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**Publication Date** 

WLUX-1550 - P.O. BOX 2550, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2550 will present a Special DX Test on October 13, 1990 beginning at 0630 ELT. The test will contain Morse Code ID's. Address reports to Mr. Ted Sauceman, General Manager, WLUX-1550. Arranged for the NRC by the Colorado CPC Machine.

From the Editor ... Good grief, is Wayne trying to push me off the front page already, hi!? See the CPC report on page 17.

We welcome Jim Renfrew to the editorship of IDXD, and thanks to all who sent letters of application for the position. Of course, his appointment to this position leaves the "Target DX" editorship vacant, and so once again we'll accept letters of application so we can fill this post.

Thanks to Dave Schmidt's tip on the discontinued Radio Shack AM Stereo auto rx. I was able to pick up the last one in Topeka (I happened to be looking for one, and would you believe that no one else in town sells an AM Stereo radio? Yeah, I believe it, too.) I'll report on it in a future issue.

**They joined ...** Ron Czarnik K0OKU , St. Louis, MO; Richard Gallant, Newmarket, NH; Tim Clampit, Brooklyn, MI; Huson Wilken, Oswego, NY; and Gary Penley, Rochester, WA.

DXChange ... David Wilson - 22 Willow Park -Wellesley Hills, MA 02181 (617) 235-0986 is offering Sams' Shortwave Radio Listening with the Experts, by Gerry Dexter (1988) like new for \$7.00 plus postage ... Bill Prather, Jr - (803) 457-4556 has available airchecks from most major markets, overseas, pirates, etc. For example, \$5 gets you a High Bias 60 or 90 filled with whatever you want. Call and specify ... The new edition of the IRCA Almanac (5th edition) is due in September. The 240-page reference will supplement the NRC AM Log (see page 22 for more info on the Log). It includes many network lists, FM listings, a TIS list, an AM stereo list, features on int'l DX, etc. NRC members may order the Almanac (\$12.95 U.

S., \$13.95 Canada/Surface mail overseas, \$16.50 airmail overseas) from the IRCA Goodie Factory c/o Ralph Sanserino - 11300 Magnolia Ave, #43 - Riverside, CA 92505. Specify that you are an NRC member to receive the above prices.

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Note that this schedule allows for a ongweek break the week before Christmas. two-week intervals in March and April, and four-week intervals from May through September.

# AM Switch

Jerry Starr c/o WHOT Radio 4040 Simon Road

Youngstown, OH 44512 1320

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

#### CALL LETTER CHANGES

ord	all;		New	call:	Old c	a11:		New	call:
550 790 800 990 1060 1080	KUZZ, CKOO WOUZ WOTE WOLAI WOLAI	ON PT. OH NC NC	Bakerafield Sudbury Polatka Galfipolia Nebane St. Panta	KCWR GTGM WPLX WJEH WGJH WELE	1290 1300 1420 1450 1480	KIIM WXDX KIXT KOWA WAPG KINE	AR CA I'l. I.A	Tucson Winfield Hot Springs Escondido Arcadia Lafayette	KCUB WKXM KXOW KSPA WOKD KACY
1150 1200 1260	WOPA WOPA	H. OR		WYRE WXEET FLCY	1540 1580	WK LE	V۸	Richmond Davenport	WRBN KFQC

CALL NOTES: KESY 1420 Omaha, NE change libered heat toward to ELAO has been set aside, station remains KESY

### APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

840 FL Golden Gate: 250/250 H/ (resuption)

### 1240 MS Flowood: 1000/1000 III (reapplication)

### GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

840 SK Estevan: 10000/2500 U4 (Canadian allocation)

### APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

580	KSAZ	ΑZ	Tucson:	reduce	night	power	lο	/50	wallte.,	city	οſ	Licenne
			to Maran	a. AZ								

640 WBMX MI Zeeland: day power to 2500 watts

60 WORR PR Quebradillas: powers to 5000/5000

1390 KBEC TX Waxahachie: reduce powers to 480/260

1500 WNZQ FL St. Cloud: to 830 kHz with 400/250 H2 (reapplication)

### GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

830 KABN AK Long Infand: to 840 kHz

840 KSPD AK Sand Point: to 830 kHz (facilitales frequency awap)

900 KGRB CA West Covina: power to 5000 wattra

940 CJGX SK Yorkton: day power to 50000 watt:

950 CJBB ON Barrie: night power to 10000 watt:

960 CIAM ON Cambridge: powers to 5000/10000 U3

1010 WTGC PA Lewisburg: reduce power to 1000 watts (odd in that we find their power listed everywhere as already being 1000 watts?)

1040 CHRS PQ St. Jean: extend hours of daytime antenna/power, station

will now change pattern/power at Des Moines, IA sunset)

1200 WCHB MI Inkster: relocate XR

1240 KNSS KS Wichita: reduce power (new power not specified)

1430 CJXX AB Grande Prairie: to 840 kHz with 25000/10000 U4

1550 WIRV KY Irvine: relocate XR

1600 KOHI OR St. Helens: relocate XR

#### OTHERNESS

- 560 WYOR TN Brentwood: silent station is back ON THE AIR
  730 C--- NF Gander: DOT allocation for new station DELETTE
- 730 C--- NF Gander: DOT allocation for new station DELETED 890 \*App CA San Marcos: application for new station DISMISSED
- 980 WAZS SC Summerville: sitent station is back ON THE AIR
- 1150 KVIL TX Highland Park: silent station (due to flooding) ON THE AIR
- 1190 KJLA MO Kansas City: station is SILENT
- 1240 WAVN MS Southaven: new station is ON THE AIR

1260 KVSF NM Santa Fe: silent station is being sold to owner of KMIK-810 in Santa Fe who has been searching for a new XR site for his station. We might expect to see KMIK abandon 810 and move 1260 kHz if this sale is approved. Despite the KVSF facility being silent, it is still active as the site of the KKOB-770 synchronous XR which is diplexed into one of the KVSF towers 1290 KLVS OR Lake Oswego: silent station is back ON THE AIR

1/10 VOTV MN Litchfield: station is STIENT

1410 KQIV MN Litchfield: station is SILENT

1440 WIRE IL Normal: station is SILENT

1530 KGTN TX Creedmore: Last issue we reported a call change for this station to KWWB as reported by the FCC. Now a very reliable monitor in TX reports this silent station is back ON THE AIR but using the calls KGGW. More on this later.

1550 WORI TN Oak Hill: station is SILENT again

1570 WRJQ WI Appleton: station is SILENT

1580 WMRE TN Knoxville: silent station is back ON THE AIR

1660 KA2XXB MD Beltsville: NAB has confirmed that the anti-skywave antenna tests from this XR have begun, most operations are with 400 watts and are on the air between 9:00 PM to 3:00 AM EDST.

The signals are being monitored in Plainville, NJ and also in Pittsburgh, PA. The signal consists of unmodulated carrier and SOME MODULATED MATERIAL including station identifications with the call letters and some test announcements! We wonder who will be the first to log this station with an ID. Several monitors have already reported hearing a carrier here.

 $\overline{\text{THANKS}}$  to the following for their contributions: BILL HALE, WAYNE HEINEN and M Street Journal.

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

## How About a "Super 12-655"? ...by Ray Cole

It was with great interest that I read Paul Swearingen's, and then César Objfo's, careful and thorough reports on the Realistic 12-625. It would seem as if we have three entirely different radios since no two of us entirely correlate on any one thing other than that it is just another radio on the low end of the AM band.

This certainly speaks poorly of quality control.

A receiver that is good on one end ought to be capable of improvement on the other end. And another with the same circuit ought to be improvable equal to the first.

I planned eventually to tweak mine to see if I could improve the low end, but now I am wary of doing it since I might lose a hot high end. And the high end seems to be the best among the three that we have.

If someone with some tweaking expertise can come up with a foolproof system step by step to improve the whole band, I will happily try to make more of the 12-625 that I have. Or maybe he could set up a part time tweaking business! I will volunteer to be his first customer.

I would think that Radio Shack's sales on a "Super 12-655" with a decent logging dial, a meter, and some factory tweaking - and perhaps an added really good FM section - would justify even a hundred dollar price range. Unfortunately I am not their marketing executive! I would just be one of their first buyers.

### The Broadcaster's Guide to DX

A tri-fold guide for use with reception reports explaining DX'ing, how the NRC was formed, and the importance of QSL's to DX'ers. Versions also available in Spanish and French. US\$1.50 for 20. Available from the Pub Center.

## Domestic DX William Hale Digest - East

734 Burleson San Marcos, TX 78666

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

#### MEDIUM WAVE rAMblings

- Our first raports of the anti-skywave station come from the Logbooks of Hank Hollmook and Chuck Rah. See SPECIAL, below.
- The Man Autonio Knobtwisters are meeting on the second Sunday of every mouth at Wasti's Cafateria located at 8511 Tesoro Drive in SA. The mentings will labe place in the "West Know" from 2 to 4 PM. Come early and thow down before the informal yet loyalber yets down to business. The next meeting, then, will be on nognet lith.
- Hon't forget to send in what you consider your ONE hest Medium Wave catch of all time by Dilohor Path. It doesn't matter it it's a record bolder or not, or what auguse slee thinks, had that you conceive it to be your greatest DX achievement. Consider frequency, foral conditions, and so on when making your decision. This is a world wide ratch. I'm walling to hear from you.
- Welcome aboard to Jeff Lewis of Emerge (11), who called before reporting, hi. Not necessary, you know,
- It's pretty-well evident that the Scammer that was the Haldrams are here. The DDXD-E deadline for 19900 (9) to August Hith Conta a Wadnesday!) Issue 30's deadline will be September 8th. Just in case good more a smootherin'.

#### SPECIAL

640 CHDG ON RICHMOND HILL - 1st noted with thems (im on 7/1 of 1901, but I believe call/format change took place on to 40, this long-time country station now plays rock hills (montly coronal) with a harder edge than CFGR-680; gives non IIIs as "oll 1810 The Hog" followed by the sound of a grunting pigh, the count hand by a phone call to the stn; address romains as in NKL Ing; permission to relocate studios & change city of license to locate was denied by the CRTC (MS-ON) [Also noted by Niet Wolfish-Ed.]

