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STATIC FROM HQ

After five weeks of letters, comments and telephone calls on the issue, its time for a brief comment on the issue of verse in DX News. While we could give a long dissertation on this, we'll keep it short--we did, however, wish the membership to know that all letters we have received have been read, all phone calls carefully considered and all Musings and other comments on the topic of non-DX-related materials considered. We could take a lot of your space discussing the issue, answering the statements which have been made, but now, frankly, is the time to get on to DX, which is what the club is all about. We will be glad to hear or read any additional materials sent in, but really we'd rather talk about DX in these pages. Of course St. Louis is just a few months away and we hope that all will attend and at that time join in a discussion of this issue. We hope this will answer those who have asked us to comment here in Louisville and now, if you will forgive, let's get on to DX like the name above implies....doing just that, HQ received another complete list of number of stations, etc. from Clay Adamson this past week. Since it's just about like one we already printed, we'll pass this time, but we did wish to thank Clay for his help! Also, we have received the first of the St. Louis information and a sheet telling about the convention and a registration form will appear next week in these hallowed pages--look for it and plan to be there Labor Day! Also, be reminded that next week is the last of the weekly DX News issues for the season, which means summer's coming--why it didn't even snow here this week and in fact it's 60 today in Louisville!

CPC TESTS

- Every March
WTHM-1530 Lapeer, Mich. 0400-0600 (may be able to get earlier time). No details. 5 kw, directional. SASE is necessary for reply. Reports to WTHM, c/o Frederick R. Vobbe, CE/OM, P.O. Box 417, Lapeer, Mich. 48446. Fred is a good friend of NRCer Gary Siegel and of DXers. Arranged: Bryan Lee.
- March 19
Monday
WKNX-1210 Saginaw, Mich. Test to include rock music and IDs. Power is 10 Kw. Veries to: Randall E. Bhirde, WKNX, 5200 State St., Saginaw 48603. Calls (prepaid) to: 517/799-1000. Arranged: Wayne Heinen.
- March 26
Monday
KORE-1050, Springfield, Ore. 0400-0500. 1000 watts, non-directional. Will use tones & IDs. Prepaid calls to: 503/746-1631. Reports to: Steve Barton, CE KORE, Box 296, Springfield 97477. Arr: Pete Nolan, GWDXA who will be at the mike.

THEY JOINED

- Steve Stengel, Route 2, Box 93, Milband, South Dakota 57252
 Yuuzi Shirahama, 1072-1 Comura-machi, Yatsushiro-shi, Kumamoto-ken, 866 JAPAN Welcome!!!!
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 Wayne J. Benkinney, 2367 N. Genesee Rd., Burton, Michigan 48509

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DOMESTIC DX DIGEST

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Here's whats going on in the world of Domestic DX. March deadlines are 3/17 & 3/31.

DX TESTS

WJWL - Tent. w/TT only by SJM-IA
WJTH - Heard by WH, SJM, ERC
WILI - Tent. w/TT only by ERC-MA
WDBQ - Tent. by PRM-OH, heard by SJM, MAS, not heard by ERC, RA
KQNK - Heard by SJM

FREQUENCY CHECKS

1st Mon. KPSA-950 w/TT & VIDS. (WH-CO)
2nd Wed. WFPL-1070 xlnr 0221-0333. (DY-CT)
2nd Thu. KAYS-1400 w/TT only. (WH-CO)
KAMI-1580 Not heard. (WH)
2nd Sat. KVSH-940 Not heard Jan. & Feb. (WH)
KNVL-1060 Ditto. (WH)
KPAG-1400 Ditto. (WH)
KAHL-1410 Heard w/TT, VIDS Jan. & Feb. (WH-CO)
3rd Mon. WORV-1580 w/mx, IDs per list. (SJM-IA)
3rd Thu. KBRR-1230 Not heard. (WH-CO)
KBRF-1250 w/TT only. (WH-CO)
WHII-1570 w/DT & VIDS. (WH)
4th Fri. KFCE-1380 Not heard. (WH)
KSIW-1450 w/TT & VIDS. (WH-CO)
WIKE-1490 Tent. w/TT only. (RA-MA)

SPECIAL

525 YWA -- ----- - 2/20 1817 Aviation beacon, location unknown. (DY-CT)
530 NB ON NORTH BAY - 2/16 0256 xlnr w/tone, then "NB" in Code, thanks to WPT for tip. (DY-CT) 2/19 0223 Beacon w/ Morse "NB" ID, one second silence, 8 second tone, one second silence, then ID again. (PRM-OH) 2/19 0205 w/Code ID, 8 second tone, my first MW Beacon. (MAS-IL) (SJM-IA)
600 KSJB ND JAMESTOWN - 2/14 & 2/15 noted AN w/C&W. (WH-CO) (SJM-IA)
1090 KAAV AR LITTLE ROCK - heard AN MMS 2/12 & 2/19 so probably NSP.
1150 WJBO LA BATON ROUGE - 2/3 noted AN w/Larry King Show. (WH-CO)
1190 KJLA MO KANSAS CITY - EX-KAYQ now Disco format noted good 2/13 2357. (WH-CO)
1220 CKCW NB MONCTON - seems to have quit ANing, not heard last several days. (ERC-MA)
1230 WITH MD BALTIMORE - has joined Larry King Net 2/20 per his announcement. (ERC-MA)
1240 WBBW OH YOUNGSTOWN - joined Larry King Net on 2/20 also. (ERC)
1260 KGBX MO SPRINGFIELD - noted AN MMS 2/12 & 2/19, NSP? (SJM-IA)
1330 WPOW NY NEW YORK - on the air @ 0300, not 0500 as in NRC Log.
1340 KSET TX EL PASO - is now AN-NSP w/Radio Disco. (WH-CO) (DY-CT)
1350 KRMT IA DES MOINES - is also joining Larry King 2/27 per his announcement. (ERC-MA)
1560 WPAD KY PADUCAH - EX-WDXR 2/19 1905-1915 w/CBS Nx, C&W mx. (SJM-IA)
1620 PRN -- CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND - 2/19 noted on at various times 2000-0345 s/off w/mx, phone calls @ 617-755-0732 (one from Mark Connelly!), giving out QSLs. (BL-CT) 2/16 0217 "Pirate Radio for Central New England, beamed for Eastern Canada." s/off o/u WFAT/low het. (DY-CT)
1630 WPAT NY NEW YORK - 2/19 0300-0600 noted on w/mx/jx & phone calls etc. Was weak at start but later dominated New England Pirate, phone # at 212-638-9979. (BL-CT) Noted very good w/Larry McCrane, Hal Hollow, phone number 212-664-9979 2/16 0217-0330, everyone's heard them but the FCC, hi. (DY-CT)

SUNSET TO MIDNIGHT

570 KGRT NM LAS CRUCES - 2/14 1930 alone but weak for 5KW, faded to SS QRM. (PS-KS) (DY-CT)
CJEM NB EDMUNDSTON - 2/20 1810 fair u/WMCA w/talk & mx in FF.
580 KUBC CO MONTROSE - 2/16 1603 fighting w/KSAC u/EZL. (WH-CO)
600 CFCF PQ MONTREAL - 2/18 1825 w/EE talk show, area ments, fair u/WICC. (BL-CT)
610 WIOD FL MIAMI - 2/8 1935 blasting in w/Hank Coleburg Sports Show but gone @ 1950. (DR-CT)
620 WHJB PA GREENSBURG - 2/7 1739 TC, ID by YL DJ, spot for Sam Lavardo Ford, strong signal. (DR-CT)
630 CJLA PQ LACHUTE - 2/18 1817 FF MoR mx w/many ments. of Montreal, fair/poor u/WPRO. (BL-CT)
640 WNAD OK NORMAN - 2/9 NBC Nx just prior to 1915 s/off. (WH-CO)
650 KIKK TX PASADENA - 2/14 good 1912-1916 s/off w/C&W mx & lotsa spots o/u WSM. (WH-CO)
680 KFEQ MO ST. JOSEPH - 2/14 1843-1900 w/extended nx to pattern change. (WH-CO)
KKYX TX SAN ANTONIO - 2/14 took over w/nx/C&W mx when KFEQ switched patterns. (WH-CO)
CFTR ON TORONTO - 2/14 2320 xlnr o/WRKO w/ads. (DY-CT)
690 WVOK AL BIRMINGHAM - noted 2/9, 2/10 @ 1830 s/off, much weaker on 2/10. (DR-CT)
730 WFMC NC GOLDSBORO - fair u/WPIT, tentatively the one 2/16 1758 unable to ID, but mention of Wayne Community College in Goldsboro led to claim. (WPT-DC) (WPT-DC)
WLIL TN LENOIR CITY - 2/13 1815 fair @ s/off w/ment. of 93.5 FM.
WLOR GA THOMASVILLE - 2/13 1830 fair/poor w/s/off after wx & TC. (WPT-DC)
WPAL SC CHARLESTON - 2/13 fair @ 1830 s/off w/ment. of LKW power, no SSB or Dixie. (WPT-DC)
750 WHEB NH PORTSMOUTH - 2/17 1654 very good w/Pop mx. (SM-MA)
800 KBUH UT BRIGHAM CITY - 2/13 w/BKB to 1800 s/off. (WH-CO)
810 KWSR CO RIFLE - 2/13 1935 u/KCMO w/wx, road cx. (PS-KS) Ending Nx, wx w/spot 2/13 1935. (WH-CO)
KAPE NM SANTA FE - 2/14 1940 w/C&W mx, spots. (WH-CO)
CHQR AB CALGARY - 2/13 good w/nx til 2015 pattern change. (WH)
830 KBOA MO KENNETT - 2/15 1836 poor o/u WCCO w/spots. (WH-CO)
850 WYDE AL BIRMINGHAM - 2/9 1825 in good @ times u/WHDH w/ID & several spots. (DR-CT)
WEEU PA READING - 2/17 1750-1754 o/WHDH w/detailed sports, then spots. (DR-CT)
890 KBYE OK OKLAHOMA CITY - 2/9 w/religious talk show 1838-1915 s/off. (WH-CO)
900 KSGI KS WICHITA - 2/17 1850 good w/religious mx, PSA's. (WH-CO)
910 KBIM NM ROSWELL - 2/16 1945 T40 mixing w/KJJJ w/C&W, no KPOF! (WH)
920 KKLX SD RAPID CITY - 2/15 good in local KLMR null w/T40 1806-1815. (WH-CO)
950 WPEN PA PHILADELPHIA - 2/17 1937 fair/good w/wx, Barry Manilow mx. (SM-MA)
990 WNOX TN KNOXVILLE - 2/8 1800-1806 good w/"WNOX News On The Hour" then wx. (DR-CT)
WEEB NC SOUTHERN PINES - 2/11 in good @ 1759 s/off. (DR-CT)
1000 CFLP PQ RIMOUSKI - 2/18 1745-1803 loud o/CKEW/WCFL w/IDs, nx, male & female anners in FF, then EE Pop mx. (RA-MA)
WVOV AL HUNTSVILLE - 2/8 1813-1819 looky here!! C&W mx, in very good w/area ments. & local spot for Chevy dealer, where was WCFL? (DR-CT) Nice catch! (RA-MA)
KTOK OK OKLAHOMA CITY - 2/9 1800 w/AI Nx. (WH-CO) (DR-CT)
1050 WSCV NH PETERBOROUGH - 2/14 1715 s/off, BFL mx format, o/WHN.
KCAS TX SLATON - 2/17 good w/T40 mx & spots til 1930 s/off. (WH-CO)
KLOH MN PIPESTONE - 2/15 2000 o/u KBUF w/C&W mx, Nx. (WH-CO)
1060 KRSP UT SALT LAKE CITY - 2/17 w/extended nx & T40 mx 1910. (WH)
KGFY SD PIERRE - 2/3 2045 o/WNOE for a moment w/C&W mx, rare. (PS-KS)
1130 WMGA GA MOULTRIE - 2/18 1811 fair o/u WNEW w/wx, still on daytime power. (WPT-DC)
1170 WWVA WV WHEELING - 2/17 2002 very good w/long detailed ID.. "A Columbia Pictures Industries Radio Station." (SM-MA)
1220 WOMN CT HAMDEN - 2/18 1728-1730 caught tail end of s/off by female annr, no SSB. (RA-MA)
1260 WPHB PA PHILIPSBURG - 2/18 1745 s/off in fair. (DR-CT)

1270 WXYZ MI DETROIT - 2/20 1817 xlnt signal way o/WSPR. (DY-CT)
 KSCB KS LIBERAL - 2/16 1845-1850 noted w/T40 & spots. (WH-CO)
 1290 KWLS KS PRATT - 2/16 1902 ending nx u/KVOR slop. (WH-CO)
 1300 WERE OH CLEVELAND - 2/14 2306 w/"Greater Cleveland Auto Show"
 spot. (MAS-IL)
 1310 WIBA WI MADISON - 2/19 1455 o/WTAQ slop w/EZL mx, CBS Nx @ 1500,
 first daytime reception. (MAS-IL)
 WCAM NJ CAMDEN - 2/20 1818 good o/mess w/nx, talk, much wanted
 @ 250W. (DY-CT)
 1340 KHAP NM AZTEC - 2/17 noted w/local nx, spots 1859-1905. (WH-CO)
 1370 KVYL OK HOLDENVILLE - 2/13 early 1815 s/off w/no ID after
 editorial, "K-Vill" promos. (PS-KS)
 1380 CKPC ON BRANTFORD - 2/18 1815 good w/wx & sports. (DR-CT)
 1410 WGGM VA CHESTER - 2/18 1740 IDs in mess w/Richmond ments. (DR)
 1420 CJMT PQ CHICOUTIMI - 2/20 1758 atop w/FF talk o/TA het, WHK.(DY-CT)
 1450 WPAM PA POTTSVILLE - 2/17 1739 loud w/local spots, IDs and
 ments. of New Philadelphia, Pottsville. (DR-CT)
 1460 WPMH AL CULLMAN - 2/12 1830 in just long enuff for taped ID.(PS-KS)
 KCCL AR PARIS - 2/13 1733 w/ID after Nx, strong for a brief
 period. (PS-KS)
 KZOT AR MARIANNA - 2/13 1748 sneaking in w/nx. (PS-KS)
 KIRL MO ST. CHARLES - 2/13 1759 in & out w/ID, then into mx. (PS-KS)
 1470 UNID -- ----- 2/14 2333-2345 fair w/several others w/phone
 auction, who? (DY-CT)
 1520 KMAV ND MAYVILLE - 2/14 briefly noted @ 1845 s/off. (PS-KS)
 WHIC KY HARDINSBURG - 2/20 1830 good thru WKBW w/s/off by
 female annor, plug for 94.3 FM. (PRM-OH)
 1530 WOBR NC WANCHESE - 2/18 1745 s/off w/ment. of FM 95.3, fair
 o/WTHM/WCKY. (BL-CT) (BL-CT)
 WTHM MI LAPEER - 2/18 T40 mx, IDs, 103 FM promo @ 1800, no WCKY.
 1540 WSMI IL LITCHFIELD - think the one here 2/19 1827 w/wx,
 WS I heard. (WPT-DC)
 1550 WSAO MS SENATOBIA - 2/13 1835 up briefly long enuff for taped
 ID, then never heard again. (PS-KS)
 KIWA IA SHELTON - 2/13 1845 atop KKJO briefly. (PS-KS)
 WORL TN OAK RIDGE - 2/19 1828 fair w/s/off by male annor, no
 SSB or Dixie. (WPT-DC)
 WRHC FL CORAL GABLES - 2/13 1815 caught end of s/off ments.
 of station address, some WPTR-1540 slopover. (BL-CT)
 WBSC SC BENNETTSVILLE - 2/17 1802 in good w/wx, ID, new. (DR-CT)
 WKBA VA VINTON - 2/16 & 2/18 1800 s/off heard good both days. (DR)
 1570 KXVR SD VERMILLION - 2/13 noted strong @ 1900 s/off. (PS-KS)
 KUXL MN GOLDEN VALLEY - 2/14 1810 strong w/Twin Cities ads,
 R&B mx. (PS-KS) 2/20 fair 1835 in CFOR null w/spot for
 liquor store in Minneapolis. (PRM-OH)
 1580 WFPMP MS PASCAGOULA-MOSS POINT - 2/16 1845 w/T40 mx then s/off.
 Missed ID but plug for WPMO-FM helped lead to claim,
 no SSB or Dixie, noted good @ s/off 2/18 & 2/20 &
 becoming a pest at SSS, #22 on 1580. (WPT-DC)
 WANB PA WAYNESBURG - 2/18 1759 s/off, advising to tune to FM
 103.1, good signal (DR-CT)
 1590 UNID -- ----- 2/9, 2/14 1730 s/off noted, sounding like
 WGNH, small segment of SSB played, BFL mx played before
 s/off. Doesn't sound like WDHN on tape, any ideas? (DR-CT)
 WGGO NY SALAMANCA - 2/17 1745 fair thru WQQW @ s/off. (DR-CT)

