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DX CALENDAR DX CALENDAR DX CALENDAR

Mon. 1- 9-78 0100-0200 KFDI-1070 Wichita, KS 10 kw
 Mon. 1- 9-78 0200-0230 WBRM-1250 Marion, NC 1 kw
 Mon. 1-23-78 0200-0230 KVRA-1570 VermillionSD 1/2 kw
 Mon. 1-30-78 0430-0500 WKEM-1490 Immokalee, FL 1 kw

KFDI-1070(10000-U) will run with 1000 cycle tone & ID's every 15 minutes using the 10kw ND daytime power. Arranged by Ron Musco for NRC. Rpts to Cliff Koch, Corporate Engineer, Box 1402, Wichita, KS 67201.

WBRM-1250(1000-D). v/s John R. Tudor, C.E. P.O. Box 219, Marion, NC 28752. Arranged by Neil Zank.

KVRA-1570(500-D) will use simulcast of KVRP-FM with rock music and test ID's. v/s Doyle Ritter, Mgr. Rt. 3, Box 79, Vermillion SD 57069. Arranged by Neil Zank.

WKEM-1490(1000-U). will use cycle tone, voice ID's, plus some band music. Will use 1 kw daytime transmitter. Prepaid calls accepted. Announcing & v/s is Stephen Kennedy, Box 520 Immokalee, FL 33934. Arranged by Ernie Cooper for NRC.

ITEM FROM 'HR REPORT'...

A TS-820 Speaker with quite unusual features has just been announced by Kenwood. The SP-820 includes switchable high-and-low-pass audio filters, has two inputs for switching between the TS-820 and an auxiliary receiver, and a phone jack that's also filtered. It's 5.9" high, 6.3" wide, sells for \$49, and is already on its way to dealers.

SPECIAL ITEM FROM PERRY FERRELL...

Special FRG-7's for medium-wave DX'ing hand-selected by Perry Ferrell from hundreds we are customizing. All MkIII FRG-7's now shipped with frequency counter output (to our Model GAR-7) jack. Details from GILFER Associates, Inc., 52 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ 07656.

FREQUENCY CHECK LIST...

The new f/c list was included at the last moment in the 12/24/77 DX MONITOR. We wanted to get it to you as fast as possible. Hope it helps you get some new catches. Many thanks to Joe Fela.



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FLASH TIPS

VANE JONES LOG NOW AVAILABLE

Bill Hardy forwards this info...Vane A. Jones Co. of Indianapolis advises that the 1978 edition of the "North American Radio-TV Guide" (known to DXers as the VJ Log") will soon be in the stores. Evidently the price on the 12th edition of VJ, updated to 10/15/77, will be up to \$5.95 in the USA (\$6.95 elsewhere). The VJ Log lists all AM stations in the US, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, and West Indies by state & city, frequency, and call letters. There are also FM & TV sections. It should be available for over-the-counter sale in many bookstores and electronics stores where Howard Sams publications are sold (not available at Radio Shack). Stores carrying Sams publications who do not stock "North American Radio-TV Guide" should be able to special-order it, or you can buy it directly by mail by sending check or money order for \$5.95 to Vane A. Jones Co., 6710 Hampton Dr., E., Indianapolis, IN, 46226. While the VJ Log does not contain as much information on stations as does the NRC Log, it is usually quite accurate and handy to use, as well as containing FM & TV information. The last edition of VJ was published in late 1975.



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GET-TO-GETHERS COMING UP...

Jan. 15...GTG hosted by Paul Mount, 471 Emerson Ave., Teaneck, NJ 07666. Telephone 201-836-1137. Commencing at 1100 until whenever. Radios available, as well as a pool table & hearts game. A meal consisting of cold cuts and cheese sandwiches, salads and soft drinks will be served buffet style around 1400. Please send a card if you're coming, even if anonymously, hi. A map with directions to Paul's GTG can be found on the back page of Issue #14 12/24/77 DXM.

Feb. 11...SCADS-Southern California Area DXers will meet on Saturday, February, 11, 1978 between 10 AM and 5 PM, at the Valley View School Auditorium, 5361 Sisson Drive, Huntington Beach, CA. Doors will be open at 8 AM; the informal program will start at 10 AM with door prize drawings and discussions of DX topics by such well-known DXers as Jim & Karen Young, Grant Manning of RADIO WEST, H. John Clements and any others who may offer. Dave Browne of ANARC will serve as M.C. Donation of \$1 will help pay the expenses. There will be plenty of soft drinks & donuts and probably chicken & pizza for lunch. Advance registration is appreciated. If you have questions or would like to be added to the SCADS mailing list, please write: Donald E. Erickson, 6059 Essex St., Riverside, CA 92504 or call (714) 687-5910 early evenings and weekends.

WDXF DELAYED...

Rick Heald regretfully reports that due to his typewriter being in the repair shop WDXF won't be included with this issue but Rick assures us he will be back for the 1st issue of 1978.

**eastern dx
roundup**

Bob Curtis
17 Cobbleview Dr.
Colchester, VT 05446

DEADLINES; Mondays all times are Eastern Local

Quote of the week:

"Last week was DX gangbusters, as is apparent from my loggings. Hope I haven't overburdened your column, hi!"

Gregg Allinson, NC

Never fear, glad to see you're hearing such good stuff as KWMT Iowa on 540.

Some good catches this week, such as Don Davis's WBMD on 750, right out from under 50kw WSB, Atlanta.

By the time you receive this the days will be getting longer, but even so we should be enjoying 'prime time' as far as the DX season is concerned. Even daytime conditions can be unusual this time of year. With so much coming through, the problem is most apt to be sneaking them out of the QRM.

- 540 KWMT IA, Ft. Dodge 12/8 1745 Most pleasant surprise in a long time. For some reason no Mexican, WDAK or any others. All alone w/live s/off. Ment 0745 s/on & invitation to turn to their Pm. (GA-NC)
- CBT NE, Grand Falls 12/12 1638-1725 Fair to good w/detailed Nr nx & wx. CBC nat'l nx at 1700 dropped way down by 1725 NR-time is 1 1/2 different (ahead) of EST (BC-VT)
- 560 WFRB MD, Frostburg 12/10 1650 A lot of WIS & WJLS but fair sig, w/MD nx at 1650, GMC spot & Nat'l nx thru 1655. (GA-NC)
- WQAM FL, Miami 12/11 0143 Fair sig w/rem. anncr, T-40 mx, several PSMs. No ads were heard. (DD-GA)
- 570 WGMS MD, Bethesda 12/7 1612-1626 Usually a toughie but like local 12/7 with classical mx w/YL, then spot for Kennedy Center event. Bottom of hour ID as "The Beethoven Birthday Station" (GA-NC)
- 620 WTMJ WI, Milwaukee 12/10 0004 Mention of Half-time of Bucks-Sonics NBA game in Seattle. Lucky to get this before being slopped out by WMAL mx. Weak but readable, surfaced o/WHEN(WPT-DC)
- 640 WHLO OH, Akron 12/9 1700 So clear thought I had WSM until 1700 ID as "Akron News Talk 64" foll'd by two man News-cast. Rare. (GA-NC)
- 730 CKAC PQ, Montreal 12/9 2358 FF rr song w/ male singer. Xlnt signal. (WPT-DC)
- 750 WBMD MD, Baltimore 12/9 1630 This has to rank as one of my best catches to date. 600 mi. @ 1kw, thru 50kw WSB only 100 mi. away! Unusual program consisting only of man and woman reading "Hail Marys" (Catholic prayers) into s/off @ 1645. I have tried several times again, but no luck. I would have liked more program mat'l for a report, but.... (DD-GA)
- WPDV WV, Clarksburg 12/9 1645 Immediately surfacing after WBMD s/off, and about twice as strong. Long pgm on hunting in WV, large & small game info. Many ads, rlgs msg, faded out w/nx at 1654. (DD-GA)
- 760 WCPS NC, Tarboro 12/11 1651 Finally faded up after 1/2 hour wait thru WJR QRM. Long news pgm, local ads & phoney speech re: high standard of living in NC. S/off @ 1659 w/Dixie. This stn is never audible here until SSS, but WJR is almost always decent the whole day. (DD-GA)
- 770 WEW MO, St. Louis 12/9 1734 Fair sig w/WABC looped. Caught end of area nx, ad for Kansas City, MO. (Yes, Kansas City) Hotel, EG-listen mx 'til 1743 s/off w/SSB @ 1744. (DD-GA)

