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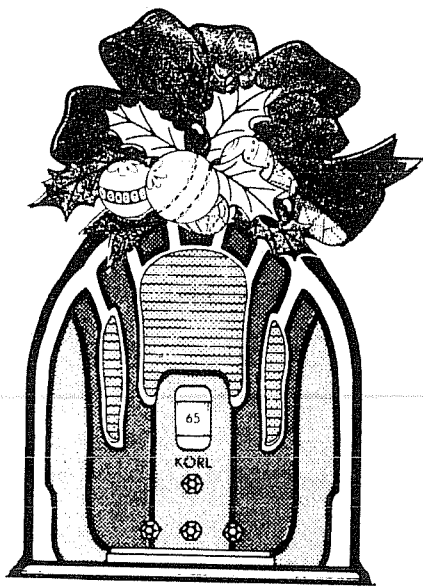
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O F S P E C I A L I N T E R E S T

kHz	Call	State	City	Date/Time/Reporter/Notes
720	WMXY	GA	Hogansville	11/26-1700 RCR-PA. Good w/local news, ID "Classic Hits—WMXY Hogansville-La Grange," into oldies rock like Four Tops.
730t	KTRY	LA	Bastrop	11/26-2050 JH-PIT. CST TC at 2050, faded out until 2100, then Nat. Black Network nx, but no ID in mess. Gulf Coast in well tonite; only other NBN outlet is in SC (EST zone) per my outdated info. Is KTRY still correct call? Any other NBNs here? [I show KTRY and no other NBNs but SC. Ed.]
860	KWPC	IA	Muscatine	11/27-0057 JH-PIT. CWM, into s/off ment owner/operator, address in NRC log. Fair o/Cuban. CE sent v/l for last reception, and indicated 7.8 watts PSSA at this time! He attributes "high getoutability factor" to his new ground system. I attribute it to beverage antennae.
870	WQRX	AL	Valley Head	11/26-1745 RCR-PA. S/off by Jeff Cook, ment of 5 kw, no SSB. Fair u/WWL
1180	WFGN	SC	Gaffney	11/26-1612 RCR-PA. Fair w/Turkey give-away, call 487-1180; local spot w/ment of Gaffney.
1200	KYOO	MO	Bolivar	11/23-1721 KVJ/CH-GA. Blasting in all alone w/CWM, ments of "Silver Anniversary." (?) [Yes, I thought this was a new station too, but it's ex-1130. Ed.]
1210	WDGR	GA	Dahlonega	11/27-1705 RCR-PA. Fair w/local news, spot for Dawson County Bank.
1470	WLVU	FL	Dunedin	11/24-0700 KVJ-GA. Dual ID w/WLVU-FM, "Holiday-New Port Richey," end news, into Jeff Donovan show on "The all-new Love-FM." [The last I heard from Greg Monti this was WVTY, so y'all make the change in your logs. Ed.]
1480	WIXR	SC	Mount Pleasant	11/26-0600 KVJ-GA. S/on w/"America the Beautiful." ID as "The All-New WIXR" ment. "new and better power(s)." [Ex-1500 kHz. Ed.]
1480	WLVS	TN	Memphis	11/18 1911-1924 KVJ-GA. Sports talk show, ad for Busch Beer. [Is this ex-WMQM?]
1500	WGTT	AL	Alabaster	11/23-KVJ/CH-GA. CWM, s/off 1745. 1st time heard w/this call, don't see it listed. Ex-WQMS. [I show it as WGTT from a Greg Monti update. Ed.]
1520	KOLM	MN	Rochester	11/26-1851 JH-PIT. Way on top again w/KWWK and KOLM ID, CWM. +11/25-1840 RCR-PA. Fair w/PSA for community food shelf drive, promo for Oak Ridge Boys concert. ID as KWWK-KOLM.
1550	KUAT	AZ	Tucson	11/26 1900-1931 JH-PIT. Noted K-call and nx w/extensive coverage of AZ and Tucson events, well on top for a few mins. Chased for 30 mins. until came up at 1928 w/apparent TC and nice "KUAT Radio" and "KUAT 1550" IDs in GY-sounding murk; possible s/off. Tape report to stn to verify; nice surprise here.

R E G U L A R L O G G I N G S

kHz	Call	State	QTH	Date/Time/Reporter/Notes
550	WDUN	GA	Gainesville	11/27-1728 RCR-PA. Fair w/Christopher Cross song, ID: "WDUN, your hometown radio station—AM 55."
550	CHLN	PQ	Trois-Rivieres	11/16-0045 RSR-GR. Very good man interviewing another in French.
570	WAAX	AL	Gadsden	11/26-1727 RCR-PA. Good w/series of local Gadsden spots, ID "Big Waax County," into Conway Twitty.

600	WMT	IA	Cedar Rapids	11/15-2006 RSR-GR. Very good w/news, weather, "Broadcast Park--WMT." Oldies.
600	WICC	CT	Bridgeport	11/11-2110 RSR-ON. Fair, mixing w/WCAO w/spot for ballet "Nutcracker," spons. by WICC.
890	KBYE	OK	Oklahoma City	11/23-1825 KVJ/CH-GA. Fair u/WLS w/college football scores.
900	WWJD	GA	Savannah	11/25-2119 RCR-PA. Fair w/gospel mx. ID "900 on your dial WWJD."
900	WGOK	AL	Mobile	11/23 0045-0100 KVJ-GA. Gospel mx, ID as "AM Stereo WGOK, 24 hours a day."
930	CFBC	NB	St. John	11/14-2005 RSR-GR. V/gd w/rock mx, TC. All alone
930	WWNH	NH	Rochester	11/3-2105 MM-MA. Gd, but fady w/election '86 nx. Some QRM from WBEN
980	WWRC	DC	Washington	10/8-2100 WW-MA. Gd, but much QRM from WCAP, WTRY & TA. ID on the hour "The Station of the Stars."
990	CBW	MB	Winnipeg	11/14-1850 RSR-GR. Gd w/MoR mx, local wx
1030	WBZE	MD	Indian Head	11/1-1642 RSR-ON. Inspirational mx, Goodyear ad, traffic report. Phone 870-8700. ID & s/off at 1658.
1090	WSLG	LA	Gonzales	11/22-1813 KVJ-GA. CWM, "AM-1090," s/off w/SSB.
1100	KKLL	MO	Webb City	11/22-1814 KVJ-GA. S/off in progress, giving mailing addr.
1130	KWKH	LA	Shreveport	11/28-1732 RCR-PA. Good w/traffic check, local news.
1200	WKOX	MA	Framingham	11/14-1920 RSR-GR. Boston College football spot
1250	WMTR	NJ	Morristown	10/28-0030 WW-MA. Fair but fady mixing w/WTAE. Heard end of news, song "You Can't Change That." Also noted TA het [on 1251. Ed.]
1310	WDKD	SC	Kingstree	11/27-1711 RCR-PA. Fair/good w/local news, ment of Kingstree; ID "WDKD-WWKT."
1310	WSSJ	NJ	Camden	11/15-0007 WW-MA. Pr o/WORC. Old rock songs, incl. "Save the Last Dance For Me," "Love Is Like an Itching in My Heart." [The heartbreak of soriasis. Ed.] Have picked this stn up once or twice before, but always poor. [Very interesting. At my QTH it's always a pest, so major lobe must be south. Ed.]
1370	WLLN	NC	Lillington	11/17-0700 KVJ-GA. State nx, ad for Mid-South bank, ID
1370	WTAB	NC	Tabor City	11/17 0605-0620 KVJ-GA. "Jack Miller's Wakeup Time" show, CWM. [As long as there's a North Carolina we'll have plenty of DX, ht. Ed.]
1390	WMZQ	VA	Arlington	10/26-0005 WW-MA. Strn ID, CWM by Marty Robbins, Hank Williams, Ronnie Milsap, Charlie Rich. 1st time hrd as WMZQ. I'll always remember this as WEAM. [Yes indeed, WEAM was on for over 20 years. The WMZQ AM outlet is not //FM. The FM is a slick CWM T-40 pre-packaged affair. The AM is looser, featuring classic CWM, very enjoyable. Ed.]
1410	WPOP	CT	Hartford	11/14-1700 RSR-GR. V/gd w/nx, wx, ID as Newington-Hartford.
1410	KCLO	KS	Leavenworth	11/26-1721 KVJ-GA. Wk w/newscast.
1420	WVOT	NC	Wilson	11/26 1755-1801 KVJ-GA. Local state nx, into NBC Source Network nx.
1490	WBTA	NY	Batavia	11/15-1551 RSR-GR. Gd w/wx, rock mx in GY pile-up
1490	WAJF	AL	Decatur	11/26-0556 KVJ-GA. Spot for 5th annual "Festival of Trees" in Birmingham.
1500	WFIF	CT	Milford	11/15-1629 RSR-GR. S/off w/stn data
1530	KCTT	AR	Yellville	11/23-1803 KVJ/CH-GA. ID, ad for business in Mountain Home, ad for Hilltop Inn.
1530	KXRQ	AR	Trumann	11/23-1800 KVJ/CH-GA. S/off, wk u/WCKY
1530	WRTP	NC	Chapel Hill	11/16-1705 WW-MA. Many strn IDs, religious mx. Contest to win AM/FM stereo cassette recorder. S/off at 1714. Gd at times, but most wk. New catch. Ex-WRBX, ex-CWM, but I never heard that.
1550	KGMO	MO	Cape Girardeau	11/26-1906 JH-PIT. V/poor, had to dig it out of tape, MO nx, ending "For Cape Radio, I'm Melissa (Rheinhart?)" into "For Your Eyes Only." [Theme Song of EDXR. Ed.]
1560	WCNW	OH	Fairfield	11/11-1331 RCR-PA. Good w/sign-off, no SSB. [S/off at 1330 EST? That's strange. Ed.]
1560	WAGC	AL	Centre	11/25-26. Gd both eves at 2100 s/off ment 1 kW
1580	WLIJ	TN	Shelbyville	11/27-1838 RCR-PA. Good w/CWM, ID "1580 WLIJ" by man.
1580	WTYO	NJ	Hammondton	11/4-2056 RSR-ON. SSer, but ID & s/off in EE at 2100

