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CPC Test Calendar

Call	Date	Time	
KRAR	Oct. 3, 1994	0100-0130	
KWEY	1590	0500-0530	
KBOR	1600	0430-0500	
KA2XXAU	1620	0200-0230	
WZZZ	1300	0500-0530	
WPMR	960	0030-0100	
WGCEA	1150	0100-0130	
WPIE	1160	0200-0230	
WNAM	1280	0300-0330	
WGFT	1320	0030-0100	
KEAS	1590	0400-0430	
KOIL	1180	0100-0130	
KYCA	1490	Nov. 7, 1994	0230-0300
WGCN	1200	Nov. 14, 1994	0000-0030
KDDDD	800	Nov. 21, 1994	0130-0200
HCB	690	Dec. 24, 1994	0015-0045

KRAR-1290 - 1001 Farmam St. - Omaha, NE 68102 will conduct a DX test between 1:00 and 1:30 am EDT Monday, October 3. The test will include Morse Code, test tones, voice ID's, and a mixture of polkas and big band music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Allen Sherrill, Chief Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

KWEX-1590 - P. O. Box 587 - Weatherford, OK 73096 will conduct a DX test between 5:00 and 5:30 am EDT Monday, October 3. The test will include Morse code, voice ID's, and an unspecified selection of music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Ray Babby, Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

KBOR-1600 - Box 3407 - Brownsville, TX 77823-3407 will conduct a DX test on Sunday morning, October 9 between 4:30 and 5:00 am EDT. The test will be at 1000 watts, possibly with CIDs. Reports should be sent to Mr. Edgar Centurino. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

KA2XXAU-1620 - P. O. Box 500 - Richland, PA 17087 will conduct a DX test between 2:00 and 2:30 am EDT Monday, October 10. The test from this experimental station will include tones and Morse code ID's. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Irv Fidler, Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WZZZ-1300 - 1300 Radio Park, Lakeshore Road - Fulton, NY 13069 will conduct a DX test between 5:00 and 5:30 am EDT Monday, October 10. The test will include Morse code, voice ID's, and polkas and other easily identifiable music. Correct reception reports will be verified with a QSI card for reports sent to Mr. Peter Hunt, owner. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WPMR-960 - P. O. Box 132 - Mount Pocono, PA 18344-0132 will conduct a DX test between 12:30 and 1:00 am EDT. The test will include Morse code ID's, test tones, and "various audio programs". Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Jeff Woodrle, Chief Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WGCEA-1150 - P. O. Box 339 - Geneva, AL 36340 will conduct a DX test between 1:00 and 1:30 am EDT. The test will include Morse code ID's, test

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the September 9, 1944 DXN: Bill Gabriel, Jr., Lakewood, OH, reported on his visits to stations in Mexico City, ranging from the modern studios of XEQ and XEW to those of XEFO where plaster was peeling off the walls and XERC with a broken-down brick wall around it and chickens and little kids in the yard ... From the September 23, 1944 DXN: The NRC became a BCB-only club with the discontinuance of the Short Wave section. In a tie-breaking vote, Ernie Cooper, Brooklyn, NY was elected chairman of the Board of Directors.

25 years ago ... from the August 23, 1969 DXN: NRC's Gordon Nelson was selected "Man of the Year" for 1969 ... plans for Nelson's FET altazimuth loop antenna were published in DXN.

10 years ago ... from the September 24, 1984 DXN: Craig Healy logged "RAB" from Rabinal, Guatemala, on 1613 kHz August 5 ... The YOA was planning to put Radio Marti on the air by late autumn.

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tones and polka music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Doc Parker, General Manager. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WPIE-1160 - P.O. Box 1160 - Trumansburg, NY 14886 will conduct a DX test on Monday morning, October 24 between 2:00 and 2:30 am EDT. The test will be operated at 5000 watts and include CIDs, tones and music. Send reception reports to Mr. Joe Lovorio, General Manager. Phone calls are welcome at (607) 387-3185. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

WVNA-1290 - P. O. Box 707 - Nennah, WI 54957-0707 will conduct a DX test between 3:00 and 3:30 am EDT Monday, October 24, 1994. The test will include Morse code ID's, test tones, and big band/swing music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. David J. Miller, Chief Operator. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WGEE-1320 - P.O. Box 280 - Gettysburg, PA 17325 will conduct a DX test on Saturday morning, October 29 between 12:30 and 1:00 am EDT. The test will be at 500 watts and will consist of CIDs, VIDs, and tones. Send reception reports to Mr. Larry Angle. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

KEAS-1590 - P.O. Box 590 - Eastland, TX 76448 will conduct a DX test on Sunday morning, October 30 between 4:00 and 4:30 am EST. The test will include VIDs and possibly CIDs. Reception reports should be sent to Mr. Dan Staggs. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

KOIL-1180 - 1001 Farnam St. - Omaha, NE 68102 will conduct a DX test between 1:00 and 1:30 am EST Monday, October 31. The test will include Morse code test tones, voice ID's, and a mixture of polkas and big band music at 25 kW. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Allen Sherrill, Chief engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

KYCA-1490 - 600 6th St. - Prescott, AZ 86301 will conduct a DX test between 2:30 and 3:00 am EST. The test will include Morse code, test tones, and voice ID's. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Al Hartzell (N7UKQ), Chief Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WGNV-1200 - P. O. Box 2307 - Newburgh, NY 12550 will conduct a DX test between 12:00 and 12:30 am EST. The test will include test tones and Morse code ID's. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Shawn C. McGrath, Operations Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

KDDD-800 - P. O. Box 555 - Dumas, TX 79029 will conduct a DX test between 1:30 and 2:00 am EST. The test will include test tones and Morse code ID's. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Granville Murphy (W5QVD). Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

HCB-690 ... see details in IDXD on page 18. From the publisher ... As you can see, the CPC test season is suddenly well under way, with no scarcity of tests from the NRC and IRCA. Robert Tiara reports that the Chief Engineer for KSD-550, David Obergruber, who ran a test last December 5 for IRCA, is now at KZIM-960 - P. O. Box 1610 - Cape Girardeau, MO 63702, and is "cleaning out the drawers" of old QSL requests and also sent Bob a KSD verbiage upon request to the KZIM address.

The New Hampshire NRC convention was a hoot. Here are the vitals from host Bruce Cont (more details will follow):
-55 attended, from as far away as California and Hawaii.
- Convention site DX included hearing Norway-1314 and Denmark-1062
- Paul Swearingen and Bill Hale were honored for their dedication to the club, with plaques commemorating the New Hampshire convention.
- Mark Connelly was the door prize winner of a Superadio III. Ernie Cooper got the highest score on the NRC Quiz, followed by Scott Fybish, John Sampson, Bob Lawgave, and Frank Merrill were the DX Audio Service quiz winners.
- It looks like Denver, Colorado will be the site of the 1995 convention.

Thanks for a great job, Bruce. Now, get some well-deserved rest!

Welcome to these new members ... Felipe L. G. Flores, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil; Kenneth L. Diehl, Kansas City, MO; Lynn Gillis, Jacksonville, FL (rejoins); Raymond Baumerhuber, Rosedale, NY (rejoins); Mark Whittington, Austin, TX (rejoins); David R. Ball, Mississauga, Ontario, Brent A. Berry, Juliet, IL; Stephen M. Byan, Littleton, MA (rejoins); Russ Horton, Mississauga, Ontario; Scott Magyar, West Milford, PA; Ms. Kathryn Hay, Stone Mountain, GA.

DXV Publishing Schedule, Volume 62

#	Deadline	Pub. Date	8 Nov	11 Nov	21 Nov
1	Sept. 23	Oct. 3	Nov. 18	Nov. 28	
2	Sept. 31	Oct. 10	Nov. 25	Dec. 5	
3	Oct. 7	Oct. 17	Dec. 2	Dec. 12	
4	Oct. 14	Oct. 24	Dec. 9	Dec. 19	
5	Oct. 21	Oct. 31	Dec. 16	Dec. 26	
6	Oct. 28	Nov. 7	Dec. 30	Jan. 9	
7	Nov. 4	Nov. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	

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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call:	New call:	Old call:	New call:
590 WEEL MA Boston	WBNIW	1190 KBLD CO Boulder	KBCO*
610 WRUS KY Russellville	WBVR	1200 KBOQ CA Soquel	KOQJ
850 WHDH MA Boston	WEEL	1380 WHRS KY Winchester	WLNT
1040 WCCQ PR Moca	WZNA	1430 WMRV NY Endicott	WENE

APPLICATIONS/GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

680 WISR PA	Butler: add 23 watts nights, antenna to U1
760 WKNL TN	Knoxville: reduce power to 2400 watts
980 KICA NM	Clovis: reduce night power to 110 watts, antenna to U1
1060 WRHL IL	Rochelle: add 20 watts nights, antenna to U3
1410 WOHT MS	Cleveland: reduce night power to 23 watts, antenna to U5 (FCC alternates between showing this station in Cleveland or Boyle, MS. As of today they seem to be favoring Cleveland...???)
1510 KAND TX	Midland: power to 2400 watts

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

620 WHB PA	Greensburg: night power to 350 watts, relocate transmitter site
790 KIRB WA	Spokane: relocate transmitter site
1450 KRZY NM	Albuquerque: relocate transmitter site
1570 WBUX PA	Boylestown: changes in antenna system

OTHERNESS

570 WIDS KY	Russell Springs: station is SILENT
610 KSKE CO	Vail: station is SILENT (again)
730 WVEN MI	East Lansing: CP for 500/50 U4 is on
830 WCEN MA	Worcester: new station is testing ON THE AIR, first noted 7-27 with IDs only, no regular programming heard, quite possibly site testing with low power

840 CHUR ON	North Bay: requests move to 100.5 FM and will relinquish AM license
850 WREF CT	Ridgefield: modified CP for 2500 watts in on
960 WFLA MA	Dithurburg: previously reported to be back on the air, three of our reporters all within a few miles this station all report it is still SILENT. Point Pleasant: reported in MSJ as being ON THE AIR but on 8-26 and again 8-28 your editor was in Ripley, WV, about 20 miles from Point Pleasant and could detect no signal. Do we have a member in that immediate vicinity who could confirm this?
1030 WBCS WV	Price: silent station is ON THE AIR
1080 KRPX UT	Warwick: silent station is ON THE AIR
1110 WTBQ NY	Gordon: station is SILENT
1120 WBNN GA	Mount Pleasant: silent station is ON THE AIR
1150 WCEN MI	\$1 Albert: move to 104.9 scheduled for 9-1-94 at which time the AM facility will be DELETED (format remains the same but FM call will be CPMG)
1200 CIMG AB	Thunder Bay: requests move to 105.3 FM and will relinquish AM license
1230 CLB ON	McComb: station is SILENT
1250 WHNY MS	Manchester: silent station is ON THE AIR
1260 WBRK NH	Blakely: silent station is ON THE AIR
1260 WBBK GA	Jacksonville: silent station is ON THE AIR
1280 WSWV FL	



1330	KMRR	AZ	South Tucson: station is SILENT.
1350	CHVR	ON	Pembroke: requests move to 96.7 FM and will relinquish their AM license and the licenses of CHVR-1 Renfrew and CHVR-2 Arnprior, both 1400 kHz
1370	CKOD	IN	Valleyfield: has moved to 102.9 and cancelled AM license, station is SILENT and will not return.
1380	KMUS	OK	Muskogee: station is SILENT.
1440	WPGW	IN	Portland: CP for 500/45 is on Newmarket: has moved to 88.5 FM and cancelled AM license; station is SILENT and will not return.
1480	CKDX	ON	Lincolnton: station is SILENT.
1490	WZOR	FL	Waynesboro: silent station is ON THE AIR
1500	WATB	VA	Sardis: station is SILENT.
1500	WKOT	MS	Chatanooga: CP for 10000 watts is on Springdale: silent station is ON THE AIR
1580	WTCL	FL	Gray: station is SILENT
1590	KOKK	AR	Ocean City: station is SILENT, unconfirmed inside info is that needed repairs are about 10 times the value of this property; a recent sale attempt found no takers and it is "not likely to return."
1590	WKYZ	KY	
1590	WFTT	MD	

WEATHER RADIO: See Otherness 1550 in Issue 26; we have unearthed several other Weatheradio operations in addition to the ones already listed, in Pacific Rim Park and Swartz Bay, BC, both on 1260 kHz with undetermined power. All these stations are NSP.

THANKS: Dave Schmidt, Andy Rugg, Ed Krejny, Shawn Axelrod, Brian Vernon, Marc DeLorenzo, Wayne Heinem, Lynn Gillis, Morris Sorensen, Stan Moss, Bob Yates, Dick Talone and MSJ.

73 and Good DX,

Jerry / BKF

Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foomman

SONY SRF-42 AM Stereo Walkman Review ... by Frank Aden, Jr.

The Sony SRF 42 is a recently-issued (December 93) Stereo radio that, I believe, is the only stereo (C-QUAM) radio currently available to the public.

When I first heard that such a radio was on the market, I called over 20 different Sony offices in North America before I was able to confirm the radio did exist and where I could obtain one. I suspect this radio is going to be a marketing failure if Sony does not make it easier to find. It is apparent they are limiting the number of locations where it can be bought, which I feel is a major mistake. Sony has a new magazine (around \$5.00, found in most larger book stores) which is just a glorified catalog, and it does list this radio.

I found the radio available at the NW SONY ONLY STORE in Portland OR at 1610 NW Glisan, Portland OR 97209. Phone # 503-224-9400. They will take credit card orders via the phone. They quoted me a price of only \$29.00, but charged me only \$26.00. List price is \$34.95.

The radio is small, slightly larger than the Sony SRF-39, measuring about 4.5" by 2.75" by .5". Band coverage is 530-1710 KHz, plus 87.6-108 MHz FM. The SRF-42 uses a small ferrite loopstick AM antenna. Typical of most walkman type radios. Selectivity and sensitivity is about average for a walkman radio. With careful tuning, I can pick out many of the AM Stereo stations heard in this area. Sound quality is quite good. Listening to KBOI-670 with their 40% stereo separation sounds almost as good as listening to FM. When tuned to distant AM stereo stations, the usual "plattoming" distortion can be noticed, especially when moving the antenna (radio) around.

The only complaint I have with this radio is when the volume control is set at minimum, it still puts out a moderate level of audio.

The SRF-42 runs off 2 AA batteries. It has no external port jack. Battery life is listed as 48 hours for FM and 40 hours for AM.

I have already exceeded that with my first set of batteries, so it does not appear to be a problem hooked to that of the Sony stereo radio which was available several years ago.

Hooking up an onboard loop antenna (via the headphone jack) makes the radio fun to tune around with, looking for AM Stereo signals. Also, hooking the SRF-42 to a stereo system can be a pleasant surprise if a strong AM stereo signal is available.

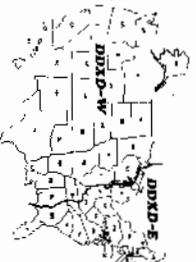
For its price, the Sony SRF-42 is a bargain if you want an AM Stereo radio. As expected, this is not a "DX" machine, but it can provide for some interesting AM Stereo DXing.

Domestic DX Digest

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 (Central time zones)

East: Dave Braun 73520.657@compuserve.com
 11 Mill Bend Acres - Wyoming, DE 19934-9523

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DDXD-W

MEDIUM WAVE AM BUREAU

Greetings from Idaho. Famous for potatoes and forest fires. P-Yew! But the smoke jumpers are doing a whale of a job. My first order of business is to thank Houston member Ned Duval for the phone calls. We really had a couple of nice chats (him chatting, me listening, hi). Ned owes his wife a new quilt and a vacation due to the length of the calls. Also thanks to him for his computer plots, and disks.

My second order of business is to apologize for missing the deadline for last issue's column. As family crises and other business were taking time the weekend of July 2, I kept thinking I had one more week. So, after 230+ on-time columns . . . I screwed up. That's what once-per-month deadlines will do. Anyway, the column for Issues 29 and 30 are combined here.

Have located a Radio Shack TM-152 in a pawn shop. Anybody know what it may be worth? I'm tempted to take a chance on it, but don't want to pay too much. Help! (TY \$20.00 pls.)

If you haven't already heard, . . . as of July 1, American Public Radio is officially Public Radio International. The change of name was done for two reasons: 1) to reduce the confusion with National Public Radio, and 2) to more accurately reflect our activities. What #2 means is that PRI is in the business of importing and exporting radio programs -- they distribute the BBC World Service to U. S. public radio stations, and have other deals pending. [This blurb from a Fido-Net post, and later confirmed here - Ed]

Graveyard updates from Wayne Heinem, Roy Millar, Jack Woods, J.W. Bay, Don Trelford, Ron Bailey, Morris Sorensen and Mark Hattam grace the column this time. A couple of the records that Roy claims have only been on the books a month or so. But that's how we keep that up-to-date. Someone always says "Hey! I heard that station, and I'm further away than that guy". Yup. And your name could be in our Hall of Fame, if only you'd submit the claim. I figure the mileage. Due to a mis-calculation on my part, I shorted Jack Woods out of about 600 miles on a Graveyard record from Issue 28. But his sharp eye, and my re-call has righted that ship. And one of Ron's, which has been on the books since ???, has been re-computed with results at the end of the column. And "Thanks" to Mark for the British TV Guide.

- **Speaking of the Graveyard records . . .** effective as soon as I can clean them up, Graveyard records from non-members will be purged! I haven't looked at them that closely, but suspect a LOT of stations will "open up" for new record-holders. That means YOU members. So, get your logs in order, and be prepared to submit your QY loggings for a possible new record.
- Here's an interesting piece taken from the August 1st edition of the WSTI Report. "Recent field surveys have indicated that many AM directional stations are not properly maintaining their signal patterns. As a result FCC inspectors have been randomly inspecting these stations to encourage compliance. The Dallas Office sent an inspector to Demson, Texas to check an AM/FM station and was surprised to find that the station was operating completely unattended. The station did not change to its nighttime pattern, had no DJ, and no one was watching the EBS receiver. Pre-recorded programming and commercials were brought in periodically by an employee, but the station had no telephone or apparent contact point. FCC inspectors tracked down the station manager who explained that times were hard and he had to lay off the station's employees. A violation notice is being prepared and further action will be coordinated with the Mass Media Bureau." This must be KDSX-950/KDSQ-101.7. Frankly, I wish more inspectors would get out to check some of these violators. I can't wait to see the follow-up.
- And a "thank you" is also in order to Shawn Axelrod for sending several great logos for scanning. They are now in the stable. Shawn sez: "Well, the DX still keeps coming in, with a new TIS from North Dakota and 1ZD from New Zealand on 1008. That Quantum Loop is one great antenna." Another unsolicited testimonial, hi. He got a new computer. And is still

looking for the "return" key, hi. After emptying his waders, retorts... "Went out to work on the DX site at Valhalla, but rain drove us back to Wayne McAra's trailer at Arnes. Managed to get two new ones & WLOW (new for Wayne), so he got three." Brian Vernon passes on some info about the WeatherRadio stations in British Columbia. Thanks, and I hope to hear some DX from you this upcoming season, Brian! And from South Texas, Jim utters that he's got the Log, the County Book, the Sunrise/Sunset Maps, a new road atlas, plus other DXing tools, so is eagerly awaiting the upcoming season. Me, too!

Deadlines for DDXD-W for the beginning of Volume 62 are as follows: Saturday's mail! Yup. Since we jump right into a weekly schedule, have your loggings, tips and Graveyard updates here by Saturday. E-Mail is picked up as late as Sunday mornings for final column preparation. Anyway, we want to hear from you! Especially NEW members.

