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CPC Test Calendar					
WLCR	KY	1470	Oct. 21	0300-0400	
KNOM	AK	780	Oct. 26	0400-0500	
WDFB	KY	1170	Nov. 2	0000-????	

Hedrick, Gray, GA; Mic Healy, Swansea, MA; Thomas Gilhooly, Staten Island, NY; Roy H. Fisk, Oakland, CA; Brian A. Berard, Fairview, PA; Vinny Del Giudice, Arlington, VA; Thomas Holmes, Charlotte, NC; and there are more to be listed. We stand at between 690-700 members.

From the Publisher ... The good news is that the *NRC AM Log* is shipping ... the bad news is that you may not get your *Log* the day after you order it, even though you avail yourself of the services of PayPal. Ken Chatterton is just one person (or he was when I saw him at Lima, hi), and he's packing and mailing just as fast as he can. I for one am grateful that he takes the time to seal the *Log* in a giant plastic baggie, as the manila envelope in which mine was encased was soaking wet when I pulled it out of my mailbox, but the *Log* was as dry as toast.

I've heard a fair number of stations I shouldn't have recently, and not a one of them on a Friday night with high school football, so there are a lot of cheaters or at least forgetful operators out there, allowing their stations to blast away so you can pick 'em off. Go get 'em!

Welcome to these new NRC members ... Richard Dolan, Hudson, NY; Chuck Hutton, Seattle, WA (rejoins); Les Locklear, Gulfport, MS; James Gerik, Reedley, CA; Nick Poepelman, Versailles, OH; Frasher Bonnett, State College, PA; Douglas Knoll, Waseka, MN; Stacy Richardson, tulsa, OK; Frank Doosey, Sayreville, NJ; Frank Styron, Cary, NC; Willard Hoffman, Glenview, IL; Richard Goldfinger, Oak Ridge, TN; David Lang, Waterford, CT; Richard A. Porter, Wood Dale, IL; Kenneth Goldman, Santa Clara, CA; Joe Severino, Jr., Berlin, CT; Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN; Dave

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the October 4, 1952 DXN: Steve Mann, Westbury, NY, reported that TA reception was off to a "swell start", having logged VOA-Munich (1196) at 2130, NDR-Germany (1586) at 2300 s/on, Radio Nacional de España (737) at 1850, and CSB2, Parede, Portugal (1034) at 1800 until 1900 s/off ... from the October 11 DXN: Gene Allen, Vallejo, CA, reported the receipt of his 1500th verification, stating that the tips in *DX News* had been responsible for hundreds of them.

25 years ago ... from the October 10, 1977 DXN: Dan K. Phillips wrote a review of the Sony ICF-5900W, calling it an exciting radio for the traveler ... Ernie Cooper typed up 23 Musings in this issue.

10 years ago ... from the September 28, 1992 DXN: "Radio Recovery" was broadcasting in Southern Florida on 1610 kHz to aid residents affected by Hurricane Andrew, and on 1650 USA Digital was broadcasting in digital mode ... from the October 12 DXN: The story of the theft of the *NRC AM Log* database and the aftermath was printed as "A Fable for Our Times". I think it can be told now that the person lampooned in the fable as "Zak" reacted with outrage and contacted a lawyer, thus falling into the trap we set for him by admitting to his actions as symbolized in the fable.

LOCO THE DX CAT by Bruce Conti

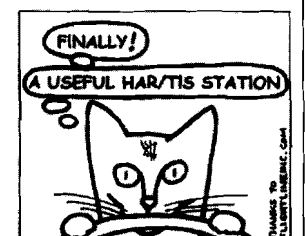
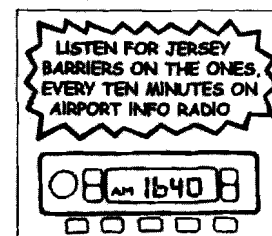
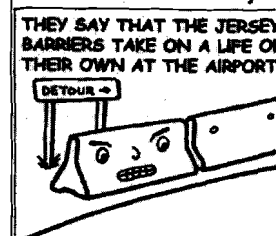


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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

✓ CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old call</u>	<u>New call</u>
540	WLUX NY Islip	WLIE
800	WCCM MA Lawrence	WNNW
850	WSPO PA Johnstown	WLYE
920	WCHR NJ Trenton	WPHY
940	WINZ FL Miami	WRFX
940	KXTK IA Des Moines	KPSZ
960	KCTK AZ Phoenix	KKNT
970	KZIK CA Bakersfield	KGET
1040	WJHR NJ Flemington	WCHR
1080	KRPX UT Price	KSLI
1100	KZKL NM Milan	KRKE
1110	WNNW NH Salem	WCEC
1260	KVSF NM Santa Fe	KTRC*
1290	WKNE NH Keene	WKBK
1340	WXXR AL Cullman	WFMH
1340	WBBQ GA Augusta	WINZ
1400	KTRC NM Santa Fe	KVSF*
1400	KVOP TX Plainview	KREW
1410	WAZY IN Lafayette	WLAS
1460	WFMH AL Cullman	WMCJ
1580	WARB AL Oxford	WVOK
1590	WSRW OH Hillsboro	WSNI

*Note: The Santa Fe call changes were shown in reverse order in Issue #30

J APPLICATION FOR NEW STATIONS

840	CA Modesto: 25000/10000 U4 (see 860 application below)
1600	HI Makaha: 5000/5000 U1
1680	VA Evergreen Hills: 400 D1 (experimental)

✓ APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

550	CKPG BC Prince George: to 99.3 FM
620	KTLK OR Portland: 25000/10000 (25000 CH) U13
730	KSUD AR West Memphis: 1000/1000 U4
860	KTRB CA Modesto: to San Francisco with 50000/25000 (40000 CH) U4
930	WSLI MS Jackson: 4330/3100 U2
930	WLLL VA Lynchburg: 9000/42 U1
940	KICE OR Bend: 10000/60 (1000 CH) U7
950	WWJK SC Moncks Corner: CP for 10000/6000 U4 has been returned to Application status at the licensee's request
1060	WIXC FL Titusville: 50000/5000 U4 (reapplication)
1080	WWDR NC Murfreesboro: 930 D1, taller tower
1080	CKSA AB Lloydminster: to 95.9 FM
1200	WKDA TN Nashville: 10000/195 (3800 CH) U4
1220	KZEE TX Weatherford: 490/8 U1
1240	WJTN NY Jamestown: 500/1000 U1 (in one of the more amusing FCC typos recently they show this application for 500000/1000000 !)
1260	WSUA FL Miami: 50000/20000 U4
1260	WFLW KY Monticello: 1000/20 U1
1270	WYXC GA Cartersville: 2000/187 U1
1280	WFYC MI Alma: 1000/56 U1
1290	WHKY NC Hickory: 25000/1000 U4



1390	WHPB SC Belton: 1000/17 U1
1470	WBFC KY Stanton: 970/82 U1, taller tower
1490	WICY NY Malone: to 1500 kHz with 50000 D3
1510	WLKM MI Three Rivers: 430/8 U1
1520	WQCT OH Bryan: 500/5 (250 CH) U1



✓ GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

980	WHSR FL Pompano Beach: 5000/2200 U4
1090	KTNS CA Oakhurst: to 1060 kHz with 5000/23 U1
1170	WKLN FL St. Augustine Beach: 710 D1
1270	WCGC NC Belmont: 10000/500 U4
1330	WELW OH Willoughby: 500/42 U4
1360	KAHZ TX Fort Worth: to Hurst, TX with 50000/890 U4
1450	KSEL NM Portales: 948/948 U1

✓ OTHERNESS

540	KDFT TX Ferris: CP for 1000/350 U4 is on
550	WSAU WI Wausau: operating STA with 2500/2500 U1 until a fifth tower can be added to the existing system to facilitate their 15000/20000 U4 CP, which is expected to be on the air by the end of November
580	WOFE TN Rockwood: SILENT
780	WCKB NC Dunn: CP for 7000/1 U1 is on
840	*App CA Del Ray Oaks: application for new station DISMISSED
840	*App CA Sonoma: application for new station DISMISSED
1000	WSMW SC Walhalla: silent station is ON THE AIR
1040	WPBS GA Conyers: CP to move here from 1050 kHz with 12000 (5000 CH) D1 is on
1060	KTNS CA Oakhurst: CP to move here from 1090 kHz is on (see above)
1080	KSLI UT Price: silent station (as KRPX) is ON THE AIR
1110	WFCG LA Franklinton: SILENT
1190	WGKA GA Atlanta: CP for 25000/10000 U2 is on
1190	KDAO IA Marshalltown: CP for 250/20 U1 is on
1240	WULA AL Eufala: SILENT
1260	WSDZ IL Bellevue: CP for 20000/5000 U4 is on
1260	KIMB NE Kimball: SILENT
1260	WCLC TN Jamestown: SILENT
1360	KDJW TX Amarillo: SILENT
1360	KAHZ TX Hurst: CP to move here from Fort Worth with 50000/890 U4 is on
1390	WKIC KY Hazard: SILENT
1400	KBDB NV Sparks: new station is ON THE AIR
1440	WMDJ KY Martin: SILENT
1450	KSEL NM Portales: CP for 948/948 is on
1480	WNKY KY Neon: SILENT
1480	KNTB WA Lakewood: silent station is ON THE AIR
1490	KBRO WA Bremerton: silent station is ON THE AIR relaying KNTB-1480
1500	WLQV MI Detroit: CP for 50000/10000 U4 is on
1510	WJKN MI Jackson: SILENT
1530	WVBF MA Middleborough Center: CP for 1000/2 U1 is on
1530	WLSF MI Lapeer: SILENT
1570	WGLL IN Auburn: silent station is ON THE AIR
1590	WDBL TN Springfield: silent station is ON THE AIR
1600	WAOS GA Austell: CP for 20000/67 U1 is on

THANKS: Bill Hale, Ed Krejny, Shawn Axelrod, David Braun, Don Kaskey, John Bowker, Doug Smith, Tim Noonan, Les Johnson, and MSJ

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

It may not be perfect ...

but the NRC AM Log is, simply, the best there is because of your contributions. Why not make the next edition even better? Send all corrections and changes to

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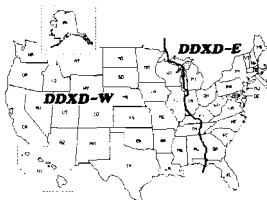
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MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- ☐ Things are off to a great start this DX season. Lots of stations are showing up for the first time in ages! Let's keep those receivers hot. And the reports a-comin'.
- ☐ We're into the weeklies now, so remember that deadlines are Thursdays at 1800 Central Time.

REPORTERS

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KR-AZ Kevin Redding Mesa Kenwood R-1000, Gerry Thomas antenna matcher and Space Magnet 2 antenna <amfmdx@fastq.com>

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JW-CO John Wilkins Wheat Ridge Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop <peakbagger3@juno.com>

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STATION NEWS & NOTES

550 WSAU WI Wausau - Is operating at 2500 watts non-directional while installing new towers. When the project is done, the station will operate with 15500 watts days and 20000 watts nights, and the target date for completion is November 30. (Tom Weaver, PD at WSAU via Bill Dvorak, Madison, WI)

740 WMIN WI Hudson - Has switched to Catholic programming from EWTN Radio. (Upper Midwest Broadcasting)

990 KCAF TX Farmersville - 9/30 - Heard legal ID with these calls. [Ed.-TX]

1060 KTNS CA Oakhurst - 9/28 0950-1010+ - With NOS music. ID at 1000: Kittens 1060 KTNS and into news by a female. Mucho KTCT-1050 slop. Weather for San Joaquin Valley at 1005. Also heard on 9/28 at 2135 with program called Jukebox Saturday Night with MoYL. Signal very solid and getting better. ID at 2148: Kittens, KTNS AM 1060. ID at 2200: You're listening to the all new KTNS Oakhurst, then into complete sign-off announcements. Now running 5 kW days. Ex: 1090. A regular now at SSS. Owner says he will run another DX Test for clubs later this year. (DKK-CA) [Facilities are U1 5000/23 - Ed.]

