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MM Oct 30 WSKI-1240-Montpelier, VT 0000-0100 1 kw MD Tijuana Brass music w/frequent IDs & 1000 Hz tones. Reports to: Tom Cheney, PD, WSKI Box 487, Montpelier, VT 05602. Arr: Marley Steward, MRO.

MM Dec 18 KDLG-670-Dillingham, AK 0515-0615 5 kw MD Tones, voice/code IDs, DX gab & some Eskimo language. Reports to: Les Robinson, GM, KDLG, Box 670, Dillingham, AK 99576. Prepaid calls to: 907-842-5281. Arr: Eddie Ryan, GWDXA.

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RENEWALS AS OF 15 October 1978

Herb Childs, Walt Breville, Robert E. Fischer, Randy Seaver

Geomagnetic Indices



GEOMAGNETIC INDICES

Fredericksburg A-Indices

8/28-9/ 3	78	32	28	37	22	21	11
9/ 4-9/10	6	6	11	5	24	23	10
9/11-9/17	13	13	5	4	2	6	7

Date	A	K	- Indices	Date	A	K	- Indices
9/18	2	0	-1-0-1-1-0-1-0	9/25	26	2	-3-4-4-4-5-4-4
9/19	0	0	-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	9/26	30	2	-5-5-4-4-4-4-4
9/20	3	0	-0-0-0-1-0-1-3	9/27	32	6	-4-3-3-3-4-4-5
9/21	6	2	-3-3-1-1-1-0-1	9/28	31	4	-5-4-4-4-3-4-5
9/22	11	2	-2-4-2-3-2-2-2	9/29	59	3	-6-6-7-6-5-3-3
9/23	10	2	-3-2-2-2-2-3-3	9/30	10	1	-3-4-1-1-1-2-3
9/24	8	2	-3-2-1-2-2-2-2	10/1	10	3	-1-2-2-2-2-3-3

Solar Flux back up to mid-100s after the very low levels of late August...Forecasts state that geomagnetic activity should be "higher than in recent months" which is bad news for Trans-oceanic MW DX...Mean solar flux value for Sept. was 159.4 - the highest in many years.

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Get-to-gether reminders:

October 28, 1978, noon until ??, 9307 S.E. Clay, Portland, OR
Sponsored by the WOBGRATS and the GOOD GUYS. For more information call Bill Block at (503) 256-2354.

November 24, 1978, 1600 - 0700, Sunday 11/26/78; 221 Larch Ave. Elmhurst, IL. For more information call Brian Sherwood, at (312) 279-7250, 1700-1900 CLT, Mon-Fri.

Don't forget to order your copy of the 1978 IRCA Foreign Log. The prepublication price of \$4.00 is good until October 31, 1978. After Halloween the price will be \$4.50 for members and \$5.00 for nonmembers. To reserve your copy send check or money order to IRCA Goodie Factory, P.O. Box 17088, Seattle, WA 98107.

Stu Portzer has advised that he has one convention bid at present. He says that if no other bids come in within the next week, he will submit that bid to the BOD for approval.

UPI AUDIO SAYS "ME TOO" United Press International formally asked the FCC in early August

TO SATELLITE-FEED IDEA

for a permit to test a satellite delivery system for its UPI Audio network and broadcast-news teletype wires. UPI follows on the heels of AP Radio (see 7/8/78 DXM, p. 550) and the Mutual Network (see 12/24/77 DXM, p. 207), which also have plans to test and then institute satellite distribution for audio programming. UPI Audio's tests would involve UPI's New York headquarters, one state radio network, and nine radio stations around the country. (Based on 8/7/78 Broadcasting, used by permission.)

In a related item, the Mutual Network in late July had asked the FCC to deny AP's request for testing of a satellite receiving system. Mutual contended that the tests were unnecessary; Mutual and AP seem to have exchanged some competitive barbs in their comments on the affair. (Based on 7/31/78 Broadcasting, used by permission.)

This whole thing of "satellite distribution" seems to be bringing about a high degree of intra-industry controversy, most of which won't help us DXers log any additional stations, so I think I'll hold off on any further items about network radio via satellite, until such time as one of the systems actually gets FCC approval and/or becomes operational. Okay? --BH.

**eastern dx
roundup**

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DEADLINES: Mondays All times are Eastern Local

Splatter:

"Including the 40's and 50's total catches is 652." Bill Townshend - DC
"DX has picked up quite a bit in the last few weeks." Greg Monti - NY
"Well, the FCC hasn't nailed them yet!" (see WFAT-1620) Mike Brooker - ON
"Weak station alone on the frequency turned out to be WEGP Presque Isle, Maine." Bob Curtis - VT (see 1390)
"WFAT New York on again." Greg Monti - NY
"I got a new receiver, a Panasonic RF-2200." Mike Brooker - ON

- 540 CBEF ON, Windsor 9/15 0600 s/on w/NA. Poor signal. (WPT-DC)
- 620 WHJB PA, Greensburg 9/14 2111 T-40 mx, ID by OM. Fair w/slight WMAL splash. (using DX-160) (WPT-DC)
- 660 *WNBC* NY, New York 9/11 0405-0455+ ET, tones and such. (GM-NY)
- 680 (CFTR) ON, Toronto Noted totally off (except for occasional OC) 8/28, 8/29, 8/30, 8/31 from 0100 on. They were off the last week in August last year. too. (MB-ON)
- 780 WCKB NC, Dunn 9/17 1931 s/off w/OM announcer. Fair. (WPT-DC)
- 840 WVPO PA, Stroudsburg 9/20 1902 alone & fair from the next sunset zone w/-UPI nx, local nx, spot for place in Stroudsburg. (GM-NY)
- 850 CKVL QU, Verdun 9/19 2146 FF talk by OM Fair-good, then QSB'd out. (WPT-DC)
- 880 *WCBS* NY, New York 9/25 in ET from at least 0130-0330, tones, OC, and ID's. Then off from about 0330-0430. (GM-NY)
- 910 WJCW TN, Johnson City 9/17 1930 ment of City, TN, then time. This clinched the catch. Good. (WPT-DC)
- 950 WKAZ WV, Charleston 9/10 0502 Favorite Football Player contest, T-40 mx. Good. (WPT-DC)
- 960 CHNS NS, Halifax 10/1 2325 in poor with sports scores, community events & ID. (BC-VT)
- WATS PA, Sayre 9/10 0534 nx, wx report, (Temp 44° F/7°C), T-40 mx. Anncr says WATS carries Yankee baseball games. Good. (WPT-DC)
- WEAV NY, Plattsburg 9/20 1915-1921 in o/u/ WELL w/rr mx, PSA, Expos baseball. Disappeared 1921, probably pattern change 6 min late. (GM-NY)
- 980 WILK PA, Wilkes-Barre 9/20 1934 voice ID's are "new 98", but jx still say "WILK". RR mx. (GM-NY)
- 990 CBY NF, Corner Brook 9/29 2335-9/30 0013 CBC inst pgm thru the hour, but ending at 0012 w/s/off. In s/-off ment CBN-640, CBNM-740, CKZN-6150, CBG-1450 & CBT-540, giving locations and pwr also. Gave s/on as 6:00 AM. Foll'd by Canadian NA. Seems very strange they did not mention CBY! (BC-VT)
- KWAM TN, Memphis 9/25 2015 w/Gospel mx and long sign-off annmcmt ending with "...This station is an equal opportunity employer", no SSB. Fair-good o/CFRB slop. (MB-ON)
- WVSC PA, Somerset 9/20 1930 w/WZZD. Long s/off ment WVSC-FM. (GM-NY)
- 1110 KFAB NE, Omaha 9/10 0500 ID, nat'l nx. Fair signal. (WPT-DC)
- 1120 *WUST* DC, Washington 9/9 0053-0126 w/ET. Played disco mx and "Miss You" by the Stones. Frequent WUST ID jx's and full ID by OM mentioning test at 0126. Fair-good w/KMOX nulled. Also heard on Saturday morning 9/23. (MB-ON)

- 1140 CJTR QU, Trois Rivieres 9/13 2009 FF talk by OM. Good o/WRVA, then faded out at 2011. Lucky to get this! (WPT-DC)
- 1230 WFAS NY, White Plains is now advertising itself as being NSP. (GM-NY)
- 1310 *WICH* CT, Norwich 9/21 0119 just atop mess w/ET ID, but no audio. (GM-NY)
- 1330 WLAT SC, Conway 9/14 1954 Promo for "Conway Today" pgm. Signal booming in. (WPT-DC)
- 1340 WYCB DC, Washington Station carries gospel-soul programming, similar to WUST-1120, but AN w/HM SP. YCB stands for Young Christian Broadcasting, (ex-WFAN). (WPT-DC)
- 1370 CFLV QU, Valleyfield 9/29 1628-1648 in late afternoon mess w/others, FF mx w/YL at 1630, ments of Valleyfield. (BC-VT)
- WKMC PA, Roaring Spring 9/26 0728 dominating channel an hour after sunrise, even o/WALK. Ments of Altoona area wx, 7:30 nx, c&w mx. (GM-NY)
- WPAZ PA, Pottstown 9/26 0735 w/Pottstown wx, ments of Montgomery County. (GM-NY)
- ???? UNID, 9/26 0727-0732 in mess w/"C-104" ID's, top 40 mx. Could be WZYQ Frederick MD if it were "Z-104". But I thot those stns stopped simulcasting AM-FM. They were "14-ZYQ" anyway. (GM-NY)
- 1390 WEAM VA, Arlington 9/26 0711 w/WRIV, WEOK, WLAN Washington area traffic report. (GM-NY)
- WLAN PA, Lancaster 9/26 0712 o/u/mess w/top 40 mx, ID. (GM-NY)
- WEGP ME, Presque Isle 9/29 1902-1920 a weak stn alone on 1390 fading in & out w/QSB turned out to be WEGP Got clear mx ID "WEGP" on tape replay & one other ID. No sign of WFBL. Were playing Barbara Streisand mx. under waning auroral CX. (BC-VT)
- 1410 WOTT NY, Watertown 10/3 2049 in & out w/rock mx o/u a baseball game, & bb game predominant. Got fair ID, "WOTT" on tape replay. (BC-VT)
- 1430 WTTT MA, Amherst 9/21 0724-0734 thru WNJR in CH w/spots, bulletin board, wx, ments of Amherst, finally ID. (GM-NY)
- 1440 WQOK SC, Greenville 9/14 1943 wx rpt, Then "We Will Rock You" by the Queen. Fair-good o/WHHH, then QSB'd out. (WPT-DC)
- 1530 WCRJ FL, Jacksonville 9/13 1930 Gospel message, then s/off, ment of north Florida by YL. Good (WPT-DC)
- WFIC VA, Collinsville 9/14 1930 s/off, ment of 1000 watt power by OM. Fair u/WCRJ/WRBX. (WPT-DC)
- 1540 *WDON* MD, Wheaton 9/11 0030 Station noted ET'ing. Caught tail-end of ET. (WPT-DC)
- WPME PA, Punxsutawney 9/25 1928 o/whatever w/lengthy s/off. (GM-NY)
- 1550 KQWB ND, Fargo (see my, MB-ON, logging in 8/5 DX MONITOR, No. 485.) Received v/l for report of 6/19. They are now full-time (5 kw); but are directional at night. When I heard them, they were using their non-directional day pattern. (MB-ON)
- WBSC SC, Bennettsville 9/18 1806 Local nx ment of Marlboro County. Fair under WVAB 75 mins before LSS. (WPT-DC)
- 1570 WTOW MD, Towson 9/25 1859 end of rlgs pgm, quick s/off. (GM-NY)
- 1580 WYFA NY, Patchogue 9/27 0830 still in w/ads for Patchogue. Fair/QSB. (BC-VT)
- WBBR SC, Travelers Rest 9/13 1945 s/off by OM. Good. (WPT-DC)
- 1590 WCEG PA, Chambersburg 9/25 1900-1912 o/-WQQW w/NBC nx, local nx, top 40 mx. (GM-NY)
- WGGO NY, Salamanca 9/12 1930 s/off by OM Good amid T's storm QRN. (WPT-DC)

1620 "WFAT" NY, New York 9/2 0240-0315 Larry McRea is at it again. Still taking calls using a bootleg phone line, 212-664-9979 as well as 272-9906. Most of the time he was begging and pleading for calls. I didn't call them. (ed: Good, don't encourage them.) This is the third time I have picked them up. Poor-fair signals. (MB-ON)

1630a "WFAT" NY, New York 9/10 0300 on again with deep fades. Tele-talk at 212-664-9979. Freq. annocd as 1620. One caller claimed to be listening in Maine. (GM-NY)
(ed: "WFAT" is a clandestine or unauthorized station, in case any neophyte DX'ers are wondering.)

