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### CPC Test Calendar

WSGI	TN	1100	Oct. 19	0100-0600
KEYZ	ND	660	Oct. 19	0105-0600
KTGG	MI	1540	Oct. 26	0030-0130
KLER	ID	1300	Nov. 2	0300-0315
WODI	VA	1230	Nov. 16	0200-????
KQTY	TX	1490	Nov. 23/30	0159-0559

From the publisher ... I think we're back on an even keel with publishing, as #2 went out right on time, Friday evening. Please e-mail me immediately if you received it later than "usual" - say, later than Wednesday for those within 1,000 miles of Topeka, as I'm still gathering late and lost reports for #30 and will present the list as a formal complaint to the local USPS within two weeks. If other copies are regularly being delivered very late, say over two days of your expected arrival date, I'll add the evidence to the list. I don't believe that the problem is local; indeed, the local people have bent over backwards, I feel, to try to help me keep up with the ever-changing postal regs and to get DXN out to you on time. But if it is being mashed, ripped, or held up elsewhere, I need hard evidence to present to the postal inspector so that we can prevent a re-occurrence of the poor delivery rate of #30. When should it reach you? In western MO and eastern KS, on Saturday; most of the rest of the country, Monday; east coast and west coast, Tuesday; Canada, before the year 2000; Caribbean, South America, and western Europe, before Friday; rest of the world, probably within a week or 10 days, unless some moron puts it on a boat instead of an airplane, as happens occasionally. Used to be also that the New Orleans post office hired as vacation relief temp help who couldn't read (but they could recognize tasty bananas) so that César Objío's DXN bounced back regularly every July. But evidently they ran out of bananas and had to hire learned help, as that hasn't happened for three or four years now.

We're still looking for a Formats Editor, a Contest manager, and now a Target DX editor, as Bruce Conti regrettably tendered his resignation, citing duties for DX Audio Service and his editorship with *Popular Communications*. Thanks for the years of service, Bruce.

GTG's ... Still no additional info on the annual midwest GTG, but here's what I received from <<w0jrp@juno.com>>, John Tudenham in Joplin: The sixth annual Midwest Get Together will again be held in Mount Vernon IL; SPONSOR-John

Callarman DATE-October 23-25th Friday, Saturday and Sunday PLACE-Best Inns Of America LOCATION-Intersection of I-57 and Highway 15 Mount Vernon IL. And the annual Ray-and-Arlene Arruda GTG will take place at 47 Burt St. - Acushnet, MA starting at noon on Saturday, Nov. 21.

DXChange ... Bill I'll-see-you-in-September Swiger (1 Casey Lane - Bridgeport, WV 26330, 304-842-4635, coincidentally the same source for info on the '99 NRC Convention) is offering 500-foot rolls of wire, stranded and insulated, #10, #12, and #14, great for beverage antennas. He's looking for tube amps and preamps by Dynaco and Heath, and these tubes: 6L6GA, 6CA7, EL34, 12AX7, and 6BQ5.

### DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 66

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
4.	Oct. 16	Oct. 26	18.	Feb. 5	Feb. 15
5.	Oct. 23	Nov. 2	19.	Feb. 12	Feb. 22
6.	Oct. 30	Nov. 9	20.	Feb. 19	Mar. 1
7.	Nov. 6	Nov. 16	21.	Feb. 26	Mar. 8
8.	Nov. 13	Nov. 23	22.	Mar. 5	Mar. 15
9.	Nov. 20	Nov. 30	23.	Mar. 12	Mar. 22
10.	Nov. 27	Dec. 7	24.	Mar. 26	Apr. 5
11.	Dec. 4	Dec. 14	25.	Apr. 9	Apr. 19
12.	Dec. 11	Dec. 21	26.	May 7	May 17
13.	Jan. 1	Jan. 11	27.	June 4	June 14
14.	Jan. 8	Jan. 18	28.	July 9	July 19
15.	Jan. 15	Jan. 25	29.	Aug. 6	Aug. 16
16.	Jan. 22	Feb. 1	30.	Sept. 10	Sept. 20
17.	Jan. 29	Feb. 8			

### DX Time Machine

From the pages of *DX News*:

50 years ago ... from the October 16, 1948 DXN: Al Malley, Highland Falls, NY, reported that moving a few blocks caused many of his regular LA stations to become weak or disappear entirely, but reception of western stations was much better.

25 years ago ... from the October 22, 1973 DXN: The Rev. Dr. Carl D. McIntire was in Federal District court to answer charges that he broadcast illegally from a ship offshore of Cape May, NJ ... new members included Robert Stonier, Ron B. Schiller, Rob Harrington, and Dale Biermann ... Gordon P. Nelson, Boston, bagged Kenya-746 on 10-1 at 0312.

10 years ago ... from the October 17, 1988 DXN: Tom Kneitel was blasted by various DX'ers, including Dr. Harold Cones and this publisher, for his inaccurate and anti-club statements published in *PopCom* ... WNBC-660 signed off for the last time, to be replaced by WEAN-660.

# Domestic DX Digest

West: **Bill Hale** phantom2@caze.net

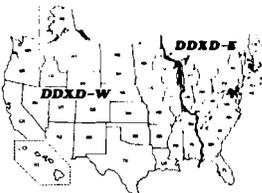
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(Division line is  
between East and  
Central time zones)



## DDXD-West

### MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- Comments from here and there: "... conditions seem to be a bit better. Still hearing stuff I usually don't hear. Nice N-S paths, and some I STILL haven't IDed yet. Kinda nice how they always fade out at ID time!" - JJR-WI; "One new one and two UNIDs this go around. Conditions are getting better but still off for this time of the year. Cooler nights meant lots of yard work to get ready for winter. Watered the grounding system. I am sure the neighbours wonder why I water those rocks. (Rock pit with the ground stakes in the pit for better drainage and grounding.) Also, no snow for those who are getting ready to start bugging about that!!" - SA-MB
- Temps are cooling down, so DX must be heating up. Let's hear what you've been hearing!!

### REPORTERS

FA-ID Frank Aden, N7SOK Boise FRG-7 with 4foot box loop <wvll23a@prodigy.com>  
SA-MB Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg ICR-70, Drake R8 + 4' unamplified box loop/Quantum Loop/145' long wire/100' indoor wire <saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>  
LB-MO Lou Buehler Winfield ICF-2010 + Quantum Loop  
RD-IA Rick Dau Iowa City Sony ICF-2010 <iowarocker@hotmail.com>  
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RD-TX Rick Dau San Antonio Chevvy car radio  
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JJR-WI John J Rieger South Milwaukee FRG 100, Kiwa loop, MFJ959B Tuner-Preamp, DSP-599zx Audio Noise Reduction Filter <johnjrieger@webtv.net>  
JW-CO John Wilkins Wheat Ridge Drake R-8, 4-foot loop <peakbagger3@juno.com>  
JW-CO1 John Wilkins Winter Park (about 50 miles NW of Denver) SuperRadio II  
Ed.-TX Editor North Richland Hills ICF-2010



### SPECIAL

670 KBOI ID Boise - Heard with slogan: *News Talk 670, KBOI.* (AK-WA)  
700 KWLW UT North Salt Lake City - Heard // KODJ-FM 94.1. (AK-WA)  
1170 KVV5 CO Windsor - New slogan is *La Nueva Ley 11-70.* Format remains basically the same. (JW-CO)  
1300 KKSC CA Brawley - 9/27 0823 - *ESPN Magazine* program. Local program notes for Dodgers baseball and Imperial Valley High School football. Generally fair, with good peaks, Over/under KVOR. Ex: KROP. (JW-CO)  
KVET TX Austin - 10/7 - Now all-sports, ex: News/talk. (INet)  
1450 KIOV ID Payette - They are now *Hits from 1955 to 1972.* No networks noted. (FA-ID)  
1600 WRPN WI Ripon - 10/2 2300 - New calls with ID as *Your news and information ?? 1600 WRPN Ripon-Green Bay-Berlin.* Ex: WCWC. NEW. (SA-MB)

### UNIDs and UNID HELP

1330 UNID ?? - 9/27 0853 - Religious program in SS. PDT time check. Read from Salmo 91. Good peaks. KWKW? Good skip from SW that morning. (JW-CO)

1380 UNID ?? - 10/1 0709 - Poor signal, in a mess, with a WQLA ID. Only problem is that this is an FM call on 104.9 in Tennessee. Is someone // them?? (SA-MB)

### DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

580 WIBW+ KS Topeka - 10/5 0200 - Very poor, with code ID, way under WTCM. (JJR-WI)  
WIBW- KS Topeka 10/5 0100-0145 - DX TEST; nothing heard in KFXD null. Expected this one to make it. Will do some later checking as this is supposed to be on until 0600. (FA-ID) - 10/5 0052-0103 - No code heard although a steady (1 kHz ?) tone heard 0056-0103 over/under KMJ-CA and loud buzz. (BK-CA) [I talked with Ed O'Donnell and he says 'no tones, just code' - Ed.]

