them well enough to send a report because of interference from R. Tequendama, Bogota, & WABC. 73s & C U L.

ERIC FADER - 23-35 Bell Boulevard - Bayside, New York - 11360

Hi all. DX here has been slim lately. 11/10- Unn WDLA-1270 s/off 4:45; also subsequent days. Unn WHUN-1150 s/off 5pm, mentioned FM & PSA of 126 (I thought they said 136) watts. ERC: Either I was bombed when I wrote it, or you typed my Muse in 11/14 issue. I wanted to say "If you're listening on a frequency where there's a Canadian (you can sometimes tentatively ID the Canadian) by the stuff the CRTS makes them play 30 % of the time." Inside parentheses is what was left out. I know some are always looking for mistakes - maybe we should throw in a few on purpose so DX NEWS can truly please everyone, hi. 100 Log 5-37.

KARL JETER - 2816 Frontier Trail N.E. - Atlanta, Georgia - 30341

CX around here are definitely improving little by little, at least the QRN is somewhat less. Unfortunately, I haven't gotten into the swing of things, DX-wise, yet. My job is limiting SSS DX to usually only once a week, & this hurts the totals, as not that much has been heard MMs & @ SRS. Still, about eight newies have come down the wire in November: 11/1- Two Fla.'s on 1580 logged: WCCF Punta Gorda & WGTW Mount Dora, both w/s/on @ 6:45am - WGTW has "God Bless America" w/Kate Smith after s/on announcement. Over to 1540 same AM, WJGA/WKYY/WOGA s/on together, all unn. Still, report off to WOGA, v/l received in THREE DAYS! 11/5 SSS was highlighted by KOSE-860 w/"Tru-Value Hardware" ad @ 5:54pm - thanks to Don Davis for the tip! KFUO-850 @ 6:05pm & CFOR-1570 @ 6:08 both dominating respective channels same SSS, CFOR w/"Twenty Years of rr" program. 11/6 SSS was highlighted by WSJW-1510 w/gospel mx @ 5:06-5:17pm w/WLAC nulled somewhat & a log taken on KZEY-690, w/s/off @ 6:10pm w/announcement, folo by long gospel-type song till 6:14. Next DX not until 11/14 (MM 11/7 a big ZILCH, hi) when unn WSIB-1490 noted s/off @ 12:04am. This is a change, as they used to be AN MMs. WNEK-1400 heard w/Pop, ID @ 1:08, on/off TT before that. Newie w/WTRX-1330 making it in u/ KFH & Mexican QRM, 1:52am, weak, w/rr. Unn CFTR-680 noted @ 3:35 w/contest promo. An oddity - both 1450 & 1490 were being dominated by Chattanoogaans this AM. KNER-680 heard 4:18am for the first time in a few years, w/Dave Mason mx. Latest log taken while writing this Muse - WJXN-1450 noted w/"WJXN - your good NX station" @ 12:13am, this 11/17 AM. Only November verie is WOGA-1540 w/nice v/l. Gotta run, 73s & best of DX this season to all!

RONALD F. SCHATZ - 5651 S.W. 2nd Court (106) - Margate, Florida - 33068

Howdy! Please note my new address above, effective since July. My "R. Millon" P.O. Box will close out in December, & mail will not be forwarded. Margate is in the Pompano Beach area of Broward County, midway between Miami and the Palm Beaches. New phone is 1-305-971-3605; as I work nights I'm most reachable between 1 & 2 a.m. EDT. By the way, R. Millon "died" in the summer of '76, soon after the 3/8 TEST, & I've had no personal connection with the station in over a year, though I still get mail asking for skeds, pennants, etc. Anyway, I learned too late that this apartment has steel in it, so signals on my R-388 are weak & my LSCA (cardioid "loop") is useless. I'll lose my deposit if I leave before next Summer, so I'll have to make the best of it. Meanwhile I'm on FM & TV DX-wise when my increasing non-DX activities permit it. I just returned from Jamaica for a convention in October! WGBS-710 is stronger there than WET along the EC, & HJAJ-760 is the strongest daytime in Kingston - outside the locals. Honduras & Costa Rica are sked for Christmas. I, too, bought a Realistic "TRF" portable, & the first station heard that AM was KTW0-1030 with a loud & beautiful ID. The "TRF" is all that any domestic DXer needs to log all 50 states & ten provinces, a bargain for only \$30! (Hey Ron - you guarantee me an ALASKAN on mine?? -ERC) Interesting how experienced DXers visit south Florida and fail to understand how we can DX through all those Cuban stations! Locals are locals no matter where you are, domestic or otherwise. Down here it's the AN HJ's & YV's that I'd like to see go. We're calculating a second batch of TXM predictions, & more cooperation is requested this time in helping to verify them. Calculating the range of an unknown TA or TP within 100 km is possible with TXM, so some interest is worth showing, guys. 73.