940 KSWM MD AURORA - station is OFF as of at least 6/5, per laps moving to Republic as per CP? (JL-AR)

1190 WHUM PA HUGHESVILLE - 7/8 1710-1800 very pool w/WONN meat 1800; drops boring C&W Mx (hopefully forever) for OLD, mimulomating FM WKKO 95.5; slogan is "Kool 95.5"; ID @ 1800 ment found Willi as CLs: the only station as far as I know to have WARIM and WBUG as calls...can WBAH be for off? (BV PO)

1460 KKPR NE KEARNEY 6/31 0535 (n): with "KKPR" & "Power 93" 1Dm, oldies mx# KKPR 98.9; ex: KKOA; NE HOR (SO DE)

1470 KHND ND HARVEY - 5/22 0659 poor with aim on, giving into as "500 watts until local sunrise, 100 watts during daylight hours & 151 watts after local sunset; new powers & now ABC Nx (SA-MB)

1530 KWWB TX CREEDMORE - now using these CLs after using KGGW for about 3 weeks; AMS was right!!...as usual-hi [Ed.-TX]

1660 KAZXXB MD BELTSVILLE - 6/20 2010-2032 skywave suppression station testingwith frequent IDs/carrier on and off; good here, but I'm only 25 air miles from Beltsville! (HH-MD)

KAZXXB MD BELTSVILLE - 6/25 0136 testing with ID: "KAZXXB Beltsville Maryland, 1660 kHz. The experimental skywave-suppression station operated by the National Association of Broadcasters"; IDs began @ 43 second intervals with 30 seconds of OC between; very good signalwith occasional black-outs lasting a few seconds; unsure if these were pattern switches or power cuts (probably the latter); still going strong @ 0630, well after my (and their) LSR (REH-ON)

#### UNIDS AND UNID HELP

990 UNID ?? - 6/13 0520 poor with REL preacher; taken out by CBW OC @ 0523; looped E/W (SA-MB)

1060 UNIDs ?? - by Mike Hawk were probably Ord, NE or Longmont, CO. both of which would have been on day power with Royals BB (JL-AR)

### MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

730	KKDA	TX	GRAND PRAIRIE - 7/8 0027 with ID "Rhythm and blues, gospel and
			news, Soul 73, KKDA, Grand Prairie, Fort Worth, Dallas" (MH-NE)
070	KNY	CA	IOS ANGELES - 7/6 0758 fair with "KNX Newstime" over mushu

QRM; a regular visitor (JL-AR)

1130 KWKH LA SHREVEPORT - 6/3 0030 with nx headlines, ID @ 0034:"If you need

to know, you need KWKH News" and into C&W mx (Ponder)
1190 KLIF TX DALLAS - 7/5 Midnight with Talknet+ NBC Nx (MH-NE)

1340 KWOR WY WORLAND - 6/17 0600 fair with "KWOR Worland" ID; still not using new call KKLX as of this date (SA-MB)

1360 KHAK IA Cedar Rapids - 6/11 0451 poor with a contest for "98.1 FM + 1360 AM" (SA-MB)

1370 KDTH IA DUBUQUE - 6/12 0409 Fair with "Your weather station 24 hours a day, KDTH"; no longer 0600-0309 per Log (SA-MB)

VALLEY FIELD - 6/13 0455 poor with male talking in FF; lite ROK CFLV PQ mx (SA-MB)

RUTLAND - 5/6 0004-0007 with OLD, nx, "You are listening to 1380 WSYB UT WNYU"; poor under CKPC (DT-ON)

1450 KSEL NM PORTALES - 6/17 0620 poor with "93.5 FM and 1450 KSEL" ID in a mess; possible oldies; NM #11 (SA-MB)

WDSG TN DYERSBURG - 7/4 0015-0041 ID: "WDSG Dyersburg" under unID with Pirates BB and another with Larry King; poor (DT-ON)

1460 WBRN MI BIG RAPIDS - 7/4 0100-0110 with nx, ad for Union Chevrolet on Northland Drive in Big Rapids; C&W mx; poor under CJOY (DT-ON)

SALEM - 6/25 0532 tune-in, just in time to hear tail-end of 1480 WTOY VA probable sign-on: "...with studios and offices at 709 Bowman Avenue, Salem Virginia. Just ahead, immediate news and information on the new WTOY"; quickly lost to WHBC and CKAN; should have been on 20 watt nite power at this time, but I doubt it; new (REH-ON)

1490 WXIT WV CHARLESTON - 7/4 0150-0152 breakthrough with long ad for Mattress City in South Charleston and Lynfield; under 2 other unIDs (DT-ON)

1590 KYOK TX HOUSTON - 6/6 0115 with James Brown song "I Feel Good", ID @ 0119:"1590 KYOK Houston" and - a jazz instrumental (Ponder)

#### 0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

Once again this Issue, a Zero-Report period!!

### 1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

590 UDCM NF ST. JOHN'S - 6/17 & 6/18 1855-1915 (2025-2045 Newfoundland time), | but much weaker than the strong relay on 560 (CHCM or CHCO?); 1st VO\_ call I've ever heard...too bad it wasn't from home (KGS-NS)

940 KTWN TX TEXARKANA - 7/6 1945 with OLD, non-legal IDs, nice sound but never caught any legal IDs in several :55-:05 attempts this or subsequent days; fair signal around LSS consistant (JL-AR)

970 WDAY ND FARGO - 7/8 2220 with Talknet→ ad for a Fargo-based company. then other local ads, but no CLs heard (MH-NE)

1180 VOA FL MARATHON KEY - 6/4 1748 with ID: "Su frequencia...1180 kilohertz,,. Radio Martí" and another @ 1800: "Buenas tardes Cuba!, Radio Martí" (Ponder)

GRAND RAPIDS - 6/7 2222-2230 & 2300-2400 with Tigers vs Indians 1230 WCUZ MI BB, "Star of Game Show" sponsored by Sherwin-Williams; poor

1240 WJPD MI ISHPEMING - 6/21 2045-2113 with BB, Indians vs ??? at the fairgrounds; NBC Nx, "11:09 here at WJPD", mx; poor under CJNH/WJTN (DT-ON)

CINK ON BANCROFT - 6/20 2145-2208 with CHR & request from Belleville, nx mentioning Belleville, Quinte Air Show REL; CJBQ over/under WGVA & WJTN; poor (DT-ON)

1270 KENM MO ST. JOSEPH - 7/4 2054 with ID, REL pgm, USA Radio News (MH-NE) 1310 KDLS IA PERRY - 7/4 2010 with ID, info on a severe thunderstorm watch

(MH-NE) 1320 WFHR WI WISCONSIN RAPIDS - 7/32153 with Wisconsin Rapids ad→ Brewers vs

A's BB (MH-NE)

1360 KSPG KS EL DORADO - 7/7 2243 with <u>Royals</u> BB; ID "Thank you for joining KSPG during Royals baseball" (MH-NE) 1370 KFON TX ROLLINGWOOD - 7/6 2233 ID "KFON, 1370"; Rangers vs Red Sox BB;

strong (MH-NE) 1400 WMAN DH MANSFIELD - 6/24 2136-2310 with CHR, NBC Nx, "Time 10:10, WMAB Mansfield, Ohio"; over/under WDNY; poor (DT-ON)

1430 WRDN WI DURAND - 7/5 2202 weak ID in the middle of Brewers vs Angels BB (MH-NF)

WITN WI

PONDER

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1450 KOBE NM	LAS CRUCES - $7/4$ 2300 with 1D above KYNT and KWBE, among others,
	then quickly faded (MH-NE)
WTSA UT	BRATTLEBDRO - 6/11 2300-2304 with Red Sox vs Indians BB, "This
	is WTSA", under 2 unIDs; verie rec'd July 5th (DT-ON)
1490 WJNL PA	JOHNSTOWN - 6/25 2232-2400 with Larry King show; 2300 "Your 24
	hour station, WJNL, Johnstown"; poor, over/under 2 other onIDs
	(NDT-ID)
WMGW PA	MEADVILLE - 6/19 2130-2154 with Phillies vs Pirates BB; poor,
	under/over unID with Sally Jesse Raphael (NT-ON)
1540 KSGB TX	FT. WORTH - 7/3 2239 ID "Power 1540. KSGB. Dallas-Ft. Worth"
	CMH-NE)
1550 KQWB ND	WEST FARGO - 7/5 2148 with West Fargo vs Fargo Junior Loglon BB
	(MH-NE)

VAN BUREN - 7/3 2222 ID "KFDF, 1580, Van Buren-Ft. Smith"

### REPORTERS STEPHEN PONDER//vacationing in Cancon, Mexico//Toshiba RP-F11

WATERTOWN ~ 7/4 2212 with Brewers BB (MH-NE)

	AM/FM/SW portable
HH-MD	HANK HOLBROOK//Bunkirk, MD//SP~600 + 50′ LW
KGS-NS	GRAY SCRIMGEOUR//east of Sydney, NS on holiday//car radio
MS-ON	MORRIS SORENSEN//Toronto, DN//ICF-2010
SA-MB	SHAWN AXELROD//Winnipeg, MB//R-70 + 3' loop or 100' LW + Mini-Tun-3
DT-ON	DON TRELFORD//Scarborough, ON//DX-440 + L₩
JL-AR	JEFF LEWIS//Kansas City, MO DXing in Fayetteville, AR//Grundig
	Satellit 400 + Selectantenna/Shotgun
REH-ON	CHUCK REH//Leamington, ON//R-390A + Sanserino loop + Realistic IR-
	3000 open reel tape deck [has reported every issue this Volume. Will
	he make #s 29 & 30?-Ed.]
MH-NE	NIKE HAWK//Omaha, NE//ATS-803 + 2' coax loop
GU-PA	GEORGE VANISH//Trucksville, PA//caradio in garage

•	GYDXA UPDATE	<u>-</u>	
1450: KOBE NM Las Cruces	Mike Hawk	Omalia, NE	861
And a correction to the First in the "Pre-1960" WREL VA Lexington Then in the "Post-1960" WREL VA Lexington	list, no tie is involved. Don Trelford	just: Scarbarough, UN Taronto, UN	416 416

Thanks to Niel for calling this to my attention, and my apologies to both Niel and Don for the confusion!

