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Last week we presented the views of some of our members with regards to the verification plan which Radex adopted during the course of their recent Mystery DX Contest. During the past week we have received a very lengthy letter from Carleton Lord, DX Editor for that publication in which he explains their position in this matter. We feel that in order to be fair with Radex as well as with our own members that a few excerpts from his letter might be interesting to our members.

"First of all, the contest was not intended to be a means of increasing one's list of veries. If such was the case, we would have picked some of the harder stations. The whole idea was to build up a weekend of unusual dialing for the DXers -- and I think we accomplished that purpose. Therefore, since the stations chosen are relatively easy to hear there should have been no great demand for veries."

"Secondly, we started out with the idea of verifying no stations ourselves and having all such requests go direct to the stations themselves. This was what we did last year. However, the stations came right back and more than a dozen of them asked to be relieved of the necessity of verifying. They were willing to put on the broadcast, but felt that the job of issuing confirmations was just a little too much."

"That put the job of verifying on my shoulders -- and I can tell you that I didn't relish the task at all. So I hit upon the 10-cent idea with two purposes in mind -- to discourage requests because of the price and to pay the expenses of those that did come through."

"It is not part of my job to run a Mystery DX Contest and I am under no obligation to do so. It is merely my idea of adding a little something to the general interest of the magazine, and I do it entirely on my own. Furthermore, I get no extra pay for it whatever."

"For each of the 42 stations which actually agreed to come on for us, three more letters have so far been mailed. In many other instances, follow-up letters and incidental correspondence was necessary. To date I have typed and mailed out over 500 letters on contest business. --try that on your typewriter sometime -- and you'll realize that I'm not exaggerating when I say that every available evening for the past three months has gone into the contest."

"And now the reports are beginning to come in. Every one has to be checked carefully and it will take most of my time for the next month to take care of that. Two additional letters will still go to each of the 42 stations, the reports segregated and mailed out, the prize winners notified."

"Don't you think that is enough work for any one chap to undertake, without any extra remuneration?"

"And so to the question of veries. That is where I must set the limit on my work. That listeners want veries of contest stations is shown by nearly a hundred requests received so far. And who is going to check those hundred reports, type letters of confirmation, and get them mailed. I think I have reason enough to draw a line at that additional work.

Hence, the 10 cents charge. Three cents will go for postage. Roughly

Carleton Lord's Letter (Continued)

for the labor of checking and typing. For the hundred veries which we will probably send out, that leaves \$6 for the labor. I may be able to get a girl who can do the job in two days -- doing it right. If so, she is entitled to that six bucks."

We have just received a revised list of frequency checks and at this time we are listing only those changes which do not appear in the March issue of Radex, next week or within two weeks at the most, we hope to be able to send each one of you a complete list of these stations. Dick Cooper our Kittanning, Penna. member has kindly volunteered to print this list for us and we are certain that the system Dick has planned for us will enable us to keep abreast with the changes made in this list, at least until next fall.

2nd Monday each month.

All in E.S.T.

Delete:-

WGCM, 1210 kcs., Gulfport, Miss., from 5:00 to 5:20 A.M.

Add

KEUB, 1420 kcs.,	Price, Utah	"	4:50 to 5:10	"
KBST, 1500	" Big Spring, Texas	"	5:00 to 5:20	"
WFOY, 1210	" St. Augustine, Fla."	"	5:00 to 5:20	"
KFGQ, 1370	" Boone, Iowa	"	5:30 to 5:50	"
WGCM, 1210	" Mississippi City	"	5:30 to 5:50	"

2nd Tuesday each month.

Add

KLAH, 1210	" Carlsbad, N. M.	"	5:50 to 6:10	"
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2nd Wednesday each month.

Add

KFLT, 1500	" Paris, Texas	"	4:40 to 5:00	"
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2nd Thursday each month.

Delete

KHBC, 1400	" Hilo, Hawaii	"	5:00 to 5:20	"
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2nd Saturday each month.