CHARLIE BARFIELD - 917 Fremont Avenue - Pensacola, Florida - 32505

Some more on comparing performance of Ford car radio, TRF, & FRG-7. The Ford was used with 2' box loop on TRF with built-in loop, & FRG-7 with 2' box loop. In daytime comparison Ford is better on sensitivity & signal-to-noise & audio quality. But I started comparing TRF using box loop on TRF & TRF was the best of the three RXes. Box loop with TRF is very good for daytime. In night DXing with TRF, built-in loop was better as box loop presented too much signal. TRF nulls better using batteries as compared to AC cord. For a daytime comparison of box loop & LW using antenna tuner, more gain on LW, but in crowded frequencies, loop is really superior. For extreme remote areas, LW & tuner. TRF remains as my favorite RX. I hope to build a Q-multiplier for it soon. Now to some serious DXing. 73s.

GEOFFREY L. PARRISH - 6211 Malloch Drive - Memphis, Tennessee - 38138

Since I have nothing to do at the moment but study, I thought I'd write one of these, what the heck? I waste too much time studying, and too little time is spent on constructive and educational activities like DXing. What little time has been spent on the latter has been limited to MM DXing & GWDXA editing responsibilities. (Incidentally, for any of you curious to see what the GWDXA is (a four-headed monster, hi) address for sample copies, HQ, etc. is Box 5735, Seattle, Wash. 98105). Recent DX here isn't much as far as new & exciting loggings; best as of late came 10/25, SRS session brought religious c/w mx & IDs through the much from WGAT-1050 Va. Also, CPC TESTs from WYZE, KCTE (tentative) & WSFD (also tentative); KSED not heard, WAEN not heard due to noise from WAKR. See, I DO go after them! I have also sent out my fair share of TEST requests, but am having seemingly abominal luck with returns. One final note re AMS, to editor Bruce: The column is an excellent idea & can be quite informative. Till next time, 73s, all, and may the sunspots always be with you.

WILL IT BE ATLANTA OR SAN FRANCISCO? WE STILL DON'T KNOW, BUT WE DO RECOMMEND YOU BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT GOING TO WHICHEVER ONE WINS THE BALLOTING FOR THE 1978 N.R.C. CONVENTION. THESE EVENTS ARE NEVER-TO-BE-FORGOTTEN EXTRAWAGANZAS FOR ALL WHO HAVE ATTENDED - THREE DAYS OR SO OF SHEER ENJOYMENT, TALKING DX FACE TO FACE WITH PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! COME! SO, NO MATTER WHICH CITY YOU CHOOSE, IT WILL BE AN EASY-TO-REACH METROPOLIS ON THE MAIN LINES OF MOST CARRIERS. MAKE PLANS TO HAVE THE LABOR DAY WEEK-END FREE TO TRAVEL FOR FUN GALORE!

JIM LOVELL - 8021 Kensington Boulevard - Apt. 15 - Davison, Michigan - 48423

When last I Mused the snow was flying and the mercury was falling. As that's the situation again here in lower Michigan I reckon it's been about a year since my purple prose appeared on these pages. DX was virtually nil last season due to an extremely tight sked occupationally and academically. I did chip the icicles off the RX a few times. Best catches were KOKA-1550, WATT-1240, WKTQ-1320, HJJM-660, KOKC-1450-TEST, WAUK-1510, CKVM-710, WIRV-1550, WMIR-1550 and best catch, WANB-1580 Waynesburg, Pa. on 1/27 @ 6pm extended sked due to WX. Speaking of weather, the low here was -27°F. The old blood got thawed out by a March sojourn to the Caribbean isles of Sint Maarten and Saba. The first evening in Marigot, Saint Martin (FF spelling & half of the island) was a real shocker. The first evening in Marigot, the bartender had made while in NYC. The trusty Panasonic portable provided several evenings of exotica across the band. Regulars included Antigua, Montserrat, Anguilla, Guadeloupe, St. Kitts, Dominica, American & British Virgin Islands, St. Vincent, Barbados, & St. Lucia. Both islands appear to be good DX locations with clear paths to West Africa, Europe, EC of North America & South America. Also the Cubans are less pesky than in the Southeastern U.S.A. DX since returning stateside has included WMNS-1360, KOAM-860, HJGJ-1040, CJJM-1350, WJMC-1240 & WTR-960. Summer DX was limited by temperatures that hit 107°! One note on the local front is WLBQ-1570 has switched to a gospel format. Presently listening is limited by my new position with an engineering society in metro Detroit. Commuting makes for a 6am to 7pm work day which leaves little time for the second favorite pastime. Enough of this Mothball Muse. Until next time, 73s and best DX to all.

STEPHEN H. PONDER - Box 22,635 - Fort Worth, Texas - 76122

Looks like the Verie Fairy is taking her Christmas vacation a little early! Latest veries are: KBHS-590 (from a f/up); KBOR-1600; and a card from XEDM-1580. Latest results of DXing are: 10/29- WBHQ-560, KLOE-730, KFSB-1310, & WPCF-1430. 11/13- WDAF-610, WEKH-950, & CMAC-1020. I have worked on and finally designed a tilt platform for my TRF so I can null out stations as with a loop antenna. Those interested, send me an SASE & I'll drop the plans to you. Cost was approximately \$3 and some scrap wood (taken from my old WEDGE loop stand). I'll give you a hint on construction - take Ron Schiller's idea of using a Rub-bermaid rotating platform and add a hinged, adjustable piece of wood for the TRF to sit on, and, voila, you have what I call, for lack of better words, a tilttable TRF turntable! I am no carpenter (as a quick look at my loop will attest) but the platform was very easy to use & to build. With it I can now increase performance of the TRF without adding an external antenna! 73 from Cowtown!

