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| <u>DX CALENDAR</u> | | |
| April 9 WBMC McMinnville, Tenn. 960kc. | 500w. | 0130-0200 EST TEST |
| 18 KRCB Council Bluffs, Ia. 1560 | 1kw. | 0100-?? EST IRCA-Pop |
| 18 KVOR Colorado Sprgs, Colo. 1300 | 5kw. | 0330-0400 EST NRC |
| 30 KOUR Independence, Ia. 1220 | 250w. | 0100-?? EST NRC-f/c |

KRCB

The KRCB test will be a proof of performance test running all AM. No other information is available but be sure to listen and send in your reception reports. The program was arranged on this date by Ronnie Lehmer of Council Bluffs.

Renewals

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| Tom Mann, Milwaukee, Wisc. | Wm. W. Willis, La Crescenta, Calif. |
| Bus Boatman, Aurora, Colo. (in Korea) | Bob Coomler, Los Angeles, Calif. |
| Eric Westenberger, Stevens Point, Wisc. | Don Erickson, Sunnymead, Calif. |
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DOMESTIC CONTEST TOP TEN

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ATTENTION ALL DELEGATES TO THE 66th IRCA CONVENTION

If you want to make your room reservations for August 26-29, 1966, send for your accommodation reservation card now. Send SASE to IRCA Convention committee, c/o Tom Schottmann, 5018 N. Hollywood Ave., Whitefish Bay, Wisc. 53217 and the committee will send you a reservation card. All you do when you get the card is fill it out, drop it in a mailbox and the Sheraton-Schroeder takes over from there. Shortly after the hotel gets the card from you, you'll get a confirmation notice from them. Do it "soon". We'd appreciate it, this way we'll know who is coming.

EXPLANATION

An apology to those who received the March 26th issue late and to all of you for the lateness of the April 2 issue. I spent the past 10 days with a badly infected tooth and virus developing into a severe cold. This hit me just as I had mailed the first half of the bulletins out. Anyway we should be back up to date again. The season seems to be drawing to a close as witnessed by the drop in the size of the bulletins. (51)

BULLETIN SCHEDULE

We are still weekly for April 9th and 16th issues. The next issue will then be the April 30th issue. It's monthly through the summer then with the May issue to be dated May 27th. Watch various sections for deadlines for the summer issues.

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H.S.T./P.S.T. DX ROUNDUP

Lance Clayton Muller

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600 KR0D El Paso, TX - Excellent at 0822 on SatM 3/26. # 500 heard! (LCM)
630 KIDD Monterey, CA - Dominated at 0717 SM 3/20. AM ? (LBG)
650 KORL Honolulu, HI - Very good 0315-0414 on MM 3/21, fading by 0500.(JK)
740 KRMG Tulsa, OK - Testing at 0513 on MM 3/18. (LCM)
770 KOB Albuquerque, NM - S/on 0730 3/25. (LBG)
790 KABC Los Angeles, CA - S/on 0927 on SM 3/27 w/NA mx. (LCM)
KDAN Eureka, CA - On RS at 0921 on SM 3/27. (LCM)
KWIL Albany, OR - From religious pgm to nx at 0500 on MM 3/28.(JK)
870 ???? Unknow TT with WWL in New Orleans, LA at 0608 on TM 3/29. (LCM)
900 CJVI Victoria, BC - Good at 0533 on TM 3/29 with a pgm abt the U.S. Civil War ! (LCM)
910 KISM Vancouver, WA - Poor at 0545 on MM 3/28. (LCM)
920 KOLO Reno, NV - Excellent with 5 KW and 1 KW non-DL, poor with 1 KW DL; during the DX test on MM 3/28 0355-0430. (JK, KGS, RJS, LCM)
KQEO Albuquerque, NM - Looped poor at 0539 on TM 3/29. (LCM)
KXLY Spokane, WA - Excellent w/loop at 0538 on TM 3/29. (LCM)
940 KHOS Tucson, AZ - Is this stn still only 250 Watts ? They seem to be coming in at just about any time. (eg - 2200 on M 3/28, 0550 on TM 3/29.) (LCM)
950 KSEL Lubbock, TX - Very weak w/FSP mx 0550-0600 on TM 3/29. (LCM)
1010 WINQ Tampa, FL - Fair looped at 0608 on 3/29. (LCM)
1220 KJAN Atlantic, IA - F/C per List 0646-0651 on SatM 3/26, 250 W. (LCM)
1250 KTFO Seminole, TX - Excellent at 0721 on SatM 3/26. (LCM)
KVEL Vernal, UT - S/on 0727 w/NA mx on SatM 3/26. (LCM)
1270 KRAC Alamogordo, NM - S/on 0741 w/NA mx on SatM 3/26. (LCM)
KSCB Liberal, KS - Excellent 0738 on SatM 3/26
KTFI Twin Falls, ID - S/on 0715 on MM 3/28 w/SSB. Dick Reil annr.(JK)
1340 KORK Las Vegas, NV - Barely audible at 0812 on SatM 3/26. (LCM)
1350 KABQ Albuquerque, NM - In SS at 0755 to 0805 on SatM 3/29. (LCM)
1410 KWBB Wichita, KS - Fair w/rr at 0646 on MM 3/38. (JK)
1480 KBOX Dallas, TX - Good at 0335 on MM 3/28. (JK)
KOMI Spanish Fork, UT - S/on at 0658 on MM 3/28 w/SSB & Pledge of Allegiance. (JK)
KVEW Hobbs, NM - S/on w/SSB at 0657 on MM 3/28. (JK)
KYOS Merced, CA - S/off 0306 MM 3/21 after hymn; no anthem. (LBG)
WYZE Atlanta, GA - Poor at 0443 to 0459 on MM 3/28 through KBOX. My 14th stn, and 11th state on this frequency. (LCM)
1560 KABI Abilene, KS - Heard ET on SatM 3/26 at 0312. (RJS)
1580 KYND Tempe, AZ - ET on SatM 3/26: TT 0313-0317 w/10 KW; mx 0317-0320 w/ 50 KW. (JK)
WCLS Columbus, GA - Excellent w/ RR at 0520 on TM 3/29. Best signal I've ever heard them put out ! (LCM)
1590 KYOK Houston, TX - Very Good at 0530-0545 on SatM 3/26, RS. (LCM)
This week's contributors were:
KGS - Gray Scrimgeour; La Jolla, CA LBG - Larry Godwin; Berkeley, CA
JK - Jim Korn; Northridge, CA RJS - Randy Scaver; San Diego, CA
LCM - your editor.

