

# DX News

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KKAR	1290	Oct. 3, 1994	0100-0130
KWEY	1590	Oct. 3, 1994	0500-0530
KBOR	1600	Oct. 9, 1994	0430-0500
KA2XAU	1620	Oct. 10, 1994	0200-0230
WZZZ	1300	Oct. 10, 1994	0500-0530
WPMR	960	Oct. 17, 1994	0030-0100
WILY	1210	Oct. 17, 1994	0100-0130
WGEA	1150	Oct. 24, 1994	0100-0130
WPIE	1160	Oct. 24, 1994	0200-0230
WNAM	1280	Oct. 24, 1994	0300-0330
WGET	1320	Oct. 29, 1994	0030-0100
KEAS	1590	Oct. 29, 1994	0400-0430
KOIL	1180	Oct. 31, 1994	0100-0130
R. V. C.	535	Oct. 31, 1994	0200-0400
WVLD	1450	Nov. 7, 1994	0000-0500
KYCA	1490	Nov. 7, 1994	0230-0300
WGNV	1200	Nov. 14, 1994	0000-0030
KDDD	800	Nov. 21, 1994	0130-0200
WFRM	600	Nov. 21, 1994	0200-0230
WTRN	1340	Nov. 21, 1994	0200-0230
CJGX	940	Nov. 28, 1994	0100-0130
WMAM	570	Nov. 28, 1994	0100-0300
WVKO	1580	Nov. 28, 1994	0100-0300
HCJB	690	Dec. 24, 1994	0015-0045

From the publisher ... If you are a new member and missed the details of the tests of most of the above stations, published in V. 60, #30, send \$24 to Topeka for a copy of that issue of DXN and we'll rush a copy out to you. We'll run details of tests added to the list about a week before the test is run.

And ... commencing the 62nd volume of DX News. The NRC is healthy, with membership stabilized at just over 700 paid-up members (we also mail out about a dozen exchange copies); a new NRC AM Log being run off at the printer after Wayne and Joan Heinen spent hundreds of hours on it; Shawn Axelrod's new book, *The DX Pedition Handbook*, joining others in stock; the new night pattern book in progress, thanks to the tireless efforts of Fred Tankersley, and hundreds of pages of reprints being mailed out each month. A few other DX clubs seem to be faltering, but with the leadership of the NRC Board of Directors (Ken Chatterton, chairman; Wayne Heinen, Ron Musco, Dick Truax, and Jerry Starr) the NRC is charting new courses while maintaining a strong link with the roots of radio DX'ing through AM radio. Our strength lies in the many NRC members who volunteer to give their time to make the club a success, many of them laboring outside of the limelight, and we all need to offer them our thanks,

for without them, the NRC would have withered away long ago.

You knew I was leading up to something, didn't you? Actually, if you would like to volunteer some of your time to the club, contact Ken Chatterton. Volunteer typists who have access to a computer are always welcome; ideas for new columns for DXN are always considered; persons who can cover their state or a significant area to update the NRC AM Log are invited to contact Wayne Heinen. Ken is also considering the possibility of passing reprints along to a person who can cut a good deal with a printer who can offer a low price for copies.

Paul Mount has volunteered to maintain E-mail addresses and has some other ideas: "I would plan to submit updates for publication on an occasional basis, with the intention of at least an annual publication of the entire directory - for example, in early fall, at the "beginning" of the DX Season.

In addition to just compiling a directory of e-mail addresses, I am already thinking about some applications.

One would be the creation of specific interest e-mail mailing lists. Ten years ago we had a printed list of telephone numbers called the Tip Traders list. As more and more members get linked to the information highway, the potential for more EFFICIENTLY sharing late-breaking test information by e-mail is tremendous.

Examples of the mailing lists that could be created would be one for notification of late-breaking DX tests, another one for receiving general information, i.e. major station changes. Members could even indicate if they wanted to be on the information mailing lists but otherwise have an "unlisted" e-mail address.

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### DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the October 7, 1944 DXN: WCOL-1230 wrote that they would sign off on Tuesday mornings if it can be shown that this would benefit all U. S. DX'ers, not just those in the northeast; if WITH-1230 will also sign off; and if there is assurance that no other station will come on and block a DX program.

25 years ago ... from the September 13, 1969 DXN: Long-time member Ralph Johanns passed away.

10 years ago ... from the October 8, 1984 DXN: Denver's Gene Martin reported that 3GI-828 was a visitor.



- KTRC NM Santa Fe: station is SILENT  
 1420 KZMO MO California: station is SILENT  
 1440 WVEI MA Worcester: Boston frequency swaps shown in last issue have made no change here, WVEI continues to relay WEEL-850 (ex-590)  
 WSEL MS Pontotoc: silent station is ON THE AIR  
 1450 WMGP MS Meridian: silent station is ON THE AIR  
 1470 WBFC KY Stanton: station is SILENT  
 1480 WNKY KY Neon: silent station is ON THE AIR  
 1490 KOTN AR Pine Bluff: station has been donated to the University of Arkansas and will operate as a non-commercial facility  
 WVIX MS Vicksburg: station is SILENT  
 WAYB VA Waynesboro: last issue we typo'd this call in Otherness as "WATB", the call remains WAYB  
 1520 WREA TN Dayton: station is SILENT  
 1570 CKLM PQ Laval: station is SILENT, was ordered off the air 7-18-94 by the CTRC, seems their technical license expired in 1991 but they continued to operate. CKLM is also bankrupt and our reporter in this area claims that the licensee can't be found. With this move their relays on CJER-900 St. Jerome, CJSA-1230 St. Agathe and CKSJ-1400 St. Jovite are all SILENT  
 1590 KBBY CA Ventura: station is SILENT  
 1600 KFNV LA Ferriday: station is SILENT  
 1610+ ???? ?? I'll bet you're wondering what is happening with the expanded BCB band. According to an article in Radio World (which, by the way, gave the NRC a nice big plug in the same issue) the computer-calculated allotment plan is now before the Commissioners but there are some reconsideration petitions that have to be settled. About 600 stations applied to move to the expanded band but the final computer tally shows spectrum space for less than 100, a number considerable less than FCC predictions. When the list is finally released it will be followed by a 60-day reply period. AM Branch Chief Jim Burtle seems to feel that the earliest new stations can begin broadcasting from 1610 to 1700 kHz is in early 1995. Our personal opinion: this is VERY optimistic.



THANKS: Dave Schmidt, Marc DeLorenzo, Howard Kemp, Perry Crabill, Shawn Axelrod, Donna Gabriel, Wayne Heinen, Ed Krejny, Paul Mount, Gilles Michaud, Les Johnson, Homer Boyd, Lon Berman & MSJ.

AND A BIG THANK YOU TO BRUCE CONTI FOR THE SUPER CONVENTION IN BEAUTIFUL NEW HAMPSHIRE! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN COLORADO!

73 and Good DX,

*Jerry & BKF*

Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman



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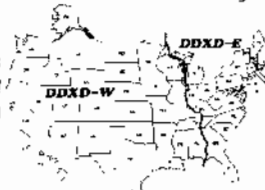
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DDXD-W

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- Welcome to all new members. Let's hear from you, and what you've heard, DX-wise, on the old Medium Wave band. Report in a manner which looks like you see here: by category; in frequency, then state/province order; print neatly or type/printout; report only real DX; report your equipment. If you need "official" report forms, let me know. They're free, to get you started.
- Back by popular demand . . . Trivia! Mississippi River town. First licensed, owned and operated by local newspaper on 1/19/23. In 1929, occupied 780 kc with 1000 watts days, 500 watts nights. On 6/29/34 granted 2.5 kw days, 1kw nights using a directional antenna at night. Raised daytime power to 5 kw on 6/12/36. Granted nighttime power increase to 5 kw on 12/23/38 in order to overcome interference from Cuban station CMQ. Under NARBA, on 3/24/41 granted 790 kc, 5kw-D, 1kw DA-N. Granted 5 kw DA-N on 8/5/41. Facilities remain the same today. Current format is news/talk. Got it, yet? Answer appears later.
- Bruce sez: "My antenna system was struck by lightning on 7/26 and destroyed my two longwires, as well as zapping my KIWA Loop. Fortunately, my MWDX-5 was being repaired by Mark Connelly and my R8 was at Drake in Ohio at the time and escaped. I got two more longwires back up . . . and seem to be working out quite well with the phasing unit." Atsushi states: "New DX season has come! I hope this DX season, the last here in the US, will turn out great." Well, you've started out in pretty good shape already. I hope your stay here is a rewarding one, especially DX-wise. - Editor.
- Thanks to Gray Scrimgeour for doing some detective work down at the ol' Sony Store. And for the report on radio activities garnered from his trip to the extreme north of Vancouver Island. A few of the more notable items are included here in Special, while the entire report has been sent via electronic means to the Log Honcho.
- Don't forget to support our hard-working CPC this season!!