1150 KAGO OR Klamath Falls - 9/25 0315-0340 - Noted with syndicated C&W program called After Midnight atop KXTA mostly. National news at 0334. Ads for Klamath Falls at 0337. CL ID at 0338. Had been carrying Art Bell previously all night. (DKK-CA)

1260 KTRC NM Santa Fe - 9/18 0931 - With CNN News, area news and weather, ads, then chat with guest author. Fair, mixing with KWYR and KIML. Ex: KVSF. (JW-

WAEB
1470 AM

WKAP
1470 AM

CO)

1480 WTDY WI Madison - Will go off the air on October 14th as their license expires. Programming will continue on 1670. Upper Midwest Broadcasting)

1530 KSMM MN Shakopee - Contrary to reports in other industry media, this station continues to carry EWTN's Spanish-language network as it has done since July. (Upper Midwest Broadcasting)

1620 WPNS AL Atmore - Contrary to a report relayed here in V69 - I29, this stations is not on the air. Daily monitoring has not even detected so much as a test from them. (GB-FL)

1640 KPBC OR Lake Oswego - Is being reported on the Internet that KPBC (along with co-owned KKSL-1290) is being sold to ABC, Inc and will be Portland's outlet for Radio Disney. There was no mention as to the fate of 1290. [Ed.-TX]

UNIDs and UNID HELP

660 UNID ?? - 9/19 0245-0300 - Someone with Sporting News Radio sports show under KGDP/KZTU. Who? (DKK-CA)

1030 UNID ?? - 9/28 0910-0940+ - SS with pop music. Good signal. Ran into KLLU QRM at 0955. Suspect KJDJ, but would like it to be Tucson. (DKK-CA)

1060 UNID ?? - 9/28 0902-0930+ - SS station strong. News to 0904, then into balladic music. Then tele-talk for awhile and many ads. Suspect El Paso. (DKK-CA)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

540 KNOE LA Monroe - 9/25 2125 - Call ID with Real Country then C&W music and faded out. (JTR-OK)

540 CBK SK Regina - 10/1 0157 - In solid, ending a classical music program. Is the SS on this frequency most likely XEWA? (DKK-CA) [My money is on it - Ed.]

550 KCRS TX Midland - 9/26 0915 - News talk 550 with call ID and news. Weak in loop null of KFRM. New here. (JTR-OK)

570 KSNM NM Las Cruces - 9/22 2020 - With Dean Martin singing Return to Me. (KR-AZ)

580 KMJ CA Fresno - 9/19 0835 - Traffic report, call ID, then detailed agricultural news. Fair at best. (JW-CO)

590 KSUB UT Cedar City - 10/1 0200-0205 - With CBS News atop. ID at 0205 then into Art Bell. Haven't heard this guy in a long time. (DKK-CA)

600 KOGO CA San Diego - 9/19 0820 - Traffic, weather, ID, business report. Fair in KCOL null. (JW-CO)

610 WAGG AL Birmingham - 9/25 2150 - UC gospel music and call ID. Weak with QRM. New here. (JTR-OK)

630 KWRO OR Coquille - 9/9 0231 - With local ads, e.g. Tower Food in Coos Bay. 0234 with KWRO ID and local weather and more ads. (DKK-CA)

650 WNMT MN Nashauk - 9/24 2225 - Very good with ads, promo for program called Garage Talk and ID as AM 650 WNMT. Unusual this late in evening with no trace of Saskatoon or Nashville. (MS-MB)

650 KMTI UT Manti - 9/9 0228 - With ID, then into C&W. In KSTE null. (DKK-CA)

660 KTNN AZ Window Rock - 9/26 2105 - Navajo dancing music and local news. Fading and weak. Last heard in 1997. (JTR-OK)

660 KGDP CA Orcutt - 9/19 0245 - Solid and atop, with KTNN off. Religious Talk. (DKK-CA)

660 KZTU OR Junction City - 9/19 0245-0300 - In null of KGDP // KPAM. (DKK-CA)

670 KLTT CO Commerce City - 9/23 0220 - Atop KBOI with religion. (DKK-CA)

690 CINF QU Montreal - 9/24 2320 - Poor-to-fair in CJOB splatter, in French with talk, Montreal mentions and ads. Was hoping for CBKF-1. (MS-MB)

730 KBSU ID Boise - 9/15 0752 - SS music program; network ID at 0759:10: This is Satellite Radio Bilingue. In California we are... (6 FMs)..., in Idaho KBSU-AM Boise, and in Mexico we are XEQUIN-AM San Quintin, Baja California. KBSU followed a few seconds later with its own ID. This SS program runs on Sundays in KBSU. I had heard it a week earlier, but heard only the XEQUIN part of the ID and thought I had new XE station! (JW-CO)

760 KTKR TX San Antonio - 9/27 2130 - Texas Rangers game with San Antonio ads. Faded under SS signal. New here. (JTR-OK)

760 KTZN CO Thornton - 10/2 0315-0325+ - Cutting through KFMB well, with sports talk. Seldom this good at this hour. (DKK-CA)

770 KNWX WA Seattle - 10/2 0324 - With local ads and PSAs in KKOB null. Went into the Clark Howard show. (DKK-CA)

780 WZZX AL Lineville - 9/29 2120 - Weak, in loop null of very strong WBBM. C&W with Real Country ID. New here. (JTR-OK)

780 KAZM AZ Sedona - 9/10 0834 - Under KKOH with local weather, and into *I Am, I Said* by Neil Diamond at 0837. (DKK-CA)

790 CFCW AB Camrose - 9/22 0703 - Last part of Broadcast News (sports); area weather at 0704, then ID and C&W music. Generally fair. (JW-CO)

830 CKKY AB Wainwright - 10/1 0120-0130+ - With C&W music under KNCO, with KPLS null. Nice signal. Several years since they were last heard. (DKK-CA)

850 WGV5 MI Muskegon - 9/28 2101 - Poor, though clear, with lively announcer and three-station ID. Never heard [before] at night! (JJR-WI)

850 KFUD MO Clayton - 9/28 2100 - Fair, with sign-off; no SSB. REL. (JJR-WI)

880 KHAC NM Tse Bonito - 9/22 2053 - With program called Reflection and announcer Amy Lilley. (KR-AZ)

890 WLS IL Chicago - 9/29 0045+ - Mixing with KDXU. In well with talk. (DKK-CA)

910 WFVR GA Valdosta - 9/21 0632 - Fair, with Florida travel info with tons of ads. (JJR-WI)

920 KFLB TX Odessa - 9/17 2200 - SRN News, then ID at 2205: . . . KFLB-FM and AM 920 Odessa-Midland . . . and into REL program Leading the Way. Fair for a few minutes, then lost to XEHQ. Last heard here as KENT. (JW-CO)

930 KAPR AZ Douglas - 9/22 2050 - REL // KGMS. (KR-AZ)

930 KAFF AZ Flagstaff - 9/22 2051 - Playing a Don Williams song. (KR-AZ)

940 KGMS AZ Tucson - 9/22 2048 - // KAPR with black woman preaching about Moses. (KR-AZ)

950 KNFT NM Bayard - 9/22 2047 - With ad for the an animal shelter run by the ASPCA. Strong signal. Ad for ABC Monday Night Football. (KR-AZ)

960 KKNT AZ Phoenix - 9/19 0607 - Coming out of PSA for radio advertising, multiple IDs. Ex: KCTK, KPXQ, KOOL, KARZ. Huge signal. (MS-CA)

960 CFFX ON Kingston - 9/21 0630 - Fair, with . . . in Kingston Ontario, CFFX is Oldies 960, a Corus Entertainment Station. So used to non-IDs! This was nice! (JJR-WI)

970 KVWM AZ Show Low - 9/22 2045 - With Paul McCartney and Wings singing Band on the Run. (KR-AZ)

980 KUPI ID Ammon - 9/9 0205-0215 - Through hash with ID at 0215: 980 Gold Cupie. QRM noted from KFVB and KDBV. (DKK-CA)

980 KJOX WA Yakima - 10/1 0235 - With news and local Yakima ads. Apparently they now are using a news/talk format. Ex: sports. (DKK-CA)

1030 KCTA TX Corpus Christi - 9/21 0629 - Poor, in WBZ null, with REL show, ID. Then a SS show. (JJR-WI) [Here's another former daytimer, which was recently given nighttime authorization, who just doesn't seem to get the fact that they must power down at night!!! - Ed.]

1070 WINA VA Charlottesville - 9/28 2130 - Poor, with station promo for . . . news and Accu-Weather every hour and half hour on Charlottesville's AM 1070 WINA. Thanks to Tim Noonan for help on this former UNID. (JJR-WI)

1080 KGVY AZ Green Valley - 9/22 2035 - With Jack Jones singing and they were LOUD today. (KR-AZ)

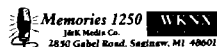
1080 KSLI UT Price - 9/28 0240-0310+ - With mix of C&W and NOS music. Mixing with KOTK but easily copied throughout. CL ID at 0259:30: KSLI Price, Utah while atop KOTK. SID at 0303, then This Old House. Recheck at 0857 found them still on and atop frequency with C&W and ID. (DKK-CA)

1090 WKCV TN Kingsport - 9/28 2021 - Poor, yet clear, with no KAAY. Wow 1090 WKCV asking for calls on new sound. T-shirt giveaway. NEW! (JJR-WI)

1090 KVOP TX Plainview - 10/1 0200-0206 - On top with ABC Network News. At 0205 weather report and ad/promo for Plainview Area United Way to Sporting News Radio. Then again at 0259-0300 ending Sporting News Radio segment, then We are KVOP Plainview, your news and information station into ABC News at 0300. Ex: KKYN. New station for the log. Texas #101. (BW-OK)

1120 KPNW OR Eugene - 9/21 0826 - ID and weather, then Field and Stream Radio program with fishing tips and chat. Generally fair, with spotty KZSJ QRM with KMOX having faded away. Finally enough for a report. (JW-CO)

1130 KQNA AZ Prescott - 9/22 2033 - With CNN News of possible war with Iraq and Israel saying if attacked they would retaliate. (KR-AZ)



1160 WKCM KY Hawesville - 9/28 2115 - Poor, though steady, with calls and two-three others. C&W. (JJR-WI)

1160 KSL UT Salt Lake - 9/22 2030 - With football. One of the teams was the Atlanta Falcons. Signal was weak but it's a good sign for it to be on this early in the day. (KR-AZ)

1170 WLBH IL Mattoon - 9/21 0713 - Fair, with calls and NOS. Rare. (JJR-WI)

1190 KMFZ MN Wabasha - 9/30 2230 - While looking (unsuccessfully) for KEX right at their pattern change on the last day of the month (listed sundown is 2230 ET), I found this atop channel. Spot for Clear Channel Billboards in Rochester (Minnesota), then jingle: The best country, Fox Country 102.5. And this on an evening with an A-index up in the 20s. (RS-MO)

1230 KYPA CA Los Angeles - 9/12 0250-0300 - With Korean music. Three pips heard at 0300. Also on 2100 at 0300 with pips loudly atop. (DKK-CA) [But no Gladys Knight? - Ed.]

