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CPC Tests Directory

4-29: WHDH-850 Boston, MA

From: JIM MULVEY

To: ALL

Subj: WHDH AM TEST FOR DX'ERS

WHDH radio in Boston, Massachusetts, USA on 850 kHz will conduct an on-air engineering test that will include many ID's for DX'ers, on April 29 at 0500-0530 UTC. (0100-0130 ELT)

The test will consist of CW (!) and voice ID's, and discussion. At some time during the test, a 1K tone will be sent for one minute.

WHDH operates with 50,000 watts on 850 kHz with studios at 441 Stuart Street, Boston, MA 02116. Our transmitters are just west of the city in Newton, Mass.

WHDH regularly receives reception reports from Europe and North America. We encourage reception reports and offer a WHDH QSL card. Reports must include some details of program content. We also encourage an SASE or return postage be included.

* Origin: ANARC BBS-Assoc. of North American Radio Clubs (913)345-1978 (280/3)

The above DX TEST information was down loaded from the FIDO Shortwave Bulletin Board 3/31/90 by the National Radio Club CPC Machine. Our thanks to JIM MULVEY for passing it around!

From the convention host ... Pittsburgh's John Malicky reminds us to start saving our nickels and dimes for the 1990 NRC Convention, from Friday, August 31, through Monday, September 3. You can send auction items directly to John at 995 Shadycrest Rd. - Pittsburgh, PA 15216-3023. John says the Steelers will be playing the Eagles Saturday night, also.

DXChange ...Ron Clark - 6005 Christopher Court - Walkertown, NC 27059 (919) 595-3411 is interested in purchasing an AM stereo tuner, presumably the Realistic TM-152 ... Hellgate High School - 900 South Higgins Ave. - Missoula, MT 59801 is offering for sale a National HRO-500 solid state general coverage communications receiver (0-30 MHz with a matching National LF-10 preselector, which has a built-in speaker.

Principal Jon E. Fimmel says that the receiver is electronically perfect and in very good condition. Also offered is a Palomar Engineer's LF-1 Loop Amplifier with antenna for medium wave, in perfect condition. The HRO-500 and preselector are offered at \$495 plus shipping, the loop at \$55 plus shipping, both for \$500, shipping paid. Mr. Fimmel may be contacted by phone at (work) (406) 728-2402, home (406) 721-5551. Please mention the National Radio Club if you purchase these items.

From the editor ... This issue, also, is crammed with DX. Thanks to all who contributed, and to the editors whose columns are on hold for next time.

New Musings Editor needed ... Yep, Al Muick's new job took him to Cairo, Egypt - just a little too far for him to continue serving as editor of Musings of the Members. So effective immediately, his editorial position is open. Please send the editor your letter of application, using the equipment which you would use to type/set type. Also, until we find a new editor, send your Musings to the editor's home address in Topeka.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News

Twenty-five years ago ... from the April 17, 1965 DXN: Veteran DX'er James E. Hill - Toronto, ON reported adding 80+ veries to bring his total close to the 2,800 mark ... Stan Morss - Bradford, MA, reported sending 330 used USA commemorative stamps to CSB30-1169 Porto, Portugal with his report and receiving a very friendly letter plus over 100 Portuguese stamps ... Ben Dangerfield - Chester, PA added country #98 with VOA-791 Thessolonika.

Ten years ago ... from the April 21, 1980 DXN: Leading the Contest with 34 points was Robert Kramer, 34 points, followed by Rick Carr, 31, and Ray Arruda, 23 ... Mark Connelly - Billerica, MA rated his best catches of the season as the Czech on 639 and the new Ireland outlet on 612 ... Rick Kennealy - Cincinnati, OH purchased Pat Hartlage's HQ-180C ... Bill Bergadano's "Fifty States from NYC" included recommendations for KGGF-690 for Kansas, KEX-1190 for Oregon, KOH-630 for Nevada, and a DX test from KFAR for Alaska!

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call:	New call:	Old call:	New call:
700 *New AL Dothan	WQZ:	1490 KCLN IA Clinton	KLNT
710 WSVT TN Smyrna	WKXB:	1440 WQGT ME Westbrook	WLPZ
770 KPBC TX Garland	KGGK:	1450 WFTX AL Huntsville	WKGL
890 *New CA Rosamond	KAVR:	1490 FZAO AR Dardanelle	KWXT
910 KBLN TX Sherman	KXPB:	1520 WFRH HI Muekegon Heights	WQWQ
950 KZOW MN St. Louis Park	KFFO:	1550 WBYT TN Parsons	WKJQ*
1070 WCIR WV Beckley	WJWC:	1560 KFRS WA Sumner	KZIZ
1230 WDJO OH Cincinnati	WUHE:		

*Notes on calls: The FCC finally has discovered their mistake in granting WKJY to WTPB-1550 Parsons, TN. Seems that this call was already assigned to an FM station in NY, a fact which we pointed out here in AM: at the time. We hate to keep harping on the woefully inept record keeping going on at the FCC but this latest example really points out how really sloppy things are at the FCC. Despite the announcement over a year ago that they had hired a consultant to convert their call letter files over to computer, they are STILL keeping the call records on index cards. And, this is the MASTER CALL INVENTORY for the whole country. What happened in the case above is simple. Somebody misplaced the index card for the existing WKJY so it appeared that call was not assigned. Incredible! We know NRC members who single-handedly have entered all the calls into their home computers in less than a week. These are YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK my friend. There is still no clarification on the recent grant of KVOZ to the new 1550 station in Santa Fe, NM. That call is still very much alive on 890 kHz in Laredo, TX.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

560 MI Birmingham: 15/39 U1 (synchronous XR which would relay daytimer WHND during their schedule, then rebroadcast WCSX (FM) at night

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

880 KKCM CA Gonzalez: city of license to Del Rey Oaks, power to 50000/2500
 980 KFRD TX Rosenberg: power to 5000/5000, antenna to 114 (reapplication)
 990 WALE RI Providence: night power to 10000 watts
 1050 WPZA MI Ann Arbor: power to 10000 watts (reapplication)
 1240 WJDQ MS Marion: city of license to Meridian, MS (about 15 years ago this station moved FROM Meridian TO Marion)
 1360 KHNC CO Johnstown: night power to 500 watts (pending application)
 KWWJ TX Baytown: day power to 5000 watts
 1510 WWHN IL Joliet: power to 1000 watts
 1590 WPUL FL South Daytona: city of license to Port Orange, FL

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

780 CKOK BC Penticton: night power to 28000 watts (CP, still on 800 kHz)
 840 WBHY AL Mobile: relocate XR
 870 KPRM MN Park Rapids: relocate XR
 1220 CJRL ON Kenora: day power to 5000 watts
 1370 WGCL IN Bloomington: night power to 1000 watts
 1450 CHUC ON Cobourg: changes in antenna system (increase height)

OTHERNESS

540 KKJZ CA Hesperia: another bit of creative application, KKJZ has let it be known that they will be rebroadcasting their programming on the subcarrier of KKGO (FM) Los Angeles. They will attempt to market subcarrier converters at \$150 each to listeners. Add this to the AM daytimer in MI in this issue requesting an AM synchro that will carry a local FM station when they are not on the air and a recent application by an AM station for an FM translator and things are getting interesting!



650 CKGA NF Gander: station is now here ex-730 kHz
 900 WBXT OH Canton: station is SILENT
 950 XEKAM BC Tijuana: silent station is back ON THE AIR (San Diego metro)
 980 KMIN NM Grants: station is here ex-1400 kHz (they were on 980 kHz many years ago before moving to 1400, must not have liked it here.
 990 WABX MI Clare: station is SILENT (pending sale)
 1160 WPVG MD Funkstown: new station will be ON THE AIR starting 4-30-90
 1200 *New NS Halifax: allocation for new station here has been DELETED
 1320 WTOW NC Washington: silent for very brief period, is back ON THE AIR
 1330 KINE TX Kingsville: station is SILENT
 1370 KMAP MN South St. Paul: station is SILENT
 1410 WMLL AL Mobile: station is SILENT
 KLFJ MN Litchfield: silent station is back ON THE AIR
 1520 WKQV GA Eatonton: silent as WDBS, station is back ON THE AIR
 1550 WBZQ NC Greenville: station is SILENT
 1570 WOKG OH Warren: station is SILENT following a fire of "suspicious origin" that burned the old farmhouse where this station was located to the ground.
 1580 WBPC IL Urbana: silent as WJTX, station is back ON THE AIR
 WBEQ PA Ebersburg: silent station is back ON THE AIR

THANKS to the following NRCers who sent in their Otherness: JOHN BOWKER, BILL HARDY, BILL COOLEY, JACK WOODS and D. B. COOPER (Ernie's son???)

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

Contests

George Sherman

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Promotion of the DX hobby through competitive listening.

Contest	Standings as of 3/20/90									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
Robert Kramer, Chicago, IL	5228	1698	298	3	44	0	1	0	1	
Rick Dau, Oakland, IA	4794	1649	149	7	143	1	0	0	0	
Robert Vance, Ft. Belvoir, VA	2316	1191	22	7	73	0	0	0	0	
Dave Hascall, Fortville, IN	1755	780	23	1	57	1	0	0	0	
Dave Johnson, Gainesville, FL	1135	670	0	3	39	0	0	0	0	
Nancy Hardy, Aberdeen, WA	1017	907	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	
Bill Hardy, " "	685	620	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Dale Park, nr Honolulu, HI	514	294	13	0	4	1	0	0	0	
Mike Hogan, Burnham, IL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

FIRST REPORT OF NEW STATION: WWMO-830 Eden, NC DH-IN; KNCI (now KCCV)-760 KS RD-IA KULA-1460 HI DP-HI

SECOND REPORT OF NEW STATION: KCCV-760 KS RK-IL

RETURNED TO AIR AFTER 3+ months silence: WOR1-1550 TN RK-IL

A= total points B= state & province points C= s/ons & s/offrs reported to DDxD; D= Most Likely stations; E= other new logs; F= first report of new stn G= 2nd H= 3rd I= return

Domestic DX Digest - East

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

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MEDIUM WAVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Anyone in the San Antonio area is welcome to attend the next meeting of the Knobtwisters, May 11 from 2 to 5 PM at the Indian Hills Mobile Home Park 2, 3500 Goliah, San Antonio. I may see you there! By the way, I'd be glad to give advance publicity here for your Get Together, but must have the info in sufficient time to allow for the publishing schedule.
- WANTED: Your 1989 Broadcasting Yearbook when you get your 1990 edition. I'll pay \$10 tops plus postage.
- WANTED: An associate editor to help with the graveyard column(s). A computer would be helpful, but not necessary. Or a typewriter. Must have an interest in GY DX. Or an interest in just helping out. Write for details.
- Once again, here are the groundrules for submitting items to DDXD-E. Print neatly or type on one side of the paper. Divide by sections, ie: SPECIAL, UNIDS, etc. Format it as close as possible to the way the column appears in DX News. Sort by frequency first, then alphabetize by state and city within common frequencies. Include time & date. Receiver info is optional. But, ensure loggings will be no more than 30 days old by MY deadline. Not much to ask, making this job just a little easier. Thanks. Speaking of deadlines, be sure your letter arrives here by April 21st for Issue 25.
- If you live within the reach of WK6K Saltville, VA and/or WKZK Augusta, SC, both on 1600, Rick Dau needs your help. He heard one of these guys sign on, but couldn't distinguish which one he had. So, Rick would like to get a tape (cassette, I guess) of either one, or both, so he can compare and decipher what he heard. Write to Rick at RR2, Box 64, Oakland, IA 51560-9630.
- No more stuff, so let's get into it...

SPECIAL

- 610 CKYQ NF GRAND BANK - &
- 680 CIYQ NF GRAND FALLS - are IDing as CKIX "Kix Country", definitely not WCJYQ-930 which no longer makes any reference to "Q radio Network"; 610 and 680 are noted in parallel but with only one call sign! (SW-UK)
- 800 CKLW ON WINDSOR - effective 3/19 became Larry King station for Detroit area; formerly carried on WXYT-1270 which is Talknet AN; CKLW is still MoYL rest of the time (CR-ON)
- 990 WRMM NY ROCHESTER - 3/8 1800 with ads for Thorn Apple Estates and a drug store followed by legal ID: Warm 101.3, WRMM FM & AM Rochester with another full hour of soft rock delights; good with WQCM null'd; NY #170; ex:WEZO (CR-ON)
- WRMM NY ROCHESTER - 3/19 2206 with Hank Lucas weather report followed by talk show; ex:WEZO (DL-MA)
- WRMM NY ROCHESTER - 3/5 2100 hrd with new CLs as WRMM AM & FM, parallel to FM 101.3, but monitoring shows occasional non-parallel TLK (JR-NY)
- 1120 WYGO GA GORDON - 3/9 1815 ending nx, wx & sports station promo asking listeners to call in their seven favorite oldies followed by Wake Up Little Susie by the Everly Bros; uses call ID of Gold 107 WYGO; to check if AM had changed CLs along with FM, I punched up the # in '89 M Street Radio Directory and got some poor guy in Gordon who's been stuck with their old phone number; fellow was rather pleasant though and gave me their new number in Macon (912)742-2293; using this number, called station and was told both AM & FM are now WYGO; new address is Route 6, Box 735, Macon, GA 31201; for the FM DXers, sed that their FM is now 6kw ERP; ex:WQXM (CR-ON)
- 1270 WXYT MI DETROIT - is now Talknet AN with LK moving to CKLW-800 (CR-ON)
- 1560 KLFJ MO SPRINGFIELD - sked is 0700-2100 (RD-IA)
- 1580 KFDF AR VAN BUREN - sked is 0700-2300 (RD-IA)
- 1600 KCRG IA CEDAR RAPIDS - per monitoring and tip from George Sherman, stn has reverted to a sked of 0630-0100; don't know if this is permanent or not, but will keep my ears open for further developments (RD-IA)
- WIXY MA EAST LONGMEADOW - 3/21 2100 noted with Springfield Indians AHL HKY; has changed format from C&W to NOS (DL-MA)