- 920 CFLS PQ, Levis 11/30 1840 1st reception on 920 kHz (a frequent visitor on 1240). In fair w/some WJAR QRM & sloop from WPAT. Stevie Wonder mx, followed by a comm'l cluster & then a CFLS jx. All announced in FF as usual. (SGA-NY)
- 800 WKVE KY, Cave City 12/7 1643 A lot of junk from FJB, CKLW, WDSC, WSVS & X'er but this 250 watter sneaked thru at 1643 w/WKVE wx w/Celcius temp. (GA-NC) (ed: out of place - shud be up one)
- 980 WRU DC, Washington 12/8 1519 Unbelievable daytime conditions brought "All-News 98" in w/a sig that ranged from fair to excellent. Spot for "Allen's Mens Shops" @ 1522. (SGA-NY)
- 990 WNOX TN, Knoxville 12/14 0012 Male anncr saying this stn has no silent period (NSP). Fair signal without the usual WIBG pest. (WPT-DC)
- 1070 CHOK ON, Sarnia 12/13 2356 Tail end of promo of local arena & ID. Fair to good sig o/WIBC. (WPT-DC)
- 1110 WHIM RI, Providence 11/29 1625 In good w/C&W mx. "Eleven-ten W-H-I-M" ID's. (SGA-NY)
- WUPE MA, Pittsfield 11/29 1626 U/WHIM w/nx. "Whoopee Radio" ID @ 1631. (SGA-NY)
- 1130 WNEW NY, New York 12/6 0049-???? Noted off. (SGA-NY)
- WCAR MI, Detroit 12/6 0059 1st time heard w/WNEW off. Weak but clear sig. Mx by Steely Dan & Starbuck. ID @ 0101; "Sports every hour on the 1/2 hour from WCAR, Detroit," into a tape delayed AEN nx-cast & WCAR nx @ 0105(SGA-NY)
- 1170 WHLW NJ, Lakewood 12/3 1540 w/ contemporary format. Comm'l for "The Record" Ments. of Toms River, Ocean County & the Windjammer Restaurant in Seaside Park. (SGA-NY)
- 1220 WCLB GA, Camilla 12/10 1228 Fair sig w/some fading thru local WSFT. High school bsktball game w/many ads. Another much-wanted Georgian out of the way. (DD-GA)
- WCPH TN, Etowah 12/14 1724 Heard well o/usual 1220 QRM for a few mins w/Swap Shop & local ads. (DD-GA)
- KVSA AR, McGehee 12/14 1746 Heard after most of the noise & dust settled. W/local nx pgm sponsored by local farm co. & extended wx pgm. S/eff @ 1758 almost inaudible. (DD-GA)
- 1250 WTAE PA, 12/12 0114 Heard w/fair sig thru WDAE & WTMA test. I believe I also heard this stn between 0000 & 0100 w/pgms of WW-II nx & historical talk called "In Retrospect", but am not sure. Any help? No sign of much-wanted WMTR test by 0135 tune-out. (DD-GA) (ed: WTAE is semi-regular here (VT), but I can't help on the pgm content, perhaps someone else can.)
- 1260 WPHB PA, Phillipsburgh 11/30 1634 C&W mx w/super hick-sounding DJ u/WNDR. (SGA-NY)
- 1270 WHLD NY, Niagara Falls 12/9 1601 Another newbie on top of usually dominant WMRM & rest w/Buffalo & Niagara area cancellations & closings. At 1607 wx for western NY & vicinity, said 4-6 inches of snow expected! Hallelujah for the warm south(GA-NC)
- 1310 WDOC KY, Prestonburg 12/9 1600 Barely making it thru WGH/WISE mess w/1600 AM & FM ID & ABC nx. (GA-NC)
- WGH VA, Newport News 12/14 2006 Rr mx u/WHEEL with fair signal. (WPT-DC)
- 1360 WKOP NY, Binghamton 11/29 1645 Fair w/C&W mx u/WDRG. Announcement for Windsor Chamber of Commerce and mentions of central NY. 1360-WKOP ID & jx(SGA-NY)
- 1400 WCOS SC, Columbia 12/9 0028 Wx report (Temp 40-F), nx w/female anncr. Fair signal. (WPT-DC)
- 1410 WHLW KY, Harlan 12/9 1555 Mostly by itself w/sports & spots for Harlan area stores. (GA-NC)

1440 WFTQ MA, Worcester 11/28 0033-0052 in w/ armchair sig. o/a somewhat nulled CFGO. Lotsa sequed mx w/announcement @ 0047; "The next hour is comm'l free on the All-New Fourteen-Q". 0052-ID as "Worcester's Fourteen-Q". Pgm note: I heard the station in afternoon drive and they sounded very much like WNBC & WZZD w/live announce, but they sound as if they're automated in the overnight period. (SGA-NY)

WAJR WV, Morgantown 12/9 0037 ID w/male annor, pop mx w/male singer. Fair sig. (WPT-DC)

1460 WVOX NY, New Rochelle 11/28 0021 Noted testing w/TT & OC. (SGA-NY)

1470 WSRO MA, Marlboro 11/26 1639 Noted s/off u/WJIT slop. (SGA-NY)

WMBD IL, Peoria 12/12 0130 ID, wx report (Temp 32-F) Fair signal. (WPT-DC)

WSAN PA, Allentown 12/16 2014 Very good for about 1 min w/mx & wx, then in and out. Lucky to catch the ID. (BC-VT)

1490 WXIT WV, Charleston 12/12 0046 Br mx, ID. Surfaced atop GY pileup. "So you don't know me" by Ray Charles w/signal ranging fm S-6 to S-10. Audible with volume all the way down. (WPT-DC)

WSIH SC, Beaufort 12/11 0225 Generally dominating this usually garbage-ridden freq. This thanks to tip from Karl Jeter's EDXR, Dec. 3, '77. Karl's sure had some good DX lately! (DD-GA)

1580 WCRV NJ, Washington 12/8 1558 Yet another surprise w/YL & area mx at 1558, 7-UP spot & 1600 ID. WSHR & WPGC of little consequence. (GA-NC)
(ed: they seem to be a semi-regular up here)

FROM THE DX CALENDAR

1250 WMTR No sign of WMTR, see 1250 above(DD-GA)

REPORTERS THIS ISSUE

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- DD - Don Davis, 107 Oakdale Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093 S-76 w/counter & T.O. + longwire & loop
- WPT - Bill Townshend, 4500 Conn. Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20008 DX-160
- BC - Bob Curtis, 17 Cobbleview Drive, Colchester, VT 05446 SP-600

Mike Brooker, Toronto, Ontario was asking about the best bet for hearing Vermont. Well, orif hand I would suggest WVMT-620 (although pattern is poor in that direction), WDEV-550 or WSYB-1380. However, a study of antenna patterns and considerations of strong stations in your own area would, no doubt, be helpful. Perhaps the upcoming 'Spotlight on Vermont' due soon, I think, may point to best possibilities. Maybe other DX'ers in or near Toronto might have something to offer. Thanks to all who sent 'Season's Greetings', they were much appreciated.

73 and good DX. Bob Curtis



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MR. John D. Sheedy
Confirming your reception report of May 2nd
5 0050-0100
196... at ... PM./AM.

CKOK is located in Penticton, British Columbia, located midway between Lake Okanagan and Skaha Lake. The elevation is 1,100 feet above sea level. CKOK's remote controlled transmitter is located at Skaha Lake with studios in Penticton at 33 Carmel Avenue.

