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From the publisher ... The DX world has lost one of its greatest hobbyists with the death of Arthur Cushen, New Zealand's best known shortwave and DX radio enthusiast. His death came at 12.30am NZ Time September 20 in Invercargill Hospital. His wife Ralda was with him at the end. Messages of condolence may be sent to: Mrs. Ralda Cushen -212 Earn St - Invercargill, New Zealand, or via Email to Dawn Beckingsale (Arthur's secretary) at <<beckings@southnet.co.nz>>.

On a happier note, Ernest Cooper is recovering from heart surgery, replacement of a heart valve, and according to Ray Arruda would welcome cards and visitors at his home in Provincetown. Get well, Ernie; we need those quality reports!

Although not all Musings received appear in this issue, those received to date are 100% typed up and ready to appear, and now that Dave Schmidt is recovering nicely from hosting the convention, he promises to stay current on typing them up.

CPC Chair ... We have none. IRCA has none. What are <u>you</u> going to do about it? Contact NRC Board Chairman Ken Chatterton directly if you're interested. No CPC chairperson = no CPC tests.

ANARC ... It's time to start thinking about nominations for three slots on the ANARC Executive Board. The two-year terms of Harold Cones, Skip Arey, and Mark Meese expire at the end of this year. Only Club Representatives can nominate candidates (themselves or others willing to serve), and I'm sure that NRC ANARC rep Dave Schmidt would gladly nominate YOU. Thus far Chairman Mark Meese reports having received only one nomination.

DXGTG ... John Callarman has been persuaded to host a mini-GTG (Ernie W. can really twist that arm, can't he, John?) October 17-19 in Mt. Vernon, IL, with co-hosting by Rick Dau and John Tudenham. The host hotel will be Best Inns of America (1-800-BESTINN), located SE of the I-57/ Illinois 15 interchange. Festivities start at 6 pm Friday and conclude at noon Sunday and may possibly include a station tour of WMIX. Direct your questions to John at 1122 Maple St. - Mt. Vernon, IL 62864-4337, 618-244-2067, or work 242-0113.

Welcome to these new members ... Peter Q. George, Whitman, MA (rejoins); James B. Hartline WA4OXA, Johnson City, TN; Richard Hoskins, Ashtabula, OH; James I. Barrett K3CKT, Takoma

Park, MD; Wayne M. Fowks N1WF, Kissimmee, FL; Donald R. Kelly, Scappoose, OR; Gary L. Smith, Southington, CT; Frederick Kincaid, Midland, MI; Thomas Hulten, Jakobstad, Finland; Gordon King, Ridgefield, CT; Gregory J Harris, Park Forest, IL; Benjamin Bilyeu, Cookeville, TN; Todd Putman N3TFM, Elkridge, MD; Martin J. Waters, Wallingford, CT; Robert A. Henry, Greenville, SC; V. Lee Turner, Wilmington, DE (rejoins); Don English, El Paso, TX (rejoins); Frank J. Sepic, Milwaukee, WI; Dewey Stout, San Jose, CA; Robert G. Bowman, Artesia, NM; Allen Loudell, Bear, DE; Frank Aden, Jr. (rejoins), Boise, ID; Gary V. Jackson, Sacramento, CA; Richard W. Hudson, Belleville, IL; Randy Stewart KAORNF, Springfield, MO; John M. Adams, Seaside, OR; and Rich Toebe (rejoins), Concord, CA.

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DX Time Machine From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the Sept. 20, 1947 DXN: It was announced that the NRC and the Newark News Radio Club had agreed that in the upcoming DX season all DX programs would be joint dedications to both clubs ... from Oct. 4, 1947: A set of 8 pictures of the NRC Convention banquet were offered for 504. NRC President Joe Becker, Dave Thomas, and Stan Morss reported receiving QSL cards from ZBM, Bermuda.

25 years ago ... from the October 26, 1972 DXN: Ernie Cooper observed his 25th anniversary of editing Musings of the Members.

10 years ago ... from the October 5, 1987 DXN: WHN quietly changed to WEAN-1050.



Jerry Starr

c/o WHOT Radio 4040 Simon Road Youngstown, OH 44512-1320

Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

CALL LETTER CHANGES

CALL	LETTER •	CITATOLO	
	<u>Old call</u>		<u>New</u> call
990	WIVK	TN Knoxville	WNOX
1040	WJNA	FL Boynton Beach	WJNO
1060	KUKQ	AZ Tempe	KDUS
1070	WANM	FL Tallahassee	WFRF
1140	KXNO	NV North Las Vegas	KSFN
1210	WBIU	LA Denham Springs	WSKR
1220	KDFC	CA Palo Alto	KBPA
1220	KWPA	CA Pomona	KMIA
1230	WINO	FL West Palm Beach	WJNA
1240	WKOY	WV Bluefield	WKEZ
1390	WZHF	VA Arlington	WVPA*
1400	KUNA	CA Indio	KESQ
1440	WRAJ	IL Anna	WIBH
1450	KPSI	CA Palm Springs	KGAM
1450	KMSL	MT Great Falls	KQDI
1490	WCZR	WV Charleston	WSWW
1560	WTAI	FL Melbourne	WTMS



sww WTMS

*WZHF change to WDBI shown in the last issue was set aside in favor of WVPA

APPLICATIONS/GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

- SC Blythewood: 10400 D1 (CP for new station) 890 WBAI
- LA Oakdale: 2500/10 U4, city of license to Pecan Grove, TX (we can't find Pecan 900 KREH Grove on any map, but this will be a substantial move; the coordinates for the proposed new antenna site are near Houston which is over 200 miles from Oakdale)
- WOKX NC High Point: day power to 1300 watts 1590

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

- 860 KARS NM Belen: synchro transmitter in Albuquerque with 100 N1 (nights only)
- IL Chicago: 4270 D1 1110 WMBI
- OR Bend: modify CP to show 10000/5000 U2 1110 KBND
- NM Albuquerque: 10000/24 U1 1190 KXKS
- ID McCall: 1000/1000 U1, city of license to Donnelly, ID 1240 KMCL
- NY New York: 50000/5000 U4 WADO 1280
- NJ Vineland: 5000/800 U4, city of license to Washington Township, NJ WNJC 1360 (replaces expired CP)
- AL Mobile: modify CP to show 3900/3900 U3 1410 WLVV
- NY Niagara Falls: 5000/750 U4 1440 WJJL
- WHDM TN McKenzie: relocate transmitter site 1440
- CA Concord: modify CP to show 500/5000 U4 1480 KRHT
- CA San Rafael: 8000 D3 KKHI 1510
- NY Lafayette: modify CP to change city of license to Syracuse (station is still on WOLF 1510 1490 kHz)
- 1520 WCHE PA West Chester: 1000 (500 CH) D3

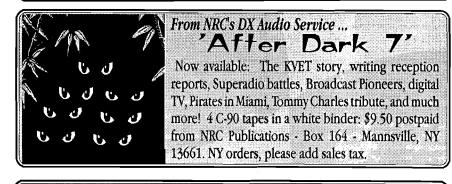
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680	WISR	PA Butler: CP for 250/50 U1 is on		
910	KJJQ	SD Volga: CP for 500/500 U4 is on		
910	WRNL	VA Richmond: CP for 5000/1500 U2 is on		
990	WNTY	CT Southington: CP for 2500/80 U4 is on		

- 1000 WIBW FL Jupiter: new station is ON THE AIR WKRE NC Monroe: application for synchro in Lancaster has been DENIED 1060 1030 KDUN OR Reedsport: silent station is ON THE AIR AL Fairhope: application for new station DENIED 1160 *App *App FL Claracona: application for new station DENIED 1160 WA Lakewood: CP for 5000/1000 U2 is on 1180 KLAY 1240 WVSR WV Charleston: silent station is ON THE AIR relaying WQBE but is expected to begin its own programming before the end of the year 1320 WUNO PR San Juan: CP for 5000/2300 U1 is on from new transmitter site
- 1380 WYSH TN Clinton: CP for 1000/80 U2 is on
- 1430 KROO TX Breckenridge: CP for 1000/17 U1 is on
- 1440 WIBH IL Anna: silent station (as WRAI) is ON THE AIR
- 1450 WONT SC Charleston: CP for 848/848 U1 is on
- 1600 CHNR ON Simcoe: station has moved to 106.7 FM

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DDXD-West MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- □ No Redux or Fen-Phen used here. That's why we need your loggings and tips to fortify the healthy appetite of all the DXers who read this column. Let's hear from you. Since this is the start of the brand-new DX season and column-year, here are the few things I ask when reporting: Please submit your report to resemble the format seen here, divided into the various categories (time blocks, unIDs, etc) and use only NRC-approved abbreviations. In most cases, only a couple of additional letters either written or typed will form the entire word, leaving no doubt what you want to convey. Keep your reports reasonably concise. Long, rambling narratives will be edited. And you get to see your name in print!!! My deadlines are Mondays, five (5) days prior to the Topeka deadlines printed in DX News. This gives me time to finalize things before e-mailing the column to Topeka, which works the first time on most occasions.
- Bob Karchevski writes that as of September 15th: "KOFY-1050 is still the legal ID for KTCT. On the hour a quick 'KOFY Ten Fifty' is immediately followed by 'KTCT Ten Fifty' in a much louder and more distinctive voice." So beee-ware. Tim reports: "The KIWA Pocket Loop did a great job this time around. I have not had any luck with this antenna in areas like San Diego and Las Vegas where the dial is filled with slop. But in less congested areas it seems to perform very well." And "The following national parks and monuments do not yet have TIS stations: Canyonlands NP, Natural Bridges NM, Grand Staircase NM (Boulder-Escalante, UT), Four Corners NM. Nothing noted near Monument Valley, AZ/UT, but had to stop several miles short of park due to imminent flooding!" Looking southward, Shawn sez: "WTOP heard here. Cannot remember when was the last time, but is was long time ago. Conditions were weird on 9/21 with almost nothing heard after sunset like KSTP, WJR, WGN ... yet up pops WTOP. Take them as they come!!! Hope the season is a good one for all."
- Comment: I've noticed many loggings from NRC members on personal web sites that haven't been submitted to our DDXD columns. What gives?? I'm not against these sites in any way. But if you can send your loggings to these sites, how about a "cc:" to your DDXD column, too! Lots of folks aren't connected to the internet.