### REPORTERS

- BW-OK Bruce Winkelman Tulsa R8, MWDX5, 2 longwires, Quantum Loop  
 JJR-WI John J. Rieger Milwaukee  
 JB-TX Jim Boehm San Antonio R71A with downspout antenna and Radio West Little Loop  
 MS-WA Mike Sanburn (Bellflower, CA) DXing at Hoquiam GE Superadio II  
 GS-BC Gray Scrimgeour Victoria DXing while on holiday to the north of Vancouver Island ICF-2001 or caradio  
 AM-WA Atsushi Masamune Seattle JRC-NRD-525 with KIWA air core loop  
 FA-ID Frank Aden Boise tuned ears  
 BD-WI Bill Dvorak Madison Superadio III barefoot  
 Ed-ID Editor Meridian

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### SPECIAL

- 950 KKIC ID Boise - The owners of this station, Northwest Broadcasting, have filed bankruptcy under Chapter 11. No other details at this time, but it's not a first for these guys. (FA-ID)  
 1240 CFNI BC Port Hardy - The only commercial station at the north end of Vancouver Island. (NI for North Island) is The North Island's Classic Mix and is // to FM 100.3, not 1440 as in Log. (GS-BC)  
 1280 CHBQ BC Powell River - The Sunshine Coast's Best Music Mix was the slogan, but only C&W was played the half hour we listened on 9/9 at 1400. (GS-BC)

- 1310 KLIX ID Twin Falls - 9/12 0045 - 0230 - Fair, with CNN Headline News to 0059, then ABC News at 0100, then Talknet. ID sounded like AM 1310 KLIX, with all news, all talk, all the time. Ad for the Children's Dance Theater. Call change? (AM-WA) [This was reported as an unID, but since they used to be KLIX, I called down to Twin Falls. And whattya know, they're back, as of 9/12! The person I spoke to confirmed the calls and all details of this report. I rarely tune them in, so we caught another CL change, almost as it happened. **Great catch** - Ed.]
- 1440 CFCP BC Courtenay - Coast Radio slogan & format as in Log. IDs are for CFCP, CFWB, and FM in Gold River. (GS-BC)
- 1490 CFWB BC Campbell River - // to CFCP for news only; music is locally programmed. The slogan is *The Island's Classic Mix*, and as described in the Log. News at 1600 on 9/9 was // to CFCP. (GS-BC)
- 1550 WHIT WI Madison - 9/9 - This daytimer changed formats to sportstalk from C&W, carrying "The Team" network. Slogan is now *Sports Radio AM 1550*. No longer // FM 106.3 (Q-106). (BD-WI)
- 1570 CHUB BC Nanaimo - Still going strong; no sign of going to FM yet. (GS-BC)
- 1590 KPOZ WA Seattle - 9/1 2231 - 2359 - Good signal. New CLs, ex: KZOK started broadcasting at 2115 with "Positive Country" format. IDs as *We're Seattle's newest country*, AM 1590 KPOZ, *Positive Country*. This station was purchased by KGNW-820 and the studio is located there. (AM-WA)

### TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 530 WNE530 WA Tacoma - 8/28 1730 - Heard this TIS while driving south in Interstate 5 after Seattle airport TIS faded out. (MS-WA)

### MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- 720 CHTN PI Charlottetown - In very good, with WGN totally off, on 8/12 0315. Local break with full ID. Satellite oldies. NEW for me. (JJR-WI)
- 930 CJCA AB Edmonton - 8/29 0300 - With :00 ID from this REL station. (MS-WA)
- 960 CFAC AB Calgary - 9/5 0659-0715 - With slogan *Calgary's Home of Country Music*, national news at 0700, then C&W. Much QRM from KMA. (BD-WI)
- 980 KCAB AR Dardanelle - 8/24 0803-0816 - With *Your Country Connection* slogan, C&W music, ads and University of Arkansas football promo. 0813 KCJC-FM promo as *KC-101*, then *Full Service Radio*, KCAB at 0816. Silent station back on the air since Jan '94, but unlogged since. (BW-OK)
- 1090 KKYN TX Plainview - 9/3 0134-0146 - With *At KKYN you can still hear more music that other stations won't play*. You can hear *Chicken Country Favorites* from 103.9 FM, KKYN at 0145. KRLD-1080 splash nulled and KAAV not heard. (JB-TX) [Are you sure they said "Chicken"? And not "Kickin'" for KKYN? - Ed.]
- 1220 KMYL TX Madisonville - 9/3 0116-0132 - You are listening to the *TSN High School Football Network*. Medical Pharmacy is announcing their sponsorship of the *Fighting Mustangs* on KMYL Radio into oldies at 0130. XEB nulled. (JB-TX)
- 1230 KWTX TX Waco - 9/11 0300 - *Goodtime Oldies is AM 1230*, KWTX. Dominant for over an hour. (JB-TX)
- 1270 CKWK BC Chilliwack - 8/29 0357 - With Barry Douglas Show w/Oldies music. Mentioned Frazier Valley Network of CKWK Chilliwack / CKGO Hope / 107.1 Boston Bar. (MS-WA) [My not-the-latest edition (13th) of the FM Atlas shows a 106.1, CKGO-1 at Boston Bar with 91 watts. Maybe they've moved? - Ed.]
- 1400 KUNO TX Corpus Christi - 9/11 0445 - *Sears presents the Emilio (Neveida?) for Children 1994 Tour de Tejas Sweepstakes* --- --- KLINO and KSAB (FM) will be live from *Sears Wednesday and Thursday at Sunrise Mall, where you can register for prizes*. SS format. (JB-TX)
- 1430 KLO UT Ogden - 8/28 0426 - Strong signal with numerous IDs as AM 1430 KLO. Music by Morris Albert, Helen Reddy, Kenny C. (MS-WA)
- 1460 KMWX WA Yakima - 8/28 0448 - Good, with Yakima Valley Weather and jingle: *Oldies 1460 KMWX*. (MS-WA)
- 1490 KOKC OK Guthrie - 9/6 0302-0322 - In & out with C&W. At 0322 a Johnny Cash taped ID: *I'm Johnny Cash. I hope you'll stay tuned to KOKC 1490 Guthrie, Oklahoma into a Johnny Cash tune*. (JB-TX)
- KBST TX Big Spring - 9/6 0243-0302 - In & out with NOS. This is *Listening at Night* on KBST. We'll be right back with more music after these messages. at 0300. (JB-TX)
- 1500 KSTP MN St. Paul - 9/11 0355 - 0405 - Fair, fighting with CKAY and KSJX. ID at 0359 as *... nine to eleven on AM 1500 KSTP, St. Paul - Maplewood*, then ABC News. MN #2. (AM-WA)

- KCAY BC Duncan - 8/29 0030 - ID: *Music for the '90s - CKAY*. Song *You Wear it Well*. (MS-WA)

### 0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 930 KBRC WA Mount Vernon - 8/29 1200 Noon - Strong, but faded midday signal, with ID and NBC News at :00. Music by Sting and Bread. (MS-WA)
- 1130 KTMR TX Edna - 9/5 1525-1555 - This SS D3 signal is usually barely audible. But today is relatively strong, probably due to recent two days of rain. (JB-TX) [Ran. Rain? Is that the wet stuff that comes from above? We haven't had a trace since the middle of June - Ed.]

### 1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 620 WTMT KY Louisville - 9/6 2110-2125 - *Louisville Speedway Live* race program just ending, followed by C&W. QRM from partially-nulled WTMJ (BD-WI)
- 790 WMC TN Memphis - Is our trivia answer this time. The Memphis Commercial Appeal was the original owner, thus the call letters. Data taken from FCC microfiche by Fido-Net contributor Xen Scott, whom we thank. [Ed.]
- 1040 KCBR CO Monument - 8/27 2159 - Good, under WHO, with sign-off announcement. (BW-OK)
- 1050 WDZ IL Decatur - 8/27 2345-2400 - With CNN News, 2345 mixing with unID FF (CKSB??), with XEG phased down ID at 2400, into more news. (BW-OK)
- 1240 KSOX TX Raymondville - 8/30 2115-2202 - Remote Texas League Baseball, White Wings vs Armadillos from Harlingen Stadium. KSOX AM 1240 ID at 2202. Good signal, when dominant. (JB-TX)
- 1370 WDEF TN Chattanooga - 9/8 2158-2214 - Legal ID, slogan AM 1370 *Newstalk Sports Radio*. CBS News at :00 followed by *Sports Byline USA*. (BD-WI)

### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

//:parallel to :00: on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band BRN:Business Radio Net C&W:country & western CCR:contemporary Christian radio CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL:call letter EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French COS:gospel IRN: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 POL:political PRI:Public Radio International PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference QRN:natural interference QTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule S:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International

### GRAVEYARD DX SPECIAL

☐ Graveyard News. Remember last issue I mentioned we were going to open up the GY records not held by current NRC members? Going on an 6-month old membership list, I scanned the current GY lists and found many names I couldn't cross-match. So, the stations "up for grabs" are included here in place of the usual new records. If for some reason I am in error and you hold the record for a station in a city listed, let me know, pronto. Some are "International" records, indicated by a #. The next time each frequency is printed in DX News, a record-holder for the stations in these cities will not appear, unless submitted by a current member (you). So... the ball is in your court. Scan your logs and see if you might snag one or more of them. Just send in the station, city and state, and where you heard the station. These are all for the 1960-to-present era. I figure the mileage. What a way to start the new season!!

#### 1230 kHz:

#Sitka, AK; #Phoenix, AZ; Safford, AZ; Winslow, AZ; El Centro, CA; Ft. Bragg, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Stockton, CA; Manchester, CT; Lakeland, FL; Pensacola, FL; Dublin, GA; Hopkingsville, KY; Belfast, ME; Salem, MA; Worcester, MA; Lebanon, MO; Alamogordo, NM; Deming, NM; Gouverneur, NY; White Plains, NY; Astoria, OR; Medford, OR; Easton, PA; Johnstown, PA; Titusville, PA; Westerly, RI; Sioux Falls, SD; Del Rio, TX; Burlington, VT; New Westminster, BC; St. John's, NF; Hamilton, Bermuda

#### 1240 kHz:

Florence, AL; Jasper, AL; Cottonwood, AZ; #Lemore, CA; #Monterey, CA; Sacramento, CA; San Diego, CA; San Bernardino, CA; #Santa Maria, CA; Susanville, CA; Durango, CO; Monte Vista, CO; Statesboro, GA; Thomson, GA; Mountain Home, ID; Harrisburg, IL; Louisville, KY; Lewiston, ME; Millinocket, ME; Cambridge, MD; Greenfield, MA; West Yarmouth, MA; Park Rapids, MN;

Marion, MS; Nevada, MO; Helena, MT; #Bridgeton, NJ; Carlsbad, NM; Schenectady, NY; Brevard, NC; Wilkesboro, NC; Selinsgrove, PA; Wilkes-Barre, PA; #Woonsocket, RI; Newberry, SC; Elizabethton, TN; Raymondville, TX; Ellensburg, WA; Elkins, WV; Stratford, ON; Chibougamau, PQ; St. Hyacinthe, PQ; Nogales, SON; Tampico, TAMS; Huacho, Peru