UNIDS AND UNIDS IDd

- 800 UNID ?? - 3/19 0110 fair with talk pgm, gave phone number as 780-0991; had an Eastern TC, host was called Forrest; over/under CHAB (MBDX)
- 1030 4VEC HTI CAP-HAITIEN - 2/19 0600 most likely DX-MB's catch (Issue 22); WRTH lists 4VEC as a station of 4VEH, which is owned by OMS International, a missionary society in Greenwood, IN [matching what was listed in logging, plus WRTH sez they are 10 kw non-directional with EE programming at time of reception-Ed.] (KMac-IN)
- UNID ?? - 3/25 2156 ID sounded like Kay T Country or Kay C Country (MH-NE) [Maybe KZ Country (WJKZ-TN)-Ed.]
- UNID ?? - 3/22 1815 with Arabic male singer; propagation wild from poor to good for about 30 seconds to 1 minute under WBZ, then gone; rechecked several times, but no sign; who would be broadcasting an Arabic song at this time on 1030? (HM-OH) [Jim Renfrow, among others, have reported hearing Arabic stuff from WNTL. I'd put your money on them-Ed]
- 1060 UNID ?? - 3/25 2345 poor fair in GRM under KYW with 50s NOS ROK mx; semi-IDs as V-105 or D-105; maybe IFM or just a cute way to refer to 1060; whatthey? (RF-OH)
- 1120 WYGO GA GORDON - for correction of my ID (Issue 21) of Dave Hascall's unID (Issue 18) see 1120 WYGO in SPECIAL (CR-ON)
- 1240 UNID ?? - 3/19 0559 good with possibly Talknet; It's 40 degrees in Capital City at K(B?)LO in Hollandam?? in ABC Nx and possible Mountain TC (MBDX) [Okay! How 'bout KBLL, Helena, Montana? It is the capital (city) of MT & is listed as Ae/I in the Log. But is also listed as NOT 24 hrs. However, those things change!-Ed]
- UNID ?? - 3/18 1935 good with EE & FF C&W mx; La Communication de Quebec ID→nx @ 1945; not a CBC FF stn & not WCJMS-1280 (MBDX)
- UNID ?? - 3/18 2055 fair with mx by Milli Vanilli, She's Got the Look by Roxette & then Let Your Backbone S??? [Ed.] by M??stro Fresh Wes [?-Ed.]; Power 92 IDs (MBDX)
- 1320 UNID ?? - 3/18 2103 good with man in possible in East Indian language flute mx; creamed by KELO at 2106 (MBDX)
- 1400 UNID ?? - 3/18 1955 fair with FF & EE C&W unID station on 1240 (MBDX)
- 1550 WCCZ FL NEW SMYRNA BEACH - positively Don Lynch's unID of 2/10 (Issue 22); only 83 watts but is usually #1 after CBE sign-off; has carried Sun Radio Net for about a year (CR-ON)
- WCCZ FL NEW SMYRNA BEACH,
- WCGR NY CANADAIGUA, or
- WORI TN OAK RIDGE - may be DL-MA's unID in Issue 22; they are all listed as Sun Talk affiliates on 1550 (TH-CA)
- UNID ?? - 3/12 0200 two stations running network programs Network America and Radio Free America without local identification on the hour or half-hour; one may be WCCZ (JR-NY)
- 1570 UNID ?? - 3/3 0721-0725 good but brief with bluegrass mx, ad for Lynch Farm Equipment Company and Snapper riding mowers; fast-talking DJ with southern accent; WYTI? (BH-NJ)
- 1580 UNID ?? - 3/25 2128 ID sounded like K KL or K KO (MH-NE) [Maybe KZKL-NM; sounds like you need an NRC Log-Ed.]

DX/EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 590 KTHO CA SOUTH LAKE TAHOE - 3/12 not heard (CR-ON)
- 790 WLBE FL LEESBURG - 3/18 0330-0400 not heard (DV-NY)///DX Test tried, but not heard (RA-MA)///not a trace (SF-TN)
- WLBE FL LEESBURG - 3/18 not heard, too much CKLW splatter and a strong CKSO; Log correction: Leesburg is misspelled [But will Mikey see this?-Ed] (CR-ON)
- 980 WLUS FL GAINESVILLE - 2/18 0400 not heard...just WWRC (BH-NJ)
- 1030 WMIN MN MINNEAPOLIS - 3/19 0100 fair with announcer @ 0205 This is WMIN Minneapolis on an equipment test and modification after solid hour of organ mx with periodic breaks of silence, then back to organ mx (MBDX)
- 1210 WBIU LA DENHAM SPRINGS - 2/26 0530-0600 weak but steady under WCAU with repeated pattern of tones and IDs; nice surprise! (BH-NJ)
- 1250 KLLK CA WILLITS - 3/12 not heard, just WTAE with LK and WEMP ET/OC/mx (CR-ON)
- 1300 KWCK AR SEARCY - 3/4 0300 not heard, just WLIF or WFBR, whatever they are! (BH-NJ)



KWCK AR SEARCY - 3/4 0300-0029 fair with EM. mx, KWCK CIDs, and lengthy VIDs by male, who gave out XR info, location and population of Searcy, and the station's address in both EE & SS (RD-IA)

1360 WLBK IL DE KALB - 2/25 0117-0222 weak/fair with VIDs and alternative ROK from R.E.M., Big Country, and The Clash; called the station during the test, 1st time I've ever done that (RD-IA)

1370 WIVV PR VIEQUES - 2/19 0400 not heard... just WPHR/WXXI (BH-NJ)

1410 WQBQ FL LEESBURG - 3/18 0400-0430 poor; noted CIDs (DV-NY)

WQBQ FL LEESBURG - 3/18 0430 CIDs, VID 5 minutes earlier; fair (WPT-DC)

WQBQ FL LEESBURG - 3/18 0400-0430 possibly them with weak TT or code approximately every 5-6 minutes during scheduled test, but not likely them (RA-MA)

WQBQ FL LEESBURG - 3/18 0408 tune-in; no VIDs noted but did hear several CIDs with the clearest ones at 0411:20, 0417:40 and 0424:00; WING was their main opposition; unnn (CR-ON)

WQBQ FL LEESBURG - 3/18 0405-0431 fair at peaks with OLD mx (Peggy Sue, Louie, Louis on CD; mentions of address and FAX #; CIDs at 0411, 0417, 0424 and 0430; #25 on 1410 (SF-TN)

1450 KVOW WY RIVERTON - 3/12 0210-0220 no sign of their February frequency check, so I decided to give them a try in March, and, lo and behold, they were there; fair with TTa (RD-IA)

1460 WZEP FL DE FUNIAK SPRINGS - 3/17 0430-0500 not heard (DV-NY)

WZEP FL DE FUNIAK SPRINGS - 3/17 0430 not heard... just WCMB (BH-NJ)

WZEP FL DE FUNIAK SPRINGS - 3/17 0445 CID; poor under WCMB and WOL slop (WPT-DC)

WZEP FL DE FUNIAK SPRINGS - 3/17 test 0430-0500 not tried, not notified in time (RA-MA)

WZEP FL DE FUNIAK SPRINGS - 3/17 0434 with march mx; no VID hrd but plenty of CIDs (CLs) given approximately once each minute; was in a real mess with WBRN and WBNS leading the pack (CR-ON)

1530 WVFC PA MC CONNELLSBURG - 3/19 0036 TT in progress, mixing with WMBT TT; over/under WCKY (DL-MA)

WMBT PA SHENANDOAH - 3/19 0036-0043 TT mixing with WVFC TT, over/under WCKY; musical ID at 0040 and again at 0043 (DL-MA)

1580 WSRF FL FT LAUDERDALE - 2/28 0231 hrd with ID and slogan Your station for inspiration, followed by musical selections, with XR cuts; test on day pattern? (JR-NY)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY



530 CKHL AB HIGH LEVEL - 3/19 0745 very poor; good het & bits of lite mxll610; new (MBDX)

550 WKRC OH CINCINNATI - 3/17 0451-0500 weak but alone with happy birthday comedy routine, 55 WKRC ID, local ad, DJ with AC mx (BH-NJ)

CHLN PQ TROIS RIVIERES - 3/19 0030 poor with man in FF talking; under KFYZ; new (MBDX)

560 WQAM FL MIAMI - 2/18 0445-0506 atop frequency with syndicated sports call-in show; contest rules promo with mention of owners, Sunshine Wireless Co.; NBC Nxi; C&W mx (BH-NJ)

CJKL ON KIRKLAND LAKE - 3/19 0020 good with CBC Jazz Beat pgmllCJT-1230; new (MBDX)

590 CKRS PQ JONQUIERE - 3/19 0005 fair with man talking in FF, then into lite mx also in FF; new (MBDX)

600 WMT IA CEDAR RAPIDS - 3/17 0545 very good with CBS program Charley Rose & Company+ID @ 0600; wx/CBS Nxi (DV-NY)

610 CKYL AB PEACE RIVER - 3/18 0237 good with oldies and CHR mx mix; CKYL ID; new (MBDX)

620 KWFT TX WICHITA FALLS - 3/24 0006 wx for TX & OK; 0010 ID: Covering Wichita Falls with music, entertainment, and ??, Total Entertainment KWFT, Wichita Falls, something special (didn't have recorder going so didn't catch all of it) (MH-NE)

CKCK SK REGINA - 3/24 0005 caught end of ID: CKC; GRM from KWFT (MH-NE)

680 KNBR CA SAN FRANCISCO - 3/11 0606 very good with ID: From the Giant 68, KNBR, this is Talknet (RD-IA)

740 CBL ON TORONTO - 3/25 Midnight CBC Nxi; KTRH GRM (MH-NE)

790 KFYO TX LUBBOCK - 3/24 0205 CBS Nxi, ID jx, C&W mx (MH-NE)

CKCR ON SUDBURY - 3/18 0456 T40 mx incl Rolling Stones song from Steel Wheels; ID by male DJ; ex:CKSO; good (WPT-DC)

830 WWMO NC EDEN - 3/21 0313-0358 per tip from Ernie Cooper, fair with country-southern style GOS mx in WCCO null, IDs at 0327 & 0358, readings from :30 to :45 each hour, few local announcements or ads, male anncr (RA-MA)

860 KPAN TX HEREFORD - 3/9 0700 fair with dual AM-FM sign-on (RD-IA)

KSFA TX NACOGDOCHES - 3/25 0011 clear ID; POP mx (MH-NE)

CJBC ON TORONTO - 3/25 0009 FF female talking; CLA mx (MH-NE)

880 WRFD OH COLUMBUS - 3/9 0651 good with GOS mx+ID and ad for Christian Dating Connection; tried for much-wanted WOSU-820, but no go (RD-IA)

980 KOKA LA SHREVEPORT - 3/12 fair with sign-on @ 0602 (RD-IA)

1050 CFYN ON SAULT SAINTE MARIE - 3/4 0312-0345 fair at times, over CHUM in XEG null (WEVD silent) with syndicated ROK program, local ads & PSAs, but CLs not heard (BH-NJ)

1110 WUHN MA PITTSFIELD - 3/10 0609 ending wx 4cast with ... in downtown Pittsfield at 6:09, 35 mild degrees. For WUHN News, I'm Michael ?Pattori?. Now back to G.C. Green; good despite moderate static (CR-ON)

1130 KWKH LA SHREVEPORT - 3/25 0027 ID as KWKH, the Radio Ranch (MH-NE)

1140 WVLE IL PEKIN - 3/9 0750 with REL pgm called A New Beginning with Greg Lord as speaker ended at 0800 followed by legal ID: You're listening to the inspiration station, WVLE at 1140 on your AM dial, Pekin-Peoria+WVLE Weather for Today; fair over a fading WRVA but only hrd because WCKI-1130 forgot to change to day facilities which would have wiped out 1140 (CR-ON)

1190 KEX OR PORTLAND - 3/19 0645 good with ad for a gold shop, sung KEX ID+lite rock (MBDX)

1210 WCAU PA PHILADELPHIA - 3/25 0031 ID:WCAU, Talk Radio 1210 (MH-NE)

1240 WAGO PA READING - 2/24 0638 briefly atop with OLD, Radio 1240 slogan (BH-NJ)

1260 KPOW WY POWELL - 3/19 0840 good with C&W mx, ads for local auctions in Powell and surrounding area (MBDX)

1270 WHLD NY NIAGARA FALLS - 3/10 0719-0729 atop frequency with OLD, female DJ with precision time time checks and sounds of the Falls slogan (BH-NJ)

1320 WJAS PA PITTSBURGH - 3/10 0655-0706 fair, over WKAP with MoYL mx and IDs (BH-NJ)

1330 WWRV NY NEW YORK - 3/5 SS language programming with NYC ads, but EE ID at 0059 (JR-NY)

1340 KYLT MT MISSOULA - 3/19 0638 fair with 1340 Solid Gold KYLT ID (MBDX)

WHID NJ ATLANTIC CITY - 3/18 0503 on top with nx/promo for book with photos of old Atlantic City (DV-NY)

WALL NY MIDDLETOWN - 2/24 0744-0752 nicely atop with local sports, 1340 wall non-IDs, local ads, AC Mx; long sought, was 2nd closest unheard (BH-NJ)

1350 KTLQ OK TAHLEQUAH - 2/24 0659 weak with sign-on (RD-IA)

KTXJ TX JASPER - 2/24 0659 weak with sign-on (RD-IA)

WBSK VA PORTSMOUTH - 3/12 0035 hrd with no rap black oldies format; they really emphasized the no-rap! (JR-NY)

1390 WGCI IL CHICAGO - 3/7 0129 local break during Larry King Show (JR-NY)

1400 WHLB MN VIRGINIA - 3/12 0759 good with MNN Nxi+promo for coverage of local HS BKB+ID (RD-IA)

1430 WENE NY ENDICOTT - 2/19 0500-0504 suddenly atop with OLD, The Oldies Station slogan; lost to delayed WNJR sign-on (BH-NJ)