REPORTERS

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- DS-TN Doug Smith, W9WI/4 Pleasant View <desmith@telalink.net>
- TRH-CA Tim Hall Chula Vista ICF-2010, KIWA Loop <halls@inetworld.net> and with ICF-2010, KIWA Pocket Loop & Chrysler car radio while vacationing ...
- TRH-AZ1 Tim Hall @ Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport
- TRH-AZ2 Tim @ Page
- TRH-CO1 Same guy @ La Plata County Airport near Durango
- TRH-CO2 See above @ Durango
- TRH-CO3 Ditto on the road near Cortez/Durango
- TRH-CO4 You get the idea @ Cortez
- TRH-UT1 @ Moab
- TRH-UT2 On the road in eastern Utah (Natural Bridges National Monument / Blanding / Monticello / Moab / Crescent Jct.)
- TRH-UT3 @ Capitol Reef National Park
- TRH-UT4 @ Teasdale
- TRH-UT5 @ Bryce Canyon National Park
- TRH-UT6 On the road between Bryce Canyon National Park and Kanab
- SA-MB Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg ICOM ICR-70 & Drake R8 + 4 Foot box unamplified loop / Quantum Loop, 145' long wire / 100' indoor wire <saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>
- J&NJ-ID John & Nancy Johnson Billings, MT DXing on I-15 while on vacation 1995 Mustang car radio <john_johnson@prodigy.net>

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- JJR-WI John Rieger South Milwaukee ICR70/R1000 with longwires, FRG100/SW8 with Kiwa loop & MFJ959B preamp, Drake SW2 & Palomar loop <johnjrieger@webtv.net>
- CR-IL Christos Rigas Wood Dale R-2000, ICF 2010, Kowalski loop < crigas@birinc.com>
- Ed.-TX Editor North Richland Hills *Delco AM\$-FM\$ car radio in Hurst, or just tuning the ICF-2010 barefoot

SPECIAL

- 590 KID ID Idaho Falls 9/6 1503 Noted with SS programming. 1503 ID in EE, then slogan Super Caliente. (J&NJ-ID) [Probably just a Saturday afternoon show -Ed.]
- 710 WHB MO Kansas City 9/20 0700 Heard these calls, but the paperwork is into the FCC for and the application has been granted for the license of WHB to be swapped from Kanza, Inc. to ECI License Company, L.P. for KCMO-810. KC-area DXers, keep listening and keep us posted as to when the swap takes place! [Ed.-TX] (Both stations are now running promos saying that the switch will take place Wednesday, Oct. 8 -pls)
- 710 WFCM TN Smyrna 9/14 1500 Noted new calls & format. Now general religion parallel to (and IDing with) WMBW-88.9 Chattanooga and WFCM-FM 91.7 Murfreesboro. Runs Chattanooga weather; don't be fooled! (DS-TN)
- 950 WZDB IL Chicago 9/17 1800 ID as WZBD. Ex-WEJM and WJPC. With <u>One- on-One</u> Sports. (CR-IL)
- 960 KOVO UT Provo 9/14 1011 Noted simulcasting KDYL-1280. (J&NJ-UT)
- 1080 WNWI IN Valparaiso 9/17 1500 Reported as silent in <u>Chicago Radio Online Watch</u>. I confirm this as I have been checking for the past several days without hearing anything from them. Confirmed as silent. Used to be a daytime regular her€. (CR-IL)
- 1330 KVOL LA Lafayette 9/12 Is now // KVOL-FM-105.9 Opelousas with their sports and talk format. (INet) [A note for you FM DXers, hi Ed.]
- 1340 KEBC OK Oklahoma City Now using the slogan SportsTalk 1340. [Ed.-TX]
- 1370 KFJM ND Grand Forks 9/21 Still off the air due to flood damage back in the spring. They may not be back for a few more months. (SA-MB)
- 1440 KKXL ND Grand Forks -9/21 Still off the air due to flood damage back in the spring. They may not be back for a few more months. (SA-MB)
- 1490 KOKC OK Guthrie Now C&W programming; ex: sports. [Ed.-TX]

UNIDs and UNID HELP

690	UNID	??	- 9/13 2244 - College football (Ravens or Raiders, not sure). (TRH-UT4)
1230	UNID	??	- 9/13 2225 - New Mexico Lobos college football. (TRH-UT4)
1240	UNID	??	- 9/13 2329 - Colorado State college football. (TRH-UT4)
1340	UNID	??	- 9/13 2140 - Ad for Discount Liquor at the Centennial Shopping Center in
			(Durango?). Faded soon afterward. (TRH-UT4)
1400	UNID	??	- 9/13 2233 - Fair, with ads for <u>Turvey(?) Auto Repair</u> & <u>Canyon Market</u> .
			Jingle (???) Country. Slogan Playin' the best new and old country. (TRH-UT4)
1440	UNID	??	- 8/27 2056 - Good, with slogan of Michigan Country 1440. WDOW,
			maybe? (RD-IA)
1420	UNID	??	
	UNID	??	
			Extreme 14-90 AM, K??I. Mentioned <u>Boulder County</u> . Is Boulder, Colorado back on the air with new format/calls? (TRH-CO2) [NRC Log (1996 edition)]
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back on the air with new format/calls? (TRH-CO2) [NRC Log (1996 edition) and FCC database says calls are KBVI. But Wayne Heinen says: "Boulder County is OK but they are AC music and "Extreme 1490" is nowhere near their "The Voice of the Boulder Valley" slogan. With their operation, a \$1490 Grand Prize would be very UNlikely. Could be 2 stations mixing up, too." -Ed.]

TIS & OTHER STUFF (or pass the Snickers, you're not going anywhere for awhile)

530 (TIS)

CO Cortez - 9/11 1100 - State of Colorado station at Cortez visitor center is off. Not noted from Delores on 9/11, from downtown Cortez on the evening of 9/15, or from right in front of the visitor center on 9/16 1125. Signs still up near the visitor center in Cortez. (TRH-CO3, CO4)

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 - NM Aztec/Bloomfield/Kirtland 9/10 2220 Noted two or maybe three stations TIS playing same or similar tape about things to do in NW New Mexico. Sponsored by Farmington Electric Utilities District. These stations really get out. Noted midday from Natural Bridges National Monument in Utah all the way to La Plata County Airport SE of Durango, Colorado. (TRH-CO1, CO2, CO3. UT2)
 - WQO624 ND Devils Lake 9/20 1930 Woman doing road conditions for Eastern North Dakota. (SA-MB)
 - UNID ?? - 9/13 2254 - Poor, in Turks & Caicos null, with female announcer reading tape loop mentioning hiking and mountain biking. Caught phrase Welcome to the Al______ so maybe city of Alta, Utah TIS? (TRH-UT4)
- MT West Yellowstone -9/6 1300 With simulcast of their FM. Wolf slogan. 920 KWYS 1300: CNN News. 1304: KWWF 96 FM into satellite-fed oldies. On 9-14-97 at 1600 noted just an open carrier. (J&NJ-MT)
- 1200 WPKM997 UT Salt Lake City Airport 9/14 0942 TIS with airport information, tips for travelers. Loop repeated every 5 minutes. (J&NJ-UT)
- 1490 KOJ738 UT Capitol Reef National Park 9/13 1929 New TIS with information about Fruita Campground. Station is located at campground and uses 100mW. Tape loop contains info about the campgrounds. Nice signal, gets out almost as well as a 10W TIS. This and all the other 100 mW stations at Capitol Reef use the callsigns of the original 1610 kHz station. Slogan Campground Radio. (TRH-UT3)
- 1520 KOJ738 UT Capitol Reef National Park 9/13 2000 New TIS on the air with 100mW. Fair signals along Utah State Highway 24. Station is located on the park's scenic drive, which was closed due to flood-related damage. Message about the scenic drive. Slogan Scenic Drive Radio. (TRH-UT3)
- 1540 KOJ738 UT Capitol Reef National Park - 9/13 1929 - New TIS on the air with 100mW. Tape loop is for petroglyph exhibit along UT-24 highway, as noted by Petroglyph Info Tune Radio 1540 signs at turnout, but transmitter is near campground restrooms. Gets out almost as well as a 10 Watt TIS. Tape loop read by Native American from Southern Paiute tribe. (TRH-UT3)
- 1600 KOP717 MT West Yellowstone 9/14 1600 Tape loop TIS with Yellowstone Park and road info. (J&NJ-MT)
- 1610 KOJ778 AZ Glen Canyon National Recreation Area 9/15 1300 Noted with inane messages about boating safety read by man and woman. Also mentioned tours of the dam were available at the visitors center. Gets out pretty well. (TRH-UT2)
 - WXK790 AZ Phoenix 9/10 1200 Station is still active (used to be a pest at home when locals were off but not heard from home in a long time). Tape loop by man mostly talks about parking structures. (TRH-AZ1)
 - KAF721 CO Black Canyon of the Gunnison 9/15 2332 Tentative. Station noted all night with mentions of Black Canyon, national monument, visitor center open from 8 am-6:30 pm. Way under semi-local KAF727. (TRH-CO4)
 - KAF727 CO Mesa Verde National Park 9/10 1730 Tape loop by woman Welcome to fall in Mesa Verde National Park. Advised travelers that they had to drive a long

way into the park and it would take a minimum of four hours. Officials at the visitor center thought the station was at Park Point (highest point in the park, where other transmitters were located), but monitoring throughout the area suggests that it is actually at the entrance gate at the north end of the MEGANEDIA LTD. park. (TRH-CO3)

- KOP795 UT Arches National Park 9/13 1100 Station is active, but gets out very poorly as visitor's center is in a deep canyon. Tape loop by man. (TRH-UT2)
- (KOP798) UT Bryce Canyon National Park 9/14 1300 Noted running OC. Inquired at visitors center, was told they had a power failure the previous evening and needed to re-record the tape (apparently no battery backup). They were supposed to be re-recording it as we spoke, but the station was still running OC the next morning. (TRH-UT5)
- (KOJ738) UT Capitol Reef National Park 9/13 2000 Station is silent pending repairs. Technical officer Mike McClain says approval has just been granted to proceed with the repairs. This guy takes great pride in his stations and still enjoys AM DX. We need to get some sample bulletins to him! (TRH-UT3)
- KOP728 UT Crescent Junction 9/13 1645 Station is active and gets out well. Tape loop about the national parks located along US 191 South. (TRH-UT2)

- UT Fishlake National Forest 9/14 0658 Poor, with tape loop by woman TIS mentioning hiking and the lake. Two stations listed, so not sure which of the two I had. (TRH-UT4)
- UT Panguitch 9/14 2100 Station appears not to be on. Not noted within a few (TIS) miles of Panguitch, also not noted that night from Hatch. (TRH-UT5, UT6)
- KOJ761? UT Zion National Park 9/15 1100 Tentative. Noted station for a few miles on either side of Mt. Carmel junction with female announcer giving general info like keeping your dog on a leash. No ID noted. (TRH-UT6)
- unID TIS ?? 9/14 0647 Man with tape loop mentioning hiking, activities, ... if you need assistance . . ., welcome to the _____ Southeast ____ . . . one of America's most ____ mountain passes. Also mentioned Utah, Oregon, California. (TRH-UT4)
- 1620 WPIH303 CA Burbank 9/14 0612 Burbank Fire Dept TIS station fair, then faded up nicely with plenty of IDs, fire and safety promos, and mentions of disaster volunteer training. (TRH-UT4)
 - CA Milpitas 9/14 0715 Fair-to-good, with woman reading information about TIS recycling (phone 942-2497), volunteers needed for Sept 20th, etc., then man with a Milpitas traffic update. (TRH-UT4)
 - One of the two LA-area CalTrans TIS stations faded up nicely. Didn't TIS CA stay in long enough for me to tell if it was the Orange County station or the one in Santa Monica. (TRH-UT4)
- 1680 WOO767 TX Dallas American Airlines TIS noted with ID by woman and mentions of 1640, which was not audible this evening. (TRH-UT4) [Wish I could say that, hi - Ed.)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- TX Midland 9/22 0707 Fair, with local weather and ID. (CR-IL) 550 KCRS
- 570 WVMI MS Biloxi - 9/22 0711 - Extended weather, ads and several mentions of WVMI. Fair. (CR-IL)
- 630 KSJL MO St. Louis - 9/20 0610+ - Poor, with REL talk. CLs at :30. New here. [Ed.TX]
- KS Pittsburg 9/11 0658 Faded in (to poor quality) just as I passed by 860 KKOW frequency, with sleepy DJ chatter, then dead air for about 10 seconds and ABC News at :00:00. Finally at :00:20 the news faded down abruptly and a
- **-WIGO**canned legal ID mentioning something about serving four states, then back to the network. First-timer here, although pattern favors this direction [Ed.-TX*]
- MO Fulton 9/22 0725 Fair, with ads and AM 900 KFAL ID, followed by C&W 900 KFAL music. (CR-IL)
- 920 KLMR CO Lamar - 9/13 0700 - Fair, in WBAA null, with ABC News, followed by local weather. (CR-IL)
- 960 KZIM MO Cape Girardeau - 9/13 0715 - Fair, with ads and ID. (CR-IL)
- 980 CKRM SK Regina - 9/12 0729 - Country music, promo, weather, and ID. Mixing with UNID great oldies station. In the good old days, this was a nightly pest at home. (TRH-CO2)
- ON Hamilton 9/15 0254 Good, with promo by DJ Paul Wainwright for the 1150 CKOC CKOC Legends of Rock 'n' Roll Show, then ad for the 147th Annual Ancaster Fair in Ancaster. (RD-IA)
- MS Pearl 9/20 0515+ Very good, with a poorly-produced call-in trivia contest 1180 WINT from Talk America Network. Callers with correct answers were told they were wrong by ditzy co-host. Finally, nice ID at 0600: WINT Pearl-Jackson and into net news. New. [Ed.-TX]
- 1240 KBIZ IA Ottumwa - 9/18 0000 - Poor, with female and AM/FM 92.7 KTWA IDs, into CBS news. (JR-WI)
- 1270 KINN NM Alamogordo - 9/11 0543 - Contest promo, Real Country KINN. (TRH-CO2)
- KS Pratt 9/11 0437 Fair-good with Scott City High School football promo, 1290 KWLS local ads and You win every time, on your wealth of information station, KWLS Real Country. (TRH-CO2)
- 1340 KWOR WY Worland - 9/13 0008 - Fair-to-good, with KWOR, good times and great oldies. (TRH-UT1)
- 1360 KHNC CO Johnstown - 9/12 0659 - Noted // KTMG-1370 with American Freedom Network obnoxious talk shows, giving IDs for both stations. (TRH-CO2)
- 1450 KVSL AZ Show Low - 9/12 0655 - One great song after another, the best country in the country, 1450 KVSL. (TRH-CO2)