#### 1340 kHz:

Miami, AZ; Page, AZ; #Arcata, CA, Cathedral City, CA; #Fresno, CA; Mojave, CA; #Santa Barbara, CA; #Watsonville, CA; Clearwater, FL; Hailey, ID; Muncie, IN; Bowling Green, KY; Richmond, KY; Augusta, ME; Manistee, MI; Royal Oak, MI; Helena, MT; Taos, NM; Lockport, NY; Grafton, ND; #North Bend, OR; Philadelphia, PA; Reading, PA; Columbia, TN; Burnet, TX; Lufkin, TX; Port Arthur, TX; Victoria, TX; Manti, UT; Hopewell, VA; Kennewick, WA; Montgomery, WV; Welch, WV; Wheatland, WY; Vanderhoof, BC; Parry Sound, ON; Woodstock, ON; Weyburn, SK

#### 1400 kHz:

Ft. Payne, AL; #Phoenix, AZ; San Luis Obispo, CA; Pagosa Springs, CO; Sanford, FL; Zephyrhills, FL; Macon, GA; Cynthia, KY; Augusta, ME; Biddeford, ME; Lawrence, MA; Traverse City, MI; Booneville, MS; Columbus, MS; Berlin, NH; Hanover, NH; #Pleasantville, NJ; Weldon, NC; Lincoln City, OR; St. Marys, PA; Cookeville, TN; Shelbyville, TN; Tacoma, WA; Cody, WY; Frederickton, NB; Drummondville, PQ; #Cuhacan, SIN

#### 1450 kHz:

Anniston, AL; Bessemer, AL; Dothan, AL; Huntsville, AL; Douglas, AZ; #Tucson, AZ; Palm Springs, CA; Sonora, CA; Wilmington, DE; Washington, DC; Miami, FL; Pensacola, FL; Sarasota, FL; Cornelia, GA; Savannah, GA; Cicero, IL; Vincennes, IN; #Rockland, ME; South Paris, ME; Cumberland, MD; Springfield, MA; Ely, MN; Natchez, MS; Fredericktown, MD; West Plains, MO; #Bozeman, MT; Missoula, MT; Red Lodge, MT; New Brunswick, NJ; #Albuquerque, NM; Las Cruces, NM; Poughkeepsie, NY; Spring Lake, NC; Pottsville, PA; State College, PA; #West Warwick, RI; Hartsville, SC; Belle Fourche, SD; Athens, TN; Chattanooga, TN; Greenville, TN; Omaha, NE; Carrizo Springs, TX; Moab, UT; Barre, VT; Martinsville, VA; Suffolk, VA; Buffalo, WY; Ensenada, BCN; Monterrey, NL; St. Vincent

#### 1490 kHz:

Clifton, AZ; #Tucson, AZ; Pine Bluff, AR; Red Bluff, CA; #Santa Barbara, CA; Cordele, GA; Sylvania, GA; Tupelo, MS; Atlantic City, NJ; Chattanooga, TN; Lewisburg, TN; Lexington, TN; Brattleboro, VT; Middlebury, VT; Wells River, VT; Farmville, VA; Charleston, WV; Harmon Field, NE; Middleton, NS

## DDXD-East

### NEWS AND VIEWS

Welcome to recent new member and first time reporter Russ Horton from Mississauga, ON. Good to hear from you, Russ - let us know what you hear this season! And a big DDXD-East welcome to Mike Sanburn from sunny California, who sends in some DX heard during his visit to the NRC Convention in NH!

Looks like 920 is the frequency to be on the last month. Now that we are weekly remember to send in your tips as you hear them. You can get them to me on Prodigy (DPHF10A) or CompuServe (73520,657) if you prefer that method.

### SPECIAL

540 CJSB ON Ottawa - As of September 1st, CJSB, 540 AM in Ottawa has switched to 106.9 FM with the calls of CKQB and the non-ID of "The Bear". They will continue to simulcast on 540 AM until December 1st. This will open up tremendous new DX possibilities in Ottawa, especially with 530, CIAO in Toronto moving to FM in the near future. (LK-ON)

1360 WNJC NJ Washington Township - Now 24 hours NSP, CW music. (DS-DE)

1590 WETT MD Ocean City - 8/8-8/10 - Noted off, leaving a faint signal from WCZN-PA. (JEK-PA)

WERA NJ Plainfield - Is running AC as reported in Formats, I goofed on log earlier this summer. (JH-NJ)

WAWA PA Chester - 9/12 2200 - New calls noted, ex-WCZN. Changed on 9/8. There is a chain of Wawa stores in this area, so they're right out front now! Still Unforgettable 15-90, standards. (DS-DE)

### UNID AND UNID HELP

1590 UNID 8/22 & 8/23 - Spanish, riding with WAKR. Could be Evanston, IL? (RH-ON)

#### 0800 to 0800 ELT

630 CHLT PQ Sherbrooke - 9/11 0115 - Good with French talk over WMAL. (DB-DE)

710 WFNR VA Blacksburg - 9/9 0630 - Fair in upper sideband with Virginia News Network news, ID "Your news and information station, WFNR". New. (MB-IN)

920 WTTM NJ Trenton - 9/7 0735 - Good, now carrying CNN Headline News at :00, :30. (JH-NJ)

WKRT NY Cortland - 9/7 0730 - Fair signal came in over WTTM, ID "This is WKRT 920, your news, weather and sports station", local news and ad for some farm machinery place in McLean. New log. (JH-NJ)

WKVA PA Lewistown - 7/23 0104 - Heard this one ID under my formerly-UNID Canadian CW station. (DMG-PA)

CJCH NS Halifax - 8/1 0509 - ID by man "92-CJCH", gave Atlantic time check, then gone. Quite a catch for me! (RH-ON)

CKNX ON Wingham - 7/23 0050 - CW with static. Request phone number for "Coast to Coast" show given as 800-663-5444. It can't be reached from my calling area - I tried! At 0145 came the "Wingham weather" forecast, so it must be CKNX. (DMG-PA)

CKNX ON Wingham - 9/1 0426+ - "AM 920" as ID. Runs "Country Music Radio Network" overnight. CKNX mentioned once! This is the station that Donna is looking for in Philly, I think? (RH-ON)

1110 WHIM RI Providence - 9/3 0000 - Heard ID at even level with WBT. (MS-NH)

1120 WBIS CT Bristol - 9/3 0001 - ID in English "You're listening to WBIS Bristol-New Britain", SS music. (MS-NH)

1160 WSKW ME Skowhegan - 9/3 0023 - Strong with ID "Serving Waterville with better memories, AM 1160 WSKW". Songs At the End of a Rainbow and Yesterday. (MS-NH)

1440 WHIS VA Bluefield - 7/23 0032 - Heard this one ID under WAJR. (DMG-PA)

WAJR WV Morgantown - 7/23 0026 - ID at 0042 "Sports Radio WAJR". Listed as CW in NRC Log but this station is also in the Pittsburgh Pirates radio network. (DMG-PA)

1510 WPUT NY Brewster - 9/9 0700 - Poor, mixing with WJIC. IDing as "WPUT 1510 Brewster" into CNN news. New log. (JH-NJ)

#### 0800 to 1600 ELT

560 CFOS ON Owen Sound - 8/21 1428 - Oldies, "560 CFOS" given as ID. Fairly strong. (RH\*ON)

790 WLKW RI Providence - 9/4 1059 - ID "All day, all night, WLKW Providence, 79 AM stereo". Promo for Curtain Up. (MS-NH)

960 CIAM ON Cambridge - 8/21 1502 - AC/Gold, "AM-96" given as ID. I included this log because they are very hard to catch in Mississauga. They protect CFEF so they send their signal north across Bruce Peninsula. (RH\*ON)

1460 WBET MA Brockton - 9/3 1236 - Singing jingle followed by song Old Cape Cod by Patti Page. (MS-NH)

1490 WHAV MA Haverhill - 9/3 1230 - Manfred Mann tune and ID "Your good time oldies station, WHAV". (MS-NH)

1540 WMYF NH Exeter - 9/3 1213 - Gave address as P.O. Box 1540, Exeter, NH 03833. ID and Swingin' Years music show. (MS-NH)

#### 1600 TO 2400 ELT

530 CIAO ON Brampton - 9/2 2310 - At good level with ethnic music program. (MS-NH)

560 WPHY PA Philadelphia - 9/2 2305 - Call letters and program from Christian Bible Institute. (MS-NH)

810 WMTS TN Murfreesboro - 9/7 1855 - Fair-poor with CW music, ID, PSA from Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association, news. New. (MB-IN)

840 WKTR VA Earlysville - 9/6 1916 - Religious dramatization after WKDI sign-off over WHAS, promo for request show "to hear your favorite music on our 10,000 watts", ID at 1918. First time here. (DB-DE)

920 CKNX ON Wingham - 9/9 2210 - Fair over WHJJ. ID "Your country music station, CKNX 920", "Country Music Coast to Coast". No sign of WTTM. Thanks DMG-PA, new log. (JH-NJ)

- 930 WBEN NY Buffalo - 8/29 2110 - Two talk programs competing with a music station. Strongest signal is talk show; a man familiar with the detective on the OJ case defends the detective's integrity. WBEN IDed at 2125; still no ID for other two stations. (DMG-PA)
- CKNS ON Espanola - 8/27 2245 - "North Shore Radio", gave frequencies of Blind River and Elliot Lake. In the city WBEN is totally dominant, here they were audible only in CKNS' null. AC format, constant, almost like a local! (RH\*ON)
- 950 WXGI VA Richmond - 9/4 2055-2100 - Fair in WPEN null with Talknet and NBC News. (DB-DE)
- 1000 WRAR VA Tappahannock - 9/15 1915 - Instrumental music, ads to 1915 sign-off with "AM 1000 WRAR, FM 105.5 WRAR". (ES-NJ)
- 1260 WCHV VA Charlottesville - 8/4 2130 - Ad for Sunday 9-11 AM real estate program with two hosts, trading places with WWDC. (DMG-PA)