DX from El Paso, TX -- Part 2
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Data from trips taken SEP & OCT 1986

Additional trips to El Paso and correspondence with California DXers Tim Hall and Robert Wien have cleared up some unID's and mis-identified stations logged during the May 1986 trip. A number of new stations were heard, especially during the September '86 trip. (In October, I was more involved in watching the Red Sox in the World Series than in DXing.)

First, some corrections to the May 1986 article, as well as some attempts at identifying the unID's in that article:

- 580 XEFI Chihuahua is most likely SS here.
- 620 XEBU Chihuahua is most likely SS here.
- 590 KCSJ (CO) the probable source of Larry King show on this channel
- 710 KGNC, not KGNT, is correct call for Amarillo, TX
- 890 unID Mexican possibly XEYQ Fresnillo
- 910 unID Mexican probably XEAO Mexicali
- 930 KIUP Durango, CO could be the source of ID that sounded like KNUS
- 950 KNFT is correct call for Bayard, NM (not KNFD)
- 1180 KERI (CA) likely the unID religious station
- 1190 "Nortena" local is XEPZ, Ciudad Juarez. This station often has "novelas" (radio soap operas in SS).
- 1210 KQTL (AZ) the SS station with "Que tal" (not "Quesal") ID
- 1270 KINN, not KINM, was correct call for NM here. Now changed to KZZX.
- 1350 unID C&W could be KIDN (CO) and unID SS may be KABQ (NM).
- 1360 Texas State Network news either KQIZ or KACT.
- 1360 KLFF (AZ) is actually 1360 not 1380. Typo error on my part.
- 1380 (see 1360 re KLFF)
- 1390 American Indian mx. likely to be KENN (NM)
- 1410 KFMS (NV) is "Continuous Country KFM" (not "KFS")
- 1470 KFQX (TX) probably the Music Country network affiliate heard
- 1550 unID SS could be XEBM, XEBG, or KXEX.

The next list consists of additions / changes to the daytime-DX log made as a result of a "Daytime DXpedition" to a look-out (westward-facing) area near Milepost 7 on the Trans-Mountain Road (Route 375) in northwest El Paso. The DX site is near the highest point on that road: approximate elevation = one mile. All loggings were made on 5 SEP 1986 with the Sony ICF-2010 (Gerry Thomas - modified) receiver, the MWT-2 regenerative tuner, and a 100'/30-m. longwire pointed west. Times = GMT

Freq.	Call	QTH	Time	Details of Reception
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550	KOY	AZ	1559	pop mx., ID "KOY 55 AM, 95.5 FM", o/u KCRS
620	KTAR	AZ	1600	ID "KTAR Phoenix"
630	KREA?	?	1608	"To Your Health" health tip, apparent KREA ID, C&W mx.; atop SS Mexican.
640	KFI	CA	1601	fair groundwave: ID, local news & traffic.
660	KTNN	AZ	1610	C&W mx., KTNN ID, talk in Navajo language.
720	KDWN	NV	1619	(tentative) talkshow in 690 / 750 local slop.
830	KFLT	AZ	1800	ex-KGLR: religious program, "Family Life Radio" slogan, KFLT Tucson ID - good level.
850	?	MEX?	1621	SS station weak; no KOA
920	KDXX	TX	-	local here sometimes parallels "K-Buena" (KBNA-FM); otherwise "Doble Equis" ID is used.
990	KTKT	AZ	1700	good "KTKT Tucson" ID, then Donna Summer mx., dominating over KSVP Artesia, NM.
990	KSVP	NM	1701	ID, C&W mx. "Rockin' to the Rhythm of the Rain" by the Judds, u/ KTKT.
1010	?	MEX?	1635	SS talk, fair o/ SAH
1160	?	MEX?	1638	SS talk, fair
1210	?	MEX?	1639	SS talk, fair
1230	KPSA	NM	1646	(tentative) mixed w/SS Mex. u/dominant KOTS
1250	KHIL	AZ	1705	USA network news, Willcox wx., 10:05 PDT TC, K-Hill ID, good. Longwire favoured AZ stn's.
1260	?	?	1647	prominent SAH against "La Romantica" Mexican.

El Paso daytime loggings - continued

Freq	Call	QTH	Time	Details of Reception
1270	KZZX	NM	1652	(ex-KINN) KZZX ID, C&W mx., Otero County Fair promo., Sun City Furniture ad
1320	?	?	1653	weak SS stn. here, in bad XEP-1300 sloop
1340	KALY	TX	-	SS local now uses "R. Caliente" (hot) slogan
1360	KREE	NM	1655	good w/ C&W mx., ID "KREE AM, Ruidoso, NM"
1400	KCHS	NM	1707	fair (during pauses in 1380 & 1420 sloop): KCHS wx., Tiger football promo.
1470	?	?	1710	weak C&W in XEYC-1460 sloop
1500	?	?	1712	weak SS
1510	KNTS	AZ	1714	fair w/ slogan "Arizona's Hottest Country Hits", o/ jumble of other stations
1550	KUAT	AZ	1721	ID, jazz; fair through XEJVP-1560 sloop

Weak jumbles noted on 1520, 1530, 1580.

LW beacons heard during mountain daytime-DXpedition(1631-1802 Z/ 5 SEP):
BWR-201, E5E-206, BLI-207, OHE-214, RBJ-220, ILT-230, VHN-233, EL-242,
CYH-247, HV-251, GAZ-255, LCR-299, RO-305, MA-326, FIA-329, RYN-338,
ALM-341, LUJ-341, GNC-344, LGX-394, PRZ-407, DAO-410, and ATS-414.

Evening Loggings (0000 to 0600 GMT) - add to those in May report

Freq	Call	QTH	Time(Z)	Date('86)	Details of Reception
890	KDXU	UT	0040	/ 14 OCT:	Top 40 / AdCon mx., ID; good o/ others
891	Algeria		0410	/ 07 SEP:	AA vocal, hetting WLS
1030	WBZ	MA	0525	/ 07 SEP:	loud & dominant (!) w/ talkshow, ID
1035	Portugal		0530	/ 07 SEP:	(tentative) carrier in WBZ/WHO sloop
1044	Morocco		0526	/ 07 SEP:	fair to good w/AA female chant:best TA
1062	Portugal		0527	/ 07 SEP:	poor w/ PP vocal
1130	CKWX	BC	0512	/ 07 SEP:	"Country Music Radio, WX-1130" ID, "Vancouver temp. 23 (C)", old-time C&W
1150	KCKY	AZ	0424	/ 07 SEP:	BB game, ID "KCKY, the Arizona sports station"
1210	WCAU	PA	0430	/ 07 SEP:	talkshow, NJ car dealer ad, u/ Mexican
1260	XEOP	MEX	0200	/ 15 SEP:	s/off w/"X-E-O-P, R. Barraquito" SS ID noted; dominant "XEF/Romantica" nulled
1521	Saudi Arabia		0300	/ 07 SEP:	(tentative) het against KOMA
1555	Cayman Is.		0321	/ 14 OCT:	EE talk, weak
1600	KBBX	UT	0110	/ 17 OCT:	ID, slow C&W / pop song o/ SS stn.

Early Morning Loggings (0600 to 1400 GMT) - add to those in May report

On 08 OCT 1986 around 1200 Z, hets of TP origin were noted on the following channels: 639, 702, 774, 882, 891, 1008, and 1098.

