

DX News

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CPC Test Calendar

KNOM	AK	780	Oct. 26	0400-0500
WDFB	KY	1170	Nov. 2	0000-????
KTNS	CA	1060	Nov. 8	0000-0100

From the Publisher ... I don't think that the computer "meltdown" affected anyone's address in our membership/subscription database, but just to be sure, please check your address label. As always, feel free to e-mail (plsBCBDXER@aol.com) or snailmail me any corrections, no matter how small, but remember that the USPS recognizes only what's in their database as "correct", as far as street addresses go.

Got test ideas? E-mail them to NRC's CPC (Courtesy Programs Chairperson; used to be "Committee" but he does the work of several) Blaine Thompson at <<phredd@well.com>>. Stamps, suggestions for stations to test, and even a little \$\$ for envelopes and stationery are appreciated, and I'm sure he'd let you lick, stick, and send envelopes if you were in the area of Ft. Wayne, or even somewhere else.

As we move into the DX season, I might remind all contributors to DX columns to take note of how editors set up their columns and at least try to comply with their standards and formats, which for the last 15 years or so has NOT included cutting loggings into little strips of paper, hi! Point is that formats and standards change, and you should be aware of each editor's requirements. A sort of un-enforced rule is that a station should be reported once and once only per DX season to both DDXD and IDXD unless something unusual would prompt you to report it again, like a format change or change in power. Finally: want to see YOUR name in DXN every week? Report to the DX columns or write Dave Schmidt a Musing!

Lower Deck GTG ... Ray and Arlene Arruda's annual Thanksgiving GTG will take place on Saturday, November 23, 2002 from noon until ? in "The Lower Deck" at 47 Burt Street, Acushnet, MA. All DXers, hams, and anyone with a general interest in radio are welcome. They have limited space available for overnight accommodations. This is their 25th consecutive year for the event!

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 70

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
5.	Oct. 25	Nov. 4	18.	Jan. 31	Feb. 10
6.	Nov 1	Nov 11	19.	Feb. 7	Feb. 17
7.	Nov 8	Nov. 18	20.	Feb. 14	Feb. 24
8.	Nov. 15	Nov. 25	21.	Feb. 21	Mar. 3
9.	Nov 22	Dec. 2	22.	Feb. 28	Mar. 10
10.	Nov 29	Dec. 9	23.	Mar. 21	Mar. 31
11.	Dec. 6	Dec. 16	24.	April 4	April 14
12.	Dec. 13	Dec. 23	25.	April 18	April 28
13.	Dec. 27	Jan. 6	26.	May 9	May 19
14.	Jan 3	Jan. 13	27.	June 6	June 16
15.	Jan 10	Jan. 20	28.	July 4	July 14
16.	Jan. 17	Jan. 27	29.	Aug. 1	Aug. 11
17.	Jan. 24	Feb. 3	30.	Sept. 5	Sept. 15

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the October 25, 1952 DXN: Roger Anderson, Arlington, VA reported hearing Madrid-Arganda (737) and La Caruina (701) from 1815-1900 s/off, along with Lisbon-II (665), Lisbon-I (719), and CSB2-Parede (1034) until 1900 s/off, all on Oct. 16 and 19.

25 years ago ... from the October 31, 1977 DXN: Publisher Ted Fleishaker suggested that members "become famous" by reporting to the proper column to see their names in print ... Don Kaskey, San Francisco, reported hearing China, either Haerbin or Fujien, with a strong signal atop a USSR station and HIKY on 10-9 at 1300; Randy Seaver, Chula Vista, CA reported the USSR station and a Japanese station on 840 most mornings from 1100-1200. Kaskey also reported HOL80-840 from Panama on 9-26.

10 years ago ... from the October 26, 1992 DXN: DDXD-North was edited by Bill Hale; South by Duncan Shaw, and East by Dave Braun, and the columns featured such catches as KVGB-1619.7 Great Bend, KS as a spur, by three Manitoba DX'ers, Shawn Axelrod, Wayne McRae, and Larry Shewchuk, and KNSE-1510 Ontario, CA by John Wilkins in Colorado ... Jim Renfrew's IDXD included an Australian catch by George McLachlan and Dave McBride near Lewis, Manitoba: RPH-1620, on 9-28 and an Angolan catch by Jean Burnell at Cochrane's Pond, Newfoundland: EP da Hila, Lubango-1313 on 9-29.

AM Switch

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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>
1030	KLLU	OR	Reedsport KDUN
1090	KKYN	TX	Plainview KVOP
1280	KKOM	CA	Arroyo Grande KXTK
1390	WKDR	VT	Burlington WVAA

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

700 TX Wylie: 250/250 U4

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1490 GA Cordele: 1000/1000 U1

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1280 WFYC MI Alma: 1000/56 U1
 1290 WTMI CT West Hartford: 490/11 U1

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

980 KNTR AZ Lake Havasu City: 1000/49 U1
 1270 WCGC NC Belmont: 10000 D3

OTHERNESS

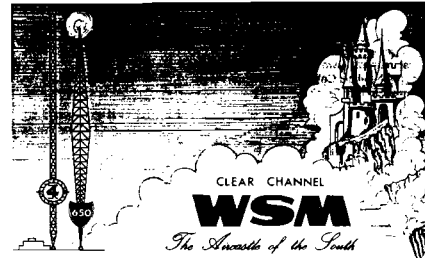
890 KLFF CA Arroyo Grande: CP for 5000/1000 U2 is on
 960 KOVO UT Provo: silent station is ON THE AIR relaying KZNS-1280
 1270 WWCA IN Gary: SILENT once again, will return following sale
 1320 WKJM KY Mayfield: SILENT
 1520 WTRI MD Brunswick: SILENT (again)
 1540 KZMP TX University Park: CP for 32000/750 U4 is on
 1550 WSHN MI Fremont: SILENT (again)

THANKS: Bill Hale, Perry Crabill, Ed Krejny, Phil Boersma & Shawn Axelrod

A brief note to those using the FCC's Silent Station web page: it is not being kept up-to-date. WBZB-1090 has been back on the air for a month but is still listed.

There will be no AM Switch in the next issue as we make our final racing trip of 2002. AMS will return in #6 and will appear in every issue until February 2003.

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



Domestic DX Digest

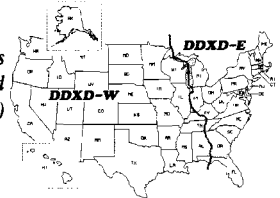
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 Central time zones)



DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE R^{AM}BLINGS

- Another good turnout for so early in the season. Thanks to all who took time to report.
- Words from up North: "Excellent Western conditions this morning (10/13) after 0715 EDT when I was about ready to give up! NEW KEUT was a very nice surprise!" . . . and then he awoke on 10/14 saying: "What a nice morning. Nothing new but conditions are up from a few weeks ago. This is our time of the year! 1490s are from overnight taping sessions. Still trying for the new stuff. It's out there!!!!" - JJR-WI; and from further north . . . "Finally some DX. Still lots of noise here. Neighbours may have some new toys. Not sure." - SA-MB; space reserved for YOU!
- As the temperatures cool down, DX heats up. Let's hear what you've been logging. CUN7.

REPORTERS

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RA-CA1 Rene Auvray 8 miles south of Yermo '02 Ford caradio
RA-NV Rene Auvray Henderson Grundig Yacht Boy 400 PE
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WW-TX Wally Wawro Rowlett
Ed.-TX Editor North Richland Hills

STATION NEWS & NOTES and (psssst) rumors

- 560 KLZ CO Denver - Changed formats to sports with ESPN Network. (Radio/DX Information from Wisconsin at <http://www.angelfire.com/wi/dxing/>)
- 660 KSKY TX Balch Springs - Sources at the station indicate that they'll start testing from their new site the week of 10/21. They expect to operate from there in November. I'm trying to arrange an overnight full power DX test from the old site before the switch is made. (WW-TX)
- 710 KDIS CA Los Angeles - Will swap formats (and probably calls) with KSPN 1110 in January 2003. (Sources all over the www)
- 950 WCLB WI Sheboygan - Goes oldies as Cool 950. Ex: standards and Club 950. (DX-midAmerica.com)
- 960 KKNT AZ Phoenix - 10/16 0859 - Caught ID in progress: . . . Michael Medved . . . weekdays at 12 noon right here on the new News Talk 960 KKNT . . . Rough with KKFN-950 splatter. Ex: KCTK. (JW-CO)
- 970 KUPL OR Portland - 10/12 0225 - With ID: Country Favorites 98.7 KUPL. New calls and format. Classic C&W replaces Hot Talk/Hard Rock KUFO. Should change calls to KFOM for Format of (the) Month. (DKK-CA)

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980 KGLN CO Glenwood Springs - 10/17 0959 - Legal ID in EE: *We keep you informed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year with CNN headline news. We are 980 AM KGLN Glenwood Springs and into CNN News. Apparent format change; ex: SS. (JW-CO)*

990 (KTMS) CA Santa Barbara - 10/12 0050 - Was missing. Nightly regular in semi-local KATD's null was absent leaving a strong XECL. Later I noted KATD remained off, leaving a very potent XECL almost alone. (DKK-CA)

1040 (WHO) IA Des Moines - 10/18 0110 - Sign-off for maintenance with announcement: "If you were working on a 50,000 watt blowtorch you wouldn't want it plugged in either." (PG-CO) [Only the Big Boys can say that! :-) - Ed.]

1270 (WWCA) IN Gary - 10/14 - Remains silent. Will be religious when it returns to the air. (DX-midAMerica.com)

1320 WKJM KY Mayfield - 10/13 - Is silent. (DX-midAMerica.com)

1480 WSPY IL Geneva - 10/15 - Now carries standards/Jones Music of Your Life, having dropped its simulcast of AC WSPY-FM 107.5. (Radio/DX Information from Wisconsin at <http://www.angelfire.com/wi/dxing/>)

1480 WTDA WI Madison - 10/14 - Became La Movida with a Spanish-language Latin Contemporary format at 9 a.m. today. A call change to WLMV is expected. The station is being operated by Luis Montoto, who had previously done a Saturday night show of the same name on 100X (WTLX/100.5 Columbus-Madison). The new format on 1480 is the first full-time Spanish-language format in the Madison area, though 1480 will eventually be required to leave the air since the station "moved" to 1670. Stations that moved into the expanded band were given a limited amount of time to keep both frequencies on the air. (Upper Midwest Broadcasting)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

610 UNID ?? - 10/1 0700 - Poor, with SSB and possible ABC News sounder. Who izzit? Looped South. Needed WRUS-KY? (JJR-WI)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

1610 TIS/HAR NV Las Vegas - 10/6 1720-1733 - Strong from I-15/Speedway exit to south of US 95 on I-15. Mentions of road work and closures.. Faded out while passing The Strip. (RA-NV)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

550 KTRS MO St. Louis - 10/10 0630 - Call ID with news, then lost in fade-out. (JTR-OK)

550 KFVR ND Bismarck - 10/13 0743 - Poor, with *K-Fire* 550 morning show promo into oldie. (JJR-WI)

560 KSFO CA San Francisco - 10/6 0900-0906 - News for San Francisco and Oakland read by Lisa Lee. Traffic and weather followed by *Hot Talk 560 KSFO*. Sudden QRM from unID. (RA-CA)

580 KMJ CA Fresno - 10/6 0924-0936 - Mentioning address of a church with program that had just aired. Mailing address in San Francisco. Some QRM. (RA-CA)

650 KMTI UT Manti - 10/7 0025 - Call ID between C&W songs. Fair, with some QRM, but none from KFI. (RA-NV)

670 KIRN CA Simi Valley - 10/12 2223-2308+ - Somehow getting themselves heard here with Mideast-type talk & music through both KBOI and KLTT in the null of KNBR-680. Have never heard a peep from them before. Enjoyed this no end. (DKK-CA)

670 KLTT CO Commerce City - 10/12 0110 - Easy through KBOI with a preacher. Has been a nuisance every night lately. (DKK-CA) [Down here, too. Wish someone would turn them in! - Ed.]