1470 WOJY PA FARRELL - 3/5 0030 hrd under CHOW with IDs as Joy 95.9 FM (JR-NY)

1490 KTOP KS TOPEKA - 3/12 0118-0123 fair with oldies from Ides of March and Sonny & Cher off the bird+ID; 1st time at this QTH (RD-IA)

1550 WCTZ TN CLARKSVILLE - 3/11 0305 hrd under WCCZ with local wx, ID as Easy AM, WCTZ, Clarksville, Tennessee; QSL says 1000 watts at this time with EZL and TLK format (JR-NY)

1570 WFEL MD TOWSON - 3/19 0003 legal sign-off but no SSB; slogan: Baltimore's Christian Connection (DL-MA)

WDUX PA DOYLESTOWN - 3/19 0006 noted with wx report; not bad for 50 watts (DL-MA)

1590 KKAY LA WHITE CASTLE - 3/11 0653 fair with sign-on (RD-IA)

1600 KCRG IA CEDAR RAPIDS - 3/7 0630 good with sign-on; see note in SPECIAL on this one (RD-IA)

MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT



550 WSAU WI WAUSAU - 3/10 2244 with ad for Milwaukee Bucks BKB (MH-NE)

600 WMT IA CEDAR RAPIDS - 3/24 2255 Name That Product trivia (MH-NE)

620 WHEN NY SYRACUSE - 3/4 1527 heard under WSKQ with nx, CL, light rock mx (RJE-PA)

WTMJ WI MILWAUKEE - 3/24 2300 ad for Brewers BB in Arizona (MH-NE)

WRZN FL HERNANDO - 2/23 oldies pgm, CL ID, then gone after mid-song power drop at 1812 (JR-NY)

740 KRMG OK TULSA - 3/9 1907 with KRMG Sportaline with Dave Armstrong, BKB scores at 1908 (MH-NE)

KTRH TX HOUSTON - 3/24 2353 ID: KTRH, Newsradio 740 (MH-NE)

760 KMTL AR SHERWOOD - 3/9 1914 with sign-off giving studio location given; SSB @ 1915 (MH-NE)

790 CIAO ON BRAMPTON - 3/25 2130+ fair+good in CKLW slop; atop frequency with slavic ETH pgm; 2208 EE ID 790 Brampton CIAO Radio (CIAO pronounced chow like the Italian); new (RF-OH)

820 WGGH VA CHESTER - 3/14 1730 very nice signal with WNYC nulled (BS-NJ)



830 WKTJ OH CORTLAND - 3/15 1755-1759 atop channel with nx, wx, then 96.7 FM Stereo, WKTJ. WKTJ now ends its AM broadcast day... (full announcement); nowhere was any mention of AM frequency, nor why the sign-off is 45 minutes premature; either I missed a CL change here, or they messed up [Issue 22 should have cleared it up-Ed] (RJE-PA)

WWMO NC EDEN - 3/9 2113-2117 weak but clear in WCCO null with REL mx, youthful DJ with strong southern accent, promo for *Afternoon Message* program on Saturdays, city and state mentioned with CLs every time (BH-NJ)

WWMO NC EDEN - 3/14 1745 all alone on channel; very AU evening (BS-NJ)

WWMO NC EDEN - 3/15 1800-1808 atop after WKTJ sign-off with WGH Piedmont News subsequently making it known that the WGH stood for "Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point" two station program promos with clear CLs in each at 1807-1808 (RJE-PA)

850 WRMR OH CLEVELAND - 3/9 2129-2151 fair over WHDH with MoYL mx and slogans; rare here (BH-NJ)

940 WMAZ GA MACON - 3/14 1833 with nx, IDs; Middle Georgia mention; fair, under CBM (DV-NY)

970 WWSW PA PITTSBURGH - 3/9 2323-2333 good in WWJD null with OLD, promo for oldies concert hosted by DJ *Bumper Morgan* [from Police Story?]-Ed.; 94.5 All Oldies All The Time & 3WS Slogans (BH-NJ)

980 WSIX TN NASHVILLE - 3/19 1846 fair under KMBZ with brief ID→NCAA BKB tourney talk and ad for Nashville auto dealer (RD-IA)

1020 WKZE CT SHARON - 3/8 1750 with new age jazz number called *Goin' Home* by *Kenny G* followed by wx 4cast and sign-off @ 1756; sed owned by *Chartcom, Inc* with studios at 67 Main Street in Sharon with XR on Rte 22 in New York state; ended with *God Bless America* by *Kate Smith*; good over KDKA and WNTK (CR-ON)

KDKA PA PITTSBURGH - 3/25 2137 end of Pittsburgh Penguins HKY (MH-NE)

WRIX SC HOMETOWN PARK - 3/12 1800 with ABC Nx 'til 1805, followed by *With 10,000 watts of power, we're WRIX, Hometown Park, South Carolina*, then right into C&W, mostly over KDKA in AU conditions (RJE-PA)

1030 WNTL MD INDIAN HEAD - 3/5 hrd with middle eastern sounding language, 1803-1804; EE legal ID 1805 followed by middle eastern mx 1806++; under KDKA, over/under WFTK (RJE-PA)

WFTK NC WAKE FOREST - 2/24 at 1759 sign-off, mentioning 0700 sign-on (JR-ON)

1040 WYFX FL BOYNTON BEACH - 3/15 1842 ment of Palm Beach, tire store ad; fair (WPT-DC)

1060 WNOE LA NEW ORLEANS - 3/24 2130 ID:Country 101, WNOE, wx (MH-NE)

1070 KFDI KS WICHITA - 3/24 1719 ID, C&W mx (MH-NE)

1080 KOAK IA RED OAK - 3/24 1722 wx, EZL (MH-NE)

WYCM NC MURFREESBORO - 3/20 1832 end of GOS pgm; sign-off by male; fair+good; ex:WVDR (WPT-DC)

1110 WHIM RI PROVIDENCE - 3/6 1954 readable under WBT with C&W mx and CLs (RJE-PA)

1140 KSOO SD SIOUX FALLS - 3/24 1707 ID, special Talknet (MH-NE)

1150 KWY IA DES MOINES - 3/24 1704 CBS Nx, ID; QRM from KSAL (MH-NE)

KSAL KS SALINA - 3/24 1612 ID jx, EZL mx (MH-NE)

1160 WACY MI FENTON - 3/9 2214-2219 fair, over WOBM with C&W mx, The new 1160 slogan, DJ with *Friday Night Request* program (BH-NJ)

1170 WCTF CT VERNON - 3/5 1759 faded up under WWVA with full sign-off announcement (RJE-PA)

1180 WMLX KY FLORENCE - 3/8 & 3/10 1810-1845 sign-off very weak in WHAM null with BBD and 40s & 50s mx; Radio 1180 WMLX IDs, few announcements or ads, male anncr (RA-MA)

WJFF RI HOPE VALLEY - 3/22 1800 signing off (BS-NJ)

1210 WKNX MI FRANKENMUTH - 3/18 1508+ poor+fair in WGAR slope with BBD mx, local ads, IDs; new (RF-OH)

KOKK SD HURON - 3/24 1843 weak with wx; 1850 ID (MH-NE)

KREW WA SUNNYSIDE - 3/17 2030 fair with lite rock mx & KREW ID (MBDX)

1230 WIKB MI IRON RIVER - 3/18 2050 good with *Classic Gold WIKB Iron River-Crystal Falls ID+oldies* (MBDX)

WSOO MI SAULT STE MARIE - 3/18 2019 good with Pistons vs Mavericks BKB+local ads for the *Soo* (MBDX)

KTNC NE FALLS CITY - 3/2 1833 ID:Radio 1230 KTNC; C&W mx (MH-NE)

JUTT ON NEW LISKEARD - 3/18 2340 faded in & outwith *Jazzy Beat* pgm from CBC; finally caught an ID @ 2400 (MBDX)

1240 WLBY MI CHEBOYGAN - 3/18 2030 good with Pistons vs Mavericks BKB, *Century 21* ad, WCBY ID (MBDX)

WATN NY WATERTOWN - 3/23 nearby unheard now heard! with local ads and AP Nx at 1638; never tried for them before, I guess (JR-NY)

1250 KALO TX PORT ARTHUR - 3/24 2033 ID:Kay-Low 1250, *The Heart & Soul of Southeast Texas* (MH-NE) [Mike, this is correct city-Ed.]

CHWO ON OAKVILLE - 3/9 2227-2236 nicely atop with FF POP mx program, jingle ID in EE, then SS *Carosel Latin* mx program with local ads; not heard since WMTR went fulltime over five years ago (BH-NJ)

1270 CFGT PQ ALMA - 3/18 1810 poor with man doing a FF language pgm (MBDX)

1280 WKST PA NEW CASTLE - 3/22 1825 *We're Lawrence County's news leader*, with WADD nullled (BS-NJ)

1310 KFSB MO JOPLIN - 3/24 2056 ID: *The radio home of the Cardinals*, 1310 KFSB (MH-NE)

WSSJ NJ CAMDEN - 3/13 2300 good with dual IDs in SS & EE Camden-Philadelphia (DV-NY)

WXMC NJ PARSIPPANY - heard 3/10 1825 with MoYL format, CLs and mention of Morris County (JR-NY)

1320 WWVT VT RANDOLPH - 3/14 1922 good with ID *It's cold today, but we're hot*, 3WT AM 1320 (DV-NY)

CJMR ON MISSISSAUGA - 3/9 2240-2254 very good with ROK mx, voice of your city slogan, promo for *Mississauga Magazine* program; remarkably, shares mailing address with CHWO-1250 heard minutes earlier! (CR-ON)

1330 WEYZ PA ERIE - 3/14 1917 good with MoYL & ID (DV-NY)

1340 WIRY NY PLATTSBURG - 3/17 1757 broke thru with ID (DV-NY)

WVNR VT POULTNEY - 3/17 1800 surfaced with ID (DV-NY)

CKVT PQ TEMISCAMINGUE - 3/18 2125 fair with woman and man in FF on a *La Presse Weekend*; Radio Quebec IDs (MBDX)

1350 WLNH NH LACONIA - 3/12 hrd with Radio Candy IDs (from announcer's name), with legal ID at 1900 for FM 98.3 (JR-NY)

1380 WMP5 TN MILLINGTON - 3/25 1850 ID somehow made it thru mess; sounded like a GY frequency; new (RF-OH)

1390 WCSE SC CHARLESTON - 3/7 2320 frequent IDs as *Kool Gold*, with lots of oldies (JR-NY)

1410 CFMB PQ MONTREAL - 3/18 2218 fair with man & woman doing ethnic pgm, not sure of language (MBDX)

1420 CJMT PQ CHICOUTIMI - 3/18 2213 fair with sports pgm KAC-730 which was under CKDM (MBDX)

1450 KDRW CO SILVERTON - 3/11 2000 popped out of the din just long enough to get KDRW ID; good conditions to the Rockies this evening (RD-IA)

CHEF PQ GRANBY - 3/18 2203 fair with nx, sports then wx for Granby; mx in FF (MBDX)

1460 WXOK LA BATON ROUGE - 3/1 2203 fair with rap and echo-type ID: *The power is...WXOK* (RD-IA)

1520 WJMP OH CANTON - 3/9 1828 sign-off announcement mentioning 1000 watts and oldies on the new WJMP (JR-NY)

1550 WOKJ MS JACKSON - 3/25 2107 rock mx, ID 1550 *K-Rock* (MH-NE)

KSFT MO ST JOSEPH - 3/25 2115 C&W mx; QRM from WOKJ (MH-NE)

KLFJ MO SPRINGFIELD - 3/19 2102 dominating the channel with *ContChr* mx+sign-off; perhaps was still on 5 kw day rig (RD-IA)

WARD PA PITTSBURGH - 3/18 2058 poor in QRM with ID and some kinda sports event; new (RF-OH)

WBSC SC BENNETTSVILLE - 3/18 2033 poor+fair in mess with black GOS mx; 2048 ID; new (RF-OH)

1540 WECZ PA PUNXSUTAWNEY - 2/22 1744 heard with full sign-off anncr promoting FM 105, then SSB (JR-NY)

1560 KKA A SD ABERDEEN - 3/10 2051 with ID as *KK Double A*, Aberdeen's official weather station; 2059 ID as *Your brand of country music and much more*, KKA A, then *Satellite Network News* (MH-NE)

1580 KFDF AR VAN BUREN - 3/25 2130 ID, wx (MH-NE)

1590 KCNN MN EAST GRAND FORKS - 3/9 2247 with ID as *News-Talk 1590 KCNN*, *East Grand Forks-Grand Forks*; 2300 CNN Nx (MH-NE)

KPRT MO KANSAS CITY - 3/10 1907 weak ID; rare, considering its close location (MH-NE)

REPORTERS:

KVOO
1170 AM • 98 FM

RJE-PA RUSS EDMUNDS//Blue Bell, PA//
MH-NE MIKE HAWK//Omaha, NE//HQ-140-X, ATS-803 + 2' loop, 125' LW (2 rpts)
DV-NY DON VOORHIES//Oswego, NY//FRG-8800 Gilfer Mod + LW
DL-MA DON LYNCH//Wilbraham, NY//
KMac-IN KEN MAC HARG//Jeffersonville, IN//helping hand for an unID
DL-MA DON LYNCH//Wilbraham, MA//DX-400 + simple 20' LW//coverage maps
BH-NJ BOB HARRISON//Union, NJ//Superadio
CR-ON CHARLES REH//Leamington, ON//R-390A, Sanserino Loop & Realistic TR-3000 open reel
RA-MA RAY ARRUDA//Acushnet, MA//HQ-180A, RW Loop
BS-NJ BOB SHOLAREK//Oldwick, NJ//R-2000 + Kowalski Loop
RD-IA RICK DAU//Oakland, IA//R-1000 + RW Loop
MBDX SHAWN AXELROD & WAYNE MC RAE//DXpedition @ Arnes, MB//2-R70s + LWS

TH-CA TIM HALL//Chula Vista, CA//unID help
RF-OH RICH FRCHO//Willoughby, OH//R7A, NRD-515, SM1, LW
HM-OH HUGH MONTGOMERY, JR//Bethel, OH//
JR-NY JIM RENFREW//Rochester, NY//HQ-150 with SM-1 ferrite rod
SF-TN STEVE FRANCIS//Alcoa, TN//TRF
SW-UK STEVE WHITT//Ipswich, England//

73, Bill

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

DX TESTS

- 1250 KLLK CA Willits
3/12 0434 to 0500 fair to poor u/KKFX. Voice & Code ID's. (RO-AK) Not Heard (DP-HI)
- 1460 WZEP FL DeFuniak Springs
3/17 0436 Three weak code ID's on DX TEST. No other details heard, proving the value of code ID's & tones in these tests FL #2. (0W-CO)

SPECIAL & FORMAT INFO!

