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WLDS-1180 - P.O. BOX 1180 - Jacksonville, IL 62650 will conduct a DX TEST on SUNDAY morning February 11, 1990 from 0500 to 0530 EST. This test will consist of Morse Code & Voice ID's and Music. Correct reports with return postage will be verified. Direct reports to Mr. Kevin Potter, Chief Engineer. Test Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

WLUS-980 - P. O. Box 1068 - Gainesville, FL 32602 will conduct a DX test on Sunday morning, February 18, from 0400- to 0430 EST. Test will consist of voice and code ID's, an explanation of the test, and fast-tempo big-band style music. Power will be, from 0400-0417: 5 kW, 0417-0419: .5 kW; 0419-0421: .25 kW; 0421-1423: .166 kW; then, return to 5 kW. Code ID's will be used during all segments. Our thanks to Mr. Tim McGuire, CE, for this test. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

WIVV-1370 - P.O. BOX 338 - Vieques, PR 00765-0338 will conduct a special DX TEST on February 19, 1990 from 0400 to 0426 Eastern Local Time. At 0426 WIVV will sign on for its normal broadcast day. The test will be run with 5000 watts non-directional. This test will consist of Christian music with frequent voice and code ID's. Our thanks to Mr James C. French Operations Manager. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

WLBK-1360 - P.O. Box 448 - DeKalb, IL 60115 will conduct a DX TEST on February 25, 1990 beginning at 0100 EST. This test will include both voice and code ID's. Our thanks to Mr Jim Casey, Chief Engineer (WA9KVJ). Jim informs us he can be found on 40 meters at 7180 kHz most evenings. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

WBIU-1210 - P.O. 68 - Denham Springs, LA 70727-

0068 will conduct a DX TEST on February 26, 1990 from 0530 to 0600 EST. The test will consist of tone, voice and Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. Sam North at WBIU. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

KWCK-1300 - Drawer 1300 - Searcy, AR 72143 will conduct a Special DX Test on Sunday Morning March 4, 1990 from 0300 to 0330 Eastern Standard Time. KWCK will operate with 5000 watts Non directional. The test will include Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. Ken Simmons, Operations Director, for this test. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

WLBE-790 - Drawer 799 - Leesburg, FL 32740 will conduct a DX Test on Sunday, March 18, from 0330-0400 EST with tones, voice, and code IDs. Our thanks to R. Dean Sever, Chief Engineer, for this test. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

DXChange ... Ken MacHarg is conducting a final clearance of his book *Moving to Ecuador* for \$1.00 including postage, \$1.50 to Canada, \$2.00 elsewhere. The book is an excellent simplified intro to the world of shortwave radio. Send check/money order payable to Kenneth D. MacHarg - Box 1345 - Jeffersonville, IN 47131 before April 15, 1990. And the new Grove catalog is out; if you didn't receive your copy, request one from Grove Enterprises at P. O. Box 98 - Brasstown, NC 28902.

Gene Martin, Denver CO offers this puzzle: "Name a one-time 50 kW clear channel station whose call letters are no longer used in radio but are found in the same city in TV." (Answer below). Gene suggests that others submit similar puzzles to me ... and I think it's a good idea.

Answer: WFAA, Dallas.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News

Twenty-five years ago ... from the February 13, 1965 DXN: WDCJ-1220, Jacksonville, FL received so many DX Testreports that they couldn't answer all personally, but in a letter to Len Kruse thanked all for the response.

Ten years ago ... from the February 11, 1980 DXN: 5 DX tests were listed on the front page.

AM Switch

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

Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and NRC members

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call: New call:
610 WAES NC Charlotte WROQ
930 KRTH CA Los Angeles KKHJ
980 KEAP CA Fresno KEYQ
1340 KFKF KS Kansas City KNHN

HEALTH TEST

Blow Your Breath On
This Black Dog



IF DOG TURNS PURPLE, THERE IS A HARMFUL
CHEMICAL IN YOUR BREATH, AND YOU SHOULD
SEE YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY. IF THE
REMAINS BLACK, YOU ARE WELL ENOUGH TO
TUNE TO KTFJ-AM 1250

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

890 CA Rosamond: 1000/500 U4

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

970 WESO MA Southbridge: reduce day power to 500 watts, raise night
power to 500 watts, antenna to U3
1440 KELG TX Elgin: city of license to Manor, TX, day power to 800 watts

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1010 WELS NC Kinston: relocate XR
1180 -CP- PQ Perce: powers to 1000/1000, antenna to U4
1400 CKCR BC Golden: night power to 1000 watts

OTHERNESS

800 WSUZ FL Palatka: station is SILENT
1100 WCGA GA Woodbine: station is SILENT (was recently reported as being
heard but none of their telephone numbers are working and
their silence is confirmed by local monitoring last month)
1320 WTOW NC Washington: station is SILENT
1340 WWFL FL Clermont: station is SILENT
1450 WKEL SC Myrtle Beach: station is SILENT (has never returned since
the Hugo damage)
1510 KIDZ MO Independence: was briefly simulcasting with KCCV after their
move to 760 kHz but is now silent. KCCV is still operating
from their Independence studios but will soon move to new
facilities. Once this takes place the new owners of KIDZ
will take over the old studios and resume broadcasting.
1580 WBGB FL Mount Dora: station is SILENT

THANK YOU to NRCers JOHN BOWKER and SKIP LABELSTRAIN for their contributions in
this issue. John recently returned from a Florida vacation where he was able
to confirm the above listed silent stations. We will be heading to FL in a
few weeks and hope to check out some additional operations in question.

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

CITY QUIZ

John S. Bowker, Valparaiso, IN

QUIZ #49

Only one city in the United States has stations operating at the five dial
positions shown below. Of course, there may be other stations in this
city too! Can you spot the city?

1090 1190 1250 1380 1450

Here is a hint; it is one of these: Baltimore, Fort Wayne, Albuquerque, Little Rock
(The answer will appear at the end of the next City Quiz in DX News.)
The answer to City Quiz #48 Kansas City

Domestic DX Digest - East

William Hale
734 Burlison
San Marcos, TX 78666

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

MEDIUM WAVE ramblings

■ **Walter Nissen** of Silver Spring, Maryland scanned his National Geographic World Atlas to lend a hand with an unID. Although he uses a White's Radio Log for station references, it's good to hear from Silver Spring.
■ From **Charles Reh...** In the DX/EQUIPMENT TESTS section of DDXD-E in Issue 12, **Phil Boersma** asked about WYGR I goofed up CLS-Ed.1-1530 in Wyoming, MI testing after normal hours. Well, here's the FCC regulation concerning ETs:

73.1520 Operation for tests and maintenance

(a) Broadcast stations may be operated for tests and maintenance of their transmitting systems on their assigned frequencies using their licensed operating power and antennas during their authorized hours of operation without specific authorization from the FCC.

(b) Licensees of AM stations may operate for tests and maintenance during the hours from 12 midnight local time to local sunrise, if no interference is caused to other stations maintaining a regular operating schedule within such period. No AM station licensed for daytime or "specified hours" of operation may broadcast any regular or scheduled programs during this period of test and maintenance operation.

(c) Licensees of AM stations may obtain special antenna test authorizations, and operate under the provisions in 73.157, to operate with nighttime facilities during daytime hours in conducting directional antenna field strength and antenna proof of performance measurements.

In short, it is illegal for a daytime station to test after normal operating hours except during the experimental period (local midnight to LSR) unless (here's the loophole) the station is operating under an experimental authorization issued by the FCC (as provided for in 73.1510) which specifically states that the station may operate at times other than normal operating hours and/or the experimental period (local midnight to LSR).

■ **Steve Francis** on Alcoa, Tennessee comments on the 1240 GYDX list in Issue 13, concerning his record catch of WSBC, Chicago...I have heard WEDC... (the all-nighter and most commonly heard of the three) and submitted it as part of a long list ten or 12 years ago...must have gotten the calls mixed up... before you took it over...I hope you have something on file so somebody can rightfully claim WSBC. Steve's record has been there since I took over, so I wouldn't have the previous record holder. Old DX Newses (Newses?) are the only archive. The WSBC record (post 1960) is now up for grabs. If you've logged this guy from The Windy, stake your claim!

SPECIAL

WFTD **1080 AM**

570 WMCA NY NEW YORK - 1/22 0300 noted off again MM for at least the 2nd time in 3 weeks; may have resumed a regular MM SP when it switched to a REL format back in Sept (GU-NY)
1160 WPIE NY TRUMANSBURG - 1/9 1215 hrd on the air with Program Tests, MoYL format; following week hrd with ABC Radio Sports (JR-NY)
1190 WHUM PA HUGHESVILLE - 1/16 1400-1430 drops boring C&W mx for BRN Nx; (reporter's note: this is at least the 8th format change for this stn in 5 years); very good (GV-PA)
1251.2 CHWO ON OAKVILLE - 1/9 local CHWO has been noted off-frequency all week; I called the DOC but it didn't sound like they cared...also spoke to the CE at CHWO who more or less told me to "f" it & "f" it; noticed that on 1/20 that CHWO was magically back on frequency!!; WTAE was quite listenable on 1250 while CHWO was on 1251.2! (NjW-ON)
1280 WPXY NY ROCHESTER - 1/19 1620 now MoYL, no longer simulcasting FM (JR-NY)
1320 CJMR ON MISSISSAUGA - 1/7 1522 first noted here with ethnic programming & EE ads; fair signal but lost to WJAS/WOBL after LSS; stn is fulltime now & has a good signal over most of metropolitan Toronto & area; mx:1190, which stayed on irregularly for a few days but is now silent; CJMR goes all-EE later in the evening (MS-ON1)
CJMR ON MISSISSAUGA - 1/9 1659 at break in a REL pgm, CJMR signed off 1190 for the last time with a speech by the VP of the stn about how the 380,000 people of Mississauga have waited 15 years for a full-time radio station; CJMR then switched to 1320 and after a brief (similar) speech went back into the REL pgm that they were airing on 1190; way to go CRTS! (NjW-ON)

4 CJMR ON MISSISSAUGA 1/21 0744 noted on new frequency with promo for Toronto Maple Leafs vs Calgary Flames HRY on 1320 CJMR; lost suddenly with possible switch to day pattern; poor under WJIS with WOBL null; excellent; thanks to Don Trelford for phone call tip (CR-ON)

1420 WAVO GA DECATUR - noted most days with paid NFL programming, signing off at 1500 daily with **MMI** Wonder why? (BA-GA)

1440 WMLA IL NORMAL - 1/22 0312 still noted with these CLs during ID in Fred Sanders IRN show; CL change to WIII may be on the back burner (RD-IA)

UNIDs AND UNIDs Id

660 UNID ?? - 1/22 0058 rough under WFAN with ballad of Talknet with Dr Harvey Reuben, then PSA for American Heart Ass'n; 0059 ID(?) 66 ??, this is Bob Thompson with on the tonight about 5 above, partly cloudy, Tomorrow hi of 29, then the 66 Great WK (or 8WK); 0100 NBC Nc; 0101 ad for Inventor's Kit call 1 800-888-IDEA, then more nx; 0105 more Talknet ad nauseum, couldn't get definite df on unID, also can't get sharp null on WFAN because both ground & skywave received here; tried again 1/22 ave but only Cuban or some LA hrd under WFAN; wx suggests northern or Rockies state; ??? (RF-OH) [Maybe WVAL Sauk Rapids, MN, but log sez they sign off @ 0108-Ed.]