## OTHER STUFF

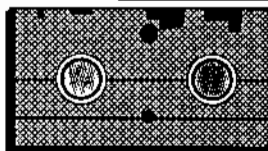
- 650 UNID 8/9 1258-1343 - 30 seconds of tone, then "This is a test of a government broadcast station. This is only a test." Message repeated for duration. No call or location heard. On again 8/10 1110, same tone and message. Gone by 1155. Looped N/S. Suspect NC or VA coast and have no idea of wattage...could be low considering the conductivity of a salt water path. (JEK-MD)
- 1610 KFB55 MD Ocean City - 8/8 1400+ - TIS with resort events. Strong with somewhat distorted audio. Was still able to null this to hear an Assateague Island TIS. (JEK-MD)
- 1610 WNUE384 NH Nashua - 9/3 0130 - Local TIS with road info and numerous IDs. (MS-NH)

## REPORTERS

- MB-IN Mark Burns, Terre Haute, IN: Drake R-8, 80' longwire, Quantum loop *Love*
- DMG-PA Donna M. Gabriel, Philadelphia, PA: Realistic DX-380, Archer 278-1374 antenna
- JH-NJ John Hanz, Old Bridge, NJ: Sony 2010, NRD-525, attic longwire
- RH-ON Russ Horton, Mississauga, ON: Sony CFS-710S, Realistic DX-440
- RH\*ON Russ Horton, Mississauga, ON, DXing in Acton, ON: Sony CFS-710S, Realistic DX-440
- LK-ON Laurence Kearley, Orleans, ON;
- JEK-MD Joe Kureth, Uniontown, MD, DXing at Ocean City, MD: Optimus AM/FM Digital
- MS-NH Mike Sanburn, Bellflower, CA, DXing in Merrimack, NH: GF Superadio II
- DS-DE Dave Schmidt, Wilmington, DE:
- ES-NJ Elliot Straus, Toms River, NJ: R-390A, Kiwa/Quantum loops, A-D sloper
- DB-DE Dave Braun, Wyoming, DE: R-5000, Quantum loop

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

Lots of stuff concerning Cuba this week, with a new R. Marti broadcast on 1020, in addition to 1180.

Early leaders for the coveted "IDXDX TA Station of the Year Award" are Algeria 891 and Vatican 1611, judging from the many loggings reported here. The fact that even I have heard them lends credibility to their respective candidacies!

A last minute flash from Jean Burnell is that following the arrival of US troops in Haiti Radio Democratie has been heard running later (and stronger) than the previously reported 0100 sign-off, with Andy ??? having heard them as late as 0130.

*Jim*

## TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 531 ALGERIA Ain-El-Beida, SEP 3 2249-2253 - Fair with man in AA // 891; sun still shining, 20 minutes before local sunset! Later 2320-2323 fair with AA folk music // 891. Some interference from CIAO-530. [DeLorenzo\*W MA]
- 531 SPAIN / unID's, SEP 15 0414 - bits of SS talk swirling around in a multiple-station mess. [Connelly-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA Les Trembles, SEP 2 0415 - Strong with man in AA. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 567 SPAIN RNE-5 (probably Murcia), AUG 31 0510 - Semi-classical orchestra music followed by SS announcements by a woman. Hard to read much. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 585 SPAIN Madrid, AUG 27 0324 - Very strong with instrumental music, lots of piano and announcements by man. AUG 31 0525 - Very good signal with woman singer, but with QRM from another carrier, maybe Cadiz on same frequency. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 14 0504 - SS talk by woman; in WBNW-590 (ex-WEEI) slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 594 SAUDI ARABIA Duba, SEP 1 0305 - Strong and clear with Koran by 2 men at sign-on // to even stronger 1521. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 594 PORTUGAL Muge, SEP 2 0420 - Good signal with men in conversation. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 612 SPAIN RNE-1, AUG 31 0437 - Mixed signal that seemed // 585 and 684. Another carrier here too, either the other RNE-1 or Morocco. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 612 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, SEP 9 0253 - AA violins & vocals; very good. [Connelly-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS Santa Cruz, Tenerife, SEP 15 0413 - strong with fast SS talk // 639. [Connelly-MA]
- 639 SPAIN, SEP 14 0505 - man & woman in SS; good to excellent. SEP 15 0412 - fast SS talk, music; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 648 SPAIN, SEP 15 0357 - woman in SS // 774; poor over rumble of other stations. [Connelly-MA]
- 666 PORTUGAL Lisboa, SEP 15 0354 - PP talk by man; poor in bad WRKO-680 slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 684 SPAIN Sevilla, AUG 27 0200 - Was like a local with RNE-1 programs and usually the strongest RNE-1 station. SEP 4 0400 - AA sounding SS music, vocals with guitar. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 11 0510 - Good signal, "Radio Nacional Espana" ID, Spanish talk and local music. [Conti-NH]
- 693 AZORES Terceira, AUG 28 0040 - Rock-type pop music with female vocals. SEP 1 0052 - same singer (I think), but this time another station below with men talking. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 720 PORTUGAL (t), SEP 15 0407 - I'm almost positive that the muffled talk by a man noted here was PP // 666. CHTN (w/oldies) was in a fade and WGN was phased. At times, a station in SS was in there as well, about a 50-50 chance of it being Spain/Canaries or Venezuela. [Connelly-MA]
- 738 SPAIN, SEP 12 0258 - mellow vocal // 774. SEP 12 0338 - SS talk through CHCM slop with CBL phased. SEP 15 0357 - folk music, then woman in SS // 774; fair through CHCM/WJIB slop with CBL phased. SEP 19 0406 - fast SS talk getting through CHCM slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 747 HOLLAND Flevoland, SEP 15 0349 - DD talk by man; to good peaks over others. SEP 19 0411 - EE light-rock, then man in DD; over others. [Connelly-MA]
- 756 GERMANY Braunschweig / Ravensburg, SEP 12 0339 - woman in GG. SEP 19 0409 - man in GG; over Spain station. [Connelly-MA]
- 756 SPAIN, SEP 14 0508 - SS talk by man; good & totally dominant with no sign of Germany. SEP 19 0412 - SS talk came up and rolled over the German station. [Connelly-MA]

- 756 SPAIN / GERMANY, SEP 15 0348 - dogfight here with even-strength mix of SS & GG audios. [Connelly-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND Sottens, SEP 15 0345 - woman in FF; fair to good. [Connelly-MA]
- 774 SPAIN, AUG 31 0427 - Signal way up and is almost always one of the top four RNE-1 frequencies. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 12 0258 - mellow vocal // 738. SEP 14 0509 - good with man in SS. SEP 15 0357 - woman in SS; good over others. SEP 19 0413 - man in SS; in WABC slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 819 unID (MOROCCO or EGYPT), SEP 12 0312 - het, Koran-style vocal; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 819 EGYPT Cairo / Batra, SEP 19 0207 - AA Koranic vocal // 864, 1107; very good! [Connelly-MA]
- 837 AZORES (t) Barossa, SEP 3 2327-2330 - Fair with PP folk mx and man in PP. [DeLorenzo\*W MA]
- 837 FRANCE Nancy, SEP 13 2335 - Very good with man and woman speaking FF. [Straus-NJ]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, SEP 19 0414 - echoey SS talk; in mess with others. [Connelly-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, AUG 31 0430 - Real good, and along with 684, 585, and 774 one of the top four RNE-1's. The big stations on 639 and 738 must be directional the other way as they are not consistent here. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 9 0256; good with man in SS. SEP 11 0450 - Fair, Spanish folk music, badly splattered by WEEL-850, much improved signal by 0545 perhaps due to xmtr site down enhancement. [Conti-NH] SEP 12 0347 - SS female vocal showing Moorish / AA influences; fair with WEEL-850 (ex-WHDH) phased. [Connelly-MA] SEP 12 2338 - Very good with SS phone-in program [Straus-NJ] SEP 19 0415 - man in SS; fair to good through WEEL-850 slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 864 EGYPT Santah, SEP 19 0213 - AA Koranic vocal // 819, 1107; poor to fair in slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 864 SPAIN Socuellamos, SEP 19 0416; SS talk by man & woman; to good peaks. [Connelly-MA]
- 882 ENGLAND Washford et al., SEP 19 0227 - man & woman in EE // 909; fair in WCBS slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA Algiers, AUG 25 0005 - Powerhouse signal with man and woman in AA. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 3 2246-2251 - Good with man in AA, 30 minutes before local sunset. Later 2304-2310 loud and clear, incredible rock solid signal with Middle Eastern vocal music with violins and drums. [DeLorenzo\*W MA] SEP 9 0257 - male AA vocal; EXCELLENT. SEP 11 0230 - Good, local-like audio on strong signal fade-ins, Arabic music, guitar instrumentals, and talk in Arabic. [Conti-NH] SEP 11 2308-2320 - Fair to good with religious Middle Eastern music (AA vocals, violins, flute, drums); i kHz het from unknown domestic on 890. Heard on car radio in Marlboro. [DeLorenzo-MA] SEP 12 0254 - male & female AA vocals; very good (S9-35), best TA during mediocre conditions. SEP 15 0424 - AA music, AA talk by man & woman; enormous signal. [Connelly-MA] SEP 18 0233 - Finally some audio on this always strong het, a Koranic recitation, faded by top of the hour. Still tentative. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 19 0215 - female AA vocal & violins; big signal, killing 890. [Connelly-MA]
- 909 ENGLAND synchron., SEP 19 0227 - man & woman in EE // 882; fair to good over others. [Connelly-MA]
- 927 unID, SEP 15 0425 - possible FF talk (Belgium ?) in bad slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 936 unID, SEP 13 0356 - het and bits of talk by woman; in severe slop. Not sure if language was SS, AA, or something else. [Connelly-MA]
- 945 FRANCE Toulouse, SEP 14 0510 - Elton John song; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 954 SPAIN Madrid, SEP 9 0259 - dance-rock; fair. SEP 14 0512 - man in SS; fair. SEP 15 0426 - SS talk; fair. [Connelly-MA] SEP 13 2340 - R. Espana poor with man speaking in SS. [Straus-NJ] SEP 19 0420 - SS talk; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 972 UKRAINE Kopani, SEP 1 0413 - Woman speaking in UU, followed by operatic singing. There had been hets here earlier that may have been Spain. Kopani and woman heard again next night same time. Must be directional. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 999 SPAIN Madrid, SEP 13 0354 - man in SS. SEP 14 0513 - SS talk; fair. SEP 19 0225 - SS talk by woman; fair to good, slight CKBW slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1017 GERMANY Rheinsender, SEP 19 0230 - GG vocal; mixed with others. [Connelly-MA]
- 1035 PORTUGAL Lisbon, SEP 12 2340 - Excellent with monster signal equal to WBZ with man speaking in PP [Straus-NJ]
- 1044 SPAIN San Sebastian, SEP 1 0257 - Very strong with men in what sounded like a phone-in talk show. This station regularly tops Morocco these days. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 11 0530 - Talk in Spanish, weak with occasional strong fade-ins. [Conti-NH] SEP 12 0252 - SS teletalk; fair. SEP 19 0421 - very good with SS talk. [Connelly-MA]