1230 KLAV NV Las Vegas - 9/20 0240 - Atop, with the Phil Henry Talk Show. (DKK-CA)

1240 KEJO OR Corvallis - 9/23 0200 - With CL ID + Jo Radio slogan. (DKK-CA)

1250 KBSZ AZ Wickenburg - 9/22 2023 - With upcoming program schedule, then Jim Reeves with Make the World Go Away. (KR-AZ)

1250 KHIL AZ Willcox - 9/22 2024 - Playing George Strait and Does Fort Worth Ever Cross Your Mind? (KR-AZ)

1260 KWEI ID Weiser - 9/30 0220 - Nice, in KOIT null, with Radio Unica. (DKK-CA)

1270 CHAT AB Medicine Hat - 9/20 2303 - Exciting play-by-play between Medicine Hat Tigers and Red Deer Rebels. Rebels led after two periods, 3-1; ads and Chat slogan followed. Not strong but very little QRM. (JW-CO)

1280 KFRN CA Long Beach - 9/28 0230 - Atop with ID: Family Radio KFRN. (DKK)

1290 KCUB AZ Tucson - 9/22 2021 - With Cardinals Talk, the weekly program after the pathetic Cardinals lose their weekly game. (KR-AZ)

1310 KEIN MT Great Falls - 9/27 2200 - Staying on top most of the time tonight with local football game. (FA-ID)

1310 WIBA WI Madison - 9/24 2313 - Good, with mention of University of Wisconsin Badgers, several Madison ads and ID as News Radio 1310 WIBA. (MS-MB)

1310 CHLW AB St. Paul - 9/26 0150 - C&W and ID came up in mess while looking for Norway. (FA-ID)

1320 WDMJ MI Marquette - 9/28 1958 - Poor, with ??? WDMJ-WIAN ID. Sporting News. (JJR-WI)

1330 WVHI IN Evansville - 9/28 2019 - Poor-to-fair, with preacher giving phone number 20 times in seven minutes. Finally . . . here in area code 812. (JJR-WI)

1330 KJLL AZ South Tucson - 9/22 2020 - With the Tom Martino Show. (KR-AZ)

1340 KIKO AZ Globe - 9/22 2017 - Playing Put a Little Love in Your Heart. Slogan: Songs that make you smile on the weekend, Legendary Oldies, KIKO. (KR-AZ)

1360 KBKB IA Fort Madison - 9/23 2002 - Fair with break for ID on Clear Channel Sports Network. ID was a TC and 1490 KBUR mention with no city-of-license. Duh! Ft. Madison/Davenport ads later. (JJR-WI)

1370 WSPD OH Toledo - 9/24 2317 - Fair, in heavy interference, with ID as News Radio 1370 WSPD. (MS-MB)

1380 KLPZ AZ Parker - 9/19 2258 - C&W music; ID at 2259:50: 1380 AM is KLPZ Parker-Lake Havasu-Blythe. ABC News at 2300. Fair with KOTA, et al. (JW-CO)

1380 KLPZ AZ Parker - 9/23 0922 - Playing C&W tunes My Town and Where the Eagle Flies by Aaron Tiffin. (KR-AZ)

1380 KQKD SD Redfield - 9/19 2159 - Simple ID, mixing with several others, including what sounded like KUYB Sacramento. Call change, ex: KTKZ? Lots of QRM - I probably misheard it. Anyway, KQKD was new, South Dakota #30. (JW-CO) [FCC shows Sacramento as KTKZ - Ed.]

1380 KHEY TX El Paso - 9/22 2016 - With a sports talk program. (KR-AZ)

1390 KLGW UT Logan - 9/29 0057 - Faded up nicely at ToH, in null of local KJME with NOS music. Full ID with Memories 1390 slogan, then into CBS News. (PG-CO)

1390 WRIG WI Schofield - 9/29 0654 - Fair @ 50/9!!! Never heard this strong! Calls, NOS. No WGCI. (JJR-WI)

1420 KMOG AZ Payson - 9/22 2014 - With slogan Rim Country Radio. Into a Ronnie Milsap song. (KR-AZ)

1430	KEZW	CO	Aurora - 9/24 2258 - Good, with nostalgic music and ID as KEZW <i>Aurora-Denver</i> . (MS-MB)
1440	KUHL	CA	Santa Maria - 9/23 0605 - With ABC News into ID for KUHL // KTME then into local news. (KR-AZ)
1450	KNOT	AZ	Prescott - 9/22 2008 - Playing NOS with Dean Martin singing and then <i>He Don't Love You Like I Love You</i> . Under heavy splash from KAZG. (KR-AZ)
1450	KTZR	AZ	Tucson - 9/22 2008 - Under KNOT with accordion and ranchera music under KNOT. (KR-AZ)
1450	WATZ	MI	Alpena - 9/17 2229 - Poor, though clear, with talk show, promo, calls. (JJR-WI)
1450	WMIQ	MI	Iron Mountain - 9/16 0630 - Poor, with ID into CNN News. Alone, over mess. (JJR-WI)
1460	KLTC	ND	Dickinson - 9/29 2305 - Minnesota Vikings Radio Network with <i>Vikings vs Seattle Seahawks</i> play-by-play. Several 1460, KLTC IDs and lots of local commercials. Into satellite talk format after the game. Heard the night before with <i>Five decades of country classics</i> and . . . <i>the station with the stars that made country music</i> . Program was the <i>Dave Long Long Haul</i> show. Sounded voice-tracked. Heard several gaps of dead air where I expected local ID inserts about every 10 minutes but no IDs or local commercials were heard. Solid signal for most of two hours that I listened. I did log and QSL KLTC earlier this year. (PG-CO)
1500	WTOP	DC	Washington - 9/29 0654 - Poor, alone, with calls and TC. No KSTP. (JJR-WI)
1590	WNTS	IN	Beech Grove - 9/16 2000 - Poor, with program reminders and legal ID. Over unID oldies station. WONX nulled. (JJR-WI)
1590	KQLO	NV	Sun Valley - 9/9 0141 - With SS pop music over KLIV. ID in both SS and EE. (DKK-CA)
1600	KATZ	MO	St. Louis - 9/16 1957 - Fair, with legal ID and GOS. Not as common as years ago. (JJR-WI)
1670	WRNC	GA	Warner Robins - 9/21 0637 - Fair, with local ads. No WTDY. (JJR-WI)
1700	KBGG	IA	Des Moines - 9/5 0306 - Weakly atop QRN, with news and ID. (DKK-CA)

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					<u>Miles</u>			
1230 kHz:								
WMPC	MI	Lapeer	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	424			
1240 kHz:								
WSBC	IL	Chicago	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	643			
1340 kHz:								
KSSR	NM	Santa Rosa	Glenn Hauser	(near) Vega, TX	123			
WRWA	PA	Reading	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	349			
1450 kHz:								
WDLB	WI	Marshfield	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	702			
1490 kHz:								
WTIQ	MI	Manistique	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	508			
WMOA	OH	Marietta	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	503			
Totals:								
Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	50	54	48	55	50	54	311
John Wilkins	Wheat Ridge, CO	29	24	22	32	30	33	170

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REPORTERS

MKB-ON	Mike Brooker, Toronto	-	Panasonics RF-2200; RFB-45.
SC-IN	Steve Chappell, McCordsville	-	Bearcat DX-1000: 3 terminated loops.
BC-NH	Bruce Conti, Nashua	-	R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft east/west Double-Ewe antenna.

PC-VA	Perry Crabill, Winchester	-	Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100' wire.
MD-MA	Marc DeLorenzo, Marstons Mills	-	1991 Nissan Maxima car radio.
HJH-PA	Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre	-	HQ-180, Kiwa Pocket Loop.
DH-NJ	David Hochfelder, New Brunswick	-	Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa Pocket Loop.
RWK-CT	Rick Kenneally, Wilton	-	Drake R8B, Sony 2010, Quantum Loop and Phaser, Beverages.
AR-NY	Andy Rugg, on NYS Thruway between Syracuse and Rochester	-	Car radio in 1996 Buick.
AR-ON	Andy Rugg, on Routes 417 and 138, between Ottawa and Cornwall	-	Car radio in 1996 Buick.
AR-QC	Andy Rugg, on Route 20 west of Montreal	-	Car radio in 1996 Buick.
DT-JAM	Don Trelford, Jamaica	-	Kenwood R 2000, long wire NS-EW.
JV-NY	John Vervoort, Brooklyn	-	Yacht Boy 400 PE.

PRESUMED AND UNID

540	UNID	—	—	- 9/28 0100 - Somebody with CBC English "This is CBC Radio Overnight, I'm Judy ???..." then "Now for the news on the hour from CBC Radio 1". Either NF or SK, and both are much wanted. (RWK-CT)
1160	WCCSp	PA	Homer City - 9/25 2013 - mention of Allegheny Power. (JV-NY)	
	WKGEp	GA	East Point - 9/26- 2230 - oldies popular music. Only readable ID was "AM 1160". Poor, did not sound like WOMB. (DT-JAM)	
1250	UNID	—	—	- 9/25 1815-1829 - Station IDing as "the Bridge AM 1250" featuring "Best of the 50's, 60's and 70's" oldies format, battling with WMTR. (AR-ON)
1680	WJNZp	MI	Ada - 9/25 2154 - Hip hop music. (JV-NY)	

STATION LOGGINGS

540	WLIE	NY	Islip - 9/11 2300 - Ad for hospital, ID with new calls, AP News. (RWK-CT) + 9/19 1305 - Noted using these calls and slogan "NewsTalk 5-40 WLIE." Local talk program. Formerly WLUX. (MD-MA)
	WDMV	MD	Pocomoke City - 9/24 2340 - good and dominant at times over WWCS and usually dominant semi-local WLIE. Carrying oldies music; ID'd as "WDMV, Delmarva's original hit station." New. (DH-NJ)
	WWCS	PA	Canonsburg - 9/24 2358 - good and dominant at times over WDMV and usually dominant semi-local WLIE. Frequent ID's as "Radio Disney, 540." Full ID at 2358: "WWCS, Canonsburg, Pittsburgh." New. (DH-NJ)
610	WAGG	AL	Birmingham - 9/27 0303 - Good: "You're listening to Birmingham's best Gospel 610 WAGG" into Black Gospel song. (SC-IN)
630	KSLR	TX	San Antonio - 9/18 0000 - Very weak: "63 KSLR best in Christian programming." (SC-IN)
650	WJLT	MA	Ashland - 9/19 2105 - Presumed; on late with USA Radio news, dead air during breaks, syndicated network food talk show about wine. (BC-NH)
730	WJTO	ME	Bath - 9/19 2304 - Fair; call letter ID by Bob Bitner with seagulls in the background, easy listening music, in CKAC null. No longer daytime only? (BC-NH)
	WFMW	KY	Madisonville - 9/22 0000 - Very weak: "Vince Gill, Brookes and Dunn right here on 730 WFMW". (SC-IN)
780	WCKB	NC	Dunn - 9/30 1930* - over WBBM with sign-off announcement after country-gospel song: "WCKB has come to the end of another broadcast day...our offices and studios are located one mile south of Dunn on Highway 421..." no SSB. (MKB-ON)
830	WEEU	PA	Reading - 9/26 2250 - "WEEU" ID. (JV-NY)
840	WKTR	VA	Earlsville - 9/30 1926 - poor under nulled WHAS with "AM 840 WKTR" ID into gospel song. (MKB-ON)
850	WLYE	PA	Johnstown - 9/30 1935 - good with C&W music, ID: "big country variety, keep it set on AM 850 WLYE". Ex-sports format WSP0. (MKB-ON)
910	WAVL	PA	Apollo - 9/28 1343 - Religious music. At 1348, "... 16:20, Praise 9-10". Poor copy in daytime mix. (PC-VA)
	WWWR	VA	Roanoke - 9/29 1900 - Religious program ending at TOH with "Radio WWWR, 9-10, Roanoke; WNVR, 9-90, Narrows-Pearisburg." Rough copy; competing with two different football games. (PC-VA)
	WBRJ	OH	Marrietta - 9/30 1852 - Over and under WAVL-PA. Sports talk show, "Voice

of West Virginia". At 1900, "WBRJ News"; later, "Fox Sports Radio". Logged as WYLI in 1999. (PC-VA)

930 CFBC NB St. John - 9/29 0241 - steady in WBEN null with the Turtles' *Happy Together*, slogan "The greatest hits of all time on one radio station, Good Time Oldies 93 CFBC" into *Still The One* by Orleans. (MKB-ON)

WEOL OH Elyria - 9/30 1917 - "We're here at Church Street Bar and Grill. We're going to be here at 9 o'clock tonight ... Monday night football comes your way at 9 as the Denver Broncos will be taking on the Ravens, from Baltimore. You'll hear it right here on WEOL". (PC-VA)

950 WIBX NY Utica - 9/19 2000 - Fair; promo for Utica College football on AM 1150 WRUN. (BC-NH)

1000 WIOO PA Carlisle - 9/19 1950 - *Country One-Thousand* WIOO ID, country oldies music, in WCMX null and het from Spain on 999 kHz. (BC-NH)

1020 WNTK NH Newport - 9/20 1500 - Good; end of Arnie Arnesen talk program, "You're listening to talk radio WNTK FM 99.7 New London, New Hampshire, and WNBX AM 1480 Springfield, Vermont," with adjacent 1030 WBZ nulled. (BC-NH)

1040 WYSL NY Avon - 9/17 1640 - Weather, traffic, local news, sports, promos and ads for both Rochester area and Geneseo. Frequent IDs as "WYSL News 1040 AM". (AR-NY)

WZSK PA Everett - 9/28 1453 - The Travel Show. At station break, "With news when you want it and weather on the sevens every Monday through Friday morning, you are listening to Bedford County's news station, Newstalk 10-40, WZSK". Logged as WSKE back in 1990. (PC-VA)

1050 KJBN AR Little Rock - 10/2 0000 - "KJBN" popped up out of the noise. (SC-IN)

1070 WINA VA Charlottesville - 9/22 1958 - Very good w/ID as "WINA is your sports authority". ID at top of the hour said WINA is owned and operated by "Your Communications", then into CBS News. (HJH-PA)