1120 UNID ?? - 1/8 0201 with Barbra Streisand song just before I hrd WADN test; I Can't Go For That by Hall & Oates also noted way under KMOX/WADN @ 0214; weak under KMOX; could this finally be much-wanted KPNW? (RD-IA)

UNID ?? - 1/15 1700-1715 with OLD mx, very fade signal; poor+good at times, in tight KMOX null; call sounded like WYVO (WYNO, which I haven't heard is on 1120, but didn't sound like WYNO, tho); many Gold 107 and Gold 107.9 (.5?) mentions; Help, thanks! (DLH-IN)

1160 UNID ?? - 1/4 2320-0040 with romantic SS type mx; no anct; mixed with WCCS; maybe KFHM (DT-ON) [Or Cuba?-Ed.] (DT-ON)

1230 UNID ?? - 12/8 2244 ref:unID by GT-FL (issue 12); Durham, NH is 43 miles from WESX Salem, MA, Durham, OK is 62 miles from... KGRO Pampa, TX (WN-MD)

1240 UNID ?? - 1/18 2238 fair with Wichita State BKB (vs Tulsa); KNSS would seem the logical choice, but there's always the chance it could have been someone else; it wasn't KIUL, as I noted them at the same time; Paul or Todd, any help on this? (RD-IA)

1450 UNID ?? - 1/16 0655 poor with Q-106 ID+ROK or country rock mx; faded @ 0658; in WIBM/WJXQ? (SA-MB)

1570 UNID ?? - 1/1 2300-2330 with REL pgm, rapid fades in 15 minute segments; fade at 2330 (naturally); QRM de CKLM & unID; hrd again 1/15 2310-2340 with REL talk, phone #472-???? (DT-ON)

1600 UNID ?? - 1/8 0012 0031 (when I tuned out) somebody testing here; fair with WWRW/WIXY (NJW-ON)

DX/EQUIPMENT TESTS

790 KCAN AK GLENNALLEN - 1/15 not heard (DT-ON)

KCAN AK GLENNALLEN - 1/15 DX TEST not heard; can't figure out why, hi (CR-ON)

1090 WILD MA BOSTON - 1/22 0200-0230 DX L&C with very detailed spoken IDs and plenty of CIDs @ 0201 & 0216; over/under WBAL DC (JA-OH)

WILD MA BOSTON - 1/22 0200-0230 poor+fair with TT, CID & VIDs, XR coordinates & The Code Word for this DX Test is Echo X-Ray (GU-NY)

WILD MA BOSTON - 1/22 0201-0220 weak under KAAV with CIDs from 0201:30 to 0203 and 0217:45 to 0219:50; a weak tone was also noted for most of the half-hour but was likely someone else; MA #15 & 1090 #30 (SF-TN)

WILDt MA BOSTON - 1/22 0103 possible CIDs hrd at this time, but KAAV's GOS mx @ 0105 obliterated the rest of the test here; can anyone tell me if this was indeed WILD that I hrd? (RD-IA)

1120 WADN MA CONCORD - 1/8 0200-0230 poor+fair under KMOX (DT-ON)

WADN MA CONCORD - 1/8 0200-0230 DX Test heard in its entirety, in KMOX null; fair (NJW-ON)

WADN MA CONCORD - 1/8 0200 heard with IDs (man, then woman), CID & TT (JR-NY)

WADN MA CONCORD - 1/8 0200-0229 with CIDs @ 0203; TTs noted from 0205-0208 and anytime afterwards when KMOX DJ would be talking; not enough for a report though; MA #2; Thanks Michael & Peter; weak under KMOX (RD-IA)

1370 WMNY SC SANTEE - 1/8 0400-0430 not a sign of this one, WSPD dominated with WXXI poor under them (DT-ON)

WAAX/WQEN
The Hickett Broadcasting Company of Alabama Inc.
P. O. BOX 570
GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35902

WMNY SC SANTEE - 1/8 0419-0435 weak+fair with TTs; CIDs @ 0419, 0423, 0429; w/1 and map received on 1/20 for my 1st SC verie (RD-IA)

1390 WFIW IL FAIRFIELD - 1/21 0603-0624 w/seven series of CIDs cut beautifully through PSRA dim; strongest were @ 0617:30 and 0620:45; had to pull the mattress off my bed for this one to phase out local WGAP-1400 with the box springs (SF-TN)

WFIW IL FAIRFIELD - 1/21 0604 poor with TT & marching mx, WFIW CIDs, 2 at a time at 0604, 0615, 0617; new for me & IL #52 (SA-MB)

WFIW IL FAIRFIELD - 1/21 0603-0631 weak+fair with march mx, TTs, CIDs & VIDs, just as advertised; anmt @ 0509:WFIW, Fairfield, Illinois, on the air for a transmitter check (RD-IA)

1560 KABI KS ABILENE - 1/15 WQXR only! (DT-ON)

KABI KS ABILENE - 1/155 DX TXEST not heard; start of TEST coinciding with WQXR sign-on @ 0530 didn't help matters (CR-ON)

KABI KS ABILENE - 1/15 0531-0556 fair with Moody Blues songs (such as Question & The Voice) and taped VIDs:KABI, Abilene, Kansas, AM 1560 on the air during the experimental period; anyone who sent a tentative report [or reported here-Ed.] according to what's listed in DX News is in for a surprise! (RD-IA)

1600 WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 0200-0400 WWRL, unID with King, WIXY, unID with CHR; NO WKEN (DT-ON)

WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 0210 poor with two-pitch warble TT; no IDs hrd even tho I listened for the two full hours; phone call confirmed it was they; main opposition came from CHNR and WBBB supposedly on 33 watts nite power (who do they think they're kidding?) (CR-ON)

WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 0200-0230 only a tentative report sent, as only tone hrd (JR-NY)

WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 DX Test NOT heard @ 0200-0220 (NJW-ON)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

570 WSYR NY SYRACUSE - 1/22 0258-0305 very poor with Larry King, MBS Nx, ads for ScoresPlus Sportsphone & Investor's Daily; partial slogan:...advise on the radio, you're listening to the news and weather station, 57 WSYR (GU-NY)

660 KCRO NE OMAHA - 1/5 0714 XLNT with sign-on (RD-IA)

670 KWXI AR GLENWOOD - 12/30 0815 fair with sign-on (RD-IA)

690 WPDQ FL JACKSONVILLE - 12/24 0220-0240 good, with reports of icy roads and other (tsk tsk) wintery conditions in Florida & Georgia; hrd while driving near Hazleton, PA) (GV-PA)

770 WCAL MN NORTHFIELD - 1/12 0715 weak with sign-on (RD-IA)

WEW MO ST LOUIS - 1/5 0715 very good with sign-on (RD-IA)

930 KWOC MO POPLAR BLUFF - 1/10 0042 with C&W and non-IDs as KWOC AM 960; sign-off noted at 0101+SSB by male choir; poor in WBen null; sign-off also noted @ 0058 on 1/11 (NJW-ON)

WSLI MS JACKSON - 12/24 0240-0300 with satellite-fed C&W mx & Central Mississippi's Best slogan; hrd whilst driving near Frackville, PA); fair with others (GV-PA)

WKOS NH ROCHESTER - 1/12 0057 with David Foster tune; 0100 legal ID and CBS Nx; fair in WBen null (NJW-ON)

CFBC NB SAINT JOHN - 1/8 0040-0125 w/AM Stereo CFBC with AdCon/CHR (by Wham!, Johnny Hates Jazz, Tom Petty, Carly Simon, etc); female anncr with local nx @ 0058; ad for St Hubert's Bar-B-Q Chicken; anncr about tryouts for the Saint John-Fundy Diving Club; fair in WBen null (NJW-ON)

970 KQAG MN AUSTIN - 1/1 0210 good with sign-off; over/under XEJ (RD-IA)

980 KDSJ SD DEADWOOD - 12/30 0753 very good with sign-on (RD-IA)

1000 WJHH GA SOPERTON - 1/6 0730 good with sign-on (RD-IA)

1020 WJEP GA OCHLOCKNEE - 1/22 0730 weak with sign-on (RD-IA)

WPEO IL PEOHRIA - 1/11 0745 good with sign-on; over KDKA (RD-IA)

KRAD OK PERRY - 1/12 0716 a pleasant surprise doing a nice job on KDKA with female DJ and full ID:We're playing your kind of country, north central Oklahoma. KRAD 1020-AM Perry, Guthrie, Ponca City, Enis & Stillwater+C&W mx; probably on 400w PSRA (CR-ON)

1030 WJKZ TN WHITE BLUFF - 1/4 0102 fair with sign-off (RD-IA)

KCTA TX CORPUS CHRISTI - 12/28 0659 very good with sign-on (RD-IA)

1180 WJNT MS PEARL - 1/24 0711 with nx & female w/It's 11 minutes past 6 on the World at Sunrise on Nx/Tx 1180 WJNT (GU-NY) [What's tx?-Ed.]

