



# DX NEWS

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## DX Tests ...

**December 5, Monday - 2:30-3:00 am EST: WPKY-1010, with tones and coded ID's, at 5 kW**  
**D1. V/s: Bob Uptain, GM - P. O. Box 460 - Dora, AL 35062 ( Wayne Heinen, NRC)**

**December 12, Monday - 2-2:30 am EST: WTBF-970, at 5 kW. V/s: Joey Meredith, Program Director - P. O. Box 747 - Troy, AL 36081 (Jeff Tynan and Wayne Heinen, NRC)**

**December 19, Monday - 2:30-3:00 am EST: WASG-550, including Morse code ID's, at 5 kW.**  
**V/s: R. Dale Gehman, General Manager/Chief Engineer - 1210 S. Main - Atmore, AL 36502 (Wayne Heinen and Jeff Tynan, NRC)**

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## From the editor ...

Attention, editors and contributors: please note the following changes in publication of *DX News* in December:

Deadline	Pub. Date
12. Dec. 10	Dec. 19
13. Dec. 17	Dec. 26
14. Dec. 31	Jan. 9 (as scheduled)

Why? It looks as if I'll take possession of the house I'm buying on December 23, if all goes well, and I'd rather not take a chance of losing contributions. In fact, use the Box 5711 address until further notice.

I'm also taking a long, hard look at the publication schedule of *DXN* from March through October. One suggestion, partly from Bill Hale, is to add an issue or two through the summer, go bi-weekly in October, then run weekly from November through March and bi-weekly again from April until early June. In view of changing DX and reporting habits, I think a change in publication dates may be in order, but I'd like some input, especially from editors and former editors, before I propose a schedule to De Boss.

*IDXD, Musings* ... The erratic schedule of *Musings* and *IDXD* recently has nothing to do with nicer weather in Georgia ... Chuck's job takes him unexpectedly to strange places, and Herman's job has changed, causing him to lose a secretary, even though he was promoted!

Herman promises that although he's behind on typing, he'll catching up rapidly.

*They joined* ... William Plant, Sterling, VA; Jim Glover, Limestone, NY; and Roger Young, N. Charleston, SC.

*Speedy recovery* ... to both Ray Nemece and his wife, who suffered broken ankles, from a bicycle and stairs, respectively, according to Wally Wawro.

## DX Time Machine

### From the pages of *DX News*

**Ten years ago** ... from the December 18, 1978 issue of *DX News*: Chuck Hutton's 17-page *IDXD* included such entries as TGW-640 Guatemala City by Frank Petrick, Endicott, NY, and Paul Swearingen, Moran, KS, and Chuck's logging of 1404 Conakry, Guinea (moving up from 1403) on 11-28 ... Marty Wright, Springfield, IL, promised a DX test from WCVS-1450 ... and Pat Hartlage, Louisville, KY logged KTWO-1030 for his 38th state.

**Twenty-five years ago** ... from the December 7, 1963 issue of *DX News*: Dick Russell, Lynn, MA logged 19 new stations on 11-011 and 24 new ones during the week of 11-25 for 302/66 totals ... Tom Sherman, Manistee, MI logged KORL-650 at 0300 11-25, in the clear ... Ronald F. Schatz, Miami Beach, FL logged KHVH-1040 at 0230 11-17.

**Forty years ago** ... from the December 11, 1948 issue of *DX News*, courtesy of the "Old Timer": 39 tests were listed ... Clarence Mustoe, of Coeur d'Alene, ID reported getting a new National NC-173 ... Ray Edge reported on his efforts of trying to get letter veries from those stations who had verified his reports with cards before ... Kermit Geary, of Walnutport, PA, reported hearing the KOWB f/c to complete his log of Wyoming stations (except for one call change).

# AM SWITCH

Jerry Starr

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

William Hale

2160 Farm To Market Road, Johnson City, NY 13790

## NEUTRON WAVE PARIBLINGS

### CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call:	New call:	Old call:	New call:
760 *New TN Knoxville	WKNL	1340 KFMX TX Lubbock	KMKM
1010 WBIX FL Jacksonville Beach	WXTL	1370 WGTC IN Bloomington	WGCL
1070 WOAM KY Jackson	WEKT	1420 KNOW TX Lufkin	KBLZ
1330 WESR VA Onley	WAYL	1450 KATR CO Greeley	KGRE

### APPLICATIONS/GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

### APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

870 KPRM MN Park Rapids:	day power to 25000 watts
1230 WJNO FL Deerfield Beach:	night power of synchronous XR to 800 watts
1410 WYMB SC Manning:	to 920kHz with 2300/1000 U2
1500 WLQV MI Detroit:	reduce night power to 2000 watts, change antenna system from 12 towers to 9 towers

### GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

540 KJCC CA Carmel Valley:	day power to 10000 watts, antenna to U4
740 KSPO WA Dishman:	relocate XR (new station not on the air)
1600 KLEB LA Golden Meadow:	add 250 watts nights, antenna to U2

### OTHERNESS

840 KIKN TX Pharr:	new station is on the air
930 WLBL WI Auburndale:	listed as being located in Madison in the new Log, address is Madison, but actual location is Auburndale
1120 WWOU FL Destin:	new station is ON THE AIR
1320 WAGF AL Dothan:	station is SILENT (and has been for over a year)
1480 KRXR ID Gooding:	station is SILENT

THANKS to NRCers Wayne Heinen and Doug Smith for their Otherness contributions

73 and Good DX, *Jerry & BKF* Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

## CITY QUIZ

John S. Bowker, Valparaiso, IN

quiz # 13

Only one city in the United States has stations operating at the five dial positions shown below. Of course, there may be other stations in this city too! Can you spot the city?



Here is a hint: it is one of these: New Orleans, Fort Worth, Honolulu (The answer will appear at the end of the next City Quiz in DX News.) The answer to City Quiz # 12: Boston

## Group W selling KOSI, KEZW radio

By Joanne Ostrow

Denver Post Television-Radio Critic

Easy-listening radio station KOSI (101.1 FM), a longtime Denver ratings leader, and sister station KEZW (1490 AM), are being sold by Group W (Westinghouse Broadcasting) to D&D Broadcasting Inc.

Group W officials said Denver's stagnant economy is partly to blame for the company's decision to sell. The sale price reported in

trade publications this week is \$15-16 million.

The company acquired the stations is new. One of the company's principal owners, Steve Dinietz, is formerly of TK Communications in Dallas.

Group W bought both stations from the family of Colorado Republican Sen. William Armstrong. The Armstrong family sold KOSI

for \$8 million in 1981 and KEZW, a big-band music station, for \$3 million in 1986.

Furlong said Denver's economy has hurt station revenues. "...Conditions that exist in the radio business have put pressure on all radio operations to return certain minimum results.

"We felt it best to make new acquisitions elsewhere," he said.

The Denver Post  
-via Gene Martin

■ After the past couple of weeks' worth of reports, we ask the musical question...How can we top that? Well, the answer is to report your DX. It's great to get your reports, and then see them in DX News. Keep those cards and letters coming.

■ Steve Whitt of Ipswich, England, along with Mark Hattam made a DXpedition to Sheigra, Scotland and garnered some fantastic DX. This included what looks like many new Graveyard records. I'll figure it all out and report the results next week.

■ Apologies to Eric Beuneman for mis-IDing him as Roger Winsor in Issue 7. Must have been the late hour of typing and multitude of reporters.

■ Hey, Hey, Hey!! Two new reporters this week, with lots of new DX to report. Bob McCoy of Lincoln, NE and Sheldon Harvey of Greenfield Park, PQ check in with their initial contributions to the column (at least since I took over 2 1/2 years ago). Welcome aboard, gents. Here's hoping we hear more DX from both of you.

## SPECIAL

590 WKHX GA ATLANTA - this is the stn which has dropped \$, not WSB which is still C-Quam (EB-GA)

750 WSB GA ATLANTA - still C-Quam (EB-GA)

770 WVNN AL ATHENS - 11/12 1234+ with Business Radio Network biz talk, various ads & promos for Huntsville/Athens; presume this to be ex:WJHW (DS-TN2)

1120 WWOU FL DESTIN - 11/8 2315 good+poor over Cuban and in KMOX null with election returns, many Ft Walton Beach ads, ROK OLD; was on late for election returns; new stn now on (EB-GA) (Elections are not justification for a daytimer to stay on late. I hope these guys know they are one-WRH)

1260 WNOO TN CHATANOOGA - 11/12 with SMN Heart & Soul UC OLD format (DS-TN2)

1330 WRRR? IL ROCKFORD - 11/11 with NOS; no IDs hrd, but this is format change from what they'd been running as WYBR, and they did use WRRR CLs B4 with NOS format (DS-IL)

1430 WRLT TN MADISON - 11/12 1722 with lite ROK WRLT-FM 100.1 (DS-TN1)

1490 WDXB TN CHATTANOOGA - 11/12 with Classic Rock OLD AOR (DS-TN2)

## UNIDS & UNIDS ID

830 UNID ?? - 11/8 and every night since xint with Latin mx, EE BBD (like one hears in old Fred Astaire movies), female SS anncr; blowing WCCO away; whodis? (JN-NY) & (WRH-NY)

930 WTAD IL QUINCY or WAUR IL SANDWICH may have been Rick Dau's unID of 10/8/88 (EB-GA)

1350 WCOP GA WARNER ROBINS - correction of city-of-license from V58 I7 UNIDS DXN (EB-GA) (Reported as transmitted!-WRH)

1580 WPGC MD MORNINGSIDE - I believe this is the unID 1580 stn being reported lately by DXers up & down the Eastern portion of Canada & the U.S. with Business Network & a general business-oriented format, as reported previously by Jay Novello (WRH)

## PIRATES & OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

1820 WKND PA PITTSBURGH - 10/31 2203 pirate with very little talk; long, futuristic narrative by Richard Burton with ROK mx (sort of a futuristic Jesus Christ Superstar rock opera); IDs with Dr. Who Theme; WKND commercial-free radio; cricket QRM & deep QSBs; monitored > midnight with no address hrd; fair (HF-MI) (I believe this is the stn you hrd, Harold. John Malicky reported same in SPECIAL Issue 7. (WRH)

## MIDNIGHT TO NOODAY

570 KLDD TX DALLAS - 11/13 0010 fair with intermittent \$ over Cuban with AM 57 K-Oldie ID; ad for Royal Waterbeds, PSA, Rok OLD (EB-GA)