Larry Godwin - P. O. Box 1048 - Berkeley, California 94701

Hi gang. Welcome home to John Wallis, who should reach our shores in mid-April. I thought the "DK Merrimac" was great! Nice work RJS and KGS. Larry Colton, I'm all for arranging DX tests during the summer, but reception won't be as good as during other times of the year. I just received a sample of the West Indian DXers Association Bulletin and decided to join; dues are 2.00 for 6 months, or 3.00 per year, airmail, and the bulletin comes out monthly. MM 3/23 (don't you mean 3/21, Larry? LCM) was poor except on the 1500-1600 kes. portion of the band. I heard 3 Russics there, but not one on the lower frequencies. Reminds me of the AM HJKX-1370-Bogota (1 KW) was coming in well, but not a trace of HJKC-850-Bogota (50KW) although it was on the air. My goal for this spring summer is S. Africa... Good DX to all.

Mike Hunter, 1703 Westwood Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23227

Has your girlfriend been looking a little drab lately? Dress her up; with an IRCA decal! These beautiful red, white and blue emblems can be yours, IF you show your interest by sending me a postcard or stationing your interest in DXM. DX would probably be good if I'd ever get out of bed. I got up MM 3/14 long enough to listen for WJEL, with no luck. DX that has trickled in is: 3/12 WFTS-600 0004 w/f/c. Maine #2 here. 3/15 WLER-1270 1949 on RS. 3/20(today) was really unusual. At 1900 I cut on the rig to listen to ABC, but alas, no sign of them. Only Cubans. Same thing applied to 760, 780, 790, too. It must have been an unusual opening to the South. KVOO-1170 was hrd under WVA at 1921. I'd been trying for KVOO for about 4 months. Veries from PTF w/big CSL, and a v/l from KLOC, my best all time DX catch. Enough for nov. 73.

George Kelley, 118 White Street, Waverley, Mass. 02179

HI. Not an overwhelming amount of DX has been snatched here recently. Mainly due to my trying to get near perfect DF on TA's & LA's, and then to put these on graphs to find out just how much my loop is off. I can now safely say I can just about pinpoint any split I hear, and many clear even freq. also. I feel I have gained an invaluable asset towards my future DXing. It has already begun to pay dividends, hi. All of this comes second only to actually hearing the stns ID, it is then that I log the stn as definitely the one I hrd. Latest: 2/27 CRV & NJH-1580 weaving in & out of each other @ 1705. 3/13 HO155 Chitre, Panama-1315 hrd with fair signal at 2040, good DF for 198.5 degrees. 3/14 WQAM-560 noted with excellant signal @ 0215. Also noticed a tremendous amount of Cubans on with one of Castro's sickening tirades. Have any of you noticed how much the Cubans are slowly drifting off freq. these days? Thats Communist technical know-how for you. WSGO-1440 very good on NRC test at 0316. 3/15 MTS-810 good u/AGY with rr mx and then s/off at 1840. 3/21 WJAS-1320 good at 0300 with test. CKK.-1320 fair after WJAS off at 0305 with cw mx. CJMS-1280 noted with fantastic signal and FF rr mx at 0322. Totals now 453/144, much room for improvement. Had a great time at Gordon Nelson's get together on 3/19. Those present were: Randy Seaver (pronounced See-yn, hi.), Hal Robie (NRC), Paul Ash & Alvin Fisher (NRC), Gordon and yours truly. Highlights were listening to Randy's tapes and looking at Hal's veries. Both were very impressive. The IRCC and DX Merrimac were great; enclosed is \$175.00 for Air-mail membership. (I thought it was only \$8.00, hi.-SRR) 73 and keep a close watch on your neighbor, subversives are everywhere.

Ray Hartman WPE9GON, Room 123-A, Steiner Hall, SU Stevens Point, Wis.

