



# DX NEWS

*the magazine of the  
National Radio Club*

— SINCE 1933 —

Volume 55 Issue 26 Monday, May 2, 1988

Effective yesterday, May 1, 1988, New prices have gone into effect on some NRC products. Page 14 has the current price listing for NRC Products. All previous forms and prices are now obsolete.

Remember, orders for reprints must include the new Reprint Order Form along with the correct amount of money. The Reprint Order Form can be found in the last issue, along with the reprint costs.

Take out your crayons: On your Reprint Order Form, please change the following:  
Reprint FB (2) to FB (3) Reprint R9 (6) to R9 (7)

These changes have already been made at the NRC Publication Center and take effect as of May 1, 1988. We are in the process of overhauling the reprints. You can look forward to more of these changes over the next year or so. So pay attention, hi.

FM ATLAS AND STATION DIRECTORY 11th Edition, by Bruce Elving, is now out and ready for purchase. Lists main stations, commercial & educational, and FM Translators, as well as music formats, stereo info and technical data. US\$9.95 each, 2 for US\$18.00 each. Send your check or money order to: FM Atlas, 241 Anderson Road, Esko, MN 55733-9413.

And speaking of FM Stuff. The NRC Information Services people (us) have produced (on popular demand) an FM Station Address Book. Yep, that is correct. FM!! Since we collect data on AM stations we also receive alot of FM Station information and since there wasn't a good source for FM Station address.....ta da. Book is 8 1/2" x 11" size, 3-hole punched. We are now taking pre-publication orders for the FM Station Address Book. The book will be available July 1, 1988. Pre-Publication price good through June 1, 1988. See our ad on page 3 for price details.

From Dale Park comes word that WJUN-1180 is now on the air. Dale heard it on 4/20 at 0659 ELT ID'd as Voice of Tri-State, WJUN Newbergh, IN into CBS NX. Don't confuse this stn with WHAM who also carries CBS Nx. WCZE-820 switched to EZL as of 4/17 dropping Transtar 41 format & assumed new calls of WXEZ-AM, FM is WLOD. AM Breaks away for Larry King show. WAUR-930 ex WBYG Sandwich, IL drops music country network for Interstate Radio Network (Tribune/WGN network). KUSA-550 also carries IRN. KKZR-1070 Houston, TX has switched from //FM CHR to Satellite Music Network, ID-"Z-ROK".

From Bill Alisaukas comes word that WPBD 640KHz is on the air as of the middle of April with Black Oldies Mo-Town format off the satellite, 50kw/1kw, primary pattern is to the south and west. Reception reports go to: Denny Ainsworth, Operations Manager. Station Address - 44 Broad Street, Suite 802, Atlanta, GA 30303 Station operates 9am to 10pm EST.

DXChange: Wanted - Basic Radio, Volume 1-6, 2nd Edition, by Marvin Tepper - Hayden Book Co. (W.E. Gittings, 583 Drymen Cr., Mississauga, ON, L5G 2N9 CANADA)

ANARC HAM NET Bob Brown, KW3F, has been conducting weekly on-the-air discussions on subjects relating to the world of radio listening. You can find the net on sunday mornings at 1500 UTC on 7240KHz LSB.

CPC TEST (Times listed are Eastern Local Time):  
May 16 WINZ-940 Miami, FL 0100-0400 ELT 50000w Non-Directional test. Format unknown Monday at this time. Polite reception reports along with return postage to: Richard L. Edwards, U.P., Director of Engineering, P.O. Box 2168, Miami, FL 33055  
Test Arranged for the NRC by Tony Fitzherbert.

#### LOOK INSIDE

2....AM Switch  
10....IDXD  
14....Publication Order Form  
24....Your Name and NRC Club Addresses

4....DDXD-East  
11....GYDXA  
15....Last issue's Musings

8....DDXD-West  
13....Summary of Unrpt Stns  
20.... This issue's Musings

# AM SWITCH

Jerry Starr

c/o WHOT Radio, 4040 Simon Road, Youngstown, OH 44512

### CALL LETTER CHANGES

OLD CALL:	New CALL:	OLD CALL:	New CALL:
570 WPLP FL	PINELLAS PARK	WTKN	1240 WAMD NY
680 KBHG MT	EAST HELENA	KHKR	1270 WFUL KY
830 *New GA	LITHIA SPRINGS	WGBV*	1300 WRKT FL
930 KEWQ CA	PARADISE	KKXX	1340 WUNA PR
WBVG IL	SANDWICH	WAUR	1390 WDVH FL
WAMX WV	HUNTINGTON	WRVC	1480 KAAR WA
960 KLKL OR	KLAMATH FALLS	KLAD*	1490 WTRL FL
1070 KRBE TX	HOUSTON	KKZR	KBXT MN
1080 WECA GA	MARIETTA	WFTD	1550 *New CA
1130 WHHQ SC	HILTON HEAD	WHHR	1600 WOKB FL
1190 WELX PA	HUGHESVILLE	WHTO	

NOTES ON CALLS: THE FCC CAUGHT THEIR ERROR AND CHANGED KGBV-830 TO WGBV. KLKL-930 CHANGE TO KLAD CORRECTS OUR ERROR FROM LAST ISSUE. USERS OF MSJ WILL FIND THE WUNA/WNOZ CHANGE INCORRECTLY LISTED AS BEING ON 1430 AND THE CITY LISTED AS PUERTO RICO. ABOVE IS CORRECT.

### APPLICATION FOR NEW STATIONS

- 1100 AZ CAVE CREEK: 25000/1000 U4 (REAPPLICATION)
- 1550 NM SANTA FE: 38000/400 U2 (EXISTING APPLICATION CHANGING DAY POWER)

### GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

NONE

### APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

- 590 WLK KY LEXINGTON: NIGHT POWER TO 1600 WATTS
- 1010 WBIX FL JACKSONVILLE BEACH: NIGHT POWER TO 5000 WATTS
- 1050 KOFY CA SAN MATEO: NIGHT POWER TO 1000 WATTS
- KLOH MN PIPESTONE: NIGHT POWER TO 5000 WATTS
- 1270 KNWZ CA PALM DESERT: NIGHT POWER TO 750 WATTS
- 1280 KCOB IA NEWTON: POWER TO 760 WATTS
- 1320 WCVG KY COVINGTON: NIGHT POWER TO 420 WATTS, ANTENNA TO U4
- 1370 KQIL CO GRAND JUNCTION: TO 880 KHZ WITH 10000/4500 U4
- 1510 WHHQ NJ DOVER: NIGHT POWER TO 1000 WATTS
- 1520 WKVI IN KNOX: POWER TO 1800 WATTS
- 1530 KHPY CA YUCAIPA: CITY OF LICENSE TO MORENO VALLEY, CA

### GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

- 860 WTEL PA PHILADELPHIA: NIGHT POWER TO 500 WATTS, SEPARATE NIGHT XR
- 1080 WFTD GA MARIETTA: RELOCATE XR
- 1400 WOND NJ PLEASANTVILLE: REDUCE DAY POWER TO 580 WATTS, RELOCATE XR
- 1450 KQDI MT GREAT FALLS: RELOCATE XR
- 1580 KWYD CO COLORADO SPRINGS: POWER TO 10000 WATTS, RELOCATE XR
- WHHM TN HENDERSON: DAY POWER TO 1000 WATTS, ANTENNA TO U5

### OTHERNESS

- 730 CHYR ON LEAMINGTON: DESPITE THEIR CLAIM OF DROPPING THE 730 NIGHT OPERATION, THEY HAVE BEEN HEARD BACK ON 730 NIGHTS IN APRIL
- 760 WJRR TN NASHVILLE: NEW STATION TESTING, MAY BE ON WHEN YOU READ THIS
- 1180 KGOL TX HUMBLE: WILL BEGIN 50000/10000 OPERATION 7-1-88 PER STATION
- 1190 WOOO FL ROYAL PALM BEACH: REQUEST FOR CIP EXTENSION DENIED
- 1200 KYOO MO BOLIVAR: IS THIS STILL ON THE AIR? AD IN RECENT RW OFFERED FIVE TOWERS, FEEDLINE, PHASORS, MONITORS, ETC FOR SALE "ALL LESS THAN TWO YEARS OLD", ABOUT THE TIME THEY MOVED TO 1200.

WE'RE SORRY IF THIS EDITION IS A BIT HARD TO READ. THE DAISY WHEEL FOR OUR LARGE BOLD TYPE BIT THE BIG ONE AND SINCE IT IS A SPECIAL-ORDER AND QUITE EXPENSIVE ITEM IT HAS NOT YET BEEN REPLACED. WE HAD MANY FAVORABLE COMMENTS WHEN WE CONVERTED TO THE LARGER TYPE SO DID NOT WANT TO GO BACK TO THE FORMER STYLE. THIS IS THE LARGEST I HAVE AVAILABLE FOR THE PRINTER NOW. IF ANY MEMBER HAS DIFFICULTY PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I WILL SEND A LETTER WITH WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU FIND DIFFICULT READING.

THANKS TO MEMBERS BOB WALKER AND CONRAD DUROCHER FOR CONTRIBUTIONS!

73 AND GOOD DX. *Jerry & BKF* JERRY STARR & BUFFALO K. FOONMAN

LAST MINUTE FLASHES: DDXD'S VERY OWN BILL HALE PHONES AT PRESSTIME TO INQUIRE ABOUT A MYSTERIOUS STATION HE HEARD ON 530 KHZ WHICH WAS NOT CJFT. STATION WAS HEARD WITH WHAT SEEMED TO BE REL PROGRAMMING. ALSO JUST IN IS A LETTER FROM NRCER CRAIG HEALY JUST BACK FROM THE NAB CONVENTION WHERE HE SPOKE TO A REP FROM PINZONE COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS OF NEWBURY, OH (FAR EASTERN SUBURB OF CLEVELAND). THEY CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN GRANTED AN EXPERIMENTAL LICENSE TO RUN 100 WATTS ON 530 KHZ TO TEST AN "ANTI SKYWAVE" ANTENNA WITH THE CALL KA2XUC. WE DON'T KNOW IF THESE TWO ITEMS HAVE ANY CONNECTION ALTHOUGH IT IS DOUBTFUL PROGRAMMING WOULD BE CARRIED ON AN EXPERIMENTAL STATION. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE PINZONE REP SEEMED TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE EXISTANCE OF CJFT WHICH SHOULD HAVE A FAIRLY GOOD SIGNAL IN NEWBURY. PERHAPS THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED ANTENNA TESTS IS ELSEWHERE. WE ARE NOT CLEAR ON HOW EXPERIMENTAL CALLS ARE ASSIGNED BUT ASSUMING THE FCC USES IT'S STANDARD "HAM" ZONES TO DETERMINE THE NUMERAL 2 WOULD INDICATE A LOCATION IN NY OR NJ. MORE ON THIS WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

## FM STATION ADDRESS BOOK

PRE-PUBLICATION OFFERING OF NEW NRC PUBLICATION

# ONLY \$7.95

U.S. Orders through June 1, 1988

- \* 8 1/2 X 11"
- \* FULL SIZE TYPE
- \* 3 HOLE PUNCHED
- \* LISTED BY STATE, BY CITY

ORDER FROM: NRC PUBLICATIONS CENTER  
P.O. BOX 164, MANNSVILLE, NY 13661

Actual Page

STATUS	CALLS	FREQ	STATION LOCATION	Horz-POWER	Vert	ANT. Hgt	ADDRESS	Alabama
	WTZB	94.3	Abbeville	3000	3000	279	Box 577, 36310	
	WGSB	105.1	Albertville	100000	100000	308	Box 190	
	WSTH-FM	106.1	Alexander City	100000	100000	981	Box 72, 35010	
	WKYD-FM	98.1	Andalusia	100000	100000	259	Box 8, 36420	
	WAAD-FM	104.7	Andalusia	3000	3000	328		
	WHMA-FM	100.5	Anniston	100000	100000	771	1330 Noble St., 36202	36420
	WCRO-FM	92.7	Arab	2250	2250	351	Box 237, 35016	
	WSZ	95.3	Ashland	1000	1000	541	Box 395, Ashland, 36251	
	WTZB		Athens					

PREPUBLICATION PRICES:  
U.S. \$7.95  
CANADA U.S.\$8.45  
FOREIGN PLEASE WRITE

POST PUBLICATION PRICES:  
U.S. \$8.95  
CANADA U.S. \$9.45  
FOREIGN PLEASE WRITE

# DOMESTIC DX DIGEST - EAST

William Hale

2160 Farm To Market Road, Johnson City, NY 13790

## MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

Wendell Ford reports seeing a Chicago Sun-Times report saying WCZE-820 will (begin) simulcast (ing) FM100 WLOD (100.3) Beautiful Music on 4/15. Also, both will be getting new CLs...no idea if Larry King will still be carried. This also reported by Dale Park. Wendell's was the first report received with a 25¢ stamp!

Trivia Time! Laura McCusker tests our radio knowledge with a bit of trivia out of Radio and Records from a couple of years ago. Name the first Music of Your Life station in the U.S. The answer appears below--.

In the article on the bottom of Page 16-Issue 24, concerning the creation of Superstations, it was noted that "Expanding the AM band an extra ten kilohertz would open up ten new channels." Wow, talk about narrow bandwidths! Methinks they meant "100" kilohertz?

I noticed the reference to my abbreviating abbreviations in the April Fuels Issue. Since that is the first mention of this practice, (it's to save space folks), I didn't realize it was a problem. Is it??

Also in that issue (24), in DDXD-E SPECIAL, I had an unID on 680 for Chet Smith as KRVR. Of course, that should have read WRVR! Sorry 'bout that. Chet, Steve Forrest of Memphis also confirms what you heard was WRVR.

Since things have been real slow the past three weeks, I've been doing some Graveyard work. Going through this Volume's DDXD (E&W) columns, I have taken the liberty to update the GY lists with the record-breaking GY catches. See, saved you a stamp! What a deal!! After this, as GYers are reported in either DDXD column, I'll update the GY records and report the new records in DDXD-E. Of course, GY reports will always be welcome, as I still need your totals. And I've been known to miss things here and there. Had a nice letter from Bill Ala, and his new GY records appear this week also.