Other early-morning DX from El Paso:

Freq	Call	QTH	Time(Z)	Date('86)	Details of Reception
538.6	?	?	1231	/ 08 OCT:	het
550	KOY	AZ	1006	/ 13 SEP:	"KOY news" ID, talk about AZ politics & Palo Verde nukelant; in jumble
560	KBLU	AZ	1237	/ 08 OCT:	farm report, KBLU ID
570	KLAC	CA	1240	/ 08 OCT:	(tentative) C&W, possible KLAC ID noted w/ pest KGRT Las Cruces nulled
626.6	"SI"	?	1244	/ 08 OCT:	ID like KYSO, KISO, or KISL
626.6	"SI"	?	1257	/ 08 OCT:	apparent spur from a CW (not MCW) beacon, heard once a minute at 1256+50 sec, 1257+50 sec, etc. Also on 670 Heard w/high-Q tuned loop: not RX spur tentative ID, contemporary Christian mx.; fair w/ KHOW nulled
630	KSLR?	?	0828	/ 18 OCT:	poor to fair w/ wx., ID, Lovin' Spoonful oldie "Daydream"; KTNN off
660	WNBC	NY	0832	/ 18 OCT:	CW beacon spur (see 626.6 kHz)
670	"SI"	?	1257	/ 08 OCT:	Rough note, like an arc rig.

Early Morning Loggings from El Paso, TX - continued

Freq	Call	QTH	Time(Z)	Date('86)	Details of Reception
710	KNUS	CO	0700	/ 06 SEP:	"710 KNUS Denver" ID, newstalk format
760	?	?	0841	/ 18 OCT:	(probably WJR) talk; in KAMA-750 slop
770	WABC	NY	0842	/ 18 OCT:	talkshow, NYC / NJ mentions; poor, way under tough-to-null KOB
790	?	AZ	1305	/ 08 OCT:	news, Tucson wx., oldies - no ID
910	?	?	1308	/ 13 SEP:	religious stn. in EE, in mess / slop
950	XE??	MEX	0900	/ 13 SEP:	atop channel, SS talk & mx., no ID given. Audio quite "fuzzy"/distorted
950	XE??	MEX	0900	/ 18 OCT:	Mexican dominant on east-west bearing; SS talk by man & woman, "Amigos de Mayo" mentioned often
1000	KTOK	OK	0906	/ 18 OCT:	"KTOK Radio Ten" ID, Talknet program
1020	KBCQ	NM	Format=C&W	on 13 SEP;	back to AdCon when heard in OCT
1020	KTNQ	CA	1300	/ 18 OCT:	KTNQ ID, SS talk fair w/KBCQ nulled
1053	(unID TP)		1004	/ 08 SEP:	het
1060	WNOE	LA	0957	/ 13 SEP:	good w/ "Hit Country WNOE" ID, C&W mx.
1070	?	?	1246	/ 18 OCT:	two unIDs - SS stn. o/u Texas-accented EE station; both under semi-nulled KNX
1080	?	?	1245	/ 18 OCT:	two unIDs - apparently-syndicated "Moldy Oldies" show mixed w/ SS stn.; normal KRLD fading w/ approaching dawn
1080	XE??	MEX	1318	/ 05 SEP:	SS talk mixed w/ KRLD
1090	KKYN	TX	1305	/ 05 SEP:	"10-90 KKYN" jingle, C&W mx.
1090	XEPRS	MEX	1030	/ 10 SEP:	to good peaks w/ Mex. mx., SS talk, ads for businesses in CA & Baja CA.
1100	KIIO	CO	1300	/ 05 SEP:	ID "K Eleven Hundred is KIIO Grand Junction, CO", then news (XEWR-1110 pest nulled)
1170	XE??	MEX	1325	/ 08 OCT:	SS atop KVOO
1180	WHAM	NY	1007	/ 08 SEP:	WHAM ID, news: fair-good w/ others
1200	?	?	0925	/ 18 OCT:	C&W; weak under nulled WOAI
1250	XE??	MEX	0940	/ 18 OCT:	R. Exitos ID, SS mx. o/ unID oldies stn
1250	KBRS?	?	0940	/ 18 OCT:	weak (breaking through SS & oldie stations briefly): C&W mx., wx. for northern Plains states, tent. KBRS ID
1330	KFAQ	KS	1000	/ 18 OCT:	good "KFAQ Wichita" ID, news. This was noted a few minutes earlier w/ "Most Music Radio, 13 Country" slogan
1390	KGER	CA	1000	/ 14 SEP:	Black Gospel pgm., ID "KGER Long Beach"
1390	KPRC	OK	0958	/ 18 OCT:	C&W, ID "Chisholm Trail Broadcasting, KPRC"
1557	(unID TP)		1005	/ 08 SEP:	het
1600	XE??	MEX	1016	/ 14 SEP:	SS Mexican dominating at this time

Evening and early morning receptions were primarily made from the Residence Inn, 6791 Montana Avenue, El Paso TX 79925 using the following equipment:

- Sony ICF-2010 receiver (with Radio-Plus tight-filter modification)
- Palomar Loop
- WALLON DX Labs MWT-2 Regenerative High-Gain / High-Q Preamplifier

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DX Tests

The National Radio Club reports that they have arranged a couple more DX Tests:

Monday, January 5, 1987

KRMX-690, Pueblo, CO, will test 0300-0330 EST. Details unknown. Send your reception reports to Ace Ball, CE, KRMX, 2829 Lowell Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81003. Arranged by Wayne Heinen & Ron Musco

Monday January 12, 1987

WGHQ-920, Kingston, NY, will test 0000-0030 EST with 5 kw using tones and IDs. Send reception reports to Don Stewart, CE, WGHQ, 82 John St., Kingston, NY 12401. Arranged by Laura McCusker

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To phone in WDXR tips: (206)532-6827 7-9pm

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- 590 KAQQ WA, Spokane 12/5 1843-1900 AdCon music with many "Q-59" slogans.
1853½ a "Q Tip"--PSA. 1900 "Q-59 is KAQQ Spokane" into NBC News.
Excellent with KUGN nulled. Ex-KLSN. (NH-WA)

DX TESTS

- 1470 (KSVA) AZ, Sierra Vista test tried for but not heard 11/17 0255-0325.
Probably was not on. (pb-WA)
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- 540 *KSHO* CA, Hesperia 9/25 0334-0348+ ex-KKAR, testing with loop tape, clear
IDs, ment. 1500 watts. Good signal but QRM from 970-KUZZ slop.
Haven't heard since. (JH-CA) (Slop from 970???--NH)
 - 580 CBK SK, Regina 11/29 0655 EZL, very weak with QRN. ET-CA)
 - 580 KFXD ID, Nampa-Boise 9/26 2230 fair with Mariners baseball & ID.
New here. (JH-CA)
 - 670 KWNK CA, Simi Valley 9/26 2235 high school football, Agoura vs Simi
Valley, fair-poor in KBOI null. (JH-CA)
 - 690 KBLI ID, Blackfoot per tip, this heard here apparently fulltime 11/25
with "KBLI, Blackfoot" ID 0800 and into news (although at this
time it could be s/on). (pb-WA)
 - XETRA BCN, Tijuana Fr 12/5 has been mono since at least MM 11/10...no
doubt due to xmtr problems. However, they are still promoting
themselves as "AM stereo"! (SMM-CA)
 - 700 CKRD AB, Red Deer has moved here from 850. Heard 11/10 0156 with "Radio
7, CKRD" ID mixing with WLW (yes WLW). Looks like 700 is hopping.
(pb-WA)
 - +11/14 0150 a surprise to find this here. Fair-poor in KFAM null,
oldies music, ID "AM 700 for Alberta, CKRD." Later, part of ID
"...from CKRD." Ex-850, never heard it there. New. (JH-CA)
 - 710 ?KFIA? CA, Carmichael 12/1 is this the station with "Focus on the Family"
0400-0430? was atop unID SS during early part of program; 3 new
stations were named as being on net, but no 710 broadcasters. KMPC
silent at this hour, I believe, & KIRO had s/off 0308, but carrier
on much later. At 0701 an ID was tentatively heard which included