Hello out there in DX land! Here's a bargain while it lasts! Be the first on your block to get a genuine WPE9GON CSL card. First come, first served. Limited supply permits 1 to a customer, just for the swapping! I guess it's time for business. 4 newies including 1 new state were logged over the weekend. On 3/19 it was CKLY-910 0100 and WCMB-1460 0115. 3/20 brought in KUPD-1060 0230, not bad for 500 watts and my first from Arizona, state 38. I sent them an hr. and a half rpt. Only CRM came from static and very faint WNOE. On 3/21 just before I had to come back up here, was WKIX-850 0700 w/rr mx. Total up to 524/145 with a verie from WJRL. 73/4

John C. Johnson, CTSN; Box 14, U.S. Naval Station; F.P.O. New York 09571

From Keflavik, Iceland once again I'll put in my comments. DX Merrimac in March 12th issue was quite funny--enjoyed it quite a bit. Great job on it. Well, no DX but I now have a tape recorder up here. It's a Telefunken--4 track stereo or mono. Speeds 3 3/4 & 1 7/8 only. Reel size 7" & below. I'd like to hear from all my old tape sponders plus anyone else. So send some tapes, mono or stereo. 73 for nov.

Larry Colton, 375 West 20th Street, Holland, Michigan 49425

Greetings. DX as follows: 3/15 WIL0-1570 1845, RIN-1560 1850, KOIS-1570 1905. 3/16 KHOZ-900 1915, WDDT-900 1915, COC-910 2010, KAMD-910 2030. 3/19 KAIT-900 1930. 3/21 WFTF-1500 0100, KBUR-1490 0101, WDIC-1430 0224, WHL-1440 0145, KOLO-920 0202, WESC-1450 0212, K.YO-1410 0210, WCF-1480 0301, KFRU-1400 0454, also hrd stn on 1440 from Ottawa, Ont. VJ doesn't list calls, does anybody know them? (CKEM-SRR). Another few days here ended up being clear channel skip-outs, and started with very good SSS conditions. Even 1570 & 900 were open for Ark. Miss, Tex, and Okla. Was one of the best SSS weeks ever noted. Recent veries in from KOWB, KAPB, & BAA, all v/l. Rpts out to WMB, WBEA, WKYX, KOIS, WDDT, KCTA, WHKY, WHVR, WHL & WCF. Since there was no scholl on 3/18 a local DXer and I decided to spend a day visiting radio stns. We vistied Grand Rapids stns WGRD, WFUR, WMAX, WERY(Wyoming), & WOOD. At WOOD, we talked for awhile with the Asst. GM and were given a very nice tour of their AM, FM, and TV set-ups. I guess that does it for this time. 73 and let's see everyone rpt.

Eric Davis, 650 Kenbrock, Vandalia, Ohio

Have v/q's gone out of style? I've been getting plenty of veries lately--all v/1's, hi. Have managed to sneak some DX in lately (a little): 3/3 WLYU-1450 1745-1755, WWHY-1470 1815-1830 s/off. 3/11 WNJH-1580 (#1 N.J.) w/TT 0008-0030, WCLIS-1580 (for fourth time-- I wish they'd have a little more UMPH because I can't quite make out what's being said although I can make out an occasional ID). 3/12 WPIT-730 0730-0738, WPDX-750 0740-0750. 3/14 WHOM-1480 0044-0046 w/TT, WATC-1280 0113-0120, WPDQ-600 0212-0221 (wouldn't verify last spring--thought I'd try them again), WKSN-1340 0250-0320, WPRS-1440 1856-1900 s/off. 3/16 WDAK-540 1900-1919. 3/17 WRIC-540 0641-0643. 3/21 KFI-640 0202-0209, KIMN-950 0244-0246 (2nd try, hi), WOKZ-1570 0633-0700 TT, WTYN-1550 0300-0310, & WSIZ-1380 0248-0300. A couple of questions-- Who is a tiger radio on 1460 that was on before 0500 on MMs? Do any of the following verify: KMP, KTO, WAAK, CKY, WVK, WIP, WHLO, WESC, WCA, WCAL, WEW, WMC, WHBC, WKIX, WTC, WMMN, WPRT, KIRA, WINS, WDBZ, WSEM, KMLR, WCNT, WREN, WLIK, CHIQ, CJMS, KOIL, WFIG, WIFE, CKOY, WICU, WFBC, WJPS, WSPD, WNUS, WLB, WKC, WMMC, WENE, WIL, WOHO, WLEE, WPGC, WPRC, or WAM? (WIP, WEA, WPGC, WINS, WKIX, & WAM did for me-SRR). v/s welcomed on these! Recent veries include: WLYU, CKEY (7 months), WPCN, KRNT, WAD, WIRL (9 months), WBAY, WCDL, WPDQ, and WROU (8 $\frac{1}{2}$ months). Did anyone hear the VOA test? Total verified nov 226, states 35/32, prov. 6/4. 73. Report!!!

