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From the editor ...

A call from Greg Hardison confirms that the 1300/1330 switch in L. A. took place January 18, with KFAC signing off for the last time at sundown on the 17th. KWKW-1330 's signal has been in mono, whereas their 1300 signal had been C-QUAM; no change in their format. KAZN's program day has been modest: from noon until 6 pm, mostly music, talk, and entertainment, in Korean.

I have to apologize for the generally asked appearance of #18 ... a touch of sinus and flu does wonders for your sense of perspective, in more than one way! And you received it late ... because the printer ran a little late so that I couldn't pick it up on Wednesday, and then the following day my vintage car failed to start in the sub-zero weather, so I didn't manage to get to the printer until Friday!

This issue is only 16 pages long, but I won't apologize for the contents; Musings of the Members is back to stay, I hope, but rather than dig out eight pages of old filler I elected to save you a little dues money and present a solid issue. I do hope the nationwide cold weather brings DX so that your support of the regular columns increases. By the way, I'm still receiving mail with the old address ... and if you don't mind a seven-to-twelve-day delay in its reaching me, then ask me if I care!

Publication schedule ... herewith is the rest of the Volume 56 publication schedule, tentatively, as I can't seem to find the original schedule Mike sent me (or anything else important since I moved, hi):

Issue #	Deadline	Masthead Date
20	Feb. 11	Feb. 20
21	Feb. 18	Feb. 27
22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
23	Mar. 4	Mar. 13
24	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
25	Apr. 15	Apr. 24
26	May 20	May 29
27	June 17	June 26
28	July 15	July 24

29 August 12 August 21
30 Sept. 16 Sept. 26

Someone let me know if this is totally off base!

Convention ... For your information, in September I placed a bid with IRCA to host their annual convention at the same time as the NRC convention in Topeka, Sept. 1-3. It would be a joint convention, so to speak, with the only real problem being how to handle the auction. I received word from IRCA president Karl Zuk last week that a vote (finally) would be taken to determine whether my bid or Ric Heald's bid for Sacramento would be chosen for the 25th anniversary convention. If you are also an IRCA member, I urge you to make a decision and to vote, one way other the other, as for the first time in quite a while, two committees are making strong, serious bids to host the convention. Don't let a minority make the decision.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News

Twenty-five years ago ... from the February 8, 1964 issue: Jack L. Keene, Houston, TX bagged TA's as follows: 1-5: Nice, France -1554 at 2:05 am; 1-6: Mainflingen-1558, 1:05 am; 1-13: HISA-982 at 4:05 am; 1-27: Lille-1376, 12:10 am; Warsaw-1502, 12:45, and Vienna-1475, 12:50 am ... Larry Schwartz, San Diego, CA heard WPFB-910 and WFHG-980, Bristol, VA on 12-23, WNEW-1130 and then JOQD, Tokyo, on top of them 1-27 at local s/on, plus R. Barbados-795 ... Jim Gangler (no location listed) heard both Vina del Mar-840 Chile and LV9-830 from Salta, Argentina.

Ten years ago ... from the February 12, 1979 issue: Bill Bailey, MA, listed Urumqui-1521 China as a tentative on 1-23 ... leading the list of Don Erickson's "Domestic DX Achievements" column for "heard" totals was Ernest R. Cooper, with 3601 veries/heards, followed by Eugene Allen, Steve Bezilla, Frank Wheeler, Ed Krejny, Gary Siegel, Bill Coleman, Ernie J. Wesolowski, Warren Brown, and Steve Francis to fill out the top ten, plus Dennis Pimper, Gary M. Atkins, John Kromka, Rich Eddie, Ross Hansch, Bruce Portzer, Karl Jeter, Ray Arruda, Andy Rugg, and Elliot Straus ... and Jerry Starr announced YAD-VI, to be held April 15-16.

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:
1300 KWKW CA Pasadena KAZN (takes place when KWKW moves to 1330 kHz)

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

GRANT FOR NEW STATION

1030 FL Oviedo: 25000/500 U4

APPLICATION FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

830 WRFM FL Haileah: day power to 5000 watts
1010 KIQI CA San Francisco: night power to 1100 watts
1020 WRIX SC Homeland Park: power to 10000 watts (3000 CH)
1170 WCXN NC Claremont: modify power increase CP to 6900 watts, D3

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

None

OTHERNESS

650 KORL HI Honolulu: station is still SILENT despite previous report
670 WTNN TN Farragut: new station is ON THE AIR with "Breeze" format
840 *App CA Marina: application for new station DENIED
WKDI MD Denton: is correct call, we typo'd as WKDE in Issue #16
1430 WEMG TN Knoxville: station is SILENT, tower was sold to scrap iron dealer for \$100! Doesn't sound like this one will be back.
1440 KXAM TX Helotes: license CANCELLED, remove this one from your log
1450 WEYZ PA Erie: owner has purchased facilities of WRTE-1330 at auction, expect this call to move to 1330 kHz soon, 1450 kHz facility has been sold to Pennsylvania State University
1490 KTOP KS Topeka: previously announced plans for this station to take over the silent WREN facilities and move to 1250 kHz has evidently fallen through, KTOP remains on 1490 kHz.
WMRB SC Greenville: silent station is back ON THE AIR with biz news
1530 KGTN TX Georgetown: silent station is back ON THE AIR with Oldies
1550 WOR1 TN Oak Ridge: station is SILENT
1580 KTSS IA Davenport: previously noted back on the air relaying KFMA, should have read KFMH
1600 WWRB TN Harriman: station is SILENT

THANKS to NRCers Doug Smith and Steve Francis for their contributions!

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

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!

Domestic DX Digest - East

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

MEDIUM WAVE rAMblings

- Lets talk GYDX for a minute. After last week's reporting of such a large number of Graveyard records by Esa Hanninen, we kick back this week with just a few more. These are taken from Issues 10 through 14. If your reported DX to DDXD-E & -W includes some on the Graveyard frequencies, desire your catches to be considered for GYDXA, and live in a small town which is not, or may not be on the Rand McNally series of road maps, please include details on where you are. Geographic coordinates are preferred, but three miles north of the intersection of Hwy 34 & I-87 in Mikee County is OK, too. I can interpolate from other, known close-by points. A couple of locations I need are **Apple Valley, MN** and **Greenfield Park, PQ**. Next time you guys who live there report your DX, kindly clue me in on just exactly where your DX shack is located.
- **Harley Ryan** of suburban Columbus, OH checks in with his initial contribution. Welcome to DDXD-E, Harley.
- Just received another tape from **Mauricio Molano** from Madrid, Spain. Remember back in Issue 7 I reported his sending me a tape with a couple of unIDs on it? And then in Issue 11 reporting that **Gary Atkins** had ID'd the 1380 catch as WELE-FL? This time the tape clearly IDs as WHMB-1340. Great catch, Mauricio. Looks like the DX-duct to Florida is open for you.
- **Chris Cuomo** reports his DX for the first time this season, and includes this Trivia Question...What is the largest American city that does not have a licensed AM radio station? Answer below ↓.
- By the way...for those of you who may be wondering where **Cashtown, PA** (new 890) is, it's about 8 miles NW of Gettysburg on U.S. 30. Thanks to BKF and Rand McNally for that info.
- I'm glad to see reports the past two or three issues of some stations we don't ordinarily see in this column. Shows you they all get out sooner or later. You just have to be there to catch them.

