



Welcome to a city and region rich in history, tradition, growth, contributions, and changes into the 21st century. A continuing renaissance starting with a new David L. Lawrence Convention Center under construction downtown, the Pirates' "jewel of the North Shore" PNC Park, the UPMC (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center) Sports Medicine Complex on the South Side, and our latest addition, the 65,000 gold seated stadium, "Heinz Field", home to the Steelers, Pittsburgh Panthers, and concerts! Plus, in January 2002, the Petersen Events Center opens on the University of Pittsburgh campus.

Since the NRC's last visit in 1990, several structures have been replaced while others were added. Most notably those replaced were three beginning with the Greater Pitt Airport in October 1992, the closing and removal of Pitt Stadium in November 1999, and the implosion of Three Rivers Stadium on February 11, 2001! Those added include the Pittsburgh International Airport and three new tourist attractions. They are the John Heinz Regional History Center in the Strip District and two on the North Side, the Andy Warhol Museum and the Carnegie Science Center with the USS Requin submarine docked alongside! Continuing the learning and wonder in our area is the Carnegie Museum of Art & History and the Phipps Conservatory in Oakland, the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium in Highland Park, and Pittsburgh, still a most livable city!

Webster's defines "odyssey" as any long series of wanderings or voyages marked by many changes of fortune or notable experiences. Thus our "radio odyssey" in Pittsburgh begins with "the pioneer broadcast station of the world" KDKA who celebrated 80 years of service on November 2, 2000! Soon three more local stations will celebrate 80 years; KQV and WJAS in the fall of 2001 and WEAE, first as WCAE, in May 2002! Named for the British minister William Pitt in 1758 as Pittsborough, Pittsburgh became incorporated as a city in 1816. Now, 16 area AM and 19 FM stations identify with the city's name. From your hosts John R. Malicky and Curt M. White, please enjoy your "radio odyssey!"

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR "A RADIO ODYSSEY"
 NATIONAL RADIO CLUB/DX AUDIO SERVICE 2001 CONVENTION
 THE RADISSON HOTEL-GREENTREE/PITTSBURGH, PA

Friday, August 31:

- 10:00 AM Registration opens in the NRC/DXAS Hospitality Room(J. Edgar Thomson).
 (Note: Any events and/or times are subject to change and will be announced. Also, the Pittsburgh Pirates' PNC Park tours at the ballpark on the North Side begin at 10 AM, 12 noon, and 2 PM, are 1½ hours in length, and cost \$6.00, \$3 over age 55, weekdays only. To order a copy of PNC Park's book for \$19.95, call the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Store at(1)412-263-1741, best chance during regular business hours.)
- 11:00 AM Open time or tour of the Clear Channel 6: WBGW, WWSW, WKST, WDVE, WJJJ, WXDX at 200 Fleet St./Greentree, to be announced.
- 12:30 PM Depart the Radisson Hotel for KDKA Tour.
- 1:00 PM KDKA-1020 Studio Tour in downtown Pittsburgh at One Gateway Center.
- 2:45 PM Depart the Radisson Hotel for WJAS Tour.
- 3:00 PM WJAS-1320/WPTT-1360/WSHH-99.7 Studio Tour at 900 Parish St. in Greentree.
 (Note: We are also taking reservations for "Just Ducky Tours" of Pittsburgh on land and water on Sunday with time to be announced. Cost is \$15, tour is 1 hour.)
 Vehicle has a 30 person capacity.)
- 5:00 PM A "Pietro's Pizza Party" in the Thomson Room
- 8:00 PM NRC/DXAS Pittsburgh 2001 "A Radio Odyssey" Opening Theme and Introductions/Greetings.
- 8:10 PM Slide Show & Presentation "The Conrad Project" by Rick Harris, Chairman and Board member of the National Museum of Broadcasting. This is a group attempting to establish a museum for KDKA while also presenting the early history of the station. Question/answer session follows.