Kermit Geary sheds some light on the WJQI/WCPK (1600) CL snafu. Kermit writes "The AM Switch of 2/2/87 listed the CL change from WCPK to WJQI. This was followed by the entry in AM Switch of 4/13/87 that the change had been set aside. However, I have a 1st-rate tape recording of the s/off on 9/24/87 in which the CLs are clearly announced as WJQI-AM, along with Joy 95 FM. The WJQI call is also reported in IRC's DX Monitor as heard by Mike Brooker, Toronto, ON on 1/7/88. He reported hearing the announcement: WJQI-AM, Chesapeake, VA. I have also heard it several times since 9/24. Unfortunately, my report was unanswered, so I have no official confirmation." Speaking on behalf of AM Switch, only what appears as "official stuff" from Washington is printed. As evidenced by the recent "K" calls East of the Mississippi, who knows what the bureaucrats are capable of pulling!! I also erroneously reported Kermit's logging of WZZK (780) as WZZX in Issue 25. Sorry, Kermit.

Since we seem to have a new network (Interstate Radio Net-see SPECIAL), we have a new abbreviation, IRN. Next deadline-May 21. See you on D-Day.

Thanks Laurel!

According to Radio and Records, WMAF-1450, Springfield, MA was the last HOLY station.

## SPECIAL

550 KUSA MO ST LOUIS - 4/7 0307-0420+ v'poor in WIND splash as usual; C&W mx on new show called Interstate Radio Network; the Bud Girl was hrd, & the DJ sounded like Fred Sanders but was called himself Bob ?; show is done at Tribune Bldg in Chicago where WGN put it on the air accidentally; is aired in Chicago area by WBYG-930; big drop from WMAQ (WPF-IN)

KUSA MO ST LOUIS - 4/11 0211 poor, hvy WIND GRM; Fred Sanders & The Bud Girl on The IRN, Fred giving the end of pgm address, chitchat, ads, load postings; female %cart ID 55 KUSA+show; nice to hear Fred and the Polish Cowboy on the air again (DP-IL)

580 WILL IL URBANA - 4/11 2114 noted %All Things Considered; is it now using its 100 watt nite pwr? fair %co-channel GRM (DP-IL)

630 WLAP KY LEXINGTON - 4/8 0419 hrd the last couple of nites %OLDIES via satellite (WPCII-1080/WVWK-1360/WNFL-1440; drops Talknet in the wee hours; may still carry @ other times? (WPF-IN)

640 KFI CA LOS ANGELES - per angry caller, LK now carried here as of 4/11 only from 0100-0800 ET (DP-IL)

WPBD GA ATLANTA - now on the air %satellite-fed "soul OLD", v'little IDing; sked right now 0900+2200; plan to add live drivetime prgmng the 1st part of May; signal pattern basically south, protecting KFI, WOI, WFLD, WSM, etal; reception reports will gladly be received at: WPBD Radio, 44 Broad St, Suite #802, Atlanta, GA 30303 Attn: Denny Ainsworth, Ops Mgr (BA-GA)

810 WJLT VA CROZET - 4/14 0645-0703 good in WGY null %OLD ROK mx, ads, pgm promos, PSAs & frequent anncts as Charlottesville's Choice, Light 102 FM; AM ID @ :00+nx; ex:WQZN (KG-PA)

920 KARN AR LITTLE ROCK - 4/7 0350 & 4/8 0407 hrd %Talknet (LK-dropped?) (WPF-IN)  
930 WAUR IL SANDWICH-AURORA - 4/12 0026 good+fair %usual unIDs in back; noted 1st day %new CLs, ex:WBYG running IRN from Tribune Networks; per PD, stn took CLs from WAUR-FM, which switched to WYSY-FM; carries ACC & Live From Gillivau's Saturdays; slogan is AM-930, WAUR Sandwich-Aurora and seems to have dropped Peters Prods All-Star Country for another pre-taped C&W format (DP-IL)

950 WIBX NY UTICA - now carries show as of 3/1 pgm annct (what show?-WRH) (DP-IL)  
970 WPMI MI ISHPENDING - 3/21 1847-1900 mostly on top %modern REL mx, format switch from CHR/AC; see WHA GRM; 1st-timer; address is P.O. Box 381 Ishpeming, MI 49849; phone 485-5566 during biz hrs; %off is 1900 (WPF-IN)

990 WMOX TN KNOXVILLE - 3/21 0206-52+ good+strong+T40/MOR mx on \$5.3 KTNZ; Power 95 & Power Hit slogans; my unID in Issue 20 as WTNZ Clinton/Knoxville; what happened to WIVK takeover?; seems like they would be simul #107.7; AM is still WMOX; WJUP on SP, making this EZer (WPF-IN)

1010 KHEI AR LITTLE ROCK - 4/8 0624-39 good in WINS null %"light" MOR mx, wx, & a contest annct+IFM; frequent anncts as K-Light-94; ex:KLRA (KG-PA)

1080 KRLD TX DALLAS - 4/5 0106 poor, probable WTIC in back, 1cl GRM; confirming annct on show that LK is now hrd here, the late due to NCAA BKB championship game; note that 1080,1180 & 1190 all have LK & Talknet stns audible here (DP-IL)

1190 WQWO IN FT WAYNE - 4/3 0159EST-0305EDT fair %some GRM; hrd %unique TC for the day, 2 AM!; then ID as WQWO-AM Pt Wayne & WQWO-FM Huntington (guess they bought WIDE-FM); back to Saturday Night OLD Show & phone #800-LIVE-GOLD (that's 1 too many numbers-hi-WRH) (DP-IL)

1200 WOAI TX SAN ANTONIO - 4/1 0421 %nat'l wx/road cx/construction/closings & C&W mx!; drops LK; possibly 1st day (new month) of new format? (Yes, see next item-WRH) CFCG really messing things up (WPF-IN)

WOAI TX SAN ANTONIO - replac'd LK %a C&W show for truckers similar to that aired by KWGH & KNIX (JB-TX)

1220 WLSJ VA BIG STONE GAP - 3/18 1830 %wx on WLSJ-FM 93.5 & AM 1220, just %WSLM fade/WLRS already gone/in WGAR null; WLSJ went into Aerosmith song, definitely not C&W; Format switch; 1st-timer (WPF-IN)

1290 WNRS MI SALINE - per visit, stn runs OLD format %slogan Ann Arbor's Solid Gold, Winners 12-90 AM; currently @ 500w daytime only, but has applied for 1Kw; this per senior Acct Exec Steve Chrypinaki (DP-MIG)

1310 KBUC TX SAN ANTONIO - AM has gone FT %250 watts simul their FM; also carries Astro BB (JB-TX)

1360 KBUK TX BAYTOWN - 3/29 back on air %GOS; per call to stn, pwr to 1Kw, sked is 0900-1700, soon to be 24 hrs; new mgr was very curious about NRC; giving phone# on air for comments, 713-4245331; lots of IDs (CD-TX)

1380 WHLP PA HILTON - now carries show (again, which show?-WRH) per pgm annct 4/11 (DP-IL)

1470 CHOW ON WELLAND - 3/28 0207 noted %C&W mx on a "new" show called Night Country, something like a Canadian MORN; CFCG, which is still on 1320 had this also (WPF-IN)

1480 KMMX TX SAN ANTONIO - ex:KCHL now on FT simul KMMX-FM 106.7; slogans: Soft Rock, Less Talk & K-Mix One Oh-Six (JB-TX)

1500 KBRN TX BOERNE - simul KTXK-FM Devine, TX %prgmng for both towns & in between; C&W format; IDs KTXK Devine, KBRN Boerne & K-Tex slogan; Artie Bigley sez he talked %a former employee who said KBRN's staff was laid off, and AM is picking up FM off air & rebroadcasting it; KTXK is paying KBRN's management for use of frequency & privilege of selling ads (JB-TX) (Incidentally, for those of you living out of the territory, Boerne is pronounced Bur'ney, just like Bernie-WRH)

1510 WXXV PA MONROEVILLE - 4/9 drops UC forest for "The Pgh Oldies" & "All Solid Gold", requests @ 836-9688; 6th CL change in 2 1/2 yrs, I think that's a record (WRUA, WNRZ, WXXV, WVVU, WXXJ, WXXV (JM-PA)

## DX/EQUIPMENT TESTS

680 WRVR TN MEMPHIS - 3/21 0140 %annct about leaving the air for XR maint for a short time, until then join us @ 104.5 FM for more of your favorite mx; they get their OLD off the bird; testing %same mx as WNDL-1260/WHK-1420/WEMP-1250; CFTR noted under (WPF-IN)

700 WLW OH CINCINNATI - 4/7 0511 noted completely off; back on RS @ 0538 re-v (WPF-IN)

930 WLLL VA LYNCHBURG - 3/28 0119+ xint %type of RS including PSA & ad(!), REL mx, IDE ment XR adjustment tests (JM-PA)

990 WEEB NC SOUTHERN PINES - 3/28 midnight hrd regular %off, then nothing else; listened past 0030; was he even on? (JM-PA)

## UNIDS & UNIDS IDs

660 UNID ?? - 3/24 0309-0330+ testing %TTs, C&W mx, & a sort of static, like an electric drill! really splashing the freq; in WNBC null (WPF-IN)

920 UNID ?? - 4/11 0202 fair %unID NOS mx underneath; CBS Nk %eds #WBMM; 38° %light rainfall in the Capital City+Talknet %Bob Medigan; if this was KARN, what happened to usual BOK? (see 920 in SPECIAL-WRH) (DP-IL)

1000 UNID ?? - 3/21 2012-2101+ giving heck to WLUP & Chet Coppick's Spz Show; long breaks between songs, C&W, all by Alabama %no annct; automated or illegal testing; looped NE/SW; stopped in middle of song @ 2035, back on @ 2039 (WPF-IN)

1110 CKTY ON SARNIA - this is what was hrd by DV-NY (Issue 24), not CKCY; hrd here, & the way they rapidly say the CLs, the mistake could easily be made %less than great CX; CKCY still on 9-2-0 (JK-OH)

1440 UNID ?? - 4/7 0449 %Roll down the windows and turn up the sound, here's more Heart & Soul for you on 2-14+Pointer Sisters; 38° so south of me, and I'm not rollin' down the windows, either-hi (WPF-IN)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

- 570 KLDD TX DALLAS - 4/4 0225 Wxw, then K-Oldies slogan; Vpoor in WAAX null; 1st newie in daylight time; WIND off, so no splash (WPF-IN)
WVNC NC ASHEVILLE - 4/12 0500 MID and news (BA-6A)
860 WDDD IL JOHNSON CITY - 4/7 0505-39+ Melogensa 3ND & The Million Dollar Sound of AM 81; EZL favorites really, no BFL or OLD, I had them listed as MOR; 1st-timer; way too early for full pwr, or are they an all-niter now? (WPF-IN)
880 WRFD OH WORTHINGTON - 3/25 0820 poor WVKAR-870 & hotel GRM; hvy white noise static; Thru the Bible Radio on Book of Job; pgn preview, CNN Nx @ 0827, ad; Chuck Swindell pgn @ 0829; stn sez Serving 80 out of 88 counties, we are Ohio's Power Stn, 88 WRFD (DP-M11)
900 WATK WI ANTIGO - 3/23 0318-24 poor, but steady on 200 watt MC pwr W6CW beamed by satellite (I think); in CHML null (WPF-IN)
910 WALT MS MERIDIAN - 4/7 0414 just caught anct about being Top Urban-formatted stn is 7-91+UC; 1st-timer here; quickly gone ->muck (WPF-IN)
920 CKCY ON SAULT STE MARIE - 4/1 0500 MID, still on 920; they used to have a CP for 540, maybe still do (WPF-IN)
930 WEOL OH ELYRIA - 3/26 0926 fair WUWJ splatter; pet care show Wvet Dr Jim Humphreys; ads, WEOL Superbunny Contest, more ads, back to Humphreys on the American Know-how Show (from Dallas), phone 800-527-TALK (DP-M13)
970 WWSW PA PITTSBURGH - 4/5 0406 playing your favorites from the 50s, 60s & 70s, this is 3WS; logged a couple of weeks ago as WTKN, so is unn (WPF-IN)
990 WHOO FL ORLANDO - 4/4 0555-0610 Vstrong W6CW mx, CBS Nx @ :00; anct as Orlando's Original \$ Country (KG-PA)
WYAT LA NEW ORLEANS - 4/4 0555-0606 fair WUHO WROK OLD; the greatest hits of all times; clear ID but no rx @ :00 (KG-PA)
1030 KCTA TX CORPUS CHRISTI - 4/6 0707 poor; underneath 500w lcl, WNRV; AP Net Nx, lcl & TX nx, outro: I'm ?, KCTA Nx; female Wbiz rpt, ad for Inter-Crystal's Christian Placement Net, giving 800 phone #: AP Spe, ID, wx; TX #4 (DP-IL)
1050 WJSB FL CRESTVIEW - 4/4 0617 \$on, call WCDT TC, full-data \$on Wment of 5 Kw+wx, HFM; \$on was on CST schedule, although 2 days into DST! (KG-PA)
1060 WBIV MA NATICK - 4/10 0455-0603 fair in KYW null WEZL instrumental mx & nx @ 0500; ID =REL @ 0600; possibly on daytime antenna (KG-PA)
1190 KLIF TX DALLAS - 4/8 0357 super strong Wtalknet, on top of WQWD, which had LK; 2nd new one from Dallas this week & #9 this reporting period...who sez the season's over? (WPF-IN)
1410 WING OH DAYTON - 4/6 0336 Wxw (70P) & calls from request line-OLD, no LK, maybe dropped?; 4/8 0443 no LK either (WPF-IN)
1510 WJCO MI JACKSON - 3/26 fair WWSDS-1480/WLQV-1500 splatter; end of Live From Gilley's WRandy Travis questing; SID:WJCO has the winning songs+mx; DJ MID & studio phone #782-1510+more C&W; also uses The New WJCO (DP-M14)
1520 WKBW NY BUFFALO - 4/7 0443 noted out of 3 Dog Night+Whitney Houston on \$ 1520 KB, so maybe mixing some T40 in Wits OLD now; in KOMA null, and I'm in a coma listening; in severe WLAC/WCKY squeeze (WPF-IN)
1550 WOKJ MS JACKSON - 4/5 0430 Wsome sort of BLK GOS/Sol mx; have been hearing this quite regularly of late; also WJNT-1180 most of the night on top of HAM (WPF-IN)
1570 WHLP TN CENTERVILLE - 4/8 0341-0450+ Wad for garage sale @ Electrotel in Dickson, then ZZ Top, Cyndi Lauper, Police, Wang Chung on Tennessee's Mx Alternative; format change from C&W?; maybe only @ nite; steady & Vstrong; 1st time @ nite on MC pwr?; WCHLO in null, no CFOR (WPF-IN)

MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT

- 550 WGR BUFFALO - 3/24 1650 fair, W/WKRC Wtlk show; on SSS; LA Law theme by Mike Post; CL ID Wment of Secret Number contest; female WEye in the Sky Trfc Center rpt (DP-M12)
810 WGY NY SCHENECTADY - 3/22 2034 fair, jx: 81 WGY+tlk show, Whost answering phone Good evening, WGY; 1st-timer WKCHO usually here (SF-TN)
830 WHMI MI MARSHALL-COOLDWATER - 3/24 1702 fair, like a semi-icl; unID way underneath (WOOD or CFJR); Mt Pleasant & Central MI area nx by Menita Preston; MI Nx Net nx WJeff Larkin; SNN Nx @ 1710+OLD (off satellite?) (DP-M12)
900 CHML ON HAMILTON - 3/22 2119 fair, ID: AM 900 CHML+Love or Let Me Be Lonely by Friends of Distinction (SF-TN)
970 WKHM MI JACKSON - 3/24 1708 poor, nearly creamed by WUJ-950; running PH's Rest of the Story, even tho WJR & WPZA have it, too; WKHM also carries Red Wings NHL HKY (DP-M12)
1000 WLUP IL CHICAGO - 3/24 2230 fair, sandwiched between CBW & CFRB; Beth & Tim Talk & Roll Show Wguest Tim Reid of Frank's Place; stn has plans to move to Downers Grove from current GTH of 3750 John Hancock Ctr, 875 N. Michigan Av 60611 (DP-M11)
1030 WNRV IL VERNON HILLS - 4/3 1650 Wsuburban nx; Wgood, better than in IN; using rabbit ears for reception, of course on Easter (WPF-MI)
WMIN MN MAPLEWOOD - 3/21 1938 Wgeo-stationary "Airborne" OLD-hi; same as WCII-1180/WNK-1360; Wweak in WBZ null; Mighty 1030 WMIN slogan; 1st-timer; WNRV already off (WPF-IN)

- 1050 CFYNT ON SOO STE MARIE - 3/24 2310 poor W/unID (CHUM?); Maple Leafs @ Flames NHL HKY HCHYR-7 on 730 (yup, still there); ads for Wintario lottery game, Molson Golden, Quaker State Oil, Gold Rush-Maple Leafs contest; intermission interview W Olympic coach Dave King (DP-M11)
1110 CKTY ON SARNIA - 3/24 1720 fair Wlight WCXI-1130 GRM; George Strait tune, TC & ment of fog (visibility in Pontiac W200 yds-freeaway driving fun-hi?); ID & Crystal Gayle mx; hky tlk, wx, ad for Red Orr's Bayview Chrysler; mx:CKJD (DP-M12)
1180 WXLAT MI DIMONDIALE - 3/26 1547 poor; WQWD, hvy area GRM; Hiroshima's Hawaiian Electric; also UC & some New Wave songs; unable to hear complete ID since I was dangerously close to WNR's towers! (DP-M16)
WJNT MS JACKSON - 3/22 2006 good WNBC Nx, stn promo on Jackson's News Talk WJNT & slogan Remember, when you need to know News-Talk 1180 is there (SF-TN)
1320 CFGM ON RICHMOND HILL - 3/22 2017 fair+good W Oak Ridge Boys song, ad for North Toronto Hyndal (SF-TN)
WAGG AL BIRMINGHAM - 3/24 1854 poor Wads, numerous ments of WAGG, your GOS Stn (SF-TN)
1350 WHMI MI HOWELL - 3/26 1236 poor; WSLR underneath, unID splatter from 1360, electrical GRM; PH Saturday Nx, mx by Force M.D.s, Louis Armatrong; lcl ads, ABC-C Nx @ :55, ID ad, lcl nx; Smokey & Dolly tune; slogan Your choice, your voice (DP-M15)
1360 WLKB IL DE KALB - 4/5 1237 poor, splatter de WLTH-1370; song by Liz Dawson & Orient Express; DJ NYC, ads for Nat'l Bank & Trust of Sycamore, lcl John Deere dir, Peterson TV on Hwy 38 in Malta; syndi Financial Fitness Rpt; ID:13-80 WLBK; OLD (DP-IL)
1430 WCHY IL OTTAWA - 4/3 1807 fair WWINS/WROK/WCEV GRM; Kip Murrey playing AC mx from 60s to currents, wx @ :17; finally ID W:23 as 14-30 AM WCHY; gave wx later for Ottawa & LaSalle Cnty; no ad load 'til the 1900 nxi; lcl WEEF off unexpectedly; lcl Tip Traders Net didn't answer the phones; guess I'm stuck Wthis-hi (DP-IL)
1490 WABJ MI ADRIAN - 3/26 1218 fair WWSDS-1480 splatter; PSA from Franciscans Order; area wx & conditions for Adrian + Color Radar 4Cast from your friends @ AM 15-hundred; ad for Ger's LP Gas+ABC Spes WFred Manfria (DP-M14)
1500 WKGA IL ZION - 4/11 1931-42 in WAKE OC & good + their Woff Wtheir own Woff; SS mx until Woff; ad ments Waukegan; Woff in EE; 1st-timer looped NW/SE; thought Fidel was getting in on some Regional Activity (WPF-IN)
1520 WQCT OH BRYAN - 4/1 1914 just caught end of Woff WVKCI, in KMPK null (WPF-IN)
1580 WAMJ IN SOUTH BEND - 4/1 1908 Woff ment of reduced pwr outputs @ different times of the year; ment of 202 ft tower and 1kw day signal; 500 watt nite pwr not on yet; odd time to be going off...late or early (WPF-IN)
1600 WSNXT MI MUSKEGON - 4/11 2108 fair then poor; Piston's BKB Network; ads for Marathon Oil, PASS Spes Payable Net; Geo Blaha Wlive ad, back to game; soon lost to WQNX-1590 stop/co-channel C&W stn; WSNX listed in INCA SportsCentre list (DP-IL)

REPORTERS:

- SF-TN Steve Forrest//Memphis, TN//ICF-2010
WPF-IN Wendell Ford//Westville, IN//ICF-2010
WPF-MI Wendell Ford//Stevensville, MI//ICF-2010
KG-PA Kermit Geary//Walnutport, PA//HQ180, R389, HRO; Lws, SM2
CD-TX Conrad Durocher//Houston, TX//R-2000 + very long wire
JM-PA John Malicky//Pittsburgh, PA//Postcard Wlc stamp
J\*-OH Buffalo K. Foonman//Youngstown, OH//
JB-TX Jim Boehm//San Antonio, TX//Light Dimmers
DP-IL Dale Park//Evanston, IL//Sangean ATS-803 + Select-A-Tenna from Intensitronics
DP-MI1 Dale Park//Detroit Metro AP Sheraton Inn, Romulus, MI//ATS-803 + hotel towels
DP-MI2 Dale Park//Silverdome, Pontiac, MI//ATS-803 (?)
DP-MI3 Dale Park//U.S. Post Office, Romulus, MI//Delco Caradio
DP-MI4 Dale Park//Ypsilanti, MI//ATS-803 (?)
DP-MI5 Dale Park//Ann Arbor, MI//ATS-803 (?)
DP-MI6 Dale Park//Saline, MI//ATS-803 (?)
BA-GA Bill Alisaukas//Douglasville, GA//

SOME ABBREVIATIONS & SPECIAL SYMBOLS USED IN DDDD-E

TT: test tones OC: open carrier TC: time check GRM: interference WTR: location SID: singing ID CID: code ID jx: jingle lcl: local lgl: legal mx: music nx: news wx: weather spe: sports ES: high school FB: football BB: baseball BB: basketball HKY: hockey W: after (before) \$: starburst
=: equal with or equal to //: parallel with /over/ under /over / under W: with W: every :00: on the hour +: to or into
SS: Spanish FF: French EE: English PUL: political GOS: gospel REL: religion or religious BB: big band OLD: oldies ROK: rock 'n' roll
EZL: easy listening CW: country & western AC: adult contemporary (tk: talk Cont: Char: contemporary Christian
CER: contemporary hit radio AP: Associated Press Radio WPI: United Press International NBS: National Broadcasting System WMR: Motor Racing Net
WSD: United States Radio Net WCR: Basic Country Radio Net IRN: Interstate Radio Net LL: Larry King BW: Bruce Williams PL: Paul Harvey
W: on/air on /off/air off SR: sunrise SRS: sunrise ship SS: sunset SSS: sunset ship LSS: local sunset SSB: Ster Ster Spangled Banner

73, Bill

# DOMESTIC DX DIGEST - WEST

Nancy Hardy

2301 Pacific Avenue, Aberdeen, WA 98520

It's time for another DDXD-West. Deadlines here for receiving tips are Saturdays May 21, June 25, July 20 (a Wednesday!), September 3. The reason for the Wednesday deadline is because we leave Saturday July 23 for a two week camping trip to the Canadian Rockies. If you are in the Mountain or Pacific time zones here is where to report your DX!

### \*\*SPECIAL\*\*

- 610 KSPN CO VAIL - 3/31 1001 area news (Aspen), weather, followed by pop music; 1016 road conditions & ski report. Poor with KHOW-630 splash. Relays KSPN-FM Aspen. Ex-KRVV. (ØW-CO)
- 950 KIMN CO DENVER - After 34 years as KIMN (Intermountain Network), they will cease operation on 4/23/88, be silent for a couple of days, and return on 4/26 with new calls and C&W format. The end of an era... (ØW-CO) (KIMN has been on my most-wanted list for 16 years. Now it appears I'll never log them, unfortunately.--NH)
- 1080 KWAI HI HONOLULU - Has returned to the air (as of 3/26 I believe) with all local talk format, AN-7. IDs as K-108 using "Talk of the Town" slogan. Power is 5kw. Address: 1088 Bishop St. #204, Honolulu 96813. No advance PR on their return so nobody calling in so far. Advertising for a sales force over the air. Sounds shakey. The sales honcho has been brought in from Las Vegas. We'll see how long this lasts. (DL-HI)
- 930 KRKY CO GRANBY - 3/22 1837 assorted music, local ads, Community Calendar. 1900 ID "KRKY Granby, KRKN Kremmling, The Voice of the Rockies." Good daytime sig. Ex-KTLD. (ØW-CO) (Ooops, I was so excited about the KIMN tip that I overlooked this one!--NH)
- 1310 KPFA CO GREELEY - Off the air since around 4/1/88. KIVA now dominates with fair-good signal. (ØW-CO)

### MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT

- 1190 KLIF TX DALLAS - 3/30 2335 Talknet, 2359 ad for Dallas Pest Control; 2400 NBC News. Fair with KJLA/KRDS QRM. (ØW-CO)
- 1300 KAKC OK TULSA - 4/3 2120 rock oldies, PSA's. Spotty reception with QRM & long fades. Ex-KBBJ. (ØW-CO)
- 1320 KAVI CO ROCKY FORD - 4/7 2052 Latin music, woman DJ in Spanish; 2100 English ID by man "KAVI AM & FM Rocky Ford, everything for the Arkansas Valley," then ABC News. 2105 area news in Spanish. Fair-poor in KOLT null. Tough log here & hard to distinguish from KQYZ, also Spanish. (ØW-CO)
- 1330 KCAK NM GALLUP - 4/3 2090 CBS News, followed by C&W music to 2030, then Mutual News. Area news 2033. Good signal in KPH null. (ØW-CO)
- 1410 KOOQ NE NORTH PLATTE - 4/6 2100 legal ID, ABC News, ad for Swanson Mobile Homes, then pop music past 2114. Very good signal in KCOL null. Still not verified after 4 reports. (ØW-CO)
- 1520 KTRO CA PORT HUENEME - 4/5 2151 EBS test with annot. in English, including call; totally alone on frequency with neat skip over KBRO. (ØW-WA)

### MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

- 530 WIC WA SEATTLE-BOACOMA AIRPORT - 3/17 0444 poor with airport parking info. Male voice. Also a female voice with highway construction advisory. The two messages did not overlap & are believed to be from the same transmitter. (JW-OR)
- 740 CBZ AB EDMONTON - 4/3 in the clear from 0800 s/on 'til 0834 end of recording period; KCBZ may have forgotten to "wake up" to DST! (ØW-WA)
- 830 KIKI HI HONOLULU - 3/16 0557 fair with big band era oldies, ID, news. Over 3000. (JW-OR)
- 1110 F131 CA SAN FRANCISCO - 3/19 0628 good, w/Spanish music & talk. ID in English. New. (JW-OR)
- 1230 KDOV OH MILWAUKEE - 4/2 0430 s/on "Z Rock 1010 AM" then call. Probably only two days at this s/on time due to DST commencing 4/3. (ØW-WA)
- 1230 KDOV OH TALENT - 3/30 0321 ID "Good News Radio, one twenty three, EDOV, Talent-Ashland," this following close of relig. program. No s/off heard, but nothing further IDable as KDOV heard. (ØW-WA)

- 1230 KTDO OR TOLEDO - 3/26 0405 s/off // 107.1 FM & translator. "Serving all of Lincoln County." (ØW-WA)
- KRSS WA SPOKANE - 3/26 0600 ID, then news on USA Network; 0603 time check & weather for Spokane. (ØW-WA)
- CJNL BC MERRITT - 3/26 0605 "Radio NL" ID over-riding all on an active morning on "1-2-3-0." (ØW-WA)
- 1240 KFLY OR CORVALLIS - 3/27 0500 time check & ID "1240, KFLY, Corvallis-Albany." (John Callarman--remember KCOV, Jan. 1956?). (ØW-WA)
- CKOO BC OSOYOS - 3/31 0900 ID "1240, 1490, we're CKOO---" Local (Oliver, BC) ad 0905. NOT on CKOK-800 net. (ØW-WA) (We think they split from CKOK after 0900 news.--NH)
- 1270 KFIY CA TULARE - MM 3/28 0700 ID "Your information and conversation station." Another NSP on 1270? (ØW-WA)
- 1290 KVIY OR LAKE OSWEGO - MM 3/28 0303 ID. One I'm sure I've often heard, but never could get an ID before. (ØW-WA)
- 1490 KWAC CA BAKERSFIELD - 4/4 0358 ID in English; many spots with Spanish programming noted. No MM SP? (ØW-WA)
- KRKC CA KING CITY - 4/4 0759 s/on just ahead of local KBRO ID on the hour (s/on?). (ØW-WA)
- KOWL CA SO. LAKE TAHOE - 4/4 0300 ID nicely atop then into ABC News. Quite good with local ad. 0314 ID. Local-like signal at 0319 ID. (ØW-WA)
- 1520 KOMA OK OKLAHOMA CITY - 3/19 0623 fair with area weather, ID. Under KSGO. Last heard more than two years ago. (JW-OR)
- 1610 TIS OR CRATER LAKE NAT. PARK - 3/17 0559 poor with introduction "Welcome to Crater Lake National Park." Park access information, road status (snow removal), noted need for permits for back country travel, and that no gasoline is available in the park. Male voice. (JW-OR)
- TIS WA CHIEF JOSEPH DAM - 3/25 0648 fair with Army Corps of Engineers message with description of the dam, the lake, and adjacent recreational facilities. (JW-OR)

### REPORTERS

- DL-HI/Doug Lamerson, Honolulu, HI
- ØW-WA/Roy H. Millar, Marysville, WA/Grundig 5077, SM-1; Airline 3980, Radio West "Shotgun"; PRG-7, SM-2; et al
- ØW-CO/John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO/R-1000, R-390A, 4' box loop
- JW-OR/Jack Woods, Waldport, OR/Sony ICF-2010, Martens loop



George Lazarus

On marketing

Ken Oayschuk 4-20-88

Chicago Tribune

## WMXA sets date to say buenos dias

WMXA, the Chicago area's newest radio station for the Hispanic market, is aiming for a Sept. 1 startup.