SPECIAL

- 820 WOSU OH COLUMBUS - on 'til Midnight since mid-December; at times quality is poor with much splatter (HR-OH)
- 850 WUTK TN KNOXVILLE - 1/20 1427 noted on the air with 50 kw carrying CBS, CNN, Tn & FNN; all-nx format; slogan is All News 850 (RJT-NC)
- 900 WURD PA PHILADELPHIA - 1/18 1000 with ID, GOS mx, etc; ex:WDVT (DS-DE)
- 1000 WYBT FL BLOUNTSTOWN - received a verie from reception of early morning on 16 Jan; they forgot to turn off the AM XR; the v/s remaining anonymous said this is their FIRST time, the ONLY time, and the LAST time you'll hear WYBT on after sunset!!!; I was lucky on this one (RJT-NC)
- 1150 WKPA PA NEW KENSINGTON - is using their 70 watt night allotment; schedule is 0800-2400 (CC-PA)

TRIVIA ANSWER

■ Chris sez it's...our first largest city Arlington, Texas, with a population of 250,000.

UNIDs AND UNIDs IDd

- 860 UNID ?? - 1/24 1804 with BLK GOS preaching; very weak under CJBC; doubt this was WAMO as they are a Jazz stn (CC-PA)

DX/EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 1080 WKAC AL ATHENS - 1/18 test not heard; letter sent anyway (HR-OH)
- 1590 WVNA AL TUSCUMBIA - 1/23 0230-0300 fair at best under heavy WKPT QRM with VID, CID & jazz mx; Thanks, Wayne (RJT-NC)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

- 610 WZZK AL BIRMINGHAM - 1/18 0017-0050 very good IFM with C&W format (RJT-NC)

680 KTNM AZ WINDOW ROCK - 1/11 0019-0036 L&C, dominating local KSKY with C&W mx & Mighty 6-50 KTNM non-ID; EE & Navajo spoken by announcer; 1st-time heard in Garland...maybe they forgot to change pattern as they were in nicely (WW-TX)

690 WADE CT ANSONIA - 1/11 0850 with ad for Back & Neck Pain Treatment Center, wx with Bob Harris; weak under CBF (GU-NY)

940 WKGH VA SMITHFIELD - 1/21 0930 with ID: Christian Radio for the Hampton Roads (?) area (GU-NY)

1060 WBZ MA BOSTON - 1/8 0105-0108 'BZ as DX? It is here now, as 1030 became a GYer w/the Arkansas, Missouri, & Memphis stns on-the-air, plus KTWO was in tonight; signal just above the others with Norm Nathan talk show intro & phone number; 1st time heard in, maybe 3 years! (WW-TX)

1300 WXRL NY LANCASTER - 1/3 1101 with ID; new (FW-PA)

1400 WOND NJ PLEASANTVILLE - 1/13 0505 with TC: It's 5 after 5 at South Jersey's Information Station (GU-NY)

1470 WJDY MD SALISBURY - 1/17 0635 ID with quote from scripture-BLK GOS mx; heard later with UC mx (GU-NY)

1480 WSAW MA FALL RIVER - 1/17 0835 with ID & (Logan) remote from the living room of radio personality Dave Smith (GU-NY)

WZJY SC MOUNT PLEASANT - 1/23 0032 with ID: The Listener's choice, WZJY, we've got JOY on the night flight; GOS mx; new format (PT-NC)

1490 WJCH CT GREENWICH - 1/13 0001 weak with sign-off: BSF (GU-NY)

MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT

560 WQAM FL MIAMI - 1/19 2100-2130 good with Miami Heat BKB (GV-PA)

660 KSKY TX BALCH SPRINGS - 1/20 1800 faded up for legal ID @ :00, then lost; TX #9 (RJT-NC)

700 KTBT TX TOMBALL - 1/11 2022-0003 poor in tight WLW null; Sports Byline USA sps-talk show (1-800-421-PLAY) out of San Francisco/KWLS-640; BRN Nx @ Midnight; apparently KTBT is a BRN affiliate & also carries this sps pgm late @ night; 1st-time heard...tough catch under WLW (WW-TX)

770 WAYS OH BUCHTEL - 1/24 1743 with C&W mx-DJ chatter with CLS (CC-PA)

790 WVEZ KY LOUISVILLE - 1/24 1740 with stock market nx=Shearson Lehman Hutton ad+stn promo contest (CC-PA)

830 WADU LA NORCO - 1/16 1804-1818 very good with LA Net Nx=WADU Nx & non-ID: You're listening to the all-new WADU, AM 830; EZL format (RJT-NC)

940 WHIX IL MT VERNON - 1/15 1920 with local wx, AC mx, ID (EM-NC)

WCPC ME HOUSTON - 1/19 1755-1800 strong (but whad'ya expect during Auroral conditions?) with ad for Curtis-Mathis (GV-PA)

960 KGKL TX SAN ANGELO - 1/4 2325 up briefly over KGWA/WERC's Talknet with CLS, time & temp & Tom Jones OLD; it's another rare (for me) West Texas catch! (WW-TX)

990 WANT VA RICHMOND - 1/19 1810-1820 very good over WEEB/WILK splatter with call-in discussion on Jealousy (GV-PA)

1150 WHST KY MOUNT STERLING - 1/13 2035 with Montgomery County BKB post-game show, full ID; only 53 watts! (EM-NC)

WHET MD GAITHERSBURG - 1/18 2015-2025 good, with weak WDEL; interview pgm, also asked listeners to call if they felt the inauguration cost too much; Metro Radio slogan (GV-PA)

1220 WCPH TN ETOWAN - 1/13 2030 with The valley's memory maker, WCPH+EZL mx (EM-NC)

1280 WITX VA APPOMATTOX - 1/17 1810-1830 good, no pesky WADO; GOS requests, ads for Al's Chicken Barn, Pamplin Exxon; new, VA #109 (GV-PA)

1310 WDCT VA FAIRFAX - 1/17 1800-1810 good, no CIWW; ID mentd Marsh Communication as owner; Focus on Family followed (GV-PA)

1330 WSPQ NY SPRINGVILLE - 1/19 1837 with ID; new (FW-PA)

1350 WBCA NY CORNING - 1/4 1703 with ID; new; with WRIE-1310 off, DX is in from 1300-1350 (FW-PA)

1370 WQPN WV MOUNDSVILLE - 1/18 1757-1800 strong with sign-off @ 1800 mentioning 317 7th St address; last song played was I Remember You (GV-PA)

1410 WLBK KY BOWLING GREEN - 1/22 2201 with This is WLBK in Bowling Green, 59 minutes left of your favorite country in the country; 1st-timer (RJT-NC)

