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DX Calendar

- Mon Mar 17 KMNS-620, Sioux City, IA, 1000w, will test 0130-0230 EST w/1000 Hz tones, mx, and voice & code IDs. Send reports to Steve Roberts, CE, KMNS, Box 177, Sioux City, IA 51102. W. Heinen, NRC.
- Mon Mar 17 WMLEP-1330, Milton, PA, 1000w, will test 0230-0300 EST w/music and IDs after each record. Send reports to H. Bingaman, CE, Box 334, Milton, PA 17847. Arranger: David Rukakowski, NRC.
- Tues Mar 18 WHOL-1600, Allentown, PA, 500 watts, directional N-S, will conduct their frequency check (every month, 3rd MM) 0045-0100 EST. Will have 400 Hz TT w/IDs every 5 minutes. Send reports to James A. Herbert, CE, WHOL, 1125 Colorado St, Allentown 18103.
- Mon Mar 24 KHYW-1060, Gilmer, TX, 5000 w, will test 0100-0200 w/tones & Gospel mx. Send reports to Al Tarasiuk, PD, KHYM, Route 4, Gilmer, TX 75644. Arranged by Wayne Heinen, NRC.
- Mon Mar 31 WPIC-790, Sharon, PA, 1000 w, will test 0230-0300 ELT w/1000 Hz tone, mx, and code IDs. Send reports to Charles Ring, CE, WPIC, P.O. Box 211, Sharon, PA 16146. Note that this is apparently the correct date, clearing up last week's confusion....
- Mon Mar 31 KWHO-860, Salt Lake City, UT, 1000 w, ND, will test 0200-0230 ELT w/400 Hz TT and possibly higher pitched tones. Voice IDs every 1½ mins. Send reports to Wade G. Howlett, CE, KWHO, 329 E. 200 S., Salt Lake City, UT 84111. Arr: W.Heinen, NRC.
- Mon Mar 31 KCEE-790, Tuscon, AZ, will test from 0230 to whenever w/tones, open carrier and voice IDs on the quarter hour. This is a regular ET, conducted on the 4th MM of each month (except April).

GETTOGETHERS AND CONVENTIONS

The First Annual Pennsylvania DX Get Together will be held on Sunday, June 15, 1980, on the picnic grounds at Penn State University, State College, PA. All DXers and radio hobbyists are invited regardless of residence. The get together is sponsored by the Three Mile Island DX Association. For more information send a SASE to Don Moore, Box 157 RD #5, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

The Association of North American Radio Clubs (ANARC) will hold its 15th annual convention July 18-20 on the campus of the University of California at Irvine. For more details send a SASE to Stewart McKenzie, 16182 Ballad Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Bill Harms is thinking of holding a Beverage antenna DXpedition somewhere in the wilds of Utah this spring. If you think you might be able to attend, contact him at University Station, P.O. Box 7428, Provo, UT 84602.

Our own convention will take place the weekend of August 15-17 at the Hyatt Regency in Louisville, KY. A writeup and registration form have found their way to HQ and will appear shortly.

See page 14 for an explanation of the brochure enclosed with this DXM. 73, bp

*** **NEW MEMBERS** ***

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RENEWALS AS OF 07 MARCH 1980

Jim Ryan, Dave Rogers, Todd Skaine, Eugene S. Allen, Paul A. LaFreniere, Joseph Perko, George Carter, Bill Nittler, Maurice Rubino, Roger Sabella, W.R. McIntosh, Doris Rosewarne, Sidney Feldman, Leonard A. Jozwiak, Kermit Geary, Larry Flegle, John R. Cieslewicz, Larry Godwin, Fred McClelland, David Johnson, George Kesteven, Ron Musco, Michael Endza, E.H. Grossman, Bruce and Evelyn Portzter, J.A. Markewicz, John Sampson, John Callarman, Susan Sirulnick, Bertram Podall, Craig Healy

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DON'T FORGET THAT ALL RENEWALS AND ADDRESS CHANGES SHOULD COME TO ME AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

All of the above New Members and Address Changes are also accounted for in the Membership List that should be in this issue. New Members who have not yet received their New Member Packets, Phil has put them in the mail as of this week. Please wait at least two weeks before inquiring about yours since they are mailed 3RD CLASS. Those of you listed as New Members above will be mailed your New Member Packet after Phil returns from his business trip. (around the first of April?).

Since this is the anniversary issue of DX MONITOR, I, too, will say Happy Anniversary to IRCA and reintroduce myself. I'm 27 and have been a member for eight years now. For those who don't already know, I am the Secretary-Treasurer of IRCA and have been since 1976. I was also the publisher for two years. I am a Tax Accountant for Southern Pacific Transportation Company here in San Francisco. Remember that the IRCA convention will be in Louisville, Kentucky this August. Make your plans to be there, NOW!!

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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call	kHz	day/night	
new	550	1000/	Pinehurst NC granted construction permit
WKSK	580	500/	West Jefferson NC granted 500/500
new	710	250/	Bald Knob AR granted either KPAZ or KAPZ
WMBG	740	500/	Williamsburg VA wants WBCI
appl	910	1000/1000	Mishawaka IN
KBFW	930	1000/	Bellingham WA wants 1000/1000
WATS	960	1000/	Sayre PA wants 5000/
KBSN	970	1000/	Crane TX wants 1000/500
new	1000	500/	Paris TN granted WMUF
new	1110	1000/	Alvin TX wants KETK
appl	1140	250/	Blountsville TN dismissed
new	1140	1000/	Saint Paul VA granted construction permit
WSKW	1150	5000/	Skowhegan MI granted WQMR
KJLA	1190	1000/250	Kansas City MO wants 5000/250
appl	1230	1000/250	Aiea HI
KNCO	1250	500/	Grass Valley CA granted 1000/1000
WDKN	1260	1000/	Dickson TN wants 5000/
KIXY	1260	1000/	San Angelo TX wants KQSA
new	1310	1000/	Corrales NM wants KXAK
appl	1310	1000/	Morton WA
KWOE	1320	1000/	Clinton OK wants KKCC
WRRD	1330	5000/5000	Minneapolis MN granted KSJN
new	1330	500/	Enumclaw WA granted construction permit
appl	1330	5000/	Bremerton WA denied
KAOH	1390	500/	Duluth MN wants KQDS
WBBN	1400	1000/250	Clarksburg WV wants WPQZ
WAAN	1400	1000/250	Waynesboro TN wants WNBG
KCAL	1410	5000/500	Redlands CA fined for not conducting proof
WONS	1410	5000/	Tallahassee FL granted WKQE
appl	1430	2500/2500	Monroe NC
WMVB	1440	1000/	Millville NJ granted WREY
new	1450	1000/250	Mekker CO granted KMKR
WNMW	1470	1000/	Meriden CT granted 2500/5000
KQAC	1470	?/?	Glenwood AR wants KWXI
KGHM	1470	500/	Brookfield MO fined for not conducting proof
KVAN	1480	1000/5000	Vancouver WA granted KARO
WYRU	1510	1000/	Red Springs NC granted 1520 kHz & 5000/
KKAP	1540	10000/	Aptos-Capitola CA granted KMFO
WTGF	1540	1000/	Pickens SC granted WPKZ
appl	1560	2500/	West Lake Hills TX
WWBK	1560	1000/	Brockport NY wants WJBT
appl	1590	1000/	Willmar MN
WQCK	1600	1000/500	Warner Robins GA wants WRBN
WKDL	1600	1000/	West Helena AR granted KCRI
KMZK ????	???	?/?	Fort Worth TX wants KTIA

From the 2/4 thru 2/25 issues of Broadcasting.

RADIO PROGRAMMING NOTES

WEAM-1390 Arlington VA is carrying Mutual Radio Theater at 2300 weeknights. Now that Lew Katz has departed as PD at WWDC-1260 Washington DC, the station is taking a turn for the oldies. There's also a restructuring of the air staff, with Linda Kelly, one of those rare morning women, being shifted to overnights. The RKO Network now claims to have its New York studios completed and is feeding 24 hours a day via satellite. Journalist and editor Sanford J. Unger has been named co-host of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" newsmagazine. The post, opposite Susan Stamberg, was vacated in the fall when Bob Edwards went to "Morning Edition." In mid-February, KGO-810 San Francisco CA did a series of live telephone-talk shows from Israel and Egypt via satellite. WCEV-1450 Cicero IL has been given permission to originate large parts of its ethnic programming from outside its main studio (from which 50% or more of local programming must usually originate). WCEV said that ethnic producers often work out of homes or private studios where foreign-language software is stored. Ohio State University is offering a free 2½-minute public affairs series to stations. Subject matter is of general interest. Called "Lifestyles", the series is free because the University considers it public relations.



Eastern DX Roundup

Bob Curtis, 17 Cobbleview Dr., Colchester, VT 05446

Splatter:

- "First newbie in over six weeks." (see WIXZ-1360) Jim Byrnes - NY
 "After several weeks absence, I'm glad to return with a nice amount of new catches." Steve Miller - MA
 "#10 on 1230 (see WISP); #13 on 1050 (see WSMT)." Bill Townshend - DC
- 630 (WMAJ) DC, Washington 2/25 0113 Noted off air w/OC, apparently a PoP Test. (WPT-DC)
 - 990 WNOX TN, Knoxville 2/18 0354 Fair, ID'd as "AM 990 WNOX" into mx by Jefferson Starship, title "Miracles". New. (SDM-MA)
 - 1050 WSMT TN, Sparta 2/20 1830 s/off by male DJ w/o SSB, ment of FM outlet on 105.5 MHz, wx report said temp 47°F & rain. #13 on 1050. Fair signal. (WPT-DC)
 - 1060 WKNG GA, Tallapoosa 2/20 1751 c/w mx foll'ing SID. Fair-poor. (WPT-DC)
 - 1230 WISP NC, Kingston 2/19 1817 Spot for seafood restaurant on Route 70. Good atop GY pile. #10 on 1230. (WPT-DC)
 - 1300 WPNH NH, Plymouth 2/26 1652 In very good now that on 5kw. (BC-VT)
 - WTAQ IL, La Grange 2/23 0800 Briefly in SRS with meteorologist Joe Vescardi's report and ID by YL annrc, Mary Jane. Clobbered by WFBR, WERE, WXRL & others. Poor. New. (JB-NY)
 - 1310 CKOY ON, Ottawa 2/18 0309 Klnt, noted w/YL reporting "metro Ontario" wx and local nx. New. (SDM-MA)
 - 1350 CJLM PQ, Joliette 2/26 1705 In w/FF nx, good. (BC-VT)
 - 1360 WIXZ PA, McKeesport 2/19 0332-0336 Country mx & ad for WIXZ T-shirts, then more country mx. Gradually lost to usually dominant WSAI. Good-very good signal. First newbie in over six weeks. (JB-NY)
 - 1440 WHIS WV, Bluefield 2/17 0458 Fair-faint because of local "14-Q" & CFGO, NBC Nx. New. (SDM-MA)
 - 1470 WBIG NC, Greensboro 2/18 0210 Noted w/fair signal, but lost in UN-ID'able slop. Heard ID at 0210 though. Also new. (SDM-MA)
 - 1480 WCFR VT, Springfield 2/11 1733 Fair u/local "S-A-R". Noted s/off. New. (SDM-MA)
 - 1490 WAZL PA, Hazleton 2/17 0515 Good signal, noted TC, "It's 5:15 AM. Good. New, of course! (SDM-MA)
 - WOLF NY, Syracuse 2/18 0150 A fairly good signal for a GY'er. Slight QRM from WBCB. (SDM-MA)
 - 1510 CJRS PQ, Sherbrooke 2/18 0134 Fair o/u "15-IAC", noted FF ID's. Also new. (SDM-MA)
 - WLAC TN, Nashville 2/18 0126 Very good signal. ID heard, "15-IAC" into mx by Queen. New. (SDM-MA)

REPORTERS THIS ISSUE

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Realistic TRF
- BC-VT Bob Curtis, 17 Cobbleview Dr., Colchester, VT 05446
SP-600 + longwire

73 and good DX

Bob Curtis

Youth radio execs announce Source of new programs

Radio station KZLA (AM 1540, FM 94) has signed on as a local affiliate of The Source, NBC's new young-adult radio network, station executives have announced.

Since its initial test phase last May, The Source's program schedule has grown steadily

from 80 minutes weekly to more than four hours of news and feature programming, including special reports, documentaries and concert series. Examples are "Audio File," a 90-second report on the major news events of the day; "Makin' It," a series on stars and super-achievers under the age of 35; and "One Minute With," interviews with personalities of interest to young listeners.

Word from The Source's source, the programming department at NBC radio, is that the various youth-oriented shows are an attempt to compete in the tight, album-oriented rock market, where music programming now varies little from station to station.

Air times for the new shows are to be announced.

