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Station News

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**KWKW** is now on 1330 and **KAZN** is now on the air on 1300. **KKGO-540** will change to classical mx in May when they boost their power to 25 kw fulltime (Steve Mittman) ... **KLVS-1290** left the air 12/31 after only 4 months as an all Elvis station. They plan to return to the air 1/16 with an all new format. (Electronic Media 1/9 via John Johnson) ... **WEVD FM** and **WUJQ-1050** may finally swap frequencies soon, at which time **WUKO** will become **WSKQ-FM**. **WNJR-1430** will change their format to Spanish soon, possibly by late Februarv. (Bill-board via Robert Wien)

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Anniversary News

Here's another reminder to report to the 25th Anniversary issue of DX Monitor. We'd like to have as many forums as possible. If you've been the hobby a while, then send in a forum on how DXing has changed during the past quarter century. See the various columns for deadlines (which will be early to mid March).

We're also soliciting articles for that issue. The exact topics can be your own choice, but they should fit the occasion (for example an article on what DX was like 25 years ago).

The issue will also include excerpts from past DX Monitors, including the first issue. There will also be a photo section, so send in photos of yourself or other club members, past or present. (Please enclose an SASE if you want the photos back).

Volume 26 Sched

Here is the rest of the schedule for this volume of DXM: weekly until the April 1 issue, then April 15 & 29, May 13 & 27, June 17, July 15, and August 12. The March 25 issue will be the Anniversary Issue.

The TVA Award

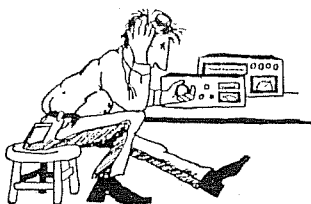
Every year the IRCA presents the Ted Vasilopoulos Award to the person who has done the most for the club and the hobby during the past year. The award is determined by a vote of the club membership and consists of an engraved plaque and a year's free membership. Those who have received the award during the past five years are ineligible (they include Karl Zuk, Rick Evans, Greg Montl, Pat Martin, Robert Wien, and Ric Heald). If you would like to nominate someone for the TVA Award, send their name and a brief (one-two sentence) nomination statement to Karl Zuk, 154 Old Post Road North, Croton, NY 10520. The TVA ballot will appear in a March issue along with the ballot for club officers.

Club News

The ASWLC (American SW Listeners Club) has ceased publication of their Bulletin for 90 days due to declining membership and lack of funds. Well keep you posted on further developments. In the meantime we wish them well in trying to get back on their feet. (info from Robert Horvitz via Albert Lobel)

New Members

John Ohman, Holden, MA  
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# Eastern Dx Roundup

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540 WDMV MD, POCAMOKE CITY 1/5/89 1935 Scratchy and fading, with barely audible ID. Commercial for upcoming Randy Travis and Merle Haggard concert in nearby Salisbury, MD., and Marine wx for the Atlantic & Chesapeake. (JK-DC)  
540 WETC NC, WENDELL 12/20/88 1745 Poor - Very Poor Communications World of Raleigh/Durham, "WETC Country Radio" ID into c/w song; some WPCS. (GH-PA)  
550 KTSA TX, SAN ANTONIO (DATB??) 0045 Ad for "Club 7-0" (?), gave phone # 824-5371 to reserve room, "K-T-S-A" jingle, into oldies mx. (LH2-AL)  
550 CHNO ON, SUBURBY 12/25/88 2050 Good w/local spots, ID "Rock Radio CHNO", rock mx. (GH-PA)  
560 WFIL PA, PHILADELPHIA 1/5/89 2040 Relatively strong with a clear ID. Oldies format, and slogan "Memories of the '50s, '60s and '70s." (JK-DC)  
570 WLLE NC, RALEIGH 12/20/88 1755 Good SBN nx at 1750; ID = "57 WLLE" by man into blk mx, some R&B mx, Nat King Cole. (GH-PA)  
580 WHP PA, HARRISBURG 1/5/89 2057 Strong, but fading in and out with another unknown station playing oldies. WHP had clear IDs when not fading, played CBS nx on the hour and Talknet afterward. Slogan "The Great Fifty-Eight, WHP." (JK-DC)  
580 WBIL AL, TUSKEGEE 12/24/88 1913 Fair w/spot for American Will Kit, "Great Music Great Memories, WBIL 580 AM" slogan, MYL format. (JDS-AL)  
590 WAPC FL, CLEWISTON 12/25/88 2320 Very Poor, crisp IDs fighting Cuba, w/Xmas song by Burl Ives. At least 3 clear IDs; s/off @ 2400 with a c/w type song; called the station to confirm. (GH-PA)  
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590 WCAB NC, RUTHERFORDTON 12/21/88 2100 Weak, largely alone, Charlotte Hornets Radio Net Basketball, BC Headache powders, ID at break ToH. A long wanted NC stn; no Cuban at this time; also called station; on nights w/228 watts per DJ. (GH-PA)

660 WBLX AL, FAIRHOPE 12/22/88 1743 UC, rap mx, the McDonald's "Check-in Line", "660-BLX-AM." (KVJ-GA).

670 KWXI AR, GLENWOOD 12/22/88 1755-1800 nx promo, ment. NBC nx and AR radio net, s/off w/female announcer. (KVJ-GA)

680 KKYX TX, SAN ANTONIO 12/28/88 1829 Strong w/slogan/ID by man; "Covering over 99,000 square miles of the great state of Texas, this is Classic Country 680 AM KKYX, San Antonio", followed by "New from your South Texas news authority a ... information update featuring KKYX award-winning nx and the exclusive KKYX wx center forecast", into nx by Jerry Richardson, "Color Radar Weather", "Skyspy" traffic report. (JDS-AL)

