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## Station News

Roy Millar has some additional information on the low powered stations at the Washington Ferry terminals (see 9/24 DXM). The 1520 outlet is not the station authorized for Sequim, WA, but a low powered transmitter at the Edmonds, WA ferry terminal. There is also one on 1620 at the Mukilteo ferry terminal. Programming is a continuous string of ads and PSAs. All are 100 mw or less, and challenging DX targets for DXers in NW Washington and SW British Columbia.

### KVEG-840

Another major clear channel station came on the air in October. KVEG-840 signed on at 5 am local time 10/18 with 50 kw days & 25 kw nights. They are located in Las Vegas and have a potent nighttime signal throughout the west. Format includes a late evening teletalk show with an 800 number. The host mentioned receiving calls from Lethbridge, Alberta, and Ft Stockton, Texas on 10/19. See WDXR & CDXR for more information.

### WKLL-590

According to the St Louis Post-Dispatch, via Tim Kridel, WKLL was knocked off the air by a fire that destroyed their transmitter building on 10/20. No word as to whether they are back on the air yet. WKLL (ex-WRTH). IDs as "Cool" and plays 50s & early 60s rock.

### News from Idaho

KRXR-1480 in Gooding and KMCL-1240 in McCall left the air recently, the apparent victims of economic problems. KBOI-670 will be switching to ABC Info soon, and KGEW-1140 may be changing format soon. (Info via Frank Aden)

## New Publications

### Proceedings

Fine Tuning recently came out with *Proceedings 1988*, a 200 page book with equipment reviews, DXing Techniques, antenna designs, propagation studies, and feature articles. It's aimed primarily at advanced SW DXers, but much of the material is also applicable to ECB DXers. We'll have a review of it soon, but if you'd like to order a copy, send a check or MO for \$15 + \$2 shipping/handling to Fine Tuning/Special Publications, c/o John Bryant, Rt 5 Box 14, Stillwater, OK 74074.

### China Handbook

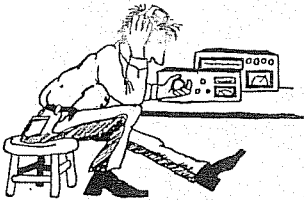
The *China Radio Handbook*, published by the Asian Broadcasting Institute, contains very detailed information on Chinese radio stations, based on actual monitoring and replies from the stations. It includes information on administrative districts, IDs, QSLs, history of Chinese broadcasting, the current broadcasting system, schedules for more than 200 stations, and frequency listings for over 1000 stations. The price is US\$15 from Asian Broadcasting Institute, Box 1334, Tokyo 100-91 JAPAN. (info via Medium Wave News)



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# EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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3605-8 Chasewood  
Huntsville, AL - 35805  
RF-2600 w/30' longwire  
(JDS-2-AL) J.D. Stephens  
3605-8 Chasewood  
Huntsville, AL - 35805  
Sears AM/FM car radio, car whip  
(LH-AL) Lynn Hollerman  
1237 Willowbrook Drive, Apt. 5  
Huntsville, AL -35802  
DX-302 w/30' longwire [CJBC]  
Toyota car radio [all others]  
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- 690 KGGF KS, Coffeyville 9/29/88 0723-0730 Farm nx, ID, Eureka Downs ad, more farm nx. Lost after WVOK s/on. (LH-AL)
- 740 WWNZ FL, Orlando 10/11/88 1909 Wx for Orlando, "WINS NEWS" ID by YL (another WINS station) w/Sally Jessie Raphael later. Ex-WKIS; calls not clear (like the word WINS). (GAH-PA)
- 770 WEW MO, St. Louis 10/1/88 0700 GOOD signal @ s/on; w/semi-local WVNN w/SSB, "Good morning, you're listening to WEW in St. Louis. WEW operates on 770 kHz w/a power of 1,000 watts." BBD mx; wx @0705. (JDS-1-AL)
- 790 WTSK AL, Tuscaloosa 9/30/88 2022 VERY GOOD w/no sign of Cuban. Wx, spots for Harco (w/ment of W. Alabama Harco stores), Temporelli Imports, R&B mx. (JDS-1-AL)
- 810 WMTS TN, Murfreesboro 10/11/88 1915 WEAK "Tune CH 27 WMTS for C&W Music Videos." ID by M; no SSB; QRM from WSVU, WGY. (GAH-PA)
- 860 CJBC ON, Toronto 10/1/88 2054-2102 Opera sung by YL in FR(?), ID "CJBC" in FR on hour, talk by M in FR. Electrical QRM behind. (LH-AL)
- 870 WQRX AL, Valley Head 10/1/88 1900 GOOD w/"North Alabama's Oldies Channel WQRX Valley Head/Ft. Payne", spots for DeKalb County Fair, unid tire store, Standard Furniture Co., into oldies rock. (JDS-2-AL)
- 870 WPRQ TN, Colonial Heights 10/1/88 1900 POOR w/WQRX; w/possible s/off; "...have a good evening from WPRQ." (JDS-2-AL)
- 880 WBKZ GA, Jefferson 10/16/88 1855-1857 Ads, YL ID, into Rolling Stones music. (LH-AL)

910 WTGE LA, Baton Rouge 10/1/88 0603 STRONG. w/AOR mx,  
 "WTGE/WTGE-FM, Digital 100.7 Baton Rouge." @0610  
 "WTGE 100.7 FM w/30 minutes of non-stop mx" by YL.  
 (JDS-1-AL)

1010 WHIN TN, Gallatin 9/30/88 2002 GOOD w/no sign of KHLT  
 w/spot for First American Bank, "WHIN Gallatin" ID,  
 into football talk program, spot for Gallatin  
 optical @2011. (JDS-1-AL)

1030 WBDX TN, White Bluff 10/16/88 1845-1853 "Country Gold"  
 mx, ads, ID's. Local station QRM; faded in & out.  
 (LH-AL)

1080 WEKS GA, Macon 9/30/88 2005 Peaking o/WCII w/local  
 spots, frequent ments of Macon. (JDS-1-AL)

1190 WGKA GA, Atlanta 10/16/88 1845 GOOD after WBDY  
 s/off; "Atlanta's WGKA Serving you with 10kw of  
 power" by 'M; classical mx. (GAH-PA)

1190 WXGR MS, Bay Saint Louis 10/16/88 1930 s/off by man  
 giving power, address, and from "staff & management  
 of WXGR good night"; oldie type song just before  
 'good night.' (GAH-PA)

1250 WTMA SC, Charleston 10/16/88 1900 POOR brief ID by  
 Man; "On a Country Road" program. (GAH-PA)

1310 WDXI TN, Jackson 10/7/88 2335 FAIR PSA to register  
 with Selective Service, ID, C&W mx, wx. (GAH-PA)

1380 WVSA AL, Vernon 9/30/88 1958 GOOD w/s/off ann by  
 Joel Camp; "...we leave the air to return tomorrow  
 morning @ 6 A.M. for what we think is the best in  
 broadcast entertainment..."; SSB & s/off @2000.  
 (JDS-1-AL)

1380 WYSH TN, Clinton 10/3/88 2149 GOOD w/"WYSH Community  
 Bulletin Board", announced USA NET NX @ ToH, into  
 Oldies. (JDS-2-AL)

1390 WADA NC, Shelby 10/3/88 2138 FAIR peaking w/C&W mx,  
 "Stereo 1390, WADA" by announcer named Paul.  
 (JDS-2-AL)

1410 WQVQ FL, Leesburg 10/1/88 0720 WEAK in muddle w/"WQVQ  
 Radar Weather"; "WQVQ is your weather station."  
 Frequent mentions of "Coast to Coast" slogan. Into  
 Ray Charles song. (JDS-1-AL)

1440 WRBE MS, Lucedale 9/30/88 1957 FAIR w/closing anncts.  
 by Richard Mason (?), s/off @1959 w/mention of 1440  
 kHz and power, SSB and off @2000. (JDS-1-AL)

1490 WAJF AL, Decatur 10/1/88 2327 FAIR in jumble w/"WAJF  
 - the music people" jx, oldies rock. (JDS-2-AL)

1550 KKJO MO, St. Joseph 10/4/88 0121 VERY GOOD w/current  
 & oldies Top 40 mx, "The oldies channel, 1550, KKJO"  
 into promos for Ray Stevens concert, Fall Parkway  
 Run, Mo. lottery, "The station that plays your mx,  
 KKJO." (JDS-2-AL)

