

DX News

• Serving DX'ers since 1933 •

Volume 66, No. 5 - November 2, 1998 (ISSN 0737-1659)



Inside...

2 .. AM Switch
3 .. DDXD
13 .. IDXD

19 .. Geomagnetic Indices
20 .. IDXA
21 .. SONY TCM-359V
22 .. Musings of the Members

CPC Test Calendar

KLER	ID	1300	Nov. 2	0300-0315
KHTK	CA	1140	Nov. 9	1300-1800
WODI	VA	1230	Nov. 16	0200-????
KLOE	KS	730	Nov. 16	0500-0700
KEYZ	ND	660	Nov. 30	0105-0600
KQTY	TX	1490	Nov. 23/30	0159-0559

The KEYZ-660 test has been rescheduled for Monday, November 30 ... same details as before. The test scheduled for 10-19 DID NOT GO OFF due to the engineer getting the date mixed up. "I talked with Mr. Gross (CE) today and he 'promised' to make up for his boo-boo by hitting the daytime pattern for about 5 minutes," said NRC test chairperson Bill Hale. "This will shoot about 26000 watts ERP at 198 degrees for those of you in the South Seas who need North Dakota, hi. Otherwise, the night pattern (27000 watts ERP at 018 degrees) will be used."

KNZZ-1100 - 1360 E. Sherwood Dr. - Grand Junction, CO 81501-7546 will conduct a DX test with voice and code IDs from 0200 to 0400 Eastern Time on Monday, November 30, 1998. They will use 50 kw non-directional (correct). Reports can be sent to Mr. Dwight Morgan, Chief Engineer. Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC.

KLOE-730 - PO Box 569 Goodland, KS 67735-0569 will air a DX test with Morse code IDs, march music, and polkas from 0500-0700 Eastern Time on November 16, 1998. They will utilize their daytime authorization of 1000 watts, non-directional. Reports may be sent to Mr. Curtis D. Duncan, Program Director. Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC.

From the publisher ... As temperatures outside cool down, the DX inside is heating up ... maybe it's time to fire up that tube-type receiver so you can keep warm?

Ken and Fred sez that the 1998 National Radio Club Convention tapes are now available from the Publications Center. There are (2) tapes, around 4 hours of program, in a hard plastic case. On the tapes you will find the business meeting, two speakers at the convention talking about radio engineering and NASA communications in space, an open forum moderated by Paul Swearingen, an interesting story about a microphone, the "DX

Quiz Warmup", a tour of the DX Audio Service studios, and a portion of the auction. Cost is \$7.50 to NRC/DXAS members in the United States. Non-members and those out of the U.S. should contact the publications center for prices. The convention tapes from the 1997 "D'ware" Convention are also available, as are any After Dark issues.

Membership... We mailed out 715 copies of the number 4 issue of DXN last week (right on time, Friday evening, for those of you who are keeping track, and thanks so much to the members who provide me with mailing information feedback). Not so long ago ... about two years ago, in early October ... our mailing peaked at 820. If each member contacted just one non-member (starting with one of your local stations, perhaps?) concerning a possible membership, I think we'd see dramatic growth again in the NRC. How about tomorrow?

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 66

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

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the October 30, 1948 DXN: Nelson Seese, Baltimore, MD reported hearing ZNS and HI3T quite regularly, along with HJCK-850, HJDK-775, and OAX4A-854; also OAX4X-780 faintly.

25 years ago ... from the November 5, 1973 DXN: Wayne Heinen, Buffalo, NY offered to microfilm veries or other DX records for members ... R. J. Edmunds' "State of the NRC Report" stated that the membership included "some 535 members".

10 years ago ... from the October 31, 1988 DXN: KPAL, Little Rock, AR, was the only station in the U. S. devoted fulltime to children's programming.

AM Switch

Jerry Starr w8jv@yahoo.com
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

Old call New call
650 CKOM SK Saskatoon CINT

APPLICATIONS/GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1520 WTLM AL Opelika: 1000 (650 CH) D1

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

690 WADS CT Ansonia: 3200 D3
860 CBDI NT Fort Smith: 99/99 U1
920 KHTL NM Albuquerque: 1000/130 U1, relocate transmitter
920 CBQI NT Tulita: 99/99 U1
1070 KRAM OR West Klamath: 1000 D1, relocate transmitter
1230 CBQC NT Fort Providence: 99/99 U1
1290 WNBK NY Binghamton: 9300/5000 U2
1340 KTIK ID Nampa: to 1350 kHz with 5000/600 U2 (replaces expired CP)

OTHERNESS

620 WHJB PA Irwin: CP to move here from Greensburg is on although still 1000/113 U1 from a temporary site until land can be found to build their 1300/400 U2 CP
710 WEPA MS Eupora: station is SILENT
950 WERL WI Eagle River: CP to relocate transmitter is on
1170 WWLE NY Cornwall-on-Hudson: CP for 800 D3 DISMISSED as "patently defective" although every source we can find shows they have been operating with 800 D3 for several years
1210 WQLS AL Ozark: station is SILENT (technical problems are expected to keep them off up to two months)
1340 WJOL IL Joliet: CP to relocate transmitter is on
1520 WQWQ MI Muskegon Heights: after operating 1000/1000 U3 for over a year has returned to 10000/1000 U4
1540 WOGR NC Charlotte: CP for 2500 D3 from new site is on

THANKS: Bill Hale, Phil Boersma, Ed Krejny, Pete Taylor, & MSJ
73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

Jimmy & BKF

The NRC AM Radio Log, 19th Edition, is compiled from both members' reports and from official sources so that it is the most accurate listing of U. S. and Canadian AM stations available – and it includes Expanded Band stations. Cross-referenced, 3-hole punched for standard binders. Still only \$16.95 to U. S. and Canadian members; \$22.95 to U. S. and Canadian non-NRC members. Airmail to members: to Latin America, \$23.50; Europe, \$24.00; rest of the world: \$28.00. Order from: NRC Publications - Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661 (NY residents, please add sales tax).



KYBG AM/FM SPORTS / TALK
K•BIG
AM 1090 • FM 92.1

Domestic DX Digest

West: Bill Hale phantom2@caze.net

6124 Roaring Springs Drive - North Richland Hills, TX 76180-5552

East: David Yocis DavidYocis@aol.com

532 LaGuardia PL, #462 - New York, NY 10012-1428

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

(Division line is
between East and
Central time zones)



DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- Thanks to a great deal of patience and perseverance on the part of Fred Vobbe, the Graveyard columns are a part of the NRC/DXAS web page. So, for you GY DXers, check 'em out at: <http://www2.wcoil.com/~gnbc/> and lock your radios on a GY channel for a while. I'll try to keep those files as up-to-date as those printed in *DX News*.
- Comments from here and there: "WOWO was noted operating at reduced power or night pattern during the day (it's hard to tell here in the null of their nighttime pattern). They may be preparing for the U2 50000/9800 switch. In addition, a local station has appeared at 530 relating local NOAA weather radio station WXJ-76. The transmitter appears to be located on E. Main St. in Urbana, near the county civil defense operation. I've tried to find this one in the FCC TIS database, but no dice. This one gets out extremely well, so you may receive some DX reports about them." - SB-IL; "One new one [see IDXD]. The test was probably a bust. Tried the tape and the more I listen the more I convince myself it was a Code ID..." - SA-MB; "Back in June when I received a QSL letter from KAYK/1690 the verie signer apologized for not having any "bumper stickers or other give-aways" to send me. Today, totally without solicitation, I received another letter enclosing a "Radio Disney AM 1690 & AM 1550" mouse ear shaped refrigerator magnet and a 'peel off' sticker. Very unusual and refreshing in this day and age to see a station that would remember to send you something like this several months later! I was, however, quite surprised to see that they are still using the old Kingdom Radio stationary from their pre-Disney days almost 5 months after the switchover". - PMG-CO
- A GREAT turnout this issue. Let's keep up the good work!!!
- Since the KEYZ-660 DX Test did not go off as planned, negative reports for that test are not printed. It's been rescheduled for November 30th!!

REPORTERS

FA-ID Frank Aden, N7SOK Boise FRG-7 with 4ft box loop, HQ-180A with MW1 <wvl123a@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>
CB-CO Craig Barnes Wheat Ridge <bevdxer@yahoo.com>
SB-IL Steven Branch Savoy <sbranch7@aol.com>
BC-KS Bill Collins Prairie Village Car Radio, GE III with Kiwa Loop
RD-IA Rick Dau Iowa City Sony ICF-2010 + newly acquired Quantum Loop (thank you, John Haley!) <iowarocker@hotmail.com>
RD-MN Rick Dau on I-90 near Albert Lea Chevy car radio
RD-SD Rick Dau on I-90 near Salem Chevy car radio
JG-IL Jim Gilinsky Peoria R-1000; ICF-5900W
PMG-CO Pat Griffith Federal Heights Kenwood R-600, Palomar loop <am-dxer@webtv.net>
DBJ-TN David Jones Springfield Lowe HF-225 + Palomar Loop
GJ-CA Gary Jackson Sacramento FRG-8800 + Kiwa Loop
AK-WA Andy Kahn Camas <andyw@kpdq.com>
JJR-WI John J Rieger South Milwaukee FRG100, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner/preamp, DSP-599zx Audio Noise Reduction Filter <johnrieger@webtv.net>
JR-OK John Reed, KA5QEP Ponca City Sylvania R1414/URR, Harris RF-550 + noise reduced wire, homebrew ferrite loop, MFJ-1025 phaser <jtreed@poncacity.net>
JS-MN John Sampson Grand Rapids Collins R388, Sanserino 2' loop <jsampson@aztec.asu.edu>
RT-CA Rich Toebe Concord Sony ICF-2010, R West Loop; Grundig Yacht Boy 305, internal



antenna <richtoeb@jps.net>
 EW-NE Ernest Wesolowski Omaha Drake SW-8 + Radio West Loop, two outside 65' shielded
 long wires [who would be last if it weren't for. . .]
 Ed.-TX Editor North Richland Hills ICF-2010 barefoot

SPECIAL

1190 KUCB CO Boulder - 10/20 1224 - Sign-on for first time since station went dark as KBCO/
 KHOW2 early this year. Only ID noted is *Radio 11-90, the AM revolution* and
 no mention of call letters heard. Station is operated by students at the U of C
 Boulder campus. Programming is new age/alternative rock. Later update:
 The broadcast reported earlier apparently a test transmission. It lasted about
 46 minutes, then returned to OC, then another 16 minute transmission, then
 OC for 6 minutes, then the signal terminated. They recently told me they
 plan to be on by 11/04 after being dark since Jacor donated the station to the
 University of Colorado early this year. (PMG-CO)

1460 WJCI IL Rantoul - 10/19 - Now AC with slogan: *Magic 1460*. Ex:REL. (SB-IL)
 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - Normal programming on 1560 kHz ceased at 1500 ELT on Tues-
 day 10/13, followed by nearly four hours of a Green Day song played over
 and over. Final sign-off on 1560 from GM "Captain" Steve Bridges came at
 1855. Testing was heard on 1630 around 2100 and again at 2300 with an Elvis
 Costello song and many IDs. Bridges had said that KCJJ would officially
 sign on at 0700 on Wednesday the 14th, but they jumped the gun big time
 when I noticed programming already on just before 0100 with satellite CHR
 and local news from announcer Brooke Bickford. Bridges and his morning
 show sidekick, News Director Anthony Weller, took many phone calls from
 0700 to 1100 from people listening in Alabama and Minnesota, among other
 places. In the days since, I've heard IDs that include phone calls from DXers
 across the country. KCJJ now covers everything here from 1605 to 1655 like a
 dirty shirt. (RD-IA)