#### ABBREVIATIONS AND SPECIAL SYMBOLS USED IN DDXD-E

■parallel with or to -moto rinto :00:on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band BRN:Business radio net Cam:country & western CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID ContChr:contemporary Christian EZL:easy listening EE:English

FF:French GOS:gospel IRN:Interstate Radio Net jx:jingle LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset mx:music nx:news NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier POL:political PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:interference QTH:location REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International wx:weather



As reported last week, the KASH-AM & FM/Anchorage studios suf-

fered severe fire damage Sunday (6/3). Some of the damage was concentrated on the "K" in the station's marquee, ironically reducing its calls to "ASH."

### Fire Turns KASH To Ash

BROMAR

## Domestic DX Digest - West

Wayne Heinen 4131 S. Andes Way Aurora, CO 80013 FIDO NET 104/108 (303) 699-6335 (prepaid only)

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

SPECIAL

980 KMIN NM Grants 6/17 0550 Fair/Good w/KFWB/XEKE w/ C&W Mx, ID's "You're listening to the fresh new sound of AM 9-80, KMIN" This ex 1400 w/24 hour sked. NM #41. (TH-CA2)

990 KTVN CA Santa Barbara 7/9/90 0600 Silent station returned this date w/Show tunes. Ran a tape loop 0600-1900 on 7/9. (MR-CA)

1240 KIAA AZ Globe 6/16 2257 Fair u/KSON w/C&W and legal ID. (ex-KYOR) (TH-CA2)

1460 KULA HI Kailua

7/4 0455 Noted on RS w/light rock in C-QUAM // FM 96.3. 1st day of RS was 7/3 ID's as "KRTR-FM Kailua-Honolulu and KULA Maunawili; Krater 96 fm and the new Kula (rhymes w/Moolah) 14-60 AM. No more 1450-1476 here! (New station on RS) (DP-HI)

Midnight to Midday

630 KSLR TX San Antonio 6/17 0612 Fair w/KHOW/KOH w/REL "San Antonio's Christian Radio, Sunlight 63" (TH-CA2)

810 (KGO) CA San Francisco 6/17 0308 Noted Off again. Presumed KCMO w/ZNS3 and HJCY. Would be nice if this becomes a regular SM SP. (TH-CA2)

1040 WHBO FL Pinellas Park 6/17 0634 Weak w/PS prgm about FL u/ WHO. Called station to confirm details. Rare (TH-CA2)

1300 KAZN CA Pasadena 7/7 0650 JJ BB Siebu Lions Pacific League. // KOHO-1170, no lcl ID @ 0700. Poor to fair (DP-HI)

1310 CHLWt AB St. Paul 6/22 0642 AC Mx, Male w/Sx..items about Canada..temp 15 degrees. o/u KDIA (DP-HI)

1350 KSRO CA Santa Rosa 7/7 0345 Neil Myers w/TALKNET, Net ads Poor w/ possible 1ZC under them. (DP-HI)

1360 KUIKt OR Hillsboro 6/27 0322 American Radio Net "Sports Final Plus" prgm missed ID @ 0330. fair o/u presumed KPOP w/STD Mx. (DP-HI)

1450 KVEN CA Ventura 6/19 0147 Dodger's post game show w/Vince Scully. Net ads Poor w/KSSK-590 & KAIM-870 mix on 1460! (DP-HI1)

1600 KMNY CA Pomona 6/18 0658 Net spots, dead air w/no lcl ID @ 0700, UPI Nx and more "MONEY Radio" business prgms. Fair o/u KGST. (DP-HI)

1610 WXK790 AZ Phoenix 6/17 0322 Poor w/tape loop about parking unale voice). (TH-CA2)

Midday to Midnight

1230 KATO AZ Safford

6/16 2259 Poor w/Supergold OLD format and legal ID. (TH-CA2)

1280 KHEP AZ Phoenix

6/16 2230 Good w/job listings and REL prgms. Almost thought it was KFRN. (TH-CA2)

1280 KREL NV Las Vegas

6/16 2227 Good o/KHEP w/SS. Spots for "Restaurante Guadalajara" So if you hear Guadalajara on 1280 don't assume MEXICO. (TH-CA2)

1400 KTRC NM Santa Fe

6-28 1847 Clear ID o/KFTM & KRLN (MH-CO)

1420 KULY KS Ulysses

6/26 1907 KC Royals BB w/lcl spots. (MH-CO) 1610 KOP737 AZ Grand Canyon Nat'l Park

6/16 2330 Typical female tape loop w/Teddy Roosevelt quote. 2349 msg w/male voice totally different. Either msg was changed or both East and West entrance (KOP737 & KOP738) are on. (TH-CA2)

UNID's

530 UnID CA

6/16 2240 "This is test message #2, Highway Advisory Radio AM 5-30" by female. New HAR in LA area ? (TH-CA2)

920 UnID CA

Daily a SS o/u KUEC all day...ideas? (MR-CA)

Format Info:

KGW-620 adds Larry King KXL-750 drops Larry

WDAY-970 adds Larry King KFGO-790 drops Larry King

All from (DP-HI)

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(TH-CA2) Tim Hall - San Diego, CA - ICF-2010,

1000' LW, 1400' LW



## International DX Digest

Jim Renfrew 61 Wilcox Street Rochester, NY 14606-3832

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

Once again, a great big thank-you to the previous editor of this column, Chuck Hutton, for his tireless work during the past 13 years. Your new editor is no stranger to this column, either, as Jim Renfrew has been a frequent contributor to it over the years. Thanks to our lone contributor, Dale Park, also. And now ... on with it!

Endof EZL tune; man saying this was the "Late Night Music Progamme" and he will play Linda Ronstadt and London Philharmonic songs later on, tc "8 minutes till 11"; into Bobby Darrin mx. Poor: unID underneath.

981 UnID - 6-17, 1056 UTC. Woman talking; pos- Dale Park - Honolulu HI, Sangean ATS-803A, Selecsible light mx. Either 1YE-Kaikohe, 2NM-Muswel-

brook, or 3HA Hamilton possible. Poor to very poor.

1197 NEW ZEAL-AND - 2ZW River City (R. Wanganui) 7-61040. Live cricket play-by-play, NZ at England //1ZH-1296, 2ZH-1557, RNZI-9855. Poor.

1296 NEW ZEAL-AND - 1ZH Hamilton, 6-20 1522. Tape loop with stn jingle "Let's Do the Zed-H Switch Again" (to the tune of "Time Warp" and annet that "1-Zed-H" has moved to 98.6 FM; still noted past 1600! However, apparently 1296 is still used for special prgms like cricket on 7-6. Fair to poor.

1296 AUSTRALIA -4BK Fortitude Valley (t), 6-21 1554. AdCon mx by 10cc, Police, fading out at end of song at 1602 (no nx.). Poor to very poor.

1476 NEW ZEAL-AND - R. Tiri Auckland (t), 6-61045. U2, Peter Frampton, DJ talk, Supertramp. Per Arthur Cushen in ASWLC 7-90, R. Tiri is a new stn relaying R. Hauriaki, which left 1476 for FM, but Tiri will be on for just three months. Very poor.

1557 AUSTRALIA - 2RE Taree, 6-27 1037. CCR, Jude Cole, woman DI talk, man with brief ad, woman with promo "... on 2-RE"; ad; jingle "...the magic on 2RE", into UK pop mx. Fair to very poor, o/u presumed 2ZH from 1045.

720 NEW ZEALAND - 4YZ Invercargill 6-28, 1052. 1557 NEW ZEALAND - 2ZH Hawera (t), 6-28 1048. Ad that had the line "...how do you tell the Tories (?) from the Real McCoys?" Back to man with teletalk, Poor to very poor; o/u 2RE.

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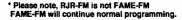
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## Frequency Deviations

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Observations of measured frequency deviations and associated activities

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The three and a half year investigation into apparent tuning frequency deviations here continues. The  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x ll log sheets taped side to side now total between 55 and 60 feet, with three quarters of an inch containing one day's readings on 14 AM stations. Since the last report there have been some interesting developments.

Careful and repeated study shows that 80% of tremors and quakes westward from this longitude to Vancouver Island fall within an established pressure wave travel time, at a surface speed of 12.51 m.p.h. (corrected from 12.36 earlier), plus not more than two days triggering time - usually one day or

There is absolutely no evidence whatever of traveling pressure waves approaching here from eastward - and only three coincidental tremors within the established travel time eastward as far as the Azores, in the one and a half year period studied. These studies are made using detailed reports of every detected tremor around the globe, from Golden, CO.

This I was very reluctant to accept, because it obviously means that the pressure waves are generated right here in the New Madrid Seismic Zone. And that is quite a shock when you live here!

Among quite a few articles sent to me by interested persons, one pretty well fits observations here. It concerns the findings of a seismographic study by Johnston and Kanter in the March Scientific American.

They find that this is a much thinned portion of the crust here, undergoing "extension" (stretching) and allowing the magma beneath to work upward, and their drawing shows some extrusions upward from the magma through the crust.

Samples of this extruded material is abundant in at least one place here. One sent to a laboratory for analysis was returned with the comment that someone had "put it through a furnace". A two hour field trip would net them their own extruded "furnace" samples.

Hawali is moving toward Japan at the rate of over eight centimeters a year. And it is proven that the West Coast is pushing westward against the adjoining tectonic plate - resulting in an oblique slide against it toward the northwest.

The "extension" here then indicates that the western two-thirds of the U.S. is moving westward along with the West Coast, thus thinning and stretching the crust here in this seismic zone and allowing the magma to well upward nearer the surface.

Apparent tuning frequency deviations toward a higher frequency have been found to indicate a pressure buildup here in or under the crust. Often, as it subsides, deviations the swing to the low frequency side - as they began to do ten days before the Santa Cruz quake (very pronounced seven days in advance).

Which seems to agree with the fact that the natural frequency of a quartz crystal increases under pressure and decreases under tension. In this case the tension would be created when the western portion of the U.S. moved westward - perhaps only a millimeter or two, but a huge mass in motion.

St. Louis University has an extensive network of automated sensors in this seismic zone. An avarage of 200 tremors a year - 50 per quarter - are recorded, only a handful strong enough to be felt by humans. During the first quarter of 1990 my copy of their report lists 81 instead of the usual 50 - quite an increase in activity above average.

Another recent discovery here is that no directional readings on the "spikes" mentioned in previous reports can be found by any of us on either directional dipole or tuned loop antennas on any radio. A mystery in itself.

