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From the editor ...

I am in receipt of a January 24 postcard from Herman T. Adams, in which he has resigned as Musings editor and expresses his "apologies to the NRC membership for failure to keep up the tradition." Thanks for what you were able to accomplish, Herman, and I'm sorry that it didn't work out, during what was a difficult time for you. Effective immediately all Musings should be forwarded to Mike and Sue at HQ, and of course (unless they want to keep the job) the Musings editorship is now vacant, and I am accepting typed applications for this most important post.

Milestones ... Jerry Starr has noted that this issue's "AM Switch" is his 200th, and perhaps it's time that we recognized the efforts of several individuals who are currently active in the NRC and have been for over a decade. Chuck Hutton has been typing up IDXD since the May 11, 1977 issue, which also marked the first issue from the Louisville Publishing Committee, of which Dick Truax, our current treasurer, was a member. Ron Musco's tenure as Membership Chairman goes back to the days of the New Jersey Publishing Committee, whose chairman, Russ Edmunds, has revived a question-and-answer column. Ken Chatterton has quietly continued distributing NRC reprints since his work with the NJPC, and current editors Bill Hale and John Bowker have written

DX Tests ...

February ... Two tests are tentatives for this month, according to Dave Schneider: **WCBA-1350, Corning, NY, will test on one MM early in the month with 1,000 ND, and WHVW-950, Hyde Park, NY will test in mid-February either SM or MM on the 18th or 19th or possibly the following week. Dave promises more details on these and more tests.**

various columns and remained active over the years. Others (including some whom I've surely forgotten) continue to contribute to the success of the NRC in other ways, from sending in clippings and logos to encouraging new members in their DX endeavors ... you don't have to have your name in each issue to contribute to the success of the NRC, you know.

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News

Forty years ago ... from the January 29, 1949 issue, courtesy of "The Old Timer": 50 tests listed ... Report included that the 1-22 westbound bulletins fell under the wheels of a New York Central train. After sorting the mess out, the Post Office had two pages left over. Second time this season that it happened ... Mel Oliver reported hearing KEVA-1580 Shamrock, TX on a special ET for station #1000 heard ... Norman Maguire, in Albuquerque, NM, reported a verie from CKWX and CHAT.

Twenty-five years ago ... from the February 1, 1964 issue: John Callarman, Pampa, TX noted that in the first 15 issues of V. 31 that 137 members had sent in 449 Musings, with John Johnson leading with 14, and Stan Moss and Ken Butterfield tied for second with 12 each ... Thomas E. McNiff, Arlington, VA bagged KPRC-950 Houston and KGBS-1020 Los Angeles on 1-6 ... Tom Sherman, Manistee, MI between 12-24 and 1-23 heard such foreigners as R. Managua-965, CSB9-782, YND-678, XEWK-1190, KHVH-1040, R. Barbados-795, YNOL-828, JBC-700, 750, 4VEF-1035, YNM-615, TIW-665, TIFC-1075, HOJ2-1047, 1YC-880, 2YC-660, and Guadeloupe-640 ... Ray Edge charged fraud by members and non-members in their attempt to wrest control away from the NRC Governing Body, after the Denver convention (which saw the birth of what later became the IRCA.)

Ten years ago ... from the February 5, 1979 issue: The Louisville Publishing Committee excised poetry from the pages of DXN ... Several letters and an editorial decried the FCC's decision to eliminate clear channels ... Articles included "Supermodulation and the Effects on EX'ing", "Sign-off City Guide for February", and "Radio West Loop vs. the SM-2."

AM Switch

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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and NRC members

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call:	New call:	Old call:	New call:
680 WDDE KY Newburg	WJYL	1290 KVOL TX Big Lake	KWGN
960 WJIZ GA Albany	WJYZ	1340 WPLJ PA Wilkes Barre	WYOM
1060 *New CA Templeton	KKER	1410 KKUL OR Parkrose	KBNP
1240 WLCF FL Eustis	WWLB	1510 WJCO MI Jackson	WHBT
1270 KZLR AR Pine Bluff	KPBA	1590 WDNH PA Honesdale	WWCC

APPLICATION FOR NEW STATION

1030 AZ Cortaro: 50000/1000 U4

GRANT FOR NEW STATION

1600 ME Brewer: 5000/5000 U3

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1180 KCLP TX Claude: reduce night power to 240 watts, move to Amarillo, TX

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

540 KKGO CA Hesperia: power to 25000 watts (21000 CH)
1120 WJOK AL Hobson City: relocate XR (CP not yet on the air)
1150 WNLR VA Churchville: day power to 2500 watts
1190 WHMT TN Humboldt: reduce power to 420 watts, taller antenna
1390 WRSC PA State College: reduce day power to 2000 watts, relocate XR
1430 KAMP CA El Centro: relocate XR
1540 WZAL GA McDonough: to 1410 kHz with 1000 watts D1

OTHERNESS

920 WGST GA Atlanta: has sold this frequency to a REL group to facilitate their move to the WPBD facility on 640 kHz so expect this move to be happening soon.
1150 WCUE OH Cuyahoga Falls: daytime XR site has been dismantled, all their operations now are from their six-tower night facility, powers are 1000/500 and antenna is now U3.
1370 KSHY WY Cheyenne: several more members report this station still on this frequency so the reported move to 1530 kHz was indeed spurious.
1400 WWXX GA Alpharetta: station was silent, then back on the air, then silent again 12-25, is now back ON THE AIR again as of 1-13, all an obvious plot to keep Don Kasky alert. By the way, if you always wanted your own station, this one is available for lease/purchase for \$10,500 a month!
*App NH Marlborough: application listed in 9th edition Log was DENIED when WT1J-1400 Roxbury, NH was granted, cross it off.

FCC NOTES

Another slowdown of FCC info can be anticipated for the next few weeks as their offices were closed not only for Martin Luther King Day but also for Inauguration Day. All of you got Inauguration Day off, didn't you? Ah, the joys of working for the Feds. Since there is no Inauguration next year, do you think they might take off for Groundhog Day?

THANKS to members Eric Bueneman and Wayne Heinen for their contributions.

MILEPOST: This is our 200th edition of AM Switch since we took over this column about seven years ago.

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

Domestic DX Digest - East

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DX Catches in the Eastern U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

MEDIUM WAVE ramblings

- A long overdue return to DDXD-E is paid to us by George Santulli. Welcome back!! And...Ray Arruda, of GTG fame, checks in with some loggings from Acushnet. Keep 'em comin', Gents.
- Along with Ed Mitkus's loggings was a note that he's heard 522 stations in just under 4 years at his North Carolina location. 1000 is just around the corner, Ed.
- As promised last week, I have computed the mileages for all of Esa Hänninen's Graveyard loggings and they appear here. Some impressive catches they are, indeed. There was one city, however, that I was unable to find, thus no calculation. That location is Campion, Alaska. So, if anyone knows where the heck Campion is, let me know. OK? Maybe Rod O'Connor? Thanks.
- I know it's only February, but it's t... inputs into DDXD-E Headquarters for the Annual April Fools (Sorry, Bill ... see p. 23 -pls) near you in early, ah...ch...April.
- From Eric Bueneman...WGST has sold its 920 facility to Dr James Dobson. This is to prepare for the WGST's move to 840. However, KNX is still Georgia's link to California.
- Besides my receiving his DX via letter, Rick Dau phoned in some last-minute catches on Saturday morning, right before the go-to-press deadline. He bought a new radio, so his second 500 stations heard will probably be reported before the end of this season-hi.
- From a Firsts column in the Syracuse Herald-American... Radio Station: 1922, WFBL-AM went on the air a few months before WSYR-AM. These were Syracuse's only two stations until 1940.
- I've often wondered...do they Really sell any Zamfir albums?
- WANTED!! DXers. Especially from Florida, Upper New England, West Virginia, Mississippi, Nebraska, Kentucky, Tennessee, overseas, and anywhere you are. We rarely hear from those locations. C'mon, share your catches with the membership. We are an Equal Opportunity DX Club.!

SPECIAL

- 560 WJLS WV BECKLEY - verie (q) in today from 5/28 report! Very fancy card - this might be a good time to send them a reception report...not seen in V/S in a long time; QSL not signed, so I have no leads - my report went to CE (RJT-NC)
- 750 WSB GA ATLANTA - 1/9 noted completely off this AM; logged R. Sandino. Managua, Nicaragua with American/Latin mx & many IDs (RJT-NC) [Don't forget to send all the details to IDXD-WRH]
- 1150 WGOW TN CHATTANOOGA - 1/15 1856 fair over WZBQ/KEZQ with talk on home maintenance from the Sun Network; IRS PSA, News-Talk 1150, WGOW Chattanooga ID→WGOW News; change from ROK OLD (EB-GA)
- 1400 WWXX GA ALPHARETTA - this short-lived stn in SILENT; Money Radio didn't make it in Atlanta (EB-GA) UPDATE; reported back 1/13 with Financial News, had been off since 12/25, most likely with XR trouble; off again with XR trouble since 1/15 (postmark:1/17) (EB-GA)

UNIDs AND UNIDs IDd

- 810 UNID ?? - 1/19 1839-1848 fair under KCMO with OLD (Dave Clark 5, Brian Hyland); then something coming up at 5, meaning MST; maybe MNIK, Santa Fe?; any other guesses? (RD-IA)

DX/EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 1080 WKAC AL ATHENS - 1/18 not noted; only KRLD & WDJX heard; that makes me 2 for 5 (.400) this season (EB-GA) [A percentage Dale Murphy longs for-WRH]
- WKAC AL ATHENS - 1/18 heard zilch! (maybe the FCC doesn't permit DX Tests in Alabama-hi); 1 out of 3 so far (RJT-NC)
- WKAC AL ATHENS - 1/16 0300-0335 tried, but heard not (RA-MA)
- 1480 WBET MA BROCKTON - 1/2 0101 fair+poor on DX test with CIDs; 1 VID noted later (RK-IL)
- WBET MA BROCKTON - 1/2 0105 with 1000 Hz TT, then anncr mentioned WBET @ 0109; fair+poor (WPT-DC)

WBET MA BROCKTON - 1/2 0230 fair+poor with TTs; with WPNX/WXOK WPN: (EB-GA)

PIRATE ACTIVITY

1820 WKND PA? PITTSBURGH? - 1/15 0149 noted with AOR mx with fair signal; ID @ 0145: This is WKND, commercial-free weekend radio...we're on the air now, and b'casting to you from our studio headquarters...; much beacon QRM; pretty much lost signal by 0200 (KVJ-GA)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