REPORTERS

- TR-1L Thomas Reiser 9506 South Winchester Apt. 205 Chicago 60643-1109 Sony ICF-2003 with built in antenna
- TR-1L1 Thomas Reiser DXing at Manteno, IL Sony ICF-2003 with built in antenna
- JB-TX Jim Boehm San Antonio IC-71A + galvanized downspout antenna
- BK-CA Bob Karachewski Sunnyvale Radio Shack TRF barefoot
- FA-ID Frank Aden Boise
- DS-xx Doug Smith Nashville, TN (on vacation) or -TN just listenin' or scanning the BBSs
- JW-OR Jack Woods Waldport, OR -TN just listenin' or scanning the BBSs
- TS-1L Tom Sanders (Davison, MI) vac across Illinois JVC Caradio
- TS-1A1 Tom Sanders (Davison, MI) vac in Cedar Rapids JVC Caradio
- TS-1A2 Tom Sanders (Davison, MI) vac in Des Moines JVC Caradio
- MBDXP Shawn Axelrod & Wayne McArae Winnipeg Arnes, MB ICOM R-70 w/ PLAM board + Quantum Loop
- SA-MB1 Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg ICOM R-70 w/ PLAM board & filter mods + 100' lw / 4' box loop/Quantum Loop
- SA-MB2 Old Reliable Swan River ICOM R-70 w/ PLAM board & filter mods + Quantum Loop
- SAL/G-ND Shawn Axelrod & Les Geir [or is that "less gear"?, hi- Ed.] Mountain Drake R-8 + West + East wires
- RD-1A Rick Dau Iowa City Ford car rx (1033 heard here)
- RD-KS Rick Dau on the outskirts of Topeka, KS Ford car rx
- RM-WA Roy Miller Marysville ICF-2010 + Quantum Loop
- BV-AB Brian Vernon Edmonton
- JE-MN Maple Grove CE SuperRadio III
- JE-1A Storm Lake CE SuperRadio III
- Ed-ID Editor Meridian * = newsWIRE services



- SPECIAL**
- 640 WISZ MI Zealand - Heard with "Radio Aahs" children's programming. (DS-vac)
 - 680 GJOB MB Winnipeg - 7/17 0530 - Excellent signal. Now runs the WIN Network talk program nights. (MBDXP)
 - 710 WDSM WI Superior - As of 7/28, has not changed format as reported by M-Street Journal (JE-MN) [For you M-Street readers, hi - Ed.]
 - 770 KUOM MN Minneapolis - Using slogan "770 Radio K" (legal IDs on the hour), running college/alternative rock. (DS-vac)
 - 790 WOSV TN Nashville - My nearest local, has returned to the air. Format sounds like southern gospel/bluegrass. (DS-TN)
 - 950 KJR WA Seattle - Has been purchased by New Century Media, a Seattle-based limited partnership, along with KJR-FM and KUBE-FM, for a total of about \$30 million. [Ed-ID?]
 - 980 KECE MN Richfield - 7/16 2300 - Good with The Edge 93.7 IDs, rock music. Ex: KRXX, and still on the air. (MBDXP)
 - 1060 KLUQ AZ Phoenix - as of 8/17 - Has returned to alternative format from talk, and may be mostly automated. (DS-via CIS message)
 - KRAY CA Chico - Reportedly "pant to the ground" morning of 7/11. Loss of entire facility estimated at \$3 million. Supposed to be back on in 3-4 days. (FA-ID) 7/23 - KRAY-AM is back on the air. Their Natuel 10 kw transmitter arrived on 7/30, and they signed on the air the next morning at 6 am. The Natuel lasted about 15 minutes. They made it back on the air Friday morning. Saturday afternoon, the



- 1160 KENS TX San Antonio - Went all-news 7/11, replacing its music format with affiliation with the Associated Press All-News Network, plus relays of Channel 5's *Eyewitness News*. This makes five SA news (talk) outlets. (JE-TX)
 - 1200 CHMG AB St. Albert - As of 8/29 is // with new FM on 104.9. Add 90 days to that date, and CHMG will be off the air. (Ed-ID?)
 - 1230 KGEJ CA Los Angeles - 8/29 - Switched to gospel music format. (DS-TN)
 - 1330 KNOW MN Minneapolis - Now carries AP's All News Radio (ANR) with local inserts and many promos for FM 91.1. Still non-commercial, but no longer // FM. (JE-MN)
 - 1340 KTIC ID Nampa - Now all-sports, and these CIs, effective 7/18. Carries *The Term* network from WTEM Washington 24-hours, except when broadcasting the *Boise Hawks* Northwest League games. Have heard them announce they will be carrying the San Francisco 49ers this fall. Bought by Diamond Sports (owner of the *Hawks*). (Ed-ID)
 - 1450 KIOV ID Caldwell - Now IDing as a Caldwell station. Have been trying to locate this guy since they returned to the air about 3 months ago. Turned up with a Caldwell address and phone number. Full details to the Log administrators. (Ed-ID)
 - 1460 WBXJ WI Racine - Heard (on Sunday afternoon, so this may not be the regular format) with a program in Spanish, not // to 100.7. (DS-vac)
 - 1470 KKSC IA Sioux City - Ex: KWSL. Another format change; now they're Talk. Many mentions of *Slothead*. (JE-1A)
 - 1520 KMAV ND Mayville - Station has been off the air since 8/12-13, when a storm tore the roof off the station. (SAL/G-ND)
 - 1550 KPIX CA San Francisco - At the top of the hour: *This is KPIX and KPIX-FM San Francisco*, which is the only reference to the AM operation I've heard. But they frequently give their popular ID: 95.7 *The Express* or 95.7 *FM Radio, The Express*. Some references are made to *KPIX Five* which is the television station, Channel 5, in San Francisco. On 7/7, the 10 PM news hour was simply audio from KPIX Five, with their own commercials or music during TV ads. A promo said that on weekends they play *The Flavor of jazz*, so they apparently are not "all news". (BK-CA)
- UNIDs and UNIDs Deed**
- 610 UNID ?? - 7/23 0610 - Very poor, possibly religious, but very light or EZL music. Under KCMO/CISS. (SA-MB2)
 - 1030 UNID ?? - 8/1 0615 - Poor, with TalkNet program. Faded out leaving KMAS. (SA-MB1) [Maybe KTWQ? - Ed.]
- TIS & OTHER STUFF**
- 530 TIS ND Riverdale - 8/16 0330 - Info on Lake Sakakawea, Audubon Lake and Garrison Dam. Site tours + campground info. Maybe new. Less says it appeared around June. Often overrides West Fargo TIS. (SA-LG-ND)
 - TIS ND Riverdale - 8/20 0630 - Very poor in brief fade-up, with info on Garrison Power House. New. (SA-MB2) [You Power 'n' Light guys will listen to anything, hi- Ed.]
 - 1580 WxRadio BC Revelstoke - 7/26 0647 - Nice ID as *This is Weather Radio Revelstoke, 1580 on your AM dial, a service of Environment Canada*. Was in and out most of 0545-0900 period. In null of KCWV. (RM-WA)
 - WxRadio BC Revelstoke - [letter dated 7/23] Station went on the air. I believe, in March, 1994 using 60 watts. I picked it up one night last week using just a cheap portable, so it's still on the air. Other stations are on 1260 kHz at Swartz Bay and Shuswap, both British Columbia. Weatheradio in Vernon, BC is on 162.475 MHz and in the Victoria-Vancouver area uses 162.400 MHz. (BV-AB)

HARMONICS

1160 **WTBW** KS Topeka - 7/17 2104 - First harmonic with KC Royals baseball; until I did my math (thanks to Todd!), I thought I was getting bleedover from KSAL (RD-KS). It hate the sound of blood - Ed.]

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

530 **CLAO** ON Brampton - 8/10 0200 - SS programming; top of hour ID was a gong followed by *Ciao Radio* 530. With locals WPBX286 and WPAL278. (JE-MN) [Better get these guys on 530 quick; as the rumor mill has it that they're moving to either FM or another AM frequency. - Ed.]

540 **WYLO** WI Jackson - 8/31 0647 - Dominant with CCM, JD *Today's Christian Radio* WYLO. (JE-MN)

630 **KHOW** CO Denver - 7/23 0600 - Fair, with *KHOW Denver*. Talk Radio 630 ID. Over/under CKRC. (SA-MB2)

WLAP KY Lexington - 7/18 0148 - Very poor with ad for Individual Investor magazine. (TR-IL)

640 **WOI** IA Ames - 7/18 0150 - Poor, with analysis of financial markets. (TR-IL)

790 **CIGM** ON Sudbury - 6/29 0000-0045 - Fair, in and out but listenable, with Blue Jays postgame shows. (TS-IA2)

800 **CKLW** ON Windsor - 6/29 0000-0100 - Fair, in-and-out but not as strong as CIGM with an undr SS underneath, with Blue Jays postgame shows. (TS-IA2)

810 **KGO** CA San Francisco - 7/23 0610 - Poor, with talk and news, KGO ID. Under CKRS/KCMO. New! (SA-MB2)

920 **WGY** NY Schenectady - 7/18 0151 - Fair, with De Jay Brown call-in show. (TR-IL)

920 **KXLY** WA Seattle - 7/23 0630 - Good, with local news and weather. Over/under CKRY. (SA-MB2)

930 **KSEI** ID Focacello - 8/14 0659 - With WKY and WTAD. Promo after Talknet with AM 930 KSEL. (JE-MN)

1010 **CFRB** ON Toronto - 7/18 0153 - Fair, with talk about statements on Jesus in the Koran. (TR-IL)

1040 **CKST** BC Vancouver - 8/20 0010 - Good, with NOS/AS [did you mean "AC"? - Ed.] music, AM 1040 IDs, local ads. Over WHO. (SA-MB3)

1060 **KYYW** PA Philadelphia - 6/29 0000-0030 - Weak, but alone, with all-news. (TS-IA2)

1240 **KXLE** WA Ellensburg - 7/24 0500 - Fair, with slogan *For almost half-a-century, Central Washington's news source has been KXLE, Ellensburg, into news*. First-timer. (W-OR)

1360 **WWOW** OH Conneaut - 7/16 2310 - Poor, with WWOW ID, under KKBJ. C&W music. New! (MBDXP)

1400 **KQMS** CA Redding - 7/3 0800 - Good, with ID and slogan *News Talk 14*. Last logged in 1985. (W-OR)

1450 **KONP** WA Port Angeles - 7/23 0607 - Fair-to-poor, with ID *KONP Port Angeles, your complete sports station*. Mentioned Port Angeles and Seattle sports teams. First time heard. (W-OR) [And a new NA record! - Ed.]

1460 **WXOK** LA Baton Rouge - 8/20 0120 - Station promo for gospel program, concluding with: *What is a better way to start off the day than with WXOK?* Good for 1 kw. (B-TX)

1470 **WLOW** MN Brooklyn Park - 7/16 2240 - Good, with St. Paul Saints vs Winnipeg Goldeyes baseball. (MBDXP)

1520 **KOMA** OK Oklahoma City - 6/29 0100-0200 - Fair, with oldies. Fading in-and-out with nothing behind them. Not as strong as I expected in Iowa. (TS-IA2)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

540 **WGTO** FL Pine Hills - 8/10 0530 - Poor, with sports talk program + ID. Over/under XEWA. New. (SA-MB1)

WWCS PA Canonsburg - 8/10 0600 - Fair, in fade-up over WGTO/XEWA, with BBC News. New. (SA-MB1)

560 **WINP** IL Chicago - 6/27 1300-1400 - *La Trouvenda*, with SS music and news. Steady across Illinois. Last near Newton, Iowa (TS-IA1)

570 **WNAX** SD Yankton - 7/1 1400-1500 - With C&W music and farm news. Solid all the way across Iowa. Last near Rockford, Illinois to WINP splash (TS-IL)

630 **CFCO** ON Chatham - 8/11 0950 - Good, with G.T.O. *Oldies* program. 6-30 CFCCO ID CKRC off. (SA-MB1)

940 **KIOA** IA Des Moines - 6/26 1200-1245 - Fair in Dyersburg, Iowa with *Good Times*. Grant *Oldies 1/1* 93.3, except when carrying Iowa Oaks baseball. (TS-IA1)

1030 **KMAS** WA Shelton - 8/1 0628 - Fair, with oldies music. 1030 **KMAS** ID just before WCTS sign-on at 0630. (SA-MB1)

1120 **KMOX** MO St. Louis - 6/25 1400-1500 - Fair, with Cardinals-Cubs baseball, coming out from under WMBI-1110 near Princeton, Illinois. (TS-IL)

1200 **WOPA** IL Chicago - 6/27 1300-1345 - With SS music. Good across Illinois, but last near Grinnell, Iowa. (TS-IL)

1230 **KZLO** MT Bozeman - 8/15 0650 - Fair, with C&W music. 99.9 **KZLO** FM, *The For* ID. New. (SA-MB1)

1340 **KWOR** WY Worland - 8/16 0655 - Good, with KWOR IDs. Must have a new schedule. Not an 0800 sign-on. (SA-MB1)

1400 **KJDY** OR John Day - 7/20 0806 - Clear ID through the crowd, following national news. 1st-timer. (W-OR)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

560 **WILL** IL Urbana - 7/1 2200 - Update on cricket from BBC. (TR-IL)

560 **KSD** MO St. Louis - 7/1 2202 - Story on O.L. Simpson case. (TR-IL)

610 **WDAF** MO Kansas City - 7/3 2232 - Country music. (TR-IL)

640 **WISB** TN Nashville - 7/1 2216 - Fair, with ads for Nashville Breakfast Theater and Grand Old Opry. (TR-IL)

690 **CFB** PQ Montreal - 7/18 2312 - Fair, with FF talk show. (TR-IL)

710 **WOR** NY New York - 7/19 2337 - Fair, with open line calls. (TR-IL)

850 **KOA** CO Denver - 7/19 2340 - Fair, with Rockies vs Cubs baseball. (TR-IL)

740 **CBL** ON Toronto - 7/18 2314 - Good, with classical music on program named *That Time of the Night*. (TR-IL)

750 **WSB** GA Atlanta - 7/1 2145 - Poor, with discussion about HIV positive blood and the religious night. (TR-IL)

760 **WJR** MI Detroit - 7/3 2234 - Jagers vs Rangers baseball promo for *Kroeger Kids night*. (TR-IL)

800 **CKLW** ON Windsor - 7/1 1804 - Poor, with talk about a 10-hour siege. (TR-IL)

800 **CKLW** ON Windsor - 7/18 2315 - Fair, with Blue Jays Post Game Show. (TR-IL)

880 **WCBS** NY New York - 7/18 2316 - Fair, with sports report. (TR-IL)

900 **CHML** ON Hamilton - 7/1 2347 - Good, with Blue Jays-Royals game. (TR-IL)

940 **WFAY** WI Fort Atkinson - 7/3 2236 - Chicago vs Minnesota baseball. Rare. (TR-IL)

950 **WWJ** MI Detroit - 7/2 2230 - Poor President Clinton rejects Republican health care plans. (TR-IL)

960 **KMA** IA Shenandoah - 7/17 2059 - Good with ID during station break on the KC Royals Baseball Network. Somebody underneath, possibly on early sunset skip. (RD-KS)

1020 **WPFO** IL Peoria - 7/1 1811 - Fair, with ad for attorney and church, both in Washington, Illinois. (TR-IL)

KDKA PA Pittsburgh - 7/18 2318 - Fair, with sports talk. (TR-IL)

1070 **WTBC** IN Indianapolis - 7/1 1813 - Poor, with ad for Women's Hospital of Indianapolis. (TR-IL)

1090 **WGLC** IL Mendota - 7/1 1816 - Ad for Ottawa Collision and Custom. New logging. (TR-IL)

1090 **WMUS** MI Muskegon - 8/18 2239 - Country, local ads, 107 **MUS** IDs and jingles. Log says this is a daytimer. With KAAV and CKRX. (JE-MN) (Since you heard an ID for the FMer (107 **MUS**), I'd guess they just forgot to turn off the AM coffee pot - Ed.)

1130 **WDEN** MI Detroit - 7/26 2228 - Fair, with sports talk, IDs as *Detroit's Fan*. Under KEAN. So, be careful to which "Fan" you hear. New. (SA-MB1)

1160 **KSL** UT Salt Lake City - 7/3 2240 - Big band music; ad from Coppertone explaining new UV index. (TR-IL)

1180 **WHAM** NY Rochester - 7/18 2346 - Fair, with Jim Bohannon and ad for Rochester Tel Cellular. (TR-IL)

1210 **WGMP** PA Philadelphia - 7/3 - Fair at 2243 with CBS game of the week. (TR-IL)

1270 **WRJC** WI Mauston - 8/21 2103 - Popped up over WKBF and UNTD (probably KWEB) with AM 1270 **WRJC** *Minstun*. *Mid-Wisconsin's Information Station*. (JE-MN)



- 1320 WHER WI Wisconsin Rapids - 7/24 2100 - Fair with contest promo that included CLS. Unneeded, but still not often heard here. (RD-1A)
- 1400 KNND OR Cottage Grove - 7/22 2400 - Fair, thru the mess, with ID as Radio 14. (W-W-OR)
- 1460 WUEI IL Rantoul - 7/1 1822 - Open line calls. New logging. (TR-1L1) [Nly old stomping grounds - Ed.]
- 1470 KKSC IA Sioux City - 8/1 0615 - Poor, with *Talk Radio 1470 KKSC* IDs. No more NOS music. Ex: KWSL. New. (SA-MB1)
- 1560 WRIN IN Renaissance - 7/1 1827 - Ad for events at Indiana Beach (nearly amusement park). (TR-1L1)
- 1600 KATZ MO St. Louis - 8/20 2145 - In/out, with XEAE, with promo for \$2 off theatre tickets on August 19 (the day prior!) with coupon from station. DJ with *Adult Entertainment with KATZ*. Frequently heard mornings, but this is first logging at this hour due to XEAE's dominance. (9B-1X)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates North American record

1230 KHZ	WQVA	IL Moline	Wayne Heinen	Orchard Park, NY	*604				
	KMUZ	OR Gresham	Roy Millar	Marysville, WA	*138				
	KQIK	WA Lakeview	Wayne Heinen	Colorado Springs, CO	*847				
1240 KHZ	WDDO	GA Macon	Don Treford	St. Anns Bay, Jamaica	1072				
	WJIM	MI Lansing	UK DXPedition ££	Shegry, Scotland	3426				
1340 KHZ	KWSL	CO Grand Junction	Jack Woods	Douglas, AK	(Recalc) *1753				
	WGAA	GA Cedartown	Ron Bailey	Shelby, NC	228				
	KWOR	WY Worland	Wayne Heinen	Colorado Springs, CO	*393				
1400 KHZ	KART	ID Jerome	Wayne Heinen	Colorado Springs, CO	*574				
	WFTG	KY London	Ron Bailey	Shelby, NC	(Recalc) *307				
	KIDY	OR John Day	Jack Woods	Waldport, OR	*255				
	KNND	Cottage Grove	Roy Millar	Marysville, WA	*259				
	CBL Y	ON Haliburton	Morris Sorensen	Head Lake, ON	58				
1450 KHZ	WBHF	GA Cartersville	Ron Bailey	Shelby, NC	208				
	KONP	WA Port Angeles	Jack Woods	Waldport, OR	*258				
1490 KHZ	WMBM	F I Miami Beach	UK DXPedition ££	Shegry, Scotland	4186				
	KJ5N	SK Shaunavon	Roy Millar	Marysville, WA	*651				
££ - UK DXPedition (Mark Hattam, Clive Rooms, Dave Kenny and Martin Hall)									
Totals:			1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	Total
Ron Bailey	Shelby, NC		16	22	18	12	14	19	101
Wayne Heinen	Colorado Springs, CO		8	6	19	18	3	8	62
Jim Boehm	San Antonio, TX		12	5	8	11	10	10	52
Morris Sorensen	Scarborough, ON		2	12	3	10	6	9	46
Wayne Heinen	Aurora, CO		6	6	4	6	6	6	34
J.W. Bay, Jr.	Drexel Hill, PA		32	-	-	-	-	-	32
Jack Woods	Waldport, OR		4	3	7	6	3	8	31

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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

/ : parallel to : 300 on the hour AC: Adult contemporary AI: Associated Press BDD: big band BRN: Business Radio Net C&W: country & western CCR: contemporary Christian radio CHR: contemporary hit radio CID: code ID C: call letter EZL: easy listening EE: English Fifth/French COS: gospel IRR: Interstate Radio Net LSR: local sunrise LSS: local sunset NBA: National Basketball Assn NFL: National Football League NHL: National Hockey League NPR: National Public Radio OC: open carrier PDL: political PRI: Public Radio International PSRA: pre-sunrise authority PSSA: post-sunset authority QRM: man-made interference QRN: natural interference QTH: location PRF: Public Radio International REL: religious ROK: rock 'n' roll RS: regular schedule \$: stereo SID: singing ID SKS: sunrise skip SS: Spanish SSB: Star Spangled Banner SSS: sunset skip TC: time check TT: test tones UC: urban contemporary UPI: United Press International

WKLP/WQZK-FM DDXD-East

NEWS AND VIEWS

Welcome to first time reporter Greg Myers of Virginia Beach, Virginia. I also received Jerry Coatsworth's annual summary of the CPC test season, it's included as a separate section at the end of the column for your DX enjoyment.

From Hank Holbrook on the TIS situation in Maryland: "QSL just in informs me that Maryland currently has 24 stations (permanent) in the system. On June 21 we will be converting stations in Cambridge, Easton, Queenstown and Denton to 1610 AM (from 530 AM)". Stations now on 530 kHz now much weaker and 1610 kHz is a mass of strong stations and much QRM here."

Don Treford said he got an interesting QSL from WZZK-610-AL...they sent him a T-shirt...on which he had to pay customs duty!

A request from G. Harley Delverere: "I have three questions: (1) What are the call letters for the TIS on 920 for the Detroit Metropolitan/Wayne County Airport in Romulus, MI? (2) What are the call letters for the TIS on 530 for the Dayton/Montgomery County Convention and Visitors Bureau? (3) What is the location and address for WPBX694 on 530 (emergency broadcast station of the Industrial Alert System of the Mid-Ohio Valley)? WPBX694 is somewhere in the Beljepe, OH/Parkersburg, WV area." Anybody with help on these can send responses to Harley at P.O. Box 10, Hendricks, WV 26271-0010. And why don't you send a copy to me also so it can be published for everyone to see!

John Hanz sent along an article regarding a new use of a low-powered radio station in New York - using it to promote music by a new band! Advertisement consists of record company interns wearing signs saying "Tune to 1510 AM for the next 500 feet - Music by B-Tribe" at the entrance to the Holland Tunnel. Of course, at this location, 500 feet reaches 90,000 cars per day!

Robert Ross is looking for transistor radios with 640 and 1240 marked and transistor radio literature. Contact Robert at Box 1003, Station B, London, ON, Canada, N6A5K1.

A great turnout for a monthly column! Thank you all! The season seems to be underway. Hope everyone had a great time at the convention. Deadlines are every Saturday beginning September 17.