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73 and good DX Bob Curtis

**central dx
roundup**

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Deadlines: Tuesdays: 10/24, 10/30, 11/7, etc.

** ** *OF SPECIAL INTEREST* ** ** **

560 WIND IL Chicago, 9/25 format change from Top-40 to mostly teletalk & news. (JA)

1170*WAMB*TN*Donelson, 9/22 0154-0210 "This is WAMB conducting ET on 1170 kc", fourties-style pop mx, then "This concludes the ET of WAMB, Donelson, TN." Signal fighting w/ KVOO. (JL) (This is a frequency change from 1190-ed)

1530 KQNK KS Norton, Now using these calls. First noted daytime 9/1. "Q Country". (BN)

KVWO WY Cheyenne, good cw signal o/ KFBK easily 9/6 0030. Prompt v/l. (BN)

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640 KFI CA Los Angelas, 9/15 0050-0054 rr mx, DJ Roger Collins, "K-FI", ads for Arrowhead Spring Water, Sears. Signal fighting w/ CMQ & TGW but not bad since it's usually buried. (JL)

660 WNBC NY New York, 0416-0430 rr mx, ID by OM anc. Signal very faint w/ SS "griz-zly" QRN, QSB, splash from WSM. The beast XERPM off. (JL)

690 KGGF KS Coffeyville, 9/26 2334-2338 Promos for KC Royals, U. of MO games, PSA for Arthritis Foundation, ID: "Radio 69-KGGF." Another sports promo (garbled), rr mx. Signal fair to nothing - popped out of the 690 jungle. (JL)

770 WABC NY New York, 9/14 2243-2246 rr mx, "77-WABC" ID, promo tape by YL anc. Signal very weak, occasionally mixing w/ unID SS stn. (JL)

790 WNWS FL South Miami, 9/13 0150-0155 "WNWS News Radio" ID, promo for nx personality contest. Signal poor, mixing w/ WMC, KULF. (JL)

*WSIGIVA*Mt. Jackson, 9/19 0010-15 fair-good o/ CKSO w/ ET/TT. (JA)

850 KEYH TX Houston, 9/30 1824-1830 ID: "Radio Key, Houston, Tejas." SS mx, announcements. This one's a nonIDER in EE, too. Signal weak but steady. (JL)

890 (WLS) IL Chicago, 9/21 0200 Noted off for the first time since I began DXing in 1971. (JA) (They usually go off on MM several times a year, this was on a Thursday morning-ed)

910 WOKK MS Meridian, 10/1 0000-0007 ID, Ai nx w/ local ad for Meridian Avis Rent-a-Car, cw mx. Signal intermittent u/ local WLCS. (JL)

930 *WJBY*AL*Gadsden, 9/24 0122-0306 Good to Xlnt on ET w/ various tones, extended periods of OC, and very irregularly spaced IDs; almost no QSB, and usually well o/ WKY/WXKY/WTAD mess. New here w/ stn called and reported. (SAM)

KITE TX San Antonio, 10/4 0224-0228 Mor mx, ID w/ calls, wx, tunes back to back. (JL) Signal Xlnt w/ QRM, TT in background.

950 WBKH MS Hattiesburg, 9/30 1742-1748 ID w/ calls mentioned 'Hub City.' cw mx, TC, 'Weekend Football Scoreboard.' Signal faint w/ QRN, splash from WYLD. (JL)

WERL WI Eagle River, 9/19 2010-15 Fair in null of WWJ w/ mor mx to s/off & mention of PM outlet. No SSB. (JA)

960 KGKL TX San Angelo, 9/15 0155-0202 Ac nx, SID followed by "KGKL, San Angelo," rr mx. Signal fair, mixing w/ XEK & others. WERC off at 0131 for technical adjustments. (JL)

1000 WCFL IL Chicago, 9/25 0619-0624 DJ Jerry Rafferty, (more likely musician Gerry Rafferty I think-ed) rr mx, NFL scores, wx. Signal fair u/ KTOK. (JL)

1020 KTNQ CA Los Angeles, 9/25 0049-0100 "Grease Day" rr mx program, ads for Music Land record shop. ID: "KTNQ, Los Angeles, 10-Q." Signal poor, fighting w/ KBCQ (not complaining). (JL)

KBCQ NM Roswell, 9/25 0103-0130 Gospel mx, Dr. Jack Van Impe religious program, PSA for YMCA Youth Government Program, two ID's. Signal poor, fighting w/ KTNQ.

1040 KPBC TX Dallas, 9/25 0806-0808 Religious (JL) mx, Brother Don DJ (called 'Morning Deacon'). Signal Xlnt, w/ WHO faded into SR. (JL)

1060 KKKQ AZ Tempe, "The New KQ" logged 8/31 0035 for new calls. (BN)

1140 WKWM MI Kentwood, 9/19 1955-2000 good o/ WRVA w/ disco mx to s/off using "Disco 1140" slogan, no SSB. (JA)

1190*WHHL*FL*Pine Castle - Sky Lake, 9/29 0127-0221 Fair to completely unreadable on PoP w/ various tones, rr, and fairly frequent IDs; excessive QSB, but briefly on top of the usual WOWO/KLIF/"Griz-zly" mess; much wanted for quite some time; stn called and rptd. (SAM)

1230 KNUZ TX Houston, 9/18 0111-0114 cw mx, ID: "Twelve-thirty, KNUZ." Signal in and out of the GY. (JL)

1240 KDLR ND Devils Lake, w/primary election returns 9/6 0150. (BN)

KTAM TX Bryan, 9/16 0320-0323 "Music Radio - KTA-M," rr mx, another ID. Signal (JL) strong at times, riding atop GY pile.

*KASH*WY*Newcastle, ET 9/27 TT, 0210 ID, then rock mx. (BN)

CFAR ME The Pas, Real surprise while trying to get better log on KDLR 9/6. S/off 0207 w/ "O Canada". (BN)

1260 WNDE IN Indianapolis, 9/18 0103-0107 Contact Talk show, discussion on abortion. OM anc. gave phone no. (239-1020). Signal strong but suffering QSB, QRM from SS stn. (JL)

1320 WRJW MS Picayune, 9/30 1833-1909 Ad for Gibson's Discount Center, cw mx, PSA's. (excess program details deleted-ed) DJ went at least 36 min. in daytime without an ID. Signal good to poor w/ QSB, QRM from KXYZ, splash from WIBR. (JL)

KXYZ TX Houston, 9/5 0135-0149 RS, fair w/ QRM, little QSB. Quick v/l in a week for 2 stamps. (BPS) (program details should be a little more descriptive than "RS"; they should give a general description of the program heard without going into a long list of songs, ads and PSA's--ed)

1350 KCOR TX San Antonio, 9/20 0157-0202 SS mx, ID in EE, nx in SS. Signal fair w/ WSMB pushed to back burner. (JL)

1390 WTNK MS Meridian, ET ID 0203 and 0215 s/off after TT 9/21. (BN)

1410 KUIN KS Wichita, 9/25 0152-0156 rr mx, two ID's: "14-KUIN". Signal poor, mixing w/ WMYR. WUNI off. (JL)

WMYR FL Ft. Myers, 9/25 0100-0103 nx, PSA for Ft. Myers YMCA, Gulf Coast wx, SID: "WMYR - Solid Gold", rr mx. Signal fair, mixing w/ KUIN. WUNI off. (JL)

1430 WJRB TN Madison, 9/18 0233-0240 cw mx, congratulations from YL listener for new studios in Music Row. Promos for "JRB Bumper Stickers", frequent ID's. Signal intermittent, mixing w/ KELI and plowed under at times. (JL) (My old NRC log gives this location--ed)

1470 WRGA GA Rome, 10/3 0121-0123 Stn news promo, calls, rr. Signal soon buried in QRM, splash from WXOK, WABB. KLCL apparently off. (JL)

WHUT IN Anderson, 9/25 2001 Good o/ WBMD right after WBKV s/off w/ s/off and mention of FM outlet. No SSB. (JA)

WVOL TN Nashville, 10/3 0104-0107 Ac nx, ID, TC, cw mx. Signal poor w/ heavy QRM, splash from WXOK and WABB. KLCL apparently off. (JL)

1480 WTHI IN Terre Haute 9/4 0200 RS, poor w/ ID, then back u/ WCIN. Weak. (BPS)
+ 9/19 0130-0135 PSA for VA, Dr. Joyce Brothers' Commentary on Divorce and Children, ID, rr mx. Signal poor, almost buried in QRM. WABB subdued tonight. (JL)

WCIN OH Cincinnati, 9/4 0144-0202 ET, fair o/u WTHI, no ID on hour, heavy QSB. (BPS)

1490 KEUN LA Eunice, 9/30 1718-1722 ID "1490-K", wx, ID w/ calls, rr. Signal poor, fluttering. (JL)

WDXB TN Chattanooga, 10/4 0201-0208 NBC mx, wx, promo for WDXB/Baskin-Robbins Birthday Cake Contest, MoR mx. Signal rode the GY pile for several minutes. (JL)

1500 WTOP DC Washington, 9/28 0034-0048 Tail end of rx report by CBS correspondent Nelson Benton, report on San Diego air disaster, PSA for safe driving, wx. Signal fade, then: "WTOP Sports Time - 12:48." Signal poor, steamrolled by XERH; heavy QRM. (JL)

1530 KFBK CA Sacramento, 9/25 0340-0401 American Enterprise Inst. pgm, ID: "This is the 50,000 watt News Voice of Northern California, KFBK, Sacramento, News 15", CBS News. Signal fair but steady w/ occasional test ID's from WCKY. (JL)

*WCRJ*FL* Jacksonville, 9/20 0120-0130 "This is WCRJ in Jacksonville, FL testing." Stn then silent except for occasional TT's -OC mixing w/ WCKY. (JL)

1540 KXEL IA Waterloo, 9/24 0445-0454 cw mx, ID, Football scores, wx (temp. 52°). Signal intermittent, mixing w/ KRXV and others. (JL) //(BPS)

WLOI IN Laporte, 9/7 1859-1901 RS, very poor u/ ID, much slop and QRM. Daytime catch.

1550 WJIL IL Jacksonville, 9/5 2015-2016 s/off, poor u/ lotsa QRM, very fluttery, just got ID, poor. (BPS)

WCVL IN Crawfordsville, 9/25 1935 Good briefly in mess w/ ad for truck stop & ID, cw.