1420 WVJS KY OWENSBORO - 1/24 1734 with local nx ending with It's 4:34, WVJS news battling WHK (CC-PA)

1430 WLKF FL LAKELAND - 1/22 2206 PSA from your friends at WLKF, Lakeland-Talknet (RJT-NC)

1440 WFTQ MA WORCESTER - 1/17 1749 with female announcer joking with male weatherman about upcoming inauguration; forecast sponsored by Albert's Continental Cuisine (GU-NY)

WRRO OH WARREN - 1/17 1755 with promo for WRRO Fan Appreciation T-Shirt (GU-NY)

1450 WOL DC WASHINGTON - 1/16 1735-1805 fair-good with R&B/Sol mx with DJ Moonman; no sign of WILM/WCTC (GV-PA)

WJPA PA WASHINGTON - 1/16 1805-1820 fair with WOL/others; CHR mx, contests (GV-PA)

1460 WTHB WI TOMAH - 1/17 1733 mx by Frankie Lyndon & the Teenagers; giveaway of tickets for a concert at The Forum; very strong for awhile (GU-NY)

1470 WMBD IL PEORIA - 1/15 1945-1959 with Illinois State BKB, then several CL mentions during legal ID break (EM-NC)

WXXW PA ALLENTOWN - 1/17 1729 briefly with ID: WXXW, Lehigh Valley's First Radio Stn (GU-NY)

1580 WPGC MD MORNINGSIDE - 1/19 1705-1715 strong with Business Radio Network; sign-off during nat'l wx forecast from BRN (GV-PA)

1550 WARD PA PITTSTON - 1/16 1815 with ad for PEQ Radon Services; ment of fuel oil leak into local sewers; mixing with WLWX (GU-NY)

1570 WFEL MD TOWSON - 1/16 1744 with Bob Larson show; ads for Rochbottom & Praise The Lord bookstore; weak under local WRHD (GU-NY)

1600 WKGK VA SALTVILLE - 1/4 1730 with sign-off; sent personal verie letter in 7 days, a DXers friend (FW-PA)

GYDXA UPDATE (all new records)

1230:	WSJR ME Madawaska	Andy Rugg	Nuns' Island, PQ	284
	KBMN MT Bozeman	Nancy Hardy	Aberdeen, WA	610
	KLCB Libby	Nancy Hardy	Aberdeen	398
	KADA OK Ada	Wayne Heinen	Aurora, CO	589

1240:	WBAB NY Babylon	Ed Janusz	Bricktown, NJ	73
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1400:	WXXX GA Alpharetta	Eric Bueneman	Woodstock, GA	18
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1450:	KDNM CO Buena Vista	Doug Allen	Woodland Park, CO	61
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REPORTERS:

GV-PA George Vanish//Trucksville, PA//Halicrafters SX-99 + LW or Clarion RF-1891 (his favorite of 20 flea market AM car radios)

WV-TX Wally Wavro//Garland, TX//ICF-2010

EM-NC Ed Mitkus//Zionville, NC//CFSW501 + LW

FW-PA Frank Wheeler//Erie, PA//

DS-DE Dave Schmidt//New Castle, DE//

GU-NY Guido Urzi//Mastic Beach, NY//R-5000 with Palomar Loop

HR-OH Harley Ryan//Whitehall, OH//

RJT-NC Robert Tiara//Hendersonville, NC//R-5000 + many Lws or 24" Ferrite Loop

CC-PA Chris Cuomo//Verona, PA//'84 Delco 2000 ETR + RS-7 antenna

SOME ABBREVIATIONS & SPECIAL SYMBOLS USED IN DDxD-E

TT: test tones OC: open carrier TC: time check RS: regular schedule QRM: interference QTH: location SID: singing ID CID: code ID Jx: jingle lcl: local lgl: legal mx: music nx: news wx: weather sps: sports HS: high school FB: football BB: baseball HKY: hockey BKB: basketball >: after <: before =: equal with or equal to :00: on the hour +=: parallel with +to or into \$: stereo SS: Spanish FF: French EE: English POL: political GOS: gospel REL: religion or religious AC: adult contemporary BBD: big band OLD: oldies ROK: rock 'n' roll CHR: contemporary hit radio CentCHR: contemporary Christian C&W: country & western EZL: easy listening UC: urban contemporary tlk: talk LK: Larry King AP: Associated Press Radio UPI: United Press International MBS: Mutual Broadcasting System USRN: United Stns Radio Net NPR: National Public Radio MRN: Motor Racing Net MCRN: Music Country Radio Net IRN: Interstate Radio Net LSR: local sunrise SRS: sunrise skip LSS: local sunset SSS: sunset skip SSB: Star Spangled Banner

73, Bill

Domestic DX Digest - West

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

It's time for another DDXD-West! Deadlines are Saturdays, as I type the column each Saturday night.

****SPECIAL****

- 1230 KKGR OR GRESHAM - 1/20 1350 noted with instrumental-vocal music, ID "KKGR, Growing with Gresham." Again 1415, DJ announcing songs just played, three local ads, mention of AM stereo. Fair signal in metro Portland, but sloop from 50kw KEX-1190! Ex-KRDR, was silent. (BH-OR)
- 1290 KLVS OR LAKE OSWEGO - 1/20 noted completely off on trip to Portland, confirming reports they have gone silent. (BH-OR)
- 1410 KBNP OR PORTLAND - 1/20 1255 ex-KKUL, running Business Radio Network, national ads & network promos, no local ads. Local ID at 1300 mentioned 24 hour business news on "KENP, Portland." Either using 7 watts night power, or the fulltime CP for 1kw nights is on. No mention of "Parkrose" in ID, and I'm not sure that city exists! (BH-OR)

MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT

- 800 KLTT CO BRIGHTON - 1/19 1959 s/off anct. by man. (ØW-CO)
- 1060 KLMO CO LONGMONT - 2100 s/off; owned by Radio Longmont Inc., 2101 orch. NA. (ØW-CO) (Date?--NH)
- 1130 KHTH CO DILLON - 1/18 1858 s/off by man; usual data. (ØW-CO)
- 1300 KOLY SD MOBRIDGE - 1/10 1820 area news by man. Fair. (ØW-CO)
- 1450 KWBE NE BEATRICE - 1/19 1914 area weather, Dairy Queen ad; program note for live broadcast of girls BKB game. New, NE #35. (ØW)
- 1510 KFNN AZ MESA - 1/18 1923 business news, other news & features to 1944 s/off by man. Poor in null of local KDKO; a Spanish station heard in the background--who's that? New, AZ #49. (ØW)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