SPECIAL

590 WHEI MA Boston - The Boston Herald says 590 will become WBNW with an all-business format. "In early September". (Fido-Net)

640 WWTZ NJ Mount Holly - 9/4 0900 - Station is on the air with nonstop NOS music. Heard the end of one announcement at 1033, seemed to be a testing announcement. Later this day I received a message through Fido-Net that they were indeed testing, using a new transmitter on the WHTF-1460 site, with 500 watts. (DB-DE)

820 WYTA FL Largo - Switched to a network all-sports format as of 8/22. (Fido-Net)

840 WKTR VA Earlysville - Per call to station address is: P.O. Box 309, Quinque, VA, 22965. (GM-VA)

850 WHDH MA Boston - Starting August 29th, 850 will become WHEI with an all-sports format. (Fido-Net)

1000 WRAR VA Tappahannock - 8/6 0755 - ID as "105.5, the best music mix. WRAR", local news into network news. No longer NOS. (DB-DE)

1130 WDFN MI Detroit - 8/1 1808-1820 - Ex-WWWV. Now sports talk. ID as "WDFN - Fantastic Radio". (KR-ON)

1250 WKBR NH Manchester - 8/11 1500 - Noted on the air with non-stop "beautiful" music, primarily instrumental, with a few vocals. The only announcements were the

legally-required ID's at the top of the hour. At this time the following ID was heard "Beautiful Music for New Hampshire - This is WKBR, Manchester". The signal was good about 15 dB (or more) above co-channel WARE (Ware, MA) which could be heard in the background. The worst interference was slop from much-stronger adjacent WEZE on 1260. (MC-MA)

1290 WJBR DE Wilmington - 8/29 0807 - Noted with NOS format, ex-AC, no longer // FM. (DB-DE)

1370 WPAZ PA Posttown - 8/10 1427 - Unusual daytime conditions brought this one in with OLD. "...plays your favorites on Lite 1370, WPAZ". No longer NOS. (DB-DE)

1460 WCMB PA Harrisburg - 8/26 1617 - Traffic report "on Hot Talk WCMB and the all new Mix 99.3". Don't know if they are // or just the traffic report was simulcast. (DB-DE)

1470 WBIX VA Broadway - Per v/l station was never silent. Letter mentioned they've been continuous since '72. Also sent a coffee mug! My first ever! GOS format, 5 kw-D. (GM-VA)

1480 CKDX ON Newmarket - Station is silent. First noted off on 8/7 but may have gone off earlier. An article in a local newspaper said they are now on 88.5-FM. Checked and found them there with good signal. This must have been one of the quickest ever changes to FM. (VS-ON)

CKDX ON Newmarket - As of 8/8 has left the air and reappeared on 88.5-FM. I was surprised that there are no announcements on 1480 telling listeners to "switch their dials to 88.5 FM", especially since they have moved to the "educational" part of the FM dial. However, I gathered from Dan O'Connell at the D.O.C. that they had to abandon their AM transmitter site. Somebody can correct me on this, but I think their lease was up. The site was smack-dab in the middle of land that would have made a very profitable subdivision. This region is "served" by at least three other stations programming oldies, CKOC-1150, CHUM-1050 and CHEZ-97.3. I guess some people never get tired of hearing Canadian oldies by *Edward Bear* and *April Wine* (NW-ON)

EMERGENCY BROADCASTS

1160 UNID 2010-2200+ - Station with EBS and tornado warnings for Stokes and Surry counties, mentions of "National Weather Service in Greensboro", then relay of WTOR-PM-104.1 (sister station of WSJS-600). At 2036 emergency weather tones with tornado warnings for Allegheny and North Wilkes counties, continued relay of WTOR. Check of 600 kHz had WSJS with talk; checked periodically until 2200 with same, and DJ mentioned severe weather. JDs, CW music. Legal FM ID at 2200. Assume a transmitter used only for emergencies. Reported: hopefully can find something out about this one! (3M-VA) (WV guess is WODY-Fieldale, VA, located just north of the NC border and the mentioned counties, near Martinsville, VA - db)

UNID AND UNID HELP

1320 UNID 8/1 2230 - *Nat King Cole* with *Whose Sorry Now?*, ID as "Golden Horseshoe Radio". Strong signal. The area at the west end of Lake Ontario was called Golden Horseshoe years ago. Could this be CJMR? Anyone? (DE-ON) (Also heard in RI on 6/20 - db)

1450 UNID 8/1 2239 - Came up briefly in glop with what I thought was "WTSN", your sports authority". WTSN is listed as 1270. Tried similar sounding calls but couldn't match. (DE-ON) (How about WTS4, except for the format perhaps? - db)

1490 UNID 8/1 2241 - *Blue Jays* baseball. Possibilities might be CKQA-Arrprior, ON (nearest) or CFFS-Port Elgin, ON. (DE-ON) (Only CFFS is on the Blue Jays list in Vol. 61, No. 27 - db)

1580 UNID 8/3 2025 - *Phillies* baseball. No one listed on net. (DB-DE)

0000 TO 0800 ELT

550 CFNB NB Frederick - 8/15 0401 - Pop music and news. Unusual because the local WICE was off unexpectedly. Also two UNID English and some Spanish speaking stations. (AH-RI)

1280 WA BK ME Gardiner - 7/11 0530 - Man with ID. (AH-RI)

1300 WFFG FL Marathon - 7/31 0451-0505 - CW, *Hooked on Phonics* ad, news, promo for Program 9:00 AM every Sunday, night here on 1300, WFFG. Poor with UNID interference. (DT-JAM)

1320 WLQY FL Hollywood - 7/29 0555-0700 - Pop LA music, callers requesting numbers, poor-fair. (DT-JAM)

1370 WXXI NY Rochester - 7/13 0340 - Saxophones in jazz commentary. (AH-RI)

1430 WSPD OH Toledo - 8/16 0400 - "Serving Ohio and Indiana" promo. (AH-RI)

1430 WLKF FL Lakeland - 7/23 0302-0306 - Ad for *National Dynamics*, talk show, promo for program "on News 1430, WLKF", *Talknet*, poor-fair. (DT-JAM)

1480 WYZE GA Atlanta - 7/20 0334-0440 - Pop music, ID in part as "...on WYZE...", poor with UNID interference. (DT-JAM)

1500 KCIF LA New Roads - 8/22 0600 - Fair on top for a minute with ID, sign-on announcement and news. New. These beverage antennas never cease to amaze me! (MB-IN)

1570 WZCC IN New Albany - 8/1 0231-0242 - Good with ID by man at 0231 "1570 WZCC New Albany, Indiana's inspirational radio". Soft gospel/choir music. (RR-ON)

1600 WNCM NY Amsterdam - 8/1 0235-0238 - Fair with ID by man at 0235 as "WBUG, 24 hours a day, the Bug" into CW music. Mixed with WZCC. (RR-ON)

1600 WNLX NY Clarksville - 8/21 1600 - Very good with ID, news, ad for *Liberty Computers* then *Peoples Radio Network*. New. (MB-IN)

610 CHNC TN Clarksville - 8/21 1600 - Very good with ID, news, ad for *Liberty Computers* then *Peoples Radio Network*. New. (MB-IN)

770 WABC NY New York - 8/19 1507 - Poor but audible with *Bob Grant*. (AN-NS)

1230 CFGN NE Port-aux-Basques - 7/17 1230 - Clear across the water with Irish jigs and Newfy folk songs. ID'd as "CFGB-570 Corner Brook, Newfoundland". (DE-ON)

1560 WATJ OH Chardon - 8/1 1518-1532 - Fair with oldies pop/rock music. IDs as "WATJ-1560". Spot for "Captain Joe's Showboat on WATJ", news, weather. Ex-WBKC. (RR-ON)

1570 WPTW OH Piqua - 8/7 0958-1005 - Poor-fair with male DJ "playing 5 songs in a row". ID as "WPTV" into music, then faded out. (RR-ON)

1600 TO 2400 ELT

550 CFNB NB Frederick - 8/1 2140 - First time here, must be pattern change. ID "Good Time Oldies on CFNB". Great signal. (DE-ON)

560 CJKL ON Kirkland Lake - 8/1 2145 - Woman ID, *Blue Jays* baseball vs. *Red Sox* New. Steady signal. (DE-ON)

590 CKRS PQ Jonquiere - 8/1 2150 - *Radio Saqueeny*, French commercial for ambulance company. ID into HF song. (DE-ON)

600 WICC CT Bridgeport - 8/1 2153 - Talk show and ID. Fighting with nearby CIOC. (DE-ON)

680 WXXN KY Newburg - 8/21 1800 - Good with ID and CNN News. New. (MB-IN)

700 CHSJ NB Saint John - 7/13 2030 - Clear stereo in my Bangor, ME location. Can be heard in NB, NS, and PE all day. CFNB-550 claims to be *Radio Atlantic*, but CHSJ can be received much better in these locations. (DB-ON2)

710 CKVM PQ Ville Marie - 8/1 2156 - Strong. // CB-690, over WOR. This station is located north of North Bay, ON near the Quebec-Ontario border. (DE-ON)

740 CHQM NF Marytown - 7/16 1855 - Moved here from 560(?) using "CHQM" ID and carrying VCCM-590 network. Good signal day and night from my Sydney, NS location. (DE-ON1)

750 CKGB ON Timmins - 8/1 2200 - Very strong with *Blue Jays* baseball. No sign of WSJ. (DE-ON)

790 WLKW RI Providence - 8/1 2205 - Came up loud over CIGM with clear ID "Beautiful music on WLKW", but I could not find it in 91 Log (ordenting new one). Searched

- FM's state by state until I came across WLKW-FM. Help! (DE-ON) (Dave, it is then - db)
- 830 WCCO MN Minneapolis - 8/1 2207 - "News Talk Radio WCCO". First time in years over nearby CJR. (DE-ON)
- 1040 WYFX FL Boynton Beach - 7/28 2128-2152 - Noted dominating the frequency with strong signal while looking for Radio Democracy. Made announcer with promos as "Foxy 10-40", dedication line 1-800-227-685, national spots and one local spot for "Tip Top Tires". One mention of "WYFX, Foxy 10-40". Did someone forget to pull the daytime plug? At 2152, WHO was suddenly dominant, and "Foxy 10-40" was gone! Made for a good log/report. (MH-NC)
- 1110 CKTY ON Sarnia - 8/1 2224 - This comes in regularly now. I mentioned this to Bill Hale and he said pattern does not come anywhere close to me. Changes must have been made. (DE-ON) (They have been quite common under WBT since last winter here - db)
- 1150 KLRG AR North Little Rock - 8/21 2100 - Good with "Prairie 1150" ID as per Log. COS music. New. (MB-IN)
- 1210 WCMQ FL Miami Springs - 8/12 2050 - Pop LA music fair over OOA and UNID SS. ID as "CMQ Cadena National". (DT-JAM) (Don, what's "COA 7" - db)
- 1230 WFAI NC Fayetteville - 8/11 1945-2002 - Heard with General's Baseball (local team). Several local spots, mention of FM, WTSB, and brief ID on hour for "WFAI..Fayetteville". Poor-occasionally fair with UNID co-frequency flute music QRM. Not a great log, but with local WJNC-1240 a few miles away, any log on 1230 is welcome! (MH-NC)
- 1300 WXXU FL Cocoa Beach - 7/31 1814-1855 - OLD, promo to "contact Manager of WXXU", poor over/under WFFG. (DT-JAM)
- 1320 WAMR FL Venice - 7/30 1835-1910 - Miami Dolphins network play-by-play of the Dolphins-NY Giants football game, poor with interference from UNID SS. (DT-JAM)
- 1460 WWWW NY Rochester - 8/7 2326 - "3WG" mention in ad block, "Spirit of Rochester, your community Gospel station". (DB-DE)
- 1480 WYZE GA Atlanta - 8/21 2040 - Good fair with ID "WYZE, the voice of the Gospel, Atlanta". COS music. WTH not audible on beverage, good on super snooper. (MB-IN)
- 1550 KAPE MO Cape Girardeau - 8/21 2100 - Good with ID. CNN News. New. (MB-IN)
- 1570 WWCK MI Flint - 8/1 1916-1925 - Good with weather for Tri-Cities and Flint. IDs as "CK105". Local ads, rock music - current hits. (RR-ON)
- WFLR NY Dundee - 8/6 1900-1906 - Fair with ID by man as "WFLR 1570 Dundee, New York" into news. Another ID and then fade-out. (RR-ON)
- WANR OH Warren - 8/1 1835-1940 - Fair with ID as "WANR" by man, mention of Warren, phone number 373-1570, ad for restaurant in Youngstown, mentioned Mahoning County. IDs as "Metro 157". (RR-ON)
- WQJW PA Latrobe - 8/21 2044-2100 - Fair with ad for "Eastgate Dodge on Route 30 in Greensburg". More local ads, weather, ID by man at 2100 as "WQJW-1570". (RR-ON)
- WRJQ WI Appleton - 8/2 2045-2048 - Fair with ID by man "Right here on WRJQ 1570, ??? Radio", NOS music over a mess of stations. (RR-ON)

OTHER STUFF

- 530 WNQA289 MD Queenstown - 5/31 1310-1335 - Maryland Department of Transportation TIS. (HH-MDI) (This one has since moved to 1610 - db)
- 530 WNVY508 MD Landover - 7/30 0824-0840 - Maryland Department of Transportation TIS with information on road work and upcoming events in the Washington, DC area. Fairly good signal. Now heard as WNQA289 Queenstown, MD has moved to 1610. Calls confirmed by QSL received 8/4, uses 10 watts. New address for all of the Maryland Department of Transportation stations is 707 Calvert Street, Baltimore, 21202. (HH-MDI)
- 530 WNNM0415 MA Westport - 1630 - Usually heard during daylight hours with a beach report and caution that no dogs or liquor are allowed on "Horseneck Beach". (AH-RI)
- 530 WNY5687 NY Syracuse - Hancock International Airport TIS well heard several miles out. Will get out better at night once CIAO vacates channel. (RE-PA)

- 530 WNRW290 PA Lehighton - "Pilot program of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority..." for southbound travelers on the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike approaching the Lehigh Tunnel. (RE-PA)
- 530 WNRW290 PA Slabington - "Pilot program of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority..." for northbound travelers on the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike approaching the Lehigh Tunnel. (RE-PA)
- 590 WPRJ222 MD Rockville - 7/27 1318-1335 - Montgomery County Transportation Management Center TAs. Road work info, mainly for Silver Spring, MD. Fairly good, copied with some difficulty. UNID stations below? Calls confirmed by QSL which mentioned 3 of a planned 12 stations are in operation using two frequencies, 590 and 1070, uses 10 watts. (HH-MD2)
- 710 KAD1590 NY Syracuse - New York State Thruway Authority station with traffic, weather, events, located at Exit 35. (RE-PA)
- 1490 TIS PI Prince Edward Island National Park - 7/17 1550 - Jingle ID with man and woman giving info on park events and requirements. Faint, but clear signal received at Cheticamp, NS (Cape Breton Highlands National Park entrance parking lot). (DE-ON4)
- 1610 WNQA286 MD Annapolis - 6/20 0910-0929 - Maryland Department of Transportation TIS. (HH-MDI)
- 1610 KFB55 MD Cambridge - 7/28 0925-0940 - Pretty good signals, good but QRM stations in background. Info on upcoming events in Cambridge and Ocean City, MD. Calls confirmed by QSL received 8/4, uses 10 watts. (HH-MD1)
- 1610 TIS NY Buffalo(?) - 8/8 2335-2340 - Fair with male on continuous tape loop with information on traffic conditions for western New York State, weather broadcast for New York State mentioned Buffalo, Albany and New York City. (RR-ON)

REPORTERS

- MB-IN Mark Burns, Terre Haute, IN; Drake R-8, 1000-foot beverage N/S. Super Snooper
- MC-MA Mark Connelly, WAION, Billerica, MA:
- RE-PA R.J. Edmunds, WB2B/H, Blue Bell, PA; Nissan car radio and whip
- DE-ON Dave Evans, Cornwall, ON; Superadio II, built-in rod
- DE-ON1 Dave Evans, in Sydney, NS; Sony SRF-A1 stereo walkman and Alpine 7510 car radio
- DE-ON2 Dave Evans, in Bangor, ME; Alpine 7510 car radio
- DE-ON3 Dave Evans, in Bay St. Lawrence, NS; Alpine 7510 car radio
- DE-ON4 Dave Evans, in Cheticamp, NS; Alpine 7510 car radio
- MH-NC Mike Hardester, Jacksonville, NC; ICOM R-70, Radio West 22" ferrite loop
- AH-RI Al Hemmalin, Middletown, RI:
- HH-MD1 Hank Holbrook, Dunkirk, MD; SP-600, 120-foot random wire
- HH-MD2 Hank Holbrook, Bethesda, MD; 1990 Toyota car radio with auto whip
- GM-VA Greg Myers, Virginia Beach, VA; Grundig YB-400
- AN-NS Allan Ng, D'Xing at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia; Nissan car radio
- RR-ON Robert S. Ross, VE3 JPC, London, ON; Collins 651S-1, Hammarlund SP-600, homebrew loop, dipoles, longwires
- MS-ON Morris Sorenson, Scarborough, ON:
- DT-JAM Don Treldorf, St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica:
- NW-ON Niels J. Wolfsh, Toronto, ON:
- DB-DE Dave Braun, Wyoming, DE; R-5000, Quantum loop

DX TESTS 1993-1994 - JERRY COATSWORTH, MERLIN, ON

The following are the results of my efforts during the last winter's DX season. All tests were logged using a JRC NRD-525 and a 30-foot wire hanging about 20 feet above the ground. Also, all tests included a 40-cent U.S. stamp for return postage. Some of the tests were taped while I slept using a rather inexpensive Radio Shack timer and cassette recorder. I managed to attain 21 verifications of the 29 tests I reported. I attempted another 29 tests. Some I may have heard bits of the test but details were so slim that I didn't bother to report. Other tests weren't heard due to forces beyond my control, e.g. electricity going off and changing the on/off times on the timer. Human error also scored big, e.g. forgetting to rewind the cassette or leaving the pause button engaged during taping. A few stations were nice enough to return a list of other listeners who reported. This I think should be standard procedure as I think it's great to see who else sat in front of their

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radio, in the middle of the night, listening to the same static as I did. Here's hoping my humble contribution of logs are of interest to the readers of this magazine. Good luck to all in the last approaching 94/95 DX season." Jerry Coatsworth, VE3 KXX.

(I agree that a list of reporters is good to see. In fact I wish more of them would show up in DX News during the year. Unfortunately, it doesn't list those of us who sit "in front of their radio, in the middle of the night, listening to the same static..." and don't hear the test, which happened all too frequently to me this past year! - db)

- 1150 WELC WV Welch - 10/11 0001-0030 - Heard voice and code IDs. Also bluegrass music. Diploma style QSL along with nice verification letter in 17 days, v.s. Chief Operator John Sidore.
- 1560 WAGL SC Lancaster - 10/18 0300-0330 - Heard code and voice IDs. Received a verification letter, station info and list of DXers who logged the test and/or called the station, one of whom was from New Zealand. All in 78 days, v.s. B. L. Phillips, Jr., General Manager.
- 1510 WSSH MA Boston - 11/1 0300-0400 - Heard tones, code and voice ID. Sent report but received no reply.
- 1270 WXXY MI Detroit - 11/19 0130-0200 - Had to be alert to catch a few bursts of rapid code during regular programming. Verification sheet in 8 days, v.s. illegible but think it was Neil Schwantz, C.E.
- 1250 KWSU WA Pullman - 11/20 0300-0400 - Positively heard several tones of different pitch, and possibly a weak voice ID. Test was supposed to consist of code IDs. Sent report but received no response.
- 1340 KXXY OK Oklahoma City - 12/5 0100-0130 - Heard several tones through jumble on frequency. Received nice verification letter and list of reporters in 46 days, v.s. Britt Lookhart.
- 550 KSD MO St. Louis - 12/5 0300-0330 - Heard code and voice IDs in the clear in both their directional and non-directional modes. Sent timely, detailed report, yet received no response.
- 1150 CKX MB Brandon - 12/6 0300-0330 - Heard tones and code IDs but no voice. My first Canadian DX test. Classy verification letter in 76 days, v.s. Ron Thompson, Chief Meteorologist.
- 1110 WISM PA Martinsburg - 12/12 0000-0100 - Logged some weak code. Received bumper sticker, coverage map and very thoughtful personal verification letter from Larry Walters. This all in 50 days.
- 1270 WCGC NC Belmont - 12/20 0100-0130 - Faint tones were logged here. Sent report. No response.
- 1480 WDAS PA Philadelphia - 12/20 0100-0200 - Heard voice, code and tones of varying pitch. Coverage map, key chain, form letter and nice QSL/verification sheet in 47 days, v.s. William R. Sullivan, C.E.
- 1270 WNMIZ NJ Vineland - 1/2 0100-0300 - Listened to first 15 minutes of test and heard code IDs and what sounded like a European-style police siren. Received a nice verification signed by Dave Schmidt, C.E./Operator, in 21 days. Dave also returned my return postage. Thanks.
- 750 WSB GA Atlanta - 1/9 0000-0500 - Listened for about 20 minutes hearing only regular programming. Received brief yet nice full data verification letter from Program Director Greg Mocerri in 16 days.
- 1010 KDLA LA Deerlader - 1/15 0500-0530 - Lots of code here, test continued past scheduled end. Sent timely, meticulously prepared report. No response.
- 740 WJTB MA Cambridge - 1/24 0130-0200 - Heard tones and rapid code. Nice full data QSL/postcard in 14 days, v.s. illegible.
- 940 WADV PA Lebanon - 1/29 0230-0300 - Heard code and voice ID during portion of test using 1000 wats. Received a full data QSL and a post card in 42 days, v.s. Craig Baker.
- 600 WFRM PA Condersport - 1/31 0030-0100 - Caught some code and also a voice ID. Sent report. No response.
- 1340 WTRN PA Tyrone - 1/31 0030-0100 - Heard some very weak bits of code. Sent report in same envelope as report to WFRM (above). No response.
- 560 WFRB MD Frostburg - 1/31 0100-0130 - Heard tones, code and taped voice IDs. Sent report. No response.
- 540 WGTG FL Pine Hills - 2/14 0200-0330 - Using my timer I taped the last 5 minutes of the WGTG test and then the first 10 minutes of the KIEZ test which began at 0330 on the same frequency. I was lucky enough to snag one burst of weak code from WGTG, but nothing from KIEZ. Received coverage maps and detailed verification letter in 25 days signed by Dave Edwards, Technical Assistant.

1340 KVER MN Brainerd - 2/20 0100-0130 - Tones and code were heard. Received nice verification letter/info sheet/list of reporters in 24 days, v.s. Mark W. Persons, Technical Consultant.