1580 WVKO OH, Columbus 10/1/88 2250 Peaking o/WEAM w/"The  
 heart and soul of the city, AM 16, WVKO"; R&B mx.  
 (JDS-1-AL)

1600 WTQZ NC, Hendersonville 10/7/88 2304 Clear ID by YL in  
 local WAYC silent pause during NBC NX! Ex-WHVL; a  
 lucky catch. (GAH-PA)

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TENTATIVES & UNIDENTIFIED'S

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- 810 UNID 10/11/88 1856 POOR w/several ID's by M; C&W mx; sounded like WJSN. First two letters - WJ; WSVL later. (GAH-PA)
- 1030 WBDX TN, White Bluff 10/12/88 1920 Fade up to fair; TENT several spots for White Bluff Foodland; "Solid Gold 1030"; many ID's by M, played C&W mx (I never made this change in my NRC log and am not 100% positive on the calls); WBZ weak. (GAH-PA)
- 1150UNID 10/9/88 2125 POOR/WEAK w/WDEL; numerous ments of ARK; talk of ARK State Fair, ARK State Capitol, wx update for ARK Interstate. SLOGAN = "Travelers info Radio AM 1150" by YL; calls not clear. Possible KEZQ? (GAH-PA)
- 1540 UNID 10/1/88 2343 GOOD in lengthy program of R&B mx. OM announced request line # 870-9117. (JDS-2-AL)

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Thanks to all the reporters this time out and a reminder that from this date on...DEADLINES will be SATURDAY'S. If some get to me late they'll certainly make the following week's EDXR. Till then 73's de DX de Mr. B.

## Designing a parasitic array

Broadcast Engineering  
June 1988  
via John Johnson

By John Battison, P.E.

Engineers recognize that two vertical radiators, spaced 90° apart and properly driven with one tower leading the other by 90°, result in a cardioid pattern. This design produced what was probably one of the earliest intentionally created directional patterns. The technique may have been applied by an amateur in search of DX, or it may have been developed by one of the pioneer engineers. If an amateur was responsible for the technique, it was almost certainly achieved through use of a parasitic element. If a broadcast radio engineer came up with it, the design probably used a driven element.

Directional antenna use has become almost universal. The United States is undoubtedly the largest user of the DA. Without directional antennas, more than half of U.S. AM radio stations would not be on the air.

As far as I know, no directional antennas in use today employ parasitic radiators. It is doubtful that any were intentionally built with parasitic elements. However, I have recollections of a station at which the DA started out as a conventional array with a driven element and ended up as an unintentional parasitic array.

### Franklin antenna

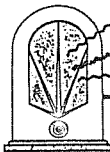
The station was WWWE-AM, Cleveland, operating at 1,100kHz, DA-1 with 50kW of power. It was bought from NBC, and I was director of engineering for the new owner. As originally built, the transmitter used the tall tower of its sister TV station as a radiator. Because the tower height was approximately one wavelength of the AM frequency, the tower was built as a Franklin antenna. One vertical section of the tower was built above the other, as shown in Figure 1.

Because of a slight problem with excessive radiation toward Canada, the commission deemed it necessary to reduce radiation in the direction of Toronto. To achieve this reduction, a wire was dropped from a guy on the side toward Toronto, and a phaser was designed to drive this wire, which was close to the Franklin radiator.

The original plan was to drive the directional element. A transmission line was installed out to the tower base. As it turned out, driving the vertical wire did not accomplish the desired reduction in radiation toward Canada. The tower was then made parasitic by disconnecting the transmission line and substituting a resistor to ground to dissipate the undesired radiation. I do not recall whether the original base network was left in the circuit, but I think approximately 5kW was dissipated in the grounded resistor.

This vertical DA was monitored in much the same way as it would be today, with

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# CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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All times are Eastern Local. Deadline: Saturdays  
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[SA-MB] = Shawn Axelrod, 30 Becontree Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2N 2X9  
ICOM IC-R70 with a loop, 140' longwire, and mini TUN-3.  
[TL-IN] = Tom Laskowski, 1334 East Miner Street, South Bend, Indiana 46617  
Superadio II, ICF-2010.  
[FTS-MN] = F. Todd Skaine, 2024 Grand Avenue South, #3  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405-3402  
Sony ICF-2010  
[FTS-AV] = F. Todd Skaine DXing in Apple Valley, Minnesota  
GE Superadio, ICF-2010, 250' SSE longwire.  
[JcJ-MT] = Your editor using an ICOM IC-R71A with a Radio West Loop.  
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840 KVEG NV North Las Vegas, 10/19 very strong, un-nullable. WHAS very faint  
under during silent periods between music. 0350 with lite-rock  
such as Cher, Madonna, Stevie Wonder, etc. 0400 ID "Las Vegas  
Calling, KVEG North Las Vegas" into local news. 0404 ID "Bustin'  
the border and blasting the Pacific, this is 50,000 watt Super  
Station KVEG Las Vegas" Numerous "AM 8-40, KVEG" mentions. Some  
interview segments w/Las Vegas stars and comedy bits which they  
call "Comedy Company". Mentioned this was their first day on the  
air! New for me, NV#26. [JcJ-MT]  
930 WRVC WV Huntington, EX-WAMX, 10/2. 0604 with religious music (Sunday  
morning).. Only ID heard "WRVC AM and FM". [TL-IN]  
1120 KANN UT Roy, EX-1090, 10/23 good, KMOX nulled. 1930 w/Insight For Living.  
2000 ID "KANN Roy, Ogden, Salt Lake City" into half hour back-to-  
back contemporary Christian music. 2030 a religious show on "The  
S-O-S Radio Network" (Sounds Of The Spirit). Station has had CP  
for 1120 for quite awhile, just recently moved. Logging thanks  
to a tip from Robert Wien of CA. New, UT#57 [JcJ-MT]  
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570 WWNC NC Asherville, 9/19 mixing w/WSYR, WNAX off. 0531 w/spots for area  
merchants, ID, weather. New for me; not heard before. [FTS-MN]  
580 CKY ON Winnipeg, 9/26 fair u/WKTY. 0138 noted slopping on 570 & 590.  
[FTS-MN] (JcJ: No programming information given.)  
620 WGNR AL Lexington, 9/19 very good. 0700 w/sign on. Mentioned 5000 watts  
and 99 watts PSSA. Into C&W music. [FTS-MN]  
630 CFCO ON Chatham, 9/3 strong u/KDWB. 2106 w/song by George Micheals. Per  
tip from George Sherman. [FTS-MN]  
660 WVAL MN Sauk Rapids, 9/4. 2048 w/TalkNet. Night power, but normally not  
heard here at night. [FTS-MN]  
680 KWKA NM Clovis, 9/19 weak. 0700 clear ID. Station #682. [FTS-MN]  
720 WWII PA Shiremanstown, 10/1 very strong w/WGN. Dominating at times. 0630  
with ID "W-W-2, 7-20 AM Stereo". First time heard. [TL-IN]  
800 KXIC IA Iowa City, 9/23 fair in WDUX null. 2053 w/pre-game of West HS  
football. Mentioned sponsors, full ID. Finally logged! [FTS-MN]  
900 KPAL MO Fulton, 10/12 good at SRS. 0702 w/local news, three "KPAL" IDs,  
C&W music followed. New for me. [TL-IN]  
930 WFMD MD Frederick, 10/1 good and alone. 0659 w/ID "This is 9-30 AM...  
WFMD in Frederick, Maryland." [TL-IN]  
990 WYAT IA New Orleans, 10/12 good, alone at SRS. 0724 w/two men talking  
about the World Series, local spots with mention of Convention  
Center. ID. [TL-IN]  
1010 KHLT AR Little Rock, 10/12. 0732 with "K-Lite" ID, mentions of Little  
Rock and Pulaski County. News. Last heard as KLRA earlier this  
year. [TL-IN]  
WHIN TN Gallatin, 9/1 on top. 2013 w/HS football, spot for car dealer, ID  
into game. What's their nighttime power? 1010#17. [FTS-AV]  
[JcJ: I show them as a 5000 watt daytimer...PSSA?]  
1030 KTWO WY Casper, 10/17 good. 0659 w/SSB, Sign on. Clobbered WBZ. [SA-MB]  
WBDX TN White Bluff, 9/1 good o/WMIN. 2020 heard with TN football, spots,  
ID. [FTS-AV]  
1040 WSKE PA Everett, 9/28. 1920 w/C&W music, promo for a Fall Festival with  
mentions of Bedford. Weather, ID by male DJ. My [3000] [TL-IN]







# WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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DEADLINES! MONDAYS

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FRG-7, Radio West loop
- (RtH) Ric Heald-8539 Bellamy Way-Sacramento, CA 95828  
FRG-7, SM-2
- (PM) Patrick Martin-Box 843-Seaside, OR 97138  
SP-600, 1500' E. Beverage, 200' NE LW, 1400' NNW wire
- (CM) Curtis McMenamin-2917 Georgia St.-Vallejo, CA 94591  
Sony ICF-2010, Radio West loop
- (bp) Bruce Portzer-6546 19th Ave. NE-Seattle, WA 98115  
Sony SRF-M40W
- (RW) Robert Wien-1309 Dentwood Dr.-San Jose, CA 95118  
GE Superadio, GE long-range portable, SM-2

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- 840 KVEG NV, North Las Vegas 10/18 2230 coming in very strong. This is a new station on the air. Newstalk format. Heard them mention a power of 50,000 watts day/25,000 watts night. (CM-CA)  
+10/19 0412 "...on our almost 24 hours of operation, your Las Vegas superstation." (And what about KDWN for 14 years? hi.) AdCon music. Poor signal, WHAS can be equal to KVEG or slightly better. New station on the air. (RtH-CA)  
+10/23 0700 first noted very strong on car radio with AdCon music, male DJ, slogans including "AM 840" & "Superstation, Las Vegas style." Also 10/23 1530 with fair signals midday. There goes another clear channel here. Called station, first day was 10/18, will be 24 hour NSP. More details in an upcoming Forum. (TRH-CA)  
+10/23 2257 AdCon music, 2300 "Superstation Las Vegas style, K-V-E-G." Fair-good over nulled KSWB. (NH-WA)
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- 550 KUZS CA, Bakersfield 10/16 2137 o/u KOAC with country gold show, IDs. New. (PM-OR)
- 690 KQMQ HI, Honolulu 10/18 0420 fair with rock music & phone-in requests. Best heard in a while. (PM-OR)
- KBLI ID, Blackfoot 10/18 0530 fair to good with "The music you remember" satellite service. XETRA off and on testing. Called KBLI to get address and was told they operate with something like 45 watts at night! (PM-OR)
- 710 (KFIA) CA, Carmichael has been off after 0300 every night since 10/15. Hope it's permanent. (RtH-CA)
- 1120 KANN UT, Ogden 10/17 1006 faded up nicely over KPNW with ad for speaker in Brigham City, Ogden weather, then into hymns by woman. Freq. change ex-1090. Thanks to Tim Hall for this tip. (RW)
- ?KANN?+10/16 0920 & 10/17 0015 Christian music in KPNW null. (bp-WA)
- 1150 KKEY OR, Portland 10/17 0940 good on top with ID into missionary program. (RW-CA)
- 1210 ?KEBR? CA, Rocklin-Sacramento 10/17 0820-0830 prob. the one with "Family Radio" format per loggings by others. Fair & fadey but alone. (bp-WA)



- 1210 KASY WA, Auburn 10/17 0830 suddenly popped on & said "KASY Auburn now begins another broadcast day," into AdCon music. No longer AN? (bp-WA)
- 1230 KWG CA, Stockton 10/20 2211 TC, contest promo by woman mentioning "KWG," into oldie. In quite well over others. New. (NH-WA)
- KBAR ID, Burley 10/15 0658 heard with s/on info, into NA. (PM-OR)
- KLAV NV, Las Vegas 10/20 2202 oldie, 2204 ads, followed by ID. Fair to good over the mess. New. (NH-WA)
- KOZI WA, Chelan 10/15 0340 ID out of pop song, "Serving Brewster & Okanogan County, this is KOZI AM & FM Chelan." New. Now AN apparently at least on weekends. Heard again 10/17 0457 with "Listen to Radio KOZI" ID. (PM-OR)
- 1260 KTEE ID, Idaho Falls 10/17 0800 good at s/on in KOIT null. Ment. 5kw days, 500w PSA. (RW-CA)
- ?KWYR? SD, winner 10/17 0715 susp. weak in KOIT null o/u KVSF-CFRN with TC of 6:15, ment. of ad "...brought to you by South Dakota's ...??" then faded out. Had ABC-I news on hour. C&W music fits KWYR. Should've been on 500w PSA at this time. (RW)
- 1290 KLVS OR, Lake Oswego-Portland 10/16 0900 fair o/u QRM with legal ID and Elvis music. (bp-WA)  
+10/17 0447 faded up strong over mess with ad for National Broadcasting School, ID "It's 1:47, on Elvis 1290," all-Elvis Presley music, faded under KUMA-KGVO with KMEN-KCUB nulled. Call change, ex-KVIX. (RW-CA)
- 1340 KWVR OR, Enterprise 10/15 0605 ID out of news. Fair in jumble. (PM)
- 1360 KRKK WY, Rock Springs 10/17 0445 weak with ID. Faded soon after. (PM)
- 1390 CUCY AB, Medicine Hat 10/17 0440 weak with ID. (PM-OR)
- 1560 WPAD KY, Paducah 10/17 0459:30 fair with ID in passing. (PM-OR)
- 1600 WXVI AL, Montgomery 10/19 0520 fair o/u mess with Black Gospel. (PM)
- KATZ MO, St. Louis 10/17 0459 good over mess with Homeless Kids PSA, ID at 0500. Best heard in a while. Again 10/18 0400 good over mess with R&B music, "KATZ-St. Louis" ID. (PM-OR)

UNIDS:

- 540 10/17 0330 coming in very poor with CBK off. I thought that I heard them mention CBC-540 then gone. I do know that it was not CBK. Anybody know what this could be? Possibly CBT? (CM-CA)
- 1070 10/3 0100 coming in very poor under KNX. Heard them mention Ontario, then lost for good. Looped east. Possibly CHOK, but I don't know. Anybody know what this could be? I was looking for WTSO. (CM-CA)
- 1180 10/10 0400 with KERI off, coming in poor under KOFI. Looped east. Heard with Spanish programming. Anybody know what this could be? (CM)
- 1290 10/17 0538 intriguing unID. Faded up briefly with ment. of "You're listening to the Best of King, highlights of..." faded out, so Larry King outlet. However, only King outlets I list are all "W" calls! Is KGVO or possibly KOIL now affiliate? No logical "W" choices out of the three listed. KCUB nulled, faded out instantly under KLVS. (RW) (Bill says KGVO-MT is on the list as of May '87.--NH)
- 1580 10/10 0300 coming in very poor under KDAY/KNIX. Heard with Spanish programming. Any ideas? (CM-CA) (Most likely XEDM!--NH)

Lo and behold, a couple of "NH" tips this week, hi. That just goes to show you that if I can report so can you! Let's have some nice long WDXRS this season. ♥

National Public Radio on AM Radio (from an NPR list 10-88)

<u>Alaska</u>	<u>Iowa</u>
KBRW 680 Barrow	WOI 640 Ames/DesMoines
KYUK 580 Bethel	
KDLG 670 Dillingham	<u>Minnesota</u>
KBBI 890 Homer	KSJN 1330 Saint Paul/Minneapolis
KOTZ 720 Kotzebue	
KCHU 770 Valdez (bless you)	<u>New York</u>
	WXXI 1370 Rochester
	WNYC 830 New York
<u>Arizona</u>	
KUAT 1550 Tucson	<u>Oregon</u>
	KOAC 550 Corvallis
<u>Illinois</u>	
WILL 850 Urbana	<u>South Dakota</u>
	KUSD 690 Vermillion
<u>Washington</u>	
KWSU 1250 Pullman	<u>Wisconsin</u>
	WLBL 930 Auburndale
	WHA 970 Madison



# WORLDWIDE EAST

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PENNSYLVANIA 15237-4015 U.S.A.