James P. Foley, 5121 N. Berkeley Blvd., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217

I haven't introduced myself for about a year, so here goes. I'll be 18 on 4/17; am a senior at Dominican High in suburban Whitefish Bay, where I live (same as Tom Layde and Tom Stoltnann), and plan to attend MIT (I'll find out if I've been accepted by the end of March). Been DX'ing about four years (4 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs. on ECB), and an IRCA member of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. Have about 160 ECB QSL's with 37/32 for states. I'm a card swapper, WPE9G01, but am out of cards at present. Rx is a 9 tube NC-98 by National with a 50' longwire, east-west as ant. Best QSL is KETO-1590, Seattle, Wash., 5kw, daylight, on a test last year with a 5 tube table radio. New DX: 3/14 WKY-1150 0000, WMAX-1220 0003 (ET), XEB-1220 0005, WERE-1300 0031, WPTS-1370 0055 (s/off w/SSB 0100), WCOA-1370 0100 (s/off w/SSB 0105), KSUM-1370 0100. 3/20 WPTR-1540 0057, WRBC-1300 0120. 3/21 KBOX-1480 0314, WSIZ-1380 0256 (f/c w/mx.), and XECO-1380 0310. Rpts out to WMAX, WERE, WRBC, WSIZ, & KBOX. New veries: WDAF, KGES, WFBL, WIBC, all cards, and a letter f/ BAA for NRC test, plus list of 49 DX'ers who hrd it. Couldn't hear tests from Holland, Mich. (WATC & WJBL) on 3/14. Do either WAC or KLEO normally verify? Remember Milwaukee, OK! Gud DX and 73.

Jerry Walsh, 366 16th St. East, Owen Sound, Ontario

Greetings, Guess I missed the anniversary issue. Slightly belated Happy 2nd Anniversary to IRCA (Happy 3rd Anniversary to 3rd class mail members, hi). What ever happened to Feb. 5 DXM? I got the first page of it in Feb. 19 Monitor! Boy, when I rejoin next month it is going to be first class. I saw a mention in PK's Presidential Report of a region two election. Were ballots sent out? (Not yet--SRR) I didn't get one. That by-law changes ballot in Feb. 19 issue was supposed to have been returned by March--first--very funny; it didn't arrive until March 7. Lets not forget we have third class mail members. We would vote too, if we had a chance. RJS Tnx for answering those questions. Our editors are all doing a very fine job. Keep it up! Only a few catches recently: 3/5 WKID-1580 1900 s/off. 3/13 WCA-1800 0100 (approx.) s/off w/SSB, WKNT-1520 w/Indians baseball 1830 s/off. 3/14 CMCA-830 2220-2250 w/speech in SS, XEQR-1030 o/WBZ 2230. Enuf for now. Report often. 73.

Tred Precht, 2844 Victoria Ave., Cincinnati, S. Ohio

Hix again; Logged 19 new stns in the last two weeks, despite adverse conditions. DX as follows: 3/14 WHA-970 1845 (nulled WAVE), WHLN-1410 1815 (nulled WING); 3/16 WOKR-1350 0715; 3/17 WISL-900 0655, XEQR-1030 2230 (nulled WBZ); 3/19 WCTA-1550 1650, WCLM-1570 1730; 3/20 WJPF-1340 0730, WSAO-1550 0800; 3/21 WIMJ-1280 1820, WKAM-1460 2230; 3/22 WJMP-1590 1800; 3/23 WAXU-1580 1800, CMCH-790 2130 (nulled WAKY), CMBL-860 2145 (nulled CJBC), XE??-970 2200 (nulled WAVE), WMB-1350 2210, CMH-810 2245 (nulled WGY) and KKKL-960 2300. Veries in from WBG, WESC, CKSB, CKPR, WSAO v/1's; WOKJ, WPAR, WKC v/c's, & v/q WJH. WKC took 16 months. Totals now at 520/255, Canada 41/23, states 39/37, prov. 6/6, countries 8/4. Has WCCO been operating at reduced power lately? They are barely audible anymore. In fact on the night of 3/16 there was no trace of WCCO on 830, only CMCA. In closing, I'll leave all of you bachelors with this thought. "A wedding ring is a tourniquit on your finger, to stop circulation. 73.

Jeff Kadet, 8047 Park Overlook Drive, Bethesda, Md. 20034

New loggings: 3/26 WKBA-1550 f/w-TT 0005 w/C. IDs. 3/28 WVEIR-1430 s/off 0008, WJVS-1420 0045; ZEM2-1340 0203 w/AOK off, WRIT-1440 0223, CEPL-980 0406, WKE-1340 s/on 0445. Veries: WCLIS, WBBQ & WDEC. 73.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

"DX/W": What Really Happened?"

This is perhaps being asked by many of you. Who caused the mixup and why?

The answers to these questions are that I caused this entire mess and you have only me to blame for this confusion. Let's take a look at what happened.

On January 11 Ed Krejny resigned from his "DX/W" editorship for lack of time due to his job. This came as a setback for all of us who knew and admired Ed's outstanding job with our foreign section. On January 14 Howie Modell, our Region #1 Director, offered to become editor of "DX/W," but his offer was not received before I prepared my January Message calling for volunteers for "DX/W" editor. On January 17 I replied to Howie that, "I'm happy to accept your offer and am sending your proposal out to the Board for their approval."

It is pertinent to note here what I had in mind. My plan was to put the names of all those who offered to become "DX/W" editor before our BoD on a "ballot" setup whereby the BoD, by accepting or rejecting the various names would finally decide upon a member who met with the approval of at least a majority of them. As I later found out to my dismay, a system such as this for selecting an editor is in violation of three portions of our By-laws: (1) Art. V, Sec. 2, Pt. 1, h; (2) Art. V, Sec. 2, Pt. 3, c; (3) Art. IX.