MIDNIGHT TO SUNRISE

(MAS-IL)
 550 K TSA TX SAN ANTONIO - 2/19 0230 good o/WSVA w/jx ID, Bee Gees mx.
 W SVA VA HARRISONBURG - 2/19 0234 fair u/KTSA w/MoR mx,
 station promo, ads. (MAS-IL) (MAS-IL)
 560 UNID -- ----- 2/19 0235 u/WIND w/C&w mx, KWTO most likely.
 590 KFXM CA SAN BERNARDINO - 2/6 fair w/Rock @ 0420. (ABT-CA)
 640 KFI CA LOS ANGELES - Date?? long wanted, finally u/Cuban
 0258-0300 w/appropriately enuff, "You Needed Me." (DY-CT)
 740 KRMG OK TULSA - 2/16 0132 good o/KTRH/Cuban w/ID, ads. (DY-CT)
 Loud 2/19 on ET/rr w/ID @ 0158. (ERC-MA)
 850 KOA CO DENVER - 2/19 0421 good o/GKVL w/talk show. (BL-CT)
 Heard same date mins. later @ 0435. (DR-CT)
 860 KONO TX SAN ANTONIO - tentative 2/16 0120 o/Cuban w/Mutual Nx,
 then into religion. Are they AN religion or could this
 have been XEMO? (DY-CT) Sounds like XEMO to me. (RA)
 910 WRNL VA RICHMOND - 2/19 fair mixing w/others w/T40 mx 0045-0058,
 then s/off, 0101, change log for format. (PRM-OH)

960 CKWS ON KINGSTON - 2/19 good in null of WFIR w/"hold ON"
 promo 0113 "96 WS" IDs, jx, log change. (PRM-OH)
 970 WANV VA WAYNESBORO - 2/19 loud u/WWSW w/Soul mx, ID ments.
 that they were on w/full power (5KW) due to wx w/promos,
 cancellations, etc. (PRM-OH)
 980 WSIX TN NASHVILLE - 2/14 0033 o/WONE w/Ae Nx, C&W mx. (MAS-IL)
 KFVB CA LOS ANGELES - 2/19 0415 good u/WONE w/California State
 Nx. (MAS-IL)
 990 CBW MB WINNIPEG - 2/16 0145 fair w/WZZD/Venezuelan. (DY-CT)
 1060 KYW PA PHILADELPHIA - AN MM 2/19 perhaps due to heavy snowstorm,
 w/regular all nx format. (ERC-MA)
 1070 CHOK ON SARNIA - 2/16 0306 noted fair u/WIBC. (DY-CT)
 1080 KRDL TX DALLAS - 2/16 0147 poor u/WTIC talk in TX opening
 w/quiet mx, 2nd station here this year w/WTIC on air
 only 40 miles away! (DY-CT)
 1100 KFAX CA SAN FRANCISCO - 2/6 noted off again, pretty sure 1st
 Tues. AM is their SP. (ABT-CA)
 WWWE OH CLEVELAND - 2/18 0412 xlnt w/mx. (SM-MA)
 1110 KRLA CA PASADENA - 2/6 ID noted @ 0428, then mx. (ABT-CA)
 1130 WNEW NY NEW YORK - 2/18 0414 xlnt w/Johnny Mathis song. (SM-MA)
 KRDU CA DINUBA - 2/6 weak 0430 w/ID/PSA, UNID QRM from other
 stations on frequency. (ABT-CA)
 1150 WHHL FL PINE CASTLE-SKY LAKE - Tentative 2/20 0035 w/tone
 bursts, ID sounding like WHAL/WHHL, they do have LKW
 CP. (DY-CT)
 1160 KSL UT SALT LAKE CITY - 2/19 0539 fair/poor w/MoR mx. (BL-CT)
 1170 UNID -- ----- 2/19 0350 talk u/WWVA, "Music All Night Long"
 w/C&W mx, suspect KVOO, but WWVA too strong to tell.(PRM-OH)
 1190 CHTN PEI CHARLOTTE TOWN - 2/19 0535 weak w/nx u/WOWO. (BL-CT)
 1210 WKNX MI SAGINAW - 2/14 ET/T40 mx 0202-0220+ (WH-CO)
 UNID -- ----- 2/14 TT weak u/WCAU to 0143 s/off, if ID @ end,
 it was unreadable. (DY-CT) Maybe part of that WKNX
 ET above, Dave? (RA)
 1230 WINF CT MANCHESTER - 2/19 0324-0344 way atop w/EZL/MoR w/"Album
 Hour" w/Carl Miller, ID @ 0332. (RA-MA)
 WBOK LA NEW ORLEANS - 2/19 0358-0400 good w/"Midnight Talk Show"
 & IDs. (SJM-IA)
 1240 WCOU ME LEWISTON - 2/19 0516 fair w/Disco, have they changed
 format? (BL-CT)
 UNID -- ----- 2/19 0508 ments. of cold temps. Williamstown
 and phone # 467-6070, anyone know who? (BL-CT)
 UNID -- ----- 2/17 @ 0259 on Larry King Net, three days
 before WBBW began on this show - who else on 1240
 carries him? (ERC-MA)
 WINN KY LOUISVILLE - 2/19 fair/good 0135 ending ABC Nx, into
 local nx, area ments. & wx @ 0140, ID, C&W mx o/WWWC.(PRM)
 WEDC IL CHICAGO - 2/19 fair 0146-0150 w/SS talk, atop 0150,
 ID in SS. (PRM-OH)
 WKDA TN NASHVILLE - 2/19 good 0154 o/WINN w/promo for WKDA
 Blood Drive. (PRM-OH)
 WWWC NC WILKESBORO - 2/19 atop 0132-0204 w/AP Nx, promos,
 ID jx, Rock mx, "3WC" ID noted @ 0146, many area ments.(PRM)
 1250 WTMA SC CHARLESTON - 2/19 0342-0345 good in WTAE null w/Rock, ID.
 WTAE PA PITTSBURGH - 2/19 was AN MM w/school closings, (PRM-OH)
 was a national holiday, wouldn't they've been closed
 anyway? (ERC-MA)
 1270 WXYZ MI DETROIT - 2/19 0500 L&C @ s/on w/local nx. (MAS-IL)
 Thought they went NSP, Mark? (RA) 2/19 0455 T40 mx,
 end of Bob Deeley Show, Nx @ 0500, good signal. (BL-CT)
 WLBR PA LEBANON - 2/19 0500 w/full s/on, o/WXYZ, but faded. (BL)
 1290 CJBK ON LONDON - 2/19 0130 T40 mx followed by nx/sx/wx, very
 good o/WNBF. (BL-CT)
 KOWB WY LARAMIE - 2/9 0133 w/T40 mx, lotsa spots. (WH-CO)
 1320 WKTR PA PITTSBURGH - 2/19 0122 xlnt w/nx, wx, cancellations. (BL-CT)
 1330 WFBC SC GREENVILLE - 2/14 0148 very good w/ID/spots w/WEVD/WHET
 both off. (DY-CT)
 WFTP FL FT. PIERCE - 2/19 in/out w/FFC CKLD @ 0244 & until WPOW's
 0300 s/on. (ERC-MA)
 1370 WPAZ PA POTTSTOWN - 2/18 0057-0100 ET/ID & off, fair o/WFEA. (BL-CT)
 1380 WDAT FL ORMOND BEACH - 2/22 0147+ way atop o/WBNX w/rr on
 AN Show on "The Real George Washington's Birthday." (ERC-MA)

1400 WMCS ME MACHIAS - A real surprise w/"Save The Children" plug @ 0320, on top, so they're apparently AN now w/rr mx. This on SM 2/18, heard again on Tue. AM 2/20 @ 0226, not noted MM 2/19 so apparently AN-6. (ERC-MA)

1410 KFRU MO COLUMBIA - 2/19 0109 w/local & Central MO wx. (MAS-IL)

1410 CIGO NS PORT HAWKESBURY - 2/16 0221 finally IDed w/C&W mx u/WPOP. (DY-CT)

1420 WHK OH CLEVELAND - 2/19 0200 w/nx/wx/sx then C&W mx, fair mixing w/CKTL. (BL-CT)

1440 KUHL CA SANTA MARIA - 2/6 fair w/haircare spot, T40 mx @ 0435. (ABT)

1450 KEYY UT PROVO - 2/6 0445-0500 good w/album contest promo, YL DJ, local KEST off the air, reported. (ABT-CA)

WOL DC WASHINGTON - 2/16 0130 poor u/WNAB w/Disco/Soul type mx, QRM from others on frequency. (DY-CT)

WMFJ FL DAYTONA BEACH - 2/22 0151-0206 amazingly atop w/Disco & Rock mx. (ERC-MA) Nice!! (RA)

1470 WRGA GA ROME - 2/19 mostly atop 0244-0300 w/C&W mx, promos, nx 0300. Log change. (PRM-OH)

CKPB PQ BAGOTVILLE - 2/19 0009 FF MoR mx, IDs, very good sig. (BL-CT)

1480 WLEB VA RICHMOND - 2/14 0135 good in WJIT null o/UNID TTer. (DY-CT)

1490 WABJ MI ADRIAN - 2/19 0315-0326 good w/Rock, "Radio 15" promos, while looking for WDBQ Test. (PRM-OH)

WUSS NJ ATLANTIC CITY - 2/19 0007 noted on ET/TT/IDs, xlnt sig. (BL)

WBCB PA LEVITTOWN - 2/19 0044 fair w/ID which popped out of mess. (BL-CT)

WWDE VA HAMPTON - 2/21 0218-0306 poking thru from time to time w/"2-W-D" IDs, ABC Nx on the hour, frequent wx rpts. (ERC)

UNID -- ----- 2/17 0208-0231 TT on & off varying pitches. (ERC)

1500 WDEE MI DETROIT - 2/19 0415 C&W mx, "Big D" IDs, fair w/WTOP off.

1510 WLAC TN NASHVILLE - 2/19 0524 w/T40 mx, IDs, weak u/CJRS. (BL-CT)

1550 WMOO AL MOBILE - 2/19 0209-0233 noted on ET/TT/GOS mx/religious programming, heavy WPTR slop, almost missed it. (BL-CT) Ditto from 0215-0225. (RA-MA)

1570 WHII MS BAY SPRINGS - on ET/TT 0156-0230+ (extended r/c 3rd Thu. on 2/15. (WH-CO)

1580 UNID -- ----- YAD style test, someone broadcasting what sounded like galeforce winds, creaking sounds, 2/16 0320 very strong way o/WSRF. (DY-CT) Maybe they left the door open at WSRF, and that was the wind you heard blowing thru the studio!!! (RA) (BL-CT)

1590 WAKR OH AKRON - 2/19 0001 T40 mx, ID popped out after WQQW s/off.

WETT MD OCEAN CITY - 2/19 0045 MoR mx, ads for NBC Nx, Wx, fair o/mess. (BL-CT)

WQIQ PA CHESTER - 2/19 0005 T40 mx & IDs, fair/poor o/WAKR. (BL)

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164 FRANCE Allouis, FF and light mx 0400 12/30. FF news commentary and early AM mx 0320 2/10. FF female vocalist and AM mx 0405 2/18. (Jones)

527 COSTA RICA TICAL R. Rumba, Cartago good 0641 w/SS mx, not hrd at 0758 check, are they AN? 2/16. (Yocis)(AN most of the time-CH) LA mx w/male vocalist, strong sigs (S7 to 8) 0440 2/7. (Jones)

529 ALGERIA Ain Beida fair w/man in AA 0001 2/13. (Connelly)

540 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Santo Domingo R. ABC 0249 2/14 xlnt w/mentions of Santo Domingo. (Yocis) R. A-H-C (H, not B), Radio Quesenta (sp?) 0718-0750 1/13. (Maguire) Has always been ABC in the past-you sure of change?-CH

540 ECUADOR Guayaquil HCFA2 R. Tropicana w/EZL 12/19 until 0800 ID. SS ID given twice with call, slogan, location, got beautiful ID on tape. Makes country # 32. (Deitz)

540 NICARAGUA Managua YNOW R. Corporacion 1002-1-11 12/18. (Maguire)

545 DOMINICA Roseau w/FF lively Caribbean mx 0125, s/off w/FF and EE ID "Radio Caribes International" at 0305. (Jones) Has been missing the last couple of weeks-maybe they have made the switch to 1150. MM 2/26 found something strange on 1150 that sounded like them but I didn't stay to check it out-CH

548 ALGERIA Oran to good peaks w/talk, then AA type guitar mx 0003 2/3. (Connelly)

555 ST. KITTS Basseterre ZIZ 0254 xlnt w/festive mx. (Yocis) EE/calypso mx 0230 2/9. (Jones)

575 COSTA RICA TIRN R. Nacional, San Jose w/political commentary 0250 1/15. Weather report and "Informativo Mundial" 0130 2/2. (Jones) Very good w/c1 mx in WMCA slop 0438 2/15. (Yocis)

580 PUERTO RICO WKAQ San Juan atop w/talk 0552 2/16. (Yocis)

595 DOMINICA Roseau Dominica Broadcast Corporation w/FF and calypso mx 0300-0315 2/18. (Jones)

610 COLOMBIA HJKL Bogota w/SS talk by OM w/mention of republic of Colombia 0131 1/26. Fair o/u WIP. (Townshend)

612 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun at strong RF level w/AA wailing; audio clarity only fair because of slop 0007 2/13. (Connelly)

625 COSTA RICA San Jose TIJC R. Cucu, not much thru slop except cookoos 0530 2/19. (Straus)

639 UNID TA het, presumably Spain, no audio 0639 2.16. (Yocis)

*****645*** PARAGUAY ZP19 R. Caaguazu, Coronel Oveido good 0830-0850 tune-out MM 2.19 w/lively instrumental and group vocal mx, man in SS; perfectly clear ID at 0836, taped. Country #79. (DeLorenzo) Very nice! Tape received and your ID marvelled at. It is truly an amazing signal. There is an ID at 0830, by the way. It gives slogan and location, just like the 0836 one. So they are back! CH

650 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIAT R. Universal, Santo Domingo xlnt, alone w.USA rock, reggae 0030-0036 2/14. (DeLorenzo)

670 MEXICO XETOR 2345-0005 12/17 and 18. (Maguire)

675 COSTA RICA R. Sonora, San Jose 0528 12/29. (Maguire)

699 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIDC R. Mao, Valverde assumed w/strong het on WLW/Costa Rica, looped DR, off 0300 before readable ID. (Yocis)

700 COLOMBIA HJCC R. Sutatenza, Cali o/WLW w/sports event 0120 12/29. (Jones)

700 COLOMBIA R. Quince 0457-0515 2/22. (Maguire) No R. Quince in any of my books, or reports of it either. What is this? CH

700 COSTA RICA Radio M..., La Voz de la Caribbean 0518-0532 2/22. (Maguire) Only CR here is R. Reloj. What is location of your logging? Program details? CH

705 ST. VINCENT Kingston l&c w/discussion on Paris 0040-0044 2/14. (DeLorenzo)

710 VENEZUELA YVKY R. Capital Caracas fair u/WOR 0303 w/OM anncr. (Yocis)

711 FRANCE Rennes o/WOR slop w/man in FF 0646 2/18. (Connelly)

719 PORTUGAL Norte in w/massive carrier, shallow audio; PP sporting event 0013 2/13. (Con)

720 CUBA CMGN 0537 12/29. (Maguire)

725 SURINAM SRS Paramaribo w/Taki-Taki, news commentary 2325 2/11. (Jones)

729 SPAIN Oveido to good peaks w/pgm of Van Morrison records 1/774 0017 2/13. (Connelly)

735 ECUADOR HGGCL R. Melodia, Quito w/lively LA mx and vocalist 0320 1/16. (Jones)

738 SPAIN Barcelona poor w/talk in bad mains buzz/TVI 2357 2/17. (Connelly)

756 PORTUGAL Lisboa good w/religious choral mx 0647 2/18. (Connelly)

760 COLOMBIA HJAJ LV de Barranquilla w/news 0245 1/15. (Jones)

765 SENEGAL Dakar good on TRF w/man in FF 2339 2/14. Loud w/FF talk, best TA 0001 on 2/18. (Connelly) FF s/on w/NA 0557 2/4. AA/Koran readings until local SR 0610. Good carrier but weak audio. (Jones)