- 590 KSUB UT Cedar City
3/20 1650 Noted w/C&W format. (WF-AZ2)
- 600 KCLS AZ Flagstaff
3/20 1315 to 3/22 1445.. Not hrd from Grand Canyon to Sedona..Station SILENT (WF-AZ2)
- 610 KSKE CO Vail
3/22 1525 Fair daytime signal w/KIX-600 slop. Still "Tourist Information Radio" format w/area events, zillions of spots. Legal ID 1600. (Ex-KSPN) (0W-CO) 3/26 hrd w/High Country Wx & "Kay-Ski" slogans (CK-CO)
- 790 KCEE AZ Tucson
3-18 Noted w/OLD //KWFM 92.9 assumed still KCEE (WF-AZ3)
- 920 KORK NV Las Vegas
3/21 1718 Noted w/MYLIsh Mx..Format chg (WF-AZ2)
- 930 KRTH CA Los Angeles
3/16 0220 Rock Mx w/"K-Earth FM & AM" slogan Not using KKHJ and not SS Yet. (WF-AZ2)
- 1230 KPMX AZ Phoenix
3/14 0325 Noted w/TALKNET (takes over from KFYI) "The New MIX 1230" hrd Gordon Elliot w/ABC TalkRadio so has ABC at different times than KFYI. No More //KAMJ 101.5 (WF-AZ1)
- 1310 KXAM AZ Mesa
3/14 0317 BBD Mx no longer //FM. ID's ment Scottsdale/Phoenix and Sun City (WF-AZ1) (Ex-KZZP) 3/15 0729 Fair w/ NOS "AM 13-10, KXAM, Playing all vocal s from memory lane" (TH-CA)
- 1450 KNOT AZ Prescott
3-20 1219 Noted w/ C&W Mx //98.3 "Mile High Country" o/u KSGI (WF-AZ2)
- 1550 KMJK WA Vancouver
3/22 0749 Good o/u KKHI. lcl ads, Promo as "Magic 106.7 FM". AC. 0800 : "KMJK, AM 1550, Vancouver. KMJK FM 106.7, Lake Oswego-Portland". Tried 3/18 w/o success. They may have been off. (Ex- KVAN) (BH-WA)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

- 740 KTRH TX Houston
3-14 0426 Noted w/KING o/u KCBS in KMEQ Null (WF-AZ1)
- 790 KKON HI Kealahouka
3/13 0958 OC, 0959 s/onn ann "KKON Broadcasting from the historic Kona Coast" then s/on // KOAS-FM. 1000 ABC Nx to 1005 ID as KKON-AM & KOAS-FM to OLD Unistar Radio Net. (DP-HI)
- 910 KFYI AZ Phoenix
3/14 0411 Noted w/Tom Snyder Show on ABC(?) TalkRadio. Takes over from KTAR (WF-AZ1)
- 930 KAFF AZ Flagstaff
3-20 1153 // 92.9 FM w/C&W (WF-AZ2)
- 930 KRKY CO Granby
3/20 0803 lcl spot, "The Voice of the Rockies, KRKY-KRKM" No PSA listed possibly 121 w night power. Previously hrd @ SDB sight only. (TH-CA)

WMSO
AM 640

- 970 KCTR MT Billings
3/19 0728 Good w/C&W. & into KCTR Nx. Last hrd as KOOK.. Nancy hrd them later as KBIT. KYTE nulled. (BH-WA)
- 970 KCTR MT Billings
3/20 0732 Poor/Fair u/XEJ. Wx ID as "Cat Country KCTR" C&W Mx MT #11 (TH-CA)
- 990 KIXA CA Pittsburg
3/19 0700 Good, AC w/"Kiss FM is KKIS, FM 92.1 Walnut Creek and KIXA, AM 900, Pittsburg-Concord" (BH-WA)
- 1010 CBR AB Calgary
3/19 0728 "Oh CANADA" followed by full data s/on. Excellent (NH-WA)
- 1010 CBR AB Calgary
3/19 0700 on early. strong w/electic mx. Mentioned had been //FM since 0300...regular s/on at 0730 (See NH-WA logging -ed) (BH-WA)
- 1010 KIND KS Independence
3/30 0059 Legal ID "This is Radio 101 KIND, KIND FM in Independence, Kansas" followed by USA Radio or NBC Nx. QRM KXEG/CBR/KDJW. KS #38 (0W-CO)
- 1010 KCHI MO Chillicothe
3/30 0100 Caught the end of S/off owned by Livingston BC "Stay tuned Each and everyday for the latest News, Weather, Ports and your favorite music from yesterday and today" and off No SSB MO #33 (0W-CO)
- 1100 KJYE CO Grand Junction
3/19 0149 Noted w/EZL // 92.3 FM (WF-AZ1)
- 1150 KIIS CA Los Angeles
3/30 0543 Spot for Drug Emporium.. "102.7 'Kiss' FM" Rock Mx w/male DJ Fair to Poor CA# 49 (0W-CO)
- 1170 KOHO HI Honolulu
3/19 0455 JJ AC Mx w/Female DJ... 0500 EE s/off gone at 0501 (DP-HI)
- 1170 (KCBQ) CA San Diego
3/19 Rare SP w/OC KVOO & KLOK in well. (TH-CA)
- 1190 CFSL SK Weyburn
3/24 0200 Totally Dominant. SBN Nx w/C&W "Star Country" Net, lcl Nx & Wx 0215 & 0231. Usual dominant KJLA & KRDS way under (0W-CO)
- 1210 KZOO HI Honolulu
3/19 1031 JJ EZL Female w/EE s/on man w/JJ s/on, Kirin Beer Spot, EE/JJ ID Female DJ w/JJ prgming. (DP-HI)
- 1270 KESS TX Ft. Worth
3/19 0542 Fair to Good w/lcl ads "La Fabulosa". My Tijuana lcl's off due to power failure. (TH-CA)
- 1310 KZIP TX Amarillo
3/22 0715-0733 Fair w/KXAM. "Los Famosos del Norte" Nortena Mx, lcl ads & ID's TX#63 (TH-CA)
- 1320 KUTR UT Salt Lake City
3/18 0522 fair to poor w/CHQM nulled. Nat'l ads, lady w/Satellite Nx Net 0523 KUTR ID and gone. (BH-WA)
- 1360 KEYZt ND Williston
3/11 0908 Spots mentioning Williston; Area births, obits, church announcements 0915-0928 Fair to Poor w/KLEF etc (0W-CO)
- 1400 KRZV AZ Springerville
3/16 0000 Just appeared w/ID "Am 14 Hundred KRZV, Springerville-Eagar, Arizona" apparently to SNN Nx. Lost to KTUC..Usual KEZC & KSUN nowhere. (TH-CA)
- 1410 KFMS NV Las Vegas
3/21 0254 Noted w/C&W Mx //KFMS 101.9 Slogan is "KFM" (WF-AZ2)
- 1520 KFXX OR Oregon City
3/18 0459 Very good u/KOMA. Ending interview w/Motley Crue. KFXX Promo ID for Oregon City-Portland and AOR. Call #5 on the station. (BH-WA)
- 1560 KPMC CA Bakersfield
3-14 0223 Noted w/CNN Sx, "All Nx Radio in the San Joaquin Valley" No More C&W (WF-AZ1)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

- 530 KNID798CO Denver
3/26 1935 Female w/Stapleton Int'l Airport Info, Morse Code ID's. Tape Loop (CK-CO)
- 530 TIS CO Aurora
3/26 1935 Cherry Creek State Recreation Area TIS. OM w/various Park info CO #73. (CK-CO)
- 650 KUUY WY Cheyenne
3/26 1937 "Cheyenne's first choice for fun, KUUY" slop from KHOW-630. WY#21 (CK-CO)
- 830 KUYO WY Evansville
3/26 2000 "This is Gospel Radio, KUYO, Evansville-Casper" and CBN Nx WY #22
- 940 KBRE UT Cedar City
3-20 1638 Noted w/C&W MX (WF-AZ2)

1590
WJBQ

- 1050 KTBA AZ Tuba City
3-20 1209 Bulletin Board prgm to Indian Language REL prgm (WF-AZZ)
- 1150 KCKY AZ Coolidge
3-14 1528 "Money Radio" Net o/u KFNN (WF-AZI)
- 1210 KQTL AZ Sahurita
3/18 Noted this in SS, Not seen in DX News Before. (WF-AZ3) (We try not to report this one..24hr PEST-ed)
- 1230 KINO AZ Winslow
3-20 1250 Noted w/C&W Mx w/"Key-No" slogans (WF-AZZ)
- 1250 KTIM AZ Wickenburg
3-14 1412 MYL //105.3 (WF-AZI)
- 1340 KSID NE Sidney
3/26 2051 "This is 13-40 Country KSID" and C&W Mx NE # 23 (CK-CO)
- 1480 KGCX MT Sidney
3/26 2006 Lcl spots & Wx. MT #16 (CK-CO)
- 1490 KYCA AZ Prescott
3-20 1221 Noted w/Russ Limbaugh TLK prgm. Hrd promo for this on KDWN-720 also. (WF-AZZ)
- 1490 KGOS WY Torrington
3/26 2100 Alone & Loud w/ "The Rhythm of Wyoming, KGOS, Torrington" (CK-CO)
- 1580 KCWW AZ Tempe
3/14 1412 "KCW" slogans no longer //KNIX-FM (WF-AZI)
- 690 UNID
3/26 2137 Loud w/C&W MX & "Y-96" slogans (CK-CO)
- 790 UNID
3/26 1942 s/off w/SSB Fair. (CK-CO)
- 1420 UNID
3/26 2018 Oldies, blip wx "here at KFX" (CK-CO)
- 1480 UNID
3/17 0410 ID "AM 14-80 KGLI(?) & apparent C&W MX. (TH-CA)
- 1610 TIS WY(?)
3/26 2024 Ments of "Big Horn Mountains", things to do "Stop by ?? on I-90" Sheridan County, Wyoming and Montana.. Any Ideas? (CK-CO)



TMX!

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IN THE BEGINNING

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HERE IS PART OF THE FINAL LIST OF U.S. BROADCAST STATIONS PUBLISHED BY THE FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION JUST BEFORE THE FCC TOOK OVER IN 1934. "S" MEANS SHARED; "SH" MEANS SPECIFIED HOURS; "D" IS DAYTIME; "U" IS UNLIMITED TIME, AND "T" SHOWS TRANSMITTER LOCATION.

Frequency (kc)	Call letters	Main studio and transmitter location	Power	Time designation
580, regional (Canadian shared).	WTAG	Worcester, Mass.....	{250 w 500 w LS}	U.
	WOBU	Charleston, W.Va.....	{250 w 500 w LS}	U.
	WDBO	Orlando, Fla.....	250 w	U.
	KSAC	Manhattan, Kans.....	{500 w 1 kw LS}	S-WIBW.
	WIBW	Topeka, Kans.....	1 kw	S-KSAC.
	KMJ	Fresno, Calif.....	500 w	U.

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

- 207 MOROCCO Azilal 2/10 0622 fair to fairly good in AA. (Holbrook)
- 252 ALGERIA Tipaza 2/17 0515 fairly good, all in FF. (Holbrook)
- 680 CUBA 2/3 0600 noted // 600 and 670 but not 690 with uptempo LA mx and SS talk mixed with phased WRKD and a third station that was most likely Puerto Rico. (Connelly)
- 765 SENEGAL Dakar 3/14 2223 starting to fade in, chanting noted. 3/14 2359 Koranic preaching by man in AA, xInt. (Connelly)
- 774 SPAIN synchros 3/15 0006 man in SS. (Connelly)
- 825 ST. KITTS Basseterre 3/15 0002 R. Paradise good w/EE preaching. I hadn't heard this in quite a while - maybe they had Hurricane Hugo related antenna problems or something. (Connelly)
- 828 UNIDS 3/14 2346 Jumble w/bits of AA pgm surfacing at times. (Connelly)
- 837 UNID (Spain, Canaries or Azores) 3/15 0004 bits of SS or PP talk in WHDH 850 slop. (Connelly)
- 864 UNID 3/4 2345 AA female vocal. Morocco or Egypt most likely; Saudi or Lebanon are more remote possibilities, or even France w/AA service. (Connelly)
- 891 ALGERIA Algiers 3/14 2342 loud w/AA violins, FF and AA talk. (Connelly)
- 1044 MOROCCO Sebaa Aïoun 2/3 0606 chanting // 1053, xInt. 3/14 2239 AA female vocal, fair at fade-in. 3/14 2336 AA chanting, like a local. (Connelly)
- 1053 MOROCCO Tanger 2/3 0606 chanting // 1044, xInt. (Connelly)
- 1062 PORTUGAL Norte 3/14 2335 PP talk by man in WBIU slop. (Connelly)
- 1134 SPAIN 3/14 2330 SS talk, badly stopped by WNEW. (Connelly)
- 1179 SPAIN Santiago and/or Murcia 3/14 2328 SS talk by man, fair w/WHAM in fade and phase-null. (Connelly)
- 1251 LIBYA Tripoli 3/14 2320 AA moaning, nasty het agaibst 1250 domestic jumble. (Connelly)
- 1260 UNID 2/3 0401 SS screaming w/WEZE. Numerous possibilities include HJ's, YV's and Cuba. (Connelly)
- 1349 MAURITANIA Nouakchott (t) 3/14 2315 het, bits of mx. (Connelly)
- 1467 FRANCE Roumoules 3/14 2215 fading in before sunset w/religious mx through WLAM/WSRO chatter. 3/14 2307 really loud w/EE preaching. (Connelly)
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba 3/14 2250 acapella AAA male chant, usual big signal. (Connelly)
- 1530 VATICAN CITY 1/31 0350 Vatican mentions, FF sounding talk mixed w/WCKY. (Connelly)
- 1566 AZORES Vila de Porto and TUNISIA Sfax 3/14 2252 PP talk by man generally o/AA vocal. Strong signal; fast SAH present. (Connelly)
- 1593 WEST GERMANY Langenberg 1/31 0353 pop mx, fadey. This had been at monster level on the car radio on 1/30 around 2300 when a superb opening was surely in progress; the band was rockin' with wall to wall TA hets at the time. (Connelly)

Broughteth unto thou by...