1200 KYOO MO BOLIVAR - 1/19 0830 with sign-on, good under WDAI (RD-IA)

1230 KADA OK ADA - 1/22 0631 weak with sign-on; stn is not 24 hrs as listed in Log (RD-IA)

1240 WJEJ MD HAGARSTOWN - 1/10 0055-0113 with OLD; ment MD NAAL [Whazzat??-Ed.], lottery #s; poor, then good after 0106 (DT-ON)

WRTA PA ALTOONA - 1/10 0054-0106 with Tom Snyder show, WRTA News; sign-off @ 0106 (DT-ON)

1260 KFGO IA BOONE - 1/15 0700 good with sign-on (RD-IA)
 1320 KLWN KS LAWRENCE - 1/11 0703 fair with sign-on (RD-IA)
 1340 WCVI PA CONNELLSVILLE - 1/14 Midnight-0030 with wx, nx, sign-off:WCVI owned & operated by...; poor (DT-ON)
 1380 WQHK IN FORT WAYNE - 1/22 0339 fair with prgmmg from IRN#WMLA-
 1440/KXEL-1540; I'd been after this one for some time; Ft Wayne #2 (RD-IA)
 1420 WADX GA TRENTON - 12/30 0621 atop with ad for the Exxon Truck Stop at Hwy 136 & I-59; What Awesome DX (RD-IA) [Pretty Cute-Ed.]
 KZMO MO CALIFORNIA - 1/8 0559 fair with sign-on (RD-IA)
 WKSR TN PULASKI - 12/31 0001 fair with sign-off (RD-IA)
 1450 KGRE CO GREELEY - 1/10 0659 poor with sign-on; one hour earlier than in NRC Log (SA-MB)
 1480 KLEE IA OTTUMWA - 1/7 0659 fair with sign-on (RD-IA)
 1490 WLFH WI LA CROSSE - 1/15 0515 fair with Your full-service Oldies station, 1490 WLFH ID (SA-MB)
 1520 WSVL IN SHELBYVILLE - 1/19 0500 XLNT with sign-on (DLH-IN)
 1540 KSGB TX FT WORTH - 1/22 0058 poor with sign-off info by female, no SSB heard; under KXEL; new & TX #26 (SA-MB)
 1550 KBLK OK SAPULPA - 1/23 0201 w/ID bu Tina as KX0J Sapulpa-Tulsa; mostly weak under WCTW (w/Talknet)/WCCZ (w/Sun Talk)/KSFT (w/C&W); 1550 #60, no CL changes (SF-TN)
 1560 KLTJ MO MACON - 12/30 0700 fair with sign-on (RD-IA)
 1580 KDOM MN WINDOM - 1/22 2400 fair with sign-off info & SSB (SA-MB)
 1590 WJRO MD GLEN BURNIE - 1/15 Midnight-0030 with REL talk, ment of church in East Baltimore, B [?-Ed.] accent, all women talk; poor under WAKR (DT-ON)
 1600 WKGK VA SALTVILLE - 1/17 0741 heard with ID as Your Southern Gospel Station (JR-NY)

MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT



600 WDKV FL JACKSONVILLE - 1/10 1728 with wx for Jacksonville; some WKHX splash...generally good conditions to FL (BA-GA)
 620 WSUN FL ST PETERSBURG - 1/10 1730 w/local ads, non-ID WSUN Tampa Bay and the World; way over WTRP (BA-GA)
 630 KXOK MO ST LOUIS - 1/10 1722 with local nx & Newsradio 630 non-IDs; alone on channel (BA-GA)
 650 KUUY WY ORCHARD VALLEY - 1/15 1853 good with ID and Cheyenne wx+Dusty Springfield song (RD-IA)
 660 WBLX AL FAIRHOPE - 1/5 1727 noted with black GOS mx & Classic 660 non-IDs (BA-GA)
 WVAL MN SAUK RAPIDS - 1/16 1747 up briefly with local wx & ID; good thing I was looking for this, I never would have figured the call out (DLH-IN)
 680 WCAW WV CHARLESTON - 1/16 1724 with wx report on The Valley's Weather Stn, WCAW; just under semi-local WCNN (BA-GA)
 720 KDWN NV LAS VEGAS - 1/15 1935 crushing WGN with local talk show (RD-IA)
 750 KJEL MO LABANON - 12/30 1805 weak with sign-off (RD-IA)
 KSEO OK DURANT - 1/22 1839-1844 fair+good with state nx & wx+sign-off; my 3rd new OK stn in the same day (RD-IA)
 770 WVNN AL ATHENS - 1/23 1851 w/Audi ad; 1852 stock market quotes; 1853 ?? Insurance ad, then fadeout; back @ 1858 with I'm Dave Denton & SID & ID Newsradio 770, WVNN; poor under WABC null; new (RF-OH)
 780 WPTN TN COOKEVILLE - 1/16 1654 with ROK and call ID: Good time rock and roll. This is the new 780, WPTN; fair with CKLW-800 nulled, which also took care of WBBM (CR-ON)
 790 CKSO ON SUDBURY - 1/9 2310-2335 w/Music Radio 11:31 in Sudbury; call from Niagara Falls; over CIAO! (DT-ON)
 830 KUYO WY EVANSVILLE - 1/18 1900 fair with sign-off annt: KUYO Evansville-Casper now concludes its broadcast day (RD-IA)
 860 KOSE AR OSCEOLA - 1/18 1750 fair with Beatles' The Long & Winding Road ID; AR #29 (RD-IA)
 870 WKAR MI EAST LANSING - 1/7 1729 with local ID & pgm notes during NPR news break (JR-NY)
 900 WKDW VA STAUNTON - 1/11 1657 with female DJ and annt: Keep it on WKDW. Shenandoah Valley town and country radio, 24 hours a day=C&W mx; briefly over WFRO/WBXT/CHML (CR-ON)
 920 WTCW KY WHITESBURG - 1/15 2005 w/C&W mx, ID @ 2003: You're listening to the new 92, WCTW, Whitesburg over WBAA (DLH-IN)
 930 WKCT KY BOWLING GREEN - 1/11 1700 ID+CBS Nx, local nx by female @ 1705; poor in WBEN null (NjW-ON)
 940 KVSH NE VALENTINE - 1/16 2150 flattening KIDA with Nebraska BKB (vs Chicago State); 1st time hrd since last February (RD-IA)

980 WNNN FL POMPANO BEACH - 1/10 1733 with nx & ID: WNNN, Pampano Beach... (BA-GA)
 WAAA NC WINSTON-SALEM - 12/28 1752-1755 with traffic report, ad for Canon Copier dealer; 980 Triple A slogan; hrd while driving near Hazleton, PA; fair under CHTX/WILK (GV-PA)
 WRVC WV HUNTINGTON - 1/7 1750 with IDs as: WRVC-FM 93.7; under WBEN (JR-NY)
 1000 WXWY AL ROBERTSDALE - 1/23 1808 w/C&W mx & female anncr to 1813 full-data sign-off by male followed by some America-like orchestrated number; poor under WXTN's BiGos & sign-off w/SSB (SF-TN)
 KKMx CO HAYDEN - 1/22 1908 very good with sign-off after nx (RD-IA)
 WRNJ NJ HACKETSTOWN - 12/26 1601 fair with ABC Nx, WRNJ local nx sponsored by Family Ford, WRNJ Weather (MS-ON2)
 1020 WKZE CT SHARON - 1/17 1608-1615 with local nx, tri-state wx, ads for Country Corner Restaurant, Concord Inn, Champaign Charlies; fair with WB2 splatter, daded+KDKA (GV-PA)
 WNTK NH NEWPORT - 1/17 1602-1625 with nx, wx, Newstalk 1020 slogan; Dr Dean Adell pgm @ 1606; ad for Connecticut River Bank; strong over all, faded to WKZE, then strong (GV-PA)
 1030 WNTL MD INDIAN HEAD - 1/6 1714 with full-data sign-off after Arabic mx pgm (JR-NY)
 WYSL NY AVON - 1/7 1558 fair with phone-in (talk) show, ad for The Livingston in Avon, other local ads, legal ID @ 1600 (MS-ON1)
 1040 KPBC TX DALLAS - 1/14 1844 weak under WHO with sign-off (RD-IA)
 WSGH NC LEWISVILLE - 1/6 1729 at end of Victory Baptist Church pgm (JR-NY)
 WAMN WV GREEN VALLEY - 1/6 1704 with local wx and ID after CBN Nx (JR-NY)
 1060 WRCW OH CANTON - 1/16 1708 with local ad+OLD mx; fair signal with semi-local WKNG nulled (BA-GA)
 1080 WYCM NC MURFREESBORO - 1/17 1758 with nx from the NC News Net; no ID @ :00+Primetime America from the Moody Bible Network; @ 1900 after nx from NC Net simply left the air with no sign-off anncr or ID of any kind; tried calling all stations in NC on 1080, no answer at WKGX or WYCM and no listing for WNCR (apparently silent), however call to Moody Network Development in Chicago says WYCM is only Moody station on 1080 in NC (CR-ON)
 1110 KFAB NE OMAHA - 1/10 1737 with local nx; good in WBT null (BA-GA)
 1120 KCLE TX CLEBURNE - 1/8 1845 fair under KMOX with sign-off (RD-IA)
 WDUF VA DUFFIELD - 1/13 1650-1659 with GOS mx, gabby female DJ, word about gospel group at Baptist church in Pennington Gap, VA; poor under KMOX (GV-PA)
 1130 WASP PA BROWNVILLE - 1/17 1653 with local ads & ID for a moment under WNEW (JR-NY)
 1140 WVLE IL PEKIN - 1/15 1645-1650 with Talk Back with Larson, ads for Faith Fellowship Church, Gregg's Auto Repair; hrd at Lyncoming Mall, Muncy, PA; weak, but no WRVA (GV-PA)
 WKWM MI KENTWOOD - 1/15 1652-1700 with sports, Sheridan BC Nx, ad for Rogers Dept Store; fair over WVLE, no WRVA (GV-PA)
 KJSA TX MINERAL WELLS - 1/8 1931 good over WRVA with sign-off (RD-IA)
 1160 WACY MI FENTON - 1/12 2400 with ID before UPI Nx; went on after with C&W mx & Wacky IDs (JR-NY)
 1180 WJNT MS PEARL - 1/21 1848 with tax & financial nx; 1859 ID WJNT; poor, under/over in WHAM null; new (RF-OH)
 1200 WOPA IL CHICAGO - 1/16 1658 w/SS newscast with mention of the Cooney-Foreman fight; 1700 EE ID and Radio Exitos jx; fair with CFGO (NjW-ON)
 WOPA IL CHICAGO - 1/16 1955 in SS with mixture of soft ballads and up-tempo vocals; :00 ID in EE: This is WOPA, Chicago followed by jx in SS that sounded like Mi docientos ???, Radio Exitos; erratic signal, XLNT at times and nil just seconds later leaving WOAI and WBZY to fight it out (CR-ON)
 WKOX MA FRAMINGHAM - 1/16 1644 w/AM 1200 WKOX...Metrowest Radio, mx by Lou Gramm; fair with CFGO/WOPA (NjW-ON)
 1230 WCWA OH TOLEDO - 1/8 1622 w/Radio Shack ad, carted non-ID: Now here's more of the greatest hits of all time with Mike Sheppard On AM 1230 WCWA+oldie; fair (NjW-ON)
 1240 KIUL KS GARDEN CITY - 1/18 2251 atop with promo for Waxworks+local ad (RD-IA)
 KWOS MO JEFFERSON CITY - 1/18 2300 atop with fanfare-type ID+CBS Nx (RD-IA)
 1250 WTAE PA PITTSBURGH - 1/4 1710 with traffic report; atop rest (BA-GA)
 WEMP WI MILWAUKEE - 1/11 1523-1530 with oldies, Afternoon Sock Hop pgm; hrd at Schuylkill Mall, Frackville, PA; good over WTAE, faded (GV-PA)