HARRY WALDRON - 201 Monroe Road - Sarver, Pennsylvania - 16055

Well, radio freaks, in response to Ernie's entreating here is another Muser heard from. For an intro I have been an NRCer for about 18 months & have 300 stations in 28 states & six provinces, only one TA, Conakry, Guinea. I am a grad ME with a minor in EE (Carnegie Tech '50). I have up engineering ten years ago when my wife & I built a golf course solely to provide free time in the winter to DX?? Equipment here consists of a 250' wire, SM-2, 4' loop, TRF, and an SSR-1. KDKA underlies the entire ECB on the SSR-1 but with pre-selector tuned to the highest band, attenuator in, plus a pi network response is a letter better than the TRF. Best catch of the past week - 11/15, 5:07 SST (?? -ERC) WTAI-1560 Eau Gallie, Fla. o/WQXR. Thanks to Jerry Starr for a pleasant afternoon spent at his YAD GTG on 11/5. I am currently laying 40,000 feet of wire 12 inches underground for irrigation system control, any suggestions for using this as an antenna? Correspondence is welcome or drop in for free golf or talk (also free). (Hi, Harry, and welcome to the Musings section! Please become a regular Muser-user! -ERC)

JOHN ROUSE Jr. - 2703 Bartlett Lane - Bowie, Maryland - 20715

Hello. I'm 13 and a ECB DXer. My dad has been one for 20 years and he is a member of the NRC. My total number of veries is 48. They are: WJR, WHAS, WMAQ, WCPFL, WGY, KMOX, WVIC, CKLW, WGAR, WABC, WEZ, WWSA, KYW, WRVA, WBT, WCAU, WCB, KDKA, WWWE, WHAM, WLS, WINS, WSB, WIP, WCAO, WCKY, WWVA, KQV, WHO, WAGE, WLW, WBEM, WSM, WNOX, WHN, KXEL, CBE, WTAR, WLAC, WOHN, WNBC & WOSU. Total number of states verified is 18, and logged in is 28. I DX on a Yaesu FRG-7 with an LW antenna. Also a National NC-125. I am looking forward to doing more DXing this winter, I hope to get some new states and some foreign stations. I have got four Canadian provinces (one verified - twice). Farthest foreign station was ZNS1, Nassau, Bahamas. Recent loggings were WBAP, Texas, w/QRM from WOSU; CHSJ-1150 N.N., QRM from WDEL. WLBQ-Philly clear, WVNJ-620 N.J., heavy QRM from WHEN; CJEC-860 Toronto (French speaking); WHDH-850 clear, WDRG-1360 Hartford very strong signal. WORD-S.C. w/QRM from WRNL, Richmond. Locals: WHAG-1410 weak, WCBM-680 strong, & WTOP-1500 strong. Reports sent out to WYRE, WWDG, WKTW, WPN, WJR, WML, WBG, WKGW, WPGC, WBAP, WML, WDRG, WTOP & WAVA. 73s to all. (Welcome to you also, John, and we hope you will also become a regular in these pages! -ERC)

DICK CLARK - Santo Cerro - La Vega, Dominican Republic

Well, November 2 is DX DAY in the Dominican Republic! 95% of all ECB is off the air the whole day! And 5% ECB that is on the air are classical music only. The only Dominican stations on the air were: HIMS-570, HLDV-590, HSD-620-1270-1360, HJJM-1090, HVG-1430, HIDA-1590, HIEG-1597 and that was it! In the daytime I got: WQBS-630, YVQO-640, 4VI-660, YVLL-670, YVMH-700, 4VIE-740, YVKS-750, CMTD-820, 4VRRM-895, WEKO-930, WIPR-940, also WINZ & YVW-940, PJA-6-960, WSTX-970, CMDJ-980, WMIA-1070, 4VRD-1080, all heard from 11am to 1pm! They're never heard in the daytime because of locals and cross modulation. And the nighttime stations were great also: YVKK-770, YVYK-870, YVMP-880, TKG-1240, YVRM-1260, HJQA-1270, (con'd)

(Clark, con'd.) HJEB-1290, HJOG-1300, HJFA-1340 (did not move to 1490 as per WRTH Newsletter) 1480, R. Olympica, country unknown??, R. Punta Cinco-1490 ??, YVOW-1460 "Radio Jardin" ex-1380; I have an AA on 1250 - help!!! HUEY-860, really strong, HJFM-1450 on the air 24 hours. Also, I am happy to get XEU-970, the best station in Ci. Juarez! I wish they had more power! I would listen more often if I could. Remember 11/2 is DX DAY in this country. Why can't the United States have this also? 73s. (Is this commemorating All Souls' Day, "ick? -ERC)