CHOK ON Sarnia - 9/24 2221 - "on Information Radio - ten-seventy CHOK." (JV-NY)

WIBC IN Indianapolis - 9/25 1954 - "... and it's only on ten-seventy WIBC." Suspect on day power. (JV-NY)

WTWK NY Plattsburgh - 9/29 0800 - Joint ID for "Talk 1070, The Voice of the Valley, WTWK Plattsburgh-Burlington and WRSA St. Albans". ABC news. Another ID at 0806 was "Talk 1070, the Voice of the Valley and AM 1420 St. Albans". (AR-QC)

1140 CHRAB AB High River - 9/29 0100 - BIG surprise in WRVA null with C&W sounding song with a chorus of "Every second, every minute, every hour of every day", then a pause, then man with "Southern Alberta's Family Radio Station, AM 11-40". This was a night of great high-latitude conditions, but I didn't expect this. Later heard mixing with CBC - presumed Nova Scotia. (RWK-CT)

1150 CJRC QU Gatineau - 9/14 0301 - FF talk in & out of EDEL/WMRD/CKOC/Mega mix. Finally heard woman with quick CJRC calls & more talk. New. (RWK-CT)

1180 WVLZ TN Knoxville - 9/20 2142 - Daytimer after hours with local football game. At 2152, "You are listening to the Farragut Admirals on the Admiral Radio Network, at 11-80, WVLZ, the Voice of ESPN Radio". The Admirals beat McMinn County by 23-13. Alerted by DX Tip net and heard through partly nulled WHAM-NY. Logged as WHJM in 1998. (PC-VA)

1210 KOKK SD Huron - 9/28 0000 - "Your home of the Minnesota Vikings 1210 Dakota Country KOKK" into country song. (SC-IN)

WLDR MI Kingsley - 9/28 0920 - Travel Queen program at travelqueen.com. WLDR listed as an affiliate. Mentions of Traverse City and "News Radio 1210." Over/under WDAO. (SC-IN)

1220 WHK OH Cleveland - 9/25 2158 - "on The Word, WHK." (JV-NY)

1250 WEAE PA Pittsburgh - 9/20 2147 - "Pittsburgh sports radio ESPN twelve-fifty." Destroying semi-local WMTR. (JV-NY)

CJYE ON Oakville - 9/26 1833 - Heard intermittently with religious programs. Preacher program ended 1857, then "Joy 1250" ID. Faded for 10 minutes, then dominant 1908-1939 with non-stop gospel songs and (at 1937) promo for "Joy 1250". Then WEAE took over. (AR-ON)

1310 WDKD SC Kingstree - 9/15 2030 - Good and alone with Homer Baily "Behind The Bar" talk program. ID as "WDXY Sumpter, WDKD Kingstree" then into ABC Sports

report. (HJH-PA)

1360 WKAT FL N. Miami - 9/22 2107 - jazz music program, good (better than when SS), switched owners and format on September 9, confirmed on MSN as new format, ID "Classics 1360". (DT-JAM)

1380 WKJV NC Asheville - 9/22 1901 - Beginning "Pulpit Hour", a program of past recorded sermons, "Tonight, Pastor Billy Kelly". Good signal, ID. (HJH-PA)

1410 WLTV AL Mobile - 9/15 2103 - ID mentioned Pascagoula and Pensacola. Noted with Southern Gospel music. Competing with UNID with Sunday Night Baseball. Formerly received as WUNI. (HJH-PA)

WHLN KY Harlan - 9/22 1943 - Signoff weak under an ESPN station. Announcement mentioned for "entertainment 24 hours a day, tune your receiver to WHLN FM. Join us at 6 AM." (HJH-PA)

1420 WRSA VT St. Albans - 9/29 1230 - Ads, IDs, and promo, followed by Red Sox baseball. WRSA was not simulcasting with its affiliate WTWK-1070 at this time. Promo mentioned 102.3 FM and 1070 and 1420 AM, recommending that listeners who don't care for baseball should tune in a sister station. ID at 1233 was "AM 1420, talk 1070". Call letters not heard during this segment. (AR-QC)

1440 WPRD FL Winter Garden - 9/21 2126 - Caribbean type format ID as "call WPRD.com", fair, taken out at 2126 by WWCL. (DT-JAM)

1450 WKXL NH Concord - 9/23 2100 - Up out of mush with violin interlude then clear-voiced man with recorded ID: "Broadcasting from the historic capital of New Hampshire ... This is 14-50 WKXL." Then ABC News. New. (RWK-CT)

1470 WBTX VA Broadway - 9/22 1906 - Heard with numerous IDs with fair signal. Ad for "Hour of Decision" program at 1 PM"...brought to you by Sunshine Ministries". (HJH-PA)

1480 WADR NY Remsen - 9/19 2035 - Good; "AM 1230 WLFH Little Falls, 1350 WRNY Rome, 1480 WADR Remsen, and 1550 WUTQ Utica, the Sports Stars," and Mets baseball on the WFAN network, with WSAR nulled out. (BC-NH)

1490 WDLC NY Port Jervis - 9/18 1900 - Very good with ad for Milford Chrysler, then hyper-fast ID spoken by man: "W??/WDLC Port Jervis". Then ad for "Single Fox" dating service. New. (RWK-CT)

WTCS WV Fairmont - 9/19 1900 - Good with preview of "Christian Science Study" program on Saturday mornings on "WTCS AM Radio 14-90". New. (RWK-CT)

WIKE VT Newport - 9/19 2020 - Call letter jingle, syndicated country music countdown program, over WFAD and an unID ESPN sports station with WCCM nulled out. (BC-NH)

WFAD VT Middlebury - 9/16 2001 - Rising above mush with good recorded ID by man: "... on oldies radio 14-90 WFAD, Middlebury..." then what sounded like local weather. New. (RWK-CT)

+ 9/19 2030 - Satellite oldies network program, "Good Time Oldies 1490 WFAD." (BC-NH)

WCCM MA Haverhill - 9/23 1400 - "Newsteam 1490 WCCM Haverhill-Lawrence" and "The flagship station of Costa-Eagle Broadcasting" into local news headlines, CNN news, and "the News team 1490 weather forecast," local political talk, ex-WHAV. (BC-NH)

1510 WFAI NJ Salem - 9/18 1900 - Gospel music under WWZN-Boston, then very clear "Faith 15-10 is WFAI, Salem..." then buried by commercial on "The Zone". Only 2 to go to complete New Jersey. (RWK-CT)

1530 WMBT PA Shenandoah - 9/20 2015 - Good; Shenandoah Valley Blue Devils high school football halftime report, promo for an event happening in front of the 19 North Main Street WMBT studios, in WSAI null. (BC-NH)

1540 WSIV NY Syracuse - 9/17 - 1535 - Religious music, promo for Saturday Morning Gospel event and ID. Program name seemed to be "Rejoice! - Musical Soul Food". (AR-NY)

1590 KMIC TX Houston - 9/14 - 2134 - Disney format, poor. (DT-JM)

1630 KNAX TX Fort Worth - 9/13 0035 - popular Latin music, some ranchero, ID as "KNAX Fort Worth, Dallas" fair. (DT-JM)

KCJJ IA Iowa City - 9/25 2155 - "KCJJ" singing ID. (JV-NY)

Expiring? Time to renew? Not sure when? Need to call or e-mail someone? Check the back page - it's all right there!

International DX Digest

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

Remember how you hated math and science word problems in grammar school? Well, here's one you'll like.

It's near the autumnal equinox. The solar flux drops below 150. In addition WWV reports a K-index equal to 0 and an A-index of 2. What do Jane and Joe DXer have remaining?

The answer is 1314, of course! However, if this makes absolutely no sense to you, then maybe you should join María and Miguel DXer in saying, "¡Saludos México!"

Several DXers including myself are still hearing music from France on 1206 and parallel frequencies. The *France Bleu* network was supposed to have switched to *France Info* news and information. Anyone have a positive ID on this?

Transatlantic DX

- 153 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1* Bechar SEP 25 0015-0020 - Fair with somber male Arabic vocal with flutes. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 162 **FRANCE** *France-Inter* Allouis SEP 22 0019 - Weak with music, first TA noted in the new season. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 25 0021 - Fair with man in French parallel 1375 - 162 was stronger. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 183 **GERMANY** *ENU* SEP 22 0242 - Good signal, French announcer, music. [Renfrew-NY]
- 189 **ICELAND** *Ríkisútvarpið*, Gufuskálar SEP 25 0025-0037 - Fair with rock music in English and unknown language. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 198 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.4* Droitwich et al. SEP 25 0038-0041 - Fair parallel 5975 with rock music countdown program, female host, "Song number seven is from Aqualung..." [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 252 **ALGERIA** *Tipaza* SEP 25 0044 -0053 - Tentative; fair with Delta Blues music and female DJ in French. Ben Dangerfield says Algeria most likely. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 711 **FRANCE** *France Bleu/Info*, Rennes SEP 24 2317 - Parallel 1377 with French male jazz vocal; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *Flevoland* SEP 24 2314 - South African group vocal (Ladysmith Black Mambazo or similar), then man in Dutch; very good. [Connelly-MA]
- 756 **GERMANY** *DeutschlandRadio*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg SEP 30 0353 - modern symphonic / New Age music; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** *RSR* Sottens SEP 20 0447 - Man and woman in French; poor to fair. + SEP 25 0408 - Romantic French vocal; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 774 **SPAIN** *RNE R.1* synchros SEP 20 0446 - Parallel 1107 with Spanish public speech; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 837 **FRANCE** *France Bleu/Info*, Nancy SEP 24 0403 - French news; poor to fair. + SEP 25 0406 - Parallel 864, 1377 with French news; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu/Info*, Paris SEP 25 0406 - Parallel 837, 1377 with French news; fair to good. [Connelly-MA]
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** *R.Wales*, Washford SEP 30 0217 - Fair, with woman in English in a discussion. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 891 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Algiers SEP 21 2330 - Arabic talk; noted with WBPS phased. Actual measured frequency 890.98 kHz. [Connelly-MA]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.5* synchros SEP 24 2308 - English interview; in bad WABI slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 927 **BELGIUM** (t) *VRT1* Wolveterm SEP 24 0400 - Teletalk, then into news; in barrage of slop from huge 930 pile-up (WGIN/CFBC/WBEN/WPAT/CJYQ). [Connelly-MA]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE* Madrid SEP 21 0403 - Spanish news; good. + SEP 23 0408 - News by woman mentioned several countries; good, stronger than the jumble of signals on 1000. [Connelly-MA]
- 1017 **GERMANY** *SWR-1* Wolfsheim SEP 30 0342 - German talk by man; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1044 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros SEP 23 0411 - Fast Spanish talk; over possible German. [Connelly-MA]
- 1062 **DENMARK** *Danmarks R.*, Kalundborg SEP 21 0348-0352 - Fair with man in Danish reading