- 660 KTNN AZ WINDOW ROCK - 1/19 0657 s/on in EE/Navajo, orch. SSB; 0700 into NBC News. (ØW-CO) 1/23 0159 s/off anct., SSB. (ØW)
- 760 KJIM CO THORNTON - 1/18 0759 quick s/on by man. (ØW-CO)
- 800 KLTT CO BRIGHTON - 1/18 0800 s/on by man, "K-Light." (ØW-CO)
- 920 KENT TX ODESSA - 1/19 0559 program note for "News Talk," 0600 ID; "Strengthening the Foundations of Faith from the Sounds of Sonshine on K-E-N-T AM 920 Odessa-Midland," into relig. program. Fair in QRM. Ex-KYXX. (ØW-CO)
- 990 CEW MB WINNIPEG - 1/19 0555 OC to 0557 orch. anthem, 0559 s/on anct by man. Good in KRKS null. (ØW-CO)
- 1050 KCAS TX SLATON - 1/17 0832 weather, spot for Lubbock Athletic Club. Fair until XED powered up at 0844. New, TX #88. (ØW-CO)
- KEYF WA DISHMAN - 1/17 0828 Artie Shaw tune, YWCA PSA, weather for Spokane-Coeur d'Alene, "Key 105" slogans. Fair in XED null. New, WA #10. (ØW-CO)
- 1120 KLIM CO LIMON - 1/24 0816 Cuckoo clock noises, followed by woman & s/on anct., right into music. (ØW-CO)
- 1200 WOAI TX SAN ANTONIO - 1/23 0328 s/off; 50kw ND day & nite; address 6222 NW Interstate 10. (ØW-CO)
- 1230 KBCR CO STEAMBOAT SPRINGS - 1/18 0759 s/on in QRM. (ØW-CO)
- 1250 KIKC MT FORSYTH - 1/18 0800 cock crowing followed by s/on anct. by man. Fair at best. (ØW-CO)
- 1310 KFKA CO GREILEY - 1/23 0200 s/off & quickly off with no SSB. (ØW-CO)
- 1320 KXOL OK CLINTON - 1/19 0703 s/on into relig. music. "The music you love is right here on 1320 KXOL." Fair over QRM. (ØW-CO)
- KVMC TX COLORADO CITY - 1/19 0719 detailed weather, 20-second spots for area businesses. City is pronounced "Colo-ray-do"! Fair on peaks but much QRM. New, TX #90. (ØW-CO)
- 1330 KSWA TX GRAHAM - 1/19 0710 Lost Pet report, followed by spot and quickly lost in QRM. New. (ØW-CO)
- 1340 KDEN CO DENVER - 1/23 0200 s/off "KDEN now leaves the air for technical maintenance." (ØW-CO)
- KCEM NM AZTEC - 1/23 0206 heard start of s/off anct., then lost. Finally logged this call change, ex-KKKB. (ØW-CO)
- 1390 KDZR CO DENVER - 1/18 0659 s/on anct. (ØW-CO)
- 1400 KCOW NE ALLIANCE - 1/23 0307 NE news, state & local weather, area anct. 0315 s/off and choral SSB. Fair, o/u QRM. (ØW-CO)

- KNOR OK NORMAN - 1/23 0253 pop music, in & out of QRM. "We'll play all your favorites on AM 14 KNOR." New, OK #33. (ØW-CO)
- 1490 KBOL CO BOULDER - 1/18 0731 s/on anct. by man. (ØW-CO) 1/23 0158 Frank Pierce with s/off anct. Owned by Boulder Radio Inc. (ØW-CO)
- KBST TX BIG SPRING - 1/16 0350 NOS music, "Stereo 1500" slogans. 0359,55 ID; "This is KBST Big Spring with the most award-winning news department in West Texas." Fair most of the time. (ØW-CO)
- 1550 KQXI CO ARVADA - 1/24 0759 s/on by man. (ØW-CO)

REPORTERS

BH-OR/Bill Hardy, DX'ing on trip to Portland, OR/Delco truck radio
ØW-CO/John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO/R390A, R1000, 2 1/2' box loop

Formats Tony Fitzherbert

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Changes in programming status; reported by NRC members and others

This edition of FORMATS is being brought to you by Eric Bueneman and The M Street Journal. Folks, the M Street Journal would like you to know that WSEX-97.7, in Arlington heights, IL., has dropped its CHR format for adult contemporary, and slogans "Chicago's bear". More seriously, it also announces a new talk network, the Maryland State Network. It's now carried on WANN-1190, WMET-1150, and WAMD-970, all in that state (of course, you expected New Hampshire!!!).

Doug Smith, of Madison, WI, points out an error. KTSS-1500 does not relay KFMA, Idaho, but probably relays KFMH, a progressive rock, blues, and jazz format, which is in Muscatine, IA. KTSS has relayed this station before, which id's as "99-plus", and "The real FM". Thank you - I am glad to know that this column is being read. On with the show....

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| 540 | KKGO | CA | Hesperia | - Classical on 5-1-89(M). |
| 640 | WPBD | GA | Atlanta | - Will be news/talk when Jacor Communications takes over (EB). |
| 800 | WHOS | AL | Decatur | - Drops Elvis for CWM // WDRM (M). |
| 920 | WGST | GA | Atlanta | - Will be religion under new calls when Dr. James Dobson takes over, for the market's much needed 17th religious station(EB). |
| 1120 | WBZR | FL | Deston | - Now all business news. (M) |
| 1200 | WKIT | ME | Brewer | - Now AC/oldies //FM (M). |
| 1240 | KASO | LA | Minden | - CWM (M). |
| 1270 | WXMB | SC | Surfside Beach | - Gospel (M). |
| 1300 | KAZN | CA | Pasadena | - All Asian Programming " K-Asian"(M). All Chinese radio?? (TF). |
| 1320 | KWHN | AR | Fort Smith | - CWM // KMAG-FM (EB). |
| 1360 | WRJY | GA | Rome | - Light AC (EB). |
| 1420 | WAVO | GA | Decatur | - Still REL, did NOT go to BRN Business News (EB). |
| 1450 | WJBX | CT | Bridgeport | - Now all oldies (TF). |
| 1460 | KBSF | LA | Springhill | - CWM // KTKL (M). |
| 1470 | WRGA | GA | Rome | - CWM, hours 0600-2400 (EB). |
| 1470 | WXBG | NC | Burgaw | - Gospel (M). |
| 1480 | WLEE | VA | Richmond | - This former rocker of the 1960's is silent (M). What happened to WBBL, who shares the frequency and XR 2 hours and fifteen minutes weekly with Presbyterian church services? (TF). |
| 1500 | WGTT | AL | Alabaster | - Gospel (M). |
| 1540 | WSMI | IL | Lafayette | - CWM (M). |

And that is it for this time. Good DX to all!