730 WFMC NC, GOLDSBORO 12/29/88 0638 "Take Five" religious pgm, and Top 100 c/w of 1988 program. (KVJ-GA)

730 KWOA MN, WORTHINGTON 12/26/88 0730 Poor w/man talking and several KWOA ID's mixing w/WPIT; unable to get more information; lost at 0730 when blasted by WPIT; going to day power. (GH-PA)

740 CBL ON, TORONTO 12/29/88 0621 Good w/nx, traffic, wx, and a "Today in History" segment. (KVJ-GA)

770 WZEL GA, YOUNG HARRIS 12/18/88 1720 Fair; Bob Tracey DJ, Nat King Cole Xmas song, c/w song, ID; s/off at 1730 w/slow harmonica SSB. (GH-PA)

800 WSHO LA, NEW ORLEANS 12/22/88 0710 Fair Alone!! Religious program, ID, Church Bulletin Board 12/28 @1706 "Sunshine 800 WHSO", USA Radio Net Nx. (GH-PA)

890 WHNC NC, HENDERSON 12/26/88 1640 CHR, ABC nx. (KVJ-GA)

940 WMIX IL, MOUNT VERNON 1/1/89 0158 Good w/Jim Bohannon Show, insurance ad, PSA, ID = "WMIX", mutual nx. (RCR-PA)

940 WMAZ GA, MACON 12/24/88 1713 Fair in CBM null w/promo for a phone number for listeners w/cellular phones to call in and report traffic tie-ups (747-1747), "AM 940 WMAZ" ID into "Rhinstone Cowboy" by Glen Campbell. (MB-ON)

950 WKTS WS, SHEBOYGAN 12/18/88 0709 Fair; man w/many local announcements; "WKTS nx time is 9 past the hour." (GH-PA)

980 KMBZ MO, KANSAS CITY 12/27/88 0715 Spot for Kansas City Computer Smart Stores; ID into Tracy Chapman song; Central TC; many IDs. (GH-PA)

1000 WGOG SC, WALHALLA 12/20/88 1730 "WGOG Walhalla ends another day of broadcasting"; no date; s/off quickly w/unid that was playing SSB; fair. (GH-PA)

1050 WFAM GA, AUGUSTA 12/31/88 1858 Fair, gospel mx, ID "This is WFAM Augusta, GA", back to gospel mx. (RCR-PA)

1100 WLBB GA, CARROLLTON 12/24/88 1944 Spots for Skinner Furniture, Brad's Place, Binkley Shoe Store, "It's 14 minutes before the hour of 8 here on WLBB." (JDS-AL)

1130 KWKH LA, SHREVEPORT 12/14/88 1809 Good, Crime Stoppers Report, nx and farm prices, ID "KWKH Shreveport-Bossier", into c/w mx. (RCR-PA)

1130 WPYB NC, BENSON 12/28/88 0715 Weak s/on, WPYB owned by Benson Broadcast Company - operates at a power of lkW. "The modern sound of gospel and country mx on All American Radio." (GH-PA)

1140 WRVA VA, RICHMOND 12/30/88 2048-2101 "Viewpoint" talk show, IDs, into WRVA nx at ToH. (LH2-AL)

1140 KPHD TX, HOUSTON 12/24/88 1755 Fair o/WSAO & WRVA w/SWC FB rpt., "AM 1140, KPHD - Houston's only non-commercial public affairs station...etc., etc." by YL. (JDS-AL)

1150 KRMS MO, OSAGE BEACH 12/26/88 1830 Fair in mess w/"KRMS" ID, into 'Focus on the Family', gone by 1837. (JDS-AL)

1150 WNLR VA, CHURCHVILLE 12/28/88 0745 Poor, man talked about WNLR sponsors and power increase? 2500 watts; several IDs; w/WHUN. (GH-PA)

1160 WTYN NC, TRYON 12/28/88 1359 Local nx, "AM-1160", oldies, ad for the "Peppermint Shop" in Tryon. (KVJ-GA)

1160 WSKW ME, SKOWHEGAN 12/26/88 1751 Fair, PSA, ment. of Skowhegan, ID "We're 1160 WSKW" by man, into BBM. (RCR-PA)

1170 KVOO OK, TULSA 12/14/88 1749 Fair under WWVA Wheeling, ID by man "1170 KVOO", into barking dog "Jingle Bells." (RCR-PA)

1170 WPLX TN, COLLIERVILLE 12/18/88 1745 Very Poor under WWVA, bits of s/off: Collierville, TN, 1 kw and ID by man w/no SSB. (GH-PA)

1170 WACV AL, MONTGOMERY 12/19/88 1752 Poor then good; local spots, entertainment tonight, Goodies Headache Powders, Central Time check; "1170 NewsRadio WACV", CBS nx at 1800. (GH-PA)

1180 WHJM TN, KNOXVILLE 1/1/89 1745 s/off by M w/SSB - HEAVY QRM. (LH2-AL)

1180 WJNT MS, PEARL 12/22/88 0715 Fair in WHAM null; "Nx Talk 1180, WJNT" by man; Wall St. Journal consumer update, Central TC, nx and wx; fog advisory by YL. Could never get this at SSS. (GH-PA)

1220 KRCW NB, MONCTON 12/14/88 1708 Fair, PSA, ment of Moncton, ID "AM Stereo KRCW", local ad. (RCR-PA)

1240 WGVA NY, GENEVA 12/3/88 1755 Fair-Poor in graveyard jumble w/"Scarborough Fair" by Simon & Garfunkel, WGVA ID and local wx. (MB-ON)

1260 WCRT AL, HOMEWOOD 12/19/88 1814 Fair; Econoline long distance phone of Birmingham; promo for Dick Clark Saturday on WCRT. (GH-PA)

1280 WDNT TN, DAYTON 12/21/88 0558 Poor in jumble w/ s/on; "Good morning...WDNT operates at 1280 on your AM dial..."; ment of WTCX-FM and Dade Broadcasting Co. into state & local nx. (JDS-AL)

1280 WSVE FL, JACKSONVILLE 12/18/88 1806 "Serving North Florida and South Georgia, WSVE" by man into gospel mx? Faded out soon after. (GH-PA)