540 WWCS PA CANONSBURG - 1/16 0025-0100+ very weak under CJSB with CLA mx; few announcements or IDs (RA-MA)
570 KLDD TX DALLAS - 1/3 0137 fair with OLD & ID (RK-IL)
740 CBL ON TORONTO - 1/2 0458 good with National Anthem & sign-on (RK-IL)
750 WNDZ IN PORTAGE - 1/12 0745 good with sign-on (RK-IL)
790 WTAR VA NORFOLK - 1/11 0213 good with intermittent \$ over WQXI/WMC with ROK OLD, morning show promo, 79 WTAR non-IDs (EB-GA)
820 WQSI MD FREDERICK - 1/8 0455-0525 mixing with CHAM with C&W mx, 82 Q non-IDs, CBS Network Nx; ex:WZYQ (RA-MA)
CHAM ON HAMILTON - 1/10 0705 way over WBAP with nat'l nx, ments of Hamilton, ad for Mohawk Pontiac, non-ID as: 820 CHAM (KVJ-GA)
850 KOA CO DENVER - 1/5 0016 all alone and very strong with wrap-up of Nugget BKB; very regular lately, but not this strong (RJT-NC)
880 CKLQ ME BRANDON - 1/2 0045 good, over/under WCBS with C&W mx & ID (RK-IL)
960 WSBT IN SOUTH BEND - 1/4 1051 good with song Could've Been, DJ: Tiffany @ Michiana's great Radio Station, WSBT in South Bend...now 9 minutes away from 11 and CBS Nx (RD-IA)
1000 WYBT FL BLOUNTSTOWN - 1/16 0140-0230 C&W mx with SNN Nx @ :00; ID @ 0205 We're your country stn, Y-1000 WYBT & K 102.3 FM ??? [WPHK-WRH]; very good over KTOK with Cuban nulled; (another Monday morning pest???) (RJT-NC)
1010 KHLT AR LITTLE ROCK - 1/15 0156 good+fair over KLAT with Solid Gold Scrapbook, many ads, KHLT, KHLT-FM Little Rock ID @ 0159, then more SGS; cutaway @ 0200 with KHLT AM 1010 Little Rock ID+NBC Nx (EB-GA)
1030 WOSO PR SAN JUAN - 1/12 1159 clear ID in EE after LK segment; first-timer; with WB2 looped (GS-VA)
1070 KNX CA LOS ANGELES - 1/7 0223 fair+poor with WIBC/WAPI with financial nx, frequent KNX Newsradio non-IDs, nx features, headlines @ 0230, Southland (CA) wx; who sez Calif is impossible from GA? (EB-GA)
1090 WISS WI BERLIN - 1/2 0813 fair with sign-on (RK-IL)
1150 WZBQ AL TUSCALOOSA - 1/14 0422 fair+poor mono & \$ signals with WJBO with Rockin' America Top 30 countdown [They could call them "Count-Ups", hi-WRH]
1160 WOBM NJ LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP - 1/8 0605-0635 good in WSKW null with C&W mx & many ads, PSAs; IDing as: 1160 AM Star Country, WOBM (RA-MA)
1190 WHMT TN HUMBOLDT - 1/4 0800 poor with sign-on (RK-IL)
1200 WOAI TX SAN ANTONIO - 1/2 0558:30 XLNT with sign-on (RK-IL)
1260 WIBV IL BELLEVILLE - 1/2 0101 good with sign-off (RK-IL)
1300 WERE OH CLEVELAND - 1/5 0100 ment of Newstalk Radio, ID; good over pest WFBR (WPT-DC)
1320 KFH KS WICHITA - 1/15 0130 fair+poor under WFBC with OLD/CHR; More of your favorites from the 70s & 80s on FM 105, KXLK ID; simulcasts KXLK 105.3 MHz, Haysville, KS (EB-GA)
1430 CJCL ON TORONTO - 1/12 0100 The voice of the Toronto Maple Leafs, AM 1430, CJCL+Broadcast News/FM; finally got CLS on this one (RJT-NC)
1440 WHDM TN MAC KENZIE - 1/14 0830 with Paul Harvey; no sign of usually dominant WZYX (KVJ-GA)
1450 WRCO WI RICHLAND CENTER - 1/4 0107 fair with sign-off (RK-IL)
1460 WXOK LA BATON ROUGE - 1/2 0059 Wishing you a Happy New Year, we're WXOK, Baton Rouge; unexpected, since I was setting up loop for WBET test; a 2-for-1 special-hi (RJT-NC)
1470 WMBD IL PEORIA - 1/8 0225 topping channel with Jim Bohannon Show, record offer, WMBD Peoria ID @ 0230+MBS Nx (EB-GA)
1480 WAJA NC FRANKLIN - 1/7 0700 with sign-on; later heard with C&W mx, wx & female DJ (KVJ-GA)
1490 KXRA MN ALEXANDRIA - 1/4 0205 good with sign-off (RK-IL)
1500 WDEB TN JAMESTOWN - 1/8 0744 Great American Country Radio and Color Radar Wx heard (KVJ-GA)
1510 WAYT IN WABASH - 1/2 0800 poor with sign-on (RK-IL)
WKHT PA ANNVILLE - 12/30 0730 fair with sign-on, in WLAC null (RK-IL)
1530 WKDC IL ELMHURST - 1/2 0803 good with sign-on (RK-IL)
KHAT NE LINCOLN - 1/6 1155-1200 way under KDSN with mx from Phil Collins & Tears for Fears-ID; my closest unheard finally bites the dust! (RD-IA)

1540 WSMI IL LITCHFIELD - 1/12 0815 fair with sign-on (RK-IL)
1550 CBE ON WINDSOR - 1/2 0457:30 good with National Anthem & sign-on (RK-IL)
1560 WAGL SC LANCASTER - 1/2 0715 fair with sign-on (RK-IL)
1570 WBEE IL HARVEY - 1/2 0103 weak with sign-off (RK-IL)
1590 WONX IL EVANSTON - 1/2 0807 XLNT with sign-on (RK-IL)
WAKR OH AKRON - 1/16 0329-0356 with Best of King+local nx @ :29; promo for Youngstown State BKB; fair+poor over WKPT; 1st-timer here (RJT-NC)

MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT

580 WILL IL URBANA - 1/3 1459 good with conclusion of NPR pgm-ID: AM 580, WILL, Urbana, the broadcasting service of the Univ of Ill; this one really gets out well; I could even get it in the daytime in Iowa City, 244 miles away (RD-IL1)
590 WKZO MI KALAMAZOO - 1/3 1508 good with nx from John McNeil (update on hazardous road conditions around SE Mich) (RD-IL1)
620 WJDX MS JACKSON - 1/11 fair mono & \$ over WKNI with ROK OLD, The Music You Love, The News You Need, WJDX, Jackson ID+ABC Direction Nx fold @ :05 by local nx (EB-GA)
WSKQ NJ NEWARK - 1/6 1650-1705 atop frequency in WZON null with SS programming, ID @ :00 in SS & EE (RA-MA)
630 WHFD NC WILMINGTON - 1/12 1717 under WMAL with wx for coast; loud (GS-VA)
690 WTIX LA NEW ORLEANS - 1/12 1759-1815 very good with NBC Nx @ :00+Ed Till? Show; IDs as: WTIX Talk Radio 690; new format; I've been skipping over this one looking for OLD; last hrd 3/88 (RJT-NC)
710 KGNC TX AMARILLO - 1/18 2210-2221 good under WHB with Texas Tech @ Texas BKB; no IDs hrd, but got a positive ID on them the next night (RD-IA)
720 WWII PA SHIREMANSTOWN - 1/4 1817-1830 fair in CHTN null with Penn Net Spc, WJ Two non-IDs, many local ads (RA-MA)
CHTN PI CHARLOTTETOWN - 1/4 1558-1817 weak but clear with nx, wx, Island Newsbeat (RA-MA)
800 KXIC IA IOWA CITY - 1/7 1440-1445 fair in KQAD null with OLD from The Coasters & Little Richard; road conditions on I-80 west of Iowa City (RD-IA)
810 KBHB SD STURGIS - 1/20 1836-1844 good in ultra-tight KCHO null with promo for KBHB auction show every Saturday morning @ 8:30+wx; mx by John Conlee & Oak Ridge Boys; announced pwr cut @ 1844 with ment of listeners who would be losing signal & KRCH-FM 93.1 invite (RD-IA) [Log sez no nighttime operation!! have they got a PSSA?-WRH]
820 WIQT NY HORSEHEADS - 1/7 1636-1642 briefly mixing with WQSI with ID, local PSAs (RA-MA)
830 KBOA MO KENNETT - 1/10 1813 good with sign-off during John Denver's Back Home Again; one of the most clever ideas for a sign-off I've ever heard (RD-IA) [Beats the tar out of Bah-de-ah, Bah-de-ah, Bah-de-ah, That's All Folks-WRH]
840 WRFA FL LARGO - 1/20 1741-1745 fair under WBAP with end of REL pgm, then invited listeners to send their comments & questions about previous pgm to stn, giving address as in log+REL mx; FL #3 (RD-IA)
WKDI MD DENTON - 1/5 1855 alone with local ads, school nx (GS-VA)
850 WEAT FL WEST PALM BEACH - 1/8 1957 ID, then nx; fair (WPT-DC)
WAIT IL CRYSTAL LAKE - 1/1 1900 good with sign-off (RK-IL)
860 WWKO FL COCOA - 1/8 2230 with end of GOS pgm; great signal, complete ID (EM-NC)
890 KBYE OK OKLAHOMA CITY - 1/8 1843 fair with sign-off: At this time, KBYE ends another day of Christian broadcasting; thought I'd never hear this one (RD-IA)
KVOZ TX LAREDO - 1/8 1838 atop with Ranchera mx+mix of EE & SS talk including ment of Downtown Laredo; WLS nowhere to be found (RD-IA)
920 WBAA IN WEST LAFAYETTE - 1/1 2359 fair with sign-off (RK-IL)
WHMN WV FAIRMONT - 1/2 2359 poor with sign-off (RK-IL)
930 WKOS NH ROCHESTER - 1/10 1740-1800 very good in WPAT null with block of local ads, NOS mx, IDing as: Coast AM 930, KOS (RA-MA)
970 WBLF PA BELLEFONTE - 1/7 1728 fighting with WWSW, mention of State College & Centre County (GS-VA)
990 WYOO FL ORLANDO - 12/28 1729 with ment of Orange Avenue, Highway A1A; good, with WRRC atop (WPT-DC)
WYAT LA NEW ORLEANS - 1/12 1839 alone with wx & Mardi Gras info (GS-VA)
1030 WNOW NC MINT HILL 1/8 1859 fair & alone on frequency with ContChr mx, This is WNOW, Mint Hill-Charlotte ID +CBN Nx (EB-GA)
WXSS TN MEMPHIS - 1/10 2230 atop with SOL mx & ID; The better mx stn, WXSS, Memphis, Tenn; Memphis #3, TN #12 (RD-IA)

KCTA TX CORPUS CHRISTI - 1/2 1858 fair with sign-off (RK-IL)
 KCTA TX CORPUS CHRISTI - 1/12 1800 sign-off over WBK after REL pgm (GS-VA)
 KTW0 WY CASPER - 1/16 1206 fair with non-ID: From the real country in Wyoming, this is AM 1030, KTW0+mx by Loretta Lynn; a REAL midday shocker @ 530 miles! (RD-IA)
 1040 WSGH NC LEWISVILLE - 1/10 1702-1725 weak under CHR5 with REL mx, female anncr: You're listening to the Gospel Sound of WSGH non-IDs (RA-MA)
 WJTB OH NORTH RIDGEVILLE - 12/30 1702 good with sign-off (RK-IL)
 WSKE PA EVERETT - 1/3 1715 poor+fair with sign-off (RK-IL)
 WQBB TN POWELL - 12/30 1731 fair with sign-off (RK-IL)
 1060 WKNG GA TALLAPOOSA - 1/8 1729 with wx, local ads, ment of Haralson County (GS-VA)
 WMCL IL MC LEANSBORO - 1/10 1750 local ads; no sign of KYW (GS-VA)
 WHFB MI BENTON HARBOR - 1/4 1206 fair in WHRL QRM with midday markets; this one is on my Wanted-Dead or Alive List (RD-IL2)
 1080 WEEP PA PITTSBURGH - 1/4 1836-1705 barely audible under WTIC with many IDs, OLD, traffic rpts, nx @ :00; new logging, verie, cm & T-Shirt back in 6 days! (RA-MA)
 1090 WKII FL PORT CHARLOTTE - 1/5 1747-1800 sign-off; very good with MoYL-type format and many ads up until full sign-off; operating LSR+LS5 only; IDs as:WK-Eleven (RJT-NC)
 1100 KLLL MO WEBB CITY - 1/6 1828-1830 good with conclusion of Voice of Truth pgm+sign-off (RD-IA)
 1110 WSLV TN ARDMORE - 12/30 1730 fair with sign-off (RK-IL)
 1120 WBIS CT BRISTOL - 1/8 1815-1845 sign-off; fair with IDs, many local ads, mx; sign-off mentioned 080 by CT Communications, Inc, no SSB (RA-MA)
 1130 WSJP KY MURRAY - 1/12 2158 with ad for Murray Nissan on Rte 121, ID; poor (EM-NC)
 1140 WVEL IL PEKIN - 1/9 1800 good with sign-off (RK-IL)
 1150 KEZQ AR LITTLE ROCK - 1/15 1853 fair in WGOW null with talk on the Ozark Mountain Trail, Little Rock info, community calendar, frequent Traveller's Information Radio, AM 1150 IDs (EB-GA)
 1160 WSKW ME SKOWHEGAN - 1/3 2304-2334 very good, atop frequency with NOS mx, IDs, Home of the Great Entertainers (RA-MA)
 WOBM NJ LAKEWOOD - 1/7 1743 strong with mention of Star Country (GS-VA)
 1180 WSAF GA TRION - 1/6 1754 ment of NW GA, ad for store in Summerville, then nx about Hirohito's death; fair (WPT-DC)
 WFGN SC GAFFNEY - 1/6 1745 ment of Gaffney-Blacksburg; fair; ex:1570 (WPT-DC)
 WHJM TN KNOXVILLE - 1/7 1745 good with sign-off (RK-IL)
 1190 WHYY AL MOULTON - 12/30 1746 fair+good with sign-off (RK-IL)
 KJEM AR BENTONVILLE - 1/8 1817 fair with local ads+TC:17 after 5 with more mx on the J-E-M Gospel Pgm (RD-IA)
 1210 WBIU LA DENHAM SPRINGS - 1/4 1800-1815 very good, no sign of WCAU!; USA Radio Net Nx+WBIU local nx, many ads; TDH #571 (RJT-NC)
 1250 KALO TX PORT ARTHUR - 1/13 1815 with OLD & Thank you for listening to the heart & soul of SE Texas, KALO (KVJ-GA)
 1280 WLMJ OH JACKSON - 1/12 1900 with end of talk pgm, legal ID for AM/FM (EM-NC)
 1290 WKLB KY MANCHESTER - 1/12 2200-2215 with flood watch, heavy rain/weather warning plus details on bus crash in London, KY; good (EM-NC)
 WFIG SC SUMTER - 12/29 1752 with wx forecast, ID; a tentative on 11/3/79, now definite; fair, over/under WFBG (WPT-DC)
 1360 WCGL FL JACKSONVILLE - 1/6 1833 with BLK/REL mx, many mentions of Jacksonville (GS-VA)
 1370 KAWL NE YORK - 1/5 1343-1348 fair with SID+mx from Willie Nelson & Johnny Cash; had been one of my closest unheards (RD-IA)
 1390 WSCI IL CHICAGO - 1/2 1844 XLNT with sign-on, after unexplained 75-minute absence (RK-IL)
 KJPW MO WAYNESVILLE - 1/6 1814 with Missouri Net Nx, ID (KVJ-GA)
 1410 KQVL TX MARSHALL - 1/3 2300 poor, under WLBJ with ID (RK-IL)
 1430 WIL MO ST LOUIS - 1/10 2300 fair+poor under WEZI with WIL AM 1430 St Louis ID; St Louis #7, MO #10 (EB-GA)
 WRLT TN MADISON - 1/12 2115 with ad, cont mx, simulcast with Nashville's Lite 100 (EM-NC)
 CJCLT ON TORONTO - 1/8 1805 with mentions of Toronto & Canada, cold forecast given, temps in Celcius only (KVJ-GA)
 1440 WEZJ KY WILLIAMSBURG - 1/12 2105 with Univ of Kentucky BKB, IDs & local ads; good for 85 watts (EM-NC)
 1450 WFIX AL HUNTSVILLE - 1/5 1814 strong signal with Univ of Alabama BKB promo, and local nx sponsored by Cafe 3 (KVJ-GA)

