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Odds and Ends

Our thanks to those of you who contributed material for the April Fools issue two weeks ago. The foolish stuff included the cover artwork from Bruce Portzer, Jef Jaisun, and Rich Toebe, two cartoons on page 2 from Rich Toebe, 2 forums on page 11 from an anonymous contributor, the Dan d Receiver forum on page 14 from Randy Seaver, the Visit to an Alaskan Daytimer from Tim Hall, and Looking Ahead from Niel Wolfish. Also, the article on the 1930's radio was from the National Enquirer, via John Demmitt. We hope everyone enjoyed the chance to laugh at ourselves; no offense was intended to anyone, every thing was in the spirit of mirth and merriment.

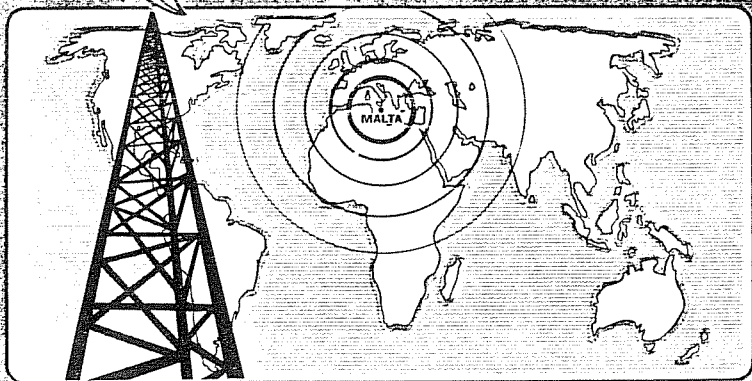
FLASH TIP!!

Actually, this is a shortwave tip, but it's useful to BCB types. WS20-1098 kHz in the Marshall Islands now has a parallel on 4940 kHz with 10 kw. Signoff is 10 pm local time (1000 UTC); Verie signer is Peter E. Boon. Thanks to Pete Tutak of the Cascade Mountain DX Club for this bit of information.



Radio Mediterranean

MALTA



RADIO MEDITERRANEAN broadcasts daily on 1557 KHz on the Medium Wave and on 6.1 MHz on the Short Wave concurrently. Broadcasts and times of transmissions are:

Arabic: 18.00 to 19.00 hrs. UTC
French: 21.30 to 22.30 hrs. UTC
English: 22.30 to 23.30 hrs. UTC

The broadcasts include news bulletins, sports, musical and cultural information mainly on the

Mediterranean area, but coverage is also given to European and World events of importance.

Comments for the improvement of the station would be appreciated and requests by our listeners are always welcome.

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BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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prepared 29 March 1987

call	kHz	day/night	at city
new	540	500/	CA Carmel Valley granted construction permit, wants 1000/500
KVIP	540	1000/	CA Redding granted 5000/
WMCA	570	5000/5000	NY New York call change to WTKU set aside before taking effect, WMCA remains assigned
new	580	5000/500	AZ Tucson granted WJMM
WELO	580	1000/500	MS Tupelo granted WWPR
KLZZ	600	5000/5000	CA San Diego granted KKLQ
KCIS	630	5000/2500	WA Edmonds wants 4000/2500
WHOF	640	1000/1000	FL Wildwood granted 826/979
WCRV	640	10000/1000	TN Collierville wants 10000/500
appl	670	10000/	VA Surry application returned & reapplied for
WWLF	680	1000/	FL Saint Petersburg application for 7000/ returned
WCKK	690	250/	WI Oshkosh granted WLKE
appl	700	5000/	AL Dothan (reapplies)
KUET	710	5000/	AZ Black Canyon City appl for 50000/4500 returned
WAQI	710	50000/50000	FL Miami wants either 25000/50000 or 25000/25000 (current night power may be /25000)
WOZW	710	2500/	ME Monticello granted WREM
new	720	10000/250	FL Hernando granted WRZN
new	750	500/	NC New Hope granted WAUG ("St. Auquatinex College")
WNYS	750	10000/1000	NY Canton wants 2500/1000 (new station, not yet on)
WRGE	750	400/	PA Olyphant wants WWAX
WKZY	770	10000/1000	FL North Fort Myers appl for 10000/2500 returned
WTNY	790	1000/	NY Watertown application for 5000/ returned
KDBL	810	1000/	CO Rifle wants KWWS
WCBX	830	1000/1000	NC Eden application for 10000/1000 returned
appl	840	3000/1000	TX Pflugerville
appl	850	1000/700	NC Mount Holly application returned
appl	870	2300/340	RI Providence
appl	880	2500/1000	FL Seffner application returned
appl	890	5000/	GA Buena Vista
WMOP	900	5000/	FL Ocala granted 3200/
WWWR	920	1000/	AL Russellville granted WJRD
KZTA	930	5000/500	WA Union Gap granted KAJR
WJAZ	960	5000/	GA Albany granted WGOP
KVRN	980	1000/	TX Sonora granted KHOS
KBLS	990	1000/500	CA Santa Barbara wants 1000/1000 (<u>Broadcasting</u> describes this as "adding night service" which implies that the 1000/500 CP never got on)
WCNL	1010	250/	NH Newport granted 1020 kHz and 6500/
WYSL	1030	500/	NY Avon wants 1000/
appl	1030	5000/1000	TX Tye
appl	1060	500/	TX Hawley (competes with existing application)
KLSC	1090	50000/500	CO Aurora granted KYBG
WSOL	1090	250/250	PR San German granted 250/730
KIIG	1100	50000/10000	CO Grand Junction granted KVEE
appl	1100	9400/1000	FL Palm Beach Gardens (reapplies w/lower day power)
WHTT	1120	1000/	NY Buffalo granted WTKS ("talks?")
WJRD	1150	5000/1000	AL Tuscaloosa granted WZBG
appl	1150	40/	WA Everett to be synchronous with KEZX 1150 Seattle (corrects previous listing as 40/40 watts)
appl	1150	93/	WA Tacoma to be synchronous with KEZX 1150 Seattle (corrects previous listing as 93/93 watts)
WBQN	1160	1000/250	PR Barceloneta granted 5000/5000
WWEF	1170	1000/	TN Collierville wants Germantown TN
WLKS	1170	1000/	WI Waupun granted WLKD
WLDS	1180	1000/	IL Jacksonville appl for 1200 kHz & 5000/500 returned
appl	1180	1000/250	TX Claude
WTPS	1190	1000/	PA Hughesville granted WJOK ("joke?") which was set aside without being used, then granted WBUG
new	1200	5000/1000	CA Piano Beach granted construction permit
new	1200	25000/1000	CA Soquel granted construction permit
and	1200	5000/2500	IL Chicago granted construction permit (reverses initial decision, see 1590 West Allis WI below; power may be 10000/250)

new	1200	500/	MS Columbia granted WJHP ("John H. Pembroke," owner)
WYAM	1240	1000/1000	MS Merion granted WJDQ
KGRJ	1250	5000/5000	CO Fraser wants 4900/5000, then application deleted
WGL	1250	1000/1000	IN Fort Wayne wants 2300/1500 (reapplies w/lower pwr)
KSNQ	1260	5000/	CO Aspen granted KTYE
appl	1270	5000/5000	IL Rock Island wants WKBF
WWCA	1270	1000/1000	IN Gary granted East Chicago IN and 2500/2500
KKIK	1270	1000/	TX Big Spring granted KWKI
WXOZ	1280	5000/	FL Jacksonville granted WSVE ("save"?)
KCOB	1280	1000/	IA Newton wants 5000/
WSBL	1290	1000/	NC Sanford granted WXKL (WKKO & WEYE not used)
new	1290	500/	TX Kerrville granted construction permit and KXXT
appl	1290	1000/	TX Kerrville application dismissed in above grant
appl	1290	1000/	VA Hollymead application returned (again)
KRKO	1300	???	AK Fairbanks granted KBCN
WTYM	1300	5000/1000	FL Temple Terrace granted WQBN ("Cuban")
WNEA	1300	500/	GA Newnan wants 1000/
WGRC	1300	500/	NY Spring Valley granted WLIR
WXMC	1310	1000/	NJ Parsippany granted 1000/360
KBUG	1320	5000/5000	UT Salt Lake City granted KCPX
WFTP	1330	5000/1000	FL Fort Pierce wants WDKC
WAEW	1330	1000/	TN Crossville wants 790/
KKBK	1340	1000/250	NM Aztec granted KCEN, wants Kirtland NM and 580 kHz and 5000/500 (we'll bet this supersedes their still-ungranted appl for Farmington NM and 250/250)
WAIR	1340	1000/1000	NC Winston-Salem granted WMQX (WFXM not used)
WJEB	1350	1000/	MI Gladwin granted WGDN
KLRS	1360	1000/	MO Mountain Grove granted KRFI
KREE	1360	5000/	NM Ruidoso granted KBUY
WLOP	1370	5000/	GA Jesup application for 5000/2500 dismissed
WLIZ	1380	1000/	FL Lake Worth granted WLVS
WNRI	1380	1000/	RI Woonsocket granted 2500/
appl	1380	500/500	TX Bryan
KRFE	1380	5000/5000	WA Everett granted KRKO
KYES	1390	5000/5000	CA Turlock granted KMIX
KAAP	1400	1000/1000	CA Santa Paula wants KCZN
KYOT	1400	1000/250	MT Great Falls wants XKGF
WRDC	1410	5000/1000	MS Boyle granted WWJA
KXOW	1420	5000/	AR Hot Springs granted KIXT ("kicks"?)
WLIR	1420	1000/	NY Herkimer granted WYUT
WRMG	1430	1000/	AL Red Bay granted 3000/
WNEL	1430	5000/500	PR Caguas granted 5000/5000
WLVS	1430	2500/2500	TN Germantown granted WEZI
new	1440	1000/	OH Ontario granted WRGM
WCEA	1450	1000/1000	MA Newburyport wants WNCG
WLNB	1450	1000/1000	SC Charleston granted WWHT
WPDQ	1460	5000/5000	FL Jacksonville granted WRQT ("rocket"?)
WQSN	1470	500/1000	MI Kalamazoo appl for 900/1000 returned
KAND	1470	1000/	MN Anoka granted Brooklyn Park MN and 5000/5000
KBEA	1480	1000/500	KS Mission wants KOSP
KAPE	1480	2500/	TX San Antonio granted KCHL
KGUD	1490	1000/1000	CA Banning granted KMET
new	1490	1000/1000	SD Custer granted construction permit
appl	1490	820/820	SD Custer application dismissed in above grant
WRAN	1510	10000/500	NJ Dover wants WMHQ
WTLN	1520	5000/	FL Apopka application for 1510 kHz & 25000/ dismissed
WGNB	1520	1000/	FL Seminole appl for 550/500 returned
WPOE	1520	10000/	MA Greenfield granted WGAM
KSMH	1530	8600/	MN Shakopee granted KKCM
appl	1530	1000/	VA Haymarket application returned & reapplied for
KKDI	1540	250/	AR Sheridan wants 880 kHz and 10000/220
WPX2	1540	5000/	PA Punxsutawney granted WECZ
KKPE	1550	5000/	MO Cape Girardeau granted KAPE
KRPN	1550	10000/5000	UT West Valley City granted KRGO
appl	1560	1000/	KY Comba application dismissed
new	1560	1000/	KY Hazard granted construction permit and WYZQ
appl	1560	1000/	KY Hazard application dismissed in above grant
KXES	1570	5000/	CA Salinas granted KTGE
appl	1570	5000/	OR Myrtle Creek application dismissed
WAMW	1580	250/	IN Washington granted 250/500 (call may be WAMJ)
WGZS	1580	1000/	MI Saint Johns granted WWSJ
WSKT	1580	5000/	TN Knoxville application for 1180 kHz & 10000/ rtrnd

