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 It finally happened ----- A DUES INCREASE. It was bound to happen sooner or later. Effective immediately, IRCA membership dues are being increased as follows: U.S. members \$20; Canadian/Mexican members with two issues sent every other time, and surface mail overseas, also \$20; Canadian members, each issue sent on time \$26; Trial membership (10 issues and a new member packet) \$7. Our last dues increase was in 1978 and since then, postage costs have gone up considerably with another expected later this year. We've managed to make up the difference (until recently) by dipping into the profits from the Goodie Factory. However, we're now at the point where it's costing the club over \$19 per member per year to publish and mail DX Monitor, so we've had to raise the dues accordingly. In the meantime, though, you can renew for up to three years at the old rate of \$16.50 U.S. (or cheapie Canadian/Mexican method), \$22.50 (faster Canadian/Mexican method), for renewals received before September 1 (you can take advantage of this offer regardless of when your membership comes up for renewal).

 In other club news: If you haven't yet voted for the Ted Vasilopoulos Award, better do so before the deadline (August 1). See the June DXM for details. Also, if you are interested in hosting next year's convention, contact Phil Bytheway right away. One group has already expressed an interest in having it. More details later.

In still more club news, we'll be announcing some new editorships shortly. In the meantime, we're still looking for EDXR/DXWWE volunteers. We've got one person who's expressed a strong interest in EDXR and a half-hearted interest in DXWWE, so volunteers for the latter are especially needed. Get in touch with Phil if you're interested.

A DXPEDITION: Ric Heald will be hosting an all-band DXpedition on Labor Day weekend at Grouse Mountain, a 5500 foot ridge east of Eureka, CA. The group will assemble 9/1(Sat) around 1400 PDT and return early Monday morning 9/3. Bring camping gear, food, favorite beverages (water or otherwise) & battery powered gear (no water or electricity is available at the site). Also a mobile or portable CB set if you have one since "it's easy to get lost". For further information contact Ric Heald, 1632 J St, #3, Eureka, CA 95501.

Finally, Wilhelm Herbst has informed us that the Handbuch der Funknavigation-shilfen (Radio Beacon Handbook) is now available exclusively in the U.S. from Gilfer Associates (P.O. Box 239, Park Ridge, NJ 07656). The book is 252 pages long and lists more than 9000 radio beacons between 150 and 1800 kHz throughout the world. Foreward and abbreviations are written in 7 languages: EE, GG, DD, FF, SS, Swedish, & Finnish. Cost is \$15.00

Our next issue will be out August 11, or thereabouts, and in case you were wondering, no this isn't Phil or Jef putting out this issue, it's Bruce... my trip to Saudi Arabia was delayed a few weeks. CU later.....

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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call	kHz	day/night	st	city
-KAFY	550	1000/1000	CA	Bakersfield wants "increase to 1000 watts"
-appl	590	1000/	FL	Clewiston
-KESR	600	500/	CA	Independence granted 1000/
-WRUS	610	5000/	KY	Russellville wants fulltime, power not given
-WLFF	620	1000/	SC	Cayce has not and apparently will not use the WABX calls granted it recently; still WLFF (Nolan RP)
-new	640	1000/500	NJ	Mount Holly granted WRLB (may be 1460 kHz)
-WHLO	640	1000/1000	OH	Akron granted 5000/5000 or 5000/1000 (I think)
-new	650	10000/1000	MA	Clinton granted WBSO
-KSKY	660	10000/	TX	Dallas granted Balch Springs TX & 10000/1000
-new	710	10000/	MT	Ennis granted construction permit
-appl	720	5000/	PA	Shiremanstown
-WCAS	740	250/	MA	Cambridge wants 1090 kHz & 15000/ (!) This after last month's doubtful grant for 1090 and 5000/; later word is that WCAS will move to 1090 contingent on a still-pending appl for WILD-1090 to move to 720 kHz (Starr NRC)
-KQIN	800	500/	WA	Burien granted 820 kHz & 50000/5000
-appl	820	250/	TX	Lacoste
-new	830	2500/1000	CA	Orange granted construction permit (Starr NRC)
-appl	830	10000/2500	CA	La Mesa application dismissed (Starr NRC)
-appl	830	50000/1000	CA	La Mirada application dismissed (Starr NRC)
-appl	830	25000/1000	CA	Los Angeles application dismissed (Starr NRC)
-appl	830	1000/1000	CA	Oceanside application dismissed (Starr NRC) This was the legal application of onetime 830 kHz pirate Dick Dorwart
-appl	830	2500/1000	CA	Santee application dismissed (Starr NRC)
-WQZO	850	500/	NY	Penn Yan wants WQKA
-new	880	5000/	GA	Jefferson granted WEEG
-new	890	5000/	MS	Ridgeland granted WYAI (Starr NRC)
-new	920	500/500?	KY	Midway granted WKLU (may be a daytimer)
-KSWB	930	1000/	OR	Seaside granted 840 kHz & 1000/500
-appl	940	10000/	NC	Pembroke application returned
-appl	950	5000/500	AK	Juneau
-KHAM	1000	250/	AR	Horseshoe Bend wants 1000/
-appl	1000	1000/	TX	Marion
-KIQI	1010	25000/	CA	San Francisco appl for 25000/2500 returned
-appl	1030	50000/	MD	Indian Head
-KBUF	1050	5000/	KS	Garden City granted Holcomb KS, 1030 kHz & 5000/1000
-WOKL	1050	1000/	WI	Eau Claire wants Altoona WI and 5000/
-appl	1070	10000/	OR	Klamath Falls
-KREX	1100	50000/10000	CO	Grand Junction granted K110
-new	1130	1000/	AZ	Preacott City granted KLKY (Starr NRC)
-WHHQ	1130	1000/	SC	Hilton Head Island granted 1000/500
-new	1170	500/	AL	Hanceville granted WHZI
-new	1180	5000/	GA	Trion granted WENL
-KODE	1230	1000/250	MO	Joplin wants KLES
-WENY	1230	1000/250	NY	Elmira wants Southport NY & 1200 kHz & 5000/1000
-KBNY	1240	1000/250	MT	Billings granted KUUS
-new	1260	500/500	AK	Dutch Harbor granted KBEI (Nolan RP, Starr NRC)
-WCRT	1260	5000/	AL	Birmingham wants Homewood AL (they also already have a pending appl for Westavia Hills 5000/1000). Doesn't say if Homewood includes fulltime.
-WXYZ	1270	5000/5000	MI	Detroit wants WXYT (with attendant screams from WHYT 96.3 over call similarity, I'm sure) This in preparation for the sale by ABC as the big networks continue to unload their unprofitable AM's.
-KCVL	1270	1000/	WA	Colville granted 1240 kHz and 1000/250
-KHNL	1310	5000/5000	HI	Honolulu granted KKAI
-KINE	1330	1000/	TX	Kingsville wants KDUV
-WSEB	1340	1000/250	FL	Sebring granted WITS
-KATL	1340	1000/250	MT	Miles City granted 770 kHz and 10000/1000
-WAZA	1360	5000/1000	GA	Bainbridge granted WYSE
-WMAC	1360	500/	GA	Metter wants 1000/
-WTTS	1370	5000/500	IN	Bloomington granted WGTC
-WRTK	1370	5000/5000	NY	Rochester granted WXXI
-KWK	1380	5000/1000	MO	Saint Louis granted KGLD

-WBNX 1380 5000/5000 NY New York currently sharetimer with WAWZ wants and granted fulltime authority (will it boot WAWZ off?)

-WRMV 1420 1000/ NY Herkimer granted WMYL (Starr NRC)

-KCLK 1430 500/ WA Clarkston appl for Asotin WA & 5000/1000 returned

- new 1440 1000/ AR Bellefonte granted construction permit

-WTSVA 1450 1000/250 VT Brattleboro granted WMMJ

-WNVI 1460 1000/ IN North Vernon granted WINN (Starr NRC)

-WBPA 1460 1000/ KY Elkhorn City granted 5000/

- new 1460 5000/ NJ Mount Holly granted WRLB (may be 640 kHz)

-WSAC 1470 1000/ KY Fort Knox wants WBUL

-KBXN 1470 5000/ UT Tremonton wants KBKM

-KBAB 1490 500/250 IA Indianola granted KXLQ

-KVOZ 1490 1000/250 TX Laredo granted Del Mar Hills TX & 890 kHz & 10000/1000

-KKNW 1510 500/ WA Mountlake Terrace granted KKZU

- new 1520 5000/ KY Greenup granted WLGK

-new 1520 5000/5000 WA Oak Harbor granted KEUE, now wants KISD

-WMMN 1570 1000/ MI Flint granted WGMZ

-WBUZ 1570 250/ NY Fredonia wants WCGT

-KNIX 1580 50000/10000 AZ Tempe granted 50000/50000 (I think)

-WJTX 1580 250/ IL Urbana appl for 870 kHz returned

-WGFV 1580 1000/1000 PR Morovis granted 2500/2500

- new 1590 5000/ AZ Saint John granted KQZE (Starr NRC)

- WJBY 1590 1000/1000 NY Brockport granted WASB

-WAQI 1600 1000/ OH Ashtabula granted WAST

-KEWS 1600 500/ TX Cuero wants KQRO

new ???? ?/? TN Colonial Heights granted WIKV

The Association for Broadcast Engineering Standards has asked the FCC to vacate its decision permitting many AM daytimers to operate at higher power during the post-sunset period. ABES claims the FCC acted only in response to political pressure rather than to uphold technical standards and that interference to fulltimers will result.

Except as noted from the Jun 4, 11, 18, 25 issues of Broadcasting.

