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## Happy Anniversary IRCA!

Here we are once again. The club is another year older and (hopefully) another year wiser. We have a terrific turnout this time---about 40 forums from as far west as Okinawa and as far east as Saudi Arabia. Read them and you'll learn lots of interesting facts about your fellow IRCAn.

Neil Kazaross reports that he is finally starting to get settled in his new location. He apologizes for the long gap in DX Worldwide East columns, but there were some unexpected complications in moving back to Massachusetts. He'll have the column back in business shortly and says he has lots of reports stacked up. In the meantime, his new address is: Hampshire Place Apt. 307B, 45 Macy St., Amesbury, MA.

Have you sent in your nominations for club officers yet? You have until April 15, 1983, to send in the names of your choice for president, secretary-treasurer, and seven board members. Remember, the people who are nominated may eventually be running the club for two years. It's up to you, the member, to make sure that intelligent, concerned, energetic, sensible, and reasonable people fill these slots. Send your nominations to Elections Chairman, Wheeler Conover, RR #8, Box 344B, Manchester, KY 40962.

Would you like to see IRCA grow? One way it can is for members to visit their local radio stations (especially 50kw clear channel stations), look through their reception report files, copy down names and addresses of people who have sent them reports, send the list to IRCA Headquarters, and wait. We'll send them a sample DX Monitor and some other information on the club---and hopefully they'll join. Several of our more prominent members joined IRCA as a result of receiving such a sample and several stations (including KOMO, KOB, KFAB, CKLG, and many others) have cooperated in the past. If you're interested, call up your friendly local 50 kwer and discuss it with them.

If you're interested in a source of inexpensive cassettes, try Dub and Cue Audio. They sell blank tapes in quantity. For example, the minimum size order is for a carton of 25 cassetts. Prices start at \$10.69 for a carton of 25 C-30s (about 40¢ each). For a complete price list, contact them at 1082 E. Artesia Blvd, Suite B, Long Beach CA 90805, 1-800-648-4780 or 213-422-1088.

### TED VASILOPULOS AWARD

Who will be the next Ted Vasilopoulos Award winner? The person who you think has contributed the most to the club and the hobby for the past year will receive an engraved plaque and a year's free membership in IRCA. Any member in good standing may nominate another member for this award. Previous winners who are ineligible this year are Nancy Hardy, Nick Hall-Patch, Bob Curtis, Mark Connelly, Don Kaskey, Rich Segalas and Bill Hardy. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, send his or her name with a short statement explaining why you think they deserve the award to Nancy Hardy, 2301 Pacific Ave., Aberdeen, WA 98520. A ballot listing the nominees will appear in the June issue of DXM, and the award winner will be announced in August. So, send your nomination to Nancy soon!



### Avid Listener

Howard Kemp of Laconia points to a letter and souvenir he received many years ago from Radio Tricolor in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. The station is one of roughly 3,600 which

Kemp has listened to in 51 years. The board Kemp is holding is filled with letters and cards from other AM stations around the world.

## Radio His Life-Long Hobby

By MIKE MORTENSEN

Once upon a time lots of people used to gather around the living room radio for hours at a time. They would sit and listen to the antics of Amos 'n' Andy, the villainy of the Shadow, or the pronouncements of Franklin Roosevelt.

Times have changed. Today radio is something we sort of listen to while we're eating breakfast, driving to work, cleaning the house, or doing our homework.

These days very few people are mesmerized by radio. But there are exceptions ... like Howard Kemp, Evening Citizen columnist.

Kemp, a 66-year-old Laconia resident, has been hooked on radio since he was a teen-ager growing up in Waterbury, Conn. It was in 1932 the Kemps got their first radio — a used RCA Victor floor model set with a slide-rule dial.

The radio hadn't been in the home very long before Kemp became an obsessive listener. "My dad died when I was young, so we weren't too well off," he said explaining how listening to radio developed into a full-fledged hobby. "When other kids were running around at night I was at home."

Since those days during the Great Depression, Kemp has passionately explored the standard AM dial. Over the past 51 years he has listened to roughly 3,600 different stations located on every continent except Asia. As proof of his efforts, he has cards and letters from over 3,200 of the stations confirming what he heard.

While there are thousands of broadcast band hobbyists in the country, Kemp believes he is the

only one in the Laconia area.

Almost every evening he will ensconce himself in a wing-back chair in the living room of his Court Street home and witch on his Kenwood radio and begin turning the dial slowly. Always he hopes to discover a "new" station. On Feb. 1, he heard WWVG in Rochester, N.Y., for the first time and six days later he picked up XERN in Mexicali, Mexico.

What makes Kemp's hobby possible is an atmospheric phenomenon which permits AM radio signals to "travel" much further at night than they can during the day.

Kemp's says his distance record was set sometime in the 1940s when he picked up a station in Perth, Australia. One night in 1947 he spent some time listening to KULA in Honolulu.

He often can tell where a station is just by listening to the music. "The French Canadian rock 'n' roll stations seem to have a really heavy bass beat," he explains, adding: "Now when you listen to the Arab stations, there's depressing music for you."

Whenever Kemp hears a station for the first time he writes a letter telling them what he heard and when. Most stations answer with a confirmation. But sometimes a reply from foreign stations can take a while because the letters often need to be translated.

One of the best times to listen, Kemp believes, is in the wee hours of the morning. For years he has regularly gotten out of bed to listen to the radio for a couple of hours. He laughs when he recalls how his mother worried that habit would hurt his studies. "She used to put newspapers on the floor, hoping the sound of rustling paper would wake her up so she could send me back to bed," he told a visitor. "After a few years she just threw up her arms and said, 'What's the use.'"

Kemp says he enjoys his hobby as much today as he did half a century ago when he heard station YVIBC in Caracas, Venezuela. "It's just as fascinating," he said, "partly because it's getting harder to find new stations."

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It is with great pleasure that I can, once again, wish IRCA a Happy Anniversary. It is also time for my annual re-intro. I am 20 years old, and am about to embark on my 7th year in IRCA. I have had some interest in DX since 1974, but did not really start until 1976. Current interests include all forms of BCB DX (foreign and domestic), radio station promotion collecting and shortwave also. Present BCB totals are 920/298 for stations, 43/41 for states, 10/10 provinces and 23/19 countries (I have 110 countries and 170 stations verified on shortwave also). I am presently a member of the IRCA Board of Directors, and have enjoyed working with other BoD members thus far. It is interesting to go back and look over older DX Monitors. Some loggings from 1977-1979 that appeared in DXM are no longer possible because of increased NSP stations. Locally, 550, 790, 970, and 1480 all have become a DX wasteland. Oh well, such is life. Best of DX to everyone!!

Richard E. Wood, College of Education, P. O. Box 959, Abha, Saudi Arabia

Another really nice discovery today, 2/27: a new, unlisted MW outlet of R. Hargeisa, Somalia, on 1341, in Somali until s/off 1800 UTC, which is only 2100 local time. Seems as if people in Somalia go to bed early, or possibly retune to the station in the capital Mogadishu, if they can get it on 963, where Sudan is also active. IDed by announcement and by SW // 7120 (which WRTH 1982 says is reported inactive; WRTH 1983 not yet received). Somali music is very enjoyable. This newie was quite easy to ID, unlike the Ethiopian-language stn reported in a Forum a month ago, on which I am still working, on 801. So, two exotic, non-Arab musics can be heard simultaneously on 1341 at 1500-1800; Pakistani music from the Urdu service of R. Kuwait, and Hargeisa. I suspect this activation is linked to recent political unrest in northern Somalia, the former British part, linked since independence with the former Italian south. Our local grocery checker comes from there, and I will tell him about this new station. Everything is moving ahead for my summer back in the U.S. and Canada, and I have booked a flight Abha/Jeddah/JFK/LaGuardia/St. Louis for 6/17. Busy with my new semester here and not much DX. Did buy a JVC speaker which does justice to the audio on Hargeisa and other enjoyable stns. The post office here now has lovely giant-sized commemoratives for King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah, and anyone who wishes to trade them for mint U.S. postage is welcome to write me. 73. (Those stamps are nice to look at, even if I can't read them--rce)

Karl Jeter, 3590-C Clubhouse Circle East, Decatur, Georgia 30032

I decided I'd try to make the big issue this year... I'm entering my 6th year as an IRCAN, and about my 14th as a BCB DXer. I got interested while in high school in Conover, N.C. in 1969 and been with it consistently ever since! I am close to the 30 mark in age (on 4/16, to be exact!) and I'm happily married, for the past four years, to Linda, who is originally from Barbados. (How we met would fill a whole forum, so don't ask, hi) I work in the engineering/drafting dept of the Howmet Alum. Corp, in nearby Tucker, Ga. My BCB totals, though unofficial, stand somewhere around 1543 heard and 1162 verified, with 44 states & 6 provinces heard. I am pretty much a domestic DXer, but will from time to time hunt a few LAs or TAs; since I like to verify my catches and the return for foreign reports is so poor, this may heavily influence my paucity of foreign DX. Currently, my main rx, a Hammarlund HQ-150, is ailing as mentioned in an earlier Forum, and will be given to Dr. Hutton for treatment. So, that will leave my Huttonized TRF and a new Superadio to keep me going for awhile. I also have a homemade 4-ft altaz loop with a Steve Bohac amp and an ancient SM-2. In 14 years of BCB DX, I recall several of my most memorable experiences being sitting in bed on a MM with my RCA portable and hearing KSL-1160 for the 1st time (this in 1969); and of course, the MM several years ago when the aforementioned Good Doctor and I sat in a chicken coop on a beverage expedition to my aunt's farm west of Atlanta and heard all sorts of great DX. Related interests to DX involve collecting airchecks of mid 60's-early 70's Top 40 stations--so if anyone has any or knows of any, please let me know! An interesting article in the paper



(Jeter, cont...) recently unveiled a local developer's plans to build a shopping center around WSB-750's tower, using the tower itself as the focal point! This amazes me, and points out how tight land use is in some parts of this area; the developer said this is the only time in the U.S. that this has (or will be) done. The most recent local ratings showed the AM's as follows: WSB-750 #7; WGST-920 #10; WPLO-590 #11; WAOK-1380 #12; WOXI-790 #13; and WJYI-1080 #14. All other spaces filled with FM's. Thassit for now. 73's.

Jim Paige, 219 Alexander Street, Winder, Georgia 30680

Hello! This is my debut, forum wise, and I'm still wondering why I didn't know about IRCA sooner. Anyway, I've been a radio listener for 12 years now, five of those as a serious DXer of AM, SW, TV, and more recently FM. I have managed to log over 1400 BCB stations in my young career, while working at WIMO-AM-1300 in Winder. We operate with 1000 watts of a 230 ft stick. We play C&W mx with plans to increase our power and also go nighttime. I do the afternoon show here at WIMO, along with production, some sales, promotion, and lots of news coverage. I've been with WIMO since I was 18 years old, and it's been two years, so I won't give away my age. If you ever have a chance to pick WIMO up, write to us at Box 1300, Winder, Georgia 30680. Our phone # is 404-867-1300. I have verified two reports in two years, one of which was Robert Kramer's, the other came from Alpharetta, Georgia. I have collected over 1100 verifications from SW & AM stations combined. Some of my more recent veries include WQHK-1380 Ind. (finally), WFTW-1260 Fla, WWBC-1510 Fla, WULF-1400 Ga., WXVA-1550 W.Va., and KJIM-870 Texas. WMPS-860 in Memphis is getting to change its calls, and switch over to an Urban/Black format, so you better keep trying for the WMPS verie. If you're ever in Winder, stop by and visitate with us, or if you're ever in Scottsboro, Ala, be sure to visit WKEA. I went there last summer, and WKEA's president Ron Livengood showed us everything from the satellite dish, to the AM/FM transmitters, to their five production rooms. They run 5000 watts off an antenna that's so small it doesn't require paint or tower light. Has anyone ever received WVAP-1510 Burnettsville, S.C.? They run 1000 watts; their address is Box 1, Langley, S.C. (near Augusta). Does anyone know of a station on 1190 with Larry King? The station was all but buried u/WOWO. I have been in the cemetery of GY stations of late, hrd WXVW-1450 Ky, WINN-1240 Ky, WONN-1230 Fla, WPAX-1240 Ga. That'll do it for me. Till next time, ya'll be good. 73's. (Welcome to EDXF, Jim. DX should go to EDXR in Va.--rce)

Rob Gerardi, 420 1/2 North Main Street, Benton, Illinois 62812

It's time once again boys and girls for the old re-intro forum, but before we go into that...let me wish everyone a happy anniversary! By the time you read this, I'll be 31 (which means my teeth and hair have fallen out, hi!) I'm single, work for the city police dept on the mid-night shift, and live by myself (unfortunately) in a small four room house. I'm also the Verie Signer's Editor, and have been a member of IRCA for 8 years. Started DXing in 1967, and since then have heard/QSL'ed all 50 states, 10 provinces, and around 30 countries from various locations in and out of the U.S. Other DX'ing interests here include the Ham Bands, a little FM, and some SWBC. I also belong to the Swedish club UKVK, the Canadian International DX Club (of which I am a member of the Exec. Council and edit a Ham DX column for), and DECALCOMANIA. Anyone interested in trading bumper stickers, or airchecks please write! Well, I've bragged about myself here enough, let me brag about you guys. IRCA is one of the best clubs around, and I'm proud to be a member and an editor of one of its columns! Though I don't consider it to be over yet, I hope everyone had a good DX season and has a good time at the convention. 73.

John Clemmer, 4524 - 7th Street, East Moline, Illinois 61244

Happy Birthday, IRCA! Time for the traditional re-intro, I guess. I'm 24, single and am an auditor for the Illinois State Board of Education. I'm originally from central Ill. (Peoria) and graduated from Bradley Univ. there. I started DXing in '75 after hearing WVL-870 when I thought I had. WLS-890. More serious DX started in '76; that was the year I joined IRCA as well. I've been fairly active in IRCA ever since hosting the '79 and '82 IRCA conventions among other things. 600 stations or so have been hrd in my years of DXing. I'm currently using a FE Superadio to DX with. About 90% of all my catches have been at sunset. Some fairly decent DX here this season--best catches have been KUAT-1550, KNMX-540, KTEK-1110, and KGNC-710. Random notes--all 3 Peoria AM stations are carrying Bradley U. basketball this season, 3 separate feeds. WMPS-680 is supposedly going Black dumping

(Clemmer, cont...) country. And from the bits I've hrd on SS skip, WABB-1480 Mobile sure sounds like they've gone back to pop/rock dropping nostalgia/MoR. Rth or anyone else who likes C&W, note--if you can get 'em thru WAIT or whatever else, WBAP-820 runs a super country gold show Saturday nites starting approx. 2100 ELT. Hope to hear a few more catches before the end of the season. Next project here is a guide to Illinois radio like Frank Aden's for Oregon. Good DX and 73.