1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 10/15 0557 - Strong, with music and ID at 6:00. (GJ-CA)
 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 10/15 0745 - *The new KCJJ, Eastern Iowa's most powerful radio sta-*
tion. Bad jokes, some oldies. (JR-OK)
 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 10/17 0730+ - Good signal, taking calls from listeners from
 Brigham City, Utah, Tallahassee, Florida, and others (including me!). They
 said they were on 10 kW, although it was well before LSR. [Ed.-TX]
 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 10/18 0700 - ID as *The New 1630, KCJJ*. Local events, pop music.
 Mention of rainy weather. (DBJ-TN)
 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 10/16 1314 - Fair, with stock market report, ad for *Iowa State*
Bank and Trust, ID as *The new 1630, KCJJ* followed by weather for Eastern
 Iowa. They were playing tapes of phone messages from "distant" listeners.
 The farthest of the lot was Scarborough, Ontario, but my chair squeaked right
 when the guy said his name, so I can't say if it was *Morris Sorensen* or not.
 (JG-IL) [Time for a shot of WD-40!! - Ed.]
 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 10/19 0045 - Very strong, with AM 1630 KCJJ *your station for the*
hits, followed by hot AC. This is now the strongest X-bander at this QTH
 followed by WQSN. (SB-IL)
 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 10/19 0200 - Another surprise with the Yacht Boy sans loop!
 Good signal, news, then ID . . . on *Eastern Iowa's 1630 KCJJ* into music. Slight
 KDIA slop as they were doing gospel talk. New. (RT-CA)
 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 10/19 0200-0230 - Solid signal, with music and taped phone calls
 from about 15 DXers around the country. Some NRCers. (EW-NE)
 1640 KKJY OR Lake Oswego - 10/17 2359 - Weak, under KDIA, with several mentions of
 Portland & Vancouver. Tentative CL ID. (CB-CO)
 1660 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 10/12 0130 - ID as 1660 WQSN, 1470 WKRZ *Kalamazoo. Sports*
Radio. Ads for *Hile Furnace*, *Fader Furnace Equipment* and a garage sale.
 Mainly ESPN Sports programs. (DBJ-TN)
 1660 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 10/15 0805 - Poor, with ad for the Kalamazoo Arena Football
 team. (JG-IL)
 1660 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 10/17 2206 - With *The Sports Station, AM 1660, WQSN, Kalamazoo*.
 Football game between *Michigan & Northwestern*. New, for Michigan #6.
 (CB-CO)

WNLK1350
Q96 FM

1680 WBHD MI Ada - 10/18 2330 - Same song over and over. Mention of Grand Rapids and
 1680 Jams ID. (BC-KS)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

1010 UNID ?? - 10/19 0209-0230 - Mystery station, running 1-second tone beeps. Over/
 under CFRB. (EW-NE)
 1440 C??? ?? - 10/18 - Canadian running rock or country-rock, into news at 0700, no IDs
 or locals ads. Could have been CFPC or CKJR. Either one would be new
 here. I think I am going to do a little more SR-SS DXing on the grave yards
 this year and will check 1440 again on this one. (FA-ID)
 1570 UNID ?? - 10/1 2106 - Someone here with the start of the Stan Solomon talk pro-
 gram. The show's website (www.stansolomon.com) shows just one station
 on 1570, WTAY, but I wonder about that since they're listed as daytime-only.
 (RD-IA)
 1570 UNID ?? - 10/14 0725 - Clear ID heard as 1470 and 1570, *the best in . . .*, thereby
 indicating a simulcast. Country gospel music was heard directly thereafter.
 HELP? (RD-IA)
 1680 UNID ?? - 10/18 2030 - Rap music with lyrics "it ain't my fault" repeated continu-
 ously. Also mention of Grand Rapids. This soundtrack has been repeating
 for at least 24 hours. (JR-OK) [Betcha this was WBHD Ada, MI - Ed.](Yes-
 pls)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

1100 WSGIt TN Springfield - 10/19 0100 - Possible CID at 0110, but too weak to be sure
 under WTAM/KNZZ/CMCH and one UNID. (SA-MB)
 1100 WSGI- TN Springfield - 10/19 0100-0200 and then at 0300, 0400, 0500 and 0600 - Noth-
 ing heard that sounded like a test under KNZZ. (FA-ID)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

530 (WNWN611) CA Martinez - 10/19 - Has been off for several days now. Normally gives local
 information. Usually was a NSP pest, glad it's off, hi! Turks and Caicos
 heard, finally. (RT-CA) - 10/15 - Appears to be off the air. Must be equip-
 ment problems, as they are usually on 24 hours-a-day. (GJ-CA)
 840 WPEX988 CA Belvedere - 10/10 1600 - With female announcer giving phone numbers to
 call in the event of an emergency, and local items. (GJ-CA)
 1610 TIS MN Ely - Re: *Shawn Axelrod's* question in Vol 66, #3 on the 1610 TIS. This is
 undoubtedly the TIS run by the Ely, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce that I
 heard several nights from our summer place in Grand Rapids. Nice card
 back stating that they operate from the Ely Chamber of Commerce log cabin
 at the intersection of Hwys 1 and 169 in Ely; the Superior National Forest is
 the licensee (the station had info about both the National Forest and Ely). V/
 S was David Huston, Engineer for the station. No call given during the an-
 nouncement. (JS-MN)

1700 TIS CA - Got a call from Cal Trans and an official said they have no TIS/HAR
 testing here, so I have no idea what this Highway Advisory Radio is at this
 time. Still heard here, but very weak. (GJ-CA)

WDOV
BIG 14 DOVER

PIE-RATE?

1650 WR63 IL Glasford - 10/16 1310 - Fair, with heavy metal rock music. Moved here from
 1630 either this day or yesterday to avoid KCJJ. Retune at 1315-1330 found
 OC only. (JG-IL)
 1650 Pirate? ?? - 10/18 0508-0522 - Good, with Righteous Bros, *Kenny Loggins & Mister*
Mister at 20/9 looping NW/SE. Might be old "WR63" moving here from
 1630. No talk heard. (JJR-WI)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

550 KFyr ND Bismarck - 10/18 0320 - Fair, with North Dakota weather, jingle, live AdCon.
 Always nice to hear. (JJR-WI)
 570 WVMI MS Biloxi - 10/16 0738 - Last heard one year ago. Call ID with local news. (JR-
 OK)
 580 CKAP ON Kapuskasing - 10/18 0339 - Fair, over others, with C&W and *Best mix, AM58*

- slogans. (JJR-WI)
- 610 KARV AR Russelville - 10/16 0750 - Weak and fading, with news from Arkansas radio network. New here. (JR-OK)
- 650 KGAB WY Orchard Valley - 10/15 0134 - Noted under KSTE, which was running local talker Paul Lyle instead of AWOL Art Bell — talk was about Bell "quitting" radio— KGAB was running weather, then clear AM 6-50 KGAB. New, in KSTE null. (RT-CA)
- 650 KGAB WY Orchard Valley - 10/19 0115 - Causing big waves to WSM. (EW-NE)
- 680 WCTT KY Corbin - 9/26 0459 - Good, with tail-end of possible sign-on heard when I turned on the radio at 5 SECONDS before the hour: . . . stay tuned for news. WCTT, Corbin, Great 68. The radio just happened to be on 680 from DXing the night before. This one was on my Most Wanted list, and I'd been after it for years. A complete stroke of luck! (RD-IA)
- 700 CKRD AB Red Deer - 10/18 0405 - Dominant and loud on frequency. Right here on 7 CKRD, more continuous hits. Impressive, heard on the Yacht Boy 305 without a loop. Virtually local-level. (RT-CA)
- 730 CKDM MB Dauphin - 10/16 0130 - With Today's Hot New Country, 730 CKDM, and into C&W music. (CB-CO)
- 740 KVFC CO Cortez - 10/16 0126 - With On Your Oldies Station, KFVC, and into oldies. Strong. (CB-CO)
- 860 WACB NC Taylorville - 10/18 0000 - Poor, but very clear ID by male announcer for this and / /1570-WTLK, popping out of nowhere, thru CJBC! Last logged in '87 as WQXZ. EIGHT WATTS! (JJR-WI)
- 940 CJGX SK Yorkton - 10/18 0600 - Fair-to-good, dominant with full ID, then GX94 non-ID. Broadcast News, then C&W. (JJR-WI) [The radios are broken in this area, hi]
- 1250 KBRF MN Fergus Falls - 10/9 0003 - With CL ID, mention of Fergus Falls, Toyota ad, C&W music. (CB-CO)
- 1380 KUVR NE Holdrege - 10/13 0750 - Weather for Holdrege, playing oldies also. Weak in noise, faded soon after this. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1400 KAYS KS Hays - 10/13 0745 - Old Farmers Almanac and farm news with call ID. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1420 KMOG AZ Payson - 10/23 0200 - The news you need, you are listening to 1420 KMOG Payson, into ABC News. New! (FA-ID)
- 1430 CHKT ON Toronto - 10/22 1430 - Keep hearing a Chinese station here around 0830 under KYKN and KLO. Anyone else running Chinese on 1430? (FA-ID)
- 1440 KITA AR Little Rock - 10/18 0740 - Fair, with church announcements/meetings. No WNFL/WROK. (JJR-WI)
- 1440 KUHL CA Santa Maria 10/20 0730 - Running PSA and then ID, into Paul Harvey (I think that was them) fighting it out with KMED. New! (FA-ID)
- 1440 KMED OR Medford - 10/18 0100 - On top, in mess, with NOS music and into CBS News. (FA-ID) [This guy turned us down for a test! - Ed.]
- 1440 KPUR TX Amarillo - 10/2 0134 - With CL ID & back to news on rain-delayed Rangers baseball game. Over/under KTNO. (CB-CO)
- 1440 KTNO TX Denton - 10/2 0101 - With legal ID in EE & SS, This is KTNO, Denton, Dallas, Ft. Worth. (CB-CO)
- 1450 KVSI ID Montpelier - 10/21 0905 - In for a short time with KGRE nulled, with CL ID, ABC News, ad for drugstore in Montpelier, & ABC Sports. Fair. New, for Idaho #18. (CB-CO)
- 1520 KDYS LA Lafayette - 10/12 0400 - ID as Radio Disney. Contest program and Disney songs. (DBJ-TN)
- 1520 KDYS LA Lafayette - 10/18 0750 - Radio Disney playing oldies under strong KOMA. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1560 WCNW OH Fairfield - 10/14 0748 - Popped out of the muck with WCNW, Fairfield-Cincinnati ID. (RD-IA)
- 1570 KQWC IA Webster City - 10/14 0752 - Fair, with ad for furniture store in Iowa Falls. (RD-IA)
- 1640 KDIA CA Vallejo - 10/16 0104 - With 1640, KDIA, & onto UC music, strong. (CB-CO)



- 1690 WMDM MD Lexington Park - 10/18 0000 - Ad for St. Mary's College, mention of Lexington Park. (BC-KS)
- 1700 KBGG IA Des Moines - 10/19 0205 - Checked this right after KCJJ ID. SRN news, then ad for Business News Network, then Consumer Hotline from BNN. No calls heard, but who else could it be? Fair signal, on the YB 305 with internal antenna; not as strong as KCJJ. New. (RT-CA)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 620 WTMJ WI Milwaukee - 9/27 1315 - With Green Bay Packers football vs Carolina. Mixing with KMNS. (RD-MN)
- 650 KGAB WY Orchard Valley - 10/15 1415 - Rush Limbaugh talk show. Very weak, fading daytime reception. Only heard on Harris RF-550. (JR-OK) [John, this is correct city - Ed.]
- 730 KBSU ID Boise - 10/17 0900 - With CL ID in EE, listing of other regional PBS stations, then back to SS programming. Strong. (CB-CO)
- 730 KDAZ NM Albuquerque - 10/17 0905 - With KDAZ, 730 AM & REL news. (CB-CO)
- 1250 KBTC MO Houston - 10/14 0959 - With GOS music, CL ID & fade out by 1007. New, for Missouri #21. (CB-CO)
- 1250 KIKC MT Forsythe - 10/14 0956 - With KIKC AM & FM, Your Agricultural News Leader, and into C&W music. (CB-CO)
- 1260 KVSF NM Santa Fe - 10/14 0958 - With Talk Radio AM 1260, KVSF and into local announcements & sports scores. (CB-CO)
- 1320 KNIA IA Knoxville - 10/10 1424 - Fair, with promo for how to advertise local events on KNIA. Heard during 15 seconds of dead air on KMAQ, which has been ridiculously off-frequency for over a year. (RD-IA)
- 1550 KIWA IA Sheldon - 9/27 1645 - Good, with Chicago Cubs baseball. (RD-SD)
- 1590 KXFS CA Ventura - 10/19 1001 - After many many tries, finally got this one to give a call letter ID! It's usually over KLIV evenings or sunrise, but never seems to give a legal ID on the hour. Also, doesn't seem to use the Fiesta slogan anymore, all I hear is La Poderosa. Unneeded, except for call change. (RT-CA)
- 1670 WTDY WI Madison - 10/16 1330 - Fair, with state and local news. ID at 1333, then re-joined Rush Limbaugh. (JG-IL) [Was Rush 'disjoined', hi - Ed.]