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Central DX Roundup

Deadline: Mondays 3/17, 3/31, 4/14 ----- All times Eastern
OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 810 KCMO MO Kansas City, format change to mostly news & information as stn affiliates w/ Ae, CBS, Kansas Info. Net. and Missouri net radio networks. (DW-WI)
- 1450 WDLB WI Marshfield, local station starts "Mutual Radio Theatre" Monday 3/3 @ 2400 right after the Ac nx & wx. (DW-WI)
- 1500 KSTP MN St. Paul, about the middle of March KSTP will join the Ai radio net and also get Paul Harvey. They may also get a format change to all nx-talk, but Hubbard Broadcasting hasn't decided what to do yet. Ex-Paul Harvey outlet KRIS-950 will remain Ae affiliate. (DW-WI)
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- 620 WJDX MS Jackson, fair to good 2/18 0300 to 0314 w/ nx, many "62-JDX" ID's, rock mx. (RG-IL)
- 710 WKRG AL Mobile, fair 2312-2324 2/17 w/ pop mx, marine wx, many call letter ID's. (RG-IL)
- 730 WPIT PA Pittsburgh, in fair on 2/18 at 0614 w/ end of a comment about nx, "WPIT Pittsburgh" ID, then into Wheel of Fortune song before dropping out. (SEM-TN)
- 910 KGLC OK Miami, fair 13/2 2300-2311 w/ Warthog baseball game. Must have been simulcasting w/ FM as they constantly ID'ed as KGLC and KORS. First time heard this one in years, use to have a regular line into here, like a local in the late 60's. (RG-IL)
- 960*KNDN*NM* Farmington, 2/23 on ET 0214-0245 w/ ID & TT's plus OC. Good signal o/ an unid other TTer. New here. (NZ-NE)
- 980 KFWE CA Los Angeles, in very good on 2/18 at 0331 for several minutes w/ end of spot for luncheon meat, ID, then comments & bulletins about flooding, mud-slides, road washouts, etc. Then list of L.A. area closings due to conditions and that station will pass on other info as it becomes available. This has to be my best catch so far this year!! (SEM-TN)
- WRC DC Washington, in extra strong on 2/18 starting w/ "WRC Washington" being heard about a minute apart between 0456 and 0459, then at 0500 amnt that WRC is back on the air, full legal ID, slogan "News Radio 98", NBC nx, followed by holiday schedule for local services in DC area, time check (5:08), area nx rpt, wx & temp., back to more DC local & area nx, then listing of major city temperatures in the U.S. & Canada before fading out at 0523. Was in like a local for the entire period!! (SEM-TN)
- CHEX ON Peterborough, 2/23 w/ pop mx and ID's fair 0220-0230. Only the second time heard here. (NZ-NE)
- 1010 CBR AB Calgary, 2/25 0205 CBC nx ending, wx -4^o in Calgary, ID'ed as CBC radio in Calgary and CBC for Southern Alberta & announced that they would play C&W mx until 1 o'clock. Signal was very good as I had SM-2 hooked up to shotgun loop. Frequency always dominated by CFRB, KLRA, WINS. (DW-WI)
- 1050 CKSB MB Winnipeg, fair o/ XEG et al 2315-0000 2/13 w/ opera, then into news in FF. (RG-IL)
- 1230 KKRC SD Sioux Falls, 2/25 0233 rock mx ending, promo for a show at the Ramada Inn in Sioux Falls sponsored by a firm selling waterbeds, SID, "Music Radio KKRC", old pop song Feelin' Groovy, then Donna Summer mx. Very good signal. (DW-WI)
- CFPA ON Thunder Bay, 2/25 0228 rock song "Are You Ready" ending, male ancr w/ ID as "Your mx stn, CFPA" and into more rock. Atop the mess for about 4 or 5 minutes, then faded to KKRC. (DW-WI)
- 1240*WEBQ*IL* Harrisburg, 2/25 w/ RS-sounding ET, C&W mx, time checks, wx reports about every 20 mins. Few ID's and one mention of "We are testing equipment". Poor to good signal. First time hrd. (NZ-NE)
- 1270 KFJZ TX Fort Worth, 2/18 2005 turning the dials looking for BKB game when I heard mention of RKO Net nx. Stn ID'ed, gave wx, then into talk show called "The Talk of Fort Worth" w/ Ed Miller. Good o/ usually dominant WHBF. (DW-WI)
- 1350 WSMB LA New Orleans, 2/21 2027 rock song ending, promo for Olympic reports on stn, ID, into Ae nx, ID, wx, local nx into Willie Nelson mx. Good o/ BKB game on WIOU. (DW-WI)

- 1380*WLCY*FL*St. Petersburg, 2/25 w/ ID out of OC 0150-0155. ID as St. Petersburg-Tampa. So not always NSP. First time hrd here this season. (NZ-NE)
- 1510*KEMM*MO*Marshfield, 2/20 noted w/ TT & ID 0210-0215 off. Perhaps their f/c, as they have been known to have one in the past. Heard here about once a year. (NZ-NE)
- 1560 KCAA SD Aberdeen, in very good to xint on 2/21 at 1927 for over 10 minutes w/ short Book of Records program (subject today was record number of "ringers" in playing horseshoes), then 1st National Bank of Aberdeen spot, ID, mx, KCAA Active News sponsored by Farmers & Merchants Bank, followed by short pgm by George Burns. (SEM-TN)
- 1580 WSKT TN Knoxville, in good on 2/18 at 0730 w/ full s/on heard before being covered up by WEYY's s/on at 0732. (SEM-TN)
- 1590 KSPR AR Springdale, in fair on 2/20 at 1901 w/ most of s/off heard. (SEM-TN)

A TIP OF THE HAT TO OUR ANNIVERSARY ISSUE REPORTERS

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(GE Superadio, Radio West modified TRF, SM-2)
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(Hammarlund HQ-180A, Realistic TRF)

Last week, new reporter Steve Sprague asked whether stations that change their call letters are counted as new stations. Well, Steve, you hit upon one of the recent controversies in IRCA. Some members will count new calls as new stations while others feel that they shouldn't be since only the call letters have been changed. The choice of how to count stations is left up to the individual DXer. Personally, I count call changes as new stations. Even though the facilities that the station is using may be the same as before, the station has a change in what it is sending out over the air—ranging from a totally new format to only the new call letters. I feel that a radio station is also what it is transmitting over the air in addition to the equipment that it uses. Perhaps the main reason that I count call letter changes is simply that I enjoy listening for stations that have changed their call letters. Off the soapbox. As a re-intro, I'm 23, a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and have just moved here and started working at the Defense Mapping Agency. My interest in DXing began when I was growing up in Port Washington, Wisconsin and discovered that it was possible to pick up distant stations on the AM band. It took quite a while until I realized that there was a medium wave DX hobby and clubs such as IRCA. Sometime in my late grade school years, I read an article on shortwave listening and I was instantly hooked on it. I save up enough money to buy a Sears multiband portable and soon began logging shortwave stations on it, in addition to medium wave stations even though I didn't think that it was something that other radio hobbyists did. Somewhere along the line I started buying Popular Electronics magazine and it was through them that I learned about SW and MW DX clubs including IRCA. I joined a SW club and IRCA. Since then, my interest in SW has faded to an occasional listen to the powerhouses while I have become primarily a medium wave DXer. I heard 1014 stations from Port Washington, WI; 558 from Madison, WI; and so far have heard 271 here in Alexandria. I have 563 veries. This includes veries from all three locations (only a few so far from Alexandria) which may not be considered a proper method of DX totaling, but I have no desire to reverify stations from a new location. I'd rather spend my postage money on stations that have previously not been veried. WEAM-1390 carries Mutual Radio Theater at 2300. 73.



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DX ROUNDUP

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FRG-7000, Radio West loop
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FRG-7000, MW-1
- (bp) Bruce Portzer-6546-19th NE-Seattle, WA 98115
HQ-180A, 4' loop, Realistic 12-655
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GE long-range portable, SM-2

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- 521 "INE" MT, Missoula 3/2 0230 finally hrd this one. Signal was much easier to copy w/the FRG-7 in the SSB mode. (SMM-CA)
- 540 KVIP CA, Redding 2/29 F 2040 s/off fair. Started w/SSB, then followed w/lengthy s/off anten. w/ments of their FM (which is AN).
- 550 *KBOW* MT, Butte 2/21 0444 good w/TT in KOY/KAFY null. ID (JJ-WA) at 0445 "This is KBOW, Butte MT, conducting a freq. test." Same ID at 0446. (RW-CA)
- +2/22 0443 fair w/TT. ID's every minute "This is KBOW, Butte MT, conducting a freq. test (or check?)." Disappeared at precisely 0450 w/no s/off ID. I'm not usually up this late on a Th night so I was quite lucky to get this one! (SMM-CA)
- CKPG BC, Prince George good o/presumed KARI w/rock mx, ID & wx. DJ claimed it was Sunday morning on MM 2/25 0338. Never hrd this on night pattern before. (NHP-BC)
- 630 KHOW CO, Denver logged 2/11 0702-0713 w/very weak signal. Pop mx & local Chevy spot. (DN-CA)
- KWRO OR, Coquille 2/22 0900 quick ID s/on into CBS nx.0906-0916 light rock mx, local ads and wx. Strong signal. (JFJ-CA)
- CKOV BC, Kelowna 2/22 0831-0838 mx, "O-V-63" slogan, talk, temp. and mx by Chicago. Fair to weak w/fading. (JFJ-CA)
- +2/25 0410 w/spectacular signal wiping out KHOW w/W. George Elliot IRCAn & DJ. Request line number given. Tempted to call but didn't. (RW-CA)
- +3/1 2130 w/"63-0V" slogan then into C&W mx. (BB-OR)
- 660 KFAR AK, Fairbanks 2/23 0421 w/superb signal. Donna Summer mx, ad to hear Alaska BKB games on KFAR, TC, PSA, nice jingle ID, then faded to oblivion. Strongest signal to date on this, slopping KBOI-6701 (RW-CA)
- 680 *KNBR* CA, San Francisco 3/3 0437 noted w/OC. (SMM-CA)
- 710 (KFIA) CA, Carmichael 2/23 0413 totally off. (RW-CA)
- WGBS FL, Miami 3/3 MM 0352 ID just dropped out of nowhere. No ment. of testing, so presume RS. May have been the one running talk format or discussion show. Came around the null of my wedge!
- CJRN ON, Niagara Falls 3/3 MM 0325-0352 took half an hour (JJ-WA) to get an ID, but this is the one w/rock mx. KIRO off. (JJ-WA)
- 740 KMEO AZ, Phoenix 3/2 Su 0846 fair w/ment. of "...on KMEO FM 97," then YL talk. (bp-WA)
- 790 (KABC) CA, Los Angeles 3/3 0317 noted off. (SMM-CA)

790 KGHL MT, Billings 2/11 0723 w/C&W dominating freq. (DN-CA)
 KWIL OR, Albany 2/26 0734-0736 mx, 0736 ID "KWIL, Albany...test..."
 and sweep tones. Weak o/u KABC at times w/fading. Listened
 until 0820. Tones, but no other ID unless during fade. (JFJ-CA)

800 (XEMMM) BCN, Tijuana 2/24 off the air all day for some reason. (SMM-CA)

810 (KGO) CA, San Francisco 3/2 0310 off the air on 1st Su of March.
 Last Dec. JJ, JEC & JFC also reported KGO off on the 1st Su, &
 BH reported them on on the 2nd Su, so apparently KGO's new SP
 is the 1st Su 3-6-9-12 months. Will check again next Su & in
 June to confirm. (SMM-CA)

+3/2 Su 0300-0900 off for quarterly xmtr maint. (JJ-WA)
 +3/2 off 0300-0900 for quarterly SP. Intermittent OC noted. (bp)

WGY NY, Schenectady 3/2 Su 0300-0325 w/NBC nx & pop/rock mx.
 Continually there most of the morning, but nearly impossible to
 hear clearly due to CHQR. They both loop in the same direction
 from here. And don't let CHQR's CE tell you like he told me
 that they don't beam in this direction! (JJ-WA)

+3/2 fair to nil w/CHQR 3/2 w/NBC nx 0605, then light rock, ID
 and local nx 0630, fade out 0635 or so. (bp-WA)

KBHB SD, Sturgis 3/2 0822-0830 bombing in loud & clear w/"KBHB-KRCS"
 ID & plug for "The Country Twins" phone contest. (JJ-WA)

+3/2 0821-0836 o/u CHQR w/C&W mx, local ads, wx, & several
 "Country Twins, KBHB-KRCS" ID's. (bp-WA)

KBSN TX, Crane 3/2 0310 apparently testing (though sounded like RS),
 w/one relig. song after another. Occass. threw in quotables
 such as "81 KBSN, letting you know that it's true--our God is
 alive." Off at 0417 recheck. Good. (SMM-CA)

CHQR AB, Calgary 3/2 0340-0420 faint but readable w/rock mx. Nx 0400
 then into (syndicated?) program about Simon and Garfunkel. Only
 caught one ID & MST TC. (SMM-CA)

CKJS MB, Winnipeg 3/2 Su 0542 quick blip ID surfacing through mess
 created by CHQR. (JJ-WA)

XERSV SON, Ciudad Obregon 3/2 Su 0800 s/on w/sort of a medium light
 instrumental. Format seemed pretty laid back for the usual
 Mexican. (JJ-WA)

860 CFPR BC, Prince Rupert weak to strong 0400 2/25 w/s/off mentioning
 a ream of repeaters on FM as well as some AM. (NHP-BC)

870 KAIM HI, Honolulu 2/27 0035 in w/religion & ID. In most nights on
 SW Beverage. (MEM-ID)

950 (XEGM) BCN, Tijuana 3/3 0310 off w/OC; later completely off. Haven't
 hrd this one off in ages, hi. (SMM-CA)

970 KUZZ CA, Bakersfield 2/20 1240-1306 very poor midday reception w/
 C&W mx in KCHV null u/local KFWB-980. Positive "K-U-Z-Z" caught
 at 1305 when KFWB went into a taped nx report, which didn't
 cause any splash at all. Had been trying to pull out a midday
 ID on this one for ages! Midday #115. (SMM-CA)

980 KINS CA, Eureka 2/21 0859 $\frac{1}{2}$ s/on w/female anncr. w/local KFWB nulled;
 immediately into CBS nx. Afterwards a rundown of the disaster-
 ous flooding & destruction throughout the state caused by very
 heavy rains. This an hour before Eureka SR, so apparently on
 500 watts. New. (SMM-CA)