WPLW 1590	1000/	PA Carnegie granted 5000/
WCZN 1590	1000/1000	PA Chester application for 2500/1000 returned
WAWA 1590	5000/	WI West Allis application for 1200 kHz and 5000/2500 dismissed in above 1200 kHz Chicago IL grant (this reverses initial decision)
KWOW 1600	5000/500	CA Pomona granted KMNy
KLEB 1600	1000/	LA Golden Meadow wants 5000/
WCPK 1600	5000/	VA Chesapeake granted WJQI

DAYTIMERS AND THE NEW DAYLIGHT TIME LAW: Clear channel station owners are upset with an FCC proposal to allow daytime stations a minimum of 50 watts beginning at 0600 local time during April. The proposed rule change was spurred by the recent change in the so-called "daylight time law" which now has us "springing ahead" our clocks on the first Sunday in April instead of on the last Sunday. In western portions of wide time zones (like in Ohio), this would result in AM daytimers having to sign on around 0800 local time if they were to adhere to the old rules. Under the proposal, daytimers authorized with pre-sunrise powers of over 50 watts could continue using those powers beginning at 0600 local time in April. Daytimers with pre-sunrise powers less than 50 watts could sign on at 0600 with 50 watts, using their daytime or critical-hours antenna pattern, whichever one they usually sign on at sunrise with. Daytimers that currently have no pre-sunrise authorization would also be allowed on at 50 watts beginning at 0600 local in April. ("In April" means from the first Sunday to the last day of April.) Clear channel stations like WHO 1040 Des Moines, WGY 810 Schenectady NY and Price Communications (which owns 5 clear channel AM's) object that they'd be interfered with. While listeners to the daytimers would get some service in the early morning hours, the clears say, their own audiences, especially in outlying areas could lose their services to interference from the daytimers. The FCC had not yet acted upon the proposal as of deadline time. (BC)

NEW FCC FEE SCHEDULE IMPLEMENTED: The FCC has again begun to charge fees for its regulatory services. The old fee schedule was declared unconstitutional many years ago and it took 'til now to invent a new one. AM station applicants will now be charged \$2000 to file an application for a new station or for major changes in an old one. Once a new AM station has a construction permit and is built, the fee to apply for a license to operate it is \$325 for a nondirectional and \$375 for a directional. To transfer ownership the fee is \$500 for a full transfer and \$70 for a reorganization of existing ownership. The \$2000 construction permit fee ought to cut down on frivolous applications. Call letter changes are still free. The FCC hopes to earn about \$35 million (maybe 40% of its annual budget) through fees. There are other fee schedules for other services, broadcast and nonbroadcast. (MSJ and Monti)

CUBAN INTERFERENCE UPDATE: The latest station to receive money under the Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act in the fight against Cuban interference is WSUN 620 Saint Petersburg FL, which was granted \$18,979.58. I suspect that WSUN's owner, CBS, Inc., could use the money. (MSJ & Monti)

Except as noted from the 23 Feb and 2, 9, 16 and 23 Mar issues of Broadcasting and from the 23 Feb and 2, 9 Mar issues of The M Street Journal.

RADIO PROGRAMMING NOTES:

call	kHz	at city	
WELQ	580	MS	Tupelo now black, was country
CFQC	600	SK	Saskatoon now rock oldies, was adult contemporary
KKLQ	600	CA	San Diego contemporary hits "Q 106" as of mid March, was album rock oldies as KLZZ (San Diego Business Journal via Pezja CA and Mittman CA)
WSOM	600	OR	Salem now rock oldies, was country
WREM	710	ME	Monticello now talk/variety, was country as WOZW
WABC	770	NY	New York has extended its football pact with the New York Jets through the end of the 1987 NFL season (BC)
WRUM	790	ME	Rumford now contemp hits //FM WWMR 96.3, was country
WZYQ	820	MD	Frederick will go country in April when day and night power increases are on as "Q 82," currently contemp hits //FM 103.9
WDDT	900	MS	Greenville now SMN black oldies, was modern country
KEYK	900	WA	Wenatchee now country "key," was rock oldies as KSGA
WLSQ	950	AL	Montgomery now easy listening //FM, was album rock
KZZB	990	TX	Beaumont now contemp hits "B 95" //FM, was soft adult contemp as KGIC
KVSD	1000	CA	Vista now talk, was rock oldies

WPKY 1010 AL Dora now album rock, was satellite adult contemporary
 CKST 1070 AB Saint Albert now rock oldies, was silent
 WNAP 1110 PA Norristown now religious/gospel mix, was all gospel as WGHW
 WVNJ 1160 NJ Oakland new station will be adult contemporary/news-talk
 WBZY 1200 PA New Castle now rock oldies, was modern country
 KDIG 1240 CA San Bernardino now contemporary Christian (Mittman CA)
 KTAM 1240 TX Bryan now rock oldies, was contemp hits/adult contemp mix
 WIBB 1280 GA Macon now SMN black oldies, was local black
 WQZN 1280 ME Gardiner now rock oldies "cruisin'," was satellite country
 KVIX 1290 OR Lake Oswego now old radio dramas, was contemp hits //FM KMJK
 KIVY 1290 TX Crockett now easy listening, was country
 CJYM 1330 SK Rosetown now adult contemporary, was adult standards
 WDRC 1360 CT Hartford now satellite rock oldies, was local rock oldies
 WAVI 1380 NH Portsmouth now silent pending sale, was rock oldies
 KGVL 1400 TX Greenville now local adult contemp, was SMN adult standards
 WWSR 1420 VT Saint Albans now rock oldies, was adult standards
 WRQT 1460 FL Jacksonville now rock oldies, was black as WPDQ
 KOHL 1480 TX San Antonio now SMN black oldies, was local black as KAPE
 KMET 1490 CA Banning now adult contemporary, was adult standards as KGUD
 (LA Times via Mittman CA)
 KHTT 1500 CA San Jose now contemporary Christian (Mittman CA)
 WJDM 1530 NJ Elizabeth now rock oldies, was adult contemporary
 WKIE 1540 VA Richmond now teen-oriented black, was black adult contemporary
 KBOR 1600 TX Brownsville now Spanish, was SMN adult standards

Networks: ABC adds another Paul Harvey "Rest of the Story" broadcast to its schedule, fed Saturday mornings at 0730 ET. (BC) News Director Robert Seigel and science reporter Renee Montagne have been named to co-host **National Public Radio's** "All Things Considered" weekeday afternoon news magazine program. They replace Noah Adams and Susan Stamberg. (NPR) **NBC** will devote three hours (1900-2200 ET) on Sunday 4/26 to a special, "The **NBC** Radio News National AIDS Call-In." Correspondent Peter Laufer will preside over a panel of other reporters and AIDS specialists. A toll-free 800 number for call-in is planned. (NBC) **NBC's Talknet** is expanding its live programming and cutting back on overnight reruns. An advice and conversation show hosted by Neil Myers will now fill the 0100-0400 ET slot, replacing the taped repeats of the previous evening's Bruce Williams show. (BC) New from **Westwood One** is "American Dance Trax," a countdown show. (BC)

Syndication: Ex-WABC air personality Dan Ingram, who left the airwaves when his CBS RadioRadio network show was cancelled last year will reappear in a syndicated "Weekend Music Review" from JAM Creative Productions. (BC) A program of compact disc originated "new age" music will be distributed by CBS Radio Programs beginning 3/30. (BC) **NBC** Radio Entertainment has dropped "Soupy Sales Moldy Oldies" because of lack of advertiser support. (BC) "John Madden's Sports Quiz," a 90-second, daily feature intended for rock stations, will debut 9/1. (BC)

(Programming items are from The M Street Journal except BC = Broadcasting or named reporters)

RECENTLY ANNOUNCED (and not yet approved) STATION SALES:

WGR 550 NY, KRLB 580 TX, WRGE 750 PA, KINY 800 AK, KDBL 810 CO, WRAP 850 VA, WKDW 900 VA, WPET 950 NC, KSEL 950 TX, WKOR 980 MS, WYSL 1030 NY, WBDX 1030 TN, WQAP 1080 MI, WBCA 1110 AL, KCLG 1210 UT, KXO 1230 CA, WKHT 1230 CT, WBEI 1230 VA, WKOZ 1280 FL, WIBB 1280 GA, WGBF 1280 IN, WMRO 1280 IL, KREL 1280 NV, WADO 1280 NY, KALM 1290 MO, KGVQ 1290 MT, WMVP 1290 WI, WPFK 1300 IN, KWSK 1300 ND, KUKU 1330 MO, WESR 1330 VA, KDOL 1340 CA, WKYO 1360 MI, KPAL 1380 AR, KFLJ 1380 CO, WFBL 1390 NY, KYOT 1400 MT, WMAN 1400 OH, WMML 1410 AL, WRDC 1410 MS, KVEG 1410 NV, WMLA 1440 IL, WBCM 1440 MI, WHDM 1440 TN, WQIC 1450 MS, WMPP 1470 IL, WCHJ 1470 MS, KBEA 1480 KS, KAAR 1480 WA, WTTB 1490 FL, WKVQ 1490 FL, WSYL 1490 GA, KRIB 1490 IA, KXRA 1490 MN, WFAD 1490 VT, WMRE 1510 MA, KOSG 1510 MO, KAGC 1510 TX, WIDD 1520 TN, WBOL 1560 TN, KTGR 1580 MO, WQBR 1600 FL.

Dismissed Station Sales: WMYF 1540 NH.