1300 WSYD NC, MOUNT AIRY 12/21/88 1730 Very Good, ID by man, local spot for Elmores, c/w. (GH-PA)

1300 WWCH PA, CLARION 12/24/88 0700 Weak w/ID, Sky Scan forecast, local nx by man, many locals on 1290 and 1310 not too sloppy at the time. (GH-PA)

1310 WDOD TN, CHATTANOOGA 12/31/88 1850 Good, local ad, ID "WDOD Chattanooga", mention of 10 records in a row on 96.5 WDOD, c/w mx. (RCR-PA)

1320 WGLD NC, GREENSBORO 12/20/88 1900 Good w/ID and "The Oldies Channel" slogan. (GH-PA)

1330 WSSY IL, EVANSTON 12/10/88 1655 Fair in WRIE null w/spot for Black & Decker can opener, promo for Northwestern University basketball on "WSSY, Evanston-Northbrook-Chicago", soon lost to pest. (MB-ON)

1340 WHAP VA, HOPEWELL 12/27/88 2330 Fair, Larry King, sptx promo on "The Tri-Cities' Sports Leader, 1340, WHAP" ID by man, into nx by female. (RCR-PA)

1340 WEPM WV, MARTINSBURG 12/21/88 1121 Fair, sports promo by man, ment of WV, ID "WEPM" by man, into c/w. (RCR-PA)

1340 KMYQ LA, BASTROP 1/2/89 0430 Fair, in and out of mess. In for over 30 minutes w/many slogans including "YQ 100", "YQ 1340" and "YQ 100 is KMYQ AM & FM, Bastrop", and "The best selections and we always keep it fresh; YQ 100 makes the music better." Another GY, not something I am accustomed to; AC format. (JDS-AL)

1360 WWHY TN, MILAN 12/24/88 1828 Very Good w/Xmas wish from Gibson County Utility District, unid jewelers, wx, slogan as "The Classic One", "WWHY" jx, into Xmas mx. (JDS-AL)

1370 WQPN WV, MOUNDSVILLE 12/3/88 1703 Fair-Good w/spot for Strong's Appliances in downtown Moundsville, "WQPN 13Q" ID, ex-WEIF and a big SSS pest. (MB-ON)

1380 WTOO NC, ASHEVILLE 12/22/88 1625 Good "Christian Family Radio WTOO" into gospel mx. (GH-PA)

1390 WNLF MI, CHARLOTTE 12/2/88 1641-1650 Fair-Good over usually dominant CHOO/WFMJ w/local wx, ID's as "WNLF New Life Radio", Christian mx, spot for Van Peter's Flowers, promo for "Adventure and Odyssey" program. (MB-ON)

1390 WAJD FL, GAINESVILLE 12/22/88 1732 s/off out of CNN nx, WAJD oper 1390 at 1 kw - s/on tomorrow at 6AM; no ssb. (GH-PA)

1410 WDOV DE, DOVER 1/1/89 1307 Scratchy, but with a clear ID. Commercial takeoff on Jerry Lee Lewis, and a Progresso soup commercial at 1311. (JK-DC)

1410 WLAQ GA, ROME 12/26/88 0534 Fair w/spot for unid rental center and other spots mentioning NW Georgia; "WLAQ" jx, then gone. (JDS-AL)

1410 WNCQ NY, WATERTOWN 12/21/88 1555 Good w/ID, promo for Weekly Country Music Countdown on Saturday morning at 9; c/w. (GH-PA)

1420 WKCW VA, WARRENTON 1/1/89 1247 Scratchy reception with the slogan "The Big K." clear ID on the hour. Country format. (JK-DC)

1420 WHK OH, CLEVELAND 12/30/88 1730 "Business Radio 1420", business nx w/Judy Thompson. (KVJ-GA)

1420 WADX GA, TRENTON 1/3/89 1800-1801 ID, ments of nx from NBC, what's happening around GA, mx. Faded into mess of QRM @1801. (LH1-AL)

1420 WVJS KY, OWENSBORO 1/3/89 1745-1800 "Valerie", "How Can I Fall", ID = "14-20 WVJS" by male DJ, more mx --"Reunited", "Invisible Touch", ABC contemporary nx @ 1756, full ID 1759-1800, fade to WADX. (LH1-AL)

1420 KTJS OK, HOBART 12/28/88 1800 surfaced out of jumble to hear a clear "AM 1420 KTJS" ID, then an SSB, but not sure if this was their signoff. Are they a daytimer? Much needed; will have to send a taped report on this one. (JDS-AL)

1420 WACT AL, TUSCALOOSA 1/2/89 0154 Fair w/Big Buck Contest promo, "Western Alabama's #1 Country WACT", into c/w. (JDS-AL)

1420 WRCC GA, COLUMBUS 12/22/88 1706 Local nx by YL "and that's WRCC nx", wx forecast w/highs of 60-65 degrees into Xmas song by John Denver. (GH-PA)

1430 WDIC VA, CLINCHO 12/22/88 0845 Weak under tight WVAM null, Sportsline program, "all of us, at WDIC wish you a Merry Christmas", Haysi Drug Center promo, Haysi VA, c/w. (GH-PA)

1430 WEIR WV, WEIRTON 12/21/88 0725 Poor w/several IDs and ments of area; soon faded to local WVAM. (GH-PA)

1440 WAJR WV, MORGANTON 12/30/88 1615 c/w mx, Accuweather and ad for Soloman's Pizza. (KVJ-GA)

1440 WPRD FL, WINTER PARK 12/22/88 1725 "Original Hit Station WPRD", BBD songs heard, Winn Dixie stores; excellent Florida conditions at this time. (GH-PA)

1460 WPRW VA, MANASSAS 1/1/89 1010 Scratchy during a snowstorm, with a little interference from WOL, 1460 in Washington, D.C. Country music countdown show called "Country Plus." (JK-DC)