RADIO PROGRAMMING NOTES (RP=Radiophiles club bulletin, NRC=NRC DX News, BC=Broadcasting magazine)

Note: stations listed below as adding a Transtar format may only be adding it to portions of the broadcast day or may be using network commercials only; it's a good bet, however, that the stations are (or are becoming) the format which matches their satellite network.

call kHz st city

KSUB 590 UT Cedar City adult contemp days, contemp hits nights to country

WRJZ 620 TN Knoxville now silent, was rock oldies, will return religious

WCTT 680 KY Corbin SMN adult contemp to country (RP) (TRP)

WCGY 850 FL West Palm Beach (x-WEAT) news talk to adult contemp (RP)

KBNG 930 WA Union Gap (x-KVGM) easy listening to adult standards (RP)

WWRC 980 DC Washington hot rumor now is that when sale to Greater Media goes through, format will be adult standards, similar to Greater Media's WPEN 950 Philadelphia (Apel MI)

WLPQ 980 KY Pittsburg country to adult contemp (RP)

WXSS 1030 TN Memphis new station will start 7/1 with adult contemp (RP)

KQTI 1130 TX Edna religious to Spanish (RP)

KNUV 1140 TX Conroe (x-KSKS) country to adult contemp (RP)

WHUE 1150 MA Boston will switch from easy listening to all news with CNN network effective 7/16 (BC)

KBCD 1210 AZ Sahuarita new station will be Spanish (RP)

WOLS 1230 SC Florence adds NBC network (Kemp NRC)

WLLV 1240 KY Louisville country to adult standards (RP)

WYGL 1240 PA Selinsgrove (x-WQBQ) contemp hits to country (RP)

KLUE 1280 TX Longview now Transtar country, was silent (RP)

WHIO 1290 OH Dayton adds NBC talknet (Kemp NRC)

WMOR 1330 KY Moorhead country to Transtar adult contemp (RP)

KATY 1340 CA San Luis Obispo SMN Stardust adult standards, was silent (RP)

WXEE 1340 WV Welch contemp hits to Transtar country (RP)

KKBJ 1360 MN Bemidji adult contemp to Transtar country (RP)

WWKY 1380 KY Winchester contemp hits to Transtar country (RP)

KNDE 1400 CA Visalia (x-KONG) contemp Christian to adult standards (RP)

WKAV 1400 VA Charlottesville (x-WXAM) contemp hits to country (RP)

WPCC 1410 SC Clinton contemp hits to Transtar adult contemp (RP)

WBRB 1430 MI Mount Clemens (x-WWHK) is silent, was adult standards (RP)

WELY 1450 MN Ely is silent, was country (RP)

KCNY 1470 TX San Marcos adult contemp to Transtar country (RP)
KBAS 1490 AZ Bullhead City from SMN adult contemp to local country (RP)
WMBE 1530 WI Chilton new station is adult contemp (Reiger NRC)
WCVL 1550 IN Crawfordsville country/easy listening to news-talk (RP)
WTAI 1560 FL Melbourne country to news-talk, adds CNN (RP)
WMES 1570 GA Ashburn from country to Transtar adult contemp (RP)
WQTW 1570 PA Latrobe now country, was silent (not yet on 890) (RP)
WHEX 1580 PA Columbia now SMN adult contemp, was silent (RP)

KOA 850 Denver CO telephone talk show host Alan Berg, 50, was shot and killed outside his home on 6/18. Berg's show was loud, argumentative and controversial. Berg's life had been publicly threatened before. A subject slated for discussion on the next day's program: gun control (BC).

Syndication: The last broadcast of Drake Chenault's "The History of Rock 'n' Roll" was 6/1. The division of the company that produced it was shut down for lack of long-term sponsorship commitments (BC).

Foreign: "Laser 558 All Europe Radio" began broadcasting 5/24 from international waters in the North Sea with a format of European, Scandinavian and USA pop music. It expects a cumulative audience of 10 million with a 25000 watt signal on 558 kHz. The staff is American, announcers are in English with multilingual ID's. It's anchored one mile from Radio Caroline (BC).

NEWLY ANNOUNCED STATION SALES: call and/or format change possible...
KNAK 540 UT, KENI 550 AK, WRJZ 620 TN, KORL 650 HI, KZKZ 690 AZ, KTFM 700 WA, WEKO 930 PR, WAMM 940 VA, KDSJ 980 SD, KUTI 980 WA, KRDZ 1000 CO, WVSI 1000 FL, WSOK 1230 GA, KODE 1230 MO, WMKR 1240 ME, WATN 1240 NY, WBBK 1260 GA, KTEE 1260 ID, KWEI 1260 ID, KPOW 1260 WY, WXYZ 1270 MI, WDGS 1290 IN, KKAI 1310 HI, WLOB 1310 ME, KGMT 1310 NE, KLOH 1330 CA, KINE 1330 TX, KOTY 1340 WA, KRVV 1360 CO, WHAL 1400 TN, KGVV 1400 TX, KNXP 1430 MN, WHIS 1440 WV, WZRA 1450 TN, WSYL 1490 GA, KENE 1490 WA, KECK 1530 NE, WCTW 1550 IN, WJLY 1550 PA, WPAD 1560 KY, WYZD 1560 NC, WBUZ 1570 NY.

IRCA WANT ADDS

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AS INTERIM EDITOR, I HAVE ESTABLISHED SOME GROUND RULES FOR THE COLUMN.
1- ITEM MUST BE OF A DX NATURE OR RELATED TO THE RADIO HOBBY.

2- I WILL RUN ALL ADS TWICE * IF YOU WANT THEM RERUN DROP ME A POST CARD.

3- YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF IRCA

4- IF AN ITEM IS SOLD, DROP ME A LINE SO I CAN DELETE IT FROM NEXT COLUMN.
THANKS ---ON TO THE ADS.

FOR SALE HAMMARLUND SUPER-PRO * EXCELLENT CONDITION * W/MANUALS \$ 125.00
NATIONAL WRR-2 (SAME AS FRR-59) GENERAL COVERAGE RECEIVER.
VERY HIGH QUALITY SET - \$225.00 WITH CART. DAN BURBACH* 14418
E. RUTGERS CIRCLE, MOORPARK, CA - 93021- 805-529-2243

WANTED WORCESTER SM-2 OR RADIO WEST FERRITE LOOP
LARGE SPEAKER FOR HAMMARLUND HQ-180

FOR SALE DRAKE SPR-4 - MINT CONDITION - WITH NOISE BLANKER AND CALIBRATOR.
MANUAL INCLUDED - \$200.00 PLUS SHIPPING
NAVY RBB RCVR - 500 KC TO 4MC. VERY CLEAN AND IT WORKS TOO. A REAL SEA ANCHOR WITH POWER SUPPLY. 100.00 OR TRADE FOR SM -2 OR WHAT HAVE YOU.
NEW CASSETTE RECORDER WITH DOLBY NOISE REDUCING CKT. (VERY GOOD FOR DX TYPE OF RECORDING. USED MAYBE 2 HOURS TOTAL - VIRTUALLY NEW. PAID \$ 150.00 FOR IT - WILL TAKE \$100.00 FOR IT OR TRADE.
TIM O'HARE - SEE ADDRESS ABOVE OR CALL 206-778-3668 PREPAID

FOR SALE HAMMARLUND HQ-140-X - WORKS OK - W/MANUAL & Q-MULT JACK
HAMMARLUND HQ-180-G - FULLY RECONDITIONED - LOOKS OK & WORKS GREAT.
PANASONIC RF-2600 PORTABLE - DIGITAL READOUT ON ALL BANDS .
EXCELLENT CONDITION. MAKE REASONABLE OFFERS ON ABOVE ITEMS.
GEORGE SHERMAN- BOX 2284- MINNEAPOLIS, MN - 55402

FOR SALE ICOM IC R-70 MINT CONDX - WITH AM WIDE/NARROW AND 2.3 KHZ MECH.
FILTER INSTALLED - \$ 500.00. ALSO UNIDEN CR - 2002 RCVR - MINT.
\$ 150.00. BOTH RCVR'S INCLUDE MANUALS & SHIPPING CARTONS. BOTH SENT PREPAID UPS.
ANDY FINN - P.O. BOX 337 - WEST FRANKFORT, ILL - 62896 OR CALL PREPAID 618-932-2663 AFTER 0100 UTC

DXing The 1984 Solar Eclipse

Gerry Thomas

The solar eclipse of May 30, 1984 kind of snuck up on me. I didn't learn until the day before that Pensacola, Florida would experience 96% totality and that another eclipse wasn't due here until 2017. Furthermore, it wasn't until the morning of the eclipse that I definitely decided to sacrifice a half day of work (in the interest of DX science, of course) to see what the effects of an eclipse-weakened D-layer of the ionosphere would be on BCB DX. As a result of these 11th hour events, my hastily devised monitoring plan was, I'm sure, far from optimal. Nonetheless, it did result in some interesting listening and loggings.

Having never before DXed an eclipse, I didn't really know what to expect. I assumed that, since the darkness path was moving from west to east, stations from the west might begin appearing via skywave some time before the eclipse began in Pensacola. As it turned out, skywave reception wasn't definitely noticeable until the eclipse had begun in Pensacola and no unequivocal westerly bias was noted at that time. There did seem to be a slight easterly "opening" after the eclipse had peaked here and had begun receding, however. The strongest signals throughout the eclipse, though, seemed to originate from locations along the 100% totality path (i.e., New Orleans, southern Alabama, Atlanta); but this is a subjective observation.

About an hour before the scheduled beginning of the eclipse in Pensacola (9:45 a.m. CDT), I ran down the dial and selected frequencies to monitor which either had no discernable signals on them or which had weak to poor signal levels. It turned out that on that morning 40 channels fit the bill (a receiver with a multi-channel memory would have come in handy in this instance) but I will report on only a fraction of those. The monitoring equipment included an ICOM R-70 and a Yaesu FRG-7, each connected to its own loop and longwire antenna.

8:41 a.m. (one hour before eclipse onset)

The following frequencies showed no signs of signals or carriers and were checked throughout the eclipse:

530	834	1130
555	890	1210
650	1000	
655	1070	
700	1100	

Below are the channels monitored which had low level signals discernable one hour before eclipse onset:

580-WDBO (FL)	1090-UNID
630-UNID	1120-Cuba
750-WSB (GA)	1150-WGEA (AL)
820-Cuba	1530-WAAD (AL)
960-WERC (AL)	1560-WSDL (LA)

9:44 a.m. (eclipse onset)

There seemed (somewhat strangely) to be a slight increase in noise level at this time which continued throughout the eclipse. This may have been a purely local (i.e., line noise) phenomenon; I'm not certain.

About 15 minutes after onset, a few subaudible hets (SAHs) and carriers began to appear and overall signal levels seemed to

increase. Following are the loggings made during this time period (bold type indicates a change from the preceding monitoring window):

530--nil
555--nil
580--WDBO + 1 UNID
630--**now 2 UNIDs**
650--nil
655--**weak carrier**
700--**weak carrier**
750--WSB still weak
820--Cuba same
834--**Belize carrier appears**
890--nil
960--WERC, no change
1000--nil
1070--**WAPI (AL) appears**
1090--**Cuba ID'd**
1100--**weak carrier**
1130--**fair carrier now**
1150--WGEA still here
1210--nil
1530--WAAO + 1 UNID
1570--**WSDL a little stronger**

11:00 a.m. (peak of eclipse)

About 30 minutes before the peak of the eclipse, signal levels began increasing dramatically and SAHs were becoming more numerous as multipaths and new stations began interacting. At the peak, the band sounded like sunrise or sunset skip with much QRM and "beating" on most channels.

530--**2 carriers SAH'ing**
555--**carrier (Costa Rica)**
580--**loud WDBO + 1 UNID**
630--**KTIB (LA) and WJDB (AL) good**
650--**WSM fair**
655--nil
700--**WLW weak**
750--**WSB now good**
820--Cuba + **weak WBAP (TX)**
834--**Belize with poor audio**
890--**weak EE (WL8?)**
960--**WRFC (GA) good w/WERC**
1000--**WKPK (FL) + 1 UNID**
1070--**WAPI loud**
1090--**WSEL (LA) appears atop Cuba**
1100--**WWE (OH) poor**
1130--**WKKH (LA) good**
1150--**WTHP (FL) good + 3 UNIDs**
1210--**WDSR (GA) fair/good**
1530--**WAAO + 3 UNIDs**
1570--**3 UNIDs**

11:45 a.m. (end of eclipse)

530--2 carriers
555--carrier gone
580--**WGAC (GA) atop WDBO**
630--KTIB and WJDB still here
650--WSM remains poor
655--nil
700--**carrier**
750--**no WSB (?)**
820--**WBAP gone**
834--**Belize intermittent**
890--nil
960--**1 weak UNID**
1000--nil
1070--**1 weak UNID**

tire tape. At 5:50PM the GM came on the air (as scheduled) and announced--- to everyone's surprise --- that a special agreement had just been reached -- literally two minutes earlier -- and KPRO would not be leaving the air after all. (Cheers). Furthermore, everyone would be getting paid tomorrow (More cheers.) He then went on to thank all of their listeners for their support, and ended his address with, "This is KPRO Riverside -- Radio Free Riverside. CBS news is next at 6:00." (Replay of tape even included a bit of CBS news.)