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central dx roundup

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- 550*????*Unid, 12/7 0211-0305. Unusual TTer here operating w/short periods of 1000-cvcler tone and fairly long periods of OC; one very badly mangled ID shortly after 0300 which appears to be a commercial type and features what sounds like FF call beginning with "C" superimposed over a drum-roll; much QSB o/u KSD/KTSA QRM; anyone north of the border know of a PQ outfit using this type of ID on RS? (SAM)
- 560*WOOF*AL*Dothan, 12/7 0114-32. Good to poor on ET w/various tones, brief periods of OC, & all types of Mx from "Bach to Rock"; one ID; considerable QSB, mixing badly w/WHBQ/KLVI, no sign of KWTO; 1st time relogged here since DX special of 12/13/74; they send v/f, but give them at least two months. (SAM)
- 1240*WWNS*GA*Statesboro, 12/8 0119-33. Surprisingly good for GYer on ET w/various tones, short periods of OC, and sneaky insertion of code "WWNS WWNS" IDs when least expected; quite often heard around here on monthly f/c w/very nice v/l rcvd in about a week. (SAM)
- 1260 WNXT OH Portsmouth, 12/11 0559-0601. Fair to poor on s/on w/choral arrangement of SSB & typical s/on announcement which faded into WNDE/WNOO/other unids mess; new here & enough for rpt. (SAM)
- 1360*WMFC*AL*Monroeville, 12/7 0133-45. Very good on ET w/various tones, brief periods of OC, but surprisingly weak IDs; completely dominating the channel, well o/the usual KRYS/KXOL "dog-fight"; after no response to both phone call and rpt on monthly f/c, an apparent non-verifier. (SAM)
- 1390*WROA*MS*Gulfport-Biloxi, 12/5 0123-0202. Blasting in here on ET w/various tones, brief periods of OC, & 1 commercial Mx jingle ID shortly after the hour; no sign of other 1390 pest, WCSC. (SAM)
- 1450*KNET*TX*Palestine, 12/7 0145-0200. Mvstery f/c'er finally Identified; 1000-cycle tones w/ID approximately every five minutes & more extended ID at end of test; not to be found on 1977 list, but apparently now runs checks on the 1st Wednesday of every month; nice, generally consistent signal around here for GYer & they send v/l in about ten days; watch for 'em.(SAM)
- 1590*WLFA*GA*Lafayette, 12/10 01-41. (sic-rce) Good to fair on ET w/various tones, fairly long breaks of OC, & "Top-40" Mx, 1 quick ID then apparently off; at times, well o/both WALG/WVNA, but subject to frequent periods of QSB; 1st hrd on ET on 12/15/76 w/v/l rcvd in about a week. (SAM)

A TIP OF THE HAT THIS WEEK TO:

SAM - SCOTT A. MENTZER, Route Three, Tylertown, Mississippi 39667

This column is being typed a day early, on 12/19. Next column (dated 1/7) will probably be typed on Christmas Eve before I head up to my Dad's. One after that will be 1/3, and we will be on "RS" until he hit up against the Monday holidays in Feb. I had planned to be in Philadelphia this past weekend, but she wound up in Maryland recovering from major surgery, so I stayed here and worked my usual 6 1/2 day workweek. I plan to take my loop home for Christmas and fix some broken connections on it. Also hope to DX up there and add to the puny total of 283 from there. Last entry in that logbook was WAWK-1140 on 3/11/68. Where does the time go? I found it interesting that Robert Kramer finally hrd Maine after logging over 2000 stns. My first Maine was hrd on 12/12/66, and was number 393 at that location near Chicago, only about 30 miles from RK. Currently, my Maines stand at 3/3, the last one hrd thru a WIND OC/TT with their towers less than five miles from my radio. Gotta run, and mail this. 73.

western dx roundup

ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN LOCAL

Phone for hot WDXR tips: (206)532-6827 till 11:30pm (PLT) nightly--prepaid calls only

DEADLINES: Thurs. January 5, Thurs. January 12, Thurs. January 19, Thurs. January 26

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- 540 KVIP CA, Redding 12/19 0300 "KVIP-FM
Redding" between relig. progs. Was
still there 0555 so must have run AN.
Presumably they didn't know the AM
xmtr was on! Very strong for 1 kw - in
so well, I thought it was CBW at first
except the hour & format didn't fit!
(BH-WA)
- 540 CBK SK, Regina 12/18 s/off at 0200. ID'ed
as CBC Saskatchewan. OM announcer gave
locations of several xmtrs & Regina
address. After s/off, freq. dominated
by SS stn w/DJ's talking in SS to
people on phone and playing Latin style
mx. XEWA? (CBC-WA) (Probably XEWA.--NH)
- 550 *KOAC* OR, Corvallis 12/12 0310 in very weak,
o/u KOY, KAFY seemed to be off. TT off
at 0315, 1 kHz. (RW-CA)
- 570 *CKSW* SK, Swift Current 12/19 tried for test
but not heard, only KVI here. (BH-WA)
- 570 unIDS 12/12 0550-0615 w/KLAC off, heard one
w/pop/semi-classical mx, other w/talk.
Direction for both seemed to be from
NE/E w/the mx station more to the east.
Probables include KLUB, WFAA, WNAX &
KVI (?). (MFS-CA) (Pop semi-classical
sounds like KLUB. Don't know about talk.
NH)
- 590 ?KUGN? OR, Eugene-Springfield 12/13 2100 o/u
KSUB in KFXM null. NBC nx. (MFS-CA)(No.
KUGN is now CBS. KHQ still has NBC.NH)
- 590 KSUB UT, Cedar City 12/13 2100 in sharp null
of KFXM w/CBS nx. Later (1744) was oddly
dominant for short time. (MFS-CA)
- 610 *KVNU* UT, Logan 12/19 0307-0312 DX test in
fair-to-good thru KFRC, just like last
test. (BH-WA)
- 620 KTAR AZ, Phoenix 12/16 0050 in w/ad for KTAR-
TV Channel 12, ID "KTAR Total News Time
10:49." O/KINGS w/KGW nulled, moderate-
severe KFRC-610 slop. (RW-CA)
- 630 *KIDD* CA, Monterey 12/12 0325 off RS this MM
for testing, 1 kHz tone. In null of unID
rr, KHOW under, KOH off. (RW-CA)
- 641 KFI CA, Los Angeles broadcasting on this
freq. 12/13 0300 w/Hilly Rose Show. Back
on 640 by 0322. The test mentioned on
pg. 176 of 12/10 issue. (FJP-CA)
- 650 KORL HI, Honolulu 12/16 in at 0625 w/"You
Make Loving Fun" by Fleetwood Mac. ID
at 0627, "KORL time, 1:27" then nx and
sports. Fairly strong signal, S2 on my
DX-160. (CBC-WA)

- 650 WSM TN, Nashville 12/19 0205-0310 weak sig.
ABC nx at 0205, C&W mx at 0215 (YL
singer w/twangy voice). At 0224 OM
announcer talked to guy on phone and
said "You're on WSM, hello!" (CBC-WA)
- 660 KFAR AK, Fairbanks first Alaskan heard in
many years 12/6 0915 w/TCP, C&W, ID; w/
local KFI-640 slop. (FJP-CA)
- 720 KDWN NV, Las Vegas 12/16 0048 in better than
excellent, superexcellent! Phone-in
contest, Jose Feliciano mx. They usually
put out a crummy signal, must have been
aurora. (RW-CA)
- 730 KBOY OR, Medford 12/10 1000 "AM & FM K-B-O-Y
Medford." At war w/CKLG. First noticed
this while searching KCBS's void 12/9.
My tip, alter listening habits & lot of
stations appear. (PAW-CA)
- 740 KCBS CA, San Francisco 12/12 1511 off again
for a couple of minutes, heard weak mx
and OM. Looking for KBRT. (PAW-CA)
- 740 KVFC CO, Cortez 12/9 0900 w/ABC News, spots
for Ford, Photomat and Wilson Pharmacy
1 West Main, Cortez. KCBS off ???-0936
w/xtmr problems. Thanks to my wife Jane
for waking me. (PAW-CA)
- 740 KRMG OK, Tulsa 12/15 0600 ID into nx fair w/
KCBS. (WJH-WA)
- 760 KFMB CA, San Diego 12/4 0405 w/"Fly Like An
Eagle" by Steve Miller, then ID "This
is 76 KPMB Music Radio." Sig. peaked
at 55. (CBC-WA)
- 780 WBBM IL, Chicago 12/9 2310 actually audible
u/KCRL who played soft EZL mx, then
over KCRL at 2315! In w/Chicago wx.(RW)
- 790 KABC CA, Los Angeles 12/14 0240 peaked out
of jumble of stations w/"save water"
ad, YL talked about home safety. ID's
at 0243 "KABC time, 11:43." Great, +30db
sig. soon blotted out by Carpenters and
KGMI. (CBC-WA)
- 790 unID 12/12 0620 KABC off. Station w/talk but
no ID. Seemed to be from N/NE. No QRM.
KJRB? (MFS-CA)
- 800 KBUH UT, Brigham City 12/16 ID at 1113. (JEC-
CA)
- 830 KIKI HI, Honolulu 12/15 0918 clear ID. Mushy
but consistent signal. (MFS-CA)
- ?KIKI? 12/17 0538 rr mx popped in & out way
u/WCCO. No ID, darn it. (WJH-WA)
- 830 WCCO MN, Minneapolis 12/16 0044 in poor, not
heard in some time. News, show of some
type in null of KGO-810 slop. (RW-CA)
- 850 KTAC WA, Tacoma 12/11 0525 w/KOA partially
nulled, in & out of KOA w/rr mx, ment.
of "K-tack". Not heard often at night.
(RW-CA)
- 860?*KTRB*?CA, Modesto 12/12 0326 unID 10 kHz TT
u/XEMO, looping east, probably KTRB
as it was fairly strong. (EW-CA)
- 860 XEMO B.C., Tijuana 12/4 0822 SS speaking stn
w/OM, YL announcers and mx. Pretty
solid signal. ID in EE at 0830, "XEMO,
Tijuana" and gave power as "5000 watts."
Then into EE program w/C&W mx. (CBC-WA)
- 870 WWL LA, New Orleans 12/19 0120 C&W song at
0123, and ad for Circle Bar Truck Corral
truck stop on (I-70?). ID at 0130 "Every-
body's _____, WWL, New Orleans." "Contin-
ental wx" at 0132. (CBC-WA)
- 880 *KRVN* NE, Lexington 12/11 0502 in w/off & on
TT, freq. clear except for a very faint
WCBS under. (RW-CA)
- 950 KIMN CO, Denver 12/19 0721-0723 wx, ID into
mx mixing w/QRM. (WJH-WA)
- 950?*KNFT*?NM, Bayard 12/20 0201-0211 TT heard
faintly thru XEGM & KJR. TT gone after
0215. Too weak to ID. Maybe it will be
stronger at another date. (NH-WA)
- 960 KOOL AZ, Phoenix 12/15 2152 in poor in KAEL
null, KAYK weak underneath. Ad for
Phoenix TV repair shop. (RW-CA)
- 960 unID 12/13 2121 times in MST, "All the
music without the talk" mention of
"Intermountain area." Not KOOL, maybe
KAYK. (MFS-CA)
- 970 KCHV CA, Coachella 12/15 2031 in o/u KUZZ w/
weak KYTE nulled, NBC nx, ID, then into
C&W mx. Not heard in a few months.(RW)
- 970 *unID* 12/12 0236 unID intermittent 1 kHz tone
heard w/KYTE nulled, o/u KUZZ, possibly
KVWM? (RW-CA)