1480 WZJY SC MT PLEASANT - 1/12 2250 with promo for Professor Michael Fields' Shower of Flowers Contest; stn is GOS; I called, and they're running 44 watts!; Mt P. is a suburb of Charleston (EM-NC)
 1490 KXLQ IA INDIANOLA - 1/13 1804-1809 good with mx by Steely Dan & Steve Winwood+ad for shoe store in Indianola; I got real lucky on this one, as KEZO's XR was off @ the time (RD-IA)
 1510 KDKO CO LITTLETON - 1/2 1900 poor in WLAC null with scul mx & full ID (RK-IL)
 KDKO CO LITTLETON - 1/10 1821 fair with TC+PSA for a Martin Luther King, Jr memorial to be held at McNichols Arena on Sunday the 15th; 1st time hrd since last March (RD-IA)
 KCCV MO INDEPENDENCE - 1/3 1800 good with sign-off (RK-IL)
 1520 WLUV IL LOVES PARK - 1/14 1744 good with sign-off (RK-IL)
 1530 WRPM MS POPLARVILLE - 1/12 1807 very strong over WCKY; talking about heavy rains in area (GS-VA)
 1540 WSMI IL LITCHFIELD - 1/3 1800 good with sign-off (RK-IL)
 1580 WRDJ AL DADEVILLE - 1/12 1753 local wx, ads, TC (GS-VA)
 KQYX MO JOPLIN - 1/7 2030 fair under WPAD with sign-off & SSB; seemed like an unusual time to be signing off (RD-IA)
 1570 WNCA NC SILER CITY - 12/27 1800 NC Network Nx, ID; XLNT before fading down (WPT-DC)
 1580 WAMJ IN SOUTH BEND - 1/9 2849-2255 air w/ Indiana @ Purdue BKB; ment of Purdue Sports Radio Network (RD-IA)

GYDXA UPDATE (all new records)

1230:				
KVAK	AK Valdez	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki, Finland	5060
KORT	ID Grangeville	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5509
KXRR	Rexburg	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5564
KRDR	OR Gresham	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5782
KQIK	Lakeview	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	6004
KWYZ	WA Everett	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5635
CJOK	AB Ft McMurray	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	4417
CFLN	NF Goose Bay	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	3072
CFBF	NT Iqualuit	Esa Hanninen	Ristiina, Finland	2835
CHVD	PQ Dolbeau	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	3774
1240:				
KFOR	NE Lincoln	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki, Finland	5245
KFLY	OR Corvallis	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5904
CJAR	MB The Pas	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	4320
CKIM	NF Baie Verte	Esa Hanninen	Sillinjärvi, Finland	3272
CJCD	NT Yellowknife	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	4020
CJAF	PQ Cabano	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	3784
CKLS	La Sarre	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	4003
CJLS	SK Meadow Lake	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	4541
1340:				
KDEN	CO Denver	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki, Finland	5646
WJOL	IL Joliet	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	4874
KFKF	KS Kansas City	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5303
WMID	NJ Atlantic City	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	4540
KWVR	OR Enterprise	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5596
KIHR	Hood River	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5737
KTOQ	SD Rapid City	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5210
KWOL	WY Worlson	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5359
CHLW1	AB Grand Centre	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	4574
CEGB	NF Happy Valley	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	3388
CFYK	NT Yellowknife	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	4020
CJLS	NS Yarmouth	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	3917
CBGA7	PQ Ste-Anne-des-Monts	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	3572
XEAA	BCN Mexicali	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	8880
XECW	SIN Los Mochis	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	8975
1400:				
AFRN	AK Tok Junction	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki, Finland	4746
KQMS	CA Redding	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	6228
KART	ID Jerome	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5757
WBAT	IN Marlon	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5203
KDRG	MT Deer Lodge	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5371
KCOW	NE Alliance	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5367
KLIN	Lincoln	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5248
KEDO	WA Longview	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5739
KRSC	Othello	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5547
KWKW	WV Wheeling	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	4714
KKSK	AB Stettler	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	4838
CKRP	BC Princeton	Esa Hanninen	Lenmenjoki	5354
CBG	NF Gander	Esa Hanninen	Ristiina, Finland	3315

1450:					
KLAM	AK Cordova	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki, Finland	5157	
KEST	CA San Francisco	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	6504	
KOBO	CO Yuba City	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	6364	
KORI	ID Payette	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5742	
KXXL	MT Bozeman	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5277	
KUDI	MT Great Falls	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5239	
KBMW	ND Wahpeton	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	4905	
WIIN	NJ Atlantic City	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	4547	
KXKO	OR Eugene	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5904	
KFLS	WA Klamath Falls	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	6098	
KAYO	WA Aberdeen	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5726	
KONP	CA Port Angeles	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5606	
CHEV	BC Houston	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5107	
CHEP	PQ Granby	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	4041	
VEB1	BER Hamilton	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	4705	

1460:					
KOWL	CA South Lake Tahoe	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki, Finland	6308	
KBYC	Yreka	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	6182	
KPOL	CO Boulder	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5650	
KCID	ID Caldwell	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5772	
KCID	CT Chubbuck	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5678	
KEMR	IA Burlington	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5052	
WFOR	ME Portland	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	4084	
WABJ	MI Adrian	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	4710	
KDBM	MT Dillon	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5473	
KLYN	NE Laurel	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5296	
KEDD	NE Omaha	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5196	
KOKC	OK Guthrie	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5641	
KKKK	OR Baker	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5702	
KRNP	KS Cozaburg	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	6050	
KBYZ	OR Salem	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5883	
WBGW	PA Meadville	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	4586	
KERO	WA Bremerton	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5640	
KVAC	WA Forks	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5663	
KLOG	WA Kelso	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5771	
KENE	WI Toppenish	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5654	
WOSH	WI Oshkosh	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	4709	
CJPR	AB Crownst Pass	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5216	
CBXY	AB Fahler	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	4876	
CFWB	BC Campbell River	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	5504	
CEBQ	NE Labrador City	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	3915	
CEDJ	NT Hay River	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	4229	
CJMC	PQ Ste-Anne-des-Monts	Esa Hanninen	Espcc, Finland	3671	
XEMS	TAM Matamoros	Esa Hanninen	Lemmenjoki	6495	

REPORTERS:

- EB-GA Eric Buenean//Woodstock, GA//DX-200, TH-152, SM-2 (2 Reports)
- GS-VA George Santulli//Leesburg, VA//
- RJT-NC Robert Tiara//Hendersonville, NC//R-5000 + many LWs or 24" ferrite loop (2 Reports)
- WPT-DC William Townshend//Washington, DC//ICF-2010
- PK-IL Robert Kramer//Chicago, IL//R-1000, HQ-129X + RW Loop, Kowalski Loop
- RD-NC Ed Mitkus//Zionville, NC//RFSW 501 + LW
- RA-MA Kay Arruda//Acushnet, MA//HQ-180A with RW Loop//uncancelled stamp!
- KVJ-GA Karl Jeter//Stone Mountain, GA//HQ-150, R-390A + 200' LW
- RT-IA Rick Dau//Oakland, IA//R-1000 + RW Loop (at least, a new toy!)
- RD-IL1 Rick Dau//Chicago, IL (R. Kramer's apt)//R-1000 + RW Loop
- RD-IL2 Rick Dau//on I-88 near Aurora, IL//Ford Caradic

73, Bill

CITY QUIZ

John S. Bowker, Valparaiso, IN

QUIZ # 20

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?

590 660 1110 1290 1420

Here is a hint: it is one of these: Fairbanks, Omaha, Boston (The answer will appear at the end of the next City Quiz in DX News.) The answer to City Quiz # 19: Dallas

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MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT

740 KBRT CA AVALON - 1/12 fair in KSSS null 1952, "Talk From the Heart." (JT)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

- 540 CBK SK WATROUS - S/on 1/2 0658 o/u XEMA and into CBC News. (WH-CO)
- 680 CJOB MB WINNIPEG - 1/14 1131 surprise to hear this at this time of day, MB #9. (JT-CO)
- 690 KGGF KS COFFEYVILLE - 1/2 s/on 0358 over unID rocker. (WH-CO) (S/on?--NH)
- 920 KOLO NV RENO - 1/16 0632 local news & spots. Call sure sounded like KOLO instead of logbooks KQLO, USWest Info days KOLO also. (WH-CO) (From what I've heard, they use KOLO as a slogan, with the legal top-of-the-hour ID as KQLO.--NH)
- 1010 KPSL CA THOUSAND PALMS - S/off 1/2 0300, to return at 0800. (WH-CO)
- CBR AB CALGARY - 1/16 0728 s/on with Oh Canada & GSQ into anct of relays, o/u KXEX. (WH-CO)
- 1020 KRAD OK PERRY - 1/16 0645 mixed with KCKN & KTNQ with "Family News in Focus." (WH-CO)
- 1110 KFAB NE OMAHA - 1/16 s/on 0313, "K-F-A-B has been off for routine maintenance." (JT-CO)
- 1190 KBCO CO BOULDER - 1/4 s/on 0759. (JT-CO)
- 1200 WOAI TX SAN ANTONIO - 1/2 0330 s/off leaving unn CKDA and Cuba. Returned to air at 0559 and straight to news. (WH-CO)
- 1220 WLPO IL LASALLE - 1/9 0459 ad for 1st National Bank of Ottawa. Talk. (JT)
- 1230 KMGR UT MURRAY - 1/9 0446 "We're Magic 101 FM, KMGR." (JT-CO)
- 1240 KNRY CA MONTEREY - 1/16 1017 solid above regular KPOD coming out of weather, "Right now it's (?) degrees on Cannery Row," and into sports. (DL-HI)
- KDGO CO DURANGO - 1/10 0956 ski report for Wolf Creek & Purgatory. (JT)
- KICD IA SPENCER - 1/9 0729 ad for Southpark Mall & Ashton Dodge. (JT-CO)
- 1340 KOMY CA WATSONVILLE - 1/16 0858 ID in the mess mentioning Monterey as well as Watsonville, then into some Benny Goodman sounding filler before Mutual News on the hour. Somewhat stronger an hour or so later with morning show banter. (DL-HI)
- KDEN CO DENVER - 1/9 s/on 0635. (JT-CO)
- 1370 KSHY WY CHEYENNE - Noted s/on 1/2 and into USA Radio News at 0800. Hasn't moved to 1530 yet. (WH-CO)
- 1400 KDTA CO DELTA - 1/10 1016 slogan "K-Delta." (JT-CO)
- KLIN NE LINCOLN - Noted AN MM 1/2 with King dominant at 0406 with local weather. (WH-CO)
- KBCH OR LINCOLN CITY - 1/16 0724 atop KBLX, the regular powerhouse, with 40's & 50's style vocals a la Perry Como, Rosemary Clooney. Slipped in Roy Orbison's "Cryin'" too. (DL-HI)
- 1450 KBFS SD BELLE FOURCHE - 1/15 s/off 0203. (JT-CO)
- 1460 KTYM CA INGLEWOOD - 1/16 0504 very weak (presumably 500w) with a string of local spots (Inglewood Neighborhood Home Loan, others) then into Black spirituals in the absence of KDON, while searching futilely for KENO. Nothing else managed on a very mushy morning. Now a very tantalizing channel. (DL-HI)
- 1490 KRSN NM LOS ALAMOS - 1/10 s/on at 0800. (JT-CO)
- KJQN UT OGDEN - 1/15 0030 using slogan "Sun Radio for Northern Utah, K-S-U-N." Still KJQN, per call to station. (JT-CO)
- 1550 WOKJ MS JACKSON - 1/9 s/on at 0600. (JT-CO)

REPORTERS

- DL-HI/Doug Lamerson, DX'ing from Kane'ohe, O'ahu/Superadio II and spiral loop
- JT-CO/Jeff Tynan, Parker, CO/Sony 2002 with JT-5 loop
- WH-CO/Wayne Heinen, Aurora, CO/R-390A a/o RBB-4 with 4' loop a/o 225' LW

International DX Digest

Chuck Hutton

1237 Lanier Blvd.
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(404) 873-2785, before 2300 ELT
Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELT subtract 4 hours