WSAO MS Senatobia, 9/18 2016 S/off, //(JA) bombing in w/ clear signals, good audio besides strong carrier, audio runs to 15 kHz, this rather odd? (BPS)

*KGMO*MO* Cape Girardeau, 9/18 0100-0103 "This is KGMO, 1550 kHz, conducting a test." 50's mx. Signal fragmented by QRM but strong at times. (JL)

WWQM WI Madison, 9/5 2015 S/off, very poor u/ WJIL, just got call letters, "Mad...". New calls, ex-WMAD. (BPS) (Almost two years now, so not really brand new-ed)

1560*WYZD*NC* Dobson, 9/21 0126-0207 Fair to good on ET w/ various types of mx (Elvis, Willie Nelson, Charlie Rich, etc.); short, abrupt cuts to OC; and IDs (some w/ TC) at roughly 30-minute intervals; per call to stn, this one is apparently brand new and was testing prior to officially going on the air; rptd. (SAM)

1570 WOKZ IL Alton, 9/15 2015 S/off, poor/fair w/ legal ID. I've noticed a lot of stns no longer have a legal ID in their s/off, this legal? (BPS) (No!-ed)

KUXL MN Golden Valley, 9/22 2028 S/off, poor w/ lotsa QRM-CFOR, just got calls. (BPS)

1580 KPIK CO Colorado Springs, (tentative) 9/25 2115 S/off, heard mention of CO Springs along w/ garbled call like "KPIA". KPIK still KPIK? (BPS)

KCHA IA Charles City, 9/262029-2030 S/off, XInt s/ strong signals, 100% readability, don't know why not logged before. (BPS)

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Coming up next week in CDXR: Some general guidelines for reporting. Don't miss it, it could change your reporting style! 73 until then.

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western dx roundup

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 GE TRF long-range portable, 95117
 SM-2

550 KMVI HI, Wailuku 0358 10/2 classical mx (Victor Herbert's March of Toys), ID, then into more classical mx. Heard s/off at 0558. Good. (RCJ-WA)

600 KSXO CA, Redding 10/2 0220 very weak u/CJOR, KOGO nulled. "K-6-0" slogan, rr mx. (RW)

620 KIPA HI, Hilo 0405 10/2 listened full 20 min to consecutive rr mx before ID, hair spray commercial. Fair o/QRM. (RCJ-WA)

670 *KBOI* ID, Boise 10/2 0323 noted testing. (RW)

770 KXA WA, Seattle 10/1 0924 good w/ad for restaurant in Vancouver, piano concerto of "I Left my Heart in San Francisco." KOB had already faded out. (RW-CA)

960 KOOL AZ, Phoenix 9/30 0239 good in KABL null w/secretarial job offer, phone 271-5216 in Tempe. (RW-CA)

980 (KFWB) CA, Los Angeles 10/2 0311 noted totally off, CKNW & unID preacher in there. Preacher not CKRM, don't know who, KMBZ? (RW-CA)

990 KTYD CA, Santa Barbara 9/26 2200 weak w/ KKIS nulled. S/off mentioned "sunrise to sunset operation" into chant-type song "Ah-ah-e-ah-I-oh!" (RW-CA)

990 KNIN TX, Wichita Falls 9/25 0825 ID, then top 40 mx. Quickly faded. (DG-OR)

1000 WQTY AL, Montgomery 9/25 0730 s/on o/u KGRI. Heard two excellent ID's. (DG-OR)

1000 KTOK OK, Oklahoma City 9/25 0750 w/several mentions of Oklahoma City, and C&W mx. Unneeded. (DG-OR)

1000 KGRI TX, Henderson 9/25 0711 ID w/C&W mx. This was supposedly on a PSA of 15.9 watts!!! Not a bad signal, considering that! (DG-OR)

1010 KXEG AZ, Tolleson 0855 9/28 sports nx, ID "XEG-ten-ten" heard again 0450 only fair both times, religious program. (RCJ-WA)

+10/9 0359 "wx for the valley" (temp 84°), SS ID, EE ID, MST TC, & into relig. show. Fair & easy to copy. (BH-WA)

1010 KIQUI CA, San Francisco 0908 9/28 "K-101" slogan, bumper-sticker promotion, and auto parts store commercial. Fair. (RCJ)

1040 *WHO* IA, Des Moines 10/1 0456 ET'ing w/"gay 90's" type mx. Also ET'ed w/big band mx later on. 2nd week in a row; o/KPOI. (RW-CA)

1050 *KOFY* CA, San Mateo 10/9 0322 popped on o/XEG, CFGP, etc. w/guy klunking the mike, saying "Fest, 1,2," ID "making technical adjustments." All in EE.(BH-WA)

1140 *KRAK* CA, Sacramento 10/2 0345 ET'ing w/ "Swing Country" mx, strange sounding.(RW)

1150 *KPLS* CA, Santa Rosa 10/1 0446 ID at 0445, then TT until 0446 tune-out, o/everything. (RW-CA)

1150 CKIQ BC, Kelowna hrd on top of KAYO at 0040 on 10/8 w/ID & song by Arlo Guthrie.(BB)

1190 CFSL SK, Weyburn 10/8 0605 & 0644 hrd "SL Radio" slogan and CFSL promo. During KEX SP. (JJ-WA)

1220 KASY WA, Auburn 1100 9/28 much-wanted & hard to get. Nx & commercial for Jim's Meats. Poor to fair, much QRM from partially nulled CKDA. (RCJ-WA)

1240 KSUE CA, Susanville 9/27 2300 ID as "This is KSUE and KSUE-FM in Susanville." (DG-OR)

1260 KTEE ID, Idaho Falls 9/25 2145 s/off ID. Good, o/KMCM. (DG-OR)

1270 KCVL WA, Colville 9/25 2147 ID popped out of nowhere u/KBAM, CHWK. (DG-OR)

1280 KIT WA, Yakima 10/9 0434 heard somebody w/Jepko, tuned back 0500 for KIT ID & KIT nx. Usual good sig w/KBDF nulled. Looks like we spoke too soon about KIT's MM SP, hi (see 10/7 WDXR).(BH-WA)

1320 KGNR CA, Sacramento 10/1 0254 good w/KCPX nulled & CHQM wiped out by cx. Pop mx, so evidently "Newsradio" doesn't mean all-nx. (BH-WA)

1330 KUPL OR, Portland noted this & KEKR-1490 carrying Trailblazer games, KYTE having dropped them. (DG-OR)

1330 ?KMBI? WA, Spokane 9/27 heard something down in a tight null of KUPL, and it was gone after 2215, which is KMBI's s/off time, but no ID's hrd. (DG-OR)

1340 KIST CA, Santa Barbara 9/13 0900 call letters popped through & faded out. Not complete ID. Poor. (RCJ-WA)

1370 KAST OR, Astoria 9/26 1001 lumber yard commercial, fair to good. Not complete ID. (RCJ-WA)

1380 WLCY FL, St. Petersburg 10/5 0516-0555 dominant u/KRKO's TT w/rock and frequent ID's. (JJ-WA) (Thanks for the phone tip, Jef. Unfortunately we didn't get it--too much KGMS.--NH)

1380 *KRKO* WA, Everett 10/5 0510-0555 at least. ET'ing for PoP w/various tones. Lynne Sloan new CE. (JJ-WA)

1390 KGER CA, Long Beach 9/25 0806 ID & then into religious program. Is this station 24 hours? (DG-OR)

1390 *KSLM* OR, Salem testing on 9/25 w/several ID's around 0600. Not sure how long the testing lasted. (DG-OR)

1400 KSPT ID, Sandpoint 9/25 2243 w/ID as "KSPT, Sandpoint." (DG-OR)

1400 KFTN UT, Provo 9/24 0301 SID "KFTN, Provo." I didn't catch the ID at first, but heard it when I went back o/the tape. (DG-OR)

1440 WBUY NC, Lexington 10/5 0623 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrd wx check for Lexington & phoned to verify. Too much mud to hear anything else from them. State #41. (JJ-WA)

1440 ?WHIS? WV, Bluefield 10/5 0658-0700. Tentative. Heard nx & sports at :58 and singing jingle at 0700 w/musical notes E^bE^bE^b C E^bE^b Dou-ble-you/H-I-S. Sound familiar to any of you EC members? (JJ-WA)

1460 KGAA WA, Kirkland 9/25 2208 barely got an ID out of this one, as KMWX was really killing it. (DG-OR)

1470 KWIV WY, Douglas 0731 9/18 noted s/on w/ full details after unID vocal anthem. Fair strength but murky audio due to CJVB OC. (NHP-BC)

1480 KRED CA, Eureka 10/7 0901 "This is KRED" thru the hash & faded u/CHUB; heard again 1039 w/many fades, mx poor to fair. (RCJ-WA) (CHUB is on 15701?--NH)

1480 KONI UT, Spanish Fork 9/29 0857 surprise (expected KRED) s/on w/SSB then local

nx, faded into mx, faded back w/nx about the Mormon Church. Fair. (RCJ-WA)

1510 WLAC TN, Nashville 10/2 0350 definite now instead of tentative. Sports commentary o/u KGA OC w/local KXRX-1500 off. ID after commentary "15-W-LAC!" good signal at peaks, but generally poor-fair.(RW) +Heard here the past several MM's, w/KGA off. Is KGA's SP permanent? (DG-OR)

1520 WKEW NY, Buffalo 9/25 0500-? alone here w/ KYXI & KOMA both off. Good signal at times. (DG-OR)

1560 *KKAA* SD, Aberdeen 9/25 0510 ID'd as "KKAA, Aberdeen conducting equipment tests only." (DG-OR)

Oct. f/c's heard per the list:

1st MM: KGHL-790 MT (RW-CA)
KQIK-1230 OR (RW-CA)

UNID's:

570 *UNID* KGRT? 10/2 0222-0225 unID TT in KLUB null, looping SE u/KLAC & KVI. Not KCNO, but KGRT would fit. (RW-CA)

960 *UNID* KFLN? 9/27 0223-0225 TT in KABL null looping NE. QRM from CFAC, KOOL & KAYK. ID at 0225 as "K??N or M concluding equipment tests" then off. (RW-CA)

An UNID ID'ed:
Mark Bixby's unID in 9/6/78 WDXR was probably KGAK, 1330 Gallup, NM. Peter MacDonald was a candidate for re-election as Navajo Tribal Chief, so the non-EE lang. was Navajo. Gallup is only station near enough to the Navajo Reservation to be carrying a political ad. KHYT, Tucson, AZ is day-time only and, besides, that's too far from the Reservation. (Thanks to Kenneth Carr of El Paso, Tx for ID'ing one of our WDXR UNID's.--NH)

Some very good catches listed in WDXR this week! Thanks to all who reported. We're weekly now with WDXR deadlines each Thursday (except some "odd" days during the holidays). Hope to hear from you if you live west of parallel 110. 73.