Saturday, September 1:

- 9:00 AM The NRC/DXAS Hospitality/Thomson Room opens
- 10:30 AM A Discussion "Through the Years Down Memory Lane" of early Pittsburgh radio during the 1930s and 1940s by NRC member Ben Dangerfield, who was born and raised and cut his "DX teeth" here!
- 11:15 AM Depart the Radisson Hotel for PNC Park.
- 11:30 AM Outside the ballpark tour of the newest Major League Baseball Park, the Pittsburgh Pirates' PNC Park! Narrated by your host, PNC Park opened 4 days after Milwaukee's Miller Park.
- 12:30 PM Depart PNC Park for Oakland passing through the University of Pittsburgh campus for WQED Tour.
- 1:00 PM WQED-89.3/WQED-TV 13/WQEX-TV 16 Studio Tour at 4802 Fifth Avenue in Pittsburgh's Oakland community. Your host will be Paul Johnston, midday 12-3 PM personality on "All Classical 89.3"! WQED-TV 13 is the oldest public station, April 1, 1954 in the U.S! 89.3 signed on 1/25/73!
- 3:00 PM (time approximate) Short stop to Penn Ave. in Wilkinsburg to visit Dr. Frank Conrad's home "where it all began" with 8XK then KDKA! For more history, follow Penn Ave/Route 30 to East Pittsburgh, the old Westinghouse plant, the "K" Building, and KDKA's original broadcast on Nov. 2, 1920!
- 5:00 PM The NRC Business Meeting & Awards in the Thomson Room.
- 5:30 PM The NRC/DXAS Pittsburgh 2001 Group Photo in the Radisson Courtyard outside, weather permitting, next to the Thomson Room. The Thomson Room will be open until 6 PM so anyone may store auction items.
- 6:00 PM The NRC/DXAS Pittsburgh 2001 Banquet in the Stephen Foster Room!
- 7:30 PM The NRC/DXAS Pittsburgh 2001 Guest of Honor and Speaker, Mr. Bill Brant!
 A legendary broadcaster and personality,

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- 7:30 PM (NRC/DXAS Speaker) Mr. Brant began his radio career at WJPA-1450 in 1942, 6 months later in 1943 moved to WWSW-970, then to KDKA-1020 in 1945. In 1950, Bill went to WDTV-3, the TV station preceeding KDKA-2. An accomplished musician, Mr. Brant worked in TV and radio almost ten years. His fourth and last radio station was WJAS in 1952 working there 3 different times until retiring in 1987. Now, "the rest of the story!"
- 8:15 PM The NRC/DXAS Auction in the Thomson Room with your host, DXN Editor, Paul Swearingen, and a mystery guest?! Quickly, if you bid WSM, WLW, WJR, KYW, and/or KQV, what \$ amount are bidding?!
- 11:00 PM NRC/DXAS DXpedition with your host, Curt White, outside the Radisson!

Sunday, September 2:

- 8:00 AM The NRC/DXAS Pittsburgh 2001 Breakfast Buffet in the Foster Room!
- 9:30 AM NRC/DXAS Travellog with your host, John Bowker in the Thomson Room.
- 10:30 AM NRC/DXAS Pittsburgh 2001 Verbal DX Quiz with host John R. Malicky and another mystery guest?!
- 12:00 PM Free Time sponsored by the NRC! Events in and around the "Burgh" include: The Gateway Clipper Fleet sails from Station Square; The Carnegie Science Center is open on the North Side; and the John Heinz History Center is open in the Strip District.
- 1:30 PM "Just Ducky Tours" leaves from Station Square in a vehicle that travels on land and in water! Tickets are \$15.00.
- 8:00 PM Demonstration of Phased Antennas for IDX(DTransatlantic) Reception by NRC/DXAS member Bruce Conti in the Heinz Rm.

Monday, September 3:

- 9:00 AM Thomson Room Opens.
- 12:00 PM 2001 "A Radio Odyssey" ends, CU in 2002!
- 4:05 PM Baseball: Pirates vs. Brewers at PNC(2)!