- 910 WNEZ CT New Britain - 2/26 0000-0030 - Easily copied code and voice IDs. Sent report. No response.
- 1260 WEKZ WI Monroe - 2/27 0100-0130 - Copied tones and code. Received full data verification letter, station info and history and also a list of other DXers who reported. All in 6 weeks, v.s. Van Steiner, C.E.
- 1580 WTIWO IN South Bend - 3/7 0400-0500 - One of the most enjoyable tests I have logged, consisting in part of code and novelty Christmas songs. All in the clear. Verification letter and station info in 3.5 months, v.s. Larry Humphrey, C.E.
- 640 WNNZ MA Westfield - 3/13 0100-0200 - Easily copied lengthy voice ID. Received full data QSL/postcard in 1 month, v.s. Rich Bosse.
- 930 KKIN MN Aitkin - 3/13 0200-0230 - Copied code IDs of different pitches. My records indicate that in 5 weeks I received a full data verification letter along with some other stuff but at the time of this writing I couldn't find it.
- 1510 WJIC NJ Salem - 3/14 0000-0030 - Heard code, tones and faint voice ID. Verification letter, coverage map, bumper sticker and station info in 35 days, v.s. Ben Ferguson, Vice President.
- 1450 KVOV WY Riverton - 3/14 0210-0220 - I wanted this test bad. I heard a couple bits of possible code but wasn't sure so I sent a tape to the station along with my report. Received a short and very vague verification letter in 3 months. I guess I heard the test, v.s. Lenny A. Fairfield.
- 1260 KRCQ IA Boone - 3/21 0230-0300 - Faint code was heard. Sent report. No response.

Thanks for your efforts, Jerry. I got my KSD QSL on 8/27/94 - db

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Fire Sweeps KPAY Studios

by Marvin Collins

CHICO, Calif. An attic fire destroyed the contents and building of stations KPAY AM/PM, Chico, Calif., July 11, silencing the AM station for more days, and the PM for four days. KPAY is owned by Craig McCoy, who also owns KPAY in Eugene, Ore., and KCCY in Pueblo, Colo.

When employees arrived at the McCoy Broadcasting Studio/AM transmitter office building at 2534 Center Lane on Monday morning, July 11, they smelled smoke. At first they thought it was the coffee pot, which was then turned off. But soon thereafter, they saw smoke coming from the ceiling. The fire department was called and the building evacuated shortly after the evacuation, the flames engulfed the building and the transmitters went off the air. Nearly everything was lost, computers, the new phone system and the AM transmitter.

The fire apparently began in the building's attic. Likely the result of old wiring, the building was constructed in 1948. Damage was extensive, estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, because firefighters' efforts were hampered by a

recently installed seamless metal roof put in place to keep the rain out.

In the attic

Firefighters, who fought the blaze for three hours, had problems getting to all the space in the attic due to the metal roof, which also helped transfer the heat to other parts of the building. Firefighters spent more than three hours putting out the fire.

Local broadcaster Jeff Kregel, owner of KPAY, helped get KPAY back on the air as soon as possible. KPAY was able to relocate to nearby studios on-site until the use of the vacant studio building. KPAY FM was able to return to the air 95 hours after the fire. The FM transmitter was located 16 miles away and was not harmed by the fire.

KPAY AM depends on satellite delivery for some of its talk programming. A local satellite dealer was employed to install a dish antenna at the new temporary studio. At press time in late July, Chief Engineer Dan Bauer said that temporary power was rigged for tower lighting, and two days after the fire the tower lights for

Radio World
-via Jerry Starr

KPAY AM were illuminated once more. A trailer was placed on the property close to the burned-out building. A solid state transmitter was ordered from Nautel. Nautel promptly made an emergency shipment of the transmitter from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Unfortunately, Bauer said the shipment arrived at six o'clock on Friday, too late to be cleared, and the delivery had to wait until Monday for customs clearance.

After this 48-hour additional delay, the transmitter was installed in the trailer that had been placed on the property. It was gone days after the fire but KPAY AM returned to the air. KPAY normally is a 10 kW, three-tower directional station. Until complete rebuilding and installation of a piping network, KPAY will operate non-directional with 2500W using the center-tower only.

KPAY plans to bulldoze the burned building and rebuild on the same site after resing for spliced PCBs at the site. The fire department asked the possibility of a spill from the PCB capacitors in the old burned-out transmitter, and resing power was rigged for tower lighting, and two days after the fire the tower lights for

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Once again, I was NOT at the NRC Convention. Jerry Bond and George Green offered me a ride, but my weekend work schedule makes this difficult. Maybe next year?

By the way, I had a chance to ride the Quantum Loop at the local Seabreeze Amusement Park this week, but I chickened out. I couldn't tell if it was adequately grounded, and I didn't want to be terminated! So I went to the beverage stand instead.

Several reports of Radio Democratic, though Mike Hardester wonders how to count this station: Haiti, USA or International Waters? How about Clandestine? I'm not sure if the plane flies over Haiti or stays off-shore.

New IDXD reporter Atsushi Masanune may have solved the TP unid on 1557. Read on!

Looks like a great TA season is about to begin, with many loggings from August. All are shown here with the exception of Ben Dangerfield's report which came in Thursday afternoon and not enough time to type it up, so we'll see that one next time.

There is room for one last-minute hot tip:

HCB TEST INFORMATION

"Hello from the Andes. This morning, there were three different messages in the mailbox inquiring about the possibility of the next 690 KHz DX test from HCB. Funny you should ask! We came up with the next test date yesterday. The test will take place UTC December 24, 1994 from 0515 to 0545 UTC. (That's late December 23 local time if you live in western North America and further west to the dateline.)" [Rich McVicar, HCB, via e-mail SEP 9]

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

153 GERMANY (0) - AUG 7 0243 - Engelbert Humpendinck song; fair. [Connely-H MA]

162 FRANCE Aloups, AUG 7 0243 - saxophone jazz, EXCELLENT. [Connely-H MA]

183 GERMANY Felsberg, AUG 7 0242 - FF dance-rock music; LOUD! [Connely-H MA]

198 ENGLAND Drottwich et al., AUG 7 0244 - BBC with EE talk over second station (probably Algeria). [Connely-H MA]

207 unid (MOROCCO or GERMANY), AUG 7 0245 - vocal; poor. [Connely-H MA]

216 FRANCE Roumoules, AUG 7 0245 - HF talk over other station & CLB beacon. [Connely-H MA]

234 LUXEMBOURG Junglinster, AUG 7 0253 - FF talk; music; fair, some QRN. [Connely-H MA]

252 IRELAND Clarksstown, AUG 7 0257 - rock (sounded like Yes), then EE talk; fair. [Connely-H MA]

585 SPAIN, SEP 3 0210 - Pop music // 774, woman talking in SS. [Braun-DE]

603 SPAIN Sevilla et al., AUG 26 0313 - SS talk by man; poor to fair. [Connely-H MA]

612 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, SEP 7 0213 - male AA vocal at low audio level on good strength carrier. [Connely-H MA]

621 CANARY ISLANDS Santa Cruz, Tenerife, AUG 26 0314 - SS talk // 603; fair. SEP 2 0502, SS talk // 639; very good. SEP 7 0210, woman in SS; to good peaks. [Connely-H MA]

639 SPAIN La Coruna et al., SEP 2 0500 - SS talk; very good. SEP 7 0218, man in SS // 621. [Connely-H MA]

666 PORTUGAL Lisboa, AUG 6 0340 - PP group vocal; poor. [Connely-H MA]

684 SPAIN Sevilla, AUG 24 0239 - Woman talking. [Braun-DE]

711 unid (MOROCCO or LIBYA) SEP 7 0220 - bits of AA music & screamer het against WOR / Cuba - 710. [Connely-H MA]

747 HOLLAND Eindhoven, SEP 2 0419 - Irish-style fiddle music; good. [Connely-H MA]

756 SPAIN / GERMANY, SEP 2 0418 - SS / CG mix; poor. [Connely-H MA]

765 SWITZERLAND Sothens, SEP 2 0415 - man & woman in FF; then light music. [Connely-H MA]

774 SPAIN, AUG 24 0232 - Talk by man in WABC slop. [Braun-DE] SEP 2 0414 - fast SS talk // 855; to good peaks. SEP 7 0226 - SS tele-talk; fair. [Connely-H MA]

836 UNID, AUG 25 0339 - het against 837. [Connely-H MA]

837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, AUG 7 0324 - SS tele-talk; EXCELLENT. [Connely-H MA]

AUG 25 0339 - SS talk over others. [Connely-H MA]

855 SPAIN, AUG 24 0245 - Woman talking // 684. SEP 1 0345 - Woman singing // 774. [Braun-DE] AUG 25 0338 - man in SS; EXCELLENT, not even bothered by local WHDH, 850. SEP 2 0414 - fast SS talk // 774; good. SEP 6 0434 - woman in SS; good. SEP 7 0228 - SS tele-talk // 774; good. [Connely-H MA]

864 SPAIN RNE R. 1, Socuellamos, AUG 13 0228 - Pop tune, ID at 0229, then talk about a love song called "Eva". SIO 343 [Burnell-NF]

891 ALGERIA Algiers, SEP 2 0408 - violins & AA vocal; EXCELLENT. SEP 7 0230 - music of both European and AA styles; LOUD. [Connely-H MA]

954 SPAIN R. Espana, Madrid, AUG 13 0238 - Talk about musical "Evita", played SS version of "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina". SIO 333 [Burnell-NF]

972 SPAIN RNE R. 1, Montforte de Lemos, AUG 13 0241 - Woman in SS, pop music // 855. SIO 242 [Burnell-NF] 999 SPAIN Madrid / unid, AUG 24 0325 - fast SS talk atop second station (probably Morocco). AUG 25 0334 - LOUD with fast SS talk by man. SEP 2 0324 - SS talk LOUD atop unid music station (Morocco ?); SAH 4 Hz. SEP 7 0233 - SS talk. [Connely-H MA]

1008 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, SEP 2 0325 - SS talk; poor in jumble through slight CFBF slop with WINS phased. [Connely-H MA]

1017 UNID, SEP 0340 - Weak with man talking in UNID language. [Braun-DE]

1017 GERMANY (0), SEP 7 0235 - C&W style vocal, apparent CG talk. [Connely-H MA]

1026 SPAIN Reus et al., AUG 6 0421 - SS talk; choppy fades. [Connely-H MA]

1044 SPAIN, AUG 24 0323 - SS news delivered in a monotone style. [Connely-H MA] SEP 1 0327 - SS tele-talk; EXCELLENT. SEP 7 0237 - SS tele-talk. [Connely-H MA]

1044 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, SEP 1 2352 - AA violin music over others. [Connely-H MA]

1053 ROMANIA R. Romania, Iasi, AUG 13 0248 - Man and woman talk in Romanian, pop tunes, some in EE (but not one was familiar to me), usually without announcements, pips at 0300, "Radio Romania" ID, talk over rock music, weather. Dominating Spain, think this is the best I've ever heard them on this freq. SIO 433 [Burnell-NF]

1053 UNID, SEP 3 0152 - Music weak but clear in WVED slop. [Braun-DE]

1053 UNID, SEP 1 2351 - huge carrier and background AA audio. I wasn't sure if it was an OC over an AA station or a single signal modulated about 10%. Morocco or Libya are most likely. [Connely-H MA]

1062 DENMARK Kalundborg, AUG 24 0320 - "Emotional Rescue" by the Rolling Stones, then apparent Danish talk; good before fade. SEP 2 0332 - '50s-style rock song with Scandinavian-language lyrics; good. SEP 6 0405 - LOUD with news by man in Danish. [Connely-H MA]

1089 RUSSIA? prob. Krasnodar, AUG 14 0159 - RR phone-in program hosted by woman, no break at the top of hour. Big het, but no audio from 1088 (Angola), SIO 343 [Burnell-NF]

1089 UNID, AUG 25 0332 - Middle-Eastern sounding music here with WBAL phased. SEP 2 0330 - flutes, violins; AA-style music with WBAL phased. Lower-power Algeria & Saudi Arabia and higher-power Syria & Albania are possible. This has heard been fairly often - can anyone help on this? [Connely-H MA]

1098 UNID, AUG 24 0250 - Weak music in WWWE slop. Also heard SEP 3 0154 with music very weak. [Braun-DE]

1098 CANARY ISLANDS (// SPAIN) / SLOVAK REPUBLIC, AUG 25 0328 - SS talk alternating with Slavic talk; the combined signal was massive and the slight WWWE QRN could be removed totally by phasing. SEP 1 2350 - Slavic talk atop SS talk. [Connely-H MA]

1098 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, SEP 1 2350 - SS talk over growl. [Connely-H MA]

1107 SPAIN, AUG 6 0420 - Segovia-type classical Spanish guitar music; good. [Connely-H MA]

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1107 EGYPT / SPAIN, AUG 25 0336 - Egypt dominant with AA vocal over Spain's SS vocal. [Connely-H MA]

1134 SPAIN, AUG 25 0321 - man in SS; fair to good with WEBR phased. SEP 2 0338 - fast SS talk by man, over others. SEP 7 0240 - SS talk; fair. [Connely-H MA]

1179 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, SEP 1 2325 - man in SS; fair with WHAM phased. SEP 2 0340 - fast SS talk by man; second station (Sweden ?) with talk by woman was way in the background. [Connely-H MA]

1188 HUNGARY Magyar R. Szolnok, AUG 6 0230 - pips, news in Hungarian by woman, 0233 flute and guitar music. SIO 232 [Burnell-NF]

1215 ENGLAND, AUG 24 0312 - Virgin R. noted with EE talk, then song by the Smiths; to fair peaks. [Connely-H MA] SEP 1 0328 - Blondie's "Rapture" man talk in EE, first time heard. [Braun-DE]

1251 LIBYA Tripoli, AUG 25 0256 - AA vocal at low audio level on big carrier. SEP 1 2345 - AA talk by man. [Connely-H MA]

1296 SPAIN Valencia, AUG 25 0258 - man in SS mixing with Sudan open carrier. SEP 2 0346 - SS interview; to good peaks. [Connely-H MA]

1296 SUDAN Rebia, AUG 25 0314 - Koranic AA vocal // 7200; fair, over Spain. [Connely-H MA]

- 1305 unID. AUG 25 0301 - sounded more like FF talk than usual SS; tough to extract from the low-pitched net growl. [Connelly-MAI]
- 1305 SPAIN, SEP 2 0404 - man & woman in SS; over others & growl. [Connelly - MAI]
- 1314 NORWAY Kristsøy, AUG 25 0300 - NN vocal, then talk by woman, then man in NN; read news including an item about Iceland; EXCELLENT, way over Spain. Signal about equal to adjacent CKEX. 1320 and stronger than the mess on 1310. [Connelly-MAI] AUG 27 0338 - Music loud and clear. SEP 1 0321 - Clear with talk by man. SEP 3 0159 - Louder than anything on 1310 with end of top of hour ID into news. [Braun-DE] AUG 27 0235 - NN discussion with 2 announcers; very good SEP 1 2347 - EXCELLENT (59+40 peak) with "eye of the Tiger" by Survivor. SEP 6 0412 - weather and temperatures for several Norwegian cities including Tromsø, were given - some were below 0 degrees C. Piano music followed. LOCAL-LIKE -S9+50 (4) and easy on a cheap bedside radio. [Connelly - MAI]
- 1332 ITALY Rome, SEP 2 0403 - piano jazz; poor to fair. [Connelly-MAI]
- 1375 ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON, SEP 1 0332 - Clear with talk by man into music. Unusual to hear audio this good from this one even when signal is strong. Again on SEP 3 0204 with music. [Braun-DE]
- 1404 unID. AUG 6 0348 - big, het soon faded. [Connelly-MAI]
- 1467 FRANCE Roumoules, AUG 6 0408 - man in GG; poor. [Connelly-MAI] SEP 2 0401 - hymn by choir; poor to fair. SEP 6 0416 - light jazz; fair. [Connelly-MAI]
- 1485 SPAIN / unID's, AUG 25 0306 - SS talk over others in mess. [Connelly - MAI]
- 1512 BELGIUM (4), AUG 6 0410 - pop rock music; fairly strong carrier level, but badly sliced by WSSH stop. [Connelly-MAI]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba, AUG 24 0302 - male AA Koran vocal; good. AUG 25 0309 - EXCELLENT (killing WWSKb) - AA a cappella vocal. [Connelly-MAI] SEP 1 0324 - AA chanting in KB stop. [Braun-DE]
- 1530 VATICAN R. Vaticana, AUG 5 2353 - Light pop music. // 5882. [Burnell- NF] SEP 2 0359- 0400 - Beethoven's "Ode to Joy", then Vatican IS; LOUD, creaming WSAI. [Connelly-MAI]
- 1539 GERMANY Mainflingen, SEP 6 0420 - woman in GG, then music. [Connelly - MAI]
- 1557 MALTA Deutsche Welle, Cydlops, AUG 5 2349 - GG news and sports. // 6100. [Burnell- NF]
- 1602 SPAIN, SEP 2 0354 - SER SS news. // 1575, 1584. [Connelly-MAI]
- 1611 VATICAN / NORWAY, AUG 25 0311 - Vatican fair with Slavic- sounding talk by woman mixing with Rogaland, Norway utility; CW station ID'ing as "LGB TLX". [Connelly-MAI]
- 1611 VATICAN, SEP 2 0356 - bouncy music, then Slavic talk by man. SEP 6 0425 - EXCELLENT with Slavic talk by woman, an interlude of folk-style music, then Slavic talk by man. [Connelly-MAI]
- Dave speaks:* "Have had some great conditions here for TA's and low band Latins the last couple of weeks. Most of what I have logged are actually just hets, but some very dear audio and even a couple of new ones!"
- PAN-AMERICAN DX
- 535 TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS RVC, AUG 20 1006 - Poor, very weak with religious program. [SA*MBI]
- 650 COLOMBIA, RCN Antena Dos, AUG 29 0441-0515 - Weak in WSMI null with music. Believe it or not, interference from CKOM (Saskatoon) at the time! [Renfrew- NY]
- 670 VENEZUELA Caracas YVLL, AUG 6 0339 - Nohtrumbos SS news, doorbell chimes, good. [Connelly-TH MAI]
- 670 CUBA R. Rebelde, Arroyo Arenas, AUG 20 0350 - Poor with Rebelde ID, music and talk, under WMAQ. [SA*MBI]
- 740 PUERTO RICO San Juan WIAC (4), AUG 7 0520 - presumably this with SS talk mentioning Puerto Rican cities, phone numbers; in bad mess with at least 2 other SS LA's and possible PP (ZHA446). CHCM null'd; CBL off. [Connelly-TH MAI]
- 760 COLOMBIA Barranquilla HJA, AUG 7 0511 - festive female vocal // HJX, 770. [Connelly-TH MAI]
- 770 COLOMBIA Bogota HJX, AUG 7 0434 - "RCN Bogota" ID under WABC. [Connelly-TH MAI]
- 860 VENEZUELA Valle de la Pasqua YVVE, AUG 7 0500 - lengthy list of sponsors in Monagas and Caracas, then mention of the "Festival San Lorenzo de Oro" and then mentions of Valle de la Pasqua to clinch the ID. This is the unID I had reported on JUL 28 0202. [Connelly-TH MAI]
- 885 MONTSERAT Plymouth Z/B, AUG 27 0153 - Like music poor but clear. [BRAUN- DE]
- 890 COLOMBIA Bogota HJCE, AUG 7 0533 - "en Bogota" mention, fast SS music; atop growl of slightly-off-channel carriers. [Connelly-TH MAI]
- 940 VENEZUELA Punto Fijo YVNN, AUG 7 0538 - R. Punto Fijo ID blasting over others. [Connelly-TH MAI]

- 1020 TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS CCR, AUG 20 0407 - Excellent, man in EE and woman in SS doing a religious program, over KDKA. [SA*MBI] (It broke my dad's heart when he realized that CCR had destroyed his chances for hearing Pirates baseball down in North Carolina - Jim) SEP 7 0240 - EE preacher; alone on channel. SS on 535 good also. [Connelly-MAI]
- 1035 HAITIAN AIRSPACE, R. Democrase, AUG 12 0005 - I tuned in to 1035 kHz at 0005, and noted a man talking in what DIDN'T sound like French, so I presumed it was Creole. It seemed like there were different man and woman announcers, but I really can't be certain. Three vocal selections were noted. At 0057, a drum selection began and was gradually joined by male and female singers. Into ID and s-off announcement and off after 25-30 seconds of talk. ID sounded like "Kad - yo Demo - crass - see." S-off at 0100. DX News arrived today and I noted the logs of Terry and Ray and their IDs as R. Democrase and French language. Took another listen to my tape and still sounds like Demo-crass-see, but the language doesn't sound French - Creole or poor reception? About every 10 minutes, the signal faded for 1-2 minutes and then back in (airplane turning?). Loop bearing seemed to vary slightly from SE to SW to SE. Interesting that the station can be heard in the USA, and be poorly heard in Haiti. QRM from presumed WBZ. E-mail from an IBCA DX'er in Wilmington, NC, rpts hearing the station in (presumed) Creole and similar ID. I'm wondering if the programming has changed to French on one best and Creole on another. Also, there has to have been a power increase...now to find a QSL route (or the C-140 base). Thanks to Terry Krueger of DXSP for tip. [Hardester-NC] AUG 16 0040-0101 - Tip from DXN, in here very strong with FF talk by man and woman, music for one minute at 0044-0049, briefly at 0100. ID "Radio Democracia, La Voix de Soleil" (sounded like to me) at 0100, gone at 0101, slight splash from WBZ. [Myers-VA] SEP 1 0100 - FF talk clear in WBZ stop, gone at 0101. A signal appeared shortly thereafter, but don't know if it was them or a TA het. [Braun-DE] (See QSL Information below for possible station addresses - Jim)
- 1040 unID. AUG 7 0605 - non-stop soul music, no ID's; atop WHO. Not sure if domestic or LA / Carb. [Connelly-TH MAI] (Florida, I think - Jim)
- 1070 VENEZUELA Maracaibo YVMA, AUG 7 0546 - Mundial Zulia ID getting by other LA's, CBA OC, and CHOK. [Connelly-TH MAI]
- 1090 COLOMBIA Cucuta HFBC (4), AUG 7 0549 - possible CARACOL mention under WBAL. [Connelly-TH MAI]
- 1100.3a COLOMBIA Barranquilla HJAT, AUG 7 0600 - Colombia & CARACOL mentions, splittable from WW*WE / others on 1100.0. [Connelly-TH MAI]
- 1180 CUBA R. Rebelde, AUG 20 0330 - Good, mixing with Radio Taino for a real mess. What does this frequency sound like in Cuba? [SA*MBI] (Has anyone determined if this is a 590 x 2 harmonic - Jim)
- 1180 CUBA R. Taino, Habana, AUG 20 0330 - R. Taino ID in EE, they announced they are on 24 hours a day. [SA*MBI]
- 1200 COSTA RICA TITQ San Jose, AUG 13 0224-32 - LA pop music, ID in part as "Radio Cadena", poor with WOAI interference. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1420 COLOMBIA HJBB Santa Marta, JUL 23 0807-26 - LA pop music, ranchera, ID as "CARACOL, Colombia", poor. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1500 ECUADOR HCOY7 Yacumbur, JUL 13 0207-34 - LA pop music, ID as "Radio Yacumbur" several times, fair. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1540 BAHAMAS Nassau, AUG 13 0214 - Unusually strong, over WTRR and CHIN, with phone-in program, callers have West Indian accents. SIO 322 [Burnell- NF]
- 1550 MEXICO XENU Nkevo Laredo, JUL 17 2240-2323 - LA pop, ranchera music, no positive JDs, poor to fair, under unID SS station. [Trelford-JAM] (Seems early in the evening for Mexico - Jim)
- TRANS-PACIFIC DX
- 1008 NEW ZEALAND 1ZD Tauranga, AUG 15 1101 - Poor, with woman reading the news in accented EE. New! [SA*MBI]
- 1557 MARSHALL ISLANDS - Regarding the unID station reported in the July and August editions of DXN, I received a tentative Marshall Islands station during my stay in Maui, HI in March. The station faded in around 0600 UTC and was still audible in good condition around 1200 UTC (then I went to bed). The program consisted of 70s/80s music with talk in mainly unknown language, partly in EE. It sounded like Tagalog, but not that language. Though I could not get 100% ID, I could get an announcement as "the station for your information, the Super Station". I could also hear ads for the Marshall Islands Travel Agency, Cable TV Guide, REE Hotel, etc. The phone number mentioned in the ad was 625-3250, that is very similar to 625-3240 of WSZO. I have already sent an inquiry to WSZO, not

answered yet, though. [Masamune-1H]
Simon speaks: "He's also heard on 702, 736, 756, 774, and 828 between 1110-1117 UTC. Well, the season is never over, a new TP in mid-August at home!"