### TIS & OTHER STUFF

1610 TIS MN ?? - 10/3 - A man and a woman announcer talking about 500 lakes, a museum, and Hwy 1 and 169 intersection. (SA-MB) [There is a US 169 which meanders from about Minneapolis-St. Paul down through Iowa, Missouri and then ??]. Could be it meets up with a "1" somewhere along there - Ed.]  
1630 WR63 IL Glasford - 8/30 1115 - Good, with a variety of pre-1990 rock. WR 63, Glasford. Ad for Main-Smith Salvage in Knoxville, then weather. Now 24/7. ID and announcements. Was irregular with all music. I've been trying to ID this since February [see last issue - Ed.] when it was on 1610 with about a 45 mile daytime coverage. I missed the name, but they had an ad for a local cafe that'll give you a free cup of coffee if you mention "WR63". It's located 17 SW of here. Go for it, Manitoba Dxers. (JG-IL)  
1700 WRV829 CA San Diego - 10/4 1540 - Station returned to the air around the 1st of September after being silent for about a year and a half. Still using these (temporary?) calls. Slogan has changed from *K-Murph* to *Q-Murph* as San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium was renamed Qualcomm Stadium (the Q) a couple of years ago. Does not get out anywhere near as well as before. (TRH-CA)  
1700 UNID ?? - 10/4 0600 - Fair o/presumed KBGG with test loop by man. Short tape loop of radio jargon like *testing field strength intensity*. ID only as "Highway Advisory Radio AM 1700. Is this the Anaheim station?" (TRH-CA)

1230am  
KWG Golden Gate

### MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

540 KNOB CA Costa Mesa - 10/5 0130 - In the mix, with CBK and the station out of Carmel Valley. The format was classical. Lots of commercials for San Diego businesses. I noticed their ID was in Spanish. Their city of license, according to their ID, was Tijuana, Mexico. The radio log has them licensed to Costa Mesa. (AK-WA) [If you heard KNOB, their CoL IS Costa Mesa. At the half-hour, they can ID as anything they want to - Ed.]  
580 WTCM MI Traverse City - 10/5 0200 - With SID into ABC-Info News. Art Bell overnights. Not common. Nobody really dominates 580 here! (JJR-WI)  
680 WCTT KY Corbin - 9/26 0559 - Atop the channel when I turned on radio just 5 seconds before the top-of-the-hour, with the tail-end of a possible sign-on: *Stay tuned for news ... WCTT Corbin, Great 68.* Had been on the Most Wanted List. Proof positive that a lot of DXing is a matter of just being on the right frequency at the right moment. (RD-IA)  
860 CBKF2 SK Saskatoon - 9/16 0759 - Rare full ID with calls and frequencies for all stations in system. Mentioned were CBKF-1, CBKF-2, CBKF-FM3, CBKF-FM4, CBKF-FM5 and CKSS(?) - FM. At 0800, *Le Journal de Radio Canada*, tout en francaise, of course. Generally good, over QRM. (JW-CO)  
880 CKLQ MB Brandon - 10/4 0739 - Poor, then faded out quickly. Many Q Country mentions. (JJR-WI)  
980 CKRM SK Regina - 10/4 0733 - Good, with 980 CKRM. Was a nice surprise. No usual WCUB or WONE. (JJR-WI)  
1090 WISS WI Berlin - 10/4 poor on 10/4 (Broderick Crawford used to say that!) 0729. Halloween info & sponsors, ... at WISS in Berlin heard. No usual WMUS. (JJR-WI)  
1180 KYET AZ Williams - 9/29 0200 - Legal ID, quite strong. On 10 kW day power? (JW-CO1)  
1380 CKLC ON Kingston - 10/5 0234 - Fair, in fade-up, with AC music. 1380-CKLC. (JJR-WI)

- 1470 WTKO NY Ithaca - 10/5 0227 - Poor, in tight WMBD null, with 1470 WTKO three times in 12 minutes. NEW! (JJR-WI)
- 1520 KRHW MO Sikeston - 10/5 1217 - Fair, over automation tones & no KOMA, with NOS. (JJR-WI) [I hope by 1217 you meant 0017?? - Ed.]
- 1580 KCWW AZ Tempe - 10/5 0106-0201 - Was dominant, once sports talk (KTFN-CA?) was nulled. Sometimes local quality with Radio Disney. Legal VID by female at 0159 This is KCWW . . . preceded by male "clown" who said (sounded like): H.B.F.F.A. LUND, then a laugh. Any ideas? (BK-CA)

**0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT**

- 580 WILL IL Urbana - 9/25 1500 - Weak signal, with lots of static, with local news and ID: This is WILL Urbana. Weather and NPR News followed. (LB-MO)
- 790 KXXX KS Colby - 9/8 1253 - Good midday signal, with C&W music and several K Triple-XIDs. KLOE-730 also came in well, and both were over 200 miles from where I was at the time. (RD-KS) [Musta been the radio, hi - Ed.]
- 1390 KJPW MO Waynesville - 9/25 1555 - Faint signal, with lots of static. OLD C&W, ad for a local KFC Restaurant. ID: This is KJPW and KJPW-FM. Time check and news. (LB-MO)

**1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT**

- 670 KVCA CA Simi Valley - 10/1 2205 - Heard for first time. SS, with ID as KVCA Simi Valley (with city spoken in SS). KBOI in background. (AK-WA)
- 1040 WHO IA Des Moines - 9/5 2345 - Fair, with replay of Iowa-Central Michigan football game. (RD-TX) [WHO has become one of my all-night favorites here - Ed.]
- 1330 KGAK NM Gallup - 10/2 2140 - High school football play-by-play, Gallup Bengals vs Del Norte Knights. Two announcers calling game; one in EE, one in Navajo. Each play was called twice. Quint! I learned that there are no Navajo words for first down or clipping. (JW-CO)
- 1460 WBRN MI Big Rapids - 9/30 2212 - Weak signal, in and out of the pile, with a promo for Bulldog ?? Ball. ID: Jason Edwards on WBRN-AM and FM. Rock music (Pearl Jam). (LB-MO)
- 1550 WBSC SC Bennettsville - 9/30 2103 - Weak signal, drifting in and out. USA Radio Network News, WSBC Weather, ID: Number One, ?? EBSC. Ads for some lawyer in Bennettsville and Marsh Funeral Home at the corner of Marshall and Baxter Street in Bennettsville. (LB-MO)
- 1660 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 9/25 2040 - Weak signal, fading with static. Cubs and Astros baseball from Houston. ID: You're listening to AM 1470 WQSN. Ad for Band G Discount Store and Internet Man. Another similar ID and back to game. At 2057 Sammy Sosa hit homer number 66. At 2100 ID: The Sports Station, AM 1660 WQSN and AM 1470 WKOV(?) Kalamazoo. (LB-MO)
- WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 10/1 2200 - Good, with station break during Chicago Cubs baseball: You're listening to the Chicago Cubs on WQSN 1660 and WKOZ 1470. Kalamazoo. 1660 is starting to get cluttered, and I still haven't logged KXOL. (RD-IA)
- KXOL UT Brigham City - 9/11 2130 - Loud and clear, with satellite oldies. (AK-OR)

**DDXD-East**



Deadlines are Tuesdays.  
Lots of people picking up on the great auroral conditions caused by the interstellar event on 9/26 ...

**STATION NEWS**

- 860 WTEL PA Philadelphia - 10/6 - As of today, format now TLK, at times // WWDB-96.5. On 10/19, programming will be separate from WWDB, with some personnel shifting to AM only, competing with Dr. Laura (0900-1200) and Rush Limbaugh (1200-1500) on FM. This comes as a result of listener survey, asking for more local programming. Most ID's are "860 AM WWDB and WWDB-96.5, Philadelphia's Talk Stations." Legal ID's sometimes mention WTEL. According to on air announcements today, AM is to get new transmitter by 1/1, and all avenues are being pursued to improve AM coverage in outlying areas, but no

- 1040 WJNA FL Boynton Beach - The new address mentioned recently, as well as the one in the 18th edition of the Log, both resulted in returned letters from the Post Office. Anyone with a valid address? (SK-PA)
- 1480 WABB AL Mobile - 9/28 - Per the Don and Mike Show, which called the station, they were off today because of Hurricane Georges flooding at the transmitter site. Back on 9/29. (SK-PA)
- 1670 WNML GA Warner Robins - 9/28 - Phone number per QSL is (912) 781-1063. (SK-PA)

**UNID and UNID HELP**

- 690 UNID -- ----- 9/24 1922 - C&W, one ad for Country Chevrolet-Buick on Kaiser Avenue in (Winters?)ville. Then right back to C&W. Steady signal in heavy electrical static. Could have been southern Gospel on WZAP, heard same time next day. (SK-PA)
- 1070 UNID -- ----- 9/20 2030 - Oldies station "1070 The Beach," probably south-eastern U.S. (HJH-PA) [WNCT. - DY]
- 1160 UNID -- ----- 10/1 2355 - Weather forecast, ID as "Positive Radio." (WM-MD) [WODY, I think, is "Positive Alternative Radio." - DY]
- 1190 UNID -- ----- 9/27 2200-2245 - Tape loop "This is the Hurricane Georges Center, Miami, Florida," giving storm status. Weather statements from the National Weather Service in Lawrence. A temporary station? (SK-PA) [Maybe WBSL-MS running at night for the emergency? - DY]
- 1310 UNID -- ----- 9/26 1910 - James Madison University football network, vs. Elon, in a three-station mix. Too jumbled after 1915. The only clue was an Eastern TC at 1913. (SK-PA) [JMU web page says their network consists of WSVA-550 and WDCT-1310. - DY]
- 1320 UNID -- ----- 9/25 1912 - Promo for racing event, ESPN Radio, ID as "The Team." (WM-MD)
- UNID -- ----- 10/2 0658 - ID "Good Time Oldies." (WM-MD)
- 1370 UNID -- ----- 9/28 2003 - C&W station "Big Dog Country," suspect south-eastern U.S. area. (HJH-PA)
- UNID -- ----- 10/2 1930 - High school football game, mention of Louistown. (WM-MD)
- 1390 UNID -- ----- 9/30 0136 - C&W music, ID as "X-95 and 101.1," in briefly. (SK-PA)
- 1530 UNID -- ----- 9/22 0403 - C&W format, song by Alabama "By the Dark of the Moon," several others back to back. Way over WSAI at times. Great signal until eventual fadeout. (RCP-IN)