990 KBLS CA, Santa Barbara 2/20 noted format change to relig. & using
 "K-bliss" slogans. Used to be album-oriented rock. Now that's
 what I call going from one extreme to the other! (SMM-CA)

1010 KXEG AZ, Tolleson 3/3 excellent signal 0558-0630 w/relig. program-
 ing. Log reads 2.5 kw...anyone know for sure? (RM-CA) (They're
 1 kw day, 250 watts at night.--NH)

1050 CKAL BC, Vernon 3/3 very poor w/XEG nulled. 0520 ID "C-kal, radio
 one-o-five." (RM-CA)

1070 KERR MT, Polson hrd 2/18 1000 w/local spot then into nx & wx. You
 really can hear this one at SRS. (DN-CA)

1150 KSEN MT, Shelby ID 0859:50 3/2 then CBS nx. (bp-WA)

KNOI WA, Pullman 3/2 0900 quickie s/on ID, then CBS nx, barely beat-
 ing out KAYO s/on 0900:05. (bp-WA)

(KAYO) WA, Seattle off 0600-0900 Su 2/24. Looks like a regular SP! (bp)

CKIQ BC, Kelowna 3/1 2117 giving request line phone number, then
 into rr mx. (BB-OR)

CKX MB, Brandon 3/2 0748 signal increased dramatically as the
 switching to daytime facilities. I've noticed other Canadians
 do the same thing at oddball times. What are Canadian rules
 re sunrise/sunset times? (bp-WA)

1190 WOWO IN, Fort Wayne 3/2 0704 very strong w/editorials. (bp-WA)

1210 KSUL CA, Long Beach 2/8 0330 fair from C.S.U.L.B. campus. Tape of YL anncr. w/community affairs. 10 watts. (DP-CA)

1230 KBAR ID, Burley 2/28 Th 2053 live ID surfacing in KQWZ null. Brief. *KQIK* OR, Lakeview 3/3 ET 0300 w/KRDG/KGAM. (RM-CA) (JJ-WA)

1240 (KSON) CA, San Diego 3/3 0358 noted off the air for the 1st time ever! Returned 10 min. later at 0408. (SMM-CA)

KROY CA, Sacramento 3/3 0358-0408 hrd while trying for KVNI. 0401 "K-R-O-Y, Sacramento--the sound of Northern Calif. It's 1:01 and I'm Chris-- w/the best mx on 1240 Kroy." Into AOR mx. Prom for the Morning Ski Report w/Russ Martin. KSON off. New. (SMM)

KMCL ID, McCall 3/3 ET 0300-0315 w/KSUE/KROY & more. (RM-CA)

1250 WREN KS, Topeka great signal 2/11 0558 w/Ai nx. Haven't hrd this well in awhile. (DN-CA)

1270 KBLC CA, Lakeport 2/18 2045 fair in KCOC null w/s/off w/"America." KNDI HI, Honolulu 2/11 0614 very weak momentarily w/EE (RW) ID & educ./reliq sounding program. (DN-CA)

KFJZ TX, Ft. Worth 2/11 0619 good w/light rock mx & oldies. (DN-CA)

1280 KFRN CA, Long Beach 2/8 1245-1330+ apparently experiencing TD's, as was sending out a strong OC midday. However, w/the signal peaked, way, way down u/the carrier, barely perceptible, was KFRN on RS! There was even a legal ID at 1259, "This is Family Radio, KFRN, Long Beach." Apparently the audio level from the studio wasn't getting out o/the air very good. Things were back to normal at a recheck at 1520. (SMM-CA)

1290 KHSL CA, Chico 2/27 2322 ad w/two men talking, one trying to convince the other of the virtues of advertising on KHSL. "You ought to advertise on KHSL. Lots of people do." Then C&W mx. CBS's Spectrum at 2325. (SMM-CA)

1310 KEIN MT, Great Falls 2/11 took o/KNPT 0746 as soon as KDIA turned off their OC. (DN-CA)

KNPT OR, Newport 2/11 0742-0746 w/MOR/pop mx weak thru KDIA's OC. I didn't think they were on at this time. (DN-CA)

1340 CKBR AB, Brooks 3/3 0340 blasting in w/C&W mx & "Big Country Radio" network ID. (bp-WA)

1350 CJDC BC, Dawson Creek 2/25 0427 poor to fair w/KRLC apparently off. Country mx, frequent ID's. AN apparently. (NHP-BC)

1360 KMO WA, Tacoma 3/1 fair to good at times w/C&W mx. ID at 0000, then into live interview/talk program called "Friday Night Sports." Ski report & wx w/Lisa Travis at 0045. Signal remained quite constant until around 0100, then began having long fades & occas. peaks for another hour or so. 13-K(GB) was nulled, & there was absolutely no sign of usual KRUX! Never hrd before. Probably their change in xmtr site last Jan. is responsible for this reception. (SMM-CA)

1370 KWRM CA, Corona 2/28 1330 noted new affiliation w/the Mutual Broadcasting System. (SMM-CA)

KWNC WA, Quincy 2/22 1700-1715 fair w/C&W/pop mx and YL anncr. Alone w/KMO-1360 splatter. Not normally hrd here mid-day. (bp) +2/28 Th 1934 apparently the one w/Mutual nx & sports, followed by a couple of KWNC promos at 1950. Bombed by KXLF. (JJ-WA)

1380 KTOM CA, Salinas 3/3 0417 noted on AN MM. NSP now? (SMM-CA)

WQHK IN, Ft. Wayne blip ID by YL 2/25 0332. Believe they had C&W mx. +2/25 MM 0400 fading in & out weakly w/YL DJ and C&W (bp) mx. (JJ-WA)

KOTA SD, Rapid City 2/25 MM 0658 noted s/on w/SSB followed by anncr.

WPHM MI, Port Huron 2/25 0532 atop WQHK w/mx & ID. (MEM) (JJ-WA)

(KRKO) WA, Everett off at least 0430-0630 2/25. KTOM ID'd as K-tom country at 0458 in KRKO's absence (also AN now?), but no luck w/anything else in the crud. (NHP-BC)

+Off MM 2/25 & 3/3. Hope it's regular. (bp-WA)

CKPC ON, Brantford 2/25 0930 s/on w/ment. of 10 kw of power. Lost to WPHM. (MEM-ID)

1390 *CKKC* BC, Nelson usual TT here 0440, then it stopped 0445 2/25. Man said "good morning KC Radio" over & over for a few moments, then back to TT. (NHP-BC)

1400 KVEG NV, Henderson-Las Vegas 2/24 0222-0259 dominant w/C&W mx. (bp)

CHOA AB, Stettler 0345 poor in jumble w/C&W mx // CKBR-1340. Note that NRC log incorrectly lists this // CJYR-970. (bp-WA) (bp, you get a "stiff penguin flipper award" for leaving the date off this tip, hi.--NH)

1440 KUHL CA, Santa Maria 3/3 poor 0340-0356. No sign of WGIG test. (RM)

- 1440 WROK IN, Rockford 3/3 MM 0723-0746 w/typical top 40 format, three strong but not so distinct ID's at 0725 along w/"6:25" TC. ID sounded more like WRK, which, of course, does not exist, hi.
CJOI AB, Wetaskiwin 3/3 MM 0901 s/on, very strong & clear.(JJ)(JJ)
CPGO ON, Ottawa 3/3 0359 rockjock ID, Canadian nx & rock mx. "14-40, CFGO." (JJ-WA)
- 1450 KOBO CA, Yuba City 2/24 0202 o/u KONE w/rr mx. No sign of usual KEED/KBPS. (bp-WA)
KGRZ MT, Missoula 2/22 0130 atop w/C&W mx & "street talk" feature. +2/22 F 0200 surfacing periodically above GY mess w/ (bp) NBC nx, YL DJ, and C&W mx. (JJ-WA)
KEYY UT, Provo 2/25 0333 nice ID way o/KONE in KEST null w/the "20 min. nx." (RW-CA)
- 1470 WOHO OH, Toledo 2/11 0819-0823 pop mx and brief nx & wx. Unneeded, but nice to hear. (DN-CA)
- 1480 KYOS CA, Merced s/off 0259 2/25 w/s/off annct. in middle of SSB.(bp)
KARO WA, Vancouver 3/3 MM 0430 w/lengthy ID about when you're driving around in your car it's car-o radio, etc. Followed by about 1/2 hour of nx. Sounded like a localized week review put together from wire reports. (JJ-WA)
- 1490 KGUD CA, Banning 2/22 0331 just above mess w/blip ID "...here on K-good, 1490 radio," back into mess. (RW-CA)
- 1510 KGA WA, Spokane 2/22 0330 noted w/definite simulcast, ID as "KGA-AM KDRK-94-FM." (RW-CA)
- 1530 WCKY OH, Cincinnati 2/11 0736 in like a local w/traffic rpt & talk. Reception to the east on 2/11 was very good. (DN-CA)
- 1540 KMFO CA, Aptos-Capitola ex-KKAP 2/28 2040 pop mx up & down w/KZLA nulled. Then call change logged during s/off at 2046 1/2. (SMM-CA)
- 1560 KPMC CA, Bakersfield has new hours. Has disco/contemp. program after midnight weekdays, maybe AN, but not NSP. Noted this for a few weeks already. (RW-CA)
- 1570 KGHO WA, Hoquiam now runs AT-40 Sundays 1100-1500. Hrd Su 3/2 1200.
KMAX CA, Riverside 2/18 2027-2030 finally hrd this call (NH) change w/Mutual nx show, into s/off. ID as "Inspirational Radio," so changed formats. Good in KQVR null. Ex-KHNY. (RW-CA)
- 1580 KNIX AZ, Tempe-Phoenix 2/22 0954 C&W mx, 0955 ID & local nx. Weak w/fading. No KDAY noted. (JFJ-CA)
CBJ PQ, Chicoutimi 3/2 hrd for the first time w/talk show at 2150 in FF very weak in KDAY's null. Got a very weak Radio Canada & CBJ ID at 2200. There was also a single time pip at the top of the hour! Very strange to hear a time pip in North America!(BB)
- 1610 TIS WA, Ashford 2/28 2240-2245 atop w/men. of Paradise. TIS #3.(MEM)

DX TESTS:

- 730 KURL MT, Billings hrd 2/18. TT in good, voice very poor. (DN-CA)
+2/18 MM 0203 made it in weakly u/GKLG. (JJ-WA)
- 1240 ?KVNI? ID, Coeur d'Alene 3/3 0405-0408 probably the one w/faint TT o/u KROY w/KSON briefly off. (SMM-CA)
(KVNI) 3/3 not heard, only the usual junk plus het from TP on 1242. No answer when called. (bp-WA)
+3/3 MM realized too late I didn't have this one. Blew it. At least there was no sign of them at 0515. Wasn't this station supposed to move freq. or something? (JJ-WA) (They're moving soon to 1080.--NH)
- 1440 (WGIG) CA, Brunswick 3/3 not hrd, unless they were the unID C&W mixing w/two rockers 0348. No answer when called. (bp-WA)
+Tried for and not heard. (JJ-WA)

F/G'S:

- 4th Sa KOAL-1230 UT 0300-0315 (RW-CA)
4th MM KGUC-1490 CO not heard (RW-CA)
1st MM KGHL--790 MT (bp-WA)
KQIK-1230 OR (bp-WA) (RM-CA)
KMCL-1240 ID (bp-WA) (RM-CA)
KBFI-1450 ID (bp-WA)

UNIDs:

- 540 2/25 0523 noted for several weeks now w/C&W mx, instrumental style. Perhaps HCFA? Same unID McMillan has reported. Loops N/S. (RW-CA)
540 C&W mx 3/1 0408-0413. DJ talk 0412 wiped out by KVI-570 splatter burst. Probably unneeded KNOE. (bp-WA)
810 3/2 Su 0302-0344 weak net nx followed by cookin' blues/jazz/gospel mx. Black format. KGO & WSCJ both off. Doesn't fit WGY or CKJS (both rock) Kansas City? (JJ-WA)

810 3/2 0732 "Powerline" program popped up o/CHQR, o/u CHQR to fadeout around 0750. Not listed in Almanac, not WSJC per phone call. KCMO most likely per SR/SS maps & strength. (bp-WA)

810 3/3 0335 TT on & off. No ID's heard. (SMM-CA)

980 TT's 0358 Sa 3/1 o/u CKNW. Several pitches. (bp-WA)

1260 2/11 0600 hrd EST TC & NBC nx. Probably would have been a great catch

1440 Nx atop 0400 3/3 while looking for WGIG test. Mainly (DN-CA)
eastern Canada items so CFGO most likely. (bp-WA) (JJ was getting CFGO about the same time, per his report on previous page!--NH)

1530 2/25 0252 TT way u/KFBE, looping SE. Break for ID at 0255, then off at 0256. ID too weak. WTTI? (RW-CA)

Welcome to WDXR, Randy. San Jose seems to be a popular DX location. It looks like 810 is the frequency of the week! Thanks to all who reported to this, the anniversary issue. It's the custom for everyone to tell a little about themselves this issue, so here goes. I've been a ECB DX'er for ten years now (who says girls don't last in the hobby, hi). Domestic DX is my speciality, and any foreign DX I've gotten has been a "fluke of luck." I've been married to fellow IRCA member Bill Hardy for six years--we met through IRCA. I work at a local fabric store 20-40 hours a week. If I'm not at work or home DX'ing (or editing/typing WDXR!), chances are Bill & I are out camping or hiking somewhere on the Olympic Peninsula. Happy anniversary IRCA!! ♡

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Court to Rule on FCC Radio Format Role

By Lyle Denniston
Washington Star Staff Writer

The Supreme Court agreed today to rule on whether the government has a duty to keep popular radio programs on the air.