BRUCE A. CONTI - 39 Bayberry Drive - West Warwick, Rhode Island - 02893

Once again, I'm back with another Musing from Glen Cove, N.Y. And after the first real taste of winter hit Glen Cove, I caught a DXplosion of stations. DX beginning 11/11: CKCY is now on top of 920 w/rr @ 7:30pm. WQHI's c/w rose above the mess at 910. WLS-890, WLL-870, WHDH-850, WCCO-830, WMAQ-670, & WSM-650 all noted with much stronger signals with cold WX here. CMKV-600 heard @ 9pm w/ID "R Rebelde Internacional". PJB-800 w/religion and TWR in ID in EE with an excellent signal w/CKLW nulled by my SM-2. On 11/12, the cold WX brought in these daytime catches: WQNG-550 ("G-55", not confused with "GR-55"), WFIF-1500, WDJZ-1530, & WRDI-1580. With SSS came WHEB-750 w/rr @ 4pm. WKMB-1070 s/off heard @ 4:35pm. WTBQ-1110 s/off heard @ 4:45. Also heard during SSS hours were WALE-1170, WYNS-1150 & WAIT-820 noted w/Mutual NX @ 6pm. For the night, CBE-1550 & CBJ-1580 were in the clear w/no QRM. The low end of the band was also static-free. WHLM-550 (the new Bloomsburg?) heard w/CFNB's rr also present. At 545, I caught R. Jumbo in FF w/Caribbean & Reggae mx most of the night. WCMB's MoR & BFL mx combo dominated 1460 w/WOKO nulled. CFGM-1310 was nowhere to be found, as CKOY's rr took over that spot (a sure sign of winter). For 11/13, WSPR-1270 noted very strong in the daytime. WNHC & WALL both heard from 2:30 to 3pm on 1340. WPEP-1570 and WNTN-1550 both broke through WQXR hi-fi QRM @ SSS. WNTN s/off was @ 4:30pm w/clever slogan "The station that speaks your language", referring to their foreign language broadcasts. (Ha, Bruce - WENX used that slogan TWENTY YEARS AGO! Hi! -ERC) Checking 1340 again, I caught WMD before 5pm. I now have a total of 183 stations in my Glen Cove log. After reading Paul Mount's Musing in the 10/31 DX NEWS, I couldn't go without adding to his observations on how non-DXers react to the SM-2. When I say I built the SW-717 & I bought the SM-2 already built, they say it looks more like just the opposite. And when I say the SM-2 costs almost as much as the SW-717, they say I'm crazy! 73s.

M O T H B A L L M E M O R I E S

CHAPTER LXIV - INTERVIEW AT 1958 WHITE PLAINS CONVENTION BY ERNIE ("LEFTY") COOPER WITH "THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF XERF-1570" (played by NRCer JIM O'BRIEN) from SKIP DABELSTEIN

ERC: How about a nice hand (as Jim O'Brien walks in with a shawl wrapped around his shoulders in stereotyped Mexican style) for (pause, & pointing to Jim) - the Chief Engineer of XERF! (Applause and laughter)

JIM: (speaking with a delightful "Mexican accent") Hello there. It is good to visit here in our primary coverage area.

ERC: Primary coverage area - White Plains?

JIM: Si.

ERC: Just what comprises your primary coverage area?

JIM: The United States and Canada.

ERC: The WHOLE United States and Canada?

JIM: Except the Yukon Territory.

ERC: What do I call you?

JIM: Pancho.

ERC: O.K., Pancho - tell me - is this your first visit to New York?

JIM: Si - I don't travel very much - except for an occasional visit to a mail box in Del Rio, Texas.

ERC: Oh. And how did you happen to come to New York?

JIM: Señor, I wanted to brush up on my Spanish. Señor, while I am here, I may arrange with your Meester Edge to put on a DX program from XERF.

ERC: He isn't here, Pancho - he's in the hospital on leave from the Police Department.

JIM: Señor Edge is a policeman?

ERC: Yes.

JIM: I think we had better forget the whole sheeng.

ERC: Does XERF have any network affiliation, Pancho?

JIM: Come again, please?

ERC: Network connections.

JIM: Si - we belong to the Fidel Castro Pan American Network. Every chance we get we pan American. Ha ha - Mexican joke, señor. (Goes into loud laughter)

ERC: Control yourself, Pancho.

JIM: I get so tired of jokes about Mexico like fair today and hot tomale, and the drunk who was known as the souse of the border, and stuff.

ERC: Tell me, Pancho - is XERF directional?

JIM: Si.

ERC: Which way?

JIM: Oh señor, in many ways.

ERC: Tell me - let's put it this way - which direction does XERF protect?

JIM: Oh - we protect Mexico.

ERC: From what?

JIM: About ten thousand commercials!

JUST TO REMIND YOU PLEASE TO SEND THANK-YOU NOTES TO TESTING STATIONS (on Page 1) IF YOU TRY FOR THEM AND CAN'T HEAR THEM, OR IF YOU AREN'T ABLE TO TRY FOR THEM AT ALL. LET THEM KNOW THEIR EFFORTS IN OUR BEHALF ARE APPRECIATED BY THE MEMBERSHIP!