Arthur R. Velasquez, who formed Cid Broadcasting to launch WMXA, told this column he had received permission from the Chicago Planning Commission to put up a multiple-directional antenna at about 104th Street and the Calumet Expressway.

Velasquez, a former president of Azteca Corn Products Corp., which he and his family sold to Pillsbury Co., said Cid hoped to be on the air by Sept. 1, but that setting up a studio might delay the start.

WMXA, 1200 on the AM dial, will operate daytime with a 10,000-watt signal, nighttime at 2,500 watts. This station will operate around the clock with a variety of programming, including news and music.

Velasquez said WMXA was his first of three choices of call letters submitted to the Federal Communications Commission, which 13 months ago granted Cid Broadcasting a license for an AM station here.

A computer cranked out as many as 18,000 call-letter combinations, but "we liked WMXA

best," said Velasquez, a prominent businessman, who is on the board of directors of such firms as Illinois Bell and People's Energy.

Velasquez and Cid, of course, face competition, there being such stations as WIND, WOJO and WTAQ with programming geared to the Hispanic market.

"But we're dealing with a pretty sizable market [some 900,000 Hispanics reside in the Chicago area], so we think we've got a good opportunity," he said.

### KGAP

P. O. BOX 736

ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS 71823

### W S K I

BOX 487

MONTPELIER, VT 05602

STATION CHANGE - 4/7/88

Monroeville's WNVU-AM is about to change format, though the exact nature and timing of that change appear to be in dispute.

Current general manager Del King says there is a contract "in the works" for Bill Struve to take over the management of the station. "There's going to be a change," King says, "but I can't tell you when."

Struve, however, claims he'll take over as general manager on Monday. He says he'll change its call letters to WXXV-AM and will switch to a "true Pittsburgh oldies format," similar to the format the station had when it was called

WRUA. Struve also says he plans to bring in an all new air staff. King says he has "no official word from anyone concerning anything" about a format change or a change in call letters. While he says the station is up for sale and Struve has been mentioned as a possible buyer, it still is owned by Barua Communications, and no permission has been granted as yet by the FCC for a change in call letters.

# INTERNATIONAL DX DIGEST

Chuck Hutton

1237 Lanier Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30306

Times are GMT (UTC), for ELT subtract 4 hours. (404) 873-2785 Before 2300 ELT

- 620 JAMAICA Mandeville 0432 2/29 fine and brimstone preacher // 700 KHz. This logging completes all Jamaica stns. (Hakiel) Wish I could say the same - never a trace of 620 here - Chuck
- 650 PANAMA R. Mia, Panama ending a baseball game between Santos and Chiriqui at 0455 on 3/20 and they said that 238 persons attended the game. No ID heard but it was R. Mia,, Chiriqui is a city in Panama. Playing baseball at night with Noriega's problem? (Objio) Life must go on, unless the bullets are flying in the direction of the baseball field - Chuck
- 675 UNID stn heard with male speaker in FF at 0522 on 3/20. Just talk on the telephone with a lady. Marseille? Fair enough. Could not get an ID. (Objio)
- 684 UNID another unid with language not ID. Beograd? I am sure it was not Sevilla as they speak Spanish. 0525 on 3/20. (Objio)
- 700 VENEZUELA Maracaibo YUMH 0338 4/6 LA mx. ID as R. Popular. good. (Hakiel)
- 738 SOUTH KOREA KBS Taegu HLGK 1610 3/19 Korean nx, mentioned Belgrade; o/u JÜ. (Wood)
- 765 SENEGAL Dakar 0555 3/8 and 3/12 0555 IS on stringed instrument, 0600 anthem, ID in Afro-accented French, "Chaine Nationale" ID. Good, readable. Only African or European heard this season. (Wood) Hard to imagine that only a season ago you were hearing all kinds of stuff.... Chuck
- 780 COLOMBIA R. Sonorama, Cali ID'ing as "Somos Todelar, somos profesionales" at 0700 on 3/26, announcing a fight from Ireland the next day, then pop mx. (Objio)
- 810 BAHAMAS Freeport ZNS3 0212 4/7 EE preacher in sermon, good. (Hakiel)
- 825 ST. KITTS R. Paradise, Basseterre in EE with greetings to listeners on the air and pop mx at 0351 on 3/28. Fair. (Objio)
- 830 BELIZE Belize 0204 3/11 man in talk about fiscal matters, dominant, good. (Hakiel)
- 855 SPAIN Murcia 2319 3/7 lady anncr, vocal mx. (Hakiel)
- 891 ALGERIA Algiers 2315 3/7 AA mx, AA talk by man and woman, good. (Hakiel)
- 891 SOUTH KOREA Pusan KBS HLGK 1610 3/19 Korean nx // 738; not // 972. Very good. (Wood)
- 900 PANAMA R. Mia, Los Santos ending a baseball game from Estadio "Olmedo Soler" and announcing another game next day. Many ID's at 0540 on 3/20. They seem to like baseball a lot. (Objio)
- 960 COLOMBIA R. Super de Bogota "15 minutos para la una en R. Supe de Bogota" ID this way at 0545 on 3/20, pop mx. (Objio)
- 970 COLOMBIA ogota HJCI 0547 2/29, Colombian accordion mx, R. Super ID, fair. (Hakiel)
- 1089 ENGLAND Brookman's Park 2351 3/13 pop mx, EE talk, good. (Hakiel)
- 1107 EGYPT Batra 2356 3/21 AA mx and talk, fair-good. (Hakiel)
- 1134 INDIA Calcutta 3/22 1534 English nx of Sikh problems. (Wood)
- 1134 SOUTH KOREA Kimpo KBS 1604 3/19 Korean nx o/u JÜQR. (Wood)
- 1134 YUGOSLAVIA Zadar 2317 3/22 man and woman in Slavic talk, instrumental mx, good. (Hakiel)
- 1143 USSR Kaliningrad 2352 3/27 EE talk, pop mx // 1386 KHz, fair. (Hakiel)
- 1190 COLOMBIA R. Cordillera, Bogota ID'ing and giving time as "veintidos minutos para las dos" (22 till 2), then horoscope reading, reading of letters from a listener at 0638 on 3/26. Not listed in WRTM 87. (Objio)
- 1251 USSR Vladivostok 3/19 R. Moscow World Service 1605 English ID, nx of South African demonstrations. Good. (Hakiel)
- 1330 HAITI . Haiti Inter, Port-au-Prince station with Beethoven symphony till 0445 on 3/19, at the ends I heard a speaker in GG, very good. Strange to hear a MW stn in GG around here. At 0502 there came Haitian NA. I never thought it could be R. Haiti till I heard the NA, then off. (Objio)
- 1350 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC R. Rutas Musical, La Romana heard on this freq on 3/27 from their usual 1360. (Objio)
- 1413 YUGOSLAVIA Pristina 0322 4/12 exotic mx, similar to AA, Slavic talk, fair. (Hakiel)
- 1422 WEST GERMANY Heusweiler 0134 2/23 US pop mx, GG talk, fair-good. (Hakiel)
- 1440 CHINA CPBS 4/10 1558 "The Helmsman Stears A Steady Course" anthem, ID by CC woman, 1559 off. Good. (Hakiel)
- 1460 TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS Grand Turk 0005 2/24 VOA nx, ID, good. (Hakiel)
- 1521 TAIWAN CBS unlisted site 4/11 British style march (often heard on CBS). male ID "Chungyang Kuangpo Tientai", nx by female. Good, over s/on of Radio Beijing Russian via Urumchi. (Wood)
- 1540 VENEZUELA . Metropolitana, Los Teques pop mx and ads. ID at 0630 on 3/26. (Objio)

1562 PORTUGAL Covilha 4/7 soft mx w/vocals, PP talk, no ID heard so tentative. Only 1 kW. (Hakiel)

George Hakiel - W. Islip, NY  
Cesar Objio - Santo Domingo, Dominican  
Richard Wood - Hilo, HI

Racal 6790, R71A, LW's, loops, phaser  
TRF, Lafayette HE30, 4' loop  
R1000, SPR4, 5 Beverages

## GRAVEYARD DX ACHIEVEMENTS

William R. Hale

2160 Farm To Market Road, Johnson City, NY 13790

Distance Records for 1230, 1240, 1340, 1400, 1450 and 1490 KHz Frequencies

### GRAVEYARD SPECIAL (ALL NEW RECORDS)

1230	KIFW	AK Sitka	Doug Lamerson	Makapu'u Point, HI	2272
	KDZA	CO Pueblo	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg, MB	862
	WQDY	ME Calais	Andy Rugg	Milton, ON	600
	KVAS	OR Astoria	Doug Lamerson	Makapu'u Point	2580
	KZZR	OR Burns	Nancy Hardy	Aberdeen, WA	331
	KDOV	OR Talent	Don Keskey	San Francisco, CA	323
	KSPD	WA Spokane	Olle Ala	Abisko, Sweden	5138
1240	WJGJ	AL Gadsden	Jerry Cook	Birmingham, AL	47
	KJOR	CA Lemore	Doug Lamerson	Makapu'u Point, HI	2488
	KSMA	CA Santa Maria	Doug Lamerson	La'ie Point, HI	2466
	WJMH	MI Lansing	William Moser	Praeton, SD	637
	WATN	NY Watertown	William Townshend	Washington, DC	355
	KCVL	OR Colville	Nancy Hardy	Aberdeen, WA	295
	CJNS	SK Meadow Lake	Olle Ala	Abisko, Sweden	4293
1340	KIST	CA Santa Barbara	Doug Lamerson	Makapu'u Point, HI	2472
	KQIL	CO Grand Junction	Olle Ala	Abisko, Sweden	5524
	WTIF	GA Tifton	Karl Jeter	Stone Mountain, GA	174
	KSGR	ID Nampa	Olle Ala	Abisko	5446
	WJOL	IL Joliet	Chris Cuomo	Verona, PA	663
	WENT	NY Gloversville	William Townshend	Washington, DC	314
	KWOR	WY Worland	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg	583
	CHNL-2	BC Ashcroft-Cache Falls	Roy Miller	Marysville, WA	226
1400	WJLD	AL Fairfield	Karl Jeter	Stone Mountain, GA	156
	KTUC	AZ Tucson	Jim Boehm	San Antonio, TX	771
	KAAP	CA Santa Paula	Don Keskey	San Francisco, CA	305
	KFTM	CO Ft Morgan	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg, MB	721
	WCLB	GA Camilla	Karl Jeter	Stone Mountain	182
	WSEB	GA Quitman	Karl Jeter	Stone Mountain	221
	WBAT	IN Marion	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg	958
	KVOE	KS Emporia	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg	807
	KEYL	MN Long Prairie	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg	312
	KWNA	NV Winnemucca	Olle Ala	Abisko, Sweden	5722
	KHNA	NM Grants	John Wilkins	Wheat Ridge, CO	333
	KIVR	OR Cave Junction	Roy Miller	Marysville, WA	373
	KVOP	TX Plainview	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg	1109
	WROB	WI Reedsburg	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg	589
	KODY	WY Cody	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg	622
1450	KENA	AR Mensa	Stephen Ponder	Ft Smith, AR	59
	KJMB	CA Blythe	Tim Hall	Bonita, CA	258
	KVNL	CA Sonora	Don Keskey	San Francisco, CA	107
	KCLX	WA Colfax	Bill Hardy	Aberdeen, WA	306
	CFHC	BC Canmore	Steve McDonald	Port Coquitlam, BC	344
1490	KSYC	CA Yreka	Roy Miller	Marysville, WA	393
	WKVC	FL Deland	Karl Jeter	Stone Mountain, GA	375
	KCID	ID Caldwell	Roy Miller	Marysville	376
	WFKY	KY Middleboro	Robert Kramer	Chicago, IL	418
	KTTR	MO Rolla	Jim Boehm	San Antonio, TX	703
	KAOW	NM Ruidoso Downs	John Wilkins	25 Mi. W. of Los Alamos, NM	176
	WQHI	OH East Liverpool	Harry Hayes	Wilkes-Barre, PA	260
	KBKR	OR Baker	Olle Ala	Abisko, Sweden	5386
	KRNR	OR Roseburg	Steve McDonald	Port Coquitlam, BC	418

# Ideas Sought For New AM Band

by Alex Zavistovich

RADIO WORLD  
ON 3 STARS

Washington DC ... The FCC wants to know whether the spectrum from 1605 to 1705 kHz, which the Commission wants for AM broadcasters, should be allocated using "national licensing," whereby a single licensee would develop a channel nationwide.

This departure from current FCC allocation practices is one aspect of a Commission inquiry into use of the extended band by AM broadcasting service. Announced 25 February, the inquiry is the fourth such launched by the FCC on this issue.

But the inquiry does not only focus on new users. The Commission also anticipates receiving information on technical criteria including the class of station which should operate in the band, minimum and maximum power, protected contours, ground and skywave propagation, coverage and daytime skywave propagation.

With this, the Commission also wants to show receiver manufacturers it's serious about the expanded band, in the hopes the signal will spur them to design receivers incorporating the new bandwidth before broadcasters begin signing on, some time in mid-1990.

Through the 1970's, the spectrum from 1605 to 1705 kHz was reserved for non-broadcast applications, such as radiolocation. Then, in 1979, the World Administrative Radio Conference discussed phasing out those uses, according to John Boursy, an engineer with the FCC's Mass Media Bureau.

New technology for nonbroadcast pur-

poses opened up possibilities for use of the previously occupied band by AM stations, beginning in mid-1990, Boursy said.

With the latest inquiry the FCC is also hoping to "get (its) own house in order," said Boursy. He explained that because in the US the band is "essentially empty," it would allow the Commission to investigate alternate methods of allocating spectrum.