1280 WADO NY NEW YORK - 1/4 1659 with familiar SS anncr (I used to live in NJ-hi); ID @ 1700:WADO, New York; atop channel (BA-GA)
 WHVR PA HANOVER - 1/5 1655 with local ad; just above the rest; ment of WHVR @ 1657 (BA-GA)
 WDNT TN DAYTON - 1/23 1609 very rough in pileup, surfaced just long enuf to hear WDNT, Dayton ID; new (RF-OH)
 1300 WOOD MI GRAND RAPIDS - 1/12 1641 with welding company ad from Grand Rapids; IDd as W-0-0-D and as wood (JR-NY)
 1320 WGLD NC GREENSBORO - 1/17 2017 ID popped up briefly; may have had EZL or BFL mx (DLH-IN)
 WGET PA GETTYSBURG - 1/9 1609 w/mx by Bobby Goldsboro, Don Henley, Phil Collins & others, wx & CLs, McDonald's ad @ 1621; poor before WJAS faded in and about 30 minutes before CJMR signed on to 1320 for good (NjW-ON)
 1330 WEYZ PA EPIE - 1/18 2300 with ABC-I Nx & MoYL format; frequent IDs as 1330 AM WEYZ and lots of MoYL promotion (JR-NY)
 1340 WALH GA MOUNTAIN CITY - 1/17 1645 briefly atop with promo for upcoming nx @ 4:55 right here on WALH in Mountain City; local WKGN off all day 1/17 & 18 w/XR trouble (SF-TN)
 WRTN PA TYRONE - 1/10 2340-0020 with CHR, WRTN, where the good songs are played; poor under WRTA (DT-ON)
 1350 KRNT IA DES MOINES - 1/18 1805 w/local nx & wx; fair+poor in WIOU null; WIOU has been one of my greatest obstacles (DLH-IN)
 WBSK VA PORTSMOUTH - 1/7 1650-1705 with soul oldies & The more you listen-the better we sound slogan; very good with others (GV-PA)
 1360 WSAI OH CINCINNATI - 1/7 1735-1755 with oldies; listeners were asked to call in opinions on whether Reds' Eric Davis should get a big contract; good over WCHL (GV-PA)
 WBOB VA GALAX - 1/7 1729-1731 with oldies, Virginia News Network Nx @ 1730; slogan:Twin County's Best; good, then gone @ pover cut (GV-PA)
 1370 WCOA FL PENSACOLA - 12/31 2100 fair with nx about Steve Spurrier's move from Duke to Florida as FB coach+ID and ABC-I Nx; my last logging of the '80s, and it's a nice one (RD-IA)
 WFEA NH MANCHESTER - 12/31 2158 fair with song Respect by Aretha Franklin on pgm Super Gold; ID mentioning Your Number 1 Music Station...AM 1370 WFEA @ 2200 (MS-ON2)
 WSPD OH TOLEDO - 1/6 2224-2230 with talk show, station break, local wx, Newradio 1370 WSPD; poor+fair over WXXI (DT-ON)
 1380 CKLC ON KINGSTON - 1/6 2032-2100 with House Party network pgm; poor+good over unID (DT-ON)
 1390 WDOT VT BURLINGTON - 1/23 1642 w/female giving wx:snow changing to rain early Wednesday, hi 40 to 45, partly cloudy Wed nite, to 35...right now 2222 it's partly cloudy & 37, then ID:The best country every hour on 2222; then (pattern change); just to be sure I called Burlington NWS and got the same wx dcast almost verbatim; VT #1, YAHOO!; fair+poor atop with WFMJ nulled (RF-OH)
 1410 WLSH PA LANSFORD - 1/7 1515-1530 with ethnic mx (PP [don't know what PP is-Ed.] or Ukranian); 1410 WLSH; over/under unID with FB game (DT-ON)
 1420 WACK NY NEWARK - 1/14 2010-2020 with OLD, Music of the 60s, 1420 WACK; poor (DT-ON)
 1490 WBEX OH CHILLICOTHE - 1/11 1700 all alone on channel with ID+CBS Nx; stayed alone, local-like 'til 1704 (BA-GA)
 1500 WLQV MI DETROIT - 1710-1750 with REL, Your Gospel Hour; at 1730 1500 WLQV; poor under WTOP (DT-ON)
 WGFT OH YOUNGSTOWN - 1707-1709 with choir mx, GOS; listen to W--- Cincinnati & another stn (presumably sign-off) under WTOP; poor (DT-ON)
 1520 WSVL IN SHELBYVILLE - 1/18 2310 w/local nx+CNN Nx followed by sign-off; XLNT (DLH-IN)
 KOMA OK OKLAHOMA CITY - 1/12 1242 good under KSIB with promo for The KOMA Prep BKB Player of the Week+These Eyes by The Guess Who; a nice midday surprise (RD-IA)
 1530 KTXD OK WAGONER - 1/1 1827 good with sign-off (RD-IA)
 1550 WYNX GA SMYRNA - 1/3 1658 with local ID during break from Bob Larson's Talkback call-in show; over CBE & WCGR (JR-NY)
 1580 WKNN? MS PASCAGOULA - 1/3 1800 with IDs as K-99 before news; no way to tell if they're WKNN yet, or still WPMO (JR-NY)
 1600 WIXY MA EASY LONGMEADOW - 12/24 1559 fair with song Every Christmas Day With You; ID:Your Springfield home for country mx...WIXY (MS-ON2)
 WAYC PA BEDFORD - 1/5 1609 fair with Radio Pennsylvania News, ad for Everett Pharmacy, wx (MS-ON1)
 WNST WV MILTON - 1/19 1651 with ID and promo for American Bluegrass Network on Saturdays from 10 AM to 4 PM; over WWRL (JR-NY)

REPORTERS:

DLH-IN DAVE HASCALL//Fortville, IN//DX-400 + Sanserino; Superadio
 MS-ON1 MORRIS SORENSEN//Port Carling, ON//HQ-150 + SM-2
 MS-ON2 MORRIS SORENSEN//Kemptville, ON//Zenith Trans-Oceanic (circa 1950) + Zenith Wave Magnet antenna; DX-302 + 30' LW
 DT-ON DON TRELFOED//Scarborough, ON//DX-440 + (E/W) LW
 BA-GA BILL ALISAUSKAS//Douglasville, GA//Superadio II
 GV-PA GEORGE VANISH//Trucksville, PA//various car radios
 CR-ON CHARLES REH//Leamington, ON//R-390A, S-40A, Sanserino Loop, 40" phased loop, Realistic TR-3000 open reel
 NjW-ON NIEL WOLFISH//Willowdale, ON//ICF-2010 + broken SM-2
 WN-HD WALTER NISSEN//Silver Spring, MD//
 RF-OH RICH FRCHO//Willoughby, OH//R7A, NRD-515, Palomar Loop, 80' RW
 SA-MB SHAWN AXELROD//Winnipeg, MB//
 JR-NY JIM RENFREW//Rochester, NY//HQ-150 + SM-1
 Jk-OH JERRY STARR//Hubbard, OH//
 SF-TN STEVE FRANCIS//Alcoa, TN//TRF
 GU-NY GUIDO URZI//Mastic Beach, NY//R-1000 + Palomar Loop
 RD-IA RICK DAU//Oakland, IA//

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1240:	WSDR IL Sterling	Steve Francis	Alcoa, TN	521
	WEKR TN Fayetteville	Steve Francis	Alcoa	153

SOME ABBREVIATIONS & SPECIAL SYMBOLS USED IN DDXD-E

TT:test tones OC:open carrier TC:time check RS:regular schedule QRM:interference QTH:location
 SID:singing ID CID:code ID jx:jingle mx:music rx:news wx:weather SSB:Star Spangled Banner
 LSR:local sunrise SRS:sunrise skip LSS:local sunset SSS:sunset skip PSRA: Pre-Sunrise Authority
 PSSA:Post-Sunset Authority HSH:high school FB:football Bb:baseball HKY:hockey BKB:basketball
 :OO: on the hour lparallel with +to or into \$stereo SS:Spanish FF:French EE:English
 POL:political GOS:gospel REL:religion or religious AC:adult contemporary BBDbig band OLD:oldies
 ROK:rock 'n roll CHR:contemporary hit radio ContChr:contemporary Christian C&W:country & western
 EZL:easy listening UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International AP:Associated Press
 MBS:Mutual Broadcasting System USRN:United Stns Radio Net NPR: National Public Radio
 IRN:Interstate Radio Net BRN:Business Radio Network

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73, Bill

International DX Digest
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 Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELT, subtract 5 hours

- 1100 ANTIGUA ZDK 1/11 2214-2217 booming in with ads by EE man and woman for banks and a resort in St. John's. Blocked by fadeup of WWWE at 2218. (Scotka - Ft. Pierce)
- 1110 VENEZUELA Radio Mia 1/17 2244 - 2252 faded up strong thru WTIS in Tampa w/rapid fire nx clips and talk by SS man and woman. ID at 2245 simply as "Radio Mia" then more nx till fade out. (Scotka - Margate)
- 1170 HONDURAS Radio Hits 1/19 0515-0531 fair thru CARACOL sig w/pgm of ranchera mx, etc. ID at 0529 w/speeding car sound effects and "Radio Hits! .. La Ceiba, onda media de la noche...por la musica...", back into mx. (Scotka/Vito - Margate)

Russell Scotka - Ft. Pierce FL Delco car radio
 - Margate, FL HQ180A, Kowalski loop

Just the perfect size column to type with one hand!

Domestic DX Digest - West

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Wayne Heinen

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This week I've got to extend my sympathy to Tim Hall, A REAL BIG supporter of the CPC Machine. He's tried for and NOT heard KCAM, WADN, WKMT, WMNY, KABI and WKEN! Hang in there Tim! Jeff & I'll try to send some of those Eastern signals your way... And thanks for your support! In otherness, Thanks "Mom" for the kind words and I wish all my hand written reports were as good as yours! (shhshh the children are sleeping ... zzzzzzzzz)

DX TESTS!