- 710 KFIA Sacramento in location; seemed to be same station, possibly
cont'd religious programming. KMPC not dominating; in fact, SS rolled
in soon after 0700; must be XE. (RHM-WA) (0700 is Miami sunrise,
perhaps WAQI?--NH)
- 730 KBOY OR, Medford 12/5 0132 fair over XEX with rock, ad for Angelo's
Pizza, slogan "The valley's quality rock & roll, 95 FM and 73
AM, KBOY." Good audio quality but deep fades. First time heard
on night authorization. (TRH-CA)
- 750 KOAL UT, Price 11/29 2130 fair-good in KCBS null with some slop from
same. Many local ads, C&W music, ID "AM 750, KOAL in Price."
Into football game. New, never heard on 1230. (JH-CA)
- 770 KKOB NM, Albuquerque per IRCA tips, logged call change (ex-KOB) Wed.
12/3 2359:50 "We're New Mexico's news authority, KKOB, Albuquer-
que--a service of Price Communications" & Thur 12/4 0059:50
"We're the 50,000 watt voice of the great Southwest, KKOB
Albuquerque--a service of Price Communications." The rest of the
hour they are known as "77 KOB." Per call to station, AM & FM
were sold from the TV division. Per mutual agreement, the AM &
FM would continue to be known as "KOB"--though, of course, FCC
regulations require separate calls; hence KOB was modified to
KKOB. (SMM-CA)
- 800 KPDQ OR, Portland 9/26 2300 faint ID heard in mess, into relig. 500
watts, per call to station. New. (JH-CA)
- XEROK BCN, Ciudad Juarez 11/29 0647 very weak this morning, KGO
partially nulled. "Echoed" announcements. (ET-CA)
- 830 KUYO WY, Evansville-Casper 12/1 1500 ID; quite stable signal for
2nd Wyoming "mid-day" catch. (RHM-WA)
- 850 KMDY CA, Thousand Oaks 9/26 2156 funny ID about having to lose
listeners due to pattern change. Good o/KOA, then poor after
pattern change. (JH-CA)
- KHLO HI, Hilo Fr 11/14 0420 coming in with fair to good signal--and
on my car rx yet! A complete surprise! While listening to KOA,
I heard rock n' roll music w/ them, & then sometimes equal to
KOA! Listened through a few songs, heard some muffled lady DJ
patter, then two "KHLO" IDs and a "It's 11:27" TC. A bit later
also heard some Hawaiian music. I had given up on trying to log
this station years ago! Are they still ikw? Not actually at
home for this logging, but close enough, so will count as a
new station. (SMM-CA)
- 870 WWL LA, New Orleans 9/27 2335 fair over KIEV & KROL with election
promo, TC & ID "WWL, newsradio 87." Haven't heard them that
well in a long time. (JH-CA)
- 880 KKMC CA, Gonzales 11/15 1730 relig. music & program heard on car
radio while driving through Prunedale, CA. (ET-CA2)
- KIXI WA, Mercer Island-Seattle SM 11/30 0528-0558 poor during KRVN
SP with EZL/MOR music, OM DJ, "Kicksy 88" look at the Seattle-
Tacoma entertainment scene, ID at 0544 "Your all-time favorites
are played every day on KIXI, AM 88." Had given up on this one
a long time ago--was looking for CHQT. New. WA #15. (TRH-CA)
- 920 KVEC CA, San Luis Obispo 11/16 1400 top 40 station is in Cal Poly
Campus. Slogans "Voice of the Mustangs" & "Cal Poly Radio."
(ET-CA)
- 980 (KFWB) CA, Los Angeles 12/1 0422 totally off. KMBZ/KUPI mix with CKNW
nulled, XEKE later at s/on. (RW-CA)
- KCTY CA, Salinas local has been on until 2 hours past sunset recently.
Don't know power, but it's quite strong here. (JH-CA)
- KMBZ MO, Kansas City 12/1 0638 good in KUPI null w/weather for
Kansas City and vicinity. ID "KMBZ newstime is 5:38." (RW-CA)
- 990 CBW MB, Winnipeg 11/29 0735 announcing "It's minus eleven at---"
(fade out). "CBC Radio." KKIS off. Signal returned, and I caught
ID of "CBW." News about MTX telephone system. Was very weak but
audible. (ET-CA)
- 1000 KRHS AZ, Bullhead City 9/26 2145 poor with s/off, ID, fighting the
high noise level. New here. (JH-CA)
- 1040 CIOF BC, Vancouver 11/29 0750 rock/top 40, telephone # 280-1040.
"It's 4:50 on the west coast." Art Peterson in Richmond is
right, he stated in Nov. 15 WDXR that "CIOF" does not like to
ID very often. (ET-CA)
- ?CIOF? 9/10 2315-2330 all oldies, no IDs between breaks. Heard later,
9/25 0200 on RS, only heard "AM 1040" ID & ments of Vancouver.
New. (JH-CA)

- 1050 KOFY CA, San Mateo is now on at night with 500 watts non-directional. (PT-CA)
- 1190 KNBA CA, Vallejo 11/28 1932-1940 poor u/KPZE with Chevy ad, Vallejo weather, OM ID, songs. New, CA #182. (TRH-CA)
- 1210 CKWA AB, Slave Lake 11/20 0830 with "KWA" ID, MST TC and into "Broadcast" news, which is apparently some sort of Canadian network for news (heard on CJOC-1220 and others as well, anyone have a list?). (It's in Almanac #3--NH) Was apparently playing country music before ID & news. Weather and into music 0833. The high was minus 4 (guess that's C not F though). (pb-WA)
- 1220 KDFC CA, Palo Alto ID for their AM & FM between classical music selections 11/8 0301 and 0320. This was semi dominant during this time period with interference from CJOC which was nulled at the time. (pb-WA)
- 1280 KIT WA, Yakima 11/13 2300 mod. signal. (ET-CA)
- 1290 KAZA CA, Gilroy 11/30 1920-1945 fair u/KESP, o/KMEN, KHSL with OMS SS Raiders FB game, furniture store ad, EE ID by OM at 1936. New, CA #183. (TRH-CA)
- 1300 KPTL NY, Carson City 9/10 2206 poor, in & out of KYNO null with ad for a Carson City bank, ID, into Talknet. (JH-CA)
- 1330 KLOM CA, Lompoc 9/27 0000-0015 o/u KFAC with oldies, IDs, and a great s/off at 0015 "Gentlemen, this is Command Central, let's shut'er down!" Another voice "Affirmative." "Check plate voltage to zero, check plate current to zero, check phase angles to zero." Lots of sound effects, w/another person repeating the orders given. "Ladies & gentlemen, that concludes another broadcast day on KLOM, Lompoc's Classic AM 13-30. KLOM is owned & operated by Dorsey Broadcasting, Inc. We invite you to tune in tomorrow morning at 6am sharp, for another full day of solid gold classic hits, on Classic AM 13-30. That's it, shut 'er off Lieutenant!" "Yes, sir." Weird sounds, then carrier off, no SSB. Called station, PSSA is 500 watts. S/off done by the PD. New here. (JH)
- 1340 KORV CA, Oroville 11/26 0305 caught last of s/off with address given and one more ID, fair in the mess. New here. (JH-CA)
- KWVR OR, Enterprise now apparently 24 hours. "KWVR, Enterprise" ID at 0700 11/14 and into SNN news. ID at 0805 mentioned "24 hours." Interesting, a couple of years ago several local DXers had this one down on their "most wanted" list, now it ought to be a snap. (pb-WA)
- 1400 KBLX CA, Berkeley 9/10 2140 ex-KRE. (Sorry to see another 3-letter call dropped). Local ads, ID "The quiet storm, KBLX." (JH-CA)
- 1410 KFMS NV, N. Las Vegas 9/10 2230 ex-KVEG, ID heard "on KFM, country music." Seems to be harder to hear in this part of CA. (JH-CA)
- 1460 KWPN CA, Santa Rosa quick "KWPN, Santa Rosa" ID in mess 11/12 2100. (pb-WA)
- 1510 KBRC WA, Mt. Vernon 11/26 circa 1400 loud & clear in & around Mt. Vernon area on car radio; guess 1430 plus 40 (KAPS-1470) equals 1510. Do you hear this EH? (RHM-WA)
- 1520 KMPG CA, Hollister 12/5 0900 poor u/KTRO, KOMA, KAMX with OM SS s/on. Not often heard here. (TRH-CA)
- KAMX NM, Albuquerque 12/5 0857 poor u/KTRO, KOMA with OM weather. Legal ID was 2 minutes early, so I missed getting it on tape. This station says they rarely receive QSL requests anymore--my report to them last year was verified separately by 2 different staff members! (TRH-CA)
- 1530 (KFBK) CA, Sacramento 21/1 0430 totally off. (RW-CA)
- WCKY OH, Cincinnati 12/1 0532 very strong with ID "5:32 at WCKY on The Monday Morning Business Report." KFBK off. (RW-CA)
- 1570 CKTA AB, Taber 11/29 0805 country format. Gatlin Bros. song. Ad for "Kings Country Kitchen in Taber." "It's minus 50F outside at CKTA 1570." I stayed up kind of late for this one. Does anyone have QSL info? (ET-CA)

UNIDS

- 800 9/26 2240-2330 in & out of mess w/H.S. football, ment. "Lancers vs Falcons" and temp. of "upper 30's." Always faded at ID time or hit w/XEROK QRM. KPDQ heard faintly w/ID once w/relig., so not them per phone call. Maybe KNKK-UT? (JH-CA)
- 1220 11/22 0703 faded up o/CJOC with sports and "Newsradio" ment. Many Canadian items mentioned. Could this be Manitoba? (pb-WA)
- 1340 MDT TC & "KC...KRC" ID of sorts by man between songs 10/14 0456½. I've listened to this one over & over and can't make anything else out. (pb)
- 1490 11/28 & 11/29 SSB heard in mess 0400 o/u KDB, nothing else heard. Possible s/off. (JH-CA)
- Welcome to WDXR, Eric. We hope to hear from you often. Happy holidays all! ♥

DX WORLDWIDE EAST

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A recent ABC World News Tonight broadcast included a peice on the new medium wave outlet rumored to be in the works for Nicaragua. It was reported that "...a powerful medium wave transmitter, possibly based in El Salvador and named 'Radio Liberation', would direct programs to nearby Nicaragua...". Anyone have more information regarding this? Good selection of reports this week so we'll get on with the reports, but not before I wish you all Happy Holidays, and thanks for making DXWW-E a success in '86! Also, please use my 4-digit zip+4 if possible when contacting me; mail service here has been questionable for the past few months and I've noticed the extra 4 digits really do make a difference. Times/etc. are expressed in GMT/UTC:

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TRANS - ATLANTIC DX (George Hakiel unless noted)

- 594 SAUDI ARABIA, Doha 0317 11/2 : Poor w/intervals of AA chants //1521.
- 644.2 unID : carrier 0048 12/5 - don't think TA but best on TA ant's. (Hall-PIT)
- 666 PORTUGAL, Lisboa 2241 10/22 : Good w/man in excited :PP talk.
- 693 AZORES, Terceira 2154 11/5 : Poor w/:PP talk by man - sports event?
- ENGLAND, Droitwich 0408 10/24 : Good w/pop vocals, :EE talk.
- 720 PORTUGAL, Norte 0422 10/31 : Delightful :PP folk mx, //666 - WGN phased. Good.
- 756 WEST GERMANY, Braunschweig 0412 10/27 : Fair w/light mx, :GG talk.
- 765 t SWITZERLAND, Sottens 0502 10/27 : Poor/fair w/:FF nx.
- 774 SPAIN, synchros. 0354 10/24 : Good, :SS talk by man.
- 792 SPAIN, Seville 0126 11/2 : Fair w/light mx, :SS talk.
- 837 AZORES, Barosa 2208 11/1 : Fair w/excited :PP talk by man.
- 846 t ITALY, Rome 0029 12/6 : Weak, but surfaced momentarily at times in slop w/what sd/1k opera at one point, possible IS 0029 of 3 descending pitched notes (not pips) in mx (may have just been mx), fol/by talk in unID lang. (Hall-PIT)
- 855 SPAIN, synchros. 0044 12/6 : STRONG - rarely in at good levels here. M & w :SS talk, possible low het on freq. (Hall-PIT)
- 882 ENGLAND, Washford 2329 10/24 : Fair w/pop mx, :EE talk. WCBS phased.
- 936 GERMANY, Bremen 2212 10/25 : Poor w/woman in :GG talk.
- 945 FRANCE, Toulouse 2229 10/22 : :FF spoken by m & w, fair.
- 963 INTERNATIONAL WATERS, "Radio Caroline" 0519 10/27 : Fair w/slo-tempo Mod. vocals.
- 1008 NETHERLANDS, Flevoland 0451 10/27 : Poor-fair, woman in :DD talk. (George - I'm getting more envious with each logging...)
- 1044 MOROCCO, Sebaa Aioun 0022 11/23 : Fair w/:AA mx and talk.
- 1107 SPAIN, synchros. 0225 12/3 : Fair w/:SS mx and talk by woman - LA-like mess of carriers. Audio often rather tough this far inland here on 1107. (Hall-PIT)
- +2225 11/3 : Man and woman in SS talk - fair.
- EGYPT, Batra 0313 11/12 : Fair w/:AA chants, :AA talk.
- 1116 ITALY, Bari 0526 10/27 : Instrumental mx, :ll talk, poor/fair.
- 1134 YUGOSLAVIA, Biograd 0317 10/26 : Slav folk mx, vocals. Good.
- t SPAIN, 0046 12/6 : Mx fair, sounded :SS at times.
- 1179 SWEDEN, Horby 0600 11/21 : Sing-song Swede talk by man & woman, good.
- 1197 MOROCCO, Agadir 0016 11/23 : Fair w/:FF talk by man.
- 1313 t NIGERIA, Jos 2250 11/3 : Bits of audio, het on 1314. (Good show, George...)
- 1314 NORWAY, Kvitsøy 0539 10/24 : Accordion folk mx - Norse talk, excellent.
- 1323 GERMANY, D.D.R. Leipzig 0103 10/25 : Relay of 'R. Moscow - R. Moscow' theme song, lady announcer, poor/fair.
- 1374.2 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON, 0300 11/24 : S/off w/"La Marseillaise", fair. (Good to finally see proof that this was St. P & M that was off-freq. ed)
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, Doha 2257 10/22 : Good, :AA chants.
- 1557 FRANCE, Nice 0617 12/1 : LOUD w/jazzy vocals, large Cayman het. 1557 actually dampening 1560 at times. (Hall-PIT)
- 1562 t PORTUGAL, 0618 12/1 : unID carrier TA, poor. (Hall-PIT)
- 1566 SWITZERLAND, Saarnen 0520 11/24 : Good w/Alpine mx, :GG talk by woman.
- 1593 WEST GERMANY, Langenberg 0619 12/2 : WDR very strong w/:GG talk (ment. Reykjavik).

PAN - AMERICAN DX

- 550 JAMAICA, Montego Bay RJR 0550 12/5 : //580/720/770, mostly in mess w/Cuban dominant. (Hall-PIT)
- 560 JAMAICA, Kingston JBC 0456 12/3 : Audible in mess //750, reggae. (Hall-PIT)
- 570 CUBA, 0102 11/8 : Radio Reloj fair w/clockticks, m w/nx in :SS, pips on minute w/ID. Under WKBN. (Ross-ON)
- +2400 11/3 : R. Reloj time signal, man w/nx about CIA and Nicaragua. (Demmitt-PA)

- 580 JAMAICA, Galina RJR 0548 12/5 : Occ slow fades to top of chan. o/Cuban w/Kenny Rogers mx, assorted black oriented Carib. mx //RJR Ltd. freqs. When one Jamaican is in be sure to check around for its parallels. (Hall-PIT)
- 590 CUBA, 0243 11/30 : "Radio Rebelde" ID interrupting baseball game. (Demmitt-PA) (John, are you sure it was a baseball game? This may have been jai alai which can sound like a baseball game at times. The game is a favorite in Cuba. ed)
- 600 CUBA, 0250 11/30 : R. Rebelde strong but xmtr hum (prob. het. ed) drowning out audio at times. (Demmitt-PA)
- 620 CUBA, 0255 11/30 : R. Rebelde, a game with lots of excitement. (Demmitt-PA) (Jai alai, again, is a fast-paced handball-like sport, John. ed)
- 640 CUBA, 0256 11/30 : R. Progreso, man speaking softly introducing female crooner, very good signal. (Demmitt-PA)
- 700 CUBA, unID loc. 2350 12/2 : Reloj outlet w/nx and standards pgm in WLW/LA mess. (Hall-PIT)
- 710 CUBA, 0312 11/30 : Radio Rebelde - player struck out. ID, and what seemed to be a PSA for hospital care. (Demmitt-PA)
- 720 JAMAICA, Kingston RJR 0304 11/6 : Good w/nx in :EE, into obituary & concert prom "Disco Inferno in Montego Bay", under WGN. (Ross-ON)
- +RJR 0540 12/5 : Gd. o/WGN, Cuban, w/K. Rogers "Crazy For You" -- in best of the 1 network outlets, //580/550/770. (Hall-PIT)
- 750 JAMAICA, Port Maria JBC 0454 12/3 : Occ o/WSB, Sandino, on Bev's w/Carib. reggae mx/dj, //weaker 560. (Hall-PIT)
- 760 CUBA, 0333 11/3 : Radio Reloj good w/clock ticks, man w/nx in :SS, pips on minut with ID, u/WJR. (Ross-ON)
- +0315 11/30 : Radio Reloj time tone, faint audio, weak. (Demmitt-pa)
- 770 JAMAICA, Spur Tree RJR 0553 12/5 : Been after this for some time - finally heard at 5Kw mostly poor way u/WABC on Bev's only, but on peaks was nicely audible and / 720/550/580 w/(believe it) something called "Wacky News" @0600 w/slogan "Wacky Nx weird but accurate" repeated numerous times. Yes, as noted in one of Connelly's LADX articles, Robert Ross' 720 logging, and this one, Jamaica is noted for their wild gimmicks to attract the audience. (Hall-PIT)
- 783 BELIZE, 0500 11/30 : Strong FM Sig. //3285, nothing on 830. (Smith-MD)
- 790 BARBADOS, Bridgetown 0124 11/25 : Fair w/discussion on labor cx in Barbados. (Hakiel-NY)
- CUBA, 0327 11/30 : R. Reloj time tone, man reading nx. (Demmitt-PA)
- 800 NETH. ANTILLES, Bonaire 0330 11/30 : British preacher, ID and strn promo, then "A Woman's View" by Peggy. (Demmitt-PA)
- 810 COLOMBIA, Bogota HJCY 2305 11/27 : R. Sutatenza o/u Bahamas. No sign of WGY. (Smith-MD)
- BAHAMAS, Freeport 2300 11/27 : Radio Bahamas Island News by YL w/nice sharp audio o/u Bogota. (Smith-MD)
- 820 t VENEZUELA, unk. city 0035 11/23 : :SS talk, "R. Vision" ID, Maracaibo mentioned good signal. (Hakiel-NY) (Anyone know if this is new or a freq. change or ?? ed)
- 825 ST. KITTS, Basseterre 0315 11/3 : Radio Paradise very good w/reliq-country/gospel mx pgm. Male dj in :EE; nice signal. (Ross-ON)
- +0345 11/30 : R. P. w/rigs pgm in :SS, ended w/prayer. ID given along w/freq. and usual s/off in :EE after prayer. (Demmitt-PA)
- 830 t BELIZE, 0459 12/5 : Possibly the one in :EE and :SS, poor in mess. (Hall-PIT)
- 919.2 COLOMBIA, Cartagena HJAE 0145 11/28 : Accordion mx, "Em. Fuentes" ID, good. (Hakiel-NY) (nf 920. ed)
- 1080 VENEZUELA, Barcelona 0031 11/7 : LA rhythms, "Radio Barcelona" ID, good. (Hakie
- 1100 ANTIGUA, St. John's 2226 11/5 : :EE acct'd man w/local nx, ID, good. (Hakiel-N
- 1110 VENEZUELA, Carapuno 2315 11/26 : :SS talk punctuated by door bell chimes, ID. Good signal. (Hakiel-NY)
- 1165 ANTIGUA, St. John's 0230 11/12 : Caribbean Radio Lighthouse poor w/gospel mx, r talk by man. ID on ½-hr & ments of Antigua. Some splatter. (Ross-ON)
- 1205 CAYMAN IS., George Town 0100 12/6 : V. strong //1555 w/"This is Radio Cayman" in slightly acct'd :EE. (Hall-PIT)
- 1281.2 CUBA, 2151 11/22 : S5er here is Cuban. (Smith-DM)
- 1420 JAMAICA, Kingston 0430 11/26 : Very strong o/WGN with xInt pgm of romantic soul mx. ID as "RJR" at 0500, into long string of ads w/echo box. 0505 gave all MW & FM outlets, incl. 104.5, 94.5, 90.5, 92.9 . Uses a new slogan (heard repeatedly) "the Supreme Sound!". (Smith-MD) (Gardner, I presume you meant 720 kHz MW??)
- 1505 ANGUILLA, The Valley 2234 11/26 : Choral singing, :EE talk, fair/poor. (Hakiel
- 1530 CUBA, Moron CMIM 2302 11/28 : Good, dominant w/:SS talk by m. (Hakiel-NY)
- 1540 BAHAMAS, Nassau ZNS-1 2254 11/28 : Good, local ads, ID. (Hakiel-NY)
- 1570 TURKS & CAICOS IS., 2230 11/28 : Full ID on ½-hr. V. strong - clearly a new pest! "BCing to millions throughout the Caribbean..." etc. "Atlantic Beacon" slo gan, new country. (Smith-MD)
- 1580 ANTIGUA, 0218 11/30 : VOA w/m&w speaking slow telling of Soviet spying. (Demmitt
- 1610 ANGUILLA, 0228 11/30 : Carib. Beacon good in :EE w/ID, freq. info, TC. (Demmitt