680 KNBR CA San Francisco - 10/13 0748 - Poor, with ESPN Radio promos, TV promos, and finally 680 KNBR. Sports from ESPN. (JJR-WI)

700 KGRV OR Winston - 10/12 0108 - Strong, atop, with preaching over *Truckin' Bozo* on KWLW. (DKK-CA)

710 KUET AZ Black Canyon City - 10/13 0735 - Poor, though faded up later. 710 KUET heard twice with satellite NOS. Was chasing needed KXMR! NEW! (JJR-WI)

740 KRMG OK Tulsa 10-17 0649 Poor in CHWO null w/calls & ads. (JJR-WI)

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750 CKJH SK Melfort - 10/13 0734 - Fair, with weather and *Saskatchewan's new CK750*. Oldies. (JJR-WI)

790 KGHL MT Billings - 10/13 0726 - Fair @20/9! Many local ads, then calls. Old C&W. (JJR-WI)

850 KACD CA Thousand Oaks - 10/12 2320-0116+ - With Fox Sports. ID at 2320 was *Fox Sports AM 1150*. Continued in KOA null for next couple hours mixing with suspected XEZF-Mexicali. (DKK-CA)

870 WWL LA New Orleans - 10/13 0140-0150+ - With Truckers Show blowing away both KRLA and KLSQ. C&W music and national weather noted. (DKK-CA)

880 KRVN NE Lexington - 10/6 2259-2307 - Mentions of KRVN website and *Nebraska Broadcasters Association*. ABC News with *Karen Chase*. Ad for a Hawaiian cruise on *Norwegian Cruise Lines* by Gordon Bennett. Weather for Nebraska and Kansas. QRM from unID station. (RA-NV)

880 KCMX OR Phoenix - 10/12 0100 - Cutting thru mess with a wrap-up of Medford-Ashland football game. Radio Unica (KWIP) QRM. (DKK-CA)

940 KWBY OR Woodburn - 10/12 0057 - With ID: KWBY *Woodburn-Portland*. Easy through KWRU. Had been playing *Ranchera* music. (DKK-CA)

970 WMAY IL Springfield - 10/10 2006 - Poor, over unID oldies stn. Calls. Not common. (JJR-WI)

970 KNFX MN Austin - 10/17 0736 - Poor, with *K-Fan* slogan and sister 1270 (KWEB) mention into local ads. (JJR-WI)

1030 KDUN OR Reedsport - 10/15 2115-2135 - with C&W music, local ads etc. Went back to their original call after trying KLLU a few years. In well at times, but QRM from KJDJ/KMAS/KTWO. Power cut noted at 2135 leaving a strong KJDJ. (DKK-CA)

1030 KMAS WA Shelton - 10/12 - Ended football game at 0045, then into ads, ID and rock music. Again a good signal. (DKK-CA)

1050 KTCT CA San Mateo - 10/6 0858-0900 - Closing a talk show and mentioning a website about parent/childhood. Call ID, mention of being the home of the *Oakland Raiders*. Fading. (RA-CA) [These are correct calls - Ed.]

1060 KKVV NV Las Vegas - 10/12 0900 - Sign-on announcements in EE, then into Spanish programming. Good signal and probably my mystery SS from earlier this month. (DKK-CA)

1070 KHMO MO Hannibal - 10/14 [no time] - Poor with local ID after Cardinals baseball. (MS-MB)

1110 WBCA AL Bay Minette - 10/17 0600 - Poor, with ID into ABC News. C&W. (JJR-WI)

1150 WLOC KY Munfordville - 10/10 2002 - Poor, over CKOC, with ID and local news. (JJR-WI)

1170 KCBQ CA San Diego - 10/7 102801033 - Call ID, followed by mentions of events in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. Show anchored by Larry Larson. Fair, starting to fade. (RA-NV)

1170 KOWO MN Waseca - 10/13 0751 - Oldies tunes to 0759:50 legal ID: *News Talk around the clock, this is AM 1170 KOWO Waseca-Janesville-Waterville* and into ABC News. At 0804 there was an ad for station news director - . . . apply to 1929 South Cedar Avenue in Owatonna. More music followed. Fair-to-poor in KFAQ null. New here, for Minnesota #50. (JW-CO)

1180 KLAY WA Lakewood - 10/12 0000-0030+ - With high school football game, battling KERI throughout, with no sign of KOFI. ID at 0006 and local ads. *Bethel Rams* won the game 56-12. Frequent IDs during time outs etc. Game over at 0024 and into TeleTalk show originating in Seattle at 0030 still atop. New one for me and many thanks to Rich Toebe for the tip. (DKK-CA)

1210 KGYN OK Guymon - 10/15 2120 - C&W and oldies. Rarely heard at my old location. (JTR-OK)

1210 CFYM SK Kindersley - 9/26 0803 - Local weather, mixing with unID Spanish speaker. Poor signal. NEW! (MS-MB)

1240 KEZY CA San Bernardino - 10/16 0258-0304 - Atop hash with Spanish music. ID at 0301 while signal was atop. *Radio ???, KLTx 1390 in Long Beach California, KEZY-1240 in San Bernardino, California* and one more station that I missed while I was scrambling to write down what I'd just heard. Stayed atop a few minutes. Fifth call I have for this station but this one took quite a long time to hear. (DKK-CA)

AM 980
WONE
Dayton's ONE For Originalists

1270	KPBA	AR	Pine Bluff - 10/15 0715 - Pine Bluff ads, religious talk. Faded into noise level. New here. (JTR-OK)
1280	WWPG	AL	Tuscaloosa - 10/9 2125 - UC/gospel with prayer phone line and call ID. New here. (JTR-OK)
1280	WODT	LA	New Orleans - 10/9 2128 - Blues music and call ID fading over/under WWPG. (JTR-OK)
1290	KOWB	WY	Laramie - 10/13 0659 - Gal with sign-on announcement, then news at 0700. Fair. (JW-CO)
1310	KMKY	CA	Oakland - 10/10 2200 - With Radio Disney. Never heard any legal IDs. Popping up over KLIX and KEIN. (FA-ID)
1320	WMSR	TN	Manchester - 10/10 2103 - Poor, out of oldie into ID and AP News (tape delayed). 79 Watts! (JJR-WI)
1340	KTMM	CO	Grand Junction - 10/6 0600 - Fair signal, with Team 13-40 KTMM ID. New for me. (SA-MB)
1370	WCCN	WI	Neillsville - 10/3 2220 - Fair, ending Neillsville High School volleyball game. ID and into Nostalgia. (MS-MB)
1380	KFNI	TX	Pleasanton - 10/16 0220-0230 - Fair, but steady, on dead channel with Spanish/Mexican music, EE promo with call afterwards. New here. (EL-IL)
1400	KWUF	CO	Pagosa Springs - 10/17 0819 - With an announcement or PSA for unID event in Durango. KUWF ID at 0820. Think this is a new GY distance record @ 776 miles. (AB-CA)
1460	KTYM	CA	Ingleside - 10/11 2347 - With black gospel atop. Very rare at this time of night. (DKK-CA)
1490	WDAN	IL	Danville - 10/14 2203 - Poor, with ID in fade up, during San Francisco Giants game. (JJR-WI)
1490	KQDS	MN	Duluth - 10/12 2229 - Poor, with station promo including calls. All News:CNN. Rare! (JJR-WI)
1520	KMAV	ND	Mayville - 10/12 1850 - Good signal, with Catholic Radio programming. New for this station // its FM. (SA-MB)
1550	KMRI	UT	West Valley City - 10/15 2030-2047 - With Christian music, deep in local KYCY's null. ID at 2031. Gone at power cut at 2047. (DKK-CA)
1580	KVVY	CA	Merced - 10/15 2024 - We Are The Valley ID. Format is NOS music. Sorta rare here. (DKK-CA)
1580	KWED	TX	Seguin - 10/15 0716 - Call ID, then start of Jeff Pritchard (?) Show. Jeff is the Seguin football coach. Poor in QRM. Haven't heard for a few years. (JW-CO)
1580	KRZI	TX	Waco - 10/15 0731 - Noted with News Talk Radio KRZI tag and into talk. Poor, in mess and // 1660, which was also poor with KBJD-1650 splatter. (JW-CO)
1590	KKAY	LA	White Castle - 10/12 0700 - C&W music and call ID. Weak, faded soon after ID was heard. New here. (JTR-OK)
1610	CJWI	QU	Montreal - 10/12 0730 - Poor signal, with Spanish or Creole music and talk. New for me. (SA-MB)
1670	WTDY	WI	Madison - 10/10 2045 - Call ID with sports talk. Fair signal with fading. I was surprised to hear this northern station with the apparent auroral conditions. (JTR-OK)
1700	WEUV	AL	Huntsville - 10/10 2037 - Poor, over KTBK, with calls. Quickly faded. (JJR-WI)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

Remember all the GY DX records are on line at: www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html

1400 kHz:

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REPORTERS

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto - Panasonic RF-2200; RFB-45.
 SC-IN Steve Chappell, McCordsville - Bearcat DX-1000; 3 terminated loops.
 PC-VA Perry Crabill, Winchester - Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100' wire.

WM-MD William McGuire, Cheverly - DX-398.
 HN-GA Herbert Newberry, Newborn - Kenwood R-5000 with Quantum Loop or 600' "L" Longwire.
 JV-NY John Vervoort, Brooklyn - Yacht Boy 400PE.