UNIDS:

550 *UNID* 9/13 0254 KBOW Butte, MT possibly the one w/TT u/KOAC looping NNE. Even NSP'ers have to test sometime, hi.(RW)

640 UNID 9/17 0631 unID w/classical mx noted w/KFI totally off, mixing w/CMQ. Would WOI be on at this time? (RW-CA)

790 *UNID* 9/13 0222 KFYO Lubbock, TX possibly the one w/TT u/KABC looping toward TX/AZ. Off & on at 0225 and 0226, then TT gone at 0227 (off). Good cx to TX make KFYO a possibility. Only KCEE other station in that direction that makes sense, but they would be weaker. (RW-CA)

860 *UNID* 9/24 0530-0545 unID TT well u/KTRB. TT started at 0530 but soon faded out and came back 5 minutes later, but OC then. Looped ENE. Off at 0545 w/no ID. (RW-CA)

890 UNID 9/18 0755 who is preaching about a relig. rehabilitation house here? It's the second time heard, but no IDs. Gave P.O. Box in Dallas. Is Utah on here now? (JJ-WA)

900 UNID 9/15 0248 unID w/preacher in EE in CJVI null. Soon faded out. Possibly XEW but have never heard them play EE. (RW-CA)

950 UNID 9/17 0816 unID w/accented preacher in EE, then hymns u/XEGM, soon gone w/unID C&W taking its place. KJR nulled. (RW-CA)

1030 UNID 9/18 0550 rr mx w/EE DJs. I also made out an ad for Mobil Oil. Thought I had WBZ, until WBZ s/on at 0600 wiped out everything. KTWO off. (SMM-CA)

1480 UNID 9/18 0542-0620 "Jazz Album Countdown" show. Who carries it? Looped east-west. (JJ-WA)

1550 *UNID* 9/18 0341 unID TT u/KRGO & KGAR, looping toward ND. KQWB possible. (RW-CA)

1560 *UNID* 9/18 0311 unID ET'er w/classical mx, looping ENE. Good cx to NY area that night makes WQXR a prime suspect.(RW)

1600 UNID 9/14 0900 SSB heard but s/on buried in QRM. At least one SS strn w/mx, presumed to be KGST. Possible other strn w/SS talk. (JJ-WA)

1600 UNID 9/14 0905 strong carrier noted
switched on but no IDs or audio.
N/S loop. KOHI? (JJ-WA)

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Niel Wolfish-15 Donwoods Grove-Toronto, ON M4N 2X4
Greetings from T.O. (or should I say "WHTD, What Happened To DX?" Land), where some DX would be appreciated. Over the bumper, I mean summer, I got WWVG (ex WAXC) w/a cheapo form letter, CHYM for 570, WMMN 920, WSPD 1370 w/card, and local yokel CJJD; the last three sent CMs and CHYM sent 2 bumper stickers. On the listening side--at home when the A Index was 3(5²)[figure it out], I caught HIJB on 830 and lots of Fidel's boys and an UNID SS on 1530 as well as the Mexican twins, XERF & XEDM 1570/1580. The next MM 9/4 I DXed w/Doug Miske at his place in the tent...results--WCNC f/c, WKTY 580, CKY 580, a WIND early s/off, a regular WKTY s/off, and XEMO alone w/out Radio Clarin. Doug slept through XEMO and regrets that I didn't wake him up. (I probably have to wake you up, right JZ?)(zzzzz, huh?-jz) Lastly, I would like to solicit for any recent T40 survey charts and bumper/window stickers. In return, I can give lots of CKOC charts, other charts and non-radio stickers like Dept. of Transportation & Canadian Cancer Society, as well as CBC and CHUM and others. I have said enough. Write me. 3(5²)-2's de N-I-E-L.

Douglas Miske-128 Mossgrove Trail-Toronto, ON M2L 2W5
Wouldn't you know it - as soon as I sent in my last DXF, I got my new RF-2200. I love it! What a rx! Despite the fact that the calibration isn't (and can't be) perfect, I at least know where I am. It's actually very accurate, except after 1510, where they have to start cramming the readout so it would fit. The AM gyro antenna on top is very effective, unless you're over 20 feet above the ground (I am, so I tend to DX downstairs). I was in FL in July & August. Interesting DX, but only if you can speak SS, hi. Got airchecks and SC's. Will trade for SC's or stickers. While on the subject, I now have 50 odd CKY "fun spots", and several 13-CFRW "win stickers". Will trade for most anything. On my trip, I crowned a new slop champ...WPTR 1450-1640 kHz! And I had the RF-2200 on narrow bandspread! Also, I feel that there should be crabbing about raising dues. Look...we've got a large bulletin because of excellent club member participation, as there's "Reflections", the technical column, etc. However, I don't feel that a booklet format is good. How about punching holes into your DXM and using a binder? A lot cheaper in the long run. Look what we've got going for us - a great club, great members, administration, etc. Inflation gets us all, and great things aren't cheap. 73.

Mike Brooker-245 Old Forest Hill Road-Toronto, ON M6C 2H5

Hello everyone, hello everywhere (to borrow a phrase from Tom Meyer of Radio Nederland's Happy Station). DX got a shot in the arm (antenna?) last night, when I heard WUST-1120 Eting. I was listening to Jim White on KMOX when I heard someone playing "Miss You". A quick flip of the gyro antenna on my RF-2200, and KMOX was partially nulled. I got lucky with WUST - if I didn't listen to KMOX every night, I'd never have heard them. Not too many veries to hit the mailbox this summer - just WFMJ-1390, WBCB-1490, KQWB-1550, WYSL-1400, and WWBZ-1360. CFRW was off the last week in August. They were off for the last week in August last year, too. But unlike in '77, when I got CBU, this year CFRW's annual SP came in the midst of a killer aurora, so all I got was a Costa Rican split on 675 (but who's complaining - it's a new country on MW). Ignore what I said about the Argos in my last Forum! They're 3-5 now, and have stunk the joint out in their last three games. Well, I can't think of any new mathematical or linguistic equivalents of 73, so I'll leave it at 73's de MB.

DON'T FORGET--- Daylight Savings Time ends next week for most of us here in the Northern Hemisphere next Sunday. For those in Australia, New Zealand and Chile, DST starts on Sunday. I wonder what Bill Block has planned this year for the time change. I don't think I've awakened from last year. (Yawn!)

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Mark Connelly-52 Amsden St.-Arlington, MA 02174
(continued from last DXM) To other matters - has anyone tested out the new Realistic DX-300 SWL rx w/digital readout? I'm particularly interested in its LW/MW performance. It seems that TRF modification articles have been coming out quite regularly - maybe NRC & IRCA could collaborate to compile them in a "DXers Guide to the TRF" in a DX News style pamphlet. This would include Bobbit's piece and the 2 Barfield/Thomas articles, possibly also my muse in 19 Dec. '77 DXN/17 Dec. '77 DXM, and my "Travelling DXer" article. Other pertinent musings/forums should be included - criticisms of the TRF, etc. Now a word to you TA fans: are you gearing up for the Nov. change-over? Let's start massive monitoring and reporting, even of "routine" stations, so that all members can keep abreast of changes as they occur. Overseas reports will be especially useful. Foxworth, Eckman, Bailey, Nelson, Dunn, DeLorenzo, Cooper, Kazaross, Barstow, Schatz and the rest of you - tweak up those receivers, roll those tapes, & report those catches. Organize Beverage-at-the-beach DXpeditions. Last item- tape offers: NA DX from New Zealand by John Allchin and Irish/English locals by Mike McGovern. Each tape is 90 minutes. Please send cassettes and 30¢ or an IRC per tape for postage. Allow 60 to 90 days for delivery. 73 & good DX, Mark - WA1ION.

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(continued from last DXM)
Feeling hungry I ate a banana
The TRF pulled in CMQ Havana
While waiting in line at my bank teller
A voice said, "Hier ist die Deutsch Welle"
Sailing last night on the St. Lawrence Sea
I faintly picked up England's BBC
At a bar drinking a bottle of Tuborg
I enjoyed rock'n'roll from Luxembourg
As my can opener was opening a can
A romantic voice said, "This is Radio Milan"
After bringing my suit to the tailor
I settled back to hear Venezuela
It was time for bed so I took my pill
And sure enough, in came Brazil!

Michael Dornier-1304 Airline Park Blvd.-Metairie, LA 70003 (cont. from last DXM)

XERYU runs until 11:30pm local time, later than any other station; it appears that most are off by 11pm, since the local dial was dead by 11:15p, other than for XERYU. I visited them; the station is in a penthouse atop the three story University building in the heart of the city, with a freshly painted tower and neatly laid ground radials stretching over the traditional courtyard (the university building is a four-sided one with balconies on each story above a large central patio). This may sound micky mouse, but I've been around US radio stations, and the radials are a heckuva lot better than three stations I can name here. XEQW 560 "La Poderosa" runs ranchero music; XEZ at 600 seems to be the prestige station; XEMH 1150 is "Doble R-F", while XEMQ 1240 runs parallel to shortwave XEQM with constant IDs as "Tus Panteras", with frequent "M-Q y Q-M" IDs and automated music at night for the young. I saw what appears to be the longwire for XEQM about a block or two off the zocalo, or town square. (continued in next DXM)

Paul Mount-35½ W. Columbus St.-Nelsonville, OH 45764-(614) 753-3280, 7-8am & 10:30pm-12:30am best

I had a great time at the NRC convention and auction in Atlanta, and the 20 hour bus ride down wasn't bad either. The only problem was that I went 850 miles away from 1A clear 50kw WABC, 3 miles away, only to find another 50kw 1A clear across the street. Although I'm not really new to IRCA, I can say that I've just started DXing--the move to Nelsonville starts a new log. It's nice to log 43 new stations in a night, after having heard approximately 515 in Teaneck NJ over 6-odd years. Teaneck totals were 515/35d/7/15 heard, 230/33d/5/6 verified. I generally stopped writing for veries in 1975. Next time I'll tell you about Nelsonville. I would like to hear from any DXers in the area. Be sure to include the ½ in the address; do not call and ask why. I've been having trouble with the Sanyo; it won't work on good batteries. One person diagnosed it this way--one of the sleigh rods is out of skew on the treadle. If you know what that means, I'd like to know, too. Good luck to the DXers I leave in Bergen county, and good luck to you this season. 73 & FDU.

C.M. Stanbury II-Box 218-Crystal Beach, ON LOS 1BO
 The E layer figures in the 9/23 Reflections should prove very useful to MW DXers; however, there are two additional factors which must be radiated. (1) Many antennas, probably most, do not radiate effectively below 5 degrees. (2) The E layer cutoff frequency for the F2 mode can be well below the E MUF; e.g., take a 6,000 km (3,750 miles) path with E vertical incidence critical frequency of 250 kHz: the E MUF is 1600 kHz, but the F2 cutoff is down around 1100 kHz. Assuming poor radiation below 5 degrees, possible modes are 5 hop E and 3 hop F2. The F2 mode will be stronger because of fewer contact points with the earth and roughly similar E layer absorption. As E layer ionization drops, a probably prerequisite for very distant reception, E layer absorption becomes less and less of a factor. Thus, if on exceptional nights the E vertical incidence critical frequency drops below 250 kHz - E layer vertical penetration has been noted below 30 kHz by the USAF - distant F2 reception would be possible on all BCB frequencies.

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MIKE HARDESTER-CPAD Box ME-FPO SEATTLE, WA. 98770
 Greetings. My wife and I just returned from a 15 day trip to the Philippines and S. Korea. Little time to DX, but did get some pics of stations. Visited the Korean Broadcasting System where we were interviewed for a program to air in late Sept or early Oct. One point of interest to foreign DXers might be the fact that the English Service of KBS has one (1) person who sends out QSLs!! The KBS studios are probably as modern as any broadcasting service in the world and utilize computer programming for modestic MW transmissions. For those DXers planning on reporting to stations in the Philippines or S. Korea, the following might be of interest: Philippines: post card reply cost 1.20 pesos or US 17¢; 10 gram (.35 ounce) airmail letter is 2.30 pesos or US 32¢. S. Korea is unreal w/an airmail letter, also 10 grams, to the USA/canada/mexico costing 260 won or US 54¢!...and we think we have it bad. I was advised the Korea rate had been set only several months ago and will most likely change again around the New Year (1979). Only 211 days remaining on "the rock" and then back to the States! At least I'll get a shot at the 23 Nov. 9kHz frequency switch which I'll report on as I gather off-air monitoring information. If nothing else, I may get to hear some North American stations. Also, a 1000ft/304.8 metre Beverage is planned later this year or early next year...as soon as some land is found to accomodate the space required. A closing note: 10 gram airmail letter to North America is ¥120 or US 64¢, and for what it's worth, a Japanese IRC costs ¥140 or US 75¢. Best of DX and Very 73!