1480 WCIN 1490 KNDC

460 AM

 OH Cincinnati - 9/12 0253 - Atop channel, with mention of 1480 WCIN. (RD-IA)
 ND Hettinger - 09/13 0745 - Sign on with the Star Spangled Banner being sung by a chorus, no music [That's called a capella, hi - Ed.]. They gave a sign-off

time as 2300 Eastern, not 2400 as per the NRC Log. (SA-MB)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

940 KCEE AZ Tucson - 9/13 0825 - Ad for <u>YMCA of Tucson</u>, Tucson's Memory Station, AM 9-40, KCEE. (TRH-??)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 550 CHNO ON Sudbury 9/9 2136 Fair, with <u>Toronto Blue Jays</u> baseball. ID during commercial break as ... home for Toronto Blue Jays baseball, Oldies 55. A check of this year's <u>Blue Jays</u> network list in DX News (thanks, Barry!) confirmed this. First time ever logged from any Iowa QTH. (RD-IA)
- 590 KLBJ TX Austin 9/11 2320 Fair-to-good, with News Radio 5-90 KLBJ mixing with other news-talk and Spanish stations. (TRH-CO2)
- 600 KSJB ND Jamestown 9/15 2233 Man with community calendar, slogan Roughrider Country, KSJB. (TRH-CO4)
 - KSJB ND Jamestown 9/20 2033 Very good signal with country music. Non IDs as Roughrider Country. (SA-MB)
- 1090 KKYN TX Plainview 9/15 2251 Huge, with local ads for insurance company, farm chemicals, etc, promo for *Cowboys football on The Big* 10-90. (TRH-CO4)
 - CKKW ON Kitchener -9/20 2045 Fair signal, with oldies music. Non-ID as Oldies 10-90. (SA-MB)
- 1220 WSLM IN Salem 9/13 1859 Faint, but in there, with <u>Indiana University</u> Football Network pregame show hosted by <u>Don Fischer</u>. Nice to hear this a full 90 minutes before LSS. (RD-IA)
- 1230 KFJB IA Marshalltown 9/17 2331 Poor, with live oldies and 1230 KFJB IDs over mess. (JJR-WI)
- 1240 KSLV CO Monte Vista 9/15 2322 Fair, with promo for tailgate party, You're listening to today's hot new country, KSLV. (TRH-CO4)
 - KFBC WY Cheyenne 9/15 2256 Fair-to-good, with ad for US West Cellular in Cheyenne, promo for <u>Rockies</u> baseball on 12-40 KFBC, the only station you'll ever need for sports. (TRH-CO4)
- 1290 WCBL KY Benton 9/12 2302 Fair with high school football scoreboard show, with mentions of Benton, Murray, Paducah, and South Fulton, Tennessee. First time heard in lowa City in over 6 years. (RD-IA)
- 1360 WMOB AL Mobile 9/10 2336 Good, with GOS song When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder, then ID: . . . WMOB, 1360 on your radio dial from Mobile, Alabama. QRM, as usual, from WGEE. (RD-IA)
- 1410 KRWB MN Roseau 9/21 1720 Lots of heavy metal music with <u>Wild Bob Happenin</u>. Very few ads, and finally an ID at 1745. Not the usual country music. (SA-MB)
- 1440 WZYX TN Cowan 8/27 2059 Fair with CLs heard just before national news. Legal ID @ 2106: WZYX, Cowan-Winchester-Decherd, then into <u>Bruce Williams</u>. First time ever heard. (RD-IA)
- 1450 KZZJ ND Rugby 9/21 1708 Local ads for Miller Drugs. Country music. (SA-MB)
- 1480 KSDR SD Watertown 9/11 2141 Fair with ad for waterbed store in Watertown. Legal ID of 1480, KSDR, Watertown, South Dakota at 2159. Not new, but not heard all that often here, either. (RD-IA)
- 1490 KOVC ND Valley City 9/20 2100 Valley City baseball and ID as Dakota Country is KOVC. (SA-MB)
- 1500 WTOP DC Washington 9/21 2100 On the hour ID as WTOP Washington. No sign of KSTP. Only the third time heard in 11 years of DX'ing. (SA-MB)
 - WLQV MI Detroit 9/17 2137 Poor signal, with religious programming and music. Under KSTP. (SA-MB)
- 1600 WCGO IL Chicago Heights 9/17 2151 Fair & dominating. Despite how close this is, it isn't that common! WCGO Unforgettable 16 with satellite NOS. No sign of usual KCRG. (JJR-WI)

DDXD-East

Deadlines for DDXD-East are weekly on Tuesdays.

The DX season is well underway with some nice loggings and NRK-1314 blasting in here at armchair level as I type. Now that we are back to the weeklies, please make sure your loggings are current.

As we begin a new DX News season let me remind all of our contributors of what we're looking for here in DDXD-East: Make sure your loggings are DX (not stations you hear frequently, and definitely don't keep reporting the same stations over and over again). If you don't hear an ID or other specific information to ID a station, mark your logging "tentative" and you will save yourself and the column much embarassment. For those contributing by e-mail, please make sure that the subject line of your report mentions the NRC or DDXD; when I work 65 hours a week (as I did this one) I don't read e-mails that come with the title "Hi" or "News". And please direct your loggings to the right place: DDXD-West for those living west of the Eastern time zone, and IDXD for non-US/Canadian stations.

And to those who read the column regularly without contributing ... why not make this the year that you start sending in your loggings to DX News? Let's break all the records in '97-'98!

Good to meet so many of our contributors at New Castle. Sorry I couldn't stay longer than I did, but it was a pleasure to see you all there!

STATION NEWS

- 700 WLW
 OH Cincinnati 8/23 0455 "The Bozo" on the Truckin' Bozo Show mentioned that his show was also being carried on WHAM-1180, WDAF-610, and KTWO-1030. (RCP-IN)
 Cate WLAS
 <li
- 910 WJAS NC Jacksonville 9/17 2130 Now C&W as "The Country Bear... for eastern and coastal North Carolina." (JK-VA)

+ 9/19 0900-0930 - Noted with WLAS ID and grab-bag mix of music, rock, big

band, everything but country, same at 1145-1200 recheck. On 9/20, noted C&W at 1000, promo as *"The Bear,"* and presumed FM simulcast, // to 94.1,

660 AM 50,000 WATTS REVEALE

97.7, and 104.7 MHz, unusually weak AM signal. R&B music heard at 1500, local spot and then a spot giving a 205 area code. UNC football at 1930. No idea what's going on. (MH-NC)

- 1100 WTAM OH Cleveland 8/28 2030 Morton Downey, Jr. show was cancelled Mort quit. Replaced by former WERE staffer Rick Gilmore. (JK-VA)
- 1200 WAGE VA Leesburg 9/17 2105 Seems now to be C&W, have noticed several nights lately. (PT-NJ)

UNID and UNID HELP

700 UNID	 8/25 0450 - Under WLW, sounded like black UC music, fair while in.
	(RCP-IN) [Maybe Jamaica? - DY]
1150 UNID	8/11 2215-2315 - Mostly atop until 2250, then flip-flopping with
	WDEL and CKOC, strong WCCS-1160 slop until 2300, with charismatic
	black gospel music, "Gospel 1150" IDs and what sounded like "WL," gone

after 2315. (SK-PA) 1520 UNID - - - 8/8 0458 - Frequent mentions of "Oldies 97," Steppenwolf song followed by mention of Ohio State Fair. Poor to fair, but alone on channel. (RCP-IN)

LOGGINGS: 0000-0800

- 540 WDAK GA Columbus 7/31 0445 "The sports monster, WDAK" then back to One on One Sports. Very good signal. (RCP-IN)
- 930 WZNN NH Rochester 9/20 0053-0100 String of ads, weather report with mentions of "WZNN" at start and end, into "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." Same NOS feed as WJBR, WADR, WJAS, et al. ID at 0100 mentioned "Rochester, Dover, Portsmouth." Quite good over usual WBEN. (PT-NJ)
- 1070 WIWS WV Beckley 9/1 0746 Huge signal, "AM 1070, West Virginia's Hot Wax, WI-WS Beckley," then OLD. New. (JK-VA)
- 1240 WGBB NY Freeport 8/16 0055-0100 Shouting female in mix. (SK-PA)
- 1330 KFH KS Wichita 9/2 0442 "Sports radio 1330, KFH," local weather, into sports talk. Poor, much QRM. (RCP-IN)
- 1360 WKOP NY Binghamton 8/15 0106 Female voice saying "exclusively on AM 1360 WKOP" into C&W music, mixing with WWLG and WNJC. (SK-PA)
- 1370 WALK NY Patchogue 8/8 0003 UPI news, ad for a cottage, WALK ID, into a talk show hosted by Joe somebody. (WW*RI)
- 1390 WBLL OH Bellefonte 9/5 0625 Poor, out of the ooze with promo for NASCAR show,