PRESUMED AND UNID

1300 WJFKp MD Baltimore - 10/6 1512 - "1300 The Zone" slogan. (JV-NY)

STATION LOGGINGS

540 WFLF FL Pine Hills - 10/5 0000 - ID at TOH as "WFLA", which is actually a network ID. Followed by legal ID "WFLF, Pine Hills-Maitland" into CBS Radio News. 10 over S9 on loop. (HN-GA)

550 WAYR FL Orange Park and
 WDUN GA Gainesville - 10/5 0004 - WAYR in foreground with gospel music, WDUN in background with ABC News. 20 over S9 on loop. WAYR on front side, WDUN off back of loop. (HN-GA)

560 WFRB MD Frostburg - 10/4 0500 - Very weak: "AM 560 and AM 1450" then singing jingle "WTBO" into local news about DC shootings. // WTBO. (SC-IN)

WVOC SC Columbia - 10/5 0008 - Out of ABC News, back to "Coast to Coast" on "The Voice of Columbia, WVOC." 20 over S9, some splatter from 570-WAAX. (HN-GA)

570 WAAX AL Gadseen - 10/11 1945 - Etowah highschool football pre-game show "on the home of Auburn football, WAAX." 10 over S9 on loop, no sign on longwire. (HN-GA)

580 WHP PA Harrisburg - 10/8 1529 - "continuing coverage of today's top news, WHP 580 Eyewitness News." (JV-NY)

600 WREC TN Memphis - 10/11 2000 - out of talk show, into local news, at TOH after legal ID "newstalk 600, WREC." S9 on loop with WBWL nulled. WBWL dominant (20 over) on longwire. New. (HN-GA)

610 WAGG AL Birmingham - 10/5 0021 - Promo for preacher on "610, WAGG... all gospel, all the time, WAGG." 20 over S9 with some fading on loop. (HN-GA)

620 WTRP GA LaGrange - 10/11 2006 - in 620 slop, heard a weak "620 WTRP" on loop. Rare catch at 8:00 pm! New! (HN-GA)

630 WMAL DC Washington - 10/5 0027 - Sam Donaldson talk show on ABC Radio network. Liberal viewpoint, a rarity in conservative-dominated talk radio. PSAs, ID at BOH "Newstalk 630, WMAL", into ABC News. (HN-GA)

680 WCNN GA Atlanta and
 WPTF NC Raleigh - 10/11 2027 - WCNN with ESPN baseball coverage; WPTF with Neal Boortz talk show. Each slightly dominant in each other's null. WJCE, Memphis, in back of both with nostalgia music. Each on top of an S9 level. (HN-GA)

730 WLIL TN Lenoir City - 10/11 2037 - University of Tennessee football show, preview of game v. University of Georgia at Athens. S9 on top of slop on loop. Fairly rare here. (HN-GA)

740 WQTM FL Orlando - 10/11 2316 - "seven-forty, Orlando's sports leader." New! (JV-NY)

780 WABS VA Arlington - 10/13 1822 - "WABS... here on The Word and Phrase." Caught this daytimer three minutes after local sunset. New! (JV-NY)

790 WETB TN Johnson City - 9/20 2057 - country gospel music; "Sunshine 79" slogan, promo for religious program. (WM-MD)

810 CIGM ON Sudbury - 9/20 2128 - C & W music; ID, weather forecast. (WM-MD)
 WQIZ SC St. George and
 WGY NY Schenectady - 10/9 0055 - WQIZ with call-in Q & A program on the bible; WGY with "Coast to Coast" on death by electrocution (both accidental and by chair). 20 over S9 on loop, some "swapping" as each went through a slow fade out and in. WQIZ on "after hours". (HN-GA)

830 WTRU NC Kennersville - 10/5 0051 - Religious talk show w/ advice to callers on religious issues. Loop orientation is NNE. 20 over S9 and dominant. (HN-GA)

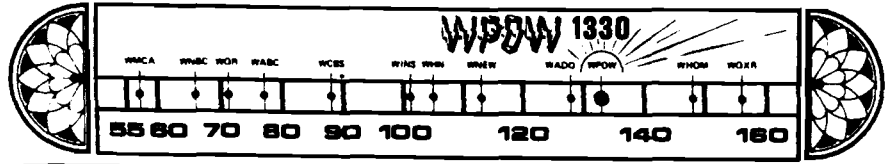
850 WEEI MA Boston - 9/23 2057 - ID, mention of Boston Red Sox. (WM-MD)

900 WCPA PA Clearfield - 9/19 2028 - auto advertisement; weather forecast; ID. (WM-MD)

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 910 WMRB TN Columbia - 9/18 2332 - weather forecast, ID. (WM-MD)
 WGBI PA Scranton - 9/19 2035 - promo for local event. ID given as WILK. (WM-MD)
 WPGB OH Middletown - 9/23 2300 - nostalgia music and ID. (WM-MD)
 920 WIRD NY Lake Placid - 9/23 2200 - ID; ESPN Radio. (WM-MD)
 950 WTLN FL Orlando - 10/8 0631 - Very weak: "WTLN Orlando" sneaked thru just after WXLW ID. (SC-IN)
 960 WERC AL Birmingham - 10/11 2107 - after ABC news and local weather on "newsradio WERC", back to Dr. Laura. Some fades on loop, 20 over S9 at peak, fades to S9. (HN-GA)
 1010 WHIN TN Gallatin - 10/11 2126 - Highschool football in progress. After touchdown, ads for Gallatin businesses. Back to football. Noted het on channel, nulled out a NW/SE orientation; WINS - New York in WHIN/het's null. New. On day power for football. (HN-GA)
 1030 WBZ MA Boston - 10/6 1538 - "WBZ 1030 dot com." (JV-NY)
 WQSE TN White Bluff - 10/11 2134 - ads for stores in White Bluff: grocery store with locations in Dickson (county seat), White Bluff and Pomona. Up and down in 20 over S9 slop on loop. Highschool football game started second half. New. Suspect on daytime power for football. (HN-GA)
 1050 CHUM ON Toronto - 10/13 0206 - Weak: "The greatest music of all time..." then classic sounding "1050 CHUM" sung jingle. (SC-IN)
 CKSB MB St. Boniface - 10/13 0300 - Good: "This is Radio Canada" with a French accent. The only FF station listed in Canada on 1050. (SC-IN)
 WDVM WI Eau Claire - 10/13 0558 - Fair: "This is AM 1050 WDVM Eau Claire, Catholic Community Radio for the Chippewa Valley." (SC-IN)
 1070 CHOK ON Sarnia - 10/13 2214 - "great artists, great memories, ten-seventy CHOK." (JV-NY)
 1130 WWBF FL Barton - 10/11 2345 - between satellite-fed oldies, "Oldies 1130, WBF", into "Walk, Don't Run" by The Ventures. 20 over S9 at peaks on loop, equal on longwire but audio more "ripply". At 2348 into "Eleanor Rigby". New. (HN-GA)
 1180 VOA FL Marathon - 10/12 0005 - Noted with audio problems. Occasional loss of program, replaced with a loud, het-like buzzing noise. Wiped out WHAM, even with WHAM in VOA's null. 20 over S9 at peak on loop and wire. (HN-GA)
 1250 WEAE PA Pittsburgh - 10/13 2201 - "voted number one by sports fans, this is ESPN radio, WEAE 1250 Pittsburgh." Semi-local WMTR took a brutal beating. Both listed as 5kW. (JV-NY)
 1300 WNQM TN Nashville - 10/12 0024 - Noted with Spanish programming and ads. Potent 40 over S9 signal. Spanish religious music. Equal on loop and longwire. (HN-GA)
 1320 WJAS PA Pittsburgh - 10/9 1234 - ID "your original... 1320, WJAS. WWI, nostalgia, satellite-fed. 20 over S9 on loop in slop. (HN-GA)
 1340 WMID NJ Atlantic City - 10/6 1514 - "WMID 1340, 102.3" ID. (JV-NY)
 1390 WXTC SC Charleston - 10/12 0049 - "Join us in heaven, 1390 AM." Loop orientation NE/SW. Their slogan is "Heaven 1390." Format fits music heard: UC:GOS. Potent for 5000 W, 40 over S9 at peaks. New. (HN-GA)
 WNIO OH Youngstown - 10/15 0854 - good with ad for Washington Square Health Center in Warren, ID: "Youngstown's original hit station, 1390 WNIO" into *There's a Kind of Hush* by Herman's Hermits. (MKB-ON)
 1410 KQV PA Pittsburgh - 9/19 2158 - Bruce Williams show; ID. (WM-MD)
 1420 WCLV OH Cleveland - 9/20 2147 - "Classic Pops" slogan after Sinatra song. (WM-MD)
 WVJS KY Owensboro - 10/12 0114 - After several WWI satellite-fed oldies, "1230 WTCJ, WVJS." On top of 20 over S9 slop on loop. Dominant at peaks. New, surprising! (HN-GA)
 WCOJ PA Coatesville - 10/14 1831 - singing ID - "Phillies baseball, WCOJ." New! (JV-NY)
 1460 WBPA KY Elkhorn City - 10/12 0140 - After oldies tune, ID as "1240, The Boss." WBPA // WPKE-1240 // WFTG-1400. Slogan for all three is "Boss Radio". On top and in 20 over S9 slop on loop. New. (HN-GA)
 1480 WSDS MI Salem Township - 10/10 0104 - Weak: "The all new 1480 WSDS Michigan

1550 WITK PA Pittstown - 10/14 1819 - singing slogan and ID "good time oldies, WITK." Then "Born to be Wild". New! (JV-NY)
 WCLY NC Raleigh - 10/14 1844 - Gospel music, then, "15-50, WCLY ... we serve the total man. Visit us today on the World Wide Web at 1550wclly.com". Later overpowered by previously logged WKBA-VA signing off. (PC-VA)
 1580 WZKY NC Albemarle - 10/4 2106 - song with lyrics "tossin' and turnin'", then singing "WZKY" ID. If this station was indeed operating on 12 watts, then it's my lowest powered night logging ever! (JV-NY)
 1600 WKKX WV Wheeling - 10/10 1859 - alone on frequency with ESPN "Gameday" program, promo for coverage of tonight's National League Championship Series game, 1900 top of hour ID: "The Ohio Valley's leader in sports, ESPN Radio 1600 WKKX Wheeling". (MKB-ON)
 1630 KNAX TX Fort Worth and
 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 10/12 0158 - KNAX and KCJJ in each others' null with semi-nullable local WTEL. Box 20 to 40 over S9 (at 1000 W?). KCJJ into news at TOH, along with WTEL. KNAX with Spanish religious program. WTEL dominant on wire. (HN-GA)
 1640 WKSH WI Sussex - 10/12 0210 - Still religious satellite-fed programming. Rumor that ABC bought the station to make it a Disney outlet for Milwaukee. 20 over S9, but audio low modulated. Poor. (HN-GA)
 1650 KZNZ IA Cedar Falls - 9/27 2218 - "you're listening to Blackhawks Hockey on KZNZ." Then mention of Maple Lanes in Waterloo. Also heard "Waterloo Hockey on KZNZ." Outstanding signal strength. (JV-NY)
 KWHN AR Fort Smith and
 WHKT VA Portsmouth - 10/12 0216 - KWHN and WHKT in each others' null. Both 20 over S9. KWHN with "Coast to Coast", WHKT dominant with Disney. (HN-GA)
 1660 WCNZ FL Marco Island and
 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 10/12 0226 - Sharing the channel, no nulls due to Florida and Michigan being opposed to each other. WCNZ with "all news all the time" format; WQSN with sports. Equal, 20 over S9 on loop, 10 over on wire. (HN-GA)
 1670 WTDY WI Madison and
 WRNC GA Warner Robins - 10/12 0230 - Each only semi-nullable; WTDY with sports talk, WRNC with urban gospel music. WRNC more dominant. (HN-GA)
 1680 WTIR FL Winter Garden and
 KRJO AL Monroe - 10/12 0235 - Florida travel radio with urban gospel music in background. On loop, each dominant in other's null. Both 20 over S9. (HN-GA)
 1690 WPTX MD Lexington Park - 10/12 0237 - "Newsradio 1690, WPTX." Ads, CNN news. 20 over S9 on loop; better audio than on wire. All alone on frequency. (HN-GA)
 + 10/13 1859 - "you're listening to newstalk sixteen-ninety AM, WPTX Lexington Park." (JV-NY)
 1700 WEUV AL Huntsville - 10/12 0246 - On top most of the time on loop and wire. KTBK in background. 40 over S9 on top of 1700 slop. (HN-GA)

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Caribou, moose, wild turkeys, coyotes, and black bears, oh my! Maybe PBS should produce a television series about DXer encounters with nature!