710 KEEL LA SHREVEPORT - 11/7 0815 with traffic report, restaurant ad (BMc-NE)  
 820 WBAP TX FT WORTH - 11/8 0005 with C&W mx, Tom Landry speaking for Judge Nathan Hecht (wonder if he won election? hi-WRH), ad for Winfield Truck Stop, 7 miles west of Mount Pleasant, TX; over/under CHAM (not hrd here often here since CHAM's move) (HF-MI)  
 WBAP TX FT WORTH - 11/12 0555 C&W mx, True Value ad; good (EH-NY)  
 WGGM VA CHESTER - 11/12 0055 announced the temp; good @ times (EH-NY)  
 CHAM ON HAMILTON - 11/11 0555 C&W mx by request, song by Willy Nelson; loud (EH-NY)  
 830 WCCO MN MINNEAPOLIS - 11/11 0800 nx & wx; loud, then drifted (EH-NY)  
 870 WWL LA NEW ORLEANS - 11/11 0813 with CLs+CBS Ns; then tlk about someone sending mail to stn+C&W mx; good (EH-NY)  
 1080 WEEP PA PITTSBURGH - 11/17 0727+ dominating channel with OLD mx, The Oldies Channel slogan, nx & sps @ 0730 with many Pgh and area town mentions, tlk about Penguins, Pirates Hi-Lite Film, & Steelers; new (WRH-NY)  
 1120 KMOX ST LOUIS - 11/12 0115 ad for Budweiser, St Louis Blues HKY, nx, Lotto #'s; good (EH-NY)  
 1180 WOBM NJ LAKEWOOD - 11/12 0520 Star Country slogan, assigned frequency; good (EH-NY)  
 1220 WKNX MI FRANKENMUTH - 10/28 0830 with nx, wx, HS FB report; good (BMc-NE)  
 WKBK NH KEENE - 11/8 0922 good with call-in show with poll on U.S. elections; many K&K IDs; new (SH-PQ)  
 1240 WFTN NH FRANKLIN - 11/8 0900 fair with ID for 94 FM; NH wx rpt; story on Laconia Fire Dept; new (SH-PQ)  
 1380 WNRI RI WOODSOCKET - 11/8 0838 fair with CLs (twice), in noise; new (SH-PQ)  
 1470 CKO PQ POINTE CLAIRE - 11/13 0200 Bagpipe mx, then Canadian Ns (EH-NY)  
 1540 KXEL IA WATERLOO - 11/13 0225 with preaching, mixing with WPTF (EH-NY)  
 1550 WARD PA PITTSTON - 10/28 0834 good with nx & lcl ID (SH-PQ)

MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT

530 CJFT ON FT ERIE - 11/7 2356 ID:15-53, the sound of maturity (why the 15?); CJFT radio 530; radio drama & Ink Spots mx; Broadcast News @ Midnight; QRM/NB; good (HF-MI)  
 580 KWTO MO SPRINGFIELD - 11/11 1732 fair over WMIK/WOOF with wx rpt, local ads, farm rpt (EB-GA)  
 820 WKNI AL LEXINGTON - 10/30 1840-50 fair with C&W; 1845 anncr: The Tenn Valley's Best Sps on WKNI 620, Lexington; no ment of WLLX-FM; WTMJ nulled (DS-WI)  
 CFCL ON TIMMINS - 11/9 2218 good with nx & wx in FF; jx & detailed wx for region (SH-PQ)  
 830 CFCC ON CHATHAM - 10/28 2320 fair with The time at CFCC is 11:20 (SH-PQ)  
 840 CFGM ON RICHMOND HILL - 10/14 1800 new here (FW-PA)  
 CFGM ON RICHMOND HILL - 10/27 2319 very good with Toronto's Best Country slogan & 50 minutes of country mx; The new CFGM-640; new (SH-PQ)  
 CFGM ON RICHMOND HILL - 11/6 ex:1320; good with Larry Solway? call-in pgm, trying to get calls going on sex-ed, but folks wanted to talk abt Wayne Gretzky's visit to Toronto; unID EE QRM, probably WHLO (HF-MI)  
 850 WKKQ MN HIBBING - 10/30 1725-35 fair with WSM nulled with ad @ 1728 for Northwestern LP Gas in Grand Rapids+OLD (DS-WI)  
 880 WFAN NY NEW YORK - 10/27 2318 very good with wx 4Caet, SportsRadio 66 & #1 Sports Voice in NY slogans; new (SH-PQ)  
 880 WCNN GA ATLANTA - 11/4 2308 All-Nx 680; GA nx; gave 'way to WPTF (HF-MI)  
 WCAW WV CHARLESTON - 10/30 1715-25 poor with WCAW Haunted House Promo+C&W countdown (DS-WI)  
 890 KVNA AZ FLAGSTAFF - 11/6 Midnight mx+ID; KVNA & KVNA-FM, Flagstaff+NBC Ns; female anncr out of nx with local wx for the canyon & Grand Canyon Recreational Area+male light vocal (PLS-KS)  
 KGGF KS COFFEYVILLE - 11/12 2359 fair+good over CBF with lcl ID, ABC nx, Mid-America's Best, KGGF+C&W mx (EB-GA)  
 720 KSAH TX UNIVERSAL CITY - 11/2 1814 SS:R, Festival IDs, ads for Miller Beer, Lloyd Bentsen for Senate, traffic rpt (BMc-NE)  
 730 WARB LA COVINGTON - 11/11 1855 with deer hunting tips (BMc-NE)  
 780 WSB GA ATLANTA - 11/10 2230 with wx, for Atlanta & Savannah, then talk on Elvis; good (EH-NY)

770 WYRV VA CEDAR BLUFF - 11/12 1715 fair with sign-off anncr Join us again tomorrow morning right here in the heart of the country, WYRV (SH-PQ)  
 790 WNWS FL SOUTH MIAMI - 11/10 2250 ad for a furniture store, then discussion on the election; good (EH-NY)  
 820 WTNY NY WATERTOWN - 11/12 2315 wx rpt (34')+mx (EH-NY)  
 CHAM ON HAMILTON - 11/4 Canada's Country Mx Capital; very good (HF-MI)  
 830 WMMI MI MARSHALL - 10/30 1710-20+ fair with SNN Nx+ID:Mid-Michigan's Mx Stn, we're WMMI, Your Gold Radio+OLD (DS-MI)  
 880 WRFD OH WORTHINGTON - 11/11 1822 good with ad for Charismatic Community Church; REL tik on seat belt regulations?; car dir ad & wx rpt (SH-PQ)  
 KIKR TX CONROE - 11/10 1838 Dodge ad, Paul Harvey; CL given changed from one in new log (BMc-NE) (Yes, mine sez KNRO, too; can anyone from down that way help?-WRH)  
 920 WHEL FL MELBOURNE - 10/28 1919 Solid Gold Saturday Night promo, wx rpt (82'); good (WPT-DC1)  
 CKNX ON WINGHAM - 11/12 1828 C&W mx, ads; a real strong signal here (TF-CT)  
 930 WYNI AL MONROEVILLE - 11/12 1813-20 fair with ads for Slender You Diet Center in Monroeville @ 575-3420 & an insurance agency @ 743-4045+sps rpt with Y-93 anncr (DS-TN1)  
 WRXJ FL JACKSONVILLE - 11/11 2155-2200 poor with trivia question promo, WRXJ anncrs; still need Fla from home (DS-TN1)  
 CFBC NB SAINT JOHN - 11/12 1818 very good with ads for Irving Oil & Vito's Restaurant; promo for Sunday Morning Snapshots pgm; ID:93-CFBC AM \$ (SH-PQ)  
 940 WHAZ GA MACON - 11/5 1700 > WKGW went to nite pattern, way atop frequency with Saturday Scoreboard call-in show tele # 741-9494 (TF-CT)  
 990 WVSC PA SOMERSET - 11/11 1830 good with lcl nx by female, ads @ 2132; new (SH-PQ)  
 1010 KHLT AR LITTLE ROCK - 10/30 1835-1900+ fair with U.S. Hall of Fame (syndicated rock OLD show); 1900:KHLT, KHLT-FM Little Rock ID (DS-WI)  
 1020 WNTK NH NEWPORT - 11/4 1829 good with ads for Ransom's Furniture & Chevy dir; promo for Gerry Baker gardening show; ID:Newstalk WNTK, Newport-White River Jct; new (SH-PQ)  
 1030 WBZE MD INDIAN HEAD - 10/27 1700-1830 sent page report, but returned-not sufficient address; at times overpowered WBZ; now signs off @ 1700; new here (FW-PA) (Frank, the new log sez their address is: Box 3-B, Montgomery Lane, Waldorf, MD 20801-WRH)  
 WXSS TN MEMPHIS - 10/30 1900-08 fair with NBN nx; 1905 WXSS Color Wx Radar (DS-WI)  
 1050 WUKQ NY NEW YORK - 11/7 2310 good with mix of SS & EE ballads & a few upbeat SS vocals; very little talk to ads @ 2335 (HF-MI)  
 1080 WNOE LA NEW ORLEANS - 10/30 1908-15+ good with KYW nulled; C&W mx; 1911 anncr:WNOE FM101 & 1060 AM playing the most mx (DS-WI)  
 1090 WILD MA BOSTON - 11/4 1820 very good with The Hot One, WILD (SH-PQ)  
 1110 WUHN MA PITTSFIELD - 11/4 1808 good with ID & paid POL anncr; song by Glen Campbell (SH-PQ)  
 WNNW NH SALEM - 11/4 1815 good with Your Motivational Stn, WNN; continuous motivational talks; new (SH-PQ)  
 WBT NC CHARLOTTE - 11/13 2335 with temp. & anncr giving away tix to show; good (EH-NY)  
 KTEK TX ALVIN - 10/27 1908 with REL, traffic report; in rare KFAB null; sign-off @ 1945 (BMc-NE)  
 CKTY ON SARNIA - 11/18 2100+ with C&W mx (change from CHR, as in Log?) & 332-5710 phone #; way over usually dominy WBT, who had Charlotte Hornets BKB; new (WRH-NY)  
 1120 WKQW PA OIL CITY - 11/9 1818 very good with wx for Oil City & Frankfurt area; Favorites of Yesterday & Today and Great Hits Today slogans; ID:Your favorite stn, WKQW (SH-PQ)  
 1130 WCXI MI DETROIT - 11/17 1850-1700 good with C&W mx, Real Country slogan, many Detroit & Mich ments; new (WRH-NY)  
 1140 KPRW OK OKLAHOMA CITY - 11/10 2039 good+fair in WRVA null with UC, Power 1140 slogans; must have been on late (EB-GA)  
 1150 WCNX CT MIDDLETOWN - 11/12 1551 very good with promo for Rock & Roll Saturday Night OLD show; You're being entertained by America's Best Music, WCNX+song by Chicago (SH-PQ)  
 WHEX MA BOSTON - 10/31 1850 very good with Traffic Tranquilizer, Are You Lonesome Tonight? by Elvis, WBZ-TV promo for The Tenant Trap (SH-PQ)  
 WELC WV WELCH - 11/5 1712-15 2 ads and a quick sign-off; atop frequency (TF-CT)