Station Address Changes

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670 WIEZ PA LEWISTOWN	P.O. BOX 667	6HD-WV
570 WTTX LA NEW ORLEANS	3421 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD., SUITE 300 METAIRIE, LA 70002	RV-VA
124 OHEN PI CHARLOTTE/NC	BOX 7200 CIA 8V7	CC-PA
820 WJZZ IL CHICAGO	875 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE 60611	6HD-WV
1144 WOST WV BERKELEY SPRINGS	P.O. BOX 10	6HD-WV
1180 FL RADIO MARTI	Correct Zip is 30547	6HD-WV
1170 WDFY VA BLUEFIELD	BOX 509 24605	RV-VA
1170 WXYI MI DETROIT	P.O. BOX 905, SOUTHELD, MI 48017	RV-VA
1204 WFBZ MD BALTIMORE	1570 HARRI ROAD 21204	RV-VA
1100 KRMG CA OCEANSIDE	BOX K-1320 92054	CC-PA
1120 W6LO NC GREENSBORO	MANN HEBA, P.O. BOX 2808, HIGH POINT, NC 27261	RV-VA
1120 KPMY UT SALT LAKE CITY	434 BEAR CMT DRIVE 84115	
1124 KROQ CA REDDING	1330 HARTNELL AVENUE 96002	CC-PA
1130 WMLL SA DUBLIN	Zip Code Change Only - 31041	RV-VA
1104 KAND IA DES MOINES	1416 LUGUST STREET 50303	6HD-WV
1070 WVMR WV FROST	Zip Code Change Only - 24934	RV-VA
1170 WFSH MI SUSSEX	P.O. BOX 26274, BAYVIEW/OSB, MI 48225	6HD-WV
1100 KJMO AZ TUBSON	76 SOUTH STONE 85701	RV-VA
1110 WJND OH DAYTON	Zip Code Change Only - 45426	RV-VA
1400 KJMO AZ PAYSON	HCR BOX 44A 85541	RV-VA
1470 WSRD VA MARLBOROUGH	48 FITCHBURG STREET, BOX 566 01752	CC-PA
1750 WOKI MS JACKSON	1600 J.R. LYNCH STREET 39203	RV-VA
1500 WXYZ PA BRADDOCK	2001 WYOMI AVENUE, PITTSBURGH, PA 15217	6HD-WV
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Radio station faces bias suit over firing

Sharon Rae North, 26, a graduate student at the University of Akron, is black, but apparently not black enough for a Youngstown radio station, according to a race discrimination suit she filed in U.S. District

Court yesterday. North said she got a raise from \$3.35 to \$5 an hour last month at WGFT radio station to handle the station's gospel music program. She said that on Oct. 27, she was called into the office of Timothy DeCapua, the station's owner and general manager, and was told she was being dropped from the show. "He finally admitted that's what it was: I wasn't black enough," North said. "People thought I was white, and they were getting complaints."

"I was shocked," she said. "I felt bad about it, especially that they would release me from that kind of show because I wasn't black enough."

Named as defendants in the suit were DeCapua, WGFT Inc. and unnamed defendants. DeCapua

could not be reached for comment. The suit seeks an order saying that the defendants' conduct violated the Civil Rights Act, a permanent injunction prohibiting racial discrimination, \$150,000 in compensatory damages and \$250,000 in punitive damages.

North's lawyer, Avery S. Friedman, sent DeCapua a letter dated Oct. 31 in which he sought to have North restored to the program.

"While the racially motivated actions of your franchise are both shocking and unlawful, it is important to emphasize that Ms. North is not desirous of pursuing legal remedies at the present time," he said in a copy of the letter attached to the suit.

Friedman said North was fired after the station received the letter.

smoke from burning vinyl made it difficult."

The station, which broadcasts from dusk to dawn, was off the air when the fire was reported by employees of a nearby pizza shop shortly before midnight Tuesday. Firefighters remained on the scene until 1:30 a.m. yesterday.

Station officials could not be reached for comment.

The cause of the fire was undetermined, Diederich said.

Cleveland Plain Dealer - via Gayle Yeager

Fire destroys radio gear, record albums

A North Ridgeville radio station was off the air yesterday after a fire destroyed its broadcast equipment and a library of albums and cassette tapes, according to fire officials.

Damage to WJTB-AM/1040, an adult contemporary radio station on Center Ridge Rd., was estimated at \$150,000, said Capt. Ray W. Diederich.

"The fire itself was knocked down rather quickly, 20 to 30 minutes," he said. "But the heavy

Musings of the Members

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Thoughts from NRC members ... the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers, or the National Radio Club, Inc.

Cesar Objio - Calle Enrique Henriquez 69, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (809) 687-3597 no collect calls please. Hi friends, how are you all in this New Year? Please receive my greetings in this holiday season, better late than never. Not much DXing lately for IDXD as my frequency counter is out of order at the radio technician, this person, who has never seen this equipment before does not know how to repair it. Can anybody give me an idea how to repair it if I send a schematic diagram and the information of what can be the trouble? Thanks to anybody who can do that. Also my Realistic DX-400 is also out of order. I took it to the Radio Shack store in Puerto Rico for repairs in July and so far no news have been heard about it since then. (Have no fear Cesar, one of our HQ staff took his DX-400 into Radio Shack for repair and it took 7 months to get it back! - HQ) I don't know if you are aware of it but electricity service in this country has been getting worse everyday. You may get 8 or 10 hours of service per day if you are lucky. Oh, I have a news that can be of interest to many DXers. Do you know Merengue? Yes, that is the Dominican popular music. For your information I have prepared a 60 minute cassette tape with its history, examples of typical music played by countryside people and dance halls orchestras. Modern merengues heard everyday in our radio stations all explained in English with myself at the microphone., hi. I hope you can help me, my idea is to get enough money in order to buy a new digital set. I already have my eyes on a Sangean ATS-803A. I would like a sony ICF-2001D but that one is more expensive. Price for cassette is \$10. This includes Registered Air Mail postage. Thanking you in advance for your help on my radio project.

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The Home And Away Voice Of The Iowa Hawkeyes

Hello again from chilly Southwest Iowa, where today's (1/7) wind chill is a sobering -15 degrees! A warming thought, however, is the fact that Opening Day '89 is only 86 days away, and I, for one, will very much be looking forward to the first pitch. Back in July, when I was typing up my first Muse. I told a few NRCers how I had set a goal of 500 stations heard at this location by the end of March (I had 258 then). Well, folks, #500 arrived in the waning minutes of Dec. 7 in the form of KGLD-1380. Needless to say (so why am I saying it?), I will not be setting any more goals, because I would probably achieve those well ahead of time, too! (First 500 are easy, second 500 is a little tougher! - HQ) Thanks to all those who sent cards and letters during the Christmas season, by the way. A great start to '89 for this DXer meant Journeying to the Windy City for Rob Kramer's New Year's Day GTG. Despite skidding off I-80 just west of Des Moines (I hit a patch of frost, for the record), the trip went fine and I arrived at Rob's doorstep around 5:30pm, where I was greeted by Rob and Ken Onyschuk. Later arrivals included former NRCer Brian Sherwood, Frank Merrill and Karl Forth, as well as a delicious pizza, most of which was gobbled up by yours truly. Much DXing and reminiscing was done, and some of the stations heard included CKLQ-880, CKCB-1400 and WBET-1460, whose test for the NRC came through better than I thought it would. Around 2am, everyone scattered except for the host and myself, and I didn't scatter until scatter until Wednesday AM. I would have left on Tuesday, but my reliable (?) Interstate battery had other ideas. Thanks goes out to Karl Forth (the NRC's resident automotive expert, hi) for getting me started and to Rob for putting up with me for one extra day. 73s and GO HAWKS!