Tidal forces vary a great deal from time to time. At times I have mentally noted that they seemed to have a pronounced effect on deviations, but most of the time no correlation can be found. Therefor, until very recently, I have ignored them. Perhaps my mistake. However, in areas such as the San Andreas Fault where pressures are constantly existing in varying degrees at varying points, tidal forces can be a very effective trigger for tremors.

This is well illustrated by the four out of five success rate of Jim Berkland in San Jose who predicts seven day "windows" of likely quake activity in his immediate area, based mostly on tidal forces. For example, his warning of a "world series quake" (Santa Cruz) which resulted in a very short lived job suspension for "creating a public panic". He now puts out a fast growing monthly newsletter on his "windows"!

I believe a pressure wave could trigger a tremor before his predicted time and relieve pressure on a fault so that none occur "on-schedule" and thus reduce his accuracy rating from what otherwise might be 95%.

And, by now, Iben Brownings projection of the probability of the same Santa Cruz quake four years in advance (missed his peak danger point by 11 hours) is well known. His projections are based on tidal pull - lunar, solar and earth alignments. I spoke with him briefly on a local radio program and again briefly afterward, both times by phone.

His projection for the New Madrid Seismic Zone is a 179 year cyclical repeat of the great New Madrid quakes of 1811-12 that knocked down scaffolding in Washington, D.C., and rang church bells in Philadelphia. His peak danger point for this is very early on December 3, 1990.

He has made at least three other very successful projections on severe quakes and on the Mt. St. Helen's eruption, so he must be taken seriously.

And, as in 1811-12, about one lunar cycle (28 days) we may get an equal or greater quake. Back then it was 8.2 on the first, then 8.4, followed several months later by something like 7.4. In the first two months after the initial quake, 1874 tremors were recorded. I wonder if the first could occur one lunar cycle in advance of December 3rd. Catch us by surprise.

Tidal forces are known to raise the center of this continent normally from three to eight inches. December 3rd should be about 36 inches. This does promise to be a very interesting period for the continuing study of apparent frequency deviations.

I recently submitted a grant proposal to the Geological Survey - denied - mainly for the purpose of establishing thirty volunteer monitoring points scattered across this seismic zone. This would have given me much more pertinent data than one point alone at the extreme northern end of the zone.

The reply termed my proposal interesting and suggested that I look for ionosperic disturbances and doppler shifts - already overly investigated by many with much more knowledge and sophisticated equipment - with virtually zero results.

Perhaps I should have accepted my invitation from the Moscow Academy of Sciences for that expense paid trip to participate in that international seismological study. It seems they have more open-mindedness about new and unexpected findings. But my interest is in this seismic zone. And maybe Berkland and Browning will force open a crack in closed minds.

The "Establishment" reminds me of a professor peering through a microscope at microbes, when a person comes in and says that it is relining outside. His reply, "It is not raining under my microscope. Bring me scientific and mathematical proof and I will perhaps consider that idea."

I am thankful that there have been some outstanding exceptions who have been extremely helpful - even one at some risk to his career. Many others are helpful in many small ways - which all add up to a lot of help. I plan to continue on through the projected possibilities, assuming I survive, though a few that I know are planning to be elsewhere at that time.

Oregory McIntire, Belle Fourche, SD, in april, sent me a "spectrum display device of his own making. It is an AM receiver which scans about half the AM band thirty times per second and feeds an oscilloscope for a visual check of all the signals. Quite a neat little unit.

Since then I have been trying unsuccessfully to find an oscilloscope

to borrow, rent, or buy cheaply. I could not find one not tied into a repair shop's test bench. Finally, it took three weeks for a local radio engineer to find time to come out here with one and spend two interesting hours - taking care of four stations keeps him busy.

The only existing deviation at this time on my 12-655 was a weak one at 1170 Khz. Deviation had been 5.01 on that frequency 36 hours earlier and had been dropping, along with others. The deviation-causing "spike" (D-X News 3-27-89) adjacent to that signal

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My VFO and frequency counter were then turned on and the VFO signal was put right at "X", and the reading was 1171.42. An hour earlier the 12-655 showed a reading of 1171.67. (This happened to be KVOO, Tulsa). Occasionally the same pattern would momentarily show up, one at a time, on a few other signals, and vanish before we could zero in on it.

I described this to another radio engineer whose opinion was that this did not appear to him to be typical hetrodyning, and, if so, and if caused by "atmospherics", then why not also on a lot more frequencies across the scan?

A by-product of the two hour session was finding that the centimeter scale with vernier on my 12-655 (D-X News 7-24-89) and my loggings made with a VFO were within 15% of accuracy to the second decimal at the one-tenth millimeter readings – even better than I had thought.

Incidentally, "4.2" in that article should be "4.1" - my error.

The Topeka Capital Journal -via Paul

Swearingen

## Quake forecast rattles locals

appeared steadily on the scope trace like this:

By the Associated Press

A scientist's prediction that a quake might strike Missouri and neighboring states Dec. 2 appears to have shaken loose the seismic fears of people in the country's heartland.

The prediction by climatologist Iben Browning, who says he forecast the Oct. 17 Bay-area quake but whose theories are disputed by most seismologists, has not created a panic.

But along the New Madrid fault, the example of the Northern California quake, coupled with Browning's forecast, has raised awareness of earthquakes and earthquake safety.

Insurance sales are up, a school district has tentatively canceled classes, and two states' National Guards have scheduled drills that week.

The fault, which roughly follows the Mississippi River

from Mississippi to Illinois, may not be as well known as the San Andreas fault in California, but it commands respect among earthquake experts.

The last sizable quake on the fault was in 1895, but that's oot the one people talk about. The Big One-quake; they just don't think i actually, the Big Three or Four - occurred in 1811 and

1812, when a series of quakes centered in New Madrid, Mo., rocked much of the eastern half of the country.

The quakes rang church bells in Washington, D.C., and are said to have made the Mississippi River run backward. They have been estimated at 8 on the Richter calle.

The thing that has people talking up and down the New Madrid fault is a projection by Browning, a scientist from Tijeras, N.M., that there could be a big quake in the region Dec. 2 or 3. Browning, 72, an inventor and climate consultant.

bases his projection on a convergence of tidal forces, which he thinks can put stress on earthquake faults. But he stresses it's a possibility, not a certainty, that such a quake will happen.

Still, he says he predicted last October's California quake using the same method; he says he warned a group of executives in San Francisco seven days before the quake.

Seismologists have mixed feelings about Browning's forecast. It's not that they don't believe there will be a quake; they just don't think it can be forecast as specifically as Browning suggests.

## <u>IN THE BEGINNING</u>

BY JOHN D. BOWKER

THIS IS THE COMPLETE LIST OF U. S. BROADCAST STATIONS ON THE INDICATED FREQUENCY AS PUBLISHED BY THE FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION IN 1934. "S" MEANS SHARED: "SH" MEANS SPECIFIED HOURS; "T" INDICATES TRANSMITTER LOCATION; "D" MEANS DAYTIME OPERATION ONLY; "U" MEANS UNLIMITED TIME.

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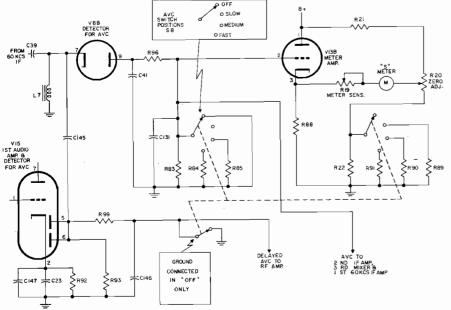
## HQ-180 AGC Mod ... Dr. Dallas Lankford\*

Recently when I measured the HQ-180 AGC attack and release times I was surprised by the bad overshoot on attack. AGC overshoot is the term applied to an AGC for which the AGC line voltage goes beyond (decreases below for a negative voltage AGC system like the HQ-180) the steady state voltage when a sudden increase occurs in the input signal. Overshoot is caused by the time constant capacitor overcharging, which in turn may be caused by incorrect circuit design or various other reasons. Overshoot in the HQ-180 is caused by the 1M ohm AGC line resistor R23 which prevents the control grid capacitors (C135, C130, C17, C136, and C137) from charging fast enough. Overshoot in the HQ-180 (and other receivers) manifests itself by an audible thump at the start of an SSB transmission, or by a harsh sound on CW. You can even see the overshoot on an HQ-180 S-meter when the calibrat or is turned on.

The cure for HQ-180 overshoot is simple. Add a jumper across R23. After that was done, the HQ-180 attack looked fine on a scope, and sounded fine.

According to conventional wisdom, and I agree, fast SSB release should be about 500 milliseconds (mS), and slow SSB release should be about 2 seconds (S). In addition, for graveyard MW DXing and for strongly fading SW signals, a 2 S release improves AM audio quality significantly over a 500 mS release. Perhaps one reason why Hammarlund did not set the HQ-180 SLOW release time at 2 S is because quick bandscanning is not really feasible with a 2 S release time. A 2 S AGC release does not release quickly enough for a quick listen to weak signals in between strong signals. However, quick bandscanning in MED is fine, and you can switch to SLOW for improved audio quality whenever you wish. Another reason may be that AGC controlled tubes with gassy or otherwise defective grids can seriously degrade a 2 S release time. I have found two 5749 (6BA6W) tubes which decrease a 2 S release to about 500 mS.

The value of the capacitor you should add in parallel with C131 to obtain a 2 S SLOW release time depends on the S-meter circuit in your HQ-180(A); see the following simplified schematic. You should use a 0.47  $\mu$ F 250 volt mylar (or similar metal film type) capacitor for early model HQ-180(A)s (which do not contain R112 and R113), or a 1  $\mu$ F for late model HQ-180As (which do contain R112 and R113). Radio Shack sells a suitable 1  $\mu$ F capacitor marked 200 volts on the package. Depending on the component layout in your HQ-180(A) you may need to unbolt the 8 Henry filter choke (L8) and move it aside to install the capacitor. Measured SLOW release time for a late model circuit was about 2.7 S, which is in good agreement with theory considering the 10 - 20% tolerance of components. For the MED and FAST positions the release times were about 500 mS and 50 mS respectively. Attack times were better than 3 mS for all three AGC speeds.