1180 WSKW ME SKOWHEGAN - 11/14 2345 live with AM 1160 WSKW mixing with Cuban stn in EE; good (EH-NY)  
 WCCS PA HOMER CITY - 10/28 1735 good with PSAs What to do in Indiana County; 11-60 Computer Wx rpts (SH-PQ)  
 WOBM NJ LAKEWOOD - 11/12 1858 C&W mx, ID for Star Country & 24 hour operation; lcl nx @ 1700; mixing with WSKW/WYNS; 1st-timer (TF-CT)  
 1170 WWVA WV WHEELING - 10/30 1705-08 fair with WV nx, WWVA Skywatch Wx with Dennis Simms @ 1807-C&W mx; WV #1 (DS-WI)  
 1200 WAGE VA LEESBURG - 11/11 1854 good+fair over WQDQ with U. of Virginia FB promo, Special Olympics PSA, AC mx, ID @ 1700, MBS Nx (EB-GA)  
 1210 WKNX MI FRANKENMUTH - 10/30 1702 good with Saginaw vs Ft Wayne minor league HKY (DS-WI)  
 1220 WSLM IN SALEM - 10/28 1840 Trading Post show, Four Seasons Market ad; last hrd in 1977 on snow emergency (BMc-NE)  
 1230 WCBT NC ROANOKE RAPIDS - 11/14 1740 sps, ment of NC, ID; fair (WPT-DC1)  
 WKBO PA HARRISBURG - 11/10 1800 with wx rpt, ID; fair (WPT-DC2)  
 1300 WAVZ CT NEW HAVEN - 11/10 1725 with nx, wx; fair (WPT-DC2)  
 WAOK GA ATLANTA - 11/10 1851 Boardwalk promo, song by Englebert Humperdinck; good, ex:1380 (WPT-DC3)  
 1320 WATR CT WATERBURY - 11/4 1859 good with ID; The One You Turn To-WATR; CBS Nx (SH-PQ)  
 WDER NH DERRY - 11/4 1858 good with local nx, ments of Laconia, sps (SH-PQ)  
 WJAS PA PITTSBURGH - 11/12 1804 good with wx rpt+NOS (DS-TN1)  
 1380 WAMS DE WILMINGTON - 11/8 1810 promo for election returns to be hrd from Wilmington and Dover; ID:1380-WAMS folod by OLDies; on top for 10 minutes!! (TF-CT)  
 KGLD MO ST LOUIS - 11/11 1752 good over WAOK with ads for Crossroads Furn & KMOV-TV, Channel 4, OLD show promo, Accu-Traffic, 1380 K-Gold Jx-ROK OLD; St Louis #4 (EB-GA)  
 1480 WXOK LA BATON ROUGE - 11/11 2210-15 poor with UC; ID @ 2213 (DS-TN1)  
 1470 WTKO NY ITHACA - 11/17 1920 new here (FW-PA)  
 1480 WSAY VA SALEM - 11/5 ID for AM 1480, WSAY, GOS mx folod by a fire & brimstone sermon by Rev Mitchell (TF-CT)  
 1510 WNLC CT NEW LONDON - 11/12 1500 good with ID+CBS Nx (SH-PQ)  
 WHHQ NJ DOVER - 11/13 Giants FB ad, ID for AM 1510-WHHQ, Best of the mx of the 50's, 60's & 70's, and the excitement of Giants FB; all under WSSH-Boston (TF-CT)  
 1540 WKIE VA RICHMOND - 11/10 1701 fair+poor over WZAL/KXEL with The Beat of the City, WKIE Richmond ID+UC mx; was looking for WSMI (EB-GA)  
 1580 WPHD MS PASCAGOULA - 11/14 1750 with C&W song, promo for pgm on WKRG-TV 5 (Mobile); xInt (WPT-DC1)  
 1800 WLNG NY SAG HARBOR - 11/10 1740 with nx, wx, ment of Easthampton; no sign of WINX or WWRL; good (WPT-DC2)  
 WPDC PA ELIZABETHTOWN - 11/3 1738 nx by female, sps, wx; fair (WPT-DC2)

REPORTERS:

FW-PA Frank Wheeler//Erie, PA//2837 hrd, 1787 veries  
 HF-MI Harold Frodge//Midland, MI//Icom R71A + 185' SW  
 EB-GA Eric Beuneman//Woodstock, GA//DX-200, TM-152, SM-2  
 RMc-NE Bob McCoy//Lincoln, NE//RF-2200  
 SH-PQ Sheldon Harvey//Greenfield Park, PA//ICF8800-W + 3/4 ft indoor rotatable loop  
 DS-WI Doug Smith//Madison, WI//ICF-2010 barefoot  
 DS-TN1 Doug Smith//Nashville, TN motel room//ICF-2010 barefoot  
 DS-TN2 Doug Smith//in or near Chattanooga, TN//Mercury caradio  
 DS-IL Doug Smith//in Rockford, IL//Mercury caradio  
 EH-NY Edwin Headley//St Albans, Queens, NY//R-1000 + 80' LW, Attic Loop, Passive Tuner  
 WPT-DC1 Bill Townshend//DXing at home//ICF-2010  
 WPT-DC2 Bill Townshend//DXing 1 block west of White House/Realistic Portavision 40  
 WPT-DC3 Bill Townshend//DXing in front of National Geographic Bldg, 17th & H Sts NW/Portavision 40  
 PLS-KS Paul Swearingen//Topeka, KS//HQ-180 + unamplified Senserino loop  
 JN-NY Jay Novello//Endicott, NY//ICF-2010  
 TF-CT Tony Fitzherbert//Fairfield, CT//Superadio  
 WRH-NY Ye Editor//Johnson City, NY//Delco ETR or \*Superadio

73, Bill

DOMESTIC DX DIGEST - WEST

Nancy Hardy

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It's another busy week in DDXD-West-land, hi. Deadlines here are each Saturday. Remember to send two reports if you want to report to both DDXD-West and IRCA's WDXR. No computer here yet (but maybe in the future).

\*\*SPECIAL\*\*

1030 KBEqt MO BLUE SPRINGS - 10/24 0630 no ID, "In Kansas City it's hit station Q-104," over WEZ. Ex-KKJC. (DA-CO)

MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT

530 WNAG556 CA CORONADO - 11/1 has been running nothing but OC for several weeks now. (TRH-CA)  
 560 KWTO MO SPRINGFIELD - 11/13 2241 poor under KLZ. "Solid Gold Country" MO #21. (JT-CO)  
 650 CKOM SK SASKATOON - 10/24 2306 "9 o'clock at CKOM," spots for Sundance Motors. 5th SK. (DA-CO)  
 810 CKJS MB WINNIPEG - 10/24 2330 ID on half hour into relig. Catholic Rosary. MB #3. (DA-CO)  
 840 KVEG NV NORTH LAS VEGAS - 11/15 1924 good with DJ chatter & AdCon. ID "AM-840." (JW-OR)  
 860 CBKF2 SK SASKATOON - 10/24 2341 FF ID on hour. SK #6. (DA-CO)  
 930 KRTH CA LOS ANGELES - 11/11 dominant at 2120 "The Southland's #1 Skokir' Oldies Station." (JT-CO)  
 960 KLAD OR KLAMATH FALLS - 11/15 1930 very good with ID, news. Apparent change back from KKLK. (JW-OR)  
 1030 KDUN OR REEDSPORT - 11/15 1943 fair-good with QRM. Local spots, ID. (JW-OR)  
 1050 CKSBt MB WINNIPEG - 10/25 2156 FF, no ID on hour. Islanders & Bruins game. Good conditions to NE, CFW very strong on Beverage, 30db stronger than CKSB. (DA-CO)  
 1060 KGFX SD PIERRE - 10/25 "KGFX weather...31 degrees in Pierre." (DA-CO)  
 1070 CKST/CHMG AB ST. ALBERT - 11/10 good under KNX 2147. ID as "1070 Gold." Will check out ID with reception report. (JT-CO)  
 1080 CKSA AB LLOYDMINSTER - 11/10 strong at 2228 in KRLD null. CHR with top 5 at 9. AB #16. (JT-CO)  
 1230 KBMN MT BOZEMAN - 11/2 2159 election returns promo by woman, ID 2200 into ABC-I news. Very good over all. New. (NH-WA)  
 KLCB MT LIBBY - 11/2 1933 detailed weather report for east & west of the continental divide, 1935 faint ID, PSA, ID 1938, local news, ad. 1951 EBS test "...serving Lincoln County." Fair-poor. New. (NH-WA)  
 1240 KFOR NE LINCOLN - 10/25 2255 promo for KFOR AM show. 437 miles, NE #14. (DA-CO)  
 1290 KUMA OR PENDLETON - 11/15 1951 fair with area spots, news, ID mentioned Milton-Freewater. (JW-OR)  
 1310 KLIX ID TWIN FALLS - 11/15 2141 poor with local spots, mention of Twin Falls. (JW-OR)  
 1320 UNID OK ??? - Clinton-Weatherford area, KXOL? Continuous loop with spots for Arapahoe Community Center, New Life Book Store, Butler Community Center, repeated over & over with 10 sec. break between anncts. Never heard anything like it before on BC band. First noted 10/24 2200 on top all evening and next several nights. (DA-CO)  
 1330 CJYM SK ROSETOWN - 10/24 2247 "JYM" IDs by female DJ into MYL. (DA)  
 1380 KLPzt AZ PARKER - 11/14 1904 poor under KOTA with ad for Clifford Motors in Blythe. (JT-CO)  
 1440 KOPA AZ SCOTTSDALE - 10/24 2025 "The new oldies station, KOPA." (DA)  
 KODL OR THE DALLES - 11/10 2043 fair with sixties music, ID. Rare here. (JW-OR)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

650 WKKQ MN NASHWAUK - 10/24 0907 local news and spots, MN #8. (DA-CO)  
 CISL BC RICHMOND - MM 11/7 0338-0400 fair, best signal ever with oldies, lots of "C-Isle 6-50" slogans, ads, promos, PSAs. Finally enough for a follow-up report. Good northern conditions tonight. (TRH-CA)  
 670 KWXI AR GLENWOOD - 11/11 poor-fair 0750 "Kwixie Country." AR #10.(JT)  
 690 KBLI ID BLACKFOOT - MM 11/7 0430-0500 poor, but readable under KHEY, CBKFI. Should be Transtar NOS, but wasn't //KMPC-710. Maybe Transtar MYL now? Faded up nicely for IDs 0438, 0441 & 0500. Not bad for 40 watts. New, ID #14. (TRH-CA)

690 UNID ?? ??? - MM 11/7 0340 Best of King very weak under KHEY. Suspect WTX, which I need for a follow-up report. (TRH-CA)

730 KIZN ID BOISE - MM 11/7 0507 fair-good, on top of the channel with usual C&W FM simulcast, "KIZN 93 FM" IDs. 84w at night, per station. Station is really friendly on the phone, but I still don't have my verie, hi. (TRH-CA)

750 KXL OR PORTLAND - 11/10 0706 poor under WSB. "KXL, Newsradio 75." OR #6. (JT-CO)

760 KMTL AR SHERWOOD - 11/10 0745 s/on 0745 with Nat. Anthem. "Stay tuned for the finest in Christian programming." Faded quickly after s/on. (JT-CO)

CKQR BC CASTLEGAR - 11/10 0615 good in WJR null. "QR-76." Profile of Carole King. BC #6. (JT-CO)