- Mark Connelly - Salisbury Beach, MA 37 m. NE and SE wires phased with MWDX4
- Hank Holbrook - Dunkirk, MD SP400, 50' LW
- 595 DOMINICA fair signal 0230 on 3/18. (Dangerfield)
- 760 VENEZUELA La Cruz 3/16 0155 pop music, many mentions of "Doble Q" and La Cruz. Strong signal - no sign of Detroit. (Montgomery)
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES Bonaire TWR 3/16 0130 SS religious, 0200 to EE, like a local! (Montgomery)
- 810 COLOMBIA Bogota R. Sutatenza 3/16 0140 SS discussion of World Cup soccer concentrating on Colombia. Good signal, "your station for World Cup soccer". (Montgomery) Are they still using the Sutatenza ID? I thought they were Caracol or Todelar Bogota, I forget which... Chuck
- 840 ST. LUCIA atop freq 3/18 0200 until about 0300. (Dangerfield)
- 990 VENEZUELA Mundial Tricolor 3/20 0500-0510 fair thru WJNN slop w/Latin pop, SS man annr w/numerous Mundial slogans and Mundial Tricolor at 0510. YV and HJ cx have been great for the last few days. (Scotka)

- 1020.4 UNID 3/13 0100-0310 weak sig w/combined Guama and KDKA QRM. Discussion of Central American economic changes being brought about due to the shift in the political climate there by SS man, at 0300 followed by jingle by woman and apparent ID by SS man on cart which seemed to mention Managua. Stn name sounded like Radio Cristal in string at 0310. Carrier is still present 3/22 but audio can not match last week's. (Scotka)
- 1025 COSTA RICA R. Monumental 3/14 0415-0435 good sig w/faded up TC at 0430 by SS man as "diez y treinte minutos" followed by echo cart "en todos Costa Rica!" by man and Monumental jingle by woman chorus. ID by man "ahora con importante noticias en FM (possible mention of 160 kW de potencia?)... Monumental! Todo noticias, todo el tiempo, ahora tambien en frecuencia modulada noventa y tres punto cinco..(93.5)". Not sure of QTH for what appears to be a relay of the TINTT on 670. Closest other outlet is 1140. This is no doubt my unid from before. (Scotka)
- 1098 CZECHOSLOVAKIA Nitra in fair around 0400 on 3/14. (Dangerfield)
- 1179 SWEDEN Solvesborg clear and strong around 0400 on 3/14 despite a buzz on parts of the dial. (Dangerfield)
- 1188 HUNGARY Svolnok heard quite clearly before and after 0400 on 3/14. It was in March 1959 that I first heard this stn. My report brought a nice verie letter. (Dangerfield)
- 1240 BAHAMAS ZNS2 Freeport 3/10 2055-2104 good through WJNO slop w/religious pgm, announcer at 2100 by EE man "this is the gospel highway program, direct from Freeport on Grand Bahama Island". Gave skeds for tent meetings, etc. for upcoming week. (Scotka)
- 1404 UNID at 2205 on 2/17 I had voice here at atime when Libya 1251 was putting out a signal, so this could have been Libya. At 2325 on 3/16 there were 2 carriers here. Didn't seem to loop Conakry either. (Dangerfield)
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba like a local at 0310 on 3/16. (Dangerfield)
- 1530 VATICAN local like signal and way over WCKY at 0315 on 3/14. Good again at same time on 3/15, but not as strong as Vatican 1611 and below WCKY. (Dangerfield)
- 1539 WEST GERMANY Mainflingen UNID others 0300 to 0400 on 3/14. The other stations were off freq and hetting 1539. (Dangerfield)
- 1575 ITALY synchros and mixed with other signals in with fairly good signal on 3/14 between 0300 and 0400. (Dangerfield)
- 1600 PUERTO RICO R. Luz 3/20 0325-0335 fair to good w/pgm of latin ballads, etc. ID by SS woman at 0333 "desde Bayamon, Puerto Rico, esta W-L-U-Z, Radio Luz en mil y seiscientos kilohertz". (Scotka)
- 1602 ITALY probably although not good enough to copy anything, at same time other area stations were coming through on 3/14. (Danger)
- 1611 VATICAN in quite well around 0300 on 3/14, but really blasting in, better than Vatican 1530 next night, same time. In fact, their signal was better here than when I heard it from Malta in January. (Dangerfield) 3/19 0356-0400+ weak thru beacon w/man in lang. Bells IS at 0400. Lots of Euro carriers this night. (Scotka)

Ben Dangerfield - Wallingford, PA HQ180, antenna
 Hugh Montgomery - Bethel, OH RF6600, 1500' LW
 Russell Scotka - Margate, FL 651S1, Kowalski loop



And now... The Adventures of Ben Dangerfield in Malta. Ben was there four weeks in January with his ICF4910. Strong signals are marked with an asterisk. Daytime log first, probably will not do the nighttime thing this time as that's a lot of space.

531	Algeria Ain Beida	981	Greece Megara
567	Italy Caltanissetta *	999	Malta Delimara local
585	Tunisia Gafsa	1008	Greece Kerkyra *
603	Tunisia Sousse *	1035	Italy Caltanissetta *
621	Egypt Batra	1053	Libya Tripoli *
630	Tunisia Tunis *	1062	Italy Catania/Cagliari
648	Libya Tobruk	1071	France Bastia/Corsica weak
657	Italy Naples etc. *	1089	Albania Durres *
675	Libya Bengazi	1116	Italy Palermo
693	Italy Potenza	1125	Libya El Baida weak
702	Monaco weak	1143	Italy Messina
720	Tunisia Sfax *	1215	Albania Lushnje *
756	Romania Lugoj weak	1251	Libya Tripoli *
765	Greece Ioannina	1332	Italy Palermo
792	Greece Kavalla	1368	Italy Catania/Messina
828	Libya Sebha weak	1395	Albania Lushnje
846	Italy Rome *	1404	Libya Tripoli
855	Romania Bucharest	1449	Italy Catania/Libya Misurata

864	Albania Saranda	1557	Malta Cyclops local
891	Algeria Algiers weak	1566	Tunisia Sfax *
927	Greece Zakynthos	1575	Italy various weak
936	Italy Trapani *		

And now to fill out the page with evening/eraly morning stuff.

526	VATICAN occasional fair signal, no one else here.
531	ALGERIA Algiers
540	HUNGARY Solt super signal
549	USSR Kishinev and Minsk/ALGERIA Les Trembles
558	TURKEY Denizli best after 1600
567	ITALY Caltanissetta semi local
576	WEST GERMANY Muhlacher/ALGERIA Bechar
585	TUNISIA Gafsa SPAIN Madrid AUSTRIA Vienna
594	YUGOSLAVIA Zagreb WEST GERMANY Frankfurt TURKEY Malatya
603	TUNISIA Sousse
612	YUGOSLAVIA Sarajevo
621	EGYPT Batra
630	TUNISIA Tunis ROMANIA Timisoara
639	CZECHOSLOVAKIA Prague
648	ITALY Tobruk ENGLAND Orfordness
657	ITALY Naples etc.

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Amateur radio operator Frederick K. Stark (KAZYLZ) of West Tazhkanic, New York, was fined \$1,000 for operating a pirate radio station. After receiving a complaint from the NY State Broadcasters Association, staff from the FCC's New York City Office, using mobile radio direction-finding equipment, located the illegal radio station at Stark's residence.

The unauthorized station, using the call sign WNYS, had been causing interference to the reception of a licensed station, WINS-AM, on 1010 kHz in New York City.

The FCC's Field Operations Bureau, in a coordinated effort with its monitoring network and engineers from the Philadelphia office, shut-down an unlicensed Pennsylvania pirate broadcast station on February 1, 1990. Gary Mathews of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was fined \$1000 for illegally operating on 1620 kHz. Mathews used various program formats including music and talk. He identified the station by the call sign WKND, which is assigned to an AM radio station in Windsor, Connecticut. Mathews had previously been observed broadcasting on frequencies in the 6 and 7 MHz bands.

Broadcasters may operate only licensed stations. Unauthorized operation of a radio transmitter is a violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act, as amended. Sanctions may include administrative fines of up to \$10,000 and/or criminal penalties of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for up to one year. Such misuse of radio frequencies is a serious offense because of its potential for interfering with safety-of-life services such as aviation, marine and law enforcement.

'Radio War' Looms

Radio and Records
 -via Jerry Starr

Cuba hurled a rolling blast of AM interference at the U.S. last week in an unsuccessful effort to ward off the first on-air tests of the U.S. government's TV Marti, which took place Tuesday (3/27).

"It certainly appears to be a warning shot to tell us of a possible radio war if TV Marti goes up," said NAB spokeswoman Sue Kraus. TV Marti, a project of the United States Information Agency, is designed to beam U.S. television signals into Cuba via a balloon-mounted transmitter floating over the Florida Keys.

Radio stations and the NAB reported heavy Cuban jamming last week; Friday night (3/23) was cited as a particularly active period. WAMB/Donelson (Nashville) President/GM William Barry described the Cuban broadcasts he heard over the weekend as "completely different" from those that have plagued his 1160 kHz station for more than two years. Barry

said high-power Cuban transmissions were "all over the low end of the band."

While the FCC Field Operations Bureau reported interference on just six frequencies (620, 670, 1040, 1100, 1160, and 1380), Barry said he found two Cuban broadcasts alternating at various 10 kHz intervals from 590, 600, 610, and on up into the 800s.

Ironically, the stepped-up Cuban interference came just days after the Soviet Union agreed to stop broadcasting Radio Moscow from Cuba on the 1040 frequency.

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of the Members

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As Al Muick is now half a world away, in Cairo, Egypt, and no longer available as editor of this column, it is being brought to you courtesy of the flying fingers of Paul Swearingen. FYI, the postmark on the last letter received by Al and forwarded was April 2, so any Musings sent after this date may make a round trip via APO New York to their proper destination. And now, as I see a huge pile of untyped Musings before me, I say: On with it!



Pete Kemp, KZ1Z - P. O. Box 73 - Bethel, CT 06801

- Greetings all ... While there has been considerable talk about the quality of AM receivers in these pages in the past, I noted with interest, in a recent copy of *Radio World*, a mention of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) AM Receiver Liaison Electronic Task and the Electronic Industries Association joint proposal for the certification mark of "quality" AM receivers. This would provide the consumer with a guideline when selecting an AM receiver. Exact specifications have yet to be completely worked out. The article, by John Gatski, pointed out that AM Stereo was not expected to be included in this certificate. Over the past 20 years receiver manufacturers have put so much emphasis on their FM sound that it would be nice to greater quality and attention put on the AM side. I am not holding my breath on this one. Unless the industry finds it to be a positive marketing ploy, I doubt it will carry any weight with them, as the majority of consumers today are far more concerned with our FM cousins ... The Voice of America has dedicated its new broadcast studio to the memory of John Houseman, its onetime director. The popular character actor helped to develop the VOA under the Roosevelt administration ... KNHN-1340, in Kansas City, is simulcasting the 5 and 6 pm newscasts from KMBC ... Randy Kerndoon is the new morning sports anchor on KPWB in LA ... Dick Helton, WBBM's afternoon anchor, recently related a story of how, once on the air, he accidentally identified Chicago's 50,000-watt giant as being W9CTY and received a few QSL cards in the mail ... WSUN in Tampa will be sold to Cox Enterprises, pending the usual approvals ... Frank Harden and Jackson Weaver, of Washington, DC's WMAL, recently celebrated their 30th anniversary on the air ... KFAS in Casa Grande, AZ, owned by Francis Albert (Frank) Sinatra, will up its power from 3,000 to 50,000 watts within the next six months ... WBZ-1030 has been designated the "official" station of the Boston Marathon ... WLAD-800 has added two new on-air personalities, Al Warren in the mid-morning slot and Al Michaels in the afternoon drive position ... Our TV cousins at Television Martí, which commenced opera-