Jim Surin, 236 East Morningside Avenue, Lombard, Illinois 60148  
First of all, I'd like to say "Happy 19th" to IRCA. And second, I'd like to use this forum this time around for my re-intro. I am 17 years old and have been a DXer for four years, since 1979. As of March 7, 1983, I have 391 stations received and 62 veries. I also DX on SW and FM once in awhile, but prefer to DX the MW band. My receiver is a Panasonic RF-4900 and have a ferrite coil and a LW antenna. I enjoy DXing as well as playing baseball, basketball, and video games. (Oh no! Not another "vidiot!") Currently, I am a senior in high school who is hoping to enter college to take up studies in the communications field. Back to DXing, my hardest (farthest) station was "Radio Lighthouse" from St. Johns, Antigua on 1165 at 0117 back in 1982. My hardest domestic was KTER-1570, Terrell, Texas back in 1981. Once again, Happy B-day IRCA and 73's from Lombard.

Tom Jasinski, 503 Jensen, Shorewood, Illinois 60436  
Happy Anniversary IRCA. Greetings. As a re-intro, I am 36, married, have two pretty girls, 4 & 6. Have been DXing for 20 years and started my QSL collection in Jan., 1964, joining IRCA in Dec., 1964. My equipment is either hand made or modified. The Rx is a combination National Radio set coupled to a Allied Radio Ham Band set. Antenna is a 2½' spiral loop. I consider myself a casual DXer and have given up on all nite DX sessions. Totals are 900 heard/400 QSLs from 42/40 states and 25/10 countries. I managed to make it to 3 IRCA conventions: Milwaukee '66, Hammond '73, Quad Cities '82. Recent QSLs: WWWW-1430 v/1 with Mello Yello bumper sticker; WLQV-1500 v/1; WOAW-1280 ppc; WAWI-1210 v/1; and KRIG-1410 ppc. (WLQV mentioned a recent taped report from Helsinki, Finland!) 73's.

Bill Harms, 3571 Ft. Meade Road, #417, Laurel, Maryland 20707  
Happy Birthday, IRCA! Time for a re-intro. I am currently working in the Washington, D.C. area as a Korean Linguist. I am married to the former Becky Patch. We have two children. I am 27 years old and have been a DXer for over 15 years and a member of IRCA for 4½ years. I have DXed from Utah, Washington state and Korea. My Washington, D.C. area totals are about 350 stns heard from about 20 countries, 5 provinces and 27 states. I have collected over 400 MW QSLs. I am also interested in SWBC DX, and recently in FM/TV DX. Currently my primary receiver is a Panasonic RF-3100, but I also have a PRG-7 which is down. Some of my favorite experiences include DXing on a beverage with the coyotes in the wilds of Utah and listening to Eastern Time zone daytimers s/on while DXing from Utah. Enuf of a reintro. 73's from the Balt-Wash. corridor. (Bill, welcome to this half of the country. Please report often--rce)

Bruce E. McFadden, 1029 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, New York 14225  
Happy Anniversary #19 for IRCA. To reintroduce myself, I'm 29, married w/one son & have been a member for almost ten years now. I'm also Achievement Awards Chairman, so send those awards applications in! I recently moved back to western New York from Tulsa, Okla. where I had been living for the last 11½ years. I'm a salesman for a glass company in Buffalo, until I find a job in my field of drafting and design. My Tulsa totals in 11½ years are 435 verified from 36 states and 4 provinces. Buffalo totals include 285 verified from 39 states and 5 provinces. I DX with a Hammarlund HQ-129X attached to a 50' longwire. My receiver is down temporarily, so no DX. Also no tape recorder, thanks to some thieves. Now that the club has an Achievement Awards Chairman, give me about six months to straighten out the last two years or so of lackluster duty, then hassle me, hi! I plan on organizing the applications as to date applied for, so if you've been waiting a while, wait about 6 months, and if you still don't receive anything, just reapply. It's likely the application got lost in the shuffle. Let's make this happen. Send your applications and keep me busy! Til next time, 73's and PTL. (Welcome to EDXF, Bruce. Good luck with the Achievement Awards.--rce)

TWICE HAPPY IS THE MAN WHO HAS A HOBBY -- HE HAS TWO WORLDS TO LIVE IN!

Karl J. Zuk, 154 Old Post Road, Croton, New York 10520

Happy Anniversary IRCA! Penguins all over the world should be duly proud! As a re-intro: I am 29 years old and work as an engineer for the ABC Radio Networks in New York City. My QTH is about 40 miles north of the city in a small town on the Hudson River, where I live with my soon-to-be wife, Ellen. We met at a radio station on election night five years ago, and the rest is history. I use a DX-160 with 500 feet of wire in a loop around my property as my main DX set-up, and for hi-fi I have a GE Superadio, the 7-2880B. I think it's the best buy in DXing EBCB. Ellen and I are penguin fans and are in favor of making the penguin the official bird of the IRCA. What other DX club has an official bird? It would give us the chance to beat the NRC again..hi...My two DX goals for this year are to work a TA and to hear Tucson, Arizona. Tucson is not only the QTH of KCEE, but the home town of my favorite singer, Linda Ronstadt, whom I like even more than EBCB DXing! Maybe I'll catch one of the KCEE "Radio Free Tucson" tests yet! Anyway, congratulations to all in Seattle, and all in the rest of the club who make us second to none. 73s.

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It's been an interesting column to type this week. Seems like some of the guys have been members longer than they actually have been. For my re-intro (since some members like to know about their editors): I'll be 38 in June, single again since 1969, a transplanted Michigander, a DXer since perhaps 1958, and a member of IRCA since Feb., 1965 and of NRC since July, 1965. I lived in the Chicago area from 1966 to 1978 when I moved out here, so the bulk of my DX experience was done there. Unlike John Clemmer, most of my DX has been after midnight, thanks to having worked the evening shift from about 1967 to 1978. (I still think that's the only natural shift for anyone to work!) From here, I've only heard 30 states, but from Chicago, I was 49/48, not hearing Alaska or verifying Vermont. Other hobbies include collecting postmarks, business cards, and the name strip/editorial page masthead from US and Canadian papers and whole copies of newspapers from other countries. Now up to 4648 papers from approx. 85 countries. (Frank Merrill, I'm still interested in those papers you were talking about last summer!) For those who are wondering if we still have any of the snow from the 24 inches dumped on us Feb. 11/12th, I would say 90% of it was gone within ten days, unlike the big snows I lived thru in the midwest where the snow hung around for a couple of months afterwards. Oh yes, past IRCA experience here has been serving a term as IRCA director, two terms as president, three years as contest manager, five and a half years as CDXR editor, now one and a half years as EDXF editor. I'm probably the only editor left over from the days when the editors were under strict orders that they could not continue a page in their column to handle their own report, when they had to wait until the next week or so to get room. It's amazing what editors get away with these days! PTL.

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# Western DX Forum

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Happy Anniversary, IRCA! I'm proud to be a member of this "family" and look forward to many years to come. My fifth year as an IRCAn will commence with the Anniversary issue.

Equipment used here the most is a DX-160 and FRG-7000, but I also have many other radios that cover everything from CB and SW to police band. Totals here are 219/23/4/1, in nearly ten years of part-time DX'ing.

I'm 22, single and have been a broadcaster for almost five years. I started part-time at CHIM-FM Kelowna, then went across the hall to do AN at CKOV. After working there two-and-a-half years, I moved on to work swing at both CKOR-FM and CKOK in Penticton. I soon started AN's at the former then got laid off 31 January. I'm currently doing part-time shift work at CIGV-FM.

I'm hoping for an eventual turnaround in the recession so everything will be rolling smoothly by the time summer gets here. The main reason is because summer in the Okanagan Valley is beyond words. They call it Canada's Hawaii.

All the best DX to all and once again, Happy Anniversary IRCA. 3's de WGE.

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Congrats to IRCA on its 19th Anniversary. My first re-intro in years: Am a GS-9 electronics tech dept. of Navy employee, working for Training Support Center, Marine Corps Base Butler, Okinawa; 35 and Navy vet. Wife, Leonor, is from Sorsogon, Philippines, and have four children. Have DX'ed from USS Hancock, Great Lakes, Illinois, Vietnam, Bermuda, California, Indianapolis (home of record) and Sorsogon.

Am a retired pirate from '63-'66. Got shut down twice, and had my FCC license suspended '66-'67. Regarding pirate publicity question: Pirates are true BC stations, although illegal, and are real DX targets, but I oppose advance publication of broadcasts as this constitutes aiding illegal activity.

Am also a tech-grade ham, WD9INP (Indy's Notorious Pest). Also an occasional LW and SW DX'er. Have also worked (amncr/tech) in legitimate BC, WFMS Indianapolis, AFRS aboard Hancock and DWFA 800 (now 801) Sorsogon.

Vital DX stats: totals (Location/heard/veried/number years at that QTH) Indianapolis 1453/156/7; Sorsogon 337/5/3; Bermuda 350/0/2.8; Okinawa 249/0/1.7. States/provinces/countries veried from Indianapolis: 45/6/20. From Indianapolis, still need to verie HI, ID, NV, OR, VT, BC, Newfoundland, N.S., P.E.I., Yukon and NWT. From Indianapolis, am primarily a foreign DX'er, but concentrate on verifying states and provinces, and Indiana counties that have BC stations.

Current equipment: Drake SPR-4 and Radio Shack 12-655 TRR, National/Panasonic RQ-500 open-reel and two Sony TCS-310 cassette TRs, Worcester SM-2 and 75-foot (23 m) longwire antennas. Past equipment: R-390A/URR, RCA AR-88, National HRO-500 and a long line of AC/DC and auto radios. Most distant DX de Oki: (west) Malta 1557, (east) KAIM 870. Due to an 80-meter ridge of hills surrounding our quarters on three sides, long-distance DX from all but west is mainly blocked. 73 de Oki Charlie.

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Well, Happy Anniversary IRCA, the best MW DX club in the world. I first joined in '68 and was a member for about three years until I went into the navy, rejoined in '79.

In the '60s, I DX'ed on a seven transistor Panasonic clock radio which would probably be almost useless in today's RF saturated airwaves. I do recall my best catch on it was WHDH 850 which I logged for 20 minutes before moving on. I heard lower power EC stations but I've always liked my WHDH verie the best

Most of my DX'ing has been from the Bay Area but I did DX for about two years in Phoenix with my first DX radio (a Radio Shack DX-150A). From those two locations I've varied over 1100 stations with over 200 of those being foreign. I now use a FRG-7000 (R. West modified).

One of my favorite aspects of the hobby now is coastal Beverage DX'peditions and listening for those DU stations. After hearing about 1500 stations those old MM DX sessions when nary a station is logged really got to be old hat and boring. Whereas getting together with a Beverage (no, not a beer), and some fellow DX'ers and listening to 2GF or 3YC even if you've heard them is much more enjoyable for me.

Well, I hope this makes it to Rth in time and here's wishes to IRCA for many more years. Also, my sincere thanks to all in the club who make it the best and make it possible for all of us to know what's new in the BCB world.

ROBERT WIEN, 1309 DENTWOOD DR., SAN JOSE, CA 95118

Happy Anniversary, IRCA. Re-intro: I'm 22, member since '76. Receivers include a GE Superadio, GE TRF ca. 1962, SM-2 antenna. Totals stand at about 1020/682. Best catches: WKMF 1470, KDLG 670 and WLCK 1250.

To answer a few questions: PM, your unID on 1480 (SS) may be KPHX Phoenix, common here MMS.

Thanks to everyone for furnishing the KORD and KIXI addresses. KORD already varied my 27 December report, but will send another to KIXI, heard just three days after switch to 880.

JJ's unID SS on 1330 might be KLBS Los Banos, which has SS early mornings. Does anyone know if KZZI 1510 West Jordan, UT is on the air yet? EH heard them TT'ing a few weeks ago, have tried for them at SRS, but KHHT 1500 makes things tough. I'm just waiting for a KLIV 1590 SP; potential three new ones there.

Some other recent stations I've been trying for: KABN 830, KCBF 820 and KTNX 550 (ex-KENI-Rth), none heard to date yet. Alaska is tough here. Waiting for KGLR 830 Tucson to arrive on the air, but hasn't yet. KIMC 830 Gonzales, CA isn't on yet, thank God, at least before I log KABN.

Recent newies: CBKF 860 (ex-CFNS), KPLG 930 (ex-KAFF), KODL 1440 and KUTA 790, my most wanted UT station. KUTA varied received. KEDA 1540 is audible here under K7LA many nights; they can't be 1 kw.

Rth, is KPOD 1240 extinct? Has KDNC changed calls back to KCRE? And, how strong is KHUG 1300 in Eureka at night? And finally, does anyone know if KRDG 1230 Redding has changed calls to KPAK yet? (KPOD back on 11 March, re-sold to former owners. KCRE never was KDNC. KHUG way under KYNO/KMPS/KWKKW and thanks for the tip, hi. KRDG now KPAK-Rth.)

I've been trying for KCNR 1410 Portland (ex-KPAM), but still no luck after one year or more. I don't believe they're 5 kw, probably more like 5 watts. (They're a pest here, and believe that 5 kw, RW-Rth.) There's an irritating spur on 1410 put out by KLIV that appears when they switch to day pattern, making 1410 a mixture of that spur, KCAL, KRML, KMYC and CFUN around sunrise.

Other interesting spurs here: 1030 KLOK (caused by KFAK), 840/880 (occasionally) KCBS/KLOK mix. Finally I keep getting this weird spur of CFFB 1210 Frobsiher Bay, NWT under KDIA, no doubt caused by KYA 1260, hi. I guess in San Antonio, they have lots of spurs, hi. Will end on that bad note.

Oh yes, SMM, unID 1090 station ID'ing as KKYS was of course, KKYS Plainview, TX, 5/.5. 73 de RW.

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

Well, the Anniversary is here, and this time I made the deadline, first in a long time.

Re-intro: I'm 34, self-employed locksmith with my shop in Seaside. I've been DX'ing for 21 years. Started in '62 from Seward, AK, where I heard and varied all 50 states on BCB in two years from '65-'67. Have been a foreign past several years until lately, conditions have been so poor.

Receiver: Hammarlund SP-600 JX (cir '54) and an E.H. Scott RBO-2 (cir '54). Heard/varied 65/58 countries. Also have a Collins Military surplus for 120-60 m SW, uses an outboard power supply. Antennas: Two 1500-foot Beverages running east, one terminated. A 200-foot NE terminated LW (for DU DX, directional off the back end), a three-foot box loop (altered to three sides), a ground system of three buried rods in salty soil, all connected.

