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CPC Test Calendar

KMON	MT	560	Nov. 7	*0000-0500
WGAI	NC	560	Nov. 7	0100-1030

From IRCA's Lynn Hollerman ... who passes on this missive from WAMB-1160: 11 night until 6am, 7 days a week, they will be unable to do a DX test. However, their general manager mentions: "Most of the interference we get is from Chicago. However, there is (sic) 15 minutes in November, December, and January when they (Chicago) reduce their power before we reduce WAMB's power in the afternoon. In November they reduce at 4:30 PM (CST) and we reduce at 4:45 PM. In December they reduce at 4:15 PM and we at 4:30 PM. In January they reduce at 4:45 PM and we reduce at 5:00 PM. In the mornings is another window. We go full power at 6:30 AM in November and they go up at 6:45 AM. In December we go up at 6:45 AM and they go up at 7:15 AM. In January we increase at 7:00 AM and they increase at 7:15 AM. All times listed are CST. I believe these will be the best times to DX our signal. I have picked up WAMB in Florida in the late afternoons about 5:45 PM EST."

Thanks, Lynn (and for continuing to provide the AM DX community with timely updates on tests).

From the Publisher ... Actually, #1 did not get into the mail until Tuesday, October 5, but #2 did go out on time (barely) Friday night. Not surprisingly, this issue is a few pages shy, so let's just say that we're going for quality over quantity for this issue and until the rest of you realize that the 1999-2000 DX season is really in full swing, and you should be DX'ing and reporting to your fave DX mag.

Private mail boxes ... What's a "private mail box"? Those maintained by such establishments as Mailboxes Etc. Please let me know if you rent such a box so I can append "pmb" to your address, as the USPS has said that it will return all mail incorrectly addressed, or without the "pmb", after November 1. (Of course, it also sometimes returns mail correctly prepared to addresses of members who have resided at their address for 18 years, but that's another story. I think. And why the USPS and MyMailList [our CASS software provider] can't get their acts together so that "correct" addresses appear as such on their respective databases is beyond me, so the seven members who currently have "incorrect" addresses and stamps instead of just imprints should really hassle their postmaster to determine whether or not their ad-

resses are 100% correct. Just because the local carrier can find your house doesn't mean that you've provided the NRC with your correct address, and some day you won't receive DXN any more!)

[NRC] and Fred Vobbe on Juno problems ... "I have put in well over 12 hours trying to check things on this end, and have sent numerous messages to Juno trying to get them to respond on why mail sent from Juno users to the NRC lists is being bounced. Juno refuses to reply in any way. If you, or someone else on Juno is mad, then please take it out on them. I'm powerless to correct the situation especially when they refuse to answer E-mail about the problem from me, and other Juno users.

I'm sorry, but I can not address the issue anymore. The problem lies with Juno. I can't manually keep adding people back on the lists because their mail bounces and they get taken off the list. It's wasting my time at this point since Juno has no intention of correcting it. Again, if this bothers you, please contact Juno and not me. The only other choice is to drop their service and go with someone else. Everyone else seems to be getting through on the list just fine!

Dave Schmidt sez ... Musings deadlines are Friday! He also wants us all to know that he is now CE of WAZL-1490/WXAR-95.7/WXBE-97.9/WCTD-97.3/WEMR-AM-1460/WEMR-FM-107.7/WBHT-97.1/WKJN-1440/WKQV-1550/WCTP-94.3/WMGS-92.9 and contracted with WAAT-750/WMBT-1530 and the Wilkes Barre National Weather Service station (and the production/studios of the Reading Service for the Blind in Scranton and the Positive Press in Moosic, PA). "No wonder I act the way I do," he adds.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the October 15, 1949 DXN: Publisher Hal Wagner, No. Girard, PA., heard 18 LA's on split frequencies after 10:30 pm on Oct. 14, including HCJB-995 and HJDK-772. He was also hearing 5 others in the early evening, including HI3T on 1040 kc.

25 years ago ... from the October 21, 1974 DXN: The publishing committee warned members about a group in Japan "ostensibly representing a radio station there which is celebrating an anniversary. Among other things, the letter asks for 'sample' verifications."

10 years ago ... from the October 16, 1989 DXN: Prospective IDXD editor Jim Renfrew was setting up the column and soliciting loggings from members ... R. Ta no showed up on 1100, parallel to 830, 1040, and 1160 on October 5 and 6.

Domestic DX Digest

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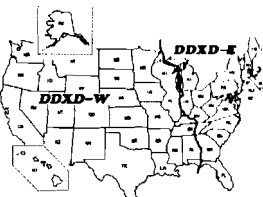
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(Division line is
between East and
Central time zones)



DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- From Chris Rigas: "The following is a reply to my reception report on WD2XAM - 1660 kHz from Scott Stull - Marketing Manager of USA Digital Radio: 'Chris, Thank you very much for your reception report. You were actually listening to one of the very first tests of a digital/analog hybrid AM signal using In-Band On-Channel Digital Audio Broadcasting (IBOC DAB) technology. You were receiving the analog portion of the signal — the digital portion of the signal can only be picked up on our test receivers, but we hope that digital receivers are on the market sometime in 2001. The test station will be broadcasting periodically throughout the next few months, but scheduled on an "as-needed" basis I am sending you a confirmation letter in the mail. Thank you again for your report. -Scott Stull Marketing Manager"".
- Kind of a puny turnout this time. Where are you "west" guys and gals?? Quality-wise, though... some real fine loggings. Let's 'turnip' the gain so the signal will 'leek' out of the receiver better.

REPORTERS

- SA-MB Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg ICR-70, Drake R8 + 4' unamplified box loop/Quantum Loop/145' long wire/100' indoor wire <saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>
- RD-AZ Ragnar Danneskjold Mesa GE Model 3-5280C; Kenwood R-1000 and zepp antenna <lwdxer@juno.com>
- KDF-IL Karl D. Forth Chicago Drake R8, Hammarlund HQ-160, Icom IC-R70, spiral loop <KForth@fdmmag.com>
- KDF-MN Karl Forth traveling in St. Cloud and Brainerd 1999 Chevy Malibu radio
- GJ-CA Gary Jackson Sacramento FRG-8800 + Kiwa Loop
- AK-WA Andy Kahn Camas Superadio III + Select-tenna <andyw@kpdq.com>
- JEL-MO J.E. Lewis Kansas City Sangean ATS-803A
- Ed.-TX Editor North Richland Hills ICF-2010 barefoot

NOTABLE STATION NEWS

- 560 KLZ CO Denver - 10/4 0040 - With new format noted. No longer religious, but playing standards. Song playing was *Yellow Bird* with *The Greatest Music of All Time*, KLZ ID at 0041. (RD-AZ)
- 810 WHB MO Kansas City - 10/1 0100 - Signed on with all-sports format after sale to owners of 1510 here. This provides a second area full time voice (the other being 1250). Big party with live broadcast from Westport entertainment district bar. Will be // 1510 until that facility goes SS about 10/15. Formerly *The Farm*. *Kansas City Star* article quotes a spokesperson as claiming coverage from Omaha to Wichita and apparently making comparison with 1250's signal limitations. (JEL-MO)
- 1190 KEX OR Portland - Has adjusted their format, now calling themselves *Newradio 1190*, KEX. They've dropped the A/C music during the day, and have added *Rush* and *Dr. Laura* (both move from sister station KEWS 620). Meanwhile, KEWS has added local talk shows, in place of *Rush* and *Dr. Laura*. They are now calling themselves *The Talk-Station*, KEWS. (AK-WA)
- 1480 KUPN KS Mission - 10/3 - Noted off for the past week, pending sale and format change. Will sign on again about 10/15 as SS, with Z satellite full time. Before this, no full, or even daytime SS in this market, which might have about 60,000 Hispanic population. Former, most recent, formats have been classical and Disney, with oldies before that. Hearing Wichita here now, except middays. (JEL-MO)