1460 WBET MA, BROCKTON 12/17/88 1652 Good; list of cancellations, ID by man "1460 WBET", into rock oldies. (RCR-PA)

1460 WBCU SC, UNION 12/19/88 1840 Good w/ID, "Santa Call-In Program". (GH-PA)

1460 WRAD VA, RADFORD 12/20/88 1636 Good; "Stereo 1460 WRAD"; c/w. (GH-PA)

1470 WBTX VA, BROADWAY-TIMBERVILLE 12/30/88 1629 ABC nx, ad for Chevy dealer in Harrisonburg. (KVJ-GA)

1470 WJDY MD, SALISBURY 12/30/88 1640 UC format, ad for local bar, ment. of "...the only source..." (KVJ-GA)

1470 WJDY MD, SALISBURY 12/27/88 1722 Good, funk rock mx, ID "1470 WJDY" by man, local ads. (RCR-PA)

1470 WVOL TN, BERRY HILL 12/28/88 1810 Fair w/UC mx, station-sponsored fruit basket drive, "147 WVOL" slogan; lengthy ad string @ 1835 for many Nashville area merchants. (JDS-AL)

1470 WRBD FL, POMPANO BEACH 12/28/88 1830 Fair o/WVOL w/tfc. rpt., "I'm Tom \_\_\_\_\_ and that's traffic on WRBD", into UC mx. Another much-wanted this evening. (JDS-AL)

1480 WPWC VA, DUMFRIES 1/1/89 1233 Scratchy with a little interference from 1500 WTOF in D.C. C/W format. (JK-DC)

1490 WPEX VA, HAMPTON 12/27/88 1725 Good, sports, ID "1490 WPEX" by man, ment of Hampton, rock oldies. (RCR-PA)

1530 WENG FL, ENGLEWOOD 12/22/88 1715 Weak then Good, Marina in Grove City, Florida outdoor report (407-240-3083); Howards Restaurant in Englewood, many more spots into Xmas song; ID by man. NO WCKY!! My 4th new Florida tonight! (GH-PA)

1540 WTBI SC, PICKENS 1/1/89 1745 Poor w/sign off weaving in & out w/KXEL; "...WTBI serves the counties of...Anderson and ... power of 10,000 watts. The most powerful non-regional clear channel station in Western SC...", invite to tune in @ sunrise and "until then, may the Lord bless you and keep you is our prayer." (JDS-AL)

1540 WZAL GA, McDONOUGH 1/1/89 1712 Surfaced out of mess w/"Right now it's 12 after 5 here on WZAL" by YL, wx. (JDS-AL)

1560 WCMD MD, LA PLATA 1/1/89 1032 Scratchy with barely audible ID w/possible interference from 1540 WMDO and 1580 WPGC. "This is Charles County Radio" slogan, and "This is AM 1560." (JK-DC)

1560 WPAD KY, PADUCAH 1/1/89 2332-2352 "Best of King" program; strong but fadey signal. (LH2-AL)

1560 WQXR NY, NEW YORK 1/1/89 2352-0035 Community Church of NY service, ID @ 0034. Signal fading in & out w/lots of WPAD QRM. 1st time heard here! (LH2-AL)

1570 WCRL AL, ONEONTA 12/28/88 1729 Good w/Motel 6 spot, ID as "Serving Blount County and all of Northeast Alabama, this is WCRL/W\_\_\_\_, Oneonta", (didn't catch FM call); into mx. (JDS-AL)

1570 WTQX AL, SELMA 1/1/89 1730 Talk by man w/phone # 721-1570 (?), "AM 1570 WTQX" slogans, UC mx. (JDS-AL)

1580 WMRE TN, KNOXVILLE 12/31/88 1730 Good, ID as "The Memory Channel", s/off by man, ment of 5 kw and Hunter Broadcasting Co., no SSB. (RCR-PA)

1590 WAIK IL, GALESBURG 1/1/89 1824-1835 "Let the Good Times Roll", Global Satellite Network Oldies program, ads for perfume, Pepto-Bismol, ad for 1590 sports, WAIK ID. Weak. (LH2-AL)

1600 WEUP AL, HUNTSVILLE 12/31/83 1833 Good, rock oldies, ID "16 WEUP" by man, call-in contest, ID as Magic 16, back to mx. (RCR-PA)

1600 WEUP AL, HUNTSVILLE 1/1/89 & 1/2/89 (TIME??) stn off the air evening of 1/1, OC evening of 1/2, DJ later said stn had technical difficulties. (LH2-AL)

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TIS, TENTATIVES & UNIDENTIFIEDS

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1050 WBRG VA, LYNCHBURG 12/22/88 2045 Poor "William & Mary basketball Net"; local spot of Lynchburg. (GH-PA)

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1150 WGBR NC, GOLDSBORO 12/22/88 2035 Poor, local spots, basketball game. (GH-PA)

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1250 WQHL FL, LIVE OAK 12/22/88 1735 wx (hi's in 70s - 80s) into blk song; weak. (GH-PA)

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1270 WJJC GA, COMMERCE 12/19/88 1728 Weak in mess w/many ments of Georgia and Commerce in local spots; sports tlk show. (GH-PA)

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1270 WTNT FL, TALLAHASSEE 12/23/88 0230 Fair but very fadey; mix w/Cuba, WXYT; no complete calls but "94.9 FM TNT Country", c/w mx. Man talked of very hvy fog in area but no location given. (GH-PA)

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1430 WRLT TN, MADISON 12/23/88 2020 Fair and very fadey with others; "Lite 100 WRLT" (?), calls very poor, AC type songs played. (GH-PA)

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1530 WRPM MS, POPLARVILLE 12/22/88 1720 Very poor in WENG null. Merle Haggard and Central Time check by YL; IDs by YL sounded like WRPM; a SS stn started mixing soon after. (GH-PA)