774 SPAIN Valencia/Caceres to strong peaks but sometimes fading into WABC slop; Van

(774, continued) Morrison records //729 0019 2/13. (Connolly)
 782 PORTUGAL Miramar fair w/woman in PP 0001 2/18. Fair w/heavy 783 het 0648 2/18.
 (Connolly)
 790 MEXICO XERPC 0547-0600 2/7. (Maguire)
 800 MEXICO XEROK Ciudad Juarez poor u/CKLW w/US rock 0637 2/16. (Yocis)
 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES PJB xlnr, alone even in null 0305 2/14 w/YL singer in EE.
 (Yocis) EE religious pgm and mx 0235 1/15. Very strong sigs w/SS religious pgm
 0140 2/9. (Jones)
 810 COLOMBIA HJCV R. Sutatenza, Bogota o/WGY w/pop LA mx, male vocalist 0220 2/9. (Jones)
 810 MEXICO XEUX 0050-0057 s/off 12/31. (Maguire)
 810 MEXICO XERSV 0100-0115 12/31. (Maguire)
 819 MOROCCO Rabat fair w/female AA vocal 0007 2/18. Loud o/Andorra w/male AA chant
 0650 2/18. (Connolly)
 819 SPAIN poor w/het from WOSU 2306 2/20. (Yocis) No Spaniards here, fella. Morocco/
 Andorra are your likely stations-CH
 828 UNID strong OC; AA stn way under 0009 2/18. (Connolly)
 830 COLOMBIA HJDM R. Vision, Medellin good, alone w/ID, SS vocal 0635 2/19. (De'Lzo)
 830 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIJB Santo Domingo w/local pop mx and meringue 0210 2/9. (Jones)
 830 MEXICO XEVQ 0022-0045 and 0117-0203 12/31. (Maguire)
 830 VENEZUELA YVLT R. Sensacion 0423 w/OM SS ID, mx, well atop 2/15. (Yocis)
 834 BELIZE R. Belize w/EE comedy skit 0325 1/16. Loudest ever hrd here, S-9. (Jones)
 850 MEXICO XEM-correction to November report, my eyesight got the better of me. XEM
 frequently overrides KOA. (Maguire)
 860 BRAZIL R. Mundial, Rio de Janeiro l&c, outrageous signal w/ID, TC by man in PP
 followed by PP rock mx 0629-0633 2/19. Still l&c at 0817 recheck. (DeLorenzo)
 0730-0900+ 2/19, OM PP talk, PP and EE vocals, Mundial ID's. Xlnr. (Straus)
 860 CUBA unid R. Reloj outlet, where they? Dominant 0625 2/14. (Yocis) I forget, check
 the Cuban list that appeared in IDXD about a month ago-CH
 860 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HILR R. Clarin w/political commentary 0200 2/9. (Jones)
 860 MEXICO XEMO 0743-0610 s/off 12/16. (Maguire) Your times would seem a bit off-CH
 864 FRANCE Villebon 0615 2/19, very good w/FF OM talking. (Straus)
 880 GUATEMALA TGW R. Mundo 1017-1058 1/18. (Maguire)
 880 UNID R. Nuendas (sp?) 1018-1033 1/22. Who? Mentioned Argetina, Costa Rica, and
 Galeta. (Maguire) No idea. Cuba/Guatemala/Honduras are the common stations-CH
 882 ENGLAND (tentative) possible EE talk chewed up by WCBs slop 0653 2/18. (Connolly)
 900 PANAMA 0447-0507 12/30. (Maguire) Calls? Location? Slogan? Program details? CH
 910 VENEZUELA YVRQ Maiquetia good o/WRCQ w/OM in SS, hrd "Venezuela" several times,
 0310 2/14. (Yocis)
 995 ECUADOR HCEW2 R. Suceso, Guayaquil w/LA pop mx and female vocalist 0200 1/6. (Jones)
 1000 COLOMBIA HJAR LVde Cartagena l&c w/RN ID followed by SS vocal 0805 2/19. (Dlzo)
 1005 COLOMBIA HJJR R. Colossal, Neiva w/lively LA mx 0225 1/15. BKB game 0205 2/9.
 (Jones)
 1030 COLOMBIA HJ?? fair w/R. Suceso, RCN ID 0802 2/19 then buried u/WBZ OC; who is
 this? (DeLorenzo) HJER, R. Pacifico-CH
 1030 MEXICO Mexico City XEQR good w/R. Centro ID; WBZ off 0656 2/19. (Connolly)
 1034 PORTUGAL Porto Alto still on 1034, 0609 2/19 w/man in PP. Not sure if they ever
 operated on 1035. (Connolly) Good w/woman in PP, then PP folk mx, WBZ off 0654
 2/19. (Connolly)
 1035 PORTUGAL weak u/WBZ slop and what else, het w/cl type mx pgm 2302 2/20. (Yocis)
 RDP good w/PP folk mx, woman in PP 0625 2/19. (DeLorenzo) They are on 1034 (or
 were when I last DX'ed moons ago-CH
 1035 UNID said "Santo Domingo" several times 1038-1050 1/14. (Maguire) I assume you
 had the last traces of Haiti-nothing else here-CH
 1037 COLOMBIA HJBN 1100-1110 1/7. (Maguire)
 1044 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun to good peaks w/old-time instrumental Muzak 0611 2/18. (Con)
 1045 PANAMA HOJ2 Ondas del Canajagua w/pop mx 0230 1/15. (Jones)
 1050 MEXICO XED thru XEG 0548 2/1. (Maguire)
 1061 PORTUGAL Norte measured on 1061, good w/soft semi-cl mx 2346 2/17. (Connolly)
 Poor w/KYW, het 2314 2/20. (Yocis)
 1070 COLOMBIA HJAC Emisora Atlantico, Barranquilla good, atop w/ID, ads 0756 2/19.
 (DeLorenzo)
 1088 UNID carrier on old plan channel; mx sometimes heard through WBAL slop-Albania
 still here? Or is it African? 2345 2/17. (Connolly) Has been noted by me ever
 since the changeover-loops Africa but I can not get enough to prove anything-CH
 1089 ENGLAND Orfordness BBC to fair peaks w/DJ in fast-talk EE, then pop mx 0648
 2/19. WBAL off, just mediocre strength LA's/CKLW on 1090 to provide QRM. (Con)
 1090 COLOMBIA HJBC Cucuta poor u/CKLW, WBAL off 0525 2/19. (Yocis) Xlnr, alone w/SS
 MoR vocals, CARACOL ID's 0615-0620 2/19. (DeLorenzo)
 1100 COLOMBIA HJCN Bogota R. Reloj fair 12/19 at 0549 w/3WE off. (Deitz)
 1110 MEXICO XE?? 0137-0200 2/18, sounded like XESX, R. Alegria. (Maguire) Nothing re-
 sembling that call or slogan listed-CH
 1115 MOROCCO Ouarzazate measured here on old channel, very good w/male AA chant and
 violins 2343 2/17. Stn heard on 1116 1/23 might have been the Italian. (Connolly)
 Italy was heard on 1116 by ne 12/4-CH

1125 COSTA RICA TISRHB, San Jose 0704 2/14. (Maguire) Onda Once Veinte w/rock mx 0335
 1/15. (Jones)
 1176 COSTA RICA TIQ R. Casino, Puerto Limon w/LA pop mx 0345 1/15. (Jones)
 1180 CUBA R. Reloj outlet w/usual pgm o/u WHAM 0711 2/19. (Connolly)
 1190 COLOMBIA HJCV Bogota R. Cordillera fair atop 0536 2/19. (Yocis)
 1200 COLOMBIA HJNF R. Super, Cali xlnr and alone w/ID, jingle, SS vocal 0741 2/19.
 No sogn of normally dominant YVOZ. (DeLorenzo)
 1206 FRANCE Bordeaux 0515 2/19, very good w/AA pgm. 0520 ID and into Turkish? pgm.
 (Straus) Brodeaux good w/man and woman in FF 0624 2/18. (Connolly)
 1210 GUATEMALA R. Rumbos 0534-0632 1/13. (Maguire)
 1233 UNID probably Tangier; big carrier, weak audio (possible chanting) in WESX QRM
 2339 2/17. (Maguire)
 1260 MEXICO ?? R. Ranchito 0208-000 1/11. (Maguire) I assume this is XEOG...CH
 1265 ST. KITTS R. Paradise very good w/religion 2316 2/20. (Yocis) Tail enf of "Back
 to the Bible" pgm w/choral mx. Fair in null of WDCD slop 0059 2/16. (Townshend)
 1305 ALGERIA (tentative) male AA chant, good-loops North Africa, consistent w/Al-
 gerian QTH 2334 2/17. (Connolly) None of the Algerians are known to be on the
 new frequencies. I'd think Senegal would be a better guess-CH
 1330 COLOMBIA HJAD R. Vigia, Cartagena fair-good o/mess w/WVVD off 0549 2/16. (Yocis)
 1349 MAURITANIA: Nouakchott fair in slop w/AA mx 2331 2/17. (Connolly)
 1360 MEXICO ??? XECU/XESE announced "La Fontaina" (sp?) 1041-1056 2/19. (Maguire)
 1377 FRANCE Lille good w/2 men in FF, possibly a discussion; rock mx followed 0627
 2/18. Man in FF good despite fast deep fades 0641 2/19. (Connolly) 0601 2/19 very
 good w/FF man and woman talking. (Straus)
 1422 WEST GERMANY Saarbrücken 0620 2/19 w/GG vocals, fair. (Straus) Poor w/GG talk
 0553 2/19. (Connolly)
 1430 CUBA CMJP Ciego de Avila R. Surcos w/SS talk by male 0540 2/20. Good atop the
 channel. (Townshend) This is not CMJP from 1190 but instead an entirely new
 xmtr-CH
 1467 MONACO Monte Carlo TWR fair o/1470 slop/het w/religious mx 2321 2/20. (Yocis)
 Poor w/EE sounding talk in slop 2251 2/17. (Connolly)
 1476 AUSTRIA Wien fair w/cl mx, then man in GG 0542-0550 2/19. (DeLorenzo)
 1494 FRANCE Bastia good w/man and woman in FF 0533-0537 2/19. (DeLorenzo) Very good
 w/bouncy Italian-influenced Muzak, then woman in FF 0549 and good w/R. France
 ID at 0600 2/19. (Connolly)
 1510 MEXICO R. Quince XESI or XESO 2349-2400 1/31. (Maguire)
 1510 MEXICO or USA? Same as above? Radio Quince 1750- 1/19, mentioned "Ontario" fre-
 quently. Have heard Ontario mentioned on other Mexicans since, so may not be
 KSON in Ontario, Ca. (Maguire)
 1520 MEXICO XES? 2331---47 1/31 and 2/1. (Maguire)
 1521 SAUDI ARABIA is the one now being heard here. At 2128 2/11 heard with theme mx
 from a German folk tune (English version "Wooden Heart") followed by ID "Edha" at
 Arabiyah... Saudiyah min ar-Reyadh". Notice that the lang used seems to
 be Egyptian AA, as this is probably a pan-Arabic service, and I believe Egyptian
 AA is standard. "Min ar-Reyadh" (in Riyadh) clinches it. Monster signal (Taylor)
 Oh my! Saudi Arabia suddenly becomes easy! Sure beats trying for anything
 definite from the old 647 outlet.... CH
 1521 TUNISIA (tentative) w/potent het o/u WKBW. Weak audio coming thru at times,
 sounded like AA chants, looped Mediterranean area. (Yocis) Settle for Arabia?-CH
 1530 VATICAN CITY man and woman in Romance language and possible R. Vatican mention
 o/low het-growl w/WCKY off, but badly slopped by WPTR 0608 2/19. (Connolly)
 For what it's worth, there's a new station in Santo Domingo (R. Accion) that
 plays rather restrained LA mx that could pass for the musical fare of Vatican-CH
 1548 ENGLAND a BBC local here w/pop mx, then man in EE w/detailed weather forecast.
 Mersey River mentioned, so likely R. City in Liverpool, 0615-0618 2/19. Fair
 o/a pack of other stations. (Connolly)
 1550 UNID weak SS u/CBE, looped east of-Cuba 0325 2/14. (Yocis)
 1555 CAYMAN ISLANDS R. Cayman w/EE local nx pgm 0325 1/17. (Jones)
 1560 CUBA CMGB Cardenas w/SS talk by male 0610 2/20. Fair-good o/WQXR. (Townshend)
 1566 SOUTH KOREA HLDA w/Christmas pgm in 6 languages 1013-1132 12/16. (Maguire)
 1566 SWITZERLAND Sarnen to fair peaks w/man in GG o/u CKLM splash 0546 2/19. (Con)
 1566 UNID 0535-0600 12/13, SS. 0600-0612 12/13 BBC News followed by man speaking
 EE. Later suffered bad QRM from 1570. Could not make out ID. (Maguire)
 1575 EAST GERMANY/ITALY Neubrandenberg very good in peaks w/light cl mx, man in GG
 0506-0513 but losing to RAI Bari w/woman in II 0520-0526 2/19. (DeLorenzo)
 1575 ITALY Bari RAI 0625 2/19, xlnr w/II vocal to 0630 nx. (Straus) Fair w/talk
 by woman, then RAI theme mx 0543 2/19. (Connolly)
 1575 SPAIN Madrid dominant and lo-d w/man in SS 0632 2/19. (Connolly) Fair w/man
 and woman in SS, rock mx 0703-0708 2/19; CKLM slop. (DeLorenzo)
 1580 MEXICO XEDM Hermosillo w/sermon in SS by male preacher; tail end of gospel
 pgm; alone on channel. 0525 2/19 fair-good, then QSB'ed out 0527. (Townshend)
 1584 UNID loud het-growl 0557 2/19. (Connolly)
 1593 WEST GERMANY Langenberg WDR 0624 2/19 xlnr w/choral type GG vocal. (Straus)
 Good w/light instrumental mx, then man in GG 0630 2/19. (Connolly)
 1613 GUATEMALA RAB Rabinal aerobeacon stn 0450 2/9. (Jones)

RADIO SHACK DX-300

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While I'm not an expert on receivers I was able to lay hands on a DX-300 for a weekend and compare its operation with my old standby, a U.S. Navy RBB-4 built in 1943. The DX-300 is small and compact measuring 6 x 15½ x 10. It is a quartz synthesized unit and was found to be very stable after a 10 to 15 minute warm-up time. The tuning has a drawback in that the course tuning must be calibrated with every one MHz shift.

My BCB experience found the DX-300 to be plagued with common problems of a low priced receiver. First off, selectivity in the BCB was very poor. Using my Radio West MW-1 antenna I found extreme overloading and cross modulation with ± 50 kHz of any of my locals. Using the 200 foot longwire the results were similar in both day and night DXing. Split frequencies were impossible to receive. A comparison of the RBB to the DX-300 went as follows:

RBB: 1005, 995, 834, 675, and 775.

DX-300: No splits audible or detectable with either antenna.

Sensitivity on domestic channels was also lacking. WCAU and WCBS were both readable on the RBB but neither was even detectable on the DX-300 keeping all other variables the same.

The digital readout is nice but it did present a problem in that it generated noise which was picked up with the MW-1 and the longwire. The DX-300 is portable and runs on 8 "C" batteries or a 12 volt auto system. There was no difference in operation between AC and DC.

Shortwave is another matter. I found the DX-300 to be very good on all bands above 5 MHz. Although I haven't DXed on shortwave in years it seemed to bring it what I would consider adequate signals.

Once again a manufacturer has produced another receiver leaving the serious BCB DXer out in the cold. With some modification, it might end up as an adequate receiver.

DX-300 SPECIFICATIONS

VIA DANIEL R. BARTEK, JR.

Dan passes along some specifications issued by Radio Shack. The rundown of this new LED-readout general coverage communications receiver, catalog number 20-204, dubbed the DX-300 follows:

Band Coverage: Continuous coverage 10 kHz to 30 MHz in 30 bands. Provides Marine SSB, Standard AM, Longwave, SSB/CW Ham Bands, AM/SSB Citizen's Band Channels, Aircraft Weather and WWV.