tions on 27 March 15:30 am, began to experience interference by 2:08 am as the Cubans began their jamming efforts. AMers in Florida are now being interfered with, as reports indicate that many Cuban stations have been increasing their power levels in retaliation ... WABC -770 will move the Bob Grant Show, normally heard from 3-7 pm, to the 3-6 spot commencing in April when Yankee baseball returns to the air waves ... Speaking of baseball, it is good to see that "Red" Barber is still doing his commentaries on the Friday installment of NPR's Morning Edition. A well-respected sportscaster for decades, Red Barber will always have a special place in the hearts of Big Apple sports fans ... Buddy Biancalana and Frank White have joined the KMBZ Sports team in Kansas City ... Who is the most-listened-to radio personality in the nation? According to RADAR's latest survey, Paul Harvey continues his long reign, holding down the top 3 spots. Wow, he has been doing that for a long time! Also noted is Charles Osgood, whose "Osgood File" occupies the 7th, 12th, and 13th positions. From a network's point of view, ABC had 12 of the top 20 places, CBS scored 8 of the top 20 spots, and Westwood One's NBC Radio Networks took a 21% drop from the last survey, not good news from the perspective ... WNEW recently celebrated its 55th anniversary ... "60 Minutes" resident observer of life, Andy Rooney, isn't too worried about his pay check. During the brief time he was suspended by CBS Mr. Rooney received a number of interim job offers. During this unfolding saga it sure was interesting to see how media management reacted when they themselves were under the media microscope; how ironic ... WTIC-1080 has a reluctant contest award winner on their hands. One listener who recently won a \$200,000, 2-story house, found out that she will have to pay \$50,000 in gift taxes. She doesn't have the money and rules preclude her from transferring ownership to her daughter. I guess the lawyers and business types will have to get into the act to sort things out. Maybe she should call up one of those persona/financial planning experts available on many AM radio talk shows ... A great week in the mailbox for me. Received a post card from NRC'er Rod O'Connor in Kodiak, Alaska commenting on my approach to the Muses. Another from Cesár Objío looking for some additional Time/Frequency/History information, and an amateur radio packet note from former NRC'er Geoff Fox, once a member of the NRC Boston Publishing Committee. He is now a weatherman for WTNH-8 in New Haven. He shared some information on a great TA catch he made during Ramadan twenty eiyars ago. He was looking for Bob Foxworth's amateur call letters and packet home BBS. I have provided him with the information and parted with a few issues of the DX Bulletin to jumpstart his dormant BCB listening activities (sign 'im up! -pls) ... It seems like a lot in ink lately has been spent on

discussing the Musing column and its purpose. While not wishing to keep this thread going, I must say that I prefer the current approach taken by our publishing committee over the days of old. I believe that the Musings should provide a personal forum for the discussion of radio-related activities and events that do not fit the parameters of other established columns. I would not like to see a return of poems, references to one's non-radio-related personal relationships and orientation, or attacks upon fellow members returned to these pages. These actions are, in my view, detrimental to our hobby and to the future of the organization. Enough said... I had a recent contact with fellow NRC'er Wayne Thompson on the ham bands. It is always nice to run across another club member on the air; guess it pays off to place one's calls after their names in the Musings ... Finally I would like to thank Larry Miller, editor of *Monitoring Times*, for his kind words and NRC plug in the March issue ... So much for now.

Harry J. Hayes - 9 Henry St. - Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 - Three straight days of 80-degree temperatures in March, early March, I might add, is something I can never remember happening in this part of the country. We set new temperature records four days in a row. I'm trying not to let the hot weather dampen my AM DX spirit. Actually, conditions are not half bad and April usually proves to be a productive month for me. Going back earlier in the year, this February proved to be one of the best I can remember. Usually that month is dominated by really dull conditions. Some highlights from late January-February: 1-28: WMCL-1060 McLeansboro, IL in at 1756 with farm co-op store ad for a new one, though with KYW to contend with. 2-10: Highlight was 1700 reception of WBBR-1580 Travelers Rest, SC which I had previously logged down in Baltimore but never here; then at 1951 WWSG-1430 Tifton GA was present on the channel all along with CHR format. A really unexpected and pleasant surprise. 2-17 was a most unusual sunset skip session. Cx were really enhanced over toward Michigan and also toward KY and TN. At 1807 WTVB-1590 Coldwater MI showed up with CHR format for another addition to my 1590 log. At 1924 I noted never-before heard WYSH-1380 Clinton, TN in with mix of rock and c&w mx. This was present most of the evening. Under and at times over the usual London, ON on 1290 was a station with BKB. This turned out to be unneeded WKLB Manchester, KY. Really unusual to hear this. What was really unusual about this evening is that it wasn't auroral at all, just "gangbuster" signals from the SW. Finally, on 2-27 I logged WSKW-1160 Skowhegan ME for the first time at 2132 with a basketball game originating from the Augusta Civic Center. You won't believe how many years I tried in vain to hear this on 1150. Just like I've been trying in vain to hear WGAN-560, WZON-620 and so many other things from ME. A GY session last night, 3-15, revealed WESB-1490 Bradford PA in and out most of the evening with NBC nx and "Your Information Station" slogan after local rx. Also I believe I heard a jingle for WJMO-1590 Cleveland Heights, OH at 1905 but then they went right into Talknet with Bruce Williams which sort of conflicts with the NRC listing of this as a Black-formatted station. I will wait for a better reception of

this before I add it. That is, if I ever pick it up again. 1490 seems to offer a little clearer reception here than 1450, my other clear GY. 1450 has been plagued for years and years by an annoying grumbling het. I wonder how far this gets out and annoys other DX'ers? I can't tell what station is the source of this but suspect it isn't far from my area. 1400 is DXable here but WICK is somewhat of a problem when the skip isn't that strong. 1340 is DXable again since the local now goes off shortly after midnight. Problem is, so do I, ZZZZ, if you know what I mean. Talk about mid-life crisis for the DX'er. That's all for now.



Hugh Montgomery, JR - 2797 Kinnett Road - Bethel, OH 45106 - I am 32 years old and have been DX'ing in one form or another since the late sixties, and currently reside on a mini-farm (21 acres) 35 miles east of downtown Cincinnati, OH. I grew up in Europe: Germany, Italy, France, Austria, Greece, and the USSR. Spent 10 years in Rome, Italy. My father worked for the U. S. Department of State. My first radio was an old Zenith Trans-Oceanic that I used to listen to my then-budding love: baseball. Some shortwave; in fact, I do recall listening to an opening-day game on the Voice of America way back when. Don't ever recall hearing baseball on VOA again. As I got older, I obtained a new Zenith Trans-Oceanic. Now, it was AFRTS on shortwave, and AFN Munich and Frankfort on medium wave. I was living in Paris at the time. I also listened to a station called 102 from Luxembourg, I think. It played all pop with Brit announcers. They had a fan club- big doings. I was a member of the club, and it was my first exposure to English-speaking pop. They had one announcer named something Prince- "Your Royal Ruler." A nom de plume, certainly. Come to think of it, it may have been a longwave station. Anyhow, once baseball became a passion, I got my first "communications receiver", a FRG-7. Again, the primary use was for AFN Munich (Frankfort was not possible from my new location of Rome) and AFRTS. In fact, AFRTS carried a ballgame every night! So even though I was living in Italy, I was on U. S. time! You see, with the time difference, the games started at about 0200 local. At this point I was getting more interested in reception aids. I joined the NRC and SPEEDX. I strung an antenna across the balcony of our home and purchased a Radio West ferrite loop that helped, but not enough to pick up AFN as well as I had hoped. Moving to the USA for college saw me very interested in MW DX'ing and sending out many reception reports, getting almost as many QSL's. I used the FRG-7 and the Radio West loop as well as aluminum foil wrapped around the 5 top of my dorm room and wired to the radio. This helped also on SWL. My goal now was WLW, as the Reds were my favorite team. Rx was fair, but again not as good as I had hoped. Moving to Connecticut, I kinda dropped out of the DX business, still attempting to pick up WLW, without great success. I now had a Panasonic RFB600 and an MFG active antenna. The loop had broken on one of my moves. That brings me

18 up to the present, where I can pick up WLW on my teeth fillings (hi) and am more interested in MW DX'ing. I rejoined NRC about six months ago, and now have a 600-foot long wire and an AMeco preamp, as well as a McKay Dymek loop. I see that I've rambled on, so I'll close for now and promise to write again soon detailing my adventures and thoughts on DX'ing from the wilds of bucolic Bethel. 73!

WMS-1420

Joseph Johnson- 3119 Gibbons St. - Savannah, GA 31404-4910 - Hi-ho again everyone! Another Muse by yours truly from the hostess city of the South! This time I have a Muse predicting the future of formats the local AM'ers here in Savannah will have. Here goes: **WBMQ-AM 630:** Slowly becoming a talker. Even though this station has an oldies format, it's facing stiff competition from two stations with similar oldies formats on FM. For five years, WBMQ-AM plays its oldies using a lousy automation system that often makes errors in its programming, as sometimes it "forgets" an hourly newscast from CBS or instead of airing Rush Limbaugh, it's Paul Harvey (which is carried on another local station). This station also has Talknet and sporting events. Face it, this station will become another WLS by 1991. **WEAS-AM 900:** Having a country format in the early '70's, a Christian format from the late '70's to the late '80's and an on-and-off urban oldies format, and now a partial simulcast of its FM sister, E-93. A good format for this station would be motivation to its black listeners. After all, a mind is a terrible thing to waste on with rap. **WSOK-AM 1230:** Once a popular R&B station, it now plays a variety of traditional and contemporary gospel music daily. No need for change here. **WCHY-AM 1290:** Another station that's wasting its frequency simulcasting country music from its FM sister. An excellent format for this station would be all-news, since it does have a so-called "Information Center" they use for local news coverage. **WSGA-AM 1400:** Once a Top-40 radio station with the highest ratings, today "The Rocking 140" is now "The Music of Your Life" playing nostalgic tunes from the bird of SMN. A business-news format would fit this station well, since they give stock market reports every half-hour. **WIZA-AM 1450:** Ex-WBYG, WQQT, WQCN, WWAM, WSAI. This station had every call letter and format known to me: country (1970-1982 and 1986-1987), all-news (1982-1984), news-talk (1984-86), urban oldies (1987-1988), and now another all-Christian station. I can't predict what this AM station will be next. **WNMT-AM 1520:** This AM station begins its 22nd year broadcasting from a small building in the woods off Highway 80 near Garden City (their location used to be Highway 80 on the dundee) (?? -pls). This station still has its original announcer (named "Chris") since 1968. The other announcer (named "Patricia") takes his place during lunch. The station has a country-western format along with a mixed bag of public-interest programs from "For the People" to the locally-produced "Holsun Sunbeam Sunday Show with Patricia" (Sundays, of course). An excellent format for this station is Variety. Perfect for a small-town station like

this. Well, there you have it. My predictions of future formats for local stations here in Savannah. Now a few station news. WHHR-AM 1130 did change its format as I mentioned in my first Musing. But prefers to call itself a "Visitor's Information Station" instead of a TIS. WEAS-AM 900's transmitter signal is so weak it has some listeners thinking the batteries in their receivers are weak. I called the station to complain about this but the person acted ignorant, saying they don't know much about it. Last week, while tuning the dial on my Realistic Patrolman 60, I came across WVGW-AM 1490 in Beaufort, SC, another all-day gospel station. (TV and FM deleted: no room-pls) (Second Musing) One of my predictions is about to come true! By the time this Musing is printed, WBMQ-AM 630 will become a talker earlier than I expected! Details as I write this are still little, so I'll have more about this change in the next Musing. I hope my predictions for the other three AM'ers (WEAS, WCHY, and WSGA) come true also. WEAS-AM 900 finally cleared up its signal. WBMQ is one fine example of why many of us here in the Savannah area need to be more informed. It's not likely that any of the other stations I mentioned at the beginning this Musing will ever follow WBMQ's example. The reason why some of the stations here won't change their formats is because they fear that the listeners don't like hearing the same flaming news they heard a half-hour ago or they don't enjoy these tal-radio shows that blab about other people's personal matters or events. If any of you Musers out there feel the way I do about being more informed, then I would like to hear from you. Whether it's Paul, Pete, Al, Eric, or Ernest (or the rest of you silent majority-pls), just write your own Muse in this publication or by personal letter. I would appreciate that very much. That's all for now. Until next time, so long, Shalom!

Gene Martin - 3303 East Evans Avenue - Denver, CO 80210 - In my Musing dealing mainly with WLW history in *DX News*, Feb. 19, I also mentioned W9XF, Downers Grove, IL, and now I need to correct what I said about it. It was not 1929, when I first logged W9XF, but on March 27, 1928. The notation in my logbook reads, "W9XF, Downers Grove, IL. 288.3 meters, 1040 kc., 50,000 watts. 4:06 am. The new transmitter of WENR-WBCN". WBCN of that day soon merged into WENR and passed into that realm of gone and forgotten radio stations. Major frequency reallocations went into effect on Nov. 11, 1928, and WENR was shifted from 1040 to 870 and assigned to divide time with a 5 kW WLS. I don't know exactly how long that setup lasted, but, three years later, the October 1931 *Radex* shows both stations using 50,000 watts, undoubtedly sharing the same transmitter. *Radex* says WENR was owned by the National Broadcasting Co. and WLS by the Agricultural Broadcasting Co. These call letters, WLS, have their own meaning, "World's Largest Store", a reference to Sears, Roebuck and Co., the founder of WLS in the early 1920's. That word, "agricultural" in the name of the 1931 owner of WLS, also deserves comment inasmuch as the station always had in these years a strong identity as a farm station. Its program fare was aimed at the Midwest farmer, featuring lots of country music. The country flavor in WLS programming hung on for

more than 30 years, and you can say the younger generation from 1930 and all through the 1950's would not have been caught dead listening to WLS. I include this bit of radio history for the benefit of present-day listeners whose first memory is as the big Chicago fortress of rock 'n' roll. I gave up active DX'ing in 1932, to pick it up again in 1962, so I have no recollection as to how long WENR and WLS retained their separate identities, but eventually WENR dropped from the scene, leaving WLS as the survivor. Issues of *Radex* across the middle 1930's would throw light on this matter. Does any other oldtime DX'er have such issues from 40 and 50 years ago? *Radex* was a Cleveland publication, and let me suggest the Cleveland public library as a likely place to locate every issue of *Radio Index*, its full name, ever published. As to how many years the realm of country music existed on WLS, I have a personal recollection of a conversation with Jack Fitzpatrick, longtime newscaster on Denver stations. That came on a visit to Denver in 1962, and Jack was expressing horror about the awful stuff he had recently heard on WLS, his reaction to the arrival of rock 'n' roll. Nowadays, of course, WLS has abandoned rock and become an all-talk station, a format change that warrants a couple of comments: the rock 'n' roll years on WLS failed to endure as long as the years of country music, and nothing in this world can be absolutely relied on except change.