STATION NEWS

AUSTRALIA: 1503 3AK Melbourne, Victoria, changed its format to 'Beautiful music' on July 29 after being sold to Southern Cross Broadcasters. The station had been running an Italian format. The Italian service owned by Peter Corso, has now moved to the new Melbourne outlet of 1116 kHz & has the call sign of 3BM. It seems 3BM is sharing the same tower as 1278 3AW at Viewbank, situated 20km Nth/East of Melbourne. Power is said to be 2kw with plans of 20kw day & 5kw night. [Dave Onley on Internet via Jean Burnell]

BELIZE: According to John Lloyd of the Computer Science Department at Clemson University, SC, his contacts in Belize say that Radio Belize has now stopped transmitting on MW, with no plans to resume. Radio Belize will now only go out on FM. [Media Network via Communication, JUL 1994 in Distance AUG 17]

BULGARIA: The MW transmitters with power more than 60 kW will stop night operations between 2100-0300, this due to reduction of power consumption. [Distance AUG 17]

COLOMBIA: Radiodifusora Nacional de Colombia has been heard off-frequency on 573 kHz. [Luis Guerra Brandt via Manuel Rodriguez Lanza via Dave Onley DXA in NZDXT AUG 1994]

ENGLAND: Fortuna 14-58, Manchester, new station went on the air JUN 20 with old BBC transmitter. [Vernon-AB]

FRANCE: France Inter has returned its off channel transmitter in the last few days. The high power transmitter has returned to its usual frequency of 107.1MHz from its temporary off channel frequency of 1070kHz. [Steve Whitt in Medium Wave News, AUG 19 e-mail]

GERMANY: AFN Berlin 1107 closed JUL 15 after continuous operation since the end of WW II. [Media Network via Communication AUG 1994 in Distance AUG 17] Radio Volga 261 was due to close AUG 1. [Wolfgang Buschel/World of Radio via Communication AUG 1994 in Distance AUG 17] RFE 1593 is not using Langenberg transmitter as far as I know. I received a QSL from RFE in June which states that before 15th June 94 the transmitter site was Munich. Subsequently it moved to Holztrieden. [Steve Whitt via e-mail]

HAITI/CLANDESTINE/INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE: Radio Democratie 1035 might be QSLable through the pro-Arshide Haitian Embassy, 2311 Massachusetts Ave, N.W., Washington DC 20008. The plane is operated by the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, based in Harrisburg Pa, but the unit is operating out of the Norfolk area. This information is from a detailed article in the most recent *Monitoring Times*, which I browsed through in a local book store. [Renfrew-NY]

HONDURAS: In *DX News* #27, Jean Burrell had a logging of La Voz de Centroamerica with an item that the police were checking "cedulas". Actually, the spelling is "cedulas" and those are national identification cards which theoretically all Hondurans must carry, although passants in the more remote rural areas rarely have them. Also, all resident foreigners, excluding those on diplomatic passports have to have cedulas, so I had one while there in the Peace Corps ... [Don Moore, e-mail]

HONDURAS: Per information from the Honduran internet mailing list, Honduras is undergoing a major energy crisis. Tegucigalpa, San Pedro Sula, plus a number of sizable towns and small cities receive their power from the El Cajon hydroelectric project north of Tegucigalpa. May to November is normally the rainy season, but this year has been very dry (probably the result of deforestation) and water levels are falling by several centimeters a day at El Cajon. At the present rate, the water level will be below the turbines by the end of September, leaving much of Honduras without electricity. In the meantime to reduce water flow, the different areas served by El Cajon are on rolling blackouts, six hours on and six hours off. A lot of larger businesses and wealthy families have gasoline generators, but owning and operating those is beyond the financial reach of most businesses and individuals. Assumedly the electricity problems are having some type of effect on broadcasting schedules. Some new turbines are on order from Mexico that can be placed at and produce electricity at a lower level than is possible now, but it is unlikely those will be in the country and installed before the end of the year, at the earliest. [Don Moore, e-mail]

MALTA: Deutsche Welle Relay 1557 will probably close down its operations for DW during 1995. This action due to reduced amount of money received for the future operation of DW. [DW via BE in ARC AUG 5]

MOROCCO: Medi 1 1044 is now here, ex 612, schedule 0500-0100 on 171, 1044, 9575 and FM. [Andy Semitt/WRTM/Media Network & BBCM via Communication AUG 1994 in Distance AUG 17, also Steve Whitt via e-mail]

PALESTINE: VO Palestine 675 Jericho is now using this frequency with sign-on at 0500. They are no longer heard on their former frequency 702 kHz. [BBCM via BDXC [Internet, JUL 25] in ARC AUG 5] (Note: BBCM items are copyright, unless used by non-profit publications for non-commercial purposes, with credit to the source - Jim)

POLAND: There was an item on the Internet news that "the external service of Polish Radio has ceased broadcasting on medium wave 1503 kHz". [Andreas Volk in Germany on Internet via Jean Burnell] (Domestic service in its place? - Jim)

SCOTLAND: BBC R. Solway 585 ceased broadcasting FEB 93. [Vernon-AB]

UNITED KINGDOM: Virgin Radio is now operating with reduced bandwidth to protect Holland FM on 1224 kHz. [Distance AUG 17]

VENZUELA: Strong rumors from the Ministry of Communications say that permission to broadcast on FM, MW and TV given by the Velazquez administration (the former interim president) will be rejected without explanation by actual authorities. [Luis Guerra Brandt in The Radio News #22 via e-mail from Manuel Rodriguez Lanza]

CORRECTION
 CEUTA item from last issue should be 1584, not 1548. [Steve Whitt via e-mail]

WHAT TIME IS IT?

From 1997 onwards summer time [in Europe] will end at end of October instead of end of September. This was decided by the Ministers of Transport of the European Union at their last meeting. This means adoption of the British/Irish system by the other European member states. For the years 1994, 95 and 96 they may still continue the old system, but from 1997 on they will be obliged to follow the new rules. [Henk van der Laan via DSWCI in ARC AUG 5]

QSL INFORMATION

BAHAMAS: ZNS1 1540 verified by letter from Wycliffe Miller, Senior Supervisor, Radio Programming, PO Box N-1347, Nassau, Bahamas. [Stephens in IRCA via NZDXT AUG 1994, also H. Weatherly in DXA AUG 1994]

COLOMBIA: HJOP 960 Magangué, address as in WRTM, v/s Alberto Suarez Lopez, Gerente. Letter: QSL cards (for shortwave). Magangué is transmitter site, studios in Barranquilla. [Treford-JAM]

DOMINICA: DBS 595 Roseau, address as in WRTM, telephone 809-484-3282/3, signed by Fred White, AG, Chief Tech. [Treford-JAM]

PUERTO RICO: WOSO 1030, partial data letter, v/s Sergio Fernandez, Station Manager, in 52 days for \$1. Letter was dated June 23, so possibly more than 6 weeks in transit. [Burnell-NP]

ST. PIERRE ET MICHELON: QSL letter and stickers sent in 33 days for 1 IRC, v/s Louis Langlois, BP 4227, F-97500 St Pierre et Miquelon. [M. Vizdom (Italy) in Play-DX #890]

SPAIN: RNE I Socuallamos, 972, partial data letter, v/s Fdo. Domingo Gonzalez y Gonzalez [J. Director of RNE in Galicia, in 75 days after f/up for 1992 report. [Burnell-NP]

SPAIN: R. Santander 1485, partial data letter - 3 pages and very friendly - explaining that they remember the tape I sent them 2 years ago, but they lost it in the move to new studios. Also sent sticker and program schedule, but the v/s is illegible [Burnell-NP]

VENEZUELA: R. Super Punto Fijo 940 with personal but non-specific letter from Roman Oswaldo Aguilar, Director, in 6 months for 2 IRCs (books like it was sent surface mail). Address is Edificio Lotar, Av. Ecuador, Punto Fijo, Edo Falcon. They mention having a 25 kW transmitter, but only run it at 20 kW. [Renfrew-NY]

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 (and the rest of the text, unfortunately, is roadkill on the information superhighway - pls.)



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Formats

Changes in programming status; reported by listeners

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Doug Beard writes from Springville, Iowa that KCRG-1600 was to go to an all news format on 9/6, using the new AP all news radio net, with some local news from KCRG-TV, Channel 9. The station will retain some sports and the Sunday AM polka shows which are popular with the large Czech community there.

A friend at Amtrak in Boston told me via phone that WHDH-850 was going all sports, and that WEEI-590, the former all sports outlet in Beantown, and Boston's first radio station will air business news. How the mighty has fallen with a resounding plip! And Ai Holtz, of Concord, in Philly, advises that WWJZ-640, Mr. Holly, N.J., will be back on the air with its big band and jazz format, operating from WHI-1460's studios in nearby Florence, by the time you see this column.

Our column, mostly from the M Street Journal, follows....

- 570 WVMI MS Biloxi
- 580 WELO MS Tupelo
- 790 WOXI GA Atlanta
- 900 KISK NC Columbus
- 940 KVVX OR Bend
- 960 WFGL MA Fitchburg
- 1010 WFCB WV Berkeley Springs
- 1030 WBNN IN Union City
- 1060 KUKQ AZ Tempe
- 1080 KCSI IA Red Oak
- 1090 WBZB NC Selma
- 1150 KMXN CA Santa Rosa
- 1160 WKNR KY Florence
- 1166 WYVJ NJ Oakland
- 1170 WCLN NC Clinton
- 1210 KUBR TX San Juan
- 1220 WENC NC Whiteville
- 1230 WRBO PA Harrisburg
- 1240 WUOK MA West Yarmouth
- 1280 WECY DE Seaford
- 1290 WABK ME Gardiner
- 1290 WDEC GA Americus
- 1300 WXXU FL Cocoa Beach
- 1340 WFEW AL Sylacauga
- 1340 WTIK ID Nampa
- 1340 KWQZ MS Kosciusko
- 1370 KWNC WA Quincy
- 1390 WJSK GA Americus
- 1400 KTUC AZ Tucson
- 1400 WFOR MS Hattiesburg
- 1400 KVOP TX Plainview
- 1400 WBIZ WI Eau Claire
- 1430 WMSY IN Indianapolis
- 1450 KOSG AR Camden
- 1450 WFMB IL Springfield
- 1450 WXYW IN Jeffersonville
- 1460 KDWA MN Hastings
- 1460 WBKC OH Painesville
- 1470 WRGA GA Rome
- 1470 KKSC IA Sioux City
- 1470 WLMC SC Georgetown
- Country music//FM.
- Talk and AC, latter//WVZLQ at night.
- Brokered variety, you buy the time, you play what you want!
- Religion and AP News.
- SMN Standards.
- Back on the air with religion.
- Country music//FM.
- New station, farm news, country music.
- Rock//FM.
- SMN Country music//FM.
- Talk and country music, drops gospel.
- Spanish and religion.
- Ex-WBND, now country music.
- More brokered variety, oldies when time is not sold, black gospel at night (TF).
- Southern gospel.
- Spanish contemporary Christian, // on KVOZ-890, KVOL-1470, and two FM stations.
- ISN Oldies.
- Business news.
- Drops CNN Headline News for "The Team" sports.
- 70'sw oldies.
- WYMI adult standards, takes WFAY-1340's long running format, long running WFAU, on the air for over 50 years is silent!
- Country//FM.
- ISN Oldies, rhythm and blues.
- News, talk, sports.
- Sports "The Team"
- Country music//FM
- ISN Country music.
- All talk.
- WYMY Talk.
- ASN Sports.
- Teleno (Mexican) music.
- SMN Real country music.
- Adult standards.
- ISN Oldies.
- ESPN Sports.
- ASN Sports.
- D/5 Oldies.
- Soft adult contemporary, AP News at night.
- AP News.
- Talk and sports.
- Back on the air with Black gospel, jazz, and R & B.



939 RADIO ROAD
ELIZABETHTOWN, PA 17022

- 1490 WHBD AL Selma
- 1490 WDUR NC Durham
- 1490 WCSV TN Crossville
- 1490 WPAK VA Farmville
- 1510 KGA WA Spokane
- 1520 KAMX NM Albuquerque
- 1530 KPX CA San Francisco
- 1560 KBEM MN Blue Earth
- 1560 KWCO OK Chickasha
- 1570 WANR OH Warren
- 1580 WANB PA Waynesburg
- Adult standards and talk.
- ISN Oldies
- Travel information.
- Oldies.
- News, talk "Supertalk".
- AC//FM.
- Talk, information, jazz//FM.
- Oldies.
- PRN Talk.
- Talk.
- Southern gospel.

All for now. Thanks to our contributors for their submissions. And, for the beginning of the DX season, do get your area format changes in to your Formats column, so when we hear jazz on 1550 on the East Coast, we will know that we have caught KP1X (we should be so lucky!)(1).

Radio

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Roundup

News of the radio industry, of interest to DXers

Greetings all ... In the land of the Loop, Brian Davis has moved from WBMM to WMVP as an evening sports-talk host ... WNLS talker Nikki Reed recently appeared in the National Enquire and then talked with her listeners about how she gave up her third child for adoption. Will these shock jock types ever burn out? You make the call and I hope it's a good one ... Rush Limbaugh's move from WCBM to WBAL has initiated a 3 million dollar lawsuit ... Sad news for Boston talker Tom Leykis. He has been arrested for assault and battery on his wife. A court hearing is set for early February ... Seattle's morning personality Ichabod Crane is switching stations. After ten years at KMP5 he'll travel across time to KRPM, after a six month sit out, due to a no-compete clause ... Hollywood Hamilton is back on the air at KGCI in Riverside. He has been joined by his former side kick Dr. George Brothers from their KIS days ... KBTZ changed formats from Spanish to Nostalgia on January 1 ... WIOD is looking for a replacement voice for the Dolphins games, as Rick Weaver is retiring after 23 years ... Also looking for talent is KCMO, wanting a new morning driver ... The FCC has asked the Court of Appeals to reconsider its Indecency Ruling. The court acknowledged the FCC's right to govern such but found the proposed nudging to 6 AM time frame too restrictive ... Pat "Paraguar" Kelly has been shown the door at WNEW-FM and I guess will return to the west coast, where he built his reputation. His name alone is a throwback to the sixties. He may have had a better chance of connecting in the Big Apple if he dropped his nickname ... Ken Hamblin, a black,

conservative talk show host on Denver's KNUS, was recently featured on a network news magazine show. He also writes a column for the *Denver Post* ... Former California Governor and Presidential hopeful Jerry Brown has launched a two-hour daily talk show on the Talk America Radio Network, aimed at being a liberal alternative to Rush Limbaugh ... ABC is currently developing a Youth Talk Show, hopefully to air in the spring ... Tom Joyner's new ABC syndicated Urban program is currently airing in 29 markets ... Gene Autry has sold KMP5 to Cap Cities. One of the movies and TV's favorite cowboys has owned the station since 1952 ... Rush Limbaugh has signed on the dotted line to be heard on KMOX starting April 4th in the 11 am to 2 pm slot ... The Phoenix Cardinals will be heard on KESZ next season ... The International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) and Paxson Broadcasting have joined together to form the IMSA Radio Network ... WCNX has become Traffic-1150, an All Traffic format. What? That's right, the station has set up a reporting system, using CBs, cellular phones, scanners, video cameras and dedicated mobile units. They will cover the Connecticut counties of Middlesex, New Haven and Hartford. All traffic from 6 AM to 6 PM and other programming until they go to bed at midnight. Talk about narrowcasting ... If you would like to contribute to this column, I may be reached at the address above, via CompuServe 72576,2557, Prodigy PFKZ5D, Internet Petekz1z@aol.com, the FDO system in the Shortwave, Ham or Broadcasting echo areas, or amateur radio packet, KZ1Z @ K1UOI.CT. So much for now.

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George Santulli	Cranford, MA	-	0	0	0	0	0	32
J.W. Bay, Jr.	Drexel Hill, PA	32	0	0	0	0	0	31
Eric Buennen	Hazlewood, MO	8	4	4	5	3	3	31
Bill Lackey	Kingsville, TX	6	9	4	3	5	4	31
Morris Sorensen	Leat Kapids & Coda's Narrows, MB	5	6	5	7	4	4	31
Jack Woods	Waldport, OR	4	3	7	7	3	7	31
James Dale	Rosemont, MN	6	5	3	6	5	3	30
Mike Knitter	Rapid City, SD	5	3	3	4	6	8	29
Morris Sorensen	Fort Carling, ON	2	2	5	6	4	6	29
Richard E. Wood	Hilo, HI	5	5	8	4	4	2	28
Jeff Kosnet	Charleston, WV	5	3	6	3	4	3	26
Gene Nix	Billings, MT	3	5	5	5	3	3	25
Jeff Kosnet	Chicago, IL	5	3	6	6	4	4	24
Mike Hawk	Evergreen, CO	5	4	1	3	3	5	24
Chris Cuomo	Verona, PA	2	4	5	3	5	2	21

Paul Mount	Nelsonville, OH	4	2	3	3	5	21
Don Davis	Warner Robins, GA	5	4	2	4	2	20
Paul Swearingen	Moran, KS	5	3	2	2	5	19
Ron Rychalsky	Bridgesport, CT	3	2	2	2	3	17
Les Carpenter	Sandy, UT	2	1	0	2	3	15
Sharon Waterman	Southwick, MA	-	0	2	5	5	13
Richard Turner	N. Yarmouth, MA	2	1	1	2	3	12
Morris Sorensen	Kempville, ON	2	1	1	3	2	11
Shawn Axelrod	Orlando, FL	1	2	1	4	1	10
Doug Smith	Madison, WI	2	2	2	2	0	10
Perry Crabill	Winchester, VA	1	1	1	1	1	10
Don Treford	St. Ann's, JMC	2	1	1	2	2	10
Shawn Axelrod	Edmonton, AB	1	1	1	1	3	10
Don Treford	Runaway Bay, JMC	1	1	1	1	1	7
Dale Park	Irvine, CA	1	1	1	1	2	7
Dale Park	Various Locations, HI	1	1	1	1	0	4
Shawn Axelrod	Swan River, MB	0	0	1	1	1	3

*Totals are for Before/After 1960 - Unreported

WWCS takes world view

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

By Steve Greedy via John Malicky
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

The voice is suave, measured and very, very British. It oozes from the small AM radio like butter over hot toast. "This is the BBC World Service in London," it announces, serenely unaware of the surprise that statement may be generating on another continent.

The BBC? In London? On a portable AM radio in Pittsburgh? Absolutely odd bean. But it's not some freak signal slipping across the Atlantic.

What you're really listening to is WWCS in Coonorsburg, a tiny radio station started around the clock by just four people and looking itself as "the Station of Nations." WWCS was Coonorsburg's first radio station and it certainly counts these days as the most unusual.

It's a little hard to imagine to hear the BBC, try tuning in after 11 p.m. WWCS transmits four hours of programming from the radio. Remember, it's in Atlantic.

WWCS is part of a small chain of stations in Atlantic and run by Serbian businessmen Sasa Brnec, Brnec, and Brnec. WWCS in 1989 and converted it from an all classical format to an eclectic mix of international programming. And selected the word. After the British and the Arabic.

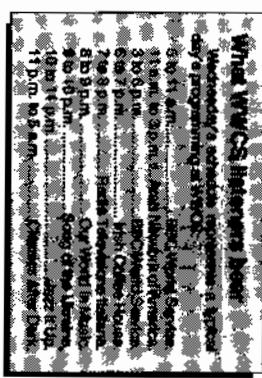
WWCS puts out an hour of Irish and Celtic music, an Italian program, two hours of world music, some jazz, the odd polka and a few German beer-drinking songs. It reverts to classical music after midnight.