Some of my best varies: 7SH 1584, 2EN 1584, 4GM 1566, ZK1ZC 630 Cook Island, WXLE 1386 Canton Island, VL2VV 1750, KLAR 1300 and WAAX 570. The latter heard/varied from Alaska in '66 with 138 watts, had two towers tore up.

Happy Anniversary, IRCA, and many more to come.

LARRY GODWIN, 2286 MARK SPRINGS RD., SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

Greetings from an ex-DX'er. I must admit that, after receiving my IRCA renewal notice recently, I debated whether to send in my check. I decided that the club was such an important part of my life during its formative years

I'll probably always keep my membership active.

Re-intro: I began DX'ing when I was in high school in '56 and it was an all-consuming passion in my life through '72. Suddenly I realized that it is, for the most part, such a solitary pursuit; it involves little contact with others. I've gradually lost interest in DX, but have fond memories of early-morning surprises, veries from three countries in the same day, and avid, cordial conversations at the conventions.

My hobby at the moment, is wines: tasting them, writing about them, learning about them. In fact, I publish a monthly wineletter called, Just Released, and will send a copy to anyone interested.

In closing, I'm very pleased that IRCA has endured through some pretty tough obstacles, and continues to publish an informative, timely bulletin. We can all thank the editors (both the major ones and the ones behind the scene), the publishing crew, and the officers for the work they continually do, without pay, for our benefit. Finally, those like myself, who do not contribute to DXM, can thank the other members for providing the meat of each issue.

MARK STRICKERT, 706 25th AVE., SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94121

. . Who of course needs no re-intro, hi, but here goes. I'm 23, IRCA member three years, DX'er for over ten, radio station sticker collector for four, and not at all funny for all of the above. I edit the club's Graveyard DX Records, when there's material to edit (hint, hint).

I'll tell you how much I like IRCA, as late as ten months ago, I was in ten DX clubs, but thanks to various circumstances, I'm down to just this and I even hand-delivered my dues to Mr. Treasurer just this past weekend. One of the DX clubs, NLDXC, suddenly stopped putting out bulletins. From what I gather, the publisher just doesn't want to do it, or let anyone else. I doubt this will happen to IRCA. . . penguins I guess being loyal with the proper motivation and lots of fish.

Conditions during my last DX session, last SM, were decent. . . very little QRN for once. Even managed to send off some loggings to WDXR. KLAK 1600 was noted still with those calls.

DECALcoMANIA sticker/tape trader bulletin is moving along well. If either radio stickers or tapes interest you, so will this monthly bulletin. Samples are 55¢ each from Box 931, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Next week, more great recipes for tasty mixing products. 73 de MaS.

ALBERT S. LOBEL, P.O. BOX 26762, SAN DIEGO, CA 92126

Well, another year has gone by for the good old IRCA (not so old when you think of NRC). Happy Birthday to a great DX club.

It's traditional for members to give a re-intro this time of year and I'll not be an exception. Started DX'ing in '66 when I graduated high school, but didn't get into it seriously until late '70. At that time the publisher of DXM (Don Erickson) sent me a copy of DXM. I joined and really got started. That was 13 years ago; 17 years ago actually since '66. I also DX FM, LW, SW and FM-SCA. Besides IRCA, I belong to NRC, WTFDA, LWCA and SCADS. I don't belong to any SW clubs; not one of my main interests.

I'm 35, married 13½ years to Helene, no children. I own my own appliance repair business and Helene works for Ma Bell.

73 and good DX in '83.

RANDY TOMER, 1969 27th ST., ARCATA, CA 95521

Hola! It's pretty hard to miss the big Anniversary issue when Rth lives nearby and keeps dropping subtle reminders. So, I guess it's time for the big re-intro. I'm 34, married to DX-tolerant Linda who works as a legal assistant specializing in estate administration, have one harmonic, Renee, who, at two-and-a-half years of age has become one heckuva assistant receiver modifier. I worked for nine years in the local logging and lumber scene, but more recently have become a disabled guy with a chronic bum knee. While looking for a less physically demanding mode of employment I've been passing the time taking courses in microcomputer programming, typing and digital electronics. (A late bulletin, he just passed his novice ham test-Rth.)

DX? Hah! I've been DX'ing since '75, concentrating mainly in foreign DX and SSS for domestics. I lost interest several years ago in keeping logs or in making a big effort to increase them, I just tune around for "fun" now.

Main receivers used here are a Drake SPR-4, HQ-180A, GE Superadio and a hot-rodded TRF.

I also enjoy tinkering around with radio equipment and building antenna tuners that never seem to work. Very little DX has been done lately, due to being overworked by IRCA Classifieds and with spending much of my spare time trying to get a ham station on the air with a limited budget.

In closing, I'd like to express my gratitude to all of those who make IRCA go. May IRCA have many more anniversaries in the future. 73 de RET

WALT BREVILLE, 9127 CORAL DR., ST. LOUIS, MO 62123

I'm overdue for a forum. With Anniversary time here, I decided to be an early bird. Suggestion: Why not declare the whole month of March Anniversary/ Re-Intro Month, instead of only the last Saturday of March? This way there would be fewer of us missing it and participation would be increased, I believe. IRCA has been around enough years that remembering it by the month would do just as well as the exact date. (Do you celebrate your birthday, wedding anniversary, Christmas, etc, the entire month?-RtH.)

Back in '56 when I was in high school using a '40 Philco console, I started noting distant regionals such as KOIL 1290 as well as the 50 kw'ers, thought I was the only one in the country who discovered such as thing! Eight years later I discovered the DX clubs, been with IRCA almost constantly since '67. I also dabble in SW DX, am an ex-TV/FM DX'er who got lost to the video age.

CATV has come to Coral Drive. It sure is a superior way to get extra channels compared to watching fading pictures using a rotating yagi. Seriously chasing BCB DX requires a secretary and a computer to keep track of all the call/format changes. I'm glad IRCA will probably not be covering FM, but don't mind some mentions of FM in forums and filler items.

I now happily own two of the best buys per dollar: An R-1000 and Superadio. Also have a Realistic TRF #12-655 portable which gave fine results on two trips to Hawaii in '66-'67, but it's been idle since I got the Superadio.

WIBV 1260 has changed from ADC to C&W. They were the only holdout among our ten fulltime AM locals with a SP every morning, now they've started running NSP. 1260 is no great loss, with WNDE hogging the channel during WIBV's SPs. I think WIBV will fare worse, with KSD and WIL also running C&W on AM. Top 40 "Hot Hits" (CHR) would have been a better choice. Many cars on the road have AM-only radios, driven by teens who don't have an extra \$75 or more to replace 'em with AM/FM units. (You'd be surprised, Walt. In this area nearly all teens have FM in car-RtH.) 73.

DENNIS KIBBE, 1422 W 5th ST., TEMPE, AZ 85281

This is the Voice of the Valley of the Sun, KIBBE 1422 on your dial sending greetings to all DX'ers east and west from Tempe, Arizona.

Well, that was fun. Here's a little about myself. I'm in my mid '30s, married (to a Swiss miss), no kids but three dogs keep life interesting. Other interests are bicycling and kite flying. Also speak fluent German.

This has been my first year with IRCA and I'm looking forward to many more.

DAVID ROGERS, BOX 1-465, FT. SUPPLY, OK 73841

Happy Anniversary, IRCA. Nothing new in the way of DX to report, but did wish to take this opportunity to wish IRCA and everyone the best. I'm 34, a charter member of IRCA (how many are still in the club?), and have been DX'ing since '62. Have 575+ varies from 43 states and six provinces and 20+ countries. I'm also an FM DX'er and member of WFTDA. Receiver is a Hammarlund HQ-145A with a two-foot by two-foot spiral loop. Nearest thing I have to a local station, KSW 1450 Woodward, OK (about 10 miles SE of Ft. Supply) extended their operations hours several months ago. They're C&W in the evening with s/off at 0100 ELT after final news edition. Believe s/on still 0700 ELT.

May IRCA have many more happy anniversaries to come. 73 and good DX.

DOUG PIFER, 4804 W. MC FADDEN #85, SANTA ANA, CA 92704

Happy Anniversary, IRCA, the best DX club. Re-intro: I'm 24, married to Nancy, who's really terrific getting accustomed to my DX habits, hi. Began DX'ing in '77, but out of curiosity, listened to distant stations before.

Receiver: FRG-7000, an OK receiver. Antenna: R. West loop, which improves just about everything. I use a Motorola R-390 A/URR as standby. Anyone want to buy it? Another hobby is antique collecting, especially radios, which I like to fix and refinish.

Work for General Telephone and the Air Force Reserve (Avionics). I'm no expert on radios, but I get my share of the work, hi.

Now, as far as present DX is concerned, only two new stations, KMTI and KSTN. WLAC has been coming in well lately. Gotta go. Let's here it from the SoCal DX crew. 73.

RANDALL RHEA, P.O. BOX 2142, ROHNERT PARK, CA 94928

I just joined IRCA a few weeks ago, so I'm not too familiar with what all goes on, especially the seemingly endless array of abbreviations in DXM. (Abbreviations explained in your New Member packet, Randall-RtH.)

Well, my interest in DX'ing goes back to my early childhood when I would go out to the car at night to hear far-away stations. I'm now 22, student at Sonoma State U, about 50 miles north of San Francisco. As you might guess, DDDD (dorm DX'ing is darn difficult). There are plenty of fluorescent lights, TVs and hair driers to sufficiently obliterate most of the band. The best time is when the power goes out, which has happened a lot lately with the

bad weather we've been having. I will admit that DX is better here than it was when I lived in Palos Verdes. KFI and KNX really did a slop number on adjacent frequencies.

Armed with only a Realistic TRF, a loop wound on a round beer sign and an ancient log from a 1977 Communications World, I started taking an avid interest in the hobby last January. I nearly dropped when I pulled in the LAX parking station on 530, I didn't think it was possible 400 miles away. I was also pleased to discover IRCA, which I can see is an interesting club.

My goal is to pull in an EC station; is it possible? The best I've done is WLW and WSM.

My other interests include ham radio, call KA6WCK, and college debating, which has taken a lot of time recently. I've been winning trophies, though, which is nice consolation for giving up DX time. 73. (Welcome to IRCA and WDXF Randall. Sonoma Co. is my old stompin' grounds. Which alphabetized section of Rodent, err, Rohnert Park do you live in-RtH.)

RICH TOEBE, 2388 AMERICAN AVE., HAYWARD, CA 94545

Happy Anniversary, IRCA. Re-intro: I'm 24, undergoing the grueling process of earning a college degree while working fulltime. Am also the editor of the Slogans List in the IRCA Almanac (coming soon, I understand). As such, please remember to send me any new information or revised slogans of listed stations. I've got a lengthy updater anyway to be printed after release of the Almanac.

As to DX, what's that? If I haven't been reporting to the various columns lately, it's for three reasons. One: the obvious, lack of time. Two: the move to Hayward has revealed that my main receiver, the Grundig Satellit 3400, is woefully inadequate to deal with powerful locals. I've got mixing all over the band, such as KGO on 520, 800, 820, 1420 and 1620; even KDIA shows up on 1210, destroying what was for me a great frequency for Venezuela and Colombia. Finally, conditions haven't been good enough to get me enthused enough to even try much. I can remember using a crummy portable in the early '70s from Pleasanton (a farther suburb of S.F.) and hearing WLW loud and clear with no slop from KNBR/XETRA. Today, it's rare I hear that station (even behind hills as I was in San Ramon). I think I'll likely buy an Icom IC-R70 one of these days, maybe that will cure my DX slump. It seems the only real enjoyment I get now is when I participate in Beverage DX'peditions.

This plug may be a bit early, but I want to encourage everyone to head for Seattle this July. I'm already looking forward to it.

That's all for now. Good DX to all and send me your slogans. (1210 has always had the 1210 mix-KDIA on 1210 East Bay, KYA 1210 West Bay-RtH.)

DAVE LEGLER, 402 31st ST NE #343, ROCHESTER, MN 55901

Hopefully this forum should make it in time for the Anniversary issue. I've been an IRCA member for about six years, but unfortunately, I haven't been too active in either IRCA or MW DX'ing. Until last summer, the major limiting factor of my free time was my studies at Michigan Tech University in Houghton. I got my BS in computer science there in '81 and stayed on (I'm a glutton for punishment) to get my MS. Since last August I've been employed as an Associate Programmer at an IBM plant/lab here in Rochester, using computer models to analyze the performance of one of IBM's small business computers, the System/38. For the last two months I've been the proud owner of an IBM Personal Computer, so most of my free time has been spent writing programs for my new "toy" rather than DX'ing. If anyone has any questions about DX-related personal computer applications or needs help writing programs, just let me know and maybe I can be of assistance.

Other miscellaneous info: I'm 24, single, and also a member of NRC and WTPDA. Happy Birthday, IRCA and many more to come. With any luck, my appearances in DXM and WDXF will be more frequent in the future. 73.

NANCY HARDY, 2301 PACIFIC AVE., ABERDEEN, WA 98520

It doesn't seem possible that another Anniversary issue is here and it's time for another re-intro. I've been a BCB DX'er since '69 when I lived in Fredonia, NY. In '73 I moved to Washington state and a year later married fellow IRCA member Bill Hardy. I work at a fabric store in addition to being a homemaker and wife. Besides DX'ing, other hobbies include camping and hiking. In fact, if you phone here any Sunday or Monday between June and August you'll probably not find us at home. We'll most likely be at either Olympic National Park or Mt. Rainier. Have to check on those TIS's, hi.

When you don't find me either at work or camping, I may be editing or typing WDXR. But...and I'm saving the best for last...I'm probably best known for my obsession for penguins.

I'll not list all the penguins I own, for the list would surely run over the forum line limit. I'll just mention one of the latest additions...a penguin shower curtain we received for Christmas. Of course, we have penguin soap to use when we shower, hi. On this penguin note I'll say Happy Anniversary IRCA. 73 and 88.



BILL HARDY, 2301 PACIFIC AVE., ABERDEEN, WA 98520

Happy Anniversary, IRCA. Here's my traditional re-intro: I'm 36, married to IRCA WDXR editor Nancy Hardy, work fulltime at a retail garden and pet store, and head up the group of volunteers who put out the IRCA Almanac every couple of years.

Now I'll break with tradition and actually discuss DX in my anniversary forum. The recent rainstorms in California and other parts of the west combined with auroral conditions on 4 and 5 March to give Nancy and me a pipeline into California. The tipoff was the absence of reception from not just Canada, but also Spokane and most of Oregon. On 920, the usual KGAL and KXLY were gone, with KVEC San Luis Obispo booming in.