A SHORT LESSON ON PITTSBURGHESE

By learning these phrases and words, by repeating them correctly while walking around the city, you will fit right in with the rest of us!!

- "yunz" meaning "you all" or "all of you"
example: "Are yunz goin' dawntawn?"
- "dawntawn" see example for "yunz", means "downtown"
example: "Are you goin' downtown?"
- "an n't" meaning "and that" or "and then"
example: "Are you goin' downtown and that?" including other places/inclusive
- "gumbands" meaning rubber bands
- "pop" meaning "have a soda"
- "Arn" meaning to have an "Iron(City)"
example: "give me an Iron
- "Stillers" meaning the Pittsburgh Steers
- "S'Liberty" meaning "East Liberty" the city's northeastern neighbor
- "redd up" meaning: "clean up"
example: "You better clean your room!"
- "wosh" meaning "wash"
- "farr" meaning a "fire"
- "pop" meaning "soda"
- "Pawrits" meaning the Pittsburgh "Pirates"
- "the O"or"O" meaning the "Original Hot Dog Shop" in Oakland
- "Pirmani's" meaning the "Primanti's Restaurant" at least 6-8 locations and 1 in PNC

The offical bird of Pittsburgh is the pigeon, any "classic car" is one that's held together by duct tape, a local landmark(s) is an orange construction cone on any road that's merged into one lane, and finally the offical city flower is a dandelion!

CALL LETTER MEANINGS...What is the meaning?!

- WAMO-"Allegheny, Monongahela, Ohio" 3 rivers merging
- WJAS-"World's Jolliest Aerial Station"
- WWSW-"William S. Walker" who purchased 3WS in 1932
- WJPA-"Washington & Jefferson" College 60 years 2/1/41
- WURP-"Urban Radio for Pittsburgh" ex WCXJ
- WMBA-"Miner's Broadcasting Association"
- WISR-"Isaac Samuel Rosenbloom" original owner 9/26/41

6 AM LOCALS and regionals

540 WPCS PA CANONSBURG-"Radio Disney"
 560 WFRB MD frostburg-nostalgia w/WTBO-1450
 570 WKBN OH youngstown-"Newsradio 570"/tlk/CI bb
 590 WMBS PA uniontown-"GT Oldies"/eth/Pirates bb
 600 WSOM OH salem-nostalgia
 620 WKHB PA IRWIN-tlk/ac rel/w/WKTW-1530 mornngs
 640 WHLO OH akron-"Solid Gospel"
 680 WISR PA butler-mor/local news
 730 WPIT PA PITTSBURGH-"Solid Gospel"/tlk/ethnic
 790 WPIC PA sharon-nostalgia/Indians bb(CI bb)
 810 WEDO PA MCKEESPORT-talk/ethnic/MRN
 860 WAMO PA MILLVALE-r&b/w/106.7&107.1mornngs/gos
 910 WAVL PA apollo-religious/gospel
 940 WPNT PA charleroi-"Froggy" cw/w/WOGI-98.3 &
 970 WBGG PA PITTSBURGH-"Sptsradio970-TheBurg"Fox
 990 WVSC PA somerset-"Sptsradio990"Fox/Piratesbb
 1020 KDKA PA PITTSBURGH-"Pgh'sRadioStn"tlkPirates
 1050 WBUT PA butler-oldies/CNN/MRN
 1080 WWNL PA PITTSBURGH-"New Life Radio"religious
 1110 WKZV PA washington-"KZ Country"/bluegras/eth
 1130 WASP PA brownsville-"Unforgettable 1130"
 1150 WGBN PA NEW KENSINGTON-religious/gospel
 1170 WWVA WV wheeling-"TheBigOne"/tlk/cw/gos/nos
 1200 WKST PA new castle-"Newsradio1200"/w/WBZY*
 1230 WBVP PA beaver falls-nos/w/WMBA-1460 mornngs
 1250 WEAE PA PITTSBURGH-"ESPN 1250"/Penn St sprts
 1280 WBZY PA new castle-oldies/w/WKST-1200various
 1290 WOMP OH bellaire-talk w/WSTV-1340
 1320 WJAS PA PITTSBURGH-"Pgh's Original Hits Stn"
 1340 WSTV OH steubenville-talk w/WOMP-1290
 1360 WPTT PA MCKEESPORT-"Pgh's Talk Stn"/MRN
 1380 WTYM PA kittanning-"Good Time Oldies"
 1390 WNIO OH youngstown-nostalgia
 1410 KQV PA PITTSBURGH-"All News, All the Time"
 1450 WJPA PA washington-old w/95.3 FM/Pirates bb
 1460 WMBA PA ambridge-old/talk w/WBVP-1230 mornngs
 1480 WCNS PA latrobe-"Good Time Oldies"/Pirates
 1510 WPGR PA MONROEVILLE-"Pgh's Gospel Radio"
 1530 WKTW PA jeannette-"TalkAmerica"/w/WKHB-620am
 1550 WURP PA BRADDOCK-urban ac/talk
 1570 WQTW PA latrobe-old"Musicpower104"w/WLSW-103.9
 1590 WZUM PA CARNEGIE-"A Pgh Original"old/eth/gos
 (Pirates bb on WBVP/WMBA/WKST or WBZY; Indians bb
 on WKBN; WBGG has Steelers & Pens;WOGG-94.9 on940)