The DX-300 is triple conversion. Features a Dual-Gate MOSFET front end. A 3-step RF attenuator is designed to prevent strong signals from overloading the receiver. A 6 range preselector with LED indicators, according to Radio Shack, boosts signals and matches the DX-300 to any antenna. The set also has a 6 element ceramic filter; a manual audio bandwidth control for adjacent channel interference.

There is also a product detector and ± 1 kHz clarifier for best SSB and CW reception. It has a built-in speaker, ¼ inch headphone jack, tape output jack and terminals for any antenna. Also, a built-in code oscillator with key for practice, a screw on whip antenna, a 3 way power switch to allow operation anywhere, a dial light switch to reduce battery drain, a meter acting as both battery condition and signal strength meter, and receiver muting terminals. Uses AC 8 "C" batteries or 12 volt DC external power.

Specifications: Sensitivity for 10 dB signal-to-noise ratio: AM, 1 V at 900 kHz and 0.5 V at 7.1 MHz; SSB, 0.5 V at 900 kHz and 0.3 V at 7.1 MHz. Selectivity: ± 3 kHz, -6 dB; ± 10 kHz, -70 dB. RF: Triple conversion, quartz controlled. IF: 1st. 54.5-55.5 MHz; 2nd. 3-2 MHz; 3rd. 455 kHz. Antenna Inputs: 50-ohm coax, balanced open line or single wire. Size: 6 x 14½ x 9-3/4. Power Requirements: 120VAC, 60 Hz, 12VDC negative ground.

Price is \$379.95 as of Oct. 1978 in the U.S. Canadian price is about \$529.

Dan also wants to point out that the above information is from Radio Shack and he takes no responsibility for errors in their spec sheet.

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HEARD THE WILI & WJTH TESTS

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Not much in the way of outstanding DX here, but the big snowstorm of 2/19 prompted me to get some reports out to stations that never verified a first report. Thus, f/ups went out to WVOK-690, WVN-620, WVDJ-970, WAMD-970 & WFMD-930. The latter four are all heard rather weakly here during the daylight hours. On 2/19, WAMD-970 was mentioning that due to the snow emergency they would be on late with their daytime coverage pattern. Not too much success on the last several MMs. On 2/12, though, the DX TEST of WJTH-900 was heard from 1:30-1:53 w/VIDs & TTs. KQNK-1530-TEST, if on, was blocked by WCKY ET. Since I have never verified KNX-1070 a good logging was taken on them from 2:36-3:06am. WIBC was off or on OC or occasional TT. WLLI-1070 was on RS & a mystery tester ID @ 3am may have been WAFI. MM 2/19 brought nothing. I had hoped for WDBQ-1490 T-ST, but not heard. Loud signals from WJDE & WBCB dominated 1490. While DX has been on the slow side some veries have filtered in: PP/c and rate card & QM from WELR-1430, nice v/l from WMMK-1000, v/f & bumper sticker from WIXY-1600, v/l from WHNE-1350, & v/l from WLLI-1400 for DX TEST. A little less SSS DX-ing this evening 2/20 resulted in logging of WGOH-1370 from 6:10-6:15pm with spots for local hardware & fabric stores, no SSB was heard as mention was made of FM-102 at s/off. Lack of SSB is most often an indicator of simulcast at time of s/off. At 6:30 I caught the end of WMOO-1260 s/off, no SSB. I certainly would have preferred a good logging of the later. Shortly after 6pm the FFC was booming in on 1000kHz. I hope this not kill SSS DXing on 1000. Finally, in my Muse of 2/19 it was WVFC-1530 that I reported on an ET w/TTs & ID @ 12:49 through WCKY. (Not WVFC-1330 -ERC)

WEATHER DEEP FREEZE BRINGS DX DEEP FREEZE

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

2/7-12 DXing for Contest #5 turned out to be not so hot with everything coming in except those stations outside the EST zone. Only the clear channel regulars & a few others were logged for #5. On to better DX - 2/6: WJLM & WPEP-1570 Mass. were caught o/u each other @ 5pm w/NX. WNTN-1550 Mass. s/off noted @ 5:14pm s/SSB. Local WADK-1540 R.I. s/off @ 5:15pm almost smothered by WPTR. WMLB-1550 Conn. s/off heard @ 5:30pm after jazz mx show. The tail end of unnn WXVA-1550 W. Va. then was caught @ 5:45pm as 1540 runs amuk, hi. 2/7: WARV-1590 R.I. s/off noted @ 5:15pm w/BEL mx version of SSB. After unID s/off @ 5:30pm, needed WYFA-1580 N.Y. was caught remaining on the air for snow emergency. 2/8-12: As outside temperatures continued to plummet below zero degrees F in New England, so did the DX. But AN DX makes a comeback for 2/18: A pirate on 1620 IDing as "Radio station WFRN conducting a test" was caught @ 12:15-12:30am, apparently testing phone hookup w/DT & feedback heard. Normally u/WPTR, KXEL-1540 Ia. was caught o/WPTR w/religion @ 12:32am w/SM-2 directed SW. An unID station w/T-40 mx noted on 1500 u/WTOP. The last time someone was noted u/WTOP, it was WDEE. Has WDEE changed from c/w to T-40? 2/19: WNTN-1550 s/off heard again @ 5:15pm w/SSB along w/unID which signed off a few seconds earlier. CHIN-1540 Ont. was heard for the first time since 1973 w/their "Multicultural programs for Canadians" ID @ 5:30pm. WPTR was way under. "89.9 FM CBC Stereo - Windsor" ID heard @ 5:50pm on 1550; CBE simulcasts FM now! "16.2" back again @ 6:25pm, WQIQ-1590, Pa. With two to three feet of snow in Washington, D. C. reported by WTOP, it sounded almost as bad as Boston's Great White Hurricane of 1978! WABC said N.Y.C. got it too with 17" at JFK. Oddly enough, no snow emergency broadcasts were heard! 73s.

LIKES BILL WURTZEL'S SM-2; ORDERS ONE

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I decided to Muse again. I had a conversation with FRANK BABCOCK in Seattle who's just a few blocks from my parents. I also saw BILL WURTZEL in Manhattan yesterday. He seems to have better luck with his DX especially with the rotating loop. You can get the SM-2 loop for about \$62 plus shipping. I still have my Drake SSR-1 RX up for sale for \$250 or best offer. It just needs a bit of alignment; no other problems. I was thinking of an SPR-4 or equivalent. I think they discontinued the SPR-4 though. BILL WURTZEL's one receiver, I believe a Panasonic, was really packed with features. I think after I get the SM-2, my DX can pick up. Even with my RF preselector properly set, spurs from WHN-1050 & WNEW-1130 are frequent. Several times WNEW switches XRs and once WCAR-1130 came through for a few seconds. Sometimes WKAP-1320 sneaks past splatter of WEVD-1330. At night WCKY-1530, WBZ-1030, WBT-1110 are strong. Very few graveyards. WTAE-1250 is also dependable. I'm going to soon turn on my Halli rafters SX-110 and check what's going on. I believe a tube radio is better in the city as it lessens the overload problem. Anyone from the Seattle area, please drop a line. 73's.

NEXT DEADLINE FOR MUSINGS IS MONDAY, MARCH 19, for the APRIL 2 ISSUE; THEN MONDAY APRIL 2nd.

LOSS HIS THOUSANDTH STATION!

STEPHEN J. McINTIRE - 2225 Searle Street - Des Moines, Iowa - 50317 2/19/79
 DX has been profitable this month, due largely to 2/12 & 2/19 being Monday holidays for county offices meaning no work for me. 2/2- KAY-1190 heard w/new calls KJLA w/one minute of NX @ 6:55pm & change for format from CW to disco (from the sublime to the ridiculous, hi). 2/4- WAIM-1590 Ala. s/off 6:32 w/Dixie. 2/5- A try for WJAL-900-TEST yielded only KEV & TT, so Delaware is still unlogged. 2/10- KCCR-1240 Pierre, S.D. heard on top 6:59pm, so I've finally logged that elusive state capital. 2/11- WKNA-1210 of WCAU on SSS 5:50. MM 2/12- Abe's birthday was good to me. After unnn KQNK-TEST went off, I logged KVMQ w/o. unclear 1:41. A quick check of 900 found WJTH TEST on early, 1:43. Then I noted local KXO-1460 off for a change & went to work. WLB-1450 W.s. noted w/ID 2:38 u/ci mx which yielded ID @ 2:53 as WRYT, Ill. in WJON's old slot, w/a signal which can only be called amazing. They were atop the channel for a good 1 1/2 hours w/very few fades & w/signal strength that sounded like they were 30 miles away rather than 300+. Finally, KEYS-1440 w/"Keys plays the best mx" ID @ 3:18. 2/13- Much wanted KRAY-1250 s/off way u/WREN @ 6:58 for first from Fayetteville and same time next night found KBCL-1220 La. s/off. 2/17- A good night to Texas on SSS. First KLUE-1280 was logged approaching s/off @ 6:56, then s/off of KITL-1280 7:16 & KIUE-1260 7:32. MM 2/19- George's birthday was good too, but the man-made QRN from the truckstop was very strong. MORV-1580 r/c barely made it though in the clear @ 2:17. The WDBQ-1490 TEST marked two milestones: I have now heard all the Iowa W calls, & it was my 1,000th log (including about 50 call changes). In honor of this, & the fact that the holiday gave me the time, I'm sending them my first report of the season. The first station on my second grand was a goody: WBOK-1230 @ 3:00. That eve, PAD-1560 was heard on call/frequency change, 7:13. Attention, talk show freaks: WHO has a talk show now till 1am w/a sports show w/Jim Zabel 7:30-8:30 & Joe Lombardo (a trivia freak) from then till 1. This comes after they took #1 in the Arbitrons on the strength of their daytime talk & NX. KCBC-1390 took a beating in the ratings & are now having more information features amid their album rock, which also seems more commercial now, unfortunately. 73 from Frostbite Falls.

HE'S CLEAR ON CLEAR CHANNELS

PAUL SWEARINGEN - Box 500 - Moran, Kansas - 66755 316-237-4584
 May I offer an alternate opinion or two as food for thought? As BILL HARRANG says, we shouldn't take ourselves too seriously...nor our hobbies. I don't deery the ANers & NPerers too loudly, as they are providing service (I hope) to their communities. They are also adding DX catches to someone's collection. KKAA made S.D. an easier catch, for example. SE Kansas is far from being a silent spot for radio at night, but our nearest AM "Local" is WIEW-580. And during the tornado season a signal which cuts through the static is essential, even a matter of life & death. Furthermore, many people do not have portable FM radios in this area and would be without critical service when the power goes off. To deny this service to a farm family in the name of DX would be ludicrous. Now, to clear channels. To continue to call 1500-1580 clear channels, for example, is rather strange. For example, 1550 here is a jungle, with WOKJ predominating. Although I am disgusted that the FCC in all its wisdom denied classical mx from WQXR-1560 to reach past the Alleghenies to a limited audience, I feel that so-called clear channels already filling up with directional stations should be allowed to become regional channels. On the other hand, the ND's should be protected in the continental U.S., or at the very least a situation such as on 850, with perhaps protection to 1,000 or so miles from the KR site, should be put into policy. Anyone who has lived in N Wyoming, which might be termed a "white area" knows how difficult it is to get a variety of programming on the radio at night. During the day, the listener has a choice of perhaps five stations. For these areas, a selection of clear channel stations is essential. I feel, then, that a compromise is called for... that regional service should be expanded on channels that already are essentially regional in character, but that the true clears should be preserved. Now, even though the FCC does not grant licenses on the basis of "format", such as MoR or CEW, I feel a station granted half of the U.S. as its protected territory should attempt to provide service through its program content to that area, & that the FCC should ensure that a variety of programming exists among the clears. The FCC would then provide a valuable service by ensuring that provincialism engendered by promoting only regional stations would be restricted by allowing a variety of programming from other areas to be introduced to local areas.

TOUGHIE WXAP IS NOW TOUGHIE WAEC

JOHN HOOGERHEIDE - 105 Bayside Lane - Brandenburg, Kentucky - 40108
 2/4- WCKB-780 Dunn s/off 6pm leaving WB-O Forest City atop WBEM; WCKE new; KYMO-1080 E. Prairie, Mo. fair atop a milled WKLO @ 5pm. QSLs in: KXYZ WJPN WFGW. WJAZ-960 Albany Ga. s/off 6:45, on late? Two new Texas @ 7pm s/off - KEES-1430 Gladewater w/AU @ s/off & KKYR-1410 Marshall @ 6:59 s/off. KLCL-1470 atop 7:15, Lake Charles. 2/5- I tried for WJWL TEST from 1-2am, XEW very strong & CHML noted in XEW nulls w/ppw mx - a very weak TTer was noted during periods of this time - sometimes varying tones, when tone stopped I assume VID's were given. I wonder if this was WJWL but why so weak I wonder? Nothing else of interest was heard. WLS was off & Tting & two LAs. I stopped by & got QSL's from WPGA, WOOD & WXAP - yes - WXAP. CE Dunigan was out & it's easy to see why WXAP never verified anyone or didn't show on TEST. Their GM was as rude as could be but I did manage an old WXAP ad sheet. They had thrown out all their letterheads since change to WAEC calls, so I typed out a verie on WXAP ad sheet and got a verie then & there. Sounds like the only way you'll get it gang, 'cause they are out of almost all letterhead stationery. Others this week: WGL, KEES, KKYR, KLAZ, WBAM, INS, WNBC, KYMO, WFIR, WJAZ. First come basis - if anyone would be going through Atlanta, I have one WXAP ad copy sheet (blank) on which you could type up a WXAP verie & get it signed when you visit the now WAEC, but it's only one!

OLD-TIME RADEX-er PASSES ON

RUSS EDMUNDS - Box 127 - Boonton, New Jersey - 07005 2/19/79
 Greetings from snowbound N.J. Not really snowbound, but close to it, hi. Firstly, it is my sad duty to advise that the father of former NRcer and NJPC'er Page Taylor, Page Taylor, Sr., died in mid-January. He was, as many of you know, a pioneer BCB DXer himself, and an active part of the old RADEX organization. On a happier note, former NJPC'er BOB STONIER now is KAZLT. Inasmuch as we have several new names amongst us since last Fall's ham list was published, I'll get an update out to LPC shortly. DX, meager as it is: 12/3- got the KCTA-1030-TEST, though unnn. I did send a tape though, but as I was out of town from 12/4 to 12/15, it got off late. KADE-1190 on 12/4 never made it, mostly due to CHTN. Next turn at the dials should have been MM 2/12 with two needed TESTs, but car trouble took it right out of my mind, with almost two weeks on temperatures never getting anywhere near +20°F and dipping to -10°F nightly. 2/19, WDBQ-1490 was not heard, & I suspect it wasn't on. WABJ & WPOR were tops early in the period, then an unID w/"Look Forward in Faith" & a couple of other unID calls in there. Oh well. 2/26 looks good if I can manage to get up so I can change frequencies between them, hi. On another note, I think that maybe we should make up a batch of extra copies of the 8/77 CPC issue for subsequent distribution if we haven't already. Much of the current discussion on the subject can be found there. My efforts have been hampered by a decided lack of cooperation even with people who have promised TESTs. On clear channels, there are two very valid but rather opposing arguments: 1) There are no "white areas" and hence there is no need to break down the clears on that basis. Further, additional stations be they from breaking up the clears or extending the band would only result in more bankruptcies of stations which can't make it financially, even if there's technically a need. 2) There is no real justification for the concept of the clears, save for the mobile folks already mentioned in DX NEWS, and for the curious who may become DXers. Therefore, & guess I'm neutral, hi. Oh well, more prattle later. 73.

LET'S WELCOME A NEW MEMBER WHO JOCKS AT WTM-920!

WALT W. SHARP - 1301 Morgan Avenue - Cinnaminson, New Jersey - 08077 N2ATV 2/18/79
 Howdy from the production room of 920 TTM. Since this is my first Muse I will proceed to introduce myself. I am 19, single (I think), & am presently working at WTM, Trenton. As a matter of fact, I am working while I am writing this, but since Sunday mornings are kind of slow, I thought I would take time to write. I started MW DXing in 1975. Before that I was an avid SWL, but decided I needed a change, so here I am. I am also an amateur operator with a technical license (N2ATV). Since I've always been interested in radio, & have now a 1kw station to play around with, I would like to know how WTM gets out around here. Anyone wishing to send a reception report may write to the station in care of me, & I will personally check it and verify if correct. Our engineer also takes care of a 50kw FM station & doesn't have much time for us. I am trying to set up some kind of TEST with two other jocks that also like to play around with the station. I will advise what happens with this. As to what I eat while sitting at the dial, anything I can get my hands on, almost. I don't drink coffee except while doing an overnight at TTM because it doesn't agree with my stomach. Others seem to agree with me, maybe it's the water in the lovely city of Trenton, hi. Well, that's all for now. Until the next time, 73 & good DX.