1560 WAGL SC Lancaster
1/28 0200-0230 Various code Id's and Tones o/u KTXZ/KCJ]. SC #1 (WH-CO)(0W-CO)

Midnight to Midday

- 580 WIBW KS Topeka
1/14 0425-0451 Fair Signal o/KMJ at times. w/Jim Bohannon, Mutual Nx Breaks & ID's. First time hrd from home (TRH-CA)
- 690 CBU BC Vancouver
1/15 0354 Good Signal w/XETRA off. "Jazz Beat" program. About as rare as XETRA SP's (TRH-CA)
- 760 WJR MI Detroit
1/15 0305-0330 Weak, Female ann w/Nx,Wx,Sx. thru lcl KFMB. First time in 3 or 4 years. (TRH-CA)
- 790 KGHL MT Billings
MM 1/15 0410 Poor thru KABC. Mexicali pest off. No sign of KCAM-TEST (TRH-CA)
- 1150 KEZB TX El Paso
1/17 0713 Fair u/KIIS, SS w/lcl ads for Ciudad Juarez, possible "Onda de Alegria" slogan before ID. Ex-CHR Simulcast (TRH-CA)
- 1450 KNOT AZ Prescott
1/17 0705 Good signal o/semi-lcl KOWA. Lcl Nx by Female & Credit Union ad. (TRH-CA)

Midday to Midnight!

- 650 KUUY WY Cheyenne
1/19 1859 Female w/Wx advisory for WY, 1900 Call letter ID and NBC Nx Fair w/CISL nulled. First Time. (NH-WA)
- 680 KLDY WA Lacey
1/18 1942 Larry King to 1958 lcl ads, ID 2000 //KIRO-TV News..2058 lcl ads to 2100 full data s/ off no SSB. (NH-WA)
- 700 KMJY WA Newport
1/19 1938 End of Wx, ad & C&W. Excellent w/KGRV nulled. (NH-WA)
- 750 KERR MT Polson
1/19 Wx, Ann of "Power Down". Good w/KXL nulled, gone w/power cut. (NH-WA)
- 920 CKCQ BC Quesnel
1/15 1913 ads, ment "...on the Yellowstone Highway" 1915 SID & Mx. Weak w/ KQEU nulled. (NH-WA)
- 1210 CFYM SK Kindersley
1/19 2000 "CKYM-CFYM" ID poor thru KEBR/KBSG. First Time. (NH-WA)

UnID's

- 750 UNID
1/18 0033 ARN sports Talk... gone before top of the hour ID (TRH-CA)
- 1090 UNID
1/8 0758 AC Mx... presumed CHEC... local XEPRS returned at 0759.. Took their January SP a day early. (TRH-CA)

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THX!




Target DX

Jim Renfrew
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DX'ing 'smart', with shared tips and requests by NRC members

The most recent communication in my mailbox is from Jeff Kitze, who has recently joined the NRC, although he has been DXing on different bands for 20 years. Welcome, Jeff! Jeff is currently in Charlottesville, but expects to return to Rochester this spring.

This is To Confirm
Your Reception On

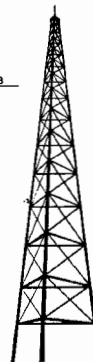
January 26, 1993

of **KFI** 640
Los Angeles, California

Power: 50 Kw
840 kHz
Transmitter: La Mirada
California

Antenna: 750 feet
KFI Radio operates
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Non-Directional
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75's
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Chief Engineer



Jeff wonders about DX to the west coast and the mid-west. Along with every DXer that I know he comments, "I've noticed in the past few years that conditions have not been too good due to the large increase of stations on the clear channels." As evidence of this Jeff notes how 640 is now covered by CFGM, ending easy access to KFI in Los Angeles. I also lament the new interference on 640, as KFI was my most consistent west coast reception, always offering the hope that others could one day be heard with enough persistence! Other good possibilities, according to Jeff, were KSL-1160 and KOA-850. These sometimes came through on his car radio while driving around Rochester. KOA used to be an occasional visitor for me, but now that I've started sending reception reports I haven't heard them once in the last five years!

I remind Jeff and others that congestion actually provides some new opportunities, although we do lose out on long-distance. Last season I was frustrated by the confusion now reigning on 1580 and 1570 kilohertz during the sunset period. I liked the old days, when the daytimers would sign-off in order moving west with sundown. I've returned to these frequencies this winter for another try. Many stations now stay on until 6:00 pm or later, with lower power. There's a lot of hash to sort through, but I've been rewarded with several unusual receptions. The best was WNZT, Columbia PA, heard in December at 6:00 pm, operating with 8-10 watts. Others heard with post-sunset programs include WANS-1580, WCCF-1580, WTTN-1580, WEAM-1580, WYTI-1570, WFEL-1570 and WPMO-1580 (IDs as K-99). The WYTI DSL shows 486 watts, not 440 as shown in the NRC Log. Sunset sign-offs, in accordance with the old sunset chart, include WPGC-1580, WTCL-1580 and WWOF-1580.

With Jeff's letter we come to the end of the letters that I have received in response to the request for tips and strategies. Your response has been more than I expected, as I originally projected to run this column once per month during the season. Thanks for the support. I welcome whatever you might wish to contribute in the future.

JIM

Andy draws calls

ALBANY — Frank Sinatra, announced as the Knickerbocker Arena's opening act, is not the only crooner who sends Capital District music fans into a frenzy.

A promotion for a contest by Albany radio station WROW (590 AM/95.5 FM) produced a flood of calls for free Andy Williams tickets that disabled phone service on the 436 exchange for a time Wednesday afternoon.

Williams will perform at RPI's Houston Field House on Dec. 16.

"We're running a contest in connection

with the show," said WROW General Manager Jake Russell. "We did a phone interview with Andy earlier in the week, and while he was on the phone with us, he cut a promo for the contest."

The promo has the entertainer telling listeners to call him at a specific phone number for a chance to win tickets to see him perform.

"This morning (Thursday), we got a call from a New York Telephone Co. official telling us that our contest contributed to a blowout of 80 percent of the area's service on the 346 exchange," Russell said.

"I guess that proves two things," he added. "Andy's a popular guy, and we're a popular station."

Troy Record
-via Laura McCusker

Station Profile

A special feature concerning a unique station

Tony Fitzherbert

356 Jackman Avenue
Fairfield, CT 06430

63 WPRO
NEWS/TALK

In the late 1950's and 1960's, WPRO-630, Providence, RI, rocketed to the top spot in its ratings. It aired non-stop the latest rock music, quickly building a huge and appreciative audience. Today, with the rock format history, and sharing its talk format with at least five other local broadcasters

on the AM band, WPRO has not moved from its top slot. WPRO's long history and commitment to excellence continues to give it honored guest status in thousands of Massachusetts and Rhode Island homes daily.

WPRO's prominence comes from stimulating local programming, in depth regional and local news and sports reporting....and Walter Leslie Brine, known to generations of WPRO listeners as "Salty Brine". Salty has broadcast behind a WPRO microphone for over 48 years - an incredible feat in an industry which changes announcing staffs or formats almost every time a program director is faced with a "bad book". A most successful morning man, Salty is in countless kitchens and autos from 6am to 9am, with his partner for eleven years, Larry Kruger. Only WTIC-1080's Bob Steele has been on the same station for a longer period of time - at least in New England. Although he has "retired" several times in the past years, Bob has broadcast for the 50,000 watt Hartford Station for over half a century.

Salty Brine has been an institution in Rhode Island for decades. Generations of families have grown up listening to him. Salty's infectious smile, enthusiasm, friendliness, and sincerity are as obvious on the air as when he is talking with you. The folksy, down to earth personality on the air is the genuine Salty. He is a man who loves life, people, and his job.

71 years young, Salty makes many appearances around the Ocean State for many charitable and civic events, not the least of which is Bristol's traditional 12 hour long July 4 parade and celebration.



Salty Brine

This remarkable man took oratory courses at the Staley College of the Spoken Word in Brookline, MA. Ignoring the advice of one teacher who suggested that he go into politics, back in 1941, he bought a stenography machine and began a course in court stenography. While learning how to use the machine, he spent his spare time around Boston radio stations searching for opportunities to read commercials. Here he began his radio career on WMEX-1510, in radio dramas. He quickly moved over to 50,000 watt WNAC-680, where he aired the 9am Sunshine Krispy News, a popular daily dramatization of the day's events, complete with sound effects, an organist, and even a band. (News on the hour was not a staple of radio in those days!).

From WNAC, Salty moved to a staff announcer's job on WESX - 1230, Salem, and then on to WPRO and Rhode Island, in 1942 while still making payments on the stenography machine.

At WPRO, Salty's down to earth delivery and enthusiasm, especially in selling his sponsors' products have kept his ratings high. In an interview with the Providence Journal, he noted that he takes the commercials very seriously, as he empathizes with the fact that they pay for a good persuasive job. His popularity and dedication have earned him a place in the Rhode Island Hall of Fame, in 1979, and back in 1972, his listeners staged a two day celebration of his 30th anniversary of his joining WPRO, at Rocky Point, a popular ocean park.

In 1967, Salty ran for Congress, but his campaign lasted exactly one week. He failed to get the Democratic Party endorsement, which went to elder statesman Robert O. Tiernan. He loves politics, but his many public appearances are not political. He loves being with and helping people, and, if the cause is a good one, he will happily make an appearance promoting the cause.

Salty also loves music. He serves as organist at St. Mary's Church in Narraganset. In the 1940's and 1950's, Salty took singing lessons, but he has never sung commercially.

Salty's dedication to people comes from circumstances in his early life. He grew up in Arlington, MA, where his father, a carpenter, became disabled. Salty's mother began to work to help the family. A month after his dad's injury, Salty was hanging around the Boston and Maine Railroad freight yard, and as kids thought was adventurous in that era, he tried to hop onto a moving freight train. He slipped, and fell under the car, losing a foot.

As he grew up, gradually accepting his impairment, he began to help other amputees. Today he is an inspiration to others who are physically impaired. Many of his appearances are to promote organizations who help impaired persons. Salty has served on the Governor's Conference for Hiring the Handicapped. His first artificial leg was paid for by the Sunshine Clubs, and he has expressed his appreciation by helping many such organizations.

Salty and his wife Mickey have a son, Walter Leslie Brine, Jr., who followed his dad into radio. At a very young age, Walter, Jr. had little turntables and a microphone in the house. He worked in radio at WPRO, and in Maine while attending St. Francis College in Biddeford. Today, he is a WVBF-FM announcer, in Boston.

In the 1960's, Salty also hosted a very popular kids' show on WPRO-TV. "Salty Brine's Shack" aired five nights a week at 5:30pm, much to the glee of thousands of kids who would gather in front of the television set before dinner.

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ALWAYS A SMILE: Wearing his trademark grin and cap, guest of honor Salty Brine greets the crowd yesterday at the Warwick Musical Theater.

A salute to sailor of the airwaves

Rhode Islanders turn out to pay tribute to radio's Salty Brine

In 1987, 3000 listeners gathered at the Warwick Music Theatre to celebrate Salty's 45th anniversary on WPRO. In the style of the television show "This is Your Life", many dignitaries from Rhode Island's political and civic circles paraded across the stage to congratulate Salty and tell their favorite "Salty Stories".