WWEE COUNTRY GOLD

AM-1170

Handk Holbrook - 407 Arundel Road - Fair Haven Cliffs - Dunkirk, MD 29754 - FLASH FLASH FLASH: BCB TOTALS QSL SOAR IN A FEW SECONDS WITHOUT TOUCHING THE DIALS!!! BCB totals have just jumped here as we have opened our BCB band totals to cover stations from 1605 to 1700 kHz to accommodate BCB expansion!!! 29 stations previously listed as SW have been transferred to BCB. Our South American totals have increased from 94 to 102 stations. Columbia picking up 7 beacon stations showing a new total of 37 stations QSL'ed. Beacons "CTG"-1610, "EPO"-1608, "MDE"-1690, "CUC"-1655, "ULQ"-1675, "PPN"-1635, "UIB"-1650, all QSL'ed between '75 and '66 now on BCB. The first California stations added in over 25 years bring the California station total to 68. Added were police stations KMA-539 San Leandro, 1658 kHz, 1 kW, and KMA-338 Bakersfield, 1698 kHz, 1 kW, both QSL'ed for reception in March of 1960. Other police stations increase the total for New Hampshire to 8 stations with the addition of KCA-999 at Concord, logged 3-20-60. Florida totals now stand at 91 with the addition of AT&T station WIA-31 Miami from 11-13-61. West German totals jump to 27 with the addition of DHJ-58 Flensburg Naval station on 1671 kHz. Guatemala adds two with beacons "RAB" Rabinal-1613 kHz when 50 watts 2-57 and "FLS" Flores-1698 from the '70's. Guatemala now sports 9 QSL'ed stations. Costa Rica now has 23 stations with the shift of TIKX-1625 and TIPM-1670 beacons. Nicaragua now sports 8 stations QSL'ed with the addition of beacon "PZA"-1662 kHz from 3-5-60. The leading state Pennsylvania adds TIS stations KID-774 Gettysburg and KID-737 Cresson,

19 both 1610 kHz 10 watts to bring the total to 177 stations QSL'ed. Ohio now has 71 stations with the addition of 2-watter TIS WX-T-613 on 1610 kHz. My home state of Maryland adds two stations, Matapeak-1610 (off the air since 1980) and KNJX-865 Salisbury, MD, Highway Adm. 1620 kHz, so MD now has 78 stations QSL'ed. Virginia adds 1 to bring the total to 150 stations (2nd leading state) with the addition of TIS at Chincoteague on 1610 kHz, 8 watts. North Carolina is right behind with 149 stations QSL'ed with the addition of WGW-849 at Raleigh-Durham Airport on 1610 kHz. Venezuela picks up sub-harmonic verie from 2-10-64 with the addition of YVQI Barcelona on 1629 kHz to give Venezuela 19 stations. Pirates on 1620 kHz add to the BCB totals with QSL's from NY radio WJDI, R. NY INtl. aboard M/V Sarah; and WDX Pirate Radio 1620 from 1985. So MW totals (535 to 1700 kHz) now stand at 2798 stations in 103 countries. I've been a member of the NRC since 1947 and it's been a long time since I've reported to "Musings". If I can think of another brain storm I'll report again!!! 73.

Eric Bueneman - 5002 Cross Ridge Ct. - Woodstock, GA 30188-4380 (404) 924-7780, prepaid. Greetings ... the news around here is that I have moved my act down the road. On 2-21 I was canned by WFTD-1080 in a dispute over work hours. As it turned out, I was only working ten paid work hours a month!! It didn't take me long to find a new radio home, as I am now at cross-town WGHR-102.5, doing and OLD show on Sundays 1300-1700 ELT. Even NRC'er Bill Ali-sauskas heard the first show driving through Marietta! As the quarters change at Southern tech, I am also considering an '80's show, date and time to be announced. WSPZ-1520 is back after a two-week absence, as their tower was blown down in a thunderstorm last month ... Network affiliates in Atlanta are as follows: WGST-640 (ABC-1/CBS/MBS), WCNN-680 (NBC), WSB-750 (AP), WQXI-790 (AP/NBC TalkNet/Unistar), WAFS-920 (USA/IMS), WFTD-1080 (UPI), WFOM-1230 (BRN/UPJ) and WKFX-590 (MRN). In St. Louis, network affiliates are KUSA-550 (ABC-D), WCEO-590 (BRN), KXOK-630 (ABC-1/ABC-T), WEW-770 (CNN/Unistar), KFUS-850 (UPI), WGNU-920 (AP/UPJ), KMOX-1120 (CBS/Missouri Net), WIBV-1260 (MBS/NBC TalkNet), KSIV-1320 (USA), WESL-1490 (SBN), KATZ-1600 (NBN), and KFUS-FM 99.1 (NBC). Another potential investor has come forward in the attempt to acquire KXEN-1010, and speaking of those wanting to own a radio station, it seems that our own Fred Vobbe has also been bitten by the ownership bug, too. If you get an AM/FM combo, program the AM with '80's music and the FM with whatever you want, hi! Top AM'ers in St. Louis are KMOX, KUSA, KATZ, WESL, and WEFW ... Former KSD-550 jock Ron Morgan has been canned by KSTZ-105.7, having complained about not receiving his paycheck in over a month ... Former WLS-890 AM/PMD Larry Lujack is now programming an FM station in Tennessee. WLS bought out his contract in 1986 ... Dennis O'Loughlin has left KMOX/KQMX in Rola, the EZL/CHR combo having financial problems. (FM programming deleted -pls) Trivia: What is the only AM/FM/TV/Shortwave combo in the U. S. licensed to the same community? ANSWER: It is WGCW/WINB in Red

Lion, PA, outside Lancaster. WGCB is at 1440 kHz AM, 96.1 mHz FM, and UHF-TV Channel 49, while WINB operates in the 16 and 19 meter bands. All four stations are owned by World International Broadcasters, Inc. 73 und gut DX de KDX0STL/4.

Don Trelford - 3 Moirbank Blvd - Scarborough, ON M1O 4R8 - Time for my second Musing! Have put off writing, as I usually get out 2 or more reports per day, and no time to write more, but all caught up now, or rather, no stations to write to! Have around 90 first-time reports out, about 80 second (and third) reports out. Have just reached 119 QSL's since Sept. 1989 - 5 Canadian provinces, 22 states, plus Neth. Antilles. For a few weeks only 1 reply per week, but last week 3, and this week 5. Nice surprise this week, 3 replies from 3 new stations: NH, RI, and SC, and the RI one from WHIM for a report in Nov. '89. Also heard my first Colombian - on 770 kHz, clobbering WABC for half an hour. Don't understand Spanish too well, but enough to identify station. In this connection, I just purchased a Realistic micro-cassette tape recorder, so I can record the SS (and FF) stations and get translations for a better report. Was giving up on the graveyard channels, but once in a while something comes through well enough to report - no great distances yet. Something to think about, and maybe stir some interest. How about achievement for most distant daytime-only station, heard during regular hours of operation, and most distant low (night) powered station, say under 250 watts. Any comments? About radio in the old days, I can only go back to about 1940, when I got interested in DX. Found a *Radex* magazine somewhere, but got most help from CE at CFRB, who was the first one I wrote to. Sent me a 2- or 3-page letter on how to, and later had a tour of the station. Eventually met Bill Stone and Bruce Kennedy, and made a couple of trips to Buffalo, for sessions with Ralph Johans. Speaking of oldtimers, saw Ed Lenziosler's name in a recent issue. Wonder if he remembers sending me a card in the early '40's? Lots more memories, but will save them for next time.

Gerry Bishop - 126 Dyer St. - Niceville, FL 32578 (904) 729-1164, 7-10 pm CLT This being my first Muse, I'll allow the lifetime of thoughts to roam freely throughout. I've meant to contribute, but the family, job, and actually DX'ing do have higher priorities. For those who don't know me, I'm 31, married with two sons, and a navigator for the USAF. That last has led to many great DX opportunities in such places as Micronesia, Panamá, Europe, and East Asia. DX interests include MW, SWBC, and QRP amateur radio. The state of affairs in USMW has been addressed often and with appropriate pith and pathos. Let us not forget, though, that often those in the industry who cry the most are the same ones who worked so hard to make FM the dominant force. Like most of us, it seems, I don't care much for the talk-only trend in MW, but if that will pay the bills and keep life on the dial, I'll accept the compromise. One non-compromising station is local WFSH-1340, "Fish Radio", a shining example of community-oriented radio at its finest. The Fish has two formats; they're talk/swapshop/nostalgia until mid-afternoon, then '50's and '60's until s/off.

The station is a big part of everything that happens here in the Bobby Bayou. This is especially true with the schools. Every high school game is on the radio. And all these games have a measurable audience. I don't if WFSH is making any money or not, but they certainly act as though service to the community is ahead of the bottom line. The demise of WNUE-1400, over in Ft. Walton Beach, was due to ownership's having more interest in profit, it seems. Reason which differs from "losing money" by quite a margin. WNUE was community, too, and is missed. WBRZ-1120, which began life as WWOU, is now silent. City of license was Destin, but had actually been using WFSH facilities here in Niceville. It had been airing BRN and been totally automated except for the on/off. I don't see much future in a small town for a radio station that doesn't give the time and temperature once an hour. 73's.

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Curt Engberg - 80 Concord Road - Wayland, MA 01778 - Haven't had too much to write about for a long time, but that's largely my fault. Now I wonder if I'm the only one who has the problem with working on the computer that as soon as I sit down by it, I wind up with a cat in my lap! Anyway, we finally got away for a couple weeks of vacation in February and wound up spending it in a small town in Mexico named Ajijic, about 30 miles south of Guadalajara. I brought my trusty TRF along and am glad I did. What a magnificent difference from DX'ing in the U. S. There was essentially no man-made static to clutter up the dials. During the days, one could hear one, and often two, Mexican stations on almost every channel. And even without knowing Spanish, with enough patience, you could identify many of the stations. Of course, 20 of them were in Guadalajara itself. At night, conditions were also good, but of course there were more interfering stations. Several U. S. stations were regulars, even though the closest ones were over a thousand miles away. They included KHEY-690 El Paso, KTRH-740 Houston, KKOB-770 Albuquerque, WBAP-820 Ft. Worth, KIKN-840 Pharr, KCKN-1020 Roswell, KRLLD-1080 Dallas, KWKH-1130 Shreveport, and WWL-870 New Orleans. Then I discovered that many Mexican stations apparently still sign off at midnight Sunday night, and new U. S. stations came through clearly. They included KLVI-560 Port Arthur (ID'ing as KYKR FM-93), KILT-610 Houston, KFI-640 Los Angeles, KNBR-680 San Francisco, KOMA-1520 Okla. City, KSL-1160 Salt Lake City, KDRY-1100 Alamo Heights, KVOZ-890 Laredo, KVOO-1170, Tulsa, WOAI-1200 San Antonio, and many others not ID'ed. When not DX'ing, I kept tuned to XEJB-630, the only AM classical music station on the dial. It also simulcasts on FM. I discovered that Ajijic is not quite your typical small Mexican village, as it has quite a number of American retirees there and in the neighboring city of Chapala seven miles away. It's a mile high, 150 miles from the Pacific, and was in the sunny eighties every day except one rainy one. I did a lot of walking and feel I know every inch of the town and the surrounding hills. Because of the American influence there are a number

of good restaurants in town along with some interesting shops. It really does seem strange, though, going to a bank and walking out with over a million "dollars" at one time. Wish I could do that here! They cash your travelers cheques in 50,000 peso notes (less than a twenty-dollar bill), and the exchange rate went up .6% in the two weeks there. It's a good place to go on a limited budget. Till next time.

Bill Nienajadly - 98 Highland Ave. - Clifton, NJ 07011 - Sorry I was misinformed about the "30-line limit"; I guess it was from reading a lot of back issues of *DX News* ... hi! The only AM DX news is probably well-covered by everyone else, the change of frequency of WNYC to 820. Yes, they are stronger here, too. I did hear that WNYC will move their towers to the meadowlands, or did they already? By the way, where the heck are the towers, anyway? I'd like to see the NRC come up with a publication that lists where the towers are of AM stations. Does such a listing exist? Curious. (FM DX deleted -pls) Paul Mount mentioned a white back that WJDM-1530 supposedly will go to 10,000 watts AN. I heard the rumor, too. I just wonder how WJDM will do it. If WNYC had to switch frequency because of WCCO objections, then how will WCKY tolerate WJDM going AN at 10,000 watts? (A very directional pattern, Bill -pls) Driving down the NJ Parkway at night I noticed WCKY at night blasting away where WJDM reportedly xmts from during the day. The only way I could see WJDM going AN at 10 kW is if they go to the new 1610-1700 kHz band. But still more problems here for them and other stations going on the extended band. First of all, what will people be able to listen to? Practically every radio goes to 1620 at the most (at least, consumer radios do). Are the stations going to give away radios that tune to 1700 to the listeners? Or will we have to pay out of our own pockets to get our regular car radios or portable modified to pick up the rest of the AM band? And what for? Still more news, talk, motivational formats to listen to? I hate to sound so negative about the expanding AM band. But hopefully it all will work out ... somehow. Would this make 99% of all AM radios on the consumer market obsolete? (Only 6% -pls) Would the average person go to all the trouble to take out their car radios, send them out to be modified to 1700 kHz and have them reinstalled at a cost of over \$50? Would stations that are broadcasting on the regular band (mainly the daytimers wanting to get on the new band) simulcast on the new band while still being on the regular band? Would advertisers find it worthwhile to advertise on 1610-1700 kHz stations when there are few radios that tune that far? Only the future knows ... hi! (I still say that some of the frequencies in the upper band should be turned over to local, low-power community broadcasters initially. Speaking of interference, you should hear WBT-1110 kick KFAB around here! -pls)