770 KATL MT MILES CITY - 10/24 0953 "?? KATL" under KKO. MT #7. (DA-CO)

800 CKOK BC PENTICTON - MM 11/7 0545 weak, under KNKK (which was stomping all over XEROK despite only running 30 watts!). Male DJ took a request for a Three Dog Night song. (TRH-CA)

810 KBHbt SD STURGIS - 10/24 0924-0950 no ID. Spots for Rapid City, Key Ford, 1st Western Bank, Black Hills Yamaha. (DA-CO)

830 KUYO WY EVANSVILLE - 10/24 0900 "This is gospel radio KUYO Evansville-Casper, the Enterprise Network." 10 WY. (DA-CO)

840 KVEG NV NORTH LAS VEGAS - 11/18 0801 good in CKEX null, ending Sergio Mendez and Brasil '66, 0801 1/2 "Las Vegas Calling, KVEG, North Las Vegas." KVEG News, sports, Las Vegas weather, back to music 0804. Station #9961 (BH-WA)

(KVEG) NV NORTH LAS VEGAS - MM 11/7 0414 totally off this morning, despite repeated statements by DJs that they're NSP. Left previously-"usual" WHAS & Cuba, neither of which puts a dent in KVEG normally. (TRH-CA)

880 KRVN NE LEXINGTON - 11/13 s/on 0658. Was off 0600-0658SM. (JT-CO)

890 KDXU UT ST. GEORGE - 10/24 1006 "KDXU local news." (DA-CO)

900 WWLK KY EDDYVILLE - 10/24 0859 s/on? "...listening to WWLK, Eddyville Kentucky." (DA-CO)

930 KROE WY SHERIDAN - 10/24 1000 LD under KOGA. WY #11. (DA-CO)

980 KGLN CO GLENWOOD SPRINGS - 10/24 1019 local spots & ID, poor. (DA)

KUPI ID AMMON - 10/24 1009 "KUPI Idaho Falls, 98 Gold," local spots. (DA-CO)

KDSJ SD DEADWOOD - 10/24 1015 "drugstore of Deadwood" spot & wx. (DA)

990 KRKS CO DENVER - 11/11 0600 with relig. program. Night facility is now on. (WH-CO)

CEW MB WINNIPEG - 11/11 0600 s/on noted under KRKS. (WH-CO)

1000 WTAK AL HUNTSVILLE - 10/24 0755-0807 "Huntsville's R&R station WTAK," patter by two male DJs with southern accents, local spots. (DA)

KXRE SD SIOUX FALLS - 10/24 0604 local weather & ID, o/u WTAK. (DA)

1070 KFPI KS WICHITA - "KFPI traffic report sponsored by Vulcan Chemical." KS #28. (DA-CO) (Date & time?--NH)

CKST AB ST. ALBERT - 10/24 0650 still 1070, non-ID "1070 Gold" and local spots. (DA-CO)

1100 KKLLt MO WEBB CITY - 10/24 0915 no ID, local spots for Joplin into relig. (DA-CO)

1110 KTEK TX ALVIN - 11/13 s/on 0744 with 2500 watts. "Houston's Christian Information Station, KTEK." (JT-CO)

1120 KLIM CO LIMON - 11/13 s/on 0801 with SM GOS program. (JT-CO)

1180 (KERI) CA BAKERSFIELD - 11/10 0620 totally off, leaving KOFI and a new Mexican station (calls like XESM or XESN). (TRH-CA)

1270 KTPI ID TWIN FALLS - 10/18 s/on 0659 into NBC News (correction to last report). (WH-CO)

KNWC SD SIOUX FALLS - 10/27 0912 Sioux Falls weather, relig., o/u KIML. SD #13. (DA-CO)

1320 KOLT NE SCOTTSELUFF - 11/13 s/on at 0853. (JT-CO)

KHRT ND MINOT - 10/25 1001 ID asking listeners for 50 cents a day to keep relig. programming on air. ND #7. (DA-CO)

KELO SD SIOUX FALLS - 10/27 0854 "AM 1320 KELO Sioux Falls," the Weatherford Bulletin Board with same messages as 1024. (DA)

1330 KWLO IA WATERLOO - 10/25 0912 local news & ID. (DA-CO)

KGAKt NM GALLUP - 10/25 0945-0955 no ID, two male DJs "On Target Sports" & local spots for Gallup and Farmington. (DA-CO)

KVKMt TX MONAHANS - 10/25 "Hotline Swap Program," no ID. (DA) (Time?--NH)

1390 KDZR CO DENVER - Now noted running NSP with "Z-Rock" satellite format. (WH-CO)

KENN NM FARMINGTON - 10/27 0028 "where winning is always 139 KENN." NM #15. (DA-CO)

1400 KRLN CO CANON CITY - 11/16 s/on at 0659. (JT-CO)

1440 WGEM IL QUINCY - 11/11 0606 noted briefly topping the channel with local news. (WH-CO)

1480 UNID ND ??? - 10/24 weather & spots for Williston. No station in my 8th Ed. Log. (DA-CO) (Most likely KGEX, Sidney, MT--NH)

1530 KQNK KS NORTON - 10/27 0900 "Celebrating a quarter century, KQNK in Norton." KS #30. (DA-CO)

1560 KCJJ IA IOWA CITY - 11/10 0510 very weak in XEBG-1550 slop. Satellite AdCon, male DJ gave Johnson County weather forecast. New. (TRH-CA)

WQXR NY NEW YORK - 11/10 0540 poor but steady with usual classical music. Rarely heard with local XEBG on. (TRH-CA)

KEGG TX DAINGERFIELD - 11/4 s/on 0715 with male then female annr. with days programming and a childrens song. Faded under KKOA (correction for last report). (WH-CO)

1580 KFDF AR VAN BUREN - 11/11 0701 s/on weak under KNIX. (WH-CO)

1600 KRXY CO LAKEWOOD - Doug Allen's Vol. 56 #7 UNID "Y-108" is simulcast of FM for this one. (WH-CO)

1610 WXX790 AZ PHOENIX SKY HARBOR AIRPORT - MM 11/7 0326 surprisingly good with usual parking info. Great for 8 watts! (TRH-CA)

REPORTERS

DA-CO/Doug Allen, Woodland Park, CO/TRF, TS 430 S, 160 meter dipole, and 620' NE-SW Beverage

TRH-CA/Tim Hall, Chula Vista, CA/ICF-2010, Radio West loop

BH-WA/Bill Hardy, Aberdeen, WA/FRG-7, Radio West loop

NH-WA/Nancy Hardy, Aberdeen, WA/FRG-7, Radio West loop

WH-CO/Wayne Heinen, Aurora, CO

JT-CO/Jeff Tynan, Parker, CO/Sony 2002 with JT-4 loop

JW-OR/Jack Woods, DX'ing at Corvallis, OR/Barlow Wadley XCR-30, Hammarlund RBG, Hot Rod loop, AN-1 active antenna

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# FCC Rules: EBS, Night Patterns

via Pete Kemp

## FCC BROADCAST RULES RELATING TO TRANSMISSION OF EMERGENCY INFORMATION

This notice contains the full text of FCC rules concerning the activation and use of the Emergency Broadcast System by individual stations to transmit EMERGENCY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF LIFE AND PROPERTY. Specific authority for stations at their own discretion to activate a local EBS emergency action notification. Rule Section 73.1250 covers procedures for AM stations to use maximum facilities and for DAYTIME STATIONS TO OPERATE DURING EXTENDED HOURS TO TRANSMIT EMERGENCY INFORMATION. Sections 73.1635 and 73.1685 contain information concerning restoration of operation after transmitting equipment damage.

This notice contains the following rules:

Section 73.913	Emergency Broadcast System Authorization
Section 73.935	Day to day emergencies posing a threat to life and property.
Section 73.936	Emergency Broadcast System operation during a state level emergency.
Section 73.937	Emergency Broadcasting System operation during a local level Emergency.
Section 73.1250	Broadcasting Emergency Information.
Section 73.1635	Special Temporary Authorizations.
Section 73.1685	Emergency Antennas

NOTE: NONPARTICIPATING EBS STATIONS MAY ACTIVATE UNDER EBS PROCEDURES AND BROADCAST EMERGENCY INFORMATION FOR STATE AND LOCAL AREA EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

### Section 73.913 Emergency Broadcast System Authorization.

(a) This authorization is issued by the FCC to licensees of broadcast stations to permit operation on a voluntary, organized basis during a National emergency consistent with the provisions of this subpart of the rules and regulations. This authorization will remain in effect during the period of the initial license and subsequent renewals unless returned by the holder or suspended, modified or withdrawn by the Commission.

(b) An EBS Authorization is not required in order to participate on a voluntary, organized basis in State and Operational (Local) Area Emergency Broadcast System operations as set forth in Section 73.935.

(c) Any non-participating broadcast station may request an EBS authorization by making such request via informal letter to the FCC in Washington, D.C. 20554.

### Section 73.935 Day-To-Day emergencies posing a threat to the safety of life and property; State Level and Operational (Local) Area Level Emergency Action Notification.

(a) State level or Operational (Local) Area Level. The EBS may be activated at this level by AM, FM, and TV broadcast stations, at management's discretion, in connection with day-to-day emergency situations posing a threat to the safety of life and property. Examples of emergency situations which may warrant either an immediate or delayed response by the licensee are: Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, tidal waves, earthquakes, icing conditions, heavy snows, widespread fires, discharge of toxic gases, widespread power failures, industrial explosions, and civil disorders.

(b) Stations originating emergency communications under this Section shall be deemed to have conferred rebroadcast authority, as required by Section 325(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 73.1207 of the rules and regulations, on other participating stations.

### Section 73.936 Emergency Broadcast System operation during a State level emergency.

(a) An EBS Checklist will be posted at normal duty positions where it

shall be immediately available to broadcast station personnel responsible for EBS action.

(b) Operations will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the State EBS Operational Plan.

(c) An EBS Authorization is not required for a broadcast station to participate in the operation of the State-Level EBS.

(d) Immediately upon receipt of a State level Emergency Action Notification all licensees and cable networks and systems participating may at the discretion of management, proceed as follows:

(1) Monitor the State Relay Network (Primary Relay Stations) for receipt of any further instructions from the Originating Primary Relay Station.

(2) Monitor the Primary Stations designated as the CPCS for your Operational (Local) Area for receipt of any further instructions.

(3) All licensees participating in the State level EBS shall discontinue normal programming and follow the transmission procedures set forth in the appropriate EBS Checklist and State EBS Operational Plan (s 73.921) under the State and Local Level Instructions. Stations which provide foreign language programming may transmit emergency announcements in the foreign language prior to broadcasting such announcements in English. TV broadcast stations shall display an appropriate EBS slide and then transmit all announcements visually and aurally in the manner described in Section 73.1250(h).

(4) Upon completion of the above transmission procedures, resume normal programming until receipt of the cue from the CPCS for your Operational (Local) Area, or Primary Relay Station of the State EBS Network. At that time begin broadcasting the State level common emergency program received from one of the following sources:

(i) Common Program Control Station for your Operational (Local) Area.