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# Target DX

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

Apologies to all for getting behind in the column, but MW DX has gone on the back burner this spring. My SM-1 loop antenna seems to have died, causing me to practice my DX enthusiasms on other bands (I'm having fun with TV E-Skip). The SM-1 simply stopped working. In the past I've cured a frayed connection by cutting back on the wire that connects the antenna to my HQ-150. That didn't work this time, so I opened up the sheet metal box to check all the connections. Imagine my suprise when I saw that the ferrite bar was broken in the middle! I have no idea how it happened. Anyone willing to sell an SM-1 or SM-2, please let me know.

Now, on to the mail. Eric Bueneman sent a letter some months back in which he compares AM coverages in Atlanta and St. Louis. To understand the point that Eric makes in what follows, you need to be aware of the impact of Ground Conductivity in your area. In non-technical terms (the only terms I really understand), Ground Conductivity measures the ability of a signal to reach a listener at ground level (as opposed to sky-wave). You may have seen the ground level signal referred to as "ground wave," for the signal is conducted to the lister through the ground. Ground Conductivity can affect you in two noticeable ways. If you live outside of a metro area, poor ground conductivity can be infuriating at night when the skywave signals of more distant stations overwhelm the local sports event you want to hear. The same condition can help you if you want to hear distant stations on a local channel. Groundwave is a 24 hour phenomenon. Skywave is nighttime only. The tip here is to understand why reception of locals is the way that it is in your locality. A map showing zones of ground conductivity can be obtained from the NRC Reprint Service. It's worth a look.

Reports Eric, "My current QTH, Woodstock GA, is 25 miles NW of Atlanta. Suprisingly enough, only WSB-750 and WAFS-920 come in with entertainmentquality signals. WGST-640 and WKHX-950 are readable at night, but other U.S. stations, not to mention Cubans, are heard at equal strength with the Atlanta stations. The other full-time Atlanta AMs are well back of the others at night, compared with loud and clear signals during daylight hours. About one hour before local sunset, the Atlanta stations get weaker, so I would turn on, say, WAOK-1380 and try to hear stations in their null by sunset skip. WYNK (Baton Rouge) and KGLD (St. Louis) are usually atop and, at night, it's either WIZO (Franklin, TN) or WRBO (St Petersburg), with WAOK underneath. I can even get a tight null on WSB at sunset and hear KJEL (Lebanon MD) 750 and HTA750 (Nicaragua) at night. WCNN-680 and WQXI-790 are not audible at night. WPTF-(Raleigh) tops 680 at night, while 790 is a mess, occasionally revealing WMC (Memphis), WNWS (Miami), WTAR (Norfolk), Cuba, or WQXI. On 680 WODZ (Memphis) and WCTT (Corbin KY) are also noted, WCNN rarely noticed at all. While driving at night, many Atlanta AMs (even 39 watt WNIV-970 and 44 watt WYZE-1480) don't make it to the Chattahoochee River driving north on I-75. WCNN only makes it into Marietta, where WPTF begins to take control on 680. To put it mildly, your daytime locals, even if you're 20 miles away, become nighttime DX targets.'

"Contrast that with my old Q.TH, Hazlewood MO. 15 miles NW of St. Louis, or even Wentzville, 45 W of St. Louis. There, locals during the day basically maintain the same strength at night. Even 270 watt KSIV-1320 is virtually unnullable at night in Hazlewood, but barely so in Wentzville. The only signal problems at night in St. Louis come from KGLD-1380, in whose null I could get a bunch of unIDs. Even WCEG-590 in nullable - there you can get WDW (Omaha). KUSA-550, KXDK-630, WGNU-920, KMDX-1120, WIBV-1260, WIL-1430, KIRL-1460, and KATZ-1600 are very strong at night. WBGZ-1570, with 70 watts night power, has coverage comparable to a 250 watter. The only similarity St. Louis and Atlanta have is with Graveyard coverage. Basically, WIGO-1340, WFOM-1230 and WESL-1490 cover a 10-15 mile radius around their transmitter sites."

Some of the differences in evening reception may be attributable to tighter coverage patterns at night (see the NRC Night Pattern Book), but Eric is right to remind us of the importance of ground conductivity in analyzing the possibility of DX on local channels. Ground Conductivity in Atlanta, for example, is measured at 2-8, while that of St. Louis is 15.

## Sports Networks

## Barry S. Finkel

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Network listings for stations programming team sports

Walter Nissen, Jr. reports an error in my baseball flagship listing. WWWE in Cleveland is on 1100, not 1110. Herb Score and Tom Hamilton do the radio broadcasts.

Minor league baseball (from "Newsday" wia Bob Galerstein) I doubt that there are any networks here, just single stations.

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1400 WKEW-NC Greensboro Hornets
 850 WYDE-AL Birmingham Barons
                                              920 WBBB-NC Burlington Indians
1450 WFIX-AL Huntsville Stars
                                             1460 WBNS-OH Columbus Clippers
 620 KTAR-AZ Phoenix Firebirds
 990 KTKT-AZ Tucson Toros
                                             95.9 WMTR-OH Toledo Mud Hens
                                             95.9 WNPQ-OH Canton-Akron Indians
1160 KEQZ-AR Arkansas Travellers
                                             1340 KXY -OK Oklahoma City 89ers
1350 KCKC-CA San Bernadino Spirit
                                             1300 KAKC-OK Tulsa Drillers
1500 KHTT-CA San Jose Giants
                                             1410 KBNP-OR Portland Beavers
105.1 KXKL-CO Denver Zephyrs
1530 KCMN-CO Colorado Springs Sky Sox
                                             1110 KBND-OR Bend Oregon Bucks
                                              880 KMFR-OR Southern Oregon Athletics, Medford
1150 WCNX-CN New Britain Red Sox
                                             1400 WICK-PA Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons
102.1 WTAZ-IL Peoria Chiefs
                                              580 WHP -PA Harrisburg Senators
1440 WROK-IL Rockford Expos
                                             1240 WAGO-PA Reading Phillies
101.9 WVEM-IL Springfield Cardinals
                                             1450 WKRI-RI Pawtucket Red Sox
100.9 WBCI-IN Indianapolis Indians
                                             1330 WFBD-SC Greenville Braves
1390 KJJY-IA Des Moines Cubs
1490 KBUR-IA Burlington Braves
                                             1230 WODE-SC Columbia Mets
                                             1240 WRLT-TN Nashville Sounds
1340 KROS-IA Clinton Giants
1170 KSTT-IA Quad-City Angels
                                             1370 WDEF-TN Chattanooga Lookouts
                                              600 WREC-TN Memphis Chicks
1410 KQAM-KS Wichita Pilots
                                              980 WFHG-TN Bristol Tigers
 970 WAVG-KY Louisville Redbirds
                                              690 KHEY-TX Texas Diablos, El Paso
 710 KEEL-LA Shreveport Captains
                                             1160 KFHM-TX San Antonio Missions
1240 WJEJ-MD Hagerstown Suns
                                              570 KSIN-UT Salt Lake City Trappers
 820 WQSI-MD Frederick Keys
                                              910 WRNL-VA Richmond Braves
 620 WJDX-MS Jackson Mets
                                             1310 WGH -VA Tidewater Tides
 970 KCTR-MT Billings Mustangs
                                             1390 WWOD-VA Lynchburg Red Sox
1180 KTAR-NE Omaha Royals
                                             1310 WDCT-VA Prince William Cannons
1230 KLAV-NV Las Vegas Stars
                                             1240 WROV-WA Salem Buccaneers
1340 KRCZ-NV Reno Silver Sox
                                              850 KTAC-WA Tacoma Tigers
 770 KOB ~NM Albuquerque Dukes
                                             1230 KWYZ-WA Everett Giants
 550 WGR -NY Buffalo Bisons
                                              590 KAQQ-WA Spokane Indians
 950 WBBF-NY Rochester Red Wings
                                              580 WCHS-WV Charleston Wheelers
90.1 WGMC-NY ditto
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1260 WNOR-NY Syracuse Chiefs
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                                             10701COLD-AB Edmonton Trappers
1590 WEHH-NY Elmira Pioneers
                                             1130 CKWX-BC Vancouver Canadiens
 930 WSOC-NC Charlotte Knights
                                              610 CKTB-ON Saint Catherine Blue Jays
 620 WDNC-NC Durham Bulls
                                             1270 CHAT-AB Medicine Hat Blue Jays
 960 WFTC-NC Kinston Indians
 570 WWNC-NC Asheville Tourists
 Kansas City Royals Denny Matthews, Fred White
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620	KMNS-IA		1230	KTNC-NE	1390	KJAM-SD	1480	KZSN-KS		KIDA-IA		KBRX-NE
680	KFEQ-MO		1240	KIUL-KS		KNCK-KS	1490	KDMO-MO	93.5	KZED~KS	103.1	KNDY-KS
690	KGGF-KS			KNEM-MO	1400	KTMC-OK		KXLQ-IA		KLKC-KS		KJAM-SD
730	KLOE-KS			KFOR-NE		KFTM-CO		KDRO-MO	94.3	KZMO-MO	103.7	KIRK-MO
790	KXXX-KS		1270	KSCB-KS		KAYS-KS	1510	KANS-KS		KEZU-KS		KRFS-NE
880	KRVN-NE		1280	WKZS-FL		KBZZ-CO		KMRF-MO		KDKD-MO		KNLV-NE
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1060	KLMO-CO		1250	KGFW~NE		WMBH-MO		KTTN-MO		KIKS-KS	107.1	KMBV-MO
	KNLV-NE		1350	KMAN-KS		KOKO-MO				KQLS-KS		
	KY00- <b>M</b> 0			KGHF-CO		KYNT-SD		KMOE-MO		KCLY-KS		
1150	KSAL-KS			KSPG-KS		KTWX-NW		KCHE-IA		KFNF-KS		
	KRMS-MO		1370	KAWL-NE		KBFS-SD		WCAZ-IL	101.7	KIND-KS		

# Formats

1050 WSEN NY

1060 KKWW NV Las Vegas

1080 WNCR NC St Pauls

Baldwinsville

## **Tony Fitzherbert**

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Changes in programming status; reported by NRC members and others

The station that originated Al Hamm's Music of Your Life format (along with WMAS-1450, Springfield), WDUZ-1530, Bridgeport, CT, abruptly terminated its on air staff on 6/15, giving them one hour's notice and "generous severence", according to the <u>Bridgeport Post</u>. Included was General Manager Russ Knight, veteran of many stations, including Gordon McLendon's KLIF, in Dallas. Too bad, too. WDUZ's Bridgeport based talk (with Russ Knight's caustic humor) and combination of AC and nostalgia music was a delight to listen to. The station was not a cash cow, so its owners went with a combination Spanish and Portuguese format, satellite fed from Springfield. The intent is to compete with highly successful (#8 in the market Arbitrons) WCUM-1450, a full service Spanish outlet, heard in every Hispanic business, and on thousands of boom boxes in Bridgeport's Seaside Park, the local Coney Island.