- 10 call ID, C&W music. (MB-IN)
- WRTK OH Youngstown - 9/3 0534 - "America in the Morning" show in progress, legal ID, much QRM. Last heard in August 1995. (RCP-IN)
- KY Harlan 9/3 0625 Promo for high school football game, ID. (WM-MD) 1410 WHLN
- CT New London 8/14 0047-0053 NOS music alternating with WNRB. (SK-1510 WNLC PA)
- MO Sikeston 8/12 0435 "Your official NASCAR station, the new KMPL" and 1520 KMPL "Your new memory station" slogan also used. Very good and steady signal, great format too. (RCP-IN)
- PA North East 9/20 0006 C&W music with "Z Country" ID at this late hour, 1530 WEYZ easily looped from WSAI. At 0013 ID "Z Country 1530 WEYZ North East." (PT-NI)
- AL Tuscumbia 8/20 0535 ID, promo by Bob Villa mentioning WVNA Talk 1590 WVNA Radio. Fair, over and under WAKR. (RCP-IN)
- CFTH 1050 · CHAS FM 100.5 LOGGINGS: 0800-1600

LOGGINGS: 1600-2400

- 640 WW[Z NI Mount Holly - 8/15 1955-2000 - "WJZ, the station that remembers," NOS music, unneeded WHLO in background to 2000 WWIZ power cut leaving WHLO alone. (SK-PA)
- WV Fisher 9/3 1920 C&W music, ID. (WM-MD) 690 WELD
- CO Denver 9/15 2252 Weather report, phone number 623-8585 given for 850 KOA "Extra Innings" program coming up next, ID "News Radio 850 KOA" and "Colorado's number one news team," weak in QRM but at least WEEI and CKVL weren't dominant as they have been. (PT-NJ)
- NC Raleigh 9/10 1930 Mention of I-440, weather forecast. (WM-MD) WRBZ
- NC Henderson 9/10 1915 Black gospel music, ID, sign-off, mention of // 890 WHNC WCBO-1340. (WM-MD)
- NH Rochester 9/26 2236 Herb Alpert music, ID, good over WBEN, no sign of 930 WZNN semi-local WPAT which is usually weak at night anyway. (DY-NY)
 - NY Buffalo 8/30 2247 Formerly rare, now in often with "The radio home of the WBEN Buffalo Bills, 9-30 WBEN." (JK-VA)
- IL Mount Vernon 9/11 2109 NOS satellite feed // WJBR-1290, WJAS-1320, 940 WMIX WADR-1480, etc., IDs "WMIX (crash) 94" and "The all new M-I-X." Poor to fair with QRM in CBM null. (PT-NJ)
- MA Boston 8/13 2035 Ads in SS mentioning Boston, one of US Army with 950 WROL famous "Be all that you can be" slogan in EE, back to presumed Red Sox baseball game in SS 2037, more ads mentioning Boston 2044. (SK-PA)
- CT Sharon 8/15 1920 "AM 1020 WKZE with Scott ... with you right up till 8," 1020 WKZE C&W music, strong behind KDKA. (SK-PA)
- MI Pontiac 8/31 2335 Good at tune-in with call letters, NOS music. (MB-IN) 1080 WPOK
- MI Detroit 9/14 2100-2107 Good over WBBR, with "Sports Radio 11-30, 1130 WDFN Detroit's Fan." (IK-VA)
- NJ Oakland 8/15 1930 "This is where the memories live on, the new 1160 WVNJ," 1160 WVNJ atop mix of WCCS, WYNS, NOS music. (SK-PA)
- RI Hope Valley 8/15 1940-1945 C&W music, broadcasting live from the 1180 WJJF county fair. Pulling even with WHAM until both dropped off at 1945 into severe slop from both sides. (SK-PA)
- WI Milwaukee 9/12 2222-2255 Wall-to-wall S7-9 signal with oldies, Club 1250 WEMP 2000, Metropolis Club, and Hales Corner Speedway commercials, plenty of "12-50 WEMP" Ids, "12-50 WEMP is your station for good times and great oldies." New, for Milwaukee no. 3 in VA. No sign of WTAE. (JK-VA)
- NY Rochester 9/4 2105 Spot for Canandaigua Banking Co. By female, ID by 1280 WHTK male "Listen to Ken ... noon to 3 on news/talk 1280 WHTK." Poor, mixing with others and finally overrun by WADO's SS. (PT-NJ)
- WV Martinsburg 8/15 2050 Atop with Baltimore Orioles baseball vs. Ana-1340 WEPM heim; same game also audible on CBS network, plus a Pirates game as well. (SK-PA)
 - WMON WV Montgomery 8/16 2100 Pulling even in the foreground with WEPM. (SK-PA)
- NC Chapel Hill 9/13 2230 "Tarheels post-game show, a presentation of CHL sports, 1360 WCHL recognized as the state's leader in sports programming. This is 1360 CHL." Poor with QRM but the only readable signal on frequency. (PT-NJ)

- 11 1370 WPAZ PA Pottstown - 8/26 1920 - Reading Phillies vs. Bowie Baysox minor league baseball. (WM-MD)
- IL South Beloit 9/4 2056 PSA, ID "Beloit's radio station, AM 1380 WBEL" and 1380 WBEL into Henry Mancini song. Fair, but faded into the mush two minutes later. (PT-NI)
- NJ Eatontown 8/16 2155-2200 Trenton Thunder baseball wrapup, (SK-PA) 1410 WHTG
- 1420 WLIS CT Old Saybrook - 9/5 1840 - Mention of Old Saybrook, oldies music. (WM-MD) WACK NY Newark - 9/13 1935 - Local ad, mention of Route 31, ID, sports talk show. (WM-MD)
 - OH Cleveland 9/16 2159 REL, "The Word, WHK 1420" IDs. Signal is back up to WHK normal again. (JK-VA)
- 1460 WGNA NY Albany - 8/7 2038-2107 - Good over WWWG and WBET with Garth Brooks Live in New York concert, WGNA-FM IDs only, gone by 2107. (WW-MA)
 - WWWG NY Rochester 8/7 2014 New, good signal mixing with WGNA, ID noted as "3WG Radio 1460," gospel music, 2036 ID "Welcome back to 3WG radio, the best in Gospel music, 3WG 1460 AM in Rochester." (WW-MA)
- 1470 WBTX VA Broadway - 8/13 2006 - Signing off, "For great Christian programming" tune to FM. Poor, atop big jumble. (SK-PA)
- NY Remsen 9/156 2148+ Very loud with NOS and "Stars 1480, 1350, and 1480 WADR 1550," big "19 watt" signal! (IK-VA)
 - WTDY WI Madison - 9/16 2212 - Tentative, may have heard "1480 WTDY" ID during WADR fade. (JK-VA)
- 1500 WGHT NJ Pompton Lakes - 8/11 1957 - Thunderclap Newman's "Something in the Air" into 2000 sign-off. Difficult to hear spoken words as WTOP was much stronger with a wavy signal; their 2000 ID blew WGHT away but fortunately the sign-off was a few seconds later. (SK-PA)
 - WBZI OH Xenia - 9/12 2204 - With 500 watts of C&W mostly over WTOP! IDs as "AM 1500, WBZI." New. (JK-VA)
- 1530 WDJZ CT Bridgeport - 8/6 2200 - SS programming, hard to understand EE ID as "WFMW Naugatuck 1380 and WDJZ Bridgeport 1530." (WW-MA) [On late, I guess. - DY]
 - NC Chapel Hill 9/10 1840 ID, religious music, poor. (WM-MD) WRTP
- 1540 WYNC NC Yanceyville - 8/28 2015 - Fair with sign-off, gospel music. New. (JK-VA)
- 1550 WBCV TN Bristol - 9/5 1845 - Mention of Bristol University, religious program. (WM-MD)
 - WXVA WV Charles Town - 9/10 1845 - Ad, ID, into talk show. (WM-MD)
- 1570 WTLK NC Taylorsville - 9/8 2010 - Calls heard clearly between C&W songs, weak with lots of QRM. (PT-NJ)
- TN Cleveland 9/5 2240 C&W music, ID. (WM-MD) WCLE
- 1580 WVKO OH Columbus - 9/16 2053 - UC or AC-type music very weak in CBJ null, managed to get calls only "WVKO" in jumble between records. Totally gone by 2100. (PT-NJ)
- 1600 WMCW IL Harvard - 9/1 2110 - News at top of hour, followed by legal ID. Barely heard, too much QRM. (RCP-IN)

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 530 HAR IN Indianapolis area - Date? Time? - Very short traffic advisory by Indiana Department of Transportation, warning drivers about construction work at two locations on I-465 around Indianapolis. First time heard. (RCP-IN)
 - PA Fort Washington 7/22 1730 For Route 309 construction, with announce-HAR ments changing for work on different sections of roadway, calls WPGX548. Transmitter located at Route 309, PA Turnpike interchange. (RJE-PA)
 - HAR PA Plymouth Meeting - 9/21 1640 - Still WPGX548, mobile transmitter on the move again for Schuylkill Expressway construction, located along Turnpike at or near this location. Heard with specific announcements for construction beginning August 16, 1997. (RJE-PA)
- 830 HAR

PA Several - 8/29 0920 - ID with continuous loop "KPD 8-4-zero, Willow Grove" first heard at this time, located at PA Turnpike's Willow Grove interchange. On 9/21 1620, heard continuous loop "This is KPD 8-4-zero Lansdale" mixing with Willow Grove, ultimately located at the Lansdale interchange of the PA Turnpike Northeast Extension. Then "KPD 8-4-0 Valley Forge" mixing with the other two 9/22 1840, also located at PA Turnpike interchange. This appears to be the beginning of the frequentlyrumored transmitter system along the PA Turnpike, similar to what New Jersey has. My location is almost exactly in the center of the triangle between these three transmitters, and one of them seems about 300 Hz off channel. (RIE-PA)

- ---- - Have been hearing a TIS mentioning Route 28 and ferry terminal 1610 TIS connections. Presumably in the Cape Cod area? (NJW-ON)

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- IL? Chicago? 9/18 2110 Fair with taped loop, male and female announcers, 1620 TIS "From the home of your Chicago White Sox, this is the White Sox travel information station on 1620 AM, KTO414," then directions to stadium. (MB-IN)
- ---- 9/4 2015 Tape loop with male announcer, "This is a test of a highway 1630 HAR advisory radio broadcasting on 1620 AM. This is only a test." Fair signal, looped N/S. (MB-IN)
- ---- 9/21 0642 SS traditional music noted; soft-spoken SS DJ after every 3 1690 UNID or 4 selections with ID as "Radio ...," but couldn't make out the name. Also gave time checks matching EDT. Noted on all day (daytime regular). Drove
- to Philadelphia area midday, but couldn't hear station there. Monitored **KTXJE** $(\mathcal{W})X$ again 9/23 1800, same format, with DJ saying "Mejor de las notícias, mejor de los deportes, mejor de la música," sounded a little like "Radio Umpato" but I may
- be way off on that. (RH-NJ) - _____ - 9/17 2000 - Barely readable but could definitely hear the words "New 1700 UNID York and New Jersey." (MB-IN)

REPORTERS

		NEI ONIERO
MB-IN	Mark Burns	Terre Haute IN - R8, Kiwa loop, 80' LW
RIE-PA	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell PA - Car radio
MH-NC	Mike Hardester	Jacksonville NC - Local news
RH-NJ	Bob Harrison	Union NJ
SK-PA	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township PA -
IK-NJ	Jeff Kitze	Jarratt VA - RQ-V60 barefoot
WM-MD	William McGuire	Cheverly MD - DX-380
RCP-IN	Bob Pote	Greenwood IN - R8A, Quantum loop, car radio
PT-NJ	Paul Thomas	Salem NJ - R8A, MWDX-1, phased 100' wires, 1' air loop
NJW-ON	Niel J. Wolfish	Toronto ON
WW-MA	William Wylie	Franklin MA - DX-390
WW*RI		At Prudence Island RI
DY-NY	David Yocis	South Nyack NY - R71A, Kiwa loop

ABBREVIATIONSUSED IN DDXD

/ /:parallel to :00:on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band C&W:country & western CCR:contemporary Christian radio CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL:call letter EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NFL: National Football League NBA:National Basketball Association NHL:National Hockey League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier PRI: Public Radio International PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference (power lines, etc) QRN:natural interference (lightning, etc) OTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International VID:voice ID

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Bruce Conti deserves a special IDXD award for having his logs lost or misplaced more than any other IDXD reporter. This is a tragedy, because he is the reporter who most faithfully follows the IDXD format! His logs from Ohio, which should have appeared last time, are shown below.