Add

KOCA, 1210	" Kilgore, Texas	"	4:30 to 4:50	"
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This coming Saturday morning, March 6th from 2:00 to 4:00 A.M., E.S.T. the DXers will have another opportunity to hear one of the excellent programs which is transmitted from KFUC, 550 kcs., St. Louis, Mo. on occasions such as this. We understand that they have been having quite a fight on their hands with KSD of the same city who are anxious to receive the facilities of KFUC. Therefore it appears that KFUC may possibly use the reports which we DXers send them, in an effort to prove to the FCC that they really do have a large listening audience. As we all are aware, practically all of the church owned stations have passed out of existence, the two out of three or four that remain are now having quite a battle to stay on, namely KFUC and WLWL, both of which are fine stations. Therefore here is an opportunity for the DXers to aid these stations which are having such trouble at this time. Let's all listen in and send KFUC a report on their broadcast, for should they and WLWL lose their court battles, that will leave KFSG, WMPC and WBBL the last of their kind. Here's your opportunity to do a piece of good work, let's all co-operate with KFUC as much as we possibly can during the course of their program which will take place this coming Sunday morning. (Note:-The above line should read this coming Saturday morning.)

Reception during the last few days has been very satisfactory, and all bands furnished excellent results. 49 meters, which in a few more weeks will fall prey to summer conditions, came through without a trace of static. On 19 meters, GEF's signal on Transmission 5, 6 to 8 P.M., was reminiscent of summer reception; 25 meter stations were also very fine. 10 meters has been very active in the morning from 10 to 12, at which time CW stations from all over Europe and South Africa can be heard.

PLP, 11000 kcs., and YDC, 15150 kc., put in good signals daily at 6 P.M., at which time they begin their day's activities in Java. PLP is generally stronger with an R 6 signal; YDC is about R 4 or 5.

That station on approximately 20025 kc., mentioned here some time ago, has been found to be an erratic signal put out by TYE, Paris, on 18090 kc.

LZA, Sofia, was audible on Sunday afternoon on their regular frequency of 14915 kc.

OAX4J, that new Peruvian near 9340 kc., relaying the programs of OAX4I, "Radio Internacional de Lima", puts in a strong signal throughout the evening. Quality is a bit "mushy".

XEDQ on 9480 kc. is another one that has lately begun coming through with a fine signal.

CT1AA, 9650 kc., is heard frequently until 9 P.M., broadcasting programs for North and South American listeners.

HP5I, Aguadulce, Panama, is one of the newer stations that is heard with an excellent signal during the evening. He operates on an announced frequency of 11895 kc.

The U.S.S. Pennsylvania on 13240 kc. is frequently heard in contact with WOO, 12840 kc.

A German ship on 17300 kc. was heard phoning another German vessel on Sunday at 2 P.M.

Art Johnson reports hearing the following list of Amateurs recently: VE5TV (Baffinland), VE1KK (Labrador), VP5AF, F3HZ, HC2CG, OA4AC, and PYR-001 (PYBAD).

That phone station near 21140 kc. is still testing around 1 or 2 P.M. As yet I have been unable to identify it.

I hope you've all heard W6XKG, 25950 kc., as reported in the last Bulletin. It is heard here in the East daily from approximately 9 A.M. to 7 P.M., and the signal is always R 8 to 9. This is the first Pacific Coast SW Broadcaster to be heard in the East. W9XAZ, the Milwaukee Journal station, also operates in this band, 26400 kcs., but as yet I have not located him. W9XPD, St. Louis, is also supposed to be operating near these two stations.

Since news is scarce, this will end our chat for this week. Your reports will be greatly appreciated.

DK CHATTER - SW's

By Al Oppel

DID YOU KNOW...that ZLBJ, S. S. Awatea, uses 8.84 and 4.42 megs., and is on the air usually from 1 to 3 and from 6:45 to 7:30 A.M., YV5RI, 6.21 megs., a new station at Coro, Venezuela, is being heard in the early evenings...HP51, 11.89 megs., Aguadulce, Panama, is another new one recently reported in the early evening hours...HI8Q, formerly on 6.24 megs., Trujillo, D.R., now uses an approximate frequency of 6.19 megacycles.