Per a newspaper article, someone going by the name of "deep pockets" bailed the station out at the very last minute (if just temporarily). So, although KPRO might still very well go under, I'm sure all of the publicity has boosted its sagging ratings -- for a little while, anyway, hi. (Incidentally, Radio Free Riverside has since been adopted as KPRO's new victory slogan.)

Two other quick comments: I mentioned in the 14 April DXM that a friend of mine works for a radio station consulting firm. I didn't bother mentioning the name, as I didn't think it would mean anything to anyone, but I guess I was wrong, as by coincidence, the company's name is mentioned just nine pages earlier in Greg Monti's Broadcasting Info column. He works for Drake-Chenault, the makers of the syndicated History of Rock and Roll. (He's also in a rock band, and one of the other members is the producer of that show.)

Also, Jef Jaisun, re KVI's 570 call: "VI," of course, is "6" -- which is their approximate frequency.

73 de SMM

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Only three new veries in since last report. KPRO 1440 (Boy, you got that just in the knick of time, hi-RtH), KBIF 900 and CBK 540. I only have five reports out that haven't varied yet. Looking back over my log I've discovered that I haven't even turned my set on in a month. I realize that this remark borders on sacrelegious. Please, no hate mail.

Now, what everyone has been waiting for. The exciting conclusion of (drum roll, please), "The Life of a Sometime DX'er." (Hopefully there will be opportunities for a sequel, maybe even a spinoff.) As we discovered in last month's episode, I entered the Air Force in September 1970. It was during the next four years that I have had opportunities for DX I wish I could have back.

The first stop in this flow of human events was San Antonio, Texas. I could be excused from doing any DX from here because I was only there long enough to go through basic training. We weren't allowed to do anything except learn how to salute cardboard officers and march, although I did get a chance to see the sites though. One Saturday we all got to go into town. I saw the Alamo. That was significant because I'm a history buff. Otherwise, I was bored with the place. Stop two wasn't much better. The next six months were spent at Rantoul, Illinois, for technician training. I wanted electronics and they sent me to learn how to be a mechanic. Old memories, anyone? At least it was close to the middle of the country. However, DX was not in the cards. I preferred a tape to scanning the dials for that elusive state which would have been easier than from all the way out here on the West Coast. I could be excused, however, who wants to do anything the easy way. Right, Ric? (Not necessarily, Alan, I simply move, hi-RtH.)

Stop four was almost two years in the high desert near Las Vegas. I got tired of slot machines after three months, but there were many other attractions to keep a young man busy. These stories will have to wait until another time and place.

My last duty was the most exotic opportunity for rare DX that I probably will never have again. One year and four months were spent in a place called Takhii, Thailand. When I think of all the DX I could have had from this country I could cry (That explains the water marks on the page, Ric.) (Good, I thought it was something else, hi-RtH.) Unfortunately that opportunity is lost. I never really got involved in MW DX until about 1980, joining IRCA for the first time in 1982. There you have it. Before you literary critics praise my prose how about telling us about your experiences, or lack of same.

One more item. Ric suggested diluting the Californians. I'm all for it, hi. When that big earthquake hits we're going to be treading water anyway. It's getting awfully crowded here. 73's. (Plenty of elbow room here. Of course there's no jobs and per capita income is 46th out of 58 counties, hi-RtH.)

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The latest Arbitron ratings for the Denver/Boulder market show the top ten stations have 80 percent of the radio audience above the age of 12. Twenty other stations in the market, candidates for bankruptcy, fight over fragments of audience in the remaining 20 percent.

FM dominance is conspicuous. Among these top 16 stations, ten are FM. Add up the audience totals for the FMs, and they account for 54.5 percent of the total numbers, that is the total 80 percent. Add up the totals for the six AMs and they account for 25 percent of the 80 percent.

Here are the top 16 stations in order: KOSI-FM, KPKE-FM, KOA-AM, KBPI-FM, KYGO-FM, KOAQ-FM, KIMN-AM, KLLR-FM, KLZ-AM, KBCO-FM, KAZY-FM, KHOW-AM, KE7W-AM, KVOD-FM, KPPL-FM and KNUS-AM.

None of these 16 benefit with large numbers. Champion KOSI has a rating of 9.5, a Westinghouse station broadcasting pretty music, sometimes called elevator music. Believe I've heard KOSI is the only beautiful music station in the country with a number one rating in its market. (It happens to be my favorite, but what else could you expect from an Old Timer?) Number three KOA is a news-talk-sports station and I only tune to it to hear CBS news on the hour, then back to KOSI. Number two KPKE is a rocker with a 6.8 share. KOA has 6.7, KBPI, another rocker, has a 6.0, KOAQ, another rocker, has a 5.0. Number five, KYGO is country, and pulls in a 5.1 share. KNUS, number 16 at the bottom of the list, enjoys a rating of 2.3, if you want to call that a rating. When the numbers get down that small, does anybody care? (The Program Director for starters, his job, hi-Rth.) And what is warding off bankruptcy?

And you have to wonder, how is it possible for some AM stations to sell to new owners for sums in the millions?

When I first got interested in radio back in the 1920s, the US has a total of maybe 575 stations. The way things are going we may soon have that many on some of the local frequencies. 73.

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I have decided to make available the computerized Oregon BCB listings as long as supplies last. I will send out a copy of the 1982 Oregon Broadcast Band Guide with a copy of the up-dated computerized list. The list mainly contains network, power, call and format changes, but leaves out slogans and owners. Cost is \$2.50 postpaid.

I'm a collector of radio station baseball hats and if anyone sees any in their area please let me know so I can contact the station. Only got four so far, but that's a start.

By the time you read this I should be back from vacation to, hopefully, western Ontario. Going to keep a lookout for stickers and surveys.

Also regarding the Oregon Broadcast Band Guide, I'm compiling a list of street addresses, but unfortunately many stations only give out a post office box address. So far I need street addresses for: KGAL, KGRL, KHSN, KBGU (are they on?), KULK, KRCC, KDUN, KGAY, KSWB, KACI and KPTD. If anyone gets information on format, network, etc., changes for Oregon BCB stations, send them to me and I will up-date the list.

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

DX of late has been on the slow side as usual. So I've been verifying quite a few domestics that haven't been reported in a while. As soon as I can I plan on extending the 1,500 foot wire to 2,500 feet. I bought 200 feet of heavy wire to cross a river and go on into logging areas. If that works out I might try 4,000 feet going east. That's a lot of work so I'll have to see how it goes. I still feel that regionals from the East Coast are still possible here if enough wire is used. So far, quite a few Midwesterners are regular, like KWSL 1470, KPUR 1440, KSKX 1440, WREN 1250, etc. Those used to be common every night with a loop or short wire, but with all the QRM in later years, those signals have been lost, at least around here.

Right now I'm trying to work out a deal on moving so I can run a wire to the southwest. If everything works out and the move takes place I can run wires in all directions except south. Where I'm currently living I can run wires east, northeast, north and northwest. This might be a couple years down the road, but I'm going to be working on it.

Reports out to: KKLB 1490, KSKX 1440, KRKK 1360, KVSF 1260, 4RPH 1620, CFCP 1440, KRE 1400, KTOB 1490, KCHJ 1010, KXTC 1340, KFJR 550, CHED 630, CFFR 660, KZHI 1080 (Roycroft and Direct).

Veries in from: KUUY 1530, KIML 1270, WREN 1250, 2CN 666, TIS 1610 The Dalles, Oregon; KSSK 590 (Direct-already had a QSL from Roycroft); KIFH 1040 (Roycroft), KGWV 640, KNOR 1400 (250 watts-Norman, Oklahoma), KPQP 1360, CKEG 1350, CJME 1300 and CJCY 1390.

By the way Ric, how is FM DX on top of Grouse Mountain. Can you receive San Francisco, Portland, Seattle? What is the altitude? There are a few higher peaks around here - I should give it a try. (By the time we DX'ed FM, we had consumed enough brew to where we didn't keep a log, hi. Bay Area, Sacramento, Fresno, and southern Oregon cooked, like 10 watt educational stations, even. Altitude is 5,500 feet.-Rth.)

By the way, thanks for the calls from Don Kaskey and Doug Nyholm. 73.

GARY LARSON, 2806 LINCOLN, BURBANK, CA 91504 (818) 846-KCSN

On 28 May after 0200 PLT I tuned across 670 and heard an OC. Was very strong and thought it was KWNK finally beginning tests. At 0230 I heard a portion of a record then an announcer ID'ing Boise, so fooled again.

Sorry to hear of Oliver Farrel passing on. I'm sure he'll be missed by all, even those who didn't know him. Am sure everyone had heard of Gilfer Associates.

Glad to see Tim (last name illegible-Rth) is still in there. Some time back

we traded airchecks. He really made some good ones.

Greg Monti, keep up the good work with Broadcasting Info.

I see there are applications on 1010 and 1030 and assume the 1030 for North Palm Springs is KCMJ. Maybe the 1010 as well.

Have heard KMDY 850 with comedy format. Hits Northridge really good during the day.

I agree with Ric, more forums from the Midwest and Canada, even if short. At least it lets Ric know you're out there.

Noticed two towers up at the KIEV transmitter site. Looks like they're preparing for fulltime operation and maybe start testing soon. They'll be running 2.5 kw nights.

Haven't heard anything further regarding KWNK 670. Again, their phone number is (818) 887-1855 and in case anyone should want it, phone number for KMDY 850 is (818) 991-4014. 73.

RIC HEALD, 1632 J ST., #3, EUREKA, CA 95501

First off, don't know what happened last month. Column was mailed, but guess it went elsewhere or fell through a crack along the way. Wouldn't surprise me, had documents mailed from a tour company in Los Angeles and it went via Palm Springs and Marysville and took ten days!

Conditions have been mildly auroral last few mornings with SoCal on top of nearly all frequencies. On 02 July, KBOI, normally local-like, was virtually non-existent. KGW 620, usually sounding like I'm in Salem, was getting heavy competition from someone doing C&W (KNGS?). But, just a week before, while doing a bandscan on 25 June, here was CKPG Prince George (finally) all alone on 550. Couldn't figure that out until I realized it was dawn in that part of the country. Tried for Prince Rupert on 560, but nothing. CFPR was, of course, off the air.

You know, it used to be that you could separate the garbage by the format. It's gotten to where country has crossed over so much you don't know who you have anymore. Example: Couple Sundays ago the jock that relived me at 5 PM mentioned he had punched up KATA 1340 (POP/OLD) and they had Alabama's "When We Make Love." Hit KINS 980 (ADC), Barbara Mandrell's "Happy Birthday Heartache" (very country), hit KEKA 790 (MoR), Charlie Rich's "Behind Closed Doors." So, he punches up KRED to hear Razy Bailey's "In the Midnight Hour." KRED, the only country music station had more rock than any other station in town!