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WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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DEADLINES: Tuesdays April 28, May 12, June 2 & June 30

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- 690 KQM~~Q~~ HI, Honolulu per station, as of 3/20 KQM~~Q~~-FM 93.1 is 100% simulcast on AM 690, with longtime AM calls KKUA being dropped for KQM~~Q~~-AM. Slogans include "Hawaii's Best Music," & "The Hot-Rockin', Flame-Throwin' 93 F-M-Q." The ex-KKUA now joins KHEI-1110 & KUMU-1500 in total simulcasting. (5P-HI)
- 1180 KKAR NE, Bellevue hit the air 3/19 at 6am CST with "News 1180" format, 24 hours. Heard here with ID 3/19 0732 under KOFI but many traces of Omaha/NE news items for hour that I listened. My nephew, Joseph Nittler, called to tip me off on this one & he is working there. Reports should go to him at 1001 Farnam St., Omaha 68102. (BN-CO)
- 1490 KMET CA, Banning per LA Times 3/15 calendar column, ex-KGUD, now adult pop. PD is Mike Allen. Co-owned with KOLA-FM Riverside. Address: 5005 La Mart Dr., Riverside, CA. Never heard here as long as they existed on 1490. (GL-CA)
+3/16 0449, 0500 surprisingly easy in very tight KHTT-1500 null with ID "K-Met, the all new AM 1-40-9," o/u KOWL-KWAC-KDB-KBAS, all 5 of these took equal turns dominating 1490! Nice ID on hour "KMET, Banning-Hemet." Calls apparently mean "K-Hemet." Call change, ex-KGUD. 1st new thing heard on 1490 since 1982! (RW) CA, Pomona ex-KWOW, logged MM 3/23 0058 with taped ID "(Over Drumroll:) This is AM 16, KMNY, Pomona." Still "Magic Oldies" format with "16-K-Wow" IDs the rest of the hour. Occasional promos ment. that the world's first all-financial news station is coming soon. Also, many of their ads are already "financial" and "atock broker-type" ads. (SMM-CA)
+3/23 0700 call change, ex-KWOW now legal. Had used "Magic Oldies 16 K-Wow" IDs during middle of hour, but legal ID on hour as "This is AM 16, KMNY, Pomona." Per call to station, they'll finally change format to all-financial news format on 4/1. (RW)
- 1600 KMNY CO, Lakewood using new call since 3/1. Lots of sports talk, with some simulcasting of KRXY-FM. Ex-KRXY. (ØW-CO)

DX TESTS

- 690 KGGF KS, Coffeyville 3/2 0101 NRC test with voice & CW IDs, music. Good with XETRA QRM. (ØW-CO)

1040 KKRE CO, Monument 3/2 0208 NRC test with voice & CW IDs, stereo music. Very good signal, but mixing with unnullable WHO.(ØW)

600 KHTE CA, Redding 3/11 0038-0050 nicely atop QRM with rock music. ID 0040 & local ads. New call change here. (DKK-CA)

KKLQ CA, San Diego 3/16 0533 call change ex-KLZZ good as usual in KPRC-610 null with ID "You always get a better mix of music, on San Diego's new Q-106." ID on hour as "San Diego's new Q-106, KKLQ AM & FM, San Diego, Q-106." (RW-CA)

+3/16 1130 DJ was promoting the new Q-106 and said "In downtown San Diego the new Q-106 is at 106.5 FM. But if you live up and down the coast, or anywhere else outside of the San Diego area, you can listen to the new Q-106 on our AM station at 600 on your AM dial." (SMM-CA)

630 KHOW CO, Denver 3/23 0712 good under KOH with weather for SE Denver, jingle ID, KFI-640 slop. (RW-CA)

710 KFIA CA, Carmichael good ID 3/23 0130 under KGNC with no sign of normally dominant KNUS for first time heard outside SSS. (BN)

KMPC CA, Los Angeles will begin a new all-sports format on Mon. 4/6 at 4pm PLT. (SMM-CA)

750 KERR MT, Polson 3/3 2050 gigantic signal--must've still been on day power. "I'm Not Lisa." other C&W fare, Kalispell ads. (ØW-CO)

770 KATL MT, Miles City 3/16 0700 good with ID o/KKOB. (RW-CA)

KRPM WA, Seattle 3/10 2200 with several IDs, station promos & into "All of Me." Mixing with UNID carrying BKB in tight KKOB null. (DKK-CA)

CKQR AB, Calgary good 3/16 0932 with news, weather; ments of Calgary & Edmonton, "QR77" ID. Into Mama Cass song 0935. (GK-CA)

790 (KABC) CA, Los Angeles 3/23 per phone conversation with Paul Swearingen, says KABC will be off for maint. Heard OC at 0325 while at work in Sherman Oaks. Paul got info from Greg Hardison. (GL-CA)

WEAQ WI, Eau Claire 3/3 2106 poor in QRM with weather, ID, Bruce Williams Talknet. Seldom heard here. (ØW-CO)

800 KPdq OR, Portland 3/11 0059 ending "Back to the Bible." ID 0100 with XEROK nulled. (DKK-CA)

KDDD TX, Dumas 2/26 0709 discussion of insects & other ag. topics; market prices, tractor ads, etc. Poor with XEROK attenuated by pointing loop east. (ØW-CO)

CKOK BC, Penticton 3/14 0420 good signal with "Night Shift" program. Has become a regular nightly. Still no KNKK here. (DKK-CA)

810 CKJS MB, Winnipeg 3/3 2032 booming in with Ukrainian language program. Folk songs, EE/UU ads. Interesting. (ØW-CO)

820 CHAM ON, Hamilton heard over KGNW, WBAP with C&W music, "Good morning southern Ontario" and "Cham," 3/5 0450. Easiest Far East catch here. (GK-CA)

830 KIKI HI, Honolulu 3/9 0400+ kicking WCCO around badly. Atop strongly at 0421 with ID. This also has become regular. (DKK-CA)

840 CKBX BC, 100 Mile House 3/14 0408 over WHAS fighting off JOQK-837. Often has potent signal here 0300-0900 when KSWB s/on. Carries "Night Shift" ala CKOK-CJDC. (DKK-CA)

850 KTAC WA, Tacoma 3/5 2051 with ID, oldies rock & great sig. in KOA null. (DKK-CA)

880 KJJR MT, Whitefish 3/9 0320 Music Country Radio net, break, ads, ID in KMFR null. Still no CHQT here. (DKK-CA)

KWIP OR, Dallas 3/10 0855-0903 ID 0903 "The sound of the Willamette Valley, AM Stereo, KWIP." Excellent signal over KMFR. Also 3/10 2210 nicely over KKMC-KMFR etal. (DKK-CA)

KMFR OR, Phoenix Sa 3/21 0737 fair-weak with Stevie Wonder's "Part-Time Lover," weather 0740, then a "File Now" tax tip PSA from the IRS. "K-M-F-R" jingle, into more pop music. Listed as 1kw! Blasted away 0753,45 by XEPNK s/on. Schedule for KMFR in new NRC Log & recent WDXR tips obviously wrong! New. (SMM-CA) (Steve, this is KMFR, not KFMR!--NH)

890 KDXU UT, St. George has apparently given up on trying to serve Las Vegas. All ments of Vegas have been dropped & are now just "St. George." New legal IDs are "From Utah's Dixie--890 KDXU, St. George." "Your dial is set on Dixie's 890, KDXU, St. George." "You're listening to Dixie 890, KDXU, St. George," etc. (SMM) (Las Vegas now has a local on 870.--NH)

CJDC BC, Dawson Creek 3/16 0435-0506+ fair-good sig. with some KNEW-910 splash in WLS null. "Night Shift" program. In well 0445-0515 when KNEW went off. "Satellite Radio Network" ID 0504, weather

890 CJDC for BC then local CJDC ID 0505¹/₂, back to net. (DKK-CA)
 cont'd +3/16 0536 apparently AN now, noted good in WLS null with
 several local spots, no more 0308 s/off. (RW-CA)

900 KEYK WA, Wenatchee 3/23 0625 unbelievably good over CJVI (new night
 authorization???) with C&W, ID as "AM 900, KEYK," another
 jingle ID later as "AM KEYK," PSA. Call change ex-KUEN for me
 (not logged as KSGA). (RW-CA)

940 (KFRE) CA, Fresno 3/23 0332 totally off. (RW-CA)

970 KYTE OR, Portland 3/16 0941 with traffic report & nostalgia music.
 (GK-CA)

990 (KHVH) HI, Honolulu 3/17 0504 noted off the air, this time for
 scheduled maintenance per station. Still off at 1000 recheck,
 but back on at 1118. (5P-HI)

1020 KYXE WA, Selah good over KTNQ 3/16 0943 with "You're listening to
 KYXE" and C&W music, weather for Wash state 0945. (GK-CA)

1040 CIOF BC, Vancouver 3/2 0240 heard poorly in partial WHO null with
 contest promo, Chad & Jeremy song. Verie received for 3-minute
 log! New, BC #5. (ØW-CO)
 +3/9 0258+ surfaced in WHO null with O-NJ song then ID 0301
 "BC's ---stereo, AM 1040." Signal improved later. 0745 better
 and all alone. (DKK-CA)

1080 ?KSCO? CA, Santa Cruz 3/25 0418 been frustrated much of the night over
 this one! All I heard were songs by BJ Thomas, The Letterman,
 James Taylor, possible DJ talk, Johnny Mathis song, "I Need You"
 by America, possible DJ talk, then Neil Diamond song. Still
 audible past 0440 with John Denver song, but no audible ID.
 AARGH! Very poor with local spur QRM, usually the spurs are
 heard only. (5P-HI)

1120 KPNW OR, Eugene-Springfield 3/23 0532 female DJ with usual format of
 MOR & MOR oldies, numerous "11-20 K-P-N-W" IDs. Ai news 0600
 wiped out by local QRM (// local KHVH-990). Fair-poor. (5P-HI)
 (KPNW)+3/23 0327 totally off, KMOX in very strong. (RW-CA)

1190 KPZE CA, Anaheim 3/23 0336 very strong over KEX with relig. program,
 ID, suspected ET on day pattern. (RW-CA)

1230 KGFJ CA, Los Angeles 3/18 2240 surfaced for call ID in mess. (DKK)
 KPRL CA, Paso Robles 3/16 0956 briefly over the crowd with call
 letter ID. (GK-CA)

1240 KJOP CA, Lemoore 3/16 with SS programming, EE ID 0959. (GK-CA)
 KDIG CA, San Bernardino Su 3/15 1440 format change to Christian
 music noted. (SMM-CA)

1260 KOIT CA, San Francisco 3/9 0323 weather, Streisand's "The Way We
 Were." IDs as "Coit 96," simulcasting FM, apparently. Fair-
 poor with QRM & fading. New, CA #43. (ØW-CO)

1280 KIT WA, Yakima 3/10 with Sonics BKB 2056 covering all. (DKK-CA)

1320 KMMC CA, Oceanside to San Diego Sa 3/21 2019 during bandscan happened
 to hear DJ say "Had a call from Mark in Bakersfield! Yes! He
 listens to the Magic 102 in Bakersfield! He requested The Eagles.
 That's coming up next on the new Magic 102." Good catch for
 Mark--especially with KGNR-Sacramento breathing down his neck!
 Too bad there's no way to contact him. Would likely be a good
 perspective new IRCA member! (SMM-CA) (Couldn't he have been
 listening to their FM?--NH)

1330 CJYM SK, Rosetown 3/16 0517 good with "CJYM" ID, KUPL QRM. (PM-OR)

1340 KVRH CO, Salida 3/3 2257 just briefly in with local KDEN nulled.
 Program note by woman "...at 5:05 every Sunday afternoon on
 KVRH," then into muck. Was 2nd closest unheard station (closest
 is KIIQ-1490). (ØW-CO)

KTOQ KSGR ID, Nampa 3/16 0505 good briefly on top with "KSGR" ID. (PM)
 SD, Rapid City 3/9 0223-0227 regular f/c with tone. Man anncr.
 said would return to reg. programming right after f/c, but only
 heard tones, nothing else. (ØW-CO)

1370 KOKE TX, Rollingwood 3/2 0315 weak, just heard call letters in QRM
 For a new one, TX #79. (ØW-CO)

KSOP UT, So. Salt Lake City 3/10 0945 good signal thru KEEN. Pretty
 late for this. (DKK-CA)

1380 KLNI HI, Pearl City-Honolulu 3/21 1215 running the "Starlight"
 music service via satellite. Station says this began 3/18.
 Service also airs Satellite Network news :00 to :03, using UPI
 Radio News actualities. (5P-HI)

1400 ?KWEY? CA, Ventura-Santa Paula 3/16 0938 tent. with Ventura weather, ID
 sounded like KWEY. Apparently KAAP may be back on the air, but
 as KWB. Format sounded all-news. Weak under KBLX, fighting KVIS.
 (RW-CA)