Ken Onyschuk - 19110 Pine Drive - Country Club Hills, IL 60478

Happy New Year to All and despite the cluttered clear channel situation I hope most of us can persevere the interference and still DX without causing havoc on our eardrums, hi. Yes, I've quit DXing a few periods in the past because of the pain my ears felt, despite my love for the hobby. So I've had to change DX habits to accommodate my job, family, etc. Locally, a 'rich' church in Olympia Fields recently bought the bankrupt 1470 WMPD station, now IDing as "Ford Heights (physically) - Chicago", now the programming seems more subdued. I listen only when I need an ID. Strange tho, the only ads I've ever heard are for

Chicago businesses only. I'm not even sure if they're WCFJ yet or if they've declined changing call letters? Sunday 1-8. Chicago Tribune carried a small piece about the suburban Chicago FM station - WSEX - that caused a fury years ago because of the call letters. Well, if its true, WSEX is history, story claims, 1-8, its to be WCBR (someone typed in "Chicago's Bear" but they lost today in -25 wind chill weather. I'm not a Bears fan, but I admire Mike Ditka personally. The bulls are my team, they play great and lousy. What a disappointment to see the powerful Cleveland Cavaliers on MYL station WRMR - impossible to hear here. Also, West Suburban WTAO-1300 hiked it night power from 500 to 4000w and really causes interference to 1290-1310 with its ethnic music. New Years Eve, WMPP was on Silent Period and WMBD was in nice with former Chicago oldies show - Solid Gold Saturday Nite. Called the toll-free number and had a nice brief chat with former local area DJ- Bob Worthington. Gave me his station as WNSR-New York, but its not listed in the NYC phone book - Any help out there? New Years Day was decent and cold so I went north to Robert Kramer's place for his annual GTG to visit with Norm Guder (Ham), Rick Dau, Macomb's Frank Merrill, and blind DXers Tom and Darrel. Glad to meet another avid BB fan in Rich. I'm glad to be in contact with Fred Vobbe of DX Audio Service. Their tape is very good. By the way, on the way to rob Kramers. I took I-294 North, passed the silent 9 towers of CP 1200 WMXA about 1 block west of 104th street, I-294, 2 rows of 4 towers, one more in the middle, North-South direction. Hope this CP stays silent awhile. I enjoy Spurs Basketball on WOAI - one of the few 50Kw NBA outlets. Next time I try to list my '88 stations. And please, more musinas. Those skinny bulletins indicate a lack of support. I imagine many DXers receiving bulletins think - hmmm - not much to read. I look forward to hearing from all DXers. And thanks to John Malicky for his thorough station reports. Beautiful. Adios.

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A DXer/Broadcaster's View On AM Radio

WGST, in preparation to move to 640, has sold it's 920 spot to Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family fame. With this sale, Atlanta will have seventeen religious stations audible on AM and FM. WAVO-1420 has not yet switched to BRN Business News as of 1/13. WWXX-1400 is back after a two week silence, off for transmitter trouble. In response to the 920 sale, a point is made: REL stations are the biggest waste of frequency, bigger than the bird (satellite) or simulcasting. Atlanta, the nation's tenth-largest market, is a prime example of such wastefulness. Several good frequencies (most notably 970 and 1080) have been wasted by REL stations. The reason being is that not many people listen to REL stations, and many of these stations are consistent no-shows in the ratings (KXEN-1010 is one notable example). These REL programmers hardly (if ever) study the market to see what voids need to be filled. Many of the programs these stations carry are available on other radio stations in the same market, and such things shouldn't be allowed. A lot of others don't usually make money doing something a dozen other stations are doing. In Atlanta, for instance, there are no Format 41, Z-Rock, Stardust, Oldies Channel or even a full-time ABC Talkradio outlets, and Heart and Soul will pull out when WPBD becomes WGST. If I had bought a radio station in the Atlanta market, my programming decision will be based on market research, and not the need to "reach out" and get very few listeners, as many REL stations do. The FCC should put limits on the number of AM REL stations each market should have. In Atlanta, there should be no more than four. This should be based on market size, and is intended to encourage AM stations to try something different. The extremely high number of REL stations is yet another reason for AM's decline. Programming REL will make a simulcaster or a satellite-fed station look like Caspar Milquetoast (remember "The Timid Soul?"). Another reason for AM's decline is that suburban AMs tend to program for an entire metropolitan area instead of the area around their city of license. If an AM station programs for the area around their city of license (example: Hazelwood, MO), it will gain listeners from that area, and maybe the entire metro area. As you read in Formats in 56-13, White Birch Communications, headed by yours truly and three other people (two KCFV disc jockeys and an amateur radio operator), is planning to buy KXEN-1010 from their current owners, who also owns KXEG-1010 in Tolleson, AZ. The purpose of the proposed buyout is to give Hazelwood it's first radio station, and give St. Louis another music choice. If and when the deal is successfully made, the format will be CHR geared toward North St. Louis County and the St. Charles County, MO, with Hazelwood West Wildcats football and basketball (high school), Florissant Valley Norsemen baseball and Norsewomen softball (junior college), and the American Legion baseball on Friday nights. The station will be Stereo using the C-Quam system, and is also planning hard rock on Saturday night, Christian rock on Sunday morning and novelty music on Sunday night, as

well as acquiring the local rights to Scott Shannon's and Shadoc Steven's countdown shows. My decision to get into ownership is mainly due to my difficulty in getting a job in or out of radio. It could be the only career move I'll ever make. I didn't expect to get into the ownership ring until I was at least 40, but with the job market as it is, I had no choice. More as it happens. 73.

George A. Santulli - 912 Marshall Dr. NE - Leesburg, VA 22075

I have been away from these hallowed pages for too long. I knew it would take some unusual circumstances to get me to take type to hand, last night January 12th was it. I haven't seen such strange conditions here is quite some time. I could draw a line from Leesburg, VA to Corpus Christi, Texas and hear everything along that line. First hint of a strange evening was at 1717 when WMFD-630 was giving semi-local WMAL-DC flts. I had tried for WMFD many times but never heard them. Soon after the fun began. At 1730 unnnWWL was in so loud that I thought it was WHCU-NY. Next was another unnnWYDE-850, Alabama, covering 850. Also noted extremely loud were WSB-850, WAPI-1070, WBT-1110, WJCW-910, WCPC-940. Another unnnWADU-830, Louisiana, was so strong I thought it was WNYC-NY which did not even show up. New catches were a strong WRPM-1530, Mississippi, very strong over WCKY, Ohio, at 1753; WRDJ-1560, Alabama, at 1757 with no sign of WQXR-NY, WYAT-990, Louisiana at 1800 and the surprise of the evening at 1159 a clear ID from WOSO-1030 from Puerto Rico with Larry King Show, a clear ID with WBZ-MA looped away. Besides all of the unnn I heard many SS stations on many frequencies that I couldn't ID. I noticed later on that on WeatherChannel that a strong front in much the same diagonal area of my strange reception was moving through the area. At 1900 I heard the unnnKCTA-1030-Texas signoff above WBZ. I was listening to the REL music for about 10 minutes expecting KCTA, but their signoff surprised me nonetheless; I hope everyone else experienced similar conditions this strange night. [You did send your loggings to DDXD-East, right? - HQ] On the local front, WAGE-1200 is now all night with Larry King, since late November, boo hiss. I hope the new year is rewarding to everyone, healthwise, financialwise and more importantly DXwise!