Also, while driving up the QEW from Niagara Falls, while listening to CFGM-640's succession of "Commercial Free Hours" (meaning that they cannot sell time), the GM came on the air to announce that as of 5:00Pm, Friday, 6/29, the station that has played country music since its 1957 air date was dropping the format, and that listeners could hear their favorite country music on CHAM, CHOO, CHOW, and three other area stations. He said that earnings had dropped, forcing the station to change formats. He did not announce the new format, but if I bought the station, it would be either paid religion or urban, neither of which are heard on the Toronto AM dial. CFGM has invested in a huge 8 tower array in Beamville, ON, 60 miles from the Richmond Hill studio, and paying for that, along with operating costs requires the sale of time, which was not happening on CFGM.

Dave Schmidt and Al Holtz both wrote that WEAZ-AM's sale to Salem Communications has fallen through, and that the station would continue to simulcast WEAZ-FM, 101.1. And first time contributer Larry West of Salem NH, wrote that WADN-1120 now leaves the air nightly at 2200 hours. I hope that this good little station is not in trouble!!

Along with Larry, this column is sponsored by Geov Parrish who writes a similar column for IRCA's DX Monitor, Dave Schmidt, and your editor, back from a railroad trip to Canada. Here we go...

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530
     CJFJ ON Fort Erie
                              - Adult standards //'ed on CJRN-710 all night. (TF).
550
     WCBI MS Columbus
                              - Silent (GP).
     WOAM FL Miami
                              - SMN Kool oldies, Sports (GP).
     KCMX OR Ashland
                              - ABC Talk (GP).
580
     CKEY ON
                              - "Classic Key 590 - Rock oldies", huge new 8 tower
              Toronto
                              array is on the shore of Lake Ontario in Grimsby,
                              replacing 5 tower landmark in the lake off the
                              Toronto Islands (TF).
600
     WLHQ AL Enterprise
                              - Classic rock //FM(GP).
600
     KCLS AZ Flagstaff
                              - Silent (GP).
610
    KYJC OR
             Medford
                              - Silent (GP).
620
     WHEN NY
              Syracuse
                              - AC (TF).
630
     WMAL DC Washington
                              - Talk, except for the overnight adult standards
                              (GP).
                              - News/talk (GP).
     WBMO GA Savannah
630
     KSUR CA Soledad
                              - Now jazz//KKGO-540 (GP).
700
     CJRM ON Niagara Falls
                              - AC, CHR, Talk, Sports, and //CJFT
710
                              overnights (TF).
730
    KUCL ID Boise
                              - Silent (GP).
750
     CKGB ON
             Timmons
                              - CWM (GP).
770
    WAIS OH
              Buchte1
                              - Rock oldies (GP).
790
     CIAO ON
              Brampton
                              - Ethnic (TF).
810
     WCEC NC
              Rocky Mount
                              - Silent (GP).
850
    WKIX NC
              Raleigh
                              - Satellite adult standards (G
900
    WDDT MS
              Greenville
                              - Silent (GP).
    MKA OR
930
              Oklahoma City
                              - EZL, info (GP).
970
     KCWR CA
              Bakersfield
                              - Traditional CWM (GP).
970
    WRCS NC
                              - Black gospel (GP).
              Ahoskie
980
    WAZS SC
              Summerfield
                              - Silent (GP).
1000 WKVG KY
              Jenkins
                              - Southern gospel (GP).
                                                            SERVING SAN ANTONIO AND TERRELL HILLS
1010 CFBL ON
              Toronto
                              - Talk (TF).
1020 WIBG NJ
              Ocean City
                              - To move here from 1520 with tourist information
                               (GP).
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- "Solid Gold Music" (TF).

- AC (GP).

- New station, Christian talk (GP).

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1110 WNNW NH Salem
                              - Satellite motivational talk during AM drive,
                              Spanish the rest of the time, (Larry West) for the
                              Hispanic population of Lawrence, deep in the null
                              of this station. (TF).
1110 KBND OR
                              - Back to News/talk (GP).
1130 WEEO PA
              .Waynesboro
                              - Adult standards (GP).
1150 KLRG AR
              North Little Rock - Gospel (GP).
                              - Silent for a time, as the Trinity River flooded
1150 KVIL TX
              Dallas
                              the transmitter site. (GP).
                               - CWM//FM, will be satellite CWM for a month or
1220 WGAR OH Cleveland
                              two, then satellite news/talk, then by fall will be
                              local news/talk (GP).
                              - Silent (GP).
1230 WKCE TN
             Harriman
                              - Big bands, adult standards (TF).
1250 CHWO ON
              Oakville
1270 WMLC MS
              Monticello
                              - Silent (GP).
1270 WHLD NY
             Niagara Falls
                              - Interesting compination of oldies, religion, and
                              ethnic programs "The Sound of the Falls" (TF).
1270 KTRT OK Claremore
                              - Talk (GP).
                              - The station that brought you all weather, and
1280 WWTC MN Mineapolis
                              dozens of other formats is now dropping rock oldies
                              for pre-teen radio (Radio Ahs". (TF from GP).
1280 KLGV TX Longview
                              - Traditional CWM (GP).
1290 WTNX TN
              Lynchville
                              - Silent (GP).
1290 KCUB AZ
              Tucson
                              - Traditional CWM (GP).
1290 WCOW WI
              Sparta
                              - Adult standards (GP).
                              - A consistent blend of CHR/Religion/Ethnic (TF).
1320 CJMR ON
              Missasagua
                               - "For women only", EZL. POP, drops MYL (Dave
1320 WKAP PA
              Allentown
                              Schmidt).
1340 KPDN TX
              Pampa
                               - Silent (GP).
1350 KBAD CA
              Bakersfield
                               - Silent (GP).
1360 WHNR FL
              Cypress Gardens - Full service adult standards (GP).
1360 WMOV WV
              Ravenswood
                              - Religion (GP).
1380 KIPO HI
              Pearl City
                               - Variety //FM (GP).
1400 WFTL FL
              Fort Lauderdale - Adult standards(GP).
              Stamford
1400 KURP TX
                              - Silent (GP).
                              - Gospel (GP).
1420 WACT AL
              Tuscaloosa
                              - Adds gospel and jazz to Black oldies (GP).
1430 WNJR NJ
              Newark
1440 KKIP AR
              Lowell
                               - Religion (GP).
                               - AC, Full service, sports, "Niagara's Energy"
1440 WJJL NY
              Niagara Falls
                               (TF).
                                                          NEWS II80
1450 KOWA CA
              Escondido
                               - Adult standards (GP)
                               - CWM (GP).
1450 KONE NV
              Reno
              Painesville
1460 WBKC OH
                               - AC/oldies (GP).
1470 KXOA CA
              Sacramento
                               - 50's and 60's oldies (GP).
                                                              1001 Farnam-on-the-Mail
1470 WOHO OH
              Toledo
                               - AC//WWWM (GP).
                                                             Omaha, Nebraska 68102
              Dardanelle
                               - Southern gospel (GP).
1490 KWXT AR
                               - Silent (TF).
1490 WAQZ NY
              Syracuse
                               - Oldies (GP).
1490 WGMF NY
              Watkins Glen
                               - Primarily Italian, according to station engr at
1540 CHIN ON
              Toronto
                               Toronto Islands XR site. Signal is 50,000/30,000 U-
                               4 from 5 tower site. (TF).
                               - Ex-WKIE, urban and rap, now BRN Business news, in
1540 WRBN VA Richmond
                               an effirt to please its devoted listening audience
                               (TF from GP).
1570 WFLR NY Dundee
                               - Satellite CWM (GP).
1590 WMIM PA
              Mt Carmel
                               - Rock oldies (GP).
1590 WCAM SC Camden
                               - Satellite CWM (GP).
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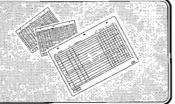
And that's it for another column. Thanks to all, especially Geov Parrish, for updating us all. Get your formats in.....73's..

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# CPC Report

Courtesy Programs Committee activities

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The 1989-90 CPC Season was perhaps one of the best in my 25 years with the NRC. The statistics are as follows: 27 Tests were scheduled, of those 2 "No Shows" (WKMT & WIVV). Of those test two where "Self Scheduled" WKEN by NRC'er Dave Schmidt and WHDH by fellow traveler Jim Mulvey. Two tests were arranged thru the graces of Engineer Michael Kline (WADN & WILD), who was referred to the NRC by Peter George of the NRC.

The remaining 21 tests were the result of 195 letters that were generated by the Colorado CPC Machine. These letters were financed by the following NRC'ers:

Hank Holbrook Charles C. Harrison Frank Merrill Howard G. Kemp Kurt A. Nelson Norman Wittschen III

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We feel that it is not so much the amount that was donated, but that the donation was made. The grand total donated was \$122.50 of which one \$5.00 contribution was late and will be used for 1990-91, leaving \$117.50 in donations used this year. For those that would be inclined to look at the figures, 195 at \$.50 is \$97.50. Where did the other \$10.00 go? Those stamps were involved in the follow-up replies to the stations that responded (whether they eventually tested or not). For each test that is arranged a minimum of two

letters is involved, the original request and the confirmation.

The Machine's contribution is of course time, but other incidentals from this year's CPC program included approximately \$50.00 in phone calls to reschedule tests that were agreed upon so late that the date had to be changed in order for us to get the information in DX News. For those that didn't make it into DX News, the blame lies with Wayne, and he will be making some adjustments to keep that from happening in the 1990-91 season.