**LOGGINGS: 0000-0800**

- 970 WFLA FL Tampa - 9/28 0155 - "News, information, it's right at your fingertips, News 9790 WFLA," ads for Progressive Insurance, Happy Feet Plus "with seven locations in the Bay Area." Then back to the General, Cigar Dave. Excellent signal. I wonder if the hurricane is contributing to the auroral conditions. (SK-PA) [Not likely. There was some kind of stellar explosion some 20,000 light years away that reached Earth on the evening of 9/25 that created some auroral-like visible displays — though not, of course, visible here in New York! — and, eventually, some big-time auroral MW conditions. - DY]
- 1100 WSGI TN Springfield - 10/1 0724 - Middle Tennessee weather forecast, 70 degrees in downtown Springfield, ads for Farmers Bank, Baldwin Barbecue, and Cunningham Motors. Fair signal, WTAM barely heard. Eventually lost in the noise. (RCP-IN)
- 1230 WESX MA Salem - 9/19 0000 - NOS format, call ID on the hour, new. (JR-NY)
- 1570 WWCK MI Flint - 10/2 0056 - Oldies program, "CK-105.5" ID's. (JR-NY)
- 1650 KKTR CA Costa Mesa - 9/13 0210 - Very weak but steady with traffic reports. (JR-NY)
- 1660 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 9/26 0015-0500 - One on One Sports, no local ads, briefly over, then even or under WBAH. Jingle ID's on the hour, but no positive ID until





- canned voice ID 9/30 2300: "Sports Radio AM 1660 WQSN and AM 1470 WKLH(?)." [WKLZ, I believe. - DY] This evening was over WBAH 90% of the time. (SK-PA) [WBAH has small antenna problems, which I would suspect accounts for their relatively weak signal. - DY]
- + 9/27 0100 - One on One Sports, lots of WQSN ID's inserted. QSL says new on band 9/24. Received via e-mail for my QSL report: E-mail address is WQSNAM@compuserve.com, signer William J. Wertz, Fairfield Broadcasting Comany, Kalamazoo MI. (JR-NY)
- 1670 **WTDY** WI **Madison** - 10/1 0632 - Local news for Madison area, ID 0633 "You're listening to WTDY," great signal at times. Over, under WNML occasionally. (RCP-IN)
- 1690 **WMDM** MD **Lexington Park** - 10/1 0646 - Talk show in progress with discussion of a foster child program. Frequent ID's followed by promo for the Rush Limbaugh program. Great signal mixing with weaker station, presumably KAYK. New. (RCP-IN)
- 1700 **KBGG** IA **Des Moines** - 10/1 0640 - Mention of the Business News Network, very good signal. Way over a barely audible WCMQ. (RCP-IN)
- LOGGINGS: 1600-2400**
- 760 **WBDN** FL **Brandon** - 9/26 2007 - Touch tones and request number ending in "42," mention of "Mega" and woman giving request over the phone. At 2013 laser sound and "Mega" ID. Slightly fuzzy, but steady and alone. WOKV is sounding like a local on 690. (SK-PA)
- 830 **WKTX** OH **Cortland** - 9/30 1945 - Interviews of football players by coach, call ID 2013, sign-off with NA. Fair and all alone at tune-in, then deep fades until very poor at sign-off. (DZ-NY)
- 860 **WACB** NC **Taylorsville** - 9/26 2042 - PSA from Jim Smith of the Alexander County sheriff's office telling us to "Buckle Up," fair and alone. (SK-PA)
- 870 **WHCU** NY **Ithaca** - 10/2 2159 - Two news stations, both very weak 2200. This one with CBS news, call ID 2205; other remains unID. (DZ-NY) [Probably WWL? - DY]
- 900 **WCPA** PA **Clearfield** - 10/2 2105 - High school football game, "News-Talk 900," ID. (WM-MD)
- 910 **WPFB** OH **Middletown** - 10/3 2205 - NOS, very poor, even weaker talk behind, call ID heard 2208. (DZ-NY)
- 940 **WKGM** VA **Smithfield** - 9/26 2030 - Strong and alone with "The Church of the Lord Jesus Broadcast," slogan "The Ministry Station." (HJH-PA)
- 950 **WGOV** GA **Valdosta** - 9/28 2135-2200 - Very strong with modern urban music, very few announcements. Ad at 2159 for "Mr. and Ms. Magic-95 Contest," slogan "Heart and Soul for over half a century." QRM from Cuba. (HJH-PA)
- WSPA** SC **Spartanburg** - 9/20 2020 - Dominant with oldies, phone-in poll about how many will watch Clinton video tomorrow. (HJH-PA)
- 990 **WTIG** OH **Massillon** - 9/27 2145 - Presumed with Cincinnati Bengals football vs. Baltimore Ravens. Over, under another station with same game on the Ravens network. (SK-PA)
- 1040 **WSKE** PA **Everett** - 9/25 1925 - C&W music, ID, good signal. (WM-MD)
- 1230 **WNTR** MD **Cumberland** - 10/2 1920 - High school football game, ID. (WM-MD)
- WFVA** VA **Fredericksburg** - 9/21 2022 - Weather report, then ID "AM 1230 WFVA," NOS-type music. (HJH-PA)
- 1250 **WEAE** PA **Pittsburgh** - 10/1 2353 - Sports talk show, frequent "WTAE" ID's, one legal "WEAE" ID at this time. (JR-NY)
- WTMA** SC **Charleston** - 9/29 1920 - Ads for heath plan, South Carolina state parks, promo for Bloomberg Business News, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1270 **WLIK** TN **Newport** - 9/28 2045 - Local ads for Rafferty's Restaurant and for the web site of the Tennessee Volunteers. Weak signal and alone. Presumed as no ID heard. (HJH-PA)
- 1290 **WDZY** VA **Colonial Heights** - 9/22 1857 - Good signal at times with Disney Radio, ID on the hour. (HJH-PA)
- + 9/30 1920 - Radio Disney, mention of Richmond. (WM-MD)
- 1370 **WMJT** WV **Moundville** - 9/25 1905 - Listing of local events, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1420 **WVOT** NC **Wilson** - 9/25 1950 - Good at times with high school football, "You're listening to Wilson County High School Football on WVOT, Wilson, Greenville, and Golsboro, the Volcano." (HJH-PA)

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- + 10/2 2010 - High school football game, Hertford County vs. Wilson County. (WM-MD)
- 1440 **WJLL** NY **Niagara Falls** - 9/28 2134 - Fair signal sneaking through on this very auroral night. Oldies with early 60's type format, many ID's. (HJH-PA)
- WLXN** NC **Lexington** - 9/25 1929 - Very loud with football coverage, ad for Plaza Ford. Slogan "Your official weather station." (HJH-PA)
- 1480 **WJLE** TN **Smithville** - 9/30 1900 - C&W music, sign-off, ID, SSB. (WM-MD)
- 1490 **WOLF** NY **Syracuse** - 9/26 2145 - With blues program, mentions AM and FM 96.7. (JR-NY)
- WBYM** VA **Hampton** - 9/30 2100 - ID "The Music of Your Life, 1490 WBYM....," hanging out in the jumble for a while. (SK-PA)
- 1540 **WDCD** NY **Albany** - 9/25 2129 - ID, offer for program guide. Very poor, mixing with CHIN. (DZ-NY)
- 1580 **WOXR** AL **Oxford** - 9/28 Time? - Weak to fair at times and all alone, "This is AM Country WOXR." Previously heard as WEYY Talladega. (HJH-PA)
- 1600 **WABB** VA **Chesapeake** - 9/28 2200 - End of Larry King Live, then sign-off "Join us again tomorrow at 7:05 a.m. when we begin another day of broadcasting on WCPK." Mostly over WWRL. (SK-PA)
- 1640 **WKSH** WI **Sussex** - 9/30 2203 - Legal ID, many mentions by host of signal being heard around the U.S. and in several foreign countries as well. Very good signal. New. (RCP-IN)

#### TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 1610 **House** NY **Rochester** - 10/2 0105 - Micro-powered talking house at 157 Harvard Street, a few blocks away. First one of these real estate stations that I've heard at home. (JR-NY)
- 1620 **TIS** VA **Shenandoah Valley** - Date? Time? Weak signal, mentioned I-81, and a state welcome center at I-64 exit 99. Should therefore be in Virginia, I think. (TT-MI) [This is the location, Tim. - DY]
- 1630 **HAR** PA **Lehigh Valley** - 9/23 2218 - Noted with usual construction tape loop, but now mentioning call letters of WRV833. (JR-NY)

#### INTERNET UPDATES

News from Scott Fybus's "North East Radio Watch": **WGIR-NH-610's** "Action News Network" also runs on WZNN-930 and WMYF-1540. **WWNZ-MA-640** has been bought by Clear Channel, which owns cross-town TLK rival WHYN-560. **WNSS-NY-1260** is said to have lost two of its four towers in the Labor Day windstorms. **WNHC-CT-1340** has applied for call letters of WYBC, to match their new FM at 94.3.

#### REPORTERS

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SK-PA	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township PA - Superadio III
WM-MD	William McGuire	Cheverly MD - DX-380
RCP-IN	Robert Pote	Greenwood IN - R8A, Quantum loop
JR-NY	Jim Renfrew	Rochester NY -
PT-NJ	Paul Thomas	Salem NJ - Local news
TT-MI	Tim Tyler	Detroit MI - Sony SW-55, TUN-3, 330' sloping LW
DZ-NY	Dan Ziolkowski	Hamburg NY - Sony 2010, Kiwa filters, Kiwa loop

#### ABBREVIATIONS USED 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) QTH: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



# International DX Digest

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**Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELI, subtract 5 hrs.**

I haven't had too much luck with international DX so far this season. My best TA has been a het on 1089, and barely a few signals from Cuba. I'm getting some interesting domestic stuff, but unfortunately you won't read about in IDXD!