"We thought it was a good time to revisit the way we allot spectrum, to see whether there was a better method," Boursy commented. He noted that such an investigation could not be undertaken if the band was already occupied.

A key subject of the fourth notice of inquiry, therefore, is the Commission's regulatory stance and an exploration of national licensing of facilities in the band.

However, careful examination of regulatory options must be made, the FCC said, because the frequencies are in a band for which receivers are not yet available.

Under the Commission's notion of national licensing, one licensee would develop a channel nationwide, possibly operating the stations itself or leasing the frequency to other broadcasters.

Advantages in economies of scale, programming diversity, networking and rapid introduction of the service were cited by the Commission regarding such a practice.

Another allocation plan is assignment. Under the assignment plan, each station is entered into the plan with a specific location and power; this is different from

allotment, in which certain frequencies are available anywhere within a specified area.

Besides regulation of the band, the FCC acknowledged its need to "explore the full range" of other technical questions pertaining to implementation of the new frequencies.

In addition to the national licensing issue, the inquiry will take up questions of eligibility for the band—in particular whether special preference should be considered for public broadcasters, minorities or AM daytimers which want to switch to fulltime operations.

Comments are also being requested by the FCC for technical criteria for implementation of the band. Power levels, propagation (both skywave and groundwave) and protected contours are all areas the Commission hopes to have addressed.

The Commission has been moving on the extended AM band issue and hopes to have some subjects addressed by the second session of the expanded band conference of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Region 2 Administrative Radio Conference (RARC). That conference is slated for 28 May to 11 June in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Since initiating the inquiry in 1984, the FCC has put out two reports addressing technical criteria for broadcasting and ways to plan the band; a third report will include Commission suggestions for a US proposal for the second RARC session.

The Commission acknowledged it could have waited to address the extended band allocations and technical questions until after the conclusion of the second RARC session in June. However, by tackling the issues now instead of waiting, the FCC said it expects to "foster the earliest introduction of broadcasting in the expanded band."

Beyond that, the FCC hopes to show manufacturers that it is serious about use of the band. With the notice, the Commission expects to "send a clear signal to receiver manufacturers" so that they may get a head start on design and manufacture of new receivers.

Eb Tingley, of the Electronic Industries Association (EIA), which represents equipment manufacturers' concerns, would not comment on how his association or the industry at large would respond to the FCC's interest in the expanded AM band.

However, he noted that if the FCC wants to expedite building of expanded-band receivers by offshore manufacturers, the inquiry "is probably a good way to do it."

At press time, deadlines for comments and replies on the docket, GEN 84-467, had not been established. Boursy commented that he expected the reply deadline to fall after the RARC conference ends in June. ■

# Summary Of Unreported Stations

Don Kaskey

654 35th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121

Through Volume 55 # 24 dated March 28, 1988

The following chart lists the total number of stations in the USA and Canada and the volume they were last reported as being heard in DX NEWS.

COUNTRY	V55	V54	V53	V52	V51	V50	V49	V48	V47	V46	V45	V44	V43	V42	Prior	Total
CANADA	222	73	22	38	14	15	5	4	4	2	1	1	0	0	15	= 416
U.S.A.	2337	1166	469	201	198	160	76	64	39	27	19	10	11	5	89	= 4871
TOTAL	2559	1239	491	239	212	175	81	68	43	29	20	11	11	5	104	= 5287

New stations reported as having taken the air during the period covering Volume 55, number 20 through 24:

590-WAFC-FL	1010-KZRC-OR
640-WPBD-GA	1030-KJDJ-CA
700-CHSJ-NB (x-1150)	1030-WNVR-IL
760-WICS-NC	1160-WSKW-ME (x-1150)
810-KCHG-TX	1160-WOBM-NJ (x-1170)

Note: Delete the following from the above totals:  
CFBK--630-Huntsville ON...AM service dropped by CRTC.  
WGRI-1410-Griffin GA...License revoked by the FCC...

Previously unreported stations noted by NRC reporters in DX NEWS since the last update (V55 #22)...Covers V55 #20 through #24:

CA---5	KJDJ-1030	(Riordan-CA)
CO---5	KDRW-1450	(Wolfish-MB)
GA---3	WPBD--640	(Atkins-GA)
IL---1	WNVR-1030	(Rieger-WI)
ME---0	WSKW-1160	(Fitzherbert-CT & E.Cooper-MA)
NH---0	WLGW-1490	(Rugg-QU)
NJ---0	WOBM-1160	(Clarius-NY)
OR---1	KZRC-1010	(N.Hardy-WA)
TX--20	KCHG--810	(Boehm-TX) & KMVL-1220 (Boehm-TX)
NB---0	CHSJ--700	(E.Cooper-MA)

OFF THE AIR STATIONS: 580-KANA-MT, 1300-KPMO-CA

BACK ON THE AIR: 1010-KKGZ-CO, 1340-KSEK-KS, 1340-KALY-TX, 1450-WTHU-MD, 1510-WTKS-SC, 1520-KJIA-SD, 1560-KLNG-IA, 1580-KWVD-CO....73 de dkk....

## April Fools' Day phony snowcast puts fire under disc jockey

The Associated Press

JACKSON, Tenn. — A disc jockey who told a white lie on April Fools' Day found his listeners respond to the FCC's interest in the expanded AM band.

WKIR-FM radio personality Dan Baxter told a whopper about the weather that was swallowed hook, line and sinker by some listeners.

His phony forecast — freezing rain and snow — in a state where the merest hint of winter weather sends residents scurrying to the grocery put a damper on at least

one businessman's day.

"They said the rain was supposed to turn to sleet and snow, and the temperature tonight and tomorrow was going to be in the 20s," said barber Larry Kirk, who said trade was slow following Baxter's bogus prediction of icy streets.

"I'm not going to listen to that station any more," Kirk said.

Meanwhile, the Tennessee Highway Patrol was bombarded with anxious calls about road and high-

way conditions.

"The weather service called us wanting to know where we got our information," said station spokeswoman Rhonda Perry. "Then the highway patrol called wanting to talk to the station manager. Then, the Civil Defense called wanting to talk to the station manager."

Baxter went on the air to apologize, and told listeners he'd lost his job.

April Fools'. "He's still kidding around," Perry said.

"The phone hasn't stopped ringing (with listeners concerned for Baxter) since I got in," said Tim Allen, the disc jockey who follows Baxter. ■

# WMULX AM 1180

Compliments of:  
Pera CLARIUS

RADIO WELA 1530 AM / 9 CALDWELL PLACE / ELIZABETH / NEW JERSEY

QSL
QSL

VERIFICATION OF RECEPTION

Date: March 16, 1970 Hours of Operation: Daytime  
Time: 11:44-12:27 GMT Studio Location: Elizabeth, New Jersey  
Frequency: 1530 KHZ Transmitter Location: Linden, New Jersey  
Operating Power: 500 Watts  
Antennae: A3 (Asymmetric)  
Antennae: Non Directional 100 Ft. Feldid Unipole  
Antenna Position: 40° 38' 56" N  
74° 14' 37" W

*Henry M. ...*  
Chief Engineer

YOU NEVER HEARD IT SO GOOD!

---

Radio Broadcasting Station  
**WCAD**  
St. Lawrence University  
Canton, N. Y.

We acknowledge receipt of your communication and are pleased to verify your reception of this station on 3/16/70  
Your report checked correctly with our log sheet.  
The transmitter is a General Electric 1000 watt type using 500 watts power.  
During the majority of our programs this station is operated by one man who is both operator and announcer.  
We thank you for your response.

Very truly yours,  
*H. K. Bergman*  
Radio Operator in charge.

PUBLICATIONS/HOBBY AIDS ORDER FORM

MUSINGS

Paul Swearingen

3132 S.E. Irvingham Street - Topeka, KS 66605-2948

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: N.R.C. PUBLICATIONS CENTER
POST OFFICE BOX 164
MANNINGVILLE, NY USA 13661

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Editors, Publishers, or the National Radio Club Inc., or its subsidiaries. Times are local per muse.

USE THIS FORM AFTER MAY 1, 1988 --- ALL PREVIOUS FORMS ARE OBSOLETE

PRICES SHOWN ARE FOR U.S., CANADA, AND MEXICO ORDERS IN U.S. CURRENCY.

- DL - AM RADIO LOG - 8th Edition \$10.95 U.S.; \$11.95 Canada; \$12.95 U.S. Non-Member; \$13.95 Canada Non-Member
UDL - Updaters to the AM RADIO LOG \$2.00 per updater
ARM1 - ANTENNA REFERENCE MANUAL - VOLUME 1 \$3.00 /\$4.00 Non-Mem.
ARM2 - ANTENNA REFERENCE MANUAL - VOLUME 2 \$3.00 /\$4.00 Non-Mem.
RRM1 - RECEIVER REFERENCE MANUAL - VOLUME 1 \$3.00 /\$4.00 Non-Mem.
RRM2 - RECEIVER REFERENCE MANUAL - VOLUME 2 \$3.00 /\$4.00 Non-Mem
BLA - BEVERAGE & LONGWIRE ANTENNAS - DESIGN & THEORY \$3.00/\$4.00
LA - LOOP ANTENNA - DESIGN AND THEORY \$3.00 /\$4.00 Non-Member
NMB - GETTING STARTED IN MEDIUM WAVE DX'ING FREE to NEW Members.
SSM - Sunrise/ Sunset Maps \$2.00
MAP - Map of the United States & Partial Canada. \$1.00 for 5 maps
EEG - EEGUIDE - Broadcasters Guide to DX \$1.50 for 20
SSG - SSGUIDE - Spanish version of the above item \$1.50 for 20
FFG - FFGUIDE - French version of the above item \$1.50 for 20
LG - LOGSHEETS - 110 Sheets for \$5.00
LGS - LOGSHEETS - 25 Sheets for \$1.25 (same as above item)
CUP - 9 ounce Mug \$6.00 U.S. Addr., \$6.75 CAN./MEX. Addresses

- NRC CLUB MEMBERS ONLY ITEMS
STA - STATIONARY - NRC LOGO 100 Sheets for \$5.00
EERF - Reception Report Forms - English version, 50 for \$3.00
SSRF - Reception Report Forms - Spanish version, 50 for \$3.00
FFRF - Reception Report Forms - French version, 50 for \$3.00

PLEASE ALLOW 4 TO 6 WEEKS FOR THE PROCESSING & DELIVERING OF MATERIALS
TOTAL OF PUBLICATIONS = US\$
(U.S. FUNDS ONLY)

NAME
ADDRESS
ZIP CODE
388/488

Never let it be said that NRC'ers aren't creative. Several of the following Muses transcend the pedestrian and are delightful reading. John Rose included ten (10) (diez) Muses in his letter, which you'll be reading for the next few issues. And ... this session being for Musings suggestions, Chris Cuomo, Ernest Cooper and Jerry Starr were kind enough to send their ideas, Jerry thinking up THIRTY-FOUR of them! What do you do in your spare time, Jerry, hi!? We'll use Chris's suggestion for your next deadline, April 16: NRC'ers who collect antique and unusual radios. Thanks to all of you, including those of you who are sending suggestions of whom to contact for information about the use of radio in the classroom, for my summer project. And now ... on with it!

Ernest Cooper - 5 Anthony St. - Provincetown, MA 02657 (617) 487-9337
A reminder - sleeping time here is 9 pm to approximately 1 am, and from 3 am to 8 am. This may vary if I have been out the evening before, omitting the early-morning DX'ing hours. If I haven't answered the phone after the fourth ring, that means I'm in bed and will not be getting up to talk on the phone in a cold room wearing only a ring, hi. The other morning, somebody called after I had been to a play, and the phone rang 47 times and to get back to sleep after that was indeed difficult! I'm glad he stopped there, 'cuz I can't count above 50, hi. (My answering machine has separated the clods from the truly interested, Ernie. It only rings twice -pls) Two more veries have "arriven" - WKIT-1200, a v/r, and WPBG-1290, my most unique one yet - the verie is on a cassette they sent me, along with a letter on WIRK-FM stationery saying they've gotten reports from Great Britain and Scandinavia - but no mention whatsoever of their AM call letters or frequency! For sure, their FM didn't reach Norway and Sweden!

DX: Wed. 2-17: My weakie on 1610 was heard to mention "National Wildlife Refuge, broadcasting at 1610 on your AM radio dial" before fading out. I've sent a tentative to Acadia National Park in Maine, which seems to be the only logical one that could have a chance of being heard here. Sat. 2-20: Report to WKIT-1200, //WKIT-FM-100.9, heard u/WKQX and o/CFGO. They have the same weatherman as local WKPE-1170-104.7. MM 2-22: Looking for the L. Kingie on 1260, I found only WWDC and WSUA at 1:43 am. WTOP-1500 was off today; WSSH-1510's splatter killed the frequency here. XEFAJ-1560 noted in the clear at 2:07 am, saying often "La Musica de Fedre"; ranchero mx. They ID with their full call letters on the top of the hour. Wed. 2-24: I noted an MoR/NOS type station breaking thru the 1290 group, which turned out to be WPBG, ex-WIRK, FL. I mentioned in my letter to them that PBG hereabouts means Provincetown Business Guild, and asked what it meant down there - turns out it's West Palm Beach Gold! Sat. 2-27: Unn WOL surged to the fore for about two minutes on 1450 at 1:55. At 2:13 on 1320 somebody read the 23rd Psalm, then lost. SM 2-28: I noted unn WNYM-1330 in EE this morning! MM 2-29: XEFAJ-1560 again in. An unID TT'er on 560 u/WGAN/WHYN 2:22+, noted again on 3-1. WCBS, WTIC, and WJR were all off this early AM. A weakie on 740 giving a (516) phone number which is the area code for Long Island; must have been WGSM on 40 watts. WMAQ-670 with csw at 2:15; same time 3-1, with all-nx, a carbon copy of WINS-1010. Forward-March!

Chris Cuomo - 670 3rd Ave. - Verona, PA 15147-1349
Greetings to all NRC'ers once again. Not very much to Muse about this time with the DX season winding down. I have two questions. First, to all those who operated WNRC-1610 last year at the Lima Convention: Will WNRC go on the air again this year? Does the "real" WNRC (91.1, Dudley, MA) know that you swiped their call letters, ni? Secondly, when, if ever, will the band expansion to 1700 kHz take place? If anyone out there has the answers to these questions please write to me. Thanks and 73's.