- 153 USSR Khabarovsk 12/22 1740 instrumental mx, fair sig. (Vernon)
189 USSR Blagov'sk 12/10 1804 male RR talk then piano mx, fair sig // 153, 576, 594. (Vernon)
234 USSR Arkhangelsk etc. 12/9 1748 woman, RR talk, xlt sig, noted // 263, 171 at 1758. (Vernon)
234 USSR Magadan 12/10 1712 band mx, fair sig // 153, 720. (Vernon)
263 USSR Moscow 12/9 1758 xlt sig, noted most of morning // 171, 234. (Vernon)
576 USSR Khabarovsk-Petro 12/10 1804 male RR talk, good sig // 153. (Vernon)
580 JAMAICA Galina 1/7 0047 RJR by anncr, soccer game, good. (WPT)
594 USSR Yeniseysk 12/10 1806 soft piano mx, never noted before, fair sig // 153, 576. (Vernon)
666 USSR Komsomolsk-na-Amure 11/24 1358 piano mx, 1359 Mayak IS, xlt sig. (Vernon)
680 PUERTO RICO San Juan, woman with guests in and out of the studio for light chat, possibly inspirational in nature. Several "esta Radio Huapa" (Guapa?) IDs. Weak but with no QRM. 0327 1/7. (Janusz) That's "Wa-pah" as in a phonetic pronunciation of their calls - Chuck
760 CUBA CMBD Radio Reloj two men with low key talk/nes and familiar tick-tick-BEEP format. No sign of WJR, which usually dominates. Heard with similar fair level on // 790 0320 1/7. (Janusz)
792 AUSTRALIA 4QG Brisbane 11/28 1548talk about a more powerful engine, xlt sig. (Vernon)
840 HAITI Cap Haitien 4VEF 1/6 2345 talk in FF by man/woman fair-good. WHAS auroraed out. (Townshend)
910 CUBA Camaguey CMHL 1/6 2334 Cuban mx, talk by man. Good o/WRNL. (Townshend)
954t TURKEY Trabazon 12/9 1725 woman with talk, had AA type mx (sounds like AA to me -hi), before this, good sig. (Vernon)
960 CUBA Cienfuegos CMFD 1/7 0107 news in SS by man/woman, fair. (Townshend)
1030 HAITI Cap Haitien 4VEC 1/6 2358 gospel pgm "ASmazing Grace", s/off in ER, ex 1035. Good o/WBZ. (Townshend)
1120 HONDURAS? low key mellow sambas, then ID sounded like "Radio Nacional, Honduras". Lost in hash a minute later. KMOX not heard at all, 0313 1/7. Submitted as tentative. (Janusz) Hey Ed---got a tape you can send? I like challenges... Chuck
1160 CUBA CMBV R. Taino, La Julia 11/23 0442-0458 SS mx w/EE male anncr, "Vibrations of Sound" pgm, 0458 male s/off, good signal, have this on tape, new here o/KSL, assume 300 Kw was on. Not heard since though. (Vernon)
1170t COLOMBIA Valledupar HJPB 1/7 0018 nx in SS by man w/freq mentions of Colombia and a mention of Valledupar. (Townshend)
1170 HAITI Cap Haitien 4VRS 1/7 0010 FF talk by man, fair o/u Colombian. WWVA auroraed out. (Townshend)
1215 USSR unid TA 12/10 2231-2300 R. Moscow EE service, best sig of // 1431 and 1494 w/"Inside Report" pgm, did not note this at all last winter on 1215 KHz. (Vernon)
1377t CHINA Fujian Front stn, Fuzhou, Fujian (Haixia 2), 12/22 1707 woman with CC talk between western classical mx, 1708 played "Clair de Lune" with a harp, lovely mx, 1715 woman w/lots of CC talk past 1725, on much later than listed sked. (Vernon)
1413 OMAN BBC Masirah Island 12/9 1712 male anncr, EE talk about Gorbachev. Good sig. (Vernon)
1422 USSR Latvian SSR Valmiera etc. 12/9 1732 woman, could not pick out the lingo though, //1350, fair sigs. (Vernon)
1440 SAUDI ARABIA Damman 12/9 1717 woman with AA type talk, xlt sig. (Vernon)
1467t SOUTH KOREA HLKA Mokpo 12/10 1757 woman then male w/Oriental type singing, 1759 woman again, 1759:50 left the air. This stn is listed in WRTH 88 but does seem like Social Education program sked. (Vernon)
1512t CHINA Fuzhou, Fujian 12/22 1728 brief western type band mx, then male CC talk, 1730 woman w/unclear "potiente" (part of all standard Chinese ID's - Chuck), then Chinese opera. (Vernon)

- 1540 BAHAMAS ZNS1 Nassau 1/2 0630-0640 l&c o/CHIN w/Caribbean accented female preacher. (DeLorenzo)
1548 AUSTRALIA 4QD Emerald 12/20 1206 news, 1214 weather, flood warning on Murray River, high of 28 C expected in Brisbane, 1215 Late Show music pgm. (Vernon)
1560 MEXICO XEFAJ Mexico City 1/2 0642-0650 alone on channel w/ranchera mx and Radio Consentida ID's. (DeLorenzo)
1570 TURKS AND CAICOS Atlantic Beacon, ad for Wytthe Porter's "Hour of Grace and Power" coming up on "this station, the Atlantic Beacon". Fair with some QRM--a first here 0203 1/7. (Janusz)
1610 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon 1/7 2350 local like signal with canned preacher. (DeLorenzo)
1629 AUSTRALIA 2RPH Sydney and 3RPH Melbourne, midwinter is traditionally the least productive time of the year for reception from Down Under, but on December 25 (also known as Christmas - Chuck) I found these two 500 watt midgets jointly delivering a fair to good signal from 1227 to 1521 GMT. I taped six excerpts totalling 21 minutes of program fare from these two in that period and sent each of them a tape cassette along with identical letters asking for a verification if they could recognize what was on tape. I have not sought written verifications for years, but decided these two would be worth having. There was lots of Christmas music on the tape, and I told both of them to keep the tape. Last except on the tape came one hour after Denver sunrise. (Martin)

Marc DeLorenzo - Warner Robins, GA GE World Monitor, SM1, LW
Ed Janusz - Bricktown, NJ what's da radio Ed??
Gene Martin - Denver, CO HQ180, box loop
Bill Townshend - Washington, DC Sony ICF2010
Brian (where's he been?) Vernon - North Pole R7A, FRG7000, 3 300 m LW's

Firstest, Frank Merrill (Macomb, IL) sent along a note that Dau's 1250 unid with Exitos slogans is definitely KXET as he has heard it.

- 590 CUBA 0634 12/20 R. Reloj // 1100, OK copy. (Johnson) With ticking and CW IDs 0655 1/8 fairly good over CKEY. (Renfrew)
590 UNID 0132 12/19 time signal ticks and SS talk. (Johnson) I know you know a Cuban Reloj when you hear one so what is this? Chuck
600 CUBA R. Rebelde 0013 12/31 strong w/SS. (Johnson) Heard in parallel with SW 5025 0700 1/8. (Renfrew)
620 CUBA 0130 12/19 rough copy, somewhat weak. (Johnson) Strong 0013 12/31. (Johnson)
640 CUBA R. Progreso 0705 1/8 with what seemed to be a combination of music and drama. This one used to be the best Cuban signal into Connecticut in the sixties and seventies, now with CFMG it's exotic! (Renfrew)
670 CUBA R. Rebelde // 5025 0710 1/8, WMAQ easily nulled. (Renfrew)
710 CUBA R. Rebelde // 5025 0710 1/8, heard through CJRN. (Renfrew)
740 CUBA R. Progreso // 640 0720 1/8. (Renfrew)
760 CUBA R. Reloj // 590 0730 1/8 under WJR. (Renfrew)
800 BONAIRE 0429 12/24 PJB good copy, extremely strong signals // on 11930 KHz. (Johnson)
820 CUBA R. Progreso // 740 0735 1/8, surprisingly good through CHAM and WIQT. (Renfrew)
830 CUBA R. Taino, Habana 0004 12/19 "Radio Taino, under the sunset, strong sigs. (Johnson)
880 CUBA R. Progreso // 820 0745 1/8. (Renfrew)
980 COSTA RICA Alajuelita TIRI R. Impacto 12/23 0550-0602 fair w/SS mx and talk by man thanking listeners for tuning to Radio Impacto; sign off and NA. (Dau) Nice catch there - Chuck
1017 UNID 0328 1/15 barely audible, never improved to allow even a guess at what language. (McLachlan)
1100 CUBA 0634 12/20 // 590, OK copy. (Johnson)
1125 UNID 0320 1/15 female vocal, poor, language unknown. (McLachlan)
1134 UNID 0332 1/15 vocal poor, faded before any possibility of ID. (McLachlan)
1165 ANTIGUA R. Caribbean Radio Lighthouse 0158 1/15 religious pgm in EE, ID on the hour "Stay tuned to the Caribbean Radio Lighthouse". (McLachlan)
1260 CUBA?? 0442 1/6 SS, mentions Cuba a lot, sounds like "Radio Lah-seh-Oon-ehs". (Johnson)
1310 CUBA 0453 1/5 R. Caribe La Fe, fading, fairly strong sigs at times. (Johnson)
1314 NORWAY 0106 through at least 0330 1/15 female anncr when first heard, quiet mx, audio poor to fair, even listenable at times. (McLachlan)

- 1386 UNID 0112 01/15 male annr in EE, reference to Gorbachev, economic reforms, tone suggests R. Moscow from Kaliningrad but faded before ID. (McLachlan)
- 1440 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC tentative HIAD 2317 12/18 "Radio San Juan, San Juan de la Maguana" - I think this was what was said. Weak sigs. (Johnson)
- 1494 UNID 0313 1/15 very muddy audio, female annr in EE (?), probably Leningrad which has been heard previously. (McLachlan)
- 1555 CAYMAN ISLANDS around 0300 1/15 at times very good with music. (McLachlan)
- 1570 TURKS AND CAICOS 2328 1/6 "Total Christian Radio", good copy, very strong. (Johnson) 12/25 0445 very poor black preacher w/religious program, identified by annr as Bishop helton's Apostolic Faith Church Show; man w/Caribbean accent ID'ed as "AM 15-70 the Atlantic Beacon" and address; Rev. Danny Merrill w/live phone-in show. Thought this was XERF or KMAY! (Park)

Rick Dau - Oakland, IA
 Dave Johnson - Vero Beach, FL 12/21 - 12/24
 - Gainesville, FL other dates
 George McLachlan/Dave McBride/Barry Wasylik - Lewis, MB
 Dale Park - Kane'ohe HI
 Jim Renfrew - Rochester, NY

Readers Digest 10 bander
 TS440S, 130' LW
 same stuff
 R7, R70, Beverages
 Delco car radio
 HQ150, SM1

Contests

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Contest Standings as of 12/31

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Jeff Tynan, Parker, CO	4140	1538	307	58	17	124	1	0	0	0
Robert Kramer, Chicago, IL	3517	1457	-	161	6	15	3	0	0	0
Wayne Heinen, Aurora, CO	2475	1383	277	26	4	42	0	1	0	1
Jonn Wilkins, wheat ridge CO	1824	1041	208	24	3	25	0	0	0	1
Nancy Hardy, Aberdeen, WA	597	320	192	1	3	4	1	0	0	0
Bill Hardy, " "	524	262	157	2	2	1	0	1	0	0
Michael Hogan, Burnham, IL	121	96	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A= total points B= state & province points C= handicap points D= # of s/ons & s/offers heard & reported to DDXD E= # of most likely stations heard F= # of other new logs G,H,I = 1st, 2nd, & 3rd reports of new stations (broadcasting for 1st time 9/1 & later J = # of stations heard that were silent 3 months or more & returned after 8/31

FIRST REPORT OF NEW STATION 640 CFCM-ON RK-IL 11/16; 840 KVEG-NV NH-WA 10/23; 1010 KPFL-CA JT-CO 12/11; 1100 WSGI-TN RK-IL 11/22; 1210 KOKK-SD RK-IL 11/22

SECOND REPORT OF NEW STATION 840 KVEG-NV BH-WA 11/18; 1010 KPFL-CA WH-CO 12/12

RETURNED TO AIR 1310 1240 KIDG WH-CO; 1310 KPKA-CO JW-CO (#W)

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Changes in programming status; reported by NRC members and others

This mid winter edition of Formats is being brought to you by the M Street Journal (M), Dave Schmidt (D), Chris Cuomo (C), Eric Bueneman (E), Al Holtz of Conrail, Geov Parrish (G), and your editor, who turned the radio on while en route to Boston. Also, James J Nahirniak (J) shares some of the Detroit oddities with us. And the editor can second the observation that there are oddities in both programming and facilities in and around the Motor City. Jim observes that "Some of the most unusual programs you will ever hear are on the small block-formatted stations that will sell to anyone with the money to pay for it. From investors to herbal medicine to astrology, you will find it on these stations. Only WNZK and WUFL stick purely to their formats. WEXL and WLQV have some non-religion programs, and WCAR and WPON run all kinds of shows." And, now on with the show!!!!

