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Never mind "Remember the Alamo"...how about, "Remember New Castle"?

If you're awake enough to get most of these right on a Sunday morning, I'll know the Saturday night DX wasn't as good as it could have been.

Point scores follow each question. Sources used for this one were the 18th edition AM log, the past year of DX News, and the eighth edition "M Street Radio Directory."

Have fun...and as Fred would say, "Support Radio!"

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I. Welcome to Texas

1. Texas is the land of the K-calls...but there are a handful of Ws as well. You know about WOAI in San Antonio...but can you name the rest? (1 point for **each** correct answer)

2. Been paying attention to the San Antonio radio dial? Match the slogan to the station... (1 point for **each** correct answer)

La Primera: _____

R. Cristiana: _____

R. Jalapeno: _____

R. Festival: _____

3. This San Antonio station claims it was America's first in AM stereo: (1 point) _____

4. The only San Antonio AM station to share calls with a CURRENT San Antonio TV station: (1 point): _____

5. How 'bout them border blasters? Name the half-megawatt out of Ciudad Acuna: (1 point)

And its previous calls? (1 point each) _____, _____

For extra credit (2 points), name the "doctor" who made the station famous in the 1930s:

And what was he best known for implanting? (2 points) _____

And for one more point, what US station was he associated with? _____

14. These X-banders completely replaced stations on the old part of the dial. For each city, name the new X-bander and the station it replaced. (1 point for each correct call and each correct frequency):

Des Moines, Iowa: old	_____	new	_____
Atmore, Alabama: old	_____	new	_____
Sussex, Wisconsin: old	_____	new	_____
Lexington Pk, Md.: old	_____	new	_____
Warner Robins, Ga: old	_____	new	_____

15. This Texas station will be the only one on its X-band frequency when it signs on. Name it: (1 point for completely correct answer): _____

16. Where in Texas will these X-band frequencies end up? (1 point for correct city, an extra bonus point for each if you can name the call and frequency of the station it'll replace)

1610: _____

1660: _____

1620: _____

1700: _____

1630: _____

17. What X-band frequency was Cuba reported to be using just a few weeks ago? (1 point)

18. What were the original calls of those X-band airport information stations we were all hearing from DFW last year? (1 point) _____

19. Name the new calls these old-band AM stations took on when their old calls moved to the X-band: (1 point each)

1190 KXBT: _____

1480 WTDY: _____

1210 WCMQ: _____

20. This New York State station wanted to move to the X-band. Not only was it denied a move -- it also had to go back to the old frequency and power it last used more than a decade ago. Name it, and both its frequencies (2 points for a completely correct answer)

III. The 1997-1998 DX Season

21. Speaking of X-banders, what frequency did Mark Connelly hear Argentina on last winter? (1 point) _____

22. There weren't many DX tests this season. Name the stations that *did* conduct tests on each of these frequencies: (1 point for each correct one)

560: _____

670: _____

1270: _____

590: _____

850: _____

1380: _____

600: _____

1260: _____

23. Back to IDXD: What unexpected country was Ray Moore hearing in Florida last December? (1 point) _____

24. Two bonus points if you can name the call and frequency of Ray's unexpected catch:

25. The January ice storm took out the facilities of CJAD 800 in Montreal. What are the other two frequencies on which DXers were hearing the station? (1 point each)

_____, _____

IV. General, Painful Miscellany

26. How well do you know your two-station cities? Each of the following frequency pairs are the ONLY two AM'ers in their city of license. Name the city for one point, and the correct calls for an extra point each.

a. 1050, 1330 _____

c. 810, 1360 _____

b. 980, 1400 _____

d. 1450, 1450 _____

27. DX Audio Service members have been listening to Mark Durenberger drive US 50 across the country, taping clear-channel IDs as he goes. What's so significant about the three AM 810 stations he's been listening to? (1 point)

28. Canada has been busy moving all its AM stations to FM. Within the past year, stations on each of these frequencies were making the move (or applying to make it). One point for naming the correct call or city that matches each frequency, an extra bonus point for remembering the new FM assignment for each.

570 _____
 690 _____
 700 _____
 740 _____
 910 _____
 940 _____

960 _____
 1110 _____
 1230 _____
 1410 _____
 1580 _____

29. Know your Springfields! There are AM stations licensed to Springfields in IL, MA, MO, OH, OR, TN, and VT. One point for each frequency you can correctly match to its proper state:

a. 1050 _____
 b. 1260 _____
 c. 1240 _____
 d. 1480 _____

e. 1270 _____
 f. 1590 _____
 g. 1600 _____

30. There are three frequencies that are shared by multiple Springfields. One point for naming **each** of the three frequencies, another point for naming the correct pair of cities for **each** frequency:

V. The Tiebreaker

No aliens from Mars this year -- we'll stay right here on earth, thank you! In fact, we'll ride around for a while with John and Linda Bowker as they travel the country to catch legal IDs. And of course, every time a station changes call letters, John and Linda have to go back and tape the new calls!

There's one medium-sized West Coast market that's been keeping the Bowker motorhome busy, with more than *half* its AM stations changing calls this year. One dropped a historic call to take the calls of its new sister TV station. Another one picked up the historic calls that were dropped. And a third sent *its* heritage calls to a new FM station nearby.

Can you name the city that's kept John and Linda's legal ID collection so busy?

TOTAL: _____