FM LOCALS and regionals

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88.3 WRCT PA PITTSBURGH-alternative/CMU
 88.5 WYSU OH youngstown-classical/NPR/YSU
 89.3 WQED PA PITTSBURGH-"All Classical"/WQEJ-89.7
 89.9 WVNP WV wheeling-WV Publicradio/NPR/rWVPN\$
 90.5 WDUQ PA PITTSBURGH-jazz/NPR/Duquesne U.
 90.9 WVPM WV morgantown-WVPRadio/NPR/rWVPN-88.5\$
 91.3 WYEP PA PITTSBURGH-"Where the Mx Matters"alt
 92.1 WPTS PA PITTSBURGH-alt/new mx/U.ofPgh/@
 92.9 WLTJ PA PITTSBURGH-"Lite Rock 92.9"/ac
 93.7 WBZZ PA PITTSBURGH-"B-94"/chr/20 years+/I
 94.5 WWSW PA PITTSBURGH-"All Oldies 3WS"/Pens/C
 95.3 WJPA PA washington-oldies w/AM-1450
 96.1 WKST PA PITTSBURGH-"Kiss FM"/new chr/C
 96.9 WRRK PA BRADDOCK-"Channel 97"/cr/Panthers
 97.3 WKWK WV wheeling-"MixJamz-97.3"or"WK-97.3"ac
 98.3 WOGI PA charleroi-"Froggy-98.3"/cw w/940&949
 98.7 WOVK WV wheeling-"The Valley'sCountryLeader"
 98.9 WMXY OH youngstown-"The New Mix"/hot ac/chr
 99.7 WSHH PA PITTSBURGH-"Wish 99.7"/ac/Renda Brdg
 100.7 WZPT PA NEW KENSINGTON-"TheNewStar-100.7"acI
 101.1 WHOT OH youngstown-"Hot 101.1"/chr/JStarr!!
 101.5 WORD PA PITTSBURGH-religious/c/oWPIT-730/SIm
 102.5 WDVE PA PITTSBURGH-"102.5 DVE"/ar/Steelers/C
 103.5 WOGH OH steubenville-"Froggy103"/cw/WSTV1340
 103.9 WLSW PA scottdale-"MxPower104"/oldw/WQTW1570
 104.3 WELI OH east liverpool-"Country104"/WOHI1490
 104.7 WJJJ PA PITTSBURGH-"104.7 TheBeat"/r&b/C
 105.9 WXDX PA PITTSBURGH-"105.9 TheX"/new rock/C
 106.7 WAMO PA BEAVER FALLS-"106 Jamz"/r&b/w107.1/S
 107.1 WSSZ PA GREENSBURG-repeater for WAMO-106.7/S
 107.5 WEGW WV wheeling-"Eagle 107.5"/aor/c/oWWVA
 107.9 WDSY PA PITTSBURGH-"Y-108"/cw/I
 (Owners designated as C-Clear Channel; I-Infinity;
 SIm-Salem Communications; S-Sheridan Broadcasting;
 CMU-Carnegie Mellon U; YSU-Youngstown State U;
 WQEJ-89.7 repeater for 89.3;\$-repeaters for 88.5;
 @-also on 92.1 "Star 92.1" New Castle PA)