Don't go 'way, NRCers - there'll be more of this in next week's DX NEWS!

PAUL MOUNT - 507B Carman Hall - Columbia University - New York, New York - 10027/212-280-6925
 Hi all. No dothalls this time. SM 10/9- From NYC, SS on /8:30am - 1:30am
 1500, 2:55am. WOL-1450 D.C. pest w/soul, 3:17. WNCR-1440 pest w/rr under, 3:25. Someone
 u/WNJR-1430 - 'twas WIMS! Now I see how Mr. Fader has a list of spurs, etc. logged numbering
 above 50. (And why I moved to Provincetown, hi -ERC) Three stations on 1410 - news was WPOP
 Hartford, semi-local; rock WING Dayton, first time this season; country station 3:34-4 NX un-
 ID. WTAE-1250 w/Powerline show to 4:30, ID as WTAE & WXXK-FM. WNEW also there, this one
 noted in N.J. too. DX by night, records by day. NRCer Frank Merrill was in NYC selling
 records at a rock-n-roll flea market (Echo '77) at the Hotel Diplomat. We saw a man with a
 WMGM-1050 T-shirt. He turned out to be WHN's Mx or PD. Talk turned to surveys, then radio.
 Seems he was an IRCA member 1969-1971, Pete Kanze, of White Plains, NY. His comment was "So
 you're THAT Frank Merrill". It's always fun to meet (strangers) people who know people you
 do, no? (Thank you, Barbra Streisand! -ERC) I got back to Teaneck and George Greene ar-
 rived not much later, returning from Old Orchard Beach. His arrival coincided with a Yankees
 rally to win the pennant. Come again in October, George, hi. 10/10- WAEN-1590 heard fair
 w/IDs around 12:20am. EZL & T-40 on 920, the T-40, CKCY, Soo. UNID OC/TT-850 2:15. CHIC-
 790 Erampton, Ont. heard for first time w/ROL format, lots of local spots for a report.
 ID JX @ 2:30 seemed to indicate a dual city ID; QRM from WTAR. WABC on 10kw helped. SS on
 760 w/mentions of Colombia @ 3. WNBC ANing, 3:02. 73.

HANK HOLBROOK - 7211 Chestnut Street - Chevy Chase, Maryland - 20015 11/18
 As I promised in my last Musing I will list stations logged and reported in
 this writing. Stations from our cottage at Fair Haven, Md. (15 miles S of Annapolis, Md. over-
 looking the Herring and Chesapeake Bays) - 10/22- WZZD-990 Philadelphia (ex-WIEG) 7:58-8:24
 am ELT; WSPD-1280 Seaford, Del. 11:51am-12:20pm. 10/23- WJIT-1480 NYC SS 5:26-6:02am through
 QRM; WUSS-1490 Atlantic City 9:12-9:50am good, and first graveyard station written in many a
 year (ex-WLDB). 10/28- WCBG-1270 Cumberland, Md. 7:36-8:05am through stiff QRM (ex-WUOK).
 10/30- WOKI-1550 Oak Ridge, Tenn. 5:35-6am. 11/13- WZIX-1350 York, Pa. 7:31-8:02am (ex-WORK).
 Stations logged & reported from Chevy Chase: 9/24- WRAR-1000 Tappanhook, Va.; WOHN-1440
 Herndon, Va. 6-6:28pm, & WSRF-1580 Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 7:48-8:04pm. 9/25- WNEB-1350 Portsmouth,
 Va. 4:54-5:25pm. 10/1- WWHH-1350 Princeton, N.J. 8-8:54pm. 10/7- WASH-1150 Deerfield, Va.
 6:50-7:10am at times through heavy QRM. 10/9- CHIC-790 5:26-6:34am pretty good through QRM.
 10/27- WNTN-1550 Newton, Mass. 7:02 s/on to 7:15 Fair. 11/1- WAAY-1550 Huntsville, Ala. 6:35-
 6:45am through QRM. 11/5- WVLV-940 Lebanon, Pa. 6:44 s/on to 7 in & out - and on 11/13, R.
 Jumbo-545, "omnica, 7:16-9:10pm s/off good, but few IDs, in FF. Stations underlined above
 QSLed. All sent letters with the exception of WOHN which returned my PP/c and WSRF & WWHW
 sent v/q's. Would you believe it? As of this writing all band verifications stand at 9,999
 stations. Maybe a CCB station will be #10,000! CCB veries now are at 2,378 stations in 101
 countries. Tuning the band in the evening I hear about the same stations I logged back in
 the 60's and before. A few call changes here and there, but pretty much the same. TAs ap-
 pear quiet this season. Maybe we'll get lucky and hear something new! 73.