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1600 WEUP AL, HUNTSVILLE 12/20/88 1925 Fair in local WAYC null. "Call 16 Contest Line" and "Magis 16" by man; blk mx; ment of Huntsville but no calls (was a productive channel till my local went AN). (GH-PA)

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1000 WRDE VA, ALTAVISTA 12/21/88 1630 Many ments of Altavista in local spots; Xmas song w/a c/w sound; Poor; no calls, so presumed. (GH-PA)

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1350 WCBA NY, CORNING 12/25/88 0730 Local spots of Addison and Woodhall Community National Bank; Xmas songs. (GH-PA)

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1370 WJWS VA, SOUTH HILL 12/24/88 0620 Weak in local WKMC null. South Hill Wheel and Parts spot; other local spots. Xmas and c/w mx. (GH-PA)

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1610 TIS PA, CRESSON 12/21/88 1145 Fair, continuous tape loop by man, "Welcome to Allegheny Portage Railroad" etc., 19 miles distant. (RCR-PA)

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0950 unID 12/20/88 0214 Good, testing w/ a man saying "50 hertz", followed by a 50 hertz tone, "100 hertz", followed by a 100 hertz tone and on up to 200 herts; then it started at 25 hertz

and back up the scale again. Lots of c/w mx heavy on Hank Williams Jr. and Alabama. Heard 'til fade @ 0300. I don't suppose anyone else heard this and can ID it for me? HI!!

1330 unID 12/21/88 1805 Caught tdl end of ID or promo & heard last 3 call letters, which sounded like "\_ XLK", into Oldies. (JDS-AL)

1580 unID 1/1/89 1816-1821 c/w mx, jingle not caught 1818, after mx 1820 heard: "K99-FM, your new country FM..." Ads for Chevy-Nissan-Mazda sale, said time was 4:21 (5:21 here); suspect WPMO, Pascagoula, MS. (LH2-AL)

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QUIPS & QUOTES

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FROM: ROBERT WEIN/SAN JOSE, CA.: ID'ing some unID's in the 12/31 EDXR: the 1010 unID is NO doubt WMEV in Marion, Virginia. FM is on 93.9 (hence 'Country 94' ID) and simulcasts AM 98%, and format is c/w (as per the 1988 Broadcasting Yearbook). Also, the 1550 unID playing hits of the 40s, 50s and 60s: possibilities include WCTW in New Castle, Indiana (Classic Hits format); KKJO in St. Joseph, Missouri (Oldies format); WKVL in Clarksville, Tennessee (Oldies format). This may also be a 'daytimer' now on nighttime lowpower authority. I only have KAPE - MO. listed under this authority on 1550, but their format doesn't fit what Gary Heisey heard. I'm still trying to log WFAN-660 from NY - I already have logged WNBC, WABC, WCBS AND WOR here! [Tnx for the help - rb]

FROM MIKE BROOKER/TORONTO, ON: These are the worst December sunset skip conditions I can ever remember!!!! Most of the monthly SSS has been virtually non-existent. The Toronto area might be the only place in Eastern North America where the megawatt Cubans on 830, 1040 and 1160 are actually tough to hear. Too much slop from CHAM-820, CHUM-1050 and CKOC-1150.

FROM: RAY BAUERNHUBER: thanks goes out to J.D. Stephens of Huntsville, Alabama for the radio stickers he sent - I really appreciated receiving them! To this editions' reporters I say WHEN...thanks for the work and a great column! Till next week's edition of EDXR I wish everyone the very best of DX from Mr. B.

USA Today 1/17/89 via Robert Wien

USA Today 1/13/89

## Helping travelers tune in

If you like listening to radio when you're on the road but hate searching the dial to find your kind of station, Alicia O'Drigo has the book for you.

It's called *Radio Dial*, O'Drigo's compendium of more than 3,500 AM and FM radio stations in more than 300 large and medium-sized cities in all 50 states. The book, organized alphabetically by state and city, lists call letters, frequency and format for each station. It also tells whether a station broadcasts during the day, night or both.

*Radio Dial* was born out of a cross-country trip O'Drigo took a white back when she had a car radio that only received FM. Preparing for her trip, she could not find a traveler's guide to radio stations. So she created her own. "I like to tune in local stations, but I've never been able to figure out where to look or what they are," says O'Drigo, a former elementary-school music teacher who lives in Denver.

*Radio Dial* can be ordered from O'Drigo's company, AMP Publishing, 456 Corona St., Denver, Colo., 80218. The price is \$9.95, including postage.

One weakness of *Radio Dial* is that it does not include public radio stations. O'Drigo says she omitted them because they're covered in another book — the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Directory, which is available for \$10 from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, 1111 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.



O'DRIGO: About 2,000 copies sold in seven months.

## Reagan's radio show ends

President Reagan signs off his 353rd weekly radio address Saturday at 12:11 p.m. EST with his usual, "Thanks for listening. God bless you."

After seven years of weekly radio shows — the first was April 3, 1982 — Reagan's presidential radio contract with the USA public is ending.

He's had a long love affair with radio, starting with his job as a sports announcer at WOC in Davenport, Iowa, for \$5 a week in 1932. After he left the California governor's office in 1975, he did radio commentaries. When he complained about how TV was covering his presidency, aides suggested he return to radio.

David Gergen, ex-White House communications director, says Reagan, who can recite whole passages from Franklin Roosevelt's fireside chats, likes to air grievances. "Reagan has a lot of itches"; the radio shows were "a way he could regularly scratch them."

Michael Denver, ex-deputy staff chief, says the shows capitalized on a slow news day. "Regardless of how many listened on Saturday, on Sunday we usually made Page One of *The Washington Post*."

The networks balked at giving the USA's top Republican free time, so they coupled his shows with a response from Democratic leaders. "Reagan always got the best of them," says Rep. Tony Coelho, D-Calif., who handled the response nine times.

Critics still objected. "They were pure political propaganda, and they worked," says Sanford Ungar, American University's communications school dean.

Reagan's most memorable line, in a 1984 pre-show quip: "I've signed legislation that would outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."