DAVE ROGERS-BOX 74-BUFFALO, OK. 73934
 Greetings. For those interested in VIF DXing, I thought I'd mention I'm now in charge of maintaining the non-directional beacon at the Buffalo airport. The station's identifier is "BFF" and transmits continuously on 215 kHz w/a power of 25 watts into a flat type antenna. If anyone should pick up BFF I would be happy to verify a ppc if they would provide information on what they heard, interference, reception ox, etc. Incidentally, the station call letters are not BFF. Looking at the station license the assigned call is WCF4, and "BFF" is listed as the "identifier". So apparently these type stations do have legal calls assigned which are never transmitted over the air. Speaking of call letters, if one looks through a BCB logbook they will find many 3-letter calls aren't assigned to broadcasting. For example, there's a KOA and KOB listed, but no KOC. Were these other call issued to some other service? (Often, they are, Dave-rth). I know some old stations like KNBR had 3-letter calls (KNBR was KPO I believe) (Yee-rth), but this doesn't account for all of them. Apparently the FCC won't issue a 3-letter call to a station at the present time unless they had a 3-letter at one time in the past. WRRS FM affiliate kept the WRR call so maybe the AM had to get a different call if they are now under different ownership. 73 and Good DX. (A stn can return to a 3 letter call even w/an ownership change; KRE 1400 Berkeley to KPAT, then changed ownership and went back to KRE, same was true w/WHN, to WMGM, was sold and went back to WHN, etc-rth).

ROBERT WIEN-945 DESERT ISLE DR-SAN JOSE, CA. 95117
 New piece of equipment here, namely SM-2. 14 new stations to date w/it, including such notable as: CFQC 600, CMQ 640 (w/KFI off), XEPS 710, YNX 750, KNOM & CMGY 780, KIKI 830, Belize 834, HJBI 840, KAIM 870 (test), CMAF 880, HJCE 890, KKIM 1000. Verie back from KKIM so far, sending reports to HJCE, XEPS, YNX, KNOM, and CMAF. Also, one verie back from KTRH 740, nice QSL. My totals are now standing at 721 heard, 348 veried. Also have seen the new members in DXM, one in Santa Clara & Salinas. Need some "new blood" to correspond with, only Kanaya in this area. I haven't seen Bill Harang in well o/2 or more mos., but I heard talk that he moved to Olympia, WA., or somewhere around there, wonder if he's moved there yet? That's one less member in the area to correspond with (ex-IRCA member.). Anyway, on to other things. If anybody's seen my Musing in NRC DXN, my coverage map deal is still good. I have 110 CMs from various area. I'll send anybody a list w/a SASE of what I have, and any maps they'd care to have a photocopy can write me back w/the correct amount enclosed (10¢ per copy, no more 5¢ copiers in this area, too much inconvenience for me to go to professional copying places as I'm burdened by "college work" now). I've got possible stuff for the possible upcoming "IRCA Almanac", a series of LPRT maps, first must get copyright clearance from various sources, 1 clearance so far. That's line limit. 73.

RICHARD WRIGHT-5276 L ST-SACRAMENTO, CA. 95819
 (cont from last DXM). He told me that despite listings to the contrary, XEGM 950 Tijuana, XETRA 690 Tijuana, and his XEPRS all operate DA1 rather than DA2, DA2 and DA-N respectively, and that XED 1050 Mexicali sometimes fails to reduce their power to 1kw at LSS, as they are required to do, causing his XEG on the same frequency problems. He also said that XEG operates DA-N w/its main lobe oriented 020°, w/our area pretty well nulled out, and its daytime power is only 10kw, w/150kw kicking in at 6.30PM (presumably CLT). We got into a discussion of the old days (I was a BCB DXer out of Chicago from 1937-1941, but just resumed the hobby early this year) during which he said that his standby XR at XEG was the old WLS/WENR XR near Chicago until he bought it in 1959. WLS bought it in 1925 from KYA San Francisco, who bought it new in 1922. He also recalled Doc Brinkley's famous 500kw XR which operated years ago as XERA in Villa Acuna, Coah., across from Del Rio, TX. The XR is now at XEW in Mexico City, and its CE, a Sr. Rosa, is CE at XEG. Incidentally, I note that I failed in my second paragraph to indicate that the correct location of XKEG is Tolleson (not Callison), AZ, a suburb of Phoenix to the West. (Welcome to IRCA, Richard, and please feel free to report often. Where do I sent reception report to XKEG? Sent mine to Tolleson and it was returned, "Address Unknown"-Rth).

RICK HEALD-1581 20th AVENUE-SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94122
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 Howdy folks! One more that Dave, sometimes a stn under new owners want to create a new image and hence change calls. This is a bit extreme, but CBS's new show, WKRP, a good example. From elevator mx to rock, so they change the calls because the new owner wants to public to know the stn for present format rather than the old. I love the calls, W-KRP. certainly befits the prgm, hi! Been getting up early and checking for TP reception. Hawaii as always, in strong, this morning, 10/06, fair reception for Japan and china, N. Korea 655 could have been good, but KNBR's slop was overbearingly strong. Can't wait for the 9 kc freq change and the hets it will create all over the dial. The pirate in Bolinas might be off by now, haven't hrd them lately. Night they were so strong, I could see the lighthouse at Bolinas, some 20km to the NW over the water (about 2km from town) and their signal cooked. But as soon as signal passed the coastal hills, signal dropped dramatically. Much weaker at Segalas' place, Kaskey couldn't hear 'em, but Jim Korn had 'em, and made it (barely) to Oakland. Poor Kaskey, he now lives just below the hills on E side of town, and gone is HI and TPs, before when I lived nearby me, he could get rid of KEST 1450, hear KPQ w/KSFO 560, null KYA 1260. Now he has a nice view of the city and Eastbay, as well as lovely views of KEST, KSFO & KYA! Good going Kaskey, hi! Also, have noticed lately, KXLF clobbering semi-local KEEN 1370 at LSS, but on E side of town, no sign of KXLF. Those hills really do the job of subduing local groundwave. Will be in Puerto Rico for vacation, so no WDXF deadline on 19 OCT, that week will be skipped. Remember, weekly deadlines now on every Thursday. DX, report, and contribute to your club, it's only as good as you make it. See y'all later 73 and Good DX de Rth.

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"MISTAKE" DXing. Alert DXers can often get rare catches by tuning around at sunrise and sunset to watch for stations coming on too early or staying on too late with daytime facilities.

I was reminded of this on 10/1/78 when one of my locals stayed on 40 to 50 minutes past sunset, when the DJ forgot that sunset in October was an hour earlier than it had been for that station in September, the day before.

With DST ending on 10/29/78, this might be a good time to remind oldtime DXers about this aspect of DXing, and also tell newer DXers about it.

Many of you know that sunrise and sunset times for AM broadcast stations in the U.S. are based on sunrise and sunset on the 15th day of each month, rounded off to the nearest 15 minutes, and used for the entire month. The FCC computes this time for each station, and lists the times in each AM station's license. The popular "Sunrise-Sunset Maps" for the 12 months of the year, sold through the IRCA Goodie Factory, are based on these FCC calculations.

Generally, stations stick to the sunrise/sunset times in their licenses. Daytimers are usually accurate within a minute, and fulltimers that have power and/or pattern changes from daytime to nighttime are usually fairly close to the licensed times. But, during the first few days of a new month, and especially when Daylight Saving Time (DST) begins and ends, some stations make mistakes.

Basically, mistakes can be caused by traffic errors or deejay errors. Traffic errors occur when the station's Traffic Department (the people who prepare and type the program logs) forget to change the time for "Power Increase," "Pattern Change," "Sign-Off," etc. on the log. These errors happen usually only on the first day or two of the month, and are sometimes caught by the deejay on duty but occasionally slip through.

Even when the log is typed correctly by the Traffic Department, the deejay may make a mistake. He may be used to "Power Increase," "Pattern Change," "Sign-Off," etc. being at a certain time during his deejay shift, and when it suddenly pops up at a different time he may overlook it. Since different people often fill in as weekend deejays, and these weekend people are often less experienced, they also have an opportunity to make mistakes on their own Saturday or Sunday shifts.

Actually, it makes no difference to the DXer whether the mistake was on the log or caused by the deejay, because the result is still the same - the station may start using its daytime facilities (day power and pattern) earlier than it should, or later than it should. Or it may sign off (if it's a daytimer) or switch to night power/pattern too early or too late. Note that this sometimes works in your favor: If one of your pests signs on too late or signs off too early, it opens up the frequency to sunrise/sunset skip catches you wouldn't otherwise hear.

Most likely to make the mistakes during the first few days of a month are the fulltime stations. Also in this category are daytime AM stations that simulcast a fulltime FM station, where "AM Sign-Off" is done at a different time each month but otherwise the station's programming is unchanged. The staff at most daytime AM-only stations is usually very aware of the changing sign-off times each month, although a new employee in the Traffic Department or on the weekends could cause a little havoc.

One source of errors could be sign-on during the spring and summer. In many parts of the U.S., local sunrise is 6am or earlier starting in March or April. This means that stations with a fixed 6am sign-on (daytimers with pre-sunrise authority, plus fulltimers signing on at 6am) will start signing on with full daytime facilities at 6am. In August or September, when sunrise is once again later than 6am, the morning deejay may be in the habit of signing on with full daytime power, and accidentally begin August or September (as the case may be) with full power at 6am when he should be using nighttime or presunrise power. Naturally, this station will get out better than it would if it were using the more restrictive nighttime or presunrise facilities.

The beginning and ending of DST also can cause a good number of blunders. For one thing, there's inevitably someone who forgets to change his clock, so he shows up an hour late on the last Sunday in April and signs on late. Or, if he shows up and the studio clock is still on Standard Time, he might do the power increase or whatever an hour late! The odds are, however, that somebody would set the poor guy straight before sign-off time. But suppose that the Traffic Department forgot about DST and left everything on the log in Standard Time. Then, the station might start using daytime facilities at 5:30am DST rather than 5:30am Standard Time! Likewise, it could sign off or go to night facilities at 7:00pm DST rather than 7:00pm Standard Time! Since many American stations are using full power before 6am Standard Time in April, but in many cases sunrise will revert to just past 6am DST for the final one-to-seven days of April, this could be interesting!

Mistakes at the end of DST, on the last Sunday in October, will be even more noticeable, because the DX season is in full swing by then and skip conditions in late October are much better than in late April. Imagine everything we just mentioned, except in reverse order. The sign-on man on the last Sunday of October might show up an hour early for work. If the studio clock has been changed, he'll just be mad. But if the studio clock has not been changed, he might sign on an hour too early and/or switch to daytime facilities an hour early! Or, if the log is done in DST by mistake, the sign-off time might be listed an hour too late. More than once, I have heard a station listed for a 6:30pm DST sign-off in October staying on the air till 6:30pm Standard Time on the last Sunday in October - putting them on the air a full hour past legal sunset and maybe $1\frac{1}{4}$ or $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours past real sunset, because it's late in the month - it's almost as good as a DX Test!

In practice, fewer than 1% of America's AM stations will actually make such serious mistakes on the day DST begins or ends, or at the beginning of any given month. But the opportunities are there, so if you can try a little sunrise/sunset DXing at those times, be alert for signals you don't usually hear at that hour. It just might be your most-wanted station, making a mistake!