KELLY ANDREWS - 7016 Montauk Drive - Richmond, Virginia - 23225
 As the temperatures begin to drop and the static subsides, it's great to get
 under way with another DX season. Unfortunately mostly everyone has gotten a head start on
 me due to an untimely lightning bolt that KOed the power supply in the HQ-180. Well, maybe
 untimely isn't the right word since the ole DX machine is in better shape than ever, thanks to
 Steve Bohac. I sent the RX to Steve for diagnosis and alignment and he was kind enough to
 suggest a few options that might help out: i.e., addition of a mixer/trimmer circuit, an audio
 modification to improve clarity, tube checks and realignment of RF & AF as well as slot filter.
 In addition I finally got around to getting an FET amp for the loop. I couldn't believe the
 improved performance, particularly on the low end of the band! I always thought the receiver
 had good pulling power, but each evening I'm even more amazed. Recent loggings here: 10/10-
 WWOW-1290 with sports & s/off from 12:54-12:58; WAEN-1590-TEST in at good level, ZIZ-555 in
 with sports @ 8:45pm after over a year of looking. 10/18- R. Grenada-535 up out of nowhere @
 8:12pm with talk show for taped report. 10/30- R. Dominica-595 w/religion from 6:45 to 6:57pm
 with no Cuban slop, surprise! 10/31- WLBB-1100 5:52-6pm with contest, spots, o/w & s/off,
 all alone; RJR-720 @ 10:30 with Jamaican news just above growl. 11/7- WXVI-1600 ANing it w/
 soul mx, WX, PSA @ 3:18am. 11/8- CJBQ-800 for the first time from 5:18 to 5:26pm with plenty
 of IDs, spots & pop mx, no CKLW until 5:30; WQTY-1000 w/three consecutive safe driving PSAs @
 5:27-5:30 for third try at verie. 11/15- Good evening on 860 w/WAZE s/off @ 5:45 folo by ten
 minutes of a solid KOSE w/o/w & contest to give away a carton of Dr. Pepper if you can stop
 by station and pick it up. Veries are trickling in: v/1- WQAL-560, WDMV-540, WWOW-1290, ZIZ-
 555, Omega-575, WCKB-780. v/f- ZBVI-780. Two quick questions to close: 1) Do the Cuban CCB
 stations verify? 2) I've got only two Canadian hold-outs (CKLY (five reports) and CKFH-1430
 (two reports). Has anyone got a recent verie out of these two Ontario stations? Good luck
 for the new season from the Old Dominion.

RUSS EDMUNDS - Box 127 - Bonton, New Jersey # 07005
 Well, here we are again. Still no DX, but I am planning a few DX TEST attempts
 this month at least. A couple of notes here: WQSR-1570 Ga. has an unlisted f/c the third MM
 @ 2:15, info should also appear in DDID. Word is in from KBJT-1570 re an f/c on 11/22, but
 too late for DX NEWS, & probably for FAS as well. Time was 5am, but no notation as to if it
 is regular. These two hit for CPC. Others replying in the negative included KAEI-1560, WTRB-
 1570, WKYR-1570, who said try r/c. Several others, no reply. I will try to prepare something
 special for the nostalgia issue, but I'm not certain at this time. I'm still very busy with
 the baby & the business of job-hunting. Argh! 73s & sorry to have missed the YAD too!

FOREST E. OSBORN - 202 North Jackson - Hooker, Oklahoma - 73945
 Hi once again from the "No Man's Land" of Oklahoma. Although I have spent
 a little time at the dials, not much exotic DX has been heard. But as they say, here 'tis.
 On Oct. 19 @ 1:41am ELT, KBST-1490 from Big Springs, Tex. w/TT & good ID. On Oct. 26, from
 2:11 to 2:15am, KLTJ-1560, Macon, Mo. w/TT & IDs per the f/c list. On 11/7 @ 3:10am, I fin-
 ally got an ID on a new nightly pest here on 1270, WHEF, from Rock Island, Ill. At 3:34am,
 KMTX-950, from Helena, Mont. w/r/c. On the evening of Nov. 8, I cranked up the HQ-150 during
 a windy snowy storm just to see what the band was doing & found SS stations on almost every
 channel. Due to the fact that my Spanish is non-existent and their ID slogans are not unique,
 I went on to other activities. On Nov. 12 @ 7:48pm, I heard a beautiful "Radio Grande" ID in
 a deep fade of KVOO-1170 but can't find it in the WRTH or any of my other lists. How about it,
 Ron Schiller or Don Schatz? On Nov. 14, WCAZ-990 TEST heard nicely though station was logged
 on f/c long ago. At 2:30 while waiting for the KVNU TEST, KILT-610 from Houston w/a phone
 talk show was dominating the frequency. Then starting at 3:03am, the KVNU TEST w/CID's, TT,
 march music & VID's until 4am was heard fairly well, taped, and report sent. At 5:32am, KRGI
 -1430 Grand Island, Neb. on f/c. At 5:46, KZNG-1340 from Hot Springs, Ark. on f/c. Then on
 Nov. 16 @ 2am, KBHM-1510, on the air for f/c, & @ 2:35, KKIT-1340 from Taos, N.M. on their f/c.
 A little SRS listening was done and some of the stuff heard: KNIX-1580, Tempe, Ariz., KOTA-
 1380, Rapid City, S.D., KOLT-1320 Scottsbluff, Neb., KERB-600 Kermit, Tex., KGBX-1260 Spring-
 field, Mo., WWSJ-810, Magee, Miss., KSIB-1520, Creston, Ia., WSLM-1220, Salem, Ind., WKYV-900
 Knoxville, Tenn., KFAX-1100; WFIA-900, Louisville, & WPRS-1440 Paris, Ill. So much for now.
 73 & good DX to all.