Hear every REDSKINS game ONLY on...



1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 590 KCSJ CO Pueblo - 10/18 2015 - Faint with several other stations on top, but ID was heard. New here. (JR-OK)
- 790 KBME TX Houston - 10/1 2200 - With Unforgettable 790, KBME Houston and back into NOS music. First time heard with new call. (CB-CO)
- 940 CJGX SK Yorkton - 10/15 2300 - With Edmonton Oilers Hockey and GX 94 ID. (BC-KS)
- 1020 KJJK MN Fergus Falls - 10/11 2053 - With ID AM 1250, KBRF and KJ Oldies slogan. Oldies format. Strong. (CB-CO)
- 1250 KHIL AZ Wilcox - 10/13 2200 - With CL ID and into C&W music. Strong. (CB-CO)
- 1260 KWYR SD Winner - 10/11 2055 - C&W music with call ID. Signal was good with little interference and fading. (JR-OK)
- 1370 KXTL MT Butte - 10/18 2151 - Great signal, under and on top of KAST, Astoria. Format: Oldies. 1370, KXTL. (AK-WA)
- 1380 WMJR KY Winchester - 10/11 2304 - Good, with ID: The best 70s music . . . on Magic 1380, WMJR, into John Denver's Sunshine On My Shoulders. Strange, I coulda sworn the DJ said BEST 70s music. :) (RD-IA) [Diff'rent strokes . . . - Ed.]
- 1490 KICO CA Calexico - 10/20 2337 - With World Series game in SS, ID via slogan Radio KICO. Fair on peaks. New, for California #58. (CB-CO)
- 1490 KBIX OK Muskogee - 10/20 2200 - With local high school football game. Unable to identify teams. On AM 1490, This is radio station KBIX, Muskogee. In and out of the mud. New, for Oklahoma #30. (CB-CO)
- 1550 KQWB ND West Fargo - 10/13 1918 - Good, with ad for Muscatel Ford on Highway 10 in Moorhead, then one for a business in Fargo. KQWB is on the same NOS bird as WPAD-1560. (RD-IA)
- 1560 WAGL SC Lancaster - 10/13 1900 - Fair, with ID: This is WAGL, Lancaster, South Carolina. Heard just minutes after KCJJ closed up shop on 1560 forever. (RD-IA)

1570	KYCR	MN	Golden Valley - 10/13 1929 - Fair, with promo for November 21 concert in Minneapolis featuring contemporary Christian artist <u>Jaci Velasquez</u> . CLS heard during spot. (RD-IA)
1570	KOSZ	SD	Vermillion - 10/13 2053 - Fair with pregame show for <u>Wagner vs. Harrisburg girls'</u> high school basketball game. 1570 KOSZ heard just before local ad. (RD-IA)
1640t	KKJY	OR	Lake Oswego - 10/13 2305 - With KCJJ running OC and WKSH already off, I noted someone here, albeit faintly, with singing from a black church choir. Only stayed in for about a minute before fading, and splatter from a song on KCJJ took out 1640 completely shortly afterwards. With no ID heard, I'm listing this as tentative, but with only one other station on 1640 (and last I knew, they were R&B/soul oldies from the 70s), it's just got to be KKJY, which would be OR #2 from this QTH. (RD-IA)
1660	KXOL	UT	Brigham City - 10/13 2233 - Fair, under WQSN with oldies from Percy Sledge and Chad & Jeremy. WBAH might be tough now. (RD-IA)
1660	KXOL	UT	Brigham City - 10/17 2115 - With <u>You're listening to KXOL, 1660</u> . College football game between <u>Weber State Wildcats & Boise State Broncos</u> . Strong. (CB-CO)
1670	WTDY	WI	Madison - 10/17 2103 - With ABC News, Wisconsin weather & <u>Today's Talk 1670, WTDY</u> . (CB-CO)
1700	KBGG	IA	Des Moines - 10/17 2059 - With Business News Network News & 1700, KBGG. (CB-CO)

DDXD-East

Deadlines are Tuesdays.

The new 19th Edition of the *NRC AM Radio Log* is out and looking great as usual! There have been a lot of changes on the AM dial this past year, with enormous upheaval in the industry and many stations changing ownership, formats, addresses, and so forth. So you will want to run out and get yours right now!!

STATION NEWS

740	CBL	ON	Toronto - 10/22 - As of today CBL is still broadcasting on 740. They moved to 99.1 on April 19 and were supposed to continue simulcasting on 740 for six months. It's been more than 6 months now. I recall that CBC had announced that Oct. 20 was to be the sign-off for 740. Are they having second thoughts? A flood of letters from Canadian wannabe's in upstate New York who are going to miss their daily dose of <u>As It Happens?</u> Attachment to a frequency that fits like an old shoe after more than 60 years on AM? Did they finally stop believing their own propaganda and discover that reception on 740 in downtown Toronto isn't so lousy after all? (MB-ON)
1680	WBHD	MI	Ada - 10/19 0156-0224 - At very good level, repeatedly playing "It Ain't My Fault," and ID's including the words " <i>a little more bass on this Bad Boy... 1680 Jazz(?)... we're out to be your number one station.</i> " The vernacular of the promos was difficult to understand and no legal ID was discerned. Occasional mention of Grand Rapids leads me to think this is the one. (AR-ON)

DX TESTS

660	KEYZ	ND	Williston - 10/19 0105-0600 - <i>Not heard</i> under a strong WFAN. (RA-MA). <i>Not heard.</i> (AR-ON)
1100	WSGI	TN	Springfield - 10/19 0100-0600 - <i>Not heard</i> in several checks 0100-0300 under WTAM. (RA-MA) <i>Not heard</i> ; per call to Bill Gray at 1245 he did not start the test until 0430 because he didn't want to lose his beauty sleep. The &*\$@#! I lost an hour's sleep trying for this one. (RM-CT) <i>Not heard</i> 0115-0200, only WTAM and loud ring caused by off-frequency Colombian (1099.9 kHz). (GM-VA) <i>Not heard.</i> (AR-ON)
1230	WTIV	PA	Titusville - 10/12 0000-0100 - <i>Not heard</i> , big band music weakly noted at times in jumble but nothing positive ID'ed. (RA-MA)
1450	WFRA	PA	Franklin - 10/12 0000-0100 - <i>Possible</i> , something briefly at 0029 like horns in a marching band, much more jumbled than usual. WOL kept popping up. (SK-PA)

UNID and UNID HELP

560	UNID	--	----- 10/15 1845 - NOS or EZL music, ID sounded like WCBA. (WM-MD)
980	UNID	--	----- 10/10 1900 - Partial ID " <i>The all new Oldies 980.</i> " (SK-PA)
1020	UNID	--	----- 10/9 2006-2110 - Ad with phone number 566-4020 at 2006, then Bruce Williams show. Went over KDKA a few times before 2030, just not when it was helpful. Still there with Dr. Joy at 2238. (SK-PA)
1200	UNID	--	----- 10/11 1845 - Religious song, power cut at 1846. (WM-MD)
1220	CJSS	ON	Cornwall - SK's unID in no. 1 sounds like this local of mine. (AR-ON)
1370	UNID	--	----- 10/6 2010 - Black gospel music, mention of United Broadcasting Network. (WM-MD) [Maybe WLTC? - DY]
1450	UNID	--	----- 10/12 0021 - During WFRA DX test, heard " <i>Bring the family and celebrate Alabama Arts Festival.</i> " (SK-PA)
1470	UNID	--	----- 10/15 1900 - Sports talk, then NBC news on the hour. Another (or same?) station heard at 1920 with Bruce Williams show and political ad. (WM-MD)
1580	UNID	--	----- 10/16 1855 - I thought I heard a VOA interval signal here until about 1858:30. Does VOA have an outlet here? (FV-OH) [Other than the one in Belize, I don't think so. - DY]
1660	UNID	--	----- 10/19 0145-0400 - Very weak under WBAH, mention of Internet Man, call 373-7595, and later what sounded like a sports talk program, no ID. (RA-MA) [Kalamazoo. - DY]
1680	UNID	--	----- 10/13 2210-0200+ - Someone running open carrier, weak unID HAR in the background. Probably same thing 10/14 2030-0105+ repeating same rap song "It Ain't My Fault," some tapes at the end. Could only make out "1680 Jams, the area's new number one station." Poor in mud. (SK-PA) [Probably WBHD as above. - DY]
		+	10/19 0100-0415+ - Fair to good with "Jammin' 1680" IDs, continuous rap music repeated, sounding like a tape loop, maybe a test? (RA-MA) [Ditto. - DY]
1700	UNID	--	----- 10/19 0300-0330+ - Barely audible under WCMQ with what seemed like news or talk program. No ID; KBGG Des Moines? (RA-MA) [Probably. - DY]



LOGGINGS: 0000-0800

850	KOA	CO	Denver - 10/15 0455 - Call-in talk show, 0459 call ID, into news, temperature in Denver 48 degrees. Poor, mixing with FF and OLD. (DZ-NY)
980	WAAV	NC	Leland - 10/17 0305 - NBC news, " <i>The Wave</i> " ID. Someone also with OLD. (WM-MD)
990	CBW	MB	Winnipeg - 10/18 0603 - Radio Australia via World Radio Net, 0656 WRN ends with jazz filler, 0700 woman with Manitoba service sign-on, studio in Winnipeg, frequency and power given but no call ID. Into CBC news. Very good and alone. (DZ-NY)
1400	WSGA	GA	Savannah - 10/20 0550-0608 - Gospel talk program, ID's as " <i>Positive Talk 14-00 WSGA,</i> " news, weather, several promos. (GM-VA)
1440	WBLA	NC	Elizabethtown - 10/13 0005 - Black hip-hop sounding music, SID. (WM-MD)
	WZYX	TN	Cowan - 10/15 0629 - Fair, in/out with local news. Calls at 0610, obituaries, and mentions of Franklin County. (MB-IN)
1630	KCJJ	IA	Iowa City - 10/13 0209 - Testing with rock music, repeated message " <i>You're listening to 1630 AM KCJJ, eastern Iowa's most powerful radio station. If you're receiving this broadcast, please call us at 319-354-1242. You're listening to eastern Iowa's most powerful radio station, the new 1630 KCJJ.</i> " Fair when in, deep fades, turning transmitter and day/night powers on and off. Sign-off " <i>from special broadcast</i> " 0233 and said they would begin full-time Wednesday (10/14) at 6 a.m. Gave P.O. Box as in <i>Log</i> and said " <i>We are licensed as KCJK.</i> " (SK-PA) [Wonder if the KCJK was only until the 1560 went off the air and moved here? - DY]
		+	10/16 - Running all night over and equal to several TIS's. (SM-MA)
		+	10/19 0100-0135 - Good signal with some fading, with local news, numerous ID's, spots, music from 70's and 80's asking listeners outside the area to call (number as above). (RA-MA)
		+	10/19 0125-0142 - With armchair copy of "all the hits" music, ID's, and occa-