980 KFVB CA Los Angeles, 12/3 poor w/KHBSZ, WONE, WSIX. 0418 w/plenty of CA high school scores, local spot gave 818 area code. Call letters heard a few minutes later. [FM-IL]

1040 WSKE PA Everett, 1/3 fair u/you-know-WHO. 1715 w/sign off. [RD-IL]

1060 KNLV NE Ord, 12/19 fair. 1427 w/promo for Nebraska basketball game then Christmas music. First time here, NE#26. [RD-IA]

1070 WGOS NC High Point, 12/5 good, nice surprise on crowded freq. 0711 w/rr oldies, "Stick around, you've got the oldies from WGOS." [FM-IL]

1080 WFTD GA Marietta, 12/6 fair. 0731 w/"32 degrees in Atlanta. Keep your dial set to Inspirational 10-80, WFTD." [FM-IL]

1090 KYBG CO Aurora, 12/26 good. 1735 w/sports call-in program, "863-1090, K-Big Sports Radio 10-90". [SA-MB]

1140 KPRW OK Oklahoma City, 11/22 strong. 1938 w/urban format, canned promo "Power 11-40, 11-40, 11-40, 11-40, 11-40, 11-40 KPRW!" [FM-IL]  
+12/30 good in WRVA null. 2032-2035 w/UC music, ID "Power 11-40" New for me, Oklahoma City #4. [RD-IA]

1190 KXKS NM Albuquerque, 11/23 weak. 1931 SS programming, calls in EE [FM-IL]

1210 KLDI WY Laramie, 12/19 LOUD. 1934-1939 with Community Calendar on "AM Stereo 1-2-1, KLDI." [RD-IA]

KOKK SD Huron, 12/25 strong, alone on frequency. 0717 w/"12-10 Dakota Country", weather, "KOKK" ID, C&W music. [SA-MB]

1220 WFKN KY Franklin, 12/9 good. 0700 starting Kentucky Network News, 0703 local cut-in w/spot for a pharmacy "serving Franklin's prescription needs." I presume 0700 was sign on time. [FM-IL]

WLPO IL La Salle, 12/16 fair o/u/UNID w/classical music, CJRB? 0153-0200 w/Talknet, ID into NBC News. This one gets out well for only 30 watts. [RD-IA]

1230 WJBC IL Bloomington, 12/27 poor in mess. 0059 with clear ID. New for me IL#46. [SA-MB]

1260 KTAE TX Taylor, 12/11 fair to good, usual WIBV severely weak in aurora letting Texas PSSA's sneak in. 1946 with spot for "the largest selection of mirrors in central Texas, 1604 West 2nd in Taylor." [FM-IL]

KAJY TX San Angelo, 12/11 good and alone. 2039 with "All oldies all the time on San Angelo's oldies station, 12-60 K-Joy, we are the oldies channel." 71 watts? [FM-IL]

WALM MI Albion, 12/29. 1740 w/man w/weather for Battle Creek and Albion. Combo ID for AM and FM, song intro mentioned "here on Southern Michigan's AM & FM." [TML-IN]

WJOT SC Lake City, 12/5 fair. 0600 w/sign on, included mention of WGFG FM 100.1. [FM-IL]

1270 WAIN KY Columbia, 12/10 good and on top. 2247 breaking away from AT40 w/Greensburg, KY spot, "WAIN" weather. [FM-IL]

1280 KREL NV Henderson, 12/18 fair. 1901-1908 w/AOR music, promo for KREL trip for two contest. NV#1, State #35. [RD-IA]

KYYN OK Poteau, 12/19 fair. 2032-2035 w/OK State Basketball. [RD-IA]

1290 WNBW MS Meridian, 11/20 strong on GE Superadio. 1901 ending "Loveline" (Black Gospel Music/Call-In Show) w/ID "WNBW AM Gospel" then a sign off. [FM-IL]

1300 KKUB TX Brownfield, 12/3 good on PSSA. 1846 w/SS music, man gave Denver City vs Levelland score then read many song dedications from the area cities. TRULY bilingual switching back and forth between EE & SS willy-nilly, seemingly at random. Fun to listen to. [FM-IL]

KVOR CO Colorado Springs, 11/23. 1916 w/traffic report "from the KVOR Traffic Center." Thanked listeners for having NO accidents this date. [FM-IL] [JCJ: Wonder now many non-listeners were in an accident that date? John.]

1320 KRLW AR Walnut Ridge, 12/19 fair. 1958 w/sign off. [RD-IA]

1370 WTAB NC Tabor City, 12/13 fair. 0642 w/ID "Radio at its finest, WTAB the best to you for the holidays. Number one in the two Carolinas." #1001, very pleasant surprise as it's quite far east. [FM-IL]

1390 KJAM SD Madison, 12/22 good. 0700 w/BSB, Sign on by woman then weather for South Dakota. [SA-MB]

1400 KART ID Jerome, 12/28 good. 0850 w/local basketball game. ID "AM Stereo 14-K." [SA-MB]

WLKK PA Erie, 12/29 very weak. 1732 w/promo for Live From Gilley's "Sat. at 8 on Lake Country WLKK." Local news mentioned Erie, weather. "22 degrees at WLKK." [TML-IN]

1410 WDOE NY Dunkirk, 12/30 w/man w/weather forecast "by meteorologist Hank Lucas." Lost at fade out to WING. [TML-IN]

WELM NY Elmira, 1/3. 1630 w/"Low Rider" song by War. ID "14-10 WELM", 1630 w/local news, weather. "...25 degrees in Elmira, I'm Drew Gillis (?) WELM News." [TML-IN]

1420 WCED PA Du Bois, 12/29. 1716 w/ID at tune in. Spot for a secretarial consulting firm on South Brady Street in Du Bois, 371-3925. Into lite rock music. [TML-IN]