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- long list of information, probably weather forecasts for various areas. [DeLorenzo-MA] SEP 23 0412 - Female soul vocal, Danish DJ, then into country-rock male vocal; excellent. + SEP 27 0400 - Woman in Danish with news headlines and weather; local-like. [Connelly-MA]
- 1089 **ALBANIA** *RTV Shqiptar*, Durrës SEP 23 0415 - Eastern European talk, choral music; almost equal to UK strength, low growl (about 10 Hz) present. [Connelly-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros, Moorside Edge et al. SEP 20 0441 - Advert for cars, then teletalk about football; fair. + SEP 30 0340 - ID "1089 and 1053 AM, TalkSport," then talk about wine; over second station (likely Albania). [Connelly-MA] SEP 24 2346-2400 - Good with interview and phone call. ID at 2400, "On 1089 and 1053 AM, TalkSport, on the hour headline news and sports update from the... News Center." WBAL phase-nulled into oblivion! [DeLorenzo-MA] SEP 28 0222 - Good, with a woman and man on a panel. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1098 **SLOVAKIA** *R.Slovensko*, Velke Zalužie SEP 21 2325 - Slavic talk by man and woman; to fair peak over Spain. + SEP 30 0338 - "Like a Rolling Stone" by Bob Dylan; loud. [Connelly-MA] SEP 28 0049 - Very good. Man in Slovak. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE R.5* synchros SEP 20 0437 - Spanish talk, then jazz vocal; loud. [Connelly-MA]
- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros SEP 30 0404 - Spanish news by woman; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1125 **CROATIA** *HRT* Deanovec SEP 21 2322 - Parallel 1134 with Slavic vocal; fair, about S7 (1134 was S9). [Connelly-MA]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *HRT Zadar* SEP 21 2321 - Slavic male folk vocal; good with WBBR phased. + SEP 23 0232 - Tropical steel-band music; monster signal. + SEP 30 0402 - Slavic news; excellent. [Connelly-MA] SEP 22 0244 - Light music program, weak but steady. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 28 0145 - Very strong. Rock style music at this time, this station had been in and very good all evening and every evening all week. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1179 **SWEDEN** *R.Sweden*, Solvesborg SEP 23 0419 - Man and woman in Swedish; to good peak. + SEP 24 0348 - Man in Swedish read a list of names and numbers - not sure if sports or stock related. Enya-style folk vocal followed. To good peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1188 **HUNGARY** *RFE Marcali* SEP 21 2326 - Bits of Slavic talk by man; poor. + SEP 25 0356 - Plaintive eastern European male folk vocal; excellent. [Connelly-MA] SEP 29 0303 - Very good. Man in a Slavic language, then a musical interlude, and then a woman in a Slavic language. Probably the RFE program. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Bleu/Info*, Bordeaux SEP 20 0425 - Man and woman in French talked about upcoming programs; loud. + SEP 21 2241 - Excited French talk; fading up, WKOX slop phased. + SEP 23 0227 - Parallel 1377 with "Reelin' in the Years" by Steely Dan; huge. + SEP 24 0342 - French talk about TV and radio coverage of political news; excellent. [Connelly-MA] SEP 21 0343 - Fair with man and woman in French. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Virgin Radio* Moorside Edge et al. SEP 20 0435 - Bruce Springsteen vocal; over Spain. + SEP 23 0420 - "Babylon" by David Gray, then presenter mentioned automobile race results; excellent. [Connelly-MA] SEP 23 0023-0031 - Fair with male host taking phone call from woman followed by "Back on the Chain Gang" by The Pretenders. + SEP 24 2332-2338 - Fair with rock music and male host taking phone call from a young woman. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1314 **NORWAY** *NRK Kvitøy* SEP 21 0314 -0340 - Strong with male DJ in Norwegian and variety of pop and rock music and one Cajun tune. + SEP 24 2310 -2329 - Loud and clear with male DJ in Norwegian and variety of rock music including Paul Simon's "Still Crazy After All These Years" at 2326. Some splatter from loud KCEC-1320. [DeLorenzo-MA] SEP 23 0218 - Norwegian talk by man, female Norwegian country-style vocal with piano; huge, S9+20. [Connelly-MA] SEP 24 2315 - Good signal with clear audio on a barefoot CCRadio! [Conti-NH] SEP 26 0400 - First noted as a het around 0400. Built to very listenable audio by 0500 (approx dawn in Kvitøy). Continuous light pops before 0500, seeming news by a man and woman in Norwegian after 0500. A handful of other hets were present, but no other audio noted. [Bryant-WA/OI] SEP 29 0108 - Very strong. Female vocal. A little later some classical music. This station was in nicely every night during the cycle and apparently really getting out over the Arctic. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1359 **SPAIN** *Arganda* SEP 19 0348 - Fast Spanish talk and big het against CKBC. [Connelly-MA]
- 1377 **FRANCE** *France Bleu/Info*, Lille SEP 19 0346 - Man in French talking about cinema; good. + SEP 23 0227 - Parallel 1206 with "Reelin' in the Years" by Steely Dan; loud. [Connelly-MA] SEP 21 0306-0311 - Strong with man and woman in French. + SEP 22 2300-2302 - Fair with news by a man and woman in French. [DeLorenzo-MA] SEP 22 0247 - Tentative, very weak with music. [Renfrew-NY] SEP 28 0006 - Good, with man in French in a talk program. I believe this and the other former *R.Bleu* stations have changed format. Still hearing music on

- occasions. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1422 **GERMANY** *DeutschlandRadio*, Heusweiler SEP 20 0428 - German talk; to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1458 unID SEP 20 0430 - Mideast type chant; mixed with others. Albania or a UK ethnic station suspected. [Connelly-MA]
- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR Roumoules SEP 24 2245 - Loud with English talk, musical box interval signal, then carrier was cut (power drop, pattern change, or sign-off). [Connelly-MA]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA Duba SEP 19 0352 - Contemporary Arabic vocal; good. + SEP 21 2231 - Parallel 9555 and 9870 with vocal & drumming, then Arabic talk by man; good. + SEP 24 0330 - Dramatic Arabic violin music, then man in Arabic; excellent. + SEP 24 2247 - Energetic music with drumming, synthesizer keyboard, and vocal; local-like, about 15 dB better than WWKB-1520! [Connelly-MA] SEP 22 2234-2247 - Good with man in Arabic speaking to a live audience and interviewing a young boy or girl. Also Arabic religious music. Het against 1520 domestics noted on car radio almost daily in SEP around 2200. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1530 **VATICAN CITY** *R.Vaticana* SEP 30 0333 - Probably this with Slavic-sounding talk, bits of classical music; poor, under nulled WSAI. [Connelly-MA]
- 1539 **GERMANY** *Evangeliums Rundfunk*, Mainflingen SEP 20 0432 - Religious choral music; to good peak during pauses in WPTR slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1548 **KUWAIT** VOA Relay, Kabd-Kuwait City SEP 24 2251 - Shakira song "Underneath Your Clothes," woman mentioned "Sawa," then Arabic vocal with piano and strings; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1557 **FRANCE** *France Bleu/Info*, Nice SEP 20 0434 - Parallel 1377 with fast French talk; fair through WQEW slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1566 unID SEP 24 2255 - Music in WQEW slop; not sure if India or Iran. [Connelly-MA]
- 1575 **ITALY** *RAI R.Uno* synchros SEP 19 0356 - Test tones, then (at 0400) pips followed by Italian talk. [Connelly-MA]
- 1575 **KUWAIT** Clandestine, Al Mustaqbal SEP 24 2257 - Probably this with bits of Arabic music; mixed with Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 1575 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros SEP 19 0358 - Parallel 1584 with Spanish talk; under Italy's tone tests. [Connelly-MA]
- 1584 **CEUTA** *RadiOlé* SEP 23 0437 - Calm Spanish talk, orchestral music and vocal; over/under *SER*-Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 1584 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros SEP 19 0358 - Parallel 1575 with Spanish talk. + SEP 23 0437 - Parallel 1044 with news by woman; mixed with Ceuta. [Connelly-MA]

Jim speaks: With the big beverages awaiting soy bean harvest in the next week or two, I'm getting some strong TA's tonight on the "baby" wire. The good news, according to the farm, is that once the beans are in there will be no more plowing until spring. Those wishing to major in electronics to enhance their DXing, might also be wise to minor in Ag Science.

Marc speaks: Nice to see an appearance from a couple of high-latitude TA's in Denmark-1062 and Norway-1314! Debby and I are getting married Saturday SEP 28 so no DX for a few days. But, I'll be back to enjoy more of these excellent high-latitude TA conditions.

Bruce W. speaks: Also heard TA hets here SEP 23 and SEP 24 between 0130 and 0300 on 531, 675, 1134, 1215 and 1314. Way too weak for any audio on my 130-foot wire. Hope this is a sign of good TA openings this season!

Kaz speaks: After having a few hets the last two days I laid a temporary BOG across my field at about 50 degrees and connected it thru 232 ohms to the ground rod I use to feed the long west BOG (unconnected off course). While being plagued by unusually bad line noise, I did have at least 25 TA signals and a few produced audio SEP 23. Most notably 1314 Norway, 1134 Croatia and 1116 Spain clear in Spanish for a while. Audio bits were had from 1107 Spain, 1377 France and presumed 531 Algeria with wild Mid East music (have also had Spain there before). Once I don't need to mow and the crops are in from the garden I can move this 100 yards further from the power lines and have much less noise (Thanksgiving or so).

Mark speaks: Everyone's been talking about Norway-1314 and, yes, it's had a great signal here many nights. But one that hasn't been mentioned much is Denmark-1062. Around midnight EDT / 0400 UTC, they've been packing in a huge signal here. It probably helps that KYW-1060 has a very wimpy signal here for 50 kW at 300 miles. Last night I also had monster signals from quite a few others including Slovakia-1098 (beating up WTAM), UK-1089 (swamping WBAL), and France-1377 (better than St. Pierre and the 1380 VT/NH/NY mess).

Ben speaks: We are headed for London, Paris and Rome on another trip to TA



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land, and will be back in 12 days. Don't expect to have much time for DX although I will be contacting London DXer Mark Hattam, who works for BBC TV. On the eve of our departure it would seem that last week's TA cycle has come to a screeching halt, as last night's CX were downright ugly and quite auroral though nothing much heard but some strong Cubans and a few of the other usual LAs. Undoubtedly due to magnetic storms and solar disturbances. The TA cycle, which ran from about SEP 22 to 29 was rather unusual here. Most of the strong signals were between 1089 and 1377. The low end was noisy and poor, and the high end was just poor. The Spanish stations were weak, but the likes of 1089, 1098, 1134, 1188, 1314 and 1377 were super. 1206 and 1215 were OK but somewhat hampered here by WPHT. Altogether, around 30 to 40 TA signals were heard during this stretch.

Pan-American DX

- 550 **MEXICO** XEPL Cd. Cuauhtemoc, CHIH SEP 22 1130 - Canned ID mentioning 5000 watts, address (agrees with WRTH) and slogan "La Súper Estación"; then back to ranchera tunes. Generally fair. [Wilkins-CO]
- 570 **MEXICO** XEUK Caborca, Sonora SEP 23 0120 - With Mexican adult contemporary music. [Redding-AZ]
- 640 **MEXICO** XEHHI Hidalgo del Parral, CHIH SEP 18 0330 - Vocal music; phone chat with listener (probably a dedication), ads, then ID at 0337 with call letters, "Radio Uno" slogan, and location as "Parral, Chihuahua," then back to the phones after MDT time and temperature check. Fair in KFI null, with slop from KHOW-630. [Wilkins-CO]
- 690 **MEXICO** XEMA Fresnillo, ZAC SEP 9 1204 - Local spot, then brief ID as "Desde Fresnillo, Zacatecas, en el centro del país, XEMA." This was spoken over a sung slogan "La Madre de Todas." Male announcer with time check for "7:07" and "19 grados" temperature, followed by a ranchera tune. Fair signal. [Wilkins-CO]
- 690 **MEXICO** XERG Monterrey, NL SEP 19 1202 - End of sports program, then canned ID: "Esta es XERG La Deportiva en el 690 de AM, diez mil wats de potencia...[address]...desde Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico," and into fútbol discussion. Faded away two minutes later, after several minutes of fair reception. Listed as 5000 watts. [Wilkins-CO]
- 730 **MEXICO** XEEBC Ensenada, BCN SEP 9 1225 - Latino technopop music; ID by male at 1229: "XEEBC AM 730...[2 or 3 words]...", then another pop tune. At 1230 KLOE powered up and wiped 'em out. Heard on several subsequent mornings with a variety of music and "Radio Acir" slogans. New catch here, XE #184. [Wilkins-CO]
- 770 **MEXICO** XEACH Monterrey, NL SEP 08 0500:30 - ID announcement noted as "XEACH [...] con cuenta mil wats potencia, Radio Formula." [Winkelman-OK]
- 770 **MEXICO** XEHB San Francisco del Oro, CHIH SEP 08 0658-0701 - Two Spanish vocals mixing with KAAM, quick "Radio Rancherita" between songs 0700, also noted at 1000 with "[...] más música, Radio Rancherita." [Winkelman-OK]
- 790 **MEXICO** XEBI Aguascalientes, AGU SEP 06 1154 - On top with nice call letter ID, "Radio B-I" slogan/ID at 1155 all alone on top of domestics. [Winkelman-OK]
- 790 **MEXICO** XERPC Chihuahua, CHI SEP 0603:45 - Choral Mexican national anthem noted in the mix, anthem ended 0605:50 to "Radio Rancherita [...] XERPC [...] Radio Rancherita," to female singing a "ballad" style song. [Winkelman-OK]
- 790 **MEXICO** XEVA Villahermosa, TAB SEP 0901:20 - Noted choral Mexican national anthem (odd time for a Mexican anthem, perhaps at sign-on?), faded down then back at 0903, "Radio [...], XEVA [...] Tabasco Mexico," also announced what sounded to me like "viente cinco mil wats potencia," Tabasco #1 here. [Winkelman-OK]
- 800 **MEXICO** XEZR Zaragoza, COAH SEP 04 0400 - Mixing with XEROK with "Radio [...] ocho ciento kilohertz [...] Zaragoza Coahuila México," seems to be the same ID tape that John Callarman transcribed in IDXD Vol 63 No 23. [Winkelman-OK]
- 810 **MEXICO** XEHT Huamantla, TLAX SEP 22 0400 - In WHB phase null, popped up in the clear "eh-kees eh ah-cheh tay Radio Huamantla" followed by talk by what sounded like a very young girl, one of only "two" stations listed in Tlaxcala state, TLAX #1 here. [Winkelman-OK]
- 880 **MEXICO** XEPNK Los Mochis, SIN SEP 18 0235 - Program notes for oldies shows; MDT time check, phone dedication, "Canal 88, La Súper Estación" tags. Fair, mixing with other XE's and an English religious station. [Wilkins-CO]
- 880 **MEXICO** XEV Chihuahua, CHIH SEP 10 0228 - "Radio Formula Cadena Nacional" programming up to 0258 local ads and ID at 0259:45 "Via satellite, con todo el poder de la informacion, Radio Formula Cadena Nacional, transmitiendo con cinco mil wats de potencia en 880 kHz. XE... un asocio del sistema Radio Lobo," very good signal in KRVN null. [Wilkins-CO]