Speaking of K-RED, luckily I've been getting a lot of extra hours, which is just in time as I'm slowly being aced out of my travel agent job. Have been cut back to part-time for now. I don't want to leave the area, but if something doesn't happen soon. . . the other three travel agencies in the area aren't hiring, but will hang in there. So, if you do call me at the work number, I may not be there as my four hours a day are varied around the KRED schedule. I did have a couple 7PM-1AM shifts and did make an emphasis on calls, etc right before powerdown and waited until the last minute of grace period to powerdown in hopes of attracting a DX'er or two. By the way (Phil, sit down, hi), send your KRED/KPDJ reports to Tim who is the CE. He's a little on the lazy side, so if no answer in a month, let me know and I'll get on his case, hi.

Gene, you're very correct. It's a wonder that 60 percent of AM stations make it at all. Also those low ratings don't look too attractive for potential advertisers and, of course, the lower the rating, the lower the advertising rate. Here, with the combination of KRED/KPDJ, we're number one over combo of KATA/KFMI, with AM alone, KATA moves ahead of KRED fractionally. And we (KRED/KPDJ-KATA/KFMI) account for 60 percent of the audience leaving the other 40 percent to five other stations: KINS, KEKA AM & FM, KXGO-FM and KNCR. Keep in mind, however, a station may be just one of many investments of the ownership and the money makers are subsidising a low-rated station, i.e. tax shelter.

Hopefully, the info will find its way to the front page, but save Labor Day weekend for the Grouse Mountain All-Bands DX'pedition. No electricity, no water, no convenience stations and nearest store is an hour away in Willow Creek, so bring everything you're going to need for a couple of days. No, we are not going to go out for a beer run, hi. Last year we DX'ed BCB, FM and bucketmouthed on the CE, but we're also encouraging hams, SWL'ers, TV DX, and whatever. It's only 26 miles from Eureka as the crow flies, but takes two hours to get there and it's a 5,500-foot ridge, so lots of room to spread out so we won't get in each other's way. Contact me if you're interested. We had a blast last year. Make sure your vehicle is in good condition, getting there is not exactly a freeway, hi.

That's it this month. A combined two months of forums. If anyone was left out, let me know please. Good DX (Hah, what's that, hi?) to all and hope to see you Labor Day weekend. 73 de Rth. .

EASTERN DX FORUM

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Reports from members living east of the Mississippi River
Deadlines: 7/27, ?

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I believe that Ernie Cooper's views on NRC, IRCA's founding, Ray Edge et al (4/28 & 5/19 EDXF) require some further comment. First, I strongly disagree w/the theory that Ray saved NRC from oblivion in 1959. If IRCA could find in 1964 a publishing crew willing to work w/an elected govt. so, had a majority of active members wanted to, could NRC. The fact is Ray Edge was a very competent administrator thus the NRC majority preferred a benevolent and efficient dictatorship to democracy - partially because that was the easiest way to deal with troublemakers (like CMS), i.e., anyone who had new ideas and was willing to put up a fight for them. Unfortunately, a few years after his untimely death, the system which Ray set up permitted some real editorial abuses (especially in the area of propagation research). Equally important, even if NRC had folded in 1959 it would have been replaced w/another club. The 1960's was the golden age of DX on all bands: many more people joined clubs than ever before - mostly because of DX articles which appeared in magazines such as Electronics Illustrated, Popular Electronics, and Radio-TV Experimenter. In addition to IRCA, it saw the establishment of most of those manor clubs still operating today, such as ASWLC, CIDXC, and NASWA. Meanwhile, still on the subject of old time radio, I want to thank Howard Kemp for the photostat of his 1938 WOLS (Florence, S.C.) QSL. What's interesting about the QSL is that Nash's The Dillinger Dossier describes WOLS as a "struggling" station when Purvis became a partner after WW II while in fact it had already been in business for about 10 years. Best.

Richard E. Wood, Ph.D., Abha, Saudi Arabia

This is my last report from Saudi Arabia, so my address is no longer valid. Two school years here were enough. Life here is tough for a bachelor, and my MW DXing was always limited by being obliged to live in a noise-prone apt. building in the middle of town. Antennas were two: a vertical dropped from a higher balcony down to mine, and a National loop which in this steel-framed building showed very little directionality. Because of this, I stuck mainly to SW DX, with excellent results, while my MW results were only moderate. Most distant countries logged were 3 Brazilians, my only TAs, Taiwan, Thailand, Mozambique, Comoro Is., and the South African homeland of Bophutatswana. The most distant stations on a nightly basis were BBC-1296 and Kvitsoy, Norway-1314. Unheard countries include Vietnam, Bangladesh, Finland, Portugal, Nigeria and Morocco, the only Arab country unheard. By the time this reaches rce, I should be back in the U.S. Convention plans this year include ANARC, Toronto, July 20-22, where I'll be representing Miller Publishing, 424 West Jefferson St., Media, Penn. 19063, publishers of The International Shortwave Listener's Program Guide, of which I am Editor-in-Chief, and which has recently extended its \$19.95 subscription to cover twelve issues. I've also registered for NRC; don't know about IRCA yet but might make it. The big question now is where I will relocate to. Still undecided, but I'm checking out a possibility in Hawaii. Wherever I go, I plan to be more active in MW DX and report more often to DXM. (Good--rce) Finally, I was saddened to hear of the death of ex-IRCAN David Thomas of Florida. We have had so many losses recently, especially John Clements, but at least Dave, unlike John, had lived out his Biblical three score years and ten. See some of you at the conventions this summer. I'll have my camel pictures there.

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Greetings once again from the home of such NSP pests as WCAO-600, WMAL-630, WWRG-980, WBAL-1090, WWDC-1260, WYCB-1340, and WOL-1450. Conditions tomorrow (5/30) ought to be quite interesting for DXing with an annular (ring) eclipse of the sun occurring at lunchtime; Cx should rival those of SSS or SRS. I plan to eclipse-chase again with two options open. If Wx Cx are good tomorrow morning, I'll bus to Petersburg, Va.; otherwise I'll fly down to Atlanta, Ga. where viewing Cx are much better. The path of the annulus passes directly over both cities; this eclipse is dubbed the "I-85" eclipse because the path and I-85 coincide across the southeast. The WADXA held a GTG at a smorgasbord restaurant in Rockville, Md. on Sat. 5/5 with yours truly eating everyone else under the table; fourteen including Tom White, and yours truly attended. The next GTG will be a picnic in

Townshend, cont...) early August, three blocks northeast of Tom White's former pad in Arlington, Va. WYST-1010 (ex-WSID) has entered the midday oldies fray; however my favorite is WNAV-1430 with Neil Ellis in the "Hot Seat" (not "Old Sparky", hi), especially when the "Doo-wop" tunes are played. WRR0-1440, Warren, Ohio, which is a big pest on that channel, has joined the Saturday Night oldies free-for-all. This makes ten stations on AM including the three carrying Dick Bartley's "Solid Gold Saturday Night" program. I took advantage of unseasonably cool Wx (65 deg. high) and logged 88 miles on two separate hikes with the first one on Mother's Day taking me to my old grade-school alma mater (Linton Hall Military School, a Catholic boarding school for boys 6-15; I went there during WWII). The school is 37.5 miles WSW of my pad and 65 miles SW of Baltimore's "TV Hill", where WBAL-11 and WJZ-13 are located; I heard both of these stations by the school located in Bristow, Va. near the Manassas battlefield, using my Realistic Portavision 12-660 rig. Five days later I hoofed it to Memorial Stadium in Baltimore, home of the World Champion Orioles (only for 1983--rce), via Columbia Mall in Howard County and Pimlico Race Track (the day before the Preakness). The next day it turned hot (90 deg) and I swam at Timberlake in Oakton, Va. near the soon-to-open Vienna Station (April, 1986). 73.

Tom Jasinski, 503 Jensen Street, Shorewood, Illinois 60436

Greetings. Summer chores have taken their toll on DXing. I have not touched the dials since the Solar Eclipse on May 30th. On that day I was working nights and got off at 0730. I set up a 300' LW pointing South-East at Goose Lake Prairie State Park located 12 miles Southwest of Joliet. (6 miles east of Morris, Ill). While waiting for the eclipse, a park ranger nearly chopped up the wire cutting grass with a tractor. Like a crazy man I had to run out in front of his tractor with arms waving, yelling to please stop. After explaining what I was up to, he scratched his head and continued on giving me all the room I needed for the antenna. The only two stations that popped up were WCKY and WHAS. Both frequencies were clear and quiet at 1030, one hour before the 70% totality in the Chicago area at 1130. I ended the session early at 1145 due to lack of sleep and a touch of the flu. I was disappointed hoping for perhaps Florida or other southern states to be heard. Recent QSL's from: WLS-890 silent period on 12/19/83. Yes--received a form V/1 and a 8 1/2 x 11 QSL (certificate) stating that "This certificate is in recognition of WLS Radio's salute to the National Radio Club"...50 years... Other veries: KUSA-550, WPGC-1580, WPYK-1010, WAMT-1060, WRHL-1060 (after 3rd followup), and KBHB-810. A special thanks to Derek Claridge for a schematic for my FRG-7.

Bill Harms, 8327 Perri Drive, Savage, Maryland 20763

Ahn-nyoung! (Korean for "how are you?") I wish I could go to Toledo, but circumstances won't permit it. Maybe another year. The noise level here is considerably lower compared to my former QTH in Laurel, so I will be DXing a bit more now. Occasionally there is a little noise, but not very often and never enough to wipe out DX. I did some bandscanning during the May 30 eclipse. We had 94% totality here, which just made things a little gray. Nothing really spectacular was noted. Signals from stations in the 100-300 mile range were enhanced quite a bit. For example, WQXR was over WXTR on 1560. WDAS was very strong when usually they are just barely above the mud. The only clears that were better were WMAO, WGN, WBBM (under Arlington), WLS and WSM. They were only 2 or 3 S-units better than normal. However on Shortwave (without going into much detail) on the 49 meter band was much more spectacular. Unidentified Latins were popping in and out all the time. The EC SW Canadians except 6130 kHz were stronger also. WWV on 5 MHz and CHV on 3.330 MHz were also audible. Only one 60 meter band station was audible. I have to go now. Di-eksu' Chal Hae. (Good DX). Chil-ship sahm.

Bob Walker, 3907 Mack Road #61, Fairfield, Ohio 45014

Hello everyone. Back again in these hallowed pages after the move into my first house of sorts (actually a condominium). The move was a short distance, only a mile or so, but it's a nice feeling not to be paying rent anymore. Some items of interest from around this area...here in the Cincinnati area WCKY has become the latest NBC affiliate and the only radio station in the country with an exclusive agreement with both CBS and NBC. Prime reason for the move of NBC from WLW to WCKY was WLW's refusal to carry Talknet. WCKY, with a newstalk format, is also aligned with ABC-Information, but currently uses only CBS news on the hour. This may change in the future. In Louisville, the proposed sale of WAKY has yet to take place. Rumor has it that the new owners, which were buying WAKY and the 103.1 FM frequency, have run out of money and do not want WAKY. The future of the oldies format on WAKY is said to be somewhat shaky. Also, WHAS-840 in Louisville has begun to carry American Top 40 which was dropped from one of the local FMs. The move

alker, cont...) to AT40 is done to replace the History of Rock and Roll which was dropped by the syndicator due to a lack of sponsorship. AT40 will be on at 1900 ELT on Sunday nights. And did you hear the one from Columbus, Ohio? A local DJ entered a competing station's contest and won! We've noticed, locally at least, that the stations are running disclaimers at employees of radio stations in their city are not eligible for contests. And speaking of contests, WHAS in Louisville in the finale of a lengthy "Class of 84" promotion is giving away a \$26,000 Corvette...not so shabby! DX here has taken a back seat, at least, to my studies for a summer license. The equipment is all purchased and ready to go, all that's needed is a license! And finally I'm always on the lookout to swap tapes of my locals for yours. Have a good summer and I'll see you in Toledo! 73.