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR "AM SWITCHMAN!"

JOHN D. BOWKER - 14 Canoe Brook Drive - Princeton Junction, New Jersey - 08550 2/15/79
 Tonight, at the mid-point in February, & have just finished typing the next AM Switch column for this illustrious news magazine and am now deciding if I should turn on the radio for some DXing or go out and scrape the ice off the windshields parked in my driveway. As long as I'm typing, the family knows I'm busy but, once I stop, the ice scraper will appear I know. I've had lots of mail from NRcers this past month and wanted to acknowledge their efforts in Musings. BILL HARDY wrote explaining that KIDO in Boise, which had applied to change its call to KMMA never did actually use KMMA on the air and is now, once again, legally licensed to use KIDO. Seems they changed their minds! You might also notice in the AM Switch column that KOOL & WCAR have applied to change their calls! Makes no sense at all. BRIAN VERNON mentioned that CFLP-1000, Rimouski, Quebec, is now FF/rr and that CKST-1070 in St. Albert, Alta. is on with a 24 hour MoR format. BOB STEADMAN reports that KWK is back on the air. From NANCY HARDY we learn that KPIA, Carmichael, Cal. is on the air & that KILT in Delta, Utah, is now using the call KNAK. So thanks to all these people! Now, if only I could build a machine to peck away at the typewriter while I DX on earphones...

LOGS THE NEW RIMOUSKI, P.Q. STATION ON 1000, CFLP

RAY ARRUDA - 47 Burt Street - Acushnet, Massachusetts - 02743
 Greetings from DDXD Land. A few f/up reports have gone out, including WXAP-860 & WSSA-1570 for TESTS of 1978. WXAP & WSSA both have taped reports of mine & have never replied so I guess it could be bye-bye at a chance for a verie from those two stations. DX MM 2/19: WDBQ-1490-TEST tried 3-3:30 but not heard. WMOO-1550 very loud on ET/Gospel mx/TT/IDs 2:15 to 2:25+. A taped report sent out to the new CFLP-1000 Rimouski for "armchair copy" on Sunday PM from 5:45 to 6:03pm. They have been strong at sunset the last part of February at approximately the same times. Two veries: a v/q unsigned from WTTT-1430 & a second verie from WIXY-1600. Some send two, others don't send you anything even after a number of f/ups! It's a strange hobby, but an interesting one. I've been part of IRCA, NRC & BCB DX Clubs since 1967 & have seen much worse non-DX related items get by "the editorial sword", so let's bring back DX-related poetry in moderation instead of using cartoon strips as filler material. I don't see how it could harm anyone! 73.
 PLEASE TRY FOR ALL SPECIAL TEST PROGRAMS AND SEND IN A REPORT OR A THANK-YOU NOTE TO THEM!

HAS A NEW IDEA FOR HIS SPIRAL LOOP

BRIAN P. SHERWOOD - 221 Larch Avenue - Amhurst, Illinois - 60126
 Greetings. Some DX: 1/5- WERE-1300, KPFB-1310, KFVS-960 r/c still valid, KAAM-1310, WUK-1550. 1/6- 6:42-6:45pm, KXVI-1600 in good, 6:57-7, KCLR in good. 1/8- 6pm, KMIS-1050 s/off. 1/13- 6:15pm, KPCC-1420, 6:25-6:30, KXOW. 1/15- 2:06am, WMOO-1550 ET, 5:45pm, WBSV-1430 s/off. 1/19- 10:12-10:15pm, local WKDC illegal ET w/OC, no IDs- it's been illegal ETing quite regularly. 1/23- 2:15-2:17am, KTYN-1430 T o/WIRE, 6pm, KXVI-1600 alone on frequency way before LSS-Ralls/Flano, no KCRG. 1/24- 12:56am, another WKDC illegal ET, 1:17 unID on 1560 w/weak TT, another on 1430, I suspect WBRB due to looping. Also 1/24 2:10am, KDDA PoP, very friendly on phone. 1/25- 1:11 WREC-600 in good w/ID, then lost. 1/26- 6:05pm, KOA in way before LSS-Amhurst, no sign of WIVS. KOAM-860 in good 6:06pm w/spots, no sign of WBM/WAT usual spur. 2/1- 6:29pm, WBAA-920 mixing w/WMMN, no WOKY. 2/3- 6:50 am, WRDI s/on, o/WPGC, 6:54-6:59 KLFJ-1550 ET, ID, lost s/on. 2/5- 12:08am WERC-960 in momentarily w/ID, WDES ETing. WLS was off 2/6, I tried for WJAL TEST, only a very weak TT, no hope of IDing it. Veries: KUAT-1550, KXVI-1600, KXOW-1420, KLG-1600, WMIY-940. Ten reports out, not too many replies yet. I've been experimenting w/my spiral loop; I found that two sheets of Reynolds Wrap foil supported parallel to the loop plane, about 1" from the wires, out to the outside dimension of the outer turn (i.e. a 2' diamond for the 2' loop, spiral that is), and not connected to anything, increases the null depth about 4 S-units, along with narrowing the loop's pickup pattern. In other words, you sandwich the loop between the two sheets of foil, with the edges of the foil even with the outer loop winding. Staple the foil to the cardboard from a box or such, or support the foil like a kite with stretchers. I'll experiment more on this, and if it turns out as well as I think it will, it'll appear as a technical article. The beauty of the system is: you don't have to tilt the loop to get a really deep null. Of course, nothing will null a 5kw'er one mile away - surprisingly, WAT doesn't stop much. I guess they run low modulation or something. Then, their being "BFL" which usually has the treble cut down (treble notes make the mx stand out - you don't want that with background mx) may have something to do with it. That's all for now. In planning: a noise blander (not a dipper, but a blander ala K388). 73.

THINKING OF YOUNGSTOWN

MARK STRICKERT - 5715 North Kenmore - Apt. 302 - Chicago, Illinois - 60660 2/20/79
 No fair - Atlanta got more snow than we did last Sunday, hi! Plenty of DX to report, so I'll get to that foist. Radio-activity of 2/14: Unn WISN-980 12:33am good o/WONE w/ae NX, C&W mx. WWRW-1600 9:45pm u/KCRG w/cisco-ish mx, DJ giving Valentine greetings for a lady without a phone. WERE-1300 11:06pm w/ad for "Greater Cleveland Auto Show." Also, unID-750 12:20am w/SS mx, giving WSB fits, not loud 'muff to catch ID - log sez Managua. For all the AM DXing done 2/14, even more FM DXing was done, thanks to new Panasonic RF-2200. Not a bad radio, though it has spur problems on AM I have now two Milwaukee FM's as regulars here, all-disco WNUW-99.1, which gets here better than its AM brother EMP-1250, & WLPX-97.3, son of WISN-1130. I got in a super-rare MM session on 2/19. The highlights: KTS-550 good o/WSVA w/BeeDees mx, "Music-55-KTSA" @ 2:30am. WSWA-550 2:34 fair u/KTSA w/MoR. UnID-560 2:45am poor-fair u/WIND w/c/w mx - KWTO most likely, but I'll never know till WIND has another SP - if ever. By the way, WIND now carries "Howard Cossell's 'Speaking of Sports'" - aargh! WDBQ-1490-TEST @ 3:07am u/WNDU/WOPA w/full s/off-type ID, CID, then faded out. R. Mexicana-970 3:45am fair w/several such IDs, Mexican-style mx. KFWS-980 4:15am w/Cal. State Legislature NX, fair/good u/WONE. UnID-1000 4:05am, SS, Mexican-style mx, voices too garbled to make out. WXYZ-1270 5am loud w/local NX. Unn JBA-1310 good u/WTAQ slop @ 2:55pm w/EZL, CBS NX @ 3. It's finally starting to thaw here - 'twas above 32° for only the second day since Christmas. It had been warmer up in Milwaukee! Looking ahead towards Spring, "maybe/perhaps/not sure/don't know yet/I'll have to see/check back next week" - these & many other answers are to the big question of the month, "Am I going to YAD?" I've no idea yet. However, if anybody's passing through the Chicago area on the way to Youngstown or wherever they find a place big enough to hold YAD-VI (Cleveland? Pittsburgh? Chicago?). Just drop me a line or call 312-561-3249 after 7pm except Tues. or Thurs. I don't like to see ERC quit as Musings Editor, but I understand his reasons & thus support his decision. I sent a letter to Louisville which as I think back was a little strong in content. Though I used no obscenities, I hope the guys at HQ weren't offended. If they were, well, life's tough, even at the top, eh? As far as the poetry thing goes, BILL WURTZEL's suggestion to me that DX NEWS should have a "fun page" sounds good. I suggested to HQ I would edit such an animal if that idea was ever approved. What do you think about a DX-related fun page? Let HQ or me know. Couple more of 2/19: KFRU-1400 fair o/normal 1400 heavy grumbling noises w/Columbia-area NX & central Mo. @ 1:10am, & NB-540 2:05 w/-/.... (8 seconds), continuous. 73 N C U soon! Lakefront Logger.

HAVING HIS TRF DOCTORED UP BY RADIO WEST

STEVEN D. MILLER - Boston, Massachusetts Vol. 1 Number 9
 Hello everyone. Writing this Muse was tough! But I gave it the college try & walls! Success!! Seriously, DX since my last Muse & report has been stuck in the mud. The TRF needs to be calibrated. Catches since last week: WVA-1170 W Va. newie! From N.H., WHEB-750, "95-P-E-N" Pa. Local BZ-Radio-1030 "The Spirit of New England", all on 2/17. And on the 18th: WNEA-1130 N.Y. @ 11, WVEE Cleveland. Total, 152. And growing, hopefully, hi. A very funny thing happened Sat. 2/17. I received DX NEWS Vol. 46 #12 - just get this - four days after #16 came, which was 2/13. That's strange. The TRF's leaving me for a little vacation at Radio West. ERC, please label this Vol. 1 No. 9. I'm proud to be in both the NRC & IRCA - great! DX NEWS & DX Monitor are great. Does the IRCA have a membership certificate? 'Cause I'd like to have one. Well, I'm getting close to the 30-line limit. Until next week, hopefully, 73s, and good DXing to everyone.

PLENTY OF PIRATE PALAVER

ERIC FADER - 23-35 Bell Boulevard - Bayside, New York - 11360 2/20/79
 Picking up from last time: MM 2/12 continued - Rewie WGGC-1590 blasting in o/WAKR w/TT per list, 3:21am. Then, "It's 3:23. This is WGGC, Salamanca, conducting our monthly frequency test." Someone on 1600 was playing nonstop Earth, Wind & Fire mx, u/WIXY's talk. WWRW popped in an OC @ 3:25, destroying the channel. Oh yeah, WETT was in there too on 1590, w/MoR & PSA "Ocean City talks, & WETT listens." This was 3:30, so change log. 2/12- Day-enhanced daytime CX, w/WRCQ-910 especially good u/WRLK & WINE-940 also strong. WRCQ is now T-40p, NOT OldD, so change format in log. MM 2/19- Log Change City. WEA-1390 on top loudly, 12:44AM, log change. WOND-1400 N.J. on top o/WLLH w/MoR, so both sked & format changes for WOND. This was 1:07. WTMJ-620 very loud in good Northern CX. New pirate on 1620, WPRN, from somewhere in Mass., but where I dunno. They were weak but clear, w/good audio. Phone number given was 617-755-0732, so I called 'em @ 1:30. I said hello to NRC on the air, etc. The guy said QSLs were going out "any minute." Local pirate WFAT tested briefly around 1:35, & came on @ 2:10 or so complaining about WPRN ("too many pirates".) One caller mentioned the following separate pirates currently or formerly active, all in NYC: WFAT/ex-WFSR, WPNJ, WLTE, WGOR, & something phonetically similar to WELR. I think he said WGOR is not currently active. I personally have heard only WFAT/WFSR of the above, in addition to WQPR & WCBX in years past. There was also a short-lived pirate called WARS ("Aururdale Radio Service") run by a school friend of mine back in '72. This may be Mothball Memory material, if not, I'll just write it up for a future Muse. Back to 2/19 pirate activity: WFAT started out the night using the phone no. 638-9906, but had to change it later to (I think) 357-9979 or something similar, due to some sort of technical problem. Some caller mentioned being able to hear both WFAT & WPRN, so I tuned down a bit from 'FAT & found WPRN was still easily audible, clear of 'FAT. PRN must've been at about 1620, with 'FAT closer to 1630. At 3:40am, WPRN was still asking for calls "to help us determine our new format" & playing disco mx. Both of them were still on past 4am & WFAT was on 2/20 AM also. Here's a format change: WQEL-1000 is now POLP, playing such things as "Fire" & "Tragedy", in addition to oldies like "Couldn't Get it Right." This as I listen to them 7:30pm 2/20. That'll, more later de Phadz. 82's.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A DXER'S SESSION

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 Much has been written lately about how DXers operate, what they eat & drink, etc. My normal operating procedure is to put in a half hour or so at the receiver on Monday through Friday between when I get home from work & when I eat dinner (from about 5:45 to 6:15 pm ET). From October to April, this usually consists of checking domestic, TA's, & Caribbean/Eastern South American DX on MW. The rest of the year I only occasionally operate this period, primarily on the ham & SWBC frequencies. DX later at nights confined to occasional spot checks on the Realistic TRF on Sun.-Thurs. nights: only if a really good opening is in progress will I break into my other activities for DX. About three or four times a year, I wake up early (around an hour before local dawn) & I check for WC DX (rare) & TP's (none heard yet). On Fri. & Sat. nights, I sometimes check for TA's from 11pm until about 2 or 3am the following morning; this is most often done when down at my folks' house in West Yarmouth. There I go downstairs to the DX den at local sunset for an hour or so & then I go down again after everyone else has gone to sleep. The late night to early morning sessions usually give good European-sunrise TA DX, or good LA DX during Auroral CX. I do not DX AN, as the TA's are usually gone after 3am ET. I've found that most LA's heard during the 3am to dawn period can also be heard earlier. The W. Yarmouth cellar is unheated, so clothing worn is similar to that worn outdoors. Refreshments during DX? The sunset listening is right about dinner-time, so obviously there is no need to "snack it" then. The weekend late-night sessions may occasionally be fueled by cashew nuts or by cheese, salami, & crackers. If CX are good & a long period at the dials is anticipated, the "pick-up" drink of preference might be Coca-Cola, Moxie, or Perrier during the warm months or occasionally tea, coffee, or cocoa during the cold months. If CX are starting to wind down, I may decide to "wind down" with Guinness or Bass Ale. Techniques of my weekend late-night stints at W. Yarmouth borrow considerably from previous experiences with marathon operation in the ARRL DX contests on the ham bands. DX report writing is usually on Sunday nights during laundry-doing sessions.

HE HAD A GOOD WEEK

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 Thu. 2/15- WHDH-850 Mass. @ 5pm. Fri. 2/16- WRGL-950 Mass. @ 5:15pm s/off. WIBX-950 N.Y. @ 7:24pm. WPEW-950 Pa. @ 7:58pm. WAGN-950 Me. @ 11pm. Sat. 2/17- WIBX-950 N.Y. @ 12:21am s/off. WJW-950 Mich. @ 1. WQOP-740 Ky. ET/TT @ 1:33am. WGSB-970 Me. @ noon. WESO-970 Mass. @ 5:15pm s/off, w/SSB. CBZ-970 N.P. @ 6pm. WNDJ-970 N.J. @ 5:30pm. Sun. 2/18- WPAZ-1370 Pa. ET/TT @ 12:58am. WFTI-590 Mass. @ noon. WARM-590 Pa. @ 6:30pm. WMA-590 Cuba @ 11pm. MM 2/19 - No CPC (fast asleep) @ 3am. Tues. 2/20- WALE-1400 Mass. @ 12:13 am s/off w/SSB. WOND-1400 N.J. @ 1:29am. WBEI-1460 Mass. @ 5pm. WOKC-1460 N.Y. @ 8:21pm (talk all evening). CKRB-1460 P.C. @ 9pm. TWR-1460 Monaco @ 11:55pm w/hymns. Wed. 2/21- CKRB-1460 P.C. still on @ 12:30am L&C. WQXB-1460 Pa. @ 12:43am. WADK-1540 R.I. @ 5:15pm s/off (no mx). WPTA-1540 N.Y. @ 5:16pm. Bananas-1540 @ 11:57pm way w/WPTR. Thurs. 2/22- 17-1500 ET/TT @ 12:30pm. WQCP-1540 Pa. 5:30pm s/off (no music). WBAW-790 R.I. @ 6pm (also now CBS). Fri. 2/23- WJZ-1530 Conn. ET/TT @ 12:51am.