- 540 WSTH GA Columbus - CWM//FM "South 106" (E).
- 560 WHND MI Monroe - "Honey Radio", oldies of 50's and 60's (J).
- 570 WKBN OH Youngstown - AC/Talk (C).
- 580 KJMM AZ Tucson - Was New Age, silent(G).
- 590 WKHX GA Atlanta - CWM, 100% // FM (E).
- 600 WTAC MI Flint - "The Big 6", rock oldies (J).
- 600 WCVP NC Murphy - AC (M).
- 630 KXOK MO St Louis - ABC Talkradio, NBC Talknet, LK(E).
- 650 CISL BC Vancouver - Rock oldies (G).
- 670 KWNK CA Simi Valley - News/Talk (M).
- 680 WISR PA Butler - AC/REL (C).
- 690 WNZK MI Westlund - Daytimer, all ethnici (J).
- 840 WKDI MD Denton - AC/Oldies, "Keeping Denton Informed"(D).
- 890 WLS IL Chicago - ABC Talkradio 1900-2400 (E).
- 890 WSKJ PA Sharpton - Christian/Religion (D).
- 900 WURD PA Philadelphia - Ex-WDVT, Rel, "The Word" (D).
- 910 WAVL PA Apollo - CWM/REL(C).
- 980 WSUB CT Groton - AC (TF).
- 990 WWCM MI Ypsilanti - "Christian Music 99", contemporary gospel, with little paid religion (J).
- 1000 WLUP IL Chicago - Classic Rock, LK, Sports (E).
- 1010 KPFL CA Thousand Palms - New, classical, fine arts(M).
- 1020 KYXE WA Selah - TNRR - CWM (M).
- 1030 WUFL MI Sterling Heights - "Family Life Radio", ex-WDRQ, daytimer (J).
- 1080 WEEP PA Pittsburgh - Oldies, does NOT //FM(C).
- 1090 KTNS CA Oakhurst - New, Transtar AC (M).
- 1090 WCAR MI Livonia - Block format, talk, ethnic, interviews(J). It's worth the trip to Livonia to see this 250/500 watt outlet, with its 10 towers, station would not let me do a profile on it!! (TF).
- 1110 WEBS GA Calhoun - Adult standards (M).
- 1140 KGEM ID Boise - Now adult standards after years as a CWM station (G).
- 1150 WKPA PA New Kensington - VAR/mostly CHR and oldies (C).
- 1180 WSAF GA Trion - SMN Oldies (M).
- 1210 WILY IL Centralia - Drops CWM for Nostalgia (E).
- 1260 WNDE IN Indianapolis - Now News/talk (M)
- 1280 WANS SC Anderson - Oldies (M).
- 1310 WDXI TN Jackson - CWM and 19 hours of Elvis!!(M).
- 1340 WEXL MI Royal Oak - Block format, religion, gospel, talk, and investment programs (J).
- 1350 KRYT CO Pueblo - Oldies//FM 108 (G).
- 1360 WWBZ NJ Vineland - News/talk, ABC News and Money radio network (D).
- 1370 WKFD RI Wickford - Oldies "The Big K by the Bay" (TF).
- 1390 KBEC TX Waxahochie - CWM oldies (M).
- 1400 WQBH MI Detroit - Black classics (J).
- 1420 WLIS CT Old Saybrook - Adult standards (TF).
- 1430 WBRB MI Mt Clemens - Motivational Talk, plus local news and sports (J).

- 1450 WBHF GA Cartersville - SMN AC (M).
- 1450 WEZR IN Fort Wayne - Oldies (M).
- 1450 KUUB MT Bozeman - Oldies (M).
- 1450 WXCH SC Charleston - Rel/Gospel (M).
- 1460 WJYA GA Bufford - Soft AC (M).
- 1460 WBET MA Brockton - BBD/NOS (TF).
- 1460 WCEI MD Easton - BBD/NOS (D).
- 1460 WPON MI Pontiac - Block format, ethnic, specialty talk (!), CWM (J).
- 1490 WMRB SC Greenville - To be BRN Business news (M).
- 1500 WLQV MI Detroit - Rel/Gospel, weekend investment program (J).
- 1520 WINW OH Canton - Rock // WRQK (M).
- 1540 WSMI IL Litchfield - CWM and some talk (E).
- 1548 Capital UK London - Oldies "Capital Gold" (M).
- 1550 WCXJ PA Braddock - UC(C).
- 1570 WWCK MI Flint - CHR//FM(M).
- 1590 WPLW PA Carnegie - Blk/GOS(C).
- 1600 WKEN DE Dover - News/talk mornings, BRN Business News and talk PM's and nights (D).
- 1600 WZMM WV Wheeling - AOR // FM (CO).

And that is it for this column. Get your format changes in, as over 700 interested people await your contributions!!!

73's *[Handwritten mark]*

TOWER TIP

IL-1
WLS - 890
CHICAGO, IL
50,000 WATTS

WHAT TO LOOK FOR: One very tall tower visible from any of the nearby highways with no difficulty.

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Send information about a.m. broadcast towers in your area to John D. Bowker, 14 Canoe Brook Drive, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550. Include a simple map (Bowker may re-draw it) showing major highways and any other terrain features near the tower(s). Tell how many towers, how they are laid out, and any other features that will help in spotting them.

WNRC Scoped Airchecks - from the 1988 Convention

Recorded at the 1988 NRC convention in Milwaukee while the FM station was on the air for the weekend, the set of four C-90 tapes is available from the Publication Center for \$9.95. Featured are John Bowker, Joe Sorenson, Phil Wayne, and Bob Walker with their unique approach to broadcasting! Jingles and selections from the shows are included in the tapes, which are housed in their own book-like holder for storage. Rush \$9.95 in check or money order to the NRC Publication center - P. O. Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661, and be the first on YOUR block to own the complete set!

BUTTON - PUSHING TRAVELS WITH WALT BREVILLE

John Rieger did it by his article on his signal-sniffing meanderings in the Nov. 7, 1988 issue of DX News. That fueled my urge to hit the highway and intensified my cold weather blues. I am much better equipped to do so than I was a couple of years ago, with a 1986 Thunderbird equipped with Proton 214 cassette stereo plus 80 watt amp and beefed up loudspeakers, GE Superradio, and Sony SRF-M40W Walkman with digitally tuned AM/FM. On AM the Superradio is definitely the most sensitive and selective of the trio, but the car and Walkman radios being digital readout are essential aids in IDing new stations. On FM the car radio is the best DX puller. The Walkman does amazingly well on AM considering its tiny size, and its priced under \$50.

I am hoping that at least two of my NRC friends who travel often will send in articles like this, for the format/slogan information makes valuable DX reference data as well as call/frequency changes noted...Like many DXers I do Not update my NRC and FM Atlas logs, there are too many changes and with working overtime I do not have the time. So having a fairly new NRC log and FM Atlas really moved me to make plans.

January 13, 1989 my vacation started! Got off work 6:30pm, got a quick bite to eat at McDonald's, hopped into the car to head it on a long course to the southwest. Was shaken by the weather report: my route down I-44 into Oklahoma threatened with snow-a nasty four letter word..I work outdoors, hate the stuff! So I elected to take an alternate route due south into Arkansas curving into Texas, headed down I-55 & US 67 to spend the first night at Poplar Bluff, MO, where my ears were tickled to hear KLID-1340 playing lively CHR and not parallel to any FM. Up the next morning to find sleet mixed with the rain, found out that I was barely outside the snow line in this storm, so I promptly hit the road heading south thru Arkansas in the sloppy mess, with just a handful of undistinguished small town automated C&W and REL outlets and my cassette tapes to feed the car stereo. Was so glad I took this route upon approaching Little Rock as I found the children's formatted KPAL-1380 the neatest thing in ages for adults like me with a bit of "kid" in their minds. When I went thru late Saturday morning KPAL had just little bits of "kid talk" between bunches of '50s and '60s novelty songs, mostly obscure old rockers (or do children's records sound like this nowadays?) with occasional Gold hits like Purple People Eater, Monster Mash, a very young Michael Jackson singing "Rockin' Robin", the Chipmunks doing a late '70s disco number, what a treat to find something different like this rocking the AM band!

Other Little Rock stations noted: 920-KARN TLK, 1150-KEZQ is all Travelers Information Service, 1250-KZOU (ex-KOKY), 1440-KITA & 1500-KCHB both black GOS, FM 91.5 apparently silent, 95.7-KSSN "Kissin'" is C&W, 98.5-KZOU "Z-98" CHR, 100.3-KEZQ "FM-100" EZL, 103.7-KKYK "FM-104" sounds UCish CHR to me. At Arkadelphia found 91.1 silent, 100.9-KDEL light AC, 1240-KVRC was there (with what I forgot, its not always easy to write notes alone on the highway, esp. when 18 wheelers are squeezing me!) On to HOPE finding KXAR both 1490 & 101.7 doing UCish AC, 104.9-KHPA parallel to 1490 running basketball game. TEXARKANA has 740-KMC C&W, 790-KOSY CW, 1400-KMLA OLD/CHR mix. Now entered the bigger-than-life state of TEXAS, felt real charged up on my way as I hit Mt. Pleasant with its lively 100.7-KPFI "X-100" CHR/AC. Also in these parts a number of FM translators abound - they're low power outlets that rebroadcast on another frequency another out-of-town station, most of them are very hard to hear as their coverage radius is less than a couple of miles.

The weather changed from the steady hard rain of NE Ark. to cloudy but dry thru Little Rock to an all clear sky in Texas, but temp. in the 40's. Came into DALLAS squinting into the low setting sun finding a galaxy of stations on both bands. Between fighting the thick rush hour traffic (though the extra-wide streets of Dallas make it not too bad) and spending time with my friend, eating out, etc. I had far too little time to check out very much of the horde of Metroplex stations. Here's what I did note: 570-KLDD "K-Oldie" fine sounding with wide coverage, 660-KSKY REL, it is nice to have an all-news station like 1080-KRLD, something we don't have in St. Louis. 890 had WLS pounding in this Saturday evening with the charming Jackie Renease spinning her large playlist of OLD/AC, sure hope WLS keeps her on. No sign of Laredo-890 yet. 1190-KLIE, the great Top 40 pioneer, is now all-TLK. 1310-KAAM runs a good BBD/MYL. 1480-KMEZ is C&W, I fondly remember when it was KBOX 25 years ago doing a very fine T-40 like 1430-WIL St.Louis was when Balaban Broadcasting owned both, and occasionally KBOX could be heard well in the wee hours from St.Louis.

The Metroplex FM dial is jam-packed with signals on almost every channel, I just tried to pick out the most noteworthy with limited time I had. 90.9-KCHI GOS, 91.7-KVTT REL, 92.1-KEMM Commerce, TX C&W, 92.5-KZPS comedy/TLK, 93.5-KTKT my first translator caught anywhere! 94.1-KOJO GOS, 95.3 is S listed for McKinney, TX. 99.1 all jazz, 100.3 listed KMEZ but far from EZL, more like UC "100.3 jams, it really does", 101.1-WRR CLA, 102.1 CHR, 103.7-KVIL AC "Digital 103", oops almost missed "Magic 102.9" KMGC lite AC/jazz, 104.5-KKDA CHR, 107.5-KLDZ EZL, 107.9 Corsicana, TX "K-108 FM, best variety of music in north central Texas".

Sunday 1/15 found me rolling southward under clear skies and rapidly warming temperatures, next checkpoint town is Waco with the great longstanding call WACO-1460 with lively countryish CHR (or is it hot C&W ?), its FM outlet 99.9 plain AC, 95.5-KNFO is C&W "FM-95", 1010-KBBW is REL, 1230-KWTX C&W, S on 1580 round out the other AM's. On to AUSTIN, where I sighted the first (northernmost ?) palm trees! 590-KLBJ with professional-sounding news/TLK, old LBJ would be proud of it, I think. 1300-KVET C&W, 1370-KOKE EZL, 93.7-KLBJ "FM-94, your rock n'

roll connection", 94.7-KAPT a real EZL with real elevator music, only one song verging on very soft rock among a dozen or so soft-stringers, unlike most EZL's nowadays mixing in a lot of soft and just-halfway-soft rock stuff. 96.7-KQFX lucky I bagged this one's call, it's not listed! 98.3 "All hit K-98" incorrectly listed as 98.1 in FM Atlas, 100.7-KASE C&W "case 101 FM", 102.3 "Z-102" "Austin's Classic Rock" 102.5 AC/OLD another unlisted, but must be extended ground wave/mild trop from KJNE Hillsboro-Waco, strong signal for 120 miles! The Proton car stereo, while not much of a DX performer on AM, is fairly sensitive on FM.

San Marcos offers AC on both 1470-KSPL & 103.5-KEYI, New Braunfels 92.1-KNET C&W, 1420-KGNB MYL. Now, at 2:30pm, coming into SAN ANTONIO, another happy high point of the trip with its freeway traffic definitely less hectic than that of Dallas, sunny and temp. in mid-70's and the car air conditioning is on! 530-KTSA is MYL/STD, 630-KSLR REL, 680-KKYY C&W, another good one with same call & music as 20 years ago, I believe. 720 is S, 760-KSJJ is "Z-rock", 930 is S, no 1110 as listed but KDXY is on 1100 w/REL from Alamo Heights, more S outlets on 1160,1250,1310,1350, & 1540. 1480-KCHL lite AC. And it was neat hearing WOA1's professional-with-slight-Texas-accent voices strong in midday. A slough of FMer's starting with 89.1-KSTX noted ON (is listed as being off the air), 90.9 & 91.7 both CLA, 92.9-KITY CHR "Power 93", 97.3-KAJA C&W, 96.1-KSAQ sounds AOR, 102.7-KTFM CHRish sounding with good YL DJ, 106.7-KMMX "Kimmix" "San Antonio's only soft rock station". S noted on 102.9, 103.7 "Es stereo hits", 106.9 & 107.5.