Transatlantic DX

- 183 **GERMANY** *Europe Number One*, Felsberg OCT 14 0322-0325 - Fair with woman in French followed by female ballad. No mediumwave TA's noted at this time. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 216 **FRANCE** *R.Monte Carlo*, Romoules OCT 14 0328-0338 - Tentative; fair with news by man in French and fast-paced news format; 2001 *European Medium Wave Guide* lists sign-on time as 0400 - has this changed? Interference from aerobeacon CLB Carolina Beach, NC. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba OCT 15 2202-2227 - Loud and clear parallel to 9555 and 9870 with man in Arabic and brief bridge of piano music followed by long Arabic interview of woman by woman. No interference from domestics on 1520 during auroral conditions. [DeLorenzo-MA]

Ben speaks: Got home from TA Land Sunday Oct. 13 but nothing so far this side of the ocean to get excited about. No TAs. Last night was quite auroral and some of the usual LAs were heard, the strongest being RCR Caracas on 750 and ZNS Nassau 1540. Had very little time to DX in either London, Paris or Rome as we were constantly on the go, and you know what I think about trying to DX in a hotel room. I did note a few things that may be of interest. In France, the former *Radio Bleu* stations do seem to be running talk and informational stuff at night rather than pop music, but Paris-864 seems to be carrying separate programming and that is mostly pop music with singers. (See *International News*.) Paris does have two other AM locals but there's not much chance of them being picked up over here. The one on 585 features jazz and 738 has foreign languages. On to Rome. During all of our four-day stay I did not hear Rome-846. It was not on. And the Vatican station formerly on 526 is now on 585. This one put in a very good signal into our downtown hotel near the Vatican so I can presume its transmitter is located within the confines of Vatican City which are about 100 acres. The ones on 1530 and 1611 were much weaker so they are no doubt out in the Italian countryside. 1611 seems to sign off around 2130 GMT but of course they sign on at 0020 GMT. The others are 24 hours. And I also noted a station on 1260 in foreign languages which must be the 4th Vatican AM station. I had read that they were on only during the year 2000. I doubt if either 585 or 1260 could be picked up here, though it might be possible in Newfoundland. I noted that reception conditions in Paris were favoring signals from the south of Europe, like Spain, in the same way Cuba comes in here, because when I tried to get the football games on Sunday over AFN Stuttgart-873 what I got was mostly Zaragoza, Spain.

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Pan-American DX

- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS** *RVC1* North End OCT 5 0022 - Male Spanish religious music, loud

- signal. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 10 0214 - End of a religious song, then man preaching in Spanish. Fairly good signal, but with adjacent interference from a neighborhood computer that transmits interference on 528 kHz (approx). [Chiochiu-QC]
- 535 **GRENADE** *GBN* St. George's - Seems to be off air, unheard lately (refer Connelly OCT 4 report). [Stromsted-MA]
- 540 **MEXICO** *XEWALV de la América Latina*, San Luis Potosí OCT 5 1043 - ID as "W radio, 900," then American song, male Spanish chorus, guitar music, dominant signal. [Stromsted-MA]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *R. ZIZ*, Basseterre OCT 5 0024 - Calypso style music fast tempo, English lyrics, good signal. [Stromsted-MA]
- 640 **CUBA** *R. Progreso*, Santa Clara OCT 5 0022 - Tropical music, male Spanish. [Stromsted-MA]
- 640 **ECUADOR** *HICY1 R.Nacional*, Quito OCT 10 0209 - Spanish talk by a man, heard four mentions of *Radio Nacional* by this man; possible mention of Ecuador. Fair to poor signal, mixing with RFO. Taped. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 640 **GADELOUPE** *Pointe-à-Pitre* OCT 5 0053 - French talk, loud. Spanish under. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 9 0207 - Tentative; long continuous panel discussion in French. Fade out at top of hour, discussion continued past 0310. Fair to good signal with excellent peaks. [Mohrman-VT] OCT 10 0208 - Talk program in French Creole between two men about the public radio in France; poor to occasionally fair; over Venezuela, but in fight with Ecuador. Taped. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 640 **VENEZUELA** *YVQO Unión Radio*, Puerto la Cruz OCT 10 0206 - News in Spanish; poor in mess with others. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 660 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, various sites OCT 5 0022 - Parallel 710, Spanish talk, under WFAN. [Stromsted-MA]
- 670 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Arroyo Arenas OCT 5 0022 - Parallel 1180, 5025, etc., same program. Over/under WSCR. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 9 0045 - Spanish talk parallel 5025 mixing with WSCR. [Mohrman-VT]
- 670 **VENEZUELA** *YVLL R.Rumbos*, Caracas OCT 5 0310 - Male Spanish newscast, three or four bells between items, alone on channel. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 9 0220 - Latin American pops, 0230 time check and ID. Mixing with presumed WSCR. [Mohrman-VT]
- 700 **JAMAICA** *RJR* Montego Bay OCT 4 0236 - Two ladies in discussion. Good signal with het interference. + OCT 5 0031 - Advert with American corporate investor saying, "Jamaica is a country we feel very comfortable doing business," then Kingston news items. [Stromsted-MA]
- 700 unID OCT 4 0238 - Salsa tropical music, off-frequency het but clear on lower sideband. 699.65 YVRQR? (refer Connelly and NF expedition.) [Stromsted-MA]
- 710 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, La Julia and others OCT 10 - Rooster crowing, Spanish talk, over/under WOR, parallel 670, 5025, etc. [Stromsted-MA]
- 720 **JAMAICA** *RJR* Innswood OCT 5 0342 - Over Venezuela, Caribbean music, male English announcer, parallel 550 (under domestics) and 700. [Stromsted-MA]
- 730 **MEXICO** *XEX La Nueva X*, México OCT 11 1034 - Presumed with Spanish vocal, Mexican music, over/under CKAC, good. [Stromsted-MA]
- 750 **VENEZUELA** *YVKS Radio Caracas Radio*, Caracas OCT 9 0039 - Spanish talk, 0057 ID, "Informe RCR," fair signal good peaks. [Mohrman-VT] OCT 10 0249 - Spanish talk program; weak fadey signal with WSB even weaker underneath. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 760 **COLOMBIA** *HJAJ* RCN Barranquilla OCT 4 0240 - Male Spanish in discussion about drug trafficking, "NARCO traficker, coco Peru," mentioned Bogotá. Loud. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 9 0033 - Sports broadcast parallel 1000, weak in WJR null. [Mohrman-VT]
- 760 **CUBA** *CMCD R.Relej*, Las Mercedes OCT 10 0905 - News, with clock ticks and RR code, loud. [Stromsted-MA]
- 770 **VENEZUELA** *YVKK R.Nacional*, Valencia OCT 6 0218 - Male Spanish over WABC. [Stromsted-MA]
- 770 **VENEZUELA** unID OCT 9 0041 - Venezuelan national anthem sung accapela under WABC, *YVKK R.Nacional?* [Mohrman-VT]
- 780 **VENEZUELA** *YVMN R.Coro*, Coro OCT 5 0137 - Alone on channel, excellent signal. [Stromsted-MA]
- 800 **MEXICO** *XEZR Zaragoza*, COAH OCT 7 0400 - Song just ending, then canned ID: "Radio... frecuencia en AM... 800 kilohertz... transmitiendo desde Zaragoza, Coahuila, Mexico. XEZR, La Travesía (?) de Coahuila, Localización Zaragoza 505 Sur Altos, Apartado [sic] Postal 26450, de Organización Radiofonica del Norte." Unabridged Spanish dictionary shows several meanings for "travesía," the most likely here being "lively". It could also mean "naughty!" The 26450 is actually the Codigo Postal (Zip Code), not "Apartado Postal" (PO Box). After

ID, a male announcer mentioned something about La Hora Nacional and then repeated the studio address. I'm reasonably sure I copied it correctly. Into music at 0403 and soon faded under XEROK. I was hearing three Spanish stations on 800 and monitored for over two hours before XEZR cooperated with an ID. Generally under XEROK; very rough copy in null of local KLDC. New here, XE #188. [Wilkins-CO]

820 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *Trinity Broadcast Network*, Charlestown OCT 5 0014 - Religious program, "Transmitting in the Spanish language on 250 stations around the world... for the Word of God," then translated into Spanish. Good signal, dominant on channel. [Stromsted-MA] unID - Jamming interference, blanketing channel. [Stromsted-MA]

830 **MEXICO** XEVQ Culiacan, SIN OCT 7 0236 - Local ads; canned ID at the odd time of 0238 giving call, address (per WRTH), power (5000 watts), slogan ("La Grande de Sinaloa") and "Grupo ACIR." Then a PSA, an ad, and a fade... Generally fair - no sign of pest XEIK lately. [Wilkins-CO]

840 **HAITI** 4VEH Cap Haitien OCT 6 0228 - Tentative; news items, male French, good signal. [Stromsted-MA]

900 **MEXICO** XEW México OCT 6 0300 - Spanish talk parallel 540. + OCT 10 0859 - Male Spanish announcer with news items parallel 540, both signals with severe echoes! [Stromsted-MA]

930 **HAITI** *R.Cap Haitien*, Cap Haitien OCT 5 0311 - "Radio Cap Haitien," male French news, mentioned Senegal, Israel bombings, good signal over domestics. + OCT 6 0332 - Male French vocal, Caribbean music in mix. [Stromsted-MA]

940 **MEXICO** XEQ *Enamorada 940*, México OCT 5 1025 - "Enamorada 940" male Spanish ID, station plugs till 1027, loud! CINW fadeout. [Stromsted-MA]

1000 **COLOMBIA** HJAQ Cartagena OCT 9 0031 - Sports broadcast parallel 760, excellent signal on top. [Mohrman-VT]

1000 **MEXICO** XEOY *R.Mil*, México OCT 5 1040 - Parallel XEOI 6010 (over jumble), romantic music, over WMVP Chicago with sports scores. Good signal. + OCT 10 0829-0834 - Female Spanish vocal over another Spanish station, parallel XEOI 6010 (severe het). [Stromsted-MA] OCT 16 0502 - Poor with canned ID and *Radio Mil* tag. Mentioned "banda de 49 metros," too. [Wilkins-CO]

1030 **MEXICO** XEYC Cd. Juarez, CHIH OCT 6 0200 - Canned ID by a man, "Esta Ud. escuchando Radio Formula Juarez XEYC con 1030 kHz de amplitud modulada con 5 mil wats de potencia transmitiendo para Cd. Juarez-El Paso desde sus estudios en Jose Borunda 1178 en Cd. Juarez." Then a PSA and faded under KTWO. Heard many times before with *Formula* programming but usually buried under KTWO. Finally got an ID for XE #187. [Wilkins-CO]

1060 **MEXICO** XEEP *R.Educación*, México OCT 7 0740 - Traditional Mexican Indian (?) music, over/under KYW, good signal parallel XEPPM 6185 (6184.85). + OCT 10 0846 - Female Spanish vocal with guitar, over/under KYW, parallel 6185 (good signal-in clear). [Stromsted-MA] unID OCT 5 0050 - Salsa music, over/under CBA. [Stromsted-MA]

1080 **VENEZUELA** YVQJ *R.Barcelona*, Barcelona OCT 9 0107 - Weak Latin American pops, 0111 canned ID. In the mix. [Mohrman-VT]

1090 **MEXICO** XEPRS Rosarita, BCN OCT 7 1231 - Simple call/city ID, then "Diez Noventa AM, La Radio que Habla" and into the syndicated program "Laboratorios Mayo," which is exactly like Laboratorios Camacho, i.e. ranchera tunes, ads for miracle drugs and vitamins, etc. Generally poor here, with local KMXA unexpectedly off. [Wilkins-CO]

1110 **VENEZUELA** YVQT *R.Carúpano* OCT 8 2347-0002 - Very loud with two men in Spanish and lively Spanish vocal music. ID at 0002, "En Radio Carúpano... ocho y dos minutos, hora de Venezuela." A second Latin American noted underneath but no trace of WBT in auroral conditions. + OCT 15 2254-2259 - Loud and clear with lively Spanish vocals and *R.Carúpano* IDs. Once again, no WBT in auroral conditions. [DeLorenzo-MA] unID OCT 15 2259 - Briefly strong over YVQT with *R.Unica* programming in Spanish parallel to 1660. Are all *R.Unica* outlets domestic? Any help appreciated. [DeLorenzo-MA] Likely WCEC Salem (formerly WNNW), now carrying *R.Unica* part time.