Another name that needs to be mentioned is AM SWITCH editor Jerry Starr. Most of the stations that tested did agree to use Morse Code ID's, which, in many cases, were essential for a positive ID. The stations that didn't have someone available to make the ID tapes were supplied these by Jerry (N8IRL). In the case of WBIU, the entire DX TEST was recorded by Jerry and played back for our DX'ing enjoyment.

This coming season the Machine hopes at least to duplicate what was done last year. For that we, once again, need the support of the membership. In addition to money or stamps, we would really appreciate some target lists from the membership. Last year everyone really got a chance to listen for the stations that WE wanted to hear. So, if you want to hear something other than what WE want to hear, get us your lists! Even if you're shy on cash, we would appreciate targets.

The largest portion of the work involved with CPC is the targeting process. We require a suggested Morning (i. e. Sunday thru Saturday) and a suggested time along with the station call and frequency. We'd like to suggest that no AN stations be submitted and that you look towards early morning. We've had great success getting stations to come on just before their normal sign-ons. Another good time is just after a stations normal sign-off. This way station personnel don't have to go way out of their way to accommodate us.

To help send us TARGETS and STAMPS so we can get this season off to a GREAT start. Thanks for all of your support!

Jeff Tynan, Wayne Heinen and the Apple ][e.

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When: September 7, 8, and 9, 1990 Where: Motel 6

If you can't attend the NRC Labor Day Weekend or haven't had your fill of talking DX, then why not join a bunch of us in Milwaukee for a little Get-Together...VERY INFORMAL, nothing planned, no station tours. No registration fee. About 40 places to eat!! Starts around 6pm Central Local Time, Friday and goes through Sunday Evening. Meet around the Motel 6 lobby area. 5037 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee. Across the street from the (MKE) Billy Mitchell Milwaukee International Airport. If you were at the NRC Milwaukee Convention or the Milwaukee ANARC '85 convention we are just down the street (same street). Reservations 414-482-4414 (around \$29 single,\$37 double, etc.) Reserve early as its a busy weekend in the Milwaukee area and these rooms won't be there very long. No special rates for us, since we have no idea who is coming!! See you there.

# Musings of the Members

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

PETE KEMP, KZ1Z - P O BOX 73 - BETHEL, CT. 06801 Greetings all, summer has arrived! WOBK's talk/sportscaster John Graney has added sports directorship of WRGB-TV to his dailey schedule. Casey Kasem and his wife Jean became parents of a baby girl on May 31st. Axed WABC talkshow host Lynne Sammuels has landed a once a week talk gig on WBAI-FM. Two FL AM stations have been fined by the FCC for their failure to meet equal opportunity guidelines, WAPG & WOOJ will pay fines of \$18,000 and \$15,000 respectively. The US Dept. of Justice is urging their repeal of the financial interest and syndication rules. FINSYN, as it is known in the industry, has "Hollywood" commercial interests going tooth and nail against Washington's latest urging. The BBC is schedueld to layoff 15% of their workforce over the next 3 years in an effort to cut costs (ah, I've heard THAT before!). Gostelradio, in the Soviet Union, has signed an agreement with Franck Entertainment in Hollywood to produce 48 one hour segments of "Hollywood Nights". The World Cup Soccer Matches in Italy have scored well on radio & TV. RAI, which according to some is not in the greatest financial shape, should benefit greatly from the 'provider' status. Tiny Caribou, ME mornings won't be the same as Wayne Knight & Jerry Gagnon have been replaced on WFST by syndicated satellite fed music. Here's an interesting one for you, Buddy Dean is on the air in Baltimore again, this time on WYST-1010 doing his oldies thing on Sunday afternoons. Buddy tapes his voice tracks at a small radio station in Pine Bluffs, AR and sends them to WYST where the music is inserted. Buddy used to host a rock and roll dance show on WJZ-TV from 1957-64. It was this TV show that was the model used in the movie Hairspray. Larry Johnson (The Legend) has been axed by WISN after a four year stint. The latest deal to sell WFIL has fallen through, in the meantime, 560 will continue to simulcast WEAZ-FM. KHNH in Kansas City has gone from CW to all news, Jerry Fogel will be the new morning news anchor. C. Miles Smith will replace Tom Houck as a talkshow host on WGST in Sept. C. Miles will be known as Ralph from Ben Hill on the air. Fellow NRC'ers who are interested in the history of radio may want to check out "When Radio Was Boss" by Bill Earl. It contains a lot of PR info on the big West Coast rock stations of the 50's & 60's. If you were raised on KHJ, XERF, KRLA, KYA, KMEN, then this book will bring a glow to your eyeballs. For more info., contact Bill Earl at Research Associates, 633 N. Taylor Ave., No. 18, Montebello, CA 90640, phone 213-728-1946. By the way, do any fellow NRC'ers know if the "Chickenman" series is still playing anywhere around the country? It was a quite popular production put out by Dick Orkin in Chicago in the mid/late 60's. Very funny and made people tune in daily due to it's episodic nature. International types should pay notice to the fact that the VOA is being hassled by the Society for the Prevention of Nature in Israel. The claim environmental damage to the Negev Desert if the new transmitter facilities are completed, saying towers will be located in an internal bird pathway and that damage to desert plants will occur. I'll readily admit that I don't know a heck of a lot about deserts, but it sure sounds foolish to me. So much for now.

CARL W. DABELSTIEN - 9404 SANTE FE LANE - OVERLAND PARK, KS It has been quite a long time since I last Mused. I first want to thank those who attended the '89 Convention in Topeka. It was especially nice to meet some old acquaintenances, particularly visiting with John Tudenham, Karl Jeter & Wayne Heinen. The convention actually spurred some DX interest this past season enabelling me to add 20-25 new stations to my logbook and an equal amount of veries to my collection which totals 2,326. Had chances recently to visit with several fellow NRC members, Paul Swearingen and Todd Brandenburg at the ARRL convnetion here, and Rick Dau who was in town last week for a rock concert. One thing accomplished during the past several months was to put together a couple of cassette tapes, one containing 100 or so frequency checks (what were they?) from the 1960-80 period, and the other a scan of the mid-day BCB dial in the metro KC area. If anyone would like a copy of either, just send me a C-60 cassette. Whether I will attend the convention this year is still in question. As some of you know, I am a public utility regulatory consultant and travel considerably in my job. I am spending most of this summer in Manhatten working on a project for NY Telephone Co. I have already made 3 trips to the Big Apple and 2 to Albany (when are you on the air Laura?) since the first of May. By Labor Day, I'll probably be a little burnt out on travelling to want to make Pittsburgh. Nevertheless, I haven't ruled it out. One last item, I have a complete collection of DX NEWS' from '55 to present, can anyone guess what the market value of these would be? 73's, have a nice, safe summer!

BILL PRATHER, KC4KMG - P O BOX 62 - TRYON, NC 28782
Hello again from the Western NC mountains. Not a great deal of DXing with
the hot weather and high static level here. Many unusual changes on the
local scene. WORD-910 Spartanburg should be back on with a simulcast of
WFBC-1330 Greenville by late summer/early fall. They are both part of the
same ARB market so this is quite different! Also, owners of WHKP-1450
Hendersonville have purchased silents WTYN-1160 Tryon and WPNF-1240 Brevard, with plans to simulcast WHKP. Problems with the terrain around here
may cause problems with the links, so rumor has it in may be via satellite
uplink! I had the pleasure of serving as PD at WTYN about 9 years ago, so
this is unusual. Also, locally, WHYZ-1070 Greenville supposedly has their
2.5 kw nightime service on the air but has been having trouble with the 50
kw. Listeners down south after 2100 should be able to hear them with their
tight S/SE pattern. That's it from the Blue Ridge Mountains, 73's, Good DX!

JERRY STARR - WHOT RADIO - 4040 SIMON ROAD - YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44512 Greetings! Time for the semi-annual Musing. As usual, DX here is almost non-existant as most of the time alloted to BCB DX is taken up with AM switch. One verie back, from WILD-1090, a letter which mentioned my tape and report to WADN-1120 but no reply from that station has arrived yet. Several comments on Paul Mount's Muse in the last issue, yes, from the FCC database, it appears that WWRV-1330 has indeed moved in with WWDJ-970 as their XR coordinates are the same. Evidently, the lack of available land in the area has dictated this action, making three cases of stations in the NYC area sharing antenna systems. And, yes, it may be confusing for people outside western PA to hear "WPIAL" and confuse it for a call. Tis the Western PA Interscholastic Athletic League, which governs all high school sports in Western PA, its a term very frequently on sportscasts. It is much like the confusion of hearing "WRTA" on a Youngstown station as the Western Reserve Transportation Authority runs our local mass transit system, even has a singing jingle that says "WRTA" many times in their ad! We'll be hitting the road over the summer for such diverse venues as N. Wilkesboro, NC; Bristol, TN; Richmond, VA; Loudon, NH; Charlotte, NC and several locations in FL. These trips will be "working" vacations, so to speak, but we'll attempt to check out the BCB situation in these ares and will report anything unusual. Sorry, Dave, but our schedule makes it necessary to skip the Dover, DE race this year so see you in '91. (It'll still rain EVEN if you don't come-hi!-DWS). Our move to 1390 at WHOT-AM is still progress as the land where the present 1390 site is has been sold and will become a mall. Since the timetable didn't work out quite right, we are moving to a temporary XR site on the NW side of Youngstown where we are in the process of erecting a single antenna, will run 1000 watts non-DA until a new permanant site can be constructed just south of the old location. By the time this reaches you, we will be operating from the tempoarary site and would really be interested in reports. Hey Dave, remember those 6-400 foot self supporting towers you lived next to when you were here in Youngstown? (Who could forget that!-DWS) The plan is to dynamite them, should be quite a show! Sorry to see a historic old XR site become a mall but I quess that's progress. Put in your list of stations with unusual studios, WOKG-1570. Following their fire this winter, they have been broadcasting from a trailer next to the burned out building. Make that a PIZZA TRAILER! That's right, the kind you see at fairs. A listener donated the trailer, ovens and all! I'm not sure if they're selling pizza but they might make more that way-hi! The last time I heard them, they were still begging listeners to send in money to build a new station even though this is a commercial operation. Final otherness: I finally got around to upgrading my ham license to extra class and have to admit that this hobby is cutting into my BCB DX time a bit. And GOOD LUCK to old friend Chuck Hutton as he heads for Spain, let's set up a sked-hi! 73's, Good DX, and see you at the convention. PS: Dave, welcome back to the Fellowship of NRC Editors.