ARTHUR CUSHEN

"I regret to advise you that Arthur Cushen died this morning at 0030 NZST (Friday, September 19, 1230 UTC). He was one of the world's leading AM and Shortwave DXers based in Invercargill, New Zealand, and a major contributor to DX radio programmes Worldwide and contributor to many DX Club magazines around the World. Messages of condolence can be sent to: Ralda Cushen, 212 Earn St, Invercargill, New Zealand." [From an e-mail message from Mark Nichols "nicholls@ihug.co.nz"] (Arthur's many contributions to our hobby will be missed! - Jim) J/W

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- GERMANY, Saarlouis, SEP 14 0207 great blues-rock partying music; excellent signal. 183 [Connelly*H-MA]
- IRELAND, Atlantic 252, Kilmessan, SEP 14 0210 hard-rock version of Tommy Roe oldie 252 "Dizzy"; excellent / local-like. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 531 MADEIRA, RDP, Porto Santo, SEP 14 0353 // 603 with PP folk-rock vocal, then oldie "Early in the Morning" by Vanity Fare; good, over Spain. [Connelly*H-MA]
- SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, SEP 14 0155 1/ 576, 855, others with woman in SS; fair. 531 [Connelly*H-MA]
- ALGERIA Les Trembles, SEP 12 2330-2400 loud and clear with discussion by woman and 549 man in AA, and religious Middle Eastern music. At 2358 upbeat Middle Eastern instrumental, 2400 time pips, ID by man in AA and into news. Even heard on GE superadio with no external antenna pushing aside WPNW-550. Also heard SEP 17 2336-2347 but not nearly as strong. [DeLorenzo-MA] SEP 14 0257 - emotional AA male vocal and full orchestral backing; local-like at S9+35. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 15 0024 - energetic male vocal, strings, drums, flutes; excellent. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 549 GERMANY (t), SEP 14 0213 light music slightly under Algeria. [Connelly*H-MA]
- SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, SEP 14 0205 // 855 with news, then sports scores mentioning a 558 Barcelona team; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- UNID SEP 18 0435 Poor signal with man and woman speaking, not sure if SS or PP. 558 Looped a bit more N/S than I would expect, possibly not a TA. [Renfrew-NY]
- IRELAND, RTE R.1, Tullamore, SEP 14 0217 EE discussion slightly over Spain. SEP 14 567 0330 - mellow folk & pop ballads; to excellent S9+25 peak, well over Spain. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 27 0349 - music, poor, with male DJ; better at 0504 with Irish fiddle music. [Renfrew-NYI
- SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, SEP 14 0217 just a bit behind Ireland; male operatic vocal // 855. 567 [Connelly*H-MA]
- 576 SPAIN, RNE5, Barcelona, SEP 14 0155 - // 531, 855, others with woman in SS: fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid, SEP 14 0202 - SS news; fair to good. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 18 0415 -Fair audio signal with talk and music // 639, 684, 774 and 855. SEP 27 0503 - very good on wide filter, man and woman with news. [Renfrew-NY]
- 594 MOROCCO, Oujda, SEP 18 2228 - // 207 with AA vocal, drums, strings; dominant. There was a fast SAH (approx. 5 Hz) from another station on the channel. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 594 PORTUGAL (t), R. Renascenca, Muge, SEP 15 0024 a bit of PP talk by man; barely audible in a 3 to 4 station jumble. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 603 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Lyon-Tramoyes, SEP 14 0200 mellow vocal, then "Mission Impossible" theme followed by a FF version of the Big Bopper's "Chantilly Lace". This had a monster S9+30 signal. Previously I had not been hearing this prior to 0500 UTC. SEP 14 0401 - FF male vocal; huge, over Spain/Madeira. [Connelly*H-MA]
- MADEIRA, RDP, Pico de Arieiro, SEP 14 0353 // 531 with oldie "Early in the Morning" by 603 Vanity Fare; under Spain. [Connelly*H-MA]
- SPAIN, RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, SEP 14 0353 SS talk slightly over Madeira. [Connelly*H-603 MA]

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- 612 IRELAND, Athlone, SEP 14 0327 Bruce Springsteen vocal mixed with apparent Morocco. SEP 14 0402 - EE news by woman mentioning Saudi Arabia; very good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, SEP 14 2243 group AA chant; good. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, RNE1, SEP 14 0324 // 774 with SS female folk vocal; fair. SEP 14 0615 - still good at this late time: SS talk, religious-sounding music. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 18 2336 - SS teletalk mentioned California; huge S9+30 signal with apparent AA (Egypt) way under. This was stronger than the domestics on 620. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 639 SPAIN, RNE1, La Coruna et al., SEP 14 0324 // 774 et al. with folkish SS female vocal. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2240 - SS teletalk. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 648 SPAIN, RNE1, Badajoz et al., SEP 14 0323 // 774 with SS talk, then soft guitar music & female vocal; fair to good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 657 SPAIN, RNE5, Madrid, SEP 14 0335 / / 855 with talk, SS vocal; poor to fair through tough WFAN slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 666 PORTUGAL, RDP, Lisboa, SEP 14 0149 // Azores-836 with jazz-style male vocal; to fair peak. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 675 NETHERLANDS, R. Ten Gold, Lopik, SEP 14 0220 Helen Shapiro song and other oldies, starting to nudge past WRKO. SEP 14 0347 - good with "Don't Worry, Be Happy" by Bobby McFerrin. SEP 14 0403 - "Good Luck Charm" by Elvis Presley; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 684 SPAIN, RNE1, Sevilla, SEP 14 0617 religious music; good (note late time). [Connelly*H-MA]
- 693 AZORES, RDP, Santa Barbara, SEP 14 0618 // 836 with man in PP. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2246 - // 666 with romantic PP ballad; fair over others. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Droitwich et al., SEP 14 0343 EE discussion of the finer points of public speaking; good. SEP 14 0405 - at local strength with on-air poll to see how the British monarchy should be updated. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 702 SPAIN, COPE synchros, SEP 14 0227 // 837 with fast SS talk by man & woman; fair over other. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 711 LIBYA, L.J.B. synchros, SEP 14 0346 // 1251 with male Koranic vocal; fair. There was no "growl", so W. Sahara must have been off the air at the time. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 711 WESTERN SAHARA, Laayoune, SEP 18 2348 AA violins; good. Not Libya as 1251 had talk, not music. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 729 SPAIN / IRELAND(t), SEP 14 0410 woman in SS // 774, mixed with vocal that seemed // Athlone-612. Rough CKAC slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 747 BURKINA FASO (t), Ouagadougou, SEP 18 2334 definite African music here; slightly under Canary Islands and over Netherlands. Most likely this (though Namibia and Kenya are also remotely possible). [Connelly*S-NH]
- 747 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, SEP 18 2334 SS talk; over apparent Burkina Faso / Netherlands mix. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 747 NETHERLANDS, Flevoland, SEP 14 0350 '70s oldie "Yellow River" by Christie; LOUD, way over Canaries-Spain. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 756 GERMANY, Deutschlandradio, Braunschweig/Ravensburg, SEP 14 0319 GG folk vocal; exactly equal in strength to co-channel Spain. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 756 SPAIN, R. Euskadi, Bilbao, SEP 14 0319 SS vocal; equal in strength to co-channel Germany. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND, RSR, Sottens, SEP 14 0318 classical piano music; good with WABC slop nulled / notched. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2248 - classical music; excellent. No trace of Senegal (is this still active ?) [Connelly*P-MA]
- 774 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, SEP 14 0316 romantic SS female vocal (tune similar to "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina", then SS talk by man; to excellent peak, Egypt audible under. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2239 - man in SS; loud / dominant. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 792 SPAIN, SER, Sevilla, SEP 14 0313 // 1044 with animated SS talk by several announcers; fair over CFAN slop with WLKW phased. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 801 JORDAN, R. Jordan, Ajlun, SEP 14 2253 AA vocal; under Spain. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 801 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, SEP 14 0357 / / 774 with SS talk; in tough slop. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2253 - fast SS talk; over Jordan. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 819 MOROCCO, Rabat, SEP 14 2255 // 612 with martial-sounding AA chorus; good, over others with WNYC phased. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 827 SYRIA, Deir el Zawr, SEP 15 0017 bits of moaning AA vocal; poor audio (although good RF level). Hetted by presumed Spain-828. l tried for // 783, but too much CFDR slop there. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 836 AZOREŠ, RDP, Pico da Barossa, SEP 14 0149 // 666 with jazz-style male vocal; loud. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2234 -mellow Barry Manilow style vocal; fair, fading up. [Connelly*P-MA]

- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, COPE synchros, SEP 14 0150 -man & woman in SS; mixed with others, signal about equal to that of Azores-836. SEP 14 0227 - good: SS // 702. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2235 - SS newstalk / teletalk; weaker than 836. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 846 ITALY, Rome, SEP 14 0214 joyous choral music; loud on peaks. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2302 - man & woman with news in II; good with WEEI nulled. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1, Murcia et al., SEP 14 0152 SS rock group vocal, then SS talk; excellent, equal in strength to adjacent WEEI-850. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2234 - SS from-the-scene news report; very good. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 864 EGYPT, Santah, SEP 14 0307 male Koranic vocal really banging in. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 18 2329 - Koranic music under Morocco. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 864 MOROCCO, RTM, Errachidia, SEP 18 2329 // 207 with fast AA vocal & flutes; briefly over Egypt. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 873 SPAIN, SER R. Zaragoza, Zaragoza, SEP 14 0230 // 1044 with segment of a country-style song, then man & woman in SS; poor / slopped. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 882 CAŇARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, SEP 14 0416 SS talk over/under BBC UK. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 18 2324 - SS talk by several announcers; dominant. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 882 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC Wales, Washford, SEP 14 0416 EE talk evenly mixing with Canaries-Spain. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, SEP 14 0213 // 549 with man in AA; strong carrier but light audio. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2233 -flute music; good. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 909 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Moorside Edge et al., SEP 14 0415 -man & woman in EE mentioned government officials; fair to good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 936 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, SEP 14 2304 // 855 with SS news; fair. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 954 SPAIN, R. España, Madrid, SEP 14 2306 brief music segment, then SS talk by man who said "buenas noches" to a woman on the telephone; excellent (S9+25) with WROL in easy loop null. Something way under was AA-sounding (Qatar ?) [Connelly*P-MA]
- 981 ALGERIA, Algiers, SEP 14 2230 male AA vocal at light audio level on big carrier. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 999 SPAIN, COPE, Madrid, SEP 14 2308 high-energy SS newstalk, getting by CKBW. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1008 CANARY ISLANDS, Las Palmas, R. Las Palmas / RadioVoz, SEP 18 2320 non-SER program (i.e. not / / 1575) with woman in SS; poor to fair. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1017 GERMANY, Rheinsender, SEP 15 0013 male group GG vocal sounded like a cross between country and a slowed-down polka; to good peak. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1017 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, SEP 14 0424 bits of SS talk, over suspected Germany. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1026 SPAIN, SER synchros, SEP 14 0425 // 1044 with SER SS teletalk show; slightly over unID station. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2309 fast SS talk over others; good with WBZ looped. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1035 PORTUGAL (t), RDP R. Comercial, Lisboa, SEP 14 0428 apparent PP talk; over other station & WBZ slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, SEP 14 2311 African-style drumming & group vocal, slightly over Spain; huge S9+30 signal. SEP 14 2329 - twangy guitar music, rustic AA vocal; excellent and dominant. [Connelly*P-MA] SEP 18 2312 - massive S9+40 (!) signal with shrill group vocal, flute, and kalimba (or similar instrument). Spain way under. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1044 SPAIN, SER synchros, SEP 14 0230 // 873 with segment of a country-style song, then man & woman in SS; fair to good. SEP 14 0429 SS teletalk; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1053 MOROCCO, Tanger, SEP 14 2313 AA talk by man; atop Spain & UK. [Connelly*P-MA] SEP 18 2313 - man in AA; good, way over others. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1053 UNITED KINGDOM, Talk Radio synchros, Start Point et al., SEP 15 0002 EE news by woman mentioned a vote in Parliament, then man read weather and gave Talk Radio ID; good / dominant. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1062 unID, SEP 14 2315 fragments of Middle-Eastern-sounding vocal; poor. Possibly Turkey ? [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1071 SPAIN, EI, Bilbao, SEP 14 0535 woman in SS, then old-time romantic music; good. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 15 0001 - muffled-audio SS news; fair. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1080 SPAIN, SER synchros, SEP 14 2318 // 1044 with woman in SS; good (!) with WTIC phased. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM, Talk Radio synchros, SEP 14 2322 announcer talked to a woman on the phone about herbal remedies; good with WBAL phased. SEP 15 0009 - EE talk about childhood memories; signal was totally killing WBAL. [Connelly*P-MA] SEP 27 0515-0555 -