Three much-wanted graveyards were atop their channels both nights. KIBS 1230 Bishop was in for the first time ever with armchair copy and a nice ID, and then back in again the next night with high school sports. KRE 1400 Berkeley was also in both nights, not heard since it was KPAT years ago. And KJOP 1240 Lemoore topped KNRY, the usual dominant, with a SS format; I thought they had soul music? (1320 runs soul, or did-Rth.) This also not logged since call change from KOAD years back.

Other rare visitors included KWAC 1490 Bakersfield in SS, rare for me and new for Nancy; KTOB 1490 Petaluma in all alone and KCOK 1270 mixing with KROI without the usual Canadian and Idaho. Unwanted KEST 1450 (hi) after KAYO s/off with no sign of Eugene, but then KPNW 1120 was super-weak too. A storm going through central Oregon and Idaho also took out Spokane reception, giving a phenomenon we've had a few times before, where semi-locals are weakened to "groundwave" reception like midday, and weather fronts are positioned to "skip over" Oregon and bring in California signals. It gave us three much-wanted stations and an evening of DX apart from the norm without staying up past 2300 PST.

I hope to hear from a lot of other friends in this issue's forums. Happy Anniversary, IRCA. 73 and good DX.

FRITZ MELLBERG, BOX 108, HAWARDEN, IA 51023

I've been DX'ing for about two years now. Started with a Whites Radio Log and a borrowed TRr and logged the basics from my basement in Zion, IL. We moved here in August and I've started over and have logged 350 in 31 states and nine countries. I also DX 60 meters and then only in the evenings, so that limits me some. I use an R-1000 and an unamplified two-foot NRC loop. I get a kick out of hearing LA's on BCB and that primes my pump.

I'm a minister of the United Church of Christ and serve a 300-member congregation here in the northwestern Iowa boondocks. Nice and quiet. I once worked for our denominational Office of Communication and its broadcast ministry--which involved filing petitions to deny against stations allegedly violating FCC rules. I have stories for later.

I'm willing to build loop frames for folks who find woodworking as complicated as I find electronics. Will trade your expertise for mine. I need a decent loop amplifier.

I was introduced to IRCA through a friend back in IL who said BCB DX'ers were "hardcore, SWL is like pot, SWDX is like cocaine and BCB DX is like heroine. Ha. I'm hooked and look forward to reporting. As a new member I need all the info I can get on techniques for DX'ing, propagation and openings.

By the way, what's the BCB doing on 536? I keep hearing this guy mumbling something about . . . Islands just after hearing Big Ben. I thought BCB started at 540. You think something's wrong with my set? Well, enough of the fantasy. . . It's good to be a member. (Welcome to IRCA & WDXF. Good to hear from the Midwest. We have something in common, I'm a PK-Rth.)

JIM HILLIKER, 1502 E. HEDGEWOOD AVE., ANAHEIM, CA 92805 (707) 774-0926

Hello everyone, and Happy Anniversary IRCA. I'm 27, work for a small FM station here in Orange Co., and have been a member since last September. I use a modified Kenwood R-1000 and the R. West loop. Have, as of 11 March, heard 347 stations, if you count call changes, 320 if not, 29 states, four provinces, four countries. DX has been pretty good for me if you've seen my WDXR reports, since 01 January, 46 new stations so far. Of course, I'm just a beginner compared to a lot of you, but I'm having a blast. Spend most time working, DX'ing and writing for veries, which is why I haven't written a forum since last November. Just wanted to say howdy to everyone. You all are great and very helpful and friendly when it comes to sharing tips, etc., so hello to all who have helped me this season including Matthew Shugart, Mark Bixby, Steve Mittman, Don Erickson, Doug Pifer and all the editors and publishing committee.

Had a good visit with Doug a few weeks back, a real nice guy, and saw Don, Matt and others at SCADS and have talked to Mark and Steve via phone quite a bit. Good luck to Neil on recent move, I have a nice photo of him with Steve and Doug DX'ing at our Beverage outing last April.

Hope to send in a longer forum soon detailing what veries I've received and some info on new addresses for some stations.

One quick item, KAWC 1320 Yuma is now 1 kw, not 5 kw as reported last week in Broadcast Info. My veries states they went from .5 kw to 1 kw on 27 January. They were really excited to receive my report just after going to their new power.

I plan to be in Seattle for the convention and looking forward to seeing a lot of you there. 73.

MARK BIXBY, 1627 HIGHLAND DR., NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

Greetings from soggy SoCal. Working in a computer center during the monster storm of 01 March was an exercise in futility. We experienced seven system failures in 15 minutes due to lightning-caused blackouts and power surges. I skied on 2 March and had to take a 20-mile high-desert detour through flowing rivers of mud and sand. Perhaps the only good thing to come out of the storms is a very deep Sierra snowpack which should allow skiing until 04 July.

And now, a short and simple re-intro: I'm 24, DX with a R. West modified FRG-7 and wedge loop and I've heard somewhere around 530 stations. Not much DX activity around here lately. Did manage to hear the KEZY format change to all news. I won't miss their anachronistic format though -- I consider the "new music" stations KNAC and KROQ to be the only birght spots on the radio dial here.

Does anyone out there in DX-land have any experience with hardware interfaces between personal computers and radios? Specifically, I think it would be neat to enable a computer program to tune a receiver. DX tests and SRS skip would become ridiculously easy once a computer was programmed with the frequencies and times to look for a list of target stations.

In the near future, look for a full band-scan in WDXR taken from Salt Lake. I'll be skiing in UT for about five days and this will push my total days of skiing for the season to 20. I'm trying for at least 30 days. 73.

STEVE MITTMAN, 2248 W. 37th ST., SAN PEDRO, CA 90732 (213) 833-1010

Well, I must say that it was quite nice of the Queen to lend us her weather while visitng here, but really, she shouldn't have, hi. Boy, talk about March coming in like a lion. Will detail next week.

Re-intro: I'm 26 (just), born in Poughkeepsie, NY at an early age and moved out here when I was eight. Graduated from UC Irvine with a BA in psychology. Currently employed with the Merchants and Manufacturers Assn., a non-profit management consulting firm which helps employers with all aspects of human relations, such as management education, worker' comp, EEOC regulations, wage and salary administration and labor relations. My job entails assisting the consultants, as well as obtaining and analyzing union labor collective bargaining agreements for wages, benefits and so on. I also help maintain a private library where we house such resource materials as personnel policies, job descriptions, wage rates for virtually every job, as well as books on all subjects of interest to management. (Ironically, I'm somewhat anti- big business and very pro-union.)

Interests include listening to distant radio stations, skiing, snorkeling, science fiction, space exploration, dolphin intelligence and communication, playing Dungeons and Dragons, video games, going to rock concerts and writing long-winded forums. That's me in a coconut shell, hi. 73 de SMM.

RANDY SEAVER, 1154 VIA TRIESTE, CHULA VISTA, CA 92011

Greetings. Once again it's time for an intro and yearly summary. I'm 39, married to Linda for 13 years, and we have two daughters, Lori (almost nine and in 3rd grade) and Tami (age six and in 1st grade). I was born and raised in San Diego and have lived here all my life. I work as a supervisor of aerodynamics and thermodynamics at Rohr Industries here in Chula Vista. My receivers are an HQ-180A and an R-390A and my main antennae are a San-serino air core loop and an 80-foot longwire to the north. I've been a DX'er since 1962. Joined NRC in 1963 and was an original IRCA member in '64. I was DXNW editor from '66-'68. Among my other activities are working within a professional society (AIAA - any other members?), at church (just completed a three-year term as elder), marriage encounter (we serve on a board that organizes M.E. weekends), and girls softball (may be a coach soon)I coached little league for ten years back before we had kids). Needless to say, DX often takes a back seat to other, more important activities.

The big news here is that my DX den now shares space with my IBM personal computer system (64K, two disk drives, green monitor, dot-matrix printer).

I've only had it two weeks, so I've done very little on it but get familiar with it. When time permits, I'll write Basic Programs for great circle bearing and distance, sunrise/sunset times, and medium wave field strength analysis. I have Fortran programs of the above (and others, like ray-tracing) already running on another computer system. When I do get the programs in a satisfactory form, I'll write articles and user's manuals for inclusion in a compendium or the Almanac. (Part II next week-RtH).

JEF JAISUN, 12860 136th AVE. NE, KIRKLAND, WA 98033

Yippie skippie. In case word hasn't filtered down to the rest of you from the Portzer Penguin Farm, bp received a verie from Montserrat 740 for our tentative reception in January. Ah, the joys of a 2200-foot Beverage. The verie arrived the same day as bp's GTG, so most of the northwest crew got a chance to eyeball it. After I left bp's I made it home in time to get the 0300 rollover on 740 (again a SM), and guess what? There it was again. The R. Antilles music and pips. I called Bruce to see if the gang had heard it and he mumbled, half asleep, "No. They all left about 30 minutes ago." Ah well, guys, better luck next time. Not to mention that an hour later XELTY signed on with a blasting R. Regional ID. New for me, although bp recently heard them. Just goes to show what DX could be like if more stations went to regular SPS. Sigh.

Señor Ric, tu me preguntas como bueno es mi español. Yo estudie esta lengua por tre anos al escuela. De resultas, puedo entender así bueno las emisoras mexicanas y latinas americana. Es mi inglés que es malo, hi. (Basic translation: He done learned good SS in school and doesn't need my help, it's his EE that's bad, hi-RtH.) Which is why it behooves me to point out that noticias (accent on second syllable as heard on my 1330 unID) means news, while noticiéro (adjective) usually means newsy, unless I'm wrong, hi. In any case, su abrigo esta en la calle, sucker. Picky, picky, I know. (I am NOT a street person, hi-RtH.)

Latest interesting catch: KESB 820. That's right, 820. Only the second station I ever logged on that frequency and I almost missed it. Heard MM 21 February 1321 GMT, I got fooled thinking it was WBAP running SS for the locals on Sunday, President's Day, tho, is why I was home and they don't run SS in Ft. Worth at 0730 on a MM. But I tell ya, they were so loud I was sure it was WBAP until I heard the R. Mexicana IS. At 1250 GMT on 840 I heard a SS ID that sounded like R. Incondesas, with mentions of "programa nacional" and vocal ballads. Tain't in my books. Ideas anyone?

On the whole, it was a good morning to DX with hets on both 1475/1476 (no audio, drat), 1503, 1566, 1577 all around 1840 GMT. Korea 657 was in at 1400 with YL and usual pips. On the other hand, domestic DX rather sucks these days. I've been reduced to DX'ing the GYs, hoping for something to pop up. 1240 has yielded KELK and KNRY, and I've also heard quickie blips of KOZE 950 and KLER 1300, but big deal.

Oh, you want a re-intro? (Not really, hi-RtH) Maybe I should send my resume. Been in IRCA since shortly after the '74 Seattle convention, age 37, play guitar, piano and digital multi-meter. And is pleased to have served the club for the past two years on the BoD. We, after all, ARE the greatest. Happy Anniversary. 73 de JJ

RIC HEALD, 1632 J ST., #4, EUREKA, CA 95501

Happy Anniversary, IRCA! Would y'all look at this, 26 forums. Thanks to everyone who sent a forum WDXF-way for the anniversary issue, you've broken the old record of 21 forums for the biggest WDXF ever.

Re-intro: I'm 36, happily single, manager of a travel agency in Eureka. Began DX'ing in 1959, joined NRC in '63, IRCA in '64. Receiver: FRG-7 unmodified. Antenna: SM-2 and 100-foot inverted L longwire. Gave up on totals and veries years ago, but believe about 1400-1500 heard (maybe more), about 500 veries, from 46 states, eight provinces and 35+ countries. Best domestic catches would probably be WKTE 1090 King, NC 500w (DX Test) and WRAN 1510 NJ on RS (late '64, early '65 respectively). Lots of great foreign veries like 4VEH 1035.

Did live in Sitka, AK '65-'68, Venetie, AK (35 mi. north of Arctic Circle) '68-'69, then after returning to Bay Area from AK, spent about three years back east. Catches and totals reflect CA DX locations.

Other hobbies include photography, and, of course, travel. I sometimes DX SW and FM, dabble with CB and ham listening.

Began editing WDXF in '75 just after the anniversary issue, so in addition to IRCA's 19th anniversary, I'm approaching my 8th as ye ed.

JJ, you learned schoolbook SS. In Mexico it's a different lingo. And much of mine is CalMex and TexMex SS which generally cannot be understood well in interior Mexico, hi. In addition to tres años in school, I used to watch SS TV, go to SS movies and buy SS newspapers to keep up with the language. KDTV (S.F.) flashes on screen, "canal 60 noticiéras," honest, hi. But one of our real experts is also one of our founding father, Larry Godwin. Believe

he either taught or was preparing to teach it several years ago.

Again, thanks for the great support for the Anniversary issue of WDXF. I really appreciate it and I'm sure the club will enjoy reading it, as well as all the other great sections and features in this issue of DXW. Thanks to all the other editors, publishing crew, the other BOD members and the membership at large for making this the greatest BCB club in the world. Happy Birthday IRCA. 73 de Rth. .

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With the coming of another anniversary comes mine as well since I joined the IRCA in March of 1965. As an intro, I am a single 38-year-old professional forester who has been DXing since 1960. My equipment consists of a R. West modified Yaesu FRG-7 with VLF converter, mechanical filter, and digital readout, a R. West ferrite loop for MW, a 300-ft longwire run in a square configuration around my property for LW, a Partridge Electronics Joystick SW antenna, a Heath IB-1100 frequency counter, and various tape recorders. I divide my DX time between LW and foreign MW with a minimal time in the SW bands, mostly to DX countries not likely to be heard on MW. Also am a member of the Longwave Club as of 1981. QSLs include 43 states, 9 provinces, 10 Mex states, and 54 countries on MW (10 more on SW). All have been verified from the Richmond area. Stations heard total over 2500, 1870 on MW. My favorite DX is Trans-Pacific. My other interests include bicycle touring, photography, and politics. The IRCA is a great club full of great DXers, and it has been a pleasure to be a part of it all. Hope everyone has a good year ahead. 73

Bruce Portzer-N7ECJ-6546 19th Avenue NE-Seattle, WA 98115

Hi gang. Happy anniversary IRCA and time for another re-intro. I'm a (cough cough) 31 year old electrical engineer. I work for a local consulting firm where I'm involved in the design of communication and computer systems. I started DXing at the green young age of twelve and joined IRCA about 2 years later. Since then I've heard about 1920 stns and verified about 600. Other totals: states 45/41, provs 7/7, and countries 63/41. Best catches include several TAs, CKRW-610, DXRS-1196, YVJD-1380, bunches of 2kw Aussies, and many east coast regionals on MW, heavily cluttered channels. BCB DX has remained my #1 hobby interest, although I occasionally dabble in shortwave, PSB, and amateur radio (15 meter cw at the moment). My shack includes Hammarlund HQ-180A (main BCB rig), Yaesu FRG-7 (with mechanical filter), box loop, SM-2, various long & short wires, Heath SB-620 panadapter, LM-14 freq meter, Optoelectronics freq counter, Realistic TRF with PCIM digital readout, Mizuho & Krohn-Hite audio filters, Heath Q-multiplier, & various other odds and ends.