- sional ads. ID's included "The new 1630 KCJJ" and "All hits 1630 KCJJ." (AR-ON)
- 1660 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 10/19 0225-0241 - Faded up through WBAH and held its own for 15 minutes with sports call-in program, ID's, and ads. Abruptly faded out at 0242. (AR-ON)
- 1670 WTDY WI Madison - 10/15 0605 - Wisconsin Farm show, fair mixing with presumed Georgia. (DZ-NY)
- 1700 KBBG IA Des Moines - 10/15 0611 - Conclusion of computer show, Business News Network ID, call ID at 0629. Fair and in the clear. (DZ-NY)
+ 10/19 0145-0156 - Poor to fair through dominant WCMQ, with financial talk and call-in program, ad cluster 0150 and ID 0153. (AR-ON)

LOGGINGS: 1600-2400

- 540 WLUX NY Islip - 10/14 1916 - "You're listening to Islanders hockey from One on One Sports," game vs. Tampa Bay. Is this on the full One on One network or was it just being broadcast from the New York One on One station (WJWR-620) which was heard as well? (SK-PA) [Probably just picking up the Islanders games, which are indeed being broadcast on these two stations per local newspapers. - DY]
- 560 WQAM FL Miami - 10/14 2000 - ID, "Sports Radio 560." (WM-MD)
- 600 WICC CT Bridgeport - 10/16 1825 - Political ad, mention of Hartford, then health talk show. (WM-MD)
- 610 WZZK AL Birmingham - 10/14 2200 - NOS music, ID. (WM-MD)
- 6790 WAEB PA Allentown - 10/10 2225 - Ads for Winstar phone company, Gold Bond powder, promo for local job fair, mention of Allentown Fairgrounds, ID. (WM-MD)
- 850 CKVL PQ Verdun - 10/5 1950 - FF talk. (WM-MD)
- 890 WKNV VA Fairlawn - 10/11 1820 - Religious music, promo for church event, ID as "WCQR." (WM-MD)
- 910 WWWR VA Roanoke - 10/9 2145-2205 - End of religious program, "3WR" jingle, USA news at 2200, weather at 2205. "Now back to more of your favorite Southern gospel music on 3WR, 910 AM." Mostly over the high school football game I was trying to ID — that wasn't WGBI, which had American League baseball playoffs. (SK-PA)
- 920 WPTL NC Canton - 10/13 1840 - Local ad, station promo, ID, C&W. (WM-MD)
- 930 WRVC WV Huntington - 10/15 2100 - ID heard in mix. (WM-MD)
- 950 WWJ MI Detroit - 10/16 1845 - Very poor in bad local WLJM-940 slop. Not sure if this is the old site on Eight Mile Road, or the new one in Trenton, MI south of the 1130 site. (FV*OH)
- 980 WTRY NY Troy - 10/14 2000 - R&R OLD dominating, with NOS station behind. Call ID 2009 for 98.3 FM, good on peaks. (DZ-NY)
- WONE OH Dayton - 10/14 2029 - NOS fading up with ID "AM 980 WONE and 1340 WIZE." (DZ-NY)
- 990 WVNZ VA Richmond - 10/11 1910 - Strong, then fade, "You're listening to All News 990" and "Central Virginia's all news station." Heard previously as WANT. (HJH-PA)
- 1000 WRAR VA Tappahannock - 10/11 1835 - Local ad, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1010 CFRB ON Toronto - 10/15 2153 - Movie review, promo for station program, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1080 KPRX UT Price - 10/10 1915-1950 - 70's oldies only, behind WTIC with a few strong spurts. "Q-101" jingle shot up at 1936. Ad set at 1945 but too tough to get anything. State #41 from here. (SK-PA)
- 1100 WHLI NY Hempstead - 10/16 1710 - NOS music, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1130 WCLW NC Eden - 10/3 1930 - Country gospel music, ID, station address. Over, under WBBR. (WM-MD)
- 1150 WMRD CT Middletown - 10/13 2256 - Fair but fadey, numerous dual ID's as "WLIS 1420 and WMRD 1150." Joint legal ID then CBS news on the hour. Format was NOS mixed with more modern pop. (HJH-PA)
- 1230 WFAS NY White Plains - 10/16 1717 - Financial news, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1240 WGBB NY Freeport - 10/16 1810 - Talk show, mention of 516 area code. (WM-MD)



- 1250 WMTR NJ Morristown - 10/16 1722 - NOS music, traffic report, ID, mention of New Jersey. (WM-MD)
- 1270 WNLS FL Tallahassee - 10/12 2002 - Presumed with "We're talking sports all day and all night. Follow the Braves all season long on Sports Radio 1270." Two 1270 stations on Braves, this and WLIK [which is not all-sports, as is WNLS - DY]. (SK-PA)
- 1280 WHVR PA Hanover - 10/9 1900 - News on the hour, weather, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1290 WRNI RI Providence - 10/12 2005 - Tentative with "... on WR..." and "This is the John and Ken show on (WRTA?)." (SK-PA)
- 1300 WAVZ CT New Haven - 10/16 1725 - Johnny Mathis song, ID, mention of New Haven. (WM-MD)
- 1320 WVGM VA Lynchburg - 10/12 2151 - Ad for NBT Bank, "You're listening to the Game and this is ESPN." ID at 2205 "WGMM AM 1240 [muffled]. WVGM AM 1320 Lynchburg, The Game." First time with these calls, format. (SK-PA)
- 1330 WBTM VA Danville - 10/15 1835 - C&W music, ID sounding more like "WZPM". (WM-MD)
- 1340 WIZE OH Springfield - 10/14 2031 - // WONE-980, very weak behind TLK. (DZ-NY) [Careful, Dan: I think WONE runs a satellite service which might be running on other stations as well. - DY]
- 1350 WNLK CT Norwalk - 10/16 1730 - Fairfield County news. (WM-MD)
- WOYK PA York - 10/5 1915 - C&W music, promo for morning show, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1400 WSTC CT Stamford - 10/16 1815 - High school football game, mention of Stamford, ID as "Fairfield County Radio." (WM-MD)
- 1420 WHK OH Cleveland - 10/6 2000 - ID, weather forecast. (WM-MD)
- WWSR VT St. Albans - 10/13 2302 - Noted weakly with ID and promo for Mutual news on the hour, ad for "The Noon Report." (HJH-PA)
- 1460 WFMH AL Cullman - 10/16 1914 - Very good with mention of Cullman, calls at 1915, PSA for American Legion, REL music. WROY normally dominant here. New, tape sent. (MB-IN)
- 1490 WGCH CT Greenwich - 10/16 1805 - Mention of World Series, traffic report, ID and mention // WVIP-1310. (WM-MD)
- 1520 WLGC KY Greenup - 10/14 2023 - "From Country 105.7 WLGC, sponsored by ... Collisional [not Collision] Center." Another format change! C&W behind WWKB. (SK-PA)
- 1600 WCPK VA Chesapeake - 10/11 1900 - "This is Christian Radio," ID, promo for religious group. (WM-MD)
- 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 10/14 1915 - ID, then continuation of "Don and Mike" Show, female caller, mention of home station WJFK, discussion of baseball playoff scores and Mike Tyson news. Ads 1936 for various Iowa businesses and ID 1940, excellent level. (TP-GA)
+ 10/16 1900 - Very good signal with some fade, announcer Brook Bickford and ID for "Eastern Iowa's Best Music." (FV-OH)
+ 10/17 2300 - ID's as "Eastern Iowa's most powerful radio station" heard at superb levels, completely dominating the frequency. (CR-VA)
+ 10/19 2300 - Music program with ID on te hour, very strong. (MH-NY)
- 1640 WKSH WI Sussex - 10/14 1900 - Just caught ID at tune-in, Gospel music and religious talk. Fade out at 1905, but may have still been there at 1930 in the mush. Fair to very poor with heavy fades. (TP-GA)
- 1660 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 10/14 1945 - Interviews with San Diego Padres players who had just beaten the Braves. Everyone was happy (except people in Georgia). Mention of "ESPN Radio" then full legal ID at 1958. Excellent level since coming on the air. (TP-GA)
- 1670 WTDY WI Madison - 10/16 1905 - ID "Madison's Hottest Talk," and ad for Filter Fresh Coffee. (FV-OH)

WEAT 850AM

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 530 HAR NC Winston-Salem (KNNH263) - 10/16 1125 - Presumed, DOT station with woman giving highway maintenance information for I-40. My location was on I-40 westbound between Durham and Greensboro. Signal never better than fair. ID sounded like "... North Carolina Department of Transportation ... KNN264 ... Highway Advisory Radio," female with digital date/time announce-

- ment. (MH*NC)
- 1220 TIS NC **Durham (WPIZ762)** - 10/16 1050 - Male announcer with local attractions, historical sites, and directions to Visitor Center. Not noted on previous trips in this area. Calls per Bill Harms list. (MH*NC)
- 1610 TIS NC **Chapel Hill (WNJW446)** - 10/16 1110 - University of North Carolina TIS with male announcer, campus and visitor information, female with digital date/time announcement, ID. (MH*NC)
- TIS NC **Durham (WPHE255)** - 10/16 1100 - Durham County Emergency Management station presumed with male giving directions to Duke and Veterans Administration Medical Centers. Heard and ID'd in the past, no calls this time. Female with digital date/time announcement, QRM from UNC station at Chapel Hill. (MH*NC)
- TIS NC **Greensboro (WPED261)** - 10/16 Time? - Local TIS with male announcer giving information on local cultural and historical sites, Visitor Center information and address. Female with digital time only announcement at one point, and at another moment giving both date and time. ID's as "WPED." (MH*NC)
- TIS NC **Raleigh (WNML948)** - 10/16 1030 - North Carolina State University TIS with male announcer, campus and visitor information. Call letters from previous log/QSL. (MH*NC)
- TIS NC **Raleigh-Durham International Airport (WNBR324)** - 10/16 1045 - Male announcer, parking info, directions to airport from various highways. Listed as WNBR326, but ID's as this. (MH*NC)
- 1650 "BUY" NC ----- 10/16 1130 - Noted with continuous CW transmission repeating these letters in code, in vicinity of Elon College exit on I-40 in the Greensboro area. MEDFER? Not noted in my references. Fair to poor signal, may not be exactly on this frequency. (MH*NC)

INTERNET UPDATES

Chuck Rippe has an audio clip of his reception of KCJJ-1630 in the "Listening Section" of his Web site at: <http://users.exis.net/~crippel/>

STATION ADDRESSES

Steve Kennedy says the new address for **WQIZ-810-SC** is 173 Radio Road, St. George SC 29477. Steve says he called the phone number listed in the 18th Log for **WEZE-590-MA**, reached the station, but was told that they can't give out the address. "Are they trying to avoid creditors?" Maybe, but the new 19th Log gives these two you can try: 500 Victory Road, Quincy MA 02171 or P.O. Box 9121, also Quincy MA 02171. Steve is also stumped by the address for **WJNA/WJNO-1040-FL**; a call there reveals that they are "out of business." The new Log has: 3071 Continental Dr., W. Palm Beach FL 33407.