It's an oddball mix that seems commercially inviable but it has its followers, says WWCS operations co-manager Jan McGrath.

The station doesn't sell advertisements in the normal sense and doesn't even have a salesperson. It breaks its time by selling time slots to people who put together their own broadcast packages.

McGrath says revenue from the Maryland-based Aereo network, which has a package deal to air its programs in the U.S., and the BBC covers the modest costs of running WWCS. McGrath covers the modest costs of running WWCS.

McGrath isn't entirely sure how many people in Pittsburgh listen to the 20 hours a week of Arabic, Irish, German and other music. "It's more popular in Detroit than it is here," she says. "The phone was ringing off the hook."



People also call in about the Celtic music on the Irish Coffee House program and what McGrath calls "the big melting pot of world music."

"I really get a lot of positive response. It's working for us," she says.

Brnec began the format in Detroit and says the station there broadcasts in 24 different languages. Other switching from one language to another on an hourly basis. In addition to the regular programming, WWCS has a special approval to add two stations in Maryland to the network.

He says he introduced the format in 1984 for that most basic of business reasons — "because nobody else did."

He started with a small daytime format but gradually increased the transmission power and began operating on a 24-hour basis.

"I had an idea that it could really be very interesting and pick up a lot of listenership," he says.

And why Coonorsburg? Brnec says the listed WWCS, 540 AM frequency and the station's name. His target audience, he says, is "anybody that has serious listening to the BBC."

In fact, WWCS gets its message across to a fairly wide area. It reaches as far as Columbus and Youngstown, Ohio; Parkersburg, W. Va., and Johnston, West. It makes way to replace the station's transmission towers, a move expected to improve its signal strength.

"We're a small facility that we try to put a big billboard up on the radio out there, if you know what I mean," McGrath says.

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Geomagnetic Summary June 4 1994 through July 28 1994
 Soft copies of this report available through phil_bytheway@atk.com

GEO - Geomagnetic activity
 mas - major storm
 mas - major storm - satellite proton event
 mis - minor storm - severe storm

Date	ELUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
6/4	68	16	4	very low	unsettled-active	-
5	68	21	4	very low	unsettled-active	-
6	71	18	3	low	unsettled-active	-
7	77	13	2	very low	quiet-active	-
8	80	8	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
9	83	7	3	low	quiet-unsettled	-
10	85	16	3	very low	quiet-active	-
11	86	15	5	very low	quiet-mis	-
12	86	22	3	very low	quiet-mis	-
13	85	13	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
14	85	14	3	very low	unsettled	-
15	88	8	0	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
16	88	3	1	low	quiet	-
17	84	9	3	very low	quiet-active	-
18	78	13	1	very low	quiet-active	-
19	77	20	4	very low	quiet-mis	-
20	76	12	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
21	74	11	1	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
22	72	4	1	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
23	73	1	1	very low	quiet	-
24	73	2	0	low	quiet	-
25	73	0	2	very low	quiet	-
26	74	17	5	very low	unsettled-mis	-
27	73	24	3	very low	quiet-mis	-
28	74	11	3	very low	quiet-active	-
29	79	19	4	low	quiet-mis	-
6/30	83	17	4	moderate	quiet-active	-
7/1	87	21	3	very low	quiet-mis	-
2	83	27	3	very low	quiet-mis	-
3	86	15	2	low	quiet-active	-
4	85	6	1	very low	quiet	-
5	83	5	2	very low	quiet	-
6	84	12	3	very low	quiet-active	-
7	88	13	2	moderate	quiet-active	-
8	86	4	1	very low	quiet	-
9	86	3	0	very low	quiet	-
10	86	1	2	very low	quiet	-
11	86	4	1	very low	quiet	-
12	83	1	0	low	quiet	-
13	81	2	2	very low	quiet-active	-
14	82	19	3	low	quiet-mis	-
15	83	14	4	low	unsettled-mis	-
16	82	26	4	low	unsettled-mis	-
17	80	14	3	very low	quiet-active	-
18	80	10	3	low	quiet-unsettled	-



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Date	ELUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
19	78	13	1	very low	quiet-active	-
20	77	6	1	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
21	77	10	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
22	76	5	1	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
23	78	4	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
24	75	5	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
25	75	13	2	very low	quiet-active	-
26	74	5	4	very low	quiet-active	-
27	74	9	3	very low	quiet-active	-
28	75	17	3	very low	quiet-active	-

General announcement - deadline change!

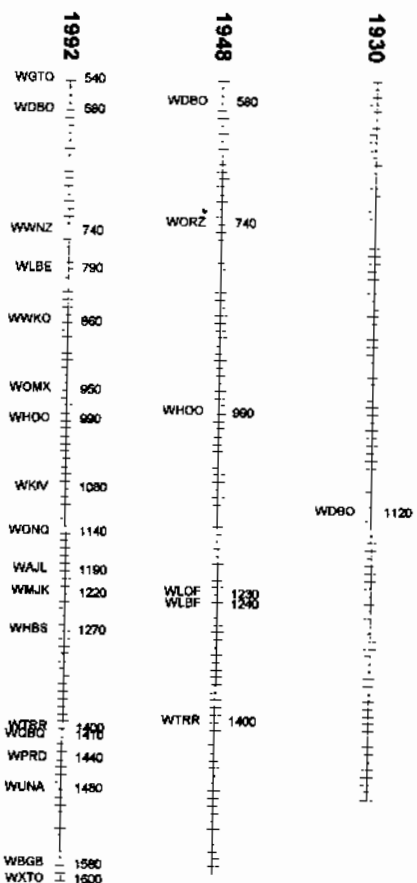
As a special project, I am going to compile an audio tape of TIS messages from all over the US and Canada. I can accept either reel-to-reel or cassette tapes, and the announcement should be readable (not faint DX, although clear DX is OK). Please include call (if known), location, frequency, date and time with each submission.

The length of the final product will depend on how many submissions I get... but I am hoping for at least two sides of a C60, and copies of the final product will be available for a nominal charge. My deadline is November 1 1994.
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Professional Sports Networks

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Network listings for team sports stations

Here is the first NFL information that I have -- one network list (and no announcers). Please send me network lists, flagship lists, and announcer lists that you may have. Thanks.

Buffalo Bills 1994 via Greg Conglio (via Bill Hale/fhennel)

620 WHEN-NY	1160 WPIE-NY	1330 WFWC-NY	1410 WELM-NY	95.7 WPIG-NY
680 WINR-NY	1180 WHAM-NY	1360 KNNS-AZ	1420 WACK-NY	95.9 WFLR-NY
810 WBY-NY*	1240 WATN-NY	1380 WABH-NY	1450 WODZ-NY	96.1 WODZ-NY
930 WBYN-NY	WJTN-NY	1390 WKDR-VT		
1140 WCW-NY	1260 WRIE-PA	1410 WDOE-NY	93.3 WWSE-NY	

NRC E-Mail Addresses, #2 ... compiled by Paul Sweatingen (PalsCBDXER@AOL.COM)

Several months ago, we printed a list of DX'ers' E-mail addresses. The following is an update of that list and will be the last one printed in DXN. If your address changes or if you need to correct an error or add an address, please send a Musing to Dave Schmitt.

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College Sports Networks

Network listings for team sports stations

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Hi, everyone! Football season is upon us, and once again I am providing for you affiliate lists of stations that will be carrying major college teams this fall.

IOWA HAWKEYES (Palmer Sports Network) Jim Zabel, Ed Podolak
800 KXIC-IA
1040 WHO-IA
1180 KOHL-NE
1220 KJAN-IA
1240 KBIJ-IA
KICD-IA
1270 KWEB-MN
1300 KGLO-IA
1330 WTLQ-IA
1360 KSCI-IA
1370 KDTH-IA
1400 KVPH-IA
1420 WOC-IA
1490 KBBR-IA
1570 KWQC-IA
1600 KCRG-IA
100.5 KDEC-IA
103.9 KUOO-IA
107.1 KTLR-TV

IOWA HAWKEYES (Iowa Sports Network) Frosty Mitchell, Tim Boyle, Bob Evans, Kevin Dolan

600 WMT-IA	1380 KCIH-IA	95.3 KIFG-IA
1070 KTLR-IA	1400 KCOG-IA	KCIIA
1230 KWSN-SD	1410 KGRN-IA	95.9 KILR-IA
1270 WKBF-IL	1480 WTDY-WI	97.7 WMQE-IL
1310 KDLS-IA	1510 KIRG-IA	KHBT-IA
1330 WRAM-IL	1540 KXEL-IA	98.3 KEMR-IA
	99.5 KKMA-IA	
	102.7 KYTC-IA	

WISCONSIN BADGERS Brian Manthey, Randy Wright

550 WSAU-WI	1310 WBEA-WI	92.1 WRIS-WI
620 WTMJ-WI	1320 WEHR-WI	94.9 WOLX-WI
710 WDSM-WI	1330 WHBL-WI	101.5 WNNR-MI
800 WDUX-WI	1350 WPPR-WI	102.3 WISS-WI
810 WDMF-WI	1360 WVRQ-WI	105.3 WRLO-WI
910 WDOR-WI	1380 WBEL-IL	
960 WTCH-WI	1400 WATV-WI	
1010 WSPQ-WI	WBIZ-WI	
1050 WJLP-WI	WJDB-WI	
1230 WHBY-WI	1440 WNFL-WI	
WGLQ-WI	1450 KEJZ-WI	
1240 WOMT-WI	WDLB-WI	
WOBT-WI	WRGO-WI	
WJMC-WI	1470 WBRV-WI	
1260 WAXE-WI	1490 WICM-WI	
WWIS-WI	1550 WEVY-WI	
WEKZ-WI	1570 WKBH-WI	
1270 WRJG-WI	1590 WTOQ-WI	
1280 WGLR-WI		
1290 WKLI-WI		

That's it for now. Thanks go out to the UI Sports Information Dept. and to IRCA's Tim Noonan. Be sure to send me any lists (lists, not just flagship station info).

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Station Profile

A special feature about a unique station

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STATION PROFILE - WOPA - 1200, "La WOPA", Chicago.



A new 10,000 watt radio station signing on the air in America's third largest city as recently as 1990? Yes...on January 1, 1990, WOPA - 1200 began operations as Chicago's newest radio station, on the area's last available AM or FM frequency, with music and news for the Windy City's population of over a million residents of Mexican heritage.

WOPA arose from an idea in the mid 1980's, as FCC regulations on assignment of clear channel frequencies was relaxed. 1200 khz previously belonged to WOL in San Antonio and a handful of daytime stations. Chicago investors, realizing that the Mexican market lacked a full service radio voice, applied for an unlimited license on 1200 khz, with 10 kw days and 2500 watts at night, with the call sign WXXA (for Mexican).

WXXA's first aspiring owner, facing unexpected expenses, agreed to sell the construction permit to the Marx family in 1989. The Marx family owned the former Soo Line railroad freight office building at 509 West Roosevelt Road, on the edge of the huge Amtrak service facility and storage yards. They began construction of studios for their expected new acquisition on the third floor of the old freight house. However, the deal collapsed as the Marxes could not finance the station.

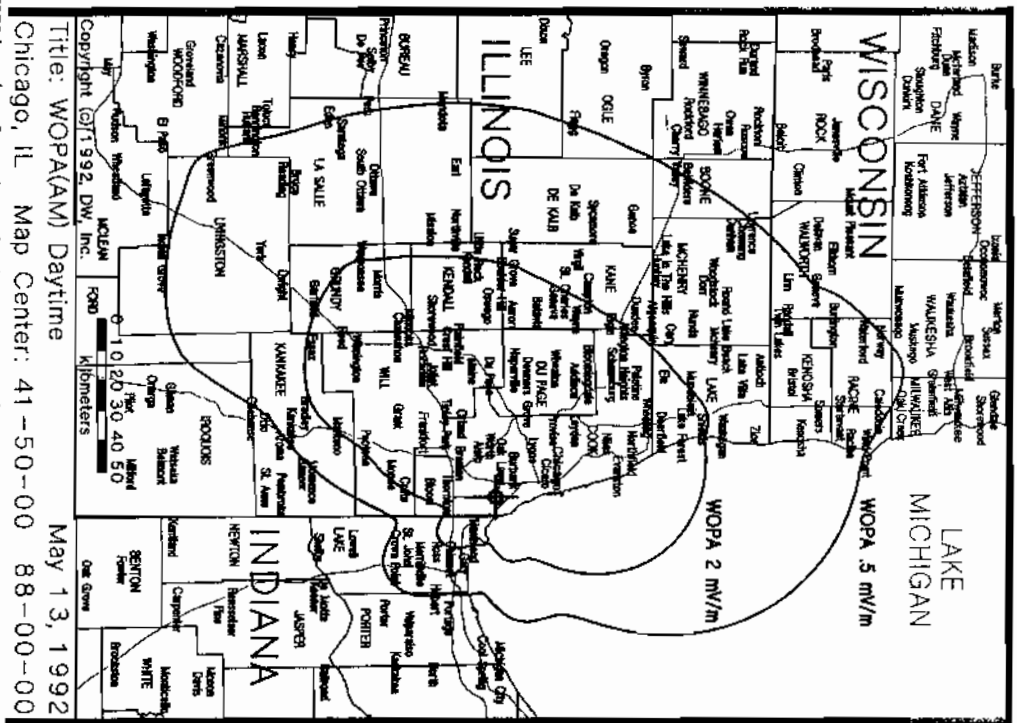
Joseph Antello, a former WGN staffer, obtained the construction permit and got the station on the air on New Year's Day, 1990, with a hand picked staff, and the planned Mexican music format.

The WXXA call was replaced by a well known call sign - WOPA. For decades, WOPA, WOPA was the call for a station at 1490 khz, atop the Oak Park Arms, in the near west suburb of Oak Park. WOPA occupied the penthouse of the former posh Oak Park Arms Hotel. However, the WOPA call became available for the new station, when 1490's owners were granted the call WBBX. The owners of 1200 wanted the call for name recognition, and the call presently has no meaning.

WOPA initially offered a Mexican format, but its owners, faced with competition from three established Chicago radio stations, adjusted the format to cover a wider Hispanic audience. WOPA face formidable challenges from WIND-560, a former renowned rock station, WMAQ-1300, once a small suburban LaGrange station, and WOUO-FM, who are scrambling for ratings and the sale of air time to the Mexican population. To appeal to a wider audience, WOPA has fine tuned its latin music format to include Puerto Rican, Cuban, and other Spanish groups, all found in Chicago's vast ethnic melting pot. Management bills "La WOPA" as the only contemporary international Spanish language music radio station in Chicago. WMAQ and WIND air primarily ranchero music, which is essentially Mexican country music with an accordian of guitar base. WOUO broadcasts a mix of banda, ranchero, and norrena - all regional Mexican music.

WOPA targets a rapidly growing 18 to 34 year old Hispanic population, which includes over 350,000 Chicagoans. Other than music, WOPA nightly broadcasts the popular "Issues of the Community", at 5:00pm. This program is an hour's interview with prominent personalities and news makers in the Hispanic community. WOPA airs world and national news from the Spanish Information System, at the top of each hour, and local news is heard through morning drive time and at noon. WOPA's main staple is music, all live assisted, 24 hours daily. No silent period is scheduled. An hour of religion and some religious music is heard on Sunday mornings.

WOPA's studios and offices today occupy the top floor of the ancient freight office building. The control room, a news room, a production studio, plus the offices cover the entire floor. Sharing the sooty old structure are a printer on the second floor, and a flea market occupies the ground floor on Saturdays.



Chicago, IL Map Center: 41-50-00 88-00-00
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WOPA's signal must protect WONO-1190 in Fort Wayne and WOAI. The 10,000 watt day and 1000 watt night signal - the planned 2500 watt night signal could not be proofed, requiring a reduction to 1000 watts - originates from a nine tower array at 103rd Street and the Dan Ryan Expressway, ten miles southeast of the famed Loop. The unique antenna system consists of two rows of four guyed, 206 foot high towers, and a ninth tower in the center of the array. The signal is directional into Wisconsin, toward Madison. Virtually no signal goes south or east. The 1000 watt night signal nicely covers Chicago, and extends out into the suburbs to Elgin, Palatine, and Evanston.

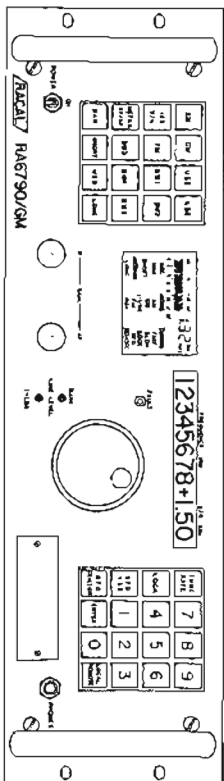
WOPA employs 28 full and part time personnel. It has passed through several owners in its brief history. Joseph Antello served as president for the first six months of the station's existence, owning 52 % of the shares. Arthur P. Velazquez, his partner, bought out Antello's interests and went into partnership with broadcasting consultant Edward Fanning, who today is WOPA's general manager.

WOPA is very visible in Chicago's Spanish community. Many Chicagoans Hispanic - owned businesses engage WOPA for remote broadcasts, complete with DJ and music, to promote their establishments - such as Amador's supermarket, numerous auto dealerships, and other organizations promoting attendance at the "big sale". WOPA also appears at many Hispanic community festivities including the Puerto Rican week celebration of the Fiesta de Sol. This happens annually attracts over a million local residents drawn by free food and entertainment. Another major day for WOPA and the Mexican community is Mexican Independence Day, each September.

WOPA, in its less than five years, has been enthusiastically embraced by Chicago's Spanish residents, and is a respected member of the Midwest's largest Hispanic community.

The editor thanks Edward Fanning, WOPA General Manager, for his willingness to assist in the preparation of this Station Profile. Because of his help, the NRC may enjoy learning about his interesting radio station.

RA6790/GM: A Brief Review . . . by Dallas Lankford



About six months ago the U.S. military disposed of several hundred RA6790/GM (R-2174(P)/URR) receivers through surplus bids, and subsequently several surplus equipment sellers have offered them for about \$1500 (with filters, checked for operation). The R-2174(P)/URR is identical to the RA6790/GM except that the R-2174(P)/URR was equipped with plug-in crystal filters instead of mechanical filters. There was some variation in filter line-up from one to another of these surplus 6790's, apparently because some of these receivers released for surplus bids were missing one or more filters; see, for example, Fair Radio's Fall 1993 Catalog Supplement. Evidently many also required repair and/or replacement of some parts.

The 6790 I received contained five filters, 0.4, 3.24, and 6.8 KHz nominal symmetric bandpass filters, and 2.7 KHz USB and 2.7 KHz LSB filters, all of them the large plug-in crystal filter type. Apparently 1.2 KHz and 16 KHz BW filters were also installed in some 6790s. The bandwidths mentioned above are nominal. For example, the measured bandwidths for the 3.24 KHz and 6.8 KHz filters in the 6790 I tested were 3.48/5.00 KHz and 8.01/13.5 KHz at -6/-60 dB respectively. The 3.24 filter is excellent for DXing, but the 6.8 filter is a bit wide even for SW pleasure listening.

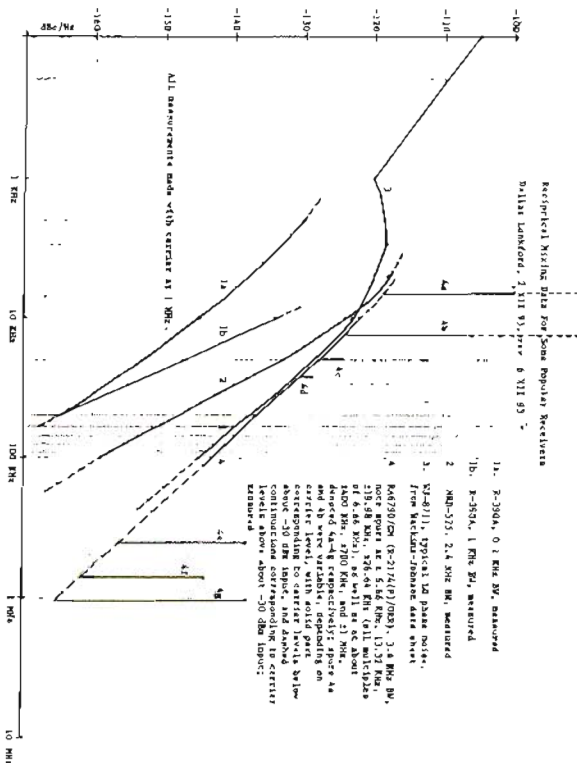
A detailed review of the RA6790/GM (R-2174(P)/URR) is contained in the 1982 KRTI, so this review will necessarily be brief. The 6790 tunes 0.500000 to 29.999999 MHz with resolution and readout to the nearest Hz in the finest (slowest) tuning rate. Tuning rate resolutions are 1 Hz, 30 Hz, and 1 KHz, selectable by a front panel push button. The 6790 does not tune below 0.500000 MHz contrary to a statement in the 82 KRTI. There is a "ricker" you can use to tune below 0.500000 MHz. For example, in the 1 KHz tuning rate, press ENTER then 01310, then press ENTER again and 00. The receiver will be tuned to 310 KHz, but if you move the main tuning knob ever so slightly, the 6790 returns to the 0.5-30 MHz range.

The 6790 is still in production, and spare parts and the manual are available from RA6AL. You should phone or write for prices and parts availability: RA6AL Communications, Inc., 5 Research Place, Rockville, MD 20850, (301)948-4420.

These surplus 6790s did not include the optional independent sideband module (ISB PC board, assembly A5), or the remote control module (serial asynchronous remote interface PC board, assembly A6A1). The 6790 manual also

mentions other options which are available: improved internal frequency standard -23 parts in 1,000,000,000, an RF amplifier for greater receiver sensitivity, extended low frequency tuning range to 10 KHz, and a broadband IF output.