South of San Antonio the scenery becomes more Wild-West-wide-open-spaces, the highway is deserted compared to Interstates further north, and the dials become a mess of mostly weak mostly S stations. One good non-ID was "Big Tex 92.1". COTULLA, halfway to the border from San Antonio & was at the border in the 1830's-40's has one..97.7-KDCY "Chijano classics never die".

The climax of the trip came at 5:20pm Jan.15: arrived at my destination, the Motel 6 in Laredo, Texas 1,040 miles from home! Still sunny, temp.77°, next day it hit just 67° but the midday sun was generous for January! 90% of residents on the Texas side are of Mexican descent, so even the primary EE stations carry S part of the time. LOS DOS LAREDOS dial: 890-KVOZ part TLK, S-EZL, lite AC, is off in the wee hours of weekdays as well as MM, W.S makes a strong showing for 1200 air miles. Other Chicago 50 KW'ers did not show this MM, S noted on their channels and most others, farthest EE heard was WHAS KMOX & WHO. Tuesday morning CX were a bit better with WGN WMAQ & WBMM overriding S on their channels, and with the Superradio I managed to get clear WCCO ID's from the WBAP splatter! Other Dos Laredos (Two Laredos) AM's: 1300-KLAR is C&W, nothing on 1490, definitely silent. Other side of river has 790,960,1000,1090,1340,1370,1410,1550 (underlined are fulltime, rest are daytime only), Nuevo Laredo FMs on 91.3, 94.1-XENN (yes, I caught the ID on this one which isn't listed), & 99.3. K-FM's are 88.1-KHOY S-EZL, 89.9-KBNL typical US educational w/some S added, 92.7-KJBE CHR, 94.9-KOYE "The New Y-95" also CHR, 98.1-KRRG sounds AC, and the mystery: "Love 102" on 102.3 playing 60s & 70s lite AC. This one NEVER gives call letters, like many others on this trip only I tried longer with this one. Seems like there is a trend to doing away with call letters so we listeners/DXers increasingly have to use digital readout radios, slogans, assorted clues to ID, or guess at ID of strange new stations. There is a need of Mexican AM station logs, for that I'm using the last (1981) Vane Jones North American AM/FM/TV log1.WRTH's that I used do not list many lower-power Mexican AM's.

For the next two days I cooled off pushing radio buttons as there was so much to be done exploring the streets of Laredo, watching the Mexican cable TV channels (Univision and Tele-Mundo were two that I recall) getting earfuls of music at lounges and the Rox-Z disco, & doing the usual touristy things like walking into a few blocks of Nuevo Laredo buying souvenirs & drinking Corona beer at the Cadillac Bar. Laredo gave me my money's worth for a change of scenery and atmosphere for going no farther than two miles outside the USA, just two days drive from home.

The last two days in Laredo were completely minus their famous blazing sun, it turned cloudy & drizzly with the temperature struggling to reach 58°, 10° below normal for Jan. Then it was time to leave and head back north up I-35, drove almost 200 miles thru a steady hard rain between San Antonio and Waco. After reaching friend John's apartment again in Dallas it was dry, clearing, and in the 50's that evening. After a good overnight stay with him & his vast record/video collection, I was back on the road heading north Friday the 20th, said goodbye Texas and now pushing buttons in Oklahoma.

First Oklahoma checkpoint going up US 69 was McAlester, with 1400-KTMC "Sound of Solid Gold", 101.3-KMCO w/C&W, and KZBX-104.9 running lively AC/CHR. Unless noted otherwise, most all the stations in this article seem to be automated or on satellite (I can't tell the difference), live people giving frequent time & temperature checks are few & far between nowadays but I gather its a necessary evil much of the time if we are to continue to hear music on AM, with today's economic blains in AM-land. McAlester has no less than four FM translators listed in the FM atlas, none of which I could hear. Next big town, Muskogee, featuring 1380 running parallel to 97.1-KKWK "Regional Radio Quick 97" with AC, 1490-KBIX "Hot Country Hits", 106.9-KAYI-"K-107 Tulsa" even though Muskogee is 45 air miles from downtown Tulsa! They must have their XR site far northwest of town to get primary coverage in part of Tulsa to get away with that.

North of Muskogee, US 69 brushes fairly close to the far outskirts of Tulsa, so here's the TULSA dial: 740-KRMG w/OLD, 790-KCPO REL, 1050-KGTO-this daytimer runs a mix of OLD/MYL, 1170-KVOO solid C&W, 1300-KAKC w/OLD another high point for me, another one with same call & music as in 1965, when I drove thru Tulsa and heard a DJ named Scooter Seagraves, an NRC member at the time! Memories are very fond of this even though I had no time to try to find the station & visit him. 1430 is now C&W, KSKS. 89.5 is CLA, 90.5 REL, 92.1 CIA, 92.9 KBEZ is EZL as call implies, 95.5 is C&W "K-95 FM", 96.5 is "FM-96, yesterdays' hits, today's favorites", 97.5-KMOD AOR "Oklahoma's Powerhouse", 98.5 is now KVOO-FM "country 98 FM", 100.9 is GOS, 102.3 Sand Springs was not on-silent, 103.3-KTEF is C&W.

Pryor has just one AM/FM simulcaster, KMYZ-1570 & 104.5 running rock, the AM is a daytimer, sounds muffled up even for a bad AM. Next little town, Vinita, has an even worse audio quality Amer, 1470-KVIN running OLD, and an FM, KITO-95.9 with typical good FM frequency range but a lot of distortion on their C&W music, DJ was very backwoods sounding but he was a real live DJ giving frequent time, temperature & weather comments. And at least Vinita's AM/FM duo was not simulcasting, at least when I came thru there!

It was good to be back in the rolling hills of Missouri, Joplin in the SW corner with a handful of stations: 1230-KSSC has MYL, 1310-KFSB runs OLD, 1450-WMBH C&W, 1560 KQYX w/CHR, this 10 KW daytimer gets out poorly, probably because ground conductivity in this area is poor and the high freq. does not help with pushing out good groundwaves. 90.7 is GOS, 92.5-KYSN CHR, 102.5-KKUZ "Z-103"CHRish AC, 104.9-KRKG is EZL. Aurora has 100.1-KELE C&W.

SPRINGFIELD,MO has 560-KWTO, C&W, same call/format at least 35 years! 1060-KTOZ daytimer w/MYL, 1260-KTTS C&W, 1340-KICK OLD, same call/music over 20 years. 1400-KGBX apparently SILENT, could not hear a trace of 'em. 1550 not there, probably s/off'ed at sunset. 89.1 REL, 94.7-KTTS-C&W, 97.3-KXUS AOR "US 97", 98.7-KWTO "99 FM" lively CHR. 101.5-KTXR is EZL, and now another translator heard: listed as KXBR-107.1 "Music radio" CHR "Z-103".

At Lebanon, KLWT noted still on 92.1, not yet moved to 107.9. Rolla's 1490-KTRR runs Talknet at night, at breaks a good-sounding YL gives local weather & announcements.KTRR's sister on 105.3-KZNN is C&W. 94.3-KCLU is CHR/AOR.

Arrived back home in South St. Louis county at 9:30pm, ending my 7 day round trip of 2,130 miles. Appreciate St. Louis radio in that no AM stations simulcast FM's in this area. Best recent happening is the emergence of WKLL-590 "Kool", specializing in OLD 1955-63 with a huge playlist. I understand its satellite-delivered, but their music collection is so great I don't mind, its better than hearing a live DJ repeat the same records every couple of hours. Thank you all for accompanying me on this ride!

TOWER TIP PA-1		WMLP - 1380 MILTON, PA 1000 WATTS
I-80		I-80
<p>WHAT TO LOOK FOR: Short single tower in field 200 feet from US-15 to the west. The field is at a higher elevation than the road.</p> <p>CONTRIBUTED BY: J.D. Bowker</p> <p>Send information about a.m. broadcast towers in your area to John D. Bowker, 14 Canoe Brook Drive, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550. Include a simple map (Bowker may re-draw it) showing major highways and any other terrain features near the tower(s). Tell how many towers, how they are laid out, and any other features that will help in spotting them.</p>		

Owner takes radio station off air

Huntington radio station owner Allen C. Moore knew his market share: Zero. "You can't spend money to entertain dead air." Moore, 71, said in explaining why he yanked his own station off the air. WCER-AM had its final broadcast on Saturday. Moore used \$56,000 in June to buy the station on behalf of a group of retired Ford Wayne radio engineers and executives who incorporated and became stockholders in ACME Inc. Before the sale, WCER had been off the air since September 1987. It had had financial trouble since 1983, when it was purchased by Group C Broadcasting Inc. of Indiana. WCER returned to the air in September playing a variety of music from donated records. Moore, his daughter, Patricia, and a staff of unpaid volunteers operated it.

-via Wendell Ford



THE ADULT COMBO

KEZK
FM102

December 27, 1988

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your interest in WKLL (formerly WRTH).

I am pleased to verify your reception of WKLL on December 19, 1988. WKLL (KOOL 590) has undergone some real changes in the past few months; On October 20, vandals burned our entire transmitter plant. Normally we operate at 1000 watts with day and night directional patterns. On October 22 we returned to the air with an emergency allocation of 250 watts non-directional and we continue to operate as such pending the rebuilding of our site. We expect to return to normal operation during January '89. I've enclosed a coverage map for WKLL during normal operation. Also please find a copy of KEZK's coverage map. (I haven't seen your report on KEZK???) Again, thanks for your interest in our stations.

Bob Hoffman
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Venezuela station to eclipse V of America

REUTER NEWS SERVICE

CARACAS — Venezuela will launch an AM band international radio station that will be more powerful than the Voice of America in the Western Hemisphere, a senior government official said Wednesday.

Domingo Vina, director of the Central Office of Information, told reporters funding for the station, to be called the Voice of Venezuela, is not to interfere with local radio

was approved Wednesday in a meeting of President Jaime Lusinchi's Cabinet.

"Today the Voice of Venezuela was created, a station that will be the most powerful in (the) America(s), even more powerful than the Voice of America of the United States," Vina said.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman in Caracas said the VOA prefers shortwave to AM broadcasting so as not to interfere with local radio

broadcasts.

According to local radio broadcasters, the Venezuelan station will broadcast at 1240 kilohertz frequency on the AM band and its transmitter will have 1,000 kilowatts of power.

The U.S. Embassy spokesman said the VOA has 110 kilowatts of

broadcasting power in the Caribbean on the AM band. He added its shortwave station network has 10,825 kilowatts of power to

broadcast throughout the Americas.

Vina said the station's signal will reach from Canada to Argentina. It will broadcast programs in Spanish, French, English and Papiamentu, a language of the nearby Netherlands Antilles, a group of Dutch Caribbean islands.

Vina told reporters the Voice of Venezuela will be headquartered in station near Punto Fijo.

THE CONSTANT LISTENER

Little Mack Awards tell the rest of the story

The Constant Listener, being all things to all people, is poised to rip off the beard and cast away the cane of Old Man 1988 and stands ready to don the diaper of New Kid 1989 at the stroke of midnight! After all, we and 1989 have lots in common. TCL is just four weeks old and full of vinegar — and whatever mixes well with it.

So, after dubbing WJR's Gary Berkowitz as 1988 Grand Radio Poobah last week, TCL's Constant Readers want to know: What about the rest of the story? (Apologies to Paul Harvey!)

The answer: Our Very Own Little Mack Citations, named after one of St. Clair Shores' finest thoroughfares! Slow learners who bother to read the Old Gray Hussey Down the Street will ask the not-so-musical question: Are you trying to make fun of that publication's Big Mac Radio Awards, named after the burger who covers radio for them? What? Us? *Mais non, certainement!*

And now the envelope, puh-lease.

■ **The Good Riddance Plaque:** Noah Adams' "Good Evening" says good night on American Public Radio (WDET-FM, 101.9), a sorry replacement for "A Prairie Home Companion."

■ **The Quick Slip of the Year Award** to WCZY-FM (95.5), for gently moving towards adult contemporary after being sold. "If they add 10 and drop 10 more songs," whispers one local GM to TCL, "they would sound just like WNJC." But, Dick Purton, don't call — we're not comparing you and Gene Taylor to Harper & Gannon. We know Gene's second banana and Gannon isn't...

■ **The Yesterday Show Award** to WCSX-FM (94.7), whose attempt at doing a kind of hip "Today" show on radio failed, sending host Beth Konrad back to public television and David Perry into an afternoon slot.

■ **The Gray Hair Cup** to AOR/classic rock, a format that has seen its share of the market diminish over the year. TCL was never into dinosaurs that much, either.