GARY MITCHELL — BOX 1003 — SAMP MORTAR, CT 06430
Doing my paperwork so might as well send in a Muse. Just returned from a trip to E ME. Quite enjoyable listening to the AM band with literally no local stations. The band is full at night but what surprised me was the strength of the NS stations during the day, like locals. Of interest, I noted GE SUPERADIO II's being sold in a hardware store in Machias, ME. I asked about such and they seemed to note they sold alot of them and could get them as they wished, under \$50 if I remember correctly. The last review on the Radio Shack 12-625 is what I found out long ago, seemed very poor low end and otherwise not acceptable. Don't know of any good portable radios on the market except the Panasonic RF559. Have not tried the Sony ICF-760. Have had good luck with the Radio Shack AM Stereo/FM Stereo

car receiver, been in car 3 years and still working (recently discontinued and going for \$89.95 where available-DWS). Finally, now is the time to DX 1700 khz area.

TONY FITZHERBERT - 356 JACKMAN AVENUE - FAIRFIELD, CT 06432 Hi! First, it's great to see that Dave Schmidt has come out of retirement to edit "Musings". A few years ago, Dave did a great job on DDXD. Welcome back, Dave! (Thanks, Tony. But I still can't figure out why the light shows up on the wall when I shinethe flash light in my left ear-hi! It's been like that for a while!-DWS) Sadly, I will not be at the Pittsburgh convention over Labor Day. I'm president of one school PTA, Vice President of the Fairfield High School PTA, and VP of PTA Council, so will be very busy with teachers lucheons, open houses, back-to-school nights and getting committes started. The same activities have kept from the dial. Only verie in the past 3 mouths was a form from CFGM-640. The irony of which follows. In early July, son Kevin and I went on the annual railroad trip to Buffalo (which has a new Metro), Toronto and Montreal. In Toronto, we rented a car to journey to Niagara Falls and Buffalo. I did get by some Toronto radio transmitter sights. Toronto is perhaps the directioan1 array capital of Canada, with its proximity to New York, Montreal, Detroit and other population areas. While visiting the beautiful Toronto Islands, we discovered the 5 tower array for CHIN-1540, on the grounds of a sanitary disposal treatment plant. The engineer there told me that the station has a primarily Italian format. The studios on College Street are in the heart of Toronto's Italian community and CHIN throws a picnic for almost 200,000 people! The station protects WPTR & KXEL and the 50000/30000 watt signal gets many reports from Scandinavia and the Balkans. Behind CHIN is found the new 6 tower array for CJCL-1430, which has replaced 5 tiny towers in a bird sanctuary on the island. In Missasaqua, a suburb of 422,000 people is found, on Credit Line Road, the 13 towers of CJMR-1320. This array formerly belonged to CFGM and the CJMR format is a combination of rock, paid religion and ethnic programs, odd combination! In Oakville, just down the OEW, RT401, is found the 5 towers of CFRB-1010, a rather interesting talk station. Two 500 plus foot towers handle the day pattern and 3 shorter towers carry the night pattern. In back of an asbestos plant on Lake Shore Ave., and photographed from the lawn of Barney's Motel & Bar, is found the 6 tower rectangle of CHUM-1050, Toronto's former answer to WABC. Down past Hamilton, just outside Grinish, is found on the back of Lake Ontario, 8-600 plus foot towers for CKEY-590. They have replaced the 5 tower system in the lake off Tornto Island, no trace of the old array is visable except the remains of the cement platforms which have been pushed ashore and are used as rip-rap to avoid erosion. The last stop is off Merit Rd. in Beamville to see the new 8 tower array for CFGM-640, more than 60 miles away from the Richmond Hill studio! This more than & mile of towers must have cost a fortune. Being a CW fan, I listened to many "commercial free" hours on 640. While listeners appreciate it, they don't pay the operating costs let alone the cost of the huge transmitter sight. So I was not surprised to hear the GM come on the air Wed. 6/27 to announce that they were dropping the CW format, which it has carried since '57. He did not say what the new format would be although my guess would be urban contemporary (not noted on any other station) or paid religion. The GM advised the station was earning no money and the CW music could be heard on CHAM-820, CHOO-1390, CHOW-1470, CKPC-1380 and a couple of FM stations. Locally, my favorite station WDJZ-1530 sacked GM Russ Knight (ex of KLIF) and it's on air staff with one hour's notice on 6/29, signed off at 1800 and came back as an all Spanish and Portuguese station, satellite fed from Springfield, MA. That leaves WICC-600 as the only English, full service station in Bridgeport. WCUM-1450 is a Spanish full service station in the market. A trip to Detroit and some Ontario profiles awaits in a month. 73's.

RICK DAU - RR 2, BOX 64 - OAKLAND, IA 51560
Greetings again from IA. First of all, I'd like to welcome Dave Schmidt back into the NRC's editorial fold. I trust you will do a good job with the Musings, Dave. I tried for the WKEN test back on 1/15 but it was a no show. Only usual obnoxious pest KATZ and sidekick KCRG were heard. It would have been a new state for me if heard. Did manage to hear KABI's test the same morning, however. On to the present. Very little DX has been heard here lately. My last new catch was a surprise, though, the 5/14 frequency check of WSWV-1570. Was nice to log such a distant station after the end of the season, and it was my 4th VA logging. So far, June has brought the return of two GY'ers, KBIX-OK and WLOK-TN. Just received my first tape from the DX Audio Service, a very well produced effort! Hopefully, it will be a long relationship. On 5/21, I heard north and to KDSN-1530 Denison, and given a nice tour of the AM/FM station by the secretary. Since Jan.1, the AM has been live CW, the FM live AdCon.

Prior to that, it was reverse. They also gave me some bumper stickers and even ice scrapers. After the visit, I journeyed farther north to Ida Grove, known as medieval Iowa because the south edge of town features structures (including an airplane hanger) made up as castles, including a pirate ship on a nearby lake. While there, noted signals from KFGO-790 & KFYR-550, both over 300 miles further north. Of course, many stations from southern MN were in quite well. July highlights from 2 years ago brought KLDD-570 and WCAZ-990, one year ago the best catches of the month were WNNO-900, KDAL-610, WSPO-1010, CISS-1140, and KVSV-1190. I had to skip this years ARRL convention in Kansas City because of work but I will definitely be in Pittsburgh on Labor Day weekend and Knoxville on Columbus Day weekend. I may be making a 4 day visit to MN during the first part of August as well. 73's and so long from the farm!

JOHN MALICKY - 995 SHADYCREST RD - PITTSBURGH, PA 15216-3023 Hello again. First, congrats & good luck to Dave Schmidt for taking over the Musings. While this is my first Muse in a long time, I've been busy over the winter/spring months having trained and completed my 2nd Pittsburgh Marathon (3:53:49). Last few weeks, I've been concentrating on Pittsburgh. My mistake as I had wrong info and sent the convention info a week late to Paulu, so no appearance in June's issue. The convention committee is trying a few things differently but fairly same as conventions in the past plus we've been offered outside help from NRC'ers. It looks very good we'll have a tour of the KDKA transmitter per a friendly conversation with CE Jack Layton. The bus tour will be on Saturday, tentatively between 11A-4P. Not everyone may want to go so I will leave it up to anyone going with a small fee, looking at \$5. I thought with getting around Pittsburgh (you can get lost!), a bus would take some of the driving duties off people. On Sunday, an optional cruise of the Pittsburgh's River on the Gateway Clipper will be made available (tantatively) with departure at 1:30 P and back at port, 4P. Hope many of you can come, see you in Pittsburgh! 73's.

CESAR OBJIO - CALLE ENRIQUE HENRIQUEZ 69 - SANTO DOMINGO, DR Hi, friends, I think it has been some time since my last Musing. Here, I wish to give you a brief report of our last presidential election held on May 16t. After a very long election campaign, at last everything came to quietness on May 14, last day for propaganda. On the 15th, nothing. On the 16th, there started the usual "Voz de la Junta Central Electroal" at 5 AM. All radio and TV stations had to relay this headed by Clasica Radio on 97.5 mhz. Why this in place of the government station on 620? Perhaps due to the ownership of the 97.5 station. Most of the stations did not join the network, they stayed silent. There are about 70 stations in Santo Domingo, about 12 were on the AM band, about 7 on FM, and, surprising, all cable TV was blocked off. All voting went quietly, no incidents or accidents happened. Now to another thing, in order to find out what had happened with Radio Sutatenza, I had a very good talk with the cultural atache in the Columbian Embassy. He told me their main problem was economical and they had to leave the air and that all the equipment has been sold. So they are likely off the air for good. Sorry not able to make the convention. 73's.

DAVE SCHMIDT - P O BOX 11502 - WILMINGTON, DE 19850 That's everything through 7/17 and it'll go out about 5 PM from the GMF at Wilmington. We've been pretty busy of late again with the radio work and getting ready to do a big up-grade on WCEI-FM Easton, MD (3000 watts to 25000 watts), hopefully that will be on this fall. In a recent trip to Lancaster, in passing the Strasburg Railroad main depo, a sign was noted for a TIS station on 1530, giving parking info for the Strasburg area. I suspect this is one operated by the railroad and not the park service as the ones operating on 1610. In a recent trip thru Harpers Ferry, WV, the 1610 TIS station there has not been noted, as well as the TIS station on 1610 at Valley Forge, PA (which had an amazing coverage area of about 20 miles when it was on!) Plans are being set up for us to be at the convention even though it will be right at the start of the football broadcast season in this area. We should have that out of the way by then. Thanks to all for the kind words in taking on the editorship of the column and again, we ask, that your reports should be DX related/club related/etc. We will be looking over each submitted report and editing as needed to keep it in the guidelines. And after 15 years or so, I've gone "back on the air" at WAMS-1380 Wilmington, DE, doing fill in work for the regular gang on vacations, off days, etc. WAMS features an oldies format, which is still pulling some numbers in the Top 10 stations in the market. The next deadline is the wekk before the pub. session deadline in Topeka. 73's







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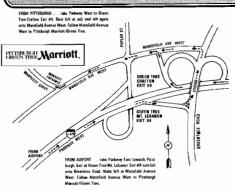
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