We have a report from Mark Connelly briefly summarizing the results of the first few days of Newfoundland #7. We can expect a detailed report from all of the participants after this major effort concludes mid-month.

*Jim*

## TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 153 ALGERIA Bechar, SEP 3 0035 - male AA vocal & strings; good. [Connelly\*R-MA]  
162 FRANCE Allouis, SEP 13 0011 - woman in FF; good. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
171 MOROCCO Nador, SEP 3 0036 - AA music; fair. [Connelly\*R-MA] SEP 13 0012 - rock-influenced AA music; loud. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
177 GERMANY Oranienburg, SEP 13 0014 - classical music; fair. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
189 ICELAND RUV, Gufuskalar, SEP 3 0038 - rock music; poor to fair. [Connelly\*R-MA] SEP 13 0014 - rock vocal; fair. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
198 UNITED KINGDOM BBC, Droitwich et al., SEP 13 0015 - BBC EE news mentioning Pakistani Muslims; excellent. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
207 MOROCCO Azilal, SEP 3 0039 - AA talk; getting by QI - 206 Nova Scotia. [Connelly\*R-MA]  
234 LUXEMBOURG Junglinster, SEP 13 0017 - classical violin music; poor to fair. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
252 ALGERIA Tipaza, SEP 3 0040 - FF talk by man & woman; dominant. [Connelly\*R-MA]  
252 IRELAND Atlantic 252, Kilmessan-Clarkestown, SEP 13 0019 - reggae hit "No Woman, No Cry"; to good peak. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
531 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, SEP 13 0010 - // 855 with emotional SS vocal, over Algeria. There was more QRM from the "F9" (New Brunswick) beacon than from R.V.C. or CIAO. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
549 ALGERIA Les Trembles, SEP 12 0138 - fast AA talk; fair. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 13 0008 - AA talk; to good peak. [Connelly\*P-MA] OCT 3 2220 - Good; flute instrumental and Arabic choral vocal // 153. OCT 4 0450 - Koranic recitation and string music // 153. [Conti-MA]  
585 SPAIN RNE1, Madrid, SEP 12 0534 - // 855 with fast SS talk by woman; to fair peak. [Connelly\*H-MA]  
603 SPAIN RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, SEP 13 0007 - SS news; poor. [Connelly\*P-MA] OCT 4 0155 - Fair; talk in Spanish // 684. [Conti-MA]  
621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE1 synchros, SEP 3 0103 - SS news by woman; good. [Connelly\*R-MA]  
639 SPAIN RNE1, La Coruna et al., SEP 12 0531 - // 855 with emotional SS vocal; poor to fair. [Connelly\*H-MA]  
684 SPAIN RNE1, Sevilla, SEP 12 0528 - // 855 with SS talk; in WRKO slop. [Connelly\*H-MA]  
693 AZORES RDP, Santa Barbara, SEP 3 0111 - // 837 with "Your Song" by Elton John; good. [Connelly\*R-MA] SEP 12 2329 - male vocal of "You'll Never Walk Alone", then man in PP; fair, dominant. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
738 SPAIN RNE1, Barcelona, SEP 13 0003 - SS news by woman; good, over CHCM splash. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
747 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SEP 13 0003 - SS teletalk or phone interview; barely over jumble. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
756 SPAIN R. Euskadi, Bilbao, SEP 12 2341 - SS talk & teletalk; good / dominant. Germany way under. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
765 SWITZERLAND RSR, Sottens, SEP 12 2340 - C&W-style FF vocal; dominant. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
774 EGYPT Abis, SEP 13 0002 - AA news; evenly mixed with Spain. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
774 SPAIN RNE1 synchros, SEP 13 0002 - SS talk over/under Egypt. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
792 FRANCE R. Bleue, Limoges, SEP 12 0516 - // 1206 with FF male vocal; over Spain. [Connelly\*H-MA]  
792 SPAIN SER, Sevilla, SEP 13 0001 - // 1044 with SS speech as part of news; to fair peak with

- WSKO phased. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
819 EGYPT Batra, SEP 12 2331 - AA Koranic vocal; over Morocco & others. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
837 AZORES RDP, Pico da Barossa, SEP 3 0111 - // 693 with Elton John song; poor to fair. [Connelly\*R-MA] SEP 12 2328 - pop standard "You'll Never Walk Alone", // 693. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros, SEP 12 2328 - mixing with Azores - SS talk // 1296. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
846 ITALY Rome, SEP 12 2327 - mellow pop-folk vocal, then woman in Italian; fair to good through remnants of nulled WEEL. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
855 SPAIN RNE1, Murcia et al., SEP 12 0504 - man & woman with SS news. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 12 2325 - SS man interviewing woman; excellent signal. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
864 EGYPT Santah, SEP 12 2323 - Koranic male vocal; local-like at S9+30. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
864 SPAIN RNE1, Socuellamos, SEP 12 2332 - // 855 with man & woman in SS; noted during fade of generally-stronger Egypt. [Connelly\*P-MA] OCT 4 0305 - Fair; news and lottery numbers // 855, over an unID station. [Conti-MA]  
873 SPAIN SER R. Zaragoza, Zaragoza, SEP 12 2324 - man & woman with SS newstalk; through WLAM slop. SEP 12 2359 - fast SS talk // 1044; to good peak. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SEP 12 2323 - SS talk by man; dominant. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
891 ALGERIA Algiers, SEP 12 0147 - male vocal & percussion; fair. [Connelly\*R-MA] SEP 12 0524 - female AA vocal & strings; good. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 12 2322 - high-energy AA vocal and instrumentation that was a blend of traditional and hard rock styles; HUGE signal, reducing WBPS to a background het. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
936 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, SEP 12 2321 - man & woman in SS; fair. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
945 FRANCE R. Bleue, Toulouse, SEP 12 0500 - FF news; to good peak. SEP 12 0515 - // 1206 with piano jazz & male vocal; good. [Connelly\*H-MA] OCT 4 0520 - Fair; nostalgic French vocal. [Conti-MA]  
954 SPAIN R. España, Madrid, SEP 12 0458 - man in SS; fair. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 12 2358 - SS teletalk; fair through slop. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
981 ALGERIA Algiers, SEP 12 0521 - typical string music at low modulation level on huge caRier. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 12 2316 - noted with some FF talk; over others (Portugal, Greece ?). [Connelly\*P-MA]  
1008 CANARY ISLANDS Las Palmas, R. Las Palmas / RadioVoz, SEP 12 2314 - SS music; mixed with SER Spain talk. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
1008 SPAIN SER synchros, SEP 12 2314 - // 1044 with SS talk; over/under Canaries, low rumble present. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
1017 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, SEP 12 2313 - SS talk by man & woman; slightly over others. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
1026 SPAIN SER synchros, SEP 12 2312 - // 1044 with big-band jazz; poor in tight WBZ null. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
1044 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioum, SEP 12 2357 - AA vocal; mixed with Spain. [Connelly\*P-MA] OCT 3 2340 - Excellent; vocal and string music over Spain. [Conti-MA]  
1044 SPAIN SER synchros, SEP 12 2309 - '60s-type male R&B vocal, then SS talk; good. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
1044 SPAIN, SER synchros OCT 4 0100 - Good; Cadena Ser Servicios Informativos ID into news, echo from delay between synchros. [Conti-MA]  
1053 MOROCCO Tanger, SEP 12 2310 - AA male vocal, strings, percussion; excellent, over UK. [Connelly\*P-MA] OCT 3 2350 - Fair; Koranic vocal parallel a weak signal on 15335. [Conti-MA]  
1062 DENMARK (t) Kalundborg, SEP 12 0455 - probably this with pop music, in & out of the slop. [Connelly\*H-MA]  
1080 SPAIN SER synchros, SEP 12 2308 - // 1044 with rhythm & blues vocal; audible with WTIC in phase null. [Connelly\*P-MA]  
1089 UNITED KINGDOM Talk Radio synchros, SEP 12 0447 - EE teletalk & advertising. [Connelly\*H-MA]  
1098 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, SEP 12 0542 - mellow SS vocal; to fair peak. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 12 2307 - // 1107 with SS talk, piano jazz; good / dominant. [Connelly\*P-MA] OCT 4 0410 - Fair; interview/discussion // 1107. [Conti-MA]  
1107 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, SEP 12 0358 - light jazz, R. Nacional de España ID; loud. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 12 2306 - SS talk with R. Nacional de España ID; excellent, way over AA-sounding music station that was probably Egypt. [Connelly\*P-MA] OCT 4 0400 - Excellent; news and Radio Nacional de España ID, no mention of Radio Uno or Cinco. [Conti-MA]  
1116 SPAIN SER synchros, SEP 2 2349 - // 1575 with SS teletalk; over possible Italy (a station