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Domestic Heard	Points	Stns	S&P	Mystery
Wolfish, Niel	92	18	10	1
No entries: S. Anderson, J. Clemmer, F. Colella, R. Eddie, D. Fontanez, N. Hardy, W. Hardy, W. Harms, I. Meyers, L. Morby, R. Morby, B. Mittler, F. Nolan, B. Portzer.				

Domestic Verified	Points	Stns	S&P	Mystery
Wolfish, Niel	1	1	1	-
No entries: J. Clemmer, F. Colella, R. Eddie, D. Fontanez.				

Foreign Heard
No entries: R. Eddie, N. Hall-Patch, N. Hardy, W. Hardy, L. Morby, R. Morby, B. Mittler, B. Portzer.

Foreign Verified
No entry: R. Eddie.

These are the standings as of 9/30/78. Next list will be typed 11/1/78. Please use the address above, instead of the one on the list of rules.
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ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 611 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aicoun, very good w/spirited AA flute & violin mx; WGIR mull'd 0129 9/28. (Connelly, MA)
- 665 PORTUGAL, Lisboa, fantastic sig after WNBC s/off 0500 9/25 w/mx by YL good til WNBC CC/TT 0530. (Strauss)
- 765 SENEGAL, Dakar, outstanding loud during a period of almost no low-band domestic skip. AA talk, then native vocals & strings 2356 9/26. (Connelly, MA)
- 818 ANDORRA, Sud R., xlt 0515 9/25 w/pop mx, YL FF ancr, morning type pgm. (Strauss, NJ)
- 818 MOROCCO, Rabat, at monster level w/AA violins 0114 9/27. (Connelly, MA)
- 854 SPAIN Murcia, 0525 9/25 fair w/SS OM talk, inst mx. (Strauss, NJ)
- 1205 FRANCE, Bordeaux, 0545 9/25 OM FF talk poor. (Strauss)
- 1295 ? UNID, probably BBC, 1 kHz TT loud 0118 9/28. (Connelly)
- 1403 GUINEA, Conakry, fair w/talk by man in African lang possibly a rls service 0337 9/27. Strong but flut-tery w/man in FF at low audio level 0105 9/28. (Connelly, MA)
- +There was a massive solar disturbance 9/23, but that night I found Conakry's usual het against 1400 about 0615-0620 9/24, as hrd from Canon City, CO, about 100 mi S. of Denver, the first TA spotted on my new Sony portable (CF-370). This item, costing \$106+tax, I believe is Sony's top-of-the-line AM-FM-cassette combination, & it will go w/me to Hawaii at Christ-mastime. Same Conakry het was noted many summer nights from Denver on HQ-180. (Martin, CO)
- 1466 t MONACO, Monte Carlo, the 1200 kw beastie finally made a solid het 0500 9/20. Had to literally take my radio into the swamp to escape heavy...an impromptu DXpedition, hi. (Baskind, MS) (Only a DXer would be crazy enough to wander around a swamp at night with a radio glued to his ear, hi. bp)
- +Talk & Muzak in bad WLMN buckshot 2358 9/20. (Connelly)
- 1529 VATICAN CITY, R. Vatican, poor w/musical notes (IS?) then talk by woman; too much slop present to discern the language used 0100 9/28. (Connelly, MA)
- 1538 WEST GERMANY, Mainflingen, occasionally getting by WPTZ slop, bits of GG talk, 0059 9/28. (Connelly, MA)
- 1562 t INTERNATIONAL WATERS, rock mx in & out of CHIM splash after WQXR s/off 0515 9/30. (Connelly, MA)
- 1586 WEST GERMANY, Langenberg, WDR, to good peaks but quite flut-tery. '50's style ballad 0055 9/28. (Connelly, MA)
- 1602 WEST GERMANY, Munchen, BR, bits of piano mx & vocal in WUNR slop 0057 9/28. (Connelly, MA)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 540 MEXICO, San Luis Potosi, XEWA, good, dominant, w/ mentions of "servicio Mexicano", SS ad for firm in Monterrey, XEW mention, then telephone #s given 0512 9/30. (Connelly, MA)
- 555 ST. KITTS, Basseterre, ZIZ, fair w/EE talk by man interspersed w/mx 0057 9/27. (Connelly, MA)
- 575*****COSTA RICA, San José, R. Nacional de Costa Rica new here, now running regular pgms w/imposing sig... SIO 545 against local WVMI-570. Flrst hrd 0512 9/23 w/LA pgm. Surprising. (Baskind, MS)
- 610 CUBA, Trinidad, CMHV, fair 0935 9/17 w/Reloj feed // 590, 600. (Baskind, MS)
- 620 NICARAGUA, Managua, YNM, MoR SS mx, "R. (?) Nacional Nicaragua", frequent ID. Good-poor w/QRM from WJDX, WSUN, & unid SS 10/1 0235. (Landry, LA)
- 630 t CUBA, Santa Clara, CMHQ, probably the source of LA mx 0921 10/2; 0926-0927 an 11-note IS on chimes was repeated several times. Haven't yet decided/determined if they're LV de Cuba type. Very weak in jumble w/ OKOV mull'd. (Portzer, WA)
- 640 CUBA, Habana, CMQ, dominant w/R. Liberación ID, SS talk by OM & YL 2359 9/28. (Connelly, MA)
- 640 GUATEMALA, Guatemala, TGW, is "La Emisora del Pueblo". (Baskind, MS)
- +9/2 0128 talk in SS, ID "TGW" 0129, "R. Nacional" & "LV del Pueblo" 0130, followed by talk on Guatemala w/portions of inst mx. Much more reliable here than CMQ, which was easily nulled on wedge. (Worst, TX)
- 650 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Santo Domingo, HIAT, atop channel w/R. Universal ID, TC, slow male SS vocal 0107 9/27. (Connelly, MA)
- 655 EL SALVADOR, San Salvador, 9/2 0150 w/organ mx fol-lowed by bongo drums. ID 0156 "R. Nacional de El Salvador". Weak but clear. (Worst, TX)
- 660 CUBA, Santa Clara, CMHG, doesn't seem to be 24-hr any longer. Usually runs an hour or so of CC in the morn-ing around 0830; hooks into Liberación cadena by 0920. Case in point: 9/17. Dominant mornings & mid-afternoon. (Baskind, MS)
- 660*****HONDURAS, unid location, a new R. Honduras outlet here 77480 etc. Hrd 0400 9/26 o/the Cuban w/"Aqui Honduras" pgm (see 944 log 9/23 same time). Apparently the new govt has set up a national cadena from which attached stns may take a mx feed. I cite the case of R. Pan-american, which still runs its usual pgm w/local IDs. This 660 newie, however, does appear to be full-time //. Will watch for further "Cadena Nacional" affiliations. (Baskind, MS)
- 660 MEXICO, México, XERPM, 9/2 w/Frank Sinatra songs. ID 0200 followed by SS vocals. Strong. (Worst, TX)
- 660 NICARAGUA, Managua, YNAM, R. MI Preferida is now de-funct...I suppose it was inevitable. Tuned in a few weeks ago to hear a rather pathetic & disorganized appeal to "the people's friends in Costa Rica" call-ing for the usual revolutionary stuff. No mx, all emotional talk. Was so caught up I forgot to take notes, hence no time or exact date. Now that's radio. (Baskind, MS) (Ur, yes it is... bp)
- 663.5 ? UNID, Yes it's still here -- some LA, probably Ecuador operating on 4 c-cells, found again 10/4 0824. I'm somewhat embarrassed to mention it but I'm feeling a little lonely being the only DXer who keeps pestering about this one. Would like to have some company from somebody else that there is indeed a LA on this exact freq. About 1450 from Denver. Please will somebody else take a compass bearing on it?? (Martin, CO) (I hrd something on 663.5 several months ago but don't remember which way it looped. bp)
- 675 COSTA RICA, San José, TICH, 0517 10/7 LA mx into annt by man; 0518 "...de R. Sonora" ID hrd during talk, then wiped out by slop. KNER was running basketball which definitely helped. (Bytheway, WA)
- 690 MEXICO, México, D.F., XEN, "R. Mundo, EH-kees eh EH-ney". Mx in SS, Forties-style U.S. pop mx. Sig fair-poor, suffered from QRM barrage 9/26 2258. (Landry)
- 710 MEXICO, Cuahutemoc, Chih., XEDP, a dominant here some evenings. Noted o/KIRO/KMPC w/apparent s/off ID "La Grande XEDP" & location, also hrd kHz 0734 9/23. (Harms)
- 720 COLOMBIA, Barranquilla, HJAN, 0139 9/24 LA mx fair o/u CMGN w/WGN wiped out... (Townshend, DC)
- 720 CUBA, Colón, CMGN, atop, totally dominant, w/SS talk about Cuba, then mx 0002 9/29. Cx were of a short-skip auroral variety. Cubans loud, YV/HJ weak. (Connelly, MA)
- 724.8 COSTA RICA, San José, TILX, 10/8 0452 lively LA mx, "Columbia" intoned o/song 0506, several mentions of "Columbia" between songs 0518. (Bytheway, WA)
- 740 VENEZUELA, Maracaibo, YVNG, good w/female SS vocal mx, then R. Maracaibo ID & repeated use of 2-note doorbell chime 0201 10/2. (Connelly, MA)
- 760 COLOMBIA, Barranquilla, HJAJ, loud w/reverberated RCN & LV de Barranquilla IDs 0251 10/1. (Connelly)
- 760 CUBA, Pinal del Rio, CMCI, TCs & usual Cuban format 9/18 1108. (Pejza, CA) (They're listed as CMCD, Habana, in 1978 WRTM; did I miss something? bp)
- 760 MEXICO, México, DF, XEABC, fanfare & R. Internacional ID fair w/WJR & KFMB mull'd 9/25 1058. (Harms, UT)
- 760 ? UNID, 1100 9/25 SS OM fair, many ments of Mexico & "nacional" or "internacional". Probably XEABC, but "internacional" sounded like context, not ID. (Hall-Patch, BC)
- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, Roadtown, ZEWI, good w/ scream'n' DJ, ad for clubs 0113 9/27. (Connelly, MA)
- 780 CUBA, Camaguey, CMAN, loud w/political SS talk by man 0005 9/29. (Connelly, MA)
- 830*****HONDURAS, Tegucigalpa, HRSR, "R. Moderna" in all eve 9/24 w/decent sig, slight QRM from WCCO, 825, & 831. TC w/cuckoos 0313, several good IDs. (Baskind, MS)
- +0448 9/29, US pop song followed by cuckoos & YL say-ing "R. Moderna...hora", then OM w/TC, jingle, & man telling us that R. Moderna is now 10 kw & (I think) asking for reports. Hefty signal for a few minutes. Also noted 9/30 about this time w/ments of Teguci-galpa & R. Moderna. (Hall-Patch, BC)
- +Local quality at times w/XIKI occasionally popping up 0633-0707 9/30. Had what appeared to be a live concert of Marimba mx by a group called "Marimba Municipal de Comayagua" per frequent anmts by enthusiastic sounding ancr. One R. Moderna ID 0633 & several Tegucigalpa mentions, but also mentioned R. América many times (the slogan listed for HRLP-610) & mentioned other slogans I wasn't alert enuf to catch. Wonder what was going on...? (Portzer, WA)

+Hrd a very clear R. Moderna ID in the jumble 10/4 0246, WCCO mull'd & no sign of the Mexican usually here. Hard to believe it's only 1 kw. (It's now 10 kw, see Nick's tip. bp). Believe this stn also the source of cuckoo notes hrd several times in next 15 mins. (Martin, CO)

+End of LA mx, 3 cuckoos, "R. Moderna" ID by YL, & more cuckoos 0438 10/7. Then man talking w/several mentions of R. Moderna, then mx. Whole thing repeated 0442. (Bytheway, WA)