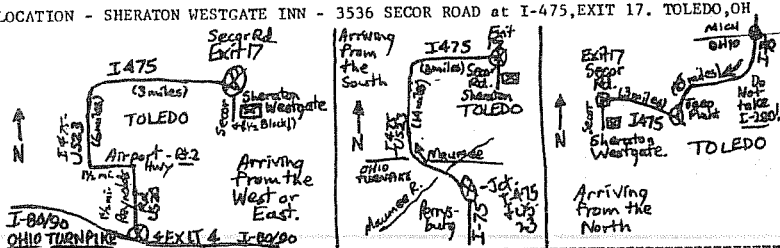
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OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- 630 *KGDN* WA, Edmonds 6/13 1230 anncr. about being 1/2 power, testing
"new nighttime facilities." (NH-WA)
KCIS WA, Edmonds-Seattle ex-KGDN 6/19 ID at 1900 into UPI nx.
"Your Christian Information Station, 63, K-C-I-S, Edmonds-Seattle." (NH-WA)
930 KLCY MT, Missoula per call to stn Fri. 6/15, they changed calls to KLCY that day. Still 5kw days, but plans to go nights "very soon," though they couldn't give an exact day. (RW-CA)
1270 KTFI ID, Twin Falls on June 1 radio station KTLC changed back to their original call letters of KTFI. They are playing EZ listening mx. (CN-ID)
+6/4 good o/KORY-XEAZ-KCOK w/EZL, ID "News from 1270, KTFI" into state nx. Call change, ex-KTLC. Per call to stn earlier in week, they were to change calls on Fri. 6/1. Now 0800-0300 nightly. (RW-CA)
1340 KSFE CA, Needles 6/26 0300 hrd two ID & ment. of "Music...on KSFE." At first thought it was s/off or test. But called stn, they are no longer SH, now they are 24 hours! Only 3rd time I've logged them in 2 years. Mostly poor w/KRAM & others in mess. On top for very short time. (JH-CA)

550 *KAFY* CA, Bakersfield 6/25 0344 w/OC. (RW-CA)
?CKPG? BC, Prince George 6/25 0350 prob. the one w/"Radio 55" jingle, wx w/temp. in deg. C, looping north, o/u KARI. Hoping it was CFJC! Neither CKPG nor CFJC listed carrying this slogan, but both CKPG & CFJC have "55" in their listed slogans. (RW-CA)
570 KLAC CA, Los Angeles 6/4 0413 w/ID thru KLUE. C&W mx. (DKK-CA)
600 KXSX CA, Redding 6/11 0406 good in KOGO null w/s/off, ment. of AP nx affil., s/on time of 0800. KFRC off. (RW-CA)
KOGO CA, San Diego 6/11 solid atop all a.m. w/Larry King Show and next door KFRC-610 off. Rocker below, probably CFUN. (DKK-CA)
(Oh goody, 100 lashes with the official WDXR stiff penguin flipper go to Don. CFUN is on 1410! You must mean CJOR.--NH)
KOGO+6/25 0306 w/TT. (RW-CA)
+6/25 0308 testing w/tones. Anncr said if anyone IDs the test to call & get a tee shirt, then said there would be 15 min. of mx, then the Best of King on Mutual. Very clear. Strange ID after Polka Medley, "More music C-K-L-W." Many "Ko-Go" IDs by lady played w/mx cuts "0315 Ko-Go" then strange ID ment. Manual Labor, into "I'm Looking Over My Dead Dog Rover," Ko-Go ID w/echo, into "Ruby Don't Take Your Love To Town." Constant Ko-Go IDs, then Bill Drake doing ID for 2104 Pasadena, drum rolls, ID "Ko-Go" dead air then fade up w/Mutual's Best of King, Mutual nx 0330. Unusual test. (GL-CA)

- 610 (KPRC) CA, San Francisco MM 6/11 noted off at 0333 tune in. Still off at 0540. (DKK-CA)
 +6/11 0420 noted totally off. (RW-CA)
- KYJC OR, Medford MM 6/11 weak/fair sig w/KPRC off 0333-0540. YL DJ, rock mx, nx 0355-0359, ID & TC 0426. (DKK-CA)
- KONA WA, Kennewick-Richland-Pasco 6/11 0445 fair w/KYJC w/wx for "Tri-Cities" area, only 2nd time hrd. (RW-CA)
- 620 KNGS CA, Hanford thru KFAR/KGM 6/11 w/ID 0334. C&W mx. (DKK-CA)
- 640 KGVW MT, Belgrade 6/12 w/NDI mx 0731-0733 (just missed 0730 s/on). ID 0733 & into contemporary Christian mx. Easily hrd in KFI null until 0737 when faded down & soon out. (DKK-CA)
- 650 KYAK AK, Anchorage 6/27 ID after record at 1245. Weaker than KPQD. (PW-OR)
- 670 KXNK CA, Simi Valley per call to KXNK, they'll be hitting the air "sometime around July 4, hopefully." (RW-CA)
- *KECI* ID, Boise 6/25 0308 w/OC. (RW-CA)
- (KECI)+ CA 0206 noted w/mnt. of leaving the air for ET'ing, then totally off. 6/18 0237 totally off, WMAQ bombing in. (RW-CA)
 +6/18 0300 totally off, came on later 0500 w/some testing prior. Thought maybe it was KXNK testing. (CL-CA)
- 680 KWER CA, San Francisco 6/10 0817 Talknet w/Bernie Meltzer. KKUA & KGU off. Very poor, much lightning. QRM. (DP-HI)
- 690 (KKUA) HI, Honolulu 6/10 0808 noted off the air. (DP-HI)
- *CFU* BC, Vancouver 6/7 0532 noted w/TT. (RW-CA)
- 710 KPFA CA, Sarcichaal noted AN'ing it both 6/11 & 6/12 w/contemp. Christian programming. Wonderful! Beamed right at me. Just snagged WNE/KNUC/XEEL in time. (DKK-CA)
 +Is apparently MSP now, AN all week +MM 6/18. (RW-CA)
- (KMPF) CA, Los Angeles 6/25 0335 totally off. (CL-CA)
- 750 KPQD AK, Anchorage 6/27 1230 good/fair w/"KPD Class Reunion," w/KXL off 6/27, rr oldies. (PW-OR) (Is your time correct?--NH)
- ?*KXL?* OR, Portland 6/13 0511 susp. w/TT blasting in looping north. (RW)
- 760 ?*KXTL?* AR, Sherwood 6/18 0700 tent. w/possible s/cn into preacher talking, lost within 15 seconds u/XEABC. Freq. a real growl at this time! (RW-CA)
 (KFMF) CA, San Diego 6/18 0524-0735 totally off this period. (RW-CA)
- (KGU) HI, Honolulu 6/3 0440 noted off the air. Some splatter from KKUA-690 and KIKI-830. Noted off again 6/10 0808, but on RS subsequent Sundays. Also airs Ira Pictell on tape 2300-0200 EDT Sat/Sun. (DP-HI)
- ?*KXJL?* TX, San Antonio 6/18 0615-0652 susp. w/rr very weak u/XEABC/HJAJ after WJR fadeout. Not KGU as they're newstalk, WJR had faded out. EE banner at 0640 sent "Monday Morning" & TC of "5:??," putting it in CD. Their 50kw DA must put all their power into the ground, hi. (RW-CA)
- 780 KRCW NV, Reno 6/25 0337 in clear w/Doobie Bros. song, then into another song "You Are Everything" by The Stylistics. (CL-CA)
- 790 KXTC CA, Clovis ex-KXQR 6/5 at 1741. Sounds like the same EZL format. Weak signal daytime. (DKK-CA)
- *KABC* CA, Los Angeles 6/11 0302 noted w/OC. (RW-CA)
- (KABC)+ MT 6/11 0330 noted off the air, still off at 0400. Only hrd KGH & YERP. (JH-CA)
 +6/18 0447 totally off, ET'ing later w/OC/TT. (RW-CA)
- CFCW AE, Camrose 6/18 0600 finally hrd this after 4 years of trying. Under KGH and unID ST (YERP?), w/ID into BNV, C&W later on. Was one of my most-wanted AB stations. CHR8-1280 now my #1 most-wanted AB. (RW-CA)
- 830 (KIKI) HI, Honolulu 6/10 0808 noted off the air but carrier on 0809-0815. (DP-HI)
- 850 *KHLO* HI, Hilo 6/10 0813 noted w/OC instead of RS. (DP-HI)
- 910 (KNEW) CA, Oakland-San Francisco noted off MM 6/11 after 0400. (DKK-CA)
 +6/25 0300-0730 totally off most of this period, KPOF/KUJ/JEAO mix. (RW-CA)
- KPOF CO, Denver MM 6/11 0435 poking thru YEAO w/relig. program. Way u/YEAO/KALL until 0529 when good KPOF ID came thru. (DKK-CA)
- KALL UT, Salt Lake City 6/11 shared dominance w/YEAO while KNEW was off 0434-0540+. (DKK-CA)
- 920 KORK NV, Las Vegas 6/11 thru KOLO w/ID 0511 then ads & song "Something Stupid." (DKK-CA)
- 960 KALE WA, Richland-Pasco-Kennewick 6/17 0305 very good in KABL null w/"'96 weather," & "Culture Club on Cale."