- 1420 KRIZ WA, Renton 3/10 finally heard with urban cont. music (soul). Anncr. gave weather at 1230, ment. DJ "Lee Bailey." "KRIZ," "South County___ music," bad QRM from KITT/KUJ. Taped & reported. This was a toughie, as KRIZ is directional north, protecting KITI. (PM-OR)
- 1430 KLO UT, Ogden 3/12 0028 ID after sports talk program, under KFIG. (DKK-CA)
- 1450 KXXL MT, Bozeman 3/16 jingle "K-X-X-L" at 0414 in mess. (PM-OR)
KGRZ MT, Missoula 3/16 0455 ID "Radio KGRZ" followed by Elvis "Return to Sender." (PM-OR)
KONE NV, Reno 3/16 0420 ID, oldies rock music, casino spot. (PM-OR)
KLBM OR, LaGrande 3/10 1320 in briefly over all with ID, anncr. of ball game in Union (local). (PM-OR)
- 1470 KELA WA, Centralia-Chehalis 3/10 2032 with Wash. sports over all.(DKK)
CJVB BC, Vancouver 3/7 0850 atop in KXOA null with local stuff. Good. (DKK-CA)
- 1480 KRXR ID, Gooding 3/25 heard at 0825 with Mutual News. ID at 0830 then time, temp. & weather at 0832. ID as "AM 1480," fair signal but lost at 0833 when KAAR s/on. (BB-OR)
- 1490 KGCX MT, Sidney 3/16 1510 fair with weather, highway report. (PM)
KBAS AZ, Bullhead City 3/16 0538 good over KMET with ID "You're in tune with K-Bass, the Mojave Valley's best country." (RW-CA)
KRNR OR, Roseburg 3/25 with ID only at 0730. (BB-OR)
- 1500 KHHT CA, San Jose Sa 3/21 1925 late afternoon logging with "Solid Gold Oldies" music and "1500 KHHT" IDs. Las week I heard them as "15 KHHT--your contemporary Christian station." Per call to station, they are contemporary Christian on Sunday nights only 7pm-midnight PLT. (SMM-CA)
- 1530 (KFBK) CA, Sacramento 3/23 0330 totally off. (RW-CA)
1540 ?KNZQ? CA, Aptos-Capitola 3/23 0526 music bridge, PSA, Talknet theme & teletalk show but no // local affil. KGU-760. Very poor, local QRM. (5P-HI)
- 1580 *KDAY* CA, Santa Monica 3/23 0628 noted with tone. (RW-CA)
1590 KELP TX, El Paso 3/11 2010 reading schedule for relig. programs to be heard on Sundays on KELP, into Christian song & then s/off 2015. (BN-CO)

UNIDs:

- 830 3/16 0330-0400+ light rock with female anncr. in WCCO/KIKI null. Signal decent at times but anncr. very hard to understand. Suspect KABN. What's their s/off time? (DKK-CA)
- 1450 KRZY? Station heard with heavy N. Mexico news at 0406 on 3/16, into rock music, then lost in jumble. Sounded like jingle out of weather at 0407, ending in K--(Y). (PM-OR)

First, I would like to remind you all to watch the beginning of the column for the upcoming deadlines. We are not weekly anymore! Last issue five reports arrived the day after my deadline, so they had to sit in the WDXR bin for nearly two weeks. During the summer months, a report that arrives late will not be used for a month! On another note, I guess we still haven't learned our lesson about listening for a legal ID before assuming the call letters of a station. This week I had one reporter hearing KWOW hours after it had changed call letters to KMNY. It's gotten to the point now where I don't count a new station unless I hear the top-of-the-hour legal ID, or s/off ID. You can't trust the calls given during the rest of the hour! See you in two weeks. ♡

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~~~~~**RIDING GAIN**~~~~~  
[SA] = Shawn Axelrod, 21 Knightsbridge Drive, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2M 4E7
R-70, 3 foot box loop, 120 foot longwire.
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[TMJ] = Tom Jasinski, 503 Jensen Street, Shorewood, Illinois 60436
FRG-7, 2 1/2 foot loop.
[TL1] = Tom Laskowski, 223 HAWK, Purdue U., West Lafayette, Indiana 57906
[TL2] = Tom Laskowski, DXing in South Bend, Indiana
[JJR] = John J. Rieger, 801 Sherman Ave., South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172
IC-R70, R1000, Kowalski Loops, RF2900 Radio West Shotgun, RF2200.
[JCJ] = Your editor using an ICOM IC-R71A with a Radio West Loop.
~~~~~**DX TESTS**~~~~~  
690 KGGF KS Coffeyville, 3/2 very weak. DX TEST, 0149 tentative heard  
code IDs 0149, 0154, 0208. Tones heard after 0210. [TL1-IN]  
1040 KKRE CO Monument, 3/2 DX TEST. Man mentioned Monument. Heard call  
ID, Code IDs at 0228. [TL1-IN]  
1080 WEKS GA Marietta, 3/16 poor w/FRLD, DX TEST, 0048-0117 w/code and  
voice IDs, March music. [TMJ-IL]  
+3/16 very good, DX TEST, 0106 w/many IDs, code IDs, & march  
music, station address given. [TL2-IN]  
1310 WDCY VA Fairfax, 2/16 DX TEST. 0201-0220 with tones and a variety  
of Christmas mx. Woman w/ID "This is WDCY we are currently  
operating with 5000 watts." [TL1-IN]  
1560 WKDD KY Liberty, 3/9 good, DX TEST, 0045 code & voice IDs. [TMJ-IL]  
+3/9 DX TEST, 0015-45. 3 min. of code IDs, many voice IDs,  
Gave address & 787-7331 phone, ID: "This is WKDD, Liberty,  
Kentucky, conducting a distance test". [TL2-IN]  
~~~~~**DOWN THE DIAL**~~~~~  
540 CJSB ON Ottawa, 3/6 good w/CBK off. 0621 w/satellite weather, spot
for Northern telcom. 0625 "CJSB" ID. [SA-MB]
550 WGR NY Buffalo, 3/6 good in KUSA/KFYR null. 0626 w/female "27 in
Buffalo" then into news. 0628 fade. [SA-MB]
560 KSFO CA San Francisco, 3/30 very weak w/KLZ null. KMON heard at
times w/KSFO fades. Not heard since 1962! 0730 w/oldies
rock, spots, 0800 ID "KSFO, KYA-FM, San Francisco" [JCJ-MT]
660 KTNN NH Window Rock, 3/9 fair to poor in CJOB slop. 2342 w/C&W mx,
Weather for AZ, "KTNN" ID. [SA-MB]
690 WLKE WI Oshkosh-Pop Cities, 3/20. EX-WCKK. as of 1300 now Transtar
Oldies. [JJR-WI]
WNZK MI Westland, 3/23 good tight null on WLKE for this one! 0803
w/Ethnic programming. [JJR-WI]
730 CJNR ON Blind River, 3/7 good. 0632 w/local spots, No. ON sports,
North Shore weather. [SA-MB]
740 WRPX WI Hudson, 3/14 good. 0802 w/CNN News, ID as "WRPX, Hudson",
then into local news. [SA-MB]
750 WNDZ IN Portage, 3/19 1300 on air w/brokered religious. [JJR-WI]
760 CKCF BC Castlegar, 3/16 good. 0700 w/mix AdCom/MOR mx, News, Sports
& weather for BC by woman. ID "OR-760". [SA-MB]
790 KGHZ MT Billings, 3/23 off air 0200-0700 again this PM, were back
on at 0535-0605 w/"Equipment Test" w/C&W & IDs. Nice having
them off on HMs, apparently regular SP now. [JCJ-MT]
800 CHAB SF Moose Jaw, 3/2, 0141 w/local spots, Top 40 countdown promo,
"on CHAB". Mentions of Moose Jaw. My #701. [TL1-IN]
KNEK UT Brigham City, 3/23 good to strong, 0230 w/C&W (Sounded like
a satellite fed format). Local spot cluster, IDing as "KNEK
Bou" both voice & SIDs. New for me, UT#54 [JCJ-MT]
KXIC IA Iowa City, format now rock oldies, "Rocks" slogan. Station
was MYL. [JCJ-IL]
WKZI IL Casey, 3/6, 1859 w/C&W mx, ID: "After 21 years we're with
you at night, WKZI, Casey." 800 crowded here! [TL2-IN]
870 WHCU NY Ithaca, 3/18 fair in WML null. 0615 w/weather. TC, Perry
Como song (Zzzzzzzzz, John) ID. sports, EZL mx. [SA-MB]
880 WRFD OH Columbus, 3/6 fair in LKLD null. 0648 w/Central Ohio Elec.
spot. C&W mx, weather, "WRFD" ID. [SA-MB]
890 KQLX ND Lisbon, 3/3 w/WLS. 0701 s/on. (They dominate later on in
the day here). [SA-MB]

910 CKDG AB Drumheller, 3/2, 2342 w/C&W mx, So. AB weather, "Q-91" ID at 2345. [SA-MB]

CKLY ON Lindsay, 2/14 0259. Rock album sides. ID as "This is Radio 9-10, CKLY, Lindsay". Then Canadian News. [TLI-IN]

930 CJCA AB Edmonton, 3/20 strong. 0700 w/weather and local news. ID as "The Information Station, CJCA". [SA-MB]

940 KVSH NE Valenting, 3/20 good. 1941 w/woman w/NE weather. KVSH ID and 1944 s/off w/SSB. [SA-MB]

1010 KKGZ CO Brush, 3/20 good. 1949 w/Cocaine Abuse PSA, NE CO weather, Local spots. ID: "KKGZ" & C&W music. [SA-MB]

1070 KHFN MT Plentywood, 3/21 fair to good, KMOM nulled. EX-KATQ. 0800 w/C&W, ABC news, MT news & weather, KHFN ID. [SA-MB]

KNX CA Los Angeles, 3/14 good. 0743 w/PSA & "KNX" ID. [SA-MB]

KWEL TX Midland, 3/22 poor. 0811 w/C&W, TC, weather, "K-well" ID, Radio Ranch program. [SA-MB]

1080 KWJJ OR Portland, 3/15 poor in WTIC, KRLD mess. 2103 Local spots, C&W music, "KWJJ" ID. [SA-MB]

1100 KKLL MO Webb City, 3/22 fair. 0804 w/Gospel music, male asking for comments, send to KKLL, Webb City. [SA-MB]

KVEE CO Grand Junction, 3/28 strong o/WWWE. EX-K110. Now simo with FM. Easy-listening format (K110 was new-wave rock). IDs as "V FM is KVEE AM and FM, Grand Junction". CO#85. [JCJ-MT]

1110 KBND OR Bend, 3/24 good u/KFAB. Noticed clearing Larry King and Mutual news. Not listed in IRCA Almanac. [JCJ-MT]

WMBI IL Chicago, 3/23 fair to poor. 1850 w/local Chicago news and weather. Faded at 1855 when KFAB killed my null. [SA-MB]

1130 CKWX BC Vancouver, 3/10 good in WDBY null. "WX-11-30" ID. [SA-MB]

1150 KETZ TX El Paso, 3/15 o/WIMA. TENTATIVE. 2010 garbled ID, EZY mx, "thanks for staying with us" gone at 2011. [TMJ-IL]