WPRO management has demonstrated its affection for Salty. As one enters the WPRO building, the sign "Brine Broadcasting Center" greets each visitor, in a tribute to WPRO's most endearing personality. For decades, Salty's booming, cheerful voice, along with sidekick Larry Kruger, has entertained Southern New England with news, weather, time checks, school closings, and other local items. They are members of thousands of Rhode Island extended families.

WPRO History.

WPRO signed on the air in 1923 on 630 khz, from studios in the Metropolitan Theatre Building in downtown Providence. Salty tells the story of how, in the early 1940's, he would do a station break, put the network on the air, and sneak down into the 4000 seat theatre to watch the big bands perform. The station was financed by department store owner William Cherry, Sr., and his son, William Cherry, Jr. managed it. As Rhode Island's first radio station, WPRO shared time with the first WPAW, Pawtucket. The first transmitter was on Barrington Parkway (now Wampanoag Trail). The studios moved to the present location in 1939, about six miles southeast of downtown Providence. After the original transmitter was destroyed in the nameless 1938 hurricane with its up to 150 mph winds, two self supported towers were built atop two concrete platforms 800 feet apart, in the salt marshes of the

Barrington River. The 5000 watt signal was - and is - non directional days, and at night, the primary lobe is easterly, to protect WMAL - 630, Washington, DC, WSKQ - 620, Newark, and several Ontario stations.

In the 1940's and 50's, WPRO carried CBS and broadcast mostly network feed such as Arthur Godfrey. The only major local production was Salty's wakeup show. In the late 50's, as the network audience slipped away to television, WPRO switched to a very successful Top 40 format. Cresting the ratings for years, its only significant competition was from cross town rocker WICE - 1290, now WRCP, the US's only Portuguese format station on the AM dial.

In September, 1954, both towers were blown down by Hurricane Carol. WPRO's engineers rushed the station back on the air in three days, by putting up a long wire antenna between three telephone poles. Two new guyed towers, each 290 feet high, were raised on the concrete platforms for the older system. The signal is fed into the array from the station's Harris MW5A transmitter.

WPRO aired Top 40 and then adult contemporary music into early 1989. Successfully being its market's news and information source, the station carries ABC news on the hour, and local and regional news every 30 minutes.

The Brine Broadcasting Center is a two story building. the first floor houses WPRO-FM, a contemporary hits station, and the transmitter room. WPRO's AM headquarters is upstairs, with a control room, plus production room, news and sports offices, and studios, and the traffic offices.

After Salty Brine's show, long time local talk show host Sherman Strickhauser tackles issues of interest to the region. His lively show is deluged with calls from a dedicated group of listeners.

WPRO also features sports, a commitment which translates into airing Boston Red Sox games, Providence College basketball, and CBS sports. Each evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Chuch Wilson's sports talk show commands a 10% share, and Chuck's knowledge and enthusiasm prompts hundreds of armchair experts to trade opinions with him over the air. ABC talk is broadcast at night.

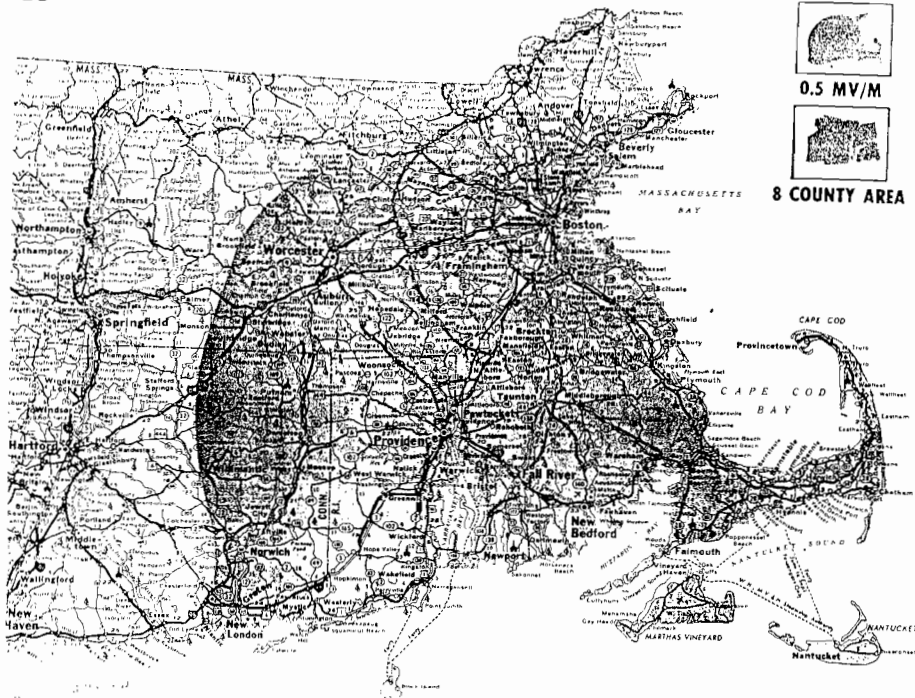


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The Profiles Editor would like very much to thank WPRO engineer Tom McDonald and Salty Brine for all of their help in preparing this profile. The biographical material about Salty came from the Providence Journal and Bulletin. Salty can receive WVBF - FM on his car radio, so he can hear his son on the air. He asked how he could get the signal on his FM radio at home. The Profile editor commented that he did not know the technical details, but that somebody in the NRC could probably give him some advice...so if any of you would like to help a friend of the NRC (and all of Rhode Island), why not write to Salty at WPRO.

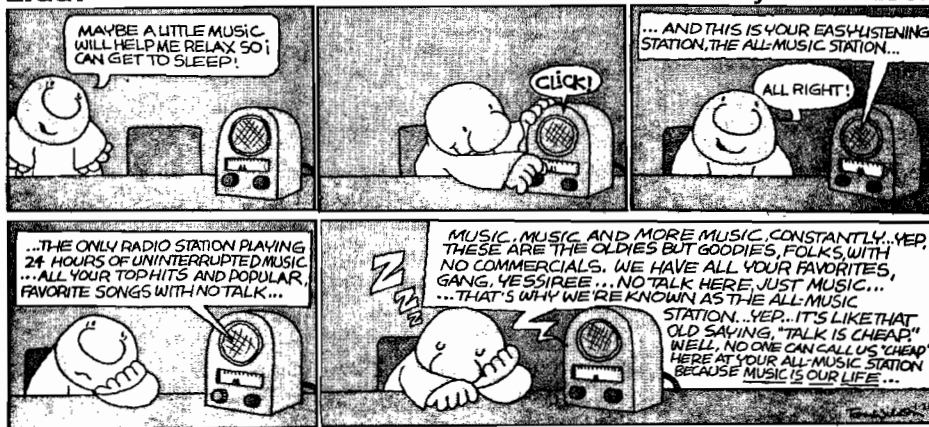
For those who like to visit station sites, the route from Providence down I-195 and Rt 114, Wampanoag Trail brings the traveller past four sites. First, the single tower of WRIB-1220 is on a shoal in the middle of the Seekonk River. WHIM-1110's two tower array is just north of this site, along the east side of the river. After turning down Weepanoag Trail, WHJJ-920's brick transmitter building, and two immense four sided towers in the Barrington River wetlands are passed. A mile south is WPRO's studios and transmitter.



WPRO is owned by ABC Capital Cities, and still holds the position of #1 AM station in its market. Its powerful signal is envied by many competing broadcasters, and its programming is exceptional. And WPRO is still, after almost half a century, home of one of the most delightfully likeable personalities anywhere - Salty Brine.

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When reporting to Verification Signers it is not necessary to put your contributions in any order. If you're not submitting a typed document, please PRINT your entries as neatly as possible. Some signers' names are difficult as it is and if the handwriting is hard to figure out, so I'll usually just drop the entry as opposed to having it misspelled in the column. If you notice a typo, please let me know so I can issue a corrected listing in the next column. Also please try to use the existing abbreviations. I received one that read OM; I don't know if it was Owner/Manager or Operations Manager or what. Paul usually publishes the small & large letter meanings every couple of months or I'll send you a copy for an SASE. If you can put them in the same order as they appear in DX NEWS (Freq, Call, Little letters, Name, Big Letters) it would be a great help. You don't have to credit each entry; I do them straight from your letter. Anyone with access to FIDO NETMAIL is welcome to send their v/s to me at 104/108. Thanks to all for the excellent support that you've given this column over the last 10 years! (Yee Gads, I've edited this column for 1/4th of my life!!!!)

Freq.	Call	Verie Signer	Contributer				
540	KDFTI	L. Peters GM	SD	1050	WTSJL	Chris Roberts OpM	NW
560	WQAMib	George Corso CE	EB	1060	WHFBlmz	Randy Kaeding CE	RD
570	WAAXI	Jim Pruett PD	EB	1070	CBAIz	Sylvia Roy AudRel	DT
570	WSYRq	U/U	DT	1080	WFTDI	Rocky Payne OpM	EB
570	WTKNI	R. Woolridge E	SD	1090	KNWSluz	Ricki O. Peters AE	0W
580	KALBI	Clifton Riley OpM	KJ	1090	WBALfb	Andrew Butler CE	DT
580	WHPI	Maurice Gannawayi DoE	DT	1110	KGFLpu	S. King GM	0W
580	WOFEI	Wilma Eblein M	KJ	1110	WOHNIlmz	Robert O. Backstrom PD/CEDT	WH/0W
590	KBHSpu	Joyce Krueger	0W	1130	WMGAlm	Eric Rowan PD	EB
610	WIODIbz	Steve Ziegler StuSu	EB	1140	KRSRI	S. Boucher CE	SD
610	WZZKib	Troy Pennington CE	EB	1150	KFRRI	Mark W. Petersen GM	WH
630	CKRCL	Lil Thiessen APD	NW	1150	KSALbhlz	Don Englehardt CE	RD
630	KXOKIm	Jeff Long OpM	EB	1150	KSENlzu	Jo S. Jackson OFM	0W
630	WAVUpb	Gary Gallows	EB	1150	WGOWlzu	Terry Davis CE	0W
640	CFOBIf	Gordon McBride M	NW	1170	KVOOfm	Larry White DoE	RD
640	WFNCI	Terry Jordan DoE	EB	1180	KKARI	Allen Sherrill CE	RD
650	WSMq	Tom Bryant ProdD	DT	1180	WJNTbl	Ann Denley TrFM	RD
660	WMICr	U/U	NW	1200	WAGElb	Todd James PD	NW
670	WMAQf	Margaret Bryant EM	DT	1210	KGYNlm	Tim Black PD	RD
670	WYLSI	Tim Craddock PD	KJ	1210	KOKKr	T. Omoot PD	SD
680	WCNNI	U/U E Dept	NW				
680	WPTFfb	Bryan McIntyre VP/GM	NW				
720	CHTNib	Gordon Mills CE	NW				
730	KSVNIb	Alex Collantes VP/GM	0W				
730	WJYMI	J. Todd Hostetler M	EB				
760	WJRq	Ed Butelbaugh E	DT				
760	WJRq	Gary Berkowitz OpM	DT				
770	WLWLI	Robert E. Perkins P	KJ				
790	KCEEl	Bill Croghan CE	SD				
790	WSGWlb	Rick Belcher PD/OpM	NW				
800	KREIl	T. Bair GM	SD				
800	FJBlqz	Sally Park	DT				
810	KCMOIm	Lloyd W. Collins CE	RD/EB				