WQED-FM 89.3

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106.7
WBVP/WMBA

↑ WISR WBUT/WLER

9

**1080
*1020

WGBN
**1150

279
79
1410
970

19

8

**860/105.9

92.9/102.5*
94.5/99.7*

*730/101.5
*100.7/104.7/107.9

*89.3
WQED

**1510

KDKA WAMO/WSSZ/WPGR
KQV WWNL

WPTS WRCT

WJAS/WPTT/WSHH
WPIT/WORD
WBGW/WWSW/WKST/
WDVE/WJJJ/WXDX
WBZZ/WZPT/WDSY

*93.7
WLTJ/WRRK
WDUQ

*90.5

**1320 WEAE
*1360(day)/91.3/
96.9

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WZUM
(Box 10 Monroeville)

*1590

*1250/96.1

*1550
WURP

WKHB/WKTW →
*620/1530
(770)

*810

PITTSBURGH AREA Studio/XR Locations 8/2001

WWCS *540

WJPA ↓

WKZV ↓

WMBS ↓

WPNT/WOGI/WASP/WOGG ↓

WEDO

**1360(night)
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PITTSBURGH DAYTIME BANDSCAN by Curt White
(See which stations you can log not on this list
and we'll record them!) (Most callscurrent)

540	WWCS	PA	1220	WHKC	OH
550	WGR	NY	1230	WBVP	PA
560	WFRB	MD	1250	WEAE	PA
570	WKBN	OH	1270	WCBC	MD
590	WMBS	PA	1280	WBZY	PA
600	WSOM	OH	1290	WOMP	OH
610	WTVN	OH	1300	WCLG	WV
620	WKHB	PA	1320	WJAS	PA
640	WHLO	OH	1340	WSTV	OH**
670	WIEZ	PA	1360	WPTT	PA
680	WISR	PA	1370	WMJT	WV***
690	WELD	WV	1380	WTYM	PA
700	WLW	OH	1390	WNIO	OH
730	WPIT	PA	1400	WBBD	WV
760	WJR	MI	1410	KQV	PA
770	WAIS	OH	1430	WEIR	WV
790	WPIC	PA	1440	WFHM	OH
810	WEDO	PA	1450	WJPA	PA
830	WKTX	OH	1460	WMBA	PA
860	WAMO	PA	1470	WPAO	PA
880	WRFD	OH	1480	WCNS	PA
900	WCER	OH		WHBC	OH
910	WAVL	PA	1490	WOHI	OH
920	WMMN	WV	1510	WPGR	PA
940	WPNT	PA	1530	WKTW	PA
950	WDIG	OH	1550	WURP	PA
970	WBG	PA	1570	WQTW	PA
990	WVSC	PA	1580	WANB	PA
1020	KDKA	PA	1590	WZUM	PA
1040	WSKE	PA*			
1050	WBUT	PA			
1060	WRCW	OH			
1080	WWNL	PA			
1100	WTAM	OH			
1110	WKZV	PA			
1130	WASP	PA			
1150	WGBN	PA			
1160	WCCS	PA			
1170	WWVA	WV			
1200	WKST	PA			

* - either
WZSK or WSKE
**-WCVI-1340
is silent
1370-call
letter chng?