The following performance parameters were measured for the 6790 I tested. AM sensitivity for the 3.24 filter for a 10 dB S/N using 400 Hz modulation at 50% modulation varied between 0.7 and 1.7 microvolts. The 3rd order intercept at 100 KHz or greater spacing was +30.5 dBm. The 2nd order intercept was +36.5 dBm. Both of these values are, of course, outstanding for a receiver with no front end preselection. The 3rd order intercept was phase noise limited at 20 KHz spacing. The weak point of the 6790 is slight reciprocal mixing spurs within 130 KHz of the tuning frequency. A graph of the 6790 reciprocal mixing characteristics is given below together with reciprocal mixing characteristics of an R-390A, NRD-525, and WJ-871L. The four close-in reciprocal mixing spurs at about 46.66 KHz and 215.22 KHz can be heard on-the-air if a nearby signal is strong enough. For example, I have one super-local WJ station, KRUS on 1490 KHz, which puts about 20,000 microvolts per meter field intensity into my location about one mile away from the KRUS antenna. This causes KRUS to appear not only at its normal 1490 KHz, but also at 1477 KHz, 1484 KHz, 1496 KHz, and 1503 KHz. This is not exactly what one would anticipate from a \$20,000 professional grade receiver. Neither my venerable boat-anchor R-390A nor my lightweight NRD-525 produce any such spurious responses.



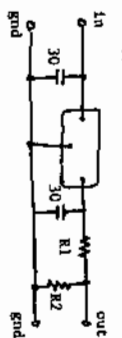
While KRUS 1490 is the only station received at my location to produce multiple spurious responses of a signal, urban listeners with multiple spurious locals would likely observe multiple occurrences with this phenomena. The close-in reciprocal mixing spurs at 46.66 KHz (approximately) produce two other unusual phenomena. When a strong signal is tuned in a wide bandwidth (say, 12 KHz or greater), a weak but noticeable 6660 Hz beat is heard. And when tuning splits at night (when signal strengths are stronger) in the MW band, this same 6660 Hz beat is often heard (in narrow bandwidths). Again, this is not exactly what one would expect for a \$20,000 professional grade receiver, and neither my R-390A nor my NRD-525, nor any other receiver I have ever used, has produced any such spurious responses. The 6660 Hz (approximately) beats due to the 46.66 KHz spurs are not strong (except in the case of KRUS 1490), and might not be noticed by many listeners. It is very unlikely that they would cause any serious problems when DXing spurs. Also, the KRUS 1490 spurs can be completely eliminated by inserting a 5:1 (16 dB) attenuator between the 6790 and the antenna.

The 6790 is dual conversion, with 40.455 MHz 1st IF, and 455 KHz 2nd IF. There are two crystal filters, separated by an amplifier, in the 1st IF, one marked 20 KHz BW, and the other marked 25 KHz BW. The measured combined BW of these two filters in the case of the 6790 I tested was 32 KHz at -60dB and 70 KHz at -50 dB. This extremely wide BW of the 40.455 MHz 1st IF filters is easily made available by jumping the input and output of the next vacant filter

position (if one is available) and running the BITE program (which automatically identifies the filters, measures their 3 dB BWs, and assigns them to increasing BW order to the front panel buttons B1-B5).

It is straightforward to add additional or optional 455 KHz filters to a 6790, though time consuming to fabricate the required homemade PC board plug-in adapter. At present I am using 2.5 KHz and 6.0 KHz BW Collins torsion mechanical filters in addition to the regular filters in the 6790 I have tested. The torsion filters have somewhat less loss than the standard plug-in crystal filters, so to equalize signal throughput I used a resistor divider network and the 2.5 BW (Collins part # 526-8636-010), and the 6.0 BW (Collins part # 526-8633-010),

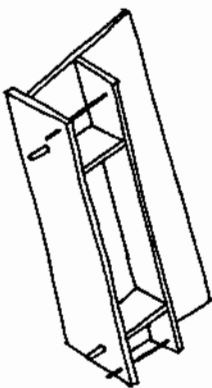
Collins Torsion Filter



are spaced at 5.5 KHz min/ 11 KHz max and 2.5 KHz \pm 0.1 KHz/ 5.5 KHz max for -6/-60 dB respectively, and measured 5.88/10.19 and 2.35/5.24 respectively. They are available for \$76.81 each from Rockwell International, Filter Products, 2990 Airway Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. (714)661-5111; contact

Bob Johnson, Principal Engineer for current price, availability, and ordering information. These are wonderful little filters, about 1.24 inch long by 0.47 inch wide by 0.23 inch high with pins about 0.17 inch long. They are much smaller, much higher performance, and less costly than previous Collins filters. For example, their ultimate rejection, not counting spurs, is typically in excess of 100 dB. The closest spurs to 455 KHz are typically about 480 KHz and are about 82 dB down, and so all of the torsion filter spurs would be reduced to below 100 dB down by the 40-455 MHz crystal filters of the 6790. For the two Collins torsion filters discussed above, I used $R1 = 820$ ohms and $R2 = 1200$ ohms to equalize signal throughput (and to terminate the filters in the required 2000 ohm load resistance). The general rule is to select $R1$ and $R2$ so that $R1 + R2 = 2000$ ohms (approximately) and signal throughput is about equal to the other 6790 filters.

Similarly, Collins FD type filters can also be used. Of course, the resonating capacitors will not be 30 pF as used for the torsion filters. And various kinds of ceramic filters can be used; no resonating capacitors are required for ceramic filters, and $R1 + R2$ should equal the load resistance of the ceramic filter used (2000 ohms for some, 1500 ohms for others, and perhaps still other values for still others). For example, I tried an PFD52P58 filter with 1100 pF resonating capacitors which worked fine, except the bandwidth was a bit wider than the 6.0 torsion filter. And as a wideband option I made an adapter using a Murata CFL455G3 which had a measured BW of 13/19 at -6/-60 dB.

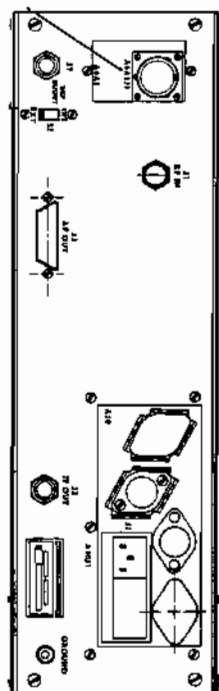


The general features of the plug-in filter adapter PC boards I fabricated are shown at left. The length is 3 inches, height 2 inches, and width 1.5/16 inches. The bottom of the bottom PC board is the fiberglass side. The small pins are #22 tinned (with the rough cut ends tinned with solder and smoothed with fine steel wool). The large pins were oval plug pins, obtained by breaking apart oval plugs (like the plugs used to plug in old tube type Q-multipliers).

The large vertical PC board, and the two small PC boards are not etched, and the upper side of the base PC board is etched only at the corners where the two smaller pins pass up to the upper PC board (which holds the filter, resonating capacitors, if any, and resistors). The positions of the small and large pins on the base PC board are obtained by careful measurement of the 6790 plug-in filter sockets. The individual PC boards were soldered together along their seams.

As mentioned above, when new or alternate filters are plugged into the 6790, the BITE program is run, and it automatically sorts the filters into increasing BW and assigns them to the B1-B5 buttons on the front panel. In addition, the measured 3 dB BW is displayed in the square LCD when any of B1-B5 are selected. The choice of 5 filters, independent of mode, plus USB and LSB filters, is one of the nice features of the 6790. There are 3 AGC release times selectable from the front panel, SHORT (Fast) MED, and LONG (slow), with release times of about 30 msec, 200 msec, and 3.75 sec respectively. The MED and LONG AGC positions are "Thumb" AGC, which seems superior to other AGCs I have used. In MAN mode the AGC release times are still operable, but the AGC threshold is set by the front panel (manual) IF gain control. All of the 5 non-SSB filters (B1-B5) can be used for SSB by

using CW mode and the VAR BFO control, which permits the BFO to be set 28 KHz from center frequency. The detector in AM mode is a synchronous detector, which perhaps accounts for the very good audio quality of the 6790 in AM mode. As with other solid state receivers, there is some noticeable hiss on weak signals in the narrower bandwidths. The AM synchronous detector does not lose lock in fades, or become confused (as with some other well-known receivers). Its operation is completely transparent to the user. The only anomaly I can attribute to the AM synchronous detector is that it makes the -60 dB filter BWs seem wider than they actually are when filter BWs are measured using AM mode (or else some filter leakage is caused by AM mode, which seems unlikely).



The rear panel contains a 455 KHz IF output (BNC connector, 50 ohms impedance, -10 dbm level nominal). Also on the rear panel is a 25 pin D type connector for local audio output (1 watt into 8 ohms, distortion less than 3% at 500 mW, frequency response 100 Hz to 16 KHz at 3 dB points), two line audio outputs (operable only with ISB option), and AGC diversity connections. The antenna input is type N female. I use a UG-201A/II connector adapter (N male to BNC female) to convert to BNC for quicker antenna connection and disconnection. The RA6790/GM has no front end protection diodes or other type of front end protection. You should use some kind of front end protection device for the 6790, such as the LA-13 with BNC connectors which can be mounted inside the 6790 between the BNC female output of the antenna input connector and the BNC male connector with miniature coax which connects to the 30 MHz low pass filter.

The 6790 maintenance manual, RACAL part # 84249, is about 250 pages plus about 35 pages of large fold-out schematics. Unfortunately, the schematics are incomplete, missing the first mixer circuit (said to be quad passive FETs, Siliconix SD2150E). And there is little information in the manual about aligning transformers and trimmer capacitors, or about adjusting various potentiometers. If you are familiar with the thoroughness and completeness of the R-390A maintenance manuals, you will find the 6790 manual disappointing. Similarly, the RND-325 maintenance manual, though not as good as the R-390A manuals, is much better than the 6790 manual.

At first I considered the 6790 close-in reciprocal mixing spurs to be an indication of a problem with the 6790 IDe or other circuitry. But another 6790 user I contacted has similar, if not identical, reciprocal mixing spurs. And one of my sources told me that an FCC monitoring station in Florida had similar spurs in their RACAL receivers. So the present evidence indicates that the close-in spurs at multiples of 6.46 KHz (approximately) are normal for the 6790. One problem did develop with the 6790 I tested. After being left turned off for several months, the 6790 came up into the BITE routine and then locked up when turned on. This problem was cured by replacing the nickel cadmium voltaic memory back-up battery. Curiously, the 6790 manual does not discuss the potential fault, or replacement of the battery. The battery requires about 72 hours to reach a full charge, and will keep volatile memory alive for several months after the 6790 is turned off. Replacement of this battery should be a regular maintenance item (about one replacement every four years). If/when you replace the battery, resistor R9 270 ohms should be checked (in case the battery failed by shorting and drew excessive current through the resistor, either burning it open or changing its value). For higher reliability, the battery may be replaced more often than once every four years. Hopitals, for example, replace rechargeable back-up batteries in their equipment annually.

Like many synthesized microprocessor-controlled solid state receivers, the 6790 cannot be used with a nearby loop antenna for MW band DXing because of RFI emitted by the 6790. The level of RFI emitted by the 6790 in the MW band is greater than the level of RFI emitted in the AM band by the RND-325. Perhaps the 6790 RFI levels could be reduced to an acceptable level by mounting the 6790 inside a well-shielded cabinet, or by shielding the microprocessor board. I have not tried either.

The PC boards in the 6790 are fairly easy to remove and replace. Removal usually involves disconnecting a few cables and removing a few screws. The 6790 maintenance manual seems to have complete and thorough instructions for removing all PC boards. For example, replacement of the nickel cadmium battery was routine because removal and replacement of the microprocessor board was routine.

How does the 6790 stack up against other top DX receivers, like the R-390A and NRD-525? I hate to say it, but the 6790 comes in third, with the R-390A still my number one choice, followed closely by the NRD-525. If the 6790 were free of close-in reciprocal mixing spurs, and was a little more sensitive, it would be right in there with the other two. Unfortunately, it is not. The slight insensitivity of the 6790 would be relatively easy to fix with a high dynamic range, tuned, transformer feedback preselector. It remains to be seen if the close-in reciprocal mixing spurs can be reduced or eliminated.

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Elimination of the close-in reciprocal mixing spurs was something of an ordeal. I had considerable assistance in the form of advice about how to proceed with trying to isolate the spurs from two very helpful RACAL employees. However, all of their helpful and appreciated advice led to what seemed to be dead ends. The 6790 1st and 2nd LO's were eliminated as possible sources of the spurs by operating the 6790 with external oscillators. (This required me to fabricate some adapter cables using SMB connectors, which was not an easy task.) Next, I attempted to isolate the spurs to a particular place in the 6790 by conventional trouble shooting methods (my own idea), and again I reached dead ends. Finally, out of desperation, I went at my board in the 6790 with "freeze spray" while sitting on one of the close-in spurs with the BFO on (so that I could hear even the slightest change in spur frequency). A slight change in spur frequency (a few 10⁶ of Hz at most) led me to the hermetically sealed 5 MHz master crystal oscillator with built-in crystal oven. The 5 MHz output is divided by 5 to 1 MHz which is used throughout the 6790 as a reference. The 1 MHz reference is also output at a BNC plug on the rear panel. I connected the 1 MHz output through a 20 dB attenuator to an R-390A and tuned around 1 MHz. The close-in spurs were found at the same offset as on the 6790. I removed the 5 MHz master oscillator and powered it stand-alone on my work bench with +12 VDC. The spurs were found near 5 MHz at the same offset as on the 6790. An "internal/external" slide switch on the rear panel permits the internal 5 MHz master oscillator to be disabled and an external 1 MHz source to be used. I operated my 6790 with a high spectral purity external 1 MHz oscillator and found no close-in reciprocal mixing spurs. A new 5 MHz oscillator was ordered from RACAL (\$240 plus shipping); installed in my 6790, and there now appear to be no close-in reciprocal mixing spurs, of the kind described at the beginning of the article. The RA6790/CM does, of course, have a few weak spurs here and there. And if you happen to make a reciprocal mixing measurement near one of these spurs, it will appear to be a reciprocal mixing spur. In addition, there do appear to be a few irregular weak reciprocal mixing spurs. To eliminate the fixed internal spurs from a reciprocal mixing measurement, the weak fixed internal spurs can be found at two different frequencies. The weak fixed internal spurs can be found by tuning around with BFO on and no antenna connected. For my 6790, these internal spurs are at 1,000, 4,000, 4,500, 4,900, 5,000, 5,100, 6,825, 7,000, 7,00084, 7,100, 8,000, 8,00097, 8,300 MHz, and so on. Except for the 1,000 and 5,000 MHz spurs, these internal spurs are typically about 3 dB above the -121 dBm noise floor of my 6790 in a 6 KHz BW. They should not be observed in actual listening situations below, say, 5 MHz where man-made and atmospheric noise are high.

While fiddling around with my 6790, I had noticed that my 3.24 KHz BW filter (RACAL part # 08413, McCoy part # 164867) had considerable leakage on the high side. I replaced it with an NTK CLF-DK N311A ceramic filter mounted on an adapter board like the Collins torsion filters discussed above. Good-bye filter leakage. These ceramic filters are available from Kiva Electronics, 612 South 14th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902, tel. (509) 451-5492 for about \$70. You will have to fabricate the adapter board yourself, unless Sherwood Engineering has an adapter board available by the time you read this. Bob Sherwood told me that he was planning to make some adapter boards for the 6790, but I don't know if his boards will accept Collins torsion filters or CLF-DK N311A ceramic filters. The CLF-DK N311A ceramic filters I measured typically have stopband attenuation in excess of 86 dB in the 400-500 KHz frequency range, with "notches" in excess of 100 dB close-in. When these filters are cascaded with the 40-455 MHz IF crystal filters in the 6790, overall stopband attenuation is in excess of 100 dB. My flakey 3.24 KHz BW 6790 filter apparently is not unique. Bob

Sherwood mentioned a 6790 with a 6.8 KHz BW filter which appeared the have a BW of about 10.3 KHz. Evidently there can be considerable variation from one 6790 filter to another.

Because I had been working on and succeeded in improving the inadequate Drake R8 50 KHz IF image rejection from about 80 dB to almost 100 dB, I was naturally inclined to examine the RA6790/CM 455 KHz IF image rejection. With a stock A3 mixer board, 455 KHz image rejection was about 114 dB, which is substantially greater than any other receiver with a 455 KHz IF that I have measured, and, of course, exceptionally outstanding. With a modified A3 board which I had implemented for some of my trouble shooting, with a modified A3 board rejection was greater than the limits of my measurement equipment, in excess of 126 dB.

Repairing or modifying RA6790/CM PC boards is not easy because most, if not all, PC board holes are plated through, and many of the leads fit tightly in any case. I had to develop new techniques to remove components without damaging the PC board. Unless you are an expert at PC board work, don't even try to work on a 6790.

After my success at trouble shooting and eliminating the close-in reciprocal mixing spurs, it is unclear to me whether the problem is as widespread as I had been led to believe. The fellow who sold me the 6790 assured me that close-in reciprocal mixing spurs were normal for the 6790, and since he was in the process of selling about 50 of them, I assumed he would know. But then the first 6790 he shipped me had a bad A2 1st mixer board, and a bad A7 1st LO board, which required me to return the 6790 to him for repairs. I was a bit surprised to find that he had painted the A2 cover plate mounting screws and the A7 cover plate mounting screw day-glow orange when I received the repaired 6790. It was easy enough to remove the paint with a mild solvent because the paint was hardly dry. Perhaps there are other 6790's with close-in reciprocal mixing spurs due to bad 5 MHz crystal oscillators, but it seems unusual that a surplus dealer should have 50+ of them. In any case, I was never told by anyone at RACAL that the close-in reciprocal mixing spurs were normal, and, in fact, was told just the opposite, namely that the close-in spurs were not normal for 6790's. They were right. And the surplus dealer was wrong. A more plausible explanation for the spur situation which I encountered is that the surplus dealer was not knowledgeable enough about RA6790/CM's to check it out properly. This prompts me to advise anyone thinking about buying a surplus 6790 the familiar " caveat emptor." On the other hand, it is also possible that there are significant numbers of RA6790/CM's with defective 5 MHz crystal oscillators, and, thus, close-in reciprocal mixing spurs like I experienced. That remains to be seen.

Based on my experiences, the 6790 was not intended to be repaired at the component level (except for the 455 KHz filters, which are plug-in). In other words, it appears that the 6790 was meant to be repaired by replacing PC boards. As I mentioned above, the manual does not have the detailed data, like stage gains, active device operating voltages and resistances, and so on which are required to trouble shoot at the component level, and the plated-through-tight-lead-fit makes component level board repairs difficult. Board prices vary from about \$600 at the low end to several thousand dollars at the high end, depending on the board, so repair-by-board-changing is probably not an acceptable option for most hobbyists. Prices of individual parts can also vary wildly. For example, the USB filter (part # 08410) currently is \$260 (+S&H), but the matching LSB filter (part # 08409) is \$700 (+S&H), and both prices are subject to change. Since many of the 6790's which came on the surplus market recently were untested one or more filters, no surplus dealer (to the best of my knowledge) will sell you an individual 6790 filter, and so you are stuck with RACAL's current price for the filter you want (or you can merely live without it).

Back to the question of how the 6790 stacks up against other top DX receivers like the R-390A and NRD-525. I still vote 390A/525/6790 for 1/2/3, mainly because of the slight insensitivity of the 6790 compared to the other two. While I am reasonably sure a carefully designed tuned preamp will fix the 6790 sensitivity, that remains to be seen. But I don't expect to see a solid state microprocessor controlled PLL receiver as spur-free and with as low LO noise as the 390A in my lifetime. And it is tough to beat the combination of good intercepts, tracked tuned front end, ease of use, small size, light weight, and overall good performance (after a few simple mods are done) of the 525. I don't regret buying the 6790 even after having to "go to school" on it. Some people like fine music, or fine food, or fine cars, or fine houses, and name a few. I like fine receivers, and the attention to detail of design and construction like the 6790 in a category by itself. I did not buy it to use as a DXing receiver, but rather to learn more about top end receivers and especially to learn more about intermodulation distortion and perhaps to

use the 6790 as part of my ultralinear intermodulation distortion measurement system. I must say, however, the 6790 audio quality in AM mode is exceptionally good, due, in part, I presume, to the AM synchronous detector, and the bang AGC in medium and slow release modes. In AM mode, detection is always (and only) by AM synchronous detection. Operation of the AM synchronous detector is completely transparent to the user (as it should be): it never loses lock and there is never a Grool or any other evidence of the AM synchronous detector. For this reason alone I will probably use the 6790 for some of my listening.

Mini-DXpeditions . . . by Mark Connelly, WA10N

Much has been written about large-scale DXpeditions involving several DXers, miles of wire, numerous receivers, and around-the-clock activities running for a weekend or longer. These are the grand efforts of which DX legend is made. Over the years, I've been involved in some big DXpeditions with guys like Neil Kazarsos, Jean Burnell, and Bruce Conti. Valuable guidance for the serious DXpeditioner is given by Shawn Axelrod's fine discussion in the NRC *DXpedition Handbook* and by Nick Hall-Patch's compendium in *Proceedings 1990*.

Mini-DXpeditions, as the name implies, are smaller scale efforts not usually requiring an overnight stay or more than two operators. These shorter efforts can still be quite rewarding. Some of us have discovered worthwhile DXing locations not far from our homes or workplaces. Just getting a bit farther from pesty local stations or noisy power lines can help DXing considerably. Signal strengths are greater in locations having a view of the horizon not blocked by buildings, mountains, and other obstructions. Seaside locations are the best at medium and low frequencies because of both the high ground conductivity and a clear horizon. Mountaintop sites are good, especially on HF, VHF, and above. Flat, open farmland and lakeshores also have merit.

For medium-wave DXing, the simplest DXpedition can be taking some loggings on the car radio for an hour or so while parked at an advantageous site. Certain DXers' driveway loggings (e.g. Marc DeLorenzo in the Hyundai) have become a regular feature in the DX magazines because some cannot DX effectively from RF-noise-riddled urban apartments having no space for outdoor antennas.