1120 **MEXICO** XEPOP Puebla, PUE OCT 17 0247 - Fair at best in KMOX null with lite vocals and romantica; ID at 0302, partially readable, with call, power, address, and mentioning *Grupo ACIR*. [Wilkins-CO]

1520 **COLOMBIA** *Ecos del Palmar*, Bogotá OCT 11 0400 - Good to excellent, armchair at times. Playing lively Spanish music; several ID's as "Ecos de Palmar." A surprise outage of WWKB left this dominant on channel, with a religious Spanish station underneath and slightly off frequency or drifting. Off at 0500 with national anthem. New. [Hochfelder-NJ]

1520 unID OCT 11 0500 - Good after *Ecos del Palmar* signoff at 0500; fair before. Signal seemed slightly off frequency or drifting. Male announcer with religious talk in Spanish; lots of

"Hallaleuja's" and such. I'm grateful for any suggestions on this one. Another station down in the mud, sounded like a domestic talk format; I'm guessing KOMA on the basis of very little copy. New. [Hochfelder-NJ]

1540 **BAHAMAS** ZNS1 Nassau OCT 15 2231-2241 - Good over aurora-weakened WPTR with detailed weather forecast for Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Bimini, etc. followed by news by woman with slight Caribbean accent. [DeLorenzo-MA]

1570 **MEXICO** XERF Cd. Acuna, COAH OCT 15 1126 - Sales Manager wanted; apply at Calle Hidalgo 349, Colonia Centro, or call 772-6720; couple more ads, then time check at 1127 for "6:29," followed by full canned ID. Good. [Wilkins-CO]

1630 unID OCT 6 1047 - Trumpets, male Spanish vocal, slow tempo, over local information station. *R.Universidad*, Mexicali? [Stromsted-MA]

1700 unID - Jamming signal, over Spanish religious station WAFN. [Stromsted-MA]

Bogdan speaks: I was three days away in St. Alphonse de Rodriguez (95 kilometers, NNE of my West Island Montreal location) with my Phillips LW-MW transistor radio. Aside from CARACOL-810, no Latins were heard. Of course, I was in a kind of Thanks Giving Day camp, so I have n't do much DX-ing after 10 PM, when I get the best of my DX here; but still it was funny to do AM listening from a place where there is no LOCAL stations.

Even here in Montreal, Latin American DXing wasn't very good, except for the October 10 evening, when I got Guadeloupe and Ecuador on 640 kHz, two new countries! I can't believe I heard Ecuador on a portable radio; since now the AM band is so crowded; Quito-640 is one of the fewest Ecuadorians that are still heard from time to time in North America. I wonder if the strong HC in Guayaquil on 540, *Radio Tropicana*, is still on. I have seen very old logs of this stations, at the time I wasn't even born. In the early to mid 90's it was still reported from time to time in eastern North America, but in the post-1997 logs, there are no more logs of this anymore; 540 is clear here with CBEF very easily nulled; tonight however, it sounds like there is a strong aurora; the only skywave signals are WPTR-1540 and a weak AU subdued WQEW-1560 earlier this evening; now near local midnight there are more stations audible, but still the only reliable Latin American signal is RVC-530.

Erik speaks: Working on restringing damaged NE long wire for transatlantic DX, October 9 just at sunset, coyote howls nearby, then October 10 ~ sunset, a black bear rampaging and damaging a bird feeder at the neighbor about 200 feet away. I guess I will confine working in the woods to full sunlight hours!

International News

FRANCE: Radio France announced that the following stations now carry *France Info*: Bayonne 1494, Besancon 1494, Bordeaux 1206, Brest 1404, Clermont-Ferrand 1494, Dijon 1404, Grenoble 1404, Lille 1377, Limoges 792, Lyon 603, Marseille 1242, Montpellier 1494, Nancy 837, Nice 1557, Pau 1404, Rennes 711, and Toulouse 945 kHz, which means that Paris 864, Strasbourg 1278, Ajaccio 1404, and Bastia 1494 kHz are still with *France Bleu*. [Remy Friess, OCT *Medium Wave News*, MWC]

FRANCE: *ID-Cast* have started tests on 981 kHz from Meudon, near Paris, with a power of 2-3 kW. The transmitter uses a 24 metre long fiberglass aerial. [Thierry Vigaud via Remy Friess, OCT *Medium Wave News*, MWC] The nation's first private broadcaster on mediumwave. Some tests to include DRM digital radio. [Various sources including *Medium Wave News* and *DX Listening Digest*]

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73 and Good DX!



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Network listings for team sports stations

Here is National Hockey League (NHL) flagship information from Internet web sites via Ken Onyschuk. I have one NHL network list; please send me any that you have. And I need Professional Basketball information, as the NBA season is about to begin.

National Hockey League 2002/2003			
Anaheim Mighty Ducks	___-CA		Steve Carroll, Mike Greenley
Atlanta Thrashers	790 WQXI-GA		Dan Kamal, Billy Jaffe (25 stations)
Boston Bruins	1030 WBZ -MA		Dave Goucher, Bob Beers (?? stations)
Buffalo Sabres	107.7 WNSA-NY		-Rick Jeanneret, Jim Lorentz
Calgary Flames	920 C___-AB		-Pete Maher, Doug Barkley
Carolina Hurricanes	106.1 WNMZ-NC		Chuck Kaiton (?? stations)
	570 WDTF-NC b		
	101.1 WKXU-NC b		
Chicago Blackhawks	670 WSCR-IL		Pat Foley, Dave Tallon
Colorado Avalanche	950 KKFN-CO		Mike Haynes, Norm Jones
Columbus (OH) Bluejackets	1460 WBNS-OH		'George Mathews, Bill Davidge (16 stations)
	101.1 WWCN-OH		
Dallas Stars	820 WBAP-TX		-Ralph Stangis, Daryl Reaugh
Detroit Red Wings	1270 WXYT-MI		Ken Kal, Paul Woods (29 stations)
Edmonton Oilers	___-AB		
Florida Panthers	560 WQAM-FL		Randy Moller, Jiggs McDonald
Los Angeles Kings	1110 KSPN-CA		Nick Nickson, Daryl Evans
Minnesota Wild	830 WCCO-MN		Bob Kurtz, Tom Reed
Montreal Canadiens	___-PQ (EE)		-Dino Sisto, Pierre McGuire
	___-PQ (FF)		-Pierre Rinfret, Ron Fourrie
Nashville Predators	99.7 WWTN-TN		Pete Weber, Terry Crisp (7 stations)
New Jersey Devils	___-NY a		-Mike Miller, Randy Velischeck
New York Islanders	1050 WEVD-NY		-Jim Cerney, Chris King
New York Rangers	660 WFAN-NY		Ken Albert, Brian Mullen
	1130 WBBR-NY c		
Ottawa Senators	___-ON (EE)		-Gord Wilson, Dean Brown
	___-ON (FF)		Michel Langevin, M. Bryson
Philadelphia Flyers	___-PA		Tim Saunders, Brian Propp
Phoenix Coyotes	1060 KDUS-AZ		Kurt Keilback, Bob Heethuis (8 stations)
	93.3 KDKB-AZ		
Pittsburgh Penguins	___-PA		-Paul Steigerwald, Bob Errey
Saint Louis Blues	550 KTRS-MO		Kelly Chase, Bernie Federko, Chris Kaker
San Jose Sharks	98.5 KUFY-CA		Dan Rusanowsky, Pete Stemkowski (10 stations)
Tampa Bay Lightning	1250 WDAE-FL		John Ahlers, Phil Esposito
Toronto Maple Leafs	___-ON		-Dennis Bejek, Joe Bosman, Jim Ralph
Vancouver Canucks	___-BC		-John Shorthous, Tom Larscheid
Washington Capitals	___-DC		-Steve Kolber

San Jose Sharks 2002/3 Dan Rusanowsky, Pete Stemkowski *San Jose Mercury News* Oct 06, 2002 (via Bob Karchevski)

950 KAHI-CA	1340 KATA-CA	1400 KVBL-CA	1670 KNRO-CA
970 KESP-CA	KCBL-CA	1460 KION-CA s	
1270 KXBX-CA	1380 KTOM-CA m	1490 KRKC-CA	98.5 KUFY-CA *
		1660 KTIQ-CA	

- = Announcers from a previous season

* = flagship station

a = Ken did not list the New Jersey Devils.

b = These stations are not flagship stations but are near the flagship

c = conflict station.

m = most games

s = selected games

station and broadcast the Hurricanes' games.

DX'er's Notebook

Shared tips, topics, and Internet info

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Most of us DXers like to keep track of the stations we hear. How we do that and what we keep track of varies by individual. This time we'll hear from some DXers about their record-keeping methods.

RECORD KEEPING

Bruce Winkelman <bdwink@cox.net>: Spent the past few evenings cleaning up my Tulsa logs, both computer-based and paper logs. I feel I finally have an accurate log as far as total stations, states and provinces heard. Found a couple of "new" stations in the logging notes as well.

I keep a chronological log, a separate "by frequency" log and a "by state" log on paper for domestic (US and Canada), a separate paper log for Mexicans and other international stations heard as well as a MS Works database that includes all of the above. I was able to "clean-up" both the computer log as well as the paper logs by comparing the two with logging notes and making the necessary changes/deletions/additions as appropriate.

The effort got me to wondering what kind of record-keeping techniques and methods other BCBDXers use. I'd like to hear from those on the list that would care to share their methods of record keeping. I know there's not one "correct" way (whatever method works for you is "correct"!) but I think it would be interesting to compare how we keep track of the stations we hear.

Harry Helms <ak6c@earthlink.net>: I'm very old school. My logs are bound notebooks and kept in longhand, with all my DX for a given day listed in the time order I heard it. They're more diaries than logs, with notes about reception conditions, equipment used, interference, and reception details for those rare occasions when I send a report. Since I don't keep track of station, state, or country totals any longer I don't care about being able to retrieve such data quickly, but I enjoy being able to write something like "ZOWIE!!!" with several underlines next to DX I really enjoyed catching; it makes the record more personal and brings back a lot of memories of what I heard. Frankly, I enjoy looking through my old logs more than QSLs. While I have all of my California logs since moving here in 1987, most of my east coast logs (including my South Carolina logs from the 1960s and 1970s) got lost in transit when I moved. I really wish I still had them just so I could remember what a frequency check sounded like!

On the other hand, I use Log Windows for all my ham radio contacts for DXCC, etc.