The government agency that monitors broadcasting, the Federal Communications Commission, insists that it has no such duties under federal law, and if it did, it would be unconstitutional.

That view, however, has been rejected for years by the U.S. Court of Appeals here.

Fans of classical music and some other "unique" kinds of radio programs want the FCC to protect those programs from being eliminated.

They contend the Commission has a duty to ensure that a popular show will not be dropped unless the commission is satisfied that that would be in the "public interest."

They made their point most recently with the appeals court last year. That tribunal said flatly that

the FCC must regulate radio stations' "formats" when the agency rules on station licenses.

When a station's license is being renewed or transferred, the lower court declared, the FCC must examine whether the station's mix of entertainment or of news and entertainment is to be changed.

If the existing format is "unique or otherwise serves a specialized audience that would feel its loss," the lower court said, the commission may allow it to be dropped only if that would satisfy the "public interest."

The FCC, joined by broadcasters and their industry organization, appealed the decision to the Supreme Court, arguing that no amount of "public grumbling" should be allowed to force the government into monitoring broadcasters' choices of what they want to put on the radio.

The FCC and the broadcasters contend that federal law does not per-

mit format regulation, but if it did that would be a violation of the freedom of expression guaranteed by the Constitution's 1st Amendment.

The court took one other action today on a separate issue of free expression.

Without comment, it left intact a lower court ruling saying that the Constitution allows dirty movies or articles to be copyrighted.

The 5th U.S. Court of Appeals ruled last year that Congress is given power by the Constitution to permit the copyrighting of all forms of writing, obscene or otherwise.

Thus, the appeals court said, a person or firm who is sued for violating someone else's copyright on a movie or article may not defend themselves by claiming that the film or article was obscene.

The issue arose in a case involving a film, "Behind the Green Door", which a Dallas theater showed without getting permission from the owners of the copyright.

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Where: The home of Doug Nyholm, 2071 Cedar Street,
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What: Whatever --- details to be announced soon

Who: Any radio freak from anywhere that can make it there

Why: God only knows!

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(No one heard from this week)(Wait'll you get our loggings from last
weekend's Beverage DXpedition!! bp)PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 550 CUBA Pinar del Rio CMAN 1622 Feb 01, LA vocal, SS OM DJ, xlint w/
WGTO splash. (Townshend-Fla.)
- 660 MEXICO D.F. XERPM 0721 Feb 24, good w/rapid SAH against UNID.,
Voz de la Gran Ciudad ID & light inst. mx. (Portzer-Wa.)
- 710 MEXICO Cuahatemoc, Chih. XEDP 1227-31 Feb 18, R.Cuahatemoc w/KIRO
off. Strong enough to get decent tape, big ID @ 1230 w/jingle, power,
& call letters. Several ads prior to ID. (Jaisun-Wa.)
- 815 UNID 0735 Feb 22, strong carrier & SS w/KGO QRM. (Pifer-Cal.)
- 1100 ANTIGUA St. John's ZDK 2311 Feb 05, sports results given by OM.
good o/HJCN. (Townshend-Fla.)
- 1100 COLOMBIA Bogota HJCN 2237 Feb 05, Colombian mx w/accordian, SS talk,
fair. (Townshend-Fla.)
- 1150 DOM. REP. Santo Domingo HIAS 2232 Feb 05, LA vocal by OM. (Townshend)
- 1165 ANTIGUA St. John's CRL 2247 Feb 05, Bible messages, hym. (Townshend)
- 1170 HAITI Port-au-Prince 4VRS 2227 Feb 05, prayer srevic in FF w/talk
by OM. (Townshend-Fla.)
- 1190 MEXICO Ciudad Juarez XEPZ 1123 Feb 24, blasting in w/SS mx, ad for
'fotorama en Rio Grande Mall', then R.Norteña ID. (Portzer-Wa.)
- 1240 BAHAMAS Nassau ZNS2 1815 Feb 05, sailing schedules for ships in
port by OM. (Townshend-Fla.)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 531 t AUSTRALIA Kempsey 2KM 0939 Feb 24, possibly the one w/DU EE talk,
then pop song. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 540 AUSTRALIA Longreach 4QL 0935 Feb 24, prob. the one w/big band mx.
vy weak. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 550 HAWAII Wailuku KMVI 0930 Feb 24, blasting in w/highschool bkb game.
Strongest HI here in spite of co-channel QRM. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 648 USSR Iman 1100-1130 Feb 25, xlint signal w/R.Moscow KK pgm. ID as
'Mosukaba imnida', nx & cmmtry about U.S.-U.S.S.R. relations.
(Harms-Ut.)
- 657 N.KOREA Kangnan 1020 Feb 25, weak w/KK talk. (Tomer-Ca.)
+1028 Feb 25, lite mx & YL tx about mx. sure is nice to hear rather
than a diatribe about Kim Il Sung, hi. (Harms-Ut.)
- 666 USSR Komsolmosk na Amure 1030 Feb 25, fair w/quiet mx, chimes, RR.
(Tomer-Ca.)
- 702 JAPAN NHK2 0818 Feb 23, weak w/YL talk, // 747. (Portzer-Wa.)
+0935 Feb 25, JOFB/JOKD fair w/JJ talk. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 702 UNID 1035 Feb 22, het looping NE Asia. (Harms-Ut.)
- 738 SOCIETY ISLDS R.Tahiti 0750 Feb 24, fair o/KCBS slop w/slow Polyn-
esian vocals. no break or ID across hour. (Tomer-Ca.)
+0825 Feb 24, fair w/Dixieland jazz, // 1825. (Portzer-Wa.)
- 738 AUSTRALIA Grafton 2NR 0950 Feb 24, good, dull cmtry, then radio
drama, KCBS ID's on the 1/2 hr., G.Martin's unid for sure. (Pifer-Ca.)
+1042 Feb 24, fair w/quiet mx. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 738 UNID 1040 Feb 25, het that couldn't get by KCBS slop. looped NE.
HLKG possible. (Harms-Ut.)
- 747 JAPAN Sapporo JOIB 1055 Feb 22, good w/JJ talk. (Tomer-Ca.)
+0819 Feb 23, booming in w/YL talk. (Portzer-Wa.)
- 747 t AUSTRALIA Toowoomba 44S 1045 Feb 22, most likely the one w/cl. mx.
giving JOIB fits. (Harms-Ut.)
- 750 ALASKA Anchorage KPQD 1052 Feb 22, fair w/pop mx & ID. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 765 NEW ZEALAND Hastings 2ZK 0949 Feb 24, weak w/opera. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 774 JAPAN Akita JOUB 1100 Feb 22, fair w/pips, JJ talk. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 819 N.KOREA Chongjin 1105 Feb 22, KK talk by OM/YL, singing, etc.
(Tomer-Ca.)

- 819 AUSTRALIA Geln Innes 2GL 0930 Feb 24, brief fade-up; quiet mx.
(Tomer-Ca.)
- 819 NEW ZEALAND Rotorua 1YZ 0929 Feb 24, weak w/MoR vocals. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 819 UNID 1038 Feb 25, carrier hetting WBAP, no audio. (Harms-Ut.)
- 828 JAPAN Osaka JOBB 0955 Feb 24, good w/JJ talk. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 837 JAPAN Niigata JOJK 1126 Feb 24, fair w/JJ talk. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 837 NEW ZEALAND Kaitaia/Whangarei 1YK/1YX 0952 Feb 24, fair w/MoR vocals.
(Tomer-Ca.)
- 846 BAIRIKI Tarawa VSZ1 0730 Feb 18, native YL talking in Polynesian.
(Tomer-Ca.)
- 855 AUSTRALIA Maryborough/Eidsvold 4QB/4QO 0920 Feb 28, assumed to
be the source of weak DU accented EE talk. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 873 CHINA Fujin 0923 Feb 23, good signal w/CC talk & singing. (Tomer)
- 882 AUSTRALIA Brisbane 4BH 0926 Feb 24, fair o/1YC w/anct, then more
EZL. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 882 NEW ZEALAND Auckland 1YC 0926 Feb 24, briefly o/4BH w/operatic
singing. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 891 FIJI Lautoka 0909 Feb 24, good sig. w/Indian MoR song. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 891 S.KOREA Busan HLKB 1000 Feb 22, 1000 faded up w/time pips & *KBS
Pusan H-L-K-B' ID. into pgm that sounded like talk about economy.
All in KK. Johk & unid also in back. (Harms-Ut.)
- 900 HAWAII Kahului KNUI 0725 Feb 26, xint way over CJVI w/rr mx, PSA's
for housing in Hawaii. Almost local at times. (P.Martin-Ore.)
- 972 S.KOREA Kimje HLCA 1100 Feb 23, good w/pips, then KK talk. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 1008 NEW ZEALAND Tauranga 1ZD 0830 Feb 24, fair w/pop mx. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 1017 TONGA Nuku-Alofa 0820 Feb 18, strong carrier, fair audio w/YL
singing. Best ever here. (Jaisun-Wa.)
- +0847 Feb 24, fair w/the usual native YL talking between selections.
(Tomer-Ca.)
- 1026 SOLOMON ISLDS Honiara H4B1 0945 Feb 24, assumed source of talk in
non-EE lang. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 1026 AUSTRALIA Mackay 4MK 1218-29 Feb 25, w/mx by Crystal Gayke, Doobies,
TC for 10:21 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Queensland not on summer time) Deep slow fades but
good read when in. Blitized by KTWO s/on 1230. 1st Aussie logged!
(Jaisun-Wa.)
- 1035 NEW ZEALAND Wellington 2ZB 0930 Feb 24, fair w/pop mx, //1008. (Tomer)
- 1044 NEW ZEALAND Dunedin 4ZB 0930 Feb 24, same pgm as 1008, 1035. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 1188 JAPAN Kitami JOKP 1121 Feb 24, strong signal overcoming KEX sloop,
had NHK-1 JJ pgm. //837. (Tomer-Ca.)
- 1188 t WALLS ISLAND 0809 Feb 26, very weak signal next to KEX sloop, w/Island
mx, couldn't tell lang. Have been hearing a het there for weeks now,
from about 0730, I'll keep trying. (P.Martin-Ore.)
- 1206 CHINA, PR Yanbian PBS, Yanji 0945-1005 Feb 25, good signal, local
pgm 0945-59 w/YL singing & YL ancr. 0959-1000 pause & clear ID as
'Yeo-gi-neun bang-song doem-ni-da. Yeo-sshi-bu-teo Cho-seon Min-jok-e
'Cho-seon-eo ang-song-eul shi-jak ha-ge-ssum-ni-da' trans: 'This
broadcast is ending. From 6 o'clock the Korean minority language
broadcast will begin' (I knew that-ed hi) 1000-05 'East is Red'
into nx. (Harms-Ut.)
- 1224 MARSHALL ISLDS Kwajalein AFRTS 0900 Feb 26, hrd poorly w/MoR/EZL
w/Amer. ancr. into nx. i/o 2WS. Not hrd in 11 yrs. (P.Martin-Ore.)
- 1224 AUSTRALIA Sydney 2WS 0854 Feb 26, hrd mixing w/AFRTS w/ancts &
pop mx, too poor for report. (P.Martin-Ore.)
- 1278 NEW ZEALAND Napier 0833 Feb 26, w/Tonight Show, poor. (P.Martin-Ore.)
- 1296 AUSTRALIA Brisbane 4BK 0815 Feb 26, w/racing, sounded a lot like
2KY-1017. (P.Martin-Ore.)
- 1296 NEW ZEALAND Hamilton 1ZH 0815 Feb 26, hrd w/Tonight Show but buried
by 4BK until 0945 when 1ZH was on top for rest of time until 1100
s/off, then 4BK alone on freq. (P.Martin-Ore.)
- 1323 t NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA 70917 Feb 26, accented ancr here w/hyped rock
Might have been 3ZM in Christchurch as they are quite hyped, all
NZ rockers are. (P.Martin-Ore.)
- 1404 W.SOMOA Apia 0827 Feb 26, hrd w/Island mx & YL ancr in Somoan.
Better this time w/no 1410 sloop. Nice to hear again even thou uneded.
(P.Martin-Ore.)
- 1458 t AUSTRALIA Muswellbrook/? 1017 Feb 26, poss. the accented ancr w/
pop mx. If it was 2NM is new catch. Will have to try again, w/too
much 1469 sloop. Xint high band opening this morn. (P.Martin-Ore.)
- 1476 NEW ZEALAND Auckland 1XA 0735 Feb 26, 'R.Hauraki', was surprised
to hear so strongly. Was good by 0815 w/rr mx. anct. after every
2-3 records. (P.Martin-Ore.)
- 1566 S.KOREA Jeju HLDA 1104 Feb 24, great sig. w/relig. (Tomer-Ca.)

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Bill TOWNSHEND on the road in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
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Daily News Reporter

TRANSMIT'S new Capital Radio blew up instead of blaring out yesterday when an electrical fault in the main Umtata antennae caused a man-made lightning bolt which crippled the station.

Mr John Moody, the station's managing director, said today the fault in the antennae caused a 1.8-million volt "flash-back" into the tower, restricting transmission throughout the country at least until Saturday.

"It is the responsibility of the California-based firm which built the antennae and luckily we have spares for the ruined capacitors otherwise we would have been out of action for six months," he said.

Transmission to East

Million-volt blast wrecks radio's big switch-on

London, the Natal North Coast and to the Cape was restored today, but the main output to the Reef remains seriously affected and will not be rectified before Saturday.

"It was our big day and it blew up. We have an amazing radio station and we just can't broadcast it,"

a distressed Mr Moody said.

"The antennae will be stripped today and the damaged capacitors replaced, but we will have to build up the power of the transmission slowly and can only expect to reach the Reef on Saturday morning," he said.