NEXT DEADLINE DATES FOR MUSINGS OF THE MEMBERS: MONDAYS, MARCH 19, APRIL 2, APRIL 23, and MAY 7. Then SATURDAY, MAY 26; and MONDAYS JULY 2, JULY 30, and AUGUST 20. DOUBLE SPACE, PLEASE, AND REMEMBER THE 30 LINE LIMIT. PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ATOP YOUR MUSING, PLEASE!

WIND - AS WELL AS RAIN - GOOD - W/OME

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Hallo everyone. I haven't Mused in a while so I have a pretty long list of veries. Letters: WAMS, Wilmington, Del., SFD Seaford, Del., KDXE Little Rock, Ark., WBIG Greensboro, N.C., WJVS Owensboro, Ky., WBR Travelers Rest, S.C., WHK Cleveland, WSAI Cincinnati (card), WGTO-540 Cypress Gardens, Fla. (card), WJML Georgetown, Del. (letter & card), WFEC Greenville, S.C. (letter), WLO Franklin, Tenn. (letter, pencil), WGST Atlanta (card), WVKC Birmingham (card, program sked, bumper sticker), WRDI Hammonont, N.J. (letter & X), WCAW Charleston, W. Va. (letter & X), & WRBX Chapel Hill, N.C. sent my report back signed. Whew! I have a lot of loggings that date back to December. 11/25/78- WTHI-1480 Terre Haute, Ind. w/ c/w, & ID @ 5:34pm; WQO-1380 Franklin, Tenn. 5:30pm reviewing FB games, ads, & s/off. KWK-1380 St. Louis, 5:45pm w/SID & rr, KDXE-1380 Ark. 5:59pm w/s/off. WLCY-1380 St. Petersburg, 5:02pm w/rr, SID; WJVS-1420 Owensboro, Ky. 6:52pm w/ABC News & "WJVS NX", ads, rr. 11/30- WMC-790 Memphis, 5:19pm w/c/w, ads, traffic - IDs as "your best country WMC". 12/2- WEAS-900 Savannah, 5:13pm w/inspirational mx, & s/off. WGST-920 Atlanta, 5:19pm w/F announcer, ABC NX, WERC-960 Birmingham, 5:31pm w/pre-game (SKB) talk "Michigan vs. Alabama"; KAAV-1090 Little Rock, 5:38pm w/rr, SID atop WBAI; WSAI-1360 Cincinnati, w/c/w, ads, IDs as "Country fresh WSAI". WHI-1440 Bluefield, W. Va. 6:44pm w/WK, mx, ads; WEIG-1470 Greensboro, N.C. 7:36pm w/ BKB "N.C. State vs. Wake Forest", w/ads, & SID; WFBC-1330 Greenville, S.C. 8:27pm w/SID, WX, rr. 12/4- WAJR-1440 Morgantown, W. Va. 5:40pm w/SID. 12/9- WZAP-690 Bristol, Va. 5:14pm s/off; WAPE-690 Jacksonville, 5:15pm w/rr, IDs, & ads; WVKC-690 Birmingham, 5:19 w/ads, SX, c/w. 12/10- WAAV-1550 Huntsville, Ala. 5:27pm w/SID, WYNY, Smyrna, Ga. 5:29pm s/off. 12/17- WGTO-540 Cypress Gardens, Fla. 5:14pm w/c/w, F announcer, IDs as "54, WGTO," ads, 5:29pm s/off. 1/14- WLIB-1190 N.Y.C. 7:15am w/s/on, soul mx. WRDI-1580 Hammonont, N.J. 7:22am w/ad for bank, ID "WRDI bringing you two solid hours of Sinatra." (rest next week - ERC)

WHNE-1350 WILL BECOME WNIS ON APRIL 2!

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Hi all. Here's my loggings for 1/15-1/30/79. 1/15- 1:34am, WQAF-910 Ga. w/rr & VID. 1/16- 5:44pm, WHIC-1520 s/off weak, no SSB; 6pm WGGH-1150 Lx mx s/off no SSB; 6:13pm, KCLR-1150 VID & c/w mx. 1/17- WAXC-1460 @ 4:49pm w/cancellations, 5:30 WSEV-930 o/ WSOO, NX, WK, VIDs. 1/18- 6pm, WJOE-1080 s/off no SSB; 6:07 WJRD-1150 w/CBS NX & c/w. 1/19- 5:45, WPIP-980 Lx mx, s/off, no SSB. 1/20- 5:14pm, WAPI-1070 WX, VID dominating frequency; 5:35 WFIV-1080 NX, WX, w/WVCG, completing Fla. trio on 10:50. 1/21- 5:30pm, WYRU-1510 s/off weak, 5:50 WMB-1510 VID, WX fair-poor, 6:15 KAGY-1510 s/off weak no SSB, no W/LAC. 1/22- 2am, WDAT-1380 VID, good; 2:33 WYRU ET good, 7am WISL-1480 VID fair. 1/25- 5pm, WQCB-1440 s/off good, SSB. 5:06pm, WERR-1250 fair; 5:11 WBCW-1530 ad for downtown Jeanette Pa., 5:31 WLR-1510 s/off fair, no SSB. 1/26- 5:29pm, WRLL-1130 s/off weak but readable, no SSB. 1/29- 1:55am, WTAD-930 VID, NX fair, s/off @ 2. 5:13pm, WFIT-730, VID, WX, s/off, no SSB; 5:59pm, KWOC-950 VID "Big Country Radio". 1/30- 5:10pm, WTVN-610 O. SID, dominating 610. Veries of late: WQCB, WYRU, WTVN & WCNC. Verie signers are being sent to Ernie. Reports out to WILLI, WYFA, WPRO, & KNX. Local WHNE will drop c/w mx April 2 to become all NX & Information again. Call letters will be changed to WNIS. This station changes more often than the WX here, and that's a lot. 73's.

LOTS OF GOOD DX IN ATLANTA

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Old Man Winter paid us a visit 2/18 and left 3-4" of sleet (not snow - sleet!) which was good for a day off work Mon. 2/19. So time again for this edition of "DX Down the Dial." 2/18, eve, brought one WX-related catch: WYRU-1510 Red Springs, N.C. on late due to bad CX; w/WLAC nulled as much as possible, they were very good, 6:24pm on - light rr, closings, NX, etc. They were on past 7pm apparently per the announcer. Back on 1520, WKMG-1520, Newberry, S.C. w/shorty s/off 6:11pm; I also heard WSVL's power-change announcement, folo by a booming signal! Same day (2/18) in the AM, Ga. #154 was heard w/WQQT-1450, Savannah, w/c/w @ 3:20am. Then @ 3:21, someone IDed, ending an ET, sounded like "WDZQ" - anyone hear this on 1450? Unn WQMI-1490 booming in w/AP NX 3:42am, & a loud Tter on 1430 @ 3:55, no ID, of course. 2/14 PM brought WJAK-1460 s/off 6:29 very weak & IDed it on tape replay. On 2/12, another newie on 1510 w/WPKO, Prentiss, Miss. w/Mississippi State Net NX 6:32pm, then s/off @ 6:42 w/fading in between, & WLAC splatter. 2/10 brought a nice one in the form of CJBK-1290 London, Ont. w/rr, ads, and contest for a cycle show, all 6:34-6:39pm. This one was dominating w/no sign of W/OCC. 2/9 SSS DX w/ 1580 being still productive (despite W/LCS, hi) when KTGR, Columbia, Mo. heard w/s/off 6:44pm. Veries have trickled in during Feb.: v/1's from WQCB-1220, WLBW-1590, WNER-1250, KNEO-1530, KBJT-1570 & WRBX-1530. About the exclusion of "non-DX topics" from DX NEWS - I feel what is such a topic should be clarified more. Personally, I didn't care for much of the poetry, and felt the space used for it to be wasted. However, if all "non-DX" related topics are excluded, then my comments about the WX above would fall into that category. Musings shouldn't be merely a listing of DX, and should be "conversational" and enjoyable to read, then comments about the WX, our personal lives, trips made, etc. should be allowed as always in the past. This is one way we who Muse and read Musings in a sense get to know each other better. Enough editorial for now. 73's.

*DX NEWS FOR "DX NEWS"

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In recent "Static from HQ" there has been some discussion of publication of non-DX items. I would like to cast my vote in favor of publishing only DX items. It is not that I am against poetry or whatever. The problem is: if poetry is allowed, then what else? I doubt we could satisfy all our members as to appropriate Musings subjects, so I would urge each member to stand in favor of publishing only DX related items in DX NEWS.

LOUS A FEW IN SPIES OF WPTR SLOP

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All right...all explosives experts please come forward. I have a big job for you. The following stations need immediate destruction: GIR, WJMQ, WHN, & WPTR. At least get WPTR! Please! They were noted a few days ago covering, in addition to their regular dependable slop of 1530-1550, w/WKBW & WQXR! I have finally logged two new states: California & Alabama. KFI came in on 2/11 @ 1:34am, while I heard WVOK also on 2/11 @ 6:30pm, signing off. The other 13 catches are in DDXD. I hope. Recent veries included: WHJB & WNEW. Nothing yet from WNTN or WBEW. I have to start winding down on my DXing efforts, schoolwork has been noticeably affected. IMPORTANT: On 2/19 I heard TONES on 1520 from 5:40 to 6:10pm. Just solid tones, no IDs, even at 6:00. Unfortunately I had to leave my radio at 6:10 to eat dinner. Is this WPOE ETing? (See recent IDXD comments on the 1521 Arab - your "tone" just could be a high-side het! - ERC) WMOO-1550 heard under MURDEROUS WPTR slop! They were conducting their "XR & equipment tests." Letter is in the mail. Recent new DX includes: WRHC-1550 (another miracle) signing off 2/12 @ 6:15. This one was a complete miracle as I was just wondering how loud WPTR was that night. So a flick of the "on" button showed WPTR rather loud, then with a quick move of the dial to the right, I caught WRHC signing off! 2/18- WLEB @ 5:37pm, IDs, T-40 mx; WTHM-1530 (yet another miracle) w/pop mx, IDs, mentions of FM-103 @ 5:52pm; CJLA-630 FF pop mx, weak w/WPRO @ 6:17pm; CFCF-600 EE talk show weak-fair @ 6:25 w/ WICC. 2/19- WAKR-1500 @ 12:01am, ID caught just after "QQ Radio" signed off. CKFB-1470 came in @ 12:09am w/FF MoR, & WMOO-1550 @ 2:09-2:31 w/gospel mx, test announcements, religious talk & messages, weak w/WPTR slop. Plus unID Tters on 1400, 1470, & 1380 all between midnight & 1am on 2/19. Recent veries: CBA, WSPR (took 5 1/2 months), WILLI, WHO. Paul Moraghan, CE at WILLI, says he got a total of seven reports. Whoopie! Were those seven the only people who tried for it? No wonder CPC is doing so poorly - results are terrible! CPC's goal is to arrange TESIs so less fortunate DXers can hear that hard-to-get station. If only seven people are going to bother to listen, what good is that? There are over 700 members in the NRC: each and every one should try to arrange at least one TEST. If you can't sit down and type up one letter to a station, then you need help. There are NO excuses who everyone can't try to arrange a TEST. Anyway, 73's and best of DX. * I almost forgot - thanks to BILL WURTZEL & ALBERT LOBEL for their letters. That's just about it from these "pahts" (hi)! As they say in Cadillac, Mich., W/WAM - "We Want All to Muse!"

THIS IS NOT A-MUSING

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As you saw in a recent Musing I am in contact with a number of NRC & IRCA members. Nearly all of them are upset at the ban on poetry in DX NEWS. In this week's DX Monitor they have asked those (meaning me) who send in poetry, to "cool it for a while." Who is in cahoots with whom? Where is the invisible tie that binds both clubs, or who is it? Another thing I want to mention. All the people who sent in complaints about my poetry, why didn't they write to me? I am not a dangerous person, and answer all my letters. I have a strong will, and anything you say will NOT hurt me. So, on that note, feel free to write to me. Come on, send your letters - fill up my mail box, and keep it Comin' Love. In the past two weeks I have written to 30 Club members, & was on the phone with 15 others. The consensus of their opinions is that cutting out poetry is bad. Personally I would like to see copies of the letters Club members wrote in to digest what they have to say. Believe me, my stomach is made of steel, and whatever comments were written I'd like to know. Long letters were received from ERNIE COOPER, MARK STRICKERT, BRYAN LEE, & a nice letter with two color pictures from PETER POMPE in Brussels, Belgium. And IRCA members David Jackson & Mike Brooker. All these letters received a personal answer. For those of you out-of-towners who want to attend my GTG on Sunday May 20, there are still three sleeping spaces open. That is a MARK STRICKERT expression, as he has claimed the first one. Wait till you taste the pancakes I make, or the fluffy-fried or scrambled eggs, and even cooked cereal. I don't DX on wheat Chex. (uh uh uh! That's a non-no, hi! -ERC) A splendid time is guaranteed for all attending. Dinner will also be served, on the house. There will be lots of beer, soft drinks, snacks, & I hope, room. It's all free! I just got my DX NEWS & DX Monitor today. JEFF KLEPFINGER, & TOM SEITZ were here Saturday, & said theirs came on Thursday. The mail is slower than a snail! MARTIN WISHEWITZ also got his early. I filed a complaint with the U.S. Post Office. (I usually get DX NEWS on Monday, & DX Monitor on Tuesday -ERC)

COMPARES A PANASONIC RF-1042 TO THE TRF

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Greetings from San Bruno, Calif. Here is a brief rundown of the two portable receivers I just checked out. The Radio Shack TRF vs. the Panasonic RF-1042. This model, the RF-1042 is on their current catalog. It's an AM-only portable, slightly smaller than the TRF; in tiny print on the right side of the dial the words "super sensitivity" are inscribed. This being what prompted me to check it out. It's a very sensitive set, sound is much better than the TRF, but selectivity-wise my advise is: TRF is a better set. The RF-1042 lists for \$19.95. Just yesterday I saw the new G.E. superadio, model 7-2880, AM & FM portable, four IF's on AM, ceramic filters for good selectivity, etc. It's much bigger than the Radio Shack TRF, but maybe a better set. My next project is to bring one home & compare it. Price, \$70.00! Sort of expensive, but, who knows, it might be a Superadio as G.E. calls it. A while back I was having a buzz problem at certain frequencies when the street light would go on. After several conversations with P.G. & E. (Utility Co.) it was discovered that the light had a defective ballast, whatever that is, but no more buzzing. These lights are the type that go on & off automatically. It took almost three months, for the electric company to repair it! 73's

NOTE THE DEADLINE DATES A FEW PAGES BACK - ONLY ONE MUSING PER MEMBER PER ISSUE, PLEASE!

GREAT SIGNAL FROM KFIHARRY J. HAYES - 9 Henry Street - Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania - 18702

EST

I stayed up late on Friday night, or more accurately, Saturday morning 2/17 & heard KFI-640 Los Angeles atop the channel @ 12:20am. They had T-40 mx, SIDs, the whole works, very much like WABC. Whatever happened to the talk shows? Later that morning they acknowledged a call from Winston-Salem, N.C. I did more looking for West Coasters as the KFI signal strength was fantastic. No luck, though, 680 had too much slop for KNBR. I even tried for KHJ-930, I know that's an insane thing to do but one can't ever accomplish anything without trying. I did manage to log still another CPLS relay, this one on 920 @ 1:41am, very good signal. Must be a new one as is not in log - calls? (It sure is in the NRC Log #5, Harry - it is CPLS itself! See Page 40 -ERC) 2am, KOA-850 Denver ending CBS Mystery Theater ID & into CBS NX, much slop on 850. 2/18- 4am, CKSO-790 Sudbury, Ont. u/o CHIC w/Mel Tillus album. This morning the coldest by the way with -16°F recorded at Wilkes Barre/Scranton airport. In the evening here the band was dominated by FFCs all over the dial. Strong ones on 1420 & 1370 and the usual CKRB on 1460. At 7:21 a surprise w/WMTD-1380 Hinton, W. Va. ID-ed while on emergency - people without tap water. My thoughts on non-DX material in DX NEWS follow. Why anyone would waste postage to write in to complain about some poetry or some-such appearing in the Musings is beyond me. The reason why mail concerning such is so anti-this is because those who accept it don't write in about it. Are we all computers that can only accept letters and rote columns of numbers? What does a little personality hurt in DX NEWS? I can imagine such complainers reading the non-DX material and saying "This does not compute" like a certain TV robot a while back. If we ban poetry will we also ban personal introductions, humorous insertions, comments about the DXer's family, etc.? That everyone pays for the space does not constitute banning this material either. Remember the non-DX material contributor is paying also, and his dues, I'd say, far offset the cost of space. Even if non-DX material were cut out would that mean that much more DX material? I'd say not. Who contributes, contributes, and that's it! Enough said already, just let's not dehumanize DX NEWS! 73s.