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Just good enough to say it was definitely Brit (an interview with no telephone callers), just poor enough to be illegible. I did hear "the station of the nation" slogan, but nothing else. Strangely, it was heard best on RTTY mode. [Renfrew-NY]

1098 SLOVAKIA, Nitra, SEP 15 0007 - Lawrence Welk type nostalgic background music with a few New Age / jazz touches added; huge, over Spain SS talk. [Connelly*P-MA]

1098 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, SEP 14 0536 - // 1107 with man & woman in SS, then an excerpt from a speech was played; good, over others. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2324 - talk by man, then a bit of classical music followed by more talk; huge signal, // 1107. [Connelly*P-MA] SEP 18 2314 - SS talk; good over others & growl. [Connelly*S-NH]

- 1107 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, SEP 14 0432 man & woman in SS; fair. SEP 14 0530 pips on the half hour, woman in SS said "R. Cinco, todos noticias, R. Nacional España"; LOCAL-LIKE at the time. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2324 excellent, // 1098. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1116 SPAIN, SER synchros, SEP 14 0532 // 1026 with fast SS talk by woman; poor to fair. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2325 - excellent with SER news / interview. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1125 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, SEP 14 2327 // 1107 with SS talk; over bad growl. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1134 CROATIA, HR, Zadar, SEP 14 2327 loud with Slavic talk; mixed with Spain. [Connelly*P-MA] AUG 9 0200 Good signal, muffled music with 2.3 kHz IF filter engaged to reduce splatter from domestics to the east on 1130 and 1140, but still not bad for TA DX in central Ohio and this time of year. [Conti-OH] SEP 27 0235 very good with music. So regular, I'm not going to report this anymore! [Renfrew-NY]
- 1134 SPAIN, COPE synchros, SEP 14 0528 good with woman in SS talking about safety issues. Seemed // 1143. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2327 - SS talk over/under Croatia; strong. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1143 SPAIN, COPE synchros, SEP 14 0148 SS talk; over growl & unID music station. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1152 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, SEP 14 0432 // 1107 with SS talk; slopped by WNFT Boston. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1179 SPAIN // CANARY ISLANDS, SER synchros, SEP 14 0525 // 1044 with SS newstalk; poor to fair in slop. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2329 - fast SS talk; dominant.
- 1134 CROATIA, HR, Zadar, SEP 14 2327 loud with Slavic talk; mixed with Spain. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1134 SPAIN, COPE synchros, SEP 14 0528 good with woman in SS talking about safety issues. Seemed // 1143. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2327 - SS talk over/under Croatia; strong. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1143 SPAIN, COPE synchros, SEP 14 0148 SS talk; over growl & unlD music station. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1152 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, SEP 14 0432 // 1107 with SS talk; slopped by WNFT Boston. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1179 SPAIN // CANARY ISLANDS, SER synchros, SEP 14 0525 // 1044 with SS newstalk; poor to fair in slop. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2329 - fast SS talk; dominant, good. [Connelly*P-MA] SEP 18 2311 - SS newstalk; excellent / dominant. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1197 SPAIN, El, Vitoria, SEP 18 2309 woman in SS; poor in jumble, over AA-sounding station & others. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1206 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Bordeaux, SEP 14 0515 light pop FF group vocal; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1215 UNITED KINGDOM, Virgin R. synchros, SEP 14 2338 modern rock; about equal to Spain. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1215 SPAIN, COPE synchros, SEP 14 0236 SS teletalk; dominant with WPHT phased. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2338 - monotone SS talk by man; over/under Virgin R., UK. [Connelly*P-MA] SEP 18 2307 - SS talk beating out Virgin R. at the time. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1224 SPAIN, COPE synchros, SEP 18 2304 fast SS talk in a jumbled mess with many others. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1250.75 unID, SEP 18 2302 weak het against Libya-1251 as noted during several other localsunset TA DX openings. Ideas? [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1251 LIBYA, Tripoli, SEP 14 0346 // 711 with Koranic vocal; strong. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2225 AA female vocal & violins; fading up. [Connelly*P-MA] SEP 18 2302 AA talk, political speech, sounds of people at a rally; in like a local. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1251 PORTUGAL (t), R. Renascenca synchros, SEP 18 2303 one of two stations noted during Libya fades sounded PP. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1251 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (t), UAE R., Dubai, SEP 18 2303 -an apparent second AA talker noted behind dominant Libya at times; this and possible Portugal were battling it out when

Libya took fades. [Connelly*S-NH]

- 1286 CAMEROON (t), Yaounde, SEP 18 2256 big het with bits of audio almost splittable from Spain-1287; not quite clear enough to get ID material though. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1287 SPAIN, SER synchros, SEP 18 2256 fast SER SS newstalk; slightly over other station & strong 1286 het. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1296 SPAIN, COPE, Valencia, SEP 18 2255 SS sports teletalk; it faded up and got LOUD. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1305 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, man in SS; excellent, over low growl. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1314 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, SEP 18 2252 dominant with SS talk. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1314 NORWAY NRK, SEP 27 0334 strong with music. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1349 MAURITANIA, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, SEP 14 2358 AA vocal; fair through slop. [Connelly*P-MA] SEP 18 2250 - stringed instrument, then talk by woman; strong. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1359 SPAIN, Árganda, SEP 18 2248 man & woman in SS; fair through slop. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1386 IRAN, Ahwaz (t), SEP 18 2246 Koranic / AA type music; poor. A weak het or test tone about 400 Hz was also noted, maybe from off-channel Guinea. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1395 unID's, SEP 14 0500 het pair here with Netherlands presumed on 1395.0 and Albania on 1395.3. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 27 0403 - Strong signal, low modulation, talk just not sharp enough to identify language. At 0422 a strong het suddenly appeared. Perhaps Netherlands was the initial station, maybe Albania turning on an open carrier? Both faded before 0500. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1413 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, SEP 18 2242 SS talk; in jumble. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1422 ALGERIA, Algiers, SEP 18 2242 AA talk by man, good signal and 100% dominant at the time. Southerly paths had the edge tonight. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1422 GERMANY, Deutschlandradio, Heusweiler, SEP 14 0250 man in GG; fair. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2355 - classical music; excellent. [Connelly*P-MA] SEP 27 0435 - tentative, with man speaking, possibly GG, but not entirely sure. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1467 FRANCE, TWR, Roumoules, SEP 14 2223 US EE religious program "The Hour of Decision"; excellent signal on pre-sunset reception. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1475.1 BENIN (t), ORTB, Cotonou, SEP 18 2241 poorly-modulated carrier on this characteristic frequency would most likely be this. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1485 SPAIN, SER synchros, SEP 14 2354 SS teletalk; fair: S9 signal, but some slop. [Connelly*P-MA] SEP 18 2239 - man & woman in SS, excellent. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1503 unID's, SEP 18 2238 actually a cacophony of carriers here with signals noted on 1502.0 (Angola), 1503.0, 1503.3, and hints of others. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1512 BELGIUM, Wolvertem, SEP 14 0510 mellow instrumental music; in WNRB slop. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 18 2237 - Dutch or Flemish talk by man & woman; fair with WNRB/WNLC-1510 in null. Saudi Arabia was way under. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1512 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, Jeddah, SEP 18 2237 just a little bit of AA music leaking in under dominant Belgium's talk. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA Duba AUG 9 0210 Usual pre-s/on open carrier, strong het against 1520 kHz. [Conti-OH] SEP 14 0301 - AA talk by man on big carrier with WWKB phased. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 18 2235 - excited fast AA talk by man; very good. [Connelly*S-NH] SEP 27 0312 - clear Koranic singing, up briefly in WWKB slop. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1544 ALGERIA CLANDESTINE, Tindouf, SEP 14 2345 AA shouting-type vocal, drums; good with WDCD phased. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1548 KUWAIT, VOA, Kuwait City, SEP 14 2352 US EE announcement "and that's a look at sports", then VOA mention; good. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1557 unID's, SEP 14 2351 two stations here, not much audio, bits of operatic male vocal at times. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1575 SPAIN, SER synchros, SEP 14 2349 // 1584 with SS teletalk by man. [Connelly*P-MA] SEP 18 2233 - strong with SS teletalk. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1584 SPAIN, SER synchros, SEP 14 0442 // 1044 with woman in SS; choppy SAH or fade pattern. [Connelly*H-MA] SEP 14 2349 -// 1575 with SS teletalk; over/under Ceuta. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1584 CEUTA, RadiOle, SEP 14 2349 non-SER program with woman in SS; over/under SER Spain. [Connelly*P-MA] SEP 18 2232 - Moorish-influenced (i.e. AA-like) female SS vocal; huge, way over the SER Spain teletalker. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1602 SPAIN, EI, Vitoria, SEP 14 2350 non-SER SS talk; over/under the SER synchros. [Connelly*P-MA] SEP 19 0012 -light rock including James Taylor, then woman in SS; to very good peak about equal in strength to WUNR/WWRL-1600. SER Spain was audible way

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- under. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 1602 SPAIN, SER synchros, SEP 14 2350 // 1575 with SER SS teletalk; in even mix with EI Vitoria. [Connelly*P-MA]
- 1698 SPAIN La Coruna, SEP 27 0605 noted with marine telephone service. [Renfrew-NY] *Jim speaks:* "SEP 27 was one of my best TA outings in years, not too many IDs though."