The following per a 10/24 phone tip from George Hakiel-NY (739 Van Buren Ave., West Islip, NY 11795): George has been getting an LA carrier on 745, believed to be the Ecuadoran floater HCSE4 R. Libertad, Chone. nf is 740, but has been noted vf 747-767 over the last couple of years. He reports regular SS talk/mx and probable s/off @0430 (see my tentative in the PA section, George. ed) but still unID. Also, indications are that Latin American DX should be on the rise so let's hope for some good DX to be heard starting this season. There are a handful of tentatives this week - everything from the possible HC on 745 to, believe it or not, another possible Cuban on 1610 (see PA section). I have also been getting a carrier on 738 that must surely be Papeete, Tahiti (Fr. Polynesia) so I'm hoping for some audio there this season, and the bearing seems correct. More on Cubans: the 600 Radio Rebelde has not been noted regularly and they might possibly have closed the freq. or moved - a shut down on 600 seems unlikely for Cuba though and I'd suggest being on the lookout for another Cuban opening the freq. Also, from DXW-E will be a Standard Broadcast Cuban List in the coming weeks. Times and dates are UTC:

## TRANS - PACIFIC DX

738 t TAHITI, Papeete 0800a 10/19-23-25 : A carrier looping appropriately has been noted fading up around this time lately. I'd presume it's from Fr. Polynesia here and will be checking here frequently for the WRTH listed FF at this time. (Hall)

## TRANS - ATLANTIC DX

- 1206 FRANCE, Bordeaux 0551 10/26 : M in Arabic w/1205-Cayman het. Usual // on 1557 too weak to ID tonight (1557 usually better). //1377 on Network B. (Hall-PIT)
- 1377 t FRANCE, Lille 0555 10/26 : Faded up w/severe St. Pierre et Miquelon 1376.2 het w/Arabic m talk and very unusual jazzy mid-East type mx. Was //1206 and no doubt at all France, but no ID was heard. (Hall-PIT)
- 1467 MONACO, Monte Carlo 2309 10/24 : Very readable EE rlg's pgm w/hymns - about the easiest TA at LSS. (Hall-PIT)
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, Doha 0341 10/25 : V. gd w/some AA tlk and mx. (Hall-PIT)

## PAN - AMERICANA DX

- 600 COLOMBIA, Barranquilla HJHJ 0500 10/20 : In apparant Cuban absence, LOUD/Dominant w/TC's "La hora en Colombia" and Tropical mx. 2nd SSSA under was not the Cuban-YV? (Hall-PIT)
- 730 MEXICO, XEX 0430 10/16 : Strong at times, fr/gd most of time. Noted "...Mexico" in the ID, then chorus sang something, not sure what? ("Radio Festival"? ed). Over CKAC. (Willie-MA)
- 745 t ECUADOR, Chone HCSE4 0345 10/24 & 0356 10/26 : LA carrier per George Hakiel tip - 10/26 barely putting audio o/slop but seemed like SS talk by man. 10/26 I noted a definite carrier cut (not fade) as in after a s/off at 0402 - George, could you have heard the possible 0430 s/off on a weekend? Maybe they're on only til 0400 on weekdays? Will keep checking here, and thanks George! (Hall-PIT)
- 750 VENEZUELA, Caracas YVKS 0220 9/23 : Strong, EE & SS rock songs. Hrd an ID (what? "Venezuela, Caracas 7-50". (Willie-R1)
- 850 COLOMBIA, Bogota HJKC 0442 10/20 : CARACOL here is //4755SW (see last issue) as noted w/SS commentary this date. Usually way down in mud swamped by WRMR. (Hall)
- 890 unID, 0110 10/7 : Fast SS songs and at 0117 into sports event o/WLS. Who is this? (Willie-R1) (Probably Colombian R. Galeon, William. ed)
- 895 NEVIS, Bath Village : Additional notes per phone tip from G. Hakiel-NY: ID is for Nevis (see also information from Ray Moore last issue, as well as info. on the 895 in the 2 previous issues). This QTH is not the British Virgin Islands as previously suspected -- per George it seems the dj's/ancrs may be announcing coverage areas in the area and are confusing us with local areas such as "This is VON Radio serving.. such and such..and the British Virgin Islands". Also, more confusion as the ancrs, seemingly unaware of the AM/FM spectrums, are saying "89.5" (unless there really is an FM ironically on the same #'s. ed). Anyway, address given is P.O. Box 196, Bath Village, Nevis WI. An inquiry for information will be sent from here. (Hak/Hal)
- 900 CUBA, Cacocum CMKB 0131 10/7 : Fast SS songs, ID "R. Progreso Cadena Nacional" //7660. Not heard here before. (Willie-R1)
- 930 CUBA, Ciego de Avila CMID 0417 10/15 : R. Reloj mx, time ticks & code "RR" ID w/good but weak signal. (Willie-MA)
- 940 CUBA, Colon CMDI 0424 10/15 : R. Reloj w/time ticks, mx, "RR" ID's, much stronger than on 930. (Willie-MA)

- 1020 VENEZUELA, La Asuncion YVRS 0225 10/8 : Lively SS mx, mostly strong w/splash from WBZ-1030. ID as "Margarita" & gong noted at 0225. (Wyllie-RI)
- 1100 ANTIGUA & BARBUDA, St. John's ZDK 0129 9/30 : Gd o/WWE w/reggae mx. (Wyllie-RI)
- 1160 CUBA, La Julia 0127 10/13 : R. Taino w/jazz and SS mx, EE tik by m & EE ID's - only SS was in songs. ID as "Cuba - your island in the sun, this is Taino Tour Radio in Havana, yours for the listening." (Wyllie-MA)
- 1370 t COLOMBIA, Barranquilla HJBO 0543 10/21 : Presume R. Pileto which has been heard in the eastern US before -- mixing heavily with Cuban w/'tropical mx (def. HJ mx) possible ref to Barranquilla, and the clincher, a TC of "diece cincuenta seis" at 0556 which agrees w/Colombian time now of UTC-4. (Hall-PIT)
- 1380 CUBA, Jaronu CMHY 0555 10/23 : LOUD //910/1350/1370 w/Cuban rumbas, QRM from St. Pete-FL (presumably still WRBQ). (Hall-PIT)
- 1440 CUBA, Ciego de Avila CNDP 0722 10/15 : LOUD w/KITA w/lively Cuban vocals, //1430 which isn't usually as strong. (Hall-PIT)
- 1470 t MEXICO, Mexico XESM 0640a 10/20 : SS ancr, US pop/T40 and occ SS vocals. May be the one as on tape review I hear a possible "XESM" (equis ay aysay emmay) call ID. Some SS talk yielded "Radio" & "Noticias de Radio" and possible "doce" ID at my 0624 (2:24am local). Any help here? I'm not sure if the TC matches as I'll have to consult WRTH for their local time. (Hall-PIT)
- t COLOMBIA, (time above for t XE) : Very tentatively hrd details that sd/1k an HJ was mixing in this AM - will have to review tapes again. There are several listed & I couldn't guess which is likely, although Call might get out well. (Hall-PIT)
- unID, 0601 10/20 : Mixing w/above 2 SS stn's and an unID US stn on 2000' Bev. - a s/off after SS talk w/NA - will review tape to see if it's a Venezuelan anthem, but still unsure if YV. It def. sd/1k the YV anthem. (Hall-PIT)
- 1560 CUBA, Ciego de Avila CMIR 0547 10/23 : Off Bev. w/MOXR off - bft1/instru. mx of US and Latin type (no commercials/vocals on this chan.) w/soft-spoken SS lady w/occ talk and "encyclopedic facts" on "R. Encyclopedia" net. Still trying to get the // on 1280 which was on 1281 and heard there a couple years back. (Hall-PIT)
- 1610 ANGUILLA, The Valley 0103 9/30 : Caribbean Beacon w/r/s pgms. Noted CNN nx and National nx at 0105 UTC. Strong signal. (Wyllie-RI)
- t CUBA, ?? : Noted 0420 10/26 when tuning past Anguilla to check for an ID on a PA-IDing pirate on 1650a (1649.35) to do DFing. Anyway, deep under Anguilla and VA-TIS (Appomattix) were the pip and "RR" morse R. Reloj ID's - every minute I could barely make it out but was in sync w/all the usual Reloj's hrd (590/760/790/910/920/930/940, 1180a/1270) although due to QRM/QRN and a bit of spur from KDKA the SS wasn't readable. I'd suppose it is about 100 or 250 watts as a measurement has not been taken yet (f.m.). I don't think it was any type of spur or even pirate although this is still "unofficial". Checked after Ang. s/off but LA cx weren't good and this wasn't hrd. Anyone else note this? Getting a jump on the extension to 1700 kHz? (Hall)

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POWER-side stations

POWER-side is a new processing system invented and produced by Leonard Kahn of AM stereo fame. Simply, this system is a hybrid of conventional AM and single side-band, putting most of the modulation on one sideband, and reducing the amount in the other, proportionally. The idea is to improve reception of the station using POWER-side by increasing their range, like SSB, improving their coverage in adjacent channel situations, and as a halfway point between AM and the eventual adoption of superior SSB radios for AM broadcast band in the future. This, in the words, paraphrased, of Leonard Kahn. These stations are currently using POWER-side, and there are others who don't want their "secret advantage" publicized to their competition.