- 970 KYTE OR, Portland 6/18 0309 in fair w/MOYL format. 1st time ever hrd here. What's the power? (GL-CA) (5kw.--NH)
- 980 KUPI ID, Ammon 6/9 into UPI nx at 0659, mixed. (FM-OR)
 KSVG UT, Richfield 6/15 0315 fair w/C&W mx, spot for sale. (PM-CR)
 +6/29 2300 end of Cake ad, ID, ment. of Fillmore, then into brief s/off, no SSB. Fair in KFWB null. (JH-CA)
- 990 (KHVH) HI, Honolulu 6/10 0808 noted off the air. (DP-HI)
- 1000 KRHS AZ, Bullhead City 6/10 0830 s/on gave call, freq & power, but never mentioned any city! Into C&W, many local ads ment. Hwy. 95 or Bullhead City. In fact, first song after s/on was about Bullhead City. Good signal, but terrible audio quality. (JH-CA)
- 1010 KCMJ CA, Palm Springs 6/18 2350 fair to good w/C&W, good ID by YL DJ. Haven't hrd this in 4 or 5 years. (JH-CA)
- 1020 (KTNQ) CA, Los Angeles 6/10 0435 noted off the air, just KBCQ & KYXE in. Second time in a month noted w/SP. (JH-CA)
- 1060 KPAY CA, Chico 6/28 2300 ID "10,000 watt KPAY, Chico," into NBC nx. Poor due to KNX-1070 slop. (JH-CA)
 WNOE LA, New Orleans 5/28 w/C&W mx 0333+. TC & ID 0341, anned as in stereo. Atop KUKQ/KRSP w/KPAY off. (DKK-CA)
- 1070 (KNX) CA, Los Angeles 6/25 0418 totally off. CKST/CFAX mix. (RW-CA)
- 1080?*KSCO?*CA, Santa Cruz 5/29 0444 susp. w/TT o/KRLD/KWJJ. (RW-CA)
- 1110 (KHEI) HI, Kihei 6/10 0808 noted off the air for 1st time since going NSP about 2 years ago. All Maui Amers have offices in Kahului and KNUI's xmtr is in Kihei. (DP-HI)
- 1140 ?KVL1? CA, Lake Isabella 6/25 & 6/29 2314-2315 tent. w/SSB hrd, but slop from KPRZ-1150 & co-channel QRM KWJJ prevents hearing much else. SSB seems to pop in at 2315, one of my most-wanted, and now closest unheard, so I'll keep trying. (JH-CA)
- (KRAK) CA, Sacramento 6/18 0332 totally off. 6/25 0310 totally off, KMJJ/GKXL mix. (RW-CA)
- 1150 KRZN CO, Englewood 6/18 2337 poor u/KPRZ in partial null, quick ID hrd, sounded like big band mx. Haven't hrd for 3 years when they were KWBZ. (JH-CA)
- 1180 KERI CA, Wasco 6/23 0819 fair to poor, mx from Sheila Walsh w/slop on both sides. No ID but obvious. (DP-CA)
- 1220 KLIP CA, Fowler 6/18 & 6/27 2314-2315 two days when KDPC (ec-KIEE) went off early, Fowler was in, fair 6/18, good 6/27. Same s/off annct. I hrd 2 years ago, "studios in downtown Fowler, 250 watts" etc. No SSB. (JH-CA)
- 1230 KPRL CA, Paso Robles 6/27 2320 in very strong burying. KGFJ (I assume KGFJ was at 100w, since KPPC-1240 was on, Wed. nite). End of Angels baseball post-game show, ID by DJ, wx. (JH-CA)
- KSML AZ, Globe 6/16 & 6/28 0215 & 0101 a surprise first night hrd, ID by YL "...KSML, AM 1240," into SS program. Called stn, they are SS for 3 hours Mon-Sat nites, 9-midnight MST or 0000 to 0300 EDT. Good on top of KDIG for awhile. On 6/28 0101, SS mx, then legal ID by YL in EE "... every night at 9pm...your favorite Mexican radio station,,KSML, Globe." Fading in & out badly at this point. They were surprised their 250w signal got out to S. Calif. New, AZ #51. (JH-CA)
- KLOA CA, Ridgecrest 6/18 & 6/19 0104-0130 strange cx made the stn quite dominant these 2 nights. ID out of UPI nx "KLOA AM 1240 and KFIO, 104.9, Ridgecrest, Calif." Into btfl mx. Later, ad gave ID for the FM stn only. Good. This used to be a rather rare atm here. (JH-CA)
- KSUE CA, Susanville 6/8 0019 best I've ever hrd this stn this time of evening. On top w/ad for transmission shop in Susanville, ID. (JH-CA)
- ?*KCLV?*NM, Clovis 6/11 0235-0240 tent., TTs, looking for their 2nd MM f/c. No ID hrd, fair to good. (JH-CA)
- 1250 KTMS CA, Santa Barbara 6/23 0825 Talkradio w/Ray Briem. Legal ID. (DP-CA)
- ?*KTMS?*+6/25 0405 susp. w/TT in KKFV null. (RW-CA)
- 1260 (KOIT) CA, San Francisco 6/6 0644 noted totally off, XEMW dom. w/"Radio San Luis" IDs. (RW-CA)
- KVSP NM, Santa Fe 6/4 0515 hrd w/ID call, TC, into Denise Williams record. New. (PM-OR)
- 1280 KREL NV, Henderson-Las Vegas 6/27 2301 finally logged this call change, ex-KVOV. Poor to fair in KPRN null w/s/off annct. Also hrd unID SS in there. Most in this area remember KREL was call for 1370 Corona before KWRM. (JH-CA)

- 1280 **KDYL** UT, Salt Lake City 6/26 2340-2345 a great surprise poor to fair in KPRM null, all news. Woman gave many IDs & TC's. "KDYL newstime, 9:43," etc. Local spots, ID "Only one Salt Lake City radio station gives you complete business news, KEMV, newscardic 12-80 is the one." New, UT #25. Was in again 6/27 2320. (JH-CA)
- 1290 **KAZA** CA, Gilroy 6/12 2325 very strong, SE mx and talk, but buried by KHSJ just before s/off. Then, 6/28 2329 s/off in SS, the ID in BY "KAZA, Gilroy," off, no SSR. (JH-CA)
- 1300 **KPTL** NV, Carson City 6/28 2304 a most-wanted, but poor u/RMEE, could hear man give ID as KPTL, and wx for Lake Tahoe area. If I null KPRM, I only get KPOF. New. Now, only need KELLY & KODI for 100% Nevada. (JH-CA)
- 1330 **KGAK** NE, Gallup seems to be only stn in KFAO null at SSR in June, even into the night w/Larry King Snow hrd on 6/27 0030. (JH-CA)
- 1340 **KWXY** CA, Cathedral City 6/9 2358 one of my most-wanted and was a close un-heard. In strong w/ad ment. Cathedral City, sound of harp, ID for AM & PM by woman "KWXY, AM 13-40, and in stereo at 98.5, KWXY-FM, Cathedral City." Into hflf mx, faded out quickly. New. Now have all 9 Calif stns on 1340 logged. (JH-CA)
- ?**KLVR?** UT, Holar City 6/18 0909 tent. just fading up o/GY for a split second w/nx item mentioning "...the mayor of Salt Lake County," then lost w/KEET/KMAK. Could be KACH which is occ. hrd at SR here & they're close enough to the UT border to talk about UT nx, but KLVR more sensible. Per call to stn earlier in week (to fill sked hole in my NRC Log), current hours are 0900-0100, rr format. (RW-CA)
- 1400 ?**KTUC?** AZ, Tucson 6/4 0335 susp. w/Palknet u/RUN, loop SE. (RW-CA)
- KVOY** AZ, Yuma 6/16 0300 w/ID "Arizona's lifestyle, music and news, on KVOY, Yuma." Into AI mx. (JH-CA)
- (**KRE**) CA, Berkeley noted off both MM 6/4 & 6/11. Hopefully they are now AM-6 from NCP. (DKK-CA)
- +6/4 0309 totally off, back on 0530. Freq. a mess. 6/11 0300-0752 totally off 2nd KK in a row. Perhaps new KK CP? (RW-CA)
- KRRC** CA, Indio 6/25 0000 another close unheard finally logged! Angels baseball game in SS, then ID by woman in EE "You're listening to KRRC, Indio." Fair to good. New. (JH-CA)
- KRDL** ID, Moscow 6/11 0516 s shock down in the mess in RTUC/KVOY/KIMA null w/clear ID, CK DJ, rr mx. NRC Log says they're supposed to be off this hour! New. (RW-CA)
- KDRG** UT, Deer Lodge 6/11 0725 obliterating everything w/state nx, local spot, lost to MART. (RW-CA)
- KRDC** VA, Longview 6/11 0328 good on top w/s/off ment. 0830 s/on. Rare here, last hrd in 1979. (RW-CA)
- CHNL/CHNL-1** BC, Penticton/Clearwater 6/11 0359, 0530 poor both these times u/mess w/ad ment. Kamloops // CHNL-610 (had other radio tuned to CHNL), sports at 0530 ment. Vancouver Canadians. This is the unique situation of the only 2 repeaters on a GY freq. in BC! CHNL is reported more often than CHNL-1, and they've been hrd in Calif. before, so suspect CHNL rather than CHNL-1, unless I was hearing both at once! Report sent to CHNL-610. It's new, no matter who it is! Canada GY #3. (RW-CA)
- 1410 **KVEG** NV, N. Las Vegas 6/4 hrd fair o/CPUN w/ID out of nx at 0505. Sounded like CAT tune followed. 6/16 fair o/CPUN w/SEN mx, cluster of spots at 0340. Best hrd, seems to be a regular u/CPUN most nights now. 500 watts sure gets out! (PW-OR)
- 1420 **KVCC** CA, Yucca Valley 6/19 2300 good w/REXX null somewhat. Local ads, s/off ment. wxtr & studios location, power, etc. No SSE. (JH-CA)
- 1430 **WIRE** IN, Indianapolis 6/4 hrd fair u/GJEL w/SEN mx, ID at 0453. (PM)
- GJEL** OH, Toronto 6/4 hrd well o/mess w/NOYL at 0458. (PM-OR)
- 1440 **KUHL** CA, Santa Maria 6/23 0814 fair w/ad for the Wall Street Journal. ID as "Newstalk 1440, KUHL," then gave 1-800 #. (DP-CA)
- KEYS** TX, Corpus Christi 6/9 ID above mess briefly at 0615, mixed w/unID and KPUP. (PW-OR)
- 1450 **KPSI** CA, Palm Springs 6/23 0830 good w/ID as "KPSI Talkradio 145" w/Ray Briem. (DP-CA)
- ?**KVCH?** NY, Riverton MM 6/11 0205-0210 tent., 2nd MM f/c. TT's very strong at times, no breaks, no ID hrd. (JH-CA)
- 1460 (**EDOR**) CA, Salinas 6/13 0507 totally off. (RW-CA)
- 1470 **KREC** TX, Abilene per call to KREC, they are still KREC, haven't changed calls to KPQX. (RW-CA)