PITTSBURGH NIGHTTIME BANDSCAN by Curt White
(Same as the day scan, log any not on this list
and we'll record them! Again, most calls current.)

540	WWCS	PA	830	WCCO	MN	1160	IL	
550	WGR	NY	840	WHAS	KY	1170	WWVA	WV
	WKRC	OH	850	WKNR	OH	1180	WHAM	NY
560	WVOC	SC		CKVL	PQ	1190	WOWO	IN
570	WKBN	OH	860	WAMO	PA		WLIB	NY
580	WHP	PA	870	WWL	LA	1200	WOAI	TX
	WCHS	WV	880	WCBS	NY		WAGE	VA
590	WMBS	PA	890	WLS	IL	1210	WPHT	PA
	KOMJ	NE	900	CHML	ON	1220	WHKC	OH
600	WSJS	NC		XEW	MX	1250	WEAE	PA
610	WDAF	MO	910	CKLY	ON	1270	WXYT	MI
	WTVN	OH		WJCW	TN	1280	WIRL	IL
	WIP	PA	920	CKNX	ON	1290	WHIO	OH
620	WKHB	PA	930	WBEN	NY		CJBK	ON
	WRJZ	TN	940	CIQC	PQ	1320	WJAS	PA
630	WMAL	DC		WPNT	PA	1350	WTOU	OH
	WLAP	KY	950	WWJ	MI	1360	WCKY	OH
640	WHLO	OH		WQBE	WV	1370	WSPD	OH
	QRM		960	WFIR	VA	1410	KQV	PA
650	WSM	TN	970	WBG	PA	1420	WCLV	OH
660	WFAN	NY	980	WWRC	DC	1430		ON
670	WSCR	IL		WONE	OH	1440	WHIS	VA
680	WPTF	NC	990	CBW	MB	1500	WTOP	DC
	CFTR	ON		CKGM	PQ	1510	WLAC	TN
690	CINF	PQ		WNOX	TN	1520	WWKB	NY
	WOKV	FL	1000	WMVP	IL	1530	WSAI	OH
700	WLW	OH	1010	CFRB	ON	1540	KXEL	IA
710	WOR	NY		WINS	NY		CHIN	ON
720	WGN	IL	1020	KDKA	PA	1550	CBE	ON
730	WPIT	PA	1030	WBZ	MA	1560	WQEW	NY
740	CHWO	ON	1040	WHO	IA	1590	WZUM	PA
750	WSB	GA	1050	CHUM?	ON		WAKR	OH
760	WJR	MI	1060	KYW	PA			
770	WABC	NY	1070	WIBC	IN			
780	WBBM	IL	1080	WTIC	CT			
790	WTAR	VA	1090	WBAL	MD			
	WWKG	KY	1100	WTAM	OH			
800	CKLW	ON	1110	WBT	NC			
810	WGY	NY	1120	KMOX	MO			
820	WBAP	TX	1130	WBBR	NY			
	WOSU	OH	1140	WRVA	VA			
	CHAM	ON	1150	CKOC?	ON			

? -demise of
the Ontario
stations?

DID YOU KNOW...

That KDKA has a small studio on the third level called the Adecco Deck in left field under the scoreboard at PNC Park which is used to broadcast pre and post game shows before every Pirate home game!

That there are longwires inside both the Ft. Pitt and Squirrel Hill Tunnels for which you can continue to hear AM/FM local signals, though as of this writing, the wire is down inside the Ft. Pitt Tunnel. Also, the Liberty Tubes(route 19) has a longwire that picks up AM signals only!

KDKA's new owner is Infinity which also owns B94, Star 100.7, and Y108, but "you can be sure it's Westinghouse" was KD's longtime parent company. Of those 4 stations, KDKA still remains downtown having moved to One Gateway Center in May, 1956! That's before JRM was born!