And the new Log can be yours . . . see elsewhere in this issue for details!

REPORTERS

RA-MA	Ray Arruda	Acushnet MA - R8A, SW8, LW, Quantum loop
MB-ON	Mike Brooker	Toronto ON - Local news
MB-IN	Mark Burns	Terre Haute IN - R8, 80' LW, Kiwa loop
MH*NC	Mike Hardester	On the road in NC - 1996 Toyota car radio
HJH-PA	Harry Hayes	Wilkes-Barre PA - Superadio II
MH-NY	Mark Henning	Hamburg NY - PS DX-394 whip antenna
SK-PA	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township PA - Superadio III
WM-MD	William McGuire	Cheverly MD - DX-380
SM-MA	Stan Morss	Boxford MA - HQ-180A
RM-CT	Ron Musco	Poquonock CT - AMELCO R-390A/URR, MWDX-5A Phasor, 2 slopers NE & NW 150' long, 30' high
GM-VA	Greg Myers	Richmond VA - ICF-2010, Kiwa pocket loop w/PRM
TP-GA	Ted Powers	Columbus GA - AR3030, LW
CR-VA	Chuck Rippe	Cornland VA - WJ-HF1000A, R8B, R390A-Sherwood SE-3, Harris RF590
AR-ON	Andy Rugg	Cornwall ON - HQ-180AC and Quantum loop
FV-OH	Fred Vobbe	Lima OH - Car radio
DZ-NY	Dan Ziolkowski	Hamburg NY - 2010, Kiwa filters, Kiwa pocket loop



International DX Digest

Jim Renfrew JimRenfrew@delphi.com
61 Wilcox Street
Rochester, NY 14607-3832

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

We have been trouble-shooting the IDXD e-mail distribution list for some time now. Until Fred gets the new system up and running, the best way to get the electronic version of IDXD will be through the NRC Web Page that Fred manages for all of us. I send Paul and Fred the column on Friday of each deadline week, and Fred then puts it on the NRC Web Page, usually in no more than a day or two later. The only thing missing in the IDXD section on the Web Page is my smiling face, as I have yet to send Fred a photo!

Yes, it is possible to get many of the benefits of the National Radio Club by way of the Web Page without sending in the DX News subscription fee, but most of what we do here on the internet is only possible because there is an NRC in the first place! Some radio clubs have folded during the past year, due to decreased membership in general and a decline in membership involvement (volunteering for tasks, sending in loggings) in particular. It's tempting to let club memberships lapse in this new Internet Age, but I believe that it is short-sighted to do so. I like the immediacy of the Internet, but I quickly get lost in the avalanche of disorganized (and unsolicited) material that pours into my e-mail address. For my permanent DX "library", I prefer to have a printed copy of *DX News* as an organized and accessible record of information. One additional note about the format of your reports: Paul advises that we do the following with our loggings:

[tab] frequency [tab] COUNTRY [3 spaces] Station, location, OCT 22 1234 - Details. [Name-ST]

If you follow this example, you will save Paul and me many hours of editing work. Deadlines, by the way are Sundays, although stuff arriving later sometimes has a chance to get in.

As for DX, I noted last night (OCT 21) some evidence of auroral conditions, with strong signals on 750 and 1100 kHz, but I decided to stick with Game 4 of the World Series instead.

Jim

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 162 FRANCE Allouis, OCT 19 0300 - Fair with man in FF, first reception in weeks. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 207 MOROCCO Azilal, OCT 19 0302 - Good with man in AA Moroccan pop music. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 531 ALGERIA Ain-El-Beida, OCT 14 0030 - // 549 with AA vocal & strings; in jumble with Spain and others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA Les Trembles, OCT 13 2321 - AA violins, drums; excellent. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 567 IRELAND RTE R.1, Tullamore, OCT 14 0034 - EE talk mentioning human rights; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 576 SPAIN RNE5, Barcelona, OCT 14 0035 - // 585 with SS talk / teletalk; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 585 SPAIN RNE1, Madrid, OCT 13 2322 - // 774 with SS talk; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 612 IRELAND Athlone, OCT 14 0202 - EE news with interview; poor to fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE1 synchros, OCT 14 0202 - SS news; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 675 NETHERLANDS R. Ten Gold, Lopik, OCT 14 0201 - oldies including "I Got You Babe" by Sonny & Cher; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 684 SPAIN RNE1, Sevilla, OCT 14 0021 - // 855 with man in SS; through WRKO slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 693 AZORES RDP, Santa Barbara, OCT 14 0018 - // 837 with exotic tropical jazz; dominant. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM BBC, Droitwich et al., OCT 14 0028 - EE news interview; rising over Azores, choppy fades. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 711.05 WESTERN SAHARA Laayoune, OCT 11 2119 - AA vocal; in WOR slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 738 SPAIN RNE1, Barcelona, OCT 14 0011 - // 855 with SS female folk vocal & acoustic guitar; through CHCM slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 747 NETHERLANDS Flevoland, OCT 14 0155-0200 - world-music show with Middle Eastern vo-

- cals (unusual fare for Holland), pips, then news in Dutch; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 756 GERMANY Deutschlandradio, Braunschweig/Ravensburg, OCT 13 2324 - // 1422 with male vocal & symphonic music. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 765 SENEGAL Dakar, OCT 11 2259-2300 - good with drumming & chanting, then FF talk, R. Senegal ID, and news mentioning Dakar. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND RSR, Sottens, OCT 13 2325 - pop vocal; under Senegal talk. OCT 14 0009 - Everly Brothers "All I Have to Do is Dream"; excellent. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 774 EGYPT Abis, OCT 13 2331 - AA vocal; overtaking Spain. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 774 SPAIN RNE1 synchros, OCT 11 2301 - man & woman with news in SS; over Egypt. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 13 2326 - 2 men talking, then piano music; to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 783 SYRIA Tartus, OCT 13 2327 - AA chant; over others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 783 SYRIA Tartus, OCT 18 2345 - Man & woman singing fast Syrian pop music. Fair signal. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 792 SPAIN SER, Sevilla, OCT 11 2301 - SS news; good, WSKO phased. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 801 SPAIN RNE1 synchros, OCT 11 2303 - // 855, bits of SS news; in tough VOWR/PJB slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 801 JORDAN Ajlun, OCT 18 2343 - Man in AA but couldn't get anything reportable, too much WTMR. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 818.75 unID OCT 11 2206 - low het against 819. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 819 EGYPT Batra, OCT 19 0110, Fair with typical Egyptian music with vocals. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 828 NETHERLANDS (t) Hitradio Veronica, Rotterdam, OCT 14 0048 - likely this with rock music; in and out of a pile of signals. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 828 SYRIA (t) Deir el Zawr, OCT 13 2328 - bits of music that were similar to the AA vocal on 783. The signal wasn't good enough for a definite parallel. This had been on 827 (maybe it still is); this one was on 828 and there was no sign of an 827 het. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 18 2346 - Mid-East music and possibly // to 783 but weak. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 837 AZORES RDP, Pico da Barossa, OCT 14 0018 - // 693 with jazz / new age music; over Canaries. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros, OCT 11 2203 - // 882 with telephone news interview. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 14 0004 - fast SS news by man & woman // 882; excellent. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 846 ITALY Rome, OCT 13 2349 - emotional vocal, man in Italian; good despite WEEI splash. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 855 SPAIN RNE1, Murcia et al., OCT 11 2121 - fast SS teletalk and interview; good. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 14 0011 - SS folk vocal & guitar, // 738; over WEEI slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 864 EGYPT Santah, OCT 13 2350 - sermon by man in AA; good, over others. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 18 2340. Koran. OK. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 864 SPAIN RNE1, Socuellamos, OCT 11 2305 - // 855 with SS news by man; poor but dominant at the time. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 873 SPAIN SER R. Zaragoza, Zaragoza, OCT 11 2306 - // 792 with fast SER SS news; fair through WLAM slop. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 14 0002 - SS news // 1044; loud. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros, OCT 11 2201 - fast-talk SS news, telephone interview. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA Algiers, OCT 11 2122 - woman in AA; fair to good with WBPS phased. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 909 UNITED KINGDOM BBC, Moorside Edge et al., OCT 14 0058 - EE talk by man & woman; mixed with others. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 17 0239 - Fair with talk program, man doing most of it. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 936 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, OCT 11 2159 - SS talk; to fair peak over others. OCT 11 2308 - // 774 with interspersed symphonic music & SS talk; fair to good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 954 SPAIN R. Espana, Madrid, OCT 11 2158 - SS teletalk; fair. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 14 0059 - very good with 2 announcers in SS. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 981 ALGERIA Algiers, OCT 11 2124 - excited AA talk by man: very strong carrier (but pathetically light audio) [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 13 2245 - female AA vocal; LOUD! [Connelly*R-MA]
- 981 GREECE Elleniki Radiophonia, Megara, OCT 13 2312 - // 1512 with mellow Greek male vocal (in a nightclub / lounge style); to fair peak through Algeria carrier. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 999 SPAIN COPE, Madrid, OCT 11 2310 - rapid-fire SS newstalk by man; in and out of CKBW splash. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1008 CANARY ISLANDS Las Palmas, R. Las Palmas / RadioVoz, OCT 13 2357 - SS talk by woman, then music (not // SER). [Connelly*R-MA]