- 1470 KBXN UT, Tremonton 6/16 0830 in KWIZ-1480 null, no sign of Tijuana. Good w/C&W mx, "KBXN, on a Utah morning...", talked about the songs "...on the High Country 30...on KBXN, hello." Best ever hrd, 3rd time logged. (JH-CA)
- KBSN WA, Moses Lake 6/11 0449 obliterating KXOA w/sports, wx, ID "KBSN, AM 1470." (RW-CA)
- KWIV WY, Douglas per call to KWIV, annrcr. said their f/c, sked for 2nd Sun., thought their f/c is on the 2nd Sat., but he didn't provide any other details! (RW-CA)
- 1480 ?KUUX? NM, Hobbs 6/4 0706-0713 unID w/MRCN o/u KPHX et al, looping ESE. Per Almanac updater 4/28/84, only affiliates on 1480 are WTHI-IN and KUUX. This is 1 hour + after WTHI LSR, they've never been hrd on WC as far as I know, so has to be KUUX. No other choice. Gone by 0716 u/KPHX. Is/was my most-wanted NM stn. (RW)
- KHQN UT, Spanish Fork ran into an interesting predicament w/this one. Called stn Fri. 6/15 to find out if they're changing calls back to KONI. They said they may, but they're not sure. They did change formats to a relig. one, and when I had called in, I called in right in the middle of a live call-in religious talk show, and I had asked my question of the call change over the air to thousands of listeners! How embarrassing! (RW-CA)
- 1490 KWAC CA, Bakersfield 6/10 0303 good w/ID in SS, then complete ID in EE, power, studio location, etc. Some KWIZ-1480 slop. Much wanted. New. (JH-CA)
- KRKC CA, King City 6/25 good for two seconds w/OM saying "by listening to KRKC." (DP-CA)
- +6/27 2330-2340 a big surprise on top by itself w/end of Oakland A's baseball post-game show. IRCA Almanac only listed KBLF. Waited, then hrd two local spots, 7-11 in King City & Ace Hardware "on Broadway in King City." No ID hrd. Lost by 2345. Called stn to confirm, they were at 1kw, but I'll take it, hi. New. (JH-CA)
- KKLB ID, Chubbuck-Pocatello 6/27 fair o/CJOC relay w/C&W mx, ID at 0959:30. (PM-OR)
- KTEL WA, Walla Walla 6/16 fair w/Mariners baseball, ending at 0040, into mx, PSA's. Haven't hrd this in years for some reason. (PM)
- 1510 KTIM CA, San Rafael 6/8 2330 good s/off in KNSE null, woman saying because of FCC rules they'd have to leave the air. "Tune to KTIM-FM,..." off, no SSB. (JH-CA)
- 1530?*KQNK*? KS, Norton 6/11 0110-0115 tent. 2nd NM f/c, poor, TT's barely u/KFBK. (JH-CA)
- 1540 KMFO CA, Aptos-Capitola 6/9 2329 poor, w/s/off u/KZLA. (JH-CA)
- 1560 KLLV CO, Breen per call to KLLV (they finally answered the phone!), they're currently "doing some wiring," but will "probably" be on the air "within a month or so." They call themselves "KLV," similar to "CFR--660." (RW-CA)
- 1570 *KCVR* CA, Lodi 6/10 0400-0430 TT's, ET'ing. Hrd ID "KCVR, Lodi, testing" at 0422. Played mx, then other ID at 0430, still ET'ing. Fair to good. (JH-CA)
- 1590 KCIN CA, Victorville 6/9 0831 & 0833 punched thru w/IDs u/KKEEQ. KLIV was buried beneath both for about 4-5 minutes. (DKK-CA)

June f/c's heard:

1st MM 0300-0315 KQIK-1230 OR (RW-CA)

June f/c's tentatively heard:

1st MM 0315-0331 KSKR-1450 MT (call change, ex-KTYX) (RW-CA)

2nd Su 0227-0228 KRSY-1230 NM (RW-CA)

UNIDS:

1400 6/11 0658 w/very nice barber-shop quartet rendition of NA, then lost immediately to KDRG. Anyone hear this one before? Maybe it was KDRG! (RW-CA)

1400 6/11 0710 u/KDRG w/nx, ment. of "Brooks," which could make it CKSQ, since Brooks' AM stn is CIBQ-1340, which is on same network as CKSQ. No other "Brooks" found in NW. Other ideas? (RW-CA)

1440 6/9 0625 unID here briefly, gave ID twice, but could only make out "W--Y," o/u KEYS, KPUR, CJOI, etc. Lost in mess. Ideas? (PM-OR)

1490 6/23 0900 Sat. morn. wall-to-wall contemp. Christian mx w/no IDs. (DP-CA)

1550 6/25 0341 OC strong. Could this be KKHI? (GL-CA)

Robert sends along word that during his phone call to KTFI-1270, he found out there is no KJEK-1590 in Twin Falls, ID. This should clear up any misinformation concerning this one.

It appears the GY frequencies are the ones to tune to. Remember, next WDXR deadline is Thursday, July 19! ♡

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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990 WABX MI CLARE, w/s/on & CNN nx, 0600 6/4, poor. JJR-WI
1310 WTLB NY UTICA, w/calls & jock tlk, WIBA nulled, 0325 6/16, fair. JJR-WI
1360 KRYS TX CORPUS CHRISII, w/T40 & ID fair 0337 6/16, no WGEH or WSAI. JJR-WI
1380 KGLD MO ST. LOUIS, w/oldies, fair 2300 6/14, "K-gold". JJR-WI
1490 KTRR MO ROLLA, fair w/s/off & SSB 0107 6/16. JJR-WI

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EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Next deadline: 7/30

940 WGVA PA Greenville, at 1220 5/30 was noted w/ enhanced signals during solar eclipse: they were unreadable before and after this phenomena. Other marginal daytime signals from NY & PA (eg. WQXR & WCAU) were also clearly improved and at 1300 two or three daytimers were fighting it out on 1580 kHz. That was the extent of this phenomena's effect on MW and, to tell the truth, in all my years of DXing I have, despite the mystique that has been promoted by DX clubs, never noted spectacular BCB reception during a solar eclipse. (CMS-ON)
1580 WTYO NJ Hammonton, (tentative) this sounded like the call announced at 0625 6/11 while briefly topping the freq. If so is the first time I've IDed this one since it switched calls from WRDI. (CMS-ON)

Eastern DXer

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Although we're in the 'DX doldrums' part of the year, some good catches are still possible: George Hakiel's report this time attests to this. As I've noted in previous summers from Cape Cod, George points out that many Iberian peninsula high-band stations can be heard during the hot months, especially just before dawn at the transmitter site. Darkness lingers longer in Spain than in Germany during summer, so many flea-powered Iberians can be heard on channels owned by the German & British powerhouses during the winter. A coastal receiving site certainly helps the DXer, but even inland reception should be possible in eastern Canada & eastern USA if good receivers and Beverages are used.

Trans-Atlantic DX

164 FRANCE Allouis - MAY 14 (Mo) @ 0338: fair w/ dinner mx. then FF talk by man. (GH-LI-NY)
218 MONACO Roumoules - MAY 14 (Mo) @ 0334: good w/ pop mx., FF talk. (GH-LI-NY)

- 254 ALGERIA Tipaza - JUN 06 (We) @ 0342: good w/ AA talk, AA mx. Best longwave station. (GH-LI-NY)
- 1404 FRANCE (t) Ajaccio - MAY 21 (Mo) @ 0320: FF pop mx. ('La vie en Rose'), good. Presumed to be France (Corsica) as no African stn's were in, but several French stn's were. (GH-LI-NY)
- 1521 SPAIN (unID city) - JUN 11 (Mo) @ 0344: fair w/ much SS talk by man. (GH-LI-NY)
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba noted at very good level with AA chanting on several June nights just after local sunset (0100-0200) on the car radio from several salt-marsh locations on Cape Cod. Oddly, few other TA's were noted. These receptions may be a 'grey-line' enhancement mode associated with sunrise in Duba occurring about the same time as sunset on the Cape in summer. (MC-CC-MA)
- 1539 SPAIN Valladolid - JUN 11 (Mo) @ 0352: poor w/ SS talk, vocal mx. This night was exceptional for reception from Spain. Every high-band channel had signals from Spain. (GH-LI-NY)

Pan-American DX

- 690 COLOMBIA Bogota HJ CZ - JUN 03 (Su) @ 0753: La Voz de Bogota ID, o/ 2 other stn's. (MC-CC-MA)
- 740 VENEZUELA Maracaibo YVNC - JUN 03 (Su) @ 0816: R. Maracaibo Musical ID, just o/ mess. (MC-CC-MA)
- 750 NICARAGUA Managua - APR 29 (Su) @ 0312: R. Sandino ID, mixed w/ YVKS & WSB. (MC-CC-MA)
- 750 VENEZUELA Caracas YVKS - JUN 03 (Su) @ 0821: good w/ hard dance-rock 'synthepop' hits, atop WSB. (MC-CC-MA)
- 760 COLOMBIA Barranquilla HJAJ - JUN 03 (Su) @ 0815: dominant w/ R. Suceso, RCN, & La Radio de Colombia network ID's. (MC-CC-MA)
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES Bonaire PJB - JUN 03 (Su) @ 0750: xlnl./ alone w/ PP pgm. I wonder how much of Brazil is covered by PJB's medium-wave signal. No doubt the Azores get a pretty fair signal from PJB at times, too. (MC-CC-MA)
- 820 COLOMBIA Cali HJED - JUN 03 (Su) @ 0825: SS ads mentioning several Colombian towns. Cuba nulled. (MC-CC-MA)
- 820 CUBA Habana - JUN 03 (Su) @ 0824: loud w/ 'All Night Long' by Lionel Richie, then man & woman in SS. No sign of WBAP. Cubans really boom in from about 0700 to dawn. (MC-CC-MA)
- 870 ARGENTINA Buenos Aires LRAL - JUN 23 (Sa) @ 0430: good w/ spirited talk by man & woman. No looping was necessary as LRAL's signal was way o/ WWL. (GH-LI-NY)
- 1000 BRAZIL Sao Paulo ZYK522 - MAY 28 (Mo) @ 0227: PP talk, R. Record ID, fair. (GH-LI-NY)
- 1001 PANAMA Chitre (?) - MAY 28 (Mo) @ 0240: New station? ID's as R. Nacional de Panama. Signal fair to good. (GH-LI-NY)
- 1020 VENEZUELA La Asuncion YVRS - JUN 03 (Su) @ 0745: Mundial Margarita ID loud, annihilating KDKA. Few other really loud LA's were in at the time. (MC-CC-MA)
- 1040 BRAZIL Sao Paulo ZYK537 - JUN 03 (Su) @ 0831: rising atop briefly w/ PP talk by man. An SSLA (likely YVLB or HJAI) was also present. WHN/WBZ slop bad at times. (MC-CC-MA)
- 1100 ANTIGUA St. John's ZDK - APR 29 (Su) @ 0336: good w/ calypso EE vocal mx. w/ both conventional accompaniment instrumentation & Star Wars/video game type ray gun synthesiser burst sounds. (MC-CC-MA)
- 1110 VENEZUELA Carupano YVQT - APR 29 (Su) @ 0337: Carupano ID & doorbells, o/ other SSLA & WBT. (MC-CC-MA)

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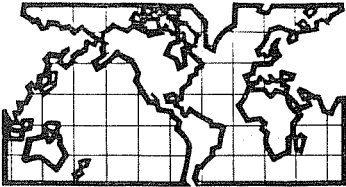
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Kaz's Comments (held over from last issue)

TA cx have certainly gone downhill since early March. Gone are the almost nightly strong signals from 774, 783, 792, 819, 827, 837, 873, 882, 891, etc. etc. Most unfortunately I'm now also plagued by a horrible electrical noise which today (May 10) I traced to powerlines along the main road 3/4 mile away! Will have to call the power co. about that. Also, the summer home 200' to my right is now rented, so that's one more pesky TV to cope with. It's not nearly as bad as what I get from the house about 350' away on the other side. I thought I was in rural isolation here & would never have manmade QRN but I guess I'm not rural enough. However it's deathly quiet here late at night per observations I made before the powerline problem. Wonderful AU CX APR 27-30 permitted quite a few new loggings (helped by phased Beverages to, in most cases, greatly reduce the powerline noise that attacks a good portion of the band & normally obliterates weak DX).