- 1044 MOROCCO RTM, Sebaa-Aioun, SEP 3 2341 - tentative, most likely the TA here with American rock hit from 1979 "Beth, Please Don't Go". [Delorenzo\*W MA] SEP 11 2350 - Good to excellent, armchair copy of Arabic music, well over unID believed to be Spain. [Conti-NH] SEP 12 2345 - Very good with AA vocals. [Straus-NJ]
- 1053 MOROCCO/SPAIN, SEP 13 2350 - Zaragoza audible with SS talk through breaks in Tanger AA vocals. Possible 3rd station in the mix, too. [Straus-NJ]
- 1062 DENMARK Kalundborg, SEP 19 0427 - American or British blues-band vocal; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1071 SPAIN Bilbao, SEP 19 0426 - Latin-American style pop music, then woman in SS; good. Other stuff (France ?) underneath. CBA open carrier het notched. [Connelly-MA]
- 1089 unID, SEP 19 0325 - This one has still got me stumped, Continuous music, sounds like a blend of Middle-Eastern and eastern European (Slav / Romanian / Hungarian gypsy) musical styles; maybe Albania or Russia or something from an Arab country. Gets loud at times with WBAL phased. [Connelly-MA]
- 1098 SLOVAK REPUBLIC Nitra, SEP 19 0326 - Slavic talk by man; good/dominant. [Connelly-MA]
- 1098 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, SEP 15 0429 - SS talk wallowing in bad growl. [Connelly-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN, SEP 1 0355 - RNE-5 stations, sharp signal with woman singing SS pop music. Always others behind, but Egypt not noted very often. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 3 2343-2346 - Good with Egyptian music, man and woman in AA. [DeLorenzo\*W MA] SEP 12 0250 - man in SS; fair. SEP 15 0430 - musical fanfare, echoey SS talk mixed with others. SEP 19 0428 - RNE5 synchros. huge (S9+45) with echoey SS talk by man & woman. [Connelly-MA] 1107 EGYPT Batra, SEP 19 0207 - AA Koranic vocal // 819, 864; good, way over Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 1143 RUSSIA Bolshakovo (t), SEP 16 0403 - poor with Slavic-sounding talk by woman. Ex-Yugoslav also possible here. [Connelly-MA]
- 1152 SPAIN, SEP 16 0412 - SS talk; over others. [Connelly-MA]
- 1152 ROMANIA Cluj (t), SEP 19 0332 - talk in a language (presumably Romanian) that sounded like a blend of II, PP, & southern Slavic. It was not the usual SS heard here from Spain. Signal briefly good, then lost to slop. Other eastern Euro's were in at the time. [Connelly-MA]
- 1179 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, SEP 16 0353 - SS teletalk; good over others. [Connelly-MA]
- 1188 HUNGARY Szombathely, SEP 16 0411 - Hungarian talk by man & woman; fair. SEP 19 0338 - Hungarian version of "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree" was booming in over a growl of others; the 1188 signal was 5 to 10 dB better than WOWO, 1190. I checked 1251 for // and heard bits of same tune through bad QRM; 1341 had het only. Eastern Europe above average tonight. [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 ENGLAND/SPAIN, AUG 31 0445 - Spanish COPE station had woman and man talking while pop vocals could be heard from Virgin Radio. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1215 ENGLAND, SEP 15 0434 - Virgin R. fair with Blondie song from 1979. [Connelly-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA Tripoli, AUG 23 0045 - The everpresent het produced good audio for a change, with a man speaking in AA. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 9 0305 - AA music; fair. SEP 12 0304 - news by man in AA; fair. SEP 15 0435 - AA vocals, strings; fair through slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1296 SUDAN Rebia, SEP 9 0304 - AA Koranic-style vocal; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1305 SPAIN RNE-5, SEP 2 0415 - At least two stations with man/woman talk. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1314 NORWAY Kvitsoy, AUG 30 0300-0400 - This one's as strong as ever after a poor showing last season. Was very strong and clear with NN pop music and good nearly all nights. I have a Norwegian friend who enjoys hearing the announcements and can easily understand most of them. Real powerhouse signal. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 13 0344 - NN male vocal with folk guitar; fair to good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1314 SPAIN / NORWAY, SEP 15 0438 - SS talk over/under pop music. [Connelly-MA]
- 1332 ITALY Rome, SEP 16 0409 - bits of II talk getting through slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1359 SPAIN Arganda, SEP 16 0345 - SS female vocal; fair. SEP 18 0530 - man in SS; to good peaks. [Connelly-MA]
- 1368 unID, SEP 16 0343 - het (several possibilities). [Connelly-MA]
- 1395 ALBANIA Lushnje, SEP 1 0345 - Woman in unknown language. Not good signal. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1395 unID / SPAIN, SEP 16 0342 - fat open carrier (Albania ?) way over SS talk station. [Connelly-MA]
- 1467 FRANCE/MONACO Roumoules, SEP 1 0345 - Very strong at sign-on: interval signal, ID as "Monte Carlo" by man, then woman in GG. Religious music followed. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 12 0358 - C&W-influenced hymn; fair. SEP 16 0340 - music-box IS; good. SEP 19 0344 -

- music-box IS; beautiful signal, way better than any other high-band European. [Connelly-MA]
- 1476 SPAIN RNE-5 Toledo, SEP 1 0502 - Woman in SS, weak signal. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba, SEP 1 0305 - Super strong at sign-on with Koran. The strongest TA signal of the night. Was // to Duba 594. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 9 0300 - AA male Koranic vocal; LOUD. SEP 16 0336 - AA sermon/scripture reading; good. SEP 19 0345 - AA flute & string music; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1530 VATICAN CITY, SEP 2 0345 - Very clear just behind WSAI. Not // to 1611. Heard the familiar Vatican IS and a man in (I think) Italian. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 16 0334 - choir music & man in Slavic language; huge, annihilating WSAI. SEP 19 0346 - classical music over/under WSAI. [Connelly-MA]
- 1548 ENGLAND Capital Gold, London, SEP1 0400 - Station ID followed by the news read by man and woman. Signal didn't last long. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1557 MALTA Cyclops, SEP 1 0322 - Very strong with a man in AA. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1575 ITALY Genoa (prob), AUG 23 0410 - Fair with baritone singing operatic music. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1575 SPAIN SER station, SEP 1 0330 - Man and woman in SS, very good signal. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 15 0440 - SER SS news; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 1575 SPAIN / ITALY, SEP 16 0332 - SS talk evenly mixing with II talk. [Connelly-MA]
- 1584 SPAIN, SEP 1 0330 - One station stronger than the rest with talk show. No question about it, talk shows are big everywhere! [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 15 0440 - SER SS news; poor. High-band conditions have been below normal. [Connelly-MA]
- 1602 SPAIN SER stations, SEP 1 0512 - A mix but all had man and woman talking. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1611 VATICAN CITY, SEP 2 0215-0302 - Religious talk by man and woman with occasional segments of instrumental music, unID languages, signal faded in and out. HQ-180 slot filter eliminated most of the het. IDed by published Interval Signal, made out at least 5 times 0258-0259. Country #71 on Medium Wave! [Rugg-ON] SEP 2 0345 - Arm chair reception with man in what sounded like Russian, not // 1530. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 17 0429-0450 - Poor, but steady through 1610 QRM, with IS at 0429, ID as "Govorit Radio Vatican" and then man and woman doing news etc. in what sounded like Russian, IS again at 0449. Parallel 5882 kHz. Country #48 heard! Only a few other TA hets heard on 891, 882, and 621, but this was the only audio noted. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 16 0331 - EXCELLENT with Slavic talk by man & woman. [Connelly-MA]

*Bruce speaks:* "During convention weekend, DXers were treated to strong signals from Denmark, Germany, France, and Norway, with Norway-1314 coming in like a local. This weekend, the northern path was shut down under slightly auroral conditions bringing in the Pan American DX while still allowing the lower latitude TA's through also."