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Quotations From Chairman Jef a membership committee report

Greetings and Happy Anniversary! On the occasion of IRCA's 16th birthday it seems only fitting that your Membership Chairman says a few words. As some of you may have noticed, our membership has been steadily growing in recent weeks. A few well-placed phone calls to Larry King and several radio stations has brought a flood of requests for Wedge antenna plans and inquiries about the club. I expect to see a correspondingly dramatic rise in IRCA membership within the next several months. There is, of course, an even more direct way of informing people about IRCA and the joys of DX. You can tell them about it first hand. For instance, as I write this note I am surrounded by three radios going full bore, hooked up to a 2000' longwire that Bruce and I spooled out this afternoon. The result? For the first time I am hearing West Germany bomb into my living room on medium wave! My first TA!! Anyone who is the least bit interested in DX can't help but be stoked over something like that. I plan to tell more than just a few friends about it, including some HAMS who work 160 meters (just above the current BCB). After I tell them about my DX I will hand them a copy of the blue IRCA intro/membership form which you have received with this copy of DX Monitor. Some of you, in fact most of you, have probably never seen this brochure before. We have lots of them here at membership HQ, and I'd like nothing better than to send them out to interested parties. You can start the ball rolling right now (or tomorrow if you're too hung over from last night's DX, hi). Simply pass this brochure on to a friend, tell him or her about IRCA, and invite him or her to join. We have plenty of room for more people. IRCA remains the most active per capita medium wave club of any in North America. That's something to be proud of, and a good reason to involve other DX hobbyists in our organization. So share this DXM with a friend and pass along the blue brochure. If you need more, just drop me a line. Spread the word--IRCA! 73, Jef Jaisun, Chairman, IRCA Membership Committee.

EASTERN ANNIVERSARY ISSUE DX FORUM

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OF the 80's

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2/22

It's IRCA Anniversary time again and, therefore, time also for another "autobioforum." Before I begin, though, note the new address above--it will be in effect by the time you read this. Having spent my entire DXing life in an apartment, the upcoming move to a single-family structure will be a welcomed change. That "single family," by the way, is made up of myself, my tolerant wife Sherry, and our new dog, Max. I started DXing about 3½ years ago while in graduate school at the U. of Florida in Gainesville. After graduation (Ph.D.--Experimental Psychology), we moved to Pensacola where I presently support my radio habit by doing research for the Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory. DX interest is pretty evenly split between domestic and foreign DXing and tinkering around with the insides of radios. Right now, my favorite domestic DX rig is a GE Superadio w/outboard ferrite loop while for foreign splits I use an FRG-7 which has been highly modified with assorted Radio West accessories. I also own several TRP's, an SX-110, an ICF-5900W, and sundry supporting equipment. Besides ECB DXing, I also enjoy radio drama, SWling, jazz (especially jazz flute), 35mm photography, running the shorter (10-15km) distance races, sports of all kinds...a lot of things, it seems. I'm beginning to nod off while writing this so I can imagine how excited you readers must be, hi. Mercifully, I'll close. Happy Anniversary, IRCA!

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Feb 30

Felicitations to all the NRCers on this, the 17th anniversary of the club! (NRCers??-PRM). As it seems to be a time of re-intros, I might as well chime in with mine(bing, bong, bong). I was born in 1918 (kept my father out of World War I, hi) and have been DXing on my own since 1932, having inherited the hobby from him. The first club I ever belonged to was the GCDXC--the Globe Circler's DX Club, and then the Canadian DX Relay, or was it the other way 'round? HQ of the first was Brooklyn, NY and the latter, Goderich Ontario. My best domestic USA catchest were two West Coast 50 watters, KPFC-1210 in Pasadena CA, and KRKO-1370 Everett WA in the late thirties. Best Canadian catch was VE9EK-1185, in Montmagny PQ, ten watts. DXing today is a whole new ball game from those days, but it is still exciting and fun - it is much more of a challenge now, believe me, for in those days of no ANs and no directional antennas, California was in almost every morning, even on GY channels! I DXed from Brooklyn NY from 1932 till 1974 when I retired (early) and moved here to what had been my vacation paradise, so I've lived in Taxachusetts now for a half decade, and love it. Of course, I have to go upstairs twice a day (at high tide) but what the heck--you ca-'t have everything. It looks as though we may soon have an FM station here in Provincetown, on 91.9, with 1000 watts--a non-commercial, all-volunteer-operated station. Looks like an early Spring--the QRN has been heavy four of the last six days. CUN7 . ERC

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2/22

Happy Anniversary IRCA!! Going with tradition I'll reintroduce myself here. I'm 17, and I have been interested in DX since around 1974, but I didn't really get into ECB DX until Dec. 1976. I've been in IRCA since mid-1977, and at present I'm the editor for the GRAVEYARD DX RECORDS column. Am interested in both domestic and foreign DX, and that includes verifications and tapes as well as hearing stations. Totals as of 9:50:31 a.m. on 2/22/80 are 682 heard/245 verified, with 317 tapes and/or verified in total stations; 10/9 provinces, 41/40 states and 19/11 countries. Past week has provided a successful MM (3 new stations--I refer you to a future EDXR for details), no chance at SSS, so no DX there, and a couple of veries in: Nice France on 1557 (that gives me 2 for 2 in France, as I have a verie from Nice on 1554), CBN 640 for my ninth province (still need Alberta) and 2 shortwave QSLs which is a rarity for me these days..Niger and Korea(rep. of). Other interesting things noted in last week: CKAN still sitting on 1480 at times testing w/OC. CKFH 1430 testing out new spurs on 1505 and 1355 which are not very pleasant to listen to. (After a bad ratings book a station will try anything, hi-PRM). Glad to see that Paul is presently doing a fine job with EDXF. The typewriter in the Feb 9 1980 EDXF was the best in my opinion so far. 73's until next time.

VERY NICE TURNOUT FOR THE ANNIVERSARY ISSUE, THOSE OF YOU WHO MISSED YOUR CHANCE TO RE-INTRO, FEEL FREE TO DO SO AT ANY OTHER TIME IN FORUM. THIS TYPER IS A COUSIN OF THE ONE NIEL LIKED, IT IS AN IBM SELECTRIC II, BEING USED AT SCHOOL BETWEEN CLASSES. SEE YOU ON THE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE REINTRODUCTIONS IN EASTERN DX FORUM.

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Re-intro time and Happy Anniversary IRCA from Quasar XIV of Andromeda galaxy. My mission on your planet is to convince its leaders to quit beaming "I Love Lucy" reruns. My secret identity is that of a 32 year old (in earth time) Eastman-Kodak Company truck worker who resides with a female mate creature and two terra firma-type offspring. I've been DXing for nearly four years, most recently with a primitive model GE Superadio (the type without external antenna outlets). In 1973 I was on the other end of the microphone at a Northern Michigan graveyard. I've logged 35/34 states and 8/6 provinces to date, but recent conditions have been terrible--only one newie since New Years day. Keep an eye on those presidential primary dates, there may be good opportunities to pick up on some distant new stations. LXXIII's and good DX from Quasar XIV.

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Feb 22

Let me re-introduce myself. I'm an aspiring songwriter, comedy writer, and poet. My gift is rhyme, as most of you know. I'm 38 but have the body of a 23 year old. I've had this loft 24 by 30 feet for 2 years now, with 5000 albums in milk crates, a black cat named Brett (rhymes with pet) and lots of books and magazines. My main radios are the Panasonic RF-2200, Sony ICF-5900, GE Superadio, and Realistic TRF. The mid-town Manhattan location is really bad due to spurs and strong local signals. But at night the bands do open up. My most distant graveyard was WSEB-1240 Chicago last July 23 MM. The furthest domestic was KFI-640 Los Angeles on Oct 17, 1978. I've been published in 6 radio club bulletins and hope to start marketing my verse to trade journals and magazines. I don't smoke, drink (occasionally) or touch drugs. I live on health foods which accounts for my youthful appearance. I'm into rock music, and listen to my records and radio D's. Summer of 79 I went across the USA meeting DXers and attended the GMDXA bash in Vancouver. Many club members have visited me and stayed here. As Paul Mount says "There is nothing else better than Friendship thru DXing!" Thank you for all your encouraging letters. 73's.

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Vol3 #1

Hello! everyone, how's DX? Well since this is the anniversary issue, I figure a brief re-introduction is in order. I was 17 when I first joined the IRCA, then I was a "limited member", (subscribed to receive only trial membership issues) in 1978. After that I wasn't a member again until I rejoined, again on a trial membership basis, then when that brief reign of membership expired I once again was out of the IRCA., but on the "delightful" day of 12/20/79 I officially became a member of the club for one full year, and I will remain as such for hopefully another five years. I'm still 18, but that will change three months from now, hi. Anyway I've DXed on the Realistic TRF since November of 78 to December 26, 1979. Total number of stations heard on the TRF stands at a nice 236, all new. I now DX with the RF 2200 an I've logged quite a few as you'll note from last issue. I will have some good news to let you guys in on come the April Fools issue. Further details when that issue comes out. All the good will be in the following week's issue of DX News and will be revised for the April Fools issue of DX Monitor. I'm presently gathering up funds so I can join the GMDXA, I will be an official member of that club on the 21st of this month. Well thats all for this time. Until the April Fools issue, 73s. C U N 14. S.D. Miller.

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Bill Townshend: In answer to your wondering about transmitter controls and PSA's: typically, modern-day transmitters have two sets of front-panel controls--filaments on-off (actually turns the power to the whole rig on and off) and plates on-off. If the transmitter has an option on it for lower power operation for nighttime, there'll be high-low or day-night buttons. Usually, when the filaments are on, the oscillator runs, as does the buffer stage that follows it. Usually, the intermediate power amp and final power amp have both their grid and plate voltages applied simultaneously when the plate-on switch is pushed, resulting in instant carrier and audio. (The modulator is often supplied from the same voltage as the plates of the final.) Power change is often applied by either changing taps on the supply transformer's primary coil (for example, for one-quarter power output, the voltage may be reduced from 240 to 120 volts, both available from the power company.) Presunrise powers, if very low or very odd, will often be accomplished another way. WGSN-740 Huntington NY for example, used a 1kW transmitter and, by trial and error, found a series coupling capacitor that would let only 67 watts through to the antenna. The remaining 933 watts were simply wasted. By the way, they found that the 67-watt coverage was so bad that they no longer use their PSA. Gene Martin: a fine job on that article about AM in 1930. I was hoping someone would write something like that complete with a station list, soon! 73's.

TRY TO GET YOUR FORUMS TO ME BY MONDAY. THOSE ARRIVING TUESDAY SOMETIMES GET IN THOUGH.

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It's about time that I write, I guess. Just got back from my "vacation" in sunny(?) Arizona! I was in Tempe AZ from Feb 17 until Feb 22. It rained everyday except Wednesday. All but two crossings over the Salt River into Phoenix were washed out and to get into downtown Phoenix required a 4 hour wait!! So I was stuck "south of the salt". From Feb 22 till the 24th I was part of the time in Socorro NM and the latter part in Albuquerque NM. This trip was a disaster in terms of SOCs. Only a program guide (took about 20) from KESQ-102 FM from Espanola NM!! I did tape a few things. Airchecks from KDKB-Mesa and KUPD-Phoenix plus IDs and jx from most FMers and some AM's in both Phoenix and Albuquerque. Also stopped by at Arizona State University. I may be attending ASU in 1981, hopefully. No DX here since Nov 79, not even an attempt!! I guess I've come down with the DXers Block" so it will probably be awhile before I get back into DXing. So long for now, 73s. (We were wondering what happened to you Bryan. Read the bulletins and see all the good DX being logged, that should help as it's helped me in the past-PRM)

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Am delighted to see yet another sane and reasonable propagation article in the 2/16 DXM. The theory Connelly puts forth regarding TA reception at the onset of a geomagnetic disturbance is an interesting one. Certainly the larger, positively charged ions, wherever they occur in the ionosphere, serve primarily to absorb radio signals and therefore, common sense suggests, cannot be generally responsible for distant ECB reception as was stated in another DX publication last fall. As any basic text will tell you, the much smaller free electrons ("negative ions") are generally much more effective in propagation of radio signals, and absorption is caused by the collision of these free electrons with positive ions. However, the possible chordal mode which Connelly suggests, it seems to me this would more likely occur within the F region, i.e. ABOVE the E region where most night time ECB absorption takes place (because of the E's higher collisional rate between free electrons and positive ions). Along w/ the F chordal mode we might also find signals trapped for several hops between layers thus reducing ground attenuation.