(ii) Any Primary Relay Station of the State Relay Network.

(5) All licensees may resume normal broadcast operations upon conclusion of the State level EBS broadcast.

### Section 73.937 Emergency Broadcast System operation during an Operational (Local) Area emergency.

(a) An EBS Checklist will be posted at normal duty positions where it shall be immediately available to broadcast station personnel responsible for EBS actions.

(b) Operations will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the State EBS Operational Plan.

(c) An EBS Authorization is not required for a broadcast station to participate in the operation of the local-level EBS.

### Section 73.1250 Broadcasting emergency information.

(a) Emergency situations in which the broadcasting of information is considered as furthering the safety of life and property include, but are not limited to the following: Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, tidal waves, earthquakes, icing conditions, heavy snows, widespread fires, discharge of toxic gasses, widespread power failures, industrial explosions, civil disorders and school closing and changes in school bus schedules resulting from such conditions. See also Section 73.3542, Application for Emergency Authorization, for requirements involving emergency situations not covered by this Section for which prior operating authority must be requested.

(b) If requested by responsible public officials, a station may, at its discretion, and without further FCC authority, transmit emergency point-to-point messages for the purpose of requesting or dispatching aid and assisting in rescue operations.

(c) If the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) is activated for a national level emergency while a local or State level emergency operation is in progress, the national level EBS operation shall take precedence. If, during

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# A hit on the radio

The beat goes on after 65 years on air because WROK/ZOK set the beat



Kay McKinley/The Register Star

On-air personalities are (front row from left) Steve Summers and Kathy Hart both for WZOK and Joe Larson for WROK; Sara Freeman (center) and Doug McDuff, Dan Willis and Riley O'Neil (back row, from left), all for WROK.

## 1923 to 1988

- 1923: The Rev. A.T. Frickman founds the original WROK-AM and gives it the call letters KFLV. The format is religious.
- 1929: The station is purchased by Rockford Broadcasters Inc. Programming includes religious as well as music and commercial shows.
- 1929: The station is moved to the Faust Hotel on East State Street.
- 1930: The station becomes affiliated with Rockford Newspapers Inc.; studios are moved to the News Tower until 1962.
- 1933: Call letters are changed to WROK to place the station in Rockford.
- 1948: WROK-AM becomes one of the first stations in the country to experiment with FM. WROK-FM is born and later becomes WZOK.
- 1962: Station moves to 3901 Brendenwood Road, its current home.
- 1963: WROK is sold to Bloomington Broadcasting Corp., which is headed by Vernon Nolte, who acquires 100 percent of the stock in 1977.



The news team — (from left) Fred Speer, Karen Wood, Ken DeCoster and John Strandin — sets the station apart from other operations.

By Mark Curnutte

The Register Star

"Make us like WROK."

Radio consultant John Lund hears that phrase from many of his AM radio station clients around the country.

"The dream of many stations is to become another WROK," Lund said Tuesday from Denver. "It is one of the top four or five AM stations in the United States."

WROK marked its 65th anniversary and sister station WZOK-FM its 40th year Tuesday night with a Chamber of Commerce After Hours Party.

The stations, under the management of Nolte Communications Inc. since 1983, have a lot to celebrate. WZOK, which follows a contemporary hits radio format, and WROK (news and information) consistently have been the top two stations in Rockford radio.

Arbitron, a New York-based ratings agency, surveys the market each spring. For 1988, WZOK was No. 1 with a 20.7 share (percentage of listening audience), and WROK was second at 16.6. It's not the first time the stations have finished 1-2.

"In markets such as Chicago, you have three or four AM stations combining for that share," Lund said. "WROK is a single AM station getting that much alone."

Nationwide, less than 20 percent of radio listeners tune to AM, Lund added.

WROK has survived the trend away from AM because it doesn't dwell on its past.

"No one can hit a moving target," said John Nolte, the president and general manager of Nolte Communications. "As static as WROK may seem at times, we're always re-evaluating."

"We've tried different things on both stations but haven't been afraid to admit we made mistakes."

When the call letters WROK are mentioned by station managers looking for a quick ratings fix, Lund reminds them it never was allowed to decay.

"Management kept the quality high," he said. "A lot of these stations are pulling a 1.5 share and want to be No. 1 in a year. I tell them it can't be done. It takes commitment over a period of many years."

Lund, president of The Lund Consultants to Broadcast Management, a San Francisco-based company, is a 25-year radio veteran and has worked with Nolte Communications for the past seven years.

"WROK is the classic AM station of 10 years ago that didn't stop being great," he explained. "During this age of specialization, many stations are all talk or all music or all news."

"WROK specializes in many things — news, talk, morning personality, a good blend of music."

Moreover, WROK is unique to Rockford.

"During the era of 'shut up and play the music,' WROK captures life in Rockford," Lund said. "Listening to the station is like looking in a mirror. It truly reflects the market. You couldn't drop it in Muncie or Lafayette (Ind.)."

"I got up at 5 a.m. this morning, looked out my hotel window and saw the first snowstorm of the year hitting Denver. Here, I turned to a news station. In Rockford, you

would turn to WROK.

"It's 10 a.m., and you're out and about. You hear a siren and see a fire in the sky. You know (reporter Fred) Speer is going to be there. WROK does everything well."

Doing so many things well costs money, Lund added.

The two Nolte stations employ about 50 full-time workers, including six in the news department.

"Many satellite stations have about a fifth as many employees and no news people," he said. "That saves money but decreases quality. Listeners notice."

David Salisbury, a Nolte Communications vice president and radio consultant, said the stations' local ownership puts money back into its product.

"Outside ownership just takes the money and runs," said the 28-year radio executive.

"We've invested in the product and didn't lose sight of serving the community. By doing these things we've helped ourselves."

Speer, a 30-year news reporter, said the stations' success is due to commitment — of time and of personnel.

"Our news distinguishes us from other stations," he added.

Even its competitors have had kind words for the stations.

"ZOK does a great job of what they do," Mike Thomas, a former program director of WYBR-FM, said in 1987. "We knew when we came into town we couldn't knock them off."

"And WROK — they are a legend in this town. People depend on them. We work around them."

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the broadcasting of local or State emergency information, the attention signal described in Section 73.906 is used, the broadcasts are considered as being carried out under a State level or local level EBS operational plan.

(d) Any emergency operation undertaken in accordance with this Section may be terminated by the FCC if required in the public interest.

(e) Immediately upon cessation of an emergency during which broadcast facilities were used for the transmission of point-to-point messages under paragraph (b) of this section, or when daytime facilities were used during nighttime hours by an AM station in accordance with paragraph (f) of this section, a report in letter form shall be forwarded to the FCC in Washington, D.C., setting forth the nature of the emergency, the dates and hours of the broadcasting of emergency information, and a brief description of the material carried during the emergency. A certification of compliance with the noncommercialization provision of paragraph (f) of this Section must accompany the report where daytime facilities are used during nighttime hours by an AM station, together with a detailed showing, under the provisions of that paragraph, that no other broadcast service existed or was adequate.

(f) AM stations may, without further FCC authority, use their full daytime facilities during nighttime hours to broadcast emergency information (examples listed in paragraph (a) of this section), when necessary to the safety of life and property, in dangerous conditions of a general nature and when adequate advance warning cannot be given with the facilities authorized. Because of skywave interference impact on other stations assigned to the same channel, such operation may be undertaken only if regular, unlimited-time service, is non-existent, inadequate from the standpoint of coverage, or not serving the public need. All operation under this paragraph must be conducted on a noncommercial basis. Recorded music may be used to the extent necessary to provide program continuity.

(g) Broadcasting of emergency information shall be confined to the hours, frequencies, powers and modes of operation specified in the station license, except as otherwise provided for AM stations in paragraph (f) of this section.

(h) Any emergency information transmitted by a TV station in accordance with this Section shall be transmitted both aurally and visually or only visually. TV stations may use any method of visual presentation which results in a legible message conveying the essential emergency information. Methods which may be used include, but are not necessarily limited to, slides, electronic captioning, manual methods (e.g., hand printing) or mechanical printing processes. However, when emergency operation is being conducted under a national, State or local level Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) plan, emergency information shall be transmitted both aurally and visually.

Section 73.1635 Special temporary authorizations (STA).

(a) A special temporary authorization (STA) is the authority granted to a permittee or licensee to permit the operation of a broadcast facility for a limited period at a specified variance from the terms of the station authorization or requirements of the FCC rules applicable to the particular class of station.

(1) A request for a STA should be filed with FCC in Washington, D.C. at least 10 days prior to the date of the proposed operation.

(2) The request is to be made by letter and shall fully describe the proposed operation and the necessity for the requested STA. Such letter requests shall be signed by the licensee or the licensee's representative.

(3) A request for a STA necessitated by unforeseen equipment damage or failure may be made without regard to the procedural requirements of this Section (e.g. via telegram or telephone). Any request made pursuant to this paragraph shall be followed by a written confirmation request conforming to the requirements of paragraph (a)(2) of this section. Confirmation requests shall be submitted within 24 hours. (See also Section 73.1680 Emergency Antennas).

(4) An STA may be granted for an initial period not to exceed 180 days. A limited number of extensions of such authorizations may be granted for additional periods not exceeding 180 days per extension. An STA necessitated by technical or equipment problems, however, may, in practice, be granted for an initial period not to exceed 90 days with a limited number of extensions not to exceed 90 days per extension. The permittee or licensee must demonstrate that any further extensions requested are necessary and that all steps to resume normal operation are being undertaken in an expeditious and timely fashion.

(5) Certain rules permit temporary operation at variance without prior authorization from the FCC when notification is filed as prescribed in the particular rules. See Section 73.62, Directional Antenna System Tolerances; Section 73.157, Antenna Testing During Daytime; Section 73.1250, Broadcasting Emergency Information; Section 73.1615, Operation During Modification of Facilities; and Section 73.1680, Emergency Antennas.

(b) An STA may be modified or cancelled by the FCC without prior notice or right to hearing.

(c) No request by an AM station for temporary authority to extend its hours of operation beyond those authorized by its regular authorization will be accepted or granted by the FCC except in emergency situations conforming with the requirements of Section 73.3542, Application for Emergency Authorization. See also Section 73.1250, Broadcasting Emergency Information.

Section 73.1680 Emergency antennas.

(a) An emergency antenna is one that is erected for temporary use after the authorized main and auxiliary antennas are damaged and cannot be used.

(b) Prior authority from the FCC is not required to erect and commence using an emergency antenna to restore program service to the public. However, an informal request to continue operation with the emergency antenna must be made to the FCC in Washington, D.C. within 24 hours after commencement of its use. The request is to include a description of the damage to the authorized antenna, a description of the emergency antenna, and the station operating power with the emergency antenna.

(1) AM stations. AM stations may use a horizontal or vertical wire or a nondirectional vertical element of a directional antenna as an emergency antenna. AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna or a horizontal or vertical wire pursuant to this section, in lieu of authorized directional facilities, shall operate with power reduced to 25% or less of the nominal licensed power, or, a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth for the corresponding hours of directional operation.