LATEST LIST OF SW STATIONS IN VENEZUELA

Call	Mcs.	Location	Call	Mcs.	Location
YV2RA	7.71	San Cristobal, Tach.	YV5RP	6.27	Caracas
YV5RC	5.80	Caracas	YV4RD	6.30	Maracay, Aragua
YV1RB	5.85	Maracaibo, Zulia	YV1RG	6.345	Valera, Trujillo
YV3RB	5.88	Barquisimeto, Lara	YV1RH	6.36	Maracaibo, Zulia
YV4RH	5.91	Valencia, Carabobo	YV5RF	6.375	Caracas
YV1RD	6.07	Maracaibo, Zulia	YV5RH	6.40	Caracas
YV5RD	6.15	Caracas	YV4RB	6.52	Valencia, Carabobo
YV5RI	6.21	Coro	YV6RB	6.545	Ciudad Bolivar
YV5RJ	6.25	Caracas			

(YV2RA was formerly YV1ORSC and are on daily from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., and from 5:30 to 9:30 P.M. Sundays from 5:30 to 10 P.M.)

RADIO GOSSIP

By Al Oppel

According to newspaper reports Mexico is going to "clean house" in radio within the next twelve months. Mexico has begun to realize the borderline stations are doing much to harm the flow of tourists into the country and it is believe these stations which read your fortunes over the air for a dollar will be the first to go! The borderline stations (independently owned), newspaper reports state, will be replaced by five super-powered government owned stations. Programs of all Mexican stations will be patterned after the U.S. style of broadcasting. Transmitters will have to install the latest developments in radio in keeping with this sweeping reform...Talking about "cleaning house"--Columbia, S.A., is at present doing the same thing in radio. It is expected many stations will lose their licenses to operate, especially the "HJ's" on the 49 meter band. Increased power, better signals and modulation will be demanded of existing stations in good repute...The Australian government proposes to erect a new ECB station at Canberra.

DK CHATTER

By Al Oppel

DO YOU KNOW...that several DXers report the 1220 kilocycles station to be PRE3, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on every Sunday to 2 A.M. Another DXer reports hearing it Tuesdays until 3:30 A.M. Others report it as PRA9. Looks to us as another XEMX-YNLF episode!...now that XEAW, 960 kcs., Reynosa, Mexico, sign off at 2 A.M., it might be wise to listen for CFRN, Edmonton, Alberta, on the same frequency...DXers are reporting reception of CMCW, 750 kcs., Havana, Sundays, up to 3 A.M...KVGB, 1370 kcs., Great Bend, Kans., is expected to start regular broadcasting on March 1st...KOKO are the call letters assigned to the Southwest Broadcasting Co., station at La Junta, Colo...WKBW, Buffalo, N. Y., granted permission to use the antenna facilities of WGR...KPRC, 920 kcs., Houston, Texas granted temporary authority to operate with 5 Kw nights, instead of 1Kw as at present.

Dick Cooper, our Kittanning, Penna. CFCer sends us word of two more frequency check dedications for the members of our club. The first of which will take place Monday morning, March 8 from 4:50 to 5:10 A.M., E.S.T. Please note the change in KEUB's time, inasmuch as they had previously been assigned another frequency check period. KEUB operates on 1420 kcs., and is located in Price, Utah. The second dedication is from KCKN, 1310 kcs., Kansas City, Kansas on Tuesday morning, March 9th from

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3:20 to 3:40 A.M., E.S.T. Dick also sends us a sample of the new verification card which he has just finished printing for KGFF and believe you us, it's a dandy, and we're sure that you'll all welcome an opportunity to get such a fine verif as this from KGFF.

NATIONAL POST OBSERVER REPORTS

A. W. OFFEL, Irvington, N. J. - Philco 116K. Reception Feb. 28 very poor, with static strong. CMGH and WGRC both strong at 3 A.M. CFLG and VOOM not heard up to 3:15.

GEORGE L. BRODE, Phila., Penna. - RCA 221. Reception poor, very heavy static, however picked up the following. Feb. 27. WCHS R5, WIBW R7, WIL R6, WGAL R9 between 5:30 and 6 A.M. Feb. 28. CMQ R8 at 12:30. WLAC R9 12:45 (Capt. Hadley's DK Tip Program). WGY testing 1:15 A.M. R9. XEFO R6 2 A.M. CMCD R7, CMGH R6 at 2 A.M. March 1. WIBW R8, WAAT R9. On 20 meters K6JLG wk W8AT at 4:30-5 A.M.