Radio Free Warren Reporting

John H. Rose, II - 26015 Thomas - Warren, MI 48091
There are times that one can go to extremes, and the better 68% of this relationship says I may have reached it this time. For years she said, "No antennae on the outside of the house." It deters crime, she feels, and she could be right, because an antenna is an advertisement of sorts. For years, all the antennae have been in the attic. "Enough is enough," I said, so several months ago I started to hang up some skyhooks. This little tale began with buying a 10-foot mast from the local TV emporium and hooking it up to the vent stack near the radio shack. A wire went from there east about 65 feet to a tree in front of the house. A considerable improvement in reception was heard by me, but that could have been all in my head. What more could a man want? One thing lead to another, and I got a good deal on some coax from the local CB shop when it folded. Another 10-foot mast was procured, which went on the other vent pipe 40 feet south. There, I had it. Two horizontal antennae, two coax lines, a switch, and enough receivers to use both at the same time. What more could a man want? Come to think of it, didn't I have an old, broken CB whip somewhere in the garage? Yes, and it took a couple of days to rig up an adequate mounting bracket. Not dog! Two horizontals and a vertical, three coaxial cables, enough receivers, switches, and



paraphernalia to keep it all busy. What more could a man want?

Come to think of it, on one of my trips to a favorite surplus dealer (surplus anything), I literally stumbled over a mound of surplus TV antenna. Channel 31 had dropped the IT pay TV service which required an outside antenna and a converter box. The UHF TV reception at this location was a little weak on channel 32. Would a channel 31 antenna work? Did it ever! I also started to pick up other channels, and, one thing led to another, and there now are 5 TV antennae pointed in different directions up there along with the original wires. She has acquiesced. What more could a man want?

One day I stood in the street (dangerous to do, I have been told) admiring my handiwork. The scene reminded me of some of those magazine cover pictures one sees of a shortwave broadcaster; you know, Radio Whatever? Well! Radio Warren. No, this must be Radio Free Warren because I sure can't charge for it.

Was it worth it? Yes, there are things which can be heard on one of the skyhooks which cannot be heard on the others, and vice versa. Is it fun? You betcha. Do I like the name? Yup.

Glenn Hauser - Box 1684 - Enid, OK 73702

Misc. monitoring notes: You may not think of Oclajoma as much of an SS state, but the El Reno (must be pronounced Ray-no now) station on 1460 now seems to be 100% "La Tremenda Radio México" - no calls on the hour, so unsure if still KZUE! When I first noticed Spanish in daytime on 1460 it was so weak it was hard to identify, but recently it's much stronger. Perhaps something to do with a brush fire threatening some El Reno's tower site per KWIV news recently - no point in saying which station! Another daytime, KBYE-890, also has substantial SS periods, not of them religious, one of which starts at 3 pm CST.

WWLS-640 Norman is supposed to have an hour a week of Indian programming, but I've yet to find it, and station hasn't replied to my R. P. inquiry. One Indian show I have found is on KRPT-850 Anadarko (Indian capital), Saturdays at 11:05 am-noon, "Indians for Indians" - mostly sponsored by Snoopy's Indian Store and Shoe Repair; first half is mostly community service announcements. Wish they would do them in Cherokee or something, as the English is rather boring. The last half is mostly music, including chanting ceremonies or hymn (as in Christian) singing.

On Sunday March 13, but not the 14th, KQCV-800 OKC was putting out strong spur, good mod. on 828.4, weaker ones on 771.6, 856.8, and probably 743.2, blocked by KRMG. Said they would be on until 8:15 pm, and believe I did detect a het on WCCO after sundown. High point of KRMG weekdays is gadfly Frosty Troy's commentary at 8:28 am and 5:20 am.

KTKO-1000 (excuse me, make that "10") corporate name is ClearChannel Broadcasting. Only in fine print, I suppose, did they make clear that they are the ones who kept it relatively clear for 50 kW stations. However, in this area, KTKO dominates at night, but on a couple of occasions I've had severe QRM from WLUP cutting off abruptly at midnight - must not have been on proper night pattern.

On March 11, Ted Fleischaker stayed on WHAS-840 beyond his usual Friday night at 9:07 ET hour of fixit show for "Friday Night Live," prompting DX call-ins, and advice on whether he should go to his high school reunion, since nobody liked him there when he was fat. Seems FNL may have been a one-shot; depends on response.. Lasted until 1 am. Ahem, he has competition from the lady on KOA-850 with a deeper voice than his, and who apparently has worked in just about every market. But she hates classical music, pfui. WHAS also runs announcement pointing out they have no connection with WHAS-TV even though same calls, so the WMAQ duality in Chicago must not be unprecedented. Not very impressed by their all-new format the little I've listened in the wee hours. The announcer made mistake after mistake.

KVFW-1550 Winfield, KS is actually on 1548.2 or so; midday hets really stick out. Has been off for quite some time. KKSU-580 is quite a disappointment, probably the least-service public radio station around. Bragged about getting a dish for NPR and then hardly uses it; on the air only weekday afternoons. Recently even turned over the frequency to WLEW for basketball. I'd like to see those share-timers go after 1250 so they can both be fulltime, a la the old WBAP-WFAA arrangement on 570 and 820. But somehow I have the feeling KKSU likes being part-time.

The 50th anniversary of CBS Radio World News Roundup got lots of attention, including an entire Newsmark devoted to it. That weekly half-hour is a must for me - Charles Kuralt appears from time to time, and another recent edition was about what living in Beijing is like. Live feed time is Fridays 2:30 pm ET, but few stations put it on then, not even KWFT-620 TX or KGNC-710 TX, both of which are scheduled to, per CBS Affiliate Relations. Some more reliable schedulings are WCBS-880 Suns 6:30 pm ET; WWL-870 Suns 6 am CT; KRLLD-1080 Suns 7:30 am CT.

Everyone is invited to listen to my weekly half-hour **World of Radio**, which includes MW news: on WRNO, New Orleans (CST/CDT) Thursday 10:15 am on 15420 (11965 from April); 7:30 pm on 7355; Fridays 10 pm on 6185; Saturdays 6:30 pm on 7355 (13760 from April). Also on Connecticut FM stations: WHUS-91.7 Storrs Fridays 9 am ET, WPKN 89.5 Bridgeport Saturdays 3:30 pm ET; and on Radio for Peace International, Costa Rica (UTC) Tuesdays 2300 on 15493.4, Wednesday 0300 on 7374, Fridays 2103 on 15493.4, Saturdays 0203 on 7375.

Daytime C-QUAM update as of 3-15: KOMA-1520, Tulsa 1430, OKC-1340, WBBZ-1230, KWOO-1170, (OKC-1140 was but not now, tho still splatters), KFAB-1110, KFDI-070, WKY-930, KSPI-780, KRMG-740, WHB-710, WMAQ-670, WDAF-610, WOLO-690, D-FW 570). Rich Campeau - 22305 Caminito Tecate - Laguna Hills, CA 92653

What can a lime-green pseudo DX'er bring to the NRC party (besides beer, of

course...)?

Maybe I can job the memory of you old-timers. All this wonderful MW DX business is new to me. My first "real" radio since childhood, a Sony ICF-2010, arrived about 7 weeks ago. March 14 '88 was my first issue of DXN. So what?

Well, do you remember, way back, when your wife/girlfriend could still expect your company at night? At least for a couple of hours? And you didn't go around the house swearing because some far-off station of MONUMENTAL, EARTH-SHATTERING IMPORTANCE had faded right when they most probably ID'ed? I remember.

Yes, my friends, I STILL REMEMBER my first 2' loop antenna built from tinker toys, epoxied, and spray painted flat black to impress (?) my friends. (Author's note: My number of friends has decayed exponentially.) Why, my loop's hardly even dusty yet!

What changes! I remember way back in Jan., '88, when my friend Martin Foltz, long-standing NRC member and DX'er-extraordinaire, first showed me his QSL notebooks. I recall my glassy-eyed reaction and poorly stified yawns as he flipped through page after page of oh-so-interesting letters and what-not. Quite like the responses seen today when people peruse my QSL notebook. But, of course, that's different!

These seven weeks have seen an AM station survey which I sent to all the local stations in the LA and San Diego areas (55), 101 reports out, 17 states, 7 "W" calls, and 31 QSL's received.

What kind of madman would do this sort of thing? A DX'er-to-be, who else?

If you've read this far, you may be wondering who I am. All right, twist my arm in a nutshell (pun intended) I'm a 33-year-old materials scientist employed in the field of EE, with 12 years experience in the design of custom analog/digital IC's. Hey, don't kid yourself, these AM radios sure are funny things. 0.540 mHz to 1.600 mHz is an awfully low frequency band to get much of anything done. And these funny things called antennas and inductors - they usually are pesky little elements to be avoided in IC design. Yes, antennas are pure black magic. The ARRL Handbook gives a bunch of equations for them but they're all wrong. I know. None of them worked for me.

But all that seems to fade into the past. My mind is a-swirling with exotic call letters and frequencies, and my ears constantly have "DX-ringing." (Which means you've been listening to mostly static in headphones for hours when you really should be sleeping or whatever.) However, I am thoroughly convinced DX'ers contribute to society. Where would the Post Office be without us? I support Eveready, don't you? And what would KOA do with all those neat postcards they had printed? But most importantly our hobby keeps us out of trouble and off the streets (as long as the skips are good, of course!). Think of it as a kind of ionospheric population control ...

I often have considered working other bands. Oh, yes, when I first got my Sony, I listened to Radio Australia, ham bands, and noise emitted from my TV. (I thought it was some sort of heavy metal rock station that never ID'ed.) Peer pressure made me stick with MW, however. I figure it had to be peer pressure - it couldn't have been Larry King, c&w, or those talk shows with wide listener interest. You know - the talk shows where they're usually discussing the plight of mid-city alcoholic ethnic-minority working single gay pregnant women. (No offense intended to any subset or superset of persons included in that string.)

What is the point of this Musing? I'm not sure. It's impossible to compete with you old-timers. But for the record, here's some lime-green culled from my vast experience. **Best QSL Letter:** KABC, 2-12-88, 1751-1806, TalkRadio, 790 kHz, Culver City, CA, 5kW, DA-N, Mr. George Green, Pres. & G. M. - "Thank you for the very complete survey ... How nice of you to take such an interest in the radio business. I trust you are or will be an engineer. Good luck!" Thanks, George! **Best Advertising:** KPNW, 1-31-88, 0013-0034, #20 kHz, Eugene, OR, 50 kW, U3 - a blank audiocassette was included with their form letter QSL, urging me to record the following announcement and ship it back to them for subsequent air play: "I'm (your name) and you are listening to KPNW, Eugene's most powerful AM station ...". Why? According to the form letter, "This will give publicity to your specific region." **Hmmm.** **Fastest QSL:** KFWS, 2-6-88, 1232-1242, NewsRadio, 980 kHz, LA. **U1, Mr. Richard Rudman, Eng. Mgr., W6TIA - received QSL 2-11-88.** Wow! You can't even drive to LA and back that fast from Orange County in traffic! And finally, **Best Catch:** Tied. KSWB, 2-24-88, 2202-2220, Rock, UPI, 840 kHz (under WHAS), Seaside, OR, 1.0/0.5 kW, U1, Mr. Bob Rusk, News Dir. - "Thanks for writing ... I imagine, though that you must have a difficult time hearing much in So. Cal. 'with all of the stations and interference." Actually, Bob, the DX signals can't penetrate the smog. **KMDY, 2-21-88, 1502-1540, Comdy, 850 kHz (under KOA), Thousand Oaks, CA, 0.5/0.25 kW, U4, Mr. Richard Brant, CK:** "Your reception report indicates you were listening to Timothy Nicely's 'Comedy Circuit' show which airs every Sunday at 3:00 pm. Tim was glad to hear that somebody was listening."

Well, that's about it. I wanted to write more about the DX'ers' situation in So. Cal. but KJNN, 660, is about to sign off and I just KNOW I'll catch something ... (And we're glad to catch your first Mase, Rich. Visit us often - pls)

**Ed Janusz - Box 149 - Bricktown, NJ 08723**

During the off season, baseball fans talk about baseball, as they do between innings or between pitches. A friend of mine was telling me this winter about how he became a fan while growing up in rural Pennsylvania, listening to Harry Heilmann (Tigers) and Red Barber (Dodgers) in the radio. By the time Tom finally saw a game at Ebbets Field, he'd been a confirmed Bum for years.

As Tom recalls it, Harry Heilmann never had a partner in the broadcasting booth, and he never went on the road with the Tigers. He recreated road trips, game by game, from a

tickertape report. (In his book **Cowboy at the Mike**, Curt Gowdy writes about the subtle art of making recreations interesting). To me, and to many baseball fans, following a game on the radio with a good announcer is much better than watching it on television: the visual medium imposes its own (false) perspective and cannot reproduce the timeless symmetries between pitcher and batter, between batter and fence, between outfielder and cut-off man ... between imagination and memory.

I've been a Red Sox fan for 25 years, and I depend on WFIC (1080, Hartford, CT). Last year wasn't inspiring for the Sox; I experimented with a little knob-turning and discovered ... the Cleveland Indians.

Now, the Tribe isn't doing much right these days, but they have Herb Score in the booth. I only saw Herb Score pitch once; and that was years after McDougald's line drive, the hit that derailed Score's career from immortal to marginal. There is justice - the fine justice of baseball - in his transformation into a wonderful announcer who puts both knowledge and enthusiasm into his coverage of a team which is just eight pitchers away from contention.

I hope that a lot of NRC'ers will join me in tuning in the (you heard it here first!) World Champion 1988 Red Sox. There are many teams I can drop in on: Baltimore, Toronto, Cincinnati, the Cubbies, St. Louis, even: and many of you will be hearing them this summer. And please check out **WWNE-1100** for Herb Score and the Indians. Hear baseball like you want to hear it. Or, as Art Rust, Jr., of WABC likes to say, "See a game on the radio."

**Paul Swearingen - Midway, USA**

Good job, Ed. I don't think I can separate baseball from radio, real AM radio, and games broadcast nowadays in stereo, with wall-to-wall crowd noise, sound great. I can recall sitting outside in the summer, with only the stars and the glow from my dad's pipe or the five-tube Radiola to provide any illumination. Lights attract bugs, you know. Jack Buck, Harry Caray, and Joe Garagiola did the play-by-play honors for the Cardinals over **KMOX-1120** back then in the early '50's. The Athletics hadn't slipped into Kansas City yet and wouldn't sneak off to the west coast with Charlie Finley yet, so our allegiance turned to St. Louis. Sometimes skywave reception was a little fadey, so I would run a piece of baling wire between the screens on the back porch, and another piece of what I called "dynamite wire", or solid 22-gauge wire left over after blasts in a nearby quarry, would connect the makeshift antenna to the radio sitting on a concrete stoop, which was as far as our one extension cord would reach outside. The game would go on for a couple of hours, the stars would wheel overhead, perhaps the wind would come up and chill us, and if I stayed quiet and didn't run around the yard or torment my little brother, my dad would pour me a couple of fingers of beer in a jelly glass. Real beer from a package store - Busch Bavarian, usually, in keeping with the sponsorship of the Cardinals, and not the watered-down 3.2 version you could pick up at a grocery store or some filling stations. I couldn't DX while the Cardinals were on the air, because that radio was the only one we had on the place; not even our '41 Chevy coupe had that extra luxury. But I didn't care; I could stay up and listen to the game way past my bedtime, and when I finally curled up and went to sleep in the wooden lawn chair, I could always count on being lifted gently and deposited in bed after the final out. The house I grew up in burnt down four years ago, my dad has been gone for several years, but Jack, Harry, and Joe still are around, I believe. And I still have the radio.