Best, Stan

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I got back 10 days ago from the Florida Bahamas area. The coldest wx was in St. Pete FL--35° on Groundhog Day (six weeks of winter wx left, hi). While in the Tampa Bay area, I got to Dave Thomas' pad and DX shack tow days before he left for Africa to lead a solar eclipse expedition (I was with him on a similar trip to Australia in late 1976; I heard KOMO-1520 from Samoa 6000 miles away using a palm tree aerial anda pocket rx.) I saw three more eclipse buffs the previous day at Clearwater; I knew these people from the 1974 around the world trip (eclipse off Australia's west coast, 12000 miles from home). Dave has an impressive file of more than 4500 QSLs collected in 56 years of ECB DXing. He also showed a reception report saying his station WUMS in Southern OH was heard in Napier, New Zealand on 5 watts! His shack has a rx whic is a LW DXers dream. Six bands ranging from 14,500 Hz (birds, dogs, and cats hear higher freqs as audio) thru 645 KHz. As in Samoa and Tahiti, I used a palm tree as an aerial in South FL and the Bahamas, but what is good for the pocket rx doesn't necessarily go for the TRF. However the reports sent to EDXR and DXWV were based on the use of the TRF. Dave said he was going to get one of those devils before he left for Africa; I wonder how he made out at Radio Shack. With the pocket rx, I even got a little onto FM DXing. In Nassau I bagged WRMB-FM 89.3 Boynton Beach, WKQS-FM 99.9 Boca Raton, WCKO-FM 102.7 Pompano Beach, and WYOR-FM 105.1 Coral Gables, with WRMB being the farthest catch at 220 miles(352km) with fair signal. I cant do such DXing here in NW DC because of close proximity to WKYS-FM 93.9 (same mast as WRC-TV-4), WRQX-FM 107.3 and WHUR-FM 96.3 plus ch5, ch20,WAMU-88.5 all within 2.1 mi. (3400 m)of my QTH. (Condensed slightly-PRM). These FM stations generate terrific spurs all over the dial that I have to leave town (even the country to DX on FM or TV. As far as such DXing is concerned, my QTH &5%#\$. Last night WMAL-630 had SP (OC was noticed during semi-annual PoP test) and as usual the unn Cuban pests dominated 630 and 640 hampering my tries at KXOK and KFI respectively. In Nassau, ZNS-TV-13 had a SP due to a strike and even ZNS-1-1540 was off for several hours. There are no FM stations in the Bahamas, so FM DXing was super. That's Bill Block's forte. (I enjoyed seeing him at the 1978 convention in Portland OR and again last fall at the NRC Convention in St. Louis). I'll CUN 14 days. ----- and good DX de WPT. (Catch any bikinis, Thi-PRM)

ALL FORUMS RECEIVED THROUGH TUESDAY MARCH 4 ARE INCLUDED HERE IN THE ANNIVERSARY ISSUE. IN ADDITION TO SENDING TYPED OR HAND WRITTEN FORUMS, YOU CAN SEND THEM ON POSTCARDS, TAPE, OR OVER THE TELEPHONE IF YOU WISH TO GET IN JUST BEFORE THE DEADLINE. BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 11pm (ONE HOUR) IS PROBABLY THE BEST TIME TO CATCH ME HOME; TELE-FORUM PHONE IS 614 753 3280. YOU NEEDNT MAKE IT A LONG FORUM LIKE THE ONE ABOVE; I'D RATHER HAVE A LOT OF SHORT FORUMS FROM MANY PEOPLE SO JOIN THE LIST OF 24 PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THIS COLUMN SINCE I'VE TAKEN OVER. SEND IN A FORUM TODAY.

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Feb 28

Happy Anniversary IRCA. It's an anniversary for me, too. I've been in the IRCA for a year now since issue 21 and plan to stay for a loonng time. Also, I've been DXing for 2 years since the 26th. As for a reintro, I'm 15 and a student at Merrimack Valley High School in the 9th grade. My receivers are a National NC-183 (a real boat anchor) and a Montgomery Wards 1479 (It's somewhere in the catalog) which despite its low cost, \$100, it works really well. I can get PJB in regularly with a good signal which happens about 1 weekend a month. As for giving lots of details in reports, I'm for giving details in the hope of helping a person to receive a station, not for some jerk who wants to get an unearned verie. I recently picked up a WRTH and found it worth my money. I'm sure it'll be a big help whenever those non-English stations come in. I just found out that the National Guard helicopters have expensive little radios that can transmit right on the BCB! WWV was going crazy the other night on 10 MHz. It wasn't there! WWVH and MSP(U.K.) were coming in nicely but absolutely no sign of WWV. Did anyone hear them 02/25? That's it for now, if you like to correspond send me a letter. I divided by .01369863 de MPS.

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This being my very first Forum, I guess I'd better offer some form of introduction. I am 27 years old and work as a graphic designer at a printing firm. I have been DXing seriously since Nov. 1970 and have joined the NRC shortly after that. I felt I needed some more reading material so I joined IRCA last December. I am very pleased with the look of the 'Monitor'. My main reason for not being in two clubs before this was finding space for a new set of magazines. Anyone who has been in a DX club 10 years or more knows how much space 10 volumes take up. I am an equally active FM DXer also. I've been doing FM even earlier than AM. I also do TV, that being my initial contact with DXing in the summer of 1969. I have been a member of WTFDA, the TV-FM DX club for 10 years now. Other interests here include astronomy and astrophotography and wildlife photography, also wild-life and general illustration and cartooning. I am trying to get into one of the latter three fields professionally. Gouldsboro is located in the western Pocono mountains just a few miles west of the Pocono 500 race track. I am about 10 miles east of Wilkes-Barre PA. Since I work in Wilkes-Barre I stay there during the week and do DXing when I can. I use one DX log since my two locations are only 10 miles apart. I have been reading EDXF and have found some very interesting things in the column. I was particularly interested in a passing reference that Mark Connelly made a while back to whispering DJs on progressive rock stations in the late 60s. In my high school days in Wilkes-Barre I remember that WBAX-1240 was the progressive rock station for the area back in the psychedelic era, 1967-69. They had a whispering announcer evenings and I remember not listening to them because the whispering got on my nerves. I don't remember if WBAX was progressive full time or not. Strange thing about the late 60s, I note very few if any "oldies" stations ever play the psychedelic music that was so popular then. It's strange because even the most conservative T-40 stations back then didn't hesitate to play it. Whether or not one liked the music from that time I think one has to admit that the onset of the popularity of that music said something very dramatically about the changing mores of youth in this country. Such a dramatic change I think will never happen again in popular music. I personally do not like most music from that era but find it interesting to look back on. It is also interesting to look at the present. At least in the east it seems as if Country and Western, Disco and lately hard rock split the popular music audience's appeal three ways: sort of a 'mish-mosh' of all we've been through in popular music in the last 25 years. If you think you've heard everything, wait until the three combine, hi. 73

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March 4

And here ends the longest column of the 8 I've done, leaving me with back sores and eyes the same, hi. For my re-intro, I got into DXing from an interest that any 11 year old might have in music, listening to WABC in Teaneck, NJ and writing down songs. I then got to making stationlists and noted the big gap between WHN-1050 and WNEW-1130, so one winters night in 1970 I tuned there finding WKYC (now WWWE) and WBT, and that got me going on lists of "Discovered Stations". My parents bought me a Broadcasting Yearbook in May 1970 (then only \$10) and I DXed here and there, at home and on vacations through Jr. High on various table radios. Somehow, I think from a How to Listen to the World that a friend had left at our house around 1964, I found out about reception reports. One of them that I sent was found by an IRCA member and a sample received in Dec. 1972. I joined IRCA in Jan 1973, a member since. From Teaneck NJ 1973-1978 + vacations totals are: 519/36d/7/13 with about 220 veries from 33d states, most from 1973-5. I moved to Nelsonville in 9/78 to attend college and totals here are 504/37d/4/10 and taped totals here are 135/31/3/7. I am 21 hoping to do a double major in Electronics and Broadcasting, and work at WLGN 1510/98.3 "I"

Happy 16th Anniversary IRCA!

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Greetings and another Happy Birthday IRCA! To reintroduce myself: I'm 31, a Charter Member of the IRCA (joining in April 1964) and have been DX'ing since 1962. I have 576 veries on the BCB from 43 states + D.C. and 20+ foreign countries. Some of my better veries accumulated over the years include 1YA 760, 2NR 700, KGU 760, CX16 850, HGJB 700, HJKC 850, TIRICA 625, CMW 590, BBC 1214 and WDR 1586. Haven't been too active in the last few years. Equipment consists of a Hammarlund HQ-145A with a spiral loop and Drake SW4a with a 100' longwire. Please notice change of address. Mail will still reach me at Box 74, Buffalo, OK 73834, but since I'm down here at Ft. Supply (where I work at Western State Hospital) six days a week, mail will reach me more quickly here. I hope the FCC doesn't adopt the 9 kHz channel spacing. This would certainly make foreign DX more difficult but the FCC isn't looking at it from the DX'ers viewpoint, hi. Instead of many new stations on an already overcrowded BCB I would favor letting the clear channels run, say 500 kw, and become true clear channels. In light of the present tense world situation I think stations with a truly coast-to-coast coverage would be desirable in the event of a national emergency. I remember an incident in the early '70s where somebody goofed and sent down the teletype instead of the usual EBS test a real alert. Many of the smaller stations failed to catch this. I think a clear channel operation would not be as likely to make the same mistake. Of course in that instance, a mistake was made, but if it had been the real thing, people depending on their local might not have been warned. 73 and good DX to all.

MIKE HARDESTER, 574 DEER SPRINGS RD., SAN MARCOS, CA 92069

Moving once again and should (hopefully) be settled into our new home by the time this is in print. We're located about 40 miles/65 kilometers northeast of San Diego in a fairly RF quiet area on two acres of land. Don't know how much DX time I'll have as the move has added about 45 minutes (one way) from work. . .not to mention the mileage and increased gasoline costs. As is customary with the Anniversary Issue, a Happy Anniversary to IRCA. A re-intro: I'm 30 and have been actively DX'ing since 1968. I joined IRCA and NRC in 1969 and now belong to too many clubs! Married Rosalind in 1976 and we just celebrated our first and fourth anniversary (29 February), depending on how you look at it. No harmonics and none planned. Over the years, a multitude of equipment has been accumulated, but main receivers include R. West modified FRG-7 and FRG-7000, and SPR4. Plan to soon add the Kenwood R-1000 (modified by R. West, natch). Antennas for longwave/BCB is the R. West loop with Sanserino longwave/BCB loop on "standby." Also, R. West Active Antenna for SWBC will soon be added, plus various "longwires" as time allows me to construct. Courtesy of Charlie Taylor, I'm dabbling in PFM (precision frequency measurement) and hope to increase this aspect of DX'ing. Will be leaving the Navy, after eight years as a Hospital Corpsman, and entering a civilian job area in electronics which I'm now studying. Am also interested in parapsychology which I am just now returning to as time permits. Very 73 and best of DX!

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Well, another year has gone by for IRCA; "Happy Anniversary" IRCA! I guess it's time for a re-intro since this is the tradition at this time of year. I am 32, have been married for 10½ years. I've been a DX'ers since 1966;

seriously since 1970. I belong to six other DX clubs besides IRCA. I DX with an FRG-7, DX-150A and a Sanserino loop. I also have an 83-foot longwire in the attic. My main DX interest is the broadcast band, however, I have done DX'ing on almost every major band below the CB bands. (Note: I have a CB license, too, for you CB "Nuts" - KFC4791, inactive). Enough for the re-intro. From 28-30 March Wolfgang Hippler from West Germany will be visiting me. He may stay at my house during the time he's in San Diego. If you'd like to visit you're welcome, but make sure we're in first - he wants to tour San Diego and visit Tijuana, too. Wolfgang's address in Germany is: Schwerter Strabe 20, D-5758 Pröndenberg-Altendorf, Fed. Rep. of Germany. In regard to Rth's comments about DX clubs raising dues to over \$20 in the not too distant future, I believe that with inflation being what it is it will be inevitable that this will happen sooner than we all think it will. Because I belong to seven DX clubs (\$140 per year at \$20 each) I will have to drop some, if not most of those. The decision as to which ones will be most difficult to make, but the budget just won't allow it. I can tell you with certainty that IRCA will not be one of the clubs I will drop. IRCA was the first DX club I joined and will be first on my list of clubs to remain a member should I be forced to drop my membership in some of the seven DX clubs I belong to. DX'ers are always welcome here. Just be sure to let me know well in advance that you'll be coming here if you're from out of town. I can be reached at either of the above numbers and it's all right to phone at any hours on Monday mornings. If I'm not up DX'ing you'll really be amazed and/or amused by my telephone DX'ing machine's special Monday morning tape. The home address for those of you who are interested is: 9565 Paseo Temporada, San Diego, CA 92129. It is located in a section of San Diego known as Peñasquitos and is just west of Poway and about 15 minutes south of Escondido (home of R. West - a little free advertising for you Grant - you're welcome in advance!) Well, I've probably exceeded my line limit already - so 73 and good DX de ASL. (Retyped at WDXF HQ to comply with copy parameters-Rth).

PATRICK MARTIN, P.O. BOX 843, SEASIDE, OR 97138

Happy Anniversary to IRCA! I believe an intro is in order here. I'm 30, and I work as a locksmith in Clatsop County. I have been DX'ing since about 1962 and collecting veries since 1965. I got my start in DX'ing while living in Alaska, where 5 kw stations from the EC were not uncommon. I have about 1,100 veries total and 35 countries verified in BCB. My main interest in DX'ing any more is basically the South Pacific, Australia and Asia. I enjoy DX'ing TAs when they are heard. My best catches are 7SH 1584, 100 watts, St. Helens, Tasmania, Australia and WAAX 570 with 138 watts, Gadsden, Alabama. I heard and verified them in 1965 from Seward, Alaska. They had their towers torn up and were using a longwire. I heard and verified 7SH early in 1979. I first joined IRCA in 1968, but dropped out in 1974 when I became more interested in FM & TV DX. I rejoined IRCA in 1979 when I regained my interest in MW. I guess I never really lost my interest, but I found FM and TC DX more interesting inland (Portland area) than BCB. I guess I have been spoiled on the Oregon coast away from locals, of the 10 and 50 kw nature. I use an RBO-2, E.H. Scott U.S. military surplus, circa 1953. I have used the same receiver for 12 years now. It is basically a ECB receiver with a couple SW bands thrown in for good measure. The SW bands don't have much gain as they are not connected into the RF stage, the same way the MW band is, which is strange. I also use a TCS-12, Collins receiver (U.S. military surplus also, circa 1943). I use it mainly for 120, 90, 75, 60 meters SW, as I do tune those frequencies on occasion. I use a 230-foot longwire antenna running mainly east-west, and a 4-foot loop. I find the longwire to have much more gain than the loop. I also use a ground to three driven radials in salty soil, as I live about 1/2 block from the beach. I use a couple homebrew RF pre-amps I made for BCB. One uses a 6SH7 and the other a couple FETs. I like the tube one better, as it is more stable and doesn't overload as easy. Well, I guess I have used up my limit for this time. May IRCA have many more anniversaries to come! Good DX to all.
73.