HAT REILLEY, Jamestown, N. Y. - Philco 16. Feb. 22 snowing, terrible thunder storm Sunday evening and static was very bad. WFTC all A.M. WFBR at 2:40 for Radex. WNBK for Radex at 3:02. WMMN Radex at 3:12. Feb. 23. clear and very little noise. Pacific coasters were mostly all quite strong. 20 meters open after 3 A.M. Feb. 24. Clear and B CB static was terrible. Plenty of Coasters heard WPAY at 4:02. 20 meters open. 16 meters open to 3:30 and faded out. 19 meters still open at 4:30. Feb. 25. Terrible blizzard, static quite bad in spots. WHBF at 3:50. KGGM at 4:30 and plenty of 20 meter hams heard. Does anyone know QRA of ELLA in Liberia, West Africa on 20 meters? Feb. 26. Blizzard and too noisy to DX. 20 meters good all morning. Feb. 27. still snowing hard but very little static. WFTC all A.M. WGFC at 3:10. WICC at 3:30. and somebody bothering WJBK on 1500 most of A.M. The call ended in L. Probably WGAL since they tested all Saturday morning with some new equipment. Feb. 28 No DXing done due to bad cold. A resume of 20 meter calls heard the past week: VK2FM, VK3ML, VK7BJ, VK3AL, G6XR, ON4CB, G5PP, OA4C, ELLA, G5ML, K6JLV, VK5MF, G5JO, G5RV, G2XV, VK2QN, G5JA, SVIKE, G6TX, VK2RW, G6LK, VK3LA. March 1st too noisy to DX either on SW on B. CB.

DICK COOPER, Kittanning, Penna. - Advises us that he has received a pound of pecans from WGFC for having been one of the five most distant listeners on their February frequency check. New catches have been very few. WICC was added on the 27th at 3:25. A very high noise level ruined all hopes of new catches on the 28th and was sorry to have missed the fine line up of NRC dedications.

ARTHUR L. ROBB, Topeka, Kansas - Reception here was very unfavorable on the 20th and 21st inasmuch as a driving snow and sleet storm produced a high static level. Everything cleared up by the 22nd and reception was keen that morning except that there were not many contest stations on then. The Western stations co-operated in splendid fashion this year and I found 13 stations who last year participated in this contest, again participating this year. The biggest fight came from WTRC who were covered up by KERV who were testing. The 5 to 6 A.M. period on the 22nd nothing was heard of any contest stations. The following stations were heard, Sat. 20th. 2-3; WHAM, (WLAP) 3-4; KFSB, KVOE, CFCC. 4-5; KMO, KQVD. 5-6 WFBC. Sun. 21. 2-3; WAAW, WBIG. 3-4; KWSC, KDYL, KXA. 4-5; CROV, KIRC, WPER, WAAF, (KROW), (CJGJ) 5-6; WTRC, WHA. Mon. 22. 2-3; WFBR. 3-4; WMMN, WOI. 4-5; WADC, KFNF, KVI, 5-6 None. () indicate the station was heard but definite participation in the contest was not established.