*Mark DeLorenzo speaks:* "Excellent TA conditions on SEP 3! I heard the 1 kHz het from Mauritania-1349 an hour and 20 minutes before local sunset! Wellfleet is on the Outer Cape midway between Orleans and Provincetown." (and one of Marconi's TA sites too? - Jim)

#### PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 555 ST KITTS ZIZ, SEP 12 2305 - Excellent with BBC World News. [Straus-NJ]
- 581.96 UNID, SEP 4 0537-0619 - Latin American with oldie SS vocals, long talk by man from remote site, male DJ. Suspect the Honduran or Guatemalan. Audio pretty nice this late hour, but very low mod on numerous, earlier checks over the past few weeks. [Krueger-FL]
- 582a CUBA R. Progreso, SEP 10 0615-0805 - Poorly modulated, faded in every five minutes or so, at times quite strong and easily separated from 580. Mostly a more traditional blend of SS music, although a few jazz selections noted after 0700. Male announcer with few, brief announcements during first hour, a woman announcer during the second hour. Brief news at 0700 and 0800. News item about Cuba, US and Miami at 0800. ID finally heard at 0801 as "Radio Progreso" in a "unexcited" tone of voice. No ads (always a good hint for Cuba). And I got the ID on tape. Loop pointed (approximately) to eastern Cuba, not Central America. I couldn't get a parallel on other Progreso outlets, which are normally in abundance! Chuck Hutton reported that the Guatemalan (also with R. Progreso ID) was off the air in his recent report to IDX. The only thing that makes me less than certain about this is that I figure Terry Krueger would be able to spot a Progreso operation! Hmmm. [Renfrew-NY]
- 630 PUERTO RICO WSKN, SEP 12 2310 - Excellent with SS discussion phone-in program. [Straus-NJ]
- 640 GUADELOUPE Pointe a Pitre, SEP 11 0029 - Good with Afropop music and talk in French, but lost to LA's by 0100. [Conti-NH]

- 640 CUBA R.Progreso, SEP 11 0105 - Good with ID including address, "Escribe ahora... Radio Progreso, Apartado 30-42, La Habana; Gracias", disco music, over Guadeloupe and an unID LA. [Conti-NH]
- 690 CUBA SEP 4 0250+ - Noting horrible, almost jammer-like grinder here at 0250, also at 1535. Progreso audio sometimes present, but unsure if the same transmitter. [Krueger-FL]
- 700 VENEZUELA R.Sur, Puerto Ordaz, SEP 12 0040 - Fair, salsarengue and rap music, a nice surprise hearing Spanish announcements and music when JBC Jamaica was expected in W/LW null. [Conti-NH]
- 710 CUBA R.Rebelde, SEP 12 0025 - Good, Spanish vocals // 5025, way over WOR without phasing. [Conti-NH]
- 720 VENEZUELA R.Oriente, Porlamar, SEP 10 2326 - Fair with ID and reference to Venezuela; alone on channel but later covered by CHTN. [DeLorenzo\*H MA] SEP 12 0015 - Good, ID's as "Radio Oriente, la senal de Venezuela" and many mentions of Margarita. [Conti-NH]
- 720 UNID, SEP 12 2325 - UNID SS station with religious service and prayers. [Straus-NJ] (Might be Pennsylvania - Jim)
- 750 VENEZUELA Radio Caracas Radio, SEP 10 2335-2341 - good and alone on channel with news by man and woman in SS. [DeLorenzo\*H MA]
- 1020 CLANDESTINE (FLORIDA?) R. Martí, SEP 4 0440+ - Fair to poor under CCR with SS programming, // poorer 1180. Tipoff per Jeff White via "World of Radio" on SEP 4, who speculated this is Guantánamo. However, signal DF's roughly due south and suspect this emitting from the USN/CIA facilities on Saddlebunch Key. This site briefly tested on 640 with low power in the mid 80's and also was briefly used to relay the VOA while Marathon was revamped with a new structure (replacing the Cold War aluminum portable facility) and realigned antennae. DX South Florida member David Crawford was listening to the Fidel speech during the last week of August. He noted that Castro made a brief reference, in passing, to US clandestine programs beamed from Guantánamo to Cuba proper on Channel 8. Is this another TV Martí relay? Also David noted RHC mention recently that R. Martí was on a third MW frequency. This would be in addition to 1180 and the recently-added 1020. Anyone know what the thirs channel is? [Krueger-FL]
- 1035 HAITI Post-deadline flash. As Noted by Jean Burnell, R. Democratie is not only going past 0100, I heard them as late as 0145 last night (9/24 UTC), much stronger than I would have expected. Mostly poorly modulated talk with music breaks, and distinctive IDs. I wouldn't have believed this reception possible from my northern, inland location, but there they were. Is this one still in the air or on the ground somewhere? Jim
- 1180 CUBA R. Rebelde, SEP 4 0654+ - Noted here, often equal level with Taino (and very weak Reloj and, of course, very poor Radio Martí-Marathon Key), // 670, 710 et al. No trace of the Progreso outlet often heard weak under Taino. [Krueger-FL]
- 1180 CUBA R.Taino, Villa Maria, SEP 12 0135 - Good, Revista Prisma ad, Radio Taino ID, salsa music, over an unID LA. [Conti-NH]
- 1200 CUBA R. Revolution, Palma Soriano, Santiago de Cuba, SEP 5 0401\* - Closing ID, instrumental short version of National Anthem 0400, off 0401. [Krueger-FL]
- 1450 CUBA R. Maboja, Amancio Rodriguez, Las Tunas, AUG 12 0314+ - Fair with Fidel's "Puerto Mariel" speech. Also noted unID on 1490 (R. Mayari or R. Camoa) and 1360 R. Cadena Agramonte. Other quick observations: 1180 (Taino transmitter) relaying Fidel; the Progreso network aired the Cuban National Anthem 0256 prior to the speech; Rebelde network went into pre-speech coverage 0258. Actual speech began at 0303. Typically, Fidel's speeches are "hosted" by one or two networks, which shift with each speech. This particular one was hosted by R. Ciudad de la Habana (RHC is usually the second sponsor of all relays). Opening was with R. Ciudad de la Habana interval signal (three times). As always, the R. Reloj network continued with news/time tones, uninterrupted. The easiest way to log low-powered Cubans is by following Fidel's speeches, which, with the exception of Reloj, will be covered by all active stations. [Krueger-FL]
- 1580 BELIZE VOA Orange Point - continue to hear through early September, 0200+, with EE relay // 5995, despite false reports of this (and presumably 1530's) inactivity. [Krueger-FL]

#### STATION NEWS

**AUSTRALIA:** The Australian Broadcasting Corp. has decided to put its parliamentary transmitters to a new and additional use. They are now running an all-news operation when Parliament is not in session. They ID as the Parliamentary and News Network and use the frequencies that WRTH has listed for Parliamentary broadcasts. [Thomas Reiser-IL]

**GUINEA:** DX tip: After Moscow clears the 1386kHz channel at 2200 look for Radiodifusion Television Guineen heard in England last night. [Steve Whitt, *Medium Wave News*, SEP 21, via e-mail]



RUSSIA: Radio Moscow World Service is observed on an unlisted frequency of 1089kHz in English till abrupt sign-off in the middle of the news at 2202UTC. Programme is in parallel with 1386kHz which signs off at 2200. [Steve Whitt, Medium Wave News, SEP 21, via e-mail]

UNITED KINGDOM: The August edition of *Studio Sound And Broadcast Engineering* reports that 1053, 1089, & 1107 will change from BBC Radio 1 to TalkRadio UK at the end of 1994. [Conti-NH]

VENEZUELA: 850 R. Fe y Alegría, Maracaibo. (ex-1390 ex-R.Selecta) 10 kW Schedule: 0900-0500. Dir: Gerardo Lombardi. The same address listed on WRTH'94 by number 108). This information was provided by H. Klemetz and confirmed by editor via phone. 800 R.Fe y Alegría, Guasdalito. Inactive by troubles between the priest director of the stn. and the mayor of the town. Something related with expression freedom mismatch. 1130 R.Popular (ex- 11-30 Musical), Barquisimeto. Dir: Jesus Granadillo Avila. Schedule: 0900-0400 (Luis Guerra Brandt). 1300 R.Reloj, Maracaibo. Schedule: 24 hrs. 1380 R.Mundial (ex- R.Triunfo 1380), Caja Seca. Power: 10 kW. Schedule: 0900-0400. [Manuel Rodriguez Lanza in "The Radio NEWS" #26 (SEP 28) e-mail version]

#### CORRECTION

SCOTLAND: Brian Vernon reported that BBC R. Solway 585 ceased broadcasting FEB 93. This is almost true. On that date Solway ceased its regular 1.5 hour daily programme (breakfast show) but locally originated news bulletins are still aired four times a day 0655, 0750 1255 and 1355 (local time). Local material comes from studios in Dumfries but other times R. Scotland is relayed. [Steve Whitt-UK]

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(\* = via e-mail), including those from last issue whose names got lost in the Internet.

Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg MB (as well as Swan River \*MB); ICOM ICR-70 with Plam Board and Filter mods, 100 foot longwire, 4' box loop, Quantum Loop.

Dave Braun, Wyoming DE; R-5000, Quantum Loop.

\*Jean Burnell, St. John's NF.

\*Mark Connelly (WA1ION), Billerica MA; Drake R8, noise-reduced sloper (approx. 37 m) and 30 m. single-tum horizontal loop; phased with MWDX-6 phasing unit, and DXing from Harwich, Cape Cod, MA; Realistic DX-440, two 60 m wires, prototype phasing unit & regenerative preselector.

\*Bruce Conti, Nashua, NH; ICF-2010, MWDX-5, 30-m longwire, 23-m southeast sloper.

Ben Dangerfield, Wallingford PA; HQ-180, Radio West Loop.

Mark DeLorenzo, Framingham MA; Clarion car radio.

Mike Hardester, Jacksonville FL; ICOM R-70, Radio West 22" Ferrite Loop.

Terry Krueger, Clearwater FL; JRC NRD 535S, Hammarlund HQ-180A, Sony ICF-2002, rooftop dipoles x 2, Scotka ferrite loop.

Atsushi Masamune, Seattle WA (DXing from Maui HI).

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Greg Myers, Virginia Beach VA; Grundig YB-400, built-in antenna.

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## Station Profile

A special feature about a unique station

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# WCFJ • 1470 AM

## Winning Chicagoland For Jesus

STATION PROFILE - WCFJ - 1470, Ford Heights, IL

The early 1960's challenged America's radio industry. Television eroded audiences, and to survive, radio executives groped for listener grabbers. A few urban stations tried a Black (or "Negro" in that era) rhythm and blues format - to tap this huge and mostly ignored audience. The rhythm and blues format, whose acceptance unexpectedly cut across ethnic and economic boundaries, instantly rocketed moribund AM stations back into the cherished ratings.