1160 WJJD IL Chicago, 3/3 good in KSL null. 0707 w/Chicago weather, then local news stories. [SA-MB]

1170 WLKD WI Waupun-Fond du Lac-Reaver Dam, 3/23. EX-WLKE. 1900 retains Transtar oldies format. "Lake Radio". [JJR-WI]

1210 WKNX MI Frankenmuth, 3/4 good. 0700 w/News, oldies music, ID as "WKNX, Frankenmuth". [SA-MB]

1220 CJRL ON Kenora, 3/14 strong. 0734 w/New Radio News, wx, local spots and "CJRL" ID. [SA-MB]

1230 KDIX ND Dickinson, 3/24 fair. 0700 w/s/on, No SSB. [SA-MB]

KMRS MN Morris, 3/23 poor briefly o/KTRF. 1859 w/local farm spots for Morris area. [SA-MB] (Home of Morris The Cat? John)

KWIX MD Moberly, 3/22 fair. 0300 w/ID "KWIX", CBS news. (Special thanks to my daughter for getting daddy up so she could go and get a drink! hi.) [SA-MB] (?Future DXer? John)

WOWA OH Toledo, format now rock oldies. Was MYL. [JC-IL]

1240 KUUS MT Billings, Now ABC, was NBC. Aired delayed ABC news shortly after top of hour. Easy listening. IDs as "KWS". [JCJ-MT]

1260 WELI MI Albion, 3/21 in brief fade up o/WNDE. [JJR-WI]

1270 KWEB MN Rochester, 3/22 strong. 0737 w/KWEB birthday club, station address, rock music. [SA-MB]

WKBF IL Rock Island, EX-WHBF. 1st noticed new calls on 3/18. Still C&W format. WHBF call remains on channel 4. [JC-IL]

1320 KCPX UT Salt Lake City, EX-KBUG. Now returned to old KCPX call. ID as "1320, KCPX". Same rock oldies format. Airing CBS news broadcasts at :55. [JCJ-MT]

1330 WYBR IL Rockford, EX-WXTA. Now on with WYBR call simulcasting album rock from sister FM, WYBF-FM 104.9. Was silent 3/1. [JC-IL]

1340 C1B0 AB Brooks, 3/12 fair. 0655 w/Canadian Wildlife Federation PSA, C&W mx, "Q-91" ID, //w/CKDG-910. [SA-MB]

KT00 SD Rapid City, 3/28 sometimes good. 2030 w/C&W & remotes from Black Hills Home Show. Numerous "Q-Country" references. My SD#27. [JCJ-MT]

1430 CJXX AB Grand Prairie, 3/29 weak in KLD-KEZW null. 0915 w/C&W. IDs as "1430, CJXX". 0923 spot cluster & weather. 0935 lost to KYKN. First time heard, new for me! AB#39. [JCJ-MT]

1450 KVCK MT Wolf Point, 3/11 good. 0730 w/north-East Montana weather. ID "KVCK, Wolf Point, Montana". [SA-MB]

1470 KHND ND Harvey, 3/16 good mix w/KXDA. 0700 w/AF Net Nr. 0706 w/Dakota News Net Nr. Promo. EX-1540. My ND#05. [JCJ-MT]

1490 CJSN SK Shannon, 3/12 fair. 0710 w/Canadian wx, mention of SK, "Heart Of The Country" ID. [SA-MB]

KCID ID Caldwell, Incorrectly reported as 1400 in Oct 2011. ID sent to Robert Wier for catching this. My typo! [JL-UT]

KEAN KS Pittsburg, 3/13 fair to poor. 0645 w/s/on, no SSB. RBR type music. [SA-MB]

- 1120 KMOX MO, St. Louis 3-2 2145 Fair with call in show with doctor. Number used: 436-7900. (RB-NY)
- 1170 WWVA WV, Wheeling. 3-2 2200 Reports of midnight shift working conditions for miners, and "Amazing Facts" with Joe Cruz. Good. (RB-NY)
- 1180 WHAM NY, Rochester. 3-2 2207 Good with Dr. Toni Grant show, live from L.A. with listener call-ins. (RB-NY)
- 1200 WBZY PA, New Castle 2-21 1751-1800 Ex-1140, with spot for First Federal Savings and Loan, local weather, talk by DJ into "Tonight's The Night" by Rod Stewart, promo for WBZY's bench press meet at the local YMCA, sign off at 1800 mentioning 5000 watt power, no SSB, fair to good over CFGO, Ottawa, ON. (MB-ON)
- 1210 WCAU PA, Philadelphia 3-6 2115 with radio classics: Charlie Mc Carthy talking to Claudette Colbert, and Sherlock Holmes show. Poor. (RB-NY)
- 1220 WGAR OH, Cleveland 3-2 2220 Poor with "Today's Country Music On WGAR," with heavy fading and noise. (RB-NY)
- 1230 WENY NY, Elmira 2-20 1755 with spot for Kelly Temporary Services, local news and commentary by WENY's news director, surfaced over WECK, Cheektowaga, NY, for a few minutes. (MB-ON)
- 1300 WERE OH, Cleveland 3-2 2225 Talk format with very weak signal. (RB)
- 1310 WJLK NJ, Asbury Park 3-3 2150 Poor with pop and easy list. music. (RB)
- 1360 WWOW OH, Conneaut. 2-24 1759 Sign off mentioning 500 watt power, played SSB, fair through pest WIXZ, McKeesport, PA. (MB-ON)
- 1360 WRSG NY, Binghamton. (no date) 1700 with Billy Joel's "Only The Good Die Young." ID by YL at 1700 "It's 5 o'clock at WRSG, Binghamton," into local news, fair to good, ex-WKOP. (MB-ON)
- 1380 WSYB VT, Rutland 2-15 1653 with end of HS sports report, OM announcer mentioned "High School Report, on Vermont's Sports Leader, WSYB", then gone, poor under peak CKPC, Brantford, ON. (MB-ON)
- 1380 WNAQ CT 2-21 1700 with "WNAQ Naugatuck-Waterbury" ID into ABC Contemporary news. Poor in mess. (MB-ON)
- 1410 KQV PA, Pittsburgh. 3-6 2130 Jason Robards PSA on Alcoholism, ID "We are 1410, KQV, Pittsburgh," into news. Poor. (RB-NY)
- 1440 WRRO OH, Warren 3-3 2210 Oldie rock format, Gary Carter PSA for CARE. (RB-NY)
- 1500 WFIF CT, Milford. 2-21 1711 with contest promo asking "Who was Jesus speaking with when HE said you must be born again?" (Obviously Oral Roberts in his tower...or was it Jim in bed with someone other than Tammy?-hi-kz) call 878-5915 to win tickets to a gospel concert in Hartford, ID as "Back to the real rock on WFIF" into gospel music, fair to good over WTOP. (MB-ON)
- 1500 WTDP DC, Washington. News format on "Newsradio 15". Fair. (RB-NY)
- 1520 WWKB NY, Buffalo 3-3 2235 "Call 885-1124 for Tuesday Night Call." Talk show. Good. (RB-NY)
- 1540 WPTR NY, Albany. 3-3 2300 with 14W music. Good. (RB-NY)

Well, it's time to pull the plug at this QTH. My thanks to everyone who has written to me during my editorship. You made this column great. Thanks also to everyone who read it. Without you, there's no reason to type the column! Please give Tim Kadel the same support as me and the now legendary Smitty. I spoke to Tim on the phone today, and he's all set. Look for his first column in the May issue. The real answer to the quiz listed in the 1500 WFIF logging is Rocket J. Squirrel, known to his friends as Rocky. He spoke to God when the metal munching moon mice came after him and Bullwinkle. He munches on parodied "religion"! SK de KZ

Ooops! This week's contributors were:
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OK...now it's time to go...see ya and happy trails...good luck, Tim!-kz



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In regards to Gene Martin's recent comments on reception of Japan in Denver and the east coast, I offer the following discussion of auroral zone propagation effects.

To address Gene's major point - that the Far East can be heard on the east coast: I agree completely and I don't remember anyone ever saying it's not possible, for a propagation point of view. I had heard of the 1930's reception of Japan and other stations in RADEX. My recollection is that the Boston DX'ers heard some Far East stations in the middle 1960's, and the reception of Urumchi 1525 was regular in parts of the Northeast in the 1970's right after local sunset. The interesting thing about the Urumchi receptions was that they seemed to be best during disturbed geomagnetic field conditions, meaning that the "doughnut hole" had to be in the right location (perhaps further towards the equator than in quiet conditions).

There have been many reports from Brian Vernon in the Yukon Territory and DX'ers in Alaska of east coast and midwest stations - these too are "doughnut hole" receptions, but with the DX'er inside the hole or under the oval itself. Reception of Europe from the Pacific Northwest and central Canada are also "doughnut-hole" receptions.

I think that the Far East isn't received more frequently on the east coast for several reasons - it would occur in the early AM, so few DX'ers try for these stations: it occurs only rarely due to the dynamics of the auroral zone (perhaps 4-6 times a season when there's been a quiet geomagnetic field for some time); and, the co-channel or near-channel interference is much more severe than it was in earlier years.

I believe that the answer to Gene's question is that the auroral zone has always been there, but other factors combine to make east coast reception of the Far East a rare occurrence.

So why haven't we had more discussion and explanation on these subjects since Nelson's early 1970's articles? I think it's because no club member is a true expert on the subject with resources, interest and time to do the necessary research. Medium Wave propagation is extremely complex - it combines chemistry, physics, meteorology, etc. It's dynamic and not static. The ionosphere changes on a minute-to-minute, hour-to-hour, daily, monthly, yearly, decade basis, responding to the variations in solar radiation, the earth's magnetic field and even strong radio waves. (Cont. next issue-RtH)

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I would like to add a few words to Gordon Nelson's comments in EDXF, 28 February issue concerning the mid-winter anomaly (MWA). Although the MWA possibly can occur anywhere in the mid latitudes, it does not occur at all longitudes at the same time. It occurs in roughly defined areas somewhat similar to the familiar low pressure areas seen on the weather maps. Thus, from a given location in North America, the MWA might affect TA reception but not TP, and so on.

The MWA is found in the D region of the ionosphere. Another interesting winter anomaly occurs in the F2 layer. At polar locations, where there is no sunlight during midwinter for several weeks, daily midday peaks of ion density continue to occur as though sunlight were present. Apparently there's a source of ionization controlled by the position of the sun, other than the sun's rays.

Regards and good DX.

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Well, it's time for my annual After Anniversary Forum, hi. I guess I've been a member for a while now. About a year before we went to the small format bulletin is when I joined. Of course you know when, Ric. (Yeah, right about then, I reckon, hi. Actually, about '79-RtH.)

Been listening to SW lately with some ECB bandscans. KWOW 1600 has changed calls to KMNY, however they still ID as "16 K-WOW," except for the legal ID's. I still think they made a bad decision to change calls. As for the format they remain Oldies as of this forum. It's supposed to be finan-

cial news, etc., directed to Los Angeles listeners. Of course 1580 KDAJ, and I think, KROQ (in SS), should blow away anything in the weeds near 1580, including KMNy, so that's my perspective, ah - Boo.

I really enjoyed reading the Anniversary Issue. I'm really impressed with our members gone public. I'm also surprised by our membership list. Imagine if each person sent in one report or forum a year. You think that's not much, huh? (I'd love to type them up, too-RtH.)

Good luck to all the nominees for the BoD. Sometimes it's difficult to vote for either our experienced Directors or nominees who have the zeal to do as good a job though not proven yet. (Importantly, just vote-RtH.)