1010 *KCHJ* CA, Delano 12/11 0450-0500 varying from poor to good, irregular QSB, playing KOMO-type mx, ID by YL at 0500 as "This is KCHJ, Delano, California conducting equipment tests. KCHJ will resume normal broadcast at 5am this morning. Good night." Then off. Freq. dead after s/off. (RW-CA)

1050 CFGP AB, Grande Prairie 12/14 0600 rides out o/unID SS enough to catch "good morning for CFGP news." (CBC-WA)
+12/16 0100 in poor in XED null w/CJNB weak underneath. MOR mx, ID at 0100. (RW)

1050 ?XEG? N.L., Monterrey 12/14 0515 w/weird mx like wild Caribbean stuff w/people yelling, etc. SS announcer, OM, ments. Agua Prieta, Guadalupe and Tejas. Ad for record at 0525, address of San Antonio, TX. SS DJ played song for friends in San Antonio or Houston and did a lot of talking. (CBC-WA)

1090 KBOZ MT, Bozeman 12/15 2156 bombing in like a local in XEPRS null, unID rr faint underneath, probably KING or CHEC. "1090 KBOZ, Bozeman" ID at 0200. (RW-CA)
+O/nulled down XEPRS 12/13 0243 w/rock and ID. (FJP-CA)

1150 KSAL KS, Salina 12/12 1942-2000 poor to nil, but only slight QRM, probably because of auroral cx. Heard w/rr mx, vacuum cleaner ad, and other local ads. ID on the hour & into nx. I was so excited I called the station to verify. Sure enough, it was. Rpt sent. (WJH-WA)

1180 VOA FL, Marathon Key 12/18 0627-0715 in fair to good o/unID SS station. At 0700 mixed w/WHAM after WHAM s/on. 0627 Yankee Doodle IS, EE ID & SS ID at 0630 followed by nx in SS, then a VOA cultural prog. in SS w/SS pop mx. Also heard same time (appx.) on 12/17 & 12/14 w/WHAM QRM. This is probably best bet for FL. Right NH? (WJH-WA) (I've gotten WGBS-710 but not VOA!--NH)

1190 WOWO IN, Ft. Wayne 12/14 0620 heard w/sporting goods store ad, DJ talk & ID. W/KEX and unID SS station. (WJH-WA)

1230 KWTC CA, Barstow 12/9 2305 in on aurora, very rare appearance o/mess w/wx for Barstow into Donna Fargo mx, immediate fade-out. (RW-CA)

1230 *KEXO* CO, Grand Junction 12/12 0215 poor in mess w/1 kHz TT, o/u KGEE, KLAIV, KRDG, as well as KPRL, ID at 0215. (RW-CA)

1250 *WMTR* NJ, Morristown 12/12 0201 on long shot, tried for it, but not heard, alas, as KWSU & KTMS destroyed the freq. (RW-CA)

1270 KCOK CA, Tulare-Visalia 12/15 2149 heard w/new ID slogan, no longer "KCOK 1270", has changed to "K-C 1270," similar to KACY-1520 except not sung. (RW-CA)

1270 *unID* 12/12 0307 unID 1 kHz TT way o/CHWK, KFJZ, even louder at 0315, blasting KYA slop. Either KTIC or KCOK, my odds put it as KTIC. (RW-CA)

1280 KFYV CA, Arroyo Grande 12/16 ID at 0550, SPU. (JEC-CA)

1310 KNUI HI, Kahului 12/12 ID at 0400, mx. (JEC-CA)

1320 KUDE CA, Oceanside 12/15 2015 heard just this week at night, first SSS logging. Faded up w/ad for pizza parlor in Carlsbad, promptly back into mess, and believe it or not, KXRO coming up to take their place. Strange cx, hi. (RW-CA)

1320 KXRO WA, Aberdeen 12/13 2113 finally logged! This little station hard to get, as they don't appear to get out because of others such as KCRA, CHQM, etc. In o/everything w/ad for Grays Harbor Equipment Co. on State St. in Aberdeen, current NBA scores, wx for Aberdeen. Faded out u/KCRA & CHQM in KCPX null. (RW-CA)

1340 KDOL CA, Mojave 12/9 2327 in on aurora, in o/everything w/ad for car dealer, name hidden in mess, then gone. (RW-CA)

1380 WMEE IN, Ft. Wayne 12/19 0525-0539 mx, frequent MC, ID, sports, contest for \$5, phone # was 447-8633. In fair to good w/WPHM QRM and others. (WJH-WA)

1380 WPHM MI, Port Huron 12/19 0515-0520 wx, Christmas mx, DJ talk & ID. Fair to good w/WMBE & other. (WJH-WA)

1400 KSLY CA, San Luis Obispo 12/11 0524 in w/"K-sly" nx, wx for San Luis Obispo, SID "K-sly 14" into rr mx. (RW-CA)

1430 WIRE IN, Indianapolis 12/19 0549-0601 market rpt, local ads, ID "WIRE Country." DJ talk C&W mx and nx on the hour. Good, no fading, in very easy. (WJH-WA)

1440 KEWI KS, Topeka 12/19 0619-0637 rr mx, "Constant Comment" line, phone no. 272-4960, lots of DJ talk, mx, and 2 PSA's. (WJH-WA)

1450 KBFI ID, Bonner's Ferry 12/16 1049-1100 rr and C&W mx, promo, local ads, ID and nx on the hour. Mixing o/u KCLX, KXXR-1440 slop. (WJH-WA) (New CP now on the air.--NH)

1450 KCLX WA, Colfax 12/16 1049-1100 local farm nx, community calendar, ID & nx on the hour. O/u KBFI. I haven't hrd this one before. I guess w/KBFI being on the air the combination was enough to overcome my local KXXR-1440 slop. (WJH-WA)

1460 KENO NV, Las Vegas 12/9 2326 in like a local on aurora, way o/KDON w/no QRM or QSB for a solid half-hour. Ad for cowboy supplies, Budget Records, SID into rr mx. (RW-CA)

1480 KVAN WA, Vancouver 12/12 ID at 0359. SPU. (JEC-CA)

1500 KROQ CA, Burbank 12/6 0617 simulcasting w/FM. ID'd as 106.7 later "Lot of this good mx on 1500 AM." Vane Jones lists AM as Burbank. Elving lists FM as Pasadena. Which is right for AM? (PAW-CA) (AM is Burbank, FM is Pasadena, so both are right.--NH)

1500 KSTP MN, St. Paul 12/15 2315-2401 finally heard a 2nd Minnesotan o/u KXRX & nulled (?) KROQ. Sometimes much stronger than KROQ w/top 40 mx, mention of "Musical Milestones" series. Subject to much fading. (MFS-CA)