As you can visualize, I was flagrantly violating our By-laws by deciding to do what I did. The BoD does not have authority to choose between names for one appointed office at the same time, but I mistakenly and illegally assumed they could.

Continuing on in this chronology of events, on January 20 Ron Schatz offered to "volunteer to do the impossible task of equalling Ed Krejny's fine record with the 'DX/W'." Following through on my plan, I also submitted his offer to the Board.

Now the attention focuses on the January 29 "DX Forum" in which Howie wrote that he was to be your new "DX/W" editor. Unknown to him when he wrote it, Ron's offer was also being put before the BoD, but this was irrelevant--I stated I "accepted" Howie's bid, a statement that could logically be interpreted to mean I "appointed" Howie. Legally I did "appoint" Howie but at the time I did not think it was binding. In reality I "appointed" two people. Thus, the stage was set for my blunder.

In a hastily-written letter to Howie I accused him of several things, all of which amounted to saying I felt he disrupted legislative procedures by announcing to the public that he was our new "DX/W" editor when the BoD did not yet deliver a decision on whether the position was to be given to him or Ron.

This letter led to others, but the fact remains that contrary to my accusations, it was not Howie who violated any rules, it was me.

Larry Godwin, our Region #6 Director, pointed this mistake out to me, but the damage was already done. To quote Howie: "Your apology (mine to Howie) does not, and cannot emancipate you from your earlier actions, which were the cause for all this unnecessary antipathy." I concur with his statement. Even though in the meantime I gave Ron temporary authority to be "DX/W" editor and his permanent appointment is now being voted on, you elected me to protect the reputation and dignity of our club, yet I have violated the very laws I am to enforce and caused many strained relations for our club.

NOTICE: Don Roller has been selected as Region #2 Director. Selection of a Region #4 Director will take place in a few days.

I have not written this to get any sympathy from you--I do not deserve it. I am willing to place my future as IRCA President at your hands and any action you may wish to take against me for doing what I have done to our club is your prerogative. I shall abide by whatever judgement you wish to make of me.

 After doing some pondering over the question of how to solve the problem of the "non-verifier," the station that will not verify correct reception reports when return postage is included, I've come upon a suggestion I wish to discuss with you. Ironically, this non-verifier question is a topic of much controversy in the NRC. What was advocated by one of their members and what has been either suggested or, to some extent, done by other DXers is a list be created to denote non-verifying stations as a so-called "service" to DXers. But in reality, this does not solve a thing. The non-verifier will still exist, list or no list.

What forces a station to become a non-verifier is usually the expense to the station in preparing a verification. For low-budget stations this expense can be critical and in a way, it's surprising that there are not more non-verifiers than there are. This is the heart of the problem, cut down the expense of the verification and you will cut down the number of non-verifiers.

How are we to do this? The answer I feel is to create a fund to purchase inexpensive printed "QSL" cards that could be filled out by the station personnel, signed, and mailed with the return postage you include with your reports. This will save both time and money for the station and we will still get our verifications.

These cards could be used in two ways. First, we could distribute them at a quantity to those of you who donate to such a fund so you could send them with your reports or follow-up reports. Second, we could print them and donate them to stations known to be consistent non-verifiers as a service to both them and to ourselves.

I feel that if a person is serious enough about wanting a verification he would be willing to donate some money for a fund for something such as this. Opinions?

 In two previous Messages I mentioned the creation of the Ted Vasilopoulos Award, the Award to be presented each year at our convention to the one person you feel has served our club the most in that year. The TVA will consist of a plaque and a free year's membership.

Now, many of you have heard of the TVA before, and in fact I've received many letters saying how good this award would be. But words do not pay the bill. I've set a goal of 25 to 30 dollars for this year to purchase the 1966 TVA and to provide a financial foundation for future TVA's. To this date the contributions here have been downright sickening. Now I know many of you cannot afford to donate several dollars, nor is that much necessary, it would take no more than fifty cents from each of you to meet our goal and certainly you can afford that much if you feel the award is as worthy as you claim it to be. Some of you have money at our Hq. for the ill-fated S.O.C.C. logs. Why not convert that into TVA donations? Any contribution, large or small, will be appreciated, but let's not hold back any longer, let's show that your words are worth their weight in gold: GIVE AND GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE TVA FUND!!

---Paul Kirkpatrick
 IRCA President
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 Tucson, Arizona 85707

 "Those who dare to lead or teach must never cease to learn."

A Geography Lesson for DXers; and the US Government?

I realize that there has been a lot said on this topic recently, but a few of the members have asked me to summarize this information sent to me by Don Jensen, from some extensive research he did in 1965 on Swan Island and Radio Americas. I'm sure that most of this data hasn't been in the Monitor, and I hope that you will find it as interesting as I did. Don made a study using many available sources, and also personal correspondence with US and foreign agencies, then coupled this with the previously discussed DF work to pinpoint Radio Americas on Swan Island. One of the amusing factors is the way in which the US State Department has tried to discourage any visitors to Swan.