Greetings to Steve Mittman and Jim Hilliker; where's your reports, hi. 73 and yahoo for radio.

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Hello again. In the latest news, the NRSC has adopted a voluntary standard for AM frequency response, calling for a sharp cutoff above 10 kHz. The standard has been approved by NAP and EIA and stations are being urged to adopt this standard before the year is out. What this means is that within a year we may be noticing less "monkey-chatter" from stations 20 kHz away from the DX we're trying to hear. And that's good news.

Meanwhile, the NTIA has endorsed multi-mode AM stereo receivers as a way to break the current impasse in implementing AM stereo.

Tim Hall's 1050 unID is strange. Group W stations are owned by Westinghouse and the AM's are WBZ, KFWE, WINS, KYW, KMEG, KDKA. But none of these are on 1050.

Today's handy household hint: to know which net a particular NHH station belongs to, primarily NHH1 stations with the letter K, others with G, P or Q. Primary NHH2's end with B, others with C, D or Z. Commercial stations typically end with F, L, O, R and sometimes M or W.

Now Ric - surely you know I was kidding when I said that anything less than 1,000 miles away isn't DX. Probably I could have punctuated my statement in Edition #782 better. Anyway, I think my catch of Sky Harbor Airport at Phoenix on 1610 is decent DX, although it's only 500 miles from here. When I lived in Denver, I once heard some Mariachi music behind semi-local KOB and stayed with it. Then KOB had about five seconds of dead air, just long enough for the SS'er to say, "XEHB, San Francisco del Oro, Chihuahua." That's not even 900 miles from Denver, but still a decent catch for a 500-watt daytimer, wouldn't you say? (Why does the word/term, insufferable, come to mind at the moment? hi-RtH.)

For DX'ers needing to keep up with 24-hour time - I use a Micronta 63-826A digital clock at my listening post, set to UTC. Also, I use a cheap (\$12) Armitron digital watch which can be switched to a 24-hour display. Seiko also makes a watch which can display 24-hour time. Also, Haverhill's, San Francisco is advertising a "Navigator Watch" for \$49.95, with both analog and digital displays which may be set to different time zones. 73 etc.

RIC HEALD, 8539 BELLAMY WAY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95828

Greetings and all that. Tele-Forum number left off this time as I'm about to move up the ladder at county with a new job, from On-Call to Temporary, with Permanent lurking in the wings. Will be working sort-of swing-shift, 1400 to 2230 PIT, so should you want to call, please call on the weekend. Besides, Saturday is the cheapest time to call.

Glen, now that you brought it up, got a Seiko for Christmas that has the 24-hour display, which is where it's set. Checked it against WWV and it was three seconds slow - close enough, hi.

Have noticed local KHWY 1030 Folsom has a regular nightly SP. Not sure if 0000 or 0100, but they've dropped their NSI schedule.

Morning of 20 March noticed conditions to the north good with KAMT 1360 atop the channel, CFSA beating out usually dominant CHUB and KID ruling the roost on 630 in favor of KOH. Noticed KIXE 880 in like a semi-local; have they finally upped their night power?

Speaking of the Northwest, who owns three short towers just south of the North Portland railroad "station" (Washington side of the Columbia)? Meant to mention this a long time ago. Judging from their height would have to be a high frequency like 1480. Could this be the "new" KAAR site? If you'll remember, this whistle-blower turned in KAAR for interfering in KRED's primary broadcast area. End result, KAAR reverted back to a day-timer, then came back as a fulltimer months later. I know 910 used to have their towers on Smith Lake years ago, but when I was at the Bill Block bash in '77 I learned they had moved near to 'JJ. Ideas anyone?

Randy's forum reminded of my DX experience from Alaska. From Sitka, where I lived for three years in Southeast Alaska, WLS (WLS) was a

rarity, I think because of the extensive mountain ranges east of Sitka. Never did hear the east coast. Pat Martin, was this your experience from same latitude at Seward, or was 600 miles of water west enough to enable you to bring in the east coast well? But, when I moved to Venetie, an Indian village 40 miles northwest of Ft. Yukon and 30 miles north of the Arctic Circle, I literally heard round-the-world in 24 hours as I was within 3,500 miles of most of Europe, North America and Asia (over the Pole). From Sitka, DU's were most common, and oddly enough, in the summer. But from the "Interior," now that you mention it Randy, I experienced the "doughnut hole." Like the morning I heard 500-watt daytimers in Tennessee s/on as a "line went through Tennessee, Kentucky, the Carolinas and Virginia, and nothing else heard." Or the morning I heard only New England along with upstate New York, Ontario and Quebec. But then one hour later that was replaced by Japan, Korea and China - totally. Explain that one please. It was interesting, I have tons of veries and lots of memories on tape.

Anyway, that's a wrap for this time around. Hope to hear from all of you next time. Best of DX and 73 de Rth. .

EASTERN DX FORUM

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I've managed to miss the anniversary issue once again so I thought I'd give a belated re-intro. I'm 28, a Dyer since around 1970 and IRCA member since 1973. It's hard to believe that I'm closing in on 15 years as a member! I'm doing a postdoc at Cambridge University where I expect to remain until early next year. I enjoyed reading Gene Martin's forums on early reception of TP's in the eastern U.S. I, too, have a lot of confidence that Jim Hall's intriguing receptions earlier in the season could have been of TP origin. However, I don't think it's quite fair to say that the DX propagation experts claim that Japan can't be heard on the east coast. While the historical record (Tom Farmerie's excellent 50th anniversary book for the NRC makes fascinating reading) leaves no doubt that TP's were heard in the east up through at least the '50's, I think that there are two obvious reasons why such reception is infinitely more difficult now. First is the domestic congestion problem. Frequencies are nowhere near as clear now compared with just 10 years ago. Even the split frequencies of today's TP's do relatively little to improve this problem. Second, is the increase in man-made noise on the band. The increased noise ceiling makes it just that much more difficult to pull those relatively weak signals out. The auroral zone, of course, is really there: I think that Gene is exaggerating when he questions its existence. Exactly how far south it reaches on a given day is no easy task to predict despite the large number of geomagnetic and solar variability measurements made. The fact that the geomagnetic field is unsettled according to WWV doesn't necessarily preclude interesting high-latitude receptions. I would recommend that more easterners make a concerted effort to hear Asian and Aussie stations. The main difficulty is waking up a few hours before dawn! Could one of our western members produce a list of what they find as the most consistent Asians to give those in the east something to shoot for? This is certainly the right time of the solar cycle to try for them in the east. 73.

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A recent survey showed that WGN-720 had more listeners than any other station in Chicagoland, AM or FM. WGN's programming is mostly talk shows and sports, so they have little need for stereo. Technically speaking, what does AM radio have going for it? For one thing, it can cover large areas by skywave at night. But this is unreliable, and of commercial interest only if directed towards special interests, such as truckers. The other thing is that an AM station can blanket a metropolitan area with a powerful signal which is largely unaffected by fluctuations in terrain or the presence of tall buildings, making for good reception by car radios. The "picket-fencing" effect used to be a big problem in FM car radio reception, but advances in transmitter and receiver design have made FM nearly equal to AM in this respect. FM can with the proper circuitry broadcast of high fidelity material without interference that is common to AM, and it can provide noise-free reception at such lower power levels than AM. FM

seldom suffers interference from faraway stations on the same channel. So stations like WGN survive, not due to any technical advantage, but by providing programming that more people want to hear. I opine that both the AM and FM bands suffer from what I call "station inflation". Inflation is a process by which, as the supply of something is increased, each individual unit loses value. WGN may face some competition from the "all-new WMAQ", but that's about all there is. I do not see how an FM rocker in this area can hope to capture more than a small fraction of market share, when there are at least a dozen others competing with it. Lately, I've noticed that the Cuban stations which formerly were such pests at 590, 600, 630, and 640 on the AM band are remarkably quiet. Wonder if Fidel decided that, aside from an occasional salvo like the 1160 caper, the AM "broadcast war" is not worth fighting? If he could get the Cuban people to turn up their noses at AM, the way that youth in the U.S. seem to do today, he could maintain his captive audience, and laugh at the capitalists who foolishly spent money on such things as R. Marti. Perhaps someone "in the know" could tell us if there has been a noticeable increase in Cuban FM activity. Well, 'nuff said, so I go now--Charley.

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617-487-9337. Well, I see I missed the deadline for the Anniversary issue by a week. And I thought when I retired I'd have all the idle time in the world - ha! But I wouldn't have it any other way. Each year for the last several, I've talked about myself in a reintroduitory manner, so you all know by now that I bought my first set of radio tubes from Mr. Marconi himself, when he had a pushcart on New York's Lower East Side. I had my first radio before the invention of electricity and batteries. It was wind-powered. Seriously though, DXing when I started was vastly different from the way things are now. There were virtually no all-nighters then. The first one in NYC was WNEW, then on 1290, a station which had gained its first fame from coverage of the Lindbergh baby's kidnapping trial. DXers in those days were a lot less courteous as far as nomenclature was concerned. What we now refer to as "ANS" or "NSPERS" were then called "Channel hogs". Station WMMH, Fairmont, W.Va. used to stay on AN on Sunday mornings just to hear from DXers, and were dismayed to receive a letter calling them as much for blocking their frequency every Sunday morning! What we now call a station that uses Spanish as its language is an "SS". Then, it was "Spick!" We weren't very genteel in those days. To use that term now would probably bring a law suit. But even with ordinary "house" radios, we were able, in Brooklyn, to pull in West Coast clears, many West Coast regionals, and even some West Coast graveyarders! By 0100, virtually all the Eastern Zone stations had signed off for the night, and that made it a snap to pick up the Central Zone stations till 0200, when the way was cleared for the Mountain Zone and some Pacific Zone stations, and DXers used to curse little WEXL, Royal Oak, Mich. which stayed on every morning till 0400 s/off. They ran a tremendous 50 watts! I was able to log a half-dozen Hawaiians in those days, and with today's receivers, we'd surely have Hawaii almost completely verified. But my equipment wasn't good enough to pick up any Asians or Australians, regrettably, or even one Alaskan. Even in '33 there was a powerful Mexican border station - 'twas XER, and it operated on 735 kc/s, and was on mostly all night selling all sorts of junk. But DXing is still exciting today, and is a real challenge! Long live the IRCA! Forward - March!

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Gruss Got von Bayern. How's DX in your part of the world? In the last month or so, I have only had one or two good TA sessions. "Trans-Eurasian" DX has been on the frustrating side. I have been trying for HLAZ-1566, but about all I've been able to hear is a few bars of religious music and not much more. The USSR station on the same frequency causes most of the problem. I can't null them out as they are in approximately the same direction. Another target I've been trying for is Taiwan on 600. One time I heard some music and a fem in Chinese. But never enough for a report. See DXWV-E for details. On 19 Feb I finally got around to driving out to Holzkirchen, one of Radio Free Europe's transmitter sites. It is approx 30 miles from here towards Munich and it's very close to the Autobahn. We've seen the site many times as we have driven by on our trips to Munich. When I drove out to the site, I took the Holzkirchen exit and drove towards the town of Holzkirchen, about 1 1/2 miles or so. There is a driveway on the left hand side of the road for the transmitter site, but it isn't very well marked. After turning on to the driveway, there were quite a few signs in German telling me to beware and not to trespass. So I stopped there; I don't relish the thought of having a loaded firearm pointed at me. I doubt that it would happen but I didn't want to take my chances. Anyway there was no gate or guardhouse per se. There were several impressive antenna arrays. I really didn't take count. I plan to contact the people in

charge at Radio Free Europe to see if I can take a full tour of the site. More later. 73's von Bayern de wjh.