(2) FM and TV station: FM and TV stations may erect any suitable radiator, or use operable sections of the authorized antenna(s) as an emergency antenna.

(c) The FCC may prescribe the output power, radiation limits, or other operating conditions when using an emergency antenna, and emergency antenna authorizations may be modified or terminated in the event harmful interference is caused to other stations or services by the use of an emergency antenna.

ACTION IN DOCKET CASE  
FCC PROPOSES RULE CHANGES TO ENHANCE NIGHTTIME OPERATIONS BY AM STATIONS,  
IMPROVE SKYWAVE AND GROUNDWAVE FIELD STRENGTH CALCULATIONS,  
AND REVISE METHODS FOR CALCULATING NIGHTTIME PROTECTION FOR AM STATIONS  
(MM DOCKETS 88-508, 88-509, 88-510, AND 88-511)

In four separate actions, the FCC has proposed changes to its rules to facilitate enhancement of nighttime operations by AM stations (Class II, Class III, Class II-S, and Class III-S), to improve methods for calculating skywave and groundwave field strength in the AM broadcast band, and to review the methods of calculating nighttime protection for AM stations.

First, the FCC proposed allowing Class II-S and Class III-S AM stations to establish a separate nighttime antenna system without having to meet the minimum power, city coverage or minimum operating schedule requirements that otherwise would apply to such a change in their nighttime operations. Comments were also solicited concerning permitting full service Class II and Class III stations to voluntarily reduce power below minimum power of 250 watts. Class III-S stations are full-time stations on regional channels operating below minimum power at night. Class II-S stations operate on a like basis on clear channels. This item is part of the FCC's continuing efforts to alleviate the severe problems faced by daytime-only stations because of their inability to operate during nighttime hours.

On August 17, 1987, the FCC initiated an inquiry to provide a comprehensive review of the technical principles pertaining to AM broadcast assignment criteria and to identify any needed changes to better enable AM stations to compete effectively in the marketplace and thereby better serve the public. The other three rulemaking actions taken by the FCC are an outgrowth of the inquiry.

Second, the FCC proposed replacing the existing AM broadcast skywave propagation curves with a new propagation model recently developed. The new model results from recent scientific analysis of skywave measurement data that provides a better understanding of field strength in the AM service, providing a more accurate depiction of the service and interference relationships between AM stations. The new skywave propagation model lends itself to easy computerization and using such a computerized approach ensures accuracy.

Third, the FCC proposed replacing the existing groundwave propagation curves with new curves recently developed. The new curves are derived from analytical techniques that overcome mathematical deficiencies associated with the existing curves. Use of the new curves will provide a more accurate depiction of groundwave service and interference in the AM broadcast band.

Lastly, the fourth rulemaking notice proposed revisions to the methods used for calculating the protection to be afforded nighttime service of AM stations. Specifically, the FCC proposed modifying its rules that relate to the calculation of nighttime RSS (root-sum-square) skywave interference levels to the protected groundwave contours of Class II and Class III AM broadcast stations and the skywave service contours of Class I clear channel stations. It also asked for comments on including adjacent channel skywave signals in such calculations.

Actions by the Commission October 13, 1988, by Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 88-324, FCC 88-325, FCC 88-326, and FCC 88-327). Commissioners Patrick (Chairman), Quello and Dennis.

Mass Media Bureau contacts: Diane Hofbauer at (202) 254-3394 (Class II-S and III-S), Wilson LaFollette at (202) 632-5414 (Calculating AM nighttime protection), and Larry Olson at (202) 632-6955 (Groundwave and skywave calculations)

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# MUSINGS

Herman T. Adams

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

I had several good descriptions of the WNBC last day and some fine historical details. So I just took the first received and plan on going back to the contributors for perhaps a feature story later. Hope everyone is having as good a DX season as I am having, and as much fun. It is hard to twist the dial and type at the same time. Keep the Musings coming in, I will catch up in a few days. 73's Herman T.

Ernest Cooper - 5 Anthony Street - Provincetown, MA 02657

Please note my new area code (above); the rest stays the same. I certainly had a great time at the Milwaukee Convention, and my heartfelt thanks to our hosts, Mike and Sue Knitter for a great wing-ding. See you all next year in Topeka! It was my pleasure to host NRC member Dario Monferini for a week before the Convention, and then to fly to it with him - he's a really great guy! And my thanks to him for his generous gift to Community Access radio, WOMR, here in Provincetown....

A pleasant surprise was the arrival of a package containing a framed plaque from the ANARC reading: "The Association of North American Radio Clubs here by recognizes and acclaims Ernest R. Cooper as the Specialty Band DXer of 1988." and signed by Robert Horvitz, Executive Secretary, 16 July 1988. I have thanked him for this honor, but I honestly can't imagine what it is I've done to merit it, or what "Specialty Band DXer" means - I know ANARC is SW oriented, so is the BCB the Specialty Band, or is it the FM Band? In either case, neither DX hunting grounds produced anything to warrant this award, but it is gratefully accepted, nonetheless.

As we go into yet another AM DX season, my verie count stands at 4,337 AMs and 501 FMs. My DX set is at Steve Bohac's in Branchville, NJ., for repairs - I have only the GE Superradio now to play with on AM, so I'm hoping Steve can find the bug soon so I'll have my major receiver back in harness soon again.

One question, does anyone know the actual call letters of a WHCF-88.5, Bangor ME translator in Manchester, NH, on 89.5? WHCF has verified it for me without mentioning its calls or power. Anybody know? That is my first translator heard or verified, and is my FM verie #501, a pretty good start for the next hundred, hi.

While vacationing at Green Lake, Athens, NY in August, I heard three different translators of WFME-94.7, Newark, NJ but they don't count. Let's hope for a great DX season. Forward March!

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

I have not reported since last season due to virtual inactivity with AM DXing. Not very much DXing activity was done this summer because of non-stop OT at the shop here. We are now "suffering" a slow period of sorts this Late September so I am managing to get a little start on the new season. New one heard so far (new Frequency) was WBZY-1200 New Castle, PA on 9/21 at 2244 EDT. Conditions tonight, 9/27 are very good as I received a shocker while on 1200: WOAI-1200 TX is in like a ton of bricks tonight. This is the first time I've noted this since the FCC "garbaged up" this channel. I have put in a few sunset DX sessions so far this season but nothing of interest noted.

I vacationed in Baltimore at the Inner Harbor in June and was shocked to discover that WCBM-680 was off the air. This was such a dynamic station when I lived in Baltimore in the early 70s. I don't know if this has returned or not. All I have been hearing up here on the channel has been WRKO and WPTF Raleigh. 1390 is interesting without Syracuse on this channel. A couple times during the summer I've noted WDOT from VT here at other times WMPO Middleport, OH. I hope all had a good time in Milwaukee. I really hadn't planned on going out there and I guess, good thing I didn't because things got super busy around the shop here. So much so, I couldn't even rest on Labor Day. Well, here's hoping things don't get so busy here this winter that I can't get at least a few productive sessions in. I will be in touch.

PETE KEMP, KZ1Z - P. O. BOX 73, BETHEL, CONNECTICUT 06801

Greetings all! WCIN in Cincinnati has switched formats from Black-oriented to Classical Music. The station's management cites an attempt to broaden its market base. In addition, the WCIN has made a number of improvements to its audio adopting a dBx noise reduction system and NRSC standards. WSTC-1400 in Stamford, Ct. has gone stereo. WFBR in Baltimore is going through quite a shake-up. The latest move will see the station going from a talk format to oldies--du wop. Also in bird-town, WCBM is back on the air in a somewhat abbreviated fashion, playing mostly music of the 60's and 70's along with public service announcements, in an attempt to save the frequency/license, while the station is being sold. XPRS will be carrying the Lakers games this coming season. Spanish sportcasters Mario Omar and Pancho Hernandez will handle the microphone chores. CFRB in Toronto has dropped its coverage of the Toronto Argonauts of the CFL in favor of NFL coverage from the United States. CFGM switched dial positions on September 16, taking its Country Music programming from 1320 to 640. So much for now.

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

I listened to the demise of WNBC here on Friday afternoon 10/7/88. The last afternoon broadcast was devoted to WEAF/WRCA/WNBC history. Present during the last few broadcast hours were numerous past and present NBC celebrities, both in the studio and on the phone like Cousin Brucie, Ed McMahon and Buffalo Bob. The changeover at 5:30 PM ending with the final ringing of the famous NBC chimes then 1 second of no carrier then WFAN signed on the channel with a raw monologue from "Isms In The Morning", who will be doing the morning shift on WFAN. For the rest of the day 1050 ran an announcement loop advising listeners where to find WFAN. This also identified itself as 'WUKQ New York, operating on 1050 kilohertz...' The next day Spanish programming heard here or something ethnic. It was mourned by those present at the last of hours of WNBC that it would be the end of contemporary music on the AM band in New York. Some DXing on 10/9 netted me WFAM-1050 Augusta, GA at 8PM. This heard w/gospel music w/a good signal.

Funny if someone looking for WFAN mistook the calls and thought their all sports outlet suddenly went all gospel. I have noted that during the last 3 nights here the south - especially the Carolinas have been coming in like gangbusters while everything to the west has been just about dead. That's all for this time.

#### FROM THE CORNFIELDS OF SOUTHWEST IOWA

Rick Dau - RR2 Box 64 - Oakland, IA 51560

Hello once again from "The Farm." Summer, of course, ended September 22, at which time I checked my Oakland logging and found that 54 new stations made their way into the Shack during the summer of 1988! Just goes to show that the DX season is 365 days long, not just fall and winter!! Totals as of 9/27/88 stand at 455 heard (322 from this QTH), 21 verified and 29 taped.

I've noticed an interesting pattern in my brief QSL collection: the success of response seems to be dependent on which STATES I send reports to. Right now, I'm 3 for 3 from both Kansas and Wisconsin, but 1 for 4 from Minnesota and 1 for 5 from Nebraska, a state where my first four reports went unanswered. Thankfully, KLIN-1400 was kind enough to give me #1 from the Cornhusker State.

An DXpedition to Hiawatha, KS back in mid-May at least proved interesting, if not rewardable in terms of new stations. Laying back on the uncomfortable wooden seats at the high school football field, my trust Reader's Digest 10-band gave me my first listen of KXXX-790 and KKOW-860, the latter of which finally made it up here last week! Besides those two, I really didn't snare anything that I hadn't already gotten here. By the way, Hiawatha (pop 3702) is a great town to visit and one of the best Dairy Queens around! GREAT hot fudge sundaes there!

With the major league baseball season wound down here are the uniDs that I have logged: Royals on 990, 1330, 1400, 1480 and 1490; Cardinals on 1070, 1340, 1400, 1460 and 1580; Twins on 1340, 1370 and 1480; Brewers on 1590, Tigers on 1460 and Reds also on 1460. A letter to the above address or a cal to (712) 483-2230 if you can help out would sure be welcome and appreciated.