Several people have asked about KIXI's verification policy recently. A new CE took over late last year (the old one moved to KZOK/KJET). When I talked to him in January, I asked if he was getting many reception reports. His response was that the secretary "keeps a log of complaints about poor reception". Eventually, I explained that what I meant was letters from listeners in far-off places. He said they'd gotten a letter from New Zealand (which had been answered), but didn't mention anything about Oregon, California, etc. So I think we have another case of a CE who's unfamiliar with our hobby and too busy to be interested in it.

I like Karl Zuk's idea of making the penguin the official club bird. Oddly enough, my wife Evelyn made the same suggestion a couple of years ago, but for some reason nothing ever happened. I think we'd have to narrow it down to a specific species of penguin though --- how about the Macaroni penguin, since macaroni is spelled and pronounced almost like Marconi, the father of radio.

That about does it for this week. 73, bp.

## 'Great Sounds' adds WNEW

NEW YORK—In less than one month, The United Stations reports it has cleared 40 of the top 50 markets for its *Great Sounds*—a weekly four-hour radio program featuring hits of the 30s, 40s and the non-rock hits of the 50s and '60s.

WNEW-AM, New York, is the latest station to pick up the program, already carried by KPRZ, Los Angeles, WAIT, Chicago and KSFO, San Francisco.

Each week, *Great Sounds* spotlights a feature artist throughout the entire program, including such talent as Benny Goodman, Teresa Brewer and Mel Tormé.

To date, The United Stations has attracted 34 national advertisers for *Great Sounds*, including General Motors, Campbell Soup, Frito Lay, Lewis, J.C. Penney and Warner Lambert, said Nick Verbitsky, president, The United Stations.

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# EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: 4/2, 4/23, 5/14, 6/11

- 540 CJSB ON Ottawa, 3/1 2043 w/ KNOE, weak, ID as Capital Radio 540 CJSB, oldies mx. (JP-GA)
- 560 WMIK KY Middlesboro, 8/9 0537 poor w/ area wx & ID, ads. 0/u unid (WIS?), thunder QRN. (DP-TN)
- 570 WWNC NC Asheville, 8/9 0535 poor w/ local & city nx, anmts. 0/u unid, thunder QRN. (DP-TN)
- 680 CFTR ON Toronto, 2/26 0700 "newsbreak" nx & sports into MoR rock, Eagles "Peaceful Easy Feeling" at 0702. Good & alone.(KZ-NY)
- 730 WPAL SC Charleston, 3/5 1820 black/soul mx, lcl spots, ID w/ WLOR. (DLR-KY)
- CHYR7 ON Leamington, 3/1 2040 wx, sports scores, contemporary mx, f ancr. Weak, in CKAC null. (JP-GA)
- CKAC QU Montreal, 3/1 2030 telephone talk in FF, weak w/ XEX. (JP-GA)
- 740 KCMC TX Texarkana, 2/28 0156 u/ KRMG TT, C&W mx, weak, said they were having problems w/ network. (JP-GA)
- 790 WAKY KY Louisville, 3/1 2100 Glen Campbell mx, ID as "We're Wacky, W-A-K-Y Louisville", Ai nx. (JP-GA)
- KKRQ TX Houston, 2/24 1858 R&R mx, ID's as 79Q, also promoed a M\*A\*S\*H bash, QRM/WMC,WTAR,WNWS. Weak sig. (JP-GA)
- 840 WVPO PA Stroudsburg, 2/14 1720 nx, sports. 0/u WHAS. (KZ-NY)
- 850\*WIVK\*TN\* Knoxville, 2/25 0050 equip test, TT, occasional ID's. Good strong sig. (JP-GA)
- 890 KBYE OK Oklahoma City, 2/23 1915 s/off w/ slow gospel instrumental. Weak, hrd in WLS null. (JP-GA)
- WLS IL Chicago, 8/9/82 0125-0220 fair w/ f DJ at Chicagofest w/ T40 & AM stereo plugs. Cuba QRM 880/890, white noise & thunder QRM. (DP-TN)
- 900 WATV AL Birmingham, 3/5 1900 s/off anmts w/ senators to write to to stay on longer. (DLR-KY)
- 920 WMEL FL Melbourne, 3/3 2150 m w/ talk show. A regular here, must be DA north. (KZ-NY) (Northeast per NRC Pattern Book.--ed)
- 930 WSOC NC Charlotte, 8/8 0055 poor w/ Atlanta baseball 0/u WSOC. (DP-TN)
- WGNT WV Huntington, 8/8 0053 poor w/ Cincinnati baseball 0/u WSOC. (DP)
- 950 WHVW NY Hyde Park, 2/14 1734 w/ sid "W-H-V-W" and "Hudson Valley 95" slogan. Fair. (KZ-NY) (Note correct new calls.--ed)
- WAKM TN Franklin, 3/2 1900 atop mess w/ s/off anmts, ID. Ex-WTJT.(DLR)
- 970 WTBF AL Troy, 2/24 1900 good sig, ID into Mutual nx. (JP-GA)
- 1000 WRNJ NJ Hackettstown, 2/14 1500 MoR format, slogan "WRNJ-one thousand". Semi-local. (KZ-NY)
- KTOK OK Oklahoma City, 2/23 1904 ABC nx, then nx from the KTOK News Center, spot for Mutual Federal Savings & Loan. (JP-GA)
- WKYB SC Hemingway, 3/5 1755 local nx, ID, wx, into mx. Poor. (DLR-KY)
- 1050 KSOH AR Little Rock, 3/3 1908 lcl spots, ID, into rel talk. Fair.(DLR)
- \*WHGI\*GA\* Augusta, 3/5 0051 TT, ET/ID, o/ XEQ,CHUM. (JP-GA)
- WCMS VA Norfolk, 3/1 1803 lcl nx, ID, wx, C&W mx. Good. (DLR-KY)
- 1090 KEXS MO Excelsior Springs, 2/23 1855 wx w/ ID, DJ gave name as Brad Shultz, hrd gospel mx. Fair sig, then faded out before s/off. (JP-GA)
- WKFI OH Wilmington, 3/2 1830 ID, wx, SID, lcl spots, into mx. (DLR-KY)
- WJKM TN Hartsville, 3/2 1832 atop WKFI w/ lcl spots, ID - "This is clear channel 1090, WJKM, Hartsville, TN", into Paul Harvey. (DLR-KY)
- 1110 WKDZ KY Cadis, 3/1 1858 s/off anmts w/ ment FM 106, "My Old KY Home" and off. (DLR-KY)
- KFAB NE Omaha, 3/2 0828 fair, Midas ad, ID as KFAB Omaha, your stn for nx. Hrd nx w/ Ward Cavanaugh. (JP-GA)
- 1190 WOWO IN Fort Wayne, 8/7/82 2245 poorly fair w/ Dick Clark Survey, ad for athletic shoe store, Future Farmers PSA, wx. (DP-TN)
- 1210 KGYN OK Guymon, 3/2 0822 very weak, told of nx headlines, ID as KGYN. Mx. (JP-GA)

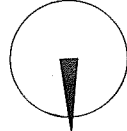
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- 1230 WXLI GA Dublin, 3/6 1804 fair, NBC nx, GA Net nx, GA Net sports. (JP-GA)
- 1240 WINN KY Louisville, 2/26 0133 promo for the Sunfest Contest, spot for the book "Up Your Job", wx, ID as WINN, C&W mx, fair then into GY pile. (JP-GA)
- 1260 WNDE IN Indianapolis, 8/7/82 0144 poor w/ tornado watch, ID noting Clay Court coverage, MOYL. QRM from WPOK. (DP-TN)
- WDKN TN Dickson, 3/6 1900 s/off, no SSB. (JP-GA)
- 1230 WONN FL Lakeland, 2/26 0130 Larry King, PSA, ID w/ jingle. Mutual nx. (JP-GA) (Out of order, sorry--ed)
- 1350 WBSG GA Blackshear, 3/2 0630 fair, PSA, ID as G-135, C&W mx, GA net nx. (JP-GA)
- 1360 WNNJ NJ Newton, 2/7 1455 old standards, Ai on hour. Fair. (KZ-NY)
- 1370 WELV NY Ellenville, 2/7 1500 light instrumentals, P. Harvey @ 1506, Ae @ 1530. Slogan "covering the Hudson Valley w/ 500 watts, this is WELV Ellenville." Fair. (KZ-NY)
- 1390 WROA MS Gulfport, 2/23 0200 hrd ID as "WROA Gulfport", NBC nx, Aids Diet Plan spot, very weak, u/ WCSC. (JP-GA)
- 1410 WSCW WV South Charleston, 3/2 1755 lcl spots, ID - "WSCW takes you around the world", into mx. Poor w/ WHLN. (DLR-KY)
- 1450 WXVW IN Jeffersonville, 2/23 2200 MOYL mx, ID, Ai nx. Weak, fell into the GY pile. (JP-GA)
- 1470<sup>t</sup> KWWSL IA Sioux City, 3/2 0024 SID & ments of Iowa thru slop. (ELP-NY)
- 1500\*WBRI\*IN\* Indianapolis, 2/25 0040 fair w/ WTOF, WLAC slop. ET, TT, ID as "This is American Bible Radio, WBRI Indianapolis." (JP-GA)
- 1540\*WMDO\*MD\*Wheaton, 2/24 0200 fair w/ fading, hrd oldies mx w/ ID at 0200. S/off at 0200. (JP-GA)
- 1550\*WMOO\*AL\*Mobile, 3/5 0145 ET, Christian mx, ID as "WMOO Mobile, AL conducting ET's on 1550 khz", gave time. (JP-GA)
- WMLB CT West Hartford, 3/5 1755 Country Countdown show, then s/off, "it's time to say goodbye on WMLB." (KZ-NY)
- WNTN MA Newton, 3/5 1747 s/off, horse race call before s/off, SSB, then "WNTN Newton". Good. (KZ-NY)
- WHYW PA Braddock, 3/5 1827 s/off anmt in slop. Correct calls for former WCKG? Fair. (KZ-NY) (Yes.--ed)
- WKVL TN Clarksville, 3/5 0123 ID as 1550 WKVL, spot, MoR mx, very weak u/ WAAY, WMOO carrier. (JP-GA)
- WVAB VA Virginia Beach, 3/5 1810 many ments of "Tidewater" area, "All-request weekend", wacky DJ s/off 1819 ment'd 5kw. (KZ-NY)
- WKBA VA Vinton, 3/5 1830 s/off w/ fiddle mx, ment 10 kw, Roanoke, VA offices. (No KUAT! Dream on!) (KZ-NY)
- WXVA WV Charles Town, 2/13 2315 "op. u/ FCC rules section 73.16", emergency operations for daytimers. No ads, MoR. Good. (KZ) 3/5 1805 slogan "WXVA, for your favorite mx of your life ... naturally", nx, wx at 1800, into Crew Cuts' "Sha-Boom". S/off at 1814 ment FM on 98.3. Heritage B.C. (KZ-NY)
- 1560(WQXR)NY New York, 2/28 0100 noted off. (KZ-NY)
- tkWCO OK Chickasha, 3/3 2215 tentative as no ID. High school basketball from OK City, local spots. Poor u/ WPAD. (DLR-KY)
- 1570\*WTLK\*NC\* Taylorsville, 2/24 0140 fair o/ CHLO w/ XERF. ET, test ID, hrd mx w/ no lyrics. (JP-GA)
- CKLM PQ Montreal, 2/13 2310 w/ SID in FF. MoR pgm w/ "Amazing Grace" in FF. (KZ-NY)
- 1580 WHTZ FL Mount Dora, 2/24 0042 fair, ET w/ EZL mx & ID, ment'd phone call from Key West. w/ WCLS. (JP-GA)
- 1590 WERA NJ Plainfield, 2/7 1530 MoR w/ Bob Morris show. Fair. (KZ-NY)

Eastern DXers

- JP - Jim Paige, 219 Alexander, Winder, GA 30680  
(DX-160, 75ft. LW, Channel Master portable)
- DP - Dale Park, Dxing at Sheraton Campus Inn, Knoxville, TN  
(Realistic "Minisette VII")
- ELP - Ellen Pocost, 154 Old Post Rd. N., Croton, NY 10520  
(GE Superadio)
- DLR - David Reitz, 9332 Fairground Rd., Fern Creek, KY 40291  
(DX-160, GE Superadio)
- KZ - Karl Zuk, 154 Old Post Rd. N., Croton, NY 10520  
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# CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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UnIDed, SPECIAL, CHANGES, et. al.