MIKE TUGGLE - 909 Moores Mill Road - Bel Air, Maryland - 21014
 Veries from CIHI-1260 (f) and CJCH-920 (c,m) at last! Guess I was getting a
 little impatient on these. I am finding out that Canadians are very good about replying but
 take about six to eight weeks. U.S. stations, on the other hand, seem to be lightning-fast
 (as little as four days) if they reply at all. Thanks go out to Kelly and Ray for tips on
 extracting a verie from WHLO-640. Heavy question of the week: When sending out a report,
 should one affix the stamps to his return envelope, or leave them loose? Arguments can run
 both ways: Affixed stamps reduce the temptation for the station to "can" the reply envelope
 (and the verie request!). But loose stamps allow the station the option of using your envelo-
 pe or using their own which oftentimes bears their distinctive (flashy) logo. And if the
 station issues QSL cards, these will bear your name and address as well as their postmark
 (kinda nice, I think). Of course, requesting that a station do this or that is a discourteous
 imposition and is out of the question. Well folks, should we stick it, or unstick it? Log-
 gings as of late: Paradise-1265 10/28, not enough copy for a decent report - but wait till the
 next Aurora. WRHC-1550 10/29 SS w/EE s/off, "Easy Radio"; 1480 (WLEU, Salem, Va.); WOSU-820
 11/11 - I wish I'd copied this one; and a little 500-watt gem, WLIX-1270, Newport, Tenn. 11/17,
 reported. Crystal set totals now stand at 257 logged - verie total: (I'm ashamed to say!) 73

DAVE SCHMIDT - 42 Chelwynne Road - Castle Hills - New Castle, Delaware - 19720
 While the fingers are flying and the errors are few, I best believe a Musing is
 in order to our C of the K's, ERC. (That's Captain of the Keys, hi!) To DX: 10/24- A visit
 to 1320 showed 13-Q (WKTQ) way down so reports were taken on WWOJ 12:18-12:26am w/c/w mx, and
 WOIC 12:32-12:43 w/soul mx and many PSA's. WHEF-1270 noted w/c/w, 2:28-2:42am, evidently
 they've gone AN, WEIC w/rr noted also. 11/5, a day off from work, and a report taken on CJVA
 -810 from 5:18 to 5:35pm w/FF & EE mx, FF announcer. Believe it or not, this is the first
 report I've taken on an FF station, I hope somebody there can read English, hi! 11/7- WFSR-
 1470 12:42-12:56am w/flood emergency, mostly atop WSNM, w/talk and c/w mx, then a spin down to
 1410, and WHLN was also on, with the same info, 1:28-1:46am, but w/EM-type mx. They did a
 nice job on WPOP/KQV/WING et al. F/ups went out to WPHG-980 (love 'em), and WEMM-1520; WPHG
 was #4. Veries up to 910 with the following: WHEF-1270, WAVZ-1300, WOOZ-1540, & WHLN-1410 w/
 CM (returned postage), all v/l's. WOOZ was the efforts of an f/up. I conducted another ET
 at WCHE-1520 on 11/8, which evidently was heard only by one person, me, hi! In fact, WKEM's
 signal is readable under our OC at the studio, 1.7 miles away! (The same is true at WTHE on
 Long Island, Dave! -ERC) I'll probably be doing a lot more testing with WCHE as there are many
 improvements and changes that are going to take place within the next two months. Still no
 sign of WYIS-690 as of this writing. I hope a few things are hitting the wire for you. 73s.

MARC DeLORENZO - Box 466 - Centerville, Massachusetts - 02632
 Hi folks. Not too much activity here thus far because of work sked that con-
 flicts with prime DX time. Also, along with everyone else on the EC I've been very disappoint-
 ed with the poor TA CX. The only really consistant TAs have been Dakar-764 around SSS and
 Conakry-1403 around midnight. Of course active Auroral CX can be fun, especially if you live
 near the ocean, right Ernie? (I'll say the world! -ERC) My location is about one mile from
 the beach. DX: 10/22- WASR-1420 N.H. good o/u WBSM 75pm. 10/29 (last day of DST): WRHC-
 1550 Fla. good w/EE ID, then SS 6:28pm; WSRF-1580 Fla. good atop w/rr 6:45; these last two
 are noted daily here during AU CX. WTAL-1560 Fla. very good o/u WQXR w/c/w 6:52; WTWB-1570 Ala.
 & WSSA-1570 Ga. both in @ 7 s/off; WMOO-1550 Ala. good, atop @ 7:11. 11/11- Portugal-719
 fair w/man in PP 4:24pm; France-944 fair w/man in FF 4:45; West Germany-1016 fair w/light pop
 instrumentals 4:51; SAH from the Turk. Menaco-1466 excellent w/woman in FF @ 5:26. France-
 1376 good w/pop mx 5:51, easily separable from St. Pierre-1375 good, w/woman in FF - surprising
 selectivity for the HQ-100. 11/17- WWOK-1260 Fla. atop 12:22am; WASA-1330 Md. ending ET @
 12:35, leaving WFBC-S.C. alone; CJVL-1360 P.Q. way atop w/rr 1:01; a goodie on 1400 in WSGA
 atop Jumble w/rr 1:06 - my phone call to the station surprised but did not shock the DJ. He
 mentioned previous calls from New Jersey and Reading, Pa. (Dave Fox?). 11/19, I (continued)