BILL HARMS, UNIVERSITY STATION, P.O. BOX 7428, PROVO, UT 84602

Happy Birthday IRCA! It's time for a re-intro. I am 24, married, a student majoring in botany at Brigham Young University. I have DX'ed for 11 years and have been a member of IRCA for three of them. I keep totals for two locations. Spokane: 761/38/5/15. Provo: 575/35/4/20. Until recently I've been basically a domestic DX'er, but my interest in foreign DX has been kindled. Now I'd say I am 60/40 domestic/foreign DX'er. My best catch is

from Spokane and would have to be WCSC 1390. DX'ing extensively at two locations I feel I can compare generally the conditions of DX to each of them. For example, Utah stations were much easier in Spokane than Washington stations are from Provo. In general, stations at the same latitude as Provo are much easier in Spokane than the stations at the same latitude as Spokane are from Provo. Could someone explain that to me? Auroral absorption? Also foreign DX seems to be better here in Provo. Possibly due to the fact that high latitude signals have a more southerly path to travel to reach Provo. Is that reasonable? This will be short. 73 and good DX de WJH.

GARY LARSON, 2806 LINCOLN, BURBANK, CA 91504

Here's a quick re-intro. I work for Burns International and most often at Universal Studios and usually work graveyard shift. I sometimes put in 55+ hours a week. I also am a volunteer engineer at KCSN-FM, Northridge, CA (since July 1974). I don't DX a lot, but try to contribute to DXM with local radio information. I like to trade airchecks of various areas and cities; and also collect radio promo things. Now I'll let someone else say something here in the DX scene. 73.

JAMES E. CRITCHETT, 1635 WALBRIDGE ST., RED BLUFF, CA 96080

Ric, if I stick with it, I might get this forum to you in time for the 16th Anniversary issue (I'd better lay off that Segó drink). I have a card from the National Radio Club, Inc., P.O. Box 5181, Terminal Annex, Denver, CO 80217, USA. I was a member for the period ending 09 March 1965. Signed by Dallas E. John. I believe that made me a Charter Member of what is now the International Radio Club of America (IRCA). Membership has been retained continuously. Changes in the next 16 years will be interesting, but survival is quite probable. Extension at both ends of the dial is expected. Nine kHz division between stations will be very hard to sell the listening and dialing public, including the whole Western Hemisphere. If all the stations on this earth have compatible divisions with stations on the same nine frequencies, we can live with the system. Considering the present "Graveyard" conditions, I do not favor either an expansion of the dial, or a nine kHz frequency separation. "White areas" that do not have primary coverage also do not have the income to support stations to serve those areas. So you younger taxpayers will have to support a station in Eureka, Nevada on either AM or FM. Too many stations now. RW heard 1540 KMFO before it was published in Broadcasting, 18 February. I heard it at 1000 this morning, 25 February, with KZLA and KZAM after KASA faded. Thanks, Rth, for the tip on 1070 KERR. I tried for earthquake news on KNX, 24 February, and found a stronger station which, when KNX was nulled out, identified at 1041 as KERR Polson, Montana. Such examples of reporting to the membership keeps this a valuable club for its members. Happy Anniversary! 73.

GENE MARTIN, 3303 E. EVANS AVE., DENVER, CO 80210

Way back in December 1964 I discovered that Allouis, France at 164 kHz began putting a good signal into Cleveland before sundown and stayed with me until its morning fade-out about 0300 ELT. Being curious, I kept checking what time of evening that Allouis would begin to appear, and I finally found it fading up as early as 1425 ELT. What brings this up now is the recent Monitor reports on daytime reception where daytime is considered enduring up to two hours before sunset. Under that definition then, my reception of France at 1425 would be considered daytime reception for the Cleveland sunset in December hovers close to 1655 ELT. Of course it was not daytime reception in any way, shape or form. Instead, it was an example of the well-known fact that conditions approximating night-time often hang on for hours after a mid-winter sunrise and may hang around all day. The farther north you are, the more pronounced this is, although I also noted the same thing many years ago as far south as Dallas. In places like Oregon, Wisconsin and Maine, there is not enough genuine daytime in mid-winter to hsake a stick at. I mean it seems that the reflecting layers often do not abandon these northern latitudes during the few hours that pass for daytime. Philadelphia, Boston and New York stations begin rolling into northern Wisconsin in December with a signal up to night-time standards as early as 1430 ELT. I have experienced this. London is another place where daytime skywaves are pronounced in December. In any event, I think that daytime cannot be defined for radio propagation purposes by beginning it two hours after sunrise and ending it two hours before sunset. That might be workable for June, but it's distinctly unworkable for December. 73.

RANDY TOMER, 1038-11th ST., ARCATA, CA 95521

Conditions seemed like they were getting to be pretty fair in late February, so I made the trip to my DX'pedition site on 28 February for an AN session at the dials. TPs proved as scarce as logging trucks in Santa Monica that night, with only Tarawa heard and a few hets from New Zealand. With the sunspots just past their maxima, conditions seem to be the pits; definitely not as good as even one year ago. I did manage to get a good signal from CBXQ 540, the LPRT in B.C. that relays CBU 690. The program was classical music. I now suspect that some of my tentative loggings of 4QL 540 reported to DXWW may have actually been this LPRT. Blush; blush. Today I was surprised by a visit from Clarence Freeman, a veteran DX'er (over 1,000 QSLs) who is in the NRC. He now lives in Arcata, so maybe I can get him to start DX'ing again. Now that Art Peterson is married, I wonder if he's going to send in any more tips to DXWW? What are you doing, Art? Maysself, getting married (in '75) drove me into becoming a DX'er, had to do something to keep my sanity, hi. Well, after mouthing off in my last few forums that I might be getting yet another receiver, I did just that. I got an SPR-4! Got it from Michael Dietz in Virginia; it's only two years old and has a factory re-alignment. I've heard lots of pros and cons about the SPR-4, so I decided to try one out for myself. Certainly can't be any worse than a PRG-7. I'm basically a believer in the old tube radios. Happy Anniversary, IRCA!

NICK HALL-PATCH, 3272 ALDER ST., VICTORIA, B.C. V8X 1P2

It's anniversary time again and this year I'm remembering to write a forum for the big issue. Now if the P.O. remembers to deliver it. . . Anyway, best of anniversary wishes to the club and I'm sure there will be many more. For a smallish club, we have a good proportion of enthusiastic members - let's keep it that way. As for NHP, he's now another year older at (good grief!) 30, and still staying up half the night (well, MMs anyway). I'm still a gardener, but am now self-employed; still haven't figured out a way to write off DX equipment on my taxes yet. I'm married to Susan and have a year-old daughter, Lucy, who is necessitating a move to larger quarters come May. The house we've bought is closer to all three locals - a good DX location was not at the top of the priorities unfortunately. At least I'll be able to DX inside the house instead of a shed! Equipment here is a severely modified (i.e. transmogrified) National HRO, a transmogrified DX150A, a transmogrified TRF, three-foot amplified box loop, homebrew ferrite loop, Toshiba cassette deck, a R. West digital display and miscellaneous homebrew toys in various stages of decomposition. Main consumer of time at the moment is my editorship of the upcoming technical book for the club. It was supposed to be ready by the end of February, but not all contributions are in yet, so who knows when it will come off the presses? Soon, I hope - I'd like to get back to tinkering and away from typing. 73 for now de NHP.

W. GEORGE ELLIOTT, c/o CKOV, P.O. BOX 100, KELOWNA, B.C. V1Y 7N3

Happy Anniversary IRCA!! I have enjoyed the year I have been a member, and look forward to many more to come. Speaking of which, my dues will be on its way to RAS when this hits the press, hi. Re-intro time" I'm 19, and have been DX'ing off and on since September 1973. I did a little SW DX in '77/'78, but came back to the BCB. If my name sounds familiar to a few of you, it's because you may have heard it while DX'ing. . . I'm the AN DJ on CKOV, SM and MM. I have been doing the AN'er since September 1979 and have been working for 'OV's FM outlet, CHIM since October 1978. I DX with a Realistic DX-160 and a four-foot loop. My totals appeared in my last forum. On 22 February, I received a tape of part of my show from Bruce Portzer. bp - you should have a reply very soon. Congrats to all who wroked on the Almanac! I have found it to be my new BCB DX "bible". . . Steve Ehrbar, I hope my tape got to your place OK, and fiannly, WSHM: Will Somebody Help Mme? I'm looking for a copy of the booklet, Table of Frequency Allocations, (Cat. #C023-1-1978-1). I just got word from the Canadian Government Publishing Centre in Ottawa that it's permanently out of print!! I would like to buy a copy of it, and/or something close to it. Thanks, and once again, Happy Anniversary IRCA!!3's'de WGE

GARY PARTON, 157 ELM ST., #101, SAN MATEO, CA 94401

Greetings to everyone from San Mateo, California. I just purchased a GE Super Long Range TRF and it's an excellent radio for DX on both AM and FM. Compared to my Realistic TRF, the GE is far superior. I compared hearing the same distant stations on both radios and the reception is much better on the GE. If anyone is looking for a reasonably good radio for DX and can not spend a lot, I recommend the GE Long Range TRF Model 7-2880. Daytime, stations on AM that are 100 to 250 miles away come in very clear on the GE, such as KFRE, KMJ, KCRL. Saturday night, 01 March 1980 I was able to receive KFAC 1330 Los Angeles and hear parts of the Western Regional Finals of the Metropolitan Opera auditions of which my sister Leslie Richards won first place and now goes on to New York to be in the finals which will be heard live, Sunday, 23 March 1980 at 1400 ELT. National Public Radio will air the broadcast - locally on KQED-FM. I was not able to go down to USC to see my sister; my parents went down for sure. We are all very proud of her, she had worked for an opera career for many years. . .I had to give my sister a bit of publicity! DX has not been the greatest lately with all those storms over California. The L.A. regulars are almost always coming in such as KFI, KABC, KFVB, KNX. Even though I love AM DX, I still like FM. One of these days I plan on getting a communications receiver to do serious DX'ing! Anyone have any suggestions on good receivers? I'm sure some of you do have recommendations. Thanks to Gary Larson and Neil Dickerson for all the tape swapping of thier locals. I want to take this opportunity to wish IRCA a Happy 16th Anniversary and thank all the people who contribute their time and patience in putting the Monitor together. It's an excellent publication and I plan on staying in IRCA for a long time. Ric, thanks for doing a great job of compiling our columns for WDXF in the Monitors! (My pleasure and thanks for the kind words, Gary-Rth). Hope everyone has great DX in the weeks ahead. 73 de GP.

DAVID OLIPHANT, BOX 361, MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA T1A 7G1

If I am to even have a chance of getting this in the anniversary issue, tonight it had better be done. And because I am doing some listening, now is as good a time as any. Was going to just scan the band tonight, 28 February, but seem to have found a SS station on 820 and have none listed in my logbook. Yes, it is SS with brief male and female announcers, probably Cuba, no? But anyway, an introduction. I'm 25, single, work as an engineer at a local fertilizer plant, and have been a BGB DX'er for over ten years most of which I have been a member of IRCA (still have my sample copy of DXM which carries a 19 July 1969 date and was the result of my second reception report which was sent to KFAB). During those years interest has gone up and down, seems that when I'm in the Hat it's up and when in Edmonton it's down. Am just not used to so many NSP locals (I can see you all gasping "Edmonton has lots of NSP locals") I guess. The Hat retains no NSP'ers as CHAT 1270 is still off MM but there are a couple about 100 km away. Yep, it is Cuba, so if you will excuse me, I must do some tuning. Nice signal from WABC tonight. Usual equipment is FRG-7 and SM-1. Also have a Hitachi cassette deck, TRF, DX-150A (which can't be plugged in in my bedroom; no three-prong plugs), and a crudely made wedge. Not to mention many pieces of varying lengths of wire. Totals since returning to the Hat 13 months ago: 485/35/5/13. Have been rather disappointed with the foreign DX this past year, had 33 countries when I ended my last logbook here. No veries, last one was sent to R. Australia (3L0 770) about three years ago. Other interests (today, anyway, hi): astronomy, chess, music, reading, some crafts, cross-country skiing (distinct lack of snow this year) and the outdoors. Enough. 73.

DOUG NYHOLM, 2071 CEDAR ST., SAN CARLOS, CA 94070

Happy 16th Anniversary to the IRCA. To re-introduce myself: I've been DX'ing since 1968, but was inactive from '72 to '78. I'm married and work for Burroughs with computers in San Jose. Since rejoining IRCA I've met many great people and really enjoy the club. An anniversary issue might be a good time to reminisce about DX ten years ago. It seemed like just about everything was off on MM's. I remember at 0600 ELT listening for ELT s/ons and hearing many. Then at 0700 there were the CLT s/ons and 0800, etc. It wasn't unheard of to log ten new stations on a MM including two or three "W" calls. Times sure have changed, NSP is a dirty word. I only seriously DX on MM's now so my DX totals aren't skyrocketing. However, since May '79, I have managed to add about 80 new stations. Totals from two locations (Phoenix and San Carlos) are 731 veries from 48 states/nine provinces/and

15 countries. What has got to be the biggest fluke of all time and my best ever verie was WERI 1230 Rhode Island logged from San Francisco 10 years ago! But recent veries from KMSD 1510 and KWCO 1560 indicate DX is not dead and never will be. Well, see you all in the Monitor and the best to all and the IRCA. 73.