- 1590 WTOQ WI PLATTEVILLE, noted with new calls, ex-WSWW. GS-MN
- All da Rest
- 730 KLOE KS GOODLAND, 3/1 1930 TC, ID, wx, good. GS-MN
- 810 WYRE MD ANNAPOLIS, 3/9 0634 U/WEDO W/barely readable ID & much t.lk. DF-IL
- WEDO PA MCKEESFORT, 3/9 0633 ID & MOYL type MoR, fair W/light QRM. DF-IL
- KBHB SD STURGIS, 2/25 1508 nx, sports, ad, MST TC, fair W/QRM. GS-MN
- 850 WLRC MS WALNUT, 3/2 0705 good W/ROA nulled, some WYDE QRM, C&W mx, prerecorded IDs, sounded automated. DF-IL
- 920 CKCY ON SAULT STE. MARIE, 2/10 0214 many ads, some rock, good. GS-MN
- 940 WIDG MI ST. IGNACE, 3/8 0658 weak W/ID in WMAZ null, much wanted here. DF-IL (Dave, are you sure of the calls on this one? According to my records they changed to WLVM, ed.)
- CJGX SK YORKTON, 2/22 0056 good O/QRM W/rock & "GX" ID. GS-MN
- 980 WONE OH DAYTON, 2/21 0020 W/ID as "your AN wx stn WONE", C&W, good O/U/local KXSS. GS-MN
- 990 KRKS CO DENVER, 2/28 1915 W/ID, Rel, good O/QRM. GS-MN
- 1030 KTWO WY CASPER, 3/1 1845 good signal O/WBZ during SSS. TMJ-IL
- 1050 WBRG VA LYNCHBURG, 2/24 0602 S/On in mess. GS-MN
- 1110 KTEK TX ALVIN, 2/8 1915 C&W, S/off O/KFAB & WDGX splash, stn #2000 hrd. GS-MN (Congratulations on reaching this milestone, ed.)
- 1130 WLBA GA GAINESVILLE, weak W/ID & farm rpt 3/8 0634. DF-IL DF-IL
- 1140 WQBA FL MIAMI, 3/8 0630 suddenly up E/ID in EE then into SS, buried by WIXE 0631.//
- 1190 KJLA MO KANSAS CITY, 3/2 0130 sounded like MOYL, good W/QRM. GS-MN
- 1240 KWGS MO JEFFERSON CITY, 3/2 0100 S/off atop mess. GS-MN
- 1270 WILE OH GAMBRIDGE, 2/28 1759 S/off good sig U/WHBF, no SSB. TMJ-IL
- 1300 WKXI MS JACKSON, 3/3 0150 ID, soul mx, fair O/QRM. GS-MN
- 1310 WPTL KY MADISONVILLE, 3/2 0243 lcl ad, AM-1310 non-ID, PSA, good & alone. GS-MN
- 1320 KXYZ TX HOUSTON, 3/2 0143 R. Trace ID in SS, good O/QRM. GS-MN
- 1340 WLOK TN MEMPHIS, 3/2 0232 soul mx, ID O/QRM. GS-MN
- 1350 KIDN CO FUREBIO, 3/2 0053 "1350 Kiddin Country" ID, good. GS-MN
- CKAR ON OSHAWA, 2/25 1930 ID & hockey, good O/QRM. GS-MN
- 1360 KRYS TX CORPUS CHRISTI, 3/2 0210 rock, ID, fair & alone. GS-MN
- KRKK WY ROCK SPRINGS, 3/2 2000 rock, ID, nx, fair. GS-MN DF-IL
- 1410 WKQE FL TALLAHASSEE, tent. 3/4 0635 W/possible ID & MOYL type mx, poor W/much QRM.//
- KRIG TX ODESSA, 3/2 0008 rock, "14 KRIG" ID, good. GS-MN
- 1430 WGFS GA COVINGTON, 3/9 0605 in & out, at times very good, W/lcl nx, much ment. of Covington & surrounding towns. DF-IL
- WRCD GA DALTON, 3/2 0640 W/C&W mx, some farm nx, IDs & lcl spots, moderate QRM, fair-excellent. DF-IL
- 1460 WDYX GA BUFORD, 0630 good W/much QRM, had GA Net, Nx, ID & Farm Show. DF-IL (Date?ed.)
- 1470 WQXL SC COLUMBIA, ID noted 3/8 0559, possible S/On. DF-IL
- 1480 WABB AL MOBILE, 3/2 1954 wx, ID "AM 1480 WABB" rock oldie, good. GS-MN
- WYZE GA ATLANTA, 3/9 0600 fair W/S/On, light QRM, many IDs. DF-IL
- WSAY VA SALEM, noted S/On 3/8 0600 W/good sigs, many IDs, into Ai nx. DF-IL
- 1510 WLKR OH NORWALK, 3/9 0700 S/On W/SSB, fair in WLAC null, gave location, pwr, IDs. DF
- CHKOT ON TILLSONBURG, 3/1 0647 blasting in W/WIAC partially nulled, S/On W/"Oh Canada", many IDs & pwr given. DF-IL
- 1530 KMAM MO BUTLER, 3/3 0700 S/On very good W/male vocal version of the Lord's Prayer, AM & FM pwr & freqs & skeds. DF-IL
- KNBO TX NEW BOSTON, 3/9 1922 good W/WCKY nulled, ment. Christian mx stn for Northeast Texas. TMJ-IL
- 1540 WSMI IL LITCHFIELD, 3/10 1840 briefly during KXEL fade W/Mutual nx, ID. TMJ-IL
- 1550 WAAY AL HUNTSVILLE, ID as "Way", wx, strong. GS-MN
- KRGO UT WEST VALLEY CITY, 3/2 1950 ID "KRGO Sports", C&W, GS-MN
- 1560 WFXV KY MIDDLESBORO, 3/9 0658 W/ID in much QRM, possible S/On. DF-IL
- 1570 KNDY KS MARSHVILLE, 2/15 1859 S/off good. GS-MN
- 1580 WGLS GA COLUMBUS, 3/2 1943 ad, ID, Rel., fair O/QRM. GS-MN
- WESY MS LELAND, 3/8 1915 good W/soul mx, ment. "remember, WESY is everywhere" at S/off. TMJ-IL
- KNIM MO MARYVILLE, 2/15 1900 good S/off. GS-MN
- 1590 WONX IL EVANSTON, 2/16 1900 SS, quick EE ID, poor U/QRM. GS-MN
- KPRT MO KANSAS CITY, 2/20 1900 S/off weak & alone. GS-MN

1600 WEUP AL HUNTSVILLE, S/off O/WCGO 2/26 1830, TMJ-IL (Tom, are you sure this was a S/off ? They're supposed to be fulltime, ed.)  
 KCGS AR MARSHALL, 3/6 1915 S/off good O/WTRU ment. that they play C&W, Blue Grass & Gospel mx. TMJ-IL  
 KMDO KS FT. SCOTT, 3/7 1930 S/off female ancr W/SSB. TMJ-IL  
 WLIS KY HARTFORD, 3/6 1905 tent. S/off ment lkw, SSB, very weak W/WTRU during thunderstorm static. TMJ-IL  
 KBBB TX BORGER, 3/7 1944 S/off no SSB, "K-Triple B" ID. TMJ-IL

AFREAK

1360 KRRR NM RUIDOSO, 3/2 0225 F/C fair O/KRYS, ID every minute in Cw, no VIDS hrd. GS

Still DXing in March:

DF... David Faulkner Box 602 Witt, IL 62904

(TRF)

TMJ... Tom Jasinski 503 Jensen Shorewood, IL

(Homebrew rig, 2 1/2' loop)

GS... George Sherman Box 2284 Minneapolis, MN

(R-1000, Radio West Loop)

CLARIFICATION:

A question has arisen about my printing clear channel 50kw loggings. What I meant in my statement a couple of issues ago was only those which can be reasonably easily logged in your area. Thus, WWA, as printed, was not DX for Illinois, but was for Minneapolis, which was why it was printed, although I did tack on a comment. Be advised, though, that any 50Kw that I don't think is DX will not be printed.

CADX SPRING GET TOGETHER:

The 13th Annual CADX Spring get together will be held June 3-5 at the home of the CDXR editor. This is a chance to bore everyone with the details of your DXploits from the past season. This will also be the opportunity to show off your whiffle ball skills, if you are possessing any. In addition, there also will be a Monty Python Film festival on 6/4.

The films to be viewed are:

1. Life of Brian
2. Monty Python & the Holy Grail
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I have become a victim of the Reagan recession. As of 3/16, my services will no longer be required by the Illinois Dept. Of Public Aid. Hopefully I'll have time to get the article I started typing finished soon. Oh yess, Happy Anniversary IRCA. I would have bought a gift, but what do you get for a club that has everything ? For those of you that DX TV, if you want to take pictures of your TV DX but only have an instamatic camera, write me for details on how to do this. I have a DX TV Photo Lab (black & white only) that specializes in making useable photos of TV DX from unsophisticated camera equipment. (Maybe you can get a job as Jane Byrne's campaign manager....bp)

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 Countries List addenda: the following is some additional information, which was inadvertently left off the countries list a couple issues back.

NOTES

As 005 Andaman Island (India). Extant MW stations are AIR Port Blair A-684 and Port Blair B-1440 (v. WRTH-83, pp. 460 and 471).

Eu 006 Andorra. Presently inactive. Reportedly expecting to reactivate in October 1983.

As 018 Balearic Islands (Spain). Consist of MW-active islands of Mallorca, Menorca, and Ibiza. Extant MW stations are: EAJ13-1080, Mallorca; EFJ45-1107, Mallorca; EAK67-1134, Menorca; EAK18-1224, Mallorca; EAK24-1224, Ibiza (v. WRTH-83, p. 118).

Af 038 Ceuta (Spain). Listed under Morocco.

Oc 075 Galapagos Islands (Ecuador). Extant MW station is HCVG8-1410.

Eu 000 Liechtenstein. WARC-7 has allocated 1386 kHz, 500 KW to this country.

Af 135 Melilla (Spain). Listed under Morocco.

NA 178 San Andres Island (Colombia). Extant MW stations are HJPH-1110 and HJHU-1260 (v. WRTH-83, pp. 510 and 513).

Eu 000 San Marino. Notwithstanding a contrary treaty with Italy, the government of this country plans a radio and television station (Sweden Calling DX-ers of 8/1/80).

Eu 213 United Kingdom/Channel Islands. Extant MW station is BBC Local Radio, Jersey, 1026 kHz. Also, reportedly, BBC2 909 kHz 500w (v. WRTH-83, p. 127).

Af 000 Venda has plans for a MW station (v. WRTH-83, p. 173).

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# WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST:
- 1150 KSPL WA, Seattle has changed format (for the fourth time in 3 years)  
To a mixture of Ad Con & oldies. Has lots of "Musicradio 11-50"  
SID's. (bp-WA)
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- 540 CBK SK, Watrous 2/21 0655 s/on, playing "O Canada". (RS, HJC, GH &  
JB-CA)
- 550 KRAI CO, Craig MM 3/7 0720-0735 C&W mx, ID w/slogan "55-Country,"  
program called "Country Cowboy", wx for Craig, more C&W, PSA  
for a local pancake breakfast, Mutual sports at 0735, local ad,  
"Proud to be part of northwest Colorado." Pair w/KOY nulled.  
New. (JH-CA)
- KPRM KS, Salina MM 3/7 0745-0750 mixing w/KRAI, then good above it.  
OM giving wx for KS, TX, NE, MO, CO, etc "...cloudy in the KPRM  
listening area," local ad. Poor at 0750 into C&W mx. Gave temps  
for many cities in KS. Mostly fair. New, stn #3 from KS. (JH)
- KBOW MT, Butte 2/21 0813 xlnt way o/KARI w/CBS nx, jingle ID, C&W  
songs. (EH-WA)
- 580 KCMX OR, Ashland 2/22 0646 very good o/KFXD, KMJ, w/ID, C&W mx. (EH)
- 610 KVNU UT, Logan MM 3/7 0600 mx, ID, into ABC nx. Good. (JH-CA)
- 630 KIDO ID, Boise MM 3/7 0611 pop mx, ID. Fair. New. (JH-CA)
- KOH NY, Reno MM 3/7 0606 out of CBS nx, Larry King promo, ID,  
"Talkradio K-O-H". Poor to fair. New. (JH-CA)
- 640 (KFI) CA, Los Angeles 3/7 0525 noted off. (bp-WA)  
+ME 3/7 noted off 0600, on again when I checked at 0740. (JH)
- 670 KDIG AK, Dillingham 2/28 0330 xlnt w/rr type songs, IDs, wx. (EH-WA)  
\*KBOI\* ID, Boise 3/7 0231 noted w/OC. (RW-CA)
- 680 (KNBR) CA, San Francisco noted off 2/26 0530 & 2/27 0728. (RS-CA2)
- 720 KUAI HI, Eleele 2/25 0458 u/KDWN w/MOR songs, relig. hymn, s/off. (EH)  
WGN IL, Chicago MM 3/7 0626 KDWN off, OM talking about agriculture,  
ID, not all that strong. New, believe it or not. (JH-CA)
- 730 (CKL?) BC, Vancouver 3/10 0736 not noted. Off or severe aural? Only  
a weak XEX & a TT'er noted. CKWX-1130, CKNW-980, CJVI-900 all  
good at the time. (Rth-CA)
- 830 KIKI HI, Honolulu 2/21 0225 barely audible u/KTNQ spur. (RS, HJC,  
GH & JB-CA)