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980 MEXICO XEFQ Cananea, Sonora SEP 23 0040 - With news program in Spanish similar to CNN news. [Redding-AZ]
- 1030 MEXICO XEQR México, DF SEP 16 0405 - With "Radio Centro" slogan, clear call ID, and "con cincuenta mil watts potencia." [Winkelman-OK]
- 1040 MEXICO XEGYS Guaymas, Sonora SEP 23 0645 - Playing banda and using slogan "Super Banda." Strong signal into Mesa this morning. [Redding-AZ]
- 1130 MEXICO XEMOS Los Mochis, SIN SEP 25 0602 - In KWKH phase semi-null with nice clear "XEMOS Radio Mia" into mellow Spanish vocal music. [Winkelman-OK]
- 1140 MEXICO XEMR Monterrey, Nuevo León SEP 23 0031 - Playing Norteña. [Redding-AZ]
- 1170 MEXICO XEIB Caborca, Sonora SEP 23 0026 - Playing the tuba, trumpet, drums, and vocal, what else? Slogan is "¡La Super Banda!" [Redding-AZ]
- 1170 MEXICO XERT Reynosa, TAMASEP 21 1200 - Ad or program note for "Alegria Colombiana"; canned ID at 1201: "Esta es XERT-AM 1170 kHz, cinco mil wats de potencia. La Gigante, transmitiendo desde...[address]..., Reynosa, Tamaulipas. Una emisora mas de [sung] Radiorama de Reynosa". Male announcer spoke briefly, then at 1201:30, semi-local KJJD, also Spanish, signed on and took over. A new one here, XE #185. Thanks to KJJD for signing on late! [Wilkins-CO]
- 1290 MEXICO XEQUIN San Quentin, BCN SEP23 0633 - Giving ID two times and talking about "Indigenous Radio." Ad in chipmunk voice and then song "El Vaquero Raton." New for call change. [Redding-AZ]
- 1300 MEXICO XEP Cd. Juarez, CHIH SEP 17 0200 - Strong with canned ID announcing 50,000 watts! Sounded like it too, even covering KUBL which is just 65 miles from here. Also announced a new address: Av. Vicente Guerrero 2329, Colonia Partido Romero, Cd. Juarez. Also heard next morning with XE anthem at 1159 and sign-on at 1201. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1430 MEXICO XEWD Cd. Miguel Aleman, TAMA SEP 09 0354-0402 - A real surprise in local KTBZ phase null, Spanish vocal music on top of KCOH, clear XEWD call ID 0357 to choral Mexican national anthem ending 0402, soon lost to KCOH. [Winkelman-OK]
- 1530 MEXICO XEUR México, DF SEP 11 0404 - Mixing with suspected KGBT with up-tempo Spanish vocal music, clear "Radio Mexicana quince trienta" to instrumental music. [Winkelman-OK]

Transpacific DX

- 279 RUSSIA *Radio Rossii*, Yuzno-Sakhalinsk, FE SEP 27 1400 - Noted here in fair level Russian and seemingly parallel threshold 180 and 189 kHz. [Bryant-WA/OI]
- 747 JAPAN JOIB *NHK-2* Sapporo SEP 28 1330 - Heard here at good level with usual *NHK-2* evening programming at good to excellent level each morning this week. Parallel 774 and 828. [Bryant-WA/OI]
- 774 JAPAN JOUB *NHK-2* Akita SEP 28 1340 - Heard here each morning this week, not quite as strong as parallel 747, but better than 828. [Bryant-WA/OI]
- 819 DPR (NORTH) KOREA KCBS Pyongyang SEP 27 1335 - Heard in Korean with a man and woman, talk parallel 2850 at fair to good level. New station for me. [Bryant-WA/OI]
- 828 JAPAN JOBB *NHK-2* Osaka SEP 26 1405 - Heard here at fair level with usual English news by an Aussie-accented female news reader. Parallels 747 and 774 were also heard at poor level. [Bryant-WA/OI]
- 864 REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA HLRK KBS1 Gangneung SEP 27 1407 - Two men in an active discussion in Korean. Clearly parallel *KBS Program 1* on 3930. New station for me. [Bryant-WA/OI]
- 945 CHINA CNR1 (tent.) unID location SEP 26 1416 - Chinese noted here briefly. May have been parallel to 7250, but unsure. Poor. [Bryant-WA/OI]
- 963 CHINA CRI Foreign (Russian) Service SEP 26 1352 - Heard in Russian until program pause at 1356. Silence until 1400, then tones and many IDs in standard Chinese and Russian as *Radio Chitaya*. Then into seeming news in Russian. Good level. [Bryant-WA/OI]
- 1017 CHINA CRI (Korean) Foreign Service SEP 26 1425 - Talk by male in Korean at fair level until 1425, then a man and woman in Korean. Parallel 5965 kHz. Very happy with this one, just heard for the first time at Grayland last week. [Bryant-WA/OI]
- 1107 REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA HLAV Pohang (tent.) SEP 27 1340 - Threshold level and almost certainly this one in Korean. [Bryant-WA/OI]
- 1143 unID Asian station SEP 26 1420 - Heard here at fair level. Language was not Japanese, Korean or standard Chinese. It did not sound like Taiwanese (Amoy) but may have been VOA Poro. Some references say VOA is in English at this time (?). [Bryant-WA/OI]
- 1167 REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA HLKU Busan (tent.) SEP 27 1345 - Threshold level Korean-

sounding man. Probably this one on a good Korean morning. [Bryant-WA/OI]

- 1575 THAILAND VOA Ayutthaya SEP 26 1355 - Was bouncing between this and 963 until (thankfully) I caught, "This program has come to you from Washington DC." VOA had been running a program in a Southeast Asian language. Heard at fair level. Very happy with new country here from Orcas Island. Also noted at excellent level SEP 28 1348 with southeast Asian language, several mentions of VOA. [Bryant-WA/OI]

QSL Information

MOROCCO: It took two follow-ups, but I finally received a QSL from *R.Medi Un*, Morocco for a DEC 17 2000 reception, although the QSL prophetically indicates that the reception will occur on DEC 17 2002. The address: See Technique, 3-5, rue Emsallah, B.P. 2055, Tangier, Morocco; e-mail <medi1@medi1.com>. [Renfrew-NY]

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Grayland DXpedition: "It Doesn't Get Any Better Than That!"

By John Bryant

With seemingly everyone's work or personal schedule conflicting with our traditional equinoctial DXpedition schedule, the official Grayland Fall Invitational was canceled this year. However, to celebrate the end of summer, I decided to devote ten days to a personal expedition to the site. Happily, a few others straggled in during the final days of my stay. The following comments and logs represent only my own observations and loggings.

Reception conditions during the first three mornings of the stay, September 13, 14, 15 were about as poor as I've seen them in over a decade of DXing from Grayland. The dawn enhancement generally began about 1300 UTC (6:00 AM PDT) and lasted until band fade about 1430.

The morning of the 13th found mostly hets until the heart of dawn enhancement, when a few of the east coast Australian heavyweights, mostly low band, broke into audio. The only northerly path signal noted in audio was powerhouse HLAZ, 1566 and the Korean powerhouse jammer on 1053. This must have been a very auroral morning. The 14th was a very similar morning, but with even the Aussies wiped out. Other than a few of the usual Pacific Island stations, the only audio present was from a handful of New Zealand mid-band stations. The 15th was the poorest Grayland DX morning in memory. There were a few desultory hets present with finally two of the most powerful Japanese and two similar Aussies putting in an appearance at max dawn. HLAZ also reluctantly broke into threshold audio briefly.

Conditions were *much* improved on the morning of September 16, with plenty of audio around well before I reluctantly got myself outta the sack at 1245. In the next two hours, I logged 13 Japanese stations (two new) and the two Taiwan Area Fisheries stations, BEL2 and BEL3 on 738 and 1143. These latter were new to me, as well. The opening seemed to be quite narrow, off the coast of China. Only two stations were heard on the Asian mainland, HLAZ-1566 and HLCA-972. Fervent prayers were said to the DX gods that this morning was the harbinger of things to come.

After the improvement in conditions on the 16th, conditions on September 17 were very disappointing. Only the biggest guns from Japan and Australia were present in audio: Japan 747, 774, 828 and Australia 702 and 792. The morning was saved, however by a long log on new-to-me BEL86/89 synchros of Taiwan's *BCC-Country Network*. Although the signal never built to very strong levels, it was clearly not in standard Chinese (CNR1 is also on that frequency) and there was a very nice ID at top-of-the-hour!

Conditions on the 18th can only be classified as fair to poor but clearly equinoctial. Most of the year

here, we never hear Aussies mixing with such northern East Asians as the Japanese and Koreans. Even if signals are heard from both hemispheres on the same morning, it will not be simultaneous... rather, conditions will "switch" from Down Under to East Asia rather abruptly... and then sometimes return to Down Under later in the overall opening. On the 18th, I heard numerous instances of DUs and East Asians on the same channel, QRming each other. The overall conditions were only fair, with few of the lower power signals present from either area. However, a few 10 kW stations were around from both areas. The catch of the morning and maybe the entire DXpedition was a long log taken on DZEC, 1062 in Quezon City, Philippines that culminated with a full ID. What made the reception of this new-to-me station more special was the fact that DZEC was being QRmed by my favorite Australian station, 4TI located on exotic Thursday Island in the Torres Strait between Australia and New Guinea. It just doesn't get much better than that!

Sadly, September 19 was also a very sub-par morning. Although four "new" (for this DXpedition) Aussie stations were logged, the few TP hets that broke into audio were at or just above threshold levels. The only real DX catch of the morning was hearing a dialect of Chinese mixing with 2NR Australia on 738 at max dawn. This was almost certainly *Jilin Satellite Radio* in Changsha. The only other real possible source of the broadcast is Hunan province in central China. Jilin is next-door to very hearable Korea, so it was likely that station. I'll be sending a tentative report. Both mainland China and the Russian Far East have been noticeable by their absence during the past week. With three more nights to go, there is always hope!

Unfortunately, September 20th was sub-par, as well. However, there were tantalizing hints of things to come. VOA Thailand-1575 was noted in audio at dawn as was WYFR-1337 and BEL2-1143, both from Taiwan. The best of the morning was the first Russian station, *Radio Rossii-576* parallel 7140 mixing with Aussie 2RN. All of the strongest Japanese stations were present, as well.

Conditions improved on September 21 to at least "average" with the paths to northeast China being the most productive. Several new *China National Radio 1* channels were added to the log along with finally pulling loggable audio out of the *Kyoto Broadcasting System* key station on 1143. With one more night to go, things were definitely looking up!

Propagation on September 22nd was, far and away, the best of the DXpedition. Not only were there quite a number of new Chinese logged, but signal levels were mostly up in the "very listenable" level. My favorite of the morning, though had to be North Korea's outlet on 657 kHz. I understand that this station was a very reliable TP performer 15 years ago, or so. However, it has been absent from my logs for a very long time. It was noted "bombing in" at 1440, almost an hour past max dawn and was the final logging of the DXpedition.