I'm quite happy with recent French Guiana-1070 catch. Now for Martinique-1310, Dominica-1060, & getting ID's on more Brazilians on channels like 780, 820, 890, 1180 et al. All I had ever (previously) heard of French Guiana - 1070 was 2 minutes of FF talk by a woman on a very auroral early evening from Narragansett, RI in SEP 1979 using the HQ-180A & Sanserino loop. The same woman talking was noted on the shortwave parallel the next night at the same time.

Thanks to Neil Kazaross for his comments. And to George & that other guy out there on the Cape (enjoying Clams, no doubt) for the reports. As you vacationers get back to your cottages & get ready for an easy-going night after a long day at the beach, don't forget to turn on the radio. What comes out of it just might be more interesting than what comes out of that inevitable can of Budweiser (or whatever).



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DX is really slow around here and apparently everywhere else. Only one other report this month from Art Peterson. I did manage to get a verie from one of my most wanted stations this month, Kaohsiung Fishing Broadcasting Station on 1690 KHZ-Taiwan (See under Veries). In other news, from the HZRDXL comes the schedules for maintenance for the HZBC stations: 1st Wed. 1YA, 1ZB, 1ZH, 3YZ, 3ZA, 4YZ, 4ZA. 2nd Wed. 2YA, 2ZB, 1YZ, 1ZD, 3ZC, 2YW. 3rd Wed. 3YA, 3ZB, 1ZC, 2YZ, 2ZK, 2ZP, 2YP. 4th Wed. 4YA, 4ZB, 2YM, 2ZA, 2ZC, 3ZM. 1st Thurs. 2YW, 2ZG, 2ZW, 2ZH, 4ZW. 2nd Thurs. 4YW, 2ZD, 3ZO. 3rd Thurs. 1ZK, 1YK, 2ZH, 2ZE, 2ZF, 3YR, 1ZO. 4th Thurs. 1YW, 1ZH, 1ZH, 1YZ, 1ZT, 1ZA, 1YI, 2YZ, 2ZH, 3ZE, 4ZG. 2nd Fri. 4YQ. 3rd Fri. 1ZU, 1YE, 1ZE, 2ZF, and 4ZF. Here are the local addresses of HZBC Stations: Auckland-Box 2209, Napier-Box 241, Wellington-Box 2396, Christchurch-Box 1454, Dunedin-Box 565, Whangarei-Box 545, Tauranga-Box 642, Taumarunui-Box 383, Taupo-Box 740, Hastings-Box 183, Wanganui-Box 632, Masterton-Box 220, Nelson-Box 43, Timaru-Box 275, Oamaru-Box 426, Invercargill-Box 802, Hamilton-Box 469, Tokoroa-Box 272, Rotorua-Box 1147, Gisborne-Box 1040,

New Plymouth-Box 141, Palmerston North-Box 1045, Blenheim-Box 225, Ashburton-Box 225, Greymouth-Box 378, and Gore-Box 292. Now on with reports:

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

1040 UNID, w/non stop cubano/tropical mx fading up, equal w/WHO and later completely over WHO 0920-1000, 6/4 Not Radio Super because not // 6065. Suspect HJAI, but no Caracol fanfare hrd on the hour. Excessive splash obscured ID (AWP-Ca)
1613 UNID, 55 voice only above mess at 0930 6/4, weaker than rest (AWP-Ca)
1685 GUATEMALA, Rabinal beacon "RAB" fair to poor 0840-6/9 (AWP-Ca)
COLOMBIA, Mercaderes beacon "MER" fair w/fades 1013 5/5 (AWP-Ca)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

864 AUSTRALIA, Hobart-7H0, above the mess briefly at 1020 on 7/2 w/rr mx and Spot, presume other stations 4ZA and 4GR, poor. (PH-Or)
873 AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2GB-fair w/tele. talk at 1015 on 7/2. (PM-Or)
1026 AUSTRALIA, MacKay-4MK, all alone w/rr mx, best signal of any DU at 1105 on 7/2. (PM-Or)
1689 PAUPA/NEW GUINEA, Mt. Hagen-Beacon HH weak at 0900 6/9 (AWP-Ca)

VERIES:

1000 BRAZIL, Sao Paulo, Radio Record sent letter with QSL Sticker in 6 months, from f/up in PP. Reply was in EE, though. Mentioned 200KW-v/s: Selma Leite-Communications. Address: Avenida Miruna, 713-Sao Paulo, Brazil. Brazil QSL #2.
1690 TAIWAN, Kaohsiung-Fishery Broadcast Station-sent friendly verie letter in three months for taped report, mentioned that my tape was weak, but was their station. Also mentioned they were surprised to get my report, as their power is only 3 KW! This has got to be one of my best veries. The station has been on since 1969. Sent envelope with beautiful Taiwan stamps-v/s Sue-Jue Chun-Manager. This is my first Taiwan MW Verie since 1966. IN Alaska I QSL'd Armed Forces Radio Taiwan on 1560 and 1570 KHZ. Sue-Jue Chun also sent 2 beautiful postcards.

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Give us a wink: Before you can wink — well, OK, maybe a little bit after — a new station will have popped up in Simi Valley in the form of KWNK-AM (670). It is set to begin operation the first week in June.

You rarely see new outlets open their doors in a market the size of Los Angeles anymore. Just about every available frequency is taken. There are no open spaces on FM in L.A., for example. But when the Federal Communications Commission amended its policy on establishing clear channel frequencies, it opened the door for KWNK.

As has been previously reported in this space, KWNK will go on the air with 1,000 watts of power and a directional signal that program director John Campbell boasts will make the station audible from Ventura to the Mexican border.

A directional signal focuses all its strength in one geographic area, while a non-directional one tends to circulate more thinly and spreads over a wider area, reducing the power in any one vicinity.

Because of this, says KWNK

owner Manuel Cabranes, KWNK will cover the Los Angeles metropolitan area like a blanket. Cabranes has spent "in excess of \$250,000" over the last few years to ready KWNK for operation, "and we still haven't spent our last dollar."

But he believes it's worth it.

"Simi Valley is the only urbanized area in the state of California that doesn't have at least one radio station," explains Cabranes. "It's been a suburban bedroom community for so many years that I guess the folks felt it didn't need to be served."

Ah, but now not only will the Simi Valley be served but the San Fernando and Conejo valleys as well, stresses Campbell. "There are something like 2.2 million people in the San Fernando Valley, another 90,000 in Simi and 90,000 in the Conejo," he says, "and no L.A. radio station serves all three of them. We will be the only station catering to the tri-valley area."

KWNK will go on with what the radio industry calls an upbeat adult contemporary sound. That can be translated to mean the station will be playing current pop and rock

music standards. Its target audience is the population aged 18 to 43.

Campbell also assures that KWNK will be full service, hiring a female traffic reporter and a news person to complement "a crazy-man jock" each morning.

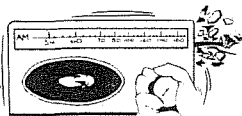
Most of the air staff is still in the planning stages, but Randy Rosenbloom has already been named sports director, and Dr. Laura Schlessinger, once of KMPC, will host a Sunday night psychology program. There is also a rumor that KWNK intends to pick up Los Angeles Kings hockey next fall.

The station should certainly boom in loud and clear. Only two other stations in America are licensed to the 670 frequency, mentions Cabranes — one in Boise, Idaho, and the other in Chicago.

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via Gary Larson

TOP END



A monthly column of loggings, discussions & information for the 1600 - 1800 kHz range.
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July 1984... Not a lot happening as you might expect in the summer. The column will be in a "mailbag" format this month.

From the June 1984 "QST": Racal-Decca has filed a petition in partial opposition to an ARRL petition concerning 160m ham operation. In Racal-Decca's paper they state that "The existing radiolocation spectrum below 1800 kHz is overcrowded and inadequate as things now stand..." Racal anticipates that it will have to move many, if not most, of it's existing operations from the 1605-1800 kHz band to 1900-2000 kHz. I'm sure we haven't heard the last of this.

From Mike Hardester: You mention Top End sounds such as "Cubic Argo" and "Decca HiFix". Just what do these sound like? If you have time, a cassette with the "Greatest Hits of Top End" giving samples of these would be helpful. (I'll do that this Fall..ed)

From Walter Shepherd: I don't wish to spoil anyone's fun...but I've been in the military electronics business for over 20 years and would hesitate to believe any rumors or stories about spies, spooks or covert military useage of the 170 meter band. This is not based on direct knowledge, but on my judgement. A few facts: 1. 170 meter antenna systems are cumbersome and not compatible with mobility...a prime military requirement. 2. 170 meters does not offer the propagation stability of longwave. 3. D layer absorption during daylight hours limits the application to short range transmissions. One can get short range coverage elsewhere. VHF, UHF and microwaves have plenty of spectrum, low cost and compact antennas. 4. The 170 meter band is certainly not very private. Transmissions can be readily monitored from off-shore. Some loggings: 1609.9 YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK TIS Heard nightly

1623 ECUADOR Pastaza 0900 6/2 PAT beacon. Listed on 1655 in the Beacon Guide (An updater last Summer had it moving to 1625..ed)

1700.4 ??? 0930 6/2 Raspy pulsed signal, no musical tone. Sounded like wide-band phase modulation within pulse. Pulse repetition rate about 2.5 pulses per second at a 50% duty factor.

1727 ??? (no time/date) 17 unmodulated carriers spaced equally 825 Hz apart. Starts at 1727.000, then 1727.825, 1728.650,...to 1740.200. All equal amplitude and steady. A similar signal, with a spacing of 425 Hz was heard on 1762.25-1776.28.

(No idea. If it was TV sync., it'd be there most nights..ed)

From Kermit Geary:

1620 ??? 0445 5/31 Cubic Argo, fair

1620 ??? 0432 6/12 KA83774 Fair w/continuous ID

1620 ??? 0635 4/1 SDT beacon, fair

1629 ??? 0215 4/19 KA83781 Fair, ID every 4 minutes

1642 ??? 0439 5/31 KA83337 Fair, ID every 4 minutes

1642 ??? 0440 5/31 KA83795 Fair, ID every 4 minutes

1642 ??? 0441 5/31 NV45 and dash. Fair, ID every 4 minutes

1667 ??? 0105 3/23 USB signal, m&w conversing in English

1692 ??? 1120 10/19/83 MEJ beacon

1695 CUBA ?? Hrd occ. w/MOR LA mx, weak. The following announcement heard: "La Voz Nacional de las emisoras del Instituto Cubano de Radio y Television transmitiendo para todo el pueblo un programa especial con motivo de en la noche." The missing words sounded like "escocho postulado", obviously misunderstood because they are not Spanish words. Believe this is a fundamental frequency because nothing is heard between 845 and 850 in the AM band.

(Back in February, C.M. Stanbury reported that this is probably the R. Cadena Agremonte xmtr listed to 1580. This drifted in the past..ed)

From John Ramsey:

1619 ??? 0152 6/6 KA83772 w/ good signal. ID repeated three times every 3 minutes. Stopped in the middle of a fourth time IDing.

1622 ??? 0200 6/6 KA83775 Good signal, same format as above. (Note difference of 3 kHz in freq. and 3 digits in call!)

1631 ??? 0158 6/6 L425 and dash, good.

In the past, I got KA83223 on 1628 and KA83329 on 1634, 6 kHz apart. Call is 6 digits apart, too. Has anyone noticed this before? (bears looking into..ed)

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