- 1008 YEMEN Sana'a, OCT 20 0247 - Sharp signal: Mid-East music, then man in AA for several minutes. Pretty sure I heard "Sana'a and Aden". More music after the hour before fade at their sunrise. There were no other TA signals below 1521 and there had been no signals from Canary Islands or Spain all evening, which is most unusual. I was unable to get their SW // which was buried. Kuwait up at time. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1017 GERMANY Rheinsender, OCT 14 0000 - US EE light-rock male vocal, pips, then news by man in GG. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1017 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, OCT 11 2311 - SS talk; poor. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 13 2248 - man in SS; fair to good, over others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1026 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 11 2255 - // 1044 with SS teletalk; poor to fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1035 PORTUGAL RDP R. Comercial, Lisboa, OCT 11 2312 - PP pop music; poor. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 14 0103 - emotional PP vocal; fair with WBZ phased. [Connelly*R-MA] (See Station News below -Jim)
- 1044 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, OCT 11 2131 - accented FF talk by man; very good. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 13 2322 - AA vocal; over Spain. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 11 2254 - SS teletalk; good, rising over the Moroccan. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1053 UNITED KINGDOM Talk Radio synchros, Start Point et al., OCT 13 2250 - woman in EE on the phone, man in studio, "Talk Radio" ID; over jumble of others. OCT 14 0105 - joke-telling; excellent signal. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 17 0236 - In with UK Talk. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1053 SPAIN COPE, Zaragoza / Castellon, OCT 11 2254 - man & woman in SS; way under huge Morocco blank carrier. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1071 SPAIN EI, Bilbao, OCT 11 2155 - SS rock in CBA slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM Talk Radio synchros, OCT 11 2253 - EE talk; poor. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 13 2238 - good with EE teletalk about sex. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 17 0040 - Strong, UK Talk. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1098 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, OCT 11 2251 - // 1107 with SS news and comment; fair to good, over growl. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1098 SLOVAKIA OCT 15 2341 - Nice, clear signal with pop music and female vocals. Man in Slovak spoke. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1107 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, OCT 11 2250 - SS newstalk; excellent. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 18 0403 - Very strong with the usual man and woman talking. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1116 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 11 2249 - // 1485 with man & woman in SS; poor. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 14 0106 - // 1044 with SS talk by woman; to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1125 CROATIA HR, Deanovec, OCT 14 0026 - // 1134 with male Slavic folk vocal; good, over Spain. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1134 CROATIA HR, Zadar, OCT 14 0026 - // 1125 with Slavic folk vocal; excellent. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 17 0035 - Super signal with Croatian music, vocals, etc. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1134 SPAIN COPE synchros, OCT 11 2246 - SS talk; atop a classical music station (Croatia). OCT 11 2313 - excited SS talk; very strong & dominant. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1143 SPAIN COPE synchros, OCT 14 0108 - // 837 with music fragment, then man & woman in SS; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1152 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, OCT 11 2313 - SS teletalk & low-pitched het growl. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1161 SPAIN EI, San Sebastian, OCT 14 0111 - // 1197 with '50s-style pop vocal; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1179 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 11 2243 - SS teletalk. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 14 0112 - // 1044 with teletalk by man & woman; to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1197 SPAIN EI, Vitoria, OCT 14 0111 - // 1161 w/ 1950's-type vocal; to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA Tripoli, OCT 11 2153 - AA-style violins; good. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 17 0407 - Good with Libyan pop music and female vocals. Easy to separate. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1259 AZORES RDP, Faial, OCT 11 2152 - hetting WPZE/CIHI. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1287 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 14 0123 - // 1044 with SER SS talk; poor to fair. I was looking for Israel here, but no luck this time. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1296 SPAIN COPE, Valencia, OCT 11 2106 - woman with SS newstalk; fair. A few minutes later, the signal was very strong. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1305 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, OCT 11 2053 - bits of SS audio barely surfacing over a cacophonous low-pitched growl. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1359 SPAIN Arganda, OCT 14 0127 - man with SS political talk; excellent. [Connelly*R-MA]

- 16
 1386 GREECE Elleniki Radiophonia, Athens, OCT 14 0147 - to fair peak with plaintive Greek male vocal // 1512. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1413 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, OCT 13 2230 - pips on the half hour, then man & woman in SS; through CIGO slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1422 GERMANY Deutschlandradio, Heusweiler, OCT 13 2256 - man in GG; over other. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1458 unID OCT 14 0042 - probably one of the UK ethnic stations: accented woman "you're listening to ..." (the rest got slopped). Hindi-style music followed. This is a tough channel with local WNPB on 1450 and CKRB/WGNA sloppers on 1460. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1467 FRANCE TWR, Roumoules, OCT 13 2214 - hymn, then preacher said "Goodbye and God bless you." Signal was good to excellent. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1485 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 11 2223 - emotional SS shouting by man, probably a political speech. [Connelly*O-MA]
 1493.6 MOROCCO Agadir, OCT 11 2145 - carrier and audio fragments in tough WPOR splash; this off-channel station was identified last week during the Newfoundland DXpedition. [Connelly*O-MA]
 1503 AZORES AFRTS, Lajes, OCT 11 2232 - US EE sports coverage; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
 1512 BELGIUM Wolvertem, OCT 11 2221 - EE discussion program; over WNRB slop. OCT 11 2229 - announcer ended show with "Goodbye now."; strong. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 13 2225 - folk group vocal, then ID in EE "Radio Netherlands International Service"; excellent, pushing WNRB back. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1512 GREECE Elleniki Radiophonia, Chania, OCT 13 2312 - // 981 with mellow Greek vocal; poor to fair, in WNRB slop. OCT 14 0147 - // 1386 with plaintive vocal; slopped. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, Duba, OCT 11 2045 - het against WGAM/others at pre-sunset fade-up (4.45 p.m. EDT) OCT 11 2102 - man with news in AA, increasing in strength. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 13 2222 - languid jazz, then AA talk by woman, then a man mentioned "al arabiyah es saudiyah". AA vocal with high-energy orchestra followed. Huge local-like signal. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1530 VATICAN R. Vaticana, OCT 13 2301 - modern (dissonant) classical music; dominant. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1539 SPAIN SER, Manresa/Elche, OCT 13 2317 - // 1044 with SS teletalk; fair with WDCD phased. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1542.2 unID OCT 11 2241 - an oddly-keyed jammer noted spreading out between 1542 and 1543. Not quite as strong here on Cape Cod as it had been last week in NF, but it's there nonetheless. Possibly in N. Africa and directed at the 1550 clandestine (ex-1544). [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 14 0149 - noted again; fair with WDCD phased. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1548 KUWAIT VOA, Kuwait City, OCT 13 2216 - US EE talk about a legal matter "... might get off on a technicality"; fair, fading up over slop from the usual screaming vocals on Algeria-1550. OCT 13 2307 - President Clinton giving a speech about Kosovo; local-like signal. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 20 0235 - VOA type News discussion suddenly became a good signal where there hadn't even been a het a few minutes before. [Dangerfield-PA]
 1550 ALGERIA - CLANDESTINE RASD, Tindouf, OCT 11 2138 - Berber style female group a cappella singing / screaming; very good to excellent, totally dominant. [Connelly*O-MA]
 1566 unID OCT 13 2220 - bubble jammer, probably of Middle East origin. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1566 IRAN Bandar Abbas, OCT 20 0237 - Weak signal with man in AA at time when Kuwait and Yemen were in. [Dangerfield-PA]
 1575 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 11 2227 - // 1485 with fast SS talk; over another station. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 13 2319 - // 1044 with SS teletalk; very good. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1584 CEUTA RadiOle, OCT 11 2226 - Moorish (AA-influenced) SS female vocal and classical guitar; dominant over SER Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
 1602 SPAIN EI, Vitoria, OCT 11 2224 - slow SS talk (not // SER-1485); over growl. [Connelly*O-MA]
 1602 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 13 2305 - SS talk; mixed with EI Vitoria & growl. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1619.5 NETHERLANDS Scheveningen, PCH, OCT 14 0151 - PCH code ID; good. [Connelly*R-MA]

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 535 GRENADA GBC, St. George's, OCT 14 0033 - old-time vocal (sounded like Tony Bennett); poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
 700 BRAZIL probably ZYK686, São Paulo, OCT 13 2335 - PP talk; briefly atop. OCT 14 0016 - PP

- teletalk; good, over other Latin Americans & WLW. [Connelly*R-MA]
 705 ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES Kingstown, OCT 14 0014 - emotional Caribbean-EE talk by man, maybe a sermon or speech; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
 710 CUBA R. Rebelde synchros, OCT 14 0113 - // 1180 with SS talk mentioning Cuba; over WOR. [Connelly*R-MA]
 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS ZBVI, Roadtown, Tortola, OCT 14 0008 - Caribbean EE talkshow mentioning "laws ensuring the healthy state of the environment"; over YV's and CFDR. [Connelly*R-MA]
 780 VENEZUELA R. Coro, YVMN, Coro, OCT 14 0008 - R. Coro ID; in pile-up. [Connelly*R-MA]
 840 BRAZIL R. Bandeirantes, ZYK687, São Paulo, OCT 13 2342 - excited PP sportstalk // 11925; over jumble. Thanks to Bruce Conti for the SW // info. [Connelly*R-MA]
 880 VENEZUELA Mundial, YVYM, Puerto Ordaz, OCT 14 0054 - festive tropical-style vocal & percussion; blasting right through WCBS. [Connelly*R-MA]
 940 VENEZUELA R. Punto Fijo, YVNN, Punto Fijo, OCT 13 2353 - R. Punto Fijo mention, through a pile-up of Latin Americans; CBM nulled. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1020 VENEZUELA Mundial Margarita, YVRS, La Asunción, OCT 11 2258 - LOUD with R. Margarita ID and discussion of upcoming programs. [Connelly*O-MA]
 1080 VENEZUELA R. Barcelona, YVQJ, Barcelona, OCT 13 2253 - rustic folk vocal & accordion, ID "R. Barcelona ... mil ochente"; excellent, killing WTIC. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1110 VENEZUELA YVQT, Carupano, OCT 13 2258 - talk "R. Carupano presenta ... Noti-Carupano!"; huge. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1130 MEXICO Etchojoa, SON 10/16 1258 - Mexican NA; S/on by gal announcer in SS, then brief flute music, then ID in Indian language, and slogan "La Voz de los ???". Greetings to listeners in many CHIH / SON / SIN locations, e.g. "Alta Tarahumara," "Baja Tarahumara," and "El Valle del Yaqui". Poor at s/on, but improving as eastern QRM faded away. Enjoyable indigenous programming. [Wilkins-CO]
 1160 BERMUDA VSB3, Hamilton, OCT 11 2314 - // 5975 with classical violin music; over/under WSKW-ME. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 14 0109 - // BBC-5975 with talk about the upcoming Middle East summit meeting in Washington. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1180 CUBA R. Rebelde, OCT 14 0113 - // 710 with SS talk about Cuba; loud & dominant, way over WHAM. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1375 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON RFO, OCT 11 2052 - female rock vocal; good. Signal is weakly audible days at nearby Nauset Beach. [Connelly*O-MA]
 1500 VENEZUELA YVRZ, Cumana, OCT 11 2234 - R. Dos Mil ID's and fanfare noted with WTOP phased. [Connelly*O-MA]
 1505 ANGUILLAR. Anguilla, The Valley, OCT 11 2230 - carrier, weak audio. [Connelly*O-MA]

Mark speaks: "This is the report of two mini-DXpeditions which overlapped a segment of the 1998 Newfoundland DXpedition timeframe. A comparison of the log data may yield useful propagation analyses."

Ben speaks: "Here it is the 20th of October and I'm sending my first report of the new season. Well, up until Oct. 15th there was nothing to write about except how poor TA reception has been, but since then TAs have come back to Wallingford. But the night of 10-19/20 was the most unusual. At sunset [2216 UST] there were zero TA signals and two hours later still none. I tried again in two hours and found some LAs but no TAs until I got up to 1008 kc. where I found a weak het. Kept tuning and there was nothing until 1521 where there was a het. Then a few minutes later I hit 1548 where suddenly VOA-Kuwait came up fast, so I tried 1566 and found a voice signal, possibly Iran. So back to 1008 where I heard Mid East music followed by a man in AA at 0247 UST with a sharp signal and I'm pretty sure a mention of Sana'a which would be Yemen. It was the only TA below 1521. No Canary Islands, no Spain, no 1089, no 1134. This signal held on until about 0311 [2311 EDT here] then was gone. Yemen sunrise?"

STATION NEWS

NETHERLANDS: The Dutch Land station for the Maritime Mobile Service "Scheveningenradio/PCH", founded 19 December 1904 is going to close service 31 December 1998 15.00 UTC. At this moment of sadness to the personal they don't think of contacts with others, but at the anniversary day December 19th they will give a FAREWELL PARTY on the air. The Dutch government agreed to use the coast station frequencies to make contact with radio amateurs in their bands primarily for (ex-)Radio Officers to say good bye. Cross Band as usual on HF Maritime Mobile Service!