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DEADLINES: 12/22, 12/29
1/6, 1/13, 1/20.

Reports this week are a little light, but there is some information around. Apparently KBQN-585-American Samoa may not make it on the air. According to several sources, WVUV has to allow KBQN use of the tower and they aren't too happy about it. Infact WVUV may apply for the 585 KHZ themselves, making WVUV a third frequency change in recent years, from 1120 KHZ to 648 KHZ, now 585 KHZ. I guess we will hear more on that later. From The Far East Radio Club and ARDXC: 2MC 531 KHZ, West Kempsey uses slogans "In touch with the community and 2MC Stereo 5-31" 7SD-540-Scottsdale uses "Easy Listening 5-40 7SD". 4AM-558-Mareeba IDs as "5-58 4AM". 2MW-972-Murwillumbah uses "Easy Listening 97" 3HA-981 is "9-80 3HA". 4RO-990-Rockhampton "Local Radio 4RO" 6PM-990-Perth is "Better music 6PM" 7LA-1098-Launceston is "Local Radio 7LA". From the ABI, Chinese station Yinchuan PBS is new on 801 KHZ. Ezhou PBS, Hubei Prov. has been reported on 1394 KHZ instead of reg. 1386 KHZ. Also Paul W. Ormandy-NZRDXL reports that the Atlantic Beacon-Turks and Caicos Islands has been reported with good reports in New Zealand on 1570 KHZ. On with reports:

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 1314 NORWAY, Kvitsoy-11/24 0753 man and woman in Norwegian. U.S. Pop tunes "Dette er Rikskringkasting" IDon the hour. Nice 30 over s/9 signal! (EH-WA)
1503 UNID, weak TA audio noted here. After checking listings in WRTH the only logical choices are Iran or Poland. At 0803 11/24 (EH-WA)

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 825 ST. KITTS, Basseterre-12/4 at 0958 fair in WBAP splat w/rel mx TC ment of Radio Paradise. (EH-WA)
1050 MEXICO, La Paz, B.C. Sur-XEBCS nightly to 0200 s/off. Cultural format, new station including historical anecdotes and German Lessons from Deutsche Welle (0030 10/28). Good signal, ann. power as 10KW. Sounds at least that much. (TRH-CA)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 550 HAWAII, Wailuluku-KMVI 11/27 1030 fair in KARI null w/Larry King ID into Mutual News. (EH-WA)
590 HAWAII, Honolulu-KSSK 11/27 1036 weak u/KLSN w/rr mx and "K-59" slogans. (EH-WA)
684 AUSTRALIA, Kempsey-2KP 11/30 1256 rough in KNBR splat w/Jazz mx 6 pips on the hour. (EH-WA)
690 HAWAII, Honolulu-KKUA-11/26 0938 fair w/IDs rr mx, XETRA null (EH-WA)
738 UNID, Weak station here w/KCBS OC Was // 9680 2NR? (EH-WA)(LikelyPM)
828 AUSTRALIA, Sale-3GI 11/30 1205 fair w/Jazz and //9680 (EH-WA)
837 AUSTRALIA, Rockhampton-4RK 11/26 1238 weak w/DU accent man //4920(EH)
846 AUSTRALIA, Canberra-2CY -11/30 1159 fair w/Jazz, Man talk, no time pips on hour? (EH-WA) (Sometimes the Concert stations do not ID or run pips on the hour.PM)

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Just a short note to check in. I have had a few good DX sessions since my last Forum. The most consistent TA lately appears to be Radio Globo-1220. I have heard them almost every night that I have DXed. The Caribbean beacon-1610 is running a close second. Due to my inland location I haven't heard the large number of North American stations that the Scandinavians and the Brits have. But I have heard a few. I finally IDed WLAC-1510. WMRE is the usual channel dominant here. When WMRE is in, there is always an undable station in the background playing CW music. Finally, at 0026 UTC 11/26 WMRE was non-existent, I heard a country version of "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown" and then the announcer spoke and gave the call letters "WLAC" as he was introducing the next song. Just a few comments about the MW band here. With all the high powered stations around, the daytime band in the winter doesn't sound much different from the nighttime band. That is about the same except of course the more distant stations are not heard in the daytime and the signal strength of the daytime stations are somewhat weaker. There are stations on every channel here all day long. Even the high powered UK stations and Scandinavian stations are heard all day long. Norway on 1314 is very strong at high noon. Enough so that I regularly tune to it in the background when I am at home in the day. Next time I will talk about the nighttime band. Gotta go. Auf wiedersehen de Bill Harms in Bavaria.

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Greetings! As it is the day after Thanksgiving, I hope everyone had a great holiday--I sure did! My DX activities have been picking up lately despite a busy work schedule and duties around the home; unfortunately, after DXing and reception report writing, there isn't much time to send in reports and Forums. My verie count stands at 1,297 at this writing, with quite a few mailed recently, so I should be hitting a new plateau before year's end. This effort wasn't helped by KSR4-960, from whom I just received a very polite "non-verification" for my tentative report to their 10-27 DX test. Apparently there were other stations testing that morning on 960, and it wasn't KSR4 that I heard--drats! Anyway, I wish I knew whose tones I DID hear! Idaho is still a much-needed state here but there is hope, as the C.E. at KSR4 indicated that he may run another test and he'll use code IDs. Chuck Hutton and I tried out our new permanent beverage site on the evening of 11/23...we have access to a large piece of wooded land about 20 miles east of my home in Walton Co. near the community of Walnut Grove. The land has a small storage building that is weathertight but the big drawback is--no electricity! But that can be dealt with with Chuck's ICOM R71A and a couple of TRP's. So far we have one (unterminated) 1000' east-west wire installed, with the possibility of several others to follow. The first session's results were interesting, if not spectacular, with a definite western preference shown--with a good termination that should improve. I have access at work to a WATS line, so I have been phoning in some follow-ups on my outstanding reports. The results have been very good, with only one out of six so far not replying (even after personally telling me they would!). I have been able to up my return rate for this year to 83%. I find that most stations, when called are very receptive even when for whatever reason they ignore a written report. I suppose the phone call really shows 'em that you are serious and really interested and it makes a positive impression on most station personnel. In case I do not get another Forum in before year's end--best wishes to all for the holidays! 73's.