BILL BLOCK, 9307 S.E. CLAY ST., PORTLAND, OR 97216

Hi gang. Happy Anniversary IRCA! It's time for a re-intro. I am 33, single, and have been DX'ing since 1963 and a member of IRCA since 1964. My shack includes a Hammarlund HQ-140 XA, FRG-7, Heathkit Q-Multiplier and a Radio West loop. I also had two longwires but, they came down with my TV DX antenna in a January ice and wind storm. I also belong to NRC. DX has been good the last few days with the clear channel stations coming in real well. This morning, 03 March, I drove to work with KORL on the radio! Other hobbies include camping, TV DX and going to conventions. 73 and good DX and I will see you in Louisville.

JEF JAISUN, "BIG ZUCCHINI CHICKEN FARM", 12860-136th AVE. N.E., KIRKLAND, WA 98033

It occurs to me that after being in this club for x amount of years (I forget how many-time flies when yer having fun) I may have never done an intro. I guess that's what anniversary issues are for, hi. Well, let's see. 34 years old this months, been DX'ing for over 20 years that I know of, and my usual gig can best be defined as entrepreneur. That means I've got my fingers in so many pies at once that I'm never sure which one I'm tasting. (Oh well, as long as they stay gooey, hi). The bake shop includes professional musician and recording star, photographer, writer for a less-than-great metropolitan newspaper, backyard auto mechanic when the desperation arises, and organic gardening consultant. (No cracks, RtH!). (I'm not touching this with a five-foot bush - errr, pole, hi-RtH). I'm also, as of this past November, IRCA Membership Committee Chair. I spend a lot of money calling radio stations in the dead of night just to hear distant DJs say, "You're WHERE?!?!?" Cheap thrills. Went on the air on WGY Sunday morning 02 March extolling the virtues of DX and IRCA. The DJ introed me by telling his audience that he usually calls around the country on SMS to talk to people who've DX'ed him, but there are a couple of states he never expected to hear from. Washington was one. He asked about my longest DX, and when I started throwing out countries like Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China and Tonga, he almost fell off his transmitter. These thrills may be cheap but they are fun, hi. Well, that's about enough for me. I think I have got a Membership hype somewhere else in this rag. Best of DX and everything else to everyone, and may I finally hear Wisconsin this year. 73 and 88s de JJ.

STEVEN MARK MITTMAN, 2248 W. 37th ST., SAN PEDRO, CA 90732

Regarding intros, here's a re-intro. I'm currently 23, having been born 200 years too early on 09 March 1957 in Poughkeepsie, NY (the comicbook capital of the world!). When I was eight, my family moved to Oxnard, California (not guilty; I didn't name it, hi), and the following year we moved to San Pedro (which is pronounced "Pead-row," similar to "Peter." So if I ever catch any of you giving it a Spanish pronunciation, I'll put a curse on you, and all of your locals will go NSP!), where I still reside. I used to commute 80 miles a day round trip to UC Irvine (home of the ANARC '80 convention in July) and back, but thank goodness that's finally over. Last December I graduated with a B.A. in psychology. Currently I'm in graduate school, and eventually I hope to obtain a doctorate (Ph. D.) in Clinical Psychology. Being the super-fascinating person that I am, I actually have interests other than DX'ing (hard to believe, huh? These include quality science fiction, astronomy/space exploration, snorkeling (skin diving) and skiing. I'm also involved with the American Cetacean (whale) Society and Greenpeace. I'm very much interested in reading literature/research about dolphins (which are small whales). The Navy (both ours and "theirs") and other scientists are doing some extraordinary experiments, and many members of the scientific community believe dolphins to have an intelligence which is greater than ours. DX: As of 03 March 1980 my total number of stations (not counting call changes) is 576 and 115 midday. The most number of stations on one frequency is 13 (1230 kHz), and the least is one on four frequencies (XERPM 660, WBAP 820, XEPRS 1090, KSL 1160). My biggest pest is KFI 640. I can't hear anything on 650 with them on (except KFI, hi) and I have only heard one station on 660. With XETRA and KMPC off, KFI slop

reaches clear up to 700! (KNBR fans, eat your hearts out!). I also live only 9 miles from KNX and I get them cross-modulating with every other L.A. local plus stations as far away as Tijuana! The San Pedro marine operator's XR is just two blocks from here, and they cause havoc with "non-good" receivers, as well as destroy the lower SW bands. Living in a large city like Los Angeles is great for FM (there are no blank spots on the dial), but is disastrous for AM (there are no blank spots on the dial, hi)! Remember, DX'ers do it in the wee hours of the morning! 73 de KSMM.

RANDY MILTIER, 1068 FAIRVIEW AVE., SAN JOSE, CA 95125

Well I guess a 10-year absence from the dials is long enough. My last heard and verified station was KOFO 1220 dated 05 February 1970. My next heard and verified station was KMJJ 1140 dated 05 January 1980. The DX bug is back! I was a member of IRCA in the late '60s so I guess I fall under the "rejoin" category. I'm 35, married, and am a fire fighter for Santa Clara. The receiver here is a Panasonic RF-4800 using the built-in ferrite antenna. I need a good loop to do any serious DX'ing. . . Anyone have suggestions? My old gear consisted of a HQ-180 with a four-foot box loop which worked quite well. A couple of my better catches are: WBNB (now WVWI) 1000 Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Islands with 1 kw and CHIR 730 Leamington, Ontario with .5 kw. Totals are 602/436, 42/40. About the only name I recognize in the DXM is Ernie Cooper (Ernie, did you go to school with Marconi?). Again, I would appreciate hearing from anyone concerning a good loop antenna. 73.

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Happy 16th, IRCA! As I begin my sixth year as WDXF editor, here's a re-intro: I'm 33, single, unemployed (but starting back to school) and have been a DX'er since 1959 (seriously since '63). Have been aware of radio (calls, locations, etc.) since about '56. Totals: 1,110/576, from 44 states, 8 provinces and 36 countries. Records reflect an accumulative total of 14½ yrs' DX from the Bay Area with time out (and separate records) for Alaska and the East Coast. Some of my best veries would include WKTE 1090 .5 kw NC (DX test) and WRAN 1510 1 kw NJ (s/on), and in the other direction, AFRS 790 .05 kw AK and AFRS 890 .25 kw AK. Best foreign veries would include 4VEH 1035, WMDD 1480 PR (DX test). Better catches: VOA 760 Saigon (believe Peterson and Godwin also have this one), VOA 1196 W. Germany, and several deep South Americans, plus numerous DU veries. And although in its day, it was a pest, for the novelty of it, the then controversial R. Americas 1165 supposedly off the coast of Nicaragua. Doug, I'll reminisce with you, but about 6+ years earlier than you, hi. East Coast regional s/ons were a normal occurrence, Midwesterners were a pest (hi), and you didn't bother for MLT s/ons, hi. After all, many regional channels then were wide open on a MM. And, my WVON 1450 logging (and later verified) was when the only two NSP'ers in the West, KSOL and KTIP both took a night off leaving that GY channel nearly wide open. I still remember one morning in '65 (a low sunspot cycle time also) when I heard SS on 1020, while at a friend's house, stayed around for the ID, CP4 Bolivia (!!). Their signal was a real knock-out, and I tuned them in on the car radio and listened to them all the 12 miles home! At home, they were audible on the Sony, a clock radio, as well as my DX gear! Yes, those were the days. Equipment: Currently a HQ-129X, with a FRG-7 for back-up. Started way back when with a 5 tube Philco, graduated to a 1935 console model Philco (\$18 in '63 when they weren't considered antiques, hi), onward to a Lafayette HA-230, then a HQ-129 upon moving back from Alaska; that receiver went with me to New York, sold to Foxworth when I returned here. Bought another HQ-129 in '73. Used a Hallicrafter S20R in between my move back and purchase of the Hammarlund. Have a 90 cm wedge (the oldest one now in use) and a scrappy 20-foot longwire. I get a chuckle out of recent comments how a loop does not have the gain of a longwire. Of course not, they're not suppose to. What the loop does, of course, is to help reduce noise and unwanted signals. Loops originate to the early days of radio, and were rediscovered by, I'm happy to say, IRCA in '64 with the spiral loop. NRC followed with the box loop some time later, and ex-IRCA and ex-neighbor Charles Wolff conceived the wedge in '75, and I built mine from his model; I consider the wedge to be the best bet for an inexpensive loop. JJ, you sure make it tough for a guy not to make editorial comments, hi. Thanks to all who made this the biggest WDXF for an anniversary issue; we're two over the top. By the time this reaches all of you, it might be too late, but there is still one more weekly deadline not listed above: 20 March. Best of DX to all and 73 de Rth..

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Intro time: I'm 28 and work for Dolby Labs in San Francisco. I was an IRCAn from 1964 to 1970 when I was a teenager in Connecticut. Dallas John (anybody remember him?) (Vividly, hi-Rth). Saw a reception report of mine at KGUC 1490 and wrote to me to recommend IRCA. I logged about 720 stations in those days. After DX'ing FM a while, I moved west and two years ago resumed BCB DX'ing from Bezerkly and bought an SM-2 (which I have modified for longwave capabilities). Last June I moved to Fairfax in search of a quiet electromagnetic environment. With Mt. Tamalpais shielding me from The City 20 miles south, the closest locals; KTIM 1510 day only at five miles, KCBS 740 at 11 miles. Although they are clean and I'm in the null of KCBS and Mt. Tam shields me from KTIM. Also, KNEW 910 at 16 miles. I have blockage to the south and west so Latins and DUs are weak, but WBZ and PJB blast in most MMs. HLDA 1566 gets very strong at time. There is some intermittent line noise and a couple of TV sets to keep things interesting (the SM-2 can null either but not both, hi). My antenna is a 450-foot dipole strung through the redwoods, resonant near 1030 kHz which usually calls for an attenuator. Receiver is an Allied A-2515 general coverage, but with SSB with mechanical filters. On AM signals, the filter makes voice signals very muffled, so for such purposes, as GY DX'ing, I use a Pioneer TX-9100 AM/FM tuner. Also am a ham, WB6WML, active on six meters only, and a student of the sun and propagations, for which I use a five-inch telescope. Went to Winnepeg a year ago for the eclipse and brought the receiver, SM-2, and a hastily assembled Heath Strip Chart Recorder. So I made a recording of KQWB 1550 as affected by the eclipse, which I will write up and send to HQ; rather interesting. Got some great photos too. I'm definitely glad to see some BARF activity, and can offer my QTH for some DX'ing. However, I think Pt. Reyes is the hot spot for TPs. Recently put together a crystal set (with cat whiskers and everything). Works OK on the loop. Hard to separate the splits, hi. Happy Anniversary, IRCA! 73. (Received via Tele-Forum-Rth).

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Seeing as Ric left me some room I'll throw in my traditional forum. I'm 28 years old and have been married to my wife Evelyn for five years. My main occupation is contributor and editor-in-chief for this illustrious organization. Unfortunately, there's not much money in that so I've had to take on a second job as an electrical engineer for R.W. Beck and Assocs, a local engineering consulting firm, in order to pay for minor incidentals like the mortgage on the DX shack, etc. I began DXing in 1964 on the nite of the Great Alaskan Earthquake; I'd known it was possible to hear out-of-town stations and decided to see if I could hear a live-from-the-scene report from an Alaskan station...no, I didn't hear any Alaskans, but I did stumble across CFRN-1260, CBK-540, & KGA-1510 and decided to keep a log of these and other stations I heard. I joined IRCA in 1966 after seeing it listed in a magazine article on DX clubs. I've used several receivers and accessories over the years, with the present set-up including a HQ-180A as the main rx, and an FRG-7, Northern N-620, Sanyo RP-7220, and Realistic TRF as backup rigs. Main antenna is a 4' box loop, augmented by a SM-2 & 2 longwires. Other equipment includes a Heath SB-620 bandscanner, LM-14 freq meter, Optoelectronics freq counter, Heathkit scope, Krohn-Hite band-pass filter (for audio cleanup), Sony reel-to-reel recorder, and a couple of cassette recorders. Lifetime totals, counting call/freq changes, bootleggers, & a few stns hrd only on DXpeditions 100 miles from home stand at 1739/560 stations, 45/41 states (have never hrd ME, VT, RI, NJ, DE), 7/7 provs and 60/29 countries. Best U.S. verie is probably WBAT-1400 hrd on DX test in 1972; best Canadian verie is CKRW-610 Whitehorse Y.T., hrd u/KPRC one MM in 1971; best foreign veries are DXRS-1196 1kw, hrd on a Beverage at Westport, WA, and 3YW-1460 2kw, hrd in 1969, before the channel was blocked by NSPers. Other memorable catches were hrd in the late 60's and early 70's on regional channels now hopelessly cluttered: WKBR-1250, WCDD-1440, WTVR-1380, WSIZ-1380, YVJD-1380, WBYS-1560, WJDY-1470 and a few dozen others come to mind right away. Still, it's a fun hobby and one that's always had some sort of challenges to offer, even if the radio dial is more cluttered than it was a few years ago. On another note, several of the Seattle crowd set up a Beverage antenna at Jef Jaisun's last weekend. We had no choice but to point it Northeast, due to the layout of property lines, roads, etc., but it was worth it anyway, with several TA signals rolling in, the strongest of which were Germany-756 and BBC-882. For details, see DXWW in a week or two, assuming Elliot survives the shock, hi. 73 and good DX, bp.

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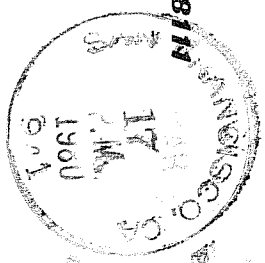
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