- 860 CBKF-2 SK, Saskatoon 3/7 0751-0800 logged call change, ex-CFNS. Disco program, into nx in FF on hour, CBC ID. KTRB off till 0828, XEMO s/on at 0800. (RW-CA)
- 870 KAIM HI, Honolulu 2/21 0730 inspirational mx by itself using Hallcrafters, mixed w/WWL u/KORD on Sony. (RS, HJC, GH & JB-CA)  
 WWL LA, New Orleans 2/21 0730 call-in show all alone (CA)  
 KORD WA, Pasco 2/21 0730 country mx could be hrd w/talk & inspirational mx underneath. KORD on top mostly w/Sony, no sign on FRG-7 or Hallcrafters. (RS, HJC, GH & JB-CA)
- 980 KUPI ID, Idaho Falls 3/7 0812 good o/CKNW in KFWB null w/wx. (RW-CA)  
 KICA NM, Clovis 3/10 0800 s/on. Basic info, calls, freq., QTH, power, etc., then lost to returning tone. Thought TT'er might have been KICA. (RtH-CA)
- 1190 KEZY CA, Anaheim 3/5 0900 good in KEX null w/ID "KEZY, Newscenter 12, Anaheim". Has applied for calls KNWZ. Didn't someone else used to have those calls? (RW-CA)
- 1180 WKKE MS, Pearl fair o/u WHAM 3/7 0632 w/WYL-type mx. (bp-WA)
- 1230 KIBS CA, Bishop Sa 3/5 0100 way atop w/nice ID into Ai nx. A shocker! And in again 3/6 0033 w/local basketball game! (BH-WA)  
 +3/5 0100 ID into Ai nx; fair o/others. New. (NH-WA)
- 1240 KPRL CA, Paso Robles 3/4 2357 ID out of the mess. New. (NH-WA)  
 KJOP CA, Lemoore Sa 3/5 2359 SS program dropped in an EE ID by YL that sounded like "You are listening to radio KBOE in Lindberg, California," then back to SS mx. Positive ID 3/6 0004 by man saying "en kah-hota-oh-pay." Atop KNNRY. Logged as KOAD back in 1972. (BH-WA)  
 +3/6 0005 ID in SS, into SS mx; fair. New. (NH-WA)
- 1260 \*KYA\* CA, San Francisco 3/7 0308 noted w/TT. (RW-CA)  
 KWEI ID, Weiser 2/21 0910 fair w/"Country 12-60" slogans, C&W mx. (EH)
- 1300 KHUG OR, Phoenix 3/10 0829 CWM, TC between record set, "Country K-Hug. It's five twenty nine in Medford." Very weak & very much u/KYNO, KWKW, KMPS. Per tip from RW. (RtH-CA)
- 1320 KGNR CA, Sacramento 2/23 0458 fair w/talk show, Ai nx. CHQM nulled.  
 KXRO WA, Aberdeen 2/21 0803 fair w/nx, wx for 3rays (EH-WA)  
 Harbor, into rr mx. (EH-WA) (Actually, KXRO says they are "adult contemporary."--NH)
- 1330 KLBS CA, Los Banos noted carrying FM simulcast of KRVE-95.3, Los Batos, CA, during the day (3 mi. from my QTH). Carries SS during early mornings (possibly one of JJ's unID SS's on 1330). Interesting they'd simulcast KRVE, a stn o/90 mi. from Los Banos! Carries Portuguese or similar language during day. (RW)  
 K7AK NM, Gallup 3/7 0945 xlnt o/u KLBS, no sign of KFAC in KCLM null, w/state nx. (RW-CA)
- 1360 KVKM TX, Monahans atop w/ID & promo 3/7 0728 w/KUPL off. (bp-WA)  
 KSCJ IA, Sioux City 2/28 0720 briefly w/promo for radio bingo, ads w/ments of Sioux City. (EH-WA)
- 1370 KAST OR, Astoria 2/26 2115 xlnt w/Astoria sports, "A-M 13-70" ID, rr mx. (EH-WA)
- 1400 KRE CA, Berkeley Fr 3/4 2318 loud atop channel, ended big-band jazz number & directly into another instrumental jazz tune without ID. But a full minute into the instrumental some man said "...K-R-E...!" Also in Su 3/6 0100 $\frac{1}{2}$  for legal ID. Not heard since the early 1970's whrn it was KPAT! (BH-WA)  
 +3/4 2319 ID, jazz mx. Very good o/all. New. (NH-WA)
- KART ID, Jerome 2/21 0720 fair w/TC of 5:20, ID, into C&W mx. (EH)  
 KRPL ID, Moscow 2/24 0535 fair w/rr mx, IDs, PSA. (EH-WA)  
 KDRG MT, Deer Lodge 3/7 0728 xlnt w/wx, PSA, ID into rr mx. (EH-WA)  
 CKGR BC, Golden 2/25 2210 briefly w/MOR songs, ID w/ment. CKCR-1340, CKXR-580 //'. (EH-WA)
- 1410 KVEG NV, North Las Vegas 3/1 0022-0034 fair w/C&W & no sign of CFUN. ID at end of promo at 0027 by male "...from the station that loves you, 14-10, K-V-E-G." New. (WGE-BC) (Note city.--NH)  
 +3/4 2221 $\frac{1}{2}$  local ad, 2224 ID after wx. Poor w/CFUN nulled. New. (NH-WA)
- 1420 KSTN CA, Stockton 3/5 0230 poor, ID "K-S-T-N" w/TC & rr mx. Has been in a few times at a very low level. (DP-CA)  
 +MM 3/7 0639 DJ talking on phone, a contest I suppose, "Congratulations, KSTN, you're a winner." Fair. New. (JH-CA)
- 1430 (KARM) CA, Fresno 3/7 0341 noted totally off. KALI, KEZW all alone. Was looking for CJXX. (RW-CA)
- 1440 KODL OR, The Dalles 3/5 0558 good w/C&W mx, ID, CBS nx. When did they go 24 hours? (EH-WA)

- 1450 KGRZ MT, Missoula 3/7 0738 in briefly w/ID, C&W mx. (EH-WA)  
 1460 KLTC ND, Dickinson 3/3 0339 briefly o/KDQN w/ads mentioning Dickinson. Assume they were also the one w/Larry King. (EH) (The latest LK list on hand shows Larry's only 1460's as KMWX-WA & WBNS-OH!--NH)  
 \*KMWX\* WA, Yakima 3/2 0430 noted on rare ET w/OC, TT. Off on 3/3 at 0336, KDON dominating. (EH-WA)  
 1470 KWSL IA, Sioux City 3/1 0455 good w/nx, ID, TC of 3:56 into MOR mx. (EH-WA)  
 1480 KAAR WA, Vancouver 3/11 2301 local ad, 2302½ ID & back into Portland vs Nanaimo hockey on "Jock Sports Hockey Network." Strong & alone on freq. New. (NH-WA)  
 1490 KWAC CA, Bakersfield 3/4 2331 jingle ID after SS mx. Poor. New. (NH)  
 KOWL CA, South Lake Tahoe 2/28 0705 good w/wx, "K-Owl" slogans, rr mx. (EH-WA)  
 KLOG WA, Kelso 2/28 2023 briefly w/ad for Shakey's in Longview, IDs. (EH-WA)  
 KENE WA, Toppenish 2/28 0755 weak s/on o/GY mess. Ment. of strn in the low end of the shortwave range? (EH-WA)  
 1500 KHHT CA, San Jose 3/1 0003-0009 ex-KXRX fair w/top 40 mx. ID by male as "K-H-T-T." Spoken PSA into mx. Finally got this new call. (WGE-BC)  
 1540 KEDA TX, San Antonio 3/7 0310-0334 good at times o/u KXEL, KJZZ thru KZLA OC/TTs w/several "Radio Jalapeno" IDs, typical ranchera mx, one ad at 0315. Officially logged here now. (RW-CA)  
 1550 KQWB ND, West Fargo-Fargo 2/28 0458 good o/KRGO w/rr mx, RKO nx, wx, "K-Q-W-B, Q-98 FM" slogans. (EH-WA)  
 1580 \*KDAY\* CA, Santa Monica 2/21 0547 FT w/voice ID. (RS, HJC, GH & JB-CA)  
 1590 KLIV CA, San Jose 3/1 2344-54 fair w/QRN. No sign of KJET. MYL, Flood watch Update at 2350, followed by spots & ID by male, "It's the Music of Your Life on K-L-I-V." New. (WGE-BC)  
 KBBQ CA, Ventura-Oxnard 2/28 0220 o/KJET w/"16 Country" slogans, C&W songs. (EH-WA)  
 KMTI UT, Manti 3/6 2232 poor w/wx forecast into mx. Was trying for and still trying for KEND. (DP-CA)  
 1600 KGST CA, Fresno 3/1 2333-41 good w/Rock & Roll show hosted by SS male. SS mx. ID at 2338 by a group of YL's chanting call in SS then, "K-G-S-T, K-G-S-T, Fresno." New. (WGE-BC)

March f/c's heard:

- 1st Sat. KZUL-1380 AZ 0200-0215 (RW-CA)  
 KYCA-1490 AZ 0210-0225 (RW-CA)  
 1st MM KXIV-1400 AZ 0205-0220 (RW-CA)  
 KGHJ--790 MT 0245-0300 (RW-CA)  
 KQTK-1230 OR 0302-0320 (RW-CA)

March f/c's not heard:

- 1st MM KQNK-1530 KS 0110-0125 (RW-CA)  
 KMCL-1240 ID 0300-0315 (RW-CA)

ID'ing the unIDs:

- 1090 KKYN Plainview, TX was probably the one reported by SMM in 2/19 DXW. Format & time zone match, and call is close to "KKYS." (bp-WA)  
 1090 SMM's 1090 mystery in 2/19 DXW is most likely KKYN Plainview, TX. They are very audible on an east Beverage most of the time from Utah. Call (KKYS) mentioned & format sure fit, as does CST TC. (WJH-MD) (What a temptation to type "WJH-UT", hi.--NH)

UNIDs:

- 980 3/10 0755 low tone (approx. 500 cycles) from apparent TT'er. Brief break at 0800, then resumed. No ID noted. (Rth-CA)  
 1000 Top 40 oldies o/u SS strn 3/7 0340-0358. Man mentioned something about "regional network" 0358. Then buried by KOMO TT. (bp-WA)  
 1320 3/7 0818 unID SS u/KGNR. Have never noted a Mexican here, too early for KQIQ. XESR? Or is KUDE SS this time of morning? (RW-CA)  
 1420 3/10 0845 1,000 cycle tone. No break for ID at 0900. Could be the TJ strn is slightly off frequency. (Rth-CA)

A good turnout of reporters this week. Thanks to everyone who contributed! Also, Happy Anniversary IRCA!! ♡

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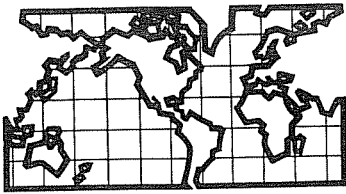


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# DX WORLDWIDE - WEST

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DX seems to be improving here somewhat. Nothing too exciting, but I notice some of the not-too-regular DU's have been showing up like 3DB-1026. Maybe things are finally improving. Received a verie from 4VEH-1035 KHZ-Haiti this week (3/15), was told in an enclosed note that 4VEH will be changing frequency in April 83 to 1030 KHZ to be in line this the ITU regulations. Anyone who doesn't have their 1035 KHZ frequency verified (who wants a verie), should get a report out to them before the change. On 1030 KHZ, who knows how often the signal will make it in. On with the reports:

## PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 1000 UNID, LA accordian mx and lively ancr at 0840 3/7. Didn't sound like Colombia, which usually dominates here. Blown away by KOMO TT at 0858.
- 1190 MEXICO?, ranchera mx dominant 0918 3/7. Is XEWK now AN? (BP) (BP-Wa)

## TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 155 U.S.S.R., Khabarovsk-1128 2/21 Strong het (no audio, but then I didn't have a good antenna either) tried again after 1230 w/Radio West loop attached, but completely gone. (SCDXPED)
- 191 U.S.S.R., Blagoreshchensk-1130 2/21 Strong het-no audio, then at 1240 2/21 tried again, weaker this time. (SCDXPED)
- 236 U.S.S.R., Magadan 1131 2/21 het, but not as strong as 155 or 191. (SCDX.)
- 272 U.S.S.R., Khabarovsk?? 1135 2/21 very weak audio, nothing identifiable tried later, but only a het. (SCDXPED)
- 281 UNID, 1138 2/21 strong het, no sign on loop later (SCDXPED)
- 531 AUSTRALIA, Kempsey-2MC quite good, talking about the "MC top 10", into Pop music at 1009 on 3/16. (PM-Or)
- NEW ZEALAND, Alexandra-4XA, fair u/2MC with Pop mx, sometimes mixing with "Otago Radio" mentions at 1011 on 3/16. (PM-Or)
- UNID, 1143 on 2/21 strong het on Hallicrafters. (SCDXPED)
- 540 UNID, 1150 2/21 strong het w/slight audio on Sony, at same time Chariots of Fire was coming in on Hallicrafters, until CBK sign-on at about 1155. (SCDXPED) (This could be the AN LPRT net. PM)
- 558 FIJI, Radio Fiji one here quite good w/OM in Fijian at 1015-3/16 (PM-Or)
- 567 NEW ZEALAND, Wellington-2YA, at 1034 on 3/16 w/Discussion pgm. (PM-Or)
- 576 AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2FC with Classical mx in passing. quite strong, noted at 0950 on 3/16. (PM-Or)
- 594 AUSTRALIA, Horsham-3WV fair with light Jazz at 0934 on 3/16. (PM-Or)
- UNID, at 1210 2/21 het, no audio. (SCDXPED)
- 603 AUSTRALIA, Hobart-7ZL quite good on the Concert net at 0950 on 3/16 OM ancr mentioning music. First time hrd in a while. (PM-Or)
- 612 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4QR good with light Jazz, pips at 1000 on 3/16 (PM-Or)
- 621 TUVALU?, probably the one putting in weak audio in KIPA/KGW slop. I sure wish this one would surface well enough for a good report. Rec. a reply from the station saying that they couldn't make out the tape I sent. Oh well, try again. Heard at 0630 on 3/16 (PM-Or)
- UNID, 1228 2/21 strong het, no audio (SCDXPED)
- AUSTRALIA, Melbourne-3AR weak in 620 slop, Classical mx, at 0955-3/16 (PM)
- 630 AUSTRALIA, Townsville-4QN, hrd poorly o/KIDO/UNID, at 1001 with ABC news, on 3/15. Haven't hrd this one in a while either. (PM-Or)
- 648 UNID, Light Jazz, fair 1050 3/7, Either WVUV or Aussie (BP-Wa)
- 657 NEW ZEALAND-Wellington-2YC, good w/Clas. mx at 1050 on 3/16 (PM-Or)
- 666 NEW CALEDONIA, Noumea-FR3 fair w/OM in FF at 0940 on 3/16 (PM-Or)
- 774 AUSTRALIA, Townsville-4T0 good w/rr mx o/3L0, TC's strong! on 3/16 at 1024. (PM-Or)
- 792 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4QG, hrd w/clas. mx in passing at 1045-3/16 (PM-Or)
- 830 HAWAII, Honolulu-KIKI, at 1225 2/21 could be hrd u/KTNQ spur, (SCDXPED)
- 870 HAWAII, Honolulu-KAIM, 1230, 2/21 KAIM by self on Hallicrafters, mixing w/WVL u/KORD on Sony, w/Inspr. mx (SCDXPED)
- 882 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4BH good o/LYC w/MOR mx at 0915-3/16 (PM-Or)
- 1008 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4I0, good o/1ZD w/rr mx and "Radio 10" ID at 0938 on 3/16 (PM-Or)

- 1017 TONGA, Nuku 'alofa-A3Z good to fair w/YL talk 0958 to 1006, then Pol. vocal song 3/7 (BP-Wa)
- 1026 t AUSTRALIA, MacKay-4MK likely the one with Pop mx and Aussie DJ good, 0953 3/7. Didn't wait for ID. (BP-Wa)
- AUSTRALIA, Melbourne-3DB, good o/4MK briefly w/Pop song and Melbourne weather, mention of "DB" into Spot, but lost under 4MK by 1038-3/16 (PM)
- 1035 SOLOMON ISLANDS, Honiara, vy good o/NZ w/Native ancr in EE, IDing song at 0845 on 3/16. (PM-Or)
- NEW ZEALAND, Wellington-2ZB- fair w/nx 0902 3/7 (BP-Wa)
- 1053 NEW ZEALAND, New Plymouth-2ZP, fair w/Tonight Show and Pop mx at 0848 3/16, 77 to 1035. (PM-Or)
- 1116 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4BC, good w/Pop mx and 4BC ID by man, into rr mx on 3/15 at 1034 (PM-Or)
- 1206 AUSTRALIA, Grafton-2GF, vy good with Pop/C&W mx at 1015 3/15 (PM-Or)
- 1475 MALAYSIA, Sabah at 1216 2/21 weak audio on Hallicrafters/loop, het only on Sony. (SCDXPED)
- Also noted at 1219 2/21 audio uninstrumental mx on both receivers stronger with loop than on Sony. Def. different than 1476 (SCDXPED)
- 1476 U.S.S.R., Vladivostok-1140 2/21 woman speaking in RR, Man speaking at 1147, w/Het. (SCDXPED)

#### VERIES:

- 740 MONTSERRAT, Radio Antilles, sent vl and vq, 2 stickers, and station brochure for taped tent. report. County #41 (BP-Wa) (Great catch Bruce! PM)
- 1035 HAITI, Cap Haitian-4VEH, sent vq and brochures in two months for Taped report. Country #59 (PM-Or)
- 1190 COLOMBIA, Barranquilla-HJCT sent short vl for taped SS report v/s unreadable, Administrator. Also enclosed iron-on transfer for T-shirt which they called a "calcomania" (BP-Wa)

#### THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS:

- BP-Wa Bruce Portzer-6546 19th, Northeast-Seattle, Washington 98115 HQ-180A, with 4' Loop
- SCDXPED Southern Californian DX Pediton-Rich Segalas, Greg Hardison, H. John Clements, and Jeff Brydile-DXing at 14435 Plummer Street-Panarama City, Ca. Using- Hallicrafters SX-110/w Radio West Loop Radio West Mod. FRG-7 w/Radio West Loop, and Sony ICF-2001 with Built in ferrite bar loop.
- PM-Or Yer Editor  
SP-600 JX rx, 1500' Term. East Beverage, 200' NE Longwire-Term.  
1500' Non-term. Beverage, Ground system.