(DeLorenzo) purchased a Realistic TRF RX and have to agree with others that this is an incredible little radio! For example: WTAR-790 Va. very good @ 12:43 PM w/rr - WEAN nulled into oblivion; Dakar-764 excellent @ 4:28pm w/discussion in vernacular - NO problem from WABC! GTO-540 Fla. good w/c/w to 5:29 s/off - mentioned 250 watts CH (as in Log) but I have to wonder because they were LOUD. Bye.

ERNEST R. COOPER - The Cape Tip DXer - 5 Anthony St. - Provincetown, Mass. 02657 617-487-9337
 I've just figured out why DXers call them "veries"- because they come in so verie verie slowly! Only one all week, from Jumbo-545, #2 from Dominica, #4,068 overall. We got to do a bit of SSS DXing this week, something we don't do too much of, and a couple were added that way. 11/16- A third (or is it fourth?) try for a verie from WQBK-1300, rolling in like a local 4:16-4:30 s/off on Wed. 11/16, tele-talker. 11/17- A really tough one, but none the less, a welcome one, was new WYKR-1490-TEST, Wells River, Vermont - thanks, Ron, for this goodie! He was very hard to log even this close - I wonder if he got out at all with his TIs and sparse announcements? I know Stan Morss got him. They were logged here 12:23-1:32am mostly under the pack. Noting another DXer saying WNCR-1440 has changed calls to WFTQ, I tuned there for his legal ID which was given on this date as: "This is WNCR in Worcester, Mass. but you can just call us 14-Q." So, he's still WNCR. I checked out WRVA too, and he's still WRVA as of Mon. 11/21. 11/17 PM, a fine signal noted from two battling on 1170, but there was too much storm noise so I went to a "louder" frequency and got a reward on 1050 in the form of WJXY, Conway, S.C.. really giving it to WHN, 4:59-5:15 s/off, reported. 11/19- UnID TTer sitting astride 1330, 12:53-1:08+. I noted Long John and "Short Candy" on a 610 station, is it WIP, I think? PM, I heard CKJD amidst the SSS DX on 1110, not enough yet for a report. SM 11/20- Speaking of CKJD, as feared, he was there w/WET's silent period in full swing, with a ruinous signal @ 1am, but the whole shebang suddenly went "pffft" and off the air @ 1:05, & was noted back on at re-check @ 1:22, and "pfft" again @ 1:23, then no more heard from him the rest of the morning. UnID RCN-Colombian AMing on 1180, weak and fadey, WHAM off. At 3:13, I found WROP-1410 off RS & on OC only, only unnn CIGO noted w/rr. PM, old Brooklyn friend, WERW-1170, N.J., s/off @ 4:45pm, no SSB. I've driven by their towers (3) in Bridgewater, N.J. several times "in the good old days". Back to try 1170 again, and I heard expected WCLN, N.C. o/u WWVA 5-5:06pm fadeaway, not enough, but more added next eve. MM 11/21- A new spot noted with my Cuban Minute Man, 1335a. Big ANs WOR-710, WCAU-1210, & WTIC-1080 were off AN today! Nuttin' caught on any of those frequencies, though, probably because I spent so much time eking out a report on much-wanted KTWO-1030. I had sent Steve Broomell, their CE, a card, asking him to call me COLLECT before he made that promised MM ET, and he called & tipped me to be on hand today starting @ 2 EST - I was, he did, & I logged KTWO, Wyoming #13 for me. Did I dream it or did I hear somebody on 1320 @ 3:05am mention KTWO? Unnn WAVZ-1300 was ON this AM w/rr @ 3:06, & unID TTer on 1270 @ 3:07+. Unnn WZLX-1350 was heard @ 1:45 s/off to say "WZLX now invites you to turn your radios off!" I guess to make sure nobody tunes in WSBA-910, eh? CUN7.

NOTES FROM YOUR SECRETARY

OUCH My wrists sure hurt...yes it was I who backed the Convention Ballot up to Musings in the last issue. Sorry.

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NOSTALGIA Thanks to those who have contributed station lists, veries, and the like. We've come up with little in the way of NRC history, its early members, etc. My deadline is in just a few days, December 8, but I'll take material for a week or so thereafter, while I work up the special section in the December 30 issue. So, you still have time to contribute. Do it!!

Now on the air is WKED-1130, Frankfort, KY, heard 11/27 @ 3:55 p.m. calling themselves "The new kid in town". Their net is Ac.

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