Swan Island is actually a group of 2 islands, located in the Caribbean less than 100 miles off the Honduras coast. Both Honduras and the USA claim ownership of the islands; the US does not recognize the Honduran claim, and vice versa. Of 12 US possessions in the Caribbean and Pacific, all but Swan are administered by agencies other than the State Dept. And it apparently takes a secret clearance now to visit Swan. Fertilizer (guano) was the first 'export' of Swan, with several US companies collecting guano there from about 1860. Third company to own the island was Pacific Guano of Woods Hole, Mass. But the islands were deserted for many years, but were privately owned. The weather bureau put a station on Swan in 1914, and have maintained a radio station there since 1937. The FAA rebuilt and looks after the station, and there's a beacon (SWA) on 407 kc. Great Swan Island is inhabited; Little Swan isn't.

The US Department of State issues a fact sheet describing the Swan Islands, and in it they give a pretty grim description of life on the island. The reason for their discouraging sheet is undoubtedly to discourage tourists from visiting Swan, to keep them away from Radio Americas. The fact sheet says that the only way one can get to Swan is by boat (it states that there is no airport). Ships supposedly must anchor offshore, as the State Dept. says that there is no harbor. The government goes on that there is no housing except for government employees, no stores, and that anyone visiting must be completely self-sufficient - even to taking drinking water. Swimming is said to be dangerous, because of shark and barracuda. And there are 'hordes of lizards, ranging in size from only an inch to over three feet. It has been necessary to construct the few houses on the island on piers and to take other steps to keep the lizards from overrunning them.' As Don says, it's clear that the authorities in Washington would be much happier if the American public simply forgot about Swan Island as a potential tourist spot.

But what is this island like, really? First, there's an airstrip, and service is weekly using a 24-place DC-3. (Often cows have to be shooed off the grassy strip before the plane can land). Cows?? Perhaps the air field was used by C-130 or C-123 USAF planes to take in the material for the 50 kw. BCB station and the 7.5 kw. SW transmitter. There is a small dock on the island, apparently sufficient for the regular service by Hamilton Bros. Steamship's govt. surplus LCIs. There is no guest house on Swan Island, but there is a living compound called Gliddenville and some sort of store. There are quonset huts for studios and crews' quarters about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the weather bureau compound. The transmitters are in big trailers, covered by awnings. There is a dirt road connecting the Radio Americas buildings with the field where the 250-foot BCE antennas (2 of them - base-loaded, $\frac{1}{2}$ wave) are located. The coverage from these heavily-guyed (against possible hurricanes) antennas is ENE, toward Cuba. There's good fishing and swimming for entertainment, a govt.-owned Community Entertainment Bldg, a small library. Several 'outsiders' have visited the island, and been well treated there. And the lizards are just harmless iguanas, found throughout Central America. And water? Oh, there's a diesel generator distillery-makes fresh from salt water. And excellent food, grown or raised on the island! This doesn't really sound like the State Dept. description in the paragraph above, does it? And no wonder. USA's U.N.C.L.E. needed working room there. The Central Intelligence Agency has used R. Americas (and R. Swan as the station was called until just after the Bay of Pig invasion) as a free-swinging anti-Castro propaganda voice. There's lots of interesting information about the fake companies that "owned" the commercial Radio Swan, and also how what apparently were code messages to the Cuban underground were openly broadcast over R. Swan before and during the invasion. The program schedule of R. Americas - 80 hours per week - has 13% music, 7.6% religious, 2.8% public health, and almost all the rest news, commentary, speeches and propaganda. There no longer is the facade of a commercial operation, even. The FCC admits the station is on Swan Island, but says that it is not licensed by the FCC, nor operated by the VOA. And they'll say no more. (The FCC has licensed the other stations on Swan - FAA, etc.). Anyway, that's this week's geography lesson. kgs

WRUL and the Radio Americas Controversy

By Gordon Nelson, NRC-NMRC and George Kelley, NRC-IRCA

An interesting contribution to the Radio Americas controversy recently appeared in Electronics Illustrated (May, 1966). Briefly, the EI article contends that Radio Americas is not in fact located on Swan Island because SW station WRUL (located in Scituate, Massachusetts) is beamed at an angle of 212° during the time that Americas is relaying the programming of WRUL. Since the bearing to Swan Island from Scituate is actually 208° , the EI author concludes that the true location of Americas must be in Yucatan or the Yucatan Channel. A map purporting to show the WRUL transmission beam missing Swan Island is reproduced in EI.

On March 22, 1966, the authors paid an unexpected visit to the WRUL transmitter site and were graciously provided with a complete tour of the entire WRUL facility. We were allowed access to all parts of the installation and Transmitter Engineer Robert ("Rock") Gardner was most cooperative. After a very careful examination of the WRUL equipment and operating records, we feel that we must point out the following errors in the EI article:

(1) The diagram in EI is extremely misleading. The beam shown on the diagram is on the order of 6° wide and the EI author implies that areas outside of this narrow beam will not experience acceptable reception of WRUL. In point of fact, the half power points of the WRUL pattern are more than 20° apart according to station personnel; furthermore the array used by WRUL provides very significant sidelobes up to 30° from the center of the pattern. While the EI diagram shows the WRUL beam missing Swan Island by a considerable distance, this transmission beam actually serves such a wide area of the Caribbean that the EI diagram is totally misleading. Careful examination of the WRUL antenna installation confirms the pattern performance cited by the station personnel.