834 BELIZE, Belize, running SS pgm fair 0116 9/27. (Connolly)

840 COLOMBIA, Santa Matra, HJBI, LA mx 0352 9/28. Call, "Ondas del Caribe", freq, power hrd 0400, short fanfare, then man said "Ondas del Caribe presenta la hora romantica" & into romantic mx. (Bytheway, WA)

+In well but w/frequent short deep fades 10/6 0440-0500, then complete ID, brief bit of mx & promo of sorts w/mention of "Ondas del Caribe", then Colombian NA & off at 0501. No sign of WHAS. (Portzer, WA)

+S/off 0455 10/8 weak. (Cedar, WI)

840 PANAMA, Panamá, HOL80, "R. Libertad, LV de la Revolucion" & Panama ments fading in & out of WHAS 0500 9/29. Sudden fades from 0501. (Hall-Patch, BC)

850 COLOMBIA, Bogotá, HJKC, 0504 10/2 mx in SS by OM fair o/u WEAT. (Townshend, DC)

850 ? UNID, 0210 9/12 hrd rather weak & unintelligible ID: "Transmite...H-F, La emisora de la gran familia... desde Santa...capital..." into old LA mx. Haven't had time to research this one yet. (Baskind, MS)

880 CUBA, Pinar del Rio, CMAR, has returned to this spot; hrd 0455 10/3 w/EZL mx u/Honduras, violent 3.3 Hz SAH between them. All alone after Honduras s/off w/usual lush orchestral mx & YL ancr. (Portzer, WA)

882.8 CUBA, Pinar del Rio, CMAR, assumed the one to good peaks w/festive SS mx 0139 9/28. (Connolly, MA)

+Tropical mx, very good at times, R. Progreso ID 1100 9/18. (Pejza, CA) (Reported as 882.8 by Mark & 883 by FJP. Last issue Eckman reported it as 882 and almost everyone else called it 883. 882.8 was probably where they actually were. bp)

890 COLOMBIA, Bogotá, HJCF, hrd w/"LV de Bogota" ID 0619 & way on top of WLS 10/8. (Block, OR)

+0458 10/2 chimes, ID as "LV de Bogota" by OM, then mx in SS. Fair. (Townshend, DC)

+W/the loon aimed right at Chicago & nothing coming from WLS. hrd Todelar chimes 0315 10/4. (Martin, CO)

900 t BARBADOS, Bridgetown, CBC, assume this the one hrd 0835 9/16 w/Caribbean produced EE rlg's pgm. Note time of reception--no ID audible before 0850 fadeout but I think it's best I withdrew my tentative "Guyana-895" log. My main argument was s/on time; now it seems Barbados is on before the old 0930 spot. If Barbados went GMT-3 it would explain everything. Oh well, will keep tape anyway... (Baskind, MS)

+Briefly o/the pack w/"Dial a dedication" hphone-in pgm 0208 10/2. (Connolly, MA)

900 MEXICO, México, DF, XEW, o/CITS; SS talk including XEW ID, many ads, 0142 9/29. Somewhat rare here. (Connolly, MA)

944 HONDURAS, Tegucigalpa, HRYW, is part of the "Cadena Nacional" per 0410 9/23 tunein. Runs pgm "Aqui Honduras" around this time. (Baskind, MS)

980 CUBA, Habana, CMCK, 0448 10/2 SS songs by male vocals; good w/local WRC off air (PoP test). (Townshend, DC)

990 MEXICO, Monterrey, NL, XET, 0447 10/2 SS song by YL; fair. (Townshend, DC)

990 VENEZUELA, Barquisimeto, YVTA, good w/frequent Tricolor IDs interspersed w/SS mx 0052 10/2. This has become somewhat of a channel dominant (displacing CBY/WZZD/WNOX) w/the upswing in solar activity. (Connolly, MA)

995 ECUADOR, Guayaquil, HCEW2, fair w/plaintive SS vocal; het from something on 0944 0119 9/27. (Connolly, MA)

1000 MEXICO, México, DF, XEOY, 0434 10/2 SS song by OM // XEQ-940, & XEQ-1030. Fair. (Townshend, DC) (What you probably heard was "La Hora Mexicana", which all Mexican stns are supposed to carry Sunday nights. (local time) 0400-0500. bp).

1010 MEXICO, Guadalajara, Jal., XEHL, male ancr referred to stn as "AH-cheh EH-leh", MoR SS mx, fair-good 9/30 0505. (Landry, LA)

1015 EL SALVADOR, San Salvador, YSC, R. Internacional in solidly w/laid-back LA mx 0333 9/26. (Baskind, MS)

1030 CUBA, Camaguey, CMFA, 0027 10/2, SS talk & Dixieland mx 7/CMAC-1020. Fair. (Townshend, DC)

1030 MEXICO, México, DF, XEQR, 0451 10/2, SS talk by OM/YL, USA songs of 40's vintage by Freddy Martin good o/ CMFA. (Townshend, D.C.)

1035 HAITI, Cap Haitien, HVEC, 0030 10/2 end of rlg's pgm in EE. S/off w/hymn "Amazing Grace" good. (Townshend)

1040 COLOMBIA, Barranquilla, HJGJ, 0522 10/3 mx in SS by OM w/frequent ments of Bogota & one mention of R. Tropical. Fair. (Townshend, DC)

1060 CUBA, Habana, CMBO, 0440 10/2 SS talk by man fair o/ WNOE. (Townshend, D.C.)

1060 MEXICO, México, DF, XEEP, good "R. Educacion" IDs & calls 0230 & 0335 9/27 o/WNOE/KKKQ w/mostly discussion pgms all evening. (Nittler, NE)

1070 COLOMBIA, Barranquilla, HJAG, banging in like a local w/4-note electronic sound, Emissor Atlantico ID, Barranquilla ads, then SS pop mx 0248 10/1. (Connolly, MA)

+0528 10/2 SS talk by man; ID as Emisora Atlantico fair o/unid LA. (Townshend, DC)

1080 HAITI, Port-au-Prince, HVA, FF talk by OM fair o/u HJAW w/pest WTIC "auroraed out" 0033 10/2. (Townshend)

1080 COLOMBIA, Monteria, HJAW, 0502 10/3 ID, mention of northern part of SA by man; LA mx fair o/u WTIC. (Townshend, DC)

1090 MEXICO, Rosarito, BC, XEPRS, rlg's pgm in EE, Pilgrim's Rest, ad for Bible Cassette tapes, call in EE, slogan "1090 express", extremely weak w/unid "grizzly" QRM. KAAy off 9/25 0125. (Landry, IA)

1090 ? UNID, SS talk by OM good 0608 10/2. (Townshend, DC)

1100 ANTIGUA, St. John's, ZDK, fair-good w/soul mx, WWWE mull'd 0053 9/27. (Connolly, MA)

1110 VENEZUELA, Carupano, YVQT, alone on channel at good level w/authentic (non-Americanized) LA vocals, R. Carupano Musical ID 0128 10/2. (Connolly, MA)

1124.6 COSTA RICA, San José, TISRHB, finally IDed 0500 10/3 w/scribbled call letters (definitely "T-I...") & mention of "Amigo" & 2 freqs as noted by Stanbury. They say they're on 1120. Nil-fairish in bad CRWX-1130/ KPNW-1120 slop. (Hall-Patch, BC)

1130 COLOMBIA, Barranquilla, HJAC, 0458 10/3 ID mention of Barranquilla by man, fair-good w/pest WNEW "aurora-ed out". (Townshend, DC)

1140 MEXICO, Monterrey, NL, XEMR, SID, rapidfire OM ancr, pop SS mx, signal fair w/QSB, splash from WJBO 9/27 0203. (Landry, IA)

1150 GUATEMALA, Guatemala, TGPR, "En Guatemala...R. Reloj" o/the pack 0325 9/26. Ad for el Banco de Guatemala & GMT-6 TC followed. Another "happy accident" log; was fishing for YSCF-1155. (Baskind, MS)

1155 EL SALVADOR, San Miguel, YSCF, 0525 9/17 w/worn-out US pop & soul singles, hip-sounding DJ in SS. (Baskind)

1160 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Santiago, HIBG, SS song by man, mention of Santiago in SS talk by man. Fair-good w/WJJD wiped out 0128-0132 9/28. (Townshend, DC)

1165 ANTIGUA, St. John's, ORL, gospel song by OM in EE, talk by man w/Caribbean accent 0037 9/30 fair-good w/slight WWVA slash. (Townshend, DC)

1170 HAITI, Port-au-Prince, HVRD, 0137 10/2, song in FF by YL after FF talk by man, fair w/WVA auroraed out. (Townshend, DC)

1190 ? UNID, song in SS by male; SS talk by man 0008 9/30 xln't, wipng outout WOWO 0015. Ended abruptly (possible sunset power reduction) 0017. Noted on several occasions w/ //pgms on 1180 o/u VOA. (Townshend, DC)

1200 COLOMBIA, Cali, HJMF, lively LA mx 0533 10/7, TC & Colombia mentions 0538, then several "R. Super" IDs. (Bytheway, WA)

1200 COLOMBIA, Riohacha, HJZW, 0116 9/30, SS talk by man, then "Take Me Out to the Ball Game". (Townshend)

1205 ? UNID, OC here most likely from R. Cayman 10/6 0552-0610 from about 1150, too far south for the African. Might be a law against running OCs. (Martin, CO)

1206 HAITI, Port-au-Prince, HVD5 is now in every night w/minimal QRM & imposing signal...seems to be 24 hour. (Baskind, MS)

1210 GUATEMALA, Guatemala, TGMX, only LA found here in recent weeks w/WCAU mull'd. Quite dependable Aug-Sep-Oct nights as late as 0700 & probably beyond. R. Rumbos, but if you can't catch that ID, listen for the snarl of an angry tiger (in LA though, a jaguar snarl) which comes w/every ID. They probably lifted the snarl from the Lincoln-Mercury TV ad. (Martin, CO)

1220 t COLOMBIA, Barranquilla, HJVF, suspected w/apparent VISION mention, then man & woman in SS followed by cl mx 0045 9/2. (Connolly, MA)

1233 a COSTA RICA, San Francisco de Heredia, TIPJ, R. Nueva Victoria has drifted here from 1220. Poor-fair overall 0458 9/23 w/ID, QTH & quick "Buenos Noches" s/off, carrier cut 0458:15. Maybe Ecuador underneath. (Baskind, MS)

1223 a ECUADOR, Guayaquil, HCEB2, time & date of recent log was 0447 9/12. (Baskind, MS)

1240 ? MEXICO, unid, mystery hrd here w/domestics mull'd. Mx & talk, frequent "R. Mexicana" IDs most evenings. Any ideas. Good-xln't so most likely just across border. (Harms, UT) (They sure picked an imaginative slogan, whoever they are, hi. bp)

1260 MEXICO, Ojinaga, Chih., XEOG, 9/29 w/numerous "R. Ranchita" IDs all evening, mostly ranchera mx & long talk 0240-0327. Still in 0410, WIBV completely mull'd. (Nittler, NE)

1315 ? UNID, weak carrier & occasional bits of modulation u/1320's skirt 0200 9/24. Hispanola was in well at the time...maybe Dominican Rep. (Baskind, MS)

1300 VENEZUELA, Maracaibo, YVNS, dominant w/SS version of US MOR hit, then "Punta" ad, SS talk giving studio location as Maracaibo; o/other SSers (domestics totally blocked by heavy-duty auroral activity) 0121 10/2. (Connolly, MA)