#### INACTIVE COUNTRIES

- NA A Canal Zone (Panama) (after 5/15/78)
- Eu B Danzig (after 9/1/39)
- Af C Eritrea (after 9/15/52)
- Af D French Equatorial Africa (after 8/16/60)
- As E French Indochina (after 7/20/54)
- Af F French West Africa (after 8/16/60)
- \*\*Af G Ghana
- Oc H Gilbert and Ellice Islands (after 1/1/79)
- As I Guangdong Peninsula (after 8/14/45)
- \*\*Oc J Iwo Jima
- Oc K Johnston Island (after 1977)
- Eu L Karelo-Finnish SSR (after 7/15/56)
- NA M Leeward Island (after 2/27/67)
- As N Manchuguo (after 8/14/45)
- NA O Newfoundland (after 4/1/49)
- As P Portuguese India (Goa) (after 12/19/61)
- Af Q Rhodesia and Nyasaland (after 7/6/64)
- As R Ryukyu Islands (after 5/13/72)
- Eu S Saar (before 1/3/48 and after 12/31/56)
- \*\*Af T Spanish Morocco
- Af U Spanish Sahara (after 11/5/75)
- \*\*NA V Swan Island
- Af W Tanganyika (after 6/29/64)
- Af X Tangier (after 12/29/56)
- \*\*As Y Tibet
- As Z Timor (after 5/30/76)
- As AA Vietnam, Republic of (after 7/1/76)
- NA AB Windward Islands (after 6/1/67)
- Af AC Zanzibar (after 6/29/64)
- Oc AD Canton Island. WILE, 1386 kHz, 250w, closed down in 11/79.

By Tom McCarthy

The Big Bands, comedy and dramatic serials, Elvis, The Twist, Beatles, disco, Metropolitan Opera, in-depth news, and sports reporting are all parts of a tradition-rich industry that has brought information, entertainment and education into American homes for decades.

Radio has been both successful and profitable in its willingness to experiment, and to change from one format to another in a continuing effort to fulfill its obligations to its listeners. We think of radio as an old friend. It's loyal and dependable; always available when we need it — for news, weather, music or conversation. In return, the stations hope to achieve a habitual listening pattern, either for a specific time period or an on-the-air personality.

As the San Diego market continues to grow, we find the competition becoming more and more intense. Following a year (1981) in which the radio market produced record revenues, 1982 presented an even greater challenge as stations competed for the threshold of the audience (the ratings), and advertising sales.

At XTRA FM (91X) where its format recently changed from album-oriented music to 1980's modern music, and at XTRA AM, general manager John Lynch believes radio has done well in 1982 in spite of the recession. "They've turned to radio in droves," he says of the advertisers. "I think television faces real problems because of the unbelievable fractionalization of the television marketplace caused by cable's growth."

Hal Rosenberg, vice president and general manager of KPSP-FM, shares an optimistic view for radio. Rosenberg, who says his station is the highest rated classical music station in the country, puts KPSP's advertising sales in 1982 ahead of the year before. Explains Rosenberg: "1981 was a record year for advertising revenues in San Diego radio. But every year recently has been in that category because of the market growth."

Unfortunately, not everyone shares the same encouraging outlook about the economic growth of the marketplace. Says Tom McMillan, general sales manager of KSDO-AM, news, sports and talk radio, "We projected increases that we didn't achieve. I think everybody in the radio business projected increases in 1982 that were not achieved."

At KFMB-AM, home of the morning drive-time ratings leader, Hudson & Bauer, and KPMB-FM, Peter Hallissy, general sales manager, believes radio advertising has been hurt partially by the recession.

But despite the recession (and many believe because of it), advertising is still a necessity in creating and developing most business. The problem or question therein lies — where and/or when does a business advertise its product or service?

With several stations broadcasting similar formats, radio advertisement must be based on a careful examination as to each station's ratings, advertising costs, audience targets, promotions etc.

The number one radio station in San Diego, according to last fall's Arbitron ratings survey, is KJQY-FM, an easy listening music format and perennial first or second place finisher in the ratings derby (taken quarterly). "One of the strong points of our format," says Jerry Lee, general manager of the station better known as K-JOY, "is that we've been



KCQB (1170 AM/105 FM) not only plays country music, it creates its own with the KCQB Country Flatbed Band, shown performing at the opening of the Lumber Yard Shopping Center in Encinitas.

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able to build a very loyal and conservative audience. Once you get that kind of audience they stay with you."

Lee also labels as a "myth" the belief that an easy listening format relies heavily on an older audience to develop a following. "We have a very wide demographic spread," he says. "In fact, we were also number one in the overall ratings last fall in the 25 to 54 age group."

A significant and important change in the San Diego radio market in 1982 was the emergence and sudden popularity of station XHRM-FM, a black-oriented disco station transmitting from Tijuana. XHRM finished third in the ratings behind KJQY-FM and KGB-FM, numbers one and two respectively. Fourth through 10th included KMLO-AM, KPRI-FM, KSDO-AM, KFMB-AM, XTRA-AM and KFMB-FM (tied for eighth place) and KYXY-FM.

In general, radio's best programming times are morning drive (6:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.) and afternoon drive (4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.). Of course, the cost of individual spots will vary from station to station, depending on the size of the audience. At a larger station, rates for 60-second spots may be as high as \$200; at smaller stations they may be as low as \$25.

Most stations sell 60-second spots primarily. Larry Thomas, sales manager of KUDE-AM and KJFM believes that 60-second spots are definitely the best value. "Your 60-second spot is not twice the cost of a 30," Thomas explains. "It's usually a third higher. To have an effective advertising program, I try very hard to pitch 14 to 21 times (advertising spots) per week. When you increase your frequency, your results definitely increase."

At XTRA-AM & FM, John Lynch talks in terms of 12 units (spots) per week minimum with a 13-week run.

The toughest sell in radio is the so-called "graveyard shift," midnight to 5:00 a.m. "At KUDE and KJFM," Thomas explains, "we're giving the advertiser two spots between these times for only \$2.00 more, which means advertisers running spots during our regular schedule pay only \$1.00 more for each spot on both AM and FM during graveyard." At XTRA-AM & FM, overnight spots cost the advertiser only 25% of the daytime charge.

When discussing the San Diego radio market, one must include the Spanish audience as well. The population of San Diego is about one million persons and San Diego County approximately 1.9 million. Of this growing population, at least 20 percent is Hispanic.

"The local advertisers are slower to buy Spanish radio," explains Bob France, head of U.S. sales for XEMO-AM and XHFG-FM broadcasting out of Tijuana and covering south of the border, San Diego, Orange County and parts of Riverside County and Los Angeles. Los Angeles advertisers are far more cognizant of the Spanish presence in San Diego," France continues. "Despite the peso devaluation, our regional and national advertising increased. We had a better year in 1982 than we did in 1981."

Several San Diego stations have found music formats both popular as well as profitable. But it is apparent that all-news programming has not achieved similar success here as in such larger markets as Los Angeles, New York and Chicago.

"The day of the 24-hour news station is gone," says McMillan of KSDO, which carries news, sports and talk programming. "You have to consider how much audience you are going to appeal to between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.," he adds. "With an all-news format your ratings are going to suffer during this period by virtue of the work-flow."

Bob Iafrafe, general sales manager of KCNN, which launched an all-news format in San Diego last March via cable, believes all-news programming locally is viable. However, in January, after experiencing poor ratings, KCNN changed its format to news and talk, adding ABC as its primary talk source, and using CNN in a secondary role. The television audio vehicle did not lend itself to radio programming, another factor in KCNN's switch from all-news, according to Iafrafe.

Finally, in a further effort to achieve a better ratings mix, KCNN has added Big Band music to its weekend schedule.

Despite hard economic times, San Diego radio continues to prosper, and to succeed in its obligation to serve the public. Penny for penny and dollar for dollar, it's hard to beat the impact that radio carries.

# SAN DIEGO RADIO STATIONS

## ARBITRON RATINGS

(Fall, 1982)

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| 6. KSDO-AM | 10. KYXY-FM |
| 7. KRMB-AM |             |
| 8. KRMB-FM |             |
| 9. XTRM-AM |             |

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| 11. KSDO-FM | 3.7 |
| 12. KRMB-FM |     |
| 13. KRMB-FM |     |
| 14. XTRM-AM |     |

## RADIO STATION DIRECTORY

The Arbitron rating measure the overall weekly share of audience, 12 years and older, 6 a.m. to mid-night, Monday through Sunday.

| Station Name | AM/FM | Year Established | Dial Location | Total Power        | Format                       | Hours           | Genre Range |
|--------------|-------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| KAVO         | FM    | 1977             | 107.1         | 3KW                | Adult Music/MOR              | 24              | \$12-24     |
| KBZT         | FM    | 1978             | 94.9          | 19 KW              | Adult Contemporary           | 24              | \$45-60     |
| KCBQ         | AM    | 1946             | 1170          | 50KW               | Country Music                | 24              | \$85-150    |
|              | FM    | 1954             | 105.3         | 29KW               | Country Music                | 24              | \$85-150    |
| KCNN         | AM    | 1922             | 1360          | 5KW                | News/Talk                    | 24              | \$40-90     |
| KCR          | AM    | 1969             | 550           | 20W                | New Music                    | 24              | \$4-8       |
|              | FM    | 1969             | 99            | Cox Cable          | New Progressive              | 24              | \$4-8       |
| KECR         | FM    | 1962             | 93            | 3KW                | Religious                    | 24              | NCT         |
| KEZL         | FM    | 1962             | 102.1         | 10KW               | MOR Adult Nostalgia          | 24              | \$20-45     |
| KFMB         | AM    | 1941             | 760           | 5KW                | Adult Contemporary           | 24              | \$56-100    |
|              | FM    | 1959             | 100           | 36KW               | Adult Album Contemporary     | 24              | \$60-100    |
| KFSD         | FM    | 1922             | 94.1          | 100KW              | Classical                    | 24              | \$60-80     |
| KGB          | FM    | 1928             | 101.5         | 50KW               | Album Oriented Rock          | 24              | \$85-235    |
| KJFM         | FM    | 1968             | 98.1          | 28KW               | Soft Rock                    | 24              | \$50-65     |
| KJOY         | FM    | 197.7            | 103.7         | 36KW               | Easy Listening               | 24              | \$85-235    |
| KKOS         | FM    | 1975             | 95.9          | 3KW                | Soft Adult Contemporary      | 24              | \$30-52     |
| KMIC         | AM    | 1977             | 910           | 5KW                | Religious                    | 24              | \$31-51     |
| KMLO         | AM    | 1967             | 100           | 2.5KW <sup>A</sup> | Music of Your Life           | 24 <sup>A</sup> | \$50-75     |
| KOGO         | AM    | 1961             | 600           | 5KW                | Adult Contemporary           | 24              | \$60-100    |
| KOWN         | AM    | 1958             | 1450          | 1KW                | Personality MOR/Contemporary | 19d             | \$15-40     |
|              | FM    | 1968             | 92.1          | 250W               | Adult Contemporary           | 24              | \$15-40     |
| KPBS         | FM    | 1960             | 89.5          | 2KW                | Public Affairs/Fine Arts     | 19d             | NCT         |
| KPRI         | FM    | 1968             | 106.5         | 50KW               | Album Oriented Rock          | 24              | \$65-105    |
| KSDO         | AM    | 1971             | 1130          | 10KW               | News/Sports/Talk             | 24              | \$60-80     |
|              | FM    | 1982             | 103           | 1.95KW             | Adult Contemporary           | 24              | \$60-80     |
| KSDS         | FM    | 1952             | 88.3          | 831W               | Jazz                         | 15e             | NCT         |
| KSON         | AM    | 1963             | 1240          | 1KW                | Classic Country              | 24              |             |
|              | FM    | 1969             | 97.3          | 50KW               | Contemporary Country         | 24              |             |
| KUDE         | AM    | 1955             | 1320          | 500W               | Mass Appeal Adult Music      | 24              | \$15-40     |
| KYXY         | FM    | 1968             | 96.5          | 41KW               | Pop Adult Music              | 24              | \$70-85     |
| XEMO         | AM    | 1932             | 860           | 5KW <sup>B</sup>   | Adult Contemporary/Spanish   | 20f             | \$18-28     |
| XHRM         | AM    | 1981             | 92.5          | 100KW <sup>C</sup> | Contemporary/English/Spanish | 24              | \$44-79     |
| XTRA         | AM    | 1934             | 690           | 50KW               | Contemporary Hit Radio       | 24              | \$80-100    |
|              | FM    | 1978             | 91.1          | 100KW              | Modern Music                 | 24              | \$60-90     |

### Network Affiliation

- 1 - ABC Affiliate
  - 2 - CBS Affiliate
  - 3 - Mutual
  - 4 - PBS Affiliate
  - 5 - RKO II
  - 6 - SBN Affiliate
  - 7 - UPI Affiliate
- MOR - Middle of the Road  
NCT - No Commercial Time

### Miscellaneous

- A - Pending Final FCC Approval
- B - Non-directional
- C - By March 1983
- D - 5am-midnight
- E - 9am-midnight
- F - 5:30am-1:30pm

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