1510 KDKO CO, Littleton 12/18 0650-0653 nx, mx & ID heard. QRM, KHQ-590 spur, KGA CC which was turned off & on during their SP, and WLAC. In fair. (WJH-WA)

1510 WLAC TN, Nashville 12/18 0627-0638 ID & C&W mx, and DJ talk. Fighting the KGA CC. Fair o/QRM & KHQ-590 spur. (WJH-WA)

1590 KXEM CA, McFarland 12/2 1753 w/C&W mx, KLIV nulled. (FJP-CA)

1590 *KTIL* OR, Tillamook 12/19 0408-0432 DX test xInt-to-fair thru severe KZOK QRM, slight KLIV also. 0410 ID "Golden West DX Assoc." mention, & aired live phone call from Frank Merrill in Toledo, Ohio. Later calls from George Kesteven (Calgary), Andy Kwiatkowski (Chicago), & others.. Went from day power (5kw-ND) to night power/pattern (1kw-DA) after 0430 but very little change in KTIL signal here. (BH-WA)

Welcome to WDXR, Chris. It's good to see Father Jack DX'ing again. 73

DONALD K. KASKEY-386 GEARY ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102

 Happy New Year to all of you from SFGP. Biggest event of the week was the birth of a 7 lb. son to my wife Eloise and myself on Christmas Eve. Mother and son doing well, father hanging on... Many thanks to Rich Segalas who picked up the 22 pager (# 14) from the printer and practically single-handedly did all the collating, stamping & all the other numerous chores entailed in getting the DXM out to you on time. My wife is amazing!! Just before we left for the hospital she presented me with a Wedge Antenna which she constructed and wired all by herself (a project I would never dream attempting). Not only does it look great but it works like a charm. For the first time I was able to null KSFO and pull KPQ in with readable quality. Good nulls on all other locals also. Sorry this issue is so small but pushing up the deadlines & lack of time around HQ necessitated it. Was good to see Randy & Linda Seaver + their two cuties on 12/27. Poor Randy was subjected to listening to my TP tapes. Speaking of tapes, I received your card Nick but the tapes are a no/show. Guess customs swallowed them. OK, all for now. Good health & DX to all in 78.
 dkk

eastern dx forum

John Zondlo
6617 Maryland
Hammond, IN 46323

Michael A. Sapp-1902 York Dr.-Woodbridge, VA 22191
Activity at the dials has been increasing here. Not much as far as TA's are concerned, but LA's have been in pretty good most nights. Just got the R390A/URR back in operation. You forget how good those mechanical filters are until you have to use another receiver when you would normally use the R390A. Even with the selectivity mods, the SPR-4 just can't separate the close splits. Have really enjoyed the R-390A articles by Charles Taylor, very informative. My V-beam antenna that should be most sensitive for TA's seems to be better for LA's. I guess I will stay with the SM-2 for TA's. The SM-2 has good pickup, but nulls are very shallow. I'll have to build a wedge or a DCL box loop. Recently purchased a Panasonic RF-2200 portable receiver. Performance on the BCB is very good. Overall, I would say it surpasses the TRF. Frequency readout is very good for a portable. Time to get back to the receiver. 73 and best DX to all.

Ron Kida-259 11th St.-Palisades Park, NJ 07650
Well, since this is my first Forum, a brief intro is in order. I am 30 years old, married, and have a beautiful 3 year old son. I'm employed by the Borough of Palisades Park, and due to the early morning work hours, my DXing is limited to Saturdays and Sundays or when I have a day off from work. My primary receiver is the Radio Shack TRF, using the Select-A-Tenna made by the Edmund Scientific Co. I also have a Panasonic RF-2200 on which I do some occasional SW DXing. Glad to see another Palisades Park IRCA member in Mike Anderson (who's a cousin of mine, also) with whom I can share DX notes and tips with. I'll have to talk Mike into getting a copy of the NRC Domestic Log so he'll stop pestering me for station addresses, hi. Some veries include those from WHAS, WWWE, WWL, WLS, and CKLW, all of which were v/q's. V/l's include WRKL, WBT (4 days), and WICC. Too bad all stations can't have the same return format as WICC-600. From them I received a v/q, a v/l in the form of a personal letter from the chief engineer, plus a nice little comment handwritten on my returned report, also by the CE. In closing, let me also thank Paul Mount for all the DX help he's given me. Well, that's about it for now so I'll say good DX to all, Happy Holidays, and 73's de RJK.

Greg Monti-5 Hickory Road-Bayville, NY 11709
Don't know about WNBC. Seems they're spluttering more than ever and have an awful lot of compression. The problem is, when a high-frequency peak (like a cymbal crash) comes through the limiter cuts everything down to compensate. Since the crash doesn't pass the transmitter very well, it sounds like there's a sudden, unexplained drop in modulation for a moment. Gene Klavan did his last morning drive show on WNEW 12/9. He's moving to WOR afternoon drive in January. I see Vane Jones is still around. His card pricing the 12th edition of the NARTVSG came this week. Took long enough (3 years) since the last edition. BP: Keep using that fancy typewriter on DXWW. It makes things easy to read. I'm generally in agreement with Steve Apel about counting call-letter changes as new stations. It's not club policy, but people who verie like to have the same number of stations on a log as cards on the wall, I guess. Gregg Allinson's proposal about publishing more detailed accounts of BoD actions and proposals in the DXM sounds good to me. Some friends were talking to some college radio types from southern California recently, and it seems all radio freaks hate the stations in their own market. No wonder I trade so many tapes, hi. Thank to Gary Larson (or his return-address stamp, anyway) for sending the KCSN bulletin. Are any members willing to trade for tapes of KNBR, KYUU, KYA, KYA-FM, KFRC, and KCBS-FM (don't let the SF FM shuffle confuse ya!) - and KCBS, too? I'm gonna have to start DXing critical hours if I do any DXing at all. 73's and a happy holiday season to all.

WMIR-1550
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 53147

Gregg Allinson-P.O. Box 577-Maysville, NC 28555
Dear Friends, it's good to see all the support of late to the DXM. If local conditions are any indication, DX should be the best December 7-11 for most people. This recent period was the greatest I've ever seen (or is that heard) since I began this crazy hobby. In just those 5 days I added 33 new stations to my totals and couldn't even turn on my old TRF without surprise after surprise coming in. Hope we get another period like it this season, but if not, I will certainly be happy that we had this one. Latest veries include: CFOR, JBC-700, CKTS, and KRMG. And to clear up the KRMG QSL problem, I wrote on my reception report that I hoped they weren't unfriendly to DXers since they were seldom verifying. Ty Stites, studio supervisor, said they were friendly, but busy, and QSLed the bottom of my report and sent it back along with a bumper sticker. So, anyone wanting KRMG might better send a ppc. By the way, they are 20kw nights, not 50kw. Also, from time to time, I've seen conflicting information on WKWH's (1600-Key West) format. When I was in Key West last summer I made it a point to find out what the station was actually doing. They are dayparted 100%. In other words, they play C&W one hour, classical another, R&R the next, etc. So don't let different formats at different times throw you. Finally, it was nostalgic to see NZ'er John Allchin's report a few issues back. Brought back memories of my 18 months living in Blenheim. I would regularly pick up KOMA, KYOS, KFBK, XERF, & WABC, as well as the Aussies. All in all, quite a good DX Hq. Hope 1978 goes great for everyone. Please keep up the support to your club.

Gary Siegel-2728 106th St.-Toledo, OH 43611
Happy holidays from snowbound Toledo-town! Wheh! Now I know what Cleveland, Erie, PA, and Buffalo put up with in the winter. Only thing is this town isn't used to this. Toledo even made the CBS Evening News with all the snow. Two 9 inch snowstorms in one week is ridiculous, about as much as three subzero days the past week. The coldest was a -12 degrees on 12/11. Some personal good news finds me taking a position with the Sylvania, Ohio, police department as a dispatcher. I was officially appointed to this job on 11/7, but was not on a regular full time shift until 11/28. That interim period was for training in the evening while tying up loose ends at Channel 100 and training a fellow as programmer for the 100 folks. My last day with Channel 100/Home Premier Cinema was 11/23, which ended 14 fun-filled months. Naturally good civil service jobs are not easily passed by and so when I got the call from the Sylvania folks I jumped at it. So far the job is about what I expected. Every day different and most interesting but at times dispatching can be hairy, as you might expect when dealing with the police department. Some good DX includes hearing VOA on 1180 s/on 12/4 at 6:30am with Yankee Doodle, then into SS news. We're still keeping those Cubans informed, hi! I wonder why the bearded wonder in Cigarland has never jammed this creature? Sure wish he'd let up on 1140. Also heard R. Aeropuerto with strong signals that same morning on 1160. Keep an eye open for that one. Also heard WNHV-910 test with single ID at 2:10am on 11/23. 590 is nice now with the pesky Cuban gone. New there is WLVA-Va., WGTM-NC, and KBHS-Ark.- watch this frequency! I guess that does it for now. Have a nice Christmas all and the best for 1978! 73s.