1350 ? UNID, 10/2 0824, 5-note whistle IS (& echo?) unlike any others hrd. Man giving GMT-6 TC in SS. "R. Aliz"?? ID, & something about noticias. Fair in KRIC null w/QRM from LPRT TT. (Hall-Patch, BC)

1380 MEXICO, México, DF, XECO, 10/2 0737 LA mx, 0744 man said "en R. Eco es la una cuarenta y cuatro" & gave other R. Eco mentions, then more mx. (Bytheway, WA)

1390 MEXICO, Reynosa, Tams., XEOR, OM & YL mentioned Reynosa in promo, MOR SS mx. ID sounded like "R. Galilito Tamaulipas". Lots of amts, poor often turned into "grizzly" 9/27 2325. (Landry, LA)

1420 ? MEXICO, unid more-or-less, XEOW calls hrd rock solid o/Bahia 0520 9/12. Faded u/QRM 0521. (Baskind, MS)

1420 VENEZUELA, Maracaibo, YVZO, in w/slow ballad, then SS talk giving QTH as Maracaibo, then R. Vision jingle followed by festive LA mx; approx 50 Hz het against WBSM 0145 10/2. (Connolly, MA)

1470 t VENEZUELA, Valencia, YVJW, probable w/Close Encounters theme, SS talk w/ID which sounded like R. Latina, then disco rock 0059 10/2. (Connolly, MA)

1530 CUBA, Morón, CMJX, "...CMJX, R. Morón" ID hrd 0931 9/17 o/domestic babble & minor QRN. Maybe the "Sucros" outlet reported here some time ago...goes to show that // logs aren't always too safe. (Baskind)

+Totally dominant w/R. Morón ID, familiar Cuban slogans 0201 10/1. Usual WCXY totally annihilated by aurora. (Conolly, MA)

1540 BAHAMAS, Nassau, ZNS, o/feeble WPTR groundwave; EE Flgs pgm 0102 10/2. (Connolly, MA)

1555 CAYMAN ISLANDS, Georgetown, fair w/Karen Carpenter vocal in WQXR/WPTR slop 0012 9/27. XInt on TRF(!) w/Dr. Hook record 0203 10/1. (Connolly, MA)

+Very strong 0230-0330 s/off 9/24 after hour of BBC pgms & local mx. Must be the last US DXer to hear them! Country #61 logged. (Nittler, NE) (I still need this one, although I've hrd the 1205 outlet.bp)

1580 MEXICO, Hermosillo, XEDM, 0403 9/27 SS talk by man w/fair signal. (Townshend, DC)

PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

620 HAWAII, Hilo, KIPA, good w/jazz in KQW null. At 0600 10/2 "KIPA community calendar". Strongest ever here. (Hall-Patch, NC)

647 RSPSR, Vladivostok, 1330 9/22 unusually weak w/Kremlin Bells. Only nil-fair audio. Got a bit better by 1340, but not even a carrier 1250. (Hall-Patch, BC)

650 HAWAII, Honolulu, KORL, 9/27 1358 mx & sports, ID "...this is Dick Daily w/Coral Sports", then TC 0401. (Segalas, CA)

655 NORTH KOREA, Pyongyang, presumed, fair-poor w/gal in KK 1204 10/2. (Pejza, CA)

+Fading up for huge signal 1200 9/18 w/time pips & assumed ID. PFM 655003 w/1 Hz error. (Hall-Patch, BC)

665 RSPSR, Komsomolsk, 1203 9/18 OM & YL alternating in EE--poor audio & often just a carrier. IDed by // 5015 SW 1217. Not even a carrier for 647 at the time, strange. (Hall-Patch, BC)

700 ALASKA, Anchorage, KEYR, 1242 9/22 w/best signal yet w/schmaltzy mx, "YR-7-0" ID & wx for Anchorage area. (Hall-Patch, BC)

700 AUSTRALIA, Grafton, 2NR, fair w/6 pips, fanfare, & "This is ABC mx" by man 0900 10/2 w/LAs mull'd. (Portzer, WA)

700 JAPAN, Hiroshima/Kitami, JOKD/JOFB, NHK theme mx, ID 1220 9/25. (Pejza, CA)

750 JAPAN, Sapporo, JOIB, man in JJ good 1222 9/25. (Pejza)

760 HAWAII, Honolulu, KGU, 1126 9/25 w/YL ancr, spot for Hawaii film board, then "Radio 76...for Hawaii". Good signal in null of unid SS. (Hall-Patch, BC)

770 t AUSTRALIA, Melbourne, 3LO, 6 pips u/JOUB 1400 10/6. Kaskey & Nebron both say definitely Aussie pips but nothing else was heard. (Segalas, CA)

770 JAPAN, Akita, JOUB, 10/5 1345 w/EE lessons, "Nippon Hoso Kyokai" ID & pips 1400, SS lessons thereafter. (Segalas, CA)

780*****AUSTRALIA, Townsville, hTO, fair-poor w/end of rock song 1005 10/2, into DU-accented wx rpt w/mentions of Townsville, "the coast", & "inland" w/temperatures in Centigrade. Then spot for a discoteque mentioning "Townsville's number one...". Horseracing-type fanfare & what sounded like horse race results followed. Then faded u/WBEM. Anyone know if they were actually only 1 kw at the time, like WRTH says? (Bytheway, WA)

(The only comments I have are unprintable in family-oriented publications like DX Monitor... bp)

780 NEW ZEALAND, Dumedin, hYA, end of "National Pgm" 0830 10/2, TC as "half past", then mx w/many mentions of New Zealand. (Bytheway, WA)

830 JAPAN, Osaka, JOFB, good //750 1223 9/25. (Pejza, CA)

835 CHINA, Nanchang, 1300 9/22, huge carrier, then good audio w/5 low, 1 high pins on hour. Last pip corresponded nicely w/WVW tone on hour. (Hall-Patch, BC)

870 HAWAII, Honolulu, KAIM, OM reading sports & wx 0933 10/2, then ID "...for KAIM & KAIM-FM". Fair in WWL null. (Hall-Patch, BC)

1040 HAWAII, Honolulu, KPOI, finally decided to send a rpt 0617-0702 10/2. Had usual album rock to 0700, then pgm called "Inner Views". Strong w/no sign of WHO. KGU, KORL, & KIKI also in well at the time. (Portzer)

1310 HAWAII, Kahului, KNUI, noted "K-N-U-I" SID fair 0811 10/2, dominant. Great Hawaiian cx this night. (Nick)

1386 PHOENIX ISLANDS, Canton, WXLE, assumed to be the weak carrier w/light MoR mx looping DU 1026 10/2. (Portzer)

VERIFICATION

1570 MEXICO, Cd. Jaarez, XERF, sent v/q in a meager 670 days for no rp...the real high point of my DXing career. (Baskind, MS)

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Another good turnout with several reporting for the first time in ages --- Bill Block, Rich Segalas, Bill Nittler, and Mike Worst; also welcome back to Elliot Strauss after a long absence from DXi, and welcome to Shaul Cedar for what I believe is the first DXW rpt. In case anyone was wondering what the thing at the top of last weeks DXW was, it was a giraffe. I guess I should stick to globes and penguins from now on. Since it's now 1:23 am and I have to be at work at 8 am maybe I should knock it off for another week...73 and good DX.

AT40 EXPANDING TO FOUR HOURS The weekly pop music
STARTING IN OCTOBER countdown show,

"American Top 40," starring Casey Kasem, has announced its plans to expand to a four-hour program beginning the weekend of 10/7 thru 10/8/78. In an ad in the 7/24/78 Broadcasting (used by permission), the show's producers, Watermark Inc., say that the "four hour countdown" is "an idea whose time has come." AT40 has been three hours in length since its debut on a handful of stations in July, 1970. In 1970, the average hit record lasted 3 minutes. Today, the average hit single lasts 3 1/2 minutes. Also, the expansion will allow AT40 stations to increase time for commercials in each hour from 11 minutes (10 on some stations) to 12 minutes. AT40 is currently syndicated to 486 AM and FM stations, including some overseas.

PROTECTING THE QSL COLLECTION (The following is part of a DX report over Radio Nederland, reprinted with permission of Jan Tunér of the Arctic Radio Club in Sweden. It was relayed to us via Ken L.A. Burgess.)

The QSL collection can be of great personal value, but there is of course no commercial value at all. Even if you want a QSL from Fiji badly, you wouldn't like to have one as a gift, and you would certainly not steal it. So very few of us care to look after our gems or to keep them in a safe place -- no danger at all. Well, that is what you think. A former Swedish DXer got a job abroad in the middle of the 60's. So he put his QSL's in a box with other things in it and put it away in the attic. On his return, the box was stolen. It contained more than 300 QSL's from Latin American stations, and QSL's from, for instance, Fiji, Falkland Islands, and Solomon Islands. I don't think the thief wanted the QSL's, but he's not likely to return them when he discovers his mistake. And if he is a stamp collector, he will certainly not return the collection. A friend of mine is a bit neurotic about his collection, so he has made a microfilm of the whole collection, and the film is kept in a bank vault. I found it a bit exaggerated, but -- maybe I should borrow that camera, after all!

(Ed. note: Thanks, Jan. Your comments reminded my wife, Nancy Hardy, of her trip to the NRC convention in New Jersey back in 1970. Somehow one of her suitcases got left at the airport by mistake, and when she went back for it, it was gone forever. In that suitcase were a radio, two cameras, some clothes, and all of her QSL's to date, some of which were very personal notes and can never be replaced. While many QSL's are of marginal worth, perhaps more of us should place some more emphasis on safeguarding our QSL collections. --Bill Hardy.)

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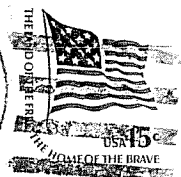
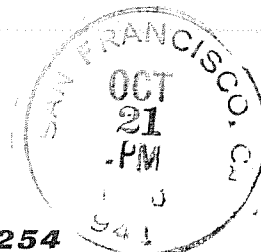
- 550 BC CKPG Prince George drops all CBC when CBC FM arrives.
- 730 BC CKLG Vancouver IDs only as "LG 73"
- 800 EC CJJC Langley still has Punjab pgms. pm's
- 850 HF C... Spaniard's Tay CP denied but told to resubmit on a graveyard channel.
- 940 EC C... Richmond(Vancouver suburb...CO,CCO) wants 2kw U plus a twin on 1400
- 1010 ON CERA lprt is dead...gone to FM
- 1050 EC CHAL Vernon 10/11kw s/b on soon 150
- 1070 AB CKST Saint Albert 10kw on 15P 10/15. A sneaky way of getting a newbie for Edmonton. S. A. is a suburb city of 50,000.
- 1150 NE CKM Brandon drops all CBC as CBC FM opens
- 1150 BC CBRG Prince George. This French lprt dies..to FM
- 1220 AB CJOC Lethbridge wants to drop all CBC.
- 1240 EC C... Port Hardy. CKCP wants a 1/2kw twin here
- 1260 EC C... Richmond. wants 10kw U2...15P of course.
- 1470 EC CTVB Vancouver applied for 50kw.
- 1480 ON CHAN Vanhan...denied
- 1480 ON CPMY Newmarket. NY-serving North York 150 soon
- 1490 EC CHIG Prince George. This 100% CBU relay(CKTC-owned) dies in one year from CBC FM opening.
- 1600 EC C... Delta. A twin of 240 Richmond. Also 2kw U

All CBC CPs lately are for FM vs AM. As they open, many private stns. apply to rid themselves of having to carry the CBC in order to keep their licenses. Still no word on those Howe Sound triplets to serve Squamish/Whistler/Gilsons, BC, but our long bear strike is over, hi. 73 jo

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