Briefly, on the FM side, summertime E-Skip was virtually absent, although there were a number of good trop openings that enabled me to snare new catches from Minneapolis and Topeka, among others. Until new time, 73s, GOOD DXing, and DON'T let Mr. Gloomy Gus get you down!

Andree Bollin - Fritz Weiberg St 18 - 3180 Wolfsburg 11 - West Germany 05363/1534

Hello, the best greetings from the northern part of West Germany. Something about me: I am 32 years old, married and I live in the motor city of Wolfsburg. Here the Volkswagen Rabbits are built. DXer since 1971. Interest SW DX and on AM specialised to NA and United Kingdom/Erie DX. (NRC member since end of '86)

By the way, all Irish private stations on MW has to leave the air till 30.12.1988. After that date the stations and sponsors has to pay a punishment of up to 20.000p or jail.

My DX equipment is a Collins 388URR, Yaesu 7700mod and a Grundig Satellit 1300 Portable, antennas are div. LWS and loop. But not to the main point Why I write. I try get my sticker collection from NA complete. I seek stickers and info from the following stations: WHAS, WTOP, WLAC, WFFG, WSRF, WRBQ, WNEW, WHAM, WBAL, WHO and WBZ. So if anybody can help me write to above address. Postage will be compensated. OK that's all, maybe somebody can help me, thanks a lot, good DX season. 73.

P.S. The DLF-756 transmitter is only 8km away. You like a Tower Tip? (HI).

William Townshend - 4500 Conn. Ave NW #901 - Washington DC 20008

I Enjoyed the Beertown convention over the Labor Day weekend very much. Meeting again with Tim Noonan (met him at ANARC 1979) his lovely XYL and Jim Albrecht whom I met for the first time in Tahiti on my first South Seas trip 1971. (like me Albrecht is a diehard oldies freak. I plan to make St. Petersburg for ANARCON 89. I may not be escaping cold WX but I'll escape high AQI (Ozone from motor exhausts, which produces smog) (tough on the very old and very young.

In St.Pete, on a day when the sun doesn't shine at all (even dimly for a minute) the local weatherman spends a couple of hours in the slammer. In St Pete I ought to get some terrific TROPO (600 800 miles) and VHF/UHF as well as some nifty midday DX on AM from stations in the TX-LA area. The city holds the U.S. Record for the most consecutive days of sunshine, 610 according to Guinness.

The AM-DX season is on a roll again with six newies so far this fall. Boy does four miles ever make a difference on 1600. At home WINX (and WWRL when WNIX is silent) dominates the channel. But in midtown a block west of the White House, WINX doesn't even exist, thus allowing me to bag WLNG. (This was on a Thursday night) I usually stay downtown, although I work in southern PG county in MD, to attend the weekly film lecture by the National Geographic Society (now 100 years young). I have subscribed to their magazine for the last 28 years. As a world traveler (logging 17 overseas trips between my 35th and 55th birthdays) I include two around the world vacations trips and two with the Navy for Reserve training. Enough for now. 73s Bill 202 966 8046

William C. Moser - Box 6 - Lake Preston, SD 57249

Here is a brief update from Dakota Territory. At the close of the FM DX season in September my SD log shows 353 stations heard. My lifetime FM veries total 535. Currently, my SD AM log shows 636 stations heard. The latest was WKBL-1250 in Covington, TN on 11/13 at 1744-45. Too little to report for this time, but I will be listening for another chance! My lifetime AM veries total 1523. The latest is in from WCMR-1270 in Elkhart, In for reception on 10/25. The 9x12 envelope contained a V/1, maps for AM & FM coverage, and a colorful BS. The latest report went to KCTR-970 in Billings, Mt for reception on 11/10 from 1833-43 in WDAY null.

A new broadcasting facility is under construction for KWAT-950 and KIXX 96.1 FM in Watertown, SD. When completed, I hope to be able to attend an open house, get a tour, write a profile, ETC. Most of my AM DXing is SSS. But the test on 12/12 may pry my body out of bed for a chance at an unheard. Thanks Jeff and Wayne. 73s from the statehood centennial celebrations in the Dakotas.

Bill Alisaukas - 7553 Hillside Dr - Douglasville, GA 30134

Hi all! Not too much really going on, but there is one thing happening. About the first week in November WSLE-1440 (Bremen, GA) changed formats from c/w and rel to all oldies. They sounded pretty good until Friday 11/11/88 at about 5pm when the property owner arrived with the Sheriff, threw everyone out, and padlocked the building - hi! A personal friend and DJ there said 20 months of not paying the rent was the killer. However, as of this writing (11/15/88), it seems a federal judge has reversed the decision and WSLE is planning to go back on; when is not know, although ASAP is what they want. Will keep you posted, 73's and good DX.

Karl V. Jeter - 2115 Scarbrough Road - Stone Mountain, GA 30088

Hello again. DX is beginning to pick up (10/12/88), and I have some to mention shortly. First, I thought I would update the continuing saga of 640 kHz here in Atlanta.

Now that WQXI has cropped out of the picture, a newspaper report last week announced that WGST-920, the news-talk station, is negotiating with Michael Hollis to buy the 640 slot and move WGST's calls and format there. The price reported was \$4.3 million, which is less than WQXI'S ORIGINAL OFFER OF \$5 MILLION (AND WAY LESS THAN HOLLIS' INCREASED DEMAND OF \$6 MILL TO WQXI). WGST apparently wants the 50 KW signal to better compete with WCNN's announced switch to all-news in the near future. It does not mention the fate of the 920 spot at this time.

Looks like KPBD's days are numbered, at least on 640, and sadly for me. So long to KFI, the last link to the West Coast around here. As you be able to tell from my DX, the "Florida Pipeline" is back in business! On 10/2, WDCF-1350 Dade City, FL rolled in briefly at 7:06pm with UPA radio news, weather and EX-listening music; also noted on 1350, but not IDed at about the same time was Miami Dolphins FB and an ad for a business on Merritt Island, although nothing listed in the 9th Ed. Log seems to fit. By the way, the aforementioned WDCF-1350 is not listed in the new log...omitted by accident, I guess..

10/3, WAJD-1390 Gainesville, FL in at 6:55pm w/CNN News' also on the "pipeline", This one already logged as WAKA. Up to 10/9, WPBG-1290 W. Palm Beach FL w/Oldie's format, frequent mentions of "greatest hits of all time..." and a 1-800 request line. 10/10 WFIG-1290 Sumter, SC made an appearance 9:51pm 10:20 pm w/c/w music, and the "Lea Shannon Show"; ID "serving Sumter, Lee and Clarendon Counties..." Earlier on the evening of 10/11 WAGE-1200 Leesburg, VA in nicely around 6:18pm w/newtalk, U. of Va. FB promo and ADoon music. No veries in lately, although a few are out, as well as some follow-ups.

Bask in August, I was taking a day-trip in the North Georgia mountains, and I drove though Young Harris, and decided to drop a reception report off at WZEL-770. Listening to the station while looking for it (found at the end of a residential street in a mobile home) I knew it was satellite-fed, but when I got to the studios, there was no one there. A note on the door said leave messages at a general store in town. At the store, the fellow there told me usually no one was at the station until about 6 pm. Times sure have changed...but the joke was on them, because as I was driving away, stilled tuned to WZEL, there was a technical problem with the feed, and there was about 20 minutes of dead air! So much for modern technology, HI.

a Beverage expedition is scheduled for Sat. 10/15 to my aunt & uncle's farm in eastern Alabama with Chuck Hutton. We felt it would be a fitting tribute for Mr. Beverage's birthday. Of course, this will all hinge on whether Chuck will stay down out of the ceiling...(ask him, I can't explain that one...) 73s until next time, when I hope to have lots of juicy beverage DX to report!

Eric S. Buneneman - 5002 Cross Ridge Ct. - Woodstock, Ga 30188

As you have guessed, I have moved into the Atlanta area, and I only hope it is temporary. Format changes have hit once again at WQXI-790. The station dropped OLDies on August 29 for Top 40 with Jazz 1900-2400 ELT, simulcasting WQXI-FM 94.1. The only other simulcaster in the area is WCHK-1290/ 105.5 Canton, with CWM. The QTH is 10 miles N of Marietta, 22 miles NW of Atlanta and 75 miles SE of Chattanooga, TN, in extreme southern Cherokee County. In other local radio news; WFTD-1080 is now on the air with REL, which now makes a dozen REL stations on AM and FM in Metro Atlanta. At times, WFTD WAS RELAYING WFOM-1230! As overpopulated with REL stations as they are, no wonder Atlanta Radio market is so boring! The only stations worth listing to down here are WSB-750, WPBD-640, WQXI-790/94.1, WGKA-1190 and WZGC-92.9! Most of the Chattanooga stations get into Woodstock on AM and FM, day and night, so that gives me a little more variety. Stereo stations in Metro Atlanta are WSB-750, WQXI-790, WGKA-1190 and WYNX-1550, all C-QUAM, and WKHX-590 is no longer Stereo.

Here's a first for Metro Atlanta: WAOS-1600 (Austell, GA) is the first station in the area to have an ALL SPANISH format, something only common in Miami, New York, Washington, Chicago and the Southeast.

Re intro: I'm 22, unemployed (and looking for a job in radio outside of the Southeast), have a girlfriend in St. Louis, and taking a semester off from college. 73 for now. 404 924-7780

William Dulmage Jr - RR 3 - Colborne, ONT KOK 1S0

I have finally made it to FM! My true love of radio is AM, but after 8 years in the business, I finally get to work at an FM station. I left CHUC-AM Colbourg, ONT as mid-day host, Music director and verification signer on August 12. August 29 I started working at Canada's only 24 hour a day commercial classical music station, CFMX in Cobourg (formerly CHUC's sister station).

CFMX now serves Toronto - Hamilton - Niagara on 96.3, via CFMX-1 which officially opened October 7th. So we have quite a large coverage area. I should mention that reception reports for CHUC should be sent to GM, Don Conway and that station should be operational with 8KW day/ 1KW night early in 1989.

Other local AM news: WBBF-950 Rochester is now country, CFGM switched to 640 (from 1320). WQKA-850 Penn Yan is now WYLF. By the way, my job at CFMX (doing afternoon news, some copy writing and promotional work) is all new to me - news and the music - but I am getting used to it.

Ed Mitkys - V+2 Box A-108 - Zl'onville, NC 18698-9621

Hello again. It has been awhile since you have seen my name here, however I am still an active NRCer. I have heard Havana on 830. Having purchased a new Sony portable I was rewarded with WSAY-1480 Salem, VA (with 20 watts of power) NOT BAD. I caught much needed WGHB-1250 from Farmville NC., with a full address given per a promo contest. Very nice and helpful. WRSL-1520 Stanford, KY was late on S/off (11/7/88) at 5:35pm. They gave transmitter location and power.

In other news WXLX-1510 Blolins Rock is now silent, per call to local Chamber of Commerce. Also, on a recent trip to Charlotte, NC I had the pleasure of dialing 1-2-3 radio 1230 in Newton, NC. A small station with a fully service format. Good local news and great personalities, they are a reason why AM is not dead! Well - 73's to all.