Both Don Nelson and Bruce Portzer were able to join me for the final DXing sessions and were very welcome. Being "short-timers," they tended to DX throughout the night (I concentrated mostly on dawn enhancement, 1230-1430 UTC). They garnered several Pacific island stations that I did not log. These included a superb reception on *SIBC-1035* ("better than 5020") and at least a het on probable Tuvalu.

For me, the most notable receptions of the ten day period were the complete ID on DZEC-1062 which faded up to arm-chair level just at the top of the hour, while being QRmed by co-channel 4TI, Thursday Island, one of Australia's most exotic stations, 4TI. It truly doesn't get any better than that!

- 531 AUSTRALIA 2MC Kempsey SEP 19 1327 - Presume this noted briefly with threshold Aussie talk. [Bryant-WA]
- 531 JAPAN JOQG NHK-1 Morioka SEP 18 1304 - Heard as a strong het here each morning that the other low-band Japanese were in. This the first occasion of Japanese audio - tho' still at threshold level only. Parallel 594. [Bryant-WA]
- 576 AUSTRALIA 2RN Sydney SEP 19 1401 - Heard here at poor level parallel 9580 with ABC news. [Bryant-WA]
- 576 RUSSIA R.Rossii SEP 20 1347 - Heard with semi-classical music program until seeming news at the top of the hour. Poor to fair level parallel 7140. Mixing with 2RN Sydney after top of the hour. [Bryant-WA]
- 594 JAPAN JOAK NHK-1 Tokyo SEP 16 1240 - Heard with Noh or Kabuki classical drama with excellent level. Here all morning until band fade at 1430. Noted most mornings of DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 603 AUSTRALIA 2RN Nowra SEP 18 1405 - Heard here with poor level and ABC news followed by a music program. Parallel 9580. [Bryant-WA]
- 612 AUSTRALIA 4QR Brisbane SEP 13 1320 - Fair to poor throughout dawn enhancement (1300-1430) with news/discussion. Parallel 702. Noted most mornings of DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 648 RUSSIA Voice Of Russia/VOA Ussurisk SEP 22 1300 - This one probable only. Noted well

- before 1300 in Korean and at 1310 in Japanese. Missed top of the hour. Good level. [Bryant-WA]
- 657 DPR (NORTH) KOREA Pyongyang Pangsong Pyongyang SEP 22 11440 - This was here with Korean programming at good level throughout most of the morning. Unheard from Grayland for quite a while. Lasted in audio until almost an hour after sun-up. [Bryant-WA]
- 666 JAPAN JOBK NHK-1 Osaka SEP 21 1403 - Heard just after top of hour with Japanese talk parallel 594. Poor. [Bryant-WA]
- 675 AUSTRALIA 2CO Corowa SEP 13 1324 - Noted here at low level but parallel 747, 4QS. [Bryant-WA]
- 684 FIJI R.Fiji 1, Labasa SEP 13 1326 - First noted here at 1328 with pop instrumental music hosted by a male in Polynesian language. Clearly parallel 1152 at 1400. Fair to poor signal. Also noted at same time on SEP 14 with church services. [Bryant-WA]
- 693 JAPAN JOAB NHK-1 Tokyo SEP 15 1351 - Noted here at threshold level with male speaking Japanese. Noted most mornings of DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 702 AUSTRALIA 2BL Sydney SEP 13 1328 - The most consistent down-under performer, first noted at low level, with man and woman in discussion on SEP 13. Also noted SEP 18. [Bryant-WA]
- 729 AUSTRALIA 5RN Adelaide SEP 18 1410 - Heard with Radio National's pop music program at fair level. Mixing with JOCK. [Bryant-WA]
- 729 JAPAN JOCK NHK-1 Nagoya SEP 18 1420 - Caught as band faded with Japanese program parallel 594. Mixing with 5RN. Also noted on SEP 20. [Bryant-WA]
- 738 AUSTRALIA 2NR Lawrence SEP 13 1330 - Man and woman in discussion at low level in Aussie English with comment "...here in Australia..." at 1330. Also noted SEP 18, 19. [Bryant-WA]
- 738 CHINA Jilin Satellite Radio SEP 19 1408 - Chinese dialect talk program noted here mixing heavily with and sometimes dominating 2NR Australia. Presume this was from *Jilin* as it is near very hearable Korea. All other mainland Chinese have been absent all week. Other possibility is Hunan in central China. Fair to good level briefly. Will send tentative report. [Bryant-WA]
- 738 TAIWAN BEL2 Yuyeh Penghu SEP 16 1400 - Noted at threshold level parallel to stronger 1143. [Bryant-WA]
- 747 JAPAN JOIB NHK-2 Sapporo SEP 16 1322 - Noted at fair level parallel to much stronger 774. Noted most mornings of DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 774 AUSTRALIA 3LO Melbourne SEP 13 1334 - Presumed with Aussie English discussion, mixing with dominant JOUB. [Bryant-WA]
- 774 JAPAN JOUB NHK-2 Akita SEP 13 1337 - Noted here at good level with advanced English lessons, mixing with 3LO. Noted most mornings of DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 792 AUSTRALIA 4RN Brisbane SEP 13 1113 - ABC News by male noted in passing with fair signal. Mentions of Australia, ABC, etc. Also noted SEP 15 at 1345 parallel to R.Australia-9580 with music programming. Noted most mornings of DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 828 JAPAN JOBB NHK-2 Osaka SEP 16 1325 - Also noted as fair to poor, parallel other NHK-2 stations. Noted most mornings of DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 837 JAPAN JOQK NHK-1 Niigata SEP 16 1329 - Heard with a western-type crooner program parallel 594 at good level. A new one for me! [Bryant-WA]
- 846 KIRIBATI R.Kiribati, Tarawa SEP 17 0841 - Noted here at good to excellent level with continuous island vocals. [Bryant-WA]
- 873 JAPAN JOGB NHK-2 Kumamoto SEP 18 1245 - Noted in passing at fair level parallel 774. [Bryant-WA]
- 891 AUSTRALIA 5AN Adelaide SEP 19 1250 - Noted throughout dawn enhancement this date with ABC MS at poor to fair levels. [Bryant-WA]
- 891 JAPAN JOHK NHK-1 Sendai SEP 20 1240 - Noted at good level with Japanese talk parallel 594. Also noted SEP 21. [Bryant-WA]
- 936 AUSTRALIA 7ZR Hobart SEP 18 1420 - Probable with a discussion of conditions in Vietnam, in Aussie-accented English, as band gave up the ghost. [Bryant-WA]
- 945 CHINA CNR1 unID location SEP 21 1248 - Noted here throughout dawn enhancement parallel 6030. Also noted SEP 22. [Bryant-WA]
- 954 JAPAN JOKR Tokyo SEP 16 1343 - A discussion program with at least two men and one woman in Japanese. Good level. Noted here also on SEP 20, however also likely there most mornings of DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 963 JAPAN NHK-1 synchros SEP 16 1344 - Heard parallel to 594 Tokyo at excellent level. [Bryant-WA]

- 972 **REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA** HLCA Dangjin SEP 16 1345 - Excellent level with a male talking in Korean. [Bryant-WA]
- 981 **JAPAN** NHK-1 synchros SEP 21 1414 - Noted here at good level parallel 594. Two 1 kW outlets plus three 100W outlets here. This most likely from seaport of Sasebo. [Bryant-WA]
- 1008 **JAPAN** JONR Osaka SEP 16 1346 - Noted in passing at fair level with a man and woman talking. [Bryant-WA]
- 1008 **NEW ZEALAND** 1ZD Tauranga (pres.) SEP 14 1330 - Noted with phone-in show at threshold level. [Bryant-WA]
- 1017 **CHINA** CNR Korean Service, unID location SEP 21 1310 - Heard here in Korean with news and possibly commentary (Amerika mentions) parallel 5965. [Bryant-WA]
- 1026 **CHINA** Beijing Jingi GD SEP 22 1340 - Beijing educational station noted here at good level with normal CNR time pips plus partially intelligible ID at the top of the hour. [Bryant-WA]
- 1035 **CHINA** CNR1 unID location SEP 22 1404 - Standard Chinese talk noted at good level parallel 6030. [Bryant-WA]
- 1035 **NEW ZEALAND** 2ZB Wellington SEP 14 1332 - Noted at very poor level with several mentions of News-Talk. [Bryant-WA]
- 1053 **JAPAN** JOAR Nagoya SEP 20 1250 - Heard here with Japanese talk throughout dawn opening, overriding Korean bubble jammer for first time during DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 1053 **REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA** Bubble Jammer SEP 13 1340 - Usual bubble jammer dominated this channel at dawn SEP 13. Noted most mornings of DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 1062 **AUSTRALIA** 4TI Thursday Island SEP 18 1350 - Mixing normal ABC Russian programming with DZEC signal. ABC news at top of hour. Mostly poor level. [Bryant-WA]
- 1062 **JAPAN** JOXS Namuro (tent.) SEP 22 1326 - Japanese commercial programming noted here on this graveyard commercial channel of low power relays. Most likely station, by far geographically, is Sapporo TV's 100 watt relay in Namuro, JOXS. Going to send the station a recording. [Bryant-WA]
- 1062 **PHILIPPINES** DZEC Quezon City SEP 18 1332 - Monitored for 40 minutes with very interesting phone-in program hosted by female. Mostly at poor level and mixing with 4TI. I never thought that I would consider ABC's outlet on exotic Thursday Island as QRM. DZEC built to intelligible levels at the top of the hour just in time for a full network and station IDs. [Bryant-WA]
- 1071 **JAPAN** JOFK NHK-1 Hiroshima SEP 16 1349 - New one for me at good level with a program of talk by two males with occasional songs, parallel 594. [Bryant-WA]
- 1089 **CHINA** Liaoning Satellite Radio, Shenyang SEP 22 1413 - Probably this at good level running continuous Chinese light pops and ballads. [Bryant-WA]
- 1098 **MARSHALL ISLANDS** V7AD Radio Majuro SEP 13 1117 - Presumed with island and pops music program noted here, hosted by male announcer in Polynesian/Melanesian language. Fair at peaks. [Bryant-WA]
- 1107 **JAPAN** unID SEP 15 1224 - Commercial station noted here briefly with male Japanese speaker. Also heard SEP 19. [Bryant-WA]
- 1116 **JAPAN** unID SEP 19 1349 - unID commercial station noted here parallel 1107. Probably the ubiquitous "All Night Nippon." [Bryant-WA]
- 1116 **NEW ZEALAND** 2YX Nelson SEP 14 1113 - Believe this the one with frantic sporting event coverage ending at 1120. Multiple mentions of New Zealand. Just above threshold level. [Bryant-WA]
- 1134 **JAPAN** JOQR Tokyo SEP 16 1257 - Heard with fast-paced talk show by two females, possibly closing program at 1300. [Bryant-WA]
- 1143 **TAIWAN** BEL3 Taiwan Yuyeh Penghu SEP 16 1400 - This heard here at quite good level in Chinese dialect and, maybe, standard Chinese. Program after 1400 was exclusively one woman talking until 1420. Was parallel to the much weaker BEL2 on 738. Both are Taiwan area fisheries stations. Also heard SEP 20. [Bryant-WA]
- 1143 **JAPAN** JOBR Kyoto SEP 21 1425 - Had heard 'imaginary level' Japanese talk here several previous mornings. Finally broke into intelligibility late dawn with Japanese talk. I'm sending tentative report and recording. First new Japanese commercial outlet of DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 1152 **FIJI** R.Fiji 1, Raki Raki SEP 13 1350 - Island vocals, hosted by male announcer, time pip tones at 1400 into quiet music. Fair to good parallel 684. Also noted at same time on SEP 14 with church services. Mixing briefly with 3ZC, Timaru NZ. Also noted SEP 14. [Bryant-WA]
- 1152 **JAPAN** NHK-2 synchros SEP 19 1350 - These noted at threshold level parallel 774. [Bryant-WA]
- 1152 **NEW ZEALAND** 3ZC Timaru SEP 14 1402 - Noted here briefly with ID as 'News-Talk' and