WAMO had to change its city of license to Millvale since they wanted to go nighttime. They added 2 more towers in addition to the 2 already at the longtime transmitter site. Their power is now 1000 day/850 night with a "checkmark" array.

WKHB 620 now is licensed to Irwin which is closer to Pittsburgh as they built a single 400 foot tower off route 30. They are 5500 day/50 night non-directional, not bad! However, I can still hear in the null WRJZ or WTMJ! Their sister station, the former WBCW, now WKTW has been granted a move to 770 kilohertz 250 D1!

Speaking of tower shifts, WJAS will have to move their 2 tower array on city land on the outbound side of the Squirrel Hill Tunnels(I-376) because the city wants to develop the property. Best move is near the Allegheny River Blvd. near the city's Shuman Center. This is northeast of downtown as told to me by CE Phil Lenz. Phil also did the tests of 1320 and 1360 last year for us!

WPGR-1510 is the old WRUA and WXVX where NRCer and roommate Chris Cuomo, aka Chad Stevens....

DID YOU KNOW continued...

volunteered his talents in 1994 and sounded like a pro! Hey, somebody hire this guy, he's good! Anyway, WPGR is now 5000 D3 with 2 new towers in Penn Hills, about 12 miles east of downtown.

That 1550 here locally is now WURP, "Urban Radio for Pittsburgh" with the Tom Joyner Show in the morning, good luck WURP! That's the old WCXJ, WLOA, WFFM, etc. Their studios are now in Forest Hills at 21 Yost Blvd. Forest Hills is also the borough that the National Museum of Broadcasting hopes to have the KDKA Museum one day, now wouldn't that be great!!

Speaking of the NMB and their relationship with the Pittsburgh Antique Radio Society(PARS), you won't find 5 nicer people than President Bonnie Novak of PARS, NMB Chairman Rick Harris, NMB Board Members Alice Sapienza Donnelly and Lee Schafer, plus PARS Treasurer Seth Ward, and anyone I didn't think of!

That by the way, the 30 year voice of Pittsburgh Panther football and basketball Bill Hillgrove and Steeler announcer also, is a NMB Board Member, also!

That the 2001 Pittsburgh Convention is the same exact dates as the 1990 Convention, August 31-September 3! Hey, I just planned it that way!

Speaking of sports announcers, we've got some of the best! They are Lanny Frattare has been with the Pirates for 26 years, colorman and a "yoi!" to Myron "mirin" Cope for being with the Steeler games 31 years, first with WTAE and now WDVE. Then there's Mike Lange "why I'll be cowkicked" and "look ou Loretta" has been broadcasting Penguin games over various stations for over 23 years! And then there was Bob Prince "we had 'em all the way!" and "you can kiss it goodbye!" on KDKA. By the way, KD has held the Pirate games since 1955 taking them over from WWSW.

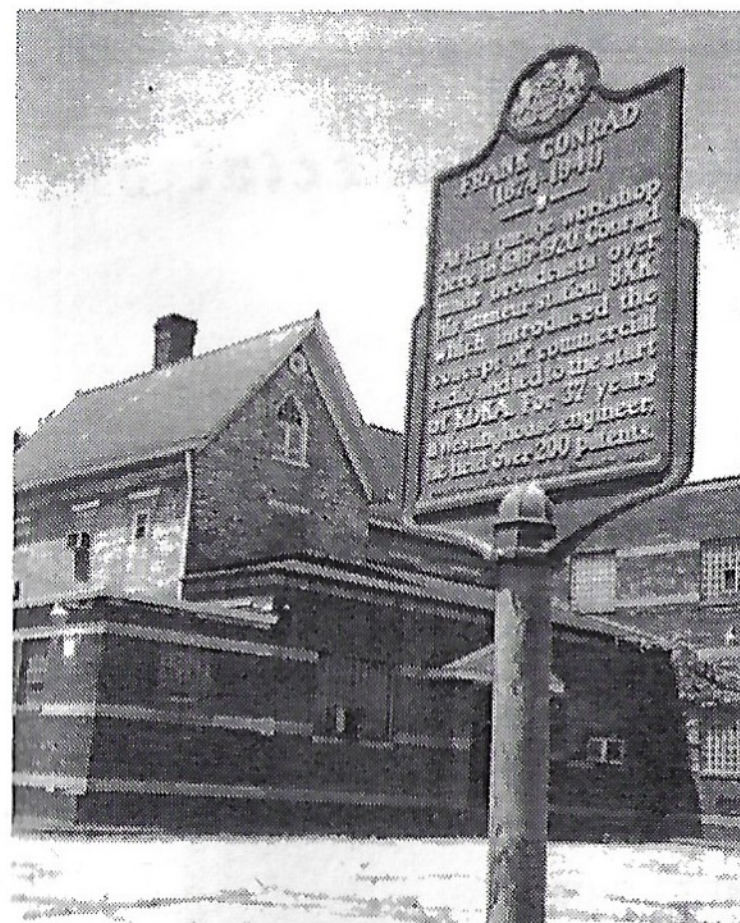
DID YOU KNOW continued...