In Chicago, four stations jumped, within months of each other, onto the R & B format. One, tiny WVON - 1400 ("Voice of the Negro"), a 1000 watt Cicero station, crested the ratings for several years, in the shadow of Chicago's 50,000 watt clear channel giants. Also, around Chicago, 1000 watt daytime, WJPC - 950, and WBEE - 1570, a south suburban sunrise to sunset broadcaster located in Harvey, whose directional signal fortunately blanketed America's second largest city, dumped prior programming for the format which today is called "Urban Contemporary".

The fourth Chicagoland R & B station, little WMPP - 1470, licensed to the far south settlement of East Chicago Heights, and its successor, WCFJ, are the topic of this profile.

WMPP signed on the air as a 1000 watt daytime station from studios in an undistinguished single story brick building at 1000 Lincoln Highway, in the gritty, blue collar village of East Chicago Heights, about 25 miles south of the Loop. As East Chicago Heights is remote from any of the regions commuter rail lines, few of its residents travel to jobs in Chicago. Most earn their livelihoods in local industry, including a Ford Motor Company assembly plant. Within the past few years, the name of the town, atop several rolling hills, was changed to Ford Heights, because of its primary employer and property tax payer.

WMPP's first owner, the Seaway Broadcasting Company, sensitive to the impact created by the region's heavy industry - the steel mills along Lake Michigan and the automotive assembly plants - selected the call to mean "Work Makes People Progress". The station's extremely directional signal, aired from six in line towers in the nearby hamlet of Crete, covers Gary, and East Chicago, Indiana, as well as the sprawling South Chicago region. Here was a ready market for the urban contemporary sound of the new station.

Chief Engineer Quintelle McDuffie, today over 70 years old, put the station on the air. Thirty years after getting WMPP on the air, he still provides essential technical expertise to the station.

Faced with WVON's popularity - it later moved from 1400 khz to 1390 khz with 5000 watts' power - and additional competition from stations with a stronger signals, WMPP never achieved resounding success. It was sold in the mid 1970's, and the second owner went to a Black Gospel format, with National Black Network news feed. In 1982, WMPP applied for a CP for 1000 watts at night. Two more towers were erected at the Crete site, and the station began full time operation. Interestingly, the night pattern requires but three towers. The much tighter daytime pattern had to protect neighboring WFXW - 1480, in Geneva, and several stations on 1470 including WMBD, Peoria, KWSL, Sioux City, IA., and WKMF, Flint, MI.



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In 1982, a South Chicago basement was the scene of a seemingly unrelated event which would later have a profound effect on the financially struggling WMPP. Dr. Clifford E. Turner founded his Liberty Temple Full Gospel Church in his mother in law's house, and services were held in the basement. The neighbors attended his service, liked his praise of the Lord, and his congregation moved to a nearby larger house, which Dr. Turner turned into a church. When a few hundred people were regularly attending his charismatic preaching, he moved his flock to progressively bigger quarters at 110th and Perry and 111th and Indiana, in South Chicago. His congregation grew to over 7000 Christians and the Liberty Temple occupied its present church at 2233 West 79th Street. A second church has been founded in Waukegan, 40 miles away. The West 79th Street sanctuary accommodates 2500 seated faithful, and the Profiles editor was advised "To get a seat come early!". The Apostle Turner preaches from 11:00am to 2:00pm each Sunday, holds a bible study each Wednesday, and conducts a two hour Evangelical and Deliverance service on Friday nights. All services are standing room only, and all services are broadcast in their entirety over 1470.

In 1987, WMPP and the Liberty Temple Full Gospel Church came together. Dr. Turner, to realize his vision of a world outreach ministry and offer the city of Chicago a Christian alternative, purchased WMPP. He applied for the call WCFJ "Winning ChicagoLand for Jesus", and dumped the prior owner's Black gospel format. Of course, WCFJ carries all Liberty Temple services, with the WCFJ legal ID quietly slipped in on the hour!

In addition to the Apostle Turner's services, "WCFJ - AM 1-4-7-0, Ford Heights - Chicago, the Ministry of Excellence" offers many teaching programs, and a play list of Christian contemporary music, ranging from instrumental and gospel selections to Christian rock and even a little rap. The music is heard on Morning, Afternoon, and Evening "Praise Cruises", and at other times when teaching programs are not heard. Station Manager - Evangelist Darryl Chavers hosts the morning drive Praise Cruise, which is a delightful mix of upbeat, inspirational Christian music. Listeners are encouraged to call the WCFJ request line to hear their favorite selections.

The teaching programs come from numerous evangelists. A novel highlight is Dr. Turner's Drama Ministry, aired several times daily. The word of God is broadcast through real life family dramas in his "Gospel Theatre". Dr. Turner also airs his hour long "Family Restoration Clinic" each afternoon at 1:00pm. The Family Restoration Clinic works listeners through, with God's help, a myriad of common family problems.

WCFJ broadcast weekdays from 5:00am to midnight. The station employs seven people, including full and part time help. Found at 1000 Lincoln Highway is the control room, with gateway Board, a production studio, an additional studio, office space, and an extensive collection of contemporary Christian recordings. The building is being extensively renovated, to make up for years of neglect by the former owners.

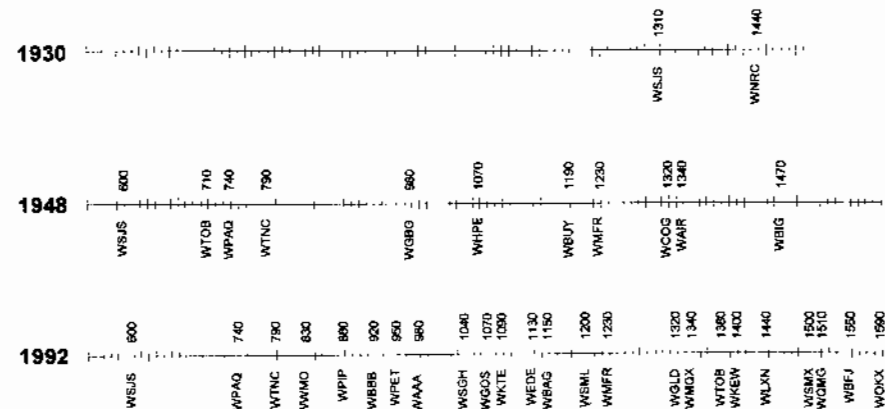
WCFJ, unlike many stations airing religion, is indeed a Christian station owned and operated by Christians. this commitment is very evident in WCFJ's programming.

The editor thanks WCFJ Station Manager Darryl Chavers for his help in supplying information for the profile of his station. While Darryl has a degree in Computer Science, he delights in his ministry overseeing WCFJ's operations.

## Now and Then John D. Bowker

*Dial changes in AM markets, from 1930 to 1948 to 1992*

### GREENSBORO-WINSTON SALEM MARKET (THESE 2 CITIES ARE 25 MILES APART BUT ARE CONSIDERED AS ONE MARKET)



## The 1994 National Radio Club Convention ... by Bruce Conti

### Opening Day

The convention was held in the Ramada Hotel at Merrimack, just north of Nashua. A total of 53 were in attendance, from as far away as California and Hawaii. (A total of 55 registered, but two cancelled). The hotel's Presidential Suite served as the hospitality room and convention headquarters, beginning Friday afternoon with sign-in and pick-up of convention packets. The packets included a program book which contained AM, FM, and TV bandscans, an article on international DXing in New England by Mark Connelly, and an extensive report on Boston area transmitter sites by Scott Fybush.

Friday night, Tony Fitzherbert presented *Exploring Radio By Commuter Rail*. A veritable plethora of locomotives and tower sites were shown (including a 12-tower array), with narrative description and commentary as we've grown accustomed to hearing from our *Formats* column editor.

### Local Station Tours

Local AM radio station tours began early on Saturday morning at WSMN-1590 in Nashua. WSMN engineer and air personality John Halbert was somewhat surprised when over 30 of us arrived for an inside look. *Nashua Country* is a full-service station providing Weather, Sports, Music, and News (WSMN) for the local community, and has many plaques honoring their public service on display in the lobby. John apologized for the condition of the studios, as WSMN is in the process of converting to AM stereo. John also works at WILH-1400 in Lowell.



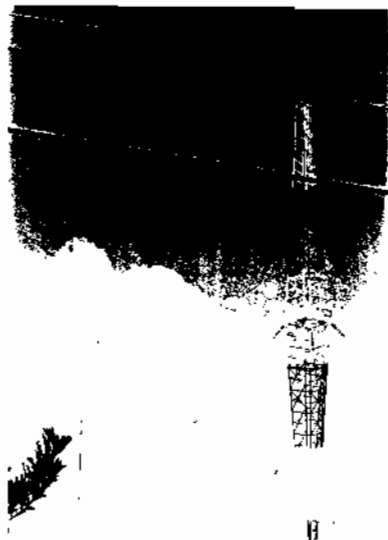
Photo-op in front of the WSMN studios (above)

WFEA "diamond" tower (right) with the directional stick to the left

Our tour convoy was somehow split-up on the way to the next transmitter site, as some ended up at WGIR-610 while the rest of us showed up at WKBR-1250. Eventually, the rest of the gang found their way to WKBR. Beautiful music was playing from a make-shift studio in a corner of the transmitter building, with the new studios scheduled to open in Manchester shortly. The transmitter site is actually in Goffstown, on the Manchester city line. Because the FCC requires that a radio station's public file be located in the city of license, WKBR owner Bob Bittner quipped that the file cabinet only had to be moved a few hundred feet east to comply rather than being at the new Manchester studios.



Tony Fitzherbert and John Malicky look intrigued by Bob Bittner outside the WKBR transmitter building.