But any licensed station is invited to join the party and make a QSO on one of the last days of PCH: The schedule is: 19-12 17.00 UTC - 20-12 07.00 UTC CW on one of the following frequencies depending propagation conditions with the call sign of Scheveningenradio: PCH . . . 3 5 2 5 kHz +/- QRM, 7025 kHz , 14050 kHz, 18085 kHz 19-12 08.00 UTC - 20-12 08.00 UTC. [Theo Koning PA3ERL via Hard-Core-DX] (PCH has operated on 1619 kHz, but it sounds like this will soon be signing off for good - Jim)

PORTUGAL: This station is now called Radio Nacional. Anyway, I think it still belongs to Radio Comercial, but definitely not to RDP (Radiodifusao Portuguesa), in spite of its name. Radio Comercial itself does not belong to RDP any more; it was privatised several years ago. This frequency of 1035 kHz had been silenced for a rather long time, but now it came back with its new name and horrible music. The name Radio Comercial is still used on VHF. I have also noticed sometimes the reappearance on the air of the transmitter at 783 kHz, from Oporto (Porto), also with Radio Nacional (same program as Lisbon). It seems they have been doing tests on this frequency and probably will be transmitting soon in a regular basis. Radio Expo, a special multilingual broadcast of RDP on 756 kHz // 103 MHz FM, Lisbon, is now over. Expo '98, held in Lisbon, is finished. [Fernando de Sousa Ribeiro, Portugal, in e-mail response to Mark's report on Hard-Core-DX]

CONTRIBUTORS (@ = via e-mail)

@Mark Connelly, Dxing from South Orleans MA ["O"], from Rockport MA ["R"]; Drake R8A, cardioid array with BBL-1 broadband loop & APW-1 active whip; Superphaser-1 phasing unit. [WA1ION@ix.netcom.com] [web = http://members.aol.com/MarkWA1ION/]

@Ben Dangerfield, Wallingford PA; R8A, 3 slopers, MFJ-1026 phaser.

@John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO; Drake R8, 4-foot loop. [peakbagger3@juno.com] °

What a Time-saver - the County Cross Reference

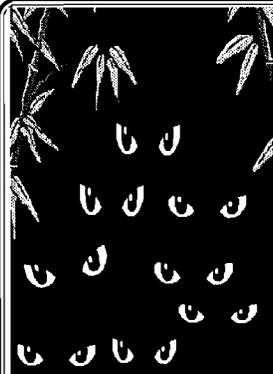
A complete list of counties, parishes, and similar political divisions in the U. S. and Canada. Two lists are included: alpha by county, and by state. Compiled by Bill Hale and designed and produced by Wayne and Joan Heinen. \$6.50 for members, \$9.95, non-member. Order item CCR from the NRC Publications center; NY residents, please include sales tax.



THE DX'PEDITION HANDBOOK

The DX'pedition Handbook ...

is simply all you need to plan your next DX'pedition. \$8.95 to NRC members, \$12.95 to non-members. Order from NRC Publications - Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661. NY orders, please add sales tax.



From NRC's DX Audio Service ...

'After Dark 8'

Now available, it includes "Airchecking As A Hobby" by Fred Vobbe; an interview with famed guitarist and pirate Les Paul by DXAS member Mark Durenberger; "The Internet for the Non-nethead" by Fred Vobbe; practical use of the Radio Shack 12-604; and much more. Two C-90 tapes in a cassette case, only \$5.00 postpaid to members in the United States. Other areas, please write for pricing. Order from NRC Publications - Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661. NY orders, please add sales tax.

Geomagnetic Summary

Phil Bytheway

philip_bytheway@mukilteo.hac.com
9705 Mary NW
Seattle, WA 98117-2334

High "A" values indicate possible auroral conditions

Geomagnetic Summary August 6 1998 through September 17 1998

GEO - Geomagnetic activity
maf - major flare
mas - major storm
mis - minor storm
pca - polar cap absorption
SA - Solar Activity
spe - satellite proton event
ss - severe storm

Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
8/ 6	138	43	3	low	quiet-sev	mis 0900
7	z	z	z	z	z	-
8	147	13	1	moderate	quiet-active	-
9	154	3	3	moderate	quiet-unsettled	-
10	149	12	2	low	quiet-unsettled	-
11	150	5	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
12	147	8	2	low	quiet-unsettled	-
13	137	7	1	low	quiet-unsettled	-
14	z	z	z	z	z	-
15	z	z	z	z	z	-
16	140	3	1	moderate	quiet	-
17	136	2	0	high	quiet	maf 2120
18	133	3	2	high	quiet	maf 2217
19	135	6	3	high	quiet-unsettled	maf 2145
20	139	12	2	low	quiet-active	-
21	132	2	2	high	quiet	-
22	133	18	3	low	quiet-mis	-
23	126	13	2	moderate	quiet-unsettled	-
24	z	z	z	z	z	-
25	122	9	3	low	quiet-active	spe
26	127	31	7	very low	unsettled-sev	mis 2359/spe
27	135	80	4	low	unsettled-sev	mas 0059/spe
28	139	22	4	low	unsettled-mis	spe 2355
29	147	15	3	low	quiet-active	-
30	163	14	3	moderate	quiet-active	-
8/31	179	17	3	moderate	quiet-active	-
9/ 1	177	15	2	moderate	quiet-active	-
2	163	8	2	moderate	quiet-unsettled	-
3	163	8	1	moderate	quiet-unsettled	-
4	155	6	0	low	quiet	-
5	z	z	z	z	z	-
6	155	5	1	low	quiet	-
7	z	z	z	z	z	-
8	154	7	2	low	quiet-active	-
9	145	7	2	moderate	quiet-unsettled	-
10	142	4	1	low	quiet	-
11	139	5	2	moderate	quiet-unsettled	-
12	135	10	2	low	quiet-unsettled	-
13	z	z	z	z	z	-
14	122	2	2	low	quiet	-
15	117	7	0	low	quiet-unsettled	-
16	119	4	1	very low	quiet	-
9/17	117	4	2	very low	quiet	-

International DX Achievements

Paul Swearingen plsBCBDXER@AOL.com
2840 SE Illinois Avenue
Topeka, KS 66605-1427

International DX verie/taped totals listed by continents

Year Started	DX'er	Location	Last Update	Foreign	Total Veried	Ctries	NA	SA	Eur	Oc	Af	As
?	Falconer, Jeff	ON	1976	1175	0	49	0	44	0	0	0	0
	Geary, Kermit	PA	1993	988	6190	107	512	243	147	61	23	2
1933	Cooper, Ernest	NY-MA	1980	760	4142	79	528	131	88	7	6	0
1946	Holbrook, Hank	MD	1993	640	2876	103	303	105	156	49	26	3
1952	McIntosh, Eric	NZ	1965	635	686	63	301	2	45	253	4	81
1938	Anderson, Roger A.	VA/NY/PA	1993	514	1448	105	227	78	128	48	28	5
1950	Krejny, Edward	OH	1996	441	2733	76	208	126	91	6	10	0
1963	Scrimgeour, Gray	CA/ON	1971	440	526	47	354	10	18	31	1	26
1940	Morris, Stan	MA	1993	424	3922	84	218	65	221	1	14	3
1964	Sorensen, Morris	ON/MB	1975	385	537	13	375	1	9	0	0	0
1958	Merriman, Alan	VA	1994	368	1615	93	212	47	88	3	14	4
1958	Dangerfield, Ben	PA	1996	331	426	126	85	44	151	8	33	10
1931	Steele, Sid	IL	1998	299	3101	36	104	12	2	8	0	1
1946	Moore, Ray	MA	1993	245	245	104	95	52	59	8	24	7
?	Dellit, Sam	Australia	1978	218	362	37	109	0	5	80	1	23
1960	Rugg, Andy	QC	1996	208	1705	71	87	48	66	0	6	1
1954	Starr, Jerry	OH	1974	194	1209	51	134	34	20	3	3	0
1960	Lynch, Don	MA	1980	157	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
1947	Luton, Relfe	NC	1973	142	1049	23	102	4	3	33	0	0
1969	Karchevski, Bob	MA/CA	1975	141	204	24	112	0	0	6	0	0
?	Callarman, John	?	1970	138	740	50	72	20	17	20	3	6
1964	Reynolds, Bruce	MO	1977	121	1103	28	111	6	2	2	0	0
1975	Swearingen, Paul (taped)	KS	1998	95	761	22	43	16	0	0	0	0
1955	Palmer, Richard D.	IL	1993	94	822	33	77	4	10	2	1	0
1976	Proemming, Gary	AZ	1994	92	338	17	85	7	0	1	0	0
1958	Wesolowski, Ernie	NE	1998	80	2003	24	53	7	0	7	1	1
1931	Wheeler, Frank	PA	1993	78	1885	25	68	7	1	2	0	0
1941	Kruse, Len	IA	1971	77	4080	15	61	3	0	13	0	0
?	Sampson, John	NJ	1965	72	445	54	23	6	38	1	3	1
1976	Renfrew, Jim	NY	1998	67	400	40	44	7	0	0	0	0
1973	Sgrulletta, John	NY	1998	64	64	54	24	24	19	0	3	3
1931	Holland, George B., Jr.	NY	1996	58	885	22	46	5	5	2	0	1
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (taped)	NJ	1998	56	897	43	845	37	14	0	0	1
1962	Musco, Ron	CT	1997	54	1270	49	40	5	10	0	2	1
1965	Kadet, Jeff	MD	1969	41	703	12	39	0	0	2	0	0
1958	Phillips, Dan	TN/AL	1974	40	567	26	21	9	5	3	1	0
1964	Helnen, Wayne	NY/CO	1996	38	1470	38	26	3	5	2	0	2
?	Fela, Joseph	NJ	1965	35	738	24	19	4	11	0	1	0
1966	Bruner, Jesse R.	KY	1966	27	132	23	17	3	5	2	0	0
1973	Mount, Paul	NJ	1995	25	230	6	22	2	0	0	0	0
1968	Bytheway, Phil	WA	1982	20	457	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
1977	Wolfish, Niel	ON	1977	20	397	11	14	4	2	0	0	0
1964	Whatmough, Dave	ON	1994	15	1014	13	6	1	2	6	0	0
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (paper)	NJ	1998	13	266	7	10	3	0	0	0	0
?	Erickson, Don	CA	1982	9	442	6	8	0	0	1	0	0
1965	Long, John	CT	1968	0	101	29	0	0	0	0	0	0
1975	Bartek, Daniel, Jr.	NE	1976	0	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Thanks to Sid Steele and R. J. Edmunds for updates. Remember, only taped or paper veries are counted, and mainland U. S. and Canadians are not included in NA totals. Include your best catch from each continent and all other totals when reporting. Our next column will feature North American totals.

Promote the NRC and DX News and help us grow!

Planning to attend a DX or hobby gathering? Why not include DX News in your plans. Upon request, we'll send you a packet of up to 50 recent DXN's to be given free to attendees. Just send a postcard to NRC - P. O. Box 5711 - Topeka, KS 66605. Packets are sent by Fourth Class Printed Matter rate, so please allow 10-15 days for delivery. Help keep the NRC on the grow!