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1220	WTCNlmz	John McCooley M	WH	1550	KXZZI	C. Johnson CFM	SD
1230	CKMP1u	Scott Warnock PD	NW	1560	KAB1lmh	E. Joe Eck CE	0W
1230	KTNC1bu	Chas A. Radatz GM	0W	1560	KCJJI	Rod Haag PD	NW
1230	WBLJp	Werner Wortsman	EB	1560	KLTI1m	John J. Dutton	DT
1240	KJCYpu	U/U	0W	1560	WYZQI	R. Brian Baker	KJ
1240	KRALI	D. Corpuz PD	SD	1570	CFORfu	David B. Elson TSu	DT
1240	WATN1b	David Mance P/GM	NW	1570	KNDY1bu	Bruce Dierking GM	0W
1250	KALO1	David Rowland CE	EB	1570	WOB1I	Ken Kerstiens CE	EB
1250	WHNY1	D.Walker PD	SD	1570	WQTW1	Jeff Kaye CE	DT
1250	WRAY1	H.Bass CE	SD	1580	WLM1q	George Drake VP	DT
1260	KTUEL	Jay Amburn O	WH	1580	WWSJ1z	Robert D. Dittmer P	DT
1270	KGNM1bh	Richard Lee Miller ACE	RD	1590	KDJ1I	P.Kugler P	SD
1270	KWPRpu	Kief Curlee GM	0W	1590	WKTP1	George E. DeVault Jr. P/GM	EB
1270	WHLD1	Eugene Hegedus VP	NW	1600	KLEBcz	Glenn Eymard PD/MxD	KJ
1270	WUCO1	R. Barlow GM	SD	1600	KNCYpzu	David J. Messing GM	0W
1290	KDMSpu	Phil Robken GM	0W	1600	KRFSpbu	Dan E. Hull	0W
1290	KWLS1	COP	SD	1600	KSSA1	G. Whitaker CE	SD
1310	WTLB1m	David Doughty CE	DT	1600	WKEN1m	Dave Schmidt CE	WH
1320	CJMRI	Jean W. Cannon VP	NW	1600	WTZQ1	A. Lake PD	KJ
1320	CKECq	U/U	NW	Contributors ...			
1320	WAMR1	Jeff Southall COP	EB	0W	John Wilkins CO		
1320	WATRr	U/U	NW	NW	Niel Wolfish ON		
1330	KFHI	Pat Murphy PD	NW	KJ	Karl Jeter GA		
1330	WFNI	Jeff Hawkins E	NW	EB	Eric Bueneman GA		
1340	KHUB1	Art Clark CE	RD	DT	Don Trelford ON		
1350	KTXJ1	Art Lay VP/GM	EB	RD	Rick Dau IA		
1350	WGAD1z	Mike Hathcock CE	EB	SD	Skip Dablestein KS		
1360	KBUY1	Anita Drypolcher AM/TrfDWH	WH	WH	Wayne Heinen CO		
1360	WGEE1r	Stephen A. Konopka CE	DT				
1370	KAWL1b	Don Johnson PD	0W	Letter Meaning			
1380	CKLC1zu	Albert Auflefer	0W	/	Two Titles		
1380	WRBQ1	R. Beaver	SD	A	Announcer (when used alone)		
1390	CHOO1zu	Joe Frechette PD	DT	A	Assistant (when combined)		
1390	KJMEpu	U/U VP/GM	WH	Adm	Administrative		
1390	WHMA1	Mike Parrish OpM	KJ	Bkr	Bookkeeper		
1400	KARTpu	U/U	0W	Bus	Business		
1400	KTMClbh	Tom Payne	0W	C	Chief		
1400	KWYNpu	Stephen E. Gadberry OpD	0W	Con	Continuity		
1400	WKPT1	George E. DeVault Jr. P/GM	EB	CtrE	Contract Engineer		
1410	WZAL1	Jim De Van GM	KJ	ConsE	Consulting Engineer		
1420	WOC1z	Jon Book DoE	EB	D	Director		
1420	WRCG1	Charles D. Harrell CE	EB	DJ	Disc Jockey		
1430	KAS1pu	Cheryl J. Pannier PD	0W	E	Engineer		
1430	KRG1pu	Sharon Libbey OpM	0W	Eng	Engineering		
1430	WILq	Paul J. Sanford CE	EB	Ex	Executive		
1430	WLSQp	William Seaton M	EB	G	General		
1440	KDNT1	Hal Whatley CE	RD	iCg	in Charge		
1450	KJMB1	R. Rounds CE	SD	M	Manager		
1450	KJWHpu	Gary Coats	0W	Mx	Music		
1450	KWBE1	J. Droege	SD	Nx	News		
1450	KYNT1m	Scott Kooistra OpM	RD	O	Owner		
1460	CJOY1bu	Joe Magnacca VP/E	DT	o	of		
1460	KDMAcu	Dwight Mulder PD	RD	Of	Office		
1480	KGCX1z	Arch Willwein PD	0W	Ofcr	Officer		
1480	KKCQ1mb	Mitch Rivera	0W	Op	Operator		
1480	WABBI	John Whitaker CE	EB	P	President (used alone)		
1480	WHBCqzu	Bill Glassen CE	DT	P	Program (when Combined)		
1490	CFPS1b	Gary Veraldi A	NW	PAf	Public Affairs		
1490	KBURI	J. Livengood P	SD	Pr	Promotion		
1490	KKANI	W.Seidel M	SD	Prd	Production		
1500	KSTP1b	Norm Paetznick	DT	Sec'y	Secretary		
1540	WTXY1	Tom Stanley P/GM	KJ	Sls	Sales		
1550	KAPE1	J.Quesenberry GM	SD	Su	Supervisor		
				Sx	Sports		
				T	Technician (used alone)		
				Stu	Studio		
				T	Technical (when combined)		
				Trf	Traffic		
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Musings

of the Members

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

Well, here we are with another edition of Musings of the Members! A few issues back, I asked the question (somewhat rhetorically), "Then what's the purpose of DXDD?," and now I have my answer, I suppose. But hey, that's what this is all about. Read on!

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Right on, Roger Winsor - I think you have hit the nail right on the head as to why there is so little support for Musings in these latter days. Editor Al Muick asks "Then what is the purpose of DXDD-E/W and foreign? (deja vu!---ajm). DXDD, then known as "DX Down the Dial," was established as a column to publicize "hot" tips on when a certain station might be logged - like a 1:05am sign-off, or a 5:55am sign-on, for example - when said station might be clear of most others for a few moments. It was designed to help members log new stations, to contain tips on otherwise hard-to-hear DX catches - not as a listing of all one's DX for the past couple of weeks. (I would like the DXDD editors to comment on this issue as soon as possible, please..ajm) Those day by day catches were set forth in Musings. Reading Musings a few years ago was like receiving 20 to 25 to 30 letters from other DXers, telling of their latest accomplishments. Some members had private friendly rivalries or races with others in the same general vicinity, and it was fascinating to pick up DX NEWS, and read what those fellows had heard over the last few days. All that clubbiness and camaraderie are gone under the present system, which, let's face it, is a carbon copy of the IRCA policy. For example, it doesn't help a DXer one iota in DXDD to mention "This is my 18th catch on this frequency." But some who report to that column list the names of sponsors and DJs, and give enough information there for a dishonest DXer to write for a verie - and get it! I know you wouldn't do that - but there have been others in the past who have. One even did it just to prove it could be done - obtain a verie without ever having heard the station in question, just from info contained in DXDD. Not everybody is as honest as Abraham Lincoln!...I now have my two Hammarlunds hooked up to the SM-2 and working, but once again, I'm being troubled by a terrible buzz or perhaps, buzzes. I traced one down to a store 1 1/2 blocks from me, but there is another not quite as strong, coming from somewhere else, and it is not from that high-intensity lamp that ruined all twilight DX for me last year in the house across the street. It's been just too cold to go around with the portable Superradio to track it down. What was for 13 years a great DX spot has done a 180 degree about face of late. Reports out so far this season to 13 AM stations, with ONE verie back; WYST-1010-TEST. Forward - March!

DAN K. PHILLIPS, N4NU, 109 Breckenridge Road, Franklin, TN 37064
It has been a real long time since I have mused. I have just rejoined for the 32nd year. Began DXing in 1958. I have been enjoying the NRC Ham Net for the last few months. It meets on Sunday Night from approximately 8pm to midnight. We would welcome other NRC members. The frequency is 3.84 MHz and some of the call letters that you should listen for are N4PGE, K8GVU, WB4ATX, N8IRL, KK4FV, K4RUC, KB9IV, N4NU, and K4QDE. The reason it is important to know the calls is that sometimes DX is not the main topic and one would not know if it is the right bunch. In renewing my membership, I could not find the cost of membership in the bulletin. It would be helpful to add this. In reference to the Musings section. There seems to be some misunderstanding of the historical nature of this section. For over thirty years it was the main place for listing DX catches. The question has arisen "but why have DDXX?" The reason for DDXX, which by the way was called DX Down the Dial, was to list "last minute catches" heard by DXers. It had a much later deadline, thus allowing last minute tips to surface. These catches stood out when they were in this column. Now, no catches stand out above others

because of time frames. Another useful feature of Musings to me was to read about someone near me and see what catches they were hearing. For instance when Karl Jeter or Steve Francis wrote in a Musing, I always looked at it to get a summary of their catches. I felt like if they heard something, I should be able to hear it also. That option is no longer available. Now one must go through 10 pages of DX News hopefully to find something useful. This is a grave disadvantage. Also in past days by far the majority of DX News was the Musings section. So many people Mused that a limit of 30 lines was placed on each Musing. Now we are lucky if there are any Musings. Could it be that the limitations that have been placed on that section have served only to almost put it out of existence? I have had some good DX this year. I bought some 5-strand TV rotor cable at Walmart for less than a dollar for 50 feet. Tying the strands together in different variations has given me approximately 750 feet of wire for a mini-beverage. I am still trying to determine its worth. A couple of good catches have popped in. One a daytimer in West Texas on a clear channel. It was a fixture during the month of October. In January a Californian has been making its way to Tennessee. That adds a touch of class to the old DX game. 73.