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| WBSM 1420 | New Bedford, MA    | KYOK 1590 | Houston, TX        |
| WEBR 970  | Buffalo, NY        | KTSA 550  | San Antonio, TX    |
| WSYR 570  | Syracuse, NY       | KSSA      | Dallas, TX         |
| WELI 960  | New Haven, CT      | KTOK 1000 | Oklahoma City, OK  |
| WMCA 570  | New York, New York | KMOD      | Tulsa, OK          |
| WWRL 1600 | New York, NY       | KSL 1160  | Salt Lake City, UT |
| WTHE 1520 | Mineola, NY        | KTRK      | Salt Lake City, UT |
| WMTR 1250 | Morristown, NJ     | KMNY 1600 | Los Angeles, CA    |
| WHWH 1350 | Princeton, NJ      | KEST 1450 | San Francisco, CA  |
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# DX Worldwide - West



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This is the last column for a couple of weeks as I am going on vacation to Hawaii and will be back on 11/14. I do have a couple reports that I want to get in before I go, though. So here goes:

## PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

890 COLOMBIA, Santa Marta-HJPM strong 10/17 0625-0700 w/tropical mx; at 0659, full ID "Desde Santa Marta .....Radio Galeon HJPM....30 Kilowattios en 890 kilohertz....dos en punto" (That's two (o'clock) on the dot") Then faded under CJDC. (GK-CA)

## TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

693 JAPAN, Tokyo-JOAB NHK2 hrd 10/13 0942 and 10/15 1420 weakly. Best JJ so far this season. (GK-CA)

720 U.S.S.R., Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, hrd 10/13 0930 w/Kremlin Bells u/KDWN. (GK-CA)

828 JAPAN, Osaka-JOBB NHK2 hrd poor signal 10/13,0847 in JJ (GK-CA)

1629 AUSTRALIA, Sydney/Melbourne 2RPH/3RPH Many U.S. DXers who concentrate on getting domestic stations only should have little trouble locating this pair of 500 watters so many thousands of miles away. They arrive here with surprising signal strength these October mornings between about 1000 to 1200 UTC a minimum of fading noted. The only problem is knowing which station you have, for there are two of them and beating between them is constant. Their mutual interference makes voice IDs hard to hear amid the local QRN, but you can be sure you're getting Australia inasmuch as 1629 is a clear channel. Their signals were so strong and steady I got to wondering if some local image was getting in on 1629, so I checked it out in the daytime, no trace of anything there. The Loop antenna on my HQ180 tells me these stations are arriving from about 3 or 4 degrees South of due West. They null with the loop about 356-357 degrees. I have them on tape Oct 19 and 23rd, including the first time, some tunes I was able to name...Announcers these are male, but I wish one of them would give that job to some female in these hours so we would have some way of telling them apart...They offer no signals of any sort on the hour or half hour. Believe me these down under midgets transmit a GIANT signal. (GM-CO) (Gene: These stations have been heard here since they signed on several years back. To date I have them all confirmed including Kensington Univ. on 1750 KHZ with 300 watts and 1692 KHZ with 500 watts. Unfortunately it is off. But like you I also getting the mixing on 1629 plus 1620 KHZ here with three stations 4RPH, 1PPP, and 7RPH. They do get out for 500 watts. PM)

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# DXWWII

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You'll notice quite a few changes since the last DXWWII column in September. Thanks especially to Jim Hall for his valuable updates, Nick Hall-Patch for the Medium Wave Circle bulletins, and to the Arctic Radio Club of Sweden. Without their input this column would be pretty crummy. And think *Topeka-DXCon '89* when you think convention.

## Trans - Pacific

- Australia** - The communications Minister has revealed plans to alter MW and FM usage. Two FM frequencies will be auctioned in each capital city to existing MW stations wanting to move to FM. Their MW frequencies will be released, one to be used for a Radio for the Print Handicapped station, the other for parliamentary broadcasts, thus removing the obligation from the ABC. (R. Australia via BDXC via ARC)
- Bangladesh** - 1413 - Comilla was formally commissioned on July 1. (Mazumdor in SCDX via ARC)
- China, Peoples Republic** - 1193-Weihai PBC apparently new here. (T. Gima in ABI, via FERC)
- Cook Islands** - 630 - RCI's schedule differs from WRTH: Mo-Sa 1600-1000 and Su 1700-1000. The frequency of 830 kHz, formerly used for broadcasts from Parliament when sitting, is no longer being used. The power is 5 kW, and available is a standby transmitter of 500 watts if the 5 kW breaks down. (HWW, NZDXL, via ARC)
- India** - 1566 - Nagpur, the National Channel of AIR, was officially commissioned effective May 18 and is on the air 1225 to 2000. Programming is in English from 1740-1830. 1000 kW, omni-directional. (SCDX via LR+OA, ARC). Easily audible in New Zealand, according to Laurie Boyer.
- Iran** - 936 - Shahr-e Kord, 10 kW, new. (SDXL via ARC)
- Macau** - Despite stations Radio Vila Verde and Televisão de Macau being listed in the WRTH as being located on Rua Francisco Xavier Pereira, no trace was found of either station during a comprehensive search. A Hong Kong address was found for Radio Vila Verde. (ADXN via SDXL via ARC)
- Korea, Rep.** - 1188-FEBC has doubled output to 100 kW. (BDXC via ARC)
- New Zealand** - The New Zealand Broadcasting Tribunal is faced with many applications for new stations in the FM band. Thirteen applications in Auckland include MW outlets which want to go to FM, which is also the case in other cities. (Cushen's DXW via SCDX via ARC)
- Papua New Guinea** - R. Eastern Highlands-900, now here. (T. Inoue via Y. Sano via FERC)
- Philippines** - DWAM-1080 Batangas City, ex-1386 since at least April.

DWDD-1134, Manila, ex-DZAF, 10 kW.  
DZCA-1170 Manila, ex-DZRP, 10 kW.  
DWBL-1242, silent for several months,

now on. (Y. Ichikawa, FERC)

DZRM-1278, now "Radyo Manila", ex-"Radyo ng Masa". (Y. Ichikawa, FERC) This station operates all nights on Mondays only. (Y. Sano)

DWYH-1314, Manila, ex-DWXL, but has been heard with old calls after change. (Y. Ichikawa, FERC)

United Arab Emirates-1481 - Dubai noted here. (EBU via BE via ARC)