Bob Foxworth-GPO Box 2111-New York, NY 10001
The notice on page 176 of the 12/10 DXM about the interference test between California and New Zealand was very interesting as it represents, to our knowledge, the first chance for US DXers to try and log a Zedder on a split frequency. Unfortunately, that test was unsuccessful. Our copy of DX Monitor did not arrive until Tuesday evening so I missed out on a chance to try the 12/13 test. I'll bet that if it weren't for my post office box, the bulletin would have been at least a day later, and I'd have missed both days. Anyway, as it turned out, conditions were not favorable for the west, and although we did definitely log KFI operating on 641kHz, they were not strong enough to take a good log on. Limiting factors were a very strong signal from Cuba and a het from another LA on 639.8 kc. At 3:50AM on the 14th, Radika in Surinam faded up for a while. There was an unbelievable amount of sideband splash from the "new" WNBC and it was necessary to use the SM-2 and orient it to null WNBC, rather than to null CMQ's splash on 640.

This made KFI unreadable during periods that they evidently operated on 640, but for alternating 15 minute periods, they would shift up to 641 and at about 3:18AM I am quite sure that I heard them on 640.5 as a definite carrier was measured there being too weak to copy. I stayed with it till 4:30AM but they were unreadable here about 90% of the time. Judging by conditions I'd doubt they were heard in NZ as the skip just wasn't there. I tried both 1071 and 1072 for station 1ZB but not even a hint of carrier on the BFO was there, checking each 15 minute segment. Here's hoping the test will be repeated in March - hopefully with better advance notice, and better cx! This is a very exciting thing to happen, as it is probably the first kind of experimental procedure on MW that the public can participate in since maybe the Conelrad tests of the 1950's, and it certainly deserves better publicity, if not actual participation, by DXers. We all know how selective long-distance skip can be, and it would be useful to have DXers all over the country trying to hear New Zealand on 1071kc, than say 1 or 2 FCC monitoring posts being run by people who may or may not know just what they're trying to hear. Just a thought. By the way, I'm trying for TKG on 1240, but unfortunately I have to orient the loop very critically to null WGBB, and that's not too far from the null point that TKG would take. So wish me luck. Nice high-end TA signals finally back in 12/13 and 14, even had audio on such frequencies as 1421, 1448, 1484; 1439 was over 1440 in GG. Nice. I listen every Sunday night at 11PM to the NRC Ham net - I'd check in but don't have a rig, so you were right, Mark, I can't answer. Will have to get a rig this year. One person on the net should repeat all late tips for benefit of those who are listening and can't join in. Well, near 30 so 73.

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promotional brochure John P. Bisset,
Eng. SAM

1370 WRGS l+cm Dave Waller SAM

Thanks to this month's contributor
SAM SCOTT MENTZER-Tylertown, MS
Thanks Scott! I guess Scott won't be able to complain about lack of test tones now that he has his very own test tone tape!

I must say the turnout for this edition of verie signers is rather poor, hi. Come on folks, I know you're DXing so why don't you send out some reception reports to your catches. Despite what many DXers may say, there are still lots of stations that are pleased to receive reception reports and will send a nice verie. If you have some recent veries (none over six months, please) please spend a few minutes to write down the names of the verie signers and then send the list to me. Just use the format of the column, listing frequency, calls, type of verie, verie signer and title.

Here are the most common abbreviations used....
l-personal letter f-form letter c-postcard
q-QSL card p-prepared card r-verie on your report
cm-verie on coverage map or coverage map enclosed
(f/up)-follow up needed CE-Chief Engineer
Mgr.-Manager PD-Program Director GM-General Mgr.
Dir.-Director VP-Vice President Opns.-Operations
TD-Technical Dir. Pres.-President Ancr.-Announcer
Asst.-Assistant Sup.-Supervisor Eng.-Engineer(ing)

I hope all you folks who have time off from work or school over the holidays will do some DXing, I know that I'm going to be doing a lot. The next deadline will be January 17. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, 73, Good DX, and PLEASE REPORT TO MY COLUMN....also please report to the CONDITION OF FREQUENCIES LIST, SPOTLIGHT, Bill Hardy's HOW TO HEAR 50 STATES SERIES, and of course the regular DX SECTIONS! Enough!

Those 1930s radios are high art

by GREGORY JENSEN
United Press International

LONDON — Remember those crackling old 1930s radios playing mostly static which you finally threw away when the tubes burned out?

A pity you junked them. They're art objects now.

The Victoria and Albert Museum, Britain's major applied arts museum, calls them "Classic Radio Receivers — 1920s to 1950s" and has put 130 of them into a high-class museum display. It is called, using the British term for radio, "The Wireless Show."

They're all there. All those blocky brown Bakelite boxes, the wood ones with speaker grilles carved as sunsets or trees, round radios and pear-shaped radios and several that look like toasters.

CONSIDERING radio's importance, said Carole Hogben of the museum's staff, "it is surprising that no special exhibition of this scope would appear to have been mounted before."

Maybe so. Radio, after all, was the first mass entertainment — free and in the home. It speeded that world-shrinking process that now makes the whole globe a village.

"What we are celebrating in this exhibition," Miss Hogben says, "is the kind of receivers that one used to have at home when they first brought the world's sounds to our doorstep, and which can never be replaced in quite that unique form."

This nostalgic study of "classic" radios, she said, is practically virgin territory.

"Hardly any manufacturers with a history behind them have preserved any early examples of their products." There are no books, no archives and — almost needless to say — "few museums have yet begun collecting electrical 'brown goods,'" named for the prevailing color of their plastic.

SO THE FIELD of early radios is a "paradise for the amateur enthusiast, collector and historian." This exhibition comes mostly from them.

Especially from the British Vintage Wireless Society, organized last year as a tuned-in band of fanatics who believe any radio is lovable.

One of its members has 600 sets crowding him and his relatives out of house and home. There is a National Wireless Museum of old radios in the Isle of Wight. A few stalls in London antique markets now sell nothing else.

David Read, the Vintage Wireless Society secretary, says radio did more to change the way people think and feel than any invention since printing.

In the heyday of these sets, Miss Hogben said, "one suspects people took the wireless medium more seriously."

"Out of the box were bound occasionally to come the tones of a king abdicating — goodness gracious! — a chancellor explaining taxes, a prime minister declaring war."

"People liked to get such signals from a box with a certain solidarity, its speaker the size of an adult human head and its overall width of adult human shoulders. Otherwise it might not sound quite true."

ONE RADIO ON display is a 1923 crystal set built into a ceramic figure of a dumpy little man in a top hat — the tuning coil is wound around his topper. Some early sets are as complex as spaceflight control panels. On top of one display case is a forest of speaker horns and elaborate antennas.

But the show is primarily concerned with radios as pieces of furniture rather than engineering. Pride of place goes to the Erko AD65, a simple round radio from 1934 whose cleaned-lined plastic case, Miss Hogben says, is often called "the most stunningly original cabinet concept of all time."

Even this show's 130 exhibits, of course, hardly scratch the surface. "There is little doubt that millions of old actual sets survive in attics — each too difficult to repair, too sentimental a wrench to throw away, too doubtful a mover for jumble (rummage) sales to accept," Miss Hogben said.

If so, now may be the time to dust off those old Zenith or Philco or Pye sets. To judge by the current museum show, the uglier they are the better.

1,200 record albums taken from local station

Two men, one reportedly the friend of a former employee, took 13 cardboard boxes containing approximately 1,200 record albums from Pasadena radio station KROQ early Friday morning, Pasadena police said.

KROQ employees told police that one of the men went into the station's FM studio and talked to the disc jockey on duty around 4 a.m. Friday. When the disc jockey went to get a record he saw another man carrying a box of albums out the rear door, police said.

According to police reports, the announcer confronted the man as he put the box into a car. At that time, employees told police, the other man, reportedly a friend of one of the station's former general managers, told the announcer that they had been told they could use the records.