**Richard E. Wood, Ph.D. - P. O. Box 5074 - Hilo, HI 96720**

Aloha from the Big Island, where a poor winter season with not a single reception from Europe has been succeeded by a more promising spring with several loggings of Dakar-765 at 0555 UTC s/on. South America remains strikingly poor, with no sign of Brazil, though the Caribbean including St. Vincent-705 is good. Asia is swinging over from the typical winter reception of Saudi Arabia-1440, Iraq, Iran, India, etc., to Thailand, typical of the equinox, and heard on new 1089 and 1224. I hope typical summer catches Malaysia and Indonesia will follow soon. From Southeast Asia, Singapore remains unheard and much wanted. U. S. East Coast reception has been spotty, with WHAM always best and KDKA sometimes topping KTNQ. Not in the DX category, but for listening with local color, I've been enjoying live reports on the Idatarod from both ends of the course - **KFQD-750** and **KNQM-780**.

In Hawaiian news, the proposed Hilo relay on 1490 of **KUMU-1500** remains only a future plan, but the Kona synchro of **KIPA-620** is on the air. The much-publicized relays of **KHEI** such as **"KMOL"-700** are only carrier-current. The Naalehu synchro of **KIPA** reportedly tested in December but had trouble with frequency control; I never heard it, and it appears silent now. Like other Hilo stations, **KIPA** continues to experience frequent breakdowns, glitches, simultaneous transmission of two jumbled satellite audio channels, etc. The weather has been outstanding since New Year's, and I have started harvesting my pineapples; my patch should yield 500 this year and another 500 next. It is a 2-to-3-year crop.

A recent unID FFC on 1280 was probably **CJMS PQ**, which if ID'ed would become my best Canadian catch. West Coasters, have you heard this one? My big news is that I have just bought 191 ft. of cliff-top ocean front here in Hawaiian Paradise Park, about 2 miles from my present house. I should begin building there fairly soon. I won't be able to build beverages there, as there are neighbors on either side and Beach Road (a quiet street) next to the lot. But 191 ft. is a reasonable length, and I'll compare reception there and at my present home with its five beverages before deciding where to live in the future; maybe alternate between both. My decades-long dream of regular oceanfront DX in Hawaii is now

coming true. Thanks to Chuck Taylor for his article on the North Carolina mini-beverage. Chuck, how about a report on its reception of non-U. S. stations, and a nighttime bandscan? To answer Dave Schmidt's query, yes, I still listen for frequency checks and have heard several; the list is useful. Aloha.

**Roger Winsor - 727 Wisconsin St. - Hobart, IN 46342 CST (219) 942-1055**

A couple of new catches just recently, both much-wanted ... from Massachusetts! On 3-16 while tuning around about 0500, I happened to stumble upon **WKOX-1200** with local rx ment. Framingham and then at 0507 weather given with calls clearly given. This prompted me up to 640, and there was **WNNZ** Westfield on top nicely at 0510 with **WNNZ** weather forecast out of the news. I don't report to stations any more, except occasionally. **WYSL-1030** was rptd on 3-2 for DX while in my car going to work at WAKE. These last two loggings were #3010 and 3011. Much thanks to **BKF** for the excellent job of providing **NRC** members an important addition to our logs, free of charge. I have let my **M Street Journal** subscription lapse. They wanted \$30.00 for the same stuff. I have also let my **WIFDA** subscription go too, as I have no interest in even listening to FM here. Very little DX is possible with Chicago so strong. What with all the new class A grants on former B and C channels, FM is a graveyard too. I have noticed much nighttime interference now on what used to be clear channels. **WONI-1180** has been hrd lately very well. Either pattern is out of whack, or changes made. In ending, on 3-19 0500 a W call was given on 1160 with a 6 o'clock TC, into CNN news. Can anybody tell me who this bird might be? **WCGS** or **WYNS?? HELP.** 73 and gud DX.

## Broadcasters Hold NRSC Test

by Alex Zavistovich

**Greenbelt MD** ... Two Maryland radio stations are testing the National Radio Systems Committee (NRSC) transmission standard's effect on second adjacent channel interference for a presentation at the NAB's convention later this month.

In early March a study was ready to be launched by **WPGC-AM**, Morning-side, and **WINX-AM**, Rockville, two broadcasters in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, DC. **WPGC** broadcasts at 1580 kHz, with 50 kW; **WINX** broadcasts at 1600 kHz with 1 kW.

The towns in which the stations are located are approximately 15 miles apart.

### Unusual situation

"It's somewhat unusual to have two stations two channels apart serving the same basic area," said **WPGC** CE Tom McGinley. With each station acting as the other's second adjacent, interference problems exist for both stations, particularly in Northwest DC and the immediate outlying areas of Bethesda and Rockville.

At the suggestion of the NAB, McGinley noted, the two stations are using the **NRSC 75 µs** preemphasis and 10 kHz stopband filtering in a test which would record improvements over second adjacent interference in each stations' coverage areas.

The NAB will supply the stations with R-DAT equipment, an RF analyzer and other measuring gear to conduct the listening test, McGinley said. **WPGC** and **WINX** have worked with coverage maps, he continued, to select "likely points" from which to test.

In particular, the stations looked for areas where the signal strength of the stations would be 20 dB different, 10 dB different or the same. Measurements would then be taken from that point of the interference experienced by both stations, and any relative improvement when the NRSC processing is switched on would be noted.

### Test coverage area

The test coverage area strays only a short way into Washington, explained McGinley, noting that the service contour of **WINX** "is smaller than **WPGC**'s, and doesn't penetrate as much." The main problems exist just north of the city, he said.

In some cases, the problems can be severe. McGinley commented that in areas of Rockville **WPGC**'s signal is subject to "hash" resulting from the second adjacent interference problems. Similar interference is experienced by **WINX**, which has suffered some loss of service in the Maryland suburb.

McGinley stressed the stations' concerns to protect their 2 and 25 mV contours, which he admitted was somewhat difficult with **WPGC** and **WINX**, stations he described as "shoehorned in pretty tightly." The NRSC preemphasis and bandwidth limitations are "particularly appropriate" in their situation, he commented.

### Results presented at NAB

The results of the testing will be discussed by **WPGC** and **WINX** representatives in a joint paper scheduled for the NAB convention in Las Vegas, McGinley added. The presentation was, as of early March, scheduled for the morning of 8 April, as part of the NAB's AM improvement session.

**NRSC** AM Technical Subgroup co-Chairman John Marino said the presentation will be significant because it would "actually show a practical application of the NRSC standard in the broadcast environment."

In the past, Marino suggested, "broadcast engineers may have seen the standard as being all theoretical." He said the paper would help dispel those misapprehensions.

Although the testing was not completed at press time, McGinley said that positive results would only confirm the support he already has for the standard.

"(The NRSC standard) is a step in the right direction of giving AM some relief," he said. "It's not a panacea, but it will help in second and third adjacent problems where the selectivity is less great."

McGinley also commented that the processing makes transmissions "sound cleaner" because of the reduction of "IMD and other distortion grunge" at forced by the system. ■



AM STEREO  
**WWII**  
RADIO 720

8 WEST MAIN STREET  
SHIPLEYMANSTOWN, PA 17011

**WKOH I**

p. o. box 398 • st. helens, oregon 97151

Paul Swearingen

3132 S.E. Irvingham Street - Topeka, KS 66605-2948

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Editors, Publishers, or the National Radio Club Inc., or its subsidiaries. Times are local per muse.

Welcome again, as we move into the monthly issues. No takers this time on our theme idea, but let's try one of Jerry Starr's theme ideas: The Most Memorable Person You Ever Met Through DX'ing. Your deadline, for #27, is May 21.

From South African DX'er Vashek Korinek comes an offer of two C-90 cassettes containing local-quality recordings of South African FM and AM stations. Tape one contains recordings of national and regional stations; tape two ethnic stations. The price is \$(US)7 surface, \$10 airmail each, or both for \$10 surface, \$15 airmail. Rough equivalents in other currencies or IRC's are acceptable. Contact Vashek Korinek at P. O. Box 910 - Edenvale - 1610-South Africa. Vashek is a highly-respected DX'er, and the quality of the tapes is sure to be top-notch. And now ... on with it!

## Radio Free Warren Reporting

John H. Rose II - 26015 Thomas - Warren, MI 48091

On August 13, 1987, I had the unhappy need to attend a funeral on the other side of the state. While the reason for the journey was a most unhappy one, it did play into my hands just a little bit. On the way back, I planned to stop and do some listening in Clare at the U. S. 10/U. S. 27 rest stop. It is not far from where I did a bandscan from Sears, MI in 1984. That bandscan was reported in DXN in 1985 and showed that with a lot of patience (I had all summer), a good radio (the Radio Shack TRF), and a good location (a mile from the nearest neighbor), something could be pulled in on almost all the channels, day and night. Some of the channels sounded like nighttime graveyards even in the day. This is a bandscan I would love to repeat with a really superior receiver and an antenna which goes north until the nearest road in that direction, about five miles or so. Alas, the property has been sold. The rest stop will have to do for now.

This time the TRF was down, so I took an old Sony I purchased in the early '60's which has served me well in the past. The dial is uncalibrated, and I had forgotten how unrepeatable the tuning is. Still, the primary target was the "unreported station" in Harrison, WVKM-1540, about 30 miles from the rest stop. Piece of cake. Bad mistake! The dismal grand (?) total is 17 stations heard, including the Travelers Info. Service on 1610 with a bad hum and a rebroadcast of the National Weather Service. Three of these I was unable to ID. One I got a partial ID of WCA(?), and I heard an ID of WCFN, both on mystery frequencies between 1500 and 1600. (Like I said, bad dial). Can anyone help? The rest of the short list reads: WGN-720, WJR-760, WBBM-780, WMMI-850, WKAR-870, WFDL-910, WCFX-990 (I assume this strong signal is local WABX/FM), WCDN-1150, WKNX-1210, WFYC-1280, WEDM-1350, and WMLM-1520. The elusive unreported station remains. I question if it is on the air, as at this distance and over this land it should be like shooting cheese in a barrel. (Dead fish move too much.) (Yeah, and if the cheese is Swiss, you already have the holes as proof, hi -pls) I also checked the local Yellow Pages and found only ads for FM stations. More interesting, the Clare station's request line is a toll-free number to Mount Pleasant. The directory was old enough, though current, that the studios should have been in town, not the next county. I remember seeing the mailing address published in one of the club journals as Birmingham, a Detroit suburb, and 175 miles from Clare. I thought it was an obvious mistake; now, I'm not so sure. Strange, no? In future Musings I will be sharing some of the adventures I've had traveling this summer trying to find the rare and exotic.

Chris Cuomo - 670 3rd Ave. - Verona, PA 15147-1349

Recently here, DX is hard to come by. The DX season will be over by the time you read this. All in all, this DX season was very good.

I will really miss having DXN arriving weekly over the summer. The check will go in the mail soon, though, for my second year in the NRC. One small complaint, though, about DXN, and I mean small. On the back cover it reads: "You may renew for up to 2 years only". I think this should be rewritten so that no one gets the idea that they can only be a member for two years. However, I don't really think anyone is that naive.

Although it's too late for "memories", I regret to say that my best DX came in the summer of 1984 on FM where in one hour I heard KUHF-88.7 TX, KWWR-91.5 WY, KANZ-91.1 KS, KWBI-91.1 CO, WFSU-91.5 FL, and an Indian station that to this day I have not ID'ed. Its call was KILLI. It just sounded funny with a DJ playing requested rain dances. If anyone knows what this station was, please let me know.

On the seemingly endless question of AM/FM stereo, I have to say FM sounds better. The average person just listens to his locals. AM has always had a different sound than that of FM. AM sounds rich and full of life, and stereo only improves the sound of stations that are very close. As good as AM sounds, FM still sounds better, especially with the production of CD's. WVKS-106.7 often mentions its "all compact disc light rock" format. One problem that both bands have is with its announcers and DJ's (more especially on FM). I have heard more intelligent things said on CB than by the DJ's of some top 40 stations.

About Eric Buenenan's AM2/AM3/FM2 proposal in Issue 7. It sounds like overkill. True, a lot more frequencies are needed to relieve congestion, but adding that many would just seem like a waste. A more reasonable solution is to expand AM to 480-1810 kHz and FM to

85.7-107.9 MHz. (Allot the newly formed frequencies of 85.7-87.9 for commercial stations.) (And what would you do with TV channel 6 on 87.75 mhz? -pls) 73's.