Mark Connelly - 30 William Road - Billerica, MA 01866 - 15 Jan 89

Recently, Neil Kazaross made a trip to New England from San Diego, CA. He and I got together on 7 Jan 89 and took a ride out to the shore at Swampscott, MA for an impromptu DXpedition. Neil, as you may remember, logged a staggering amount of Trans-Atlantic, Caribbean, and South American DX from Narragansett, RI and Ogunquit, ME a few years back. Neil's a great guy and a super DXer; we could use him back in New England. He's considering a full-fledged DXpedition to Maritime Canada (NF or NS) in autumn '89. On 7 Jan (8 Jan, GMT), we logged a good assortment of southerly Trans-Atlantic's and Caribbean stations between 0130 and 0230 GMT. The DXpedition location favored east/southeast and conditions were semi-auroral. Log information was taken casually; detail isn't sufficient for a report to IDXD. Azores on 1566 had a potent signal; as we listened to it, a het from something on 1565 became apparent. The first thought was a low-powered St. Lucia outlet, eventually, Spanish-language audio could be pulled by 1566 by manipulation of the MWT-2 regenerative tuner and by a favorable fade. The 1565 thing was probably a Dominican Republic split. Antigua on 620 was generally dominant, with soca/calypso music and accented english talk. Big signals were noted from a good number of Caribbean splits, including Grenada - 535 and the new Nevis - 895 (from which a fine ID was heard). Venezuelans were all over the place: 600 - 790 and 1000-1200 are the prime frequency ranges for these. Neil's excellent DX memory helped log YVOD (Ecos del Torbes) which was ruling 780; Neil recalled the parallel 4980 kHz outlet which, upon investigation, had the same program. Jamaica on 750 was atop the YV and WSB; Saturday-night-party DJ shows from Jamaica are always welcome listening for me. Turks & Caicos was awesome; its preaching was blowing away all competition on 1570, even usually-pesty CKLM. Spain was tentatively noted on 999 (the talk sounded Spanish, not the expected Arabic from the Moroccan). Usual "mouth-of-the-Med" Trans-Atlantic's were good, with Algeria - 891 leading the pack strength-wise with its typical cruncher signal. The "travelling DX set-up" with the (Gerry Thomas - modified) Sony ICF-2010, regenerative tuner, and 100 foot (30 meter) wire on the ground proved quite capable. The last time I'd logged this much in an hour was on a sunset Trans-Atlantic blitz from Brant Rock (Marshfield, MA) a couple of years back. The same gear was used. Average equipment and a good location will outperform good equipment and an average location for foreign DX. 73

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My sympathies and prayers go out to the friends and families of W.T. Farmerle and Nancy Hardy's father. Somewhat surprising results to this year's Pittsburgh Post Gazette "Who's Top Jock?" contest. The area's best morning DJs as voted by readers are #4) Jim Cunningham, WOED-89.3; #3) John Cigna & The K-Team, KDKA-1020; #2) Tyrone Miller & Company, WAMO-105.9; and #1) Dusty Rhodes, WPIT 101.5). The contest raised over \$11,000 for charity. In Jackson, MS, WJMI-99.7 has sold its AM, WDKJ-1550, and purchased WOAD-1400. A project I feel is long overdue is a set of state-by-state AM maps as sort of a companion piece to the FMaps in Bruce Elving's FM Atlas. I find the maps in the FM Atlas very useful and have filled in the Interstate System and other major highways in red pen. [Good Idea - HQ] The AM set could appear three or four at a time like Bill Hale's frequency by frequency maps did a few years ago or all together in a separate publication. Logos from each state could be used around the edges or in the empty spaces. I have a few computer-aided-drafting programs (AutoCAD, Autosketch, and ProDesign) and would gladly work on the project if someone could supply drawings of the maps for an IBM compatible. [Chris, have you been sitting in on our weekly Wednesday staff meeting here at HQ? Watch for a new 'log companion' in time for the upcoming fall season] I got my Delco radio on January 13, and it works like a charm. [Don't forget to submit your catches to DDXD-East and IDXD!] 73s

Mark Strickert - 3852 N. Oconto - Chicago, IL 60634

Have DX'ed little since returning here last March, especially now that the place is wired for cable, buzz buzz... Am considering setting up a DX "shack" in the attic, on the opposite side of the house from the TV's, but that side of the house needs new wiring first. So, right now most DX is in the car, which has only AM. Fun has included the 1160 Cuban within 3 miles west of WJJD's transmitter site in east Des Plaines. I live and work on the strong side of their pattern, however, so WJJD will show up not only on 1160, but under WLUP on 1000, combined with "the loop" on 1080 occasionally, and some other dial locations, on any digital receiver. Sure, DX "loggings" should go in DX logging columns, but I hope the Musing Editor does not over-react by editing out anything that looks like it's a DX logging. [If the ingredients are there for column material it belongs in the proper column, that is why those columns exist in the first place. If we wanted the catches in paragraph form, like some of those were, then we don't need the columns. Over-react? Naw, I hope it doesn't seem that way, check out Connelly's muse above.- HQ] The Musing editor's comment to Chris Cuomo in V56 #14 was a good one - reply rate to bumper sticker requests always increases when return postage (or, better yet, an SASE) is enclosed. This also seemed to work for verification requests, although I've personally only sent out one verie report in two years. For sticker requests, it also helps to know whether the station has a sticker (or not). If you are into collecting enough to consider joining a club, the DecalcoMania aircheck and Sticker-collector's club offers much reference material. Just send an SASE to my address (but do not put the club name on the envelope!) for information. Airchecks...that's a semi-fancy radio trade code word for "radio station tape recordings". I remain on the lookout for collectors/traders of them, or at least people in the following metros who can help me get tapes of stations: Philadelphia, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, Seattle-Tacoma, or Winnipeg. 73 de Mas.

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(202) 966-8046. Time for another musing. The auroral conditions on 1/6 from 1730 thru 2030 (the night that Emperor Hirohito passed away) reminded me very much of the conditions on an early October night in 1978, when 22 stations, including 5 Colombians and 3 Haitians, landed in my log. On 1/6, seven more including 3 Cubans, a Haitian, a Jamaican, and a Colombian, were added to my log. The conditions were such that the mighty WHAS-840, WWVA-1170, and WHAM-1180 didn't even exist here. Jamaica would be a swell place to be this time of year. Maybe I should have heard it locally, hi. I was there for a week in March 1973, stayed at the Chatham Beach Hotel in Montego Bay. If the forecast of increased sunspot activity should prove right, we ought to be in for many more additions to our logs, especially the foreign stations as we'd be wide open to Central and South America and the West Indies. [Hey Bill], check out Gene's Muse below! - HQ] I heard several stations on 1/6 that I heard on Oct. 1-2, 1978, when I DX'ed from 2000 to 0230 with a 30 minute break for the 2300 news. Enough more now. 73's de WPT.