1440 WGSB SC Greenville, 12/7 fair. 0600 w/"Greenville" part of legal ID at tune-in, immediately into ABC News. It was this news broadcast that I learned of Roy Orbison's death. [FM-IL]

WLXN NC Lexington, 1/4. 1720 w/sports report by a man, music selection "Welcome Back" then ID "AM 14-40 WLXN" into promo for high school basketball game, Lexington vs Statesville. [TML-IN]

1450 KBFS SD Belle Fourche, 1/15 weak w/KRBN. 1930 w/satellite fed lite rock. 1933 w/weather for Belle Fourche, PSA. Later a promo for Health Watch on KBFS. New for me, SD#26. [JCJ-MT]

KEZJ ID Twin Falls, 12/27 fair mixed w/KUUB. 2359 with ID "Providing listening everyday right here on KEZJ AM Twin Falls." New for me, ID#10. [SA-MB]

KGFF OK Shawnee, 11/22 fair w/noise. 2005 w/"KGFF Weather Watch Tonight" after American Information News. Promo for "KGFF Big Bucks." Call letters were given about 10 times! Now have logged all of the Oklahoma stations on 1450. [FM-IL]

KRBN MT Red Lodge, 1/15 good. Noticed odd sign off starting with "Sleep Walk" at 1955, sign off announcements over music. Then 1959 w/song "Goodnight". Off at 2001. No SSB. [JCJ-MT]

KWBE NE Beatrice, 1/15 weak w/noise briefly. 0955 with end of church service from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Beatrice. IDing as "Radio 14-50 KWBE Beatrice." New for me, NE#38. [JCJ-MT]

1460 KZUE OK El Reno, 12/9. 1900 in 88, promo mentioning Oklahoma and El Reno several times. No legal ID heard, though maybe I missed it. Trip to Oklahoma City on 12/14 verified they're all 88 with various blocks of Mexican/Central American music. [FM-IL]

WXOK LA Baton Rouge, 1/2. 0100 w/clear ID "WXOK, Baton Rouge". Surprise catch while waiting for WBET DX Test. [TML-IN]

1470 KYUU KS Liberal, TENTATIVE, 12/9 completely blowing away WMBD which was already on day pattern; also noted 1270 blasting away. 0800 w/ID "KSLS, KYUU(?)" then news. Not sure of AM calls. [FM-IL] {JCJ: Frank, recent call letter change from KILS to KYUU. John.}

1510 CKOT ON Tillsonburg, 12/25 good. 0730 w/Sign On "AM 1-50-1 Radio the tri county station begins another day of broadcasting, CKOT." [SA-MB]

WMHQ NJ Dover, 11/22 fair. 2035 w/canned ID "AM 15-10 WMHQ" between rock oldies songs, no other talk. Sounded automated, disappeared to KDKO, WLAC, later mostly nulled on WSW long wire. This was a REAL shocker! [FM-IL]

1530 KCLR TX Rails, 12/2 good topping WCKY. 1842 (a tad early) w/sign off in EE followed by sign off in 88. [FM-IL]

KXTD OK Wagoner, 12/30 fair to poor. 0730 w/MOR, EZL music. No spots at all. ID as "Stereo 15-30" and "Stereo 15-30 XTD". New for me, OK#16. [SA-MB]

1550 KIWA IA Sheldon, 12/31 fair. 0758 w/C&W, "KIWA" ID. [SA-MB]

KLFJ MO Springfield, 12/30 fair. 0828 w/religious music. 0830 ID "The best Christian music here on KLFJ Springfield." MO#37 [SA-MB]

KXOJ OK Sapulpa, 12/7 strong. 1839 w/urban format, announcing "Power 15-50 will serve breakfast at the Tulsa State fairgrounds." [FM-IL] {JCJ: With most AMers having tight budgets, one wonders how KXOJ can serve breakfast -- or is it KXOJ makes some extra money by selling breakfasts? John.}

WCCZ FL New Smyrna Beach, 12/9 fair to good. 0540 w/sign on (Strange time! - Did somebody oversleep?) saying 1000 watts days, 83 at night "on the Magic 15-50." Format of rock oldies. This 83 watts gets out exceptionally well, I think. I heard this in Ohio a few times. TRY IT!! [FM-IL]

WOKJ MS Jackson, 12/12 strong on GE Superadio. 0653 said "36 degrees, 50,000 watts, WOKJ." Then into COUNTRY music!!! When did they change formats? This was a black station since at least the 60s. [FM-IL] {JCJ: 1988 BYB still had them w/black format. John.}

1560 KLLV CO Breen, 1/15 good. 1820 with end of "Through The Bible" program. 1830 w/NWS recorded weather forecast. ID "Radio for the heart, this is K-Love, K-L-L-V, Breen." Inspirational music. Needed for a f/up report. [JCJ-MT]

1590 WTVB MI Coldwater, 12/25 good. 0705 w/"TVB" weather, spots for Coldwater and Jonesville. Christmas music. [SA-MB]

1600 KUSH OK Cushing, 11/18. 1945 w/rock oldies, local format. TC, "...on AM 16, KUSH." 70 watts dominates WSW wire. [FM-IL]

WPDC PA Elizabethtown, 12/29. 1804 w/woman w/ID "WPDC". Quick fade into mess. Listed as 79 watts night as per NRC log. [TML-IN]

WSNX MI Muskegon, 12/12. 1752 w/"West Michigan weather" mentioned Grand Rapids and Muskegon. CHR, "104.5" IDs. GE Superadio. [FM-IL]