Bob led us on a nature walk around the 42 acre site of the WKBR five tower array in nearly perfect New England weather. Unfortunately, Bob regrets that he may have to give up WKBR as it is difficult running three radio stations at significant distances from each other. So his station ownerships will likely be cut down to two, WJIB and WNEB. (Hey, Fred Vobbe, wanna buy WKBR? - hi.)

As it was now well past noon, some of us returned to the hotel for a break before the brewery tour which was next on tap, while others stopped at WGIR-610 and WFEA-1370. Thanks to Bob Bittner and John Halbert for their hospitality.

### Traditional Banquet & Auction

WJIB/WKBR/WNEB owner and manager Bob Bittner kicked-off Saturday evening's traditional convention activities as the banquet guest speaker. Bob talked about his philosophy regarding the beautiful music format heard on WJIB, WKBR, and soon on WNEB. With the departure of beautiful music from FM as dictated by ratings and marketing to younger age groups, Bob believes he's providing an essential service with a nonaggressive format that's a radio listener's haven from the craziness of the world today. Indeed, WJIB ratings are climbing, with listeners from all age groups as evidenced by the Monday afternoon all-request beautiful music program on WJIB. It's interesting to note that the station runs commercial-free, with the exception of USA network news. WJIB is supported by brokered Sunday programs, and Superadio III sales. The Superadio III is sold to listeners for optimal enjoyment of the beautiful music. Bob signed-off by offering to provide air time on WJIB for a weekly radio/DX hobby talk program. Some of us Boston area DXers will hopefully get together later to discuss this opportunity.

The annual NRC business meeting was conducted after the banquet by NRC Chairman of the Board Ken Chatterton. Sale of the *DXpedition Handbook*, a new NRC publication, was announced with a limited number of copies available at the convention. Paul Swearingen and Bill Hale were honored for their dedicated work and contributions to the NRC, with plaques commemorating the New Hampshire convention. Ken mentioned that the NRC is looking for a volunteer to take over the reprint business. Questions were then fielded from the audience. The only question was whether any bids had been received for the 1995 convention. So members must be happy with the current state of NRC operations. Oh, and it looks like next year's convention will be in Denver, Colorado!

Speaking of bids (the segue), bidders were few and far between at the NRC auction, so some great deals were made for T-shirts, airchecks, coffee mugs, and bumperstickers. Some of the exceptional auction items included K-call bumperstickers and new T-shirts from Hawaii, a Catlin phonograph/radio and antique radios for parts scavengers, a collection of *DX News* dating back to 1968, a copy of *Granite And Ether: A Chronicle Of New Hampshire Broadcasting* that went for \$15.00, and a DX-400 receiver Dick Truax took away for a high bid of \$50.00. Ron "Mr. Tact" Musco won an old radio with a high bid of \$1.00, and then proceeded to entertain us by smashing it, saying it was something he always wanted to do! Despite the lackluster bidding wars, the auction netted \$311.00 for the club. Thanks to all who donated items for the auction.



Mark Connelly demos phasing by "phasing out" local WKBR to hear WARE on the same frequency.

### Convention DXing

Believe it or not, DX activities did occur later Saturday night. Earlier in the day, Mark Connelly and I installed two wires using the bow-and-arrow method. A 250-ft wire was shot over the top of an 80-ft pine tree for a northwest sloper, and a 500-footer was shot from our fourth floor vantage point through the Merrimack Forest for a northeast sloper. Mark's R8 and MWDX-6 phasing unit brought in Denmark-1062, Norway-1314, Algeria-891, and France/Monaco-1467, among others. Norway was bombing in at local-like levels, to which Frank Merrill responded, "Nor Way!" (Insert laugh-track here.) Mark demonstrated phasing for videographer Ernie Wesolowski to include in the convention video.

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### Sunday Morning Think Tank

John Bowker and Mike Lantz went to work early Sunday morning, recording a *Travellog* segment for the DX Audio Service live from the 1994 NRC Convention. Then it was time for the DX Audio Service verbal quiz with quizmaster John Bowker presiding. This was both interesting and fun. Everyone was given a numbered card, and like in a silent auction, we were required to raise the card to be recognized before answering a question. A wrong answer was worth -1 point, so caution was advised! John Sampson, Bob Lavigne, and Frank Merrill were the top scorers.

Before the consortium had a chance to rest, I hit them with the written quiz. Although most of the answers could be found by studying the convention program book and aircheck tape beforehand, with the exception of a number of questions about stations outside the northeast, our perennial aces Frank Merrill and Paul Mount were stumped. While no one got a perfect score, Ernie Cooper and Scott Fybush made the grade for top honors. The quiz included easy trivia questions like naming the location of KCHS-1400 (Truth Or Consequences, NM), and more difficult questions about New Hampshire's first commercially licensed radio stations (WKAV Laconia and WEAQ Berlin). After having been subjected to many of these quizzes myself at past conventions, I enjoyed not being on the receiving end this time, and observing others as they shook their heads in despair.

### Reception Report Seminar

After the quizzes, an expert panel was assembled to discuss the problems encountered in obtaining verification of reception. The panelists were long-time NRCers Ernie Cooper, Dave Schmidt, and John Malicky.

With well over 4000 veries to his credit, Ernie discussed what he likes to include in a reception report. While it is generally known that most radio stations no longer log when and what songs are played, Ernie recommended including a list of songs heard, believing that the DJ or person running the station at the time would remember if it was something they played. It also helps in identifying the station by format. Other recommendations were to add some personal notes, rather than just presenting the facts, and only include positive comments about the programming. Ernie's farthest low power catch? -- HPSC-730 Panama, at 100 watts, logged in Brooklyn, NY back in the good-old days.

*Musings* editor Dave Schmidt works as an engineer for many stations, and has conducted several DX tests. So he's seen his share of reports, both good and bad. Dave finds the use of HAM radio "Q" terminology and the SINPO code to be upsetting and

useless to the non-DXer that may be reading your reception report. And then there are those reports like one he received claiming the reception of code IDs after the station had signed-off. If the report is for a tentative reception, be sure to say that you aren't sure of reception in your report. Referring to DX tests, Dave mentioned that exact details aren't always necessary. Just stating the time when IDs or code were heard without a word for word precise transcription is OK, as long as the facts you do include are accurate and verifiable. Dave mentioned from experience that he can usually tell when a report is a fake.

John Malicky has had the experience of visiting a number of radio stations and introducing them to the DX hobby. Many small town stations are running on extremely low budgets. For example, at a studio site John visited recently, only one person was running the AM, FM, and answering phones. So courtesy and patience are worthy virtues to keep in mind when contacting a radio station. Certainly, including a copy of *The Broadcaster's Guide To DX* with your report is a good idea if not addressed to a known verie signer or someone familiar with the hobby.

### WBZ Transmitter Site Tour

A smaller version of the NRC convoy made the trip to Boston's south shore for a tour of the WBZ-1030 transmitter site on Sunday afternoon. WBZ engineer Bob Hess and TV engineer Dan Brown led the tour and answered our questions. Bob provided us with QSL cards, and a nice package about the history of the site, complete with photographs and a copy of the original license. On the site are the two WBZ towers beaming the signal west so power isn't wasted covering the Atlantic ocean. The poles that used to support the rhombic antennas of WBOS shortwave are also still standing around the site, although WBOS shortwave went off-the-air sometime in the 1960s. WBZ alternates between their two Harris transmitters on a weekly basis, so that both transmitters will age evenly, rather than just using one transmitter and reserving the other for backup. A third backup transmitter and antenna are located at the radio and television studio site on Soldiers Field Road in Boston. WBZ is still broadcasting in AM stereo, even though it's not promoted with their present news/talk format.

Midwestern DXers enjoyed seeing the ocean and the smell of salt air during the WBZ trip. The trip also took us through the center of Boston, where some stopped on the way back for a visit to Tower Records. Thanks to Bob Hess and Dan Brown for their hospitality, and hats off to WBZ newswriter and NRCer Scott Fybush for making the arrangements.



WBZ engineer Dan Brown explains the electronic gear in the equipment racks. A plaque commemorates the opening of the new transmitter building in 1940



### WNRC - The Mighty Fine 139

On Sunday night, the WNRC carrier-current radio station went on-the-air at 1390 kHz. Chief engineer Dave Schmidt initially tuned the transmitter for maximum power, until it was discovered that the smoke detector in the hospitality room was RF susceptible and power had to be backed down. Chuck Rader dug up the music out of an extensive 45 rpm record library, while Chris "Chad Stevens" Cuomo got things going. The "Bruzer Bruce Allen" also took to the airwaves briefly. But the highlight was Mighty Mike Lantz with his fast-talking DJ jive. Requests were phoned in from the Bobbitts, Elvis, and other suspect characters. The craziness continued past midnight. Reception reports indicated interference from WPLM-1390 which was simulcasting its FM. "Variety 99.1"

### But Wait - There's More!

There were many tourist attractions and other activities that convention goers took advantage of while visiting *The Granite State*. The NRC convoy met at the Anheuser-Busch brewery in Merrimack for a guided tour. Afterward, we were treated to a beer-tasting including samples of a new brew being marketed in limited areas as "Elk Mountain". A contingent headed north for a ride on the Cog Railway to the top of Mount Washington. The weather was cold, with icicles forming on the radio and TV antennas on the summit. The favorite local restaurant was The Lobster Boat for fresh seafood. A few were lucky enough to get a taste of one of Stan Morss' favorite beverages called "Moxie". Some visited the area malls and plazas for tax-free shopping. Others drove to Maine, just so they could say they've been there. And then there was the 5:00 am Monday morning wake-up call of the

hotel fire alarm, due to system malfunction according to the hotel staff, not the result of a convention prankster.

All in all, everyone appeared to go away happy, no worse for the wear. Thanks to all for supporting your NRC! Only one question remains; how long does it usually take to fully recover from hosting an NRC convention? 73s

*Dave*

### 1994 NRC Convention Roll-Call

California - Mike Sanburn  
 Connecticut - Jony Fitzherbert, Ron Musco  
 Delaware - Leo Gluck, Dave Schmidt  
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 Indiana - Dick Truax  
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