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A Special Enhancement For The Down Unders

There was a period of intense solar activity January 11 through 16 -- an X category flare on the 11th, an X-2 flare on the 14th, whatever that means. [A large burp of hydrogen from Mr. Sun - HQ ... pretty good, huh...get away from that keyboard, mike - Sue] So realizing the A-Index would be hitting a high level, I went exploring the new DX environment before sunrise on the 11th. First thing I located at 1400 GMT were quite strong signals from the two Australian midgets on 1629, which is my favorite DXing spot these days. I check them out every morning and they were coming in much stronger than during the previous several days. Bearing in mind that mid winter is the poorest time of year for Down Under reception, perhaps that rule can be amended to say, except when a solar eruption comes along. On the 11th I taped 5 minutes from 1629 at 1400, on the 14th 2 minutes at 1414. On the 15th, 4 minutes at 1334. All of these taped excerpts display a quite strong signal, although the constant beating from Sydney and Melbourne presents the usual difficulties in hearing any ID. This isn't the first time I have noticed that auroral activity enhances Down Under reception. I have been coanizant of it for years, but never before have I encountered such a convincing demonstration of it. Down Under DXers also benefit from these episodes of intense solar activity. It is during them that they get their best reception of North American BCB stations. Right now, it's summer down under, and perhaps summer static would cover up any improved conditions for them. The Northern aurora and the southern aurora occur simultaneously, just as they should on any well-ordered planet. There is no such thing as having an aurora borealis without also having a companion aurora australis. Perhaps we are not accustomed to thinking about the aurora in these terms, but that's the way the cookie crumbles on our cozy little planet that is occasionally blasted by disturbances on the sun.

Lynn Simons, Jr. - 5621 Afton Dr. - Birmingham, AL 35242

Now that the holiday season is behind me I am getting back down to the normal routine here with more regular DXing. I have one new event to report here that occurred two days before Christmas. As some of you may remember about two years ago I reported a little misfortune that occurred when my wife mistakenly threw out my log of AM stations that I had been keeping since 1971. Well, right before Christmas I was going through my drawer of many cassette tapes of the various AM and SW stations that I had recorded and came across one titled "AM DX data tape". Then it came to me that several years ago when I first got my Commodore 64 computer I had purchased a database program on tape (I did not have a disk drive at that time). I had started putting my log in this program then. When I later looked for this tape when I lost my log I could not find it. Now I was ecstatic! Could I be lucky enough to still be able to find the original database program and would I be lucky enough to not have recorded over the data on that tape? So I dug around in my closet looking for the old cassette player and found it. Then when I loaded the program it worked and the data was still there! It was not a complete list because when I finally bought a disk drive I put this program away. But I did have a listing from 1971 up through December 1984, a total of 477 stations. So no a big part of my past is back! Now the only stations not accounted for are those that were logged from 12/84 through 11/86. Still two years worth but I feel that as of now I probably have logged the great majority of those stations again, beside what's two years compared to 13. Hi. I just finished reading the nostalgic report from Ben Dangerfield in DXN 56-15 and thoroughly enjoyed it. It sure sounds nice to have been DXing back then. I can still remember the thrills that I got listening on those Sunday and Monday mornings when some of the big stations were off the air even in the early 70's. I know that there were less and less of the large stations signing off during those hours even then. But still nothing compared to now. Now even the clear channels are congested. You know, reading that article (Ben's) and finding that old log listing of mine has sure brought back many fond memories. I would be very interested in reading about other people's first years of DXing. I am planning a short muse describing my early years to follow soon. I would like to let both Wayne Heinen and Jeff Tynan know how much I appreciate their efforts on arranging the Transmitter Tests that they have done this year. It just seems that I see less and less tests being conducted these days. So their efforts are even more appreciated here. Well that's about it for now. So until next time 73s and good DX.

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Greetings on a gray, dreary and cold January day...but winter has been relatively mild by Atlanta standards so far. An end of an era: just before Christmas the bulldozers arrived on the vacant wooded land behind my house and a new apartment complex will soon be under construction. The land has been pretty much cleared off, with a small "buffer" zone left behind all the houses on my street, thus ends my Beverage antenna farm that I enjoyed for 5 1/2 years, and it is sorely missed already. I am just glad that I did have for those years 60-plus acres of unused land to experiment with and some great DX was had because of its availability. All is not lost, though, as when the dust settles, I still may have some limited room for some decent longwires. Right now, I am making due with a several-hundred foot long aerial. I have also revived my 4-foot NRC Altaz loop, which was initially constructed about 13 years ago, but has been dismantled and stored-away since about 1979 or so. Unfortunately there seems to be a problem with the amplifier, so I may ship it off to Steve Bohac for a check-up and/or repairs. (He built it initially). Actually, I am looking forward to having a good loop to DX with once again. I am in total agreement with the plea to send DX to the appropriate "Digest" column, which I always do. Since it has always been said that Musings are also for DX, I usually mention the same DX in my Muse as well. But if DX should appear in only one place, then the "Digest" columns should be that one place. I must relay to the membership a recent phone conversation I had with a fellow named Kenny at WIGG-1420 Wiggins, MS. I called to follow-up a recent report, and he told me they sometimes got reports but he figured it was all a "bunch of bull" as their signal at night didn't get out of the county, etc. So I told him a little about skywaves and the ionosphere and then he said that since they were a satellite-fed station, I could have been listening to any number of other stations with the same feed; to that I responded that as I heard a local break including a "WIGG" ID, I was certain of what I had heard. He was not at all hostile, and in fact, we had a nice conversation about radio in general, and he promised me a reply. We'll see...hi. Speaking of veries, quite a few have arrived lately: v/1's from WAGE-1200, KWXI-670, KLRA-1530, WBLX-660; a v/pp from RNI-1620, and a verie scribbled on a yellow "post-it" from WZEL-770 after two personal visits. Signers, of course, are being forwarded to Wayne. Verie total now at 1367. Highlights of recent post-beverage show that good DX is still possible on a shorter longwire: 1/8 mentions of Canada, cold weather report with temps given in Celsius only on 1430 at 6:05pm lead me to a tentative logging of CJCL-Toronto. 1/10, CHAM-820 positively ID'ed over WBAP at 7:05am with national news, mentions of Hamilton and "820-CHAM" (spoken as a word, "Cham"). 1/14 WHDM-1440 MacKenzie, TN briefly at 8:29am with Paul Harvey. That's all for now. 73's.

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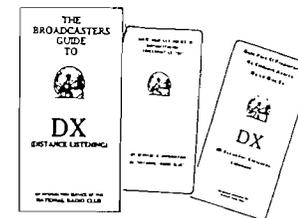
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