Russ Edmunds <wb2bjh@nrcdxas.org>: I use Lotus123 spreadsheets. This permits me to sort or retrieve rather easily. It also permits me to maintain the log sorted differently on different sheets within one file, as well as to maintain totals on still another. My current version has the day-to-day log on one sheet, the cumulative log of stations not heard before on another, and a frequency-sorted list of the same on the next. I then have an additional sheet for totals.

This can also be done in Excel or any other spreadsheet programs. I started mine in Lotus over 14 years ago for the current location and later converted the prior locations. I keep it in Lotus primarily because the same file in Excel consumes 3 to 4 times as much space for little added benefit. If, for some reason, I want to use more than 3 sort keys at a time, I can always load the Lotus file into Excel and do that.

David Hochfelder <hochfeld@rci.rutgers.edu>: My record-keeping system isn't very sophisticated or detailed. I keep a current bandscan, listing my loggings by frequency, in an Excel file. I print it out, about 15 pages, and add to it in longhand. When that gets too messy and cluttered, I print out an updated version. I have columns noting whether the station is confirmed (that is, call or city ID); the NRC Log really helps here) or tentative/probable, date and time of first logging, day and night powers, and comments about the programming and reception. In the past year or so I've gotten into the habit of printing out my submissions to DX News, which give a fuller description of new loggings. Taken together, those serve as my chronological log. I keep all this in a three-ring binder. I tried to keep a running log, using an ARRL ham logbook, but I found that I was writing stuff down on scraps of paper anyway, so why bother.

For shortwave listening, I don't keep a log. I have a 24-hour listing of English-language broadcasts and have files of the seasonal schedules of the major broadcasters, taken mainly from postings to Glenn Hauser's website, so if there's something I want to listen to I tune to it. If I want to send a reception report, I take notes on signal quality and program content, then type up the reception report within a couple days. On the rare occasions when I listen on the tropical bands, the blue pages of Passport to World Band Radio come in handy.

For my ham activity, I keep an accurate log of all my contacts, including station worked, time/date,

frequency, signal reports, other op's name and location, and any other pertinent information. It's no longer a legal requirement to do so, but it's handy to refer back to it when someone's callsign sounds familiar.

Kevin Redding <amfmdx@fastq.com>: I am not surprised that our methods are very close to the same. My logs are in engineers notebooks and are written. All kinds of stuff are in these books and its not formal. There is the usual freq, time, signal strength, radio used and all that stuff but there are comments on weather, and even the programming.

However, for ease of searching for things, I also enter the straightforward stuff into an Excel file.

I lived in SC for 4 years and I love that place. I am LMAO because I have no idea where my logs are from there and only have a few tapes of stations I recorded there. I wish I could find the others.

Rick Kenneally <woodlandview@yahoo.com>: I certainly put more work into my record keeping than is necessary, but then that is part of the hobby for me. My profession is in banking and financial systems, but it's been many years since I actually did any programming at work. So to feed my need to code I tinker a bit at home, and building/upgrading my BCB logging system is one way to get a fix.

Until recently, I logged all catches (including sufficient description for submission to the club bulletins) on a home-grown database on an HP200LX Palmtop. This I periodically transfer to my home computer where I have an MS Access database that generates:

- DDXD/IDX/EDXR submissions formatted for each bulletin;

- a frequency listing of what's been heard. This I print out and paste to the wall of my shack, and I carry a printed copy in the car to have handy while reviewing tapes during my commute;

- my printed chronological log (which I will embellish with commentary and an occasional radio station logo graphic pulled off the web). I place any veries and other memorabilia in the ring binder next to the log pages of the particular receptions. So my log becomes a kind of scrapbook of DXing memories; and

- an index showing where in my cassette tape collection a particular station ID can be found.

Recently (as I mentioned in another email) I've been migrating off the HP Palmtop and onto a Toshiba Pocket PC. Alas, the new Windows-based Pocket PC software is bloated, a bit buggy, and just plain harder to manipulate than the HP software was. So this process is taking some time. It is amazing how often we advance technology without actually improving the tools.

Periodically I also take a copy of the full US and Canadian station list from Lee Freshwater's site and load that onto my PDA to have handy during commutes.

Note, I will relog (and re-tape) call changes and unusual receptions of stations I've already heard, but these don't count as new in my totals.

Overkill for recording DX? Absolutely. But it helps keep me just a bit current with some technical tools. I'd love to put the logs and recordings up on a website some day, but the work involved would put an end to actual DX for a very long time.

Bruce Conti <BACONTI@aol.com>: I haven't kept a formal log in ages. I save back issues of DX News and QSLs as an informal log, and more recently assembled logs which are posted on my web site. (I still need to post a transatlantic log.) After some 25+ years of MW DXing, like many in this hobby I've developed a "photographic" memory and know what stations I've received before and when I've got a new catch. I guess DX News and the QSL collection serve as my only official documentation.

Mike Brooker <aum108@idirect.com>: For many years I kept my log records on scrap paper or in a spiral-bound notebook. In 1998 I transferred all my paper records to MS Works (a simplified version of Excel for home use). I've entered loggings by ascending order of frequency, but I can sort them by alphabetically by city, state/province, or whether or not they've qsl'ed. I have two Works spreadsheets, one for BCB and one for SW.

Les Rayburn <les@highnoonfilm.com>: Having only been in the hobby for about a year, I've used an Excel based log exclusively. The log contains entries for each "channel", call letters, location, time and date of logging, power, propagation notes, and even calculates the distance to the transmitter.

The other neat feature is that I use the "hyperlink" option to link the entry to a recording of the station ID...making it easier to review those "rare" catches.

I can certainly recommend this approach, but I'm sure paper logs work just as well.

Pete Taylor <ptdx@att.net>: You asked for it so here goes. For my DX file, I use PFS software on an Apple//. I will eventually convert it to FileMaker Pro on my Mac. However, it will all have to be retyped since I know of no software which will bridge that gap. (I, however, have the hardware, Pete, and probably the software. Get in touch with me; that goes for anyone else who still has records from Apple IIe/c/III 's or old Macs -pls.)

Fields:

DATE & TIME HEARD

CALLS



FREQ
POWER
HEARD #
REPORT # (as in T-493 for a Tacoma report)
CONTINENT
COUNTRY
STATE
CITY
DATE VERIE REC'D
TYPE OF VERIE
VERIE SIGNER
LISTENING SITE COORDINATES
STATION XR COORDINATES
DISTANCE (derived elsewhere and typed in)
MISC

Printouts can be based on any of the above. Basically I use these:

(1) STATE-BY-STATE, PROV-BY-PROV for US & CANADA

(2) COUNTRY BY COUNTRY under CONTINENT for everything else

(3) MASTER FILE OF ALL INFO BY REPORT # (I have sent reports based on reception from many locations)

(4) YEAR BY YEAR TOTALS

On another file on the Mac I keep a running file on a yearly basis primarily to see which stations haven't responded with veries. In reality, I now send very few reports; I tape IDs instead.

I keep a separate file on the Apple/// for beacons. It is similar to the above except that I don't send reports. This one also includes mile-per-watt statistics (derived by the software) and the actual ditdahs of each beacon's letters. This is because I am so lousy at reading code. When I revisit a place, this comes in handy.

On another file on the Apple/// but using Word Juggler I keep an ongoing file of everything I have ever heard - AM, FM, TV, LW, SW. I don't keep it updated too often, however.

The software and machines are about 20 years old. The Apple/// includes a Profile hard drive with all of 5MB. At one time I had three each of the Apple/// and Profiles in working order; I am now down to 2 each, with every file backed up. I do not know if I will live long enough to transfer all the data to the Mac - or if it would even be worth the effort, since if and when I get around to it, some other format will be in vogue. (I've got to get the 7000 LPs and 20,000 titles computerized first).

I hope you have enjoyed this little tidbit of nostalgia. Whatever works!

Benjamin Dangerfield <ben-dangerfield@worldnet.att.net>: The only permanent records I keep are my foreign veries by stations, countries and continents, and this is primarily for Paul's IDXA. I also have a record of my U.S. and Canadian veries, not that many, which also ties into my IDXA totals. My veries are in an album and a country file folder. I don't try to keep any kind of log on stations heard, but I make day-to-day notes in a 6 by 9 flipover pad, and I have all of these pads back to around 1958. A single pad lasts me from 2 to 4 years depending on reception conditions but I write small and neatly as Bruce has noticed. For each day I show sunset and sunrise times, weather for the day, and noise levels. In this I am mainly interested in TA and LA activity. I indicate TAs by circling the frequency and showing lines under the circles as to signal strength. The frequencies of LAs and domestics are shown in a square box. To back up my loggings I list some program details and station names. And any logging worth reporting to IDXD is circled in red for fast reference. I also show the exact time that each frequency was heard, for reports to IDXD or verie requests. But for the last several years my only verie requests have been to new countries.

WORKED ALL STATES?

And from how we keep our records we'll go on to seeing what some have accomplished:

Frank Doosey KB2LBM <Frank.Doosey@MWHSE.com>: Just curious...in the ham world there is/ was an award for working all 50 states...I know the NRC doesn't dole out the awards like the ARRL does, but has anyone on list actually logged all 50 states, preferably from one location??

If so, stand up and take a bow. I'd wager if anyone has, it'd be someone in the midwest as they are separated from the NYC, Chicago and west coast blowtorches.

Paul LaFreniere <mailto:plafren@boreal.org>: I'd love to take a bow, but unfortunately I only qualify on the DXing from one location stipulation. I'm stuck at 45. Still need FL, ME, DE, NH and AK. But this is the only location I have ever DXed from, and I am still trying.

Frank Doosey KB2LBM: Take a bow anyway...45 is mighty impressive. I'm surprised you haven't

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heard FL yet...there ought to be a few which make it up to you. Delaware is tough (so is Maine), I've only heard one station from each and I live in NJ. Apart from Alaska, you got a legit shot at nailing the other 4. I assume AK is possible under the right conditions with the right equipment and several transmitters on a given freq turned off. =)

Russ Edmunds <wb2bjh@nrcdxas.org>: People have, although I'd suspect most of them did it some time back. I'm sure there are a couple on this list. And, NRC did have an award program, although I seem to recall that there wasn't much interest. I'm sure Paul will add to the discussion if that's still active.

Adam Rivers <redsoxdxer417@hotmail.com>: How many states do some of you others have? I have 31.

David Gleason <david@davidgleason.com>: 50 from Cleveland in the 60's.

Frank Doosey KB2LBM: I suppose it would have been nice of me to mention that...I've heard 37 states plus DC. In Canada, I haven't logged: BC, Saskatchewan, Newfoundland, Yukon, and the North-west Territories. (and Nunavut - almost forgot!)

Bob Klingler <Rklingler97@aol.com>: From New Cumberland, PA. I am holding at 33.

Bruce Conti <BACONTI@aol.com>: 37 states, 7 provinces.

Randy Stewart <jrs555t@smsu.edu>: Logged: 42 states, 6 provinces for me, all from Springfield MO since 1969. States still needed: Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, New Hampshire, Oregon, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Provinces still needed: Newfoundland, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Nunavut, Prince Edward Island, Yukon.

Wally Wawro <WWawro@wfaa.com>: 28 states, 4 provinces.