Employees told police that the announcer did not call police at that time because he was on the air and working alone. KROQ employees notified Pasadena police of the theft around 10:30 a.m. Friday. The albums are reportedly worth several thousand dollars.

Pasadena police said Friday that they have talked with one suspect but that no arrests have been made in connection with the case.



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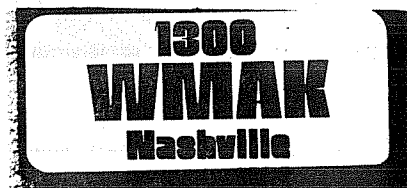
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WDDO: "Gangbusters In Everything"

Persons familiar with the media would have assumed a year or so ago that Middle Georgia's radio market was saturated. In the Macon-Warner Robins area, in reach of any 250 watt station located therein, some thirteen radio stations vied for the listeners ear and the advertiser's dollar with almost every format short of full time talk and full time news.

In some areas these formats were not only duplicated, they were triplicated. And Piedmont Communications Corporation was reading the handwriting on the Arbitrons. At that time the company was operating W-CRY AM and FM, concentrating on beautiful music but experimenting with talk shows on the AM side.

W-CRY was doing well. The beautiful music format was a natural for the stereo capabilities of FM, but the talk experiment was not catching on, and the accompanying beautiful music on the AM side seemed to lose something without the stereo. And then too, the Federal Communications Commission had all but stopped the simultaneous broadcasting on both AM and FM.

Another change was needed to lift W-CRY out of the doldrums. But on the surface there appeared little room for change.

"We just did not have the resources to carry a high quality, full time talk format. Talk is expensive because to do it right you need talent trained in talk radio and they are hard to come by," said Fred Newton, general manager of W-DDO, Disco 90, radio, formerly W-CRY AM.

"But as we reviewed the

market we noticed that eight radio stations were serving 60 to 65 per cent of the white audience, and one radio station was serving 40 per cent of the black audience," he said, and the decision was made to go after the other 60 per cent of the black audience.

The company began winding down the old W-CRY format, a move that included a corporate move to separate W-CRY FM from its AM counterpart so that it might become an independent revenue producer and remain with the beautiful music format.

New personnel, familiar with black disco radio, were hired and a record library was compiled as well as an application for new call letters. Then on February 28, W-DDO, radio went on the air waves, no doubt jolting their staid old 900 kilocycle frequency down to its tubes.

"It's been gang busters ever since," Newton said, "not only in listener response, but in public interest revenues, the works. Our revenues are twice what they were last year."

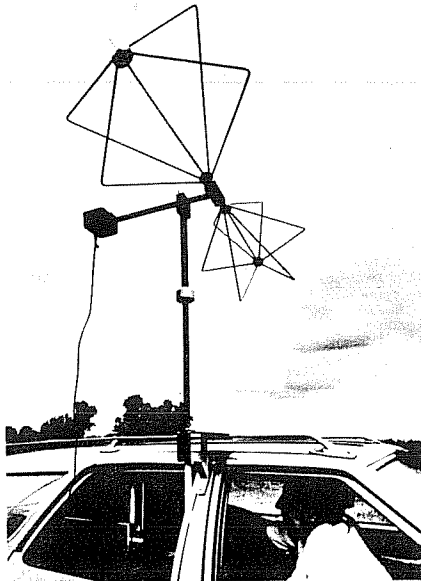
Selling time, the only

product a radio station has, is a difficult job even if you have the only radio station in town, but when you make a major format change to an audience totally different from your traditional one the key to success is a quick jump in the listener ratings. W-DDO got that jump, according to Newton.

Arbitron time is finger biting time for radio station managers, but Newton said that W-DDO came out of the May arbitrons, the first run since his new format was introduced, with 17 per cent of the local audience including the metro area, Jones, Twiggs and Houston counties.

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Radio Garbage Man



HE DOESN'T have radar, but motorists still slow down when they see Jerry Schaeffer parked along the road. He works for Western Electric, acting as sort of a "radio garbage man," touring the vicinity of WE plants looking for evidence of stray radio emissions that sometimes leak from industrial machinery.

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Tower Felled By Saboteur

By GLENN EBERHARDT
Managing Editor

WARNER ROBINS - Sabotage put a local radio station off the air Thursday night but it will not halt broadcasting of the Warner Robins-Valdosta football game tonight.

Radio station WRBN-FM went silent at about 6:10 p.m. when its 156-foot antenna tower crashed to the ground in a field of North Houston Road just north and west of Zayre Plaza. Station WQCK-AM also lost its antenna but was not broadcasting at the time.

WQCK general manager Ray Thomas said his station was operating at reduced power this morning from its Centerville antenna site.

Police investigating the incident said the tower fell when three guy wires on one side were deliberately cut, apparently with bolt cutters. The antenna, which was based on a pivot arrangement, fell toward North Houston Road and away from a nearby mobile home park.

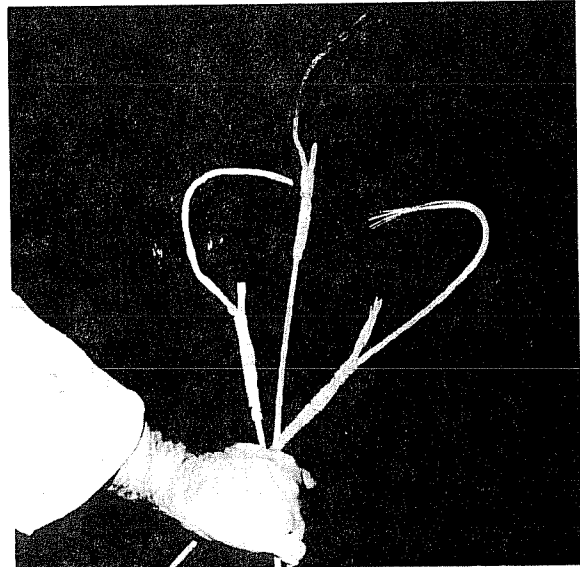
John Lynn, WRBN general manager,

said it appeared the person responsible for the sabotage was well acquainted with radio transmitters and antennae because the tower was toppled in such a way as to cause maximum damage to the FM antenna elements.

Lynn said crews were to begin raising a makeshift tower early today and that station personnel will attempt to broadcast on a low power. "We hope this will be enough to cover the city of Warner Robins," he said, "but, in any event, we have made arrangements to feed our broadcast of the championship football game into Robins Telecable where it will be transmitted on cable channel 12. No one should miss hearing the game because of this."

A new antenna has been ordered from a New Jersey manufacturer, Lynn said, but it is likely to be several days until it reaches Warner Robins.

The incident is under investigation by city police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been asked to determine if a federal crime has been committed.



SABOTAGE - Radio station WRBN-FM in Warner Robins went off the air Thursday night when someone neatly cut three of nine cables used to stabilize the station's antenna tower. The 156-foot tower crashed to the ground about 20 feet from North Houston Road. The station manager, John Lynn, says he hopes to resume partial power broadcasting sometime today. (Photo by Richard Hamilton)

WRBN Back on Air Tonight

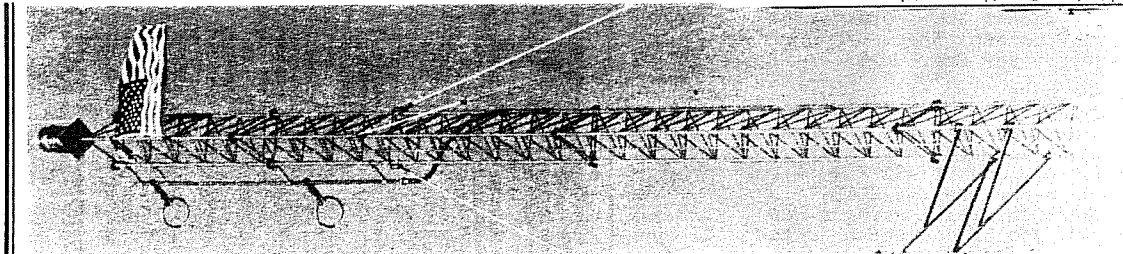
Macon News Houston Bureau

WARNER ROBINS - Officials of radio station WRBN-FM hope to be back on the air tonight after vandals apparently cut down the station's antenna Thursday. Station manager John Lynn says he hopes enough power can be restored to broadcast the Georgia AAA High School football championship game between Warner Robins and Valdosta.

The 150-foot antenna crashed to the ground about 6:10 p.m. Thursday after its guy wires apparently had been severed.