FRANK M. JORDON, Erie, Penna. - Sends us a short report on the Radex Contest. Feb. 20. KFBD, WFBC, CFCC, WHAM, WRUF. Feb. 21. WTRC, KWSC, KMPC, WAAW, WHA, WAAF, WPER, WBIG, (WKAR)????? Feb. 22. KFNF, WIBM, KVI, CMHJ, WADC, WNBK, WOI, WMMN, WFBR. There were 17 20-pointers; 1-10 pointer; 5 30-pointers for a total of 500 points. Weather conditions poor. Static almost drove the tubes out of the set. Last year I received 34 stations.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5.					
WACO	1420	Waco	1:45-2:15	KTEM	1370 Temple 4-6
WFOY	1210	St. Augustine	1-3		
SATURDAY, MARCH 6.					
CMKW	1330	Santiago	1-2	KACA	1210 Elk City 3:30-3:50
KFUC	550	St. Louis	2-4	WGAL	1500 Lancaster 5:45-6
SUNDAY, MARCH 7.					
XEL	1100	Mexico City	12-4	CMGH	790 Matanzas until 4
WJBO	1420	Baton Rouge	2-4	KGDY	1340 Huron 4-4:30
MONDAY, MARCH 8.					
WHEF	1500	Kosciusko	1-2	KEUB	1420 Price NRC 4:50-5:10
TUESDAY, MARCH 9.					
KCKN	1310	Kansas City	3:20-3:40	NRC WHEG	1430 Rochester 5:30-5:45
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10.					
WELL	1420	Battle Creek	NRC 3:30-50	WMPC	1200 Lapeer NRC 4:20-4:40
THURSDAY, MARCH 11.					
CJOR	600	Vancouver	3-4		
FRIDAY, MARCH 12.					
WFOY	1210	St. Augustine	1-3	KPOF	880 Denver 2:15-2:45
SATURDAY, MARCH 13.					
CMKW	1330	Santiago	1-2	KGFF	1420 Shawnee NRC 5-5:20
KCMC	1420	Texarkana	4:40-5	NRC	
SUNDAY, MARCH 14.					
CMGH	790	Matanzas till	4	HIX	800 Trujillo 5-6

National Post Observer Reports (Continued).

JOHN J. OSKAY, New Brunswick, N. J. - Hallicrafters Sky Chief. Short Wave report. Feb. 27. (31 meter band) Stations marked (*) time between 6-7 A.M. EST. WX:-Cloudy. Tem. 32. Hum. 54. Bar. 29.93. Stations not marked (*) time between 5:30-7 P.M. WX:-Clear. Tem. 33. Hum. 30. Bar. 29.88. HBP R6, COCH R6, *VK3ME R4, HJLABE R6, GSB R5, HJ4ABH R4, *ZBW3 R4, W2XAF R8, DJN R6, DJA R5, W1XK R8, *VK3LR R5, GSO R6, W3XAU R7, HBL R5, RAN R4, HP5J R4, HJLABP R4, I2RO3 R7, CT1AA R7, LRX R6, COCQ R6, EAQ R7, CSW R7, EAJ43 R3. (25 meter band) Time between 5-7:30 P.M. EST. CSW R6, COCX R7, TPA4 R6, CJRX R5, GSD R7, DJD R8, W1XAL R8, W8XK R4, TPA3 R6, XEVI R5. ECB report. Feb. 28. WX:-clear; Tem. 23; Hum 40; Bar. 29.93; QRN XX; DX conditions poor. Time 2-3 A.M. KFI R4, KPO R2, KGO R2, XERA R6, XENT R7, KWJJ R1, KNX R5, KSL R5, WFTC R6, KDYL R6, KGA R2, KFBK R2 and KPMC R3. Short wave news and tips. HJLABP, 9618 kc. is heard Sundays working amateurs around 6 to 7 A.M. OAX1B, 6165 kc. is heard from 8-11 P.M. Greece will soon have a 10 kw. station on 19230 kc. Sweden will soon have a powerful S.W. station on. Turkey will soon have a 20 kw. station on also. XEUZ, 6118 kc. is heard around midnight, relays XEFO. OAX4J, 9330 kc. is heard from 7 to 12 P.M. OLR, 9550 kc. is heard on days 7-9 P.M. very strong.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, Bradford, N. Y. - Reception generally poor during past week. Caught WFOY on test R7 the 26th. Remarkable coast reception the 27th. 28th. naturally CHWK not heard thru the Californian on same frequency. VOXM heard breaking thru after 2 A.M. badly overlapped most of the time. Some definite material was heard along with call given several times. Here an R5 when audible. March 1st, very bad, but was able to identify 3 selections on CKUA during last half hour. They were honoring NRC in fine style R5-6 here.

BILL STONE, Toronto, Ont. - Says that unlike Dick Cooper, he had a verify from WCAX on their Feb. frequency check very promptly. Dick thought that this was one station that definitely did not verify. Bill says that DX-ing has been impossible owing to heavy QRM. Feb. 26, all Pacific Coast stations coming through fine. WFOY R9 2-2:30; KFBK R7-9; KOL R4-7; 27th; CRCV R7; WFTC R7-9; KFWB R9; WGPC R5-6; KQW R5-7; WGNV R7; WMBI R9.