Chris Rigas <crigas@birinc.com>: States Heard: 45 (need: AK, HI, ID, ME, NM)

States QSLed: 44 (need above + AZ)

Provinces heard: 8

Provinces QSLed: 6

Frank Doosey KB2LBM: It must be an advantage for us easterners...we have smaller states, so within a given radius (say, 600 miles), we can have many more states than Wally or other folks out west, where you'd only have a handful of states in the same distance...

Wally Wawro <WWawro@wfaa.com>: The only two central time zone states I haven't heard are the Dakotas....15 out of 17. For what it's worth it's an excellent question and one that should be updated annually.

Randy Stewart <jrs555t@smsu.edu>: Need to add New Brunswick to my list of needed provinces... thanks to Eric Floden for pointing out to me I left out one, and that's it. (There are 13 provinces/territories and I only accounted for 12... 6 logged and 6 LISTED as needed...)

Gary Wilt <gary041@earthlink.net>: 34 states, 6 provinces.

Niel Wolfish <niel@ican.net>: From Toronto since 1977:

10 provinces heard and verified; none of the three territories.

44 states heard and verified (including DC)

While going to school in Winnipeg between 1984 and 1987 I did manage to QSL all the states I hadn't heard from Ontario (including Hawaii), with the exception of Alaska (which I never heard) and New Mexico (which I never QSLed). I think I heard every province from Winnipeg too, save for Nova Scotia.

Russ Edmunds: 47 states & 9 provinces (& 14 estados) from NJ/PA. Missing AK, ID, OR, BC, NU And all 3 of those missing states were heard between 1964-68 whilst DX'ing in Syracuse, NY.

Eric Loy <eloy@wdws.com>: Needed states: AK, HI, NH, VT, ME, NV, ID, OR, AZ fell this year.

Needed provinces/territories: NB, NF, NWT, YT, NS and Nunavut. BC fell this year.

Paul Swearingen <PlsBCBDXER@aol.com>: No, the awards program died pretty much for lack of interest after I passed it along to the next individual who wasn't interested, either, way back in '82. It was sort of a piggyback adjunct to IDXA, which I eventually reinherited, but I have no idea whatever happened to the certificates and such. They might be in someone's attic.

Paul Swearingen <PlsBCBDXER@aol.com>: My loggings from e-Kan are a carbon copy of Randy's, above. I still think Oregon should be easier!

Bruce Winkelman <bdwink@cox.net>: 36 states/4 provinces/16 Mexican states from Tulsa

WA, OR, NV, MT, AK, HI needed to the west

CT, DE, ME, MD, NH, RI, SC, VT, DC needed to the east

Got the center of the country covered.

BTW, I have worked all 50 states 75 meters SSB with 100 watts and a ground mounted vertical. Alaska and Hawaii were NOT easy!!

Mike Brooker <aum108@idirect.com>: From Toronto since 1973, and Sudbury, ON (Laurentian University), 1982-84:

10 provinces, 40 states.

Still need NWT, YT, Nunavut, AK, HI, NM, ID, WA, WY, MT, OR, NV, AZ.

Hoping not to have to add "West Quebec".

Barry McLarnon <bdm@bdmcomm.ca>: From Ottawa, since January 1998:

45 states, but two (ID, NM) are based on tentative loggings. Needed are solid loggings of those two, plus AK, HI, OR, WA and NV. 10 provinces, but no territories.

Steve Francis <Amdxmail@aol.com>: States: 1970-1974: 45

April 1976: OR

April 1995: NV

April 1997: ME no AK or HI

Provinces: 1970-1976: 7

April 1998: NB no NF or BC

Bob McCoy <n0sce@alltel.net>: For whatever its worth, I've received 47 States + DC from Lincoln, NE since 1972 (need AK, VT, & ME). Only 7 provinces in Canada. I must say I haven't tried a lot lately. Skip Dabelstein did WAS and all continents from Lincoln, basically in the '70s, if I remember OK.

Patrick Martin <mwdxer@webtv.net>: I have 46 states from Oregon (45 QSL'd, waiting for WTIC-CT QSL). I still need VT, NH, WV, & DE, Plus DC. I still need PEI, NS, & NT from Canada. I have 49 states from Alaska, and a NJ transmitter site (NY city stations) From Canada PEI & NFD.

Willis Monk <wb5khd@ocoeenet.com>: Just got to get my 2 cents in on this topic.

Have ALL 50 states logged on BCB from one QTH!!! Time was from 1957 to 1960 and from 1969 to 1973 in Dallas, Texas From 1960 to 1968 I was in the navy. Most exciting logging was from KORL- 650 in Honolulu, Hi. in 1969. The engineer at that time sent a VERY nice QSL and letter. This was on Monday morning at 0300 Dallas time. WSM in Nashville was off the air. Thanks WSM for being off the air!!

In Canadian provinces I never heard Labrador or North West Territories, from Texas. I logged a station from Vancouver, BC in 1969, and the announcer said if you want to request a song call a given number, and I did. He was so shocked over hearing his station on the land lines for Texas that he put me on the air, live!

From my present QTH in southeastern Tennessee I only have 38 states logged and 4 provinces.

HAM RADIO - But when it comes to the real Worked All States certificate given out by the ARRL I have worked all 50 states and Canadian provinces many times over, on all 5 ham bands, and that also, was from Texas.

TVDX - From Texas, logged 45 states logged and 10 countries. From Tennessee, have 46 states logged and 5 countries.

Kevin Redding <amfmdx@fastq.com>: 39 US states, 4 Can. Provinces, 8 countries, 15 Mexican States.

John Sampson <jsampson@qwest.net>: Picked a couple of representative DX locations—

Omaha, Nebr. (1954 - 1960, 1979 - 1981): 44 States, 6 Provinces

Hutchinson, Minn (1960 - 1962): 43 States, 6 Provinces

Freehold, NJ (1962 - 1966): 40 States, 7 Provinces

Cupertino, Calif (1966 - 1968): 17 States, 2 Provinces

Winston-Salem, NC (1968 - 1972): 32 States, 2 Provinces

Sun City West, Ariz (1996 - Now): 19 States, 2 Provinces

From all locations, I've heard all 50 states and am only missing the Nunavut and Yukon Territories in Canada.

Michael Battaglini <radio_head2214@yahoo.com>: Let's see... 35 states and 4 provinces—most from Northern NJ and from Wilmington/Newark, DE back in the early 80's when I was first active in the Club. I still need most of the western states—ND, SD, WA, OR, MT, ID, UT, WA, OR, AZ, WY, NM, CA—and of course AK and HI (yeah, in my wildest dreams!).

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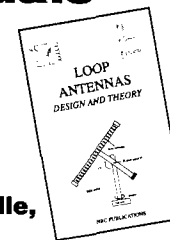
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- 710 KXMR Bismark ND, letter, highway map of ND, t-shirt in 23 days for tape. V/s Holly Weber, Business Mgr. (Martin—OR)
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- 750 CKJH Melfort SK, f/d letter in 18 days. V/s Bayne Opseth (VE5BKO), CE. (Wilkins—CO)
- 1010 WIOJ Jacksonville Beach FL, f/d letter in 1 month. V/s Marion R. Luther, GM. (Myers—FL)
- 1080 CMCH Havana CUBA, Radio Cadena Habana, n/d e-mail in 8 hours. V/s Editora. (Myers—FL)
- 1190 KFXR Dallas TX, folding QSL card, t-shirt, stickers, key chain openers, business card via FedEx Overnight in 150 days. V/s Eric Landrum, Events Coordinator. Also, 2nd QSL, sticker in 170 days after a follow-up. V/s Louis Sutton, DoE. (Martin—OR)
- 1210 CMHT Sancti Spiritus CUBA, Radio Sancti Spiritus, n/d e-mail in @15 minutes for an e-mail follow-up. V/s Carlos Rafael Duequez B. (Myers—FL)
- 1240 KTHE Thermopolis WY, n/d letter, copy of station log, copy of my report, 3 different business cards in 5 days. V/s Joyce Howe, Office Mgr. (Wilkins—CO)
- 1280 KAQQ Spokane WA, prepared card in 6 days. V/s Barry Watkins, PD. (Martin—OR)
- 1410 KOOQ N. Platte NE, f/d letter in 7 days. V/s Chuck Schwartz, GM. (Griffith—CO)
- 1430 WTMN Gainesville FL, p/d letter in 14 days after a follow-up. V/s Jay Anderson, PD. (Myers—FL)
- 1460 KION Salinas CA, f/d letter, coverage map in 17 days for tape. V/s Jim Hilliker, News Writer. (Martin—OR)
- 1650 WPUJ289 Kent WA, WA DOT TIS, 2nd letter, this from City of Kent. V/s John Rostad, Signal Operation Engr. (Martin—OR)

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Computer QRM

from Ken Grant, via Joe Robinson's column "Helping Hand", in ODXA's Listening In, September, 2002

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Publisher's note: ODXA's Joe Robinson was kind enough to let us reprint a portion of his September, 2002 column, dealing with a query from Russ Kiehne. ODXA's Ken Grant writes, "Russ Kiehne's problem with his brother's computer wiping out AM reception struck a familiar chord.

"When my son came back from university, I noticed the same thing. As a matter of fact, AM reception in my car was wiped out as soon as I drove on to the driveway! A bit of detective work soon narrowed it down to his computer. It was feeding wide-band hash back into the AC power lines, even when it was supposedly switched off! The AC lines were radiating this noise all over the house and out into the garage.

"All modern computers use switching power supplies and they all are supposed to incorporate filters to prevent the inevitable switcher hash from being fed back to the AC line. Supplies that carry proper CSA, IC and FCC labels of certification should have these components installed right inside the power supply module. When I opened up my son's computer, I noticed no labelling other than the manufacturer's name and model number. I opened up the power supply module and discovered that

the filtering components had never been installed. The pads and silkscreening indicating their intended positions on the circuit board were there, but that part of the circuit had been jumpered out! Also, the power supply is constantly on, even though the rest of the computer may be shut down. Mystery solved.

"I had to threaten the dealer with action from both CSA and Industry Canada before he agreed to install a brand new power supply. Before accepting it, I made him show me the certification labels. The computer is now perfectly 'clean'."

"Russ, remember this: some manufacturers and dealers will use the cheapest components and circuitry that they think they can get away with, but the law is on your side. Keeping you happy (and quiet) is definitely in their best interests. 73."

Adds Joe Robinson, "I hope that more people will not fear speaking up on behalf of their own concerns ... many companies and vendors will truly help the consumer if they are asked."

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An impromptu event 10/11 and 12 taught me how much fun tower hunting could be. The occasion was the visit by master tower hunters SCOTT FYBUSH of Rochester and GARRETT WOLLMAN of Boston. Fellow 2003 NRC Convention host WALLY WAWRO loaded his van with ice chests full of soft liquid refreshment and Scott and Garrett added mucho camera and tape equipment to the load. I took off from Krum about 7 a.m. Friday to make connections with the trio and to go along for the ride. I didn't get back to Krum until just before midnight. For the AM-FM-TV DX'er who enjoys seeing the sites from where the signals come, the Dallas-Fort Worth area seems to be Nirvana! On Cedar Hill southwest of Dallas stands what Scott and Garrett believe to be the most spectacular collection of tall towers ever to be assembled in the United States. Wally pulled some strings to get us through the electronically-controlled gate at the barbed-wire surrounded KDFW-WFAA-TV. Clambering along the ice bridge under the WFAA tower, thanks to our host, Don Guemmer, maintenance technician for the Spirit of Texas, we took many still and video shots of a veritable forest of steel. Some of Scott's photos, we know, will enrich his 2003 tower calendar.