JOE'S STILL PULLING THEM INJOE W. BRAUNER - R. D. 1 - Box 153 - Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania - 15767

2/15/79

The SSS 'pipeline' worked well here in January, but someone seems to have turned it off since then. New calls logged since last report: WRSM, Sumiton, Ala. 5:45pm on 12/30; WUEZ-1480, very strong s/off @ 5:30pm 1/4, after many tries. WRHC-1550 at 5:30pm on 1/5 with CBE nulled. WEIN-1540 with weak s/off @ 5:45pm on 1/8, gave full 'legal' FCC data & I believe used SSB. New WQRO-1080 found on RS with pop stuff and ad spots at 11am on 1/9. While making another check for daytime testing, I never heard any. Another channel shot for program listening here, WQRO plus WEEP adds up to so much garbage now on 1080. Long-hunted WJGA-1540, caught signing off @ 5:45 on 1/12. Strong TT noted on 1310 during W3IO's check but ID didn't make it, heard 12:04-5am 1/23. WKNG-1060 heard with strong s/off @ 5:40pm on 1/29. I didn't hear him give power, but sure sounded like 5kw. New WNPC-1060 heard briefly with NX @ 5:05-5:10pm on 1/31. No luck with recent TESTS. WILLI & WJWL were both unheard through mess. 2/12 held promise of three new calls, but no trace of WJTH here while CHML's new power covers 900 like a circus tent, no sign of Georgia under them. As for KQNK, some weak TT was noted w/WCKY's tests and super slopper WPTK's mess. Last February KNEI was clear as a local on that f/c. Lots of unnn stuff heard, WWBK still on 1560 last week with "Radio 16" ID @ 7:30 am. WCRV-1580 @ 6 on 1/25 on early with storm cancellations, apparently with day pattern as like a local here. Local WPME-1540, was on early for train wreck emergency on 2/13. At 3:30 am they busted a poison-laden tank car just N of town. Both AM & FM were on long before scheduled s/on. 73 & good DX.

THE RATINGS GAMEPETER A. NOLAN - Box 1524 - Eugene, Oregon - 97440

Still not much DX to report, I didn't even log the WDBQ-1490-TEST 2/19, which surprised me to no end, hi. Point of import, please note: A DX TEST is sked with KORE-1050, Springfield, Ore. 3/26 4:00-5:00 a.m. EST, yours truly at the helm. On a relatively clear frequency w/a good signal, they ought to get out well. Prepaid calls taken; expect tones, IDs, and, uh, the unexpected. The CE, Steve Barton, is very friendly; don't let him down! The new books are out, with some interesting results. Ron Leonard, the #1 jock sensation in Portland the past year at KYTE, lost to KGW this time around, and so was promptly canned because his super-hyped style didn't match the rest of the station. (Even though it was half the station's success in the first place!) He's now doing weekends at lowly KFLY-1240 in Corvallis (!) while looking for a new home. In town, KUGN won, again, and the pirated ex-KUGN staff made daytime KATR jump from #12 to #5. K3DF, the traditional #1 T-40, finished #3, & their PD of ten years was promptly axed. So goes the radio business. I heard that WOMN-1220, the all-female ex-WCD in Conn., did quite well in the latest ratings, which is interesting. There was a station in Memphis about five years ago, WHEP-1430 (now WNEE) that tried a similar thing, an all-talk format with all female moderators. Ratings went up, but within six months the FCC & other authorities forced the station to scrap the format due to sex discrimination. Call letters and most employees got forced out the door, with stiff fines, etc. One wonders if the same thing will happen with WOMN, or will success enable the station to get away with it? Finally, DAVE FOX, could you have CIHI ship the moose out here once their promotion is over? You see, I collect, breed and train them, and as I have about five dozen or so already, I'd love another. Of course, it gets rather uncomfortable when I take a show-er, but where ELSE do you keep 60 moose in an apartment? 73's. (I wouldn't want to walk from room to room in the dark, bare-footed in your house, Peter, hi! -ERC)

ON LETTER WRITINGBILL HARANG - 811 Nevada Avenue - San Jose, California - 95125

If you hate to write letters to other Club members, it's simply because you have not yet discovered the fun it can be to write and receive letters that are "goodtalk" on paper. Do you hate to visit your friends and talk with them face to face? Then why hate to write a friendly letter to another member which is (in a sense) a pleasant "visit" on paper? Many DXers (in and out of this Club) actually disregard letters from other DXers, deliberately neglecting to answer them. Others put off answering until the person who wrote has numerous valid reasons to be slighted and hurt. To leave a letter unanswered is like saying "I can't be bothered writing! I don't think you're worth the time and effort it takes to write a letter." Would you have the guts to say that to another person's face? Then don't imply it by leaving your letters unanswered or by putting off your answer for too long of a time. Doesn't courtesy tell you that you should answer your letters? It is not only a discourtesy, but an unkindness to ignore letters from other DXers who are concerned about your welfare. Perhaps nearly all of us have been guilty of this at one time or another. Therefore, we should try to resolve the problem together. Few things can give a greater lift to another DXer than a cheerful, friendly letter written with sincerity...an intimate visit on paper with someone near and dear to your heart. How eagerly, many times and many places, have we DXers wistfully repeated, over and over again that old familiar question: "Any mail for me?" So don't ever say, "I haven't the time to write!" Everyone has exactly 24 hours a day - no more, no less. The time is there; it's up to you to use some part of it for writing interesting letters to other Club members if you want to receive interesting letters in return.

TALKS TO THE SILENT MAJORITYROBERT WIEN - 945 Desert Isle Drive - San Jose, California - 95117

It's amazing how apathetic the members of a Club can become. With well over 700 members in NRC, it seems that only perhaps no more than 10 or 20 are good, solid, regular contributors to the various columns, and even then, an additional 60 or 70 are occasional reporters, such as me. Yet, that makes up only about 10% of the entire NRC body, or even less than that! What happens in any DX club does not seem to have much effect on the entire body of the club, or for that matter, the other 90%. When there are various areas that will affect the club, or the hobby in general, it is up to the individual to express his viewpoint on the particular subject in mind. Recently, such things as the 9 kHz plan, the clear channel matter, the censorship of poetry in DX NEWS, and other matters like this which affect us all. If the body of the Club doesn't express opinions on important matters like these, no one will know how the Club in general is thinking, or for that matter, how the Club is running. It seems that this "apathy" runs in other clubs as well, such as IRCA, for example, but despite the efforts of higher-ups in these various clubs to get the body to express their opinions, their efforts seem to go for naught. For example, ERC, I believe, uses various little "sayings" on the bottoms of pages in the Musings section to try to persuade the body of the Club to send in Musings, and although it does work in some cases, it doesn't seem to work in most. This is your Club, & if you want to see something changed, or like something, or for that matter, have your own personal interests or experiences in the hobby you'd like to share with your fellow members, then come on - CONTRIBUTE. In the immortal words of the U.S. Army, "I WANT YOU"...to contribute! Just a few new stations: KBLC-1270, KTKR-1310, unID SS on 540, not XENA. KQNK TEST was apparently a no-show, WJTH no way out here. WDBQ stands a chance, as does KRDC, KUKU not much. Verles in to date (2/13) since last Musing include: KSPF-560 (v/t), KFAX-1100 (v/q), XELBL-1350 (PP/c, hand-drawn map), KCBS-740 (v/l & v/q), KTNQ-1020 (v/q), KRAT-550 (PP/c, CM), KYAC-1250 (PP/c), KABL-960 (v/q), KSVG-980 (v/q), KGOE-850 (v/l, WS's), KSL-1160 (v/q, nice v/l), KAFF-930 (PP/c, batch of BS's), KMLQ-1000 (ET, v/l), KESL-1240 (ex-KMBY (PP/c), & KKCO-1290-TEST (PP/c). In case anyone cares, KGOE-850, according to v/l, will be going nighttime in late Spring or early Summer w/500w DA, bearing 241°. Oh, also KSL mentioned in their v/l that "I'm (CE) much more willing to send a card to a person who truly has an interest in our station than one who "finally decides" he may as well add our card to his collection." (unquote). Also, I forgot to add, KPOO-1370 (PP/c, RC's, pen). 73's.

COMPARES THE EVER-LOVIN' TRF to a G.E. TRFRANDY TOMER - Box 2674 - McKinleyville, California - 95521

2/22/79

Howdy. Last December I picked up a new GE TRF "Long Range Performance" AM-FM portable (model 7-2870A) & I've been enjoying it ever since. It's a nice little rig & is well worth the extra cost over a Realistic TRF if you want something a little bit nicer. One of its strong points over the Realistic is its fine selectivity for a portable, resulting from the use of nine tuned circuits in the IF strip. Sensitivity is roughly equal, & sound quality is much better, although its 4" speaker will distort if you "crank it up". This RX has the instant weather feature, too, the flick of a switch brings in your local NOAA station. One drawback: the GE is a "dog" on FM, sensitivity is listed as 20uv and it acts like it. (By comparison, a Panasonic RF-2200 has 3uv FM sensitivity). Still, the GE is fine for local and semi-local FM listening. Discount price should be around \$50, list is \$80. On the important subject of DX eating habits, I don't eat while DXing, either (although I could easily be bribed by something exceptional, like a two pound hunk of fresh smoked salmon, hi). If I'm definitely going to DX AN, I'll go downtown and eat the largest possible double cheeseburger and get my thermos filled with fresh coffee, then DX. When morning approaches and I've about had it with DXing, I'll enjoy a nice refreshing large 16-ounce glassful of cheap red wine, that usually put me in the mood for sleep! 73 de RET.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE PROVINCETOWN DEADLINE DATES. REMEMBER, ONLY ONE MUSING TO A CUSTOMER!

HIS ANTENNA FAVORS SOUTH OF THE BORDER

2/16/79

LARRY WILD - RR 1 - Box 135 - Murphysboro, Illinois
 Muse #3: Not much to say. I haven't been doing a lot of DXing during the past few weeks. School is back in session, and I'm spending most of my time in the University Library. My wife went to Guatemala with a group from church last month, and most of my time at the dials was spent listening to the few 10kw 60 meter band stations in that country. During the first week in January, Sunday the 7th to be exact, I heard a number of Mexican stations: XEW-900 (Mexico City), XEU-930 (Veracruz), XEQ-940 (Mexico City), XE??-960, XE??-970, XE//980, XEY-1000 (Mexico City), & R. Centro-1030 (Mexico City). All were carrying "La Hora Nacional". It was an interesting evening. I've also added a logging scale to the tuning knob on my FRG-7; and after calibrating it to the BCB, I now have 1 kc readout. I may not be able to pull audio out of the split-channel sets, but at least I can now locate the carrier. Totals here are 177 stations heard since Thanksgiving from 26 states. I doubted the directionality of my 600' mini-Beverage; but when I take a look at my station count, my doubts disappear. The antenna points SW towards Kansas, Arkansas, Texas & Mexico. I've picked up six Indiana stations, E of us; nine Ky. stations S of us, & 23 stations W of us in Mo. But it's the Texas total which is interesting: 26 stations. I've heard as many Texas stations as I've heard Illinois stations. If you're interested the totals for Ark. is 11, and for Mexico, 10. That's it for now. God bless, and 73s.

YOU'RE INVITED TO YOUNGSTOWN! 4/15-16.JERRY STARR - WSRD Radio - Youngstown, Ohio - 44505

Greetings again. First off, on the local scene, WBEW-1240 went AN as of 2/19, will carry the Larry King Show from Mutual. They will still have silent periods on SMs and MMs, probably 1:00-5:45. Their s/off is quite distinct, they play a vocal SSB with ALL the verses. Recent DX has been very limited, a combination of too-busy and nothing to hear. 2/12. WJTH-900-TEST was not heard, although a few tunes were noted very weakly under the un-mullable CHML, dunno who. 2/19 netted a few bits of the WBBQ-1430-TEST, several spoken and CW IDs slipped through a very loud WABJ, enough for a report. Otherness: In the GY Map Update in the 1/8/79 DX NEWS, there are several errors, both on 1450. KRZD, Wray, Col. is on 1470, not 1450; also WPSB cannot have changed to WSPD as that is still in Toledo on 1370. A few weeks back, I was notified of a TEST from WCVS-1450 but by the time I reached the LPC it was too late to make DX NEWS for sure, so info was sent to FLASH. Please remember, do not send TEST info to me as that only delays it, send it DIRECTLY to Louisville. I recently got one of the six Worcester MW receivers (described in the 11/17/75 DX NEWS) and notice that many members refer to this as an MW-1, although I don't know if this was ever an official designation. Now the Radio West loops are called MW-1 also, so perhaps we should change the RX abbreviation to something else, what's your choice, ERC? (How about JW-1, for Joe Worcester? -ERC) Don't forget YAD April 15-16 here in Y-town. If you decide to attend, please let me know ahead of time if possible, everyone is welcome. 73 & good DX.

MEETS MUSICIAN MEMBER CONRAD DUROCHERJOHN CLEMMER - 2937 West Gilbert - Peoria, Illinois - 61604

I had a real nice time visiting with fellow NRCer CONRAD DUROCHER last Saturday, 2/17. Conrad plays guitar for Mickey Gilley, a C&W singer. I went down with a couple of friends and saw the show and then talked to Conrad backstage. We had a good time talking about this & that. Even had a tour of their \$75,000 bus w/TV, stereo, microwave oven, etc. It sure is nice to finally meet someone in person that you have written to many times before. WCAR Detroit is going to switch formats to C&W from "pop adult" (no "mom adult" hi -ERC) around April 1, according to their MxD who was quoted in "Music City News". WEA-710 Mlss. has been granted 25kw D, according to Broadcasting. This sounds strange; I wonder if that was a misprint and should have been 2.5kw. Broadcasting is always making mistakes. Call letter changes: KOCL to KARZ, WCAR to WCXI, KKUZ to KOPS, WFTW to WJIS. I hate to see KOCL or WCAR go, both are distinct calls. I hope to get some DX in over the weekend, especially Monday during the partial (around 70%) eclipse here. See Y-O-U in Peoria in August for the IRCA Convention! Good DX & 73.

REPLIES TO SEVERAL MEMBERSW. R. RITAYIK - 1408 Valencia Avenue - Holly Hill, Florida - 32017

Nothing new here in Blitzen and so I'll try to help. I note a member complained we apparently do not completely read the bulletin. I had written along the same theme & received a "chewing out" letter I feel I did not deserve. I had asked for help to improve my hearing capabilities. Luckily I read DALAS LANKFORD's comments and asked him for help. He courteously replied at once; theory, experience, cost, & recommendations. Thanks again! MIKE TUGGLE: Re your comments about Spanish. My Cuban wife says it can vary from country to country. Words acceptable in one culture are a no/no in another. PETER NOLAN: Use a color pen code for different locations. Sample: Use a red star, etc. for one location, blue for another. If varied, circle star in same color. Many variations possible. A member noted he has a charger for 9-volt batteries for the M-2. About two years ago I noted a 9v. eliminator was better - try it. Attach set and eliminator line cords to a double socket extension cord with a switch added. Keep set switch ON. When extension switch is used, "on or off" go both. You cannot turn one off & not the other & vice versa. REMPREW: on your 2/20/78 "La Voz de Sud America", 080 kHz, I heard it as "Sur America". After a year I traced it to: "Radio Antenna, HJPP, Florida Blanca" often // with "La Voz de Sur America, Bucaramanga" but d---! I went through so many books I can't recall which one solved the mystery to my log's satisfaction. Thanks to our hard-working editors and committees who make the Club go. I thought La Exitosa-800 had been laid to rest but since it is still kicking

(Ritayik, con'd). around listen to this! For about four days previous to 5/3/78 I had parked on 800 kHz and "Provincial Central" was booming in, C&W in about 45 seconds every 12 minutes. Boy I thought this SS is going to be finally IDed by me. At 1:06am in the middle of a torrent of Spanish: "Miami Beach Hotel" (or motel) & a few words later, "Miami." How about those apples? Of course there is no reason a hotel called Miami Beach couldn't be at the North Pole and as for the "Miami" it could have been for instance: meet, or dance, or eat at the Miami. I don't know where this leaves me or anyone else! I did not have any beer! Cheers!!!