■ **Rookie of the Year:** WDFX-FM (99.5); with loudmouth jocks and a 25-song playlist, this should be one of the top five stations in the market when the quarterly ratings come out in January. TCL likes people who can just barely count beyond their fingers and

toes. **Runner-up:** Monday Morning Replay, a solid new trade mag based in Farmington Hills, started operating in January. It's made us drop our subscription to Sports Fan Journal!

■ **Non-Rookie of the Year:** WVAE-FM. If they only spelled the format's name right. TCL sez: "Mellow is out." ... **Runner-up:** Shadoc Stevens, who took over the Sunday "American Top 40" countdown show but is getting knocked about as stations are scrambling to get "Casey Kasem's Top 40," which debuts in January. Stevens replaced Kasom on the ABC syndicated show. Like Dobie Gray sang it in "The In Crowd," the original is still the greatest. ...

■ **Best Change of Looks:** To Deano Day when he played the Mystery Man for CKMR-FM, handing out money in a white tux with no facial hair or cowboy hat. A long way from home, home on the range, buddy.

■ **The Guillermo Hernandez of the Airwaves Award** to WRIF's Ken Calvert, who keeps getting chances to save the WRIF morning show (never the same since Jim Johnson and George Baier left). Why does KC always sound as if he stayed up too late practicing how to say "Spider Salley?"

■ **Na-na, Hey-hey, Goodbye Oak Leaf Cluster** to ex-WRIF morning man Pat Still, who dawdled with the program log and irritated many with his particularly snarmy personality.

WE INTERRUPT FOR THESE BULLETINS:

WLLZ-FM (98.7) will broadcast Ted Nugent's New Year's Eve bash live at about 10 tonight from (beautiful, air-conditioned) Cobo Arena. A reminder: The Nuge will wed station traffic reporter Shemane Deziel next year. ... WRIF-FM (101.1) starts a countdown of the top 101 party songs of all time at 9 p.m. tonight. The station release proclaims tunes will range from "the Supremes to Sinatra." Wonder who at the WRIF record library brought in Grandma's copy of Frank singing "I've Got You Under My Skin" for this evening of very special radio? ... Mike Campbell of WWJ-AM says the station got a bad rap during Flight 103 crash coverage when TV types told the Free Press the J reported Ford execs were on board the fatal flight. "Listen to the tapes," Campbell told a TCL adviser last week, insisting the station never mentioned any Big 3 casualties.

Detroit Free Press
-via Charles W. Reh

Need to renew? Expired? The mailing label will tell you.

Grand Rapids Press
-via Phil Boersma

School's out!

The Grand Rapids Press

Snow days, such a blessing to even the most devoted students, are no picnic for any adults involved.

Take Mel Vande Gevel, director of communications and marketing for Grand Rapids Public Schools.

In the past, when schools had to be closed due to weather, he would receive the official cancellation call from administration somewhere between 5 and 6:30 a.m. and then spend the next hour or so calling a dozen radio and TV stations to get the word out to those most affected — mostly kids on their knees praying that the day's math test would be the latest victim of weather.

Vande Gevel, much to his sleepy-eyed family's dismay, would then crank up the radio and TV to monitor all the stations he had called, just to make sure the correct message was getting out.

If a new plan concocted by area media works the way it should, he'll only need to make one call before getting on with the rest of the day's business, not to mention going back to sleep.

After years of examining a way to streamline the way schools report closings to radio and TV stations, a new system, GRAIL (Grand Rapids Area Information Line), will deliver the information quickly and uniformly to all participating media.

Those involved say it's the only system of its kind in the country.

School district representatives need only call an area answering service, deliver the proper code name and number, and the school is entered into a computer. That computer will alphabetize the list and send it within seconds to all participating stations, where it will print out and be ready for the air.

That will make Mike Keyworth's life a bit easier.

As a one-man news operation, first at WGRD and currently at WJFM, Keyworth would be on overdrive on those days when cancellations would pour into the station faster than he could grab the calls, much less alphabetize a list. Much less prepare his regular news reports.

"It can get really crazy on those days," said Keyworth, news director at JFM. "In harried moments, I've lost one (school district) or forgotten to put one on."

About four years ago, Keyworth standardized a system that designated one code name per school, which eliminated the need for keeping track of long lists of names.

Even so, some schools wouldn't report to all stations in the area, just because of the time involved.

Phil Catlett, general manager at WLHT and one who gave the final nudge on behalf of the Grand Rapids Radio Broadcasters to take a serious look at the problem, said this way almost any station you listen to will have accurate information.

"In the past, school districts might select one or two stations," said Catlett, who chaired the committee as a representative of area general managers. "People who ordinarily listen to one station may have switched over or would forget to switch and not hear the closings."

"We've eliminated that concern for listeners. Now they can be listening to virtually any station in this market."

Participating radio stations are WCSG, WCUC, WGRD, WGVU, WJFM, WJQ, WKQL, WLAV, WLHT, WMAX, WMUS, WOOD and WSNX. TV station WOTV is also participating. (WZZM is not a part of the system since, according to a station spokesman, its signal goes farther north than most other area media, and it already has a system in place to cover its viewing area.)

The procedure is the brainchild of WCUC engineer Tom Bosscher, who came up with the system after discussions with Catlett.

"He's really the brains behind it," said Catlett, who worked with Bosscher at CUZ. "He did a lot of investigating of alternatives, on his own time."

Midstate Security Company in Grand Rapids is the company whose answering service, An-

One call spreads the word

swering Services Unlimited, will handle the calls.

The added benefit of the system is that it can also be used in time of emergency, either by police, civil defense or major utilities.

If there's a power outage or the Red Cross is in dire need of blood or an agency must get in touch with area media fast, the system is now in place.

But Keyworth is quick to add that it is not set up as a news reporting system or as a replacement for current weather alerts.

"We'll still be doing all our own news gathering," said Keyworth. "And the weather bulletins will still come from AP (Associated Press). But this could be a backup."

"The long-term implications are whatever your imagination can think of in terms of public emergencies," Catlett said. "If any of those agencies need public cooperation, they can make one call and deal with 14 broadcast facilities. It is very beneficial to the public."

Many other options were discussed, and the general managers had many questions about the system before it was agreed on.

But they are confident the system is secure. GRAIL is costing each participating station roughly \$1,500 for equipment (transmitters, modems, receivers, pointers), according to Catlett, and a monthly fee of about \$75 to maintain the service.

RUTH BUTLER



RADIO

School districts from all over West Michigan have been invited to participate at no cost to them.

"I think it's a wonderful program," said Yande Gevel, a former radio news director. "We informally discussed it when I was a news director, but we didn't have the equipment available."

"I hope all the stations in town and in the immediate vicinity participate in the near future."

The system has been undergoing test runs the past few weeks. All that's needed now is snow.

"If this takes 14 calls out of the (school districts) schedule, it's a benefit," said Keyworth, who said there were no massive closings last year. "This has taken a lot of work and a lot of compromise on the part of the stations."

"I hate school closings, but when I saw (last week's) extended forecast for the winter, I said great, this is the perfect year for it."

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- via Mike Knitter

WTMJ fixes 'Mr. Fix-It' overkill

By MICHAEL ZAHN

Journal entertainment reporter

FOR WEEKS, I've been hearing complaints about Gus Gnorski's weekday call-in show, which airs from 1 to 3 p.m. on WTMJ (620 AM). Several WTMJ listeners told me that they used to be fans of Gnorski's show, because he was so skillful at sparring with callers on controversial issues of the day. But the listeners said they had become disgusted with the show recently because it had been taken over by callers wanting to discuss leaky toilets and other household problems.

As it turns out, WTMJ admits that it goofed when it allowed fix-it calls to dominate Gnorski's weekday show. The show is now going back to its original emphasis on current issues; Gnorski will take only one fix-it call each half hour.

Other callers with home-improvement questions will have to wait until "Ask Gus" airs from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturdays. "Ask Gus," which has been on the air since September 1986, has given Gnorski a reputation as a do-it-yourself expert.

Why'd you self-expert show undergo such a change of emphasis? The explanation, from Mike Elliott, WTMJ's program director, provides some insight into the pitfalls of running call-in radio shows.

Elliott said the shift to fix-it calls occurred when the station became concerned that 10 to 15 "talk-show groupies" were getting on the air repeatedly to debate with Gnorski. At the same time, many people with home-improvement problems were complaining that they could not get their calls through on Saturdays.

As an experiment, Elliott said, WTMJ allowed many fix-it callers to go on the air during the week. But those calls "got out of hand for a while, and so we're trying to back off," Elliott said.



Gus Gnorski

As for the "talk-show groupies," the station is attempting to combat them with intensive screening, Elliott said.

If you want to talk to Elliott about Gnorski's show or other WTMJ programming, he'll take calls in the latter portion of the station's "Midday" show this Monday. "Midday" runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"NEWSRADIO 76," Chicago's WBBM (780 AM), recently celebrated 65 years on the air and 20 years as an all-news station. As part of the commemoration, Chuck Schaden, who is the host of the station's "Radio Classics" show, has written a book, "WBBM Radio: Yesterday and Today." The 136-page soft-cover book has more than 300 photos and graphics. It costs \$10 and will be available about the middle of this month. To order by mail, phone (312) 951-3265.

During the summer and early fall, Schaden's Sunday show, from 8 to 10

p.m., will feature old WBBM broadcasts and interviews with former WBBM performers.

At any one time, an average of 800 people in metro Milwaukee are listening to WBBM, according to the most recent Arbitron ratings. Over the course of a week, about 40,000 Milwaukeeans tune in WBBM at one time or other, Arbitron says. The 50,000-watt station says it can be heard in 41 states and 3 Canadian provinces.

AFTER SOME experimentation, WNOV (850 AM) has stabilized its gospel-music programming, which was disrupted in March when "Gospel Doctor" Eugene Matthews moved his popular "Highway to Heaven" show to WYLO (540 AM).

WNOV now plays gospel music



RADIO ZAHN

from 6 to 8 a.m. weekdays, and all day Sunday. (The Saturday gospel schedule has not been worked out yet.) The hosts for the weekday show are Brother Andrew Taylor, who formerly worked at WYLO, and the Rev. Benjamin Nabors.

Matthews' "Highway to Heaven" airs on WYLO from 8 to 10 p.m. weeknights, from 6 to 10 a.m. and 6:30 to 10 p.m. Saturdays, and from 10 to 12 p.m. Sundays.

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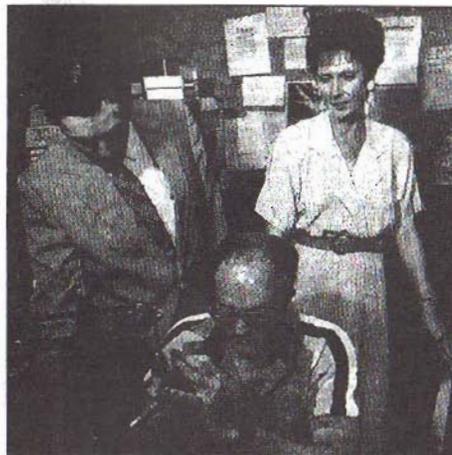
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KWXI announcer Tim Sheffield flanked by the Nicholoses.

Tiny Glenwood radio station reaches listeners far away

By Michael Arbanas
GAZETTE HOT SPRINGS BUREAU

GLENWOOD — The caller was from Little Rock, and he knew how to get rid of Formosa tree roots that keep growing after you cut down the tree.

Just combine some AAA tree poison with some motor oil, and the mixture will kill the roots forever.

Tom Nichols doesn't get that many calls from Little Rock on his daily "Ask Your Neighbor" program. Most of the callers live closer to Glenwood, where he and his wife Polly own and operate KWXI, at 670 on the AM dial.

That people do call from Little Rock, as well as Booneville, DeCaden, Camden and Sheridan, is evidence that the tiny station reaches many more people than live in and around Glenwood.

It has to.

"The town itself has only 1,400 people, therefore many people have considered putting a station here, but backed away," Nichols said. "What they failed to realize is that there are 73,000 people within a 30-mile radius of the station, so it's a bigger market than it appears to be."

Nichols and his wife Polly, both Hot Springs natives, started KWXI in

May 1980. Nichols, who had worked for various radio stations at Hot Springs for 20 years, said Hot Springs was already crowded with stations.

But Glenwood represented a relatively untapped market, especially since it is a regional trade center with two banks, three auto dealers and an active city government.

Since going on the air, the station has become a popular voice in southwestern Arkansas. The programming is varied, but it all tends to emphasize the informal good-neighborliness that is typical of its listening area.

On his morning show, Nichols slurps his coffee, exhorts listeners to get out of bed and does many of his commercials live. He also helps listeners exchange household hints and recipes during his "Ask Your Neighbor" show, and the station has an incoming WATS line to encourage listeners outside of the Glenwood area to participate.

The station also offers, among other shows, a "Swap Shop" radio bulletin board for listeners to buy and sell things, and a daily episode of the classic radio series "Lum n' Abner," set at Pine Ridge, about 40

miles away in Montgomery County.