## Trans-Atlantic

- Albania** - 693 - Pogradec, new at 10 kW. 621/909 Korce heard there. (EBU via BE via ARC)
- Algeria** - 1098 - RTA Ouargla seems to carry French programs until 0005, Arabic afterwards. (JJK in DXCI via ARC)
- 576/1355 - National Radio of the SADR reported on air 2000-2400 with Arabic until 2315 followed by Spanish. The latter channel has been joined by the former, a channel used by the Algerian Arabic service and the Polisario Front's Voice of the Free Sahara service. The 576 channel now carries CH. 3 in French until the start of National Radio of the SADR. (BDXL via MWC via ARC)
- Andorra** - R. Andorra's old castle building is abandoned and overgrown, but two tall MW masts are still standing on the nearby mountain ridge. In the back yard is a log-periodic aerial, presumably the one used for the 49 mb transmissions a few years ago. The transmitting equipment is believed to still be in the building. As for Sud Radio, their studio center in Andorra La Vella is also locked up and abandoned. Their tx building at 2,500 metres above sea level still stands, but the aerial masts have been taken down. All Sud Radio activities have been transferred to Toulouse, France. There is only one radio station actually in Andorra: R. Valera, broadcasting in Catalan on FM. (SCDX via ARC)
- Canary Islands** - EAK92-1269 - COPE Las Palmas reported silent. (EBU via MWC via ARC)
- Cyprus** - 981 BFBS Dhekelia is reported by EBU to have closed down. (MWC via ARC)
- Egypt** - 621 - Palestine Radio Service here 0600-0800. (MWC via ARC)
- Gibraltar** - R. Gibraltar still on this frequency. However, superior reception in stereo is on FM, 92.6, leading to speculation that this station will be off soon. (LR, ARC)
- Greece** - 1503 - AFRTS Iraklion, ex-1584. (WRTH via SDXL via ARC)
- Ireland** - The Dublin Parliament has passed legislation to reorganize the Republic's broadcasting system. The new Act, which becomes law later this year, will introduce new city, county, and town and surrounds commercial and community radio stations, as well as to provide the framework for a national TV service. The Government says it hopes

that the first of the new stations will be broadcasting by the beginning of 1989. It has also warned operators of existing unlicensed stations that they may have to close down ahead of that time. (ARC)

The go-ahead was given in late July for Radio Tara, the Ireland-based commercial radio station which will start broadcasting on longwave next year. The Irish Government rejected an appeal against planning permission for the transmitter, which will be sited at Moynalvey in County Meath. (*Finnish Times* via BD via ARC)

**Italy** - R. Dimensions Suono-1503 new, relaying Bologna FM 104.45/104.25. (Valianti in PDX via ARC)

**Lebanon** - 1190 - "The Palestine Radio, the PLO Radio" has been heard here. (NASWA via ARC)

**Madeira** - 531 - CRM Porto Santo seems to be active. (JJK in SDXL, and EBU via BE, via ARC)

**Malta** - 1557 - Cyclops, 600 kW back on as of September. (Jim Hall)

**Melilla** - 1359 - RNE is now reported to be using 5 KW. (EBU via BE via ARC)

**Morocco** - 774 - Agadir 2 is missing from WRTH-88. (RO1 in SDXL via ARC)

**San Marino** - Representatives from the San Marino Tele Administration have visited AWR in Forlì, Italy, explaining that the Government of San Marino is interested in beginning broadcasting. They have asked AWR to make a proposal for the establishment of an international broadcasting station. (Puff in SCDX via ARC)

**Saudi Arabia** - 864 - Damman has increased power to 500 kW. (EBU via BE via ARC)

**Spain** - 558 - RCE San Sebastian, ex-1314. (Madridx via SDXL via ARC)

702 - RNE R1 Zamora, new with 10 kW.

(Mundo-DX via SDXL via ARC)

855 - RNE1 new with 5 kW. (ARC)

1152 RCE Zamora, new with 5 KW (EBU via MWC via ARC)

**Tanzania** - In-town monitoring in July revealed that R. Tanzania, Dar es Salaam, is using 531, 639, not 656, and morning and afternoon 1035. (LR, ARC)

**Togo** - 1394 - RTV Togolaise, Lomé heard here. (JJK in DXC1 of SDXL via ARC)

**United Kingdom** - 603 - BBC Radio Gloucester has started test transmissions, relaying Radio 2. Power is 0.1 kW. (DX-N via SDXL via ARC)

Sunshine Radio-1017, Ludlow heard testing in preparation for a Community Radio license, signing off around 1130. (AP in BDXC via ARC)

1404 - Kolorful KQV heard Fri/Sat 2100 in the Thames Valley with '50's/'60's oldies and old U. S. radio ads. (AP in BDXC via ARC)

The Government appears to have pushed aside plans for a Radio Bill in the autumn, delaying by a minimum of 2 1/2 years the start of new local community and commercial radio, and of the first of three national independent radio stations. The Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, is now thought to have resigned himself to bringing one massive Broadcasting Bill before Parliament late next year. He had assured that the Radio Bill would go before Parliament this Autumn. The new joint Broadcasting Bill will lump together both radio and TV issues.

The BBC expects that Radios 2, 3, and all of its local/county stations will be FM-only operations within about three years. However the new BBC local stations will broadcast on both AM and FM, with the corporation pointing out that this is designed only as a temporary measure (ARC)

Pending New legislation on the establishment of a new radio authority to license all non-BBC radio services, the Government will continue to issue licenses for "special event" stations. These are very low power stations at festivals, conventions, county shows, sporting events etc. They are permitted to operate for the duration of the event only. Coverage is restricted to the site of the event; thus, power levels are very low. In 1986 and 1987, a total of 31 licenses were issued for 569 events, and during this period, the Home Office restricted the licenses to cover MW transmitters of 50 mW maximum, usually operating between 1350 and 1602 kHz. However, from 1988 FM services are to be allowed, with the maximum power around 1 watt EMRP, with higher MW powers being available. Frequencies will be granted, subject to availability. (DK in BDXC via ARC)

## Pan-American

**Bolivia** - R. Santa Clara-nom. 800

R. San Lorenzo-960, ex-950, 5kW (WRTI via DXA)

According to the Director General of Telecommunications, a new frequency plan is under preparation. The plan, due to take effect within a year, includes readjustment of frequencies and transmitters. Many changes relate to low power stations that are often drifting tens of kHz around the band. It is particularly difficult maintaining an up-to-date accurate picture of the AM band in Bolivia. (Steve Whitt in MWC)

**Brazil** - 670 - Sist. Sul Mato Grossense de Radio, Pont Porá, new with 10 kW. (WRTH via MWC)

ZYJ287-890, R. Ubu, ex-1520. (CRV via ARC)

**British Virgin Islands** - ZBM-895 Tortola, 10 kW new. Daily s/off 0200, off weekends (Georg Hakiel via Jim Hall)

**Chile** - CB60-600 R. Gigante on since July 1. (SCD via ARC)

**Colombia** - HJBX-1170 Ondas del Meta, ex-1200 (Julian Anderson via ARC)

R. Austral-1300, ex-1540 (WRTH via DXA)

**Costa Rica** - TITNT-670 R. Monumental, San José now 10 kW.

TIHB-730, Radio Reloj, San José, now 2 kW.

TIRA-7890, R. América Latina, San José now 3 kW.

TIGC-820 R. Centro, San José, now 241

TILDA-890 R. Linda, San José, now 1 kW.

TILX-1360 R. Monumental relay in Punt Arenas, 1 kW. (All WRTH via ARC)

**Cuba** - R. Taíno has been heard on 640, 830, 1040, and 1160 kHz. (Jim Hall, and BDXC via ARC)

**ominican Republic.** - R. Clarín-860, Santo Domingo, now 50 kW.

HIMR-1200 - R. Caracol, Azua temporarily off the air

HIMG-1350 - R. Rutas Musical, La Romana, ex-1360 kHz.

HIRP-1380 - R. El Seibo, not on the air

HIAE-1410 - R. Tricolor, Santo Domingo, silent

HJJC-1430 - R. Maibá, Santiago, ex-1560.

HIAK-1440 - R. Renuevo, Santo Domingo, off. (All WRTH via ARC)

HIAJ-1565 (actually 1564.85), R. Amanecer, Santo Domingo, from 1574.85 vice nominal 1570, running from 1570 - Turks and Caicos QRM? (Jim Hall)

**cuador** - Canal Manabita-625, ex-820.

L. V. del Santuario-970, ex-955/950.

R. Caribe-1430, Guayaqui, new slogan. (WRTH via DXA)

HCHCI-740, R. Melodía, ex-735. (My only Ecuadorian, taped on 735. -pls) (JCC, ARC)

Ondas del Río Yacuambi-1505, ex-1505, Canton Yacuambi. (WRTH via DXA)

**alkland Islands** - 550 - FIBS/BFBS Bush Rincón now operational, but signal strength tests were still being carried out in June, according to Steve Whitt. (MWC via ARC)

**uatemala** - R. Payaqui-1250, ex-1580, 3 kW. (WRTH via DXA)

**aiti** - 4VKB-920 R. Cap Haitien, Petite Anse, new with 1 kW relaying 930 kHz. (SDXL via ARC)

4VVE-1560 La Voix de l'Espérance, Port-au-Prince, now on. (SDXL via ARC)

4VPM-880 R. Indépendance Nouvelle, Gonaives, now 3 kW.