- that seemed // to the music under Spain-1575). [Connelly\*R-MA] SEP 12 2358 - // 1044 with woman in SS; poor to fair. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1125 CROATIA HR, Deanovec, SEP 12 2355 - // 1134 with romantic-style Slavic vocal; to fair peak over Spain. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1125 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, SEP 12 2304 - SS news & teletalk; fair. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1134 CROATIA HR, Zadar, SEP 12 2304 - Slavic talk; under Spain at first, then rising atop. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1134 SPAIN COPE synchros, SEP 12 2303 - SS news; strong, over Croatia. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1143 SPAIN COPE synchros, SEP 12 2354 - dramatic male SS talk with classical guitar backing; fair. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1179 SPAIN // CANARY ISLANDS SER synchros, SEP 2 2342 - // 1575 with the 1971 C&W oldie "Rose Garden" by Lynn Anderson; good. [Connelly\*R-MA] SEP 12 2302 - excited talk by man & woman in SS; almost local quality with minimal 1180. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1197 SPAIN EI, Vitoria, SEP 12 2301 - SS news by woman; loud. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE R. Bleue, Bordeaux, SEP 12 0514 - romantic old-fashioned FF vocal, then man in FF; excellent. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1215 UNITED KINGDOM Virgin R. synchros, SEP 12 0445 - "Don't You Want Me" by Human League (1982); fair. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 12 2300 - fast-talk EE DJ, adverts; good, over Spain. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1224 SPAIN COPE synchros, SEP 12 2258 - SS talk; slightly over a rock station (Netherlands or Virgin UK?). [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1233 unID (likely MOROCCO) SEP 12 0540 - bits of music; poor. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1242 FRANCE R. Bleue, Marseille, SEP 12 0517 - FF music, hetted by off-channel domestic on 1241.26 (WSY-ME per Conti). [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 12 2253 - FF light rock, then showtune-style vocal; good, easily sliding by WBUR-1240 and the weak 1241.26 het. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA Tripoli, SEP 12 2255 - AA vocal; fair through slop. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1296 SPAIN COPE, Valencia, SEP 2 2339 - SS talk by woman; huge signal. [Connelly\*R-MA] SEP 12 2251 - SS telephone interview; excellent. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1314 NORWAY NRK, Kvitsoy, SEP 12 0351 - woman in Norwegian; to good peak. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1332 ITALY Rome et al., SEP 12 0403 - Italian news; to fair peak. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1359 SPAIN Arganda, SEP 12 0538 - SS talk getting through slop from the CKBC/CJVL/WDRM mess on 1360. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 12 2250 - strong (pushing past local WLYN) with "Sad Lisa" by Cat Stevens. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1359 unID OCT 3 2210 - Pop music, weak het against WLYN-1360, and OCT 4 0040 with Dire Straits' "Sultans of Swing," most likely Spain. [Conti-MA]
- 1377 FRANCE R. Bleue, Lille, SEP 12 0516 - // 1206 with jazz instrumental & FF vocal; good, about equal to St. PieRe - 1375 in strength. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1422 ALGERIA Algiers, SEP 12 2349 - bits of AA music getting through Germany. [Connelly\*P-MA] OCT 4 0500 - Good; sign-on with anthem // 252. [Conti-MA]
- 1422 GERMANY Deutschlandradio, Heusweiler, SEP 12 2248 - mellow vocal (like Engelbert Humperdinck or Richard Clayderman); starting fade-up. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, Duba, SEP 12 2244 - man in AA; good, already over S9 before sunset. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1521 SPAIN SER, Castellon, SEP 2 2335 - // 1575 with woman in SS; to fair peak over others. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1530 VATICAN R. Vaticana, SEP 12 0400 - Vatican interval signal music over/under WSAI. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1539 SPAIN SER, Manresa/Elche, SEP 2 2334 - SS talk; in WDCD slop. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1550 ALGERIA CLANDESTINE Tindouf, SEP 2 2333 - serious-sounding AA male talk; well atop WDZK-CT. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1575 SPAIN SER synchros, SEP 2 2328 - SS teletalk; over other. [Connelly\*R-MA] SEP 13 0021 - // 1044 with SS teletalk; LOUD. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1584 CEUTA RadiOle, SEP 2 2327 - SS vocal, over/under SER Spain. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1584 SPAIN SER synchros, SEP 2 2327 - SS talk, mixed with Ceuta, close to zero-beat. [Connelly\*R-MA] OCT 4 0055 - Fair; telephone talk // 1044, nothing on 1575 as the high end was dead tonight. [Conti-MA]
- 1602 SPAIN EI, Vitoria, SEP 2 2326 - SS male vocal and a guitar riff like the Who's "Pinball Wizard"; good, over SER talker. [Connelly\*R-MA]

Mark speaks: "I expect to make an appearance at the October 1998 Newfoundland DXpedition. Jean Burnell will be issuing a press release providing details of this year's activities. I hope that all

DXers, wherever they may be, will do some tuning during the first two weeks of October."

Bruce speaks: "Overall conditions were rather unexciting over the October 3-4 weekend, with little worth reporting in terms of transatlantic or pan American DX. Although geomagnetic activity was quiet to unsettled, the effects of the last storm were still evident, as signals from the UK and interior Europe were absent. Yet there was no action from the Caribbean or Latin America either. It should be interesting to see how the first weekend of the Newfoundland DXpedition compares."

#### PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 535 GRENADA GBC, St. George's, SEP 3 0034 - US C&W female vocal; very good. [Connelly\*R-MA] OCT 4 0115 - Fair; lively soca music. [Conti-MA]
- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS ZIZ, BasseteRe, SEP 3 0044 - Caribbean EE speech in an echoey hall; fair with WGAN phased. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 570 CUBA R. Reloj, SEP 29 0243 - all alone here and loud with normal Reloj fare and badly overmodulated audio. [Hayes-PA]
- 600 VENEZUELA R. Sucre, YVQB, Cumana, SEP 3 0105 - local Porlamar and Margarita mentions; over growl. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 640 VENEZUELA Union R., YVQO, Puerto La Cruz, SEP 2 2355 - SS sports // 1090; under CBN classical music. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 640 CUBA R. Progreso, OCT 4 0205 - Good; ID and salsa over WNNZ in CBN-Newfoundland null. [Conti-MA]
- 650 COLOMBIA RCN Antena Dos, HJKH, Bogotá, AUG 29 0257 - commercial with mooring cow, then Noticias RCN and Antena Dos mentions; loud. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 3 0026 - mentions of several Colombian cities such as Bucaramanga. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 660 ST. LUCIA Castries, SEP 3 0110 - C&W music, then Carib-EE talk by man; mixed with SS stations, WFAN phased. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 670 VENEZUELA R. Rumbos, YVLL, Caracas, SEP 3 0021 - dominant with Venezuela mentions, ads. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 690 BRAZIL SEP 3 0007 - reverberated PP talk breaking over 2 SS stations and an EE religious station. CBF was phase-nulled and aurally-weakened. The Brazilian was most likely ZYH587, Fortaleza (Dragão do Mar) as heard on Cape Cod from time to time. ZYI532, Belem, is an outside possibility. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 700 BRAZIL probably ZYK686, Sao Paulo, SEP 3 0005 - PP talk; briefly dominant over a pile of others. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 720 VENEZUELA YVQE, Porlamar, SEP 3 0059 - R. Oriente and "representando Nueva Esparta" mentions; atop CHTN. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 734.8 CUBA (t) SEP 3 0010 - SS program with fast talk and typical Latin American music; to good peak. At 0052 UTC, I heard an ID that sounded like R. Liberación. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 750 VENEZUELA YVKS, Caracas, SEP 3 0003 - SS talk about baseball. [Connelly\*R-MA] OCT 4 0240 - Good; "beisbol profesional" promo and "Uds. escuchan RCR" ID. [Conti-MA]
- 760 COLOMBIA RCN, HJAJ, Barranquilla, SEP 3 0054 - // 770 with SS talk about the Colombian government and tourism; huge, totally dominant. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 770 COLOMBIA RCN, HJJX, Bogotá, SEP 3 0054 - // 760 with SS talk about the Colombian government; over/under WABC. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 780 unID (PARAGUAY ?) maybe ZP70, Asunción, SEP 3 0202 - SS religious program (title something like "Hermanos de la Fe"), several Asunción mentions; briefly atop the channel, then lost to CFDR & Venezuelans. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 780 VENEZUELA Ecos del Torbes, YVOD, San Cristobal, SEP 3 0057 - // 4980 with excited SS sportstalk; charging atop CFDR & probable R. Coro. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 780 UNIDSEP 27 0435 - "Radio Todos" slogan, with upbeat SS music. [Hayes-PA]
- 789.89 BARBADOS (t) SEP 3 0017 - presumably this with a strong low growl against WSKO & Canadians on 790.0. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 790 CUBA CMAD R. Reloj, SEP 27 0412 - Very strong and mostly alone on this auroral night. [Hayes-PA]
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES Trans-World Radio, PJB, Bonaire, AUG 29 0308 - preacher in EE reading the words of Paul; local-like, alone on channel. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 3 0201 - EE hymn; local quality. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 830 ST. KITTS & NEVIS TBN, Basseterre, AUG 29 0310 - // 7510 with sermon about the "powers of darkness"; good, atop WCRN. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 840 CUBA Dobleve, Santa Clara, SEP 27 0100 - very strong with vocals, "Programa Cubana". [Hayes-PA] OCT 3 0450 - Good; Noticiero Dobleve ID and news in brief, 0455 sign-off with anthem leaving WRYM in clear with preaching in Spanish. [Conti-NH]