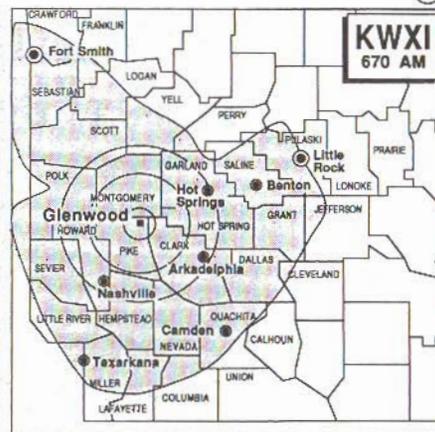
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area. Because we are a regional-type station and we have a different type of programming (than more local stations), we know that we'll attract a different kind of advertiser, so we look for regional-type businesses."

KWXI's position is further strengthened by its affiliation with the NBC radio network, which gives the station hourly national news broadcasts. The station also features the Steve Allen show, an NBC experiment that the network is dropping next month because not enough stations subscribe to it. Nichols said many stations are too locked into their formats for Allen's show to fit.

"That's the problem with radio these days," Nichols said. "It's all formatted, and there's no room for experimentation. So what we'll do (when Allen's show is canceled) will try another experiment. One of the things we've learned is that nothing is written in stone."

Nichols said the FCC would soon be releasing an FM frequency in southwestern Arkansas and he hoped to take advantage of the agency's policy of giving preference to local owners of daytime stations in granting license applications.

He said, however, that KWXI was holding its own quite well as an AM station, despite FM's current recent dominance.

"Radio is still basically radio, and people will listen to a station whether it's AM or FM if you give them something to listen to," Nichols said. "The trick is programming."

Arkansas Gazette - via Karl Jeter

Facts About NRC's DX Audio Service

The DX Audio Service, now in its third year of operation, provides the ONLY monthly broadcast news cassette service to the DX community.

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Full-Time Ga. Farm Broadcaster Is Sad at Being Last in His Field

By Tom Hallman
Staff Writer

MOULTRIE, Ga. — It is 4 a.m. The neighbors' rooster isn't awake enough to crow.

On the ground floor of the barn, Tess, a black Labrador retriever, snoozes comfortably. And in the loft, Everette Griner is behind a microphone, readying himself for another day of what he thinks is the best job in the world.

"Good morning," he says in the still surroundings of the barn/studio he built himself. "This is Agri-News. Around the state and around the nation. Here's what's happening in farming today."

Once taping is completed, the radio show makes its way up the telephone line to Atlanta, bounces off a satellite far above the Earth, and filters through 37 rural Georgia radio stations. The nasal, gravelly voice of the state's last full-time commercial farm broadcaster will wake up clusters of farm families scattered hundreds of miles apart.

They hear him in Hazelhurst and Homerville. Cairo and Cuthbert. Vienna and Vidalia.

"If there ever was a dream job, this is it," Mr. Griner said.

He has lived his dream for the past decade on selected stations of the Georgia Network, rural stations that deem farm news a necessity for their listeners.

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THE CONSTANT LISTENER

For serious radio listeners, here are words of wisdom

The Constant Listener is waxing serious today. TCL knows a lot of you out there don't fire up the old Crosley to hear the Zoo in the Morning on WHY-FM (96.3). There are hundreds — perhaps thousands — of you who think Harper & Gannon might be a Dearborn CPA, PC. And there are literally millions of you who associate "Damon" with Vic and not WKSG-FM (102.7).

So today's offering is The TCL Guide for the Serious Listener, station by station. There is one key rule to being an SL — you must be a station switcher. Inevitably, because of the diverse topics these stations serve up, you will hear something on these stations that will force you to tune elsewhere. TCL reasons this is why God made push buttons. . .

■ **News and talk:** Speculation about what will happen when WWJ-AM (950) is taken over by CBS is starting to bore TCL. The prevailing thought: CBS will make WWJ a better operation. A newsy burg like old Day-twah deserves a great all-news station and, finally, it may get one when the lean, clean Bill Paley machine arrives. Babble about news-talk WXYT-AM (1270) has been largely absent in the TCL column, because other matters seemed more timely. Our feeling is Chuck Fritz' megaphone of free speech has the best lineup (mornings with Roy Fox, mid-morning with David Newman, p.m. drive with John McCullough) since the station was WXYZ-AM and boasted Diok Purtan, Young Johnny Randall and Dial Dave Diles! TCL can't quite

stomach some of the yahoos who make an avocation of calling these shows with half-thought-out bilge — but you can't have everything. WCAR-AM (4400) Garden City can hardly be 2400 north of the Ambassador Bridge, which has its advantages. The remnants of the Mark Scott cult show up here. WJR-AM (760) is, of course, a talk fest from 11:30 p.m. on with Bob Hynes weeknights and Kevin Joyce weekends. Listening to them is akin to tapping into somebody's party line, although the chronicled recent prevention of a suicide by Joyce is an exception to that rule. J.P. McCarthy's morning show is largely talk these days and works well most of the time. TCL will withhold commentary on Warren Pierce and Hal Youngblood for another opus. WRIF-FM (101.1) tries rock talk on Sundays at 10 p.m. with Peter Werbe, with varying results. (Harvey Oshinsky sits in this week — be still our beating heart, says TCL.)



J.P. McCarthy

Detroit Free Press
-via Charles W. Reh

But the group of stations that feels the necessity is getting smaller as the state's farm population dwindles, and Mr. Griner admits his is not a field of opportunity. At one time, many individual radio stations employed their own farm directors. Mr. Griner was one, for local AM station WMGA in his hometown of Moultrie.

"They don't have to have it [farm programming] to survive anymore, and they don't want the image of a farm station," Mr. Griner lamented. "Man, if you're making money, who cares about an image?" Mr. Griner is making money, enough to live on, although he won't say how much. His pay comes from advertisers who buy time on his network to place their messages before rural ears; local stations are allotted a few slots during the programs to sell ads of their own.

From his Colquitt County barn in the middle of 300 acres of South Georgia crop land his in-laws till, Mr. Griner, 62, broadcasts six daily farm news and market shows, five days a week.

Radio has been Mr. Griner's vocation since 1948, when he first spun country and western discs on the "Sagebrush Cowboy Show" for WMGA.

A farm broadcaster since 1971, when WMGA's former farm director retired, Mr. Griner is self-educated, self-styled and given to an occasional entry of personal opinion in his news show.

"I take the farmer's point of view," he said. "To hell with the other side."

And he eschews what little farm news local stations and local newspapers around him generate.

"In most cases they don't know a soybean from a sow belly," he said.

Mr. Griner likes his farm news clean and crisp and simple. No fancy phrases. Just the facts.

"Medium and large frame steers, 400 to 500 pounds, \$85.

"Five to 600, 76.

"You don't communicate with a farmer the way you do other people," he offers. "The farmer hears you . . . and considers you a friend of his. And I feel we're closer to each other in radio than we could be in print or TV. He's counting on me every day."

The Agri-News network is heard almost exclusively on stations in the Middle and South Georgia counties that produce almost all the state's soybeans, peanuts, tobacco and wheat.

And his audience grows smaller every year. With an estimated 45,000 farmers in Georgia, down from 57,000 earlier in the decade, the state's farmers could fit into Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium with room left over.

It's a trend that reaches even into the farm communities where Mr. Griner's trade was born.

"You've got people downtown who could care less about peanut news. The average listener in the average community finds farm news boring," said Art Sutton, who bought WMGA in Moultrie two years ago.

"When WMGA went on the air in 1939, they held a contest to name the station. The winning entry was 'Watch Moultrie Grow Agriculturally.' That was the emphasis then: totally agricultural. That's not the case now. The community has grown with the times. The major thrust now is industrial and retail development," said Mr. Sutton. The station doesn't carry Mr. Griner's farm news anymore.

Mr. Griner is not sanguine about the future of farm broadcasting. Although he says retirement isn't on his agenda anytime soon, he predicts his studio will be the last of its kind in Georgia when he turns off the microphone for the last time.

There will be farm broadcasters in the Midwest, America's breadbasket, but when Mr. Griner retires, "the industry as I know it will die in Georgia," he said. "When I leave, I'm afraid it goes with me."

The Atlanta Constitution and Journal
-via Karl Jeter

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Now, inasmuch as we've taken our look back at the past this issue, I find it necessary to look forward to the future. I'm sure you've already noticed a few changes, including in the flag, which has run unchanged since September 20, 1976, when it was designed by member Cal Craig, Munro Falls, OH. I've decided to attempt to standardize the appearance of DXN components as much as possible by upgrading the flag and the column headers, as well as to continue to take steps to improve the magazine and increase the membership (which at least is holding steady, I can report). Editors and others contributing material should now maintain a page width of between 7 3/4 inches and 8 inches; leave an inch-and-a-half at the top of the first page for regular column headers, and an inch for other articles or contributions. The page length is still 13 inches, and submissions on 11-inch paper is fine; cut-and-paste is easy for me, as are submissions on 5.25-inch and 3.5-inch diskettes in Appleworks or Microsoft works. I'm not quite ready for ASCII submissions but should be soon.

As I mentioned last week, I appreciate the comments from those of you who have offered suggestions for the improvement of DXN, and I hope you'll continue. A few samples . . . Ernie Cooper hopes to see the "personality" of the members return to Musings as well as DX tips . . . and adds, "...doesn't it seem sorta odd, that the only subject one isn't supposed to mention in Musings is DX?" And Walt Breville says, "I hope some mention of FM will be allowed in Musings and articles in the future . . ."

Well, "mention" of FM, shortwave, TV, has always been quite acceptable, especially noteworthy catches. Now, the IRCA "Forums" are not allowed to include DX, but the NRC has always allowed mention of DX catches and anything else which might be of use to a DX'er. However, some columns, such as "Bandscan" and Pete Kemp's "Radio Roundup" have been spun off from Musings, as perhaps "DX Time Machine" and other articles of historical interest was inspired by Ernie's "Mothball Memories". Part my plan in the improvement of DXN is to keep it organic and more useful to members (partly to fill in for the missing Musings columns).

A club which had been devoted to the radio market, Radio*Philes, has not sent out a bulletin since last summer, regretfully, and I believe there is a need for this information to reach radio hobbyists, not all of whom are hard-core BCB DX'ers. Therefore I've increased the coverage of the radio industry, individual stations, history, etc., in an effort to broaden the appeal of DXN and attract new members. But if the contributions to the DX columns increased dramatically . . . say to 10-year-ago levels, when Chuck was typing up IDXD's whose pages numbered in double digits . . . you'd see the DX first and programming second.

I would hope also that the NRC is projecting a

"professional" level image now, and that we would be proud for our magazine to grace the coffee tables of kings and presidents (such as noted radio amateur King Hussein, who has had DXN in his possession). The days of bombs and bumper stickers at conventions are over. And in spite of Bill Hale's request in this issue, so are the sophomoric April Fool's issues, which I feel wasted your dues money on half-baked satire and disguised personal attacks. Both the publisher and I agreed last September that the 1988 April Fool's issue was the last . . . and don't waste your time in pleading to us to bring it back. Not in my lifetime, anyway!

Not that I don't enjoy good humor . . . I'm still waiting for at least one member to contribute some cartoons which he told me he could produce and which I promised I'd run. Ernie's one-liners were priceless, and harmless. And the funniest spoof I've ever read concerned a "Vertical Hydraulic Antenna," or something like that. Maybe I'll dig it up and reprint it to placate those of you who need a bellylaugh in April, along with directions for using a microwave to shrink heads, if I get enough requests. Plus I hope that the creative of you will contribute humor from time to time, along with historical reviews, clippings, technical articles, how-to's, equipment reviews, and some others which have been scarce in recent years.

Because if you don't, I'm going to bitch and moan in editorials like this, send pleading letters to DX'ers whom I know can write to contribute articles, and continue plugging the holes with filler. No, I don't think we'll reach a membership level of 1,000 with filler, and I don't think I can attract very many members by myself.

So . . . this is my plea for those of you who have been readers only to join Jerry and Chuck and me to make the NRC and DXN the best DX club in the world. Do it now!

DXChange . . . Fred Vobbe needs a copy of Radio Shack's "Communications Package" for Model 1 computer (disk), Cat. #26-1149, to allow the transfer of ASCII from the Model 1 to another machine, via the RS-232 port. \$\$ or trade equal programs, from TRS-80, C-64, Amiga . . . Box 5031 - Lima, OH 45802-5031. Fred's still looking for NRC'ers who are also hams to send him their calls, class, and schedule . . . "Small Market Radio NEWSLETTER" - 275 19th St. - Otsego, MI 49078 is a little pricey, at \$99 per year, for DX'ers, but it is excellent for use by its intended audience. A 13-week sample sub. is \$29. (Thanks to ANARC's Bob Horvitz for forwarding a copy.)

Potpouri . . . Andy Rugg advises that Canadian postage rates went up again on 1-1-89. Return postage to the U. S. went up 1¢ to 44¢. Inside Canada, the new rate is 38¢; overseas becomes 76¢ . . . The first ounce of mail first-class to Canada from the U. S. apparently remains at 30¢; to Mexico, 25¢ . . . Make your plans now for **Topeka DXCon '89** . . . but after submitting a bid to IRCA four months ago, I still don't know if our friends from IRCA will be joining the NRC over Labor Day.