(2) The EI author implies that the WRUL transmission is BEAMED TOWARD Radio Americas. In point of fact, WRUL's antennas were installed close to 20 years ago and have not been changed since. The paper cards indicating pattern azimuth in the antenna bay are actually yellowed with age. For many years the antenna arrays have been centered on 158° ("Caribbean"), 160° ("Caribbean"), 183° ("S. America"), 212° , ("C. America"), and 232° ("Mexico"). It comes as no surprise then that R. Americas gets its best reception from the 212° beam. But WRUL certainly does not beam toward the "true" location of R. Americas; WRUL's antenna arrays were built many years before Swan/Americas came into existence!

After this critical examination of WRUL's facilities and records we therefore conclude that absolutely no information regarding the location of R. Americas can be obtained from WRUL transmissions. We likewise contend that the reasoning and evidence presented in EI is totally specious and misleading insofar as the location of Radio Americas is concerned.

FLASH

Here are the first of the details concerning the ANARC Convention at Kansas City!!

Place: Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.

Dates: Friday, July 29

Schedule (tentative) : Friday - 7 PM meeting

Saturday, July 30

Saturday - 9 AM and 7PM mtng

Sunday, July 31

Sunday - 9 AM meeting

Hotel room rates - Single (1 person) \$9-\$16

(per day) Double (2 persons) 12-18

Twin beds \$14-20

More details will be announced later. Mark this on your calendar!!!

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Hi, everyone! Hope your DX conditions are better than ours have been lately! One good verie arrived this week - 1YZ, Rotorua, 860 kc., and it brought a surprise. The power is now listed as only 2 kw., so they must have dropped down from 10 kw. when they moved from 800. Guess that's why they aren't as regular as they were before. We had a good time talking to Dallas John last week when he visited SD. And good to see Larry Schwartz, too. Congrats to Bus and Bill on their babies. 73

I received word this week that I have been appointed permanent editor, but the Board still has to approve the appointment. Once that formality is passed I'll be better able to go ahead with my major plans for the "DXWW", such as the WRUL broadcasts. Keep tuned for progress!

Pirate Heading for the U.S.

Inspired by the apparent success of British pirate radio ships, Charlie Green and Brian Stone (former managers of Sonny and Cher and currently handling Bob Lind) were leaving from London to Holland last month to negotiate the purchase of a ship. They plan to use it 300 miles off the American Atlantic coastline, broadcasting on New York. Green explained: "We would like to have a radio station, and this seems to be the way of getting out of the license restrictions. We couldn't get a license anyway. I also feel our station will attract more listeners out of novelty appeal". (From BILLBOARD, via Ed Krejny)

International DX Roundup

- 600 HJHJ COLOMBIA, Barranquilla, ID'ing as "Radio Libertad" from 0542-0550 w/good, clear signal 3/4. (Bill Nittler/4590 South Julian/Englewood, Colo. 80110)
- 654 VIETNAM, SOUTH, Hué was probably the station I have been hearing this season. John Wallis played my tape for a Vietnamese officer who said the program I heard on 12/19/65 originated in Saigon. Hué is listed on 650 kHz with 50 kw. (Larry Godwin/P.O. Box 1048/Berkeley, Calif. 94701)
- 670 HRN HONDURAS, Tegucigalpa was noted 2150-2155 on 3/16 u/WMAQ, but with a fairly good signal. (Ed Krejny/6538 Belmeadow Drive/Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130) /tler)
- 670 CMKP CUBA, Holguin, s/off at 0245 3/14 after Castro speech. (Nit-)
- 750 HJDK COLOMBIA, Medellin was logged atop WSB at 2000 3/19. Had CARACOL programming. (Krejny, Cleveland)
-v JAMAICA, Port Maria sent very specific v/c from E. White for 3/2/66 reception. Mailed from Kingston. (Bill Woodfield/7633 Gloucester Ave./Norfolk, Va. 23505)
- 840 ETHIOPIA, Harrar, Probably heard testing their new 100-kw ER with EE and SS announcements by German reporter to (Sweden Calling DX-ers). Heard Feb. around 2000 in Sweden.
- HJBI COLOMBIA, Santa Marta was completely atop WHAS 2300-0003 s/off the evening of 3/23. Good evening for Colombia. (Godwin)
- 850 HJKC COLOMBIA, Bogotá, in fair but fading fast at 0604-15 3/14, probably because of sunrise there. (Arthur Peterson/2726 Rollingwood Drive/San Pablo, Calif. 94806) /(Krejny)
- 900 CMJV CUBA, Ciego de Ávila was noted atop the frequency on 3/16 from 2020-2025. ID'ed only as "CMQ". 1st time hrd here.
- 930 MONTSERRAT, "Radio Antillas" is now on the air, per tip from Margaret Hinkson, Pres. of WIDXA. Pgms in TF and EE, and s/off is 2300. (Godwin, Calif) /(Godwin, Calif)
- 940 KAHU HAWAII, Waipahu s/off IM 3/21 0332 essentially in the clear.
- 955 BURMA, Rangoon. My verie was for this frequency rather than 950 kHz. (Godwin) Larry's error, my neglect, we're even! (Ed)
- 965 YNLU NICARAGUA, Managua was in with a great S7 signal at 2135 3/16. (Krejny, Cleveland, Ohio)
- 970 CA97 CHILE, Calama is now 1 kw, ex-250 watts, per my friend at CCS2. (Godwin, Berkeley, Calif.) /(Peterson, calif)
- 1000 WBNB VIRGIN IS, U.S., Charlotte Amalie may have been the weak s/on heard on 3/14 at 0530, which is s/on time listed in WRTH.
- 1025 HJER COLOMBIA, Cali was logged 2027-47 on 3/16. Fair signal, but had severe fading which prevented a report. My 50th Colombian heard! (Krejny, Cleveland)