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This past Tuesday, January 9, I heard for the first time WCMD (1560) of LaPlata, MD. It had signed on early with school closing and delay announcements. I felt good about hearing WCMD, therefore I dropped it a report. Two days later I received a telephone call from Mr. Michael Powell of the station. He was surprised that WCMD had been heard in Hendricks although he hadn't been able to locate it on a map. Anyway, he stated that soon WCMD will be changing its frequency to 800 kilocycles. He said there's too much QRM even from LaPlata from WQXR. In addition, Mike said that he was extremely interested in AM radio and possibly DXing. As soon as I hear from Mike, I'll let him know more fully about our organization. (WAY TO GO, HARLEY!!!!--ajm)

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Here is an introduction upon my joining this fine club after a 16 year absence from the club and our hobby. A few words of gratitude to Jerry Starr for sharing the new address and current information about the club. I am 37 years young, a single journeyman carpenter, and I also restore and sell automobiles, and I also work in the insurance business (great for those incoming telephone soliciting calls, hi). I have been inactive in BCB DXing, as much of my free time was spent with my father, Robert R. Gaston, K5RKG in amateur radio. Also he was blind and diabetic. The last seven years I lived with him until his passing on 3 December 1989. He had suggested I rejoin this fine organization, so I am doing so now. The equipment here is as follows: Hammarlund HQ-180 (inoperative), Realistic DX-300 (want selectivity improvement modifications), Realistic 12-751 "Astronaut 8" portable (good front end, fun to operate), Sanyo in-dash auto radio-cassette (very good). Antennas are inverted V's on a 35' mast above the house, 75 meters to the northwest, 40 meters to the east, and 20 meters to the east-southeast. My main interests are technical aspects, antenna experiments, ferrite loops, and so forth. Also I do need to purchase a late model receiver or transceiver for BCB DXing and amateur radio use. In the next Muse, I will list some stations that I find in the Lubbock area. Best wishes to all and a Happy New Year.

PETE KEMP, KZ1Z, P.O. Box 73, Bethel, CT 06801
Greetings all...I would like to start out this Muse by discussing some of the talk shows that I have been hearing recently on the air. I am a fairly conservative-middle-of-the-road type of person, willing to listen to anyone's point of view on a subject, evaluate it, and then make a decision based on my experiences and values. My training as an educator has taught me that there are indeed times when more than one solution to a problem is possible and that it is always useful to listen to divergent points of view. In light of recent international political happenings, I decided to take a little impartial journey across the dials to hear what was happening. My first stop was Bob Valentine, heard on the Sun Radio Network, and he is a real piece of work. This guy makes the late Joe Pyne look like a flaming liberal. Never have I heard such garbage passed off as credible information on a

talk show before. Continuing on this trek I found Lynne Samuels on WABC. Now this person offers listeners really insightful information, e.g. the CIA gave Jack Ruby and William Casey cancer so their information would be forever lost to history and that the CIA is currently doing the same for Manuel Noriega. I can understand, although NOT appreciate the shock jocks, for their techniques, and some of the antagonistic talkmasters too, but the legendary Long John Nebel must be turning over in his grave listening to what has happened to our favorite listening medium. Feeling a bit isolated by what I was hearing, I decided to look at this situation from more of an historical perspective. Considering that the medium waves were originally frequented by a variety of snake oil salesmen, religious zealots and political dispenser of knowledge representing a variety of views among others, I guess things haven't changed much. Radio will always be radio, a place where everyone has the opportunity to express his or her views openly and the listener has the right to simply change the dial...I recently struck up a conversation with ex-NRC member Geoff Fox. He is a weatherman on WTNH TV in New Haven and amateur radio operator W1AU. Geoff was once a member of the NRC's Boston Publishing Committee back in his college days. He advises that he still has his loop, although little time to use it. Ah, a common lament. Should any of the old-timers wish to contact him via packet radio, his home BBS is N1DCS...While I am on a roll, I would like to say how much fun it was to check into the ANARC Ham Radio Net recently. It meets 10am Sundays on 7.240 LSB. These are amateur radio ops who enjoy SWling. Since the NRC is a member of ANARC, I assume that you could also pass broadcast band DX information too without being yelled at, I'll have to check on that. I was pleasantly surprised to have the net control respond to me quickly by name, only to learn that he had recognized the call from reading my Musings. Boy, you never know who is out there reading these little tidbits. So hello to Bob, K3F...Now for the "short stuff"...Sonny Block, formerly of WMCA, is now back in the New York market with his show being heard on WBAB. He lives in Tampa, and may also be heard on the Sun Radio Network...Many stations held musical tributes to Elvis, who would have been 54 on Jan 8th...Ready for the trivia question? Who is the only on-air personality at WMCA, who was not dropped in the transition by this all-religious station? Nutritionist Gary Null...Newscaster Mike Lysak has moved to WOR from WCBS...In the Tampa area, Sally Jesse Raphael is changing time spots and dial positions, moving to WTKN from WFLA...Bruce Keidan has resigned his position as Sportstalk host on WTAE to concentrate on his newspaper career...So much for now.

Laurie Boyer, 50 Miller Street, Invercargill, NEW ZEALAND
Hi. DX is at a minimum here. I have been working long hours since arriving back in New Zealand on the 1st of October from the Convention. I was going to do a lot of listening over the Xmas/New Year period, but my wife fell over on the concrete driveway and broke her elbow, so that meant hospital visits and housework. However, I have booked my flights for this year's convention. If any members could send me a bandscan of the following areas, I'd be more than happy to return the necessary postage: Halifax NS, Bangor ME, Atlantic City NJ, Norfolk VA, Wilmington DE, Charleston SC, Key West and Miami FL. This help would be much appreciated as this is where I'm planning to travel after the convention by Greyhound bus. Best wishes to all the members and particularly to the many friends that I've made at the conventions. Let's hope I meet a lot more at Pittsburgh. I highly recommend the accommodations as I stayed there a few years ago. 73s.

Shawn Axelrod, 30 Becontree Bay, Winnipeg MB, R2N 2X9
It has been a while since I last wrote into these hallowed pages so I thought I would send in a few lines. As 1990 starts off and my renewal for subscription arrived, I was reminded that it had been a year since I had joined NRC. Over that period of time I have become acquainted with several members via the mail and phone. I can honestly say that not only has the NRC been a good source of information about BCB DXing, but it has also shown me that there are other DXers out there that are willing and able to help out their fellow club members. I would like to thank all of those who helped me out with my UNIDs over the last year. It has helped put me over the 1100 mark. And for those of you who have

thanked me for my help with your UNIDs, I just want to say that it was nice to give back a little of what I was getting. There seems to be a tighter bond between BCB DXers than in other areas of DXing that I have done since I first started back in February of 1971. Anyway, thanks for the help, the info, and those sleepless nights chasing that much wanted new one. It has been worth it and I'm sure I'll be getting more help as I go on to #1200. 73 and best of DX to you all.

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Hi. I'm back in the MW DX hobby after about a 10 year absence caused by marriage and family-raising responsibilities, plus being seduced by scanner and SW utility listening. But have seen the error of my ways, and have returned to the most satisfying form of DXing in the world! My QTH is about 17 miles NE of Cleveland and 3 miles S of Lake Erie. Local WELW-1330 is not really much of a pest, their towers are about 1 1/2 miles due north of me, and I think they direct most of their pattern due N. In fact, the Cleveland stations are less trouble than CKLW-800 and WJR-760 as far as keeping me from "wanted" DX. Some of the Canadian stations across the lake seem to splatter much worse than US stations of comparable distance and power. Equipment is a Drake R7A, JRD NRD-515, Palomar loop, and 60' lw. I used to have an HQ-180A but foolishly dumped it when I lost interest in MW After going through an FRG-7700, IC-R71A, and NRD-525, I had the good fortune of coming across a used R7A and 515 last year. Both of them are superb. I like the 515 for general bandscanning, and for freqs without a lot of adjacent channel splatter. The 515's AGC seems to be a bit more pleasing to the ear. But for tough catches with a lot of splatter nearby, the R7A beats the 515 hands down. If I had to choose, I'd keep the R7A. In my opinion it even beats the HQ-180A. 681 stations have been heard so far from the Cleveland area, including 41 states, 30 countries, and 3 continents. Farthest DX is Monaco-1466. I still need WA, ID, MT, NV, NM, ME, NH, VT, AK, and HI. Provinces needed are NF, NS, BC, YT, NWT. Boy, things sure have changed on mediumwave in the last 10 years. Has the FCC turned into a sardine canner? What is this? I thought everyone was listening to FM nowadays! The QRM is much worse than it was 10 years ago. Oh well, it just makes a good catch all the more satisfying. Does anyone know where I can get a Sanserino loop? Radio West doesn't sell them anymore. Does anyone know if the excellent Night Pattern Book will be revived sometime in the future? (although it would probably take one of NSA's supercomputers to keep up with all the station changes!) I'm probably exceeding the line limit (no way!-ajm), so I'll s/off for now.

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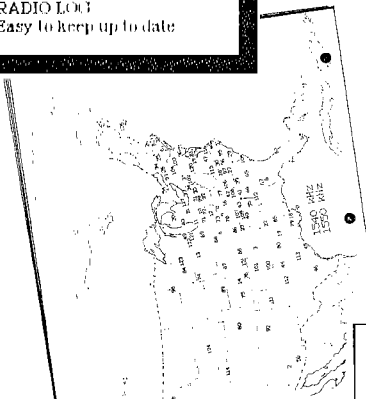
Hello everybody. Since this is my first Muse, let me tell you a little about myself. My name is Norman and I am 28 years old. I joined the NRC about the middle of November, 1989. I've been a shortwave listener for over a year now, and I just started listening to mediumwave four months ago. The receivers I use are the Magnavox D2935, and the Sony ICF-6500W. I just got my first MW verification card a couple of days ago and it was from 700 WLW in Cincinnati, OH. I also received a verification card on the same day from Deutsche Welle which is a shortwave station from West Germany. Getting these two cards on the same day made me feel really good. I also started collecting antique radios with the purchase of a Zenith Trans-Oceanic Model #3000 which is in good working and physical shape. I really enjoy reading the DX news because it's been a big help to me since I am new to MW listening. Keep up the good work. So long for now.

And there we end another edition of Musings of the Members. Keep on sending those Musings. It seems that support has picked up in spite of what all the Doomfarers have to say. Til next week, take care and kick some butt on the bands!!-ajm

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