Karl Jeter - 2115 Scarbrough Rd. - Stone Mountain, GA 30088 - The biggest DX-related news for me lately is reaching the 1,400 plateau in veries, when a letter from WGCR-720 Brevard, NC arrived on 2-15. The total count now is up to 1,400. Winter seems to have pretty much bypassed us this year, with only a

week or so of cold weather in Dec. followed by record warm in Jan. and Feb. This included some spring-like severe weather that on 2-10 knocked a couple of semi-locals off the air. Both WZAL-1410 McDonough and WGFS-1430 Covington were gone around midday due to the storm, but the former was back on by 2 pm. I finally had some success with the DX tests, when WRSW-1480 was heard fairly well on 2-4 and the WLUS-980 test made it in on 2-18. I was surprised at how poorly WLUS was coming in, with only the code ID's making it in. Although I missed the WCIL-1020 test, I was pleasantly surprised to hear them anyway on regular schedule on 2-8 just before their 6:30 pm EST s/off. Going back to the WRSW test, that session also yielded another new log after that test was over, when WTL0-480 Somerset, KY was logged at their 6 am s/on. I have been spending some time parked on the so-called clear channels trying for signals under the dominant stations with some interesting results. The best had to be on 890 on 2-18, when I heard some SS music and talk, but as I listened, I noted the SS talk was interlaced with some EE; so I stayed with it, and was very surprised to hear a clear EE ID: "KVOZ, Laredo, TX" around 7:30 pm. There were also some EE spots and promo in between the SS music ... nice to have a 1,000-mile distant logging at sunset these days! Also heard on the morning of 2-22 was WIEZ-670 Lewisville, PA around 7:30 am with "Oldies 670" slogan; this with WMAQ nulled. The one other logging of note was 2-24's WOAY-860 in Oak Hill, WV heard just before local WAEC's late 7:35 am s/on. I can indeed confirm that WMXY-720 Hogansville, GA is only operating on Sundays, with black gospel programming ... very unusual schedule, and the aforementioned WGCR is generally audible during the week in WMXY's absence. And now, a few ran-dumb comments on the current non-issue ... I personally prefer the correct formats of the columns, and I find it much easier to peruse loggings in the form of DDXD as opposed to the narrative form of Musings. As you can see, I did review my recent DX in this Muse, however, not in as much detail as idn the same loggings ent to DDXD. I think DPaul's suggestion of a further regional breakdown of DDXD is owrth some study, because I generally check the list of contributors first and then check any loggings of other SE DX'ers first, as these are the ones that concern me most. I might be nice to have, say, an SE DDXD, as well as other regional columns. I appreciate the historical perspective of some of the senior members; however, the club is different now, and with less time for pursuits such as DX'ing, the concise list form of a DDXD is preferable for reporting catches, not just "hot tips" as in the past. Musings are still, as always, the "heart and soul" of the club, and while not excluding DX catches, should be for other DX-related topics and personal notes as well. Chuck Hutton and I are contemplating some type of beverage expedition on MM 3-12 top try for the two scheduled CA tests! Stay tuned for results. 73's.



R. J. Edmunds, WB2BZH - 753 Valley Rd. - Blue Bell, PA 19422-2052 - Hello again! This is almost getting to be a habit, hi. And this time, I can even say that I've DX'ed some. That's the good news. The bad news is that my location leaves a lot to be desired. I've got severe overload (read that "mixing spurs"), even with a loop from various combinations of my closest, most powerful locals (WNAP-1110 at about 3 miles, KYW-1060 at about 6, and WZZD-990 at about 6). KYW even produces some which I can't pin down why they're there at all. I've also got a new noise, which is external, and is an electrical buzz, which may come from a neighbor's halogen lamp over his driveway - even the loop doesn't kill it. I've spent two Saturdays and one Sunday afternoon listening thus far, trying to get my older son (12 years old) into the hobby, plus a few sunrise and sunset sessions in the car going to a ride from my pickup site for work. A few surprises - WFTK-1030 topped the frequency at both sunrise and sunset for much of February; WAGE-1200 atop all else on the frequency all day; no sign of WPCN-960; no sign of WJSA-1600; WGST-640 even with WNNZ all day; and suchlike. I'm equally surprised at the lack of dominant stations on most of the channels from 1230 thru 1490 at night. I guess that's probably the extended hours. That, plus the logjams on the clears will be the hardest to get used to. WNYC's move from 830 is presenting some opportunities. I've already bagged WMMI quite unexpectedly at 1809 on 2-26, while trying (unsuccessfully) to ID a southerner there, and found CFJR atop on 3-1 1801-10 and again 3-2 0645-50. It sure seems as though stations are popping up in places even Rand McNally never heard of. I'd appreciate any help on pinpointing the following: Canonsburg, KY; Green Valley, WV, Mint Hill, NC; or Homeland Park, SC. (They're not listed by H. M. Goushá, either, hi -pls) As things happen, I'll try to continue to report. 73's.



Peter Clarius - 1583 Castleton Ave. - Staten Island, NY 10302-1312 - My log is now up to 2089 with the addition of WGET/WHHO/WCNN/WWMO and WIVK. Last Wednesday morning March 21 I was interviewed on WBAP via a telephone call with Bill Mack, known as the "Midnight Cowboy". Now to bring radio on Staten Island up to date, for the first time since 1924 there is no AM on S. I. WBBR left the airwaves in 1957 when they sold out to the owners of WPOP, Hartford, CT which was Telecommunications and it became WPOW. They kept it for about a year but the schedule was so few hours that it was a financial disaster. Towards the end of 1958 it was sold to the De Camp family and it became a religious station again (it had been one under the Watchtower Bible Society from 1924-1957). WPOW shared with WEVD who was also in a bad way money-wise, and their transmitter was always breaking down, so they junked it and leased WPOW's when it was WEVD's time to operate. Eventually WEVD was sold to Salem Media and became WNYM from new studios at 7 Smyrna ave. on S. I. about a half-mile from 1111 Woodrow Road, the location of the old WBBR and

later WPOW. This meant there were two religious stations on S. I. sharing time. WNYM took so many sponsors away from WPOW that they finally sold out to WNYM in 1981, and when this happened everything moved back to 1111 Woodrow Road in the original WBBR complex. Salem Media had its eye on WMCA-570 and sold WNYM on 1330 in the beginning of 1989 to something called Radio Visionana, a Hispanic outfit. They had to lease the towers and studio property from Salem Media, which eventually sold everything (20 acres) of property to a developer and the towers came down as well as the studio building. The call letters were changed to WWRV and a new transmitter and towers are up in the Meadowland Swamps. They announce as "New York" on the hour but Paterson, NJ is mentioned a lot, so evidently that's where they are now.



Rick Dau - RR2 Box 64 - Oakland, IA 51560 - (712) 483-2230 after 2130 CLT - Greetings from Iowa, where if you don't like the weather today, wait 'til tomorrow - it's change! After record-setting highs swarmed over the midlands on 3-12, we got our first dose of severe weather the next day as tornadoes and severe storms galore rampaged across Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri. Now, this morning (3-15) I have looked out my window and have been greeted by 5" of snow! What's next, I say - a hurricane? Anyway, on to things of more interest - like DX get-togethers. The GTG here on March 3 was a lot of fun, despite the disappointing low turnout. Those attending were current NRC'ers Ernie Wesolowski, Neil Zank, Dan Bartek, and Mark Strickert, former NRC member Murray C. Mann, Omaha DX'er Curie Chadwick, and Tim Kridel, an IRRCA member from Columbia, MO. Murray is now the afternoon DJ and CE for KOMJ-103.7 in Omaha, and since KOMJ's transmitter is only 3 miles NE of The Farm, he felt obliged to give us a tour. However, Murray got a big shock when he discovered that his key to the building at the site wouldn't work! Obviously, KOMJ had changed the lock without telling him, so we all shuffled back to my QTH, where we listened to tapes of early and current DX, including a frequency check cassette that was kindly provided by Skip Dabelstein (who called during the GTG) and an ID/aircheck tape made by myself over the course of the last 2 years from various locations. After enjoying pizza around 1800, Ernie popped in a videocassette, and we all sat down to enjoy memories of NRC, IRCA, and ANARC conventions from the past 30 years. Everyone except Mark left around 2130. After doing airchecks of local FM'ers on Sun. morning 3-4, Mark left around 1015, but not before I presented him with the "prize" for most distant traveller. Thank you's go out to Roger Winsor and Eric Bueneman, both of whom also called during the GTG. I will most likely see these same faces (and others) when I attend this year's NRC gig in Pittsburgh. Feb. highlights - from two years ago: from Iowa City, I heard WOWO for the first time on the 6th. Three weeks later, they came in on the 27th around 1545 well enough for me to do a good report - from one

year ago: I logged three new states (WV, MD, and SC) within as many days during SRS sessions early in the month. On the 27th, an incredible opening to the Pacific Northwest brought in CBU-690 and KOMO, the latter from which I received a QSL card from a week later; March highlights - from two years ago: My first three veries arrived in the mail from WOWO, KUSA-550, and WTMJ-620 - from one year ago: a western SRS opening on the 1st brought in KFYR-690, KOLY-1300, and KVSH-940. Strangely, KUOA-1290 was also in well under KOIL the same morning. That's all for now. 73 and so long from The Farm.

Jim Roggentine - 313-C K Woodcreek Road, #205 - Bolingbrook IL 60439 - Since it has been a few months since my last Musing, I thought that I'd better get another one in, pronto! In recent months I have put some of my DX'ing aside, since I was spending most of my spare time at the Chicago Library, searching microfilms of Chicago newspapers, in order to get more about the history of Chicago radio stations. In the late '20's some newspapers ran a radio section once a week (like TV sections in today's papers), and boy did they have a lot of information. Some of the frequency info will be sent on to Bob Harrison for his frequency history of Chicago that he is in the process of working on. One of the surprises was to see television listings for a couple of stations in the October 10, 1928 *Chicago Daily News!* News about radio stations was easy to research up to about 1932 or so, but after that information was spotty and incomplete. One of the questions I have for any NRC 'oldtimers or history buffs is what happened to WJWC (was WHIP-1520 prior to 7-20-42) in Hammond Chicago? All listings and mention of the station stop on 4-7-43; no one else ever used 1520 in the Chicago area after that! Other question are: Did WLS and WJNR merge on 4-10-54? When did WAAF-950 change to WGR? and WJPC? WGES-1390 to WYNR to WNUS to WVON to WGCI on what dates? Also, when did WHIC-1450 change to WVON then to WFMT to WXOL to WVON? And finally, WAIT-820 changed to WCZE and then to WXEZ on what dates? I can't locate the exact dates in newspaper or Broadcasting Yearbooks (the dates in *Broadcasting* always seem to be wrong). I would enjoy hearing from any NRC member who might have this information or anything they have on these stations. Also, if anyone wants any information about any radio stations back in the '20's-'30's-'40's-'50's, just let me know and I will see what I can find on them. Hope to hear from some of you out there; until next time, 73.



Wayne McRae - 103 Donegal Bay - Winnipeg, MB, and Shawn Axelrod - 30 Becontree Bay - Winnipeg, MB R2N 2X9 - Well, as the DX season winds down I thought I would send in a short note describing the latest DXpedition Wayne McRae and I undertook to Arnes, MB, where Wayne has a trailer. We had a brief one-day DXpedition in Feb., but at -25 degrees C it was a bit chilly. We used the stove and 2 propane heaters to keep the trailer warm enough so that the R-70's would work. We sat in our parkas and sleeping

bags to DX all night. The antenna we used was a 1,200-foot longwire that we strung out along the road and out about 400 feet onto frozen Lake Winnipeg. I bet you USA DX'ers don't get a good chance to put out antennas on frozen lakes at temps around -25 with a still wind blowing, do you? (And we hope we NEVER get the chance, hi -pls) Anyway, it was worthwhile and the loggings have been in the columns. We did get our very first TA with Norway on 1314. In fact, we liked it so much that we went out again in mid-March. We put out three antennas this go-around. One was 1200 West, one 1800 feet east on frozen Lake Winnipeg and one across the road going north 600 feet. The first night was a disaster, with only one or two new ones heard. The next night started off much better. Then the snowplow showed up. The wire was attached to my coax antenna switch, and it all of a sudden went flying off the table and my R-70 started to move. The switch lodged itself on the window we used to bring in the wire just before the R-70 fell off the table. The wire must have broken at the window, and it was not until the next day that we found some pieces of the 600-footer lying in the snow. Never did find all 600 feet. Fortunately the snow plow never touched the other two antennas that were in the ditch so we could continue DX'ing. And DX we did. With the temps in the trailer at 65 to 75 degrees F, we were in just our civvies, no parkas or sleeping bags this time. Temps outside were a warm -10 degrees C or plus 15 F. (I've devoted my life to trying to prove that DX'er's really aren't crazy people. Then, YOU two come along, hi -pls) That night was great for DX with 18 new ones for me and over 30 new ones for Wayne. All of them were from QU, ON, AB, BC, MT, WA, WY. There was no southern skip at all that night. We had gotten new ones in the Caribbean the previous DXpedition using the "Lake" wire, so we knew it was possible. Anyway, with all of those new ones, my totals went to 1170, and Wayne is well on his way to 800 heard from Winnipeg and Arnes (it is about 50 air miles from Winnipeg to the North). Well, that is all from here. Just thought you might like to hear how we Canucks DX up here in the winter. Besides, I cannot remember any DXpedition that lost an antenna to a snow plow, can anybody else? Hey, maybe others can write in and let us know about their unusual DX experiences. Could be fun. 73 and a great summer to all of you from Wayne and me up here in the Great White North.

Paul Swearingen - Tired Fingers, USA - I've already chronicled how the San Bernardino sheriff's deputies held several California DX'ers and me at gunpoint in the Mojave Desert several years ago while they searched our vehicles, tents, and a miniature airplane for imported drugs. How were we to know that an abandoned airstrip over the next hill was commonly used for drug smuggling from Mexico? Someone had better volunteer to take over this column pronto - I can't afford the liniment. Sorry for having to cut FM and TV DX and non-DX from a couple of Musings, but you know the rules. Send your catches to Eric Bueneman for his FM DXD column. No DX to report from here, and probably none forthcoming until after school lets out June 2. Would like to take some DXpeditions this summer, though. 73.