- 1034 RV151^V ESTONIA, Tallinn sent card and personally-typed and signed letter for report of 12/17/65 reception for country n^o 20. Said I was the 3rd American DX'er to report them; I assume this means those who reported directly to Tallinn rather than to Moscow. From the response I got I'd say it was well worth writing directly to Tallinn. (Peterson, Calif.)
- 1038 ?TP? UNID/TP, oriental was in fairly well 3/19 0730-0800, with no IS on the hour. (Godwin, Calif.)
- 1040 TGXA GUATEMALA, Guatemala was logged on top the frequency with a good signal at 2018-2022 on 3/19. (Krejny, Cleveland)
- 1055^a ?CA? UNID/CA is still noted here. Logged on 3/16 from 2209-15. Is this a Nicaraguan or Jack Keene's Guatemalan of last year? Fair signal. (Krejny, Cleveland) YNLL in Masaya still noted here; almost definitely the one. (Ed.)
- 1102 ?LA? UNID/LA, noted here 3/21 from 0031 on with Colombian ER's. Very weak here. HJEW? (Krejny) More likely HJCN. (Ed.)
- 1160 ?TP? UNID/TP, Oriental here MM 3/21 that gave no IS at 0600. Perhaps HLKU. (Godwin, Calif.)
- 1200 ?TP? UNID/TP, Oriental gave NIK-type IS (3 pips and tone) at 0900 3/22. There are several Japs listed, but none are NIK; no So. Koreans listed either. (Godwin, Calif.)
- 1225 TIRCS^V COSTA RICA, Cartago is now verified (rec. of 2/7) thanks to a cordial letter by the Gerente-Propietario, Rodrigo Castro Strasburger. He says he recently bought this station and changed the call from TIEPJ to TIRCS; WRTH and FBIS list the call as TIBSD, so apparently they are really outdated. The slogan is still "Radio Victoria" and the address is Apto. 259. My verie letter is addressed to all members of the IR-CA; did anyone else report it? (Godwin, Calif.)
- 1295 PJD2 SINT MAARTEN, heard with good, clear ID at 0500 on 3/14. Program of hymns with EE announcements from 0440-0500. Country n^o 50 logged. (Nittler, Denver) / (Peterson, Calif)
- 1380 JOUF JAPAN, Osaka was in well in JJ 0448-56 3/21 when loud domestic came on to ruin my chance to tape ID on the hour - rats!
- 1457 ...^V ENGLAND, Clevedon, sent v/1 from H.D.P. Bambridge along with folder for 2/7 reception. (Woodfield, Va.) / (Woodfield)
- 1480 WMDD PUERTO RICO, Tajardo, must have been SS here u/WRDW, etc., on 3/11 from 0515 with music, news, and mentioning P.R.
- 1510 2NA AUSTRALIA, Newcastle in fair at 0415 3/21. Seems to be best bet for "2-land" and Australia as a whole. (Peterson) Gave a local ID at 0350 MM 3/21. Signals quite good. (Godwin)
- 1515 HJLQ COLOMBIA, Barranquilla, "Radio Minuto" in with good signal from 0520-0535 on 3/14. (Nittler) In at 2245 on 3/22. S9 signal. (Jack Keene/4902 Eppes Street/Houston, Texas 77021)
- 1520 2QN AUSTRALIA, Deniliquin was finally heard MM 3/21 0400-30 with a definite ID at 0430. Power is 2 kw. One of the Japs was atop by 0500. (Godwin, Calif.)
- TGDX GUATEMALA, Guatemala, "Radio Centroamericana" heard with top-notch signal from 0336-0430 on 3/21. (Nittler, Denver)
- 1540 ZNS BAHAMAS, Nassau was logged on top of the frequency on 3/24 at around 1900. Fine signal, but unneeded here. (Krejny)
- 1560 2RE AUSTRALIA, Taree must have been the Aussie with news 0346-0409 MM 3/21. Is the nighttime power only 500 watts as WRTH indicates, or is it 2 kw full time? (Godwin, Calif.)
- 1580 YNE^V NICARAGUA, Managua sent a very friendly v/1 for my 1/17 rec, signed by Ernesto Rugama, Encargado de Relaciones Públicas. No address on letter nor envelope. (Godwin, Calif.)
- 1586 GERMANY, WEST, Langenberg, WDR, should have increased power to 400 kw when you read this; to 800 kw before 1967! (SCDX)

Not enough for a 3rd page this week, so won't try it. ILCUN7! 73.