SOUPS UP HIS SW-4ASTEVE KENNEDY - Box 231 - Immokalee, Florida - 33934

Howdy from the Bar of the Everglades. As promised, time for another Muse for the DX-hungry souls of the NRC. DX has been a little spotty here, but I noted Mary LA splits 1/24-27. Nothing new, but I got an excellent tape of R. Internacional-1015 1/26 @ 11 pm. Those members who are members of NARA & SPEEDX might remember an article I did several months ago about the SW-4A. For some time I was using an old 3.1 kHz mechanical filter in my RX, but the old MF was in such poor shape that I had to remove it. While I was inside the RX, I connected a 220 pf capacitor in series with the output transformer of the crystal filter. The cap is connected from the hot side of the filter to ground. After some slight adjustment of the first IF section, I found that the skirt selectivity was somewhat improved. .5kHz @ -6 db, and 10 kHz @ -60 db. Not too bad for a simple modification. Other news: 2/1- I spent over five hours enlarging our beloved NRC emblem to 8" x 12". It is so close to the usual one on the front of DX NEWS, that it takes a mighty sharp eye to spot any errors. It is black & white with a red & blue shield. I am now trying to find a T-shirt printer who can reproduce it so I may have my own "official" NRC T-shirt. Since I don't know how much this may cost, I wonder why it hasn't been thought of before? (Ha, Steve - several of us, including me, has such a shirt, made up three years or so ago by FRANKDAILEY! -ERC) Other stuff: Possibly by the time this Muse hits DX NEWS, I hopefully will have an order in for a Radio West Ferrite Loop. Thanks to PAUL MOUNT & MARK CONNELLY for comments on the R.W. loop, also to LWCA who sent me excerpts from "The Lowdown", the magazine published by the LWCA. From what I have read the R.W. loop may be the answer to my antenna problems, since I DX LW & SW as well as MW. In the works is plans to get a better taper, & an FRG-7 RX in the future if I can raise the cash. This is the first time I have been able to attempt to get additional equipment for the shack for over three years. I have such a limited budget for DX gear that I have to be very careful to make the right choice on gear as I keep what I get. I think the FCC's idea of breaking up the Clear Channels is probably the worst idea to ever be proposed to the American listening public. 73's & see you in six weeks.

ADDS HIS 35th STATE FROM OHIOPAUL MOUNT - 35 1/2 West Columbus Street - Nelsonville, Ohio - 45764 614-753-3280 12/8/78

You call me this time. 12/3- Looking for KCTA I heard "Gimme Some Lovin'" 1:39, inst. talk (?? -ERC) & nothing more. SS dominant on 1050, 5:47. WJLL-730 Tenn. w/U.S. NX 6:10-6:14, recorded WX & more by live announcer, ID, into mx 6:15, mostly atop. WRJZ/WTMJ fighting it out on 620 6:44-7am. Hoping for R.I. on 630 w/no thought of Kansas (no WPRO) I tuned to 690 for SRS stations & got Radio 69 NX w/Tim McQuade, mentions of Kansas & Coffeyville & spot for Neosho Nurseries in Neosho Mo. 7:11-7:15, then report from Wilson County Agent. After several futile tries for KFH I log Kansas for State 35 without trying, hi. WEA-770 Mo. s/on fair 7:15 w/SSB. WKKS-1570 w/bulletin from NKroom 7:30, then atop again @ 7:40 w/jx "Country American Sound". 12/4 in the living room automated rock on 1150 2:10-2:28 was WIMA, Lima, O. w/spots for Lima, no IDs heard, though. To 1190 what sounded like a beacon, then tone sweep & Morse KADE XAD KADE then long tone, beacon-like, 2:35, VID, 2:36, and hand over radio reduced QRN today. A call to station mentioned calls from GEORGE KESTEVEN, BILL COLEMAN, GERRY THOMAS, ERNIE WESOLOWSKI, PETE NOLAN Plus Va. coast, Louisville, & Seattle. QRM from KLIF, per phone calls, running their last ABC Perspective show before dropping ABC on 12/9. This is Col. #3. WVON-111. & a "Radio 14", F DJ, + suspect WFEL, on 1390, 3:45-4, then over to 1380 for a WAOK ID. I tried for KRRR & while GARY SIEGEL heard them in Ohio, I don't feel I can count them as I heard sweep tones & they said they were running only a steady tone. WSAI wasn't a terrible problem but Cincinnati & Rudoso are roughly in the same direction from here. If I were to write KRRR they would probably verify as he said, "Ohio, yeah, you got us". Despite N.M. needed as a new state I really don't think the tones I heard 4:09-4:38 were theirs. The operator said the last five requests for the state were for KRRR (KJR). Dec. 6- KRMG-740 good on little RX as I walked home from laundry. 12/7- I finally got my TRF apart, now to go to visit N.J. & try some modification. Over 84 days of living in Nelsonville I logged 287 stations from 35 states, plus D.C., three provinces, four estados, eight countries. Of the 35 states, Col., Ariz., Ark., Kan., S.D. have not been heard in N.J., & Arizona & S.D. I'd not heard from anywhere in Ohio (i.e., here, Akron, Wyoming, Y-town). 73.

THERE'S A NEW HAITIAN ON 1410

RICHARD CLARK - Box 273 - La Vega, Dominican Republic
 Hi everyone, time for another Musing from the Caribbean. The new station in Port de Paix, Haiti is Radio Familial on 1410. I also get it on 1820, 4230, 5640, & 7050, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th harmonic! RON SCHATZ is incorrect - it is not La Voix du Nord. Where does he get the idea that an inactive SW moves to a harmonic frequency? Tell me another one?? TERRY KRUBER is the first person in Florida to get R. Familial in which I say very good. I have a clear tape of their ID if anyone wants to hear it. The station comes in quite good in the daytime w/little QRM from HIAE on 1410. Right now I am working on my new antenna w/the help of TED VERAS for some great TV DX on the UHF band, in hope for U.S. TV stations. For now that's about it. 73.

SNOW PLACE LIKE TIDWATER

MARK BAILEY - "The Huger Muser" - 1414 Braden Crescent - Norfolk, Virginia - 23502 2/19/79
DX here in Tidewater Land has been rather spotty lately, but it's time for a Muse nevertheless. The biggest news around here lately is the surprising amount of snowfall we have been getting (bet you don't get as much as we do, Ernie). (It NEVER snows on Cape Cod, Mark, remember, hi -ERC) On 2/7 the first major snow assault brought 5" of the white stuff, which hampered road CX greatly. After a few small snows, we received our biggest one on 2/18, when 7" fell. It could have been as much as 12", but it changed to rain, freezing rain and sleet, which pounded the snow down. It has also been cold, too, w/a temperature of 100F reached on 2/16. Washington received 18", Richmond 14", & Baltimore, 20". Enough of this. Now, on to DX: 1/29- KWOC-930 Mo. in @ 6:08pm w/NBC NX @ 6pm, then a spot called "Chicken George" @ 6:07pm, then VID @ 6:08 which was "Big Country Radio, KWOC." 2/1- WMC-1390 Tenn. was heard w/f/c @ 12:23am, was in on even terms w/WGSC. 2/3- unID-1110 w/SS talk o/WBT. Later, that 2/3, WMT-730 Ky. in @ 6:30pm in fair & alone w/s/off. 2/7- WYFA-1580 N.Y. was heard w/cancellations w/VID @ 5:46pm, in like a local at times. They stayed on till 8:03pm. KMZK-1540 Tex. heard @ 7:02pm in fair w/VID, into EZL mx. 2/13- WMMT-1520 Ga. in @ 6:15pm w/s/off in good. 2/17- Three newsies added in the log in the form of WRBD-1470 Fla. in @ 6:16pm w/fair signal & VID into mx; WETU-1250 Ala. in @ 6:29 w/a fair to poor signal during s/off; & to round out this Auroral evening I heard WGVN-1260 Miss. in fair @ 6:43pm w/WX announcements mentioning N Central Mississippi. And my latest catch on 2/18: WRGA-1470 Ga. in good @ 7:15pm w/VID into mx. They must have been ND because they were heard at a later check @ 1am. As I am writing now, unnn WJML-900 Del. is on at a late time because that state has been declared a disaster area. Despite the massive killer storm which swept the entire EC, they are the only daytime station on at this time, 8pm. Local WHNE-1350 will be no more on 5/2/79 @ 6am. Despite their efforts, they did not unseat local c/w favorite WQMS-1050. Even though they were doing quite well in the market, GM Bob Sinclair stated that this area needs a 24 hour NX info format, so therefore on April 2 WHNE will change to WNIS. I hope all of you alert NRCers will log this one for another call change. The station will have the following history of calls: WNIS/WHNE/WKX/WCVU. (And WSAP when they started on 1490 in '44 -ERC) V1, WCKB-780, w/bumper sticker. The following are still on hold: KRMG WKLE WFTW WHNC KIOA WAGL WAWS KPVS WNOP WJZA WSEP WTOW WVNA WONA WAIM WMC. The new Ch. 33 will air in Sept., calls listed in Communications World as WTVZ, but who can trust somebody who lists WTRQ-1560 as 12,000w among other things? Totals: 1187/65. 73s & good DXing to all.

HE HAS HIS 1979 WRTH ALREADY!

STEPHEN H. PONDER - 4105 Glen Street - Bossier City, Louisiana - 71112
Greetings again from Louisiana! Before I wind up and start my DX pitch, let me say thanks to DAN PHILLIPS & DALLAS LANKFORD for their letters; a special thanks, Dan, for your concern and interest! Now to the DX - several new stations have been heard here in the past week, as well as several veries have graced my mailbox. New stations: WWSA-1380, KWK-1380, & WYNK-1380, all in one afternoon and within a few minutes of each other (like one minute segments). Other stations of interest were TGW-775, TGN-640, Dominica-595, TICAL-525 & of course, Belize-834. Veries that have come in are: TGN-640, KMLA-1400, & KIPA-1370, all signers will have been sent to the proper people by the time you read this. TGW's verie came back in less than two weeks! Now a note to ERC - yes, I have a '79 WRTH, courtesy of Gilfer's special offer; I received it the second week of January, and it is a beauty! Here's a rundown of the special articles in it: 'DXing without sitting in front of the Receiver', 'Medium Wave DX as Heard Down-Under!', 'New Long and Medium Wave Plan', & 'Radio Missionaries.' It has all the other goodies, too. Until next Muse, pleasant dreams? 73.

GOES "GRAVEYARD DIGGING" IN CALIFORNIA

ALPHONSE B. TOBIA - 7603 Linden Court - Newark, California - 94560 2/18/79
And the Muse just keep on coming... Good DX out on the WC the last few weeks. The usual winter strong visits by the clears have been great. Examples would be WJR in null of KFMB on 760, on 780 KCRJ s/off would bring WBEM in strong. WCOO noted next to local KGO slop. On 890 WLS has been in fair & on 1210 WCAU has been audible. In tuning around one early morning I noted what may be some changes. On 1230 I heard KMOR, Murray, Utah IDing as KFAA (?) Also on 1240 I heard KSON in San Diego IDing as KDIG (There is a KDIG-FM in San Diego), also KRGO IDing as Granger, Utah. I have the 4th Edition of the NRC Log & what I heard didn't agree with my Log. Is the new edition the 5th? (Yes -ERC) I also got KKEY in Provo, Utah & sent them a verie, they're on 1450. I have been monitoring the graveyards recently looking for some rare catches. 1230 is mainly mixed with Cal. & Ore. stations. 1240 kHz is usually made up of Cal. skip, 1340 has many but KYAK in Fresno seems to dominate the frequency, with a skip mixing with others. 1450 is usually a lost cause because of local KEST, but there have been occasions when they were off the air early mornings. KYA has been off the air every Mx from about 3am to ?? EST. I still haven't had much luck with TP DX except for Hawaii with KORL, KIKI & KIVM. Well, that's it for now. As far as commenting on non-DX items in DX NEWS, why not, as long as it's done in small amounts out we should all keep in mind that the main thing behind DX NEWS is information on DXing! Take care & keep DXing.

We wish to acknowledge phone calls from NRCers JIM FRANCIS, TOM FARMERIE, BILL COLEMAN, TOM BULL, BILL WURTZEL, ROLLAND LINDELADE, RAY ARRUDA and WAYNE HEINEN, as well as a personal visit from STAN MORSS. Thanks a million, gang!
AGAIN, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE UP-COMING MUSINGS DEADLINES, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT BE SENDING IN MORE THAN ONE MUSING FOR ANY ONE ISSUE. THEY ARE MONDAYS, MARCH 19, APRIL 2, and APRIL 23. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE LISTED VERIES RECEIVED BUT HAVEN'T SENT US THE SIGNERS, PLEASE DO! PLEASE DOUBLE SPACE, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF YOU WHO WRITE OR PRINT ON LINED PAPER. GRACIAS!

MIKE HARDESTER - CFAO Medical - FPO Seattle, Washington - 98770

After 2 1/2 years here in Japan, the Navy is sending me back to the States and sometime in June or July, I'll be reporting in to Miramar Naval Air Station in San Diego. No idea as yet as to how active I'll be with DXing, but as Miramar is not in San Diego proper, there should (I hope) be less JRM. In looking back over the time I've been here on Okinawa, I've gained a bit of insight into the Asian aspect of our hobby. Also, I've seen the band conditions go from fair to disastrous! The 9kHz plan is still causing problems, with a few frequencies absent of any signals while some frequencies sound like a graveyard frequency with each station pushing 50kw. Surprising to me has been the lack of any station from North America being noted here, though such stations are heard in mainland Japan, New Zealand, and Australia. Totals for ten years of DXing (obviously not constant DXing): state/provinces/countries - 39/39, 5/5, & 21/16. Overall domestic totals are 368/353 plus foreign 438/399. Since 1968, the only domestic holdouts for a QSL have been: KBBQ-1600, KHIS-970, KCHJ, KDSO, KIBE, KLED, KLIP, KRAL-1300 KSPD, KTKR, KTOM, KUBA, KUDE, KWOO, & VAG-1630. Of course, some have long since changed frequency and/or call sign. Very 73 & keep on DXing!

M O T H B A L L M E M O R I E SCHAPTER CVII - "RADIO GOES TO WAR"

-by PETE KEMP

It was 2:30pm in the East on December 7, 1941, when some six million American families who were listening to their radios, were shocked to learn that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. Radio swung into action putting correspondents in the field at a rapid rate. Edward R. Murrow with his familiar line "This...is...London", Eric Sevareid reporting on the China-Burma-India Theater of operations, Farnsworth Fowle relaying to us the victories in Italy and Sicily, Winston Burdett in North Africa and Howard K. Smith in Berlin before 1941, moved his vantage point to Switzerland after the Nazis refused to let him broadcast. Dressed in the familiar olive drab clothes with correspondent marking, these men gave the people in the 48 states continual reports on the horrors of war. Some of the names covering the hostilities for NRC included Francis McCall, Wright Bryan, David Anderson, Tom Traynor (killed in action) and W. W. Chaplin. On the home front newsmen, commentators and war analysts put events in perspective. Individuals such as George Fielding Eliot, Elmer Davis, Quentin Reynolds, John Daly, Fredric March, Parks Johnson, Gabriel Heatter, and Richard Curt Hottalet. On June 13th after the invasion of Normandy the press set up a direct link from the beachhead, transmitting reports to a receiving station in Baldwin, Long Island, N.Y. and then relaying them to the Times Square control headquarters to press distribution. NEXT WEEK: CARY SIMPSON and radio's early "FITZGIMEN". We have more contributions to this column still to air, from PETE KEMP, NEIL ZANK, BILL WURTZEL, and STEVE PONDER, whom we thank while asking for more such Mothball Memories for the future DX NEWSes - please!

PLACES TO GO... THINGS TO DO**GREAT SPORTS TOWN****THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS****"HOPE YOU HAVE A VERY PLEASANT STAY"**