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It's not the Christmas holiday season for me until I'm listening to some crowded regional frequency and hear, just barely, that old favorite: "Jing Bells/Barking Dogs". It cuts through the QRM about as well as those Morse code IDs. There has been a fair amount of AM activity here this fall, with 14 new stations, almost all new arrivals to the clear channels. Domestic DXers, and those interested in sunset especially, should pay close attention to what's being reported in the roundup sections and make up

target lists. The stations that everyone is reporting this year might not be audible next fall because of additional stations on that frequency. Three highlights stand out so far this year: CIOF-1040 Vancouver, KATL-770 Miles City, Montana, and KLDI-1210 Laramie, Wyoming. All these on tips from Robert Kramer. I've also been spending some time on the Mexican clears, and 730, 900 and 1570 look like they should be the most promising here. A few veries back so far: KLSS-1010, WGSF-1210, CJFT-1210, KLDI-1210, KFGG-1260 and one special letter from KOFI-1180 for reception in April. I hope everyone has a happy holiday season, even with the barking dogs.

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Out powerhouse from Cuba is back with Castro blasting his workers and our airwaves at the same time. Bellefonte made the national news on Nov. 24th when a tractor trailer containing 40 cluster bombs went out of control after striking a parked tractor trailer and spilled part of the cargo on the interstate before coming to rest on an embankment. Fuel from the the other tractor trailer spilled on I-80 soaking some of the bombs and running into a nearby stream. A state trooper determined that there was a danger and the call went out which included a great many state and federal agencies. Police evacuated a none and a half mile area and closed exits 20-24 in both directions. The army was called but upon inspecting the MK-20 model 3 cluster bombs, the army stated they could not touch them because they were navy bombs. A call to the navy got action. The navy used a crane and a flat bed truck to remove the bombs that weighed 920 lbs each. WBLF-970 in Bellefonte was the first station at the scene reporting the emergency and giving road information. Special updates were given throughout the days involved during the emergency. Mutual News contacted the station to get news feed from the local. WBLF told of the work by the local fire companies which poured water over the bombs and spilled fuel fearing that a spark might set the bombs and fuel off. During the first hours of the WBLF emergency broadcast, listeners were calling the station to report what they were hearing over their scanners and this information was relayed by WBLF. Perhaps the station will realize that they should purchase a scanner. As far as I can tell, KYW-1060 might be using a stand-by transmitter. On Nov. 29th at 1237, the announcer stated, "We pause for a moment to make a technical adjustment." The station was off the air for less than a minute then returned with a slightly lower signal strength. Have heard a few breaks lasting about 5 seconds from time to time since this adjustment was made. WPHB-1260 from Phillipsburg, PA was playing a record which sounded like it had a crack in it and the announcer stopped it and said it had a bump on it and wanted to try it on another turntable. He did so and the crack could not be detected at all. I am kinda curious what the other turntable might have had that it could play a cracked record without making it sound like a cracked record. (continued in two weeks--rce)

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Greetings! Except for a brief Forum report to Ric's column when I was in California, I haven't sent in a forum in quite some time. Aside from the R-1000 and PRT-7000 being kaput, overtime at work has been a main reason for lack of DX activity of any type...including long overdue correspondence. Rest assured your tax dollars are not being wasted: being active duty Navy (13+ years), this year I have "donated" 400 hours of overtime (i.e., 12+ hour days without monetary or other compensation) to do the work of two people. Of course, this has kept me off of the street (i.e., DXing) and promises to keep me well-occupied into 1987! So, Rick, I haven't been avoiding your column or those of FDXR...I simply haven't had the time to write/DX/etc! Hope y'all have a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year of DX! 73.

Jim Hall, 240 Byron Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237-4015

Robert Kramer's "More Great Western Cx" hit the nail right on the head. SSS DX here in Pittsburgh has yielded some truly extraordinary domestic DX from the Central and even Mountain zones with the aid of several beverage antennas. Most notable are KUUY-870, KUAT-1550, KWCO-1560 Chickasha, OK even topped WQXR one night a few weeks back with a modest 250w. KIKR-880 Conroe, TX was also in mixing with and at one point topping off the channel over WCBS and an unID LA I was chasing (non-Cuban) on Nov. 30 at SSS. I mention this because I see in the VJ Log there's a listing for a Texan on 880 in Madisonville, about 50 miles north of Conroe. Was/is this a different station (Greg Monti?) By the way, Greg, KIKR has not switched to KNRO as listed in the 12/7/85 BCing Info; they are still definitely KIKR as of 11/30/86 (with "AM 8-80, KIKR Conroe" IDs). Is there an FM? KOSE-860 is using slogan "River Country 8-60" along with regular call ID's, and still carries Amer. Country Countdown (the latter per a promo on a local FM!) I feel like I belong in CDXR....Matter of fact, I've

been DXing domestic more than internationals lately and the difference will probably show in DXWW-E. Do take note, however, of the new 50 Kw religious outlet from Turks & Caicos, West Indies, on 1570 kHz. This tip originally came to me from Ron Terotto of DX South Florida. Recently, Ron and I DXed one night by phone, a very interesting experience resulting in three new logs: 850-Jamaica, 850-WRUF, and 1570-Turks and Caicos Islands-- see DX columns for details. Tim Kridel, Ron verifies that WCAU does verify by v/l; send a f/up! John Demmitt, your 1110 "WHIN" (of a past issue of DXM) is no doubt WHIM-Providence, RI, last heard here as C&W. They have been AN now for several months, and get past WBT many a night here. Good to see Neil Kazaross back in the pages (11/15 Monitor) with some fine domestic loggings - quite a change from pulling in Namibia back in Maine, huh Neil. John Wilkins, congrats on logging the elusive TGN-730 Guatemala which you recently mentioned to me as unheard. Only heard them once here in prime cx. By the way John (Wilkins), still no word from Sierra Leone - should I call the IRS on the man, hi (at least he paid his rent!) (Continued in two weeks--rce)

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Some quick notes. I'm surprised at the low turnout for the "off-term" election but I shouldn't be--it's typical of the elections in the real world of US politics, I'm afraid. Sure hope the turnout is better next summer. Otherwise, there's no real reason, I fear, for this important distinction between us and the rest of the DXing community. Thanks for those who did take the time to vote. There was no column last week because of the lack of reports. Nice in a way, since we took advantage of the four day weekend and went to New England. We got up to Saco, Maine only 25 miles south of Portland before we ran out of time and had to come back. Drove 1189 miles in four days. Only station heard on the radio was WNNH-930 in Rochester, NH heard while sitting in a McDonald's parking lot in Biddeford, Maine. We passed thru Ogonquin, Maine--can see Neil Kazaross settled there for awhile. There will be no column in the 12/27 DXM since we leave on 12/13 (the normal typing date is two weeks ahead of the masthead date), but don't let it interrupt your sending in reports since I'll be back on normal typing schedule when you read this. I would like to wish all of you happy holidays and a happy new year. I trust you have made your resolutions for January. How long will you keep them, hi. Gotta run. PTL.

IRCA ELECTIONS

Every two years, the International Radio Club of America holds elections for the positions of club President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Board of Directors. In the past, elections were held during the summer. In 1985, a majority of the club members voted to move the election date ahead by three months. As a result, nominations are now open for the above named club offices.

All nominations are to be made in writing to the election committee chairman by January 15, 1987. Each member in good standing is allowed to nominate one person each for President and Secretary-Treasurer, and seven persons for board of directors. Any person who has held a year's continuous membership as of January 15, 1987 is eligible to run for office. It is permissible to nominate oneself for club office.

Once nominations have been received by the elections chairman, he will verify that the nominees are eligible to run for office. He will then notify the eligible nominees approximately February 1 of their nominations. These individuals must then notify the elections chairman by February 20 if they wish to run for office. Persons who have been nominated for more than one office must indicate which office they intend to run for. Each candidate is permitted a campaign statement of less than 15 typewritten lines, to appear with the ballot. The ballot will appear in the first March issue of DX Monitor.

The election committee chairman is: Rich Segalas
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Mail your nominations today!