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(continued from last time...) Another interesting special program was aired on Feb. 20, 1987 to celebrate WGY's 65th anniv. The program featured selected broadcasts, interviews with past and present employees of the station and a lot of history. The station signed on for the very first time on Nov. 20, 1922 at 1947 for a period of one hour and three minutes. The call "WGY" stands for...W-wireless G-General Electric Y-The last letter in the city of license. This was aired as the legal ID every half hour on Feb. 20th as a tribute. The station received the official license on an experimental basis in 1912. It was known worldwide when it used the power levels of 100,000 & 200,000 watts to beam broadcasts to New Zealand over MW. The station had sent QSL's to DX'ers in Australia who sent them proper reception reports. To get a 24 hour status, the station became part of the air raid warning system. The station changed its frequency from 790 to 810 kHz. Some of the more interesting things that have happened as a result of the station in the early days involve a story where a beat policeman upon hearing screams from a home went charging in with gun in hand only to discover radio drama aired over a loud radio tuned to WGY. Once a druggist gave a poison by mistake to a woman who had already left the store and driven away. The radio station aired a description of the woman and the car she was driving along with the message not to take the prescription she was given. A relative of hers living in NJ heard the emergency announcement and called her as she was just getting ready to take the poison, thus another life was saved by radio. One of the relatives of a station employee was kidnapped but once the description went out on the child, a park caretaker called the authorities and a rescue was made. I believe it is interesting that some foods such as oatmeal, coffee and grape juice carried the brand name... WGY during the early days of the station.

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Hello, DX has been difficult lately since local daytimers are staying on later at night. Sent request for info on my HQ 129X to Fair Radio Sales in Ohio. I want to get the old rig back in operation. Then the hard part, find a place to put up an outside antenna. Everytime the neighbors TV goes on the blink, they blame it on my wire, hi. I want to thank Mr. Bill Townshend for unknowingly IDing my uID on 730 (March 14 issue EDXF). Thought I heard WCCT loud on 730 but it must have been WCPT in Wash., DC area. I made the change in my logs. Also, what's this about the FCC allowing K calls east of the Miss. River?! Have the people at FCC lost their minds?! Next, I received my DX Tech Guide, and that is quite a book. It's technical alright. Hope I can absorb it all. I really like the section on tube radio reviews and comparisons. Karl Zuk, you asked what radio I've been using. The mystery machine is a 1949 vintage Philco AM FM with seven tubes and a floppy loop antenna. Loop is a 4' single turn low z type and is unshielded. This radio was in bad shape when I found it so I had to replace many resistors, tubes, and paper caps. After several years use it has given good service. If you would like to know more please drop me a note. 73.

530k AM Spans Across Ocean

by David Hughes

Niagara Falls Ontario ... Radio listeners across North America, and as far away as Europe, have reported hearing a new 270 W AM station from Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The main reason CJFT's relatively weak signal carries so far is that it operates on 530 kHz, just below the end of the AM broadcast band.

Well, at least the station is just below the low end of the US AM broadcast band at 540 kHz. In Canada, 530 kHz is now part of the broadcast band, according to Bill McDougall, CE of CJFT, and co-owned CJRN, another AMer that operates from the same location.

"The Canadian government opened the frequency to broadcasters about a year ago," he said.

CJFT signed on in mid-1986. The station utilizes two towers of the 12-tower array used by CJRN.

Unlike the current US AM duopoly rules, Canadian rules permit two AM

stations in the same market to have a common owner, McDougall said.

He told RW that CJFT, which partly relays CJRN's programming and partly generates its own, has been heard at night by listeners throughout the north-eastern US and as far away as Washington state, Montana, and even Finland.

While 530 kHz is technically a clear channel, CJFT does receive co-channel interference from Travelers Information Service (TIS) stations which use the frequency.

Many airports and other facilities in the US operate very localized transmitters on 530 kHz (and 1610 kHz) to give parking and traffic conditions.

McDougall says a particular problem is the Toronto airport's TIS station which operates with 70 W on 530 kHz. "During quiet moments on CJFT, I can hear the Toronto station," he added.

His station has plans to request that the Toronto TIS station be moved to a different frequency. McDougall maintained, thereby allowing CJFT to increase

its power to 1 kW. "But that is about as high as they'll let us get."

That is because, while 530 kHz is more-or-less wide open to broadcasters in Canada, interference considerations to stations on 540 kHz must be taken into consideration. Canada has four stations operating on 540 kHz including 50 kW day/10 kW nights CJSB in Ottawa.

Because of the interference potential to stations on 540 kHz, McDougall said that there will probably be only a handful of new Canadian stations joining CJFT on 530 kHz.

For more information on CJFT's operations, contact Bill McDougall at 416-356-6710

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T R A N S - A T L A N T I C D X (Mark Connelly-MA ALL) unless noted

- 603 unID, 2250 2/22 : Carrier mix.
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun 2246 2/22 : Loud w/male AA chant.
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS, Santa Cruz, Tenerife 2246 2/22 : Good w/m&w in SS.
- 639 SPAIN, La Coruna 2246 2/22 : SS talk, fr.
- 648 unID, 2245 2/22 : Open carrier o/others.
- 666 PORTUGAL, Lisboa 2245 2/22 : Gd w/folk-style male vocal //720.
- 675 FRANCE, Marseille 2245 2/22 : Pop mx sneaking by WRKO slop.
- 684 SPAIN, Sevilla 2244 2/22 : SS talk by man, xInt sig.
- 693 t ENGLAND, 2244 2/22 : BBC suspected here w/classical mx.
- 711 MOROCCO, 2243 2/22 : Potent carrier w/AA chant. 702 had just a carrier jumble at the time.
- 720 PORTUGAL, Norte-Azurara 2245 2/22 : Folk-style vocal, good, //666.
- 756 PORTUGAL, Lisboa 2243 2/22 : Classical mx.
- 765 SENEGAL, Dakar 2242 2/22 : Woman in FF, then Afro. mx, good o/others.
- 774 SPAIN, synthros. 2241 2/22 : SS talk, in w/local like sig.
- 783 unID's, 2241 2/22 : 3 or more stn's mixing it up here; little useable audio.
- 819 MOROCCO, Rabat 2241 2/22 : XInt w/AA violin mx.
- (825)
- 827 unID's, 2240 2/22 : Cacophonous heterodyne imbroglia, lots of strong stn's but zero intelligibility.
- 828
- (830)
- 837 FRANCE, Nancy 2239 2/22 : FF talk by woman, good o/others.
- 855 SPAIN, Murcia et al 2238 2/22 : SS talk by man; xInt despite WHDH slop.
- 864 t FRANCE, 2240 2/22 : Classical violin mx.
- 882 ENGLAND, Washford 2237 2/22 : Gd w/EE talk.
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers 2138 2/22 : Well before sunset: xInt with AA vocal.
- unID, (prob. Portugal) 2237 2/22 : Man in unID lang mixing w/Algeria; SAH present.
- 909 ENGLAND, synthros. 2236 2/22 : Man in EE, atop other stn's.
- 945 FRANCE, Toulouse 2235 2/22 : Generally gd w/FF pgm, dogged by WROL-950 slop.
- 1017 TURKEY, Istanbul 2/22 : Starting fadeup @ 2149 w/talk by m&w, then chantnig; up to potent level at 2235 w/typical Turkish mx (blend of Greek & AA styles of instrumentation). -- excellent signal!
- 1062 t PORTUGAL, 2234 2/22 : Pop mx possible //1035. Italy-1062 & 1035 are sometimes //, so results are inconclusive. Anyway 1035 was getting demolished by WBZ (whose Hull xmting site is a short distance from the Brant Rock DXpedition QTH.)
- 1089 t ALBANIA, 2233 2/22 : AA-sounding pgm leading the pack; other signal u/, prob. BBC. 1090 slop was troublesome; phasing or looping would have helped here.
- 1098 t CZECHOSLOVAKIA, 2231 2/22 : To gd peaks w/classical mx.
- 1107 SPAIN, unID's 2201 2/22 : Tone-tester, well atop a slew of others.
- 1116 unID, 2231 2/22 : SS talk dodging in & out of GY-like carrier pile; low-pitched audible growl present. (Please reverse pgm details for last 2 loggings. ed)
- 1125 YUGOSLAVIA, Tovarnik 2230 2/22 : Phone-in talkshow in a Slavic lang. //1134. Good sig; the DXpedition site was providing a mid-band "pipeline" to eastern Europe.
- 1134 YUGOSLAVIA, Biograd et al 2230 2/22 : Slavic talkshow, excellent!-- creaming WNEW at times! Running //1125.
- SPAIN, 2202 2/22 : Nx in SS o/u Yugoslavia & WNEW slop.
- 1179 ** SWEDEN, Solvesborg 2229 2/22 : Excellent signal (!) w/clear "R. Sweden Int'l" EE ID by w, then chime IS. This was the highlight of the DXpedition. (Good deal, Mark, as well as the others! ed)
- 1197 MOROCCO, Agadir 2228 2/22 : AA mx at shallow audio level; competing signals present on channel.
- 1206 FRANCE, Bordeaux 2227 2/22 : XInt w/man in FF.
- 1224 SPAIN, 2227 2/22 : Bits of SS, in mess.
- 1251 LIBYA, Tripoli 2158 2/22 : AA mx, in slop.
- +0219 2/6 : Noted loud TA het and at times could hear Arabic-like mx. Always hear the het but first time noted any audio^(w/?)(Almost no doubt Libya, William. ed)
- 1287 unID, (Czechoslovakia?) 2226 2/22 : Strong het, bits of talk.
- 1304 unID, 2226 2/22 : AA-sounding talk on this old plan chan.
- 1314 SPAIN, 2225 2/22 : SS talk, loud, dominating o/presumed Norwegian.
- 1332 ITALY, Roma et al 2225 2/22 : II talk to gd peaks o/slop.

- 1349 MAURATANIA, Nouakchott 2/22 : Fading up w/big het, bits of talk at 2207; strong w chants, overpowering 1350 domestics at 2224.
- 1374a ST. PIERRE et MIQUELON, 2223 2/22 : Man in FF, like a local.
- 1395 ALBANIA, Lushnje 2210 2/22 : Talk by woman in SS, xint despite local WPLM.
- 1413 SPAIN/unID, 2211 2/22 : SS talk & pop mx, mixed w/apparent AA stn .
- 1422 t ALGERIA, 2221 2/22 : Apparent AA female vocal. In slop.
- 1458 ALBANIA, Lushnje 2212 2/22 : Talk by woman in Slavic-sounding land.
- 1467 MONACO, Monte Carlo 2213 2/22 : Good w/preaching in EF.
- 1503 SPAIN/unID, 2215 2/22 : SS talk, in jumble w/other stations.
- 1512 BELGIUM, Wolvtem 2214 2/22 : EE news & documentary -- excellent ! WMRE still silent, of course.
- 1521 SUADI ARABIA, Duba 2216 2/22 : AA chanting at local level w/hardly a trace of a 1520 het.
- 1566 TUNISIA, unID, 2217 2/22 : Sfax atop w/guitar-like AA mx & strong percussion accompaniment. Rumble of other signals u/.
- 1575 unID's, 2220 2/22 : Several stn's.
- 1584 SPAIN, 2219 2/22 : SS talk.
- 1593 WEST GERMANY, 2218 2/22 : Lite mx to gd peaks but fadey.