Equipment Review

With guest editor Barry Williams
SONY TCM-359V Cassette Recorder
(from New Zealand DX Times, September, 1998)

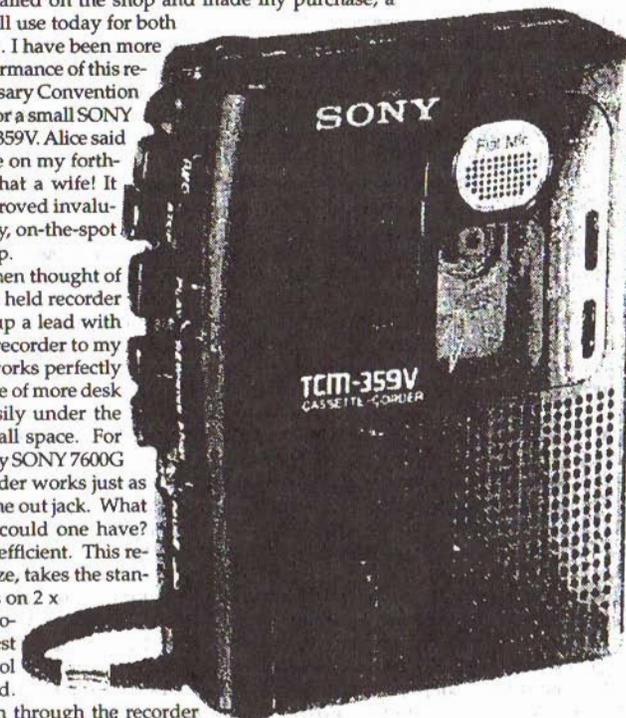
In 1980 while on a stop over in Hawaii I took the opportunity of ringing Alan Roycroft, a well known friend of NZ DXers. After seeking his advice on the whereabouts of a good shop to buy a cassette recorder from, I called on the shop and made my purchase, a SONY TCM747 which I still use today for both home and portable DXing. I have been more than satisfied with the performance of this recorder. At the 50th Anniversary Convention auction my wife Alice bid for a small SONY cassette recorder, the TCM 359V. Alice said she bought it for me to use on my forthcoming overseas trip - what a wife! It turned out that the 359V proved invaluable for recording my daily, on-the-spot impressions during the trip.

On my return home I then thought of putting this compact hand held recorder to DX use. I soon wired up a lead with two plugs connecting the recorder to my ICOM. This new set-up works perfectly and gives me the advantage of more desk space as the 359V fits easily under the ICOM or in any other small space. For portable work or if I take my SONY 7600G on a DXpedition the recorder works just as well, plugging into the "line out jack. What smaller DX combination could one have? Compact, cheap, yet very efficient. This recorder, despite its small size, takes the standard tape cassette. It runs on 2 x AA batteries and is quite economical. Features of interest to me were the pause control and variable replay speed.

One can monitor a station through the recorder using earphones through the recorder "ear" jack.

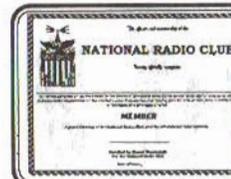
There is a single button control to record on tape as required.

However, to record the time one has to pull out the line plug and speak into the recorder mike. As one can see it has every feature one would want. There is one exception: no remote power source facility, but then it was designed as a portable. If anybody is looking for a versatile recorder, then I suggest you seriously look at the SONY TCM 359V.



Please preserve these QSL's for future display!
Do not discard these items
For preservation information contact the:
National Radio Club
P.O. Box 118
Poquonock, Connecticut 06064

If you are interested in helping preserve the history of our hobby through preserving your collections, you should consider ordering a supply of these free 3-inch-square stickers to place on your veries, recordings, etc. Specify the number you need, and order from Ron Musco - P. O. Box 118 - Poquonock, CT 06064-0118. Include an SASE. Don't wait until it's too late - order now.



For NRC members only ...
Membership certificate, \$1.00

Suitable for framing; red and blue print on white stock. Suitable for framing. Order item CERT from NRC Publications; NY orders, please add sales tax.

Musings of the Members

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.

Bart Cronin <<cbcronin@gte.net>>

Here is how some Seattle AMs fared in the summer Arbitron, according to a story in the Seattle P-I: #1 KIRO-710 News, talk, and Mariners baseball; #9 KIXI-880 Nostalgia; #12 KVI-570 conservative talk (eg. Limbaugh); #14 KOMO-1000 News, talk; #21 KJR-950 Sports talk; #22 KNWX-770 News and business with some talk; #26 KGNW-820 Salem network Christian; #27 KBSG-1210 oldies // FM (which is #4); and #28 KRPM-1090 adult contemporary // KBKS-FM. No rating points were shown. KIRO retained its #1 spot from the Spring book. #2 was urban contemporary; #3 CW; #5 tie of two AC; #7 alternative rock; #8 a mix of 80s/90s; and #10 classical—a station with the same format for 50 years, regularly in the top 10 or so. Not rated was a public jazz station which, if rated, would probably be in the top ten. The only commercial FM talker was #18. An Olympia FM—with transmitter about 70-miles away—ranked #25. Of other AMs, no rankings shown for the Disney station, five religious, two urban (including on in the expanded band), another business, the brokered language, or any nearby AMs—mostly talkers. No word yet on an air date for KAZJ-1680. They apparently will be sharing a tower with KLFE-1590 across Puget Sound from Seattle. And, KJR-950 is still 5kw fulltime from their old facilities. The new site has been ready for almost three years but due to some technical and political considerations they have been unable to use it. Because of the delay they purchased KKHO-850, Tacoma, which is mostly parallel. 73's.

Carl Hattan - K0BZV - 3016 Fountainhead Circle #151 - Melbourne, FL 32934-7348

I ran across an interesting item while wondering through the local "Best Buy" store here in Melbourne. It is a loop antenna manufactured by Terk Technologies Corp.; the antenna is called the Model AM-1000 AM Advantage Indoor AM Radio Antenna. The cost (at Best Buy) was \$49.95 plus tax. The antenna is about 9 inches in diameter and has a tuning control which works really well. I am using it on a Radio Shack DX-394 and have tested the antenna on both the high impedance (1000 ohms) and low impedance (50 ohms) inputs. The lower impedance works best and the loop tuning is excellent. The antenna is not amplified and the connector on it is a 1/8 inch phone jack. Terk provides a cord for this and there are several types of cables available at Radio Shack. I haven't tried the loop with a preamp as I am having too much fun using it by itself. The loop out-performs my indoor vertical antenna by a large margin. I live in a townhouse apartment, and, at least here, apartment living equals no outside antennas. They mean it! The next thing to do is mount the loop on a tripod and try the 'altazimuth' methods. Thanks for passing this info along; maybe it will help someone who is looking for a loop without having to build one. (Thanks for passing on the info to us, Carl-DWS)

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

First off, a big welcome to the Northeastern PA area to you, Dave. Sorry to learn you're in such a lousy location for signals. Here, its been pretty quiet as far as line noise goes, only a few periods of annoying on/off buzzing that commences at sunset and goes through the evening on some nights. This is my first MUSE in, must be, 2 or 3 years. The season has started out pretty well for me with some interesting auroral DX sessions. I love it when the signals from the S come in. Most interesting catches by date/time: 9/11 WODY-1160 11:59PM, 9/25 WLXN-1440 7:29PM, 9/26 CMHW-840 9PM, 9/28 WOXR-1580 8:28PM and at 10PM, WGOV-950. October started out kind of blah but things seem to be picking up now. As a reintroduction, I am 45 years old and have been an NRC member for over 27 years. Most of my DXing has been done here and in the Poconos except for a short stint in Baltimore, MD in the early '70's. As far as how the band has changed since I started DXing in 1970, I would say my beginning years in the hobby were the beginning of the end of Monday Morning or 'after midnight' DXing. In 1970-71, it was still possible to tune in a regional channel, I remember 1460, and hear only 1 or 2 faint signals on a Monday morning. Those days are gone of course, never to return. I now concentrate on sunset receptions and mid-evening receptions. Instead of relying on stations to sign off, I now rely on such things as the Auroral conditions to sign them off, if you know what I mean. That's all on this end, and I sure hope you get used to living in



Dave Schmidt NRCMusings@aol.com
P. O. Box 3111
Scranton, PA 18505-0111

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

Scranton, Dave (Scranton was quieter than this place!-DWS). If not, give Wilkes-Barre a try! (Our studios/offices are in Wilkes-Barre, Harry, I'll try to get in touch with you when time permits. Thanks for the kind words, too-DWS)

Phil Boersma - 15570 Cleveland Street - Spring Lake, MI 49456

Well, after seeing the slimness of #2, I thought I'd get off my seat and add this little bit to the contents of THIS issue! So what we have here are a few of my personal observations and speculations regarding radio in W MI. Remember when the FCC came out with its 'final', third list of allocations for the X-Band? Remember how Uncle Charlie said 'this is it, set in stone, don't even THINK about trying to alter this because no way will we do it'!!! Well, begosh & begorra, what happens but comes along Goodrich Broadcasting of West Michigan, and with very little fuss, gets the FCC to move the 1680 X-Band allocation of their WMHG-1600 Muskegon to its co-owned WKWM-1140 Kentwood, a move of 40 miles. Even more unusual, the city of license for the new 1680 will not be Kentwood, but rather Ada, MI (site of WKWM's towers, one of which the new station will apparently share). Hmm, kinda flexible for 'set in stone', eh? Speaking of WKWM, the are operating with about 500 watts as opposed to their licensed 5000, apparently to facilitate the construction of the 1680 station. Meanwhile, over at WMHG, which is licensed U2 5000/5000, that station, to the best of my knowledge, used its night-time directional antenna pattern since this past summer at least, operating effectively U1 5000/5000. Engineering at the station is iffy at best; when it rains, WMHG puts out nasty spurs on 1570 & 1630 plus the audio is rather distorted. On a brighter note, WQWQ-1520 has returned to full 10 kilowatt daytime power after operating U3 1000/1000 for over a year (it's licensed U4 10000/1000). The 28 year old 10 kilowatt rig had a major break-down in 9/97 and from then until early 10/98, WQWQ operated on its extremely restrictive (9 tower) 1000 watt night pattern, although they did rig up a way to switch patterns while on 1000 watts this summer. But now, they're back to the full 10000 watts daytime power, blanketing my location (the strongest signal on the AM dial). Actually, its OK with me; I hated to see a great facility go to waste, and using the 1000 watt teapot during the day was a waste. If engineering at some AM stations leaves a lot to be desired, there are others which do seem to care. I'm impressed by the fastidiousness of some of the new X-Banders, WPHG & WKSH in particular, who seem to have super clean signals and are very conscientious about power changes at the right time. WTMJ-620 is another notable, a great, clean signal, always changing power and pattern right to the second, when they're supposed to according to FCC-dictated times each month. Hopefully, there will always be stations like these, to serve as an antidote to the "it's only AM" attitude which unfortunately exists today at too many other stations these days. (And to build a power change switch, is so-so easy, with parts from Radio Shack even.....unreal isn't it-DWS)

Bill Townshend - 4500 Connecticut Ave. #901 - Washington, DC 20008

It is way past time for a MUSING. I have been busy with other things or maybe I'm too darn lazy! I'm 67, still single, and live in "Solitary Glory" (my late stepmother, who passed away last Jan., used that as one of her favorite phrases). I haven't picked up anything new despite many bandscans. Here is the DXer's Axiom: The more stations you have logged, the harder it is to log the next station. I haven't taken any big trips since my Antarctic trip last winter (summer down under) and an expedition a month later to see a total solar eclipse (late Feb.) in the Eastern Pacific several hundred miles off western Columbia after transiting the Panama Canal. I have now set foot on all 7 continents. Now that fall is here, DX'ing conditions should really start picking up. LXXIII

NRC's antenna manuals ... Now completely revised and up-to-date!

Antenna Reference Manuals, Vol. 1 and 2, \$6.95 each (\$9.95 to non-members)

Loop Antenna Design & Theory, \$8.50 (\$12.95 to non-members)

Order from NRC Publications - P. O. Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661. NY orders, please add sales tax.

Problems, Problems?

We can't solve all your woes, but we can solve your DX News problems. Torn, soiled, partially-printed, MIA, or worst of all, delivered in a USPS plastic baggie? No need to return the copy - just end a postcard to NRC - 2840 SE Illinois Ave. - Topeka, KS 66605, and a replacement copy will be mailed free. Missing back issue? Replacement copies from Vol. 56 on, to current NRC members only, are sent for the cost of first-class postage. Quantities will be sent book rate; reimburse by check after you receive the package and verify the postage amount.

See? No problem!