But Cedar Hill isn't the only unique antenna site in the area. KEOM in Mesquite, on Dallas' east side, has its million-dollar-plus tower on the south end of a modern high school football field that would be the pride of many small colleges across the country. On the tower at two levels are buildings housing various kinds of communications equipment. We did not ride the elevator up the tower, though. For the taxpayers of the Mesquite Independent School District, Dr. James C. Griffin, the district's director of radio told us that lease payments from tower users more than carry the cost of the tower. KEOM, at 61 kw on 88.7, is almost certainly the most powerful high school station in America. The studio site was worth the visit, too.

Another studio site worth the visit was KPYK-1570, located in the northwest corner of a small strip mall in the east Dallas suburb of Terrell. KPYK is truly a Mom and Pop operation, but when the four of us walked through the door a little after 5:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon, Pop was gone and silver-haired, diminutive Mom, left alone to operate the station, seemed a bit intimidated. But she did allow us to take some pictures and almost missed the 6 p.m. TOH station break, which she rushed back into the control room to give, live. One of the most spectacular tower sites in America is KFXR-1190's night-time facility where neighbors have slowly encroached on the ten towers, lined up in two straight rows of five towers each. Unlike some of the sites we visited, the KFXR sight was well-manicured and Scott and Garrett were happy to note that all ten tower identification numbers were posted on the gate to the facility, as required by the FCC. None of the neighbors contested us as we drove into a couple of cul-de-sacs looking for the perfect picture. Some of the AM tower sites presented some problems viz a viz getting close enough to get a good picture but far enough away to get the entire tower and whatever building there might have been below. It's surprising how many wilderness areas remain in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The KAAM-770 three-tower site does not qualify as a wilderness area, though it might have been when the towers were first put up a dozen or so years ago. Now, homes have crept ever closer to the tower site and a large church has been built on an adjacent property. Wally, Scott and Garrett pondered how much QRM the church's sound system might suffer from the proximity to a 10 kw transmitter during Sunday morning services. Hopefully, our sunset pictures from the east side of

the KAAM tower site will pan out.

A major highlight of the Friday afternoon session came when we met with 100000watts.com founder CHIP KELLY, of Plano, Texas, at the KRLD transmitter site. It was the first head-to-head meeting for Chip and Scott, his successor running the website, though of course there's been a lot of e-mail and phone confabs between the two. Chip has not lost interest in the radio scene, and will continue to work with Scott on maintaining what I consider to be the most informative free internet site covering broadcast facilities that's currently available. Saturday morning, Scott and Garrett were left to their own devices to find Fort Worth area AM tower sites but, after lunch at Joe T. Garcia's, the legendary Mexican restaurant near the Fort Worth Stockyards, they met me at Denton for a little rural tower hunting.

We had only three hours left before separate dinner commitments, but we did see the three-tower site for Denton-1440, unkempt, unpainted and still with a KDNT sign along the fence-line. (No sense painting it if they're going to move the transmitter to University City, moving my closest local to an easily nullible location.) We drove north of Denton to the KNTU-88.1 site, saw the new tall tower for the 107.9 FM'er just south of Lake Ray Roberts, moved west to the 104.1 transmitter site north of Krum and ended my weekend tower-hunting activities in the very southwest corner of Cooke County. This massive antenna there is visible during the daytime from more than six miles away ... at least that's where Scott made his first video ... and is a mere 19 miles from my DX den. The tower sticks up more than a third of a mile, and has a three-legged candelabra configuration at the very top. There are two antennas at the top, leaving room for one more, and there's another antenna on the side of the tower, but lower than the candelabra. The HAATs of KKDL-106.7 and KZMP-101.7 are listed at 2,034 feet; the HAAT of KMEO-96.7 is listed at 2,037 feet; and the HAAT of the CP for KICM-93.7 is listed at 1,950 feet. (That makes me fear that KKDL and KZMP might be diplexed on one tower, and that KICM is closer to completing its move from Healdton, Oklahoma to city of license — gasp — Krum, Texas, than we had thought. And that there's room for one more at the very top of what Scott and Garrett say may well be the tallest FM tower in America.) Oh, what electro-magnetic riches we have in the Dallas-Fort Worth market! (And thanks for checking in John, a pleasure!-DWS)

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Greetings all. It's been nearly a year since my last muse. I've been an NRC member for about 10 years. I am a long-time broadcaster (radio and TV) and currently work as a Multimedia editor at Bloomberg Financial News. Since I usually do a lot of DXing in my car, the purchase of a new Subaru Impreza wagon this summer put a big crimp in my normal listening. I discovered the OEM Clarion radio that came with the car was quite deaf on medium wave. I'm guessing the unit's sensitivity was in the 30uV range. The signal-to-noise ratio wasn't much better. It could bring in the big 50kw guns from New York City pretty well, but not much else. It could barely bring in 500-watt WHTG-AM on 1410Khz in my home county of Monmouth! This is too bad, because I truly enjoyed the radio's appearance and ergonomic lay-out, which was simple and intuitive for use while driving. The audio quality was also surprisingly good for an OEM unit. It has since been replaced with an aftermarket Alpine unit that allows dramatically improved reception. The problem is, the Alpine is a busy-looking device and features so many different controls for audio quality that it's quite difficult to come up with a compromise setting for either casual listening or DXing. Every station sounds different. I guess that's because it actually is a good receiver - good enough to clearly detect the differences in each station's audio processing - even on AM. But clearly this radio was also designed for 18-year olds with attention deficit disorder. People who want to play with - not listen to - the radio. Which brings me to my first point of this muse: Why can't the OEMs offer receivers with decent sensitivity, selectivity and a reasonable signal-to-noise ratio on AM? I'm talking about sensitivity in the 20uV range. And, conversely, why can't the aftermarket radio manufacturers offer at least one unit each that offers not only good technical specifications (for AM and FM) but also a clean, uncluttered OEM look and simple, intuitive operation that a driver requires? And, by the way, the only aftermarket units I could find with decent AM sensitivity were Alpine (at 22.5 uV) and Pioneer (at 18 uV). My second, and more serious, point has to do with some news out of the Federal Communications Commission this past week. The FCC voted to allow AM and FM broadcasters to begin digital transmissions using the In-Band, On-Channel (IBOC) system from iBiquity. So far, IBOC digital has only been approved for daytime use on AM, but tests

continue with the goal of gaining approval for nighttime transmissions. The first radio station near me to begin digital transmissions (while continuing the broadcast its regular analog signal) was 50kw WOR on 710Khz in New York City. And one could hear an annoying buzzing - not nter WOR's signal, but on the first- and even second-adjacent frequencies from 690 through 730 Khz! The digital transmissions were stopped after the first day or so reportedly due to some issues the with IBOC transmitter. But they were expected to resume soon. Still,



if anything even close to this kind of digital noise on adjacent frequencies is what we can expect as the IBOC system is gradually implemented across the country - it doesn't look good for our hobby. A far-better solution, in my humble opinion, is Motorola's (and, no, I am not an employee) proposed Symphonic chipset for radio receivers that would use digital audio processing to clean-up analog signals. Theoretically, this would work a lot like digital audio processing already used successfully on some high-end shortwave receivers. If it includes synchronous detection, it could mean new life for AM - not just for the casual listener, but for the serious hobbyist as well. All this, with no new investment for the broadcaster, unlike with IBOC. I certainly hope the NRC will follow the IBOC story as more tests are conducted. Perhaps the NRC can offer formal comment to the FCC as the Commission considers permanent standards for digital radio broadcasting. After all, we - as a group - are a very interested party. And I would love to hear DAVE SCHMIDT's thoughts on both IBOC digital and Motorola's Symphonic chipset. Meanwhile, the wholesale rush toward digital broadcasting continues in the U.S. The problem is, digital may not be the cure-all many make it out to be. As BOB HARRISON mused in last previous issue of DX News, the programming heard on most radio stations these days is enough to turn many listeners and hobbyists away. And, indeed, industry surveys indicate overall radio listenership continues to decline with each passing year. Certainly we are on the cusp of very big, very fundamental, technical change in radio broadcasting. That change could herald a new period of vibrancy and health for our hobby. Or it could, in a worst-case scenario, literally mean the end of DXing on medium wave, at least in the U.S. This is an issue that all individual NRC members should monitor carefully and the organization itself might be well advised to formally involve itself in.

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It's that time again to bow to the Muse...I'm 48 years old, divorced with 2 teenagers, and work as an engineer for WVCH 740 in Chester PA. I've been in this wacky radio game 25 years, first as a DJ... and later on started doing some tech work as I had been fooling with electronics since the age of 12. I started DXing in response to my then local WWRI-1450 West Warwick RI going top 40 from MOR. First stations were the NYC blowitches, and I gravitated to WHN 1050, WNBC 660 and also to the late lamented WNEW 1130...and WNEW, to me, was what GOOD radio still should be! I got my first paying job in 1977 at the old WERI 1230 as their chief engineer after getting my First Phone. Next stop was Falmouth MA and WCIB FM where I was chief and also was on air Sunday night. Went to Boston thereafter to become staff engineer for WEZE 1260...with cups of coffee at WLYN 1360 and the first of 2 stints at WCAS 740...Second time there I built them a production studio to use, and also straightened out their transmitter so they could run legal power of 250 watts. I've also worked for stations in Fall River and New Bedford MA, Providence and Newport RI. After my Newport job was finished, I moved to PA as I had accepted a job with a station in Berwick PA, where I first met Ye Musings Editor (he was engineer of the place at the time). That was fun and I remember doing an emergency repair on the transmitter which I think is still in place! I was hired by WVCH in November to be their afternoon drive person/engineer, and am enjoying it there! My first real DX came a few yrs ago after building a spiral loop and hearing XEX 730 and XEWA 540 under the Canadians on the frequencies. I can remember hearing PJB 800 when they were 500 kW blasting into RI at night when I was younger. I love collecting out of print music such as jazz, blues, and folk music. I like to travel and love to fiddle with stuff! Thanks to some creative elbow twisting by Ye Editor, I re upped in the NRC and am having a lot of fun. It's a little tougher to DX here but still a great challenge! (Thanks for the report Dave!-DWS)

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The above MUSE from Dave brings to light that my first spoken words on radio started in 1967 at Dave's present employer, WVCH! I received a call from then owner/engineer Jim Tisdale, asking if I would be interested in a couple hours a week, mostly 5PM til sign off for the summer, plus Sunday afternoons, 1PM til sign off. It was a hodge-podge format, the station in 1967 was being run as it was when it first started in 1947. I can remember the ID plainly "The full range high fidelity voice of Delaware County, WVCH" and the theme songs we would play for "Sundown Serenade" and "The Suburban Dance Party". The format was a mix of standards/easy listening but they had a very successful block in the morning of paid religion (Dr. Oliver B. Green was living then!). When Mr. Tisdale passed away in the mid 70's, I was then an announcer/newsman for then WEEZ-1590 and passed the story on to others via Associated Press for the Eastern PA/NJ/DE offices. Later on, I was their chief engineer for about a total of 4 years, where, when clearing out some old equipment, found the very first log I had signed, about 25 years later! WVCH continues as a very highly respected religious station in the Philadelphia area and I'm glad that Dave is employed by a 'good' station! Where's the Musings members? Don't let it turn into Musings Of The Editor; your reports are welcomed!

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