Frank Merrill - P. O. Box 669 - Macomb, IL 61455

Aloha! This is my first report in quite a while. Other than DXpeditions, I've been dead inactive for nearly four years. I am making up for it with a vengeance, starting a new log from scratch (Could not find the old log? Confess Frank...Where did you put the old one? HTA) started 11/4/88. But more accurately on 11/9, because I logged only WHLN-1410 and WJTT-1540 on 11/4, hi. Heard total is now 575 as of noon 11/18, with 36 states logged.

Long-time members will maybe remember that I used to often report to these pages 20 years ago or so. I am now 41 years old, and very non-married, hi. I logged about 2,500 from Milan, Michigan during the 1960's, starting in 1960. Exact total not known, because I used to count call letter changes then. My totals were nearly 2,800 under those criteria. In Toledo, OH my totals just cracked 2,000 before I moved in 1985, having started in 1971, and I added some neat stuff to my totals in January 1987 with two DXpeditions to nearby Michigan which resulted in the log of KWJJ (SSS) and KVNI on 1080.

From Macomb I am using a GE Superadio, as well as a Kenwood R-1000 hooked to longwires laid in various directions. So far the best results are with the longwire 1200 feet long laid in a direction between WSW and SW, on which I have been hearing west Texas regional daytimers on PSSA/Night Powers, OK/TX/NM/KS graveyards, etc. When the fields around me are not planted, I have almost unlimited opportunities to experiment with longwires. My house is 500 feet from the nearest road and there is no direction in which I cannot put up a rather long antenna. I won't be consistently active because often my sked doesn't permit it, but I will be running longwires in various directions from time to time, hoping for truly exotic catches from here.

I wish that KORL-650 was still on (and I strongly lament the death of this once great #1 station in Hawaii) because the 1200' wire nearly nulls WSM and all that is there is a Mexican I have not yet IDed. I think KORL wouldn't even be that rare a catch. I am amazed how much more common Mexicans are here. Hopefully I will soon get around to IDing some of these. Seven Tea Trees.

## Manchester Broadcaster Buys City Radio Station

LACONIA — Radio station WEMJ has been sold to a broadcaster from Manchester.

-via Ernest R. Cooper

Sale of the station to Robert J. Toie was announced Friday by General Manager Jim McCann Jr.

Toie is former vice president and general manager of

WZID-FM and WFEA in Manchester. Toie has also worked for stations in Boston and Portland, Maine.

McCann said, "The decision to sell WEMJ was made with mixed emotions. We had intended to spend many years in Laconia."



The KGBX-AM radio station in Springfield, Mo., was sold at auction Tuesday for \$155,000. The new owner, Dallas businessman John M. Borders, said he planned to combine the KGBX broadcast license, transmitter and equipment with a Springfield FM radio station license he is buying. He expects to be on the air with a new AM-FM station by February.

-via David Lewis

Karl V. Jeter - 2115 Scarbrough Road - Stone Mountain, GA 30088  
 Greetings once again. The first beverage expedition of the 88-89 DX season is history, occurring on Sat., Oct 15th. Chuck Hutton and I travelled to eastern Alabama, to my great uncle's farm located just over the GA-AL border and less than 10 miles N or Roanoke in Randolph county. There, we set up two antennas: an approx 1500ft wire to the west and once that was 1000' plus to the south. Because of delays caused by traffic in getting there, the antennas were hastily erected to be sunset. It was either this, or possibly poor cx or both that caused a less-than spectacular night of DXing. I spent almost all of the time on the western guy, while Chuck stayed on the southern wire. Some of the highlights included both the Oklahomans on 1380, KLUJ and KSWO, logged within minutes of each other around 1:00AM. The former was simulcasting w/FM, giving "KKWK Quick 97" ID's and the "Supergold" satellite format; the latter with country mx and "Satellite News Network" news. Another newbie was KTCS-1410 at 1:40AM with "Country Loving" slogan, s/w music and a window sticker contest promo.

Several unneedededs were noted, such as KRVN-880, KCLF-1500, KLDD-570 and KWEZ-1440. Oddly enough, the highlight of the expedition had to be hearing "RNI" on 1620, broadcasting rock music and IDing only at :15 and :45 during the hour I listened (10:50pm - 11:45pm). The signal was quite clear and strong at times, and the ID's mentioned they were broadcasting from International Waters aboard the ship "Sarah". They also mentioned the ship's registry as what sounded like the "Principality of Ceylon", but I don't believe this could be correct. Does anyone have info on how to attempt verifying "RNI"? This was significant for me as the first time I have heard first-hand a "pirate" station. It was, though, nor as memorable as past DXpeditions that we have had--no Australians this time, HI! Still no new veries to report, despite some new reports sent out and some phone call follow ups. That's all for now. 73's

Alphonse Tobia - 7603 Linden Ct. - Newark, CA 94560

Hello...Out here as has been mentioned in the last few DX NEWS, KVEG-840 is now on the air in Las Vegas. They operate with 50 KW Day non directional and 25KW at the height with a 4 tower array. The main lobe going west (to protect WHAS, which you can still hear in this area behind KVEG most nights). This KVEG has nothing to do with the station a few years back in Las Vegas using those some calls.

The KVEG-840 is a totally new station. According to the person I talked with at the station they have 5 towers, but are only using 4 to get the nighttime pattern they need. The station is heard in this area, but hot that loud and KDWN-720 in Las Vegas is much louder. They are 50Kw and I think the directional pattern is spread out more at night. KOFY-1050 is now operating from a new site with a 5 tower array and 50 KW day with 1Kw at night. They are in San Francisco. KN7A-1430 in Santa Clara, San Jose is now operating from a new transmitter site with a 4 tower array. The power now is 1KW Day time and 2.5KW at night.

KDUX-890 seems to be off every MM with a silent period making the BIG 89 WLS easy to hear. I heard WBZ a few weeks back. A semi-local on 1030 near Sacramento is now silent, so when KTWO goes off the chance to hear WBZ is now there. Even with the other new station on 1030, they seem to be in the WBZ null. Our city now has a TIS station on 1610, look for it, you may hear it.

Does anyone know about the Mexican station on 540, it is heard on the West coast every night. Where is it? This frequency has had this station on and off at night for years but not it is a regular...How come?

There are many new stations to hear out here at night on former clears, but I miss not having the clears. It was fun to have the one station on frequency, and be able to listen to places like Chicago, Louisville, etc. That's it from here. 73's

## WKLL a hot property

When Adams Communications changed the call letters of WRTH-AM (590) to WKLL in August, little did the company realize that the station would be the hottest one in the area.

The station is not hot because of its new oldies format. Instead, WKLL is a hot item because fires on October 20 and 26 destroyed the station's transmitter located in Cottage Hills, Ill.

Investigators immediately ruled the first fire to be arson. On Friday (Oct. 28) a 19-year-old Bethalto man was arrested and charged with arson in connection with the fire. At Journal press time John Dale Ren-

row was being held in the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville, Ill. with a \$120,000 bond.

The second fire still is under investigation and the FBI has been summoned to assist the Madison County Sheriff's Department because it is a federal crime to damage broadcasting equipment that is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

The first fire forced WKLL off the air for two days and when the station signed on after the second fire, the sound was poor until permanent equipment was installed.

Gutbrod said the fires caused \$250,000 damage to the equipment and the transmitter building.

"With the format change, being off the air is the worst thing that can happen to us," said John Gutbrod, WKLL general manager. "We'll have to spend a lot more money to advertise and promote WKLL." Gutbrod also was concerned that being off the air resulted in lost advertising revenue, as well as damaging the station's ability to keep a loyal listening audience and the ability to attract new listeners.

But adversity may be a blessing in disguise. The fires resulted in news stories on television and in

newspapers, providing a form of advertising for the station. Those stories, in addition to the extensive newspaper, television and billboard promotion campaign WKLL used to introduce the format change, reached plenty of potential listeners.

The fires put WKLL at a disadvantage. But Americans love an underdog and that may work to the station's favor. The turn of events was not planned by the radio station, but success stories have been created from bizarre events. Only time will tell if WKLL can rise from the ashes.

**West County Journal**  
 -via Rich Eddle

# NRC Financial Statement

The following statement is for the year Oct. 1, 1987 through Sept. 30, 1988.

## INCOME STATEMENT

Membership Dues.....	\$11,580.00
Domestic Log.....	1,778.90
Pattern Book.....	213.50
Antenna Manuals I & II....	407.00
Receiver Manuals I & II...	123.00
Anniversary Book.....	11.00
Reprints.....	2,609.33
New Member Book.....	194.50
Samples.....	40.10
Beverage Manual.....	177.50
NRC Audio Service.....	1,677.00
Loop Manual.....	208.50
Convention Income (Note 1)	2,304.50
FM Address Book.....	472.20
Miscellaneous Income.....	442.79
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$22,238.92</b>

## STATEMENT OF INCOME (LOSS OR GAIN)

Income (All Sources).....	\$22,238.92
Bulletin/Publications Cost	
Beginning Inventory.....	\$ 3,761.81
Printing.....	10,386.58
Postage.....	6,797.76
Less Ending Inventory...	-2,352.96
Net Costs	\$18,593.19
Profit or Loss	\$ 3,645.73
Administrative Expenses	-3,444.07
Net Gain	\$ 201.66

## EXPENSE STATEMENT

<b>Printing</b>	
Bulletin.....	\$ 8,287.52
Reprints.....	1,416.66
Administrative.....	682.40
	<b>\$10,386.58</b>

## Postage

Bulletin.....	\$ 4,607.63
Sales.....	885.92
Administrative.....	1,304.21
	<b>\$ 6,797.76</b>

## Administrative

Information Purchase....	\$ 153.00
Telephone.....	74.78
Supplies.....	438.26
Sales Tax.....	498.75
Miscellaneous (Note 2)...	2,279.28
	<b>\$ 3,444.07</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$20,628.41</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

<b>Assets</b>	
Inventory.....	\$ 2,352.96
Cash.....	5,937.17
	<b>\$ 8,290.13</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Deferred Dues.....	\$-5,192.66
<b>Net Worth.....</b>	<b>\$ 3,097.47</b>

## NOTES

- (1) Consists of auction receipts of \$538.50 and \$1,766.00 registration fees.
- (2) Includes \$1,147.46 paid to Midway Motor Lodge for meeting room and banquet; \$335.32 for outside purchases of refreshments for 1988 NRC Labor Day convention. Also \$668.02 expenses of NRC Audio Service (cassettes and postage).

## NOTES FROM YOUR TREASURER

The National Radio Club operates under an accounting system whereby, if the club ceased to exist, we would refund the deferred dues to each member. The inventory, which is reported at cost, would then be prorated to each member. Under this type of system, we usually operate with an on-paper "loss" each year. We are currently at a slight gain position due to an influx of advance orders for Domestic Log #9. The inventory of that edition as well as the expense will be accounted for in next year's report. We are continuing our efforts for maximum cost efficiencies to keep annual costs to a minimum.

Dick Truax- Treasurer

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