Besides the car radio (with an accurate clock), the only other equipment you might need on the simplest mini-DXpeditions is a logbook, reference materials, a pen, and a flashlight. Car radios are usually quite sensitive. Newer models are synthesizer tuned. This is an advantage because accurate frequency readout is provided, but channelized radios make tuning in foreign split stations more difficult. Some car radios

are harder to tune onto weak-station frequencies because of the way the scanning functions work. Still, for many domestic DXers, the car radio will be the receiver of choice.

Unlike a full-blown DXpedition often requiring a substantial expenditure and time away from work and home duties, a mini-DXpedition can be "squeezed in" between leaving work and having dinner, or between dinner and bedtime. Sometimes these outings can be very impromptu, based upon hearing something unusual during a "homeward commute. More than once, when I worked in downtown Boston, the sound of loud African heterodynes on the car radio around 5 PM EST (2200 UTC) in winter made me detour to the waterfront for an hour or so of listening before heading home.

Beyond the Car Radio ...

The next step up from car radios on mini-DXpeditions is the portable receiver. Inside of a parked vehicle (the customary mini-DXpedition operating position), a portable receiver will only get powerhouse locals. The vehicle's metal surrounding the receiver eliminates everything else.

Few portable radios are sensitive enough on their built-in antennas even when operated outdoors, let alone inside a car. An external antenna, therefore, is necessary. The whip antenna that connects to the car radio is a high-impedance source that will not operate properly into the low-impedance external antenna inputs of portable receivers. If the car whip is to be used, it must be fed to a high-gain, high-Q tunable amplifier with an input impedance similar to the high impedance (LC tank / FET gate) of the car radio; such an amplifier would have a low-impedance (50 to 75 ohm typical) output. The "MW1" and "AP1" regenerative tuners described in various NRC reprints can provide this function.

A broadband active whip such as the MFJ 1024, powered from the car's 12 VDC supply or from a battery pack, could be used for fast and easy scanning in areas not having strong local stations. The whip should be roof-mounted for best results.

A tunable antenna is always preferable, in terms of signal-to-noise and overload immunity, to a broadband active antenna. The MFJ 1024 can be modified for varactor-tuned operation; see the NRC reprint about "RTU-1". You'll need to tune your active whip to prevent spurious responses at urban and suburban sites.

Most medium-wave DXers use loops and prefer them to any other compact antenna. Obviously, the ability to null and peak different stations and the overload immunity afforded by a high-Q tuned source make loop use desirable. A large air-core loop is probably too cumbersome for most mini-DXpeditions. Small ferrite loops like the Quantum, the SM-2, and the Radio West Loop are recommended. You've got to be able to tune the loop - located (usually) on the car's roof - while you tune the receiver inside the car. This can be done if you reach out the car window to adjust a loop positioned on the roof immediately adjacent to the window. A remotely-tuned loop (e.g. RTL-2) is better than a conventional loop because the only need to reach outside the car is to turn the loophead occasionally.

It is advisable to find a way to mount the loop base securely to the edge of the roof. More than once, a ferrite loop has been dislodged from a car roof by a gust of wind at a beach DXpedition site. This can be hazardous to your loop's health and to your sanity! Take a plastic bag to cover loops and active whips during rain; a rigid plastic radome-like cover might even be better.

Beyond the figure-of-eight pattern possible with loop usage, cardioid (single-null) patterns can be generated by phasing a remotely-tuned loop versus a remotely-tuned whip of comparable gain. Or, two remotely-tuned loops at a right angle can be phased. My RTL-2 and DXP-1 articles cover this in detail.

Up to now, I've been talking about antennas which can be mounted on the vehicle. Sometimes, longwires can be put up at a mini-DXpedition site. These can be phased for more directivity and run through tunable preamplifiers for higher gain and sharper tuning. Installation of such wires can produce different - sometimes better - DX than can be heard using car-mounted loops and active whips. One drawback is that wires must be rolled up at the end of the DXing session. Another disadvantage to wires is that if your site has substantial pedestrian, bicycle, or vehicular traffic, your wires may be pulled up by someone (accidentally or on purpose). Wires can attract the attention of police and a vehicle do not slow you down when some

circumstance - bad weather, police, bears, gangs of hoodlums, or whatever - demands that you get away from the site quickly. Think about it before stringing out Beverages at a site whose potential dangers are not fully known. Here in the urbanized Northeast, few mini-DXpedition sites have enough room for big antennas anyway. You'll run into buildings, water, fences, other cars, powerlines, roads, or something else within a relatively short distance of most of the desirable shore sites.

I find that two insulated stranded wires of about 40 m / 130 ft, each, run at a right angle to each other and fed through an amplified phasing unit, give good results and can be rolled in quickly when it's time to leave. Still, if you're in the busy parking lot of a beach or seaside restaurant, forget the wires.

On the subject of receivers, there are many portables which will perform very well when operated with a good loop or tuned active whip. I have used the Sony ICF-2019 (2001D), the Realistic DX-440 (Sangean ATS-803A), and the Realistic DX-392 (Sangean ATS-818CS) with good results. The Sony has the edge in selectivity over the others because it was modified by Gerry Thionas for narrower filters. A regenerative loop (Kiwa or Martens) or a regenerative preselector such as MW1-3 can improve selectivity of portables to the point of being comparable to that of moderately-priced tabletop communications receivers.

The Realistic / Sangean models, while fairly insensitive on their built-in antennas, work like champs when hooked to a Quantum loop or to a regenerative wire / whip preselector. The DX-392 (ATS-818CS) has the advantage of a built-in cassette deck. You'll want to tape the excellent DX coming in at a good DXpedition site, especially during a wild aurora or other unusual conditions. Taping the jumping between a difficult medium-wave catch such as Lesoko - 1197 and an easy shortwave parallel like 5975 can make for interesting "show and tell" at the next DX get-together. Dealing with a separate cassette deck, patch-cords, etc. can get a bit clumsy in the limited space / limited light environment of a car at a DX site. (Vans and campers give more operating room, but at a stiff price compared to compact cars.)

Portables often have "wimpy" external antenna jacks that are prone to wearing out much sooner than the rugged BNC and UHF (50-239) connectors typically found on "serious" receivers. Think about modifying your portable's external antenna input connector for longer life.

When you want to "do it right", use a "real" communications receiver that is powerable from 12 VDC. I'm talking about the Drake,

JRC, Icom, Yaesu, Lowe, and Kenwood radios customarily used for serious DXing. Obviously you will do much better on weak stations and foreign splits by using such a receiver instead of a compromise portable. The drawbacks are increased power consumption and the added room such a receiver takes up. The new battery-operable Drake SW8 promises to bridge the performance gap between portables such as the Sony ICF-2010 and tabletop receivers such as the R8 and NRD-535.

Other hints

Start the car up about every 30 to 60 minutes if you're running receivers, preamplifiers, etc. from its battery. Run the engine for 5 or more minutes each time. In winter, you'll want to do this to get some heat as well as to recharge the battery. Use a separate flashlight or lantern rather than a light drawing power from the car battery. I learned this the hard way a few years ago when I "croaked" the car battery during a cold winter outing to Swampscott, MA. It took more than an hour to find someone for a jump-start. You don't want this to happen!

Do dry runs of mini-DXpeditioning from your home location to figure out optimal placements of receivers, tape decks, books, lanterns, antenna tuners, patchcables / antenna lead-ins, etc. Determine the most efficient, most comfortable set-up. Also, at home, if you decide you need another book, tool, adapter, or patchcable, it's right there inside your house or apartment. If you left a necessary item at home and you're parked out on a pier more than an hour's drive away, it's "tough luck Charlie."

Take back-up batteries and a small back-up receiver (e. g. Realistic DX-380) to prevent dead batteries or a receiver malfunction from wrecking the whole effort. If your travel time to the site from your normal home (or work) location is over an hour, this is especially important.

Mark's Mini-DXpedition

Items: A Check-List

NOTES: This list is written with single- or dual-operator car-based medium-wave mini-DXpeditions in the US and Canada in mind. It can be adapted for operation on other bands, other locales, etc. One to five hours of actual DXing time is typical. Items - such as tools, cables, and books - that are not sensitive to heat and cold can be stored in the car on a permanent basis.

BARE ESSENTIALS

- * portable receiver (e. g. Sony ICF-2010) with batteries and / or car cigarette lighter adapter
- * ferrite loop (RTL-2 base with Quantum head; or equivalent)

- * whip with BNC plug (for use of RTL-2 as active whip)
- * regenerative preselector / remote loop controller (MWT-3)
- * cables to connect RTL-2 to MWT-3, MWT-3 to receiver

- * lot of between-series coaxial adapters (BNC, UHF, RCA, N, SMA, F, stereo & mono phone & mini-phone)
- * 12 VDC power cord for loop / preselector, etc.

- * logbook, hit lists

- * *World Radio-TV Handbook*

- * *NRC AM Radio Log*

- * Flashlight or lantern

- * pens, pencils

- * rolls of wire (two about 40 m / 130 ft., one or more over 250 m / 820 ft.)

- * toolbox with common tools (screwdrivers, socket set, knives, cutters, pliers, wrenches, 12 V soldering pencil, solder, electrical tape, hammer, etc.)

- * clock or watch set to UTC (GMT)

- * single lighter plug to 2 (or more) jack car power adapter

- * extra batteries as deemed necessary

- * clip leads (alligator, "Easy Hooks", etc.)

- * rugged storage case(s) for the above items

ADDITIONAL ITEMS WELL WORTH HAVING

- * small portable cassette recorder, blank cassettes

- * amplified two-wire phasing unit (e. g. MMDX-5)

- * second RTL-2 loop and a DCP-1 controller for loop-vs.-loop, loop-vs.-whip cardloid pattern generation

- * small back-up receiver (e. g. Realistic DX-380) (should also have digital readout)

- * 2-meter ham transceiver, CB, or cellular phone for emergency communication

- * pocket digital multimeter

- * batteries, interconnecting cables (power/AE/RF) as required for the above

- * headphones

- * recent copies of DX News and other hobby bulletins

- * supplemental station lists (EBU List, Newfoundland DXpedition Logs, LF Beacon Guide, etc.)

- * NRC directional pattern book

- * compass

- * great-circle map or bearing / distance tables that are fairly accurate for the DXpedition

- * QTH

- * U. S. / Canada road atlas

- * world atlas

- * topographical map of local area, aeronautical charts showing tower sites and beacon freq's

- * Spanish / English and other language dictionaries as needed

- * lunchbox with sandwiches, snacks, soda / fruit juice, thermos with coffee or tea
- * bow & arrows, fishing line, thin & thick nylon rope for launching antennas into trees

- * insect repellent for summer DXpeditions
- * matching / noise-reducing transformers for wire antennas

WHEN YOU REALLY WANT TO GO AWAY

TO GO AWAY

- * separate deep-cycle (marine-type) battery

- * communications receiver (e. g. Drake R8)

- * spare fuses for communications receiver

- * VCR for up to 6 hours of taping DX audio or for experiments with direct taping of RF

- * 12 VDC to 115 VAC converter if needed; AC extension cords / power strips / adapters

- * laptop computer for checking previous logs and geographical data, and for taking notes

- * ground rods, termination resistors for Beverage

- * special protective clothing, boots, gloves as required for wet / rough terrain, harsh weather

- * folding tables, chairs for outdoor set-ups

- * Business / Vacation Trip Mini-DXpeditions

- * When you have to travel by air to get to your destination, instead of driving your own car, you must be more selective in terms of items taken. This is especially so if DXing is to be a spare-time pursuit rather than the

- * International DX (reception of stations from countries besides the USA and Canada) is possible from New England in all seasons, although autumn and winter are best. Static (QRN) is the main problem in summer, but it is not usually as serious a problem here as it is in the southeastern states.

- * Principal areas of interest for the medium-wave DXer are Trans-Atlantics from Europe, Africa, and (Middle East) Asia and the Pan-Americans from South America, the Caribbean, and Central America (including Mexico). St. Pierre & Miquelon on 1375, off the coast of Canada, is probably the easiest foreign (non-US / Canada) station for DXers in New England.

- * Use the *World Radio-TV Handbook* (WRTTH) as your main guide to foreign DX. Recent issues of the *International DX Digest* column in *DX News* fill in supplementary information about changes and stations that US and Canadian DXers are actually hearing (as well as programming information and when to listen).

International DX from New England ... Mark Connolly WALTON

The likelihood of hearing foreign stations is affected by the time of day, ionospheric propagation factors related to solar activity (flares, sunspots), and location characteristics such as horizon blockage, ground conductivity, and proximity to sources of interference and electrical noise. Having good reference sources and a solid idea of what to pursue (and when to find it) helps. And, of course, high quality receiving equipment and antennas are recommended.

Medium-wave long-distance skip generally requires darkness along most of the path. Signal strengths are sometimes enhanced when one or both ends of the path are in the transition zone between day and night: e. g. sunset at the western end of the path, sunrise at the eastern end, or the entire path in the "greyline" zone. Trans-Atlantic DX, therefore, can peak up around local sunset in New England, drop off slightly after that, and re-peak around dawn on the transmitter end (e. g. Europe) of the path.

focus of the trip. The check-list can be customized accordingly. A radio, a small loop, the logbook, and the WRTTH might be all you can pack ... Better than that nothing at all.

For foreign travel, power adapters may be required. Having receipts proving where equipment was bought is advisable. Bring magazine or newspaper articles explaining the hobby. This can help to prove that you aren't a spy or smuggler. Think about customs restrictions at both ends of your trip. Talk to those who have visited a given area. Find out what DX is like there and if there any DXers living nearby. Learn about local laws, possibly-useful sites, and any special problems (weather, insect pests, high crime, etc.).

Conclusions

Really interesting DX can often be heard in a few hours at a choice location within a reasonable drive of home. On DXpeditions to Granite Pier in Rockport, MA and other coastal sites in New England and eastern Canada, upwards of 30 countries have been logged on medium-wave in a 2 or 3 hour stretch starting at sunset. Similar results have been obtained by DXers in Florida during short sessions. Brief pre-dawn operations from the Pacific Northwest have resulted in rapid-fire logs of stations from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and many other countries.

One thing mini-DXpeditions prove is that it doesn't take a huge investment of time or money to "spice up" your DX life.

Location plays an important role in signal strength on long-haul (low-angle) skip needed for good medium-wave international reception. At sunset, differences of over 30 dB have been measured between European and African signals received at seashore sites versus those heard at inland sites. At the beach, stations can be audible with simple gear (portable radio, loop) that can't be found inland even with a Beverage and a top-notch communications receiver. As the evening progresses, skip angle becomes higher and the coastal - versus - inland signal strength differences aren't as drastic. The combination of phased Beverages, a quality receiver and a shore location is often considered the ultimate set-up for foreign DX. If it's a permanent home-QTH situation, rather than something hastily scrambled up for a DXpedition, all the better. Neil Kazaross had this from Ogunquit, Maine in 1984 and 1985; his loggings included Ascension Island, Namibia, and numerous Angolans and Brazilians. You just will not hear these with a run-of-the-mill set-up. Sunset openings can sometimes be exploited inland, especially in autumn and winter, but better Trans-Atlantic results at these sites will be had around transmitter-site dawn. Use the popular **GEOCLOCK** computer program, the "DX Edge", or other sunrise / sunset maps or tables.

Auroral conditions occur sporadically. High solar activity energizes the auroral zone and causes absorption of high latitude (northern) route domestic and foreign signals. Southern stations increase their strengths sometimes or, at least, they benefit from the reduced interference. Looking for Latin Americans and Africans will be a primary focus during auroral activity. Many nights are short-skip-dominated and finding foreign DX will require effort, skill, and patience - especially when limited by average receivers, antennas, and locations.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

For Trans-Atlantic work, the best antenna system is one that produces an end-fire or a cardioid (heart-shaped) pattern with maximum pick-up (null) from the east and minimum pick-up (null) from the west. Phased Beverages, phased slopers, loop-versus-whip, and two phased loops at a right angle will generate this pattern. A single wire antenna running from the receiver to the east or northeast, or a loop aligned to favor these directions, can still produce reasonable DX results, especially at a good location.

Trans-Atlantics are on 9 kHz multiple channels: 90 percent of these are on "splitters" that do not correspond to the 10 kHz multiple channels used in the Western Hemisphere. Tight filters are often required to separate

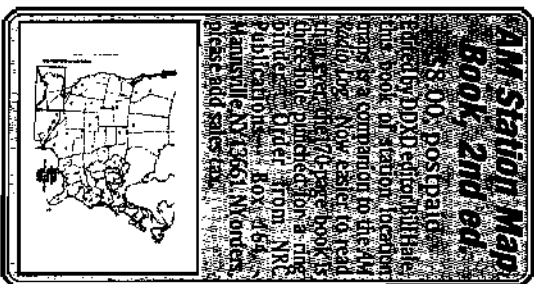
foreign and domestic stations that may only be 1 kHz apart (examples: Saudi Arabia - 1521 and WVKB - 1520, Algeria - 891 and WLS - 890).

The most consistently-heard Trans-Atlantics are those from the area around the western end of the Mediterranean Sea: Algeria - 891, Libya - 1251, Morocco - 1044, Portugal - 666 / 1035, and numerous stations from Spain including 639, 684, 738, 774, 855, 954, 999, 1107, 1359, and 1584.

Northern Europeans can come in during the better conditions. These include England - 693 / 882 / 1215, Norway - 1314, Germany - 756 / 1017 / 1422 / 1539, Holland - 747, France - 675 / 945 / 1206 / 1467 / 1557, and Slovak Republic - 1698.

Easy lower-bearing Africans such as Senegal - 765, Mauritania - 1349, Canary Islands - 621 / 837 / 1098 / 1179, and more exotic ones like Angola - 1088 / 1115 / 1367 and Lesotho - 1197 (BBC), are heard best during moderate aurora a bit after sunset from coastal sites. The Sao Tome VOA relay on 1530 (with English-language programming parallel to 7405 kHz) sometimes mixes with WSAI and Vatican after 0300 UTC sign-on. Middle East Africans and Asians such as Egypt - 1107, Sudan - 1296, and Saudi Arabia - 1521 peak up well around transmitter-site dawn. The sign-on of the 1521 Saudi at 0300 UTC is often heard. Italy - 946 / 1332 / 1575, Vatican - 1530, and Eastern Europeans (numerous Bulgarians, Romanians, Russians, ex-Yugoslavs, etc.) do best then, too.

An extensive treatment of Trans-Atlantic DX possibilities is given in the article "Your First 50 Trans-Atlantic Countries (and then some)" in *DX News*, vol. 61, no. 27 (20 JUN 1994).



Radio Roundup

News of the radio industry, of interest to DXers

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Greetings all ... The soon-to-be-divorced Curtis and Lisa Silwa, recently axed in the morning WABC-770 slot, have managed to stay on their feet. Lisa has signed on with WOHT-FM for a 9 to 10 a.m. Sunday Show. Curtis is rumored to be heading for New York City's Municipal Station WNYC. His projected move has been viewed negatively in the Big Apple Media. The new mayor has already stated that he wants the city out of the radio-TV business. WNYC staffers don't want Curtis, as he doesn't fit the station's "highthrow" image, and they view this as just political patronage ... Westwood One is now the official owner of Unistar Radio Networks. This is very interesting in light of the fact that Westwood has just reported a net loss of \$29.9 million dollars for its last year ... Just when parents think that they are about all barney-ed out, "Bedtime With Barney" hits the airwaves on Sunday evenings via MJ1 Broadcasting as the syndicator. That's right, Barney is about to read original and classic children's bedtime stories to the younger audience members ... The three remaining members of the Beatles have scheduled a reunion show this summer in New York City's Central Park. Pay-Per-View is scheduled, and related radio specials should probably be anticipated. As a side note, according to the STAR, Yoko Ono claims that she chats with John Lennon every two weeks via a medium. Wonder if they can link up for the show? You can always tell when it's a sweeps month with comments like this ... WMMR has moved its studios to 1 Lois Street, Norwalk, CT 06850, from neighboring Westport ... Christine Sullivan is the new morning co-host/news anchor on WSNY in Columbus, Ohio ... WCBS news anchor Lon Landis is moving west to ply his craft on sister station KCBS ... WTOF in our nation's capitol will be celebrating its 25th anniversary as an All-News station ... The National Broadcasters Hall of Fame is moving its headquarters from New Jersey to Los Angeles. Along with this announcement comes the word that LA personalities will be inducted into the hall. The new inductees

include: Robert W. Morgan, Gary Owens, and former WHO Sportscenter and President of the United States Ronald Reagan ... The FCC has issued a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) concerning rules changes in the area of performance and maintenance of AM directional antenna systems, Docket 93-177 ... Imus in the Morning is gaining more momentum. He has just been added to KHTK in Sacramento, and WARK/WARK in Hagerstown ... KVEF in Modesto was recently torched. Three staffers had to exit the building through the flames. Fortunately the station is located across the street from the fire department. Fire personnel arrived with 90 seconds. You might say they were just a long spot away from a hot station. The fire turned into a two-alarm, causing lots of smoke damage, with the reception area being completely destroyed ... The List is in. Radio's Top Billers include (in order): WGN, KABC, WFAN, KLOS, KOST / WINS (tie), KGO, WABC and KRTH / WLTV (tie). Ratings are important because we are talking commercial radio, and the bucks are the bottom line ... KWPR's morning host Frank Lozano is rumored to be leaving when his contract is up March 1 ... Jo Meader, formerly known as the Rock and Roll Madame while at WXRK-FM in the Big Apple, is returning to the airwaves, this time co-hosting a one-hour show on WABC with Dr. Wally, discussing home repairs. What a switch ... M.J. Kelli is the new morning drive personality at WOVV in West Palm Beach, FL ... The rumor mill also had Larry King thinking of transitioning out of his radio talk show. One has pause to wonder if his move from a successful nighttime gig to a so-so daytime one not his heart is the problem. He still garners high ratings with his CNN Choices ...

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