4VKB-930 - R. Cap Haitien, Cap Haitien, now 24h, 5 kW

4VJH-1020 - R. Péton-Ville, now .5 kW.

4VAB-1150 - R. Caraïbes, Port-au-Prince, now 4.5 kW (r. 1146 kHz) (WRTH via ARC)

4DVN-1080 has been monitored relaying R. Cacique 4VCP-990. (Jim Hall)

**amaica** - JBC Montego Bay reported destroyed by Hurricane Gilbert, but I possibly monitored it in mid-October. (ARC and pls)

**méxico** - XEWA-540, Superestela WA, now Monterrey, not relaying XEW-900. (MadridX via ARC)

XE...-770 La Regiomontana, Monterrey, new. (NASWA via ARC) (It blows away KOB and WABC here- pls)

XEEP-1060 - R. Educación, México, now 50/20 kW. (WRTH via ARC)

**Nicaragua** - According to the Buenos Aires newspaper *La Nación*, R. Católica, Managua, HTA720-720, has once again been closed by the government as of July, 1988, due to its "...incitement of violence, disorder, lack of respect to the constitutional government."

(Sounds like my 6th hour freshman lit class, hi -pls) The shutdown took place a day after violent disturbances in Nandaime. Length of suspension is unknown, but President Daniel Ortega stated, "The government acted firmly, and such measures will continue against those who intend to violate the constitutional order in Nicaragua."

(Yep, that's about what I said to the class,

too, hi -pls) The Nicaraguan newspaper *La Prensa* was also closed for 15 days. (Jim Hall)

**Panamá** - HOH779-1410 - Radio Mensaje, now 5 kW, px 1000-0400. (WRTH via ARC)

**Perú** - R. L. V. del Selva-770, ex-750. (WRTH via DXA)

OCC2K-1240 R. Indoamérica, Trujillo, Lib., new with 1.5 kW. (WRTH via ARC)

R. San Roma-1200, Juliaca, new, // R. Cultura, Puno, 1550 kHz.

R. Constelación-1400, Puno, new

R. San Francisco-1440, Yunguno, Puno, new. (UOP via ADXL)

OCC2G-1520, R. Santiago, Santiago de Chaco, new, 1.2 kW. (WRTH via DXA)

**Uruguay** - SODRE-650 and I290 inactive. (WRTH via DXA)

**Venezuela** - La Voz de la Universidad-1500 Caracas, new with 1 kW. (WRTH via DXA)

YVLT-830 R. Sensación, San Antonio de los Altos (Caracas), as of Oct. 8 had not yet moved to 1050 kHz as per Sept. 3 DXWWII report. Monitored in Pittsburgh. Perhaps YVKA-1050 was relaying YVLT-830, or is the move scheduled for '89? (Jim Hall)

## International

**Clandestine** - La Voz de la República Árabe Saharaui Democrática-575/1353 monitored in Spanish. (MadridX via DXK via ARC)

**Clandestine** - Voice of Peace-1539 has been using the new Optimod unit since February, which should make the signal more audible. (AUK via MWC via ARC)

**International Waters** - R. Caroline-558 broadcasts in early July stated that the English-language service would have to be dropped to allow the transmission of a new Dutch-language station. R. Caroline-819 tests were heard here on May 21 with a relay of 558 kHz. Tests in Dutch were heard May 30. (BDXC via ARC) Work is currently under way on R. Caroline's new 100 m steel mast, which was to have been ready early in October, weather permitting. New address announced is Box 146 - Playa de Aro (Oro? -pls) - Gerona - Spain. (AUK via BCXC)

Listener reaction to Radio 558 on the continent has been poor, and a relaunch of this Dutch language service is expected when moving from 558 to 819 kHz. (ARC)

### Adelaide



Music, news, sport 1386 kHz



Light contemporary music 1323 kHz



Personalities, news, sport entertainment 972 kHz



Contemporary light music 1197 kHz



Adult album rock 107.5 MHz

### Country



Contemporary music 1342 kHz

Port Augusta 1458 kHz

outer metro 5AACI 1458 kHz

Adult contemporary Murray Bridge 1044 kHz

Port Pine 1044 kHz

Adult contemporary Berri 801 kHz

Adult contemporary Berri 801 kHz

55E 963 kHz

Talk, contemporary Mount Gambier 966 kHz

## AN EFFECTIVE GROUND SYSTEM BY SHAWN AXELROD

Upon moving into our new home I had the opportunity to re-build my entire antenna system. The first thing I was concerned about was getting a good Ground. This is most important not only from a safety point of view but also from a listening point of view. A good ground will help by getting rid of static and some noises that pollute the band. I wanted to it right this time so I talked over my situation with two people I know at work that are electrical engineers and Ham radio operators. Both have a strong background in the Telecontrol operations at work. I figured this way I would get the straight goods. They had several recommendations that I would like to share with you:

- Use a ground rod that is ten (10) feet long. Now many of you may think that this is a bit much as many books state you can use one 4 to 6 feet in length. That may well be true but during dry periods the dampness of the soil may fall below the 4 foot level and the rod will be in dry soil which will diminish its capacity to work. The rod must be in damp soil to work well thus the 10 foot model.
- Place the rod where you can keep it moist. This could be near a drain pipe or down spout. You can also go the route that I went because of the situation I am in. Putting the ground rod by a down spout was out of the question for me so I built a pit for the ground rod. I simply dug a hole two (2) feet wide and two (2) feet deep where I wanted to place the rod. I then put in the rod insuring that one (1) foot of it was above ground level. By ground level I don't mean in the hole but one foot above the ground the hole was dug in. I then filled the hole with crushed rock. At this point I must mention that the rock you use should be of the type that will remain loose. Using a rock such as Limestone or other types that break down over time is not recommended. Use a rock such as River rock or some similar hard type that will not pack or break up easily. The reason for this is so that you can water the ground rod during dry periods. If the rock is loose it will allow the water to penetrate down to the ground rod. The same will happen during rain storms.
- When you put in your ground rod you should have to pound it in. With the lovely Manitoba Gumbo clay we have here it took a sledge hammer to put in my ground rod. If the rod goes in easily or you can pull it up a bit after it is in the soil is too sandy or loose for a really good grounding. Now your location may have soil that isn't perfect but try to find a spot that is best. At least with the ten foot rod you have a chance to hit something a bit more solid, than with a 4 or 6 foot model.
- Now that the rod is in what type of wire should you use to run from you receiver to the ground rod. I chose to use 10 gauge solid copper wire that was covered. In grounding the receiver 10 gauge will go onto the receiver easily, as heavier gauges such as 8 or 6 are just too big for the ground lug at the back of the radio. I used covered wire so when I fed it from the receiver to the ground rod outside I did not have to worry as much about it coming into contact with anything that would be of a conductive nature. The ground wire must not touch anything metal on its way to the rod as this will defeat the purpose entirely. The use of covered wire eliminates this problem. Ten gauge is the best all round wire although if you can use a heavier wire go ahead, but don't go lower than 12 gauge and try for solid copper if you can.
- If you are lucky enough to have more than one receiver and don't feel like pounding in several of these 10 foot rods you can use a buss bar. This is a copper bar about one-half inch square. You will need about one to one and a half feet of it. If you are lucky it will come pre-drilled with several holes that you can put screws or bolts into. Mount the bar someplace close to your receivers so as to keep the runs of wire as short and straight as possible. All wire runs to the bar or to the ground rod should be short and straight whenever possible to give you better performance. You can then run one wire from the end of the bar to the rod. You can run other wires to the buss bar and anchor them securely to the bar with screws and/or bolts. Make sure you tighten the bolts or screws down so you get a good solid contact. Loose wires will be of no use to you when you need them the most.

Well I hope this is of some help to you. It may sound like a lot of work but it will pay for itself when you start hauling in all of those new stations. Just be careful with that sledge hammer they hurt if you miss the rod and connect with your foot. Also have somebody hold the rod when you pound it in as it will flap around. Good luck and of course  
GOOD DX'ING.