P A N - A M E R I C A N D X (William Wyllie-MA)

- 590 CUBA, 0055 2/19 : Noted Radio Reloj voice and 'RRR', time clicks loud, plus other Cuban n background w/Radio Rebelde. Did CMCA or CMMA change to Radio Reloj recent! Not noted here before, The Revelde was // 600. Both behind local WEEI Boston.
- 660 CUBA, Santa Clara CMEB 0109 2/6 : Strong w/same old SS mx, giving WNBC a real battle. Was //640 which was also strong.
- 700 JAMAICA, Montego Bay 0000 1/24 : Noted heavily accented EE news. I'm sure it we them. Weak and fadey. Has anyone but me reported this? (Yes - this is fairly common here William. It made it to Pittsburgh quite often, and is reported fairly regularly elsewhere. ed)
- 820 CUBA, CMBU 0420-0503 1/24 : Veru strong this night w/mx, m&w talking w/echo. N> 0455 w/ID. 0500 ID as "R. Cuidad de la Habana" & also the name of a program or something called Mariana Musical.
- 910 CUBA, Colon CMDI 0541 1/25 : V. weak, no voice hrd but could hear the 'RRR' codes ticks. Listed in WRTH '86 as .25 - that's only 250 watts. (William, I don't have FCC calculated Cuban information list on hand, but I believe this might be 1kW. ec
- 1020 VENEZUELA, La Ascusion 0100 1/22 : SS mx strong o/KDKA, ID at 0104 as "Mundial Margarita". Strong at tiimes.

DX REPORT FROM WEST GERMANY : (Bill Harms-FRG near Munich)

- 600 t TAIWAN, Central Broadcasting System. Some tantalizing bits of audio. 2/1 hrd a female in Chinese at 1938 and 1949 and mx at 1936. Each time the signal faded up 1 less than 30-seconds. Most of the time the signal was covered up by 603 splash.
- 920 unID, Several possibilities. Hrd song "Power of Love". 2/20 0255, and nothing el:
- 1060 t CANADA, CJRP 2/20 0239-0252 : Assumed the one w/female in FF and T40 mx, includ "Open Your Heart" by Madonna (Is the artist Madonna?) (Couldn't say, Bill, hi ed Is anything else possible? (Seems like this would be CJRP to me, Bill - format set to fit -- can local Canadians clarify this please?? ed)
- 1566 t SOUTH KOREA, Cheju HLAZ 1436 1/17 : Most likely the one w/the female in Chinese and rlg's choir mx. Not enough for a report; too much USSR QRM.

TRANS-ATLANTIC/general report from Gordon Nelson:

- 666 LITHUANIA/PORTUGAL/GERMANY/UNID. Vilnius dominant at tune in 0213 2/16 during period of unusually good lowband TA reception; from 0213-0302 we had a pretty much even mixture of audio from Bodenseesender, Lisbon, and Vilnius. Frequencies 665.994, 665.999, and 666.000 respectively. A fourth carrier, on 665.989 produced a bit of audio at times but not enough for ID; likely Barcelona.
- 765 ENGLAND/UKRAINE. "BBC Radio Essex" ID noted 0400 12/13; this one runs AN and is at least detectable most nights featuring good low band conditions; frequency 765.000. Chelmsford is listed as 500 watts here but I suspect the power is more than that. There's usually a 2.8 Hz SAH on him from one of the Russians on the channel, had enough audio to ID the language as RR 12/18 0337 but no ID; good DF at the time for Medvejevorsk, not Odessa. Russian freq is low side.
- 828 LIBYA/MOROCCO/SPAIN. EAJ1, Barcelona, unusually good 0528 2/13 but bad QRM from Oujda 2 on 827.983 and Sebha on 827.053 at the time. I imagine the het from Sebha must be brutal in Europe... EAJ1 from ic 027 005

expected correlation between the signal quality of the standard high geomagnetic beacon station, Kvitsoey, Norway on 1314 and JOUB (and the rest of the corresponding TP's: Siberia, Japan, Korea, and PRC). During the hour before local East Coast dawn the only TP's on 774 that we've ever gotten even a trace of are 3LO and JOUB with the former consistently dominant except for very short periods of time. Resolution between the two by DF is trivial from ECNA which makes things easier... Never have gotten even a trace of needed Fiji on this channel; either they don't make it or are so close to 3LO that I can't detect the SAH. East Coasters who want to be tipped off when we have a TP opening might try checking the DX NEWSLINE (the audio DX board) at 202-953-0777; I usually put hot DX tips there in real time.

I would like to thank this edition's reporters for a particularly interesting content, especially Gordon Nelson's insight to my uniD and his other information. Mark Connelly submits a fine DXpedition report, and Bill Harms continues to report exotic stations from his QTH in West Germany. William Wyllie is not to be left out either, with his continued efforts. Bi please write me - you may be interested in what I'm doing in MD, hi.

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 5/12, 6/2, June 30.

TRAHS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 657 D.R. KOREA, Kangnam(Pyongyang) 3/14 1040 3/15 1057 good signal thru 1200 3/16 1037, 3/17 1320 all with audio. Noted pips at 1100 3/15. Didn't use pips 10 years ago. (DKK-CA)
- 666 UHID, audio breaking thru here 3/15 1147 Didn't stay long. (DKK-Ca)
- 702 UHID, het noted every AM 3/14-17 1100 on (DKK-Ca)
- 711 UHID, 3/14 1120 a very loud het ORRHing KF1A on 710 (DKK-Ca)
- 720 U.S.S.R., 3/16 1012 completely demolishing WGH in what seemed to be CC 1055 went into chimes which if my memory serves me correctly is what the Russians use. No pips noted however at 1100, into man with RR (DKK-C)
- 774 JAPAN, Akita-JOUB Daily visitor 3/16-17 1030 to 1500. Signal better after KKOB fades down. (DKK-Ca)
- 812 UHID, loud het on KGHW 3/14 1123 (DKK-Ca)
- 828 JAPAN, Osaka-JOBB Daily Visitor 3/6-17 1030-1500. Destroys 830 at times
- 837 JAPAN, Hiigata-JOQK 3/14 1102 w/American Pops, better later (DKK-Ca) Also 3/17 1255.HHK Pips on hour (DKK-Ca)
- 873 UHID, loud het at 1110 3/14 (DKK-Ca)
- 890 ALASKA, Homer-KBBI-3/2 and 3/16 noted above WLS until 0900 s/off.Fairly decent and readable signal. (DKK-Ca)
- 891 UHID, v. loud het almost every day 3/6-17 1000-1500. No audio (DKK-Ca)

HELP WITH URIDS

Re: John Williams logging 3/14 DXWW-W there def. is a 5KW Chihuahua station on 570. Tim Hall has been hearing them here but have not been able to copy calls or city. Hrd several nights at SSS w/OSB and QRM from KIEV/KROL(TRH-Ca) (Thx Tim for the help on this.PH)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS WHO SAVED THE DAY:

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Some interesting news this week. The new AM Pacific Log Edition #2 is out. It is edited by James Niven, consists of 32 double sided pages listing Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific, except Hawaii. Also includes Japan, Philippines, etc. in Asia. The cost is \$6.40 Australian, which I believe is about \$4.00 U.S. To be sure check with the bank for current rates. The \$6.40 Australian includes postage. Orders should be sent to: DX AUSTRALIA P.O. Box 285-Mt. Waverley, Victoria 3149 AUSTRALIA. This is a must for the serious Pacific DXer. One thing off MW is that WSZO-1095 KHZ=Marshall Is. is now on SW. They are on 4940 KHZ which I believe is // 1095 KHZ. Other info also lists them on 41 Meter frequency too. All this news from DX AUSTRALIA.

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 531 JAPAN, Morioka-JOOC, good w/JJ talk o/KK? at 1021 on 3/15. (PH-OR)
549 JAPAN/USSR, JJ talk and Clas. mx w/brief RR talk at times at 1017 on 3/15. (PH-OR)
555 REPUBLIC OF KOREA/JAPAN, both mixing here in passing, man in KK talk and JJ pops (JOCR) at 1034 3/15. (PH-OR)
585 U.S.S.R., Moscow IS at 0959 on 3/15 in passing. (PH-OR)
621 U.S.S.R., RR talk in 620 splat at 0956 3/15. (PH-OR)
702 JAPAN, JJ talk in passing throughout the night 3/15. (PH-OR)
711 SOUTH KOREA, KK talk at 1021 3/15. (PH-OR)
715 JAPAN, JJ talk at 1021 3/15. (PH-OR)
727 JIWAkaohsiung-Fishery station here with Cantonese or Amoy talk at 1123 3/15. Mainly on top of freq. weak JJ underneath. Check // 1143, was noted but much weaker. Haven't hrd this for quite a while. (PH-OR)
537 JAPAN, Niigata-JOOC good w/JJ talk AM 3/15. Noted at 0935 and several other times in passing. Sounded like HUKY way underneath. (PH-OR)
546 JAPAN, synchros here // 537 w/JJ talk 0937 3/15. (PH-OR)
555 UNTD/NORTH KOREA, station mixing w/North Korea here, may have been the Indonesian, but hard to tell. The language sounded different. Too much KK to tell, will keep checking at 1145 3/15. (PH-OR)
564 JAPAN, HBC stations here w/JJ pops and ment. of "HBC" w/jingle, other low power JJ also in there along w/ presumed KK 3/15 1126 (PH-OR)
591 JAPAN, Sendai-JOJK good o/mess w/JJ talk at 1056 3/15. (PH-OR)
909 JAPAN, Haqoya-JOCP weak, bit noticable, at 1109 3/15 // 747 (PH-OR)
954 JAPAN, Tokyo-JOKR good w/nice JJ pops, commercials, etc at 1130, which sounded like "Joker" ID, but faded at the time 3/15. (PH-OR)
972 SOUTH KOREA, KK talk most of the night 3/15. Very strong at times (PH-OR)
1017 JAPAN, Fukuoka-JOLB good w/JJ talk // 969, 747, at 1044 3/15. (PH-OR)
1053 KOREAS, usual mess of garbled audio in carrier, AM 3/15. (PH-OR)
1143 TAIWAN, Kaohsiung area-Fishery station // 735 w/Amoy talk at 1123-24 3/15. (PH-OR)

VERIFICATIONS:

- 590 HAWAII, Libue-KOHC, ex K1PO nice letter w/details confirm reception signed John Werner-PD. (PH-OR)

DXING SP-6003X, 200' HE/SW Term. LW, Ground system

Kodiak Daily Mirror 2/2/87 via Rod O'Connor

**Pioneer
Kodiak
station
off air**

One of the oldest radio stations in Alaska, and one of the first military radio stations in the new worldwide Armed Forces Radio Network (AFRN), met its demise here recently. The Coast Guard announced that the Kodiak AFRN radio-affiliate broadcasting station, 50-watt WYUQ permanently ceased its signal Jan 22

The Kodiak station, 960 kilohertz on the AM dial, shut down because there are several commercial radio stations broadcasting on the Island. AFRN is only supposed to be on the air where no other English speaking service is available.

The AFRN radio network first came to Kodiak in 1942.

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