- 1510 KCTE MO Independence - 10/3 - Will be // to their new, full time, 810 facility until about 10/15, when they will become SS with music supplied primarily from local record store. Along with satellite-fed 1480, will be second SS in the KC market. (JEL-MO)
- 1550 KQWB ND West Fargo - 10/2 1940 - Good signal, with NOS or Adult standards music. IDs as *Star 15-50*. Listed as off air in NRC, but heard here... so must be back on. (SA-MB)
- 1600 (KLLZ) MN Walker - 10/2 & 10/5 - Not heard from several locations, including Brainerd, where they share an office with KVBR-1340 and KLIZ-1380. (KDF-MN)
- 1620 KOIL NE Bellevue - 9/24 0700 - Good signal, with ESPN Sports. NEW! (SA-MB)
- 1660 KRZX TX Waco - 9/24 0705 - Poor signal, under KXOL and WQSN, with talk program. NEW! (SA-MB)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 1580 UNID ?? -10/3 0740 - Poor signal, with gospel music. Have heard this one for 2-3 days; cannot catch an ID. Any ideas??? (SA-MB)
- 1670 UNID ?? - 10/2 and 10/3 0700-0730 - Someone (probably a TIS) relaying WRV334 from Grand Rivers, Kentucky. I could make out *This is a test broadcast of WRV334, ?????*. The last word was intelligible. [Ed.-TX]

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ELT

- 880 KJOJt TX Conroe - 9/24 2015 - Fair in WCBS null, with local high school football (Caney Creek vs. Willis). No ID heard. (KDF-IL)
- 920 KLMR CO Lamar 10/8 0740 - With ad for USDA agriculture report, ID and C&W music with *The Little Man*. (RD-AZ)
- 1130 KWKH LA Shreveport 10/8 0734 - With news, weather and as for *Burger King* on Mansfield Road. Then into *Common Man* by *John Conlee*. Winter patterns must be starting because I usually only hear these guys in the AM season. (RD-AZ)
- 1130 CKWX BC Vancouver - 10/3 0430 - With news about the Canadian people blaming the NDP for letting the quality of health care decay. (RD-AZ)
- 1300 WQPM MN Princeton - 10/2 1215 - With C&W music, ID as *The new Bob*, 106.1. (KDF-MN)
- 1390 KXSS MN Waite Park - 10/5 1242 - With 60s oldies, *Music of Your Lifestyle*. ID as KXSS, Waite Park-St. Cloud. (KDF-MN)
- 1400 KEYL MN Long Prairie - 10/5 1349 - With C&W standards, ID as *Real Country* KEYL 1400. (KDF-MN)
- 1410 KERNt CA Bakersfield - 10/5 0930 - With a *Rush Limbaugh* update. ID with female announcer. ID was, of course the part that was partially garbled. (RD-AZ)
- 1450 KVEN CA Ventura - 10/2 0330 - With ID *KVEN Ventura/Oxnard*, into news about *Jesse Ventura* leaving the Reform Party. Vanished into the mud by 0332. (RD-AZ)
- 1490 KSYC CA Yreka - 10/1 2100 - Good signal, with mention of Giants baseball and also mentions of simulcast partner KMJC. Local spots. New here. (AK-WA)
- 1490 KXRA MN Alexandria - 10/5 1405 - With *Rush Limbaugh*, ID and *People Radio* program. (KDF-MN)

DDXD-East



Deadlines are Tuesdays.

So where did everybody go this week? I hope your reports did not meet the fate of Steve Kennedy's, one half of which arrived here sawed down the middle in a "United States Postal Service - We Care" plastic bag apologizing for the accident. So only half of Steve's loggings appear this week... hopefully they were the good half.

As for the rest of you... this is your column. The DX season is underway, so send in your logs and keep DDXD filled with news that your fellow members can use to increase their totals, ID all those mysterious stations they hear, and be inspired to keep turning those dials looking for great new stuff!

STATION NEWS

- 1300 WWCH PA Clarion - Per verification handwritten on postcard, they are operating daytime only. (SK-PA)

UNID AND UNID HELP

- 1110 UNID — 10/5 1900 – SS program, power cut. Providence RI presumed. (JR-NY)
- 1270 UNID — 10/1 1935 – High school football game, one team was Cherokee, also mention of Cobb County. WYXC-GA? (WM-MD) [Probably WLIK. – DY]
- 1330 UNID — 10/1 0000 – ID as "Radio America," then USA Radio Network news. (WM-MD)

LOGGINGS

- 590 WCAB NC Rutherfordton – 9/30 2025 – Legal ID heard in mess. (WM-MD)
- WLVA VA Lynchburg – 9/30 2035 – "Groovin' Oldies," ID. (WM-MD)
- 680 WCAW WV Charleston – 9/27 2017 – Canned ID by woman, only made out call letters, mixing with WW1 NOS on WINR. They don't have JRN's NOS either, as not // WJMW-550. (SK-PA)
- 690 WPHE PA Phoenixville – 9/30 1915 – Caught end of EE/SS sign-off announcement. (JR-NY)
- CBU BC Vancouver – 10/7 0206 – Poor in tight null, with classical music intro'ed by female announcer. (JR-NY)
- 740 WGSM NY Huntington – 9/30 1913 – NOS music, "WHLI 1100" ID. (JR-NY)
- 880 WRFD OH Worthington – 9/29 1915-1936 – Fair, infomercial for Dr. Hurd's(?) weight loss drug, interview with former 1,200 pound woman, "WRFD" SID at 1930. Mainly over WCBS until just before 1930. Bummer, hoping to hear KRVN. (HF-MI)
- 900 WBRV NY Boonville – 10/1 1955 – Weak under CHML with "Hottest New Country" slogan and frequent mentions of 99.3 and 101.3. I scoured the FM Atlas and maps of southern states only to find it was much closer to home. (JR-NY)
- 920 WBAA IN West Lafayette – 10/6 1848-1925 – Tentative, NPR's "All Things Considered," ID at top of hour "AM 9-20 WB..." into NPR news, then Indiana news and weather after 1904. Poor, in and out with at least two others, one with NOS (pretty sure that's WOKY Milwaukee), the other with OLD. (HF-MI)
- WKRT NY Cortland – 9/30 1935 – Oldies music, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1050 WFBL NY Baldwinsville – 9/25 1838 – Canned ID "AM 1050 WFBL – Great songs and great memories." WW1 NOS, over WLYC and rarely heard here. (SK-PA)
- 1060 WPHC TN Waverly – 10/1 2000 – Very good, no KYW, with local football game, ads for local taxidermy shop and lumber yard, several mentions of Waverly. New. (MB-IN)
- 1230 WJOY VT Burlington – 9/24 0217 – Canned "WJOY" ID, rose up clear. Only 5 VT's left. (SK-PA)
- 1250 WKNX MI Saginaw – 10/2 1545 – Excellent, ID spot "Family friendly oldies ... We support conservative, Christian, evangelical causes," immediately followed by an ad for a web site on where to obtain guns. The next oldie was "Spookie" by Classics IV, and the one before the spot was "The Big Hurt" by Toni Fisher. You couldn't make this stuff up if you tried. (HF-MI)
- 1280 WHTK NY Rochester – 9/27 1949 – Ad for Maswells, station promo, Rochester weather, and return to the Don & Mike Show. A rare one. (SK-PA)
- + 9/30 1855 – "Hot Talk 1280," ID. (WM-MD)
- 1450 WCEV IL Cicero – 9/30 2018-2105 – Poor, after parade of QRM, ID by woman at top of hour, "... WCEV ... 14-50 AM ..." heard FF at 2018. Was religious music with female announcer before top of hour, then more FF. Last heard as WVON. (HF-MI)
- CHUC ON Coburg – 10/6 1825-1840 – Poor, "The best from then and now on AM 14-50 CHUC, simply the best variety," obviously no longer OLD. All non-top 40 stuff (didn't recognize a single one). Took over from presumed WCEV with Slavic-sounding language program. (HF-MI)
- 1460 WKAM IN Goshen – 10/7 0130 – Hits of the 50's, 60's, and 70's, with calls heard twice in mess. Local WWWG off; new. (JR-NY)
- WBRN MI Big Rapids – 10/8 0105 – ID following news. Not sure, but they may have been the ESPN program heard here several nights, though this is not shown in my NRC Log. (JR-NY)
- WIFI NJ Florence – 10/7 0144 – Call letters, phone numbers. In mess with WWWG off; new. (JR-NY)

- WVOX NY New Rochelle – 10/6 0200 – ID during break in NOS music, WWWG off, 122 watts, new. Not easy to get new logs from New York state. (JR-NY)
- 1470 WMBD IL Peoria – 9/29 2129 – Local ads during One on One Sports feed, now possible with CHOW gone. It also helped that local WWWG-1460 was off this night. WKAP is the dominant station now, with NOS music. (JR-NY)
- WLQR OH Toledo – 9/30 1959 – Noted with non-ID sports slogan and Tigers baseball. (JR-NY) [Well, that answers my question from a couple weeks ago: WLQR does indeed carry the Tigers. – DY]
- 1580 WONZ NJ Hamonton – 9/29 1957 – ESPN mystery station, turns out to be this based on "WGYM 1490" ID. Noted with Phillies baseball 10/1 1950. (JR-NY)
- 1620 KOIL NE Bellevue – 9/30 2106-2125 – Presumed the one, fair, "ESPN Radio Sports" and "Sports Center," ad break 2119 with network ads and one for Remer(?) Motors, mention of Omaha. Mainly over religious station, WPHG? NE #6 here. (HF-MI)
- 1690 KDDZ CO Arvada – 10/8 0135 – No ID heard, but weak music // Disney 1560. (JR-NY)

ADDRESS UPDATES

- 1400 WIEL KY Elizabethtown – P. O. Box 1206 or 406 E. Mulberry St., Elizabethtown 42701; phone (270) 763-0800. (SK-PA)
- 1540 WLOI IN La Porte – Address is no good. (SK-PA)

REPORTERS

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|-------|-----------------|--|
| MB-IN | Mark Burns | Terre Haute – R8, Quantum loop, 80' LW |
| HF-MI | Harold Frodge | Midland – R71A, MFJ-956, 85' and 185' RW's |
| SK-PA | Steve Kennedy | Coal Township – Superadio III |
| WM-MD | William McGuire | Cheverly – DX-380 |
| JR-NY | Jim Renfrew | Rochester – R8, Radio West loop |

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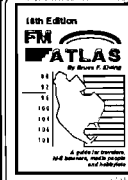
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Network listings for team sports stations

Here is the Canadian Football League (CFL) flagship information for the 1999 season, via Morris Sorensen (compiled from a number of sources as well as Morris' personal monitoring).

Hamilton Tiger-Cats	900	CHML-ON
Montreal Alouettes	800	CJAD-PQ (EE)
	730	CKAC-PQ (FF)
	104.1	CFZZ-PQ (FF)
Toronto Argonauts	640	CHOG-ON
Winnipeg Blue Bombers	680	CJOB-ON
British Columbia Lions	980	CKNW-BC
Calgary Stampeders	770	CHQR-AB
Edmonton Eskimos	630	CHED-AB
Saskatchewan Roughriders	980	CKRM-SK

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International DX Digest

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

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We're now in our weekly schedule. My deadlines are Sundays, with things arriving later have diminishing chances to get before I send the material to Paul on Friday. If you want a look at IDX before it reaches you in print, check out the NRC Web Page, courtesy of Fred Vobbe.

Jim

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 531 MADEIRA RDP, Porto Santo, SEP 23 2305 - // 836 with PP news; initially dominant, then into jumble with Spain and Algeria. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA Les Trembles, SEP 24 0110 - AA talk by man; fair to good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 576 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE5 synchros, SEP 23 2303 - SS teletalk & interview; to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 603 MADEIRA RDP, Pico de Arieiro, SEP 23 2300 - // 836 with pips, PP news; poor to fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, SEP 23 2312 - AA male vocal and strings; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE1 synchros, SEP 23 2253 - rapid-fire SS talk by man & woman, through WZON slop. SEP 23 2315 - SS talk mentioning the United States and Holland; now at local-like strength, overwhelming 620. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2334 - torch-song type female vocal, then man in SS; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 657 SPAIN RNE5, Madrid, SEP 24 0055 - // 621 with woman in SS; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 684 SPAIN RNE1, Sevilla, SEP 24 0116 - // to (huge) 621, SS man talking over mood music consisting of guitar and "Old West style" folksy whistling; to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 711.04 WESTERN SAHARA Laayoune, SEP 23 2315 - serious-sounding AA vocal; to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2328 - AA flute; through WOR slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 747 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SEP 23 2249 - man in SS; dominant. SEP 23 2317 - // 621 with man in SS, then romantic vocal; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 774 MOROCCO (t) Agadir, SEP 23 2319 - Berber-type vocals, so likely this rather than Egypt; atop Spain. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 774 SPAIN RNE1 synchros, SEP 24 0123 - // 621 with SS C&W song; fair. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2326 - SS talk // 855 but not as strong. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 783 SPAIN COPE, Barcelona, SEP 24 0124 - SS teletalk seemed to be // 837; badly stopped by CFDR/YVMN mess on 780. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 819 MOROCCO RTM, Rabat, SEP 23 2327 - // 612 with AA-style violins; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 836 AZORES RDP, Pico da Barrosa, SEP 23 2246 - Ella Fitzgerald scat vocal and saxophone; local-like, well over 837 het. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros, SEP 23 2257 - mention of "musica en la noche", now stronger than 836. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2322 - // 882 with animated SS talk by man & woman; excellent with just a slight 836 het. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 846 ITALY Rome, OCT 2 2321 - bits of classical violin music; poor, in WEEI slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 855 SPAIN RNE1, Murcia et al., OCT 2 2301 - SS news by man & woman; HUGE! [Connelly*O-MA]
- 864 EGYPT Santah, OCT 2 2320 - Koranic vocal; slightly over Spain/Morocco mix. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 873 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 2 2300 - pips, fanfare, "Cadena SER" ID by woman, then SS news by man; very good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros, SEP 23 2243 - SS teletalk with announcer presenting arguments in a discussion; good. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2259 - excited SS talk by man, some with reverb; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA Algiers, SEP 24 0130 - AA talk to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2256 - AA vocal and large orchestra. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 909 MOROCCO (t) RTM-C, Safi, OCT 2 2314 - not much audio, but what did surface sounded like AA music. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 918 SPAIN R. Intercontinental, Madrid, OCT 2 2257 - a few bits of SS talk surfaced through

- tough CJCH/WHJJ splash. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 936 MOROCCO RTM, Agadir, OCT 2 2313 - AA talk; mixing with Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 954 SPAIN R. España, Madrid, SEP 24 0037 - muffled SS talk by man; music noted in the background, possibly from another station. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2253 - calm discussion with man & woman in SS; good. OCT 2 2319 - Irish-style fiddle music, then man & woman in SS; excellent. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 963 TUNISIA (t) Tunis-Djedeida, OCT 2 2254 - likely this with AA flute music; briefly dominant. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 981 ALGERIA Radiodif. Algerienne, Algiers, OCT 2 2251 - male AA vocal with flutes, strings, and drums at light audio level on a monster local-like carrier that was much stronger than anything on 980. Steve Whitt has subsequently noted this drifting a bit to the high side, about 981.1 kHz. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 999 SPAIN COPE, Madrid, SEP 24 0035 - woman in SS; fair. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2318 - children's song, woman in SS, then an old-fashioned vocal with guitar accompaniment; good during CKBW fade. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1008 CANARY ISLANDS Las Palmas, R. Las Palmas / RadioVoz, SEP 23 2219 - fast SS sports coverage by man, fading up. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2249 - SS vocal (not // SER at time); through slop mostly from CKBW-1000. WINS-1010 was knocked out by phasing. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1017 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, OCT 2 2247 - man in SS; over others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1026 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 2 2246 - // 1575 with SS teletalk; in WBZ slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, SEP 23 2221 - end of music, then man in AA. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2240 - AA religious sermon; loud, over Spain. OCT 2 2310 - Afropop style music with melodic guitar-like instrumentation resembling that in the Paul Simon "Graceland" album. Signal was absolutely local-like, almost pinning the S-meter and totally blowing out Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 2 2240 - fast SS teletalk; under Morocco. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1053 MOROCCO Tanger, OCT 2 2242 - AA vocal and strings; slightly over mess. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1062 unID SEP 23 2224 - maybe Denmark (though it's supposed to go off at 2215 ?) with US soul vocal; fair. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2308 - talk, a short segment of religious choral music, then more talk; poor. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1088 ANGOLA Radio Nacional, Mulenvos, OCT 2 2306 - poor with talk. Not much showing from adjacent 1089. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1098 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, OCT 2 2305 - // 855 with fast SS news by man & woman; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, OCT 2 2304 - // 855 with SS news by woman; over others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1134 SPAIN COPE synchros, OCT 2 2303 - SS news; good, over presumed Croatia. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1152 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, OCT 2 2302 - // 855 with woman reading news in SS; through WAMG slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1179 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SER synchros, SEP 23 2225 - SS talk, excerpts of speech; excellent. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2153 - fast SS talk; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE R. Bleue, Bordeaux, OCT 2 2151 - folk vocal, woman & man in FF, then the "Banana Boat Song" (Day-O) by Harry Belafonte; very good, to S9+20. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1215 SPAIN COPE synchros, OCT 2 2239 - SS teletalk; over jumble. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA Tripoli, OCT 2 2236 - AA talk, then a cappella male vocal; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1287 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 2 2234 - // 1044 with SS teletalk; mixed with others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1296 SPAIN COPE, Valencia, OCT 2 2149 - SS teletalk; already good about a half hour before sunset. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1385.91 GUINEA Labe, OCT 2 2147 - African music with shouting; initially poor, but building in strength; WPLM-1390 phased. OCT 2 2231 - group vocal, drumming; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1413 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, OCT 2 2230 - romantic SS vocal, then SS talk by man & woman; to good peak. Not // to RNE1 at this time. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1422 ALGERIA Algiers, OCT 2 2228 - big fat carrier with low audio: man mumbling in AA, followed by female AA vocal. Germany, with talk, was audible well under. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1458 ALBANIA RTV Shqiptar, Fllake, OCT 2 2226 - Balkan-style (almost gypsy) violin music having a blend of classical and Middle Eastern styles, then a reverberated speech in an eastern European language; fair through slop from WGNA/others. [Connelly*O-MA]

- 1467 FRANCE TWR, Roumoules, OCT 2 2140 - obvious evangelistic preaching (though language unclear in slop). [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1485 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 2 2202 - fast SS news with synchro-echo; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1502.0 ANGOLA E.P. de Benguela, OCT 2 2221 - PP talk by man; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1503 unID OCT 2 2233 - bits of talk seemed to be EE. With the propagation working best on southerly routes over the Atlantic, this would most likely be 100-watt AFN-Azores, as previously logged from this site. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1512 BELGIUM Wolvertem, OCT 2 2217 - apparent EE talk, then into mellow American soul vocal (sounded like Lionel Richie); over possible AA station; tough WNRB slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, Duba, OCT 2 2139 - AA male vocal and instrumentation including drums; good. OCT 2 2214 - female AA vocal and violins; HUGE, S9+35! [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1550 ALGERIA RASD Clandestine, Tindouf, OCT 2 2204 - excited AA talk by man; strong with the domestic clutter easily tucked away in the cardioid phase null. OCT 2 2211 - REALLY BLASTING IN with fast AA talk; local-like. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1575 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 2 2205 - // 1485 with interspersed SS talk and music that was used for emphasis between things that were said. Telephone interview followed. Signal was good on peaks. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1583.6 CEUTA RadiOle, SEP 24 0018 - old-fashioned SS ballad vocal with guitar; fair to good. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2135 - SS talk noted at pre-sunset fade-up; over 400 Hz het from SER-1584. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1584 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 2 2207 - // 1575 et al. with SS phone news interview; poor with nasty het from Ceuta-1583.6. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1602 SPAIN EI Vitoria, OCT 2 2209 - mellow pop vocal; over SER, some WUNR slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1602 SPAIN SER synchros, OCT 2 2209 - // 1575 with SS news interview; slightly under EI Vitoria. [Connelly*O-MA]

Mark speaks: After Steve Whitt's recent remarks pointing to somewhat auroral conditions in the past few days, I got a chance to check it out myself. I think that Jean Burnell was doing a solo effort from Cappahayden, Newfoundland coincident with my listening, so it will be interesting to compare notes. Local sunset was at about 2218 UTC. At 2130 UTC, with the sun shining brightly on the boats I was observing in Pleasant Bay off Orleans, the Trans-Atlantic signals were already starting to show. The top band yielded good signals from Ceuta-1583.6, France on 1206 and 1467, Saudi Arabia-1521 (LOUD !), Guinea-1385.91, Algeria - 1550, and Spain / Canaries stations "all over the place". Midband signals soon followed the high-banders: Morocco-1044 came close to pegging the S-meter. All the big stations from Spain, Morocco, Algeria, and the Canary Islands were in there at super strengths. Northern Europe was conspicuous by its absence. Some less-often-heard North African stations such as Tunisia-963 and Morocco-936 made a showing. The Angolans on 1088 and 1502 could be heard at poor to fair levels. The low end of the dial started to perk up by sunset. Not surprisingly Canaries-621 had the best TA signal on that part of the dial. Once it started getting dark, the Latin Americans began to appear. The midband 1000-1200 kHz section yielded many strong Venezuelans, ZDK-1100 Antigua, and eventually Colombians as well. By this time, the high band was domestic-dominated, but from 2330 to 0100 UTC the lower part of the dial really rocked to South America and the Caribbean. Many channels were complete jumbles of Spanish and Caribbean English talk; others had a clear-cut dominant with a booming signal - usually from north-coast Venezuela and Colombia. After 0100, the auroral absorption retreated northward. For example, 740 had started with a Puerto Rico / Venezuela blend and it finished up with strong CHCM and a 2 kHz het from Spain-738. All the real fun was over by 0130 when the band was ruled by routine domestics and Pan-Americans (including a good number of Cubans) along with some run-of-the-mill TA's (mostly Spain). [Mark attaches Bruce Conti's response - Jim]

Bruce speaks: "Hi Mark! It's strange that it can be "auroral" in Europe, but not here. Last night (OCT 2 UTC), although TA DX was nil, Canadian stations dominated the dial with little or no trace of anything from the south. For example, CIAO was dominant on 530, the CBC French stations on 540, CBC on 750, XEQ was extremely weak on 940 through domestics, CHNS on 960, "Oldies 1090" CKKW.... Midwest domestics like WLS, WMVP, WTAM, ... were also strong. WWV indicated solar activity low, and the geomagnetic field quiet to active, with a K index of 4 and an A index of 9. So the numbers certainly don't indicate any auroral activity. I'm still planning on a Maine camping DXpedition over the Columbus Day weekend. Only really bad weather would force a change in plans. If you have any specific targets that you'd like

me to try, let me know. The Falklands are on my list, but I believe conditions would have to be exceptional enough to knock down CIAO and some of RVC to make it possible. I've said it before, and I'll say it again; cycle 23 has been a real yawner so far. Considering the conditions, my best bets will likely be Brazil and Mediterranean / African TAs during the sunset hours, and the typical brief swamping of the dial by Venezuela, Colombia, and Caribbean stuff at local sunrise. ("Interesting (comments Mark) that he noted midwest stations when nothing from that area could be heard on Cape Cod. Also TA's were far from "nil" out at South Orleans where North Africans were as loud as they ever get. On 530, CIAO is a big nothing at sites I use; it's all Turks & Caicos getting in the way of Falklands.")

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 530 TURKS & CAICOS R. Visión Cristiana, SEP 23 2309 - dominant with pop-style religious group SS vocals; EE talk heard under was the MA Turnpike TIS (Weston, MA) rather than hoped-for Falklands. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 535 GRENADA GBC, St. George's, SEP 23 0107 - US soul female vocal; good. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2335 - EE talk, organ music; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 540 COLOMBIA (t) R. Auténtica, HJKA, Bogotá, SEP 24 0108 - most likely this with back-to-back SS religious songs; over aurora-weakened CBT. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 550 CUBA R. Rebelde synchros, SEP 24 0111 - // 670 with politically-related SS talk; over YVKE. Tough QRM at times from Algeria-549. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS ZIZ, Basseterre, SEP 24 0106 - local news through bad WGAN slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 570 CUBA R. Reloj, OCT 3 0034 - clock ticks and woman doing SS news; dominant. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 580 PUERTO RICO WKAQ, San Juan, SEP 24 0105 - man & woman in SS with Puerto Rican news items; over WTAG and others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 630 PUERTO RICO WSKN, San Juan, OCT 2 2333 - Puerto Rican local mentions during SS talkshow dealing with a religious topic; way over WPRO/CFCY. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 640 GUADELOUPE RFO, Pointe-a-Pitre, OCT 2 2332 - FF discussion; well over YVQO and others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 640 VENEZUELA Union R., YVQO, Puerto La Cruz, SEP 24 0103 - // 1090 with SS mentions of Caribe and Venezuela. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 650 COLOMBIA RCN Antena Dos, HJKH, Bogotá, OCT 3 0033 - make-up or hair product ad, then announcer gave "saludos" to several noted sports figures in Bogota; superloud, equal in strength to adjacent WFAN-660. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 650 VENEZUELA (t) YVLH, Maracay, SEP 24 0058 - mentions of businesses "en Venezuela"; in jumble with presumed HIAT/HJKH. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 660 MEXICO XEDTL La Candela, Mexico City, OCT 7 0602 - heard an unusual slogan here: "Ruta 66" (Route 66), followed by a mention of La Candela. Very strong tonight in WFAN null. [Renfrew-NY]
- 670 VENEZUELA R. Rumbos, YVLL, Caracas, SEP 24 0053 - Rumbos mentions; mixed with Cuba. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 690 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, OCT 2 2329 - talk about the need to acknowledge that Jesus died for us. Huge signal, over Brazil & others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 699.98 JAMAICA RJR, Montego Bay, OCT 3 0130 - great program of early '80's soul dance music, dedications, frequent canned "Saturday Nights are Hot!" interjections from woman. Singing "RJR" ID at 0151. Strong and steady signal on most wires. [Novello-NC]
- 700 JAMAICA RJR, Montego Bay, SEP 24 0048 - accented talk about a sporting event involving Jamaica and the Cayman Islands; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 720 VENEZUELA R. Oriente, YVQE, Porlamar, OCT 2 2348 - R. Oriente ID; blasting over CHTN. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 740 PUERTO RICO WIAC, San Juan, OCT 3 0025 - Puerto Rican advertisement, phone numbers; briefly atop a huge pile-up of many Latin Americans. CHCM ("VOCM") took over the channel later on as the auroral absorption zone retreated northward. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 750 VENEZUELA RCR, YVKS, Caracas, SEP 24 0119 - man in SS talking about global events affecting Venezuela; excellent / dominant. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 3 0024 - group discussion on Venezuelan political topics; way over an unID tropical music station. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 760 BRAZIL R. Record, ZYH888, Fortaleza, SEP 23 2313 - PP preaching by man; over jumble. Something under sounded AA or Hindi, perhaps Guyana. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 760 COLOMBIA RCN, HJAJ, Barranquilla, SEP 24 0122 - SS Colombian economic news; excellent, way over Cuban growl. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 3 0022 - // 1000 with SS bank advert,

- then woman interviewing man about workers and liberation; excellent. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 769.53 unID SEP 24 0120 - low growl against WABC. [Connelly*R-MA]
 759.91 COLOMBIA RCN, Bogotá, OCT 3 0045 - with ad using "Ave Maria" and numerous IDs as
 "RCN, La Radio de Colombia". Especially loud this evening. [Novello-NC] (I've wondered
 if it is RCN or something else that is off frequency, RCN is certainly dominant in WABC's null
 here. Jim)
 770 COLOMBIA RCN, HJXX, Bogotá, OCT 3 0031 - // 760 with several men in SS talking about
 politics, then ID "RCN, la radio de Colombia"; completely annihilating WABC during a "power
 burst" of auroral activity. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS ZBVI, Roadtown, Tortola, SEP 23 2323 - reggae vocal with an
 assortment of percussion instruments; in duke-out with PP and SS stations. [Connelly*R-
 MA]
 780 VENEZUELA R. Coro, YVMN, Coro, SEP 23 2324 - rambling SS talk, R. Coro ID; slightly
 over ZBVI & others. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 3 0030 - SS talk mentioning the government of
 Falcon province as well as the cities of Coro and Maracaibo; initially in jumble with ZBVI &
 others, then it surged atop, taking total dominance. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES Trans-World Radio, PJB, Bonaire, SEP 24 0126 - R. Transmundial
 mention, SS talk about the Bible and Christians; dominant local-like signal. [Connelly*R-
 MA] OCT 2 2326 - man & woman preaching in PP; over Spain-801 het and some feeble
 domestics. [Connelly*O-MA] OCT 3 0019 - US EE preacher; huge signal. UnID SS station
 way under. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 810 COLOMBIA R. Net, HJCY, Bogotá, OCT 3 0027 - Bogota and CARACOL mentions; atop
 Puerto Rico's romantic-music show. No domestics were audible. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 810 PUERTO RICO WKVM, San Juan, SEP 23 2326 - SS talk about a local Catholic church.
 [Connelly*R-MA]
 820 unID OCT 3 0015 - AC buzz or low het growl still here; likely from R. Guadalupana (YVXG),
 last noted on 820.22 kHz. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 830 ST. KITTS & NEVIS TBN, Basseterre, SEP 23 2336 - emotional preacher repeatedly urged his
 listeners "Change your minds." Slamming in, burying WCRN. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2
 2323 - talk about the escape from Egypt relating it to escaping from the bondage and slavery
 of sin. Huge signal, virtually alone on the channel; annihilating WCRN. [Connelly*O-MA]
 840 CUBA CMHW, Santa Clara, OCT 3 0014 - Cuban jazz (flutes, congas, etc.) and group vocal;
 huge, alone on channel. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 870 COLOMBIA HJSB, Barranquilla, OCT 3 0013 - play-by-play SS sports coverage mentioning
 "la pelota" and a team name that sounded like "los Barranquilleros"; good. [Connelly*Y-
 MA]
 880 VENEZUELA Mundial, YVYM, Puerto Ordaz, SEP 24 0040 - SS 1940's-type crooning, slogan
 "Mundial, mas musica"; over/under WCBS. [Connelly*R-MA]
 890 CUBA R. Progreso, CMDZ, Santiago de Cuba, SEP 24 0130 - SS announcer said "Radio
 Progreso, Habana, Cuba"; over local WBPS, but hammered by Algeria-891 QRM. [Connelly*R-
 MA]
 895 ST. KITTS & NEVIS VON, Bath Village, SEP 24 0131 - reggae vocal at light audio level.
 [Connelly*R-MA]
 920.17 COLOMBIA Emisora Fuentes, Cartagena, OCT 3 0050 - on its normal off-freq with pretty
 solo flute music, telephone effect, ID and TC at 0102. [Novello-NC]
 940 PUERTO RICO WIPR, San Juan, OCT 3 0114 - Puerto Rican local-issues SS talkshow; often
 atop the channel. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 940 VENEZUELA R. Punto Fijo, YVNN, Punto Fijo, OCT 3 0117 - festive brass music, R. Punto
 Fijo ID; cresting over the Puerto Rican. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1000 COLOMBIA RCN, HJAQ, Cartagena, OCT 3 0009 - SS international sports including men-
 tions of Colombian teams as well as of Sammy Sosa, Manchester United, and an event in
 Italy. March music ended the sports report (just as it often does on US stations). A clear RCN
 ID followed. Dominating over CKBW and a second Latin American. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1080 VENEZUELA R. Barcelona, YVQJ, Barcelona, SEP 23 2348 - festive group vocal with har-
 mony rounds, then SS talk by man and Barcelona ID; over WTIC. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1090 VENEZUELA Union R., YVSZ, Caracas, SEP 24 0103 - // 640 with SS mentions of Venezu-
 ela; under WBAL. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1100 ANTIGUA R. ZDK, St. John's, SEP 23 2350 - very African-sounding reggae-soca, then Carib-
 EE man mentioned "activities here in Antigua"; good. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 3 0005 - soca
 vocal with salsa influences, Zed-D-K jingle, then Carib-EE talk by man; good, over low growl.
 [Connelly*Y-MA]

- 1100.8 unID SEP 23 2352 - het on high side of ZDK-1100. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1110 VENEZUELA R. Carúpano, YVQT, Carupano, SEP 23 2349 - SS timecheck, R. Carupano ID;
 over WBT. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 3 0002 - fast salsa song, SS timecheck by woman, talk "en
 Radio Carupano!", then slow romantic SS female vocal; excellent. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1140 VENEZUELA La Voz del Caribe, Porlamar, SEP 23 2356 - Voz del Caribe ID; mixed with
 other LA (Puerto Rico?) and WRVA/CBI. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 3 0000 - high-energy mu-
 sic, ID "Porlamar ... La Voz del Caribe"; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1170 COLOMBIA CARACOL, HJNW, Cartagena, SEP 23 2358 - SS news item about Barranquilla;
 huge / dominant. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1180 CUBA R. Rebelde, OCT 3 2355 - SS talk about "la revolución"; local-like, alone on channel.
 [Connelly*O-MA]
 1180 VENEZUELA (t) YVNJ or YVLQ, SEP 24 0030 - Venezuelan topics in local SS talkshow;
 mixed with one or more other Latin Americans. R. Petrolera (YVNJ) has been logged previ-
 ously from Cape Cod. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1210 VENEZUELA R. Anzoategui, YVZT, Barcelona, SEP 24 0008 - rap / salsa hybrid group
 vocal, Anzoategui (ahn-ZWAH-teg-ee) ID, then romantic vocal; huge, killing VOAR/WPHT.
 [Connelly*R-MA]
 1280 BERMUDA VSB2, Hamilton, SEP 24 0012 - EE preacher over / under WFAU's nostalgic
 music. Other co-channel domestics were absent. [Connelly*R-MA] OCT 2 2235 - nice with
 Carib-accented EE religious program. [Connelly*O-MA]
 1375.02 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON RFO, OCT 2 2233 - folk-rock in the style of Jethro Tull.
 [Connelly*O-MA]

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- AUSTRALIA: The Australian Broadcasting Authority is about to release its draft LAP for Sydney
 (analog). In it they will be calling for submissions from interested parties about higher power
 for the AM commercial stations (from 5 kW to 10 kW) and Day/Night switching. Also, the
 commercial stations are expected to advise the ABA for special testing requirements to run 10
 kW in anticipation of the higher power outcome. (Later) Finally the ABA's draft LAP for
 Sydney, Lithgow, Cambelltown, Gosford has hit the streets. There are lots of FM changes and
 the only AM stuff is as follows: Day/Night switching for 2GB, 2UE, 2KY, 2CH, 2SM will be
 allowed - 10 kW days, 5 kW nights after the September 2000 Olympics. (Some are already
 running 10 kW nights!) ... Again this is a draft and open to public comment. [portion of
 Chris Martin's report in NZDXT SEP 99]
 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Two new stations are on the air 1560 R. Libertad, Santiago, 1 kW, 24 hrs,
 and 1590 R. Mundo, Santiago, 1 kW, 24 hr. 610 HIJR R. Amanecer, Santiago (ex-R. Acción),
 now relays 1570 Santo Domingo. [Carlos Benoit in ARC 990927]
 FALKLAND ISLANDS: the new Falkland transmitter on 530 khz is booming in here in Rio de Janeiro
 at night. Heard with BFBS relay programme (pop music) yesterday at 2240-0240. Sure it can
 get well further. [Rocco Cotroneo (Rio de Janeiro) via HCDX and *Medium Wave Circle* e-mail]
 INDIA: At 2215 UTC I found AIR on 1395 kHz, good signals. English discussion till 2230, then into
 Delhi news in English. WRTH lists two 10 kW outlets only, but this one sounds like a
 highpowered station. Any ideas? [Martin Elbe, *Medium Wave Circle* e-mail]
 MEXICO: 590 XEPH La Pantera, Mexico, ex R. Sabrosita 590. 900 XEW has three slogans "La Voz de la
 America Latina desde Mexico", "La Catedral del la Radio en America Latina" and "Cadena
 Azul y Plata" for this station and its repeaters. XEQ 940 Cadena Verde y Oro, Mexico, ex :La
 TropiQ". 1440 XEEST R. Noticias 1440, Mexico ex Cambio. 1480 XECARH LV de Pubelo
 Hñahñu, Cardonal, Hidalgo, 2.5 kW, new. 1530 XEUR Tu Musica, Mexico , ex La Poderosa.
 1630 XEUT R. Unidiversidad address: Edif. Rectoria, Av. Alvaro Obregón y Calle Julián Carillo
 s/n, CO. Nueva. 21100 Mexicali, 10/1 kW. [Héctor García Bojorge in ARC 990927]
 NEW ZEALAND: Radio Pacific in Auckland on 702 increased power to 10 kW in early August. [Barry
 Hartley via Paul Ormandy in NZDXT SEP 99]
 PHILIPPINES: Kim Elliot has announced that the VOA relay station at Poro will close at the end of
 September 1999. Most of the transmissions will be taken over by Saipan (ex KHBI) or Tinian.
 It was said that Tinang will stay on the air. [Mark Veldhuis via Patrick Martin e-mail in
 NZDXT SEP 99] THE NZDXT editor comments: "Presume this will mean the end of 1143?".
 SAUDI ARABIA: On several occasions 1467kHz has been heard with a relay of BSKSA in // with
 1521kHz. At other times Iran is reported on 1467 in // 15084. Last night 3/10/99 I heard the
 switch over at 2300UTC which on previous listening did not happen. Prior to 2300 1467 was
 in parallel with 1521. At 2300 Saudi signed off 1521 as usual, but on 1467 programming
 switched to being // 15084. On previous times I've listened the 1467 transmitter signed off

with the Saudi on 1521 before cutting carrier and did not relay 15084. I presume therefore that the Iranian transmitter for some reason relays Saudi Arabia (why bother because I'm sure 1521kHz must be strong in Iran). The alternative, remote possibility, is that a third party is relaying Iran and Saudi in some other location, perhaps for a local Muslim audience? [Steve Whitt, *Medium Wave Circle* e-mail]

SERBIA/CLANDESTINE: In response to a query about whether the KFOR station on 1003 and 1270 kHz is still operating: "not this one, but another station has been heard by my friend living near Brno (south-east part of Czechia) in August and until middle September daily on 833 (later on 831) kHz in Albanian, always from 1900 till 2050 (2120) UTC. He thinks it was a KFOR operated station. My observations were negative." And a query about damaged Serbian transmitters: "No improvement observed by me although I check the frequencies daily. Beograd 684 is still weaker than before, although it gives quite a strong signal during the night. The signal fades out early in the morning. Novi Sad 1107 keeps relaying Beograd 1 around the clock. [Karel Nonzek, *Czech Rep., Medium Wave Circle* e-mail]

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

I'll include a couple of network lists this time. We'll try to include network lists to help you identify those stations that you may hear but can't identify. Let me know if there are any specific networks you're interested in. Also let me know if you would be interested in formatting info from various networks.

First we have the list from the AgriTalk™ Network, from their web page at HtmlResAnchor www.agritalk.com.

550	KFRM-KS	1050	KSIS-MO	1290	KWLS-KS	1470	KVLH-OK
620	KMNS-IA	1060	WMCL-IL		KWFS-TX	1480	WRSW-IN
640	WHOF-FL		KFIL-MN	1300	KOLY-SD	1490	KRKC-CA
680	KFEQ-MO		KGFX-SD	1310	KNOX-ND		KBUR-IA
690	KGGF-KS	1070	KHMO-MO	1340	KHUB-NE		KNDC-ND
730	KLOE-KS	1090	KSOU-IA	1350	KDIO-MN		KOVC-ND
	KWOA-MN		KKYN-TX	1360	KFFA-AR	1500	WBZI-OH
780	WJAG-NE	1130	KLEY-KS		WGFA-IL	1520	KSIB-IA
810	KBHB-SD	1140	WCJW-NY	1380	WMTA-KY		KRHW-MO
860	KKOW-KS	1150	KASM-MN		KQKD-SD	1530	KDSN-IA
880	WMEQ-WI	1210	WILY-IL	1390	KCRC-OK		WMBE-WI
890	KQLX-ND		KOKK-SD		KJAM-SD	1540	KXEL-IA
910	KBIM-NM	1220	KJAN-IA	1400	KQDJ-ND		WADM-IN
	KJJQ-SD		KDDR-ND		KCOW-NE	1550	KKLE-KY
930	KWOC-MO	1230	KFJB-IA	1410	KRWB-MN	1570	KQWC-IA
	WTNR-TN		WSAL-IN		KOOQ-NE		WILO-IN
950	KOEL-IA		WHOP-KY	1420	KULY-KS		WNKX-TN
	KTBR-OR		KSEY-TX		KUJ-WA	1580	WPKY-KY
960	KMA-IA	1240	KBIZ-IA	1430	KKOZ-MO		KOKB-OK
	KNEB-NE		KICD-IA		KRGI-NE	1590	KWBG-IA
	WTCH-WI		WSDR-IL	1450	WKEI-IL		KVGB-KS
990	KAYL-IA		KDLR-ND		KATE-MN	1600	KLGA-IA
	WCAZ-IL		KGIM-SD	1460	WRVK-KY		KDAK-ND
1010	KSIR-CO	1260	KDUZ-MN		KDMA-MN		
1030	KBUF-KS	1270	KSCB-KS		KLTC-ND	94.3	WRCR-IN
1050	WDZ-IL	1280	KDKD-MO	1470	KHND-ND		

94.3	KSEY-TX	96.3	WOTR-WV	98.1	KOZX-MO	105.7	KDMM-KS
95.5	KHMB-AR	96.7	KOOL-ND	100.1	WNUY-IN		
95.9	WCNL-IL	97.3	WTIM-IL	104.7	KRES-MO		

American Family Radio (from HtmlResAnchor www.afr.net)

I'm only listing the few AM stations from this list - there are many FM stations on this network, primarily in the non-commercial portion of the band.

570	WIDS-KY	1310	KBMV-MO
910	WMRB-TN	1360	KELE-MO
1070	KBCL-LA	1380	WMTA-KY
1140	KPWB-MO	1470	WBCR-TN
1240	KOKL-OK		

Bible Broadcasting Network

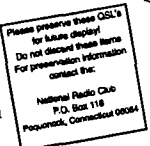
(from HtmlResAnchor www.amen.net/bbn) Again, this list omits the multitude of FM stations on this network.

Rome-NY 1450 AM	Victoria-TX 1410 AM
Charlotte-NC 930 AM	Ogden-UT 1490 AM
Nashville-TN 980 AM	Bermuda 1280 AM

Finally, here is the list of the North Carolina News Network, from HtmlResAnchor www.ncnn.com/affiliates

590	WCAB-NC	1220	WKMT-NC	1440	WBLA-NC	94.3	WGPM-NC
620	WDNC-NC		WENC-NC		WLXN-NC		WZKB-NC
720	WGCR-NC	1230	WMFR-NC	1450	WGNC-NC	95.7	WKML-NC
	WOHS-NC		WCBT-NC		WIZB-NC	95.9	WPNC-NC
720	WCPS-NC		WSQL-NC		WCIE-NC	96.7	WKJX-NC
	WCKB-NC		WJNC-NC	1470	WTOE-NC		WKRX-NC
860	WACB-NC		WWWC-NC	1480	WYRN-NC		WRFR-NC
	WRRZ-NC	1250	WGHB-NC	1490	WRMT-NC	98.3	WDLZ-NC
900	WAYN-NC		WKXR-NC		WSTP-NC	98.5	WSAY-NC
930	WDLX-NC	1270	WHEO-VA		WSVM-NC	98.9	WDRP-NC
	WKYK-NC	1290	WHKY-NC	1520	WDSL-NC	100.9	WABZ-NC
980	WAAV-NC		WXKL-NC		WARR-NC		WSTS-NC
990	WEEB-NC		WISE-NC	1540	WYNC-NC		WANJ-NC
	WSPC-NC	1320	WCOG-NC	1570	WNCA-NC	101.5	WRAL-NC
1050	WFSC-NC	1330	WANG-NC		WTLK-NC		WPTM-NC
	WLON-NC	1340	WJRI-NC		WBHN-NC		WHLQ-NC
1060	WCOK-NC	1350	WLLY-NC		WCSL-NC	103.7	WSOC-NC
1080	WWDR-NC	1370	WTAB-NC	1600	WTZQ-NC	104.7	WSSS-NC
	WPYB-NC	1380	WTOB-NC			105.1	WANG-NC
	WECR-NC	1400	WMFA-NC	92.3	WNHW-NC		WGQR-NC
	WBAG-NC		WSIC-NC	93.1	WMQX-NC		WFMX-NC
	WGBR-NC	1410	WVCB-NC	93.3	WERO-NC		WTKF-NC
1190	WIXE-NC	1430	WRXO-NC				

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Musings

of the Members

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It's time for a reintrol!! I'm 54 years old, single and a NRC'er since 1961. I got into the radio game in 1957 as an SWL and drifted into BCB DXing in 1960. In 1967, I got my ham ticket. Between 1960 and 1974, I DX'ed from Pointe Claire, PQ, in the W end of Montreal. My main radio was an RCAAR88D, a 14 tube surplus set. Other sets included a Howard 430, an NC-109 and Granny's 1937 Philco console. In the early 1960's, I DX'ed the BCB obsessively. The best period was the winters of 1963-65, with 40 new TA's and many LA's and other goodies. By 1965, I diverted more energy into university studies, BCB DXing became an on/off pursuit. I graduated from McGill in 1967 and passed my "CA" exams in 1969. My career has been in professional accounting and business planning. In the early 1970's, I briefly lived in Toronto but returned to Montreal in 1971. I got back into BCB DXing, with over 1500 logged when the Pointe Claire era ended in 1974, The AR88D broke down, my career took off and BCB DXing ground to a halt. I moved to an apartment in Nuns' Island, close to downtown Montreal. Between 1977 and 1985, a Radio Shack 'TRF' performed very well for me, despite the limits of apartment DXing. In 1986, I had a rebirth of serious BCB DXing, thanks to BILL GRANT and GEORGE HAKIEL, I was the proud owner of an R390A and an HQ180AC. I rounded out my shack with a Superadio II and a Radio West loop. Outside, I improvised a 125-foot longwire in the large courtyard behind my apartment. In the winter, it was snowed in and few people went there. I strung the antenna through the trees in November and took it down at Easter. Nobody noticed it during 6 years of great service on both shortwave and the BCB. This set up put me back in business for serious TA DXing. During the peak years, 1986-87, and good domestic DX after that. In 1991, a cooperate restructuring moved me to Cornwall. In 1995, I retired early and have had much more time for BCB DX and ham radio. I do part time free lance work in accounting, tax and computers. In my shacks I have one HQ180/loop combo at the SW side of my townhouse and another in the W side. Current total are 1849 logged and 1760 verified, from 71 countries. It's a long time since I had any official club duties. My last contributions were in 1983 with the French report package and the 50th anniversary book. Long before that, I hosted the 1966 convention in Montreal, the only one ever in Canada. I also arranged a handful of CPC Tests in 1963-65. Between 1963 and 1968, I was the BCB Editor for the old Canadian DX Club "CDXC" (now defunct). The social side of the NRC brings out a great camaraderie for our unique hobby. Over the years, I have enjoyed attending several of RAYARRUDA's "Lower Deck" get togethers in Acushnet as well as 14 official NRC conventions. For various reasons, the most enjoyable conventions for me were Amarillo 1961 (hi Larry!), Montreal 1966, Boston 1968, Pittsburgh 1990 and Nashua 1994. Good DX & 73

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Summers are very short, and then suddenly here we are again, DX SEASON!!!! Clear channel CBL-740 and CBM-940 leaving the AM band was very unfortunate. They were commercial-free stations with high quality programming that will be sorely missed. 2 new stations were noted in early September, both after midnight and early in the month, WNNT-690 and CFAN-790. Veries since last MUSE: WZAP-690, KNDK-1080-Test, CHUC-1450-Test, WHLY-1620-Test, KCJJ-1630, WHKT-1650, WJNZ-1680, WTTM-1680 and one FM. As always, I maintain an ongoing list of holdouts. Please note the following reminder that we will be holding our Thanksgiving get together at the "Lower Deck" in Acushnet on sat. Nov. 20th from noon til ??????. Ladies welcome! 73

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Well, I guess it's that time again. I'm starting my 36th year in NRC! That said, I suppose a review is in order. I started DX'ing sometime in the mid-1950's, but didn't get serious about it until 1961, when I finally met another BCB DX'er, though I never got him to join, and have long since lost contact. My first veries were in 1963, following which I joined NRC. I'm married, have one son working in Atlanta and the other just starting his junior year of college locally, living at home. I've been moderately active the past ten years from this location, almost totally with domestic DX. Last season wasn't a real good one, but the X-Band kept it from being a complete loss. It looks as if that will be true again this season, as I've added 3 new X-banders and one from the rest of the band in the past few days. Most of my DX is done in the car to and from work or driving locally or sitting in a nearby parking lot. The electric lines, and perhaps other utilities here pick up a lot of junk, and make it a challenge to DX inside. And my wife and son watch a lot of TV, which causes lots of TVI. My shack is in the basement, and the combination of being below ground, with metal ductwork and floor supports all around, I get far less than optimum performance from my 4' altalimuth FET loop. In fact, I'm again going to try reverting to the unamplified 2-foot loop to see if I can get better performance. The gain control on my FET amp and also the Q-spoiling resistor on the loop have minimal effect except at one extreme end (the "off" end, hi). I believe that nobody is paying any attention to the enforcement of all of these new small night

powers for former daytimers. Latest culprits are WYLF-850, which clobbers WEEU at 5 miles east of Reading (no wonder they want to change to 830!) and WADV-940, which has effectively blocked my attempts to take advantage of CBM's demise. I've just sent new "achievements" totals to pls. I still maintain a combined log for this location plus my 3 NJ locations. I have separate logs from Syracuse NY while in college, and from the family summer cottage in Jonesport, ME. I also DX FM actively and TV occasionally, and am inactive currently on 2 meters (FM & SSB) as a ham operator. Chances are I've exceeded my allotted space, so I'll close. 73 to all!

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After reading the 9/20 MUSINGS column, I decided to send in a reintrol MUSE! I've been a DX'er since the mid 1960's and I believe, I first joined the NRC around late 1966/early 1967 when I was a high school student living in the tiny village of Emsdale, located just off Highway 11, 155 miles N of Toronto, and 67 miles S of North Bay. Since then, I have lived and DX'ed in numerous locations throughout the provinces of ON & MB, I've been in Scarborough since 1990 but there is a good chance that I'll be returning to MB where I spent most of the 70's before the end of the year. I hope to pursue some opportunities to further my career in travel and tourism there. The season got off to an early start here with a new X-band catch, WTTM-1680 on 9/2, and another new one for me, WPAO-1470 on 9/4, on a frequency recently vacated by semi-local CHOW. However, things have really dried up since then. I haven't had much luck on 740 despite the move of CBL to FM. WMBG is usually dominant although CHCM does break through on occasion. On 9/25, I enjoyed attending ODXA's 25th anniversary convention in Oakville, ON. Among the attendees was NRC'er ANDY RUGG and former NRC'er Wayne Plunkett, who was one of the first DX'ers I ever met back in my high school days. I hope everyone has a GREAT DX season!

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Not having mused in several years, here is a re-introduction. I have been a DX'er for many years both from the U.S. and from several Latin American countries where I have lived. I have to admit, however, that I haven't done much in the past three years or so. I used to DX both shortwave and MW, now I listen to shortwave for news (HCJB, BBC, VOA). MW dxing here in Miami is a disappointment—the bands are too crowded. But I do get some interesting stuff out of Cuba and the Bahamas. While living in Ecuador I used to be able to hear ZNS from Nassau somewhat regularly on 1540. I can barely hear them here day or night, but I can hear ZNS3, 810, from Freeport all day and all night. They did a fantastic job during Hurricane Floyd which hit the Abacos, Eleuthera and Cat Island pretty hard as well as a bit of Grand Bahamas. They were on the air day and night with warnings, messages to emergency services such as the police, phone company, telephone company, etc. In the aftermath of the storm they devoted all of their times to sending messages to the hard-hit islands where there was no power or communication. In early October Polly and I were in Freeport and stopped by the ZNS3 (Radio Bahamas) studio downtown. We were warmly greeted, given a wonderful tour and then asked to appear briefly on the afternoon show. ZNS did what radio should do all of the time—provided information, comfort and help to their nation. Having left HCJB in Ecuador over a year ago I miss doing radio regularly. Now I'm a Missionary Journalist with Latin America Mission, traveling throughout Latin America doing writing and some radio reporting for programs such as Mission Network News which is heard on over 1,000 Christian stations in the U.S. plus HCJB. One of the many perks of traveling is listening to the radio in other countries and DXing from there. (Self-serving promotion—if you want to read the material I have written for LAM, check out the LAM News Service at our website, www.lam.org). Here in Miami there have been a few format changes on MW radio. WFBA 990, Radio Aeropuerto recently dropped Spanish language, beautiful music for Disney. WIOD 610 has added Dr. Laura and Rush mid-days instead of being all-news all day. Another casualty of the change was that they dropped CNN news on the half hour and don't carry ABC on the hour either. How a station can claim to be a news station and not carry network news (especially when they are an affiliate) is beyond me. Now, the only network news on the air in Miami that I can find is CBS on WJNO 1040 (during the day, they are too low-powered to be heard in Miami well at night), plus NPR during drive and USA and SRN on two Christian stations most hours. It's a sad day when a city as large as Miami doesn't have any network news available around the clock. WIOD's sister station, WINZ 940 will be dropping Lykes (thank goodness) and is looking for a local host to do 6-10 in the evening. All for now, I look forward to reading muses from other NRC members.

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I rejoined NRC after a 20+ year hiatus last year. Didn't realize the Club was still around and thriving! I DXed from two locations in New Jersey in the 50's & 60's (Avenel, Woodbridge Township) and later from Monmouth Beach (North end of Jersey shore). Latter was a superb TA location and where most of my countries (98 heard, 86 verified) were logged. DXed in the early 70s from Lighthouse Point, Florida (another good DXing spot) before moving to Dallas, Texas in 1975. Relocated to Atlanta 10 years ago and found NRC on the "web" last year. Manage to do a little twilight DXing in the car on the "X" Band and have heard various stations in Michigan, Wisconsin, NJ, Texas, Fla. etc. with surprising strength. Also that Turks & Caicos station on 530 blasts in. Had a personal calamity last April, 1998...house was destroyed in a monster tornado; replaced it with a new one finished in May '99. Have a neat radio shack on the second floor but little time to use it. Keep up the good work...bulletin looks better than "the old days". 73. (Thanks, Ron; the NRC is blessed with a number of hard-working editors, and I agree that we're better than ever! -pls)