It was somewhat sad, but in a blink of an eye, WWSW quickly changed AM 970 calls a year ago during NRC Lima 2000 to go with "The Burg" WBGG and Fox Sports to compete with ESPN 1250 WEAE. 970 had the WWSW calls since 1932 when before this they were WMBJ-1500, but that history is a little hazy.

You can still meet a Pittsburgh KDKA broadcast legend, Slim Bryant, who's only 92, or in his words, "a lumber yard(84 Lumber) plus 8!" Slim has lived in Pittsburgh for 60 years as of August 10. He played and wrote country music "Slim Bryant & The Wildcats" touring all over the country in the 1930s and 40s on WSB, WGN, before settling here only by accident. Seems the band was passing through on their way to a gig, but because this was World War II, gasoline was being rationed. So they were stuck because, "It Ain't A Gas, Gas, Gas", no gas! So, they stayed, got a chance to play on KDKA in their Grant Building studios downtown from 1941-1959! Slim still teaches guitar in the basement of a book store he used to own in Dormont, just a stone throw away from the city! And he still drives day and night! Hey, Slim how 'bout a song?!

Well okay back to KDKA, seems they did not have a first, but that went to KQV, who's about to celebrate 80 years this fall, who had the first studio in the city of Pittsburgh. KDKA was still out in Wilkinsburg, but who got the marker? Well, congrats to both of you, KDKA and 80 years on November 2, 2000!

That nice people who work(ed) there is longtime personality John Cigna and Jack Bogut who' now at WJAS playing the "original hits" just like you fellows are! Okay, that's enough, let's go hear some tunes 'n stuff!



1920's

Pittsburgh's Radio Station
KDKA AM 1020

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE ■ WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2001

Radio roots

Radio pioneer Frank Conrad's former home workshop will soon be in the national spotlight. The National Geographic Channel will be in town this week to film a feature on the birth of radio.

They'll be shooting at significant Pittsburgh-area sites of the early broadcasting industry, including Conrad's former home in Wilkinsburg and the now-demolished garage where he conducted his experiments and early broadcasts. The garage has been salvaged by the National Museum of Broadcasting/Conrad Project, which wants to make it the centerpiece of a broadcasting history museum. The documentary producers will also interview Alice Sapienza-Donnelly, who has spearheaded the drive to save Conrad's garage.

The program is scheduled to air on the daily "National Geographic Today" on Nov. 2 — which is the anniversary of KDKA's first history-making broadcast.

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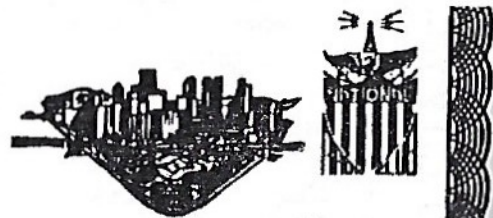
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