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 535 GRENADA, GBC, St. George's, SEP 19 0044 Carib-EE political speech by man; good, just a bit of R.V.C.-530 slop. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 540 VENEZUELA, YVOV, R. Perija, Villa del Rosario, SEP 19 0048 SS romantic vocal, apparent R. Perija ID; in jumble. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, ZIZ, Basseterre, SEP 19 0043 excellent with African-influenced drums, flutes, and vocal. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, ZBVI, Roadtown, Tortola, SEP 19 0035 calypso / soca music, then Carib-EE fast talk announcer; good, dominant. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 850 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HILR Santiago, JUL 2 2350 Football play-by-play, ID as Radio Clarin, fair. [Trelford-JAM]
- 860 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HILR Santo Domingo, JUL 3 0013 Same program as 850 item above. [Trelford-JAM]
- 870 COLOMBIA HJSR Barranquilla, JUL 3 0148 LA pop music, ID as "Radio Caribe", and mention of CARACOL, fair. [Trelford-JAM]
- 895 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, VON, Bath Village, SEP 18 2322 adverts for the Caribbean Banking Corporation and for a local supermarket; to good peaks. [Connelly*S-NH]
- 960 COLOMBIA HJCP Barranquilla, JUL 5 2245 LA pop music, football promo, R. Reloj interference. [Trelford-JAM]
- 980 COLOMBIA HJFS Cali, JUL 6 0048 Football play-by-play, Colombia mentioned, fair. [Trelfrord-JAM]
- 1020 TURKS & CAICOS, CCR, AUG 9 0230 Good; Back to the Bible mention in KDKA null. [Conti-OH]
- 1040 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HICM Santo Domingo, JUL 10 2351 talk show, music, ID as "... Cento ...", poor. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1060 CUBA, AUG 9 0140 Fair; Cuban instrumental in KYW null, could've been R.Victoria or CMKS network, but didn't stick around long enough for an ID. [Conti-OH]
- 1160 BERMUDA, VSB3, Hamilton, SEP 14 0437 BBC // 5975 with report about the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta; briefly over domestics. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1200 COLOMBIA HJBZ Riohacha, JUL 21 0739 talk show, ID as Radio Onides, fair, WFLQ interference. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1240 COLOMBIA HJFG Armenia, JUL 25 0748 LA pop music, romantica music, fair. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1280 PUERTO RICO WCNM Arecibo, AUG 4 0240 LA pop music, news, fair. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1300 ST. MARTEN PJD2 Phillipsburg, AUG 4 0426 Some kind of Caribbean network with list of August holidays, steel band, mention of Aruba, fair to poor under WFFG. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1320 PUERTO RICO WUNO San Juan, AUG 11 0743 Talk show, mention of Puerto Rico, poor under P4A10. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1320 ARUBA P4A10 Oranjstad, AUG 11 0744 Steel band music, poor, interference from WUNO. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1340 US VIRGIN ISLANDS WSTA Charlotte Amalie, AUG 13 0645 talk, news, ad for Virgin Islands Telephone Co., poor. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1375 ST.PIERRE ET MIQUELON, RFO, AUG 9 0120 Good signal but no discernible audio, with poor modulation typical of this station. [Conti-OH] SEP 14 0241 - "The Rose" by Bette Midler, then man in FF; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1420 VENEZUELA YVNZ Maracaibo, AUG 26 0122 LA pop music, ID as Radio Marabina several times, WRCG interference. [Trelford-JAM]

TRANS-PACIFIC DX

- 153 RUSSIA, Komsomolsk, Far East, SEP 12 1327 Fair with man in RR introducing Beatles music; the original recordings from the 1960s. [Woods-OR]
- 234 RUSSIA, Arman, Far East, SEP 12 1329 presumed, poor with the Beatles //153. [Woods-OR]
- 693 JAPAN, JOAB Tokyo, SEP 13 1344 Fair to good with EE lesson; an optimistic discussion about the job market for recent college graduates in the U.S. [Woods-OR]
- 774 JAPAN, JOUB Akita, SEP 12 1332 good with EE lesson "I can see the Empire State Building

from my window". [Woods-OR]

828 JAPAN, JOBB Osaka, SEP 13 1400 - Fair with NHK world news broadcast in EE. [Woods-OR]

STATION NEWS

AZORES: RDP-ANTENA 1 has regional programs at the following local times: Local programs for RDP-ANTENA 1 Monday-Saturday: 0630-0100; Sundays: 0700-0100 The network includes these stations: 693 - Santa Barbara, 828 Monte das Cruzes, 837 Pico da Barrosa, 1260 Espalamaca. [JAArranzin in Grupo Medi DX e-mail]

SPAIN: Local and Regional programming on Cadena SER, local times:

(Monday-Friday): *Regional*: 0650-0700, 0750-0800, 0857-0900, 1220-1223, 1405-1411, 1830-1900, 1950-2000, 2025-2100; *Local*:0030-0031, 0720-0730, 0820-0830, 0925-0930, 0957-1000, 1003-1005, 1057-1100, 1103-1105, 1130-1135, 1157-1200, 1223-1300, 1305-1400, 1411-1430, 1510-1600, 1905-1950, 2355-2400;

(Saturday): Regional: 0820-0830, 1405-1411; Local: 0000-0001, 0850-0900, 0940-0943, 1040-1043, 1140-1143, 1210-1300, 1305-1400, 1411-1430, 1505-1600. 2327-2330,

(Sunday): Regional: 0820-0830, 0850-0900, 1405-1410; Local: 1205-1300, 1305-1400, 1505-1530; desconexiones breves at 1620, 1650, 1725, 1753, 1825, 1900, 2327-2330, 0030-0031 [JAArranz in Grupo Medi DX e-mail]

SPAIN (more): Local news breaks on Radio 1 and Radio 5. RADIO 1: MON-FRI 04.55!!, 05.55 // R.5, 11.10-12.00, 17.55 // R.5; SAT-SUN 11.10-12.00. RADIO 5: MON-FRI 04.55 // R.1; from 0500 to 2000 at minutes .25 & .55 of each hour, SAT-SUN 07.05-07.30, 07.35-08.00, 11.30-12.00. The local news breaks on R.5 has suffered no changes. The first one it's at 05.40, from 0600 to 1900 the bulletin it's at minute .10 (last one at 18.10). Radio 5-Madrid, Pamplona, Mallorca & Logroño don't produce this bulletin. [Mauricio Molano via e-mail]

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IDXD is a well-supported column in the National Radio Club's *DX News*, sometimes running many pages. This is a good sign, for all who are interested in international DX, and it is mutually beneficial to have more people looking for similar targets to enhance one another's efforts. This also means that IDXD is becoming a HUGE editing enterprise. Fortunately, most reports are sent via e-mail, which means I only have to type a small portion of the total text. Even so, I spend many hours at a time getting the column into shape.

So I would like to propose some "guidelines" for IDXD. These are not "rules", because then it would take me additional time to enforce the rules. I much prefer that reporters edit their own copy before it gets to me!

 Have you done your very best to follow the format that is used in IDXD? FREQ [3 spaces] COUNTRY Call/Slogan, City, JUN 7 0234 - Text. [Last name-ST/PR/CT] Those who do not follow this format (there are quite a few!) add many hours to my work. Some reports need to be completely rewritten.

Note: the three spaces are essential for Pauls' formating.

Note: I use this curious dating format to avoid confusion among those who might not know if 6/7 is June 7 or July 6.

2. Have you avoided abbreviations?

English is not the first language of many of our readers. Also, many English speakers are not fluent in "amateur-ese". Most people's eyes glaze over after lengthy lists of: "... after TC at BoH, M & W ancrs w/nx, wx & sx, folo by relg and clas, QRM de RHC, SAH from unID Spain, SIO 332 ...".

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- 3. Are the details you are reporting going to help someone else find and identify the same station? Slogans, parallel frequencies, ads, schedule, s/off and s/on, program themes are helpful. Propagational information can be helpful too. Song titles are usually less helpful. "Man and woman talking" doesn't really help someone else. Tell us the language if different than expected. No need to write "SS talk" in describing a Cuban station, try "talk" instead. However, "EE talk" from a Cuban station would be a detail worth reporting.

Additional details concerning new or unusual stations are very appreciated.

4. Has this station been reported often by you or others?

Cumbre DX and NASWA come to mind as examples of editors who will not duplicate loggings from the previous issue. I do not wish to do this kind of editing, but I hope that reporters will consider this a personal guideline in submitting loggings. During the weekly schedule, since many new reports are sent to me before the previous issue reaches you, it is not always possible to compare your loggings with others. But if you compare your new logs with your own previous logs, and weed out the repeats, it would be very helpful.

- 5. Is this logging, no matter how routine it may appear compared to others, a new one for you? Send it in! Always add "Tentative" or "Presumed" if you did not hear an ID.
- 6. Is there a way that you could avoid reporting a long list of your routine loggings by adding a summary paragraph to your more exotic loggings? I'm always happy to add your general comments at the end of the loggings section. You can comment on propagation, equipment, listening sites.
- 7. Have you included listening site, equipment/antenna information with each report? It takes time if I have to look this up in a previous issue.
- 8. Do you wish to share your e-mail address? I will include it unless within each submission you tell me NOT to.
- 9. Do these guidelines seem rigid and legalistic, removing fun and spontanaeity from the hobby? I hope not!

Barry S. Finkel bsfinkel@ANL.gov Professional Sports 10314 S. Oakley Chicago, IL 60643-2409 Networks Network listings for team sports stations

The CBS Radio NFL station list has not yet been updated on the web (http://www.cbsradio.com/NFL), but the announcer list has. Here are the announcers for the Hank Stram "NFL Preview" Jim Hunter host of pre/post game and "NFL 97/98 season: Howard David play-by-play Monday evening Matt Millen analyst Monday evening Preview" Brad Sham play-by-play John Dockery analyst John Rooney play-by-play Pat Havden analyst

Remember that CBS Radio Sports will carry the Major League post-season games. The network consist for baseball will vary from the network consist for NFL football, and both lists will vary from the list of stations that regularly broadcast CBS Radio News on the hour.

Chet Copeland sent me an article from the Washington Post that lists URLs for the MLB radio flagship stations. Since I received it near the end of the season, I will include the URLs next season.

I have one list of National Hockey League flagship stations, but I do not trust the source 100%. I will wait for a second list before I publish any NHL information. I do not have any announcer information. And I have one flagship station for the IHL. I left it at work, so I will include it in a future column.

Please send me any NFL and NHL (and other professional hockey leagues) information that you have. And remember that I do not handle college sports networks (for various reasons); Rick Dau gets those lists (send them to him at 2718 Wayne Ave., Apt. 7 - Iowa City , IA 52240-2533).

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Musings of tbe Member

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Times are local per Muse; submit double-spaced only. 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.

(Note: Due to space limitations, some Musings will appear in #2 next week. If, after #2, you still do not see a Musing that you earlier sent to Dave Schmidt, please retransmit -pls.)