- 860 VENEZUELA SEP 3 0127 - YVOL or YVYE here with Venezuelan sporting event, list of stations broadcasting the match (noted mentions of R. Sucré, R. Punto Fijo, others). [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 880 VENEZUELA Mundial, YVYM, Puerto Ordaz, SEP 3 0133 - excited Venezuelan sports coverage, shouting; loud, killing WCBS. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 890 CUBA CMDX Radio Progreso, Santiago de Cuba, OCT 02 0207 - Upbeat Latin music, then talk in Spanish by man. "Radio Progreso" ID at 0217 and 0220. Signal was very weak but steady and in the clear. No other LA's audible to me tonight. [Ziolkowski-NY] OCT 9 0445-0503\* - US female vocalists, e.g. "Titanic" theme, closing exhortation at 0457, R. Progreso ID at 0502, then sudden power cut. Progreso also noted more weakly on 640, 730, and 900 kHz during this time, all apparently off after 0503. [Renfrew-NY]
- 940 COLOMBIA RCN, HJGB, Cali, SEP 3 0159 - // 1000 with fast SS talk; over CBM/YVNN. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 950 CUBA R. Reloj, SEP 29 0150 - a Reloj outlet here now heard almost nightly. Very loud this evening, competing only with WGOV (Georgia). [Hayes-PA]
- 960 COLOMBIA CARACOL, HJOP, Magangue, SEP 3 0138 - SS talk about "economía colombiana". [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 990 MEXICO XECL Mexicali, BCN, OCT 1 0359 - Ad for Cerveza Pacífico, program note for "Tres y Dos". Full ID later. No sign of KRKS 50 miles MW of Denver. [Wilkins-CO1]
- 1000 COLOMBIA RCN, HJAJ, Cartagena, SEP 3 0159 - SS talk (// 940); under CKBW. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1020 VENEZUELA Mundial Margarita, YVRS, La Asunción, SEP 3 0140 - R. Margarita ID, then folk-style male SS vocal; over others. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1040 MEXICO XEHES Chihuahua CHIH, OCT 3 0050 - Last part of program "Bandas y Bandidos" (tuba music); 0058 time check for "siete en punto"; record store ad; 0059 full ID: "Escucha La Tremenda 10-40, XEHES-AM, 1040 kHz...Julian Carrillo 705 en Chihuahua...una estación mas del grupo Radiorama de Chihuahua". "La Tremenda" slogan heard several times, so apparently replaces old "La Poderosa" slogan. [Wilkins-CO1]
- 1080 VENEZUELA R. Barcelona, YVQJ, Barcelona, SEP 2 2359 - brassy vocal & SS vocal, Barcelona ID; good, often over WTIC. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1090 VENEZUELA Unión R., YVSZ, Caracas, SEP 2 2355 - // 640 with SS sportstalk and mentions of "primera venezolana". [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1100 COLOMBIA CARACOL, HJAT, Barranquilla, SEP 3 0157 - man in SS // 1170; fair to good. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1100 MEXICO XENAS Navojoa SON, SEP 28 0615 - Norteña music, slogan "La Música mas bonita, R. Nortenita"; occasional ads. Generally fair in KNZZ null. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1110 VENEZUELA YVQT, Carupano, SEP 2 2353 - hot, high-intensity SS techno-disco with vocals and synthesizers, then Carupano ID followed by an old-fashioned Latin American ballad; loud / dominant. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1110 MEXICO XEWR Cd. Juárez CHIH, OCT 3 0121 - US 60's Oldies; "Classics 11-10" slogans. "When it comes to Classics, nobody does it better than Classics 11-10...24 hours a day, 7 days a week". Have never heard this station give call letters. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1140 VENEZUELA La Voz del Caribe, Porlamar, SEP 2 2346 - advertisement for a Porlamar business, numerous "deportiva" (sport) mentions; to good peak over CBI. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1170 COLOMBIA CARACOL, HJNW, Cartagena, SEP 3 0157 - // 1100 with man in SS; loud. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1170 VENEZUELA (t) SEP 2 2343 - religious program with Venezuela references - most likely YVQV Acarigua or YVKW Maiquetia. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1170 MEXICO XE—Caborca SON, OCT 3 0235 - Musica juvenil, slogans sounding like "La Banda" and "La J" or "La —J". Call and slogan change maybe? Heard last as XEIB, Radio Sensacion.YL anc with time (MDT) and temp checks' concert ads. Pretty good in KVOO null; no sign of the other XE which used to be fairly regular here (XEYH/XEFEM). [Wilkins-CO]
- 1210 VENEZUELA R. Anzoategui, YVZT, Barcelona, SEP 3 0155 - Venezuelan sportstalk; over/under WPHT. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1249.85 MEXICO XESJ Saltillo COAH, OCT 3 0207 - EZL instrumentals; occasional ads, program notes, temperature checks, and call ID's. Separable on LSB from 1250 group. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1290 MEXICO XEAP Cd. Obregon SON, SEP 27 1228 - Ads, then ID: "XEAP, Radio Norsteña, 1290 kHz, mil wats...Cd. Obregón, Sonora" & into music. Fair. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1320 MEXICO XERJ Mazatlán SIN, SEP 28 0436 - Lite Latino pop songs; male announcer with "Escucha a Radio Mexicana...la R-J de Mazatlán". Relatively clear for a few minutes with no sign of KOLT. Later, mixing with "R. Única" (presumably KXYZ). First new station of the '98-'99

- season. XE #146, SIN #12. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1375 ST. PIERE ET MIQUELON RFO St. Pierre OCT 4 0045 - Good; French pop music // 162. [Conti-MA]
- 1470 VENEZUELA R. Vibracion, YVSY, Carupano, SEP 3 0147 - Carupano adverts; mixed with WZOU-ME. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1500 VENEZUELA YVRZ, Cumana, SEP 3 0151 - reverberated R. Dos Mil ID, brassy Latin American music; good, over WTOP. [Connelly\*R-MA]

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#### THE FIRST DAYS OF NEWFOUNDLAND #7

I had an excellent time during my brief stay at this year's Cappahayden, Newfoundland DXpedition. I got to DX with two of the most talented people in the hobby, Jean Burnell and Neil Kazaross. I heard 53 countries in 3 nights of listening. Jean and Neil logged a good number of additional countries. The remainder of the DXpedition (to feature additional participants Werner Funkenhauser, Al Merriman, and John Fisher) should allow the countries-heard total to pass the 100 mark.

Some interesting unID's teased us. They'll probably be solved by the conclusion of the DXpedition. 962 kHz offered a het that we guessed could be Parakou, Benin or Mogadishu, Somalia. A 1206 kHz Portuguese-speaking African was thought to be either Angola (ex-1200) or Mozambique. Other stuff: weak het on 1429, cluster of jammers in the 1542-1546 area (strongest is 1542.25). Angola (ex-1114.9) is now on 1116. Senegal is believed to be the present dominant on 1286. In years past, both Cameroon and Senegal were on this channel; current and recent logs of 1286 unID's and tentatives have most likely been Senegal. Guinea is still there on 1385.93 and shouldn't be hard to hear at US coastal sites. I logged it at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, MA a couple of years back, just after sunset. The pre-sunset and sunset period was prime time for Africans. The Brazil Beverage provided good reception of these and offered some reduction of interfering European signals. BBC Lesotho was presumably the source of a monster pre-sunset blank carrier on 1197 (noted on the Brazil Bev); however, audio wasn't noted ... what's up here? As it started to get darker, some of us concentrated on Europeans, especially UK locals. Others homed in on the proliferation of Brazilians boiling in on the 1 km Beverage pointed that way. Middle East and eastern Mediterranean reception came on like "gangbusters" about 0000 to 0200 UTC. The 1566 anti-Iraq clandestine blasts in and Iran is heard behind. Several 1566 Arabic-music logs during the summer (including the reception at the Rowley, MA "DX Clams" outing) were undoubtedly the clandestine, based in Kuwait per some reports. This station had been also noted on 1584, 1559, and other frequencies in recent months. A real surprise was the phenomenal strength of Rhodes on 1494 between 0000 and 0030 UTC. Parallel Greek stations on 1512, 1386, and 981 also had good signals. US DXers should be able to receive these as we move towards winter. Conditions got less interesting after 0300 UTC, although there were still some good Argentinean and Brazilian signals there for the taking, along with Europeans. Obviously there's still a lot of good unlogged DX available for the DXers who have yet to arrive at Cappahayden. With a bit of ionospheric cooperation, I don't think that a 100 or more country total would be out of the question.

During the midday of Saturday (3 OCT), Neil and I drove down to a scenic seaside cliff area in Portugal Cove South, between Trepassey and Cape Race. The purpose of this trip was to obtain an accurate daytime groundwave bandscan from one of the most easterly sites in North America. In a few weeks, Jean Burnell will have the final report with complete international DX loggings and the "musings of the participants. [Connelly\*NF]



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## Daytime Groundwave Bandscan - Portugal Cove South, Newfoundland

by Mark Connelly

Date = 3 OCT 1998; Receiver = Drake R8A

Antennae = 200 m wire at 215 degrees and 100 m wire at 245 degrees

Freq	Call	ST/P	location: comments	s-meter reading
530	"F9"	NB	Chatham (aerobeacon)	s 6
540	CBT	NF	Grand Falls	s 9
540	CBGA1	PQ	New Carlisle	s 8
560	CHVO	NF	Carbonear	s 9 + 30
580	CJFX	NS	Antigonish	s 9 + 25
590	VOCM	NF	St. John's	s 9 + 32
600	CKCL	NS	Truro	s 9 + 5
600	CBNA	NF	St. Anthony	? (trace under CKCL)
610	CHNC	PQ	New Carlisle	s 9
620	CKCM	NF	Grand Falls	s 9 + 3
630	CFCY	PI	Charlottetown	s 9 + 5
640	CBN	NF	St. John's	s 9 + 30
650	CKGA	NF	Gander	s 9 + 5
660	WFAN	NY	New York	s 7
670	CKXB	NF	Musgravetown	s 5
680	WRKO	MA	Boston	s 7.5
690	CBF	PQ	Montreal	s 6
710	CKVO	NF	Clareville	s 9 + 12
720	CHTN	PI	Charlottetown	s 9 + 5
730	WJTO	ME	Bath	? (trace, in 740 slop)
740	CHCM	NF	Marystown	s 9 + 35
750	CBGY	NF	Bonavista Bay	s 9 + 10
760	WVNE	MA	Leicester	s 6
770	WABC	NY	New York	s 6
780	CFDR	NS	Dartmouth	s 9
790	mix	—	WSKO-RI / CFAN-NB / CFNW-NF	s 6
800	VOWR	NF	St. John's	s 9 + 30
810	CJVA	NB	Caraquet	s 9 + 5
820	WNYC	NY	New York	s 1 (trace)
830	WCRN	MA	Worcester	s 6
850	WEEI	MA	Boston	s 8
870	mix	—	WLAM-ME / CFSX-NF	s 6.5
880	WCBS	NY	New York	s 7
890	WBPS	MA	Dedham	s 6
900	CKDH	NS	Amherst	s 8
910	WABI	ME	Bangor	s 6
920	CJCH	NS	Halifax	s 9
930	CJYQ	NF	St. John's	s 9 + 30
950	CHER	NS	Sydney	s 9 + 28
960	CHNS	NS	Halifax	s 8
970	CBZ	NB	Fredericton	s 6.5
970	WZAN	ME	Portland	s 5
980	CBV	PQ	Quebec City	s 5
990	CBY	NF	Corner Brook	s 4
990	unID	??	believed WALE-RI	? (under CBY)
1000	CKBW	NS	Bridgewater	s 7.5
1010	CKXD	NF	Gander	s 6
1030	WBZ	MA	Boston	s 6
1060	WJLT	MA	Natick	s 4
1070	CBA	NB	Moncton	s 7.5
1080	WTIC	CT	Hartford	s 1 (trace)
1090	WILD	MA	Boston	s 5
1090	CBNG	NF	Glovertown (tentative)	s 4