- 1200 WOAI TX, San Antonio 12/19 0331 s/off leaving several Spanish stations and weak CKDA. (DA-CO)
- 1260 KIMB NE, Kimball 1/2 0924 "Kimball school lunches..." (DA-CO)
- 1330 KFAC CA, Los Angeles 1/9 0545 still on this freq. with classical music, ID. Hasn't switched to 1300kHz yet. (RW-CA)
- 1340 KSFE CA, Needles 1/9 0550 good with ID "Drive safely, a tip from Needles radio, KSFE." (RW-CA)
- 1350 KBRX NE, O'Neill 12/22 1010 "Funeral services in O'Neill," local weather. (DA-CO)
- KABQ NM, Albuquerque 12/22 1005 Spanish Albuquerque traffic & weather. Many local spots into Ranchera music. Mixing with KBRX. (DA-CO)
- 1360 KZIQ CA, Ridgecrest 1/4 1104 ABC to local news, Desert Cable spot, weather. Briefly over KPOP. (DA-CO)
- KPOP CA, San Diego 1/4 LaJolla & San Diego spots, weather, Prudential-Bache ad, o/u KLIF. (DA-CO) (Time?--NH)
- 1380 KLPZ AZ, Parker 1/5 0948 Chevy spot, "#1 kit KLP Country." (DA-CO)
- KTSM TX, El Paso 1/5 1019 report of night fire in El Paso, many IDs, "KTSM news time." Mutual News on hour. (DA-CO)
- 1400 KHTZ CA, Visalia 1/9 1015 finally heard this call change, ex-KVIS (not heard as KODS). Woman giving sports, ID "Call K-Hits at 733-1400." Faded under mess in KELX null. (RW-CA)
- 1420 KDTA CO, Delta 1/4 0931 "Delta Radio KDTA" over pest KRLN. (DA-CO)
- KMOG AZ, Payson 1/5 1100 legal ID on hour into ABC-I News. (DA-CO)
- KSTN CA, Stockton 1/4 1002 "KSTN Stockton #1 hit music station." (DA)
- 1420 KULI KS, Olysses 1/6 1004 legal ID over pest KJCK. (DA-CO)
- KGIM SD, Aberdeen 1/9 0917 "16 below zero in Aberdeen,...Heating Company on Highway 12" ad, "Jackrabbits basketball on KGIM" spot. (DA-CO)
- 1430 KFIG CA, Fresno 1/9 0700 ID "KFIG AM & FM." Had been scheduled to change calls to KPNI on 1/7, but apparently didn't yet. (RW-CA)
- 1440 KRZD CO, Wray 1/4 swap show, weather, ID to ABC News. (DA-C) (Time?--NH)
- 1460 KKOA NE, Kearney 1/9 legal ID, radar weather, "The oldies channel, KKOA." (DA-CO)
- KENO NV, Las Vegas Sa 12/31 0615 noted now using the old "Boss Radio 93 KHJ" jingles in their oldies format!! I wonder if there might also be other oldies stations out there somewhere which are also using the old "Boss Radio" jingles--presumably to help recreate the "mood" of the 60's & 70's. (SMM-CA)
- KMWX WA, Yakima 1/9 0600 xint way over KTYM/KENO with ID "Classic hits 1460, KMWX, Yakima." Rarely this strong. KDON now with nightly SP. (RW-CA)
- 1470 KUTY CA, Palmdale 1/9 1000 "This is KUTY Palmdale-Lancaster." (DA)
- 1480 KPHX AZ, Phoenix 1/5 Spanish, many ohcheh equis IDs. (DA-CO)
- KYOS CA, Merced 1/5 1025 talk, "Should we have a mandatory helmet law in California? Call 723-KYOS," o/u KPHX. (DA-CO)
- KKCQ MN, Fosston 1/5 0955 Fosston weather "It's 6 below zero at KKCQ" to C&W. (DA-CO)
- 1530 \*KFBK\* CA, Sacramento 1/9 0619 noted ET'ing with song "Magic," OC. (RW)
- 1570 KCVR CA, Lodi is now on the air 24 hours a day, NSP. They have also shortened their bilingual format (Spanish Ranchera/English AdCon mixture) to 0900-2100. They now simulcast their FM sister station KWIN-97.7 2100-0900. Format is 100% CHR. During the simulcast hours, there is no ment. of KCVR at all. On the hour they ID as "Hit Radio K-Win 97.7." During the day they still ID as "Viva 157." Watch for them to dump their bilingual format soon. Another frequency bites the dust! (FPJ-CA)
- 1590 KTCH NE, Wayne 1/6 0949 Wayne weather, Edwards & Johnson & Vals Bakery spots, over pest KVGB. (DA-CO)

#### UNIDS

- 1400 1/9 0930 unID under mess with ID "Rock classics 96 FM." Looped ESE. Suspect KKCVC San Luis Obispo, as FM is on 96.1 (RW-CA)
- 1340 1/9 0621 unID carrying Larry King, looping N-S. Any new affiliates? (RW-CA) (KATA-CA, KKAM-CA, KACH-ID, KLOO-OR, KLKI-WA & KOTY-WA.--NH)

In a few weeks it will be time for the annual Anniversary Issue, I just realized! I'm not sure what the date will be for the WDXR Anniversary deadline--will let you all know when I know! ♡

# DX WORLDWIDE EAST

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This week William P. Townshend has a Latins report for us. I also have some LADX this week but nothing spectacular -- most are not very rare but worth reporting from time to time. Much of the higher latitude TADX seems to have been weakened by continued solar flares lately (week of 15th). I did mention several issues ago that we have passed our sunspot minimum, so several days of relatively low A Index #'s from WWV might indicate possible propagation from higher latitudes. However, when solar flares are announced on WWV be sure to note the time as this usually is indicative of increased geomagnetic activity within the next 24 to 40-hours. The K Index #'s then can determine the intensity of possible auroral activity which produces the Latins. Usually, K #'s of around 4 or higher are equivalent to the storms associated with AUCX. For detailed information and articles on this subject check with the IRCA Goodie Factory. Times and dates are UTC:

## T R A N S - A T L A N T I C D X

1611 VATICAN, Vatican City State 0326 1/17 : Briefly good w/r/lgs talk by f in a Slavic-sounding language (possibly Albanian). 1610-Anguilla no problem on TA wires. Vatican faded quickly after 0330. (Hall-PIT)

## P A N - A M E R