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This DX'er still DX'es a little but nothing like the old days. I'm 56 and still single and now do a little TV DX in the summer. Travel is more of an interest now. My views of the 80% loss of skywave is due mainly to the stations placing a flat-top on their antennas, deteriorating ground systems of which many have never been replaced, and the jet aircraft depleting the ozone in the upper atmosphere. On an earlier trip to WA and BC, only a couple of stations could be heard on Western Vancouver Island - Seattle, Vancouver, and Victoria and Nanaimo. KFAB-1110, my hometown station, was never hear; they boomed in at night 35 years ago. KOA-850 Denver was the easternmost station heard on my Magnavox AE-3805 or the car radio. Seems like stations don't care to get out more than 100 miles, and most don't. KGO-810 and KXBT-1630 were best from CA. Looking at the Night Pattern Book, most locals cover Vancouver Island, but you just can't hear them. For those interested, watch the FCC news for allocations of the new TV channels for HD-TV. Nearly all stations will change channels around the year 2007. 73's

Russ Horton - 55 Wellington St. - Acton, Ontario L7J 2H1 Canada

Remember me? I used to report in to you when you put together DX Digest East! Apart from being an avid DX'er and former broadcaster, I am also an aircheck collector. I have found that most DX'ers either find airchecks interesting or collect them themselves. I have thousands of airchecks from all over the world, all formats. I also have hundreds of vintage airchecks from the '50's, '60's, and '70's, plus many "historical" documentaries on stations like KJR, WNBC, Radio Luxembourg, etc. I read your recent Muse, and I couldn't believe the owner chased you with a gun when you went on the property. It must have made you think. It sounds like an old program director of mine. (I worked at CING, CKMW, CFGM, and CKO).

Stan Morss - R2 - Boxford, MA 01921

A real short season for me - minimal DX - both Dallas-Ft. Worth TIS heard, 1640 and 1680, with 1640 stronger one of the two. Best veries - WROR and WPTS because of their short-term use. Ben Dangerfield's memories of Pittsburgh radio brings back the memories of the Sunday AM DX'ing at 6 from stations across the country during the one-hour silent period on 1490. While 4 Pittsburgh stations have their original calls, 2 had other calls in their history. WJAS went to WAMP, WJAS again, then WKPQ, WKTQ, and back to WJAS. All changes verified here. WWSW went to WTKN for awhile and WCAE was WRYT. Boston's 1150 (WNFT at present) went through more changes this past season from Ethnic to Kids and now repeating WKLB-FM's c&w. In the past they've had 8 calls and more formats from c&w to business - even with WNRB for call changes, 8 each. Bought a Drake R8A but not thrilled with it - it joins the Worcester under the bed after a short trial. Hope nothing happens to the HQ 180A.

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It's hard to believe another season has gone by (of course, when my daughter reminds me how much hair DI'm losing it starts to get much more believable!). After a gap of roughly 30 years, it's great to be back in touch with Bill Alisauskas. He and I corresponded for quite some time during the sixties but we lost contact around 1966. Thanks are in order for Charlie Gaharan for sending the HQ-180 manual, and also to John Sheehy and John Hanz for responding to my request for same. The information has been invaluable in allowing me to restore the old "specimen" which I acquire some time ago. The performance is so impressive that I've started looking for an HQ-180A but so far haven't had any luck (I can now understand why people are holding on to them). Looking for a low-cost way to improve the ability to dig stations out of the "mess" when listening with speakers instead of headphones led me to try a simple experiment. I place two speakers (connected in parallel) an equal distance from either side of the receiver so that when listening my head was on the centerline between the speakers. This caused the sound to emanate from a point well behind the receiver and also yielded a soundstage extending slightly wider than the spacing between the speakers. When I was listening to multiple stations on a given frequency, the ability to separate them was definitely easier than with only one speaker. Putting a switch in the line to one

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speaker allows me to turn one off for comparison purposes. I've acquired a pair of Radio Shack Nova 56 headphones. They sound really great and provide plenty of volume, even when used with the R8. The past year wasn't too fruitful in terms of new DX, but I did manage to snag KXBT-1630. Hopefully, conditions will heat up a bit as we get further into the season. That's all for now. 73.

Don Trelford - P. O. Box 120 - St. Ann's Bay - Jamaica, WI

A couple of interesting items. First, KLAS-FM's call-in talk show connect with WAXS-1190 in Davie, FL twice per week. Last week a caller in Florida wanted to know why WAVS faded out every night (5000/250) and the reason was explained to him Then, lo and behold, a familiar caller voice was on, and I could tell that it was Mike Lantz, and he also explained the situation and said that he was a member of the National Radio Club. As is his habit he asked the Jamaican host what kind of music they played. Some member in the area of Miami or Fred Vobbe should tell Mike I heard him, and he is now a "radio star". Still in Florida, a report to WBZT-1290 (after many unanswered reports0, I hit the jackpot with a WBZT T-shirt, bumper stickers, fridge magnet stick-ons. Making up for unanswered reports, or a new policy? And from Jamaica, it appears the merger of RJR and JBC will take place, but nothing about what will happen to their AM (and FM) stations that each are serving the same area. Essentially, both stations operate out of Kingston, and the other stations around the country are relays. QSL from KXBT-1630, and the writer says she spent several yeats in Jamaica as a young girl and knew my area well. Looks like a good year for DX, but have yet to get a CPC test. More later.

Robert C. Pote - 766 Ashford Lane - Greenwood, IN 46143

Greetings from Greenwood, fellow DX'ers; it's been awhile since I last Mused so I thought I'd write and let everyone know what I've been doing. The DX season has been busy here at my OTH. I have been trying to DX in the early morning before going to work; I've been putting in 12-hour workdays so most of my DX'ing is done when I can squeeze it in. I went on a mini-DXpedition in August. Fellow NRC member Mark Burns invited me out to his inlaws' farm at Poland, IN where he has a beverage antenna setup. I brought along the Drake R8A and managed to hear thirteen new stations from there. My best catches so far this season have been KKOB-770 and KFBK-1530. Hearing KFBK was a challenge as WSAI is virtually unnullable here. However, they do get quite fadey in the early morning. One early morning I was up at 3:00 am checking the clear channels to see if any were off when I went to 1530 and could hear another station under WSAI. KFBK faded up briefly twice, and I was able to get a good ID before they faded away for good. I've sent out quite a few tapes so far that I've made of the DX tests. Haven't had any confirmations yet from the participating stations. I still have out about 20 reports that I haven't heard from yet. I did receive a nice verie from KVOO the other day. They sent me a nice folder with the history of KVOO and also mentioned Bob Wills and Texas Playboys started there. Also some neat maps and other goodies. The postage alone was \$1.86. I had to send them a follow-up letter, but it was worth it. I really enjoyed the WBEE station profile by Tony Fitzherbert. Having grown up in Markham, IL, I lived about 2 miles west of their transmitter site near the Illinois toll road and 159th St. When I was in high school back in '57' I remember building a crystal set in the electrical shop in school and then taking it home and trying it out. Needless to say they came in like gangbusters. Trouble is I wasn't into rhythm and blues so I would wait until they signed off in the evening and listen to WLS or WCFL, the only other two stations that I could hear. I was saddened to hear WIJD leaving the air. I remember them as being one of the first stations in Chicago to play rock and roll back about 1955 or '56. I also remember listenign to the 560 club with Milo Hamilton on WIND. He sure played some great hits on his program. It would make for good reading to know what became of all those great deejays. Popular Communications is running a neat series on restoring old radios, a subject that is dear to me. At one time I had 75 old radios, but space limitations dictated their disposal. I have 12 left and fire them up on occasion, but they don't compare to my Drake and Quantum Loop when it comes to DX'ing. I also belong to the "Indiana Historical Radio Society". I've been giving out some of my old DX News in the hopes of gaining some new members for ythe NRC. Well, I'd better close for now as this is already too long.

Eddy Strickland - Rt 2, Box 183 - Warrenton, NC 27589

I'm still using my old Radio Shack DX-150A, Knight-kit Ranger, and a new YB 400 and spending time trying to ID several TIS's. Recently spent time talking to MJF rep on the phone describing my wish list. One item which may be of interest to other members would be an accurately-calibrated, analog readout, medium-wave (500-1750 kc) receiver with externallymounted rotatable ferrite antenna, selective filtering, BFO?, battery-powered (with jack for wallmounted power supply). Didn't Heath have a similar radio years ago? Anyway, MFJ rep said it sounded like a good idea, and if enough requests came in, this may be a reality. What do you think? Give 'em a call or send a letter. I'm still repairing old tube-type radios for friends, etc., and experimenting with xtal sets. Have a good season; 73's to all.

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Greetings from the Derby City area after a long absence. Semi-local WOCC-1550 IN began local programming with oldies and back up to full power; good candidate for a TEST soon. Several "new" loggings by DX'ing second harmonics: WXRQ-2920 (1460) TN is as early as 3:30 pm; WHAR-2680 (1230) KY nightly and so far unID on 2560 (1280) w/many mentions of Carolina football, perhaps Anderson? None of these stations ever heard on their fundamental channel. Give it a try sometime. Lastly, I have had a brief opportunity to compare my Superadio I with a friend's Superadio III, and I must say I can NOT agree with the recent article comparing the two. At least in my brief comparison, whatever could be heard in very weak daytime regulars with the I compares with the number I could hear equally as well with the III, and the larger speaker of the III actually enhanced the quality of the audio a bit. But the wide/narrow switch IS totally useless unless you want to listen to locals only. That's about it - more as it happens.

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I've recently purchased an A-1 condition Hammarlund HQ-180A from Ray Arruda. I've gotten in a bit of tuning lately, but only two veries have found their way out here: WLUX-540-NY and KXBT-1630-CA, for California verie #79. I've been hearing a station on the bible Broadcasting Network on 830 u/WCRN-MA, and also WCCO still makes it out here from time to time in the wee hours. I haven't gotten an ID on the BBN station, but I believe 'tis WETR-NC - I'll just keep trying for an ID. On 1/10 I noticed WDFN-1130-MI about even with WBBR at 4:43 pm. They often do well here after WBBR has gone directional, and before WDFN has. I got a logging and report off to WQTM-540-FL, logged on 1/24 and 1/27 arouund 1 am. They're on the 1-on-1 sports network. One way to log new stations when you have 4,505 veries is to be on hand when a new station comes on the air. That's happened here, giving Eastern Massachusetts two more locals (just what we need, eh?). On Thursday, February 6, WJLT-1060 began RS at 9:45 am, located in Framingham, at 100 Mount Waite Avenue. The calls stand for (alternately) "Jay Light" and "Jesus is the Light". That gives us five area religious stations. 1 understand that religious stations get about 2% of the listening audience, so - divide 2% by 5 and you can figure each has a very small audience! The other one arrived on Sunday, February 9, with no fanfare - just relaying the "Talk-America Network", a seemingly right-wing outfit, and a solicitor of audience funds. their ID is for the whole network of about 20 stations - and their own ID is the last of the bunch, WRCT, Acton (I think). They give the call letters and city of license of the stations on the chain, but not the frequencies. Some of the stations are WAWK, WDIS, KSFA, KSYD-FM, WAFG, WPEP, WHKY, KLID, KNOX, WSYB, WWSJ, so apparently all these stations are automated with no live person to give an ID. Forward-March!

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This is my first Musing and the first DX season that I really got hooked on MW DX. 1 picked up a Quantum Loop, and it has made DX'ing very interesting. I have an idea to help increase everybody's QSL returns. As you know, many stations have little or no staff ... not like the old days! Many times our reports are just trashed. I though I'd steal an idea from my fellow ham operators. That would be the "QSL Manager". Here's the plan. NRC members could approach their local radio stations and volunteer to answer the reception reports. The station could supply the letter heads, QSL cards, and postage. We could supply the manpower to answer the reports. The ham operators have been doing this for many years. This is how rare DX operators answer the 1000's of QSL cards they receive. Maybe a form letter on an NRC letterhead could be produced explaining the QSL manager plan. These could be sent to our local stations. I think that some stations may go along with this. Any ideas from the rest of you guys? Would this work, and are the members interested in giving this a try? 73's.