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1110	unID	??	SS talk = WPMZ-RI or WNNW-NH	s 5
1130	WBBR	NY	New York	s 4
1140	CBI	NS	Sydney	s 9 + 25
1150	CHGM	PQ	Gaspe	s 5
1160	VSBB	—	Hamilton, Bermuda	s 5
1190	WLIB	NY	New York	s 3
1200	WKOX	MA	Framingham	s 1 (trace)
1210	VOAR	NF	St. John's - Mt. Pearl	s 9 + 15
1220	KCKW	NB	Moncton	s 8
1230	CFGN	NF	Port-aux-Basques	s 8
1240	CJRW	PI	Summerside	s 7
1260	CIHI	NB	Fredericton	s 8
1260	WPZE	MA	Boston	s 5
1270	CJCB	NS	Sydney	s 9 + 25
1280	VSBB	—	Hamilton, Bermuda	s 3
1290	CHRM	PQ	Matane	s 3
1300	WJDA	MA	Quincy	s 3
1310	WLOB	ME	Portland	s 3
1320	CKEC	NS	New Glasgow	s 9
1330	mix	—	believed WRCA-MA / CKLD-PQ	s 1 (trace)
1340	CJLS	NS	Yarmouth	s 6.5
1350	CKAD	NS	Middleton	s 4
1360	CKBC	NB	Bathurst	s 6
1375	RFO	—	St. Pierre-Miquelon	s 9 + 40
1390	WEGP	ME	Presque Isle	s 6
1390	WPLM	MA	Plymouth	s 5
1400	CBG	NF	Gander	s 7
1410	CIGO	NS	Port Hawkesbury	s 8.5
1420	CKDY	NS	Digby	s 5
1430	WXKS	MA	Everett	s 4
1440	WLPZ	ME	Westbrook	s 3
1440	unID	??	maybe WWTM-MA	s 1 (trace)
1450	CFAB	NS	Windsor	s 5
1450	VSBB	—	Hamilton, Bermuda	s 4
1470	WZOU	ME	Lewiston	s 2
1480	WSAR	MA	Fall River	s 2
1480	unID	??	C&W music - CHRD still on ?	s 2
1490	CKEN	NS	Kentville	s 6
1510	WNRB	MA	Boston	s 4
1540	mix	—	believed WMYF-NH / WADK-RI	s 1 (trace)
1560	WQEW	NY	New York	s 2
1575	?	NF	local RTTY utility spur	s 9
1590	WARV	RI	Warwick	s 1 (trace)
1600	WUNR	MA	Brookline	s 1 (trace)

Besides the stations shown, Azores-693 groundwave can be received all day at nearby Cappahayden. At that site, several other Trans-Atlantic carriers are also commonly observable at local noon (likely groundwave / skywave mixes).

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560 KBLU-AZ 600 KVNA-AZ 790 KCEE-AZ 940 KNST-AZ* 1230 KINO-AZ 1240 KJAA-AZ 1340 KTOX-CA KRLV-NV 1360 KGME-AZ 1420 KTAN-AZ 1450 KDAP-AZ KNOT-AZ	660 KANM-CA 810 KGO-CA* 1280 KJAX-CA 1480 KYOS-CA 1490 KRCK-CA KMET-CA	92.1 WZDM-IN 92.7 WSKT-IN 93.1 WNAP-IN 93.5 WWHO-IN 94.3 WRCR-IN 95.9 WEFM-IN WKUZ-IN 96.1 WQLK-IN 96.7 WAXT-IN WBWB-IN*	
92.1 KZUA-AZ 98.3 KWCX-AZ 99.1 KNOT-AZ 102.1 KWRQ-AZ	640 WBOW-IN 960 WSBT-IN 970 WLKY-KY 990 WTIG-OH 1070 WIBC-IN 1190 WOWO-IN 1220 WSLM-IN 1230 WTCJ-IN 1270 WORX-IN 1280 WGBF-IN 1330 WTRE-IN 1340 WTRC-IN 1350 WIOU-IN 1370 WLTH-IN 1380 WBEL-WI 1440 WLPZ-ME 1480 WSAR-MA	97.7 WLQI-IN 98.1 WIBN-IN 99.3 WSCH-IN WCJC-IN 100.1 WNUY-IN WFLQ-IN 102.3 WLHM-IN WCBK-IN 102.9 WNJY-IN 103.1 WXCH-IN 103.9 WRBI-IN WIMC-IN 104.7 WITZ-IN 104.9 WWVY-IN WAXI-IN 106.5 WWBL-IN 107.1 WBNL-IN	
<b>BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES</b> <<www.bceagles.com>> Sean Grande, Peter Cronan	<b>INDIANA HOOSIERS</b> <<www.gamecruiser.com>> Don Fischer, Buck Suhr	96.1 WQLK-IN 96.7 WAXT-IN WBWB-IN* 97.7 WLQI-IN 98.1 WIBN-IN 99.3 WSCH-IN WCJC-IN 100.1 WNUY-IN WFLQ-IN 102.3 WLHM-IN WCBK-IN 102.9 WNJY-IN 103.1 WXCH-IN 103.9 WRBI-IN WIMC-IN 104.7 WITZ-IN 104.9 WWVY-IN WAXI-IN 106.5 WWBL-IN 107.1 WBNL-IN	
560 WHYN-MA 580 WTAG-MA 610 WGIR-NH 680 WRKO-MA 850 WBEI-MA* 1380 WTMN-NH WNRI-RI 1440 WLPZ-ME 1480 WSAR-MA	1270 WORX-IN 1280 WGBF-IN 1330 WTRE-IN 1340 WTRC-IN 1350 WIOU-IN 1370 WLTH-IN 1380 WBEL-WI 1390 WZZB-IN 1400 WBAT-IN	* = flagship station	

## Musings of the Members

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The receivers are plugged in and ready for another DX season. Listening continues primarily on the expanded band with recent veries from WMDM-1690 and WCMQ-1700. All DX TESTS that have a chance to make it will be tried for with, hopefully, good results. Hats off to BILL HALE for a job well done with the CPC work, a thankless job! At this time, we would like to remind you of our yearly Thanksgiving Get-together to be held at "The Lower Deck" at 47 Burt Street from noon til ??? on Sat., Nov. 21st. We hope that many of you can attend. MONTREAL in '99??? 73

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## San Antonio '98 - 'A Hot Time for All!'

National Radio Club - DX Audio Service Convention  
San Antonio, Texas, September 4-6 1998

By John Malicky; photos by John Malicky and Fred Vobbe

It was the best of times, it was ... the best of times! NRC '98 San Antonio was another enjoyable and successful convention. Congratulations to our hosts and Austin, Texas natives, Dale and Wanda Hamm, for all their efforts. Also, an NRC thank-you to the Hamms' neighbor, Patricia for transporting Dale and Wanda from Austin to San Antonio and back. Austin, the state capital, is about 75 miles northeast of San Antonio.



Convention hosts Dale and Wanda Hamm and Patricia.



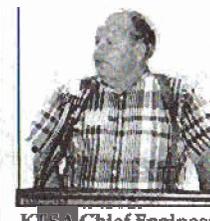
Paul Swearingen and Fred Vobbe share a lighter moment at the banquet podium.



John Malicky and Linda Bowker check out their DX machines.



NASA rocket scientist Mark Schmala describes rocket launches at the



KLSA Chief Engineer Leroy Dietrich 'tells it like it was' at the NRC Banquet.

newly-formatted station, the "New Mix 96.1 KSJL-96.1. Having started touring San Antonio stations earlier in the day, I arrived at WOAI while members left here to visit a second group of five stations on Datapoint Drive less than two miles north of our hotel. This group included country oldies KKYX-680, oldies KONO-860/101.1, "Y-100" country KCYY-100.3, and jazz on KCJZ-106.7. Expecting WOAI to close soon, I passed on the 3 PM tour of KKYX and the others, so it was my loss, the members' gain, but still a very good day for us.

In the evening, members rest and greet each other while a couple of presentations take place. One of these was a slide show of stations visited recently by Mike Sanburn of Bellflower, California. The other was a lecture given by DXN publisher, Dr. Paul Swearingen, "All About DX'ing" as I note Paul would like the Doctor title, even if he isn't one!