"I don't think it was the work of an amateur, Lynn said. "I think it was the work of someone who knew what he was doing." *Macon News 12/2/77*

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A LONG CLIMB - It was only a matter of time before someone scampered up radio station KCEY's new 400-foot transmission tower on Sante Fe Avenue and Geer Road south of Hughson. When station officials arrived for work Monday, they knew immediately the tower had "fallen" - the conquering climber had left Old Glory fluttering at the top of the "summit."

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ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 656 USSR, was quite gratified to see that Nick Hall-Patch has also found a definite Trans-Arctic carrier here (DXWW 12/10). I had also hrd & rptd the same carrier on 5 consecutive mornings 11/19-23 a year ago and even noted the het w/N. Korea-655 w/the loop at zero degrees. As I see it, Nick's reception just ahead of Victoria SR is the clincher that this is Murmansk. About 6 or 7 years ago, I had speculated in DXWW that Murmansk in mid-winter ought to be listened for in NA right up to the time of LSR inasmuch as it spends so many weeks in the polar night at 69° N. So it was also gratifying to see Nick confirming that this is indeed possible. I take satisfaction in being a successful predictor! On 11/20 the sun is 19.75° S. which means that at Murmansk noon that day, they would have seen the sun 1½° about their southern horizon. And by 1451 it would have been 4:51 pm in Murmansk, long after their sundown. And so far as radio reception is concerned, at 69° N there is virtually no such thing as daylight in midwinter, anyway. Also of great interest is the rptd bearing of the stn in Victoria & Denver. Nick estimated it at 15° while my various estimates ranged from 15 to 25° a year earlier. All 3 figures add up to a trans-Arctic path and point to something far north of the usual N. European sigs. Still have bits of that 656 audio on tape & I'm much inclined to add Murmansk to my list now, & can see no good reason why Nick shouldn't do the same. (Martin)
- 1562 SWITZERLAND, Beromünster, good after WQXR s/off 12/13. GG talk 0635, then woman sang in EE "Everything is BEautiful". (Feltman)
- 1586 WEST GERMANY, Langenberg, WDR, loud w/man in GG giving road rpt, ment'd Munchen-Stuttgart autobahn 0430 12/13. (Feltman, PA)
- 1602 WEST GERMANY, München, BR, soft inst mx, then woman spoke in GG 0440 12/13. (Feltman)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 540 MEXICO, San Luis Potosi, XEWA, xlnt w/ranchera mx & OM SS ancr interviewing another OM about his trip to Argentina 1208-1228 12/10. (Gerardi, IL)
- 550 CUBA, Pinar del Rio, CMAN, SS talk by male ancr, LA mx, momentarily broke out atop pest WGR. Fair 12/10 0033. (Townshend, DC)
- 550 ? UNID, SS //570, fair 0955-1025 12/9, o/KSD w/no trouble w/fast-talk ads & anmts, tropical mx (heavy on the xylophone & castinets), fast-talk OM ancr, but no IDs or jx could be hrd. (Gerardi, IL)
- 570 ? UNID, SS //550 but much weaker u/WFAA. No sign of Cuban on this freq, loop suggests CA. Any ideas? (Gerardi, IL)
- 590 CUBA, San Antonio de las Vegas, CMW, usual strong sig, OM in SS giving political talk on African affairs 1032 12/9. (Gerardi, IL)
- 630 CUBA, Santa Clara, CMHQ, R. Liberación, demolishing semi-local KXOK w/o nulling, w/Ricky Ricardo type mx, SS YL & OM ancrs // 640 1041 12/9. (Gerardi, IL)
- 640 CUBA, Habana, CMQ, R. Liberación, coming in like a local (stronger than on MM's last session), //630, w/"Esta es R. Habana Cuba" by YL 1050 12/9, no sign of KFI at all. (Gerardi)
- 690 CUBA, Habana, CMBC, R. Progreso, o/CBF s/on 1100 12/9 w/ID by OM also saying "Esta es R. Habana Cuba" followed by OM ancr saying "R. Progreso". (Gerardi, IL)
- 700 ? UNID, SS stn w/ballads & opera-type singing 12/11 SM 0316 poor-fair. WLW nulled; lotsa slop from XETRA. (Pejza, CA) (TIHB? bp)
- 800 MEXICO, Cd. Juarez, XEROK, 0552 12/16 in fair w/much KGO-810 slop w/ad for McDonalds, "X-rock 80" ID, into rr mx. (Wien, CA)

- 820 CUBA, Habana, CMCA, SS talk by male ancr, LA mx sung by female vocalist fair 12/10 0202-0206. (Townshend, DC)
- 910 MEXICO, Mexicali, BC, XEAO, 12/13 0254 w/ranchera mx & R. Mexicana IDs; knew nulled. (Pejza)
- 1020 CUBA, San Cristobal, CMAC, LA mx u/KDKA, weak sig 12/14 0504. (Townshend, DC)
- 1025 ? UNID, LA here w/boistrous LA mx & SS anmts 0843 12/19. Good on peaks but some deep brief fades. Probably Colombia. (Portzer, WA)
- 1080 ? UNID, 12/16 0223 SS in KWJJ/KSCO null w/no sign of KRLD. Strange "buzzsaw" QSB, fadeout w/no come-back, looping SE. No Mexicans operate at night on 1080. Whozit? (Wien, CA) (Probably a Mexican daytimer. Many of them are allowed to stay on until about 8 p.m. local time, similar to the pre-sunrise authority in the U.S. bp)
- 1150 MEXICO, Mexicali, BC, XERM, 12/16 0219 in fair o/everything w/moderate KLOK-1170 slop, ranchita mx, ID, ment of Mexicali. (Wien, CA)
- 1197 PANAMA, Chitré, Ondas Tropicales, SS talk by male, LA mx, S½ at 0213, S¼ 0220, at which time a LA song w/female vocal started. (Townshend, DC)
- 1210 + CHILE, re logging of R. Universidad Técnica. I showed the rpt to a Chilean friend (also a student at Purdue). He pointed out that Antofagasta is a city about 1000 km N. of Santiago. WRTH lists another stn also, R. Univ. Técnica, on the same freq in Antofagasta. He believes the stns form a network. Univ Técnica also has a campus in Antofagasta, he says. This raises the possibility that Mark Bergman had the stn in Antofagasta & hrd a local ID. My friend also is pretty sure that Univ. Técnica has an FM stn in Santiago (tho it's not listed in WRTH). He says it would not be uncommon for call signs to be used along w/stn names. (Gehring, IN) (The Antofagasta stn only has 1 kw, compared to 25 kw for the Santiago outlet. Also, the tape Mark sent me says, "en Santiago..." & then goes into an ID for the FM outlet, so I'm inclined to think it was the Santiago outlet that Mark hrd. bp)
- 1240 ? UNID, 12/16 0808, who is the one who IDs as "R. Mexicana"? In KMBY & KROY null after KSMa s/off, o/unid QRM w/ID. Have hrd this one for months. XECC or XEBQ? (Wien, CA)
- 1520 ? UNID, 12/16 0147 coming in lately on 1520 o/everything, including local-like quality KACY, KOMA, KYXI faint underneath. Many IDs, one as "R. Clora? International" & "R. Echo". Ad 0153 w/ment of I Avenue in Yuma. Is this XEEH? (Wien, CA) (Probably. XEEH ID's as "R. Sonora Internacional". bp)

PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 660 ALASKA, Fairbanks, KFAR, 12/6 1415 first Alaskan hrd in a couple of years w/TC, cw, & ID. KFI slop. (Pejza, CA)
- 786.5 a NORTH KOREA, 11/14 1323 w/man in KK; het w/780. (Pejza, CA)

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GE "Longrange" portable

Sorry for the short column but I had to type it a couple of days early to make it in for the Christmas deadline. Biggest news here is that the foreign log has been completed. It's presently at the printers where they're doing God-knows-what to it to put it into presentable condition. It should be in the mail to everyone who placed a prepublication order by the time you read this. Did anyone have any luck w/the KFI-641 test. I taped them while I slept and noted

periodic distortion & a het that would go w/off-freq operation, but nothing was hrd underneath. By some interesting coincidence I tuned in at 2340 pst 12/13 to see if they would make any mention of the test & hrd the talk show host bring up the subject of "frequency". As it turned out, the guest that evening was a sex researcher and the type of frequency they were talking about had nothing to do w/the KFI transmitter, hi. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year, folks!

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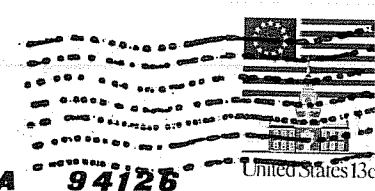
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