- news of a storm south of the South Island. Mixing with co-channel Fiji 1. [Bryant-WA]
- 1161 **TAIWAN** BED86/BED89 BCC Country Channel SEP 17 1325 - Followed this for almost entire dawn enhancement of SEP 17. Was in Chinese dialect, not standard Chinese and not parallel CNR1 on SW. Only other real possibility is two BCC synchros in Amoy or Taiwan dialect. Possible English lessons until 1330, then talk interspersed with Chinese operatic numbers. Distinctive tones (not CNR) at 1400. Pleased with this. Will send tentative report. Also noted SEP 18. [Bryant-WA]
- 1179 **JAPAN** JOOR Osaka SEP 16 1302 - Noted a program of Japanese pop music hosted by female DJ. Good to excellent at peaks. [Bryant-WA]
- 1233 **AUSTRALIA** 2NC Newcastle SEP 13 1404 - ABC News ended at 1405, into a national ABC phone-in show. [Bryant-WA]
- 1242 **JAPAN** JOLF Tokyo SEP 15 1238 - Heard briefly at very poor level with Japanese speech by male. Noted most mornings of DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 1278 **JAPAN** JOFR Fukuoka SEP 16 1306 - Here with a program of several men and women chatting informally. Possibly *All Night Nippon* program? Good at peaks. [Bryant-WA]
- 1287 **JAPAN** JOHR Sapporo SEP 16 1309 - Running a talk show with a man and woman in Japanese. Good level. Noted most mornings of DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 1332 **JAPAN** JOSF Nagoya SEP 18 1325 - Noted in passing with Japanese pop music program. Yet another at just above threshold level. [Bryant-WA]
- 1377 **CHINA** CNR1 unID location SEP 21 1340 - Noted here at fair level, parallel 6030. [Bryant-WA]
- 1377 **JAPAN** NHK-2 synchros SEP 18 1305 - Noted at very poor level parallel to 774. [Bryant-WA]
- 1386 **JAPAN** NHK-2 synchros SEP 16 1313 - Heard in parallel to 774 with weather at various locations throughout Japan. Fair level. [Bryant-WA]
- 1475 **MALAYSIA (EASTERN)** RTVM Kota Kinabalu SEP 18 1255 - Heard only as a het, but a clear indication that RTVM continues to run this Tagalog propaganda service on the odd frequency of 1475. Also noted as het on SEP 19. [Bryant-WA]
- 1503 **JAPAN** JOUK NHK-1 Akita SEP 20 1334 - Noted throughout morning parallel 594. Fair level at best. [Bryant-WA]
- 1557 **CHINA-TAIWAN** WYFR *Family Radio* SEP 20 1337 - Tentative; this is the only 'logical' one heard here with Chinese programming at good level. Faded after 10 minutes. [Bryant-WA]
- 1566 **REP. OF (SOUTH) KOREA** HLAZ Cheju Island SEP 13 1244 - Christian programming in Japanese. Fair to poor on SEP 13. Noted most AMs of DXpedition. [Bryant-WA]
- 1575 **THAILAND** VOA Ayuthaya SEP 18 1300 - Heard first around 1356 with threshold audio in Asian language, built to listenable level briefly, just in time to hear, "This program has been brought to you by the Voice of America." No Yankee Doodle at TOH. Also noted SEP 20, 22. [Bryant-WA]

International News

- AFGHANISTAN:** *Information Radio*, the U.S. Psyop operation launched during the first days of the American military intervention in Afghanistan last year, continues to broadcast on 8700 kHz in AM mode. Its current schedule appears to be from mid-afternoon until late at night Kabul time. The medium wave frequency, 864 kHz, also appears to be active; however, our monitoring has only detected a carrier wave and no sound. (T.Hirayama, Japan/Afghanistan, SEP 15 for *Clandestine Radio Watch* via *DX Listening Digest*)
- ANTIGUA:** The management of ZDK Radio (1100) and CTV told the public this week that arson attacks completely destroyed ZDK's AM transmitters at McKinnons, and that a number of CTVs transmitters were set ablaze around midday Tuesday, per the SEP 8 Montserrat Reporter. (Mike Cooper, *DX Listening Digest*, via SEP 26 *ARC CA/SA News Desk*)
- BELIZE:** The IBB (VOA) relay near Punta Gorda, Belize, ceased operation SEP 15 at 0500 UT. It consisted of two 100-kilowatt medium wave transmitters operating on 1530 and 1580 kHz. It was used for VOA Spanish and English (*News Now*) to Central American and southern Mexico. There was also a low power FM transmitter at the site, which relayed VOA *News Now*. (Kim Elliott, VOA, SEP 17 *DX Listening Digest*)
- CYPRUS:** Radio Sawa has moved from 981 to 990 kHz. Their Web site has been updated. (Andy Sennitt, Holland, SEP 17 *DX Listening Digest*) George Moore of IBB reports, "The 981/ 990 kHz transmitter is registered with the ITU by Cyprus and operates at a power level of 600 kW." (Ydun Ritz, Denmark, SEP 17 *DX Listening Digest*)
- EUROPE:** From www.electronicstimes.com, by Nick Flaherty, *EE Times*, 19 September 2002; "A consortium of 75 European companies aims to replace current long, medium, and short-wave radio transmissions with a digital system by 2007. Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) demon-

strated its first receivers at IBC with prototype software for a PC receiver which will be released to enthusiasts at the end of the year. DRM is also going ahead with production of its first consumer receiver, due to reach the market in 2004, in a venture backed by Coding Technologies, the BBC and manufacturer AFG. (Mike Terry, SEP 20 *DX Listening Digest*) DRM-testerna sprider sig över bandet och 2007 skall flertalet europeiska storstationer vara on the air med DRM-MV. Just nu är endast frekvenserna 531, 855 och 1485 kHz i bruk, men snart kommer 729, 819, 945, 981 och 1386 kHz. Det är ju tyskarna som kör hart. Läs mer på websidan hardcore-dx.com/index.php och se bilder på sändarna. (SEP 23 *ARC mv-eko*)

ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES: 705 kHz AM service has been switched off. At the moment on FM only. The AM service was abruptly terminated in April due to severe damage. However, attempts are currently being made to have it reinstated. (Corlita Ollivierre, GM Radio St. Vincent, via Mark Hattam, SEP 16 *MWC E-Mail News*, SEP 26 *ARC CA/SA News Desk*)

TAJIKISTAN: Current tests from Tajikistan on 801 kHz, i.e. to Afghanistan rather than in Afghanistan. 801 kHz is not an Afghan frequency, but "belongs" to Tajikistan in the ITU Geneva MW Plan. This frequency was used by a transmitter in Orzu in southern Tajikistan with Moscow R 1, until it was closed in the early 1990s. The Geneva Plan limits the power to 200 kW; it is unknown what power was used for R 1, or what power will be used after a reactivation now. (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, SEP 10, 18 *BC-DX*, SEP 17 *DX Listening Digest*)

73 and Good DX!

Musings of the Members

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***** Re-intro and 20th Anniversary Musing *****

Well, it's the re-intro time of year again. I'm a 52-year-old North Jersey BCB DX'er, married with 3 kids - 2 young adults and one teenager - all in the same crowded house. I work in the data processing department of a children's book publisher, and other spare-time interests (besides DX'ing) including advisory work with scouts and a church youth group, and collecting old country-western records.

I began DX'ing as a teen in the '60's, searching the airwaves for rock'n'roll tunes, and keeping lists of the stations I heard, discovering things like sunset-skip by accident, totally unaware that this was a regular hobby with clubs, bulletins, and the like. Had no idea you could write to stations and request QSL's. Did almost no listening through the 70's as I finished up college, began a career, got married, and started a family. In the spring of 1982 I discovered my old Hallicrafters S-120 in a closet, turned it on, and was hooked on the hobby again. Found out about the NRC while searching bookstores for a published list of AM stations, and joined that summer.

In some ways it seems like I joined the NRC just yesterday, but then again, how different AM DX'ing was 20 years ago! Back then, the clear-channels were really clear; WOAI-1200 was a semi-regular visitor here. Low-powered nighttime operations were rare, and many more stations signed off daily with full-data announcements and the National Anthem. The graveyard stations were all dropped to 250-watts at sunset and pumped back up to 1000-watts at sunrise, making for some mighty interesting SRS DX'ing.

But the biggest changes on AM over the past 20 years have been in the programming content. In 1982 almost all local stations originated their own programming. The only major satellite services were the all-night Larry King program and the Music-of-Your-Life format. Every little town seemed to have its local DJ's spinning mostly adult-contemporary stuff. I think nearly half my reception reports my first few years mentioned the record "Eye in the Sky" by the Alan Parsons Project.

Over the past five years, ever since the Delaware convention of 1997 (which was terrific by the way; thanks, Dave!) I've done almost no DX'ing to speak of. There have been lots of reasons - little spare time, lots of interference on the airwaves, etc., - but the main reason is that it just isn't all that interesting or fun to pick up a station 600 miles away with the same songs and DJ's as the station 20 miles away. Without the local content and the charm of a mom-and-pop operation, the small, local stations have little appeal to me, and are just not worth the time and effort to chase after. I've been keeping up my membership, however, with the hope that there's just enough local stuff remaining out there to rekindle my interest someday.

Meanwhile, thanks to the NRC for the terrific services it has provided over the past 20 years. And if

anyone is interested, point your browser to members.aol.com/rharri333/bcating.htm and look for the link to my old NYC radio history article and chart series which ran in *DX News* some number of years ago. Best regards.

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I read with much interest the articles relating to the demise of the KKSU/WBW time share arrangement. KKSU provided interesting and diverse programs with a good signal for many years, and it is unlikely, in my view, that comparable coverage will be forthcoming on the other stations as a network. The Friday before Labor day weekend, I heard WIBW, prior to 5:30PM, with a commentary and discussion on the change and loss of sports this season. The reason for timesharing was also mentioned, which was that many operators years ago were unable to come up with enough programming to fill 24 hours. Other now demised timeshare arrangements which I have heard included WLS/WENR Chicago, with my father working for WLS 1938-51. As I recall, they both used the WLS transmitter toward the end. Living in Highland Park IL from 1951 til 1964, I could also hear WAIT/WCBD-820. WCBD was originally in Zion, IL but after a transmitter fire, they bought time on Sundays from WAIT. The most interesting set up was WCRW (100 watts), WSBC (250 watts) and WEDC (250 watts). WCRW was on the north side in a hotel with the tower on top of the building and broadcast from 11-2 and 5-7PM. WSBC was also on the north side with a better antenna. WEDC was on the south side of town and owned by a Chicago car dealer. As they switched off, there was sometimes dead air at which time you may have heard Sterling, IL if you had a Zenith Royal 500 (I owned 2 during the time). Both WCRW (named for the owner Clinton R. White) and WSBC had lots of diverse foreign language programs. The days of local programming time share arrangements and other exotic elements are about gone now and the FCC is considering further group ownership which can only make for more bland or worse fare for the public, which supposedly owns the airwaves.

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This is the first time that I can remember such a LOUSY turnout for this column for our season opener; we received ONE report from a club that has almost 700 members! Why such the downturn in support? I know that there are other columns in *DX NEWS* that have taken the Musings theme and turned it into a great electronic-developed column, but we also welcome Email as well as the standard UPS mailings. And as I have mentioned, you can let us know of your DX doings, some of the 'tricks' you might do on hearing stations under stations, if you DX via your VCR (there is a story behind that, maybe CRAIG HEALY will come out of the woodwork and share it with us sometime?), your equipment, antennas, etc., etc., etc. We do use format information here but would like to keep it limited if it would be of help in someone trying to ID a station (we don't really care when Rush Limbaugh changed his socks!). If you're a new member, Musings is a GREAT place to send in your first report and give us some back ground on yourself. Got an unusual catch? Send it along, let us know. Tell us what it was like to DX 'back then', before the expanded band (anyone remember when 1500-1600 was added?) and when stations actually went off for scheduled maintenance! There is LOTS that can be said, only YOU can say it! I could make up some reports but I don't think Paul would go for that (they'd all be like our old April Fools issues then!). One of the funnier reports in an April Fools issue came from Edsel P Barnswarth, complaining of a DX TEST that didn't show. The editor then added the comment that the station burnt down the night before! So its up to YOU, the membership of this organization to make it work. I can only add so much WD40 to the wheel to keep it from rusting! And FRANK MERRILL, I did get your phone call but I don't have a call back number! And even a couple of reports from JOHN BOWKER would be welcomed! (They always are John!)

Thanks, everyone, and we hope we'll be hearing from Y-O-U!

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