On a warm and sunny morning, this fifth day of September and a Saturday, four carloads of members led by yours truly (Tony Fitzherbert, you would so proud of me!) will visit "KTSA-550 San Antonio's NewsStation" and contemporary hits KTFM-102.7. Previously visited yesterday, I expect and explain to members in my car that Eisenhower Road, KTSA's address at 4050

Our hotel, the Best Western Oak Hills/Medical Center, was located in the western area of the city, Oak Hills, inside the grounds of the South Texas Medical Center. With a population of over one million people inside the city boundaries, San Antonio is listed as the 10th largest city in the U.S. San Antonio is home to three major Air Force bases: Kelly, Lackland, and Randolph, plus two major military reservations and other smaller ones. Major tourist and amusement areas include the Six Flags Fiesta-Texas Amusement Park, Sea World, the Alamo, site of the 1998 men's basketball NCAA Final 4 tournament and home to the NBA Spurs, and the beautiful Riverwalk. The Riverwalk is a canal bordered by walkways and fine shops and restaurants underground and winding below the downtown area. Finally, there was, "The Alamo!" or, "Remember The ...", but I forgot! Lest we not forget, a huge NRC CONGRATULATIONS! to John and Linda Bowker and Fred Vobbe for coordinating many of the functions at NRC San Antonio! Now, let the show begin!

It's Friday afternoon, September 4 around 2 PM CDT as our convention kicks off with tours of two groups of stations. Members attending that day first visited a group of five stations

which included Clear Channel WOAI Newsradio 1200 at 6222 NW I-10. Located about 4 miles east of our hotel along the access highway off eastbound I-10, WOAI is sponsoring a fund-raising event in the parking lot in front of their building. Broadcasting live during afternoon drivetime, people and members can donate \$2 to shoot basketball free throws, be interviewed, and snack on a kolbasi tortilla bread-wrapped sandwich downed with an ice-cold cola. Except for the shooting, I fulfilled all of these requirements! For myself, a brief tour was given by GM of Sales Carla Jenkins for WOAI, "Sportsradio 760 AM-The Ticket KTKR", "KJ97" KAJA-97.3 country, "KQ102" KQXT-101.9 soft AC, and a

on which we are, will split the station's four-tower array with two on each side. Located in the east side of San Antonio, KTSA's current one story building with palm trees in the front courtyard has a southwest motif-like design. Behind KTSA is their old studios and offices now used for storage, still with the "KTSA 550" call sign and neon-lit tubes on top of the building. Later, I describe to the members that parked in the back of KTSA is the remote for the FM, a black painted Hummer. Around 10:30 AM, we finally greet "Director-Technical Operations" Leroy Dietrich, who was semi-retired but was rehired at KTSA to oversee the engineering duties. As Mr. D. presents a very interesting discussion and tour, he mentions of working at KTSA earlier in his career, moving around, working in Houston, and then returning here at the request of the Waterman family, the current owners. Leroy enjoys mentioning of this family-owned station as compared to corporate owned groups. A most entertaining and cooperative fellow to this DX'er group, Leroy also mentions that he will speak following our banquet tonight! I also make sure that Leroy mentions KTSA's very own pet and mascot, "Spike", a five-foot long iguana housed in a glass-boxed cage in the front lobby.

With lunchtime past, half of the group heads back to the hotel while I and the others stop for a sandwich and then photograph a two-tower site which may be KLUP-930 and their building, and then attempt and do find time-brokered Gospel 1480 KCHL. Located at the end of Hein Road, the large white building has their three-tower site adjacent, two in a grass field, the other in the parking lot with its ground radials skimming the surface. Unexpectedly, we are greeted and then shown inside by Pastor Sharon Brothers whose show has just concluded. Although not an employee of KCHL, Pastor Brothers explains quite well the ministry services of the station. Gracious for her time, we conclude our visit of KCHL with a group prayer. This includes praying for great DX for us in 1998-99!

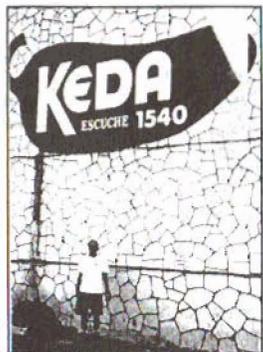
It's past 6 PM Saturday evening as the NRC San Antonio main events are held. As always, we begin with a fine banquet, and then a short business meeting including honoring member Wayne Heinen with a plaque for his great service on the NRC Log and other duties. The director of the DXAS, Fred Vobbe, also speaks on current audio service updates. Next are our two speakers: first is Mark Schmalz, an engineer for NASA, describing earth orbital flight pattern missions with overhead slides and graphics, and then it's KTSA's Leroy Dietrich, who had just concluded a live, remote interview with Paul Swearingen and Fred Vobbe for KTSA's "Tech Talk" program. Following a break, we are back in the meeting room for another version of "Wheel of Fortune", in our case the NRC auction! Even though some of the past NRC "big spenders" are not here, we still manage to stock the bank, tallying just over \$700 in total bids! Surprisingly, Mike Lantz of Miami Beach, Florida kept his limit down, but I didn't stay awake to bid \$105 on a DX 350 &



Ernie Wesolowski records the 'official' video of the NRC convention.



The stentorian tones of John Bowker's voice fill the convention room as he records his segment of the October DXAS program tape.



Mike Lantz receives a spicy "taste" of San Antonio as he visits KEDA-1540, a Spanish-language station.



KTSA not only lent its chief engineer as banquet speaker but broadcast a live interview with two NRC members during the banquet.

440, a '98 M Street Journal log, shirts, cups, and an iguana! Just kidding! During the auction, we are pleased to hear that San Antonio natives Julie Fagan and her husband are here, having heard of NRC '98 on a shortwave broadcast promotion; then, they become members! Finally, most have gone to bed, except for two nightowls, myself and Steve Francis of Alcoa, Tennessee, to listen to and monitor KCHL's sign-off at midnight and to verify that, contrary to what an intern said at WOAI, the station is not on 24 hours every day, but signs off now at 3 AM, gotcha!

Sunday September 6, a day of reflection and the third and final day for NRC '98 San Antonio! It's a "Linda & JB in the Morning Show" as John and Linda Bowker, nine-months-a-year nomads in the U.S. and Canada and three months residing in possibly a fictitious town somewhere in Florida named Sun City Center or Somewhere



Quizmaster Fred Vobbe grades the Sunday-morning quiz papers.

In the Center of a City, present "The Soft Quiz" and live taping of the DXAS "Travellog". After 9 AM, the quiz is listed for U.S. radio stations and broadcasting while the travellog entertains several members including the eight DXAS fellows, which according to the baseball and radio hall of fame in Mannsville, New York, is a new NRC convention-attending record. This is also agreed upon by the hall of fame in Provincetown, Massachusetts. This is also my lead in to an NRC Get-Well and Stay-Well to Ken Chatterton and Ernie Cooper (& Bob)! Is it a dream or does Fred Vobbe present a slide show on early radio history?! Now I'm awake, but wish it was still a dream as, like my Pirates, I'll finish last with the lowest point total in a Scott Fybush, not Paul Mount, NRC DX Quiz! Like Paul's quiz, Scott shows



Convention-goers unpack auction items and get ready for the convention banquet.

no mercy for the members who cannot acquire instant DX knowledge or awakening. However, Steve Francis can, and he wins a year of free car washes or rather a free year membership. Later, many members including my roommate Chris Cuomo of Verona, Pennsylvania, but hoping to be of Selma, Alabama in the near or far-off future, and our hosts depart leaving activities at a minimum.

In the afternoon, accompanied by Mike Lantz, I attempt and find two sets of San Antonio stations. First is KZDC-1250 "Radio Única" and KZEP-104.5 album rock. Mike mentions Radio Única is a network Spanish talk format. I tell him that the steel bars over the front windows are not a good sign that we might get in, and I'm right, as the employee won't even open the door!



Editors Rick Dau and Bill Hale partake in a little 'porcine' humor ("oink, oink!").

Our next stop is much better as we find KEDA-1540 "Radio Jalapeño". A large jalapeño in green on the side wall of the two-story building with the calls in white in the middle is and will be a good photo. Meanwhile, Mike meets Bernard Martínez, a remote assistant, who is leaving but arranges for us to meet the midday DJ, Danny Casanova, letting us in for a tour. Downstairs, Danny C. is the owner for the "DJ Y Express," his company to provide Hispanic music for wedding parties, etc. Upstairs, a warm welcome is provided by DJ Robert Delgado on Sundays from 1-6 PM and "Lucky Louie" Louis González from 6-10 PM. Mike and I explain our visit and the convention, and then we receive an NRC greeting in Spanish with a musical dedication! Thank you to the DJs of KEDA-1540 and thank you to NRC '98 San Antonio, a fitting way to end this convention.

Hope you all enjoyed this summary as my departure Monday morning September 7 early at 5 AM is to drive Clarence Cordrey of Canton, Ohio to the airport for a 6:30 AM flight and then bid goodbye to San Antonio, hello to West Virginia for NRC '99! Salsa! Salutations!

A Look at Who Was Here at NRC-DXAS '98 San Antonio: Dan Bartek, Jr., John & Linda Bowker, Clarence Cordrey, Chris Cuomo, Rick Dau, Mark Erdman, Mr. & Mrs. Fagan, Steve Francis, Bill Hale, Dale & Wanda Hamm, David Hogg, David Jones, Mike Lantz, John Malicky, Marc Marino, Dave Marthouse, BB & Leigh McClurkan, Curtis McMenamin, Al Merriman, Rodney Moag, Ken Onyschuk, Mike Sanburn, Joseph Shaidnagle, Bob Smolarek, Paul Swearingen, Fred Vobbe, Ernie Wesolowski, Bob Wien, Martin Wishnewitz, and Jim Wiskow.