KANADIAN KORNER

Knews from the Frozen Knorth

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- 530 CIEX BC Vancouver...was Expo Info. Radio call (Pat Martin has a QSL)
The gang at BCIT told me there were no calls. Oh well!
- 530 CFHS ON Ft. Frances is the call per the people who actually DX.
Only 50w. but so far hrd. in MB, IL, & CO(NRC & IRCA).
Reportsto CFOB-640. So why not watch for the other 50w.
TIS at Sault Ste. Marie, ON...also 530
- 570 CFCB NF now 65% Contemp.Rock & 35%Country.* I guess that means all the
twins too.
- 640 CFOB ON Ft. Frances is here ex 800(NW-IRCA). They also own CKDR-900
who got CP to move to 800.
- 640 CFGM ON Richmond Hill(Toronto area) got CRTC OK from 1320.
US/Canada agreement said 20kw.D/25kw.N U4
- 640 CKMW ON Brampton denied move here from 790.
- 700 CKRD AB Red Deer here ex 850. "Radio 7" "AM Stereo"...lousy here(aaahh!)
- 710 CHYR ON someone rptd. they aren't moving to 730 anymore????
- 740 CBRM BC Creston lprt will move to FM.
- 810 CKJS MB Winnipeg now 60% Ethnic.*
- 860 CBH NS Halifax. CRTC granted a 3 year extension.* Anyone surprised?
- 900 CHML ON Hamilton. 875 Main Street West.*
- 930 CJCA AB Edmonton has Larry King. Losing Stanley Cup wasn't enough punishment?
- 1040 CIOF BC Vancouver "Superstation British Columbia" "AM Stereo 10-40"
Never used calls.
- 1130 CKWX BC Vancouver wants to change Day pattern. Now uses full calls on news.
- 1170 CKGY AB Red Deer carries "Alberta Tonight" r-CISN-FM Edmonton on AN show.
- 1310 CILW AB reported as "new" Grande Centre. Think they are still CHLW St. Paul
and twins on 1340 at Gd. Cen. and 1230 Wainwright. D. Moman?
- 1380 CHLR NB Moncton remains off per CRTC.* They tried for EE vs FF.
- 1340 CKWK NF now MOR.*
- 1450 CFAB NS Windsor now lkw. U1 *
- 1450 CHEF PQ Grandby drops power to 20kw.

The * goes to Brian Vernon. It's getting tougher trying to find accurate and timely CRTC information. CKNM is Native FM in Yellowknife...sorry not AM.

Flash Tips

Pat Martin Reports KBBI in Homer, AK is now on 890 kHz. He heard them December 13 at 0102 PST with a woman announcer giving news, followed by "This is KBBI news", then dead air, then the carrier went off 0103! The station was about equal to KDXU, so it should be a good bet for Alaska.

Matt Stutterheim reports that on Friday, December 12, the FCC announced a freeze on applications for new daytime-only stations. It's not clear why they've made this move. One possibility is that this is their first step in eliminating the daytime-only category for AM stations. Another is that they're bogged down in AM applications of all sorts, and this is one of several steps they're taking to get out from under the paper blizzard. We'll keep you posted.....

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A NEW(?) AID: THE RECEIVER MULTICOUPLER

by Matt Stutterheim

There is one gadget I use around the shack, which I've never seen mentioned in the DX literature: The Multicoupler. What it is, what it does, and what it might be used for is discussed herein.

What is it? A receiver multicoupler is an electronic device which will take a signal from an antenna (long wire, loop, Beverage or whatever) and deliver it to as many as six or eight receivers without interaction. Generally, these multicouplers are wideband (that is, they cover a wide range of frequencies) so that the receivers attached to them can tune around freely in the HF bands. But they are not restricted to the HF or shortwave bands; they also exist in longwave and VHF/UHF versions. Generally they originate from the military, where one receiving antenna is used to drive eight or more receivers tuned to different frequencies. This type of broadband frequency coverage used to be called a "video amplifier" when I was growing up, because a TV signal is over 5 MHz wide, and where there was a need, invention followed.

A multicoupler will generally have no gain per se: put in a 30 micro-volt signal, and you'll get six or eight 30 uVolt signals at the outputs. Put in the entire radio spectrum at the input and you'll get the entire spectrum out six times to feed six receivers, each of which can then tune around at will, without affecting the others. Not even a dead short at one output will result in any change at any of the other outputs.

The result is that you can now monitor with as many receivers as you want, as many frequencies as you want simultaneously. One obvious use: bring it along on a Beverage DXpedition! There'll be no need to switch the antenna between different receivers, since they'll all be hooked up, all the time.

In dabbling with these things the last year or so, I've learned the following: they take all forms. I now have four different types: A Lear Lear-Siegler tube unit covering 2-30 MHz (big and heavy), a Wiltek-108 solid state unit (about 8x5x12 inches) covering 2-30 Mhz, but which now covers down to 500 kHz with a minor wiring change, and two Rohde and Schwarz units covering from 10 kHz to 1600 kHz, and 1600 kHz to 30 MHz. These are tube units, but exquisitely made.

I found these at flea markets (the Ham radio types) and by ads in the "Yellow Sheets". They don't show up often, but since most hams are not interested in receive-only equipment, I've usually been the only one to call or write. At one time I picked up 10 of the Wiltek units for \$500. They were new, and I distributed them to a few DXers with multiple receivers.

If you see a multicoupler at a flea market, you may be hard put to identify it and recognize it for what it is. Generally any gadget with a lot of antenna sockets on the back is worthy of a second look. Unless there's a nameplate listing the frequency range, I wouldn't touch it. Most units seem to have been designed to cover the shortwave range, and list 2 MHz as the low end. But since they use input filters with 6 dB per octave slopes, there will usually be at least good coverage of the upper end of the BCB. A high-pass filter (it cuts everything below a certain frequency) can sometimes be bypassed; I've done this to my Wilteks, and I find no loss of sensitivity or gain in the BCB range. If the filter is not a separately identifiable circuit, then the going might be tougher, so opening the unit up might be worth it.

A multicoupler can reduce the number of antennas you have down to one. Presumably this would be a longwire, or an active antenna like a McKay Dymek DA-100, which is what I use. If you're listening to a station on one radio, you could fire up a second radio and listen to a second station without a problem.

This ability to simultaneously use several receivers offers up some interesting DXing possibilities. You could check for SW parallel stations on TA/TP/LA stations without losing the one you're listening to. You could also use the multicoupler to give you a fixed signal on one receiver, while you use a second receiver to fool around with filters, phasing units, and the like.

If you have a radio at bedside, away from you "shack", you could feed the bedroom radio with a signal from your best antenna. Or you can have a separate receiver for WWV, then feed the audio to a stereo tape recorder on one channel and record the DX station on the other channel. Both signals could come from one antenna. And of course, this provides the ultimate way to compare DX rigs. Since each of the outputs is identical to the input, you can now compare receivers without worrying about one input "loading down" the other input, or having to switch antennas.

I collect receivers, and mine are all hooked up to multicouplers, just to settle "what's the best receiver?" questions. (I'm not telling!)

What will they cost? I've paid from \$25.00 to \$112.50 for my multicouplers. The highest price was paid for the unit which covered from 10 kHz to 1600 kHz--a rarity, and ideally suited for BCB and longwave DXing. The Wiltek's show up periodically, as they were CIA/NSA/Navy issue, and many were ordered but not too many put into service, so they'll probably be new. They are also the only solid-state ones I've seen. Fair Radio Sales in Lima, Ohio, had a tube unit in a recent catalog, but I didn't buy one so I can't comment on it. And then, there are those ham radio flea markets!

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--although the following is not directly related to MW reception, it might be of interest to those owning the Sony ICF-6500W:

FM Display Problems in the ICF-6500W

by Kraig Krist

Perhaps others can benefit from my recent experience with a Duracell "C" battery and a SONY ICF-6500W. When I first purchased the ICF-6500W from EEB in 1984, I had to return it within several days due to an erratic FM frequency display. When I tuned in around 100 MHz the display went berserk. The frequency would change, some being actually beyond the standard FM band, and some were lower than 100MHz. However, the audio or actual station being received did not change. When I returned the radio to EEB I was given a replacement without any problems.

In 1985 I modified the ICF-6500W to include a narrow filter as per Gerry Thomas' mod kit. The selectivity was vastly improved. I was able to receive stations that I could not receive before doing the mod. Since the mod, the ICF-6500W has become a "man's best friend" to me. I've taken it on vacations and have taken it outside numerous times. I also listen to it (using the earphone to the approval of my wife) before falling asleep at night.

On June 19, 1986, I was attempting some FM DX when the frequency display became erratic. "Oh no", I thought, "this is the same problem that I had with the first ICF-6500W." But I could not return it this time as I had modified it. I tuned through the FM band several times and the display problem only got worse. Since I was using batteries I decided to use the wall transformer to determine if the power supply was causing the erratic display.

To my surprise once I plugged the wall transformer into the radio the frequency display problem stopped! I tuned through the FM band several times to see if I could duplicate the erratic display. Everything as it should. I concluded that a battery or batteries had gone bad.

I got out my VOM and measured the voltage of each battery that was in the radio (it takes 6). When I tested the 5th battery the VOM needle went the wrong way! I thought that I had put the test leads on the wrong poles, but negative was on negative and positive was on positive. The battery had become reverse charged somehow!

I replaced the batteries, putting in a fresh battery for the 5th one, and disconnected the wall transformer. I tuned through the FM band several times and everything worked as it should. I surmised that the battery had discharged enough that the stronger batteries in series caused it to become reverse charged. I concluded that perhaps my initial display problem with the first radio was also caused by a power supply problem. However, the erratic display might not have been so simple to fix.

If anyone else with a SONY ICF-6500W experiences an erratic frequency display on FM, check the power supply. It might be an easy problem to fix! An interesting side item: I left the reverse charged battery sitting on a table by itself for two days (so I would remember to write this article). But when I tested it again with the VOM for the heck of it, it was back to normal and no longer reverse charged! "...there's a sign post up ahead. Next stop the Twilight Zone."

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