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Thought it was time I brought everybody up to date on what's happening with me. I left CHUC-AM in Cobourg, Ont. on August 12, and started work at CFMX-FM in Cobourg on August 29. At CHUC, I was mid-day host and music director. At CFMX, I do afternoon news and am involved with copy-writing and promotions. It's all very different for me -- a very different operation -- being Canada's only 24 hour a day, commercial, classical music station. CHUC and CFMX were originally sister stations, but were sold to separate owners in 1983. CFMX-1 Mississauga at 96.3 officially signed on October 7th. Because I no longer work at CHUC, I can't sign verifications anymore for that station. I did leave on good terms tho, so if anyone has any problems getting a verie, let me know. CHUC reports should be sent to GM, Don Conway. CHUC should be ready for 8 kw day/1 kw nite operation early in the new year. Not too many local AM changes noted here lately besides CPGM's move to 640, and I don't find their signal all that better than on 1320--daytime--big night improvement tho. WBBF-950 in Rochester is now country (ex-oldies) and WQKA-850 Penn Yan is now WYLF. That's about it for now. Take care.

Karl V. Jeter, 2115 Scarbrough Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30088

Greetings once again. The saga of 640 kHz in Atlanta continues... now it is reported in the local paper that WGST-920 is entering into an agreement with the owner of WPBD-640 to move WGST to 640. This is said to be related to WCNN-680's eminent return to all-news, and WGST's desire to have a 50 kw signal and better coverage to compete. So, looks like WPBD-640 is an endangered species--better log and verify 'em while you can! Sat. Oct. 15th marked the first DXpedition of this new season: Chuck Hutton and I went over to eastern Alabama to my great uncle's farm and erected two beverages: 1500' west and 2000'+plus south. Due to our late arrival, and the ensuing rush to throw up some wire, along with the possibility of poor conditions, this was not a memorable effort. I stayed on the western wire most of the time, and heard some decent DX, but I guess when you consider our last visit there a few years ago netted us Australia on 774 kHz, anything else pales in comparison, hi! I am convinced that careful planning and erection of a beverage really makes a difference. The western wire was getting out in the intended direction, with a pair of OK stations (KSWO & KLUE) on 1380 kHz heard, an AR (KTCS-1410) and a few others like unneeded KRVN-880, KCLP-1500 and KWEZ-1440. The antenna seemed to get no farther than the TX-OK-AR area. Strangely enough, the highlight of the evening for me was hearing my first "pirate", namely RNI-1620. It was coming in quite well at times during the hour-or-so that I listened; format was all rock music, with the only talk being ID's at :15 and :45. If anyone knos how to verify this, please let me know. I am also an aircheck collector, so if you would like to trade tapes, let me know and I'll send you a listing of what I have. 73's. (Karl, is there any connection between WCNN-680 and Cable News Network in Atlanta?--rce)

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508-487-9337. The latest news on my Hammarlund HQ-180 is that it has died and, hopefully, gone to Communications Heaven. So now I am in the market for a new major DX receiver, and am turning to the membership for suggestions. I am not one who goes for memory buttons and assorted other "lazy man" shortcuts. I would like to acquire a solid-state set with a non-digital dial, and which is capable of tuning to frequencies adjacent to powerful locals and splattery semi-locals, without being covered up by broad tuning or splatter. I have an SM-2 antenna sitting here waiting for a receiver to "antenn". The GE Superadio is a good puller-inner, but I cannot get into frequencies like, for example, 1020, due to local WBZ-1030 and semi-local beamed this way, WINS-1010. 1040 is also impossible, due to the same WBZ-1030 and the new and temporary WUKQ-1050, which is all-SS and, of course, NSP. It is operated by the same people who run WSKQ-620, which was supposed to take over 1050 when WFAN displaced WNBC on 660. But the latest is that 1050 will go to WEVD-97.9 FM, which once operated on 1330 and shared time with WPOW (now WNYM) and which opted for full time on FM to sharing time on AM with POW, with this WUKQ job being there only until the WEVD switch is ready to take place, and WSKQ will then take the

FM spot vacated by WEVD. My guess is that WSKQ will remain on 620 and will move the WUKQ calls to 97.9 - we'll see. But WSKQ0620 and WUKQ-1050, although owned by the same outfit, are not simulcasting, but both are 100% SS. Oh for the good old days! A strong Aurora has gripped the AM band for several days and Central Americans and Islands stations, and Colombians and Venezuelans, are all over the dial. But sending DX reports to these places now is a waste of time and money, for they don't like Uncle Sam any more down that way - I wonder why, hi. On Friday 10/14, at 0313 EDT I heard, on 1490, a female announcer say "It's 4:13", and she then went into talk about Christmas Shopping, as the station faded back down into the hubbub - I wonder who this might have been? I see WYNZ-970 ME and WPTR-1540 are now carrying Larry King: WQMI-1380 NH is running AN with the usual "Solid Gold" pap, //-FM-95.3. WOKO-1460-NY has changed calls to WGNA, is now c/w and //-WGNA-FM-107.7, probably accounting for WPTR's switching to King. Either they or WBET-1460-MA carries "Music Country Network" AN & the other different c/w music - I haven't figured out who's which yet, hi. Forward - March!

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I did finally receive a verie from, well, an Iowan on 1580 (see my EDXF Dec. 26, 1987 DXM) -- an interesting v/l postmarked 14 Oct. in Rock Island, IL from Dale Knudsen-CE at KWPC-860/KFMH-99.7 "99 Plus". Also received were b/s and he also returned my rp (then 22-cents). The report was send Nov. 25, 1987 when I kept hearing heavy metal and "KFMH 99-Plus" IDs on 1580 when KTSS was listed as off due to \$\$ failure. In my 12/26 forum, my conclusions about KWPC/KFMH-Muscatine buying the rumored to be ex 1580 KTSS were nearly correct - the reasons were financial. Seems KTSS was kept alive by KWPC/KFMH - the v/l reads: "...verifies reception of KFMH-99.7 mHz on KTSS-1580 Radio for Nov. 25, 1987 at 0230. KTSS is based in Davenport, IS & was in the beginning of a bankruptcy. In order to keep his license the owner needed to keep the stn on the air. We (KFMH/KWPC) paid the electric bills and simulcasted our signal to reach the Quad Cities areas that were receiving a poor signal". Mr. Knudsen is the new CE for KWPC/KFMH, and the v/s for the two (I don't know about KTSS or if they're even still on); the report, assuming he handled 1580's equipment then, was addressed to my '85 v/s for KWPC-860 (now former CE, David Metz) since his FM simul. was hrd on 1580. But Mr. Knudsen informs us that "Dave now works for a wine company in New York and California."



**ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICAN RADIO CLUBS**

# NEWS

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM ANARCON '88

I have been asked by other members of the ANARCON '88 Committee to withdraw my offer of tapes from ANARCON '88. They are for sale from ANARCON '88 Headquarters and my offer is in conflict with the offer from ANARCON '88 Headquarters. If you wish tapes of the 1988 ANARC Convention send \$5.00 per tape (\$7.50 U.S.) in Canada to ASWLC, 16182 Ballad Lane, Huntington Beach CA USA 92649. To those who have already sent me requests I will keep my promise. No more please!

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THE ECPA HAS STRUCK WHERE IT HURTS

THIS LETTER TO THE EDITOR APPEARED IN THE OCTOBER 1988 ISSUE OF THE ANARC NEWSLETTER:

I have been radio listening on and off for 20 years now and have recently become concerned about increasing restrictions on our listening freedoms... I was out of SWling and scanning, having sold all my equipment, and did not know (sic) about the ECPA until I read about it in Monitoring Times and Popular Communications. Had I known sooner, I would have made effort to defeat it. Our freedoms are slowly being legislated away, bill by bill, from one session of Congress to another because people like myself are letting it happen...

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The above letter is an example of what this editor has been saying for many years both in and out of this column. Take a few minutes from your DX'ing and write to your congressman and senator now before it gets to be too late, if it hasn't already. With Glasnost in the Soviet Union and Anti-Glasnost in the United States it will not be long before we are the totalitarian government and the Soviet Union is the free democratic government. We are slowly losing our freedoms. Speak out now while you still can! This is one DX'er who will not shut up and put up with what is going on in this country! I urge every DX'er to do the same thing!

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