## Radio Roundup

Pete Kemp, KZ1Z - P. O. Box 73 - Bethel, CT 06810

Greetings all ... The CBS Network's World News This Morning recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. This long-running news program has provided its listeners with a wide array of news stories, many of them live via shortwave, long before the unrelated international note, following an agreement with the appropriate unions. Scotland now has its first fulltime, 24-hour television station ... New morning news anchor at WGIR is Christie Nelson, having left WGR. Hope she won't get her letters mixed up ... WREF-850 will be carrying N. Y. Yankees baseball games this year ... Westwood One's Steve Allen Show is now history, as of March 18. Reruns will be broadcast until May 31. Then Mark Simone, Allen's only sidekick, will take over the chores. Variety reported that only 30 stations has picked up Allen's 3-hr syndicated show ... United Stations 2 Radio Network has signed WOR-AM to its affiliate list until 1991 ... WBBG has dropped its Big Band format ... WCBS-AM has picked up the rights to carry the N. Y. Jets football games for the next five years ... From the Shades of the Past Department, WAOK-AM PD Larry Tinsley has been placed on administrative leave while allegations of payola are being investigated. Tinsley has not been charged with anything and is cooperating with Federal authorities ... Pete Moraga has resigned his position at KMEX-TV, returning to KNX for a morning news time slot. This will be his third tour of duty at KNX ... After 19 years, Indianapolis' mighty morning man Gary Todd will be departing WLBC ... For those of you who really believe that the USFL will be making a return to the playing field, it's time to cash in the chips. The U. S. Court of Appeals has upheld the \$1 judgment, which became \$3 under anti-trust laws ... Casey Kasem has signed on with Westwood One/NBC to do a countdown show, when his contract expires with ABC's American Top 40 in January 1989. AT40 has already reportedly received over 600 applications for Kasem's spot ... WABC has been swinging a big ax lately, dropping Mike McClintock, Joel Rapp, and Bill Flanagan from its weekend lineup ... Many thanks to the individual who submitted the April Fuel's Musing on my behalf. I enjoyed it very much. It is nice to know that my approach is appreciated ... National Public Radio has entered into an agreement with Dutch World Service of Radio Netherlands to provide a weekly update on European cultural events ... Variety magazine recently ran a special issue focusing on Latin America and the U. S. Hispanic Market. According to one of the articles, the top ten Spanish-speaking radio markets in the U. S., in order, are Los Angeles, New York, Miami, San Antonio, San Francisco, Chicago, Houston, McAllen/Brownsville/Harlingen, El Paso, and Albuquerque ... NPR's Car Talk may be heard on WNYC, Saturdays at 1:00 pm ... June 6-11 will find KABC morning personalities Bob Arthur and Ken Minyard doing their show live from Sydney, Australia. With the time difference, they will be on the air from 11 pm to 3 am Kangaroo Time. The Academy of Country Music has named WMC's Jim Tabor America's Number One DJ ... so much for now.

Harry J. Hayes - 9 Henry St. - Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

I've been away from these pages for so long I'm sure that I'm though of as dead. (No, just puried, hi -pls) Actually I've been incredibly busy with this home art studio business I have here, so much so I've been going at solid work sessions from like 8:30 in the morning to 11 or 12 at night, and most of the days on weekend - and I still had some people hollering they weren't getting their work on time. Things have slowed slightly because one of my major customers is on vacation. Through all of this I have managed some casual DX'ing, that is, just tuning to one frequency and listening. Here's the rundown from New Year's Day. 1-2: 1734: WKIK-1370 MD with c&w mx. 1800: WKND-1480 CT really punches through with soul. 1812: Took a check of 800 at this late hour and only WCHA and WSVN were there, no CKLW. Conditions were odd this night - super strong to CT and a weak path to the SW of here, but all else dead. 1-15: 1731: WUSJ-1590 TN "US-99" ID. Then a new one coming in. 1736: WVOT-1420 Wilson DMC, nice sig., with NBC's "The Source". 1-16: 1736: WKJZ-620 TN "Joy-62" and then another treat. 2010: Jamaica-700 Montego Bay with super excellent sig. and "R. One" ID and "The Sound of Western Jamaica", with typical Jamaican ex. 2013: Noted a weak R. Reloj on 700 from Cuba at this time. This must be low power as I've never noted this before. 2-8: 2133: WIQT-820 Horseheads, NY. This noted a couple of times lately and noted as new in my log on this date. One station I never hear on 960 and more is CKWS Kingston, ON. Has this moved? And finally 3-15: 2256: CFCF-600 Montreal with soft r&r. This is somewhat rare to hear these days as it is usually WICC and CFCG. The AM band seems to be returning slightly more towards musical formats. I'm sure everyone is tired of hearing about the "death" of the AM band in DX News, but I believe that AM programming given a big boost in this direction when the FCC issued their most "intelligent" programming directives to all AM stations that being when they said that AM broadcasters should program more talk to stay competitive. I've heard a few Musers mention that very few people below 30 even think of AM radio. Then why is it I hear so many young voices on the telephone to AM stations that play rock? I think AM only will die if those in charge of programming let it or if the decisions made in the 1980's about AM programming are repeated in the '90's. (Hear, hear! -pls) Even though most radio stations no longer sign off, I will do so now.

## Demoralizing, Disgusting, and Deflating

Dave Hascall - 211 N. Merrill - Fortville, IN 46040-1227

Oh, boy ... Since I have been DX'ing in earnest (since 1981), I have never, ever been so frustrated or down. I have an interference problem ... not any ol' TVI, or fluorescent light QRM, but loud, obnoxious "bursts" of energy every few seconds for several DAYS in a row! Two seconds of buzz, two of clear ... imagine if you will: "This is radio W-buzzzzzzzzzz!" coming to you from "buzzzzzzzzzz!" Arggh! Occasionally a static "silent period" occurs for one or two days, but usually I am too depressed or busy to listen on those days. When I do hear a new station, it's normally two to three weeks before I hear another. I don't even feel good enough to report anything!

Public Service Indiana (PSI) did come out, which that fact was surprising, but I realized they weren't "interference specialists" when they showed up with a rickety portable radio with some hokey meter glued to the back. Never found out what the meter was - but it didn't work! They promised to bring out PSI's true interference specialist from HQ in Plainfield, but no dice. They are supposed to have superior equipment - probably a portable with TWO hokey meters, hi. After a hard day at work, I have but one nerve left, and I'll be darned if this interference hasn't already gotten on it!

Have any of you used Microlog's "SWL" interface for the Commodore 64? This device allows you to print-to-screen, CW, RTTY, and other Morse signals. If you have, please contact me by mail ASAP; thanks, everyone! If at all possible I would like to see an NRC computer Bulletin Board Service (BBS). I feel an ANARC board for all DX'ers would become overcrowded. It would be neat if, say an SW club, a scanner users club, and the NRC, could share a BBS. It would be less expensive to share and less crowded.

I have another request for information. I purchased an old RCA portable radio at an auction. It is a "Transistor Seven", model 8-BT-10K, serial No. KVV 009079. The battery pack needed is an RCA type VS 301 - that's the problem, there is no battery box, only a circular bakelite plug with four pins extending out, and three wires coming in: red, white, black. Does the female plug like this still exist? I figure battery pack VS 301 had one on it. I could probably try to rig up a battery box, but I am not good at any electrical procedure, i. e., I don't want to burn it up! The radio is truly in mint condition. The metallic grill has but one scratch on the front, and the light brown cowhide is in super shape. There is no dust anywhere on the chassis; the carrying handle is not coming loose nor are the two snaps to close the back. On the bottom, under the cowhide, there are two strips of wood to support the radio while sitting up, no wear here either. I believe it to be somewhere between 35-40 years old. With the long ferrite rod, this could have DX possibilities. Any help on the battery situation would be greatly appreciated.

Next time I'll describe my small DX totals in detail. Oh, by the way, the QRM is just as bad on battery radios as on AC. 73's.

Andy Rugg, VE2AQP - 669 De Gaspe, Apt. 218 - Nuns' Island, PQ H3E 1J1

BCB DX has been mediocre the last few months. My most interesting experience was using four receivers to complete my 2 new logs. On 3-12, I heard bits and pieces of WSKW-1160 thru dominant WYNS between 6 and 7 am on the "TRF". There was not enough for a report. I did get a report on the "R-390A" between 5:15 and 5:45 pm, before WYNS faded in. I was surprised at the weakness of WSKW's signal. On 4-1, I stumbled across CKTY-1110 giving the gears to WBT around 2:10 am while I was scanning the BCB on the "R-71A". I switched to the "Superadio II" for greater directivity and got a good log during an ad cluster at 2:50. Veries are Grenada-535, CHFN-720, and WARD-1550. My R-390A is on the blink again; I hope to fix it up this summer. Until then, the HQ-180A is my "prime" set. 73.

William T. Farmerie - 62 Sunrise Ave. - Grafton, MA 01519

Strange DX season; started off with enthusiastic early AM TP and DU searching, but lack of much in the way of results plus the onset of cold weather put an end to that in November. Tenth annual Arruda GIG had a low, low turnout (13 souls for 2nd straight year) and all of us were bemoaning the extreme difficulty of domestic DX'ing these days from New England. Based on conversations there plus at another small GIG a month later at Bill Bailey's, I was tempted to write an article on what BCB DX will be like in the coming years. Most all polled think it will just get even worse (and just wait until the no-sky-wave transmitting gets perfected and in wide use). Instead of the article, I think a better idea would be "The Future of BCB DX" (as prognosticated by members) as a Musings theme ASAP (hit it Paul, 1-2-3-4!). I would urge Musers on this theme to try to be optimistic, difficult as that might be. I just see so many formerly active DX'ers virtually giving up on all but call changes and new nearby stations, but they all would get back to the dials if somehow the congested domestic channels opened up a little.

My 1939 Hammarlund HQ-120X is working again, and I find DX'ing with it a real trip. Selectivity and sensitivity are on a par with the HQ-150, full clear audio, and on BCB it would out perform most modern solid state gear. Production stopped in 1940, I believe, and the post-war HQ-129X is a cheaply made substitute. Any others out there using one?

Bill Dulmage - RR #3 - Colborne, ON K0K 1S0

This is my first Musings in about ten years. I've recently returned to the NRC. I've never stopped DX'ing tho. (MN-FM-TV anyway - I just recently returned to SWL'ing after about 5 years). I only log stations now and no longer send out reception reports due to high postage rates (including return postage) and the low rate of responses.

Just to bring you up to date since I left the club: I took the radio broadcasting course at Fanshawe College and then got into the business, starting at CFBK-AM in Huntsville, ON. I then went to Carbonear, NF to CHVO-AM, then CJBQ-AM Belleville, ON. Since 1984, I've been back in my home area working at CHUC-AM Cobourg, where I do the mid-day shift. I'm also music director and verification signer! If you hear our station on 1450 kHz, send in a report!

I'm trying to obtain dates of call letter, frequency, power, studio, and transmitter location changes for my station history files (mainly for stations in Northern NY state and southern Ontario). Does anyone out there keep track of such things?

On Feb. 7, 1988 at 2 am, I heard a station relaying WYNY-FM NYC on 540 kHz. There was no local break on the AM - lots of WYNY ID's, tho. Anyone have any ideas who it might be? I wrote to WYNY, and they have no ideas. According to WYNY it is not a crime for someone to take their signal off the NBC satellite, as long as they are not altering the transmission.

New stations logged recently: WDMV-540, WUJR-1430, WUHN-1110, and WIDG-940 (simulcasting with FM "KC 103"). By the way, CKJD-1110 became CKTY on February 26.

Well, that's enough for now. 73. (Join us often, and welcome to the NRC! -pls)

John R. Malicky - 995 Shadycrest Rd. - Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Hello again! I hope all of you are enjoying my trip story into Ohio and WV last September. I know it's very long, but that is partly due to the logos and large pica type. I felt it would have been too much for Paul and Mike to do and the only way I could get it to appear was to type it myself ... Finding out that even many smaller AM'ers (while on the trip) are automated, either tapes or satellite, has become somewhat depressing, but I know this is what the medium has evolved into. FM is now King of the hill. Although some AM'ers do a fairly good job of trying to mesh the music and local spots ... Here in Pgh, we now have 2 automated OLDIES AM'ers WWSW-970 and WEEP-1080 and while they try their best, I know and maybe others do, too, of the lack of a "true identity" as though they're really not there. In the meantime, for the 6th time in 2 1/2 years a very small Pgh suburb Monroeville station WRVA-WNRZ-WXVX-WNVU-WCXJ and back to WXVX is now changed from VC to "Pgh's true Oldies" station with the request line always open and live DJ's. Problem is, I refer to this one on 1510 as between "a rock and a hard place!" They have to s/off nightly and they only have 250 watts and begin to lose to WLAC one hour before sunset. With all of this in mind, I referred to the very well-written and informative Muse of Wally Wawro in Issue 24 ... On the low end of the dial here (540) the 24-hour classical station WWCS (though using tapes with live hosts) continues to steadily add to their format with a request show, 2 local shows, letting the DJ's speak more, etc. A few weeks ago, I even won tickets and dinner for 2 to the Pgh Symphony April 9! All together valued at \$91.00!

I really enjoy most classical music, though it was the first time I've ever attended a concert. One man was so overwhelmed by a Mozart piano concerto, he snored through it! ... I've also talked to the people at WWCS including the overnight host Tom Ewing and on April 1 got him to believe the station was off the air! (It wasn't, though). He said he'll tell the engineer about that! ... Latest v/1 include WESA-940 PA, KXIC-800 IA, and WRKG-1380 OH ... Finally, through my aunt who receives many things in the mail, she received 2 Arbitron Books for radio, of which I took, filled out, and mailed. The company lists each day as 5-10 AM, 10-3 pm, 3-7 pm, 7-5 am, and pays you \$1. This week I got a letter from them for TV. 73's.

Bill Alisaukas - 7553 Hillside Drive - Douglasville, GA 30134-3332

(404) 489-0404 How do! Many years have passed since I've appeared here! As a re-intro, I'm 41 years old, have been a member on and off (mostly on) since Jerry Bond got me into this club! Yes! I still love DX! A major move last year brought me to the state of GA, and so far, so good! My wife Kim loves it here, and so do I - no more NJ! Goodbye forever, hi!

DX has been slow, as I still can't find my logs, but still, things are happening - such is the reason for this Musings.

New! WPBD-640 has hit the air in Atlanta; they are using the satellite-fed "Black Oldies" format. Very few ID's right now; they've been on for about a week. Once in a while they will carry a news feed on the hour, but so far, rarely. They are currently running 9 am-10 pm; hoping to add morning drive as soon as they can build a library. Power is 50 kW days, 1 kW nights, and at 25 miles or so, the nighttime is OVER Cuba! Oh, well, there goes another frequency, hi. More importantly, reception reports are welcome! Address is as follows: Mr. Denny Ainsworth - c/o Radio Station WPBD - 44 Broad Street, Suite #802 - Atlanta, GA 30303

Mr. Ainsworth will verify reports and is interested in DX as a rule (yes, Paul, he will get a sample and was invited to join, hi!)

Well, after many years absence, I hope my re-acquaintance and information will help someone. (Welcome back, Bill; I'll have to try for WPBD -pls)

Paul Swearingen - Midland, USA

Thanks to veteran DX'er Skip Dabelstein, Overland Park and new member Todd Brandenburg, Silver Lake, my April 2 GIG was most enjoyable, although not overcrowded. Next year I'll try a weekend away from Easter, maybe.

I'm finding that early-morning DX'ing might be the answer to the overcrowded dials, rather DX'ing than the evening. I heard a pair of newies from Arkansas, on 1580 and 1030, around 6 am last Sunday morning, when I woke up and could get back to sleep and naturally reached for the SRF-A100. I'd expect to be able to hear the new Atlantan on 640 about that time, perhaps, after their local sunrise at 4 am CDT this month. 73.