

DX News

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KSTN	CA	1420	Jan. 1	0300-??
WFIF	CT	1500	Jan. 9	0030-0045

From the Publisher ... Not only did I go back to bed after finishing up #9, I went to the doctor the next day and, after antibiotics, feel just fine, even good enough to whip up this little 48-pager you now hold in your hands.

The elves in Aurora, Bridgeport, and Mannsville have conspired to provide many, many hours of reading for you if you so choose to order from Catalog 2000, herein. Just in time for the Christmas season, should you need to leave a marked copy in a conspicuous place!

For those of you planning ahead, please note that the "skip" period is not very far away; there's a two-week hiatus between #12 and #13, partly to give the editors and the publisher a little time off, but mostly because mail travel times are so slow as to render useless up-to-date breaking news printed in the magazine. Actually, the best place to keep up-to-the-minute news is on [NRC], the DXAS reflector. See the back page for directions on how to join.

DXChange ... Sid Steele - Charleston, IL, 217-345-5779, would like to sell some of his collection of DXN's: V.61-654, October 1993 through September 1998, for \$10 plus shipping.

As you can see from the note in "DX Time Machine", Sid certainly is consistent in cleaning out his collection periodically! In his letter that accompanied the above item, he said that he started collecting veries in 1931 and has been a member of the NRC since 1934. He added, "I recently found a membership card dated October 19, 1934, and signed by then-president Robert H. Weaver."

I know the NRC has a number of members who have been members for over 60 years ... but I'm not sure who all would be listed, were we ever to do such a list. Perhaps, if you joined before 1940, you'd care to write a little of your experiences and

send them in to Dave Schmidt, whose theme Mus- ing idea this time around, your best all-time catch, might just fit right in.

More CPC tests are on the way ... why not send a few choices for target as well as stamps to Blaine Thompson - P. O. Box 15762 - Fort Wayne, IN 46885- 5762 <<phredd@indy.net.>>

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the December 3, 1949 DXN: Stan Morss, Bradford, MA, commented on the poor DX season - new stations logged were much less-distant than last year, and TA reception had occurred on only one morning when Rabat and a BBC station were heard ... from the Dec. 10 DXN: Publisher Hal Wagner, No. Girard, PA, summed up the DX season thus far: LA's were all over the dial in the evenings, but trying to sift out the Cubans from the good stuff was a hopeless task, while mornings produced either no noise and no sig- nals or lots of noise and fair signals.

25 years ago ... from the December 16, 1974 DXN: The NJPC was pleased to announce that the NRC mem- bership had risen to 622, thus qualifying them for another ANARC representative. They planned to add Bob Stonier to the list of current reps: Russ Edmunds, John Sampson, and Page Taylor... Musings editor Ernie Cooper's address changed from Brooklyn to Provincetown.

10 years ago ... from the December 4, 1989 DXN: Sid Steele was selling off some of his old DXN's, Vol- umes 45 through 53 ... CKO, the money-losing all-talk network in Canada, was shut down.

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	Old call		New call
1200	WBZY	PA	New Castle WKST
1280	WKST	PA	New Castle WBZY

APPLICATIONS / GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

None

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1040 KCBR CO Monument: 15000 D1

OTHERNESS

630 CFCO ON Chatham: CP for 10000/6000U4 is on
900 KREH LA Oakdale: station is SILENT while moving to Pecan Grove, TX
920 KBAD NV Las Vegas: CP for U4 is on
1140 KSOO SD Sioux Falls: CP to relocate transmitter is on
1150 KSRB WA Seattle: CP for 10000/6000 U2 is on
1280 WBZY PA New Castle: CP for 1000/1000 U3 is on
1420 WKCW VA Warrenton: CP to relocate transmitter is on
1500 WDEB TN Jamestown: CP to relocate transmitter is on
1660 WWRU NJ Jersey City: CP to move here with 10000/9000 U2 is on

THANKS: Ed Krejny, Les Johnson and MSJ
73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

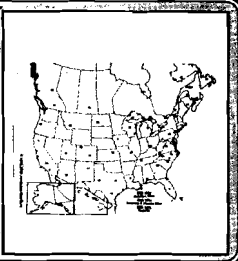
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Domestic DX Digest

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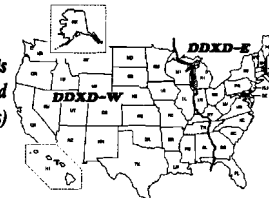
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MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- Terry Jones of the Dakota Territory passes this on, concerning KSTP-1500: "I used the Maplewood Drive address, per the Log. I received a reply, but with another address on both the envelope and the letterhead. The 'other' address is: 3415 University Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55114. So, possibly use both addresses. Also, a new phone number is indicated on the letterhead: 651-647-1500. I used that number and it is good."
- TIS-chaser Gary Jackson of Sacramento, California relates: "I have both Cerritos Community College-1700 kHz and the TIS/HAR CalTrans-1700 at I-405 and I-105 (no call letters listed, although it has been on since before October, 1998) verified. Roger Douglas was head of CalTrans Communications for that area and I used to be able to call him, but he has retired due to illness. So far, no replacement, and nobody in Sacramento could tell me if that is the same station testing, or can they tell me who to call in Los Angeles. And...no one answers Roger's phone. I can hear Cerritos College this AM (11/23/99) and the TIS/HAR station in the still testing in the background. Suspect same station, but over a year of testing???"
- The Graveyard updates appearing below are a correction to a couple which appeared in Issue 7. Although the records remain with Don Trelford, he failed to tell me he was in Jamaica at the time of reception.
- Good DX conditions are here. Let's mop up!!



REPORTERS

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RD-AZ Ragnar Danneskjold Mesa GE Model 3-5280C; GE Superadio <lwdxer@juno.com>
GH-KS Gary Houdek Munden GE Superadio
TRH-CA Tim Hall Chula Vista ICF-2010, Kiwa Loop
TRH-CA1 DXing in Beverly Hills and around Los Angeles Delco car radio <halls@inetworld.net>
GJ-CA Gary Jackson Sacramento FRG-8800 + Kiwa Loop
AK-WA Andy Kahn Camas Superadio II, no loop <aalwest@aol.com>
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JJR-WI John Rieger South Milwaukee FRG100, Kiwa loop, MFJ959B Tuner-Preamp, DSP-599zx Audio Noise Reduction Filter <johnrieger@webtv.net>
RR-UT Rocky S. Robello, KA7EII Sandy Sangean ATS-909 with Select-A-Tenna <KA7EII@webtv.net>
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Ed-TX Editor North Richland Hills

STATION NEWS & NOTES

590 KOMJ NE Omaha - 11/22 0101 - ABC News, followed by ID of Magic 590. (JT-MO)
690 CKVL? PQ Montreal - 11/23 0005 - Fair, with loop tape with FF language announcements. (CR-IL)
1220 WKRS IL Waukegan - 11/20 0430 - Poor, with Jim Bohannon Show and News 1220 WKRS IDs. Used to sign off at 2300. Now 24 hours. (JJR-WI)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 760 UNID ?? - 11/22 0113 - With beautiful music, under KFMB. The antenna was nulling KFMB to the NW/SE. (RD-AZ)
- 1270 UNID ?? - 11/15 0253-0257 - Fair in WKBF null. Male announcer in SS with Radio Munto or Punto or similar. Noted again on 11/17 at 1847-1906 tune out, with no ID heard. Florida? Help! (JJR-WI)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 1660 WMIB- FL Marco Island - 11/21 0335-0348 - Faint music soon became stronger. Then KXOL VID. 1 kW? Also time check in MST. No sign of any other station. KXOL playing oldies e.g. Ray Charles, Neil Sadaka, Four Freshmen. (BK-CA)
- 1660 WMIB- FL Marco Island - 11/21 0000-0100 - Nothing heard under KXOL. (FA-ID)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 620 TIS CA Inglewood - 11/18 1140 - Inglewood TIS noted with announcements about Inglewood Forum and local construction projects. Over unID CalTrans HAR station. (TRH-CA1) [I'm surprised they put this on 620 . . . So close to KFI-640! - Ed.] [Halfway between 640 and KOGO-600, which puts a strong signal into LA, too - pls.]
- 810 WPLX517 CA Santa Monica - 11/18 1137 - UCLA "Emergency station" noted testing with tape loop and using these calls. Good audio quality, and got out really well. Noted later this afternoon along I-5 as far as Anaheim. (TRH-CA1)
- 1500 TIS CA Beverly Hills - 11/14 2055 - City TIS noted with good signal. Tape loop didn't really say very much. Noted signs along La Cienega Boulevard. (TRH-CA1)
- 1610 2 x TIS CA Sacramento - 11/18 0530 - Two Cal Trans TIS/HARs giving conditions for Sacramento & San Joaquin Valleys (it was foggy). No location or call letters given. Called CalTrans about this today. So far . . . no call back. Will report location when I find out. (GJ-CA)
- 1620 HAR CA Los Angeles - 11/14 1930 - CalTrans HAR located along I-10 near Western is active. Signs noted near Western off-ramp. Station listed at I-10/I-110 intersection was not active. Don't know about the one at I-10/I-405 junction as I never got that far west. Another planned station on 1510 kHz, which was to give traffic information for surface streets in the so-called "smart corridor", does not appear to have ever come on. (TRH-CA1)
- 1630 TIS CA Los Angeles - 11/14 1940 - There is indeed a new station here for the LA Convention Center and Staples Center. Pretty good signal. No signs noted (I was here for 5 days attending a convention at the Convention Center). Tape loop does not mention any call letters. This will be tough at home due to XEUT OC and mixing product of Tijuana stations on 1470 and 1550. (TRH-CA1)
- 1630 TIS/HAR CA Los Angeles - 11/22 - Los Angeles Convention Center, in fair with ID and mention of coming events. (GJ-CA)
- 1690 TIS CA Culver City - 11/14 2037 - City TIS has moved here from 1650. Noted with good signals with info about city council meetings and so forth. Still haven't logged it from home. (TRH-CA1)
- 1700 TIS CA LAX area - 11/14 2030 - Noted testing with good signals. Still uses slightly geeky-sounding announcement about "testing field strength intensity" and so forth. LAX station on 530 was noted with good signals too. (TRH-CA1)
- 1700 WPPP201 CA Mountain View (Moffett Federal Airfield) - 11/21 0350-0357 - ID: WPPP201 NASA/Ames Information radio: This is John Peterson . . . we are just now beginning to test here at Moffett Field . . . lots of talk about tours, etc. Gave several phone numbers with local area code. After about seven minutes, he was repeating himself. Loud and clear, as I am only about one mile south. (BK-CA)
- 1700 WPMD956 CA Norwalk - 11/18 1705 - Cerritos College station noted several times with talk programming. This station really gets out, especially for a station at the top

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of the dial. Audible midday along I-5 much of the way through LA. (TRH-CA1)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ELT

- 610 KFRC CA San Francisco - 11/23 0208 - With ID and oldies music, or at least oldies being used as bumper music. (RD-AZ)
- 620 KMKI TX Plano - 11/19 1940 - Disney stuff, occasional local inserts; legal ID at 1959:40 by kid: AM 620 KMKI Plano-Dallas-Fort Worth. Generally fair. (JW-CO)
- 670 KIRN CA Simi Valley - 11/25 0054 - With Arabic music. Presumed to be in Iranian. Very strong signal. (RD-AZ)
- 950 KMER WY Kemmerer - 11/15 1818 - Ad for Fox News Channel and singing jingle Wyoming is a very very special place, K-95, then into light rock music. (RR-UT)
- 980 KSVC UT Richfield - 11/22 0635 - With weather and a forecast of snow for the next three days. (RD-AZ)
- 980 KSVC UT Richfield - 11/26 1010 - Obits, very detailed with funeral arrangements, etc. Call ID and ads at 1015. Fair, over KFWB. (JW-CO)
- 1100 KCCF AZ Cave Creek - 11/21 1950 - Weak-to-fair, under KFAX-CA, with Kim Komando Computer Show. Local spots with mentions of Eastgate Shopping Center and city of Mesa. Lost them at 2000 due to a power/pattern change. New here. (AK-WA)
- 1180 WSAF GA Trion - 11/22 2354 - Fair, in WHAM null and Cuban station QRM, with SS language vocals. WSAF ID and mention of Georgia at 2300. (CR-IL)
- 1200 WOAI TX San Antonio - 11/14 0400 - End of Art Bell program, then ABC News. At 0405 announcement said they were concluding broadcast activities. Gave station address. Nothing else heard on channel after their sign-off. (GH-KS)
- 1260 KOIT CA San Francisco - 11/18 0100 - ToH announcement: KOIT 96.5 FM, 1260 AM - KOIT, light rock, less talk. Fair signal, in jumble. (RR-UT)
- 1260 KPOW WY Powell - 11/15 1843 - C&W music and announcement: All new country and your all-time favorites, you get them all with Twelve-Sixty Country, KPOW. (RR-UT)
- 1300 KPTL NV Carson City - 11/16 2345 - Nice strong signal. Oldies music with announcements: All the great oldies, KPTL. Were they on daytime power/pattern? (RR-UT)
- 1330 KJLL AZ South Tucson - 11/23 0750 - With Imus in the Morning and ad for Milligans Auto Repair on 14th St. near Broadway. New. (RD-AZ)
- 1410 KWYO WY Sheridan - 11/15 1750-1800 - Spot for Rush: Rush Limbaugh weekdays on 1410, KWYO, Sheridan. Nostalgia music and ToH ID: Good songs and great memories, 1410, KWYO followed by ABC News. Nice sunset skip signal. (RR-UT)
- 1460 KENO NV Las Vegas - 11/16 2358 - With One-on-One Sports. ToH ID: The Football Station, Sports Radio 1460, KENO. Las Vegas followed by CNN News. Nice to have one pop up instead of fade out at ToH. (RR-UT)
- 1670 WRNC GA Warner Robins - 11/22 0500 - Strong, with C&W music. (GJ-CA)
- 1680 WTIR FL Winter Garden - 11/22 0515 - With weather for Florida, and ads. (GJ-CA) [Gary, these are the correct calls and city - Ed.]
- 1700 KQXX TX Brownsville - 11/22 0700 - Strong, with Mexican music. (GJ-CA)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

				Miles
1240 kHz:				
WTWA	GA	Thomson	Don Trelford	Runaway Bay, Jamaica 1090
1450 kHz:				
WWNT	AL	Dothan	Don Trelford	Runaway Bay, Jamaica 1019

Deadlines are Tuesdays through December 7, then December 21 (a week early because of holiday travel plans), then resuming weekly from January 4.

Sheldon Harvey of CIDX is sending us Montreal 690/940 updates, with this information coming from Ricky Leong and Neal Ford in Montreal on November 22: "CKVL, the French language sister station of CIQC in Montreal, has begun running a French language tape loop on their new frequency of 690 kHz. AM. Unlike the tape on 940 kHz. in English, the French service is not giving any call letters. It is simply IDing, in French, as 'Info Six Quatre-Vingt Dix' (translated

KWRT 1370
AM
Home town Radio
Boonville, Missouri

Info six-ninety). Also, unlike the English service, there is no mention of a relationship with CNN and Bloomberg. They simply indicate that this is a station owned by MetroMedia CMR in Montreal. They also are claiming to be the first and only French language, all news service in 'America.' Finally, unlike the English service on 940 kHz., they are not indicating an official start-up date for regular programming. The description of the service is very similar to that of the English service, with a half-hour rotation of news, weather, traffic, sports, business news, etc. In a follow-up to the new call letters being used by 940 kHz. 9-40 News CKNN, I have checked with the CRTC in Ottawa. They have had no official request from CIQC 600 to acquire the call letters of CKNN. The CRTC is looking into this matter and has promised to advise me directly of any further developments. Whoops! Just as I am about to click on the SEND button, the tape loop on 690 kHz. has just stopped and the transmitter has shut off at [1525] but keep an ear tuned to this one. It should be back soon, I would think."

And now for some personal news ... I will be taking a new job in the spring, which will be a great opportunity for me but that will involve moving, some heavy hours and possibly a good deal of travelling. With that in mind, I think it is time to hand over the DDXD-East editing duties to a new editor. If you are interested, please send your inquiries to Paul (though I'll be happy to answer any questions that prospective applicants might have); access to e-mail and the ability to prepare the column and send it to Topeka by e-mail are a must! Once a new editor has been chosen, we can work out a date to hand over the column. Until then, please keep sending all of your DX logs here, where I will continue for the time being happily compiling the DX News of the week!

STATION NEWS

- 640 CFYI ON Toronto - 11/19 1620 - ID's as "Talk 6-40," call-in show with Warren and a professor from McGill University discussing the connection between Pokémon and gambling. New calls not heard at any break. (JR-NY) [Ex-CHOG. - DY]
- 940 CKNN PQ Montreal - 11/21 1800-1815 - New station here with information loop about new facility, "News 940, Montreal's first all-news station," "Going live on December 14," promos for Bloomberg Net and CNN, mostly weak but strong on peaks. Sounds like about 1,000 watts. (HJH-PA)
+ 11/21 1807-1820 - Loud and clear with long tape loop promoting the new "9-40 News" to begin on 12/14. Included endorsements from various CNN personalities such as Wolf Blitzer. One call letter ID noted, numerous "9-40 News." WADV noted underneath. Heard on car radio in Natick. The open channel was nice while it lasted! (MD-MA)
+ 11/23 0545 - Tape loop announcing arrival of their new frequency, calls. (GM-VA)
- 1430 WNSW NJ Newark - 11/13 2015 - FF talk, call-in program, calls and "Sunny 14-30" slogan 2030, into Slavic language program. Maybe brokered on weekends? (JEK-MD) [Probably left-over contracts from the WNJR era. - DY]

DX TESTS

- 560 WGAI NC Elizabeth City - 11/7 0100-0130 - Heard quite well with code and spoken ID's. (JR-NY)

UNID AND UNID HELP

- 740 UNID — 11/20 1820 - Lots of non-ID's as "Groovin' Oldies" and many national ads, but no local clues, lots of Motown music. Does CHCM do this program? (JR-NY) [No, but WIR]-TN does; see last issue. - DY]
- 1020 UNID — 11/15 1732 - After WRIX sign-off, end of "Family Workshop" program, GOS music, then suddenly gone 1734, leaving KDKA. (JEK-MD)
- 1110 UNID — 11/20 1803 - End of SSB, an unusual soft piano rendition. (JR-NY)
- 1230 WCWA OH Toledo - Re: SK-PA's unID in #8 ("just off I-75 in Northwood"): The only Northwood I found in states in which I-75 travels is just outside Toledo. (BF-IL)
+ Same suggestion; though there is also a Northwood near Gainesville FL, home of WGGG-1230, Toledo is closer. (BT-IN)
- 1300 UNID — 11/11 1606 - Ad for business on Main St. in Joplin. KMMO-MO is in Marshall, which isn't very close to Joplin, so who? It's not WJFK referring to Joppa, MD, since it was also heard with Don & Mike Show in progress. (SK-PA)



- 1340 UNID — 11/5 1925 - Detroit Red Wings hockey, not shown on recently published network list. I suspect WBBL in Grand Rapids. (JR-NY) [WBBL has been reported with Red Wings hockey. - DY]
- 1560 UNID — 11/16 1620 - G. Gordon Liddy program mixing with WAGL, lost to WQEW. (JEK-MD)

LOGGINGS

- 540 WETC NC Wendell-Zebulon - 11/13 2307 - SS talk program, initially with discussion about Sandanistas, ID only as "5-40 AM," managed to catch a single "WETC" ID in EE at 0000, new! (JR-NY)
- 560 WVOC SC Columbia - 11/7 0105 - Caught ID at the end of the news, then Art Bell. First time with these calls. (JR-NY)
+ 11/20 1619 - Gamecocks football game, "This is the Football Network," followed by SID "W-V-O-C" into a local ad break. Very strong until local QRM took over. (CW-VA)
- 670 WWFE FL Miami - 11/18 1930 - Huge signal with EE ID "WW...", "Miami," the "FE" letters blocked. No mention of "Radio Fé." (JEK-MD)
- 690 KGGF KS Coffeyville - 11/12 1951 - Women's basketball game, ID. At night this frequency is lately dominated by Cuba. (JR-NY)
+ 11/17 0712 - Ad for Quality Motors, followed by ID. Fair signal, mixing with WJOX at times. (RCP-IN)
- 720 WGCR NC Pisgah Forest - 11/14 1657 - USA Radio News followed by North Carolina weather report, "Presently it's 51 degrees in Pisgah Forest, time now 5:00." Then into a country gospel song, followed by "You're listening to Anchor Broadcasting, Pisgah Forest." Terrific signal way over usual WGN. (RCP-IN)
- 740 WPAQ NC Mount Airy - 11/20 1632 - Traditional bluegrass music, including "Turkey Buzzard," news for western North Carolina at 1630, call ID, new (finally!). (JR-NY)
- KRMG OK Tulsa - 11/15 1800 - Fair, numerous call ID's, area traffic report, all news. Haven't heard for a while even with CBL gone. (JEK-MD)
- WJIG TN Tullahoma - 11/15 1745-1800 - Good/poor, "Southern gospel 740" slogan, // WWGM 93.1? Heard first holiday music, "Away in a Manger," country female vocal. New. (JEK-MD)
- CHCM NF Marytown - 11/5 1800 - Strong signal with "Million Dollar Music" slogan. (JR-NY)
- 760 WLCC FL Brandon - 11/19 1750 - SS music, ad for Ybor City. My previous report ID'ed the station at WBDN, although I had only heard the "Mega" slogan. Now I notice in the new NRC Log that the calls have changed. I heard no calls at all on this one at the top of the hour. (JR-NY)
- 770 WEW MO St. Louis - 11/15 1719 - Tentative, NOS atop WABC until jumped over by WLWL. Stayed in, but didn't rise up again. Only NOS station listed in the new Log. (SK-PA)
- WLWL NC Rockingham - 11/15 1717-1800 - Heard DJ Randy at 1719, at 1800 sign-off "WLWL studios are located at 275..." mostly heard occasionally during WABC fades, briefly over them at 1719. (SK-PA)
- 780 WZZX AL Lineville - 11/14 1722 - C&W format, ad for Yazoo mowers, local Alabama weather followed by several C&W songs back to back, often used slogan "Real Country" and mentioned 95.5 FM. No ID, but format and locale fits. Great signal until 1740 power cut, new for me. (RCP-IN)
- 790 WAEB PA Allentown - 11/11 0654 - Fade up from under WSKO with "... on WAEB AM 7-90" following an AgWay spot. Fading in and out until solid at 0700. Local news, traffic, and morning chatter. (CW-VA)
- 810 WHB MO Kansas City - 11/5 1746-1750 - For the second night in a row, seemed to cut power at 1750. This time, however, I did hear an ad for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas. (JR-NY)
- 840 WVPO PA Stroudsburg - 11/5 1710-1730 - News program, with concluding sign-off announcements 1730, only second time heard. (JR-NY)
- 860 WACB NC Taylorsville - 11/15 2108 - Local seat belt safety PSA, "Miss Guardian Angel Pageant" promo, good. (JEK-MD)

- 870 WKAR MI East Lansing - 11/13 1635 - Mention of NPR news followed by discussion of ethics in business and cheating in school, host of program was Forrest Boyd. Good signal with no sign of WWL. (RCP-IN)
- WFLO VA Farmville - 11/14 1658 - Sign-off mentioning "870 kilocycles," sunrise to sunset and will return at 7 a.m. "This is Tommy(?) speaking for the entire staff of WFLO in Farmville, Virginia. Thank you for listening and good night." It took 5 years to positively ID them. (SK-PA)
- 940 WMAC GA Macon - 11/21 1706-1715 - Excellent way atop channel with numerous station promos using "News-Talk 9-40" slogan, one call letter ID into Ken Hamblin Show at 1707. Heard on car radio while at local laundromat! An hour later the channel belonged to new CKNN Montreal. (MD-MA)
- WCPC MS Houston - 11/16 1730 - Booming in atop all with GOS, ID. (RJE-PA)
- 950 WGOV GA Valdosta - 11/18 1900 - They're back! It's Thursday, so who else but WGOV with UC:RAP, mixing with Cuba. (JEK-MD)
- WSPA SC Spartanburg - 11/11 1717 - Good with calls, mention of an organization that wouldn't come on the air with them. Sports format. (JEK-MD)
- 960 WFIR VA Roanoke - 11/21 1840 - Strong with Redskins football coverage, ad for Virginia state lottery, ID. (HJH-PA)
- 970 WFSR KY Harlan - 11/14 1757 - Clear ID in a jumble of signals, almost like the only signal sent on 5 kW was the ID ... what a change! Also legal ID at 2000. (JEK-MD)
- WESO MA Southbridge - 11/14 1806 - Presumed with C&W, "New England Country" slogans, good but couldn't pull out an ID. Only one that fits. (JEK-MD)
- WFUN OH Ashtabula - 11/16 2104 - ID "Right now, it's 34 degrees at WFUN, AM 97." Then OLD. Alone, never heard at night before. (SK-PA)
- WWYO WV Pineville - 11/14 1756 - Fair, full sign-off announcement, seldom heard. (JEK-MD)
- 980 WAAA NC Winston-Salem - Date? Time? - UC music, ID. Poor with various QRM, "Rainbow 980 Triple A" slogan. (JEK-MD)
- 1020 WRIX SC Homeland Park - 11/25 1727 - "Power of the Gospel" slogan, full sign-off (no SSB) giving Homeland Park-Anderson ID, promo for FM 103.1 (same calls). Excellent signal. (JEK-MD)
- 1050 WWGP NC Sanford - 10/30 1744 - Wolfpack vs. Georgia Tech football game, "WWGP America's best country 10-50," strong in WKDL null. (CW-VA)
- WADC WV Parkersburg - 10/30 1735 - In null of very strong SS local WKDL, "WADC, we're your original hits station," into "Ebb Tide." (CW-VA)
- 1070 WAPI AL Birmingham - 11/15 1718 - Sudden fade up from under WFLI with SID "W-A-P-I Birmingham," then lost in clutter. (CW-VA)
- KNX CA Los Angeles - 11/16 0353 - News story about NFL football player shot by San Diego police, female voice saying "KNX news time is 12:54," very steady way under local WIBC. This represents my farthest logging thus far this season. (RCP-IN)
- WSCP NY Sandy Creek-Pulaski - 11/18 1600 - Presumed, fading up out of the jumble with two men discussing an upcoming Patsy Cline tribute show and the fact that it had been moved from another location into Oswego County, where both these cities are located. Into a series of Patsy Cline numbers. (CW-VA)
- WGOS NC High Point - 11/18 1552 - Fading up under WFLI with "Join us here at WGOS 10-70 every afternoon," C&W with "It's Just a Matter of Time" and Patsy Cline's rendition of "Faded Love," weak fading in and out. (CW-VA)
- WHYZ SC Sans Souci - 11/20 1956 - Presumed, fading up under WIBC with ad for local lawn service, area code matches that for WHYZ as listed in the Log. (CW-VA)
- KENR TX Houston - 11/20 1747 - Tentative under a dominant WIBC with Indiana Pacers basketball, WSCP signed off for the day, in null with a non-native EE speaker delivering commentary over a background of ethnic music that sounded Middle-Eastern. Lost to KYW-1060 splatter after several minutes. KENR is listed with ETH format. (CW-VA)
- CBA NB Moncton - 11/18 1958 - Radio drama from CBC One, extensive weather for separate Maritime Provinces, ID. Clear despite very strong auroral conditions. (JEK-MD)
- CHOK ON Sarnia - 11/20 2004 - Dominant with hockey game, "Home Town 10-70,



- CHOK." (CW-VA)
- 1100 WCGA GA Woodbine - 11/10 1705 - Excellent signal, Michael Medford [Medved? - DY] program, Geico Insurance ad, web address of www.wcga.com. No WTAM. (JEK-MD)
- + 11/17 1700 - Non-legal ID "If you're listening to Michael Medved, you're listening to News-Talk 1100 WCGA," then USA News, alone and fuzzy. Finally a positive ID on this! (SK-PA)
- 1110 WMBI IL Chicago - 11/6 1723-1730 - "Just for kids on WMBI Chicago," sign-off at 1730. New! (JR-NY)
- WJML MI Petoskey - 11/6 1708 - With "oldies for northern Michigan." (JR-NY)
- 1120 WKQW PA Oil City - 11/16 1717 - Extensive weather report for Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania. ID at 1731. (JR-NY)
- 1220 WRIB RI Providence - 11/13 1718 - SS program, one advertisement mentioned Providence several times, no ID. (JR-NY)
- 1260 WGAY DC Washington - 11/16 0635 - News, MYL jingle, music, ads, ID and MYL jingles. (RJE-PA)
- WZBO NC Edenton - 11/12 2116 - Part of promo "Get to know our personalities on the music of your life, right here on WCNC, WZBO." Return to football game. (SK-PA)
- WNXT OH Portsmouth - 11/17 2221 - Good while in with calls, C&W (Hall, Williams) music, new. (MB-IN)
- WPHB PA Philadelphia - 11/16 0630 - C&W, many local ads and ID's. Format change? (RJE-PA)
- 1270 WSPR MA Springfield - 11/15 1825 - Fair with NOS QRM, presumed with SS talk, many mentions of Springfield. (JEK-MD)
- WHLD NY Niagara Falls - 11/15 1855 - Ad for 2060 Auto Parts in Buffalo, Ronnie D. polka show ending, next was Fiesta Latina. Never heard at night before. (SK-PA)
- WMPM NC Smithfield - 10/30 1706 - End of weather report, frost warning for area, followed by ID "WMPM 12-70, Smithfield, North Carolina," fading in and out for a C&W religious number, "The King and the Beggar," but stronger for a rare (for George Jones) bluegrass number, "Steal Away and Pray." (CW-VA)
- 1290 WDLP FL Panama City Beach - 11/12 1700 - Disney, ID, into CBS news. New, FL #87. (JEK-MD)
- WYAL NC Scotland Neck - 11/16 1530 - Black gospel music, 1556 ads for Floral Creations, Joe's Corner Market in Hogdon or Royal Oak, Roanoke Cinema, then "You're listening to 1280 WYAL in Scotland Neck, serving ..." and fade. Heard only once before during a middle-of-the-night test. (SK-PA)
- WHIO OH Dayton - 11/16 2106 - In CJBK null with return from commercial into "... Radio 12-90 WHIO," back into talk show with topic of how historians will look back on the Clinton presidency 20 years from now. Fading in and out. (CW-VA)
- CJBK ON London - 11/16 2104 - Dominant for a few minutes with ID of "CJBK Sports Radio 12-90." (CW-VA)
- 1300 WJDA MA Quincy - 11/11 1603 - Presumed with ad for business in Warwick, Rhode Island. (SK-PA) [Actually, Warwick isn't all that close to Quincy. Maybe WLIR, which isn't all that far from Warwick NY? - DY]
- WOOD MI Grand Rapids - 11/12 1722 - Ad for Michigan National (Bank?), then live remote, in big mix. (SK-PA)
- 1330 WBTM VA Danville - 11/18 1615 - Atop WWRV with "Virginia lottery results are broadcast pretty much regularly on All News 1330, WBTM." Format change? (RJE-PA)
- 1340 WMSA NY Massena - 11/18 0000 - Partial ID mixing with WKGJ, "serving central New York," then CBS news. Has to be this, completing NY 1340's. (SK-PA)
- 1370 WTAB NC Tabor City - 11/12 1913 - Finally caught ad for business in Tabor City at halftime of football game, Notre Dame vs. the Wildcats. Signal rapidly rising and falling. (SK-PA)
- + 11/19 0637 - Promo for East Carolina football broadcast, ID. (RJE-PA)
- 1380 WAMS DE Wilmington - 11/18 1640 - Classical and march music, the 100 watts actually makes it up here under WBNX! (RJE-PA)
- 1390 WRSC PA State College - 11/19 0645 - Promo for Penn State football broadcast, weather, ID in WZHF, WEOK, WLAN, WDCW mess. (RJE-PA)

- WXTC SC Charleston - 11/18 1630 - Drowning even WLAN this early, with GOS music, local ads, weather, "Charleston's new gospel station, Heaven 1390." (RJE-PA)
- 1430 WNAV MD Annapolis - 11/20 1723 - Ad for new Swing-Out Show, Sunday nights at 11. Not commonly heard. (HJH-PA)
- WTTT MA Amherst - 11/14 0700 - End of PBS program produced in the UK, // WNRC(FM) or WNRI-RI? Calls not yet WPNI. (JEK-MD)
- 1440 WVMG GA Cochran - 11/13 1820 - C&W music, calls and mention of middle Georgia (calls stand for Voice of Middle Georgia). Logged only once before for a DX Test on Nov. 16, 1967. Again on 11/18 1844 with "Central Georgia's hitching post, WVMG 96.7," ballad-type C&W, poor but steady signal. Programs were not GOS as per new Log. (JEK-MD)
- WJLL NY Niagara Falls - 10/17 1956 - Fade up into ID "Fun Time Oldies 14-40 WJLL," into OLD music. Frequently heard here during winter months. (CW-VA)
- WRBP OH Warren - 10/19 2045 - Monday Night Football (Giants vs. Cowboys), ID as "WRBP Warren-Youngstown, Power 1440." Very strong for several minutes, then fading into clutter. (CW-VA)
- 1460 WBRN MI Big Rapids - 11/7 0159 - Sign off announcement for AM and FM. (JR-NY)
- WVOX NY New Rochelle - 11/22 0640 - Weather, traffic, ID in and out with WWKL. (RJE-PA)
- 1470 WTKO NY Ithaca - 11/14 2030 - Rapid fading, but caught ID of "Oldies 14-70 WTKO," "Mighty Quinn (the Eskimo)" by Manfred Mann clearly audible for most of song, but lost near the end. (CW-VA)
- WWBG NC Greensboro - 11/22 0641 - DJ chatter, "Literary Corner" and "Strange But True," local ads, ID, weather. Not UC: GOS. (GM-VA)
- 1490 WMRN OH Marion - 11/23 0600 - ID, news and talk, though not your typical syndicated talk show. (GM-VA)
- WVGB SC Beaufort - 11/22 1713-1722 - Many "V-Victory 14-90 WVGB" ID's, several local announcements, ads, Gospel music. Quite strong. (GM-VA)
- 1530 WLSP MI Lapeer - 11/16 1654 - Presumed, with very strong signal, Sports Fan Radio Network. (JR-NY)
- 1570 WYTI VA Rocky Mount - 11/14 0634 - Legal sign-on, into some real down-home C&W. (JEK-MD)
- 1580 WSMO NC Jacksonville - 11/18 1725-1735 - Local ads, call letters, old bluegrass and country music. New with these calls. (JR-NY)
- 1590 WCSL NC Cherryville - 11/16 1900 - Fair with WLON Lincolnton ID into ABC news, ad for (car?) dealership in Gastonia, then ESPN. New. WLON was heard a few minutes later on 1050 with local ads, CHUM QRM. (JEK-MD)
- WHPY NC Clinton - 11/12 1630 - Good with "Going Home" religious program, address given on air agrees with NRC Log. (JEK-MD)
- WARV RI Warwick - 11/12 1624 - Good with calls, ad for PAX TV program. The NE longwire works! (JEK-MD)
- 1600 WOKB FL Winter Garden - 11/22 1734-1748 - Gospel programs "Gospel Insider" and "What to do when you don't know what to do" (Give up?!), several local spots, traffic. Strong. (GM-VA)
- WCPK VA Chesapeake - 11/17 1900 - Religious talk, ID, into news atop channel, including WWRL. (RJE-PA)
- 1620 WHLY IN South Bend - 11/12 1634 - Good, calls and "Radio Hollywood" slogan, ad for Mitchell Office Furniture. Not often logged here with WPHG-AL and the local college "WMCR" pretending to be a radio station on 1620. (JEK-MD)
- 1700 KTBK TX Denison - 11/6 2340 - Weak under WAFN with "AM 1310" slogan and sports stuff. (JR-NY)

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- 1610 House IN Terre Haute - 11/16 2248 - Talking house at 2248 Locust Avenue, about half a mile away. Usual fare, call 238-9996, Wayne Collins Realtors. (MB-IN)
- 1630 KNAA585 NY New York (Jamaica) - 11/15 1837 - Good with JFK parking info, no calls in tape loop.
- 1640 UNID NY _____ Date? Time? - Marine and New York weather, some computer and real voice, advisory on Hurricane Lenny, relay of KWO35 (162.550 MHz). May have been a second weather station in there. (JEK-MD)



INTERNET UPDATES

News from Scott Fybush's "Northeast Radio Watch," used by permission:

WMEX-1060-MA is testing the 40 kW daytime transmitter, which it expects to put on the air in regular service in January. WBZY-1200-PA is switching formats with co-owned WKST-1280; WBZY takes OLD and WKST will now be TLK. WARE-1250-MA has not finished switching to the SS format; the former OLD format and dead air alternating for now. WIPS-1250-NY has joined the "Radio Lake Placid" network with WIRD-920, WRGR-102.3, and WLPW-105.5. WHLD-1270-NY has relocated from its Grand Island studio, transmitter site to 225 Delaware Avenue in Buffalo. WRTK-1390-OH will be exchanging calls and formats with WNIO-1540. WXKS-1430-MA has returned to satellite standards in morning drive; the former Bloomberg morning show has moved to WBNW-1120 and WPLM-1390.

ADDRESS UPDATES

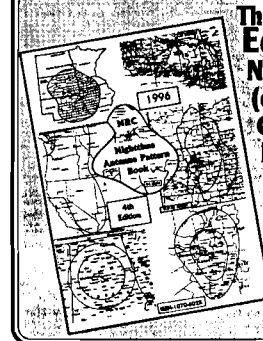
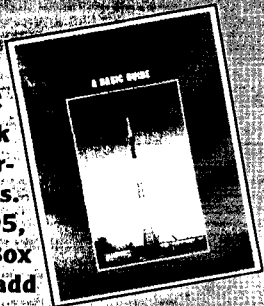
1360 WCHL NC Chapel Hill - Address in new Log is no longer valid. (SK-PA)

REPORTERS

MB-IN	Mark Burns	Terre Haute - R8, Kiwa loop, 80' LW
MD-MA	Marc DeLorenzo	Auburndale - NRD-525, Quantum loop
RJE-PA	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell - Car radio, whip
BF-IL	Barry Finkel	Chicago - UnID help
HJH-PA	Harry Hayes	Wilkes-Barre - TransOceanic, Kiwa pocket loop
SK-PA	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township - Superadio III
JEK-MD	Joe Kureth	Uniontown - SW8, 950' NE LW
GM-VA	Greg Myers	Richmond -
RCP-IN	Robert Pote	Greenwood - R8A, Quantum loop
JR-NY	Jim Renfrew	Rochester - R8, Radio West loop
BT-IN	Blaine Thompson	Fort Wayne - UnID help
CW-VA	Chuck Wood	Woodbridge - R8B, Kiwa loop, ICF-7600G

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is independent of those mentioned and that it broadcasts from a site situated more easterly than (former) Yugoslavia. By the way, I have not noted such strong signal on 1503 kHz before. I would like to mention also something else - and it has nothing to do with the AFN - one phenomenon for which I like the MW band (you never know what is waiting for you over there): - still on 1503 kHz, at 0730 UTC I suddenly noticed that BBC Radio Stoke-on-Trent faded in! The station was not audible for the last hour at all, suddenly it came in, weak but I could hear the BBC news at 0730. Maybe the Sun was coming up at that time in Stoke-on-Trent? It was 1h 15min after the Sunrise in my location. After I heard the station for the first time last night (NOV 13/14) - see my previous report - I have done some direction findings tonight (NOV 14, 1800 UTC). The signal is coming from the azimuth of ca. 140 degrees. It is not precise, because I am limited by our concrete/metal house and outside it is raining. So I would bet for Macedonia or Albania. Or a high power transmitter from a more easterly country like Turkey or one of Arabic countries. The transmitter is quite strong, it is strange, they are using this frequency where two stations from the former Yugoslavia are broadcasting: Podgoritsa (Monte Negro, in fact still part of YUG) and Zavidovitchi (Bosnia Hercegovina). AFN left 1503 kHz after a ca. 24 hours long usage of this frequency from somewhere in south-east Europe. A summary of my monitoring: Night 13/14 November - strong signal. Morning 14 November 0630 UTC - fair signal, later faded out at 0650 UTC. Evening 14 November 1800 UTC - fair signal. Evening 14 November 2315 UTC - NO SIGNAL. Morning 15 November 0600 UTC - NO SIGNAL. Maybe the station has been testing and we can hope to hear it again. Maybe it is searching for another frequency (1503 kHz is used by low power transmitters in Crna Gora (Monte Negro) and Bosnia Hercegovina). [Karel Honzik, three reports via *Medium Wave Circle* e-mail list]

CUBA: Osvaldo Rodriguez of Radio Reloj provides the following complete list of all Radio Reloj stations in Cuba in *Conexion Digital* #24: 570 Santa Clara (ciudad), Villa Clara, 610 Trinidad, Sancti Spiritus, 760 Caney de las Mercedes, Granma, 790 Pinar del Rio (ciudad), 830 Hulguaín, 850 Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud, 860 Baracoa, Guantánamo, 870 Sancti Spiritus (ciudad), 910 Bolondron, Matanzas, 930 La Jaiba, Matanzas, 930 Cienfuegos (ciudad), 930 Ciego de Avila (ciudad), 930 Santiago de Cuba (ciudad), 940 Central España Republicana, Matanzas, 940 Mayarí Arriba, Holguín, 950 Ciudad de la Habana, 960 Guantánamo, 1010 Jobabo, Las Tunas, 1270 Camaguey. [via ARC NOV 15] (Note, this list includes a location for the 830 outlet that many have been inquiring about. Also, remember that some stations use the Reloj feed after 0600 UTC which are not listed here, e.g., 690 kHz. Our members in south Florida are encouraged to comment on the accuracy of this list - Jim)

LITHUANIA: Extreme budget cuts have brought the state-financed Lietuvos Radijas into troubled waters. Among the consequences that are being discussed is a complete (though temporary) closure of LR2 and LR3 and a shutdown of all MW and SW transmitters. A final decision will be expected soon. [Bernrd Trutenau, Lithuania, in FM DX WebList via Piet Pypers in *Medium Wave Circle* e-mail list]

NETHERLANDS: Faulty generators are the reason 1224 Q the Beat (location: 'MV Communicator', Almere) has been on and off the air the last few weeks. Nozema is looking into the matter and this is why 'Q' is missing. The 'MV Communicator' used to be the location of offshore stations 'Laser 558', 'Laser 730' & 'Laser Hothits'. [Source: "Mischa" in newsgroup nl.media.radio. via Piet.Pypers in *Medium Wave Circle* e-mail list]

RUSSIA: What follows are LW and MW schedules; the SW is omitted here: 171K 500 ND 0400-2100 Radio-1; 198S 150 ND 0300-2200 R.Mayak; 234S 1200 ND 0400-2100 Radio-1; 549S 1200 ND 0300-2300 R.Mayak; 684S 10 ND 0600-0800 R.NERRS (Narodnoye R.); 684S 10 ND 1500-1800 R.NERRS (Pravoslavnoye R.); 684S 10 ND 1800-2000 R.NERRS (R.Radonezh); 801S 600 ND 0200-2200 R.Rossii; 828S 10 ND 0000-2400 RL/VOA; 1053S 10 ND 0000-2400 R.Mariya; 089S 20 ND 0400-2000 R.Teos; 1125S 150 ND 0300-2100 R.Orfey; 1143K 150 ND 0400-1630 R.Mayak; 1143K 150 210 1700-1800 VOR Germ; 1143K 150 210 1800-1900 VOR Poli; 1143K 150 210 1900-2000 VOR Engl; 1143K 150 ND 2030-2400 R.Mayak; 1188S 10 ND 0300-2300 DW; 1215K 1200 245 0200-0400 VOR Russ; 1215K 1200 245 1000-1300 VOR Germ; 1215K 1200 245 1300-1500 VOR Russ; 1215K 1200 245 1500-1600 VOR Engl; 1215K 1200 245 1600-2000 VOR Germ; 1215K 1200 245 2000-2200 VOR Russ; 1260S 10 ND 0330-2200 BBC; 1386K 1200 275 1000-1300 VOR Germ; 1386K 1200 275 1500-1600 VOR Engl; 1386K 1200 275 1600-2000 VOR German; 1386K 1200 275 2000-2200 VOR Engl; 1386K 1200 275 2200-2245 Special (We); 1440S 10 ND 0300-2100 RFI; 1494S 600 258 1600-1800 VOR Engl; 1494S 600 258 1800-1830 VOR Finn (Tu,Fr); 1494S 600 258 1800-1900 VOR Engl (We,Th,Sa-Mo); 1494S 600 258 1830-

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1900 VOR Norw (Tu); 1494S 600 258 1830-1900 VOR Swed (Fr); 1494S 600 258 1900-2200 VOR Engl. Note: K = Kaliningrad, S = St. Petersburg, RCS = Radio Chechnya Svobodnaya. All times in UTC. Note: our transmitter on 1494 kHz has used a new wide-beam diagram aerial system from November 25th (1600 UTC). [From the British DX Club, originally posted by Mikhail Timofeyev NOV 26, *Medium Wave Circle* E-mail List]

TURKS & CAICOS: 530 Radio Vision Cristiana still on the air from South Caicos. I have visited the transmitting site. It is located at an old Coast Guard Loran station. The place once housed the Atlantic Beacon. The power is 50,000 watts using a Nautel transmitter and a 540 foot stick. Non-directional. Super 1020 is off the air for good. It used an old GE transmitter circa 1961 - a real junker. It's been off for two years. [Saul Nowich, Bridgeport CT via HCDX in ARC NOV 15]

VATICAN: Vatican Radio has just announced that Rome will have two new radio services of music and information for the 2000 Jubilee. One will be in Italian, French and English on 527 and FM, the other in Spanish and German on 1260 and FM. The use of 527 means that Rete Romana/Studio A local service will be suspended at the end of the year. [Valianti in BDXC via TL in ARC NOV 22]

E-MAIL QSL'S

"As for the comments regarding E-mail reports/veries, how does one obtain stations' E-mail addresses to send reports to? In any event, I would use E-mail only as a last resort. E-mail veries have no "personality," i.e., no letterhead, no station logo, no exotic stamps on envelope, in the case of foreign veries, etc. I'd hate to have my verie notebooks filled up with pieces of computer paper all looking the same." [Wilkins-CO] (DX'er's get e-mail addresses from other DX'er's and from station web pages - Jim)

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NEW NOAA SPACE WEATHER SCALES MAKE SOLAR MAX EFFECTS MORE PREDICTABLE

November 9, 1999 — As the sun revs up for Solar Max, a time of intense solar activity, we can look forward to increasingly turbulent space weather. Today NOAA introduced the first-ever scales designed to characterize the severity and impact of upcoming solar storms on public safety and services. (Click images for larger view.)

"NOAA's new scales are the Richter scales of space weather. For the first time, we can predict the impact of solar storms, and these storms may be a real Y2K problem," said Dr. D. James Baker, under secretary for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator. "When Solar Maximum occurs, the sun bursts at its seams with explosive power, and as it churns there is potential for electrical power outages, radio problems, and the disabling of satellites. This can disrupt communications, including broadcast transmissions and pagers," Baker said.

As the period during the 11-year solar cycle when the sun is most active, Solar Maximum brings an increase in the number and intensity of solar storms and their effects. Space storms, radiation showers, aurora borealis, and affects on power grids and Global Positioning System navigation and other systems are all expected during the upcoming Solar Max period, which is expected to last about three years.

Already there is an increase in solar activity as the world approaches another Solar Maximum. As we get farther into Solar Cycle 23, expectations are that the sun will continue to rev up. Each time there is a solar event, NOAA's National Weather Service includes information on the event in its transmission of weather data.

Working like the Richter scale for earthquakes, NOAA's new space weather scales describe the intensity and frequency of three kinds of solar events: geomagnetic storms, solar radiation storms and radio blackouts. "The scales are a giant step forward in informing the public about the severity of these events and their expected consequences," said Dr. Ernie Hildner, director of NOAA's Space Environment Center in Boulder, Colorado. Hildner said that physical measurements on the scales will help the scientific and operations communities consistently identify the intensity of solar events. Solar storms can vary, with some equivalent to a thunderstorm on Earth, while others may be more severe, with intensity similar to a hurricane or tornado.

Satellite expert David Desrocher, a senior engineer at The Aerospace Corporation in Colorado Springs, Colorado, said that, "NOAA's new space weather scales will significantly aid the space industry in anticipating events, understanding effects, and developing more robust satellite designs and mitigation strategies." John Kappenman, a senior engineer at Metatech in Duluth, Minn., explained that space storms can impact the operational reliability of electrical transmission systems world-wide. "The previous solar cycle demonstrated just how seriously the power industry needs to consider the potential impacts of geomagnetic storms," Kappenman said.

One of the strongest impacts occurred during the last solar cycle in 1989, when the entire Province of Quebec went dark because a geomagnetic storm caused power lines to overload.

NOAA's Space Environment Center in Boulder is responsible for issuing warnings, watches and forecasts of the space environment and potential impacts on Earth. The Center continuously monitors the solar environment with a complex array of ground-based observations and satellites operated by NOAA and its national and international partners. [NOAA via Al Quaglieri e-mail]

COMMENTARY

Thrill is Gone

The 'Local' Has Gone Out of Local Radio

By SUSAN KENT

After reading the letter by Perry Crabill that was in *The Star* last Friday, I feel I must write as well.

First of all, I too am saddened to hear that the "John & Joe Show" on WNTW (also not be left out is the "Charlie & Max Morning Buzz" show on the now-defunct 99.3 *The Frog*) is no more. Another reason for people to turn off local radio.

However, as long as the FCC allows these big, out-of-town broadcast companies (like Capstar) to come into small markets like Winchester and gobble up stations, more local radio programs will be biting the dust. I would not be a bit surprised that in five years, there will be only one local DJ left in the Winchester area.

I agree with Mr. Crabill that AM (and FM too) should maintain local programming, but with so many stations around here turning to automation and satellite, that's not the direction local radio is going and it's not good. As I recall, someone wrote in about a year ago stating that 92.5 WINC-FM is the only local station around here that is "live" 24 hours, a situation that has not changed at all one year later. It shouldn't be this way.

As far as the FCC goes, that broadcasting is a "service," most radio stations around here failed in that department long ago.

I ask, how can the local stations around here serve the public when in most of them, no one is there late at night or on weekends? Call a station around here at 3 a.m. and odds are good no one will take your call. I myself tried calling six area stations one night to try to get a cancellation on

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the air (Q102, The Fox, WAPP, WK-MZ, WFTR/Real Country, and WXVA). Nobody answered the phone. In Q102's case I tried for three hours before I got someone, and then they told me they couldn't air my cancellation. Local radio serving the public? Hah, that's a good laugh.

All of this is so sad. Very sad. I am only 35 years old, and even I can remember radio's good old days. Pam Bell, Mike Bell, Keith Lupton, Wendy Robbins, Kevin Owens, John Bloom, Frank Mitchell, and, of course, Joe Pasquali, all bring back fond memories to me.

I miss stations like WHPL (I am sorry about hearing the recent passing of WHPL's Johnny Bell), WFFV, and Music 105 (Winchester's first full-time FM rock station). Then you had those big 50,000-watt, clear-channel radio stations coming into Winchester late at night, like Chicago's WLS and WCFL (The Voice of Labor), New York's WABC, 1220 WGAR (Cleveland), and WKBW out of Buffalo, a station that was so big here that I remember many stores at Ward Plaza playing it for background music.

As the song goes, the thrill is gone, long gone. Winchester radio in 1999 is nothing but garbage - satellite, automation, unfunny DJs, no variety, misleading commercials. An example is the McDonald's ad that is airing on some stations around here; it ends with "not in Winchester, Virginia." Doesn't the same company that runs McDonald's in Winchester also run the ones in Boyce, Front Royal, and Charles Town? Shouldn't those towns

be listed in the ad as well?

Even the few local DJs who are still on the air around here - I can't listen to most of them either. Why must I sit through sick, put-down humor or the latest "Cigar" joke, or hearing "Jerry Springer" stories? Thank goodness for Adelphia Cable 6, even though most of the time I find myself turning down the audio every afternoon.

This brings up another question: Now that we have ratings for TV and movies, why not radio? It makes no sense - people complaining about sex in films and on TV - but it's OK if a DJ talks about sex. My 6-year-old daughter now knows what the word "bisexual" means, not by TV, but because her bus driver had the radio turned to a local station and the DJ on the air talked about "bisexual fantasies." Do we need this? No!

I am the last one for boycotts; however one may be needed here. Radio lives by advertising dollars. I am advising that we, the listeners, boycott all local radio stations who don't broadcast locally. Then maybe they will understand and do away with this automation/satellite trash they give us. I don't want to bear someone who is "live from Hollywood, or in Phoenix 'pretending' to be in Winchester. When I turn on the radio, I want to hear someone who is "live from Winchester." That's the purpose of local radio in the first place, the word local.

Maybe a boycott can send a message to these big radio companies - that the listener should come first, and not "saving bucks" or "ratings. Then, one would hope, the listener would benefit.

Open Forum is a column available to Star readers to address a subject of their choice. Susan Kent is a resident of Winchester.

Perry Crabill sent in the above clipping from the *Winchester (VA) Star*, adding "Earlier this year WNTW-610 in Winchester canceled the "John & Joe Show", a local morning talk program starring John Schreiner and Joe Pasquali ... and replaced it with an inane satellite feed with no local significance. I wrote a letter of protest to Capstar and the station manager and sent a copy to the *Star*. The publication of the latter prompted Susan Kent, a local listener, to respond with the enclosed article, which the newspaper published a few days later."

Professional Sports Networks

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Network listings for team sports stations

Here is 1999/2000 National Basketball Association (NBA) flagship information from the "Sporting News NBA Guide" via Ken Onyschuk. Also is one NBA network list. Please send me any network lists you may have. Thanks.

Atlanta Hawks	750	WSB -GA	Steve Holman		
Boston Celtics	850	WEEI-MA	Howard David, Cedric Maxwell		
Charlotte Hornets	1110	WBT -NC	Bob Licht, Mike Gminski, Gil McGregor, Gary Vaillencourt		
Chicago Bulls	1000	WMVP-IL	Neil Funk, John Paxson		
Cleveland Cavaliers	1100	WTAM-OH	Joe Tait		
Dallas Mavericks	570	KLIF-TX	Matt Pinto, Brad Davis		
Denver Nuggets	950	KKFN-CO	Jerry Schemmel		
Detroit Pistons	950	WWJ -MI	George Blaha, Larry Henry, Vinnie Johnson		
Golden State Warriors	680	KNBR-CA	Tim Roye		
Houston Rockets	950	KPRC-TX	Gene Pederson, Jim Foley, Jeff Hogedorn		
Indiana Pacers	920	KYST-TX (SS)	Adrian Cavarria		
	1070	WIBC-IN a	Mark Boyle, Bob "Slick" Leonard, Kevin Lee		
Los Angeles Clippers	107.1	WSYW-IN a	Ralph Lawlor, Michael Smith		
Los Angeles Lakers	1150	KXTA-CA	Chick Hearn, Stu Lantz		
Miami Heat	570	KLAC-CA	Mike Inglis, Ed Pinckney		
	610	WIOD-FL (EE)	++		
	830	WACC-FL (SS)	Ted Davis		
Milwaukee Bucks	620	WTMJ-WI	Chad Hartman, Jim Peterson		
Minnesota Timberwolves	1130	KFAN-MN	Bob Papa, Albert King		
New Jersey Nets	710	WOR -NY	Marv Albert, Louis Johnson, John Andariase		
New York Knickerbockers	660	WFAN-NY	Dennis Neumann, Jeff Turner		
Orlando Magic	580	WDBO-FL	Tom McGinnis		
Philadelphia 76ers	610	WIP -PA	Al Mcloy, Keith Erickson		
Phoenix Suns	620	KTAR-AZ (EE)	Fred Morales		
	1480	KPHX-AZ (SS)	Mike Rice, Brian Wheeler		
Portland Trail Blazers	1190	KEX -OR	Gary Garould		
Sacramento Kings	1140	KHTK-CA	Jay Howard		
San Antonio Spurs	1200	WOAI-TX (EE)	Paul Castro		
	1350	KCOR-TX (SS)	Kevin Calabro		
Seattle Supersonics	950	KJR -WA	Chuck Swirsky, Jack Armstrong		
Totonto Raptors	590	CJCL-ON	Rod Hundley, Ron Boone		
Utah Jazz	1320	KFNZ-UT	Don Poier, Jay Triano		
Vancouver Grizzlies	980	CKNW-BC	Dave Johnson		
Washington Wizards	980	WTEM-DC			
Indiana Pacers 1999/2000	Mark Boyle, Bob Leonard (via Blaine Thompson [e-mail])				
860	WGOM-IN	1480	WRSW-IN	100.1	WFLQ-IN
930	WHON-IN		WTHI-IN	103.5	WAWC-IN
1230	WSAL-IN	1550	WCVL-IN	103.9	WIMC-IN
1280	WGBF-IN		WMDH-IN		WRBI-IN
1330	WTRE-IN	93.9	WZBD-IN	104.9	WWWY-IN
1340	WTFW-IN	94.3	WREB-IN	106.5	WWWC-IN
	WXFN-IN	95.3	WNDI-IN	107.1	WSYW-IN *a
1350	WIOU-IN	95.7	WLRX-IN	107.7	WMRS-IN
1370	WGCL-IN	95.9	WKUZ-IN		
1440	WPGW-IN	96.7	WORX-IN		

* Flagship station

++ I do not know the names of the announcers.

a Ken Onyschuk's list has the Pacers' flagship 1070 WIBC-IN; the Media Guide has 107.1 WSYW-IN.



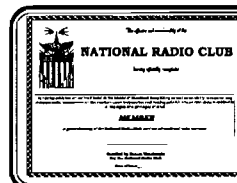
International DX Achievements

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International DX verified totals listed by continents

Year Started	DX'er	Location	Last Update	Oceania	Ctries	Total Verified	Foreign	NA	SA	Eur	Af	As
1952	McIntosh, Eric	NZ	1965	253	63	686	635	301	2	45	4	81
?	Dellit, Sam	Australia	1978	80	37	362	218	109	0	5	1	23
?	Geary, Kermit	PA	1993	61	107	6190	988	512	243	147	23	2
1958	Anderson, Roger A.	VA/NY/PA	1993	48	105	1448	514	227	78	128	28	5
1947	Luton, Relfe	NC	1973	33	23	1049	142	102	4	3	0	0
1963	Scrimgeour, Gray	CA/ON	1971	31	47	526	440	354	10	18	1	26
?	Callaman, John	?	1970	20	50	740	138	72	20	17	3	6
1958	Dangerfield, Ben	PA	1999	8	127	431	332	85	44	151	33	10
1946	Moore, Ray	MA	1993	8	104	245	245	95	52	59	24	7
1931	Steele, Sid	IL	1998	8	36	3101	299	104	12	2	0	1
1933	Cooper, Ernest	NY-MA	1980	7	79	4142	760	528	131	88	6	0
1958	Wesolowski, Ernie	NE	1998	7	24	2003	80	53	7	0	1	1
1950	Krejny, Edward	OH	1996	6	76	2733	441	208	126	91	10	0
1969	Karchewski, Bob	MA/CA	1975	6	24	204	141	112	0	0	0	0
1964	Whatmough, Dave	ON	1994	6	13	1014	15	6	1	2	0	0
1958	Merriman, Alan	VA	1994	3	93	1615	368	212	47	88	14	4
1954	Starr, Jerry	OH	1974	3	51	1209	194	134	34	20	3	0
1958	Phillips, Dan	TN/AL	1974	3	26	567	40	21	9	5	1	0
1964	Heinen, Wayne	NY/CO	1996	2	38	1470	38	26	3	5	0	2
1955	Palmer, Richard D.	IL	1993	2	33	822	94	77	4	10	1	0
1964	Reynolds, Bruce	MO	1977	2	28	1103	121	111	6	2	0	0
1931	Wheeler, Frank	PA	1993	2	25	1885	78	68	7	1	0	0
1966	Bruner, Jesse R.	KY	1966	2	23	132	27	17	3	5	0	0
1931	Holland, George B., Jr.	NY	1996	2	22	885	58	46	5	5	0	1
1969	Falconer, Jeff	ON	1999	2	22	1064	20	14	2	2	0	0
1965	Kadet, Jeff	MD	1969	2	12	703	41	39	0	0	0	0
1952	Schiller, Ron	NJ	1999	1	86	2103	254	136	34	72	8	3
1940	Morss, Stan	MA	1993	1	84	3922	424	218	65	221	14	3
?	Sampson, John	NJ	1965	1	54	445	72	23	6	38	3	1
1976	Froemming, Gary	AZ	1994	1	17	338	92	85	7	0	0	0
1960	Rugg, Andy	QC	1999	0	71	1747	208	87	48	66	6	1
1973	Sgrulletta, John	NY	1998	0	54	64	64	24	24	19	3	3
1962	Musco, Ron	CT	1999	0	49	1283	54	40	5	10	2	1
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (taped)	NJ	1998	0	43	897	56	50	37	14	0	1
1976	Renfrew, Jim	NY	1998	0	40	400	67	44	7	0	0	0
1965	Long, John	CT	1968	0	29	101	0	0	0	0	0	0
?	Fela, Joseph	NJ	1965	0	24	738	35	19	4	11	1	0
1975	Swearingen, Paul (taped)	KS	1999	0	22	772	95	43	16	0	0	0
1964	Sorensen, Morris	ON/MB	1975	0	13	537	385	375	1	9	0	0
1977	Wolfish, Niel	ON	1977	0	11	397	20	14	4	2	0	0
1968	Bytheway, Phil	WA	1982	0	9	457	20	0	0	0	0	0
1960	Lynch, Don	MA	1980	0	9	0	157	0	0	0	0	0
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (paper)	NJ	1998	0	7	266	13	10	3	0	0	0
1973	Mount, Paul	NJ	1995	0	6	230	25	22	2	0	0	0
1964	Edmunds, R. J.	NY	1999	0	3	76	1	1	0	0	0	0
1975	Bartek, Daniel, Jr.	NE	1976	0	2	23	0	0	0	0	0	0

Feel free to send in your updated totals in time for the next IDXA, which has a track record of showing up about every other month in DXN, but don't hold me to that. Remember, only taped or paper veries are counted, and mainland U. S. and Canadians are not included in NA totals. Include your best catch from each continent and all other totals when reporting. Our next column will feature South American totals.



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- HRL4 North American Time Zones to UTC Conversion Chart. (1)
- HRL5 Frequency and Power Relationship Chart. Shows average coverage radius for various powers at BCB frequencies. (1)
- HRL8 NRC Countries List edited by Al Merriman (2)

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- M2 MODULATION ARCING J. Starr. Describes a frequent but rarely discussed cause of medium wave interference originating at the station. (1)
- M3 SUNRISE-SUNSET TABLES. G.P. Nelson. These charts allow determination of accurate time of sunset and sunrise at any point in the world on any date. (9)
- M4 RF INTERFERENCE AND THE HOME COMPUTER. Bill Krause, ANARC. Home computers will cause interference on your DX rig unless precaution are taken; solutions are discussed. (2)
- M5 UNRESTRICTED RADIATION. G.P. Nelson. Discussion of carrier current stations and how to hear them. (3)
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- M10 SUPERMODULATION AND EFFECTS ON DX'ING. Steve Kennedy. Discussion on the problem and its affect on DX'ing. (3)
- M11 TERRAIN CHARTS FOR PROPAGATION PREDICTIONS. M. Connelly. This article details how to prepare a chart of a DX'ers surrounding terrain which can help enhance or diminish reception. (3)
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- M37 NOISE Some Causes and Some Cures. Wayne Heinen (4)
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- P16 HORIZON BLOCKAGE: CAN FRESNEL DIFFRACTION BE IGNORED? G. P. Nelson. This article shows how signals that should be blocked by the horizon can sometimes be heard. (10)

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- P40 **TRACKING THE 1994 SOLAR ECLIPSE BY RADIO** by Ken Chatterton (3)

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- R3 **SUBAUDIBLE HETERODYNES ON THE MW BCB.** G. P. Nelson. Details on a technique to permit the MW DX'er to detect and characterize signals too weak to hear at the time; allows the DX'er to count the number of stations on a channel—even if no programming is audible and permits direction-finding on channels with several stations present. (6)
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Sullivan. A technical theory and construction article on inexpensive homebrew audio filters. (7)

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- R20 **A FREQUENCY COUNTER FOR RECEIVER TUNING.** R. Foxworth. A very thorough paper on digital readouts and what to look for in various models. Discusses technical theory and provides circuitry to enable the Experimenter to build a counter for use as a "digital dial" (13)
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- R25 **STRONG SIGNAL HANDLING.** C. Hutton. This technical article explains that sensitivity and selectivity are not the only, nor the most important, considerations in a receiver. (6)
- R26 **RECORDING JACKS FOR RECEIVERS.** Dave Arbogast. A simple step-by-step procedure is outlined for adding a tape jack to almost any receiver. (1)
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DX'ing 'smart', with shared tips and requests by NRC members

An additional entry into the best place to DX discussion begins the column this week:

John R. Tudenham <jtodud@juno.com>: The best to DX would depend on the year and location. My DX started when I was in the air force stationed near Casablanca Morocco in 1954-1955. At that time I knew nothing about the NRC or any other club. At the radar site where I worked I would spin the dials on a Collins 51J receiver when I had spare time. Just listening to the states was a big thrill hearing stations as far west as WBAP and WOAI. John Callarman reminds me of many good times at Larry Godwin's home in Amarillo TX in the late 50s and early 60s. We had many DX sessions through the night and Larry would always open the freezer and get us a TV dinner when we were hungry. DX conditions were usually good in the Texas panhandle and not that many all-nighters in those days. Of course we were all single then so our DX sessions extended well into the night. Moving to Tulsa OK in the late 60s seemed to be the same time that 24 hour stations became common, after moving to Joplin MO the BC band is even more crowded with more stations operating night time with reduced power. Some clears now sound about like regional frequencies use to and some regionals almost like graveyard frequencies. Graveyard DX here is almost impossible as we have locals or semi locals in 1230,1340,1450, and 1490. All 24 hours.

And now a news-type item:

Patrick Griffith, N0NNK <AM-DXer@webtv.net>: Reuters and other news sources are reporting that Radio Marti boosted it's Florida AM outlet from 50,000 to 100,000 watts on or about 11/08/99. This has apparently resulted in increased jamming on it's shortwave frequencies.

Paul W. Smith, W4KNX <sunray2@gte.net>: Ye Gads. 1180 here at my QTH in Sarasota, is so jammed with the Cuban on 1180 and the back lobe of Radio Marti mixing together. Now it'll be worse, and I'm over 300 miles away from Cuba. I should record 1180 and send it to Fred for inclusion on the DXAS. PS. I wonder if this will set a precedent, as this will be the only AM station in the US to broadcast with over 50,000 watts. I wonder if others will apply for 100 KW??

Thomas Giella <kn4f@webtv.net>: I doubt it. The FCC has been resisting that for decades. Remember R. Marti is a government station and the government can and will do what it wants!

Ragnar Danneskjold <lwdxer@juno.com>: It's an AU night here. I got them weakly but in the clear. I can't hear KYET which usually comes in with a near local signal and they are in Williams, AZ 250 miles NW. I heard them on a RS 12-655 TRF. I can't wait for AU conditions to go away.

Patrick Griffith, N0NNK: Ragnar (and all)...Funny you should mention KYET/1180. They are so loud here in north Denver tonight I thought they might be on day power.

Blake Lawrence <blake@deejay.com>: I suspect the same - KYET noted L&C here in San Francisco as well (11/17). Usually only KERI heard here on 1180.

Jim Wiskow <jcwiskow@win.bright.net>: Hi Friends: I guess I live in the wrong part of the country. I have listened to 1180 for the past week and heard virtually nothing from here. Not even a carrier here in Western Wisconsin. Good DX to the rest of you.

Mark Durenberger <mrkdmbgr@state.net>: Count me in! I'm at a latitude on an almost direct line between Rochester and Kalispell, so I'll be able to use a pair of loops and an MFJ Phaser to null out the East-West stuff. Who knows...

Jim Wiskow: Mark: You make me look sick!! I live in Arcadia, a small town here in Western Wisconsin and can hear a bit of skywave now and then on 1180, but nothing that would be worth recording. Of course, I don't have a loop antenna, just the junky ones that come on all of my AM radios. I've even tried a dipole/inverted v combination that a ham friend built for me and ran it into my Kenwood TS-450 transceiver. Not much luck. I think the meteor showers of last week might have hindered things, but I doubt it.

Fred Vobbe: Tonight, between 20:00 and 20:45ELT, I was listening in the car, and WHAM was getting beat up pretty bad by the Cubans. At times, there was no intelligent copy from Rochester, only Cuba. Then Cuba would go in a deep fade for about 4 minutes, then raise their ugly head for some more QRM. Who would have been doing a talk show on the space program, and China's possible entry into the space program on 990 between 2000-2045PM. Announce was female doing an interview with a man, and he kept speaking in terms of "we" as in United States, so I don't think it was MB sneaking in. Any thoughts?

Now we welcome a new member -

Nate Homier <pipcat@usa.net>: Hi, I'm new. My name is Nate Homier. Is the new solar cycle allowing me to hear Calgary Canada am stations. I'm also hearing Denver KOA. This is during the hours of noon and on. I live in Helena MT. I use the CCradio with only its built in antenna.

Thomas Giella: Hi. Domestic broadcast band skywave signals have to travel through the lowest ionized layer called the D layer, before it can be refracted from the E layer. During the high point of a sunspot cycle like we are now experiencing, the D layer is frequently over-ionized by solar flare activity and is detrimental to DX by absorption. The D layer is present in varying strengths around the clock, despite prevailing and inaccurate information passed around in books for decades. The D layer is least detrimental during winter due to shorter days and also during the bottom of a sunspot cycle, as radiation from the Sun creates it's ionization. The Canadian stations you are hearing during the day are most probably on groundwave, as the Prairies of the High Plains have very good soil conductivity. Though I have heard skywave propagation at local noontime during the winter at the bottom of the sunspot cycle, as the D layer is at it's daytime weakest.

Bruce Conti <BACONTI@aol.com>: In response to Nate's question regarding the sunspot cycle, Thomas said that the peak of a sunspot cycle is detrimental to DX. I disagree. Although the auroral conditions due to the peak of a sunspot cycle can shut down northern DX, low angle DX from the south is enhanced considerably. So I guess it depends upon one's perspective. I look forward to auroral conditions providing DX that wouldn't normally be heard.

Thomas Giella: I was speaking in terms of E layer propagation from point A to B being absorbed by the D layer during Auroral conditions for domestic and northern paths. But from your perspective mentioned above, I'm in total agreement with you friend. Thank the propagation God's for auroral propagation, so we can log the Central and South American stations!

Ragnar Danneskjold: Nate, its winter time and that is one of the things that happen when the static drops, and the cool weather comes. DX gets good. You live in a good place for DXing.

Pete Taylor <taytac@worldnet.att.net>: Hello, Nate Homier, and welcome aboard. During the winter I get Calgary on 1060 and 1140 at noon while driving around in the car; at home in NE Tacoma, WA, I just get 1140 (too close to KBLE-1050 to get 1060). This is fairly normal. I also get KFBK-1530 Sacramento all day. When it's auroral, you should notice the biggest difference at night. Yes, you will notice more Mexicans, but look for Southern CA, NM, AZ and so on, too. I can't tell how "new" you are, but check out the X-band while you can. You can still get them coast-to-coast now, but it's filling up rapidly. Good luck, have fun and be sure to send your loggings in to DX News. As long as I'm here, a note for Fred the Vobster: I would love to log Florida on 1180 but KLAY and KOFI tie up the channel very effectively.

Ragnar Danneskjold: "Thank the propagation God's for auroral propagation, so we can log the Central and South American stations!" Ech, more SS stations. No mas mi hermano. I am Spanished out here in Arizona. Bring on the Canadians.

Nate Homier: Thanks for the feedback people. I would like to send in my reception reports, do I do that by snail mail or e-mail. Any particular format. Around 1 am Thursday morning, the 18th, I logged WLS 890 Chicago as well as 710? Chicago and 720 WGN? and 780 WBBM. I'm at my public library right now and don't have access to station records. Thanks.

Ragnar Danneskjold: It's up to you, but I send my reports to this list and to Bill Hale at DDXD West. Are you east coast or west coast? I send them to the list so other DXers can see what is happening more quickly. I also am on the DX tip list for that reason as well. Use this (format-ed.): [All times for domestic DX are ET]

1710 KQXX TX, Brownsville 11/18 2330 with EE ID and into Tejano and Norteña music. Ads were both in EE and SS. Lost to KTBK at 2346. I hope you decide to put logs on the list as well as send them to the appropriate editor.

Bill Hale <phantom2@eaze.net>: Remember, in order for your DX loggings to appear in *DX News*, you MUST BE a member of the National Radio Club.

Nate Homier: Does any one know about any videos that show how to make a bcb loop antenna. Or maybe photo's of a loop. I always have trouble following drawings. I do much better with TV or photo's. My radios are GE super 3 and CCradio. Both come with screw terminals. Can you hook up a loop using screw terminals. Does the NRC have any titles for loop antennas. I live in Helena Montana.

John D. Bowker: There is a new passive loop on the market at Radio Shack that you can connect to your radios. It costs \$30; Catalog Number 15-1853. It is no Kiwa amplified loop, but I find it adds a lot of fun and boost to my dx'ing .. and it's as quick to get as a trip to Radio Shack!

Tom Dimeo <tjd@ezonline.com>: Does this loop work as well as the Select-A-Tenna?

Bill Hale: Nate, Go to: <http://WWW.NRCDXAS.ORG/> and click on Publications to get an idea of the cornucopia of stuff the NRC has to offer.

John D. Bowker: Tom — In some ways I prefer the Radio Shack loop. It is one inch smaller in diameter so its capture area is not as great .. I am assuming that this one AND the Selec-A-Tenna are both purely air core. But, quite frankly, when it comes to DXing, a dB here or there is really not too material. The advantage of the Radio Shack loop is its stability. It is a tad heavier with a flat base and the tuning (capacitor) is in the base rather than in the middle. With the Selec-A-Tenna, you tune to the desired setting, and in the slightest windy condition, it sways a bit. The Radio Shack loop doesn't move. The Radio Shack loop is also, what, \$20 cheaper now?? Another feature of the Radio Shack loop is that it comes with a cord that can be used to connect to AM antenna terminals on radios with that feature. The \$49 Selec-A-Tenna does not provide for such connection. So I'd say there's no comparison! OH! Keep your hands away from the circular part of the Radio Shack loop .. your hands will seriously de-tune it .. more so than the Selec-A-Tenna. If your radio is shaped right it will fit inside the loop — the inner opening diameter is 7.5 inches. I do not recommend doing this since the presence of the radio will lower the "Q" (selectivity) of the loop, and the loop will have a tendency to pull in the strongest station in the area rather than the one your dial is tuned to. I was surprised the first time I used it back in September to find a strong signal at 650 here near Tampa. It turned out to be WSAA-620! So I'd suggest keeping the loop about 6-8 inches away from the loopstick of the radio you're listening to.

Wayne Heinen: Hi For those who want to see a NRC air core loop made from the original Gordon Nelson Plans go to my site below and go to the N0POH pages. You find a picture of mine. It's unamplified and If you live in an urban or suburban RF environment you probably won't need an amplifier. The plans are in National Radio Club ARM1 (check the books section of the Clubs web site for details). It's an oldie designed in 1964 I believe but it's fairly easy to build. I used a KIWA and that is an excellent loop, the trade off is the \$\$\$ and building it yourself... Have fun.

The following was in response to log by Ragnar of WTIR-1680:

John D. Bowker <wa2wen@juno.com>: Ragnar .. hello! I live just south of Tampa, Florida. Our new 1680 WTIR doesn't make it here during the day (we're about 80 miles from Winter Garden) and barely overcomes noise at night when they drop back to 1,000 Watts. That is easily explained of course; we get Miami (300 miles) better than Winter Garden. But it is interesting to note that Florida is in the process of clearing that programming on 19 stations here. No word yet about which ones or even if they will be brand new stations, or if that's just a hollow claim on WTIR. If you are a subscriber to the DX Audio Service you'll hear a close up of WTIR on the December edition .. along with a bunch of other x-banders folks sent in for that program. I used to be annoyed that the TIS station at Clearwater, FL airport (1060 kHz) came in so well here some 35 miles away. But now that you can check traffic conditions on Interstate 4 every ten minutes in Arizona? Boy, if that isn't a good use of the public airwaves! (I-4 runs from Tampa to Daytona Beach.)

Thomas Giella: Interesting that John can't hear WTIR. Here in Plant City 23 miles west of downtown Tampa, the station is full quieting day and night on my 2 foot box loop (+20 over S9), 264 long L antenna up at 64 feet (+40 over S9) and my 58.5 foot TGS antenna which end to end runs towards the NE (+30 over S9). WTIR is 56 miles to my NE (48 degrees) and very weak on my 58.5 foot TGS antenna which end to end runs SW (S2).

John D Bowker: Ah Ha! Tom hears WTIR in Plant City (same county that we're in, by the way) and we really don't hear it well enough to actually listen to .. maybe the difference is that I'm using an automobile radio .. great radio in this Buick .. but a lousy antenna. Still, it's what I'd use if I really cared about I-4 traffic! I'll just call Ragnar on my cell phone if I need an update on conditions since WTIR comes into Arizona so well .. and I usually drive at night! :-)

Ragnar Danneskjold: Howdy John. Such is life and propagational effects. I probably live somewhere near the first hop of the signal from WTIR. They had a very nice signal during their full power testing the other day. I would have never heard them had I not eaten a large amount of Kung Pao beef at the local Chinese restaurant. As you may know Kung Pao is full of hot fiery peppers and I added even more to it because I really like hot food. The unusual effect, which is most likely caused by not being as young as I once was, awakened me doing the fire dance in my innards. As usual, I took the chance to put on the cans and spin the dial. I was greeted with a sort of DX test. Life can almost be interesting sometimes. "But it is interesting to note that Florida is in the process of clearing that programming on 19 stations here. No word yet about which ones or even if they will be brand new stations, or if that's just a hollow claim on WTIR." I have heard this rumor on several different lists. Time will tell. "If you are a subscriber to the DX Audio Service you'll hear a close up of WTIR on the December edition .. along with a bunch of other x-banders folks sent in for that program." Yes, I am a member of DXAS and DXN sides of the NRC. I wonder if you got all the stations. I would probably send in things but I live very near my friend Skip Dabelstein and he sends in things all the time. I would only be sending in duplicates of what he sends. "I used to be annoyed that the TIS station at Clearwater, FL airport (1060 kHz) came in so well here some 35 miles away. But now that you can check traffic conditions on Interstate 4 every ten minutes in Arizona? Boy, if

that isn't a good use of the public airwaves!" Don't get me going on this topic. We could be here a long time. "(I-4 runs from Tampa to Daytona Beach.)" I traveled it often when I was stationed in Orlando while in the Navy. My concern about traffic on Interstate 4 has diminished considerably since I moved to Arizona. Let me know if there are any ID's you need that Skip hasn't sent in from here. I will see what I can do for you. I travel the state quite a bit and could probably get you something he hasn't sent in.

Ragnar Danneskjold: "Still, it's what I'd use if I really cared about I-4 traffic! I'll just call Ragnar on my cell phone if I need an update on conditions since WTIR comes into Arizona so well... and I usually drive at night! :-)" Just keep it before 10PM AZ time.

Thomas Giella: "Such is life and propagational effects. I probably live somewhere near the first hop of the signal from WTIR." To be annoyingly and technically correct and precise, the maximum single hop distance for a broadcast band signal off of the E layer is approximately 900-1150 miles, so Mesa, AZ, is at/near the second hop. I think Ragnar is using cacti as ground rods to overcome that poor desert soil conductivity, yuca yuca (laugh!)

Ragnar Danneskjold: Well, you learn something every day around this place. Your sense of humor is similar to my own dear wife's. She and her sense of humor is the reason I have few hairs on the top of my noggin. I am pretty amazed that I get to hear I-4 on the fours out here. I am interested in seeing if I can pull in WMIB and their test this evening.

This came about as a result of another of Ragnar's logs:

David Hogg <NEMCO99@aol.com>: Ragnar — You mentioned that you logged KTNN — Window Rock, AZ. Have you tried to get verification from them??? and did they respond?? I think this station is sponsored by The Navajo Nation and I sent them a tape and written report last year with no response.... I just wondered if you have any confirmation from them?? The station is interesting in that they direct their programming toward the Navajo Nation... if I understand correctly. What do you know about KTNN???

Ragnar Danneskjold: Sure did. Never tried for a verie. I just tape what I hear. I have it on hand for proof. I do know that if you go to the station they are very nice there and will treat you very well. The station is indeed part of the Navajo National government. I don't know why they did not respond, but I can tell you that the people I met there are very nice to visitors and I know other people who went to the station will attest to the same. About 40% of the programming is in Navajo. The inclusion of Phoenix Suns basketball in the Dineh [Navajo] language is new. They have had the Suns since they started but this year is the first year for Navajo [Dineh] language announcers. The woman who does the games has been on KTNN for quite a while. I enjoy waking up and they have their Navajo religious chants on in the morning. The Navajo call themselves the Dineh People. I believe the name Navajo came from what the Apaches called them. There is an Apache station on 1330 out here as well. The last time I was close enough they were in AM stereo. I do know their only competition is KGAK in Gallup, NM also in the Navajo National lands. KGAK announces "All Navajo, All the time" in its required EE ToH ID. That is the ONLY EE that is on that station. I believe KTNN is the only 50 kW night time station in Arizona.

Blake Lawrence <blake@deejay.com>: Er, if KMIK-1580 isn't, they sure sound like it here in North-ern California. Tight pattern or no.

Bill Hale: 1580 is, indeed, 50 kW at night. Their pattern shoots 400,000 Watts ERP at 238 degrees from Tempe. Which, I imagine, makes reception a snap in Hawaii. :-)

Ragnar Danneskjold: Duh! I forgot about them and I only live 2 miles away...

Doug Smith <w9wi@bellsouth.net>: On their auction site, the FCC has announced a closed broadcast auction for AM facilities changes. This involves five stations on 1190 which have filed for technical changes made possible by WOWO's reduction in night power. The stations in question are:

KPHN Kansas City, MO (application for 4200/4000 U2?)
WNWC Sun Prairie, WI
KEX Portland, OR
KDAO Marshalltown, IA
KKOJ Jackson, MN

Since WOWO's daytime facilities haven't changed, I would presume the other four changes involve only changes in nighttime facilities. KEX is the only station of the batch that *has* night authorization right now - so the other three have proposed to add night facilities. At least some of these applications are mutually exclusive. I guess whoever wins the auction gets the right to implement what they applied for, and then everybody else can try again with whatever remains possible after the first winner gets their way... (seems to me it's probably a safe bet KEX will win Round 1..)

Russ Edmunds: Following up on my prior post on this subject, I wonder how changes such as these

(and others, no doubt, to follow) should be categorized? Are there any differences in the facilities granted by CRTX to the new occupants of 690 & 940 from what the prior occupants had? Will the new occupants actually use the same equipment? If the answers are no & yes, then I guess these could be construed as simple

call changes. If the answer to the first is yes, then the second has to be no, and then these are either new stations or frequency changes, which to me amount to the same thing. By the way, I "don't" either want or intend to instigate a general discussion about how different people count or don't count call changes! And finally, will the facilities vacated by the new occupants of 690 & 940 'go away' or be re-allocated? This has little or no bearing on the prior discussion, but is something that I, and probably others, don't know now, but would want to. Thanks for any input on this!

Pete Taylor: 940 represents a new frequency and a new set of call letters. Also, while I think we are all accustomed to accepting the old CBM as 50kw U-1, there were some sources which showed the new facility as U-4. That seems unlikely.

Daniel B. Cooley <dancbooley@worldnet.att.net>: Jerry Starr's latest AM-Switch lists CKXM as switch to FM - hasn't happened yet. Question: With the many Canadian AMs switching to FM, what becomes of the AM spot?

Russ Edmunds: In a number of cases, new applicants have appeared, and I'm not sure, but I think a few may have been granted. The FCC database still shows those few I spot-checked even though they have moved. It also shows both CBM and CKVL allocated for 940 and CBF and CIQC as allocated for 690. CBL remains on the FCC database for 740. I expect this to remain the case until Canada officially vacates the frequencies. Of course, in the case of clear channels such as the 3 noted above, NARBA treaties protect those frequencies indefinitely even if no re-allocations are made. The treaty would have to be re-opened in order to change that.

Russ Edmunds: Picking up on some comments in the latest DXN, I have used car radios heavily for my AM DX'ing for much of my DX career, including probably 75% of my loggings in the past 10 years. I've used a couple of resurrected old tube-types from the 1940's or early '50's in the house with either a battery or power supply, and I've used all sorts of transistor car radios over the years. In fact, in my shack right now, powered by an old VHF ham power supply, is the analog AM-FM radio from a departed '83 Nissan along with a digital AM-FM of recent vintage which is an aftermarket unit. Although I use both almost exclusively for FM, I have used them to monitor channels on AM. I have yet to hook either up to the 2' barefoot loop, but that'll come over

the winter. Owing to local FM signals slipping through the power lines here, I've done all of my FM DX from car radios, and mostly when they're in the cars, hi. I've also used car radios exclusively for FM DX at several other locations where either business, vacation or other circumstances have placed me repeatedly for a time. Because they're designed to handle somewhat challenging reception conditions, they're better than many portables and certainly better than many of today's boom boxes, console radios and table radios for both AM and FM. And I am continually surprised by some of the things I hear on them, even though I should be used to it by now.

Ragnar Danneskjold: I have 4 car radios. Two AM stereo units and two mono units. One AMFM and one as God intended radio to be heard, AM only. What are you using for an antenna? I power mine from a car battery. I charge it about once a week. Sometimes I power them with two batteries taken from a lot of satellite batteries that didn't pass. Generally the radios are pretty good on AM. I do think they are VERY good on FM. They sound good too. I have mine rigged up to use headphones with them. They are great units. I don't DX with them too much, but they do hold their own for DX. If you wanted to start AM DXing and didn't have much cash, a trip to the junkyard to pick up a car radio would be a real good start.

Ragnar Danneskjold: Guys, I have been looking for an answer to this one for a long time. I tried AMFMTV DX a long while back. I have a general idea of when this was made but would like to nail it down. I have a Zenith Royal 94 AM/FM/FMAFC/SW 5 band portable receiver. I don't

know how many transistors it has but it has about 15-20. They are interesting in that the little metal can top hat transistors are all socketed. The set is chassis built and there are no circuit cards. It runs on 12VDC from "D" cells or an outboard power source via a 3/32" jack. It covers 88-108 mc FM and 540-1600 kc AM then 1.6-18.5 mc. This unit appears to be brushed monel with a blue gray extruded metal grill. It has a huge antenna that is mounted inside the set horizontally and it comes out the left side as you are looking at it. The big antenna will swivel once out of its mounting 360 degrees. All the band knobs, the tone knob, the volume knob and the tuning knob are in the front and the tuning knob is about 2" in diameter. Enough of the description. Here's the real data....

Zenith Model Royal 94

Chassis: 11NT4428
8 "D" batteries
Sams TSM-84

All this is placed on a sticker on the bottom. I just got through aligning this old guy and the freq is set dead on with the dial readings. Everything is peaked and ready to run. It is a pretty good old unit. I need to know two things. 1. When was this beast built?

2. The dial string looks tired. Where can I get more dial string? Yeah, I got it at the junk store for \$7.

Geomagnetic Summary

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High "A" values indicate possible auroral conditions

Geomagnetic Summary September 23 1999 through November 5 1999

GEO - Geomagnetic activity
maf - major flare
mas - major storm
mis - minor storm
pca - polar cap absorption
SA - Solar Activity
spe - satellite proton event
ss - severe storm

Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
9/23	137	20	1	very low	quiet-mas	-
24	132	4	1	very low	quiet	-
25	125	1	1	low	quiet	-
26	123	13	5	very low	quiet-mis	-
27	124	31	4	low	unsettled-mis	mis 2250
28	126	20	4	low	quiet-active	-
29	125	22	5	low	quiet-unsettled	-
9/30	125	24	3	low	quiet-mis	-
10/1	122	9	2	low	quiet-active	-
2	126	13	1	low	quiet-active	-
3	135	8	2	low	quiet-unsettled	-
4	144	14	3	low	quiet-active	-
5	146	15	4	low	quiet-active	-
6	134	7	2	low	quiet-unsettled	-
7	129	7	2	low	quiet-unsettled	-
8	z	z	z	z	z	-
9	143	5	2	low	quiet	-
10	161	23	4	low	quiet-mis	-
11	167	20	5	low	quiet-mis	-
12	184	27	4	low	unsettled-mis	-
13	191	22	3	low	unsettled-mis	-
14	200	20	5	high	quiet-mis	maf 0900
15	198	25	4	low	quiet-mis	-
16	189	22	3	low	quiet-active	-
17	178	23	0	low	quiet-mis	-
18	173	7	2	low	quiet-unsettled	-
19	170	7	0	low	quiet-unsettled	-
20	159	4	3	moderate	quiet-mis	-
21	159	15	6	low	quiet-mas	-
22	160	54	2	low	quiet-sev	mas 1200
23	165	19	3	low	quiet-active	mas end 0600
24	159	21	3	low	unsettled-mis	-
25	179	17	1	moderate	quiet-active	-
26	189	11	2	moderate	quiet-unsettled	-
27	197	15	2	moderate	quiet-active	-
28	184	18	2	low	quiet-mis	-
29	180	12	1	low	quiet-unsettled	-
30	169	6	1	low	quiet-unsettled	-
10/31	160	10	2	low	quiet-unsettled	-
11/1	151	11	2	low	quiet-active	-
2	143	7	3	low	quiet-unsettled	-
3	143	5	2	low	quiet	-
4	148	5	2	low	quiet	-
5	161	5	2	moderate	quiet-unsettled	-



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Distance records for stations logged on graveyard frequencies



Logged from Jan 1, 1960 to Present

Date of Last Update: September 29, 1999

* indicates record held by DXer from North America

Station	City	DXer	DX Location	Miles
WAUD	AL Auburn	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha, NE	836
WJBB	AL Haleyville	Steve Francis	Alcoa, TN	232
WBHP	AL Huntsville	J.W. Bay, Jr.	Drexel Hill, PA	718
WHOD	AL Jackson	Niel Wolfish	Toronto, ON	957
WNUZ	AL Talladega	Steve Francis	Alcoa	193
WTBC	AL Tuscaloosa	Dave Whatmough	Hamilton, ON	805
KIFW	AK Sitka	Jack Woods	Douglas, AK	91
KVAK	AK Valdez	Esa Hänninen	Lemmenjoki, Finland	3453
KSUN	AZ Bisbee	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha	1022
KAAA	AZ Kingman	John Johnson	Sheridan, WY	761
KAMJ	AZ Phoenix	Jeff Tynan	Parker, CO	586
KATO	AZ Safford	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha	950
KINO	AZ Winslow	Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	1055
KFPW	AR Ft. Smith	Jerry Starr	Youngstown, OH	855
KBTM	AR Jonesboro	Bruce Reynolds	Warrensburg, MO	263
KGEO	CA Bakersfield	Tim Hall	Chula Vista, CA	217
KSZL	CA Barstow	Bruce Reynolds	San Jose, CA	318
KIBS	CA Bishop	Nancy Johnson	Aberdeen, WA	722
KXO	CA El Centro	Carl Dabelstein	Tucson, AZ	271
KDAC	CA Fort Bragg	Carl Dabelstein	Lihue, Hawaii	2414
	CA Fort Bragg	Nancy Johnson	Aberdeen	*522
KGJF	CA Los Angeles	Bruce Reynolds	San Jose	305
KPRL	CA Paso Robles	Frank Merrill	Nenana, AK	2321
KRDG	CA Redding	Phil Bytheway	Seattle	487
KWG	CA Stockton	Phil Bytheway	Seattle	669
KEXO	CO Grand Junction	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg, MB	921
KBRR	CO Leadville	Mike Hardester	San Marcos, CA	738
KDZA	CO Pueblo	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg, MB	871
		Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	(Tie) 871
KBCR	CO Steamboat Springs	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	846
KSTC	CO Sterling	Mike Hawk	Omaha, NE	371
KGEK		Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha	(Tie) 371
WINF	CT Manchester	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	473
WGGG	FL Gainesville	Frank Merrill	Milan, MI	861
WONN	FL Lakeland	Don Trelford	Runaway Bay, Jamaica	728
WMAF	FL Madison	Steve Francis	Alcoa	356
WSBB	FL New Smyrna Beach	Jeff Falconer	Clinton	1009
WNVY	FL Pensacola	Ron Schiller	Lighthouse Point, FL	519
WCNH	FL Quincy	Jerry Starr	Youngstown	760
WJNO	FL West Palm Beach	UK DXpedition	Sheigra, Scotland	4121
		Marc DeLorenzo	Hyannis, MA	*1172
WCKJ	GA Augusta	Dave Braun	Falls Church, VA	462
WBLJ	GA Dalton	Dave Whatmough	Hamilton, ON	648
WXLJ	GA Dublin	Jeff Falconer	Clinton	771
WFOM	GA Marietta	J.W. Bay, Jr.	Drexel Hill	657
WSOK	GA Savannah	Jeff Falconer	Clinton	799
WAYX	GA Waycross	Harry Hayes	Thornhurst, PA	784
KBAR	ID Burley	Nancy Johnson	Aberdeen	578

KORT	ID	Grangeville	Esa Hänninen	Lemmenjoki	4277
			Shawn Axelrod	Swan River, MB	*796
KRXK	ID	Rexburg	Esa Hänninen	Lemmenjoki	4360
			Shawn Axelrod	Swan River	*749
WJBC	IL	Bloomington	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	750
WMRZ	IL	Moline	Esa Hänninen	Lemmenjoki	4165
			Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	*650
WHCO	IL	Sparta	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	879
WJOB	IN	Hammond	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg	773
WSAL	IN	Logansport	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg	855
WTCJ	IN	Tell City	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township, PA	583
WBOW	IN	Terre Haute	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	879
KFJB	LA	Marshalltown	Ron Schiller	Monmouth Beach, NJ	994
WHIR	KY	Danville	Ron Bailey	Shelby, NC	245
WHOP	KY	Hopkinsville	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township, PA	652
WANO	KY	Pineville	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township	479
KLIC	LA	Monroe	Frank Merrill	Milan	803
WBOK	LA	New Orleans	James Dale	Rosemount, MN	1034
KSLO	LA	Opelousas	Steve Ponder	Bossier City, LA	168
WQDY	ME	Calais	Morris Sorensen	Milton, ON	600
WBME	ME	Belfast	Don Voorhies	Oswego, NY	380
			Ron Schiller	Monmouth Beach	(Tie) 380
WSJR	ME	Madawaska	Andy Rugg	Montreal, QU	283
WTH	MD	Baltimore	Steve Francis	Alcoa	464
WALI	MD	Cumberland	Jeff Falconer	Clinton	310
WMNB	MA	North Adams	Jim Renfrew	Rochester, NY	227
WESX	MA	Salem	NF DXpedition #5	Cappahayden, NF	928
WNEB	MA	Worcester	Wayne Heinen	Orchard Park, NY	355
WCUZ	MI	Grand Rapids	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg	716
			Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	(Tie) 716
WGRY	MI	Grayling	Don Voorhies	Oswego	415
WIKB	MI	Iron River	Shawn Axelrod	Arnes, MB	496
WMPC	MI	Lapeer	Bill Dvorak	Madison, WI	310
WSOO	MI	Sault Ste. Marie	Morris Sorensen	Leaf Rapids, MB	992
WSTR	MI	Sturgis	Joe Fela	Newark, NJ	588
WCLK	MN	Cloquet	Bruce Reynolds	Warrensburg	556
KGHS	MN	International Falls	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha	526
KYSM	MN	Mankato	Morris Sorensen	Leaf Rapids	740
KMRS	MN	Morris	John Wilkins	Wheat Ridge, CO	618
KTRF	MN	Thief River Falls	Morris Sorensen	Leaf Rapids	980
KWNO	MN	Winona	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township	804
WCMA	MS	Corinth	Joe Kureth	Uniontown, MD	706
WHSY	MS	Hattiesburg	Charles Reh	Leamington, ON	826
WSSO	MS	Starkville	Charles Reh	Leamington	683
KODE	MO	Joplin	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	880
KLWT	MO	Lebanon	Carl Dabelstein	Lincoln, NE	309
			Bob McCoy	Lincoln	(Tie) 309
KWIX	MO	Moberly	Esa Hänninen	Lemmenjoki	4336
			Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	*747
KOBB	MT	Bozeman	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	703
KHDN	MT	Hardin	Frank Merrill	Milan	1213
KXLO	MT	Lewistown	John Johnson	Sheridan	197
KLCB	MT	Libby	Nancy Johnson	Aberdeen	396
KTNC	NE	Falls City	Robert Kramer	Chicago, IL	423
KHAS	NE	Hastings	Frank Merrill	Milan	771
KELY	NV	Ely	Tim Hall	Chula Vista	475
KFUN	NV	Las Vegas	Shawn Axelrod	Valhalla Beach, MB	1370
KLBN	NV	Reno	Nancy Johnson	Aberdeen	556
WMOU	NH	Berlin	Ron Musco	Windsor, CT	209
WTSV	NH	Claremont	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township	278
WCMC	NJ	Wildwood	Mark Hattam	Sheigra, Scotland	3270
			Jeff Falconer	Clinton	*473
KALG	NM	Alamogordo	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha	791
KYVA	NM	Calhan	Tim Hall	Chula Vista	509

KFUN	NM	Las Vegas	MB DXpedition &	Valhalla, MB	1120
KRSY	NM	Roswell	Frank Merrill	Macomb, IL	912
WECK	NY	Cheektowaga	Don Lynch	Boston, MA	391
WENY	NY	Elmira	Bill Dvorak	Madison	644
WBZA	NY	Glens Falls	Morris Sorensen	Milton, ON	316
WIGS	NY	Gouverneur	J.W. Bay, Jr.	Drexel Hill	303
WHUC	NY	Hudson	Marc DeLorenzo	Hyannis	184
WLFH	NY	Little Falls	Charles Reh	Leamington	398
WFRS	NY	White Plains	Jeff Falconer	Clinton	433
WSKY	NC	Asheville	Steve Francis	Alcoa	84
WFAI	NC	Fayetteville	Jeff Falconer	Clinton	608
WMFR	NC	High Point	J. W. Bay, Jr.	Drexel Hill	377
WISP	NC	Kinston	J. W. Bay, Jr.	Drexel Hill	348
WNNC	NC	Newton	John Jeter	Stone Mountain, GA	210
WCBT	NC	Roanoke Rapids	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	1337
KDIX	ND	Dickinson	Olle Alm	Abisko, Sweden	3935
			Charles Reh	Leamington	*1048
WUBE	OH	Cincinnati	Russ Edmunds	Glen Rock, NJ	564
WCOL	OH	Columbus	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	964
WIRO	OH	Ironton	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	1050
WTOL	OH	Toledo	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha	651
KADA	OK	Ada	Charles Reh	Leamington	911
WBBZ	OK	Ponca City	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	897
KDOV	OR	Ashland	Pete Taylor	San Francisco, CA	308
KVAS	OR	Astoria	Olle Alm	Abisko	4297
			Shawn Axelrod	Vancouver, BC	*216
			Tim Hall	Vancouver, BC	(Tie) *216
KZZR	OR	Burns	Olle Alm	Abisko	4410
			Bruce Reynolds	San Jose	*455
KOOS	OR	Coos Bay	Bruce Reynolds	San Jose	434
KRDR	OR	Gresham	Esa Hänninen	Lemmenjoki	4376
KMUZ			Tim Hall	Manning Park Resort, BC*	296
KQIK	OR	Lakeview	Esa Hänninen	Lemmenjoki	4576
			Wayne Heinen	Colorado Springs, CO	*850
KSJK	OR	Talent	Pete Taylor	Tacoma, WA	352
KMUZ	OR	Toledo	Bruce Reynolds	San Jose	517
WBVP	PA	Beaver Falls	Bruce Reynolds	Warrensburg	727
WEEX	PA	Easton	Denis Picard	Trois-Rivieres-Ouest, QU	411
WKBO	PA	Harrisburg	Frank Merrill	Milan	379
WCRO	PA	Johnstown	Andy Rugg	Montreal	447
WBPZ	PA	Lock Haven	Russ Edmunds	Little Silver, NJ	188
WTIV	PA	Titusville	Steve Francis	Alcoa	465
WERI	RI	Westerly	Denis Picard	Trois-Rivieres-Ouest	346
WAIM	SC	Anderson	Jeff Falconer	Clinton	631
WXAP	SC	Columbia	Charles Reh	Leamington	561
WOLS	SC	Florence	Charles Reh	Leamington	560
KISD	SD	Sioux Falls	John Johnson	Sheridan	510
WKCE	TN	Harriman	Steve Francis	Alcoa	52
WMLR	TN	Hohenwald	Robert Kramer	Chicago	451
WAKI	TN	McMinnville	Russ Edmunds	Glen Rock	682
KSIX	TX	Corpus Christi	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha	932
KLKE	TX	Del Rio	Jim Boehm	San Antonio, TX	148
KNUZ	TX	Houston	Frank Merrill	Milan	1072
KERV	TX	Kerrville	Bob McCoy	Lincoln	757
KLVT	TX	Levelland	Jim Boehm	San Antonio	367
KEEE	TX	Nacogdoches	Frank Merrill	Milan	945
KOZA	TX	Odessa	Karl Jeter	Stone Mountain	1066
KGRO	TX	Pampa	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha	471
KSEY	TX	Seymour	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	1117
KSST	TX	Sulphur Springs	Bruce Reynolds	Warrensburg	404
KMOR	UT	Murray	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	948
KOAL	UT	Price	Phil Bytheway	Seattle	801
WJOY	VT	Burlington	Jean Burnell	St. John's, NF	1004
WBBI	VA	Abingdon	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township	407

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WODI	VA	Brookneal	Jerry Starr	Youngstown	295
WXCF	VA	Clifton Forge	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell, PA	292
WFVA	VA	Fredericksburg	Andy Rugg	Montreal	537
WNOR	VA	Norfolk	Andy Rugg	Montreal	615
WAMM	VA	Woodstock	Steve Francis	Alcoa	367
KOZI	WA	Chelan	Tim Hall	Radium Hot Springs, BC	261
KWYZ	WA	Everett	Esa Hänninen	Lemmenjoki	4268
			Shawn Axelrod	Swan River	*968
KRSS	WA	Spokane	Olle Alm	Abisko, Sweden	4114
			John Johnson	Billings	*443
KREW	WA	Sunnyside	Phil Bytheway	Seattle	139
WLOG	WV	Logan	Don Voorhies	Oswego	390
WKYG	WV	Parkersburg	Russ Edmunds	Little Silver	406
WHBY	WI	Appleton	Joe Fela	Newark	765
WCLO	WI	Janesville	Ron Schiller	Monmouth Beach	796
WXCO	WI	Wausau	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	480
KVOC	WY	Casper	Olle Alm	Abisko	4258
			Frank Merrill	Nanena	*2228
WNIK	PR	Arecibo	Ron Schiller	Monmouth Beach	1574
CBPG	AB	Banff	Tim Hall	Banff, AB	4
CJOK	AB	Ft. McMurray	Esa Hänninen	Lemmenjoki	3509
			Phil Bytheway	Seattle	*781
CJYR	AB	Hinton	Tim Hall	Jasper, AB	42
CJLW	AB	Wainwright	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	630
CKQR	BC	Castlegar	Phil Bytheway	Seattle	251
CJNL	BC	Merritt	Tim Hall	Glacier National Park, MT	355
CFBV	BC	Smithers	Pete Taylor	San Francisco, CA	1200
CHFC	MB	Churchill	Olle Alm	Karesuando, Sweden	3093
			Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	*691
CFLN	NF	Goose Bay	Esa Hänninen	Lemmenjoki	2799
CFGN	NF	Port-aux-Basques	Steve Whitt	Sheigra	2295
			Jean Burnell	St. John's	*299
VOAR	NF	St. John's	Jean Burnell	St. John's	4
CFFB	NT	Iqaluit	Esa Hänninen	Ristiina, Finland	2766
CKMP	ON	Midland	Robert Kramer	Chicago	445
CJTT	ON	New Liskeard	MB DXpedition &	Arnes, MB	812
CJLB	ON	Thunder Bay	Morris Sorensen	Leaf Rapids	1105
CJLP	QU	Disraeli	Don Trelford	Scarborough, ON	414
CHVD	QU	Dolbeau	Esa Hänninen	Lemmenjoki	3334
			Jeff Falconer	Clinton	*573
CJSA	QU	Ste-Agathe-des-Monts	Andy Rugg	Montreal	50
CKLD	QU	Thetford Mines	Charles Reh	Leamington	624
XESCT	BCN	Ensenada	Tim Hall	Chula Vista	52
XELZ	NL	Monterrey	Jim Boehm	San Antonio	289
ZBM1	BER	Hamilton	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha	1831
LT2	ARG	Rosario	Pete Taylor	Poipu, HI	7522
ZY1670	BRZ	Joao Pessoa, PB	NF DXpedition #4 Team	Cappahayden	3897
ZYJ816	BRZ	Sao Jose, SC	NF DXpedition #4 Team	Cappahayden	5160
HJLK	CLM	Cali	LEM96	Lemmonjoki, Finland	6328
			NF DXpedition #2 Team	Cappahayden	*3325
CMAD	CU	Artemisa	Frank Merrill	Milan	1330
CMGM	CU	Jaguey Grande	Ron Schiller	Lighthouse Point	267
BEV58	CHN	Taichung	Pete Taylor	Hangzhou, China	426

MB DXpedition [Shawn Axelrod, Wayne McRae]

NF DXpedition #2 Team [Jean Burnell, Mark Connelly, Bruce Conti and Neil Kazaross]

NF DXpedition #4 Team [Jean Burnell, David Clark, Mark Connelly, Bruce Conti, Neil Kazaross, Jim Renfrew]

NF DXpedition #5 -1996 [Jean Burnell, Ben Dangerfield, Bruce Conti, Neil Kazaross, Dave Clark, John Fisher, Jim Renfrew]

UK DXpedition [Steve Whitt, Mark Hattam, Clive Rooms]

LEM96 [Mika Makelainen and Jorma Mantyla]

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CCRADIO: Best AM DX Portable?

By Gerry Thomas

A couple of years ago I had heard that Bob Crane of the C. Crane Co. was working on a new portable radio and that among the design criteria was a requirement for a DXable AM section. I had even spoken to Mr. Crane during the early design stages of the radio about, among other things, aspects of the CCRadio and came away thinking that he really wanted to do this project right...I was guardedly optimistic that he would pull it off. Still, between the drawing board and the store shelf a lot could go wrong, including the possible cost-cutting compromises that seem to inevitably accompany bringing a product to market. Nonetheless, Mr. Crane seemed adamant enough about the required performance of the radio that I had high hopes for the CCRadio. Well, I finally got my hands on one (courtesy of Roger Giannini) and have had the opportunity to check out this Sangean-made portable so I thought I'd share my impressions and the results of some side-by-side tests with known and reputed DX hounds.

General Features

The CCRadio is a medium-sized (11"W x 6.5"H x 4"D) multi-band portable made by Sangean and finished in the requisite gray color and weighing in at 3.8 lbs. (without batteries). Besides the four D-cells required for DC operation, the CCRadio also can be powered by the built-in AC transformer (cord supplied). The radio covers four bands: the standard AM (it tunes 520-1710 kHz) and FM bands, the channels 2-13 TV band (audio only, of course), and seven NOAA weather channels (a weather alert feature is included).

(These are the four bands I monitor when a hurricane hits Pensacola so I consider the CCRadio to be an ideal emergency/survivalist radio...add a scanner and you've got it all.)

The radio is PLL frequency synthesized and is digitally tuned by slewing buttons (10 kHz on AM) or a rotary knob (1 kHz tuning and read-out on AM) and has large (9/16") LCD dial frequency numerals. Tuning can also be accomplished by up/down scanning as well as by the five memory buttons located atop the cabinet. A digital clock replaces the dial frequency when the radio is off and adds alarm and snooze functions if desired. The cool green display light is push-button controlled when operating on batteries and is on continuously when using AC. A lock button on the side can prevent a channel change while listening or an inadvertent power-on condition during transport. Rounding out the features are a headphone jack, battery status indicator, and screw-type external antenna terminals. There is no carrying handle as such but rather a large indentation in the top rear of the cabinet to facilitate carrying. The operating manual is brief but clearly written and even has a small section on AM DXing with mention of the National Radio Club. The price of the CCRadio is \$159.95.

Operating Impressions

Operating the CCRadio is really pretty straightforward. The rotary tuning knob has 1 kHz detents and is comfortably located, the various buttons are sufficiently large and have a positive feel, and the digital display can be viewed from wide angles. There is a tuning indicator of sorts in that a boxed "TUN" appears on the display face if a station is sufficiently strong (I would have preferred a finer resolution signal strength indicator but, oh well). About the only thing I would add for desktop DX sessions would be a Tupperware turntable for easy nulling/peaking and a block of wood or such to tilt the radio back a bit.

All in all, from an operating standpoint, the CCRadio seems to be well thought-out with no operating quirks.

Looking Inside

An affliction I've had my whole life is an irrepressible need to open ("tear-up," my wife would say) any new electrical/electronic devices that find their way into the house. So it was that within 15 minutes of receiving the CCRadio, the back was off and I was examining its innards...and I was impressed. This obviously is a carefully designed and well-made radio. Two large circuit boards comprise the lay-out with the RF, IF, and AF sections on one large board and the logic/clock/display functions on the other. Functional sections are well separated on the boards and very extensive shielding is employed throughout. Whereas the Superadio series employs multiple (four) stages of IF tuning to provide selectivity, the CCRadio uses ceramic filtration. I counted seven ceramic filters being used on the various bands with at least one being used on AM. The circuitry is a mix of integrated circuits, and standard and surface-mount components (all 1% precision, from what I could tell). Not having a schematic and being reluctant to remove all of the shielding to follow the circuit traces, my circuit

analysis pretty much ended at this point. The ferrite rod, however, is worth mentioning. It's a 7-7/8" x 7/16" rod that is really a beauty (I'd like to get my hands on a pile of these, hi). It's the same length as the rods used in the Superadios but its girth is a little (by 1/16") thicker. The windings are of litz wire and a two-turn pick-up winding provides for external antenna coupling. Notably, the ferrite rod is designed as far as possible from the AC transformer (which can suck RF from the rod, a common design flaw in Radio Shack portables).

I guess the bottom line of this visual inspection is that the CCRadio is a well-designed and very well built portable, but the absolutely ultimate question is, "How well does it perform?"

Performance Tests

To test and compare the performance of the CCRadio, I lined it up against the only other viable, currently available radio that touts itself as a "long distance AM reception" device...the General Electric Superadio III (SRIII). I considered including the Radio Shack Optimus superadio clone (#12-603), but it had fared miserably in earlier comparisons. Still, on the off-hand chance that Radio Shack had made some recent design changes, I got one from a local store and tested it briefly to verify that it was as awful as before...it was, so it was not included in the testing. Although long discontinued, I also included in the testing my personal, under-\$100, favorite for portable domestic AM DX—a fresh-out-of-the-box Superadio II (SRII). Regarding the SRIII, I used two different samples in the tests. I knew that my personal SRIII (SRIII-Gerry) was not very good so I borrowed Charlie Barfield's SRIII (SRIII-Charlie), a radio that Charlie has spent an untold number of hours tuning up for optimal performance (no circuit changes were made to either SRIII, just tweaking of transformers and trimmer capacitors).

All of the testing was conducted between local noon and 2:00 p.m. on a mid-November, atmospherically quiet day in Pensacola, FL. All radios were AC powered and were rotated and tuned for optimal reception of the target stations. Note that all of the target stations that I chose for this test are, for the most part, moderately to very difficult daytime catches. Just about any radio can pull in AM DX at night but if a radio shines during the day, you know it will do well at night. The stations reported here are representative of the several tested in each of the low-, mid- and high-band portions of the AM band to test the two principal performance measures were of interest: sensitivity and selectivity.

Sensitivity Tests

Target stations

- 530 kHz *R. Vision Christiana*, Turks & Caicos Islands. Although this is a 100 kW station and easily heard at night, it is located 1200 miles from Pensacola and is heard by only the most sensitive radios during midday.
- 570 kHz *R. Reloj*, Pilon, Cuba. I included this low-ender in case the 530 kHz target was inaudible on any of the radios. It's reported to be 10 kW at about 1000 miles (sea path) and is always audible here.
- 940 kHz *WYLD*, New Orleans, LA. Just about 180 miles due W of here, it's listed as 10 kW but directional away from Pensacola.
- 1680 kHz *WTIR*, Winter Park, FL. This one is pretty tough during the day at a distance of 350 miles and of unknown power.

Rating scale

The subjective scale I used for sensitivity was:

- 5 Local-like (all background noise "quieted")
- 4 Easily readable but not local-like
- 3 Readable with effort
- 2 Intermittently readable
- 1 Present but not readable
- 0 Nil/Undetectable signal

Results

	CCRadio	SRIII-C	SRIII-G	SRII
530 kHz	2	0*	0	1
570 kHz	3.5	2.5	2	3
940 kHz	4	1	3.5	4.5
1680 kHz	1.5	0	0	n/a

* Thought this was the target on Charlie's SRIII but upon closer listening, the signal turned out to be an

image of a station on an unknown frequency carrying the *Jim Rome Show*.

The CCRadio and the discontinued SRII performed on the same level but the nod has to go to the CCRadio with its stronger low- and mid-band performance. This was somewhat startling considering that I felt that the SRII was one of the two best under-\$100 portables ever made (the other was the Realistic "TRF" (#12-655)). Of course, the SRII only nominally tunes to 1600 kHz but I was able to compare the CCRadio and SRII on WPHG-1620 and both provided equal signals rated at 4.5.

The two SRIIs showed different trends. Charlie had apparently peaked his for low-band performance; mine was stronger at the higher frequencies but neither was in the same class as the CCRadio and SRII. Both exhibited the usual birdies and images.

Selectivity Tests

From a DXer's standpoint, selectivity is just as important as sensitivity in hearing weak stations in the crowded AM band. For this test, I selected as targets distant stations located on frequencies near strong locals. Again, these are tough catches that require good selectivity in a radio.

Target stations

- 600 kHz *WVOG*, New Orleans. This is a low-powered station next to my local evangelical slopper *WVTJ*-610. They are in-line so nulling is not possible.
- 1010 kHz *WQYK*, Tampa, Florida. This is a 50 kWer 300 miles to the SE but its daytime pattern of E-W lobes puts precious little signal northward. Local super slopper *WRNE*-980 (10 kW) easily masks *WQYK* on lesser radios.
- 1460 kHz *WZEP*, DeFuniak Springs, FL. This 1 kWer is just about 80 miles to the E but its presence next to local *WBSR*-1450 makes it tough to hear clearly.

Rating scale

The subjective scale I used for selectivity was:

- 5 Clear
- 4 Minor sideband splash
- 3 Splash interfering with readability
- 2 Intermittent readability/some intelligible splash
- 1 Mostly intelligible splash, target never readable
- 0 Target not detectable under splash

Results

	CCRadio	SRIII-C*	SRIII-G*	SRII
600 kHz	4	4	1	3
1010 kHz	4	0	0	4.5
1460 kHz	4	0	0	4

* The two SRIIs were in the narrower selectivity position (i.e., "Normal")

With all three targets, the CCRadio and SRII were virtual equals. The SRIIs really couldn't compete except for Charlie's on the low end.

No specs are provided in the documentation for the CCRadio, but the IF filtration acts and sounds like it's about 5 kHz @ -6dB and 9-10 kHz @ -60 dB (great for domestic DX; serious split DX needs a narrower filter); ultimate selectivity is very good.

Other comparisons

Audio quality

The SRII and SRIII are clearly superior to the CCRadio on this variable. Their 6-1/2" woofers and 2" tweeters clearly sound better on loud and clear stations than the CCRadio with its 4" speaker. The CCRadio certainly sounds good on both AM and FM but can't match the full, wide-frequency sound of the SR series, especially when they are in their "AM Accent" mode.

Battery life

This one really floored me when I read in the CCRadio's manual that it draws 450 mA of current! That's about as much as a small portable TV! I couldn't believe it so I measured its current drain myself. At normal listening levels, the CCRadio draws 40-50 mA, not 450 mA. Apparently the proof-reader of the manual missed the typo. By comparison, the SR series draws about 20 mA. Since both radios use D-cells, the CCRadio should run about half as long as the SRII and III (which, according to their literature, is 460 hours on a set of batteries).

FM, TV, and WX band performance

I didn't really check/compare these bands. I did note that all of the local and semi-local FM stations came in fine on the CCRadio and that I was able to pick up not only my local NOAA station but also the one in Jackson, MS.

After finishing the preceding tests, I couldn't help but wonder how the CCRadio would do against radios in a higher price class. So I decided to repeat the tests using some of my favorite AM DX portables, regardless of price. The challengers included:

Sony ICF-2010 — This is my personal radio with selectivity mods (the original narrow filter is in the "Wide" position and a very narrow (2.1 kHz) filter fills the "Narrow" position). Sensitivity is unmodified. Price new is \$350-\$400.

Sony ICF-7600G — This little radio does a good job for a little tag-along, pocket-book size portable. Price new is \$150-\$200.

Panasonic RF-2200 — This long discontinued analog portable remains a marvel of engineering and one of the all-time best MW DX portables (but only covers 530 kHz- 1600 kHz). Average used price: \$150- \$200.

The only change from the first series of tests was that all of these radios were tested using batteries instead of AC. The tests were conducted on a different day but during the same time frame (i.e., noon to 2:00 p.m.).

Sensitivity tests

CCRadio ICF-2010 ICF-7600G RF-2200

530 kHz	1.0	1.5	.5	1.0
570 kHz	2.5	3.0	2.0	3.0
940 kHz	4.0	4.0	3.5	4.0
1680 kHz	1.5	.5	0	n/a

Selectivity tests

600 kHz	4.5	4.5 [5.0]	3.0 [4.5]	4.0 (4.5)
1010 kHz	4.5	4.5 [5.0]	3.0 [NL]	4.0 (4.5)
1460 kHz	3.0	3.0 [4.5]	3.0 [3.0]	2.5 (4.0)

() Narrow selectivity position

[] Synchronous AM detection locked on (no performance change on 7600G).

NL= Synchro couldn't lock

Given its performance compared to the SRII in the early tests, I wasn't too surprised that the CCRadio belongs in this elite class of AM DX portables. On average, it was just as sensitive as the 2010 and RF-2200 and consistently more sensitive than the 7600G. On the selectivity measure, it out-classed the 7600G and was essentially the same as the RF-2200 in its narrow mode. It even matched the 2010 when the Sony was in its "Wide" mode (really the stock narrow mode in this modified 2010) unless the target signal was strong enough to lock the synchronous AM detection circuitry in which case the 2010 gave better readability. In fact, with all three competitors, invoking the synchro AM or using ECSS (via the BFO) resulted in improved readability in some situations.

Conclusions

The owner's manual of the CCRadio states, "The CCRadio incorporates the highest quality parts and superior engineering to produce the most sensitive AM receiver available." On the whole, I'd have to agree (but I'd qualify it by adding "portable" AM receiver "under \$350"). Unless you pay \$200 more for a 2010 and the signal you are seeking is strong enough to activate the synchronous AM detection circuitry and you install very narrow IF filters, you won't do better than the CCRadio for AM DX.

Congrats to Bob Crane and Sangean for a very worthwhile DX machine.

Note: Sample-to-sample variation could alter tests of individual radios. For example, some DXers have SRIIs that are reportedly excellent performers. It's just that of the eight SRIIs that I've auditioned over the years, none has been excellent and the two SRIIs tested here are representative of those I've experienced. Under less challenging conditions, there may be little or no noticeable differences between any of the radios tested but under tough signal conditions, I would be very surprised if any SRII equalled, much less exceeded, the performance of the CCRadio.

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Name and location	Yr	Last Upd.	TDT	ST	PT	DCT	TDV	SV	PV	DQV	TDH	SH	PH	DCH
Kramer, Robert-Chicago, IL	70	11/96	2733	49	10	✓	2010	49	10	✓	3803	50	10	✓
Geary, Kermit-e PA	26	2/92	2487	48	9	✓	5161	50	10	✓	5575	50	10	✓
Malicky, John-Pittsburgh, PA	70	11/87	1184	40	6	✓	902	38	7	✓	1461	40	7	✓
Forth, Karl-vic Chicago, IL	70	11/78	1077	48	10	✓	1088	48	10	✓	1771	48	10	✓
Starr, Jerry-Youngstown, OH	54	1/86	1055	50	10	✓	1610	50	10	✓	2159	50	10	✓
Edmunds, R. J.-n NJ/e PA	62	9/99	806	41	8	✓	263	42	6	✓	2001	47	9	✓
Swearingen, Paul-e KS	75	11/99	684	44	7	✓	2	2	0	✓	684	44	7	✓
Pimper, Dennis-NE, UT	68	12/84	651	40	5	✓	425	45	6	✓	2447	47	7	✓
Hayes, Harry J.-ne PA	70	7/98	641	39	9	✓	185	30	3	✓	1354	41	9	✓
Wolfish, Niel-Toronto, ONT	78	2/93	402	39	6	✓	493	43	10	✓	1285	43	10	✓
Foxworth, Robert-Long Island, NY	57	11/78	400	44	9	✓	270	48	7	✓	1000	49	10	✓
Fela, Joseph-cent. NJ	61	10/78	400	40	7	✓	1045	48	9	✓	1861	49	10	✓
Schmidt, Dave-se PA/n DE	65	11/79	400	40	4	✓	1006	48	8	✓	1250	48	8	✓
Taylor, Pete-Tacoma, WA	81	7/99	372	26	4	✓	45	14	2	✓	423	29	4	✓
Wheeler, Frank-nw PA	30	3/97	232	34	3	✓	1708	50	9	✓	2510	50	9	✓
Mount, Paul-ne NJ	73	2/86	199	26	5	✓	224	33	6	✓	489	36	7	✓
Karchewski, Bob-San Francisco, CA	69	10/78	197	35	5	✓	198	36	5	✓	249	36	5	✓
Rugg, Andy-Montreal	60	9/99	168	68	7	✓	1395	47	10	✓	1426	47	10	✓
Rugg, Andy-Montreal, sc ONT	60	9/99	168	28	7	✓	1552	47	10	✓	1587	47	10	✓
Truax, Dick- vic. Louisville, KY	72	12/78	120	35	5	✓	20	17	3	✓	935	46	6	✓
Wolfish, Niel-Winnipeg, MAN	85	2/93	113	10	4	✓	25	10	4	✓	813	37	9	✓
Musco, Ron-nr Hartford, CT	62	3/98	108	28	3	✓	1232	47	9	✓	1367	47	9	✓
Smolarek, Bob n NJ	82	4/89	78	16	5	✓	7	7	0	✓	817	36	5	✓
Taylor, Pete-San Francisco	58	7/99	70	6	1	✓	329	32	7	✓	449	32	7	✓
Renfrew, Jim-Rochester, NY	76	3/98	68	27	5	✓	161	42	8	✓	1678	44	8	✓
Mount, Paul-se OH	78	2/86	60	25	1	✓	3	3	0	✓	390	36	3	✓
Bond, Jerry-Rochester, NY	62	10/78	50	10	2	✓	0	0	0	✓	785	43	8	✓
Sanburn, Mike-Bellflower, CA	72	11/92	33	10	1	✓	212	23	5	✓	600	32	5	✓
Yocis, Dave-Bridgeport, CT	92	4/97	22	6	0	✓	5	5	0	✓	726	37	8	✓
Renfrew, Jim-Severna Park, MD	71	4/89	15	8	1	✓	0	0	0	✓	553	36	5	✓
Ponder, Stephen-Shreveport, LA	75	8/89	10	4	4	✓	721	39	5	✓	769	39	5	✓
Cooper, Ernest-Cape Cod, MA	32	10/78	0	0	0	✓	3601	48	10	✓	3601	48	10	✓
Steele, Sid-e IL	31	7/98	0	0	0	✓	2994	49	10	✓	3400	49	10	✓
Krejny, Ed-nr Cleveland, OH	50	11/96	0	0	0	✓	2729	49	10	✓	3265	49	10	✓
Bezilla, Steve-cent. PA	24	10/78	0	0	0	✓	50	45	4	✓	3000	48	8	✓
Falconer, Jeff-Clinton, ON	69	9/99	0	0	0	✓	1045	49	10	✓	2673	49	10	✓
Francis, Steve-nr Knoxville, TN	70	1/98	0	0	0	✓	34	34	0	✓	2606	48	7	✓
Schiller, Ron-central NJ	52	11/98	0	0	0	✓	2103	48	10	✓	2534	48	10	✓
Wilkins, John-Denver/Des Moines	62	11/98	0	0	0	✓	1852	45	7	✓	2200	45	7	✓
Kureth, Joe-Uniontown, MD	61	9/99	0	0	0	✓	342	41	7	✓	2162	46	10	✓
Wesolowski, Ernie-Omaha, NE	58	2/99	0	0	0	✓	1970	49	9	✓	2115	49	9	✓
Chatterton, Ken-n NY	45	11/78	0	0	0	✓	1101	50	10	✓	1845	50	10	✓
Voorhies, Don-New York/Oswego, NY	32	2/98	0	0	0	✓	611	47	10	✓	1838	48	10	✓
Whatmough, Dave-Hamilton, ONT	12/85	0	0	0	0	✓	967	49	10	✓	1724	49	10	✓
Axelrod, Shawn M.-s MAN	85	11/96	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	✓	1673	50	10	✓
Jeter, Karl-Atlanta, GA	69	3/84	0	0	0	✓	1193	44	6	✓	1574	44	6	✓
Heinen, Wayne-NY/CO	64	12/96	0	0	0	✓	1434	49	9	✓	1434	49	9	✓
Kennedy, Steve	58	8/99	0	0	0	✓	178	40	6	✓	1369	45	10	✓
Bailey, Ron-Shelby, NC	92	11/99	0	0	0	✓	3	3	0	✓	1301	37	4	✓
Arruda, Ray-nr Boston, MA	63	6/99	0	0	0	✓	1150	47	9	✓	1292	47	9	✓
DeLorenzo, Marc-e MA	62	4/98	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	✓	1172	45	9	✓
Zank, Neil G.-Lincoln, NE	61	10/78	0	0	0	✓	535	45	9	✓	1100	46	9	✓
Anderson, Roger-Washington, DC	38	10/78	0	0	0	✓	1017	48	9	✓	1017	48	9	✓
Harrison, Bob-ne NJ	82	6/98	0	0	0	✓	772	36	7	✓	996	36	7	✓
Onyschuk, Ken-Homewood, IL	66	11/92	0	0	0	✓	16	13	0	✓	972	43	6	✓
White, Thomas-nr Washington, DC	68	1/92	0	0	0	✓	243	38	7	✓	970	39	7	✓
Sampson, John-Omaha, NE	54	12/78	0	0	0	✓	912	45	6	✓	912	45	6	✓
Hardison, Greg-Atlanta, GA	64	11/78	0	0	0	✓	42	19	5	✓	900	36	6	✓
Kureth, Joe-Southern Pines, NC	63	6/71	0	0	0	✓	92	26	2	✓	878	38	7	✓
Rigas, Christos-vic Chicago, IL	81	3/98	0	0	0	✓	382	44	6	✓	862	46	7	✓
Hopkins, Jim-s NJ	72	10/78	0	0	0	✓	455	43	7	✓	850	44	7	✓
Holland, George Jr., vic. Albany, NY	31	11/85	0	0	0	✓	828	49	9	✓	828	49	9	✓
Wallace, Jim-Columbus, OH	69	10/78	0	0	0	✓	137	36	3	✓	795	41	7	✓
Hardy, Nancy-coastal WA	69	12/84	0	0	0	✓	3	2	0	✓	778	40	5	✓

Greene, George-Akron, OH	60	11/84	0	0	0	119	29	3	743	45	7	✓	
Renfrew, Jim-New Canaan, CT	67	4/89	0	0	0	247	35	7	✓	721	39	8	✓
Winkelman, Bruce-Greensboro, NC			0	0	0	0	0	0	686	40	4	✓	
Tynan, Jeff-Parker, CO	87	4/89	0	0	0	128	27	5	674	36	5		
Reed, John-Ponca City, OK	95	12/96	0	0	0	0	0	0	604	38	5		
Edmunds, R. J.-Syracuse, NY	64	9/99	0	0	0	75	31	5	✓	533	45	9	✓
Boersma, Philip-w MI	73	10/78	0	0	0	50	24	3	520	41	6		
Sampson, John-Winston-Salem, NC	68	10/78	0	0	0	450	30	1	450	30	1	✓	
Tudenham, John-Joplin, MO	90	10/97	0	0	0	0	0	0	444	36	5		
Taylor, Pete-Durham, NC	52	7/99	0	0	0	208	36	6	✓	366	39	6	✓
Alves, Paul H.-nr Boston, MA	48	2/99	0	0	0	145	25	5	✓	352	32	6	✓
Sampson, John-Hutchinson, MN	60	10/78	0	0	0	336	42	6	336	42	6		
Renfrew, Jim-Raleigh, NC	78	4/89	0	0	0	0	0	0	329	7	2	✓	
Turner, Richard-se MA	94	12/97	0	0	0	0	0	0	328	29	6	✓	
Houdek, Gary-n KS	75	1/81	0	0	0	31	21	1	294	34	3		
Winkelman, Bruce-Tulsa, OK	79	1/92	0	0	0	0	0	0	284	30	2		
Sampson, John-Cupertino, CA	66	10/78	0	0	0	258	17	3	258	17	3		
Renfrew, Jim-New York, NY	78	4/89	0	0	0	0	0	0	242	32	2	✓	
Woods, Jack-w OR	74	2/81	0	0	0	25	18	0	194	26	4		
Taylor, Pete-Miami, FL	45	7/99	0	0	0	132	28	2	✓	182	29	3	✓
Sampson, John-New York, NY	65	12/78	0	0	0	181	33	6	✓	181	33	6	✓
Edmunds, R. J.-ne ME	94	9/99	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	20	6		
Renfrew, Jim-San Diego, CA	84	4/89	0	0	0	0	0	0	164	17	3		
Greenberg, Warren-vic Boston, MA	72	11/78	0	0	0	99	26	6	✓	125	27	6	✓
DeLeurere, Harley-Hendricks, WV	55	10/78	0	0	0	59	48	10	✓	59	48	10	✓

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Thanks for updates from Ron Bailey, Russ Edmunds, Jeff Falconer, Joe Kureth, and Andy Rugg. We hope to see YOUR name and updated listings the next time around (don't MAKE me run a column listed by oldest update, hi!).

This column is arranged by Total Domestic Taped, then by heard for those who don't tape, and we'll run various priorities at different times. Domestic of course include the contiguous 48 states and Canada; Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, etc., are counted as foreigners. We'll only delete listings of those who are no longer NRC members, so should you drop out and rejoin, you'll need to resubmit your totals. And of course if we somehow hashed up your listings or even dropped you out completely, as we did Jeff Falconer somehow, you'll need to send in your new totals. How about making it a priority for next time of filling in the blanks above, at least in the year started and last update column? Some of the listings are estimates, and that's just fine, but don't forget to update accurately when you can. See you next time? -73.

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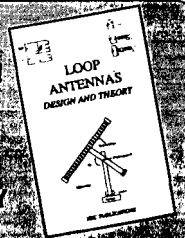
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After reading the review of the Radio Shack Indoor AM Loop Antenna by Russ Johnson and John Bowker I rushed to my local Radio Shack, and they had 3 in stock. I purchased one and couldn't wait to get it home and try it out. To sum it up in a few short words "It's a lot better than the S-A-T but not as good as my 4' loop. So far I'm real pleased with it and will be taking it and the GE SR III with me on the annual Thanksgiving pilgrimage to the in-laws in TN. Previous trips to their home have convinced me that southeastern TN is a radio void spot. This should be a good test for the new Radio Shack loop.

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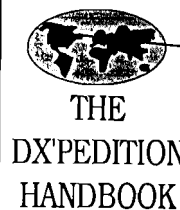
First, thanks very much to the SWEIGER family for the great NRC convention in Bridgeport, WV. Thanks go out to JOHN & LINDA BOWKER for assisting in this terrific convention and to FRED VOBBE whose set up of WNRC-AM 1610 was just beautiful! One of the highlights for me was when JOHN MALICKY and I again went in search of local radio stations. In doing so, we took a trip approx. 2 hours away from Bridgeport to the Green Bank Radio Astronomy Observatory where we saw several larger radio telescopes. We took the tour of the center, and it was pointed out that this area of WV was picked for this site because it is a very quiet area with little interference generated by man-made devices. All of the transmissions made from local transmitters are pointed away from this area. Imagine, hitching your radio to one of these! We then took a ride over to the Allegheny Mountain station WVMR-1370. An all volunteer staff runs the radio station with several translators on FM. We were given a nice tour. While on the way, we noticed WNRC was getting out about 10 MILES, way to go! Hitch your wagon to a star and GOOD DX! More coming!

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As I had mentioned, during December, we'd like to hear your stories on what you consider your best DX catch! Probably my best 'early days' one was a toss up between KORL-650 and KULE-730 when I lived near Chester, PA. After getting into the engineering field, I started to learn more about directional systems that some of these stations use, and having seen the 'authorized' pattern then heard the station blasting in, you really wonder if they worked properly from the start! One that comes to mind was WWRL-1600, heard all over the place with a strong signal but look at the pattern and you really have to wonder! One station that I worked at for many years, WAMS-1380, in their bigger and better days, was one that operated with 2 daytime patterns and a night pattern. The daytime pattern changes were due to the old WBNX/WAWZ share time agreement, WAWZ was slightly closer to Wilmington, the 'null' in that direction had to be deeper when they were on, so the station had a DA-1 (for WAWZ), a DA-2 (for WBNX) for the 5000 watts, using 5 towers, and a DA-3 for the night pattern, which included protection to KWK-1380, using 4 towers. I was CE there in the last 4 years they were on; it broke my heart to have to dismantle this station since it was basically the one where I cut my teeth of working on directional systems. Don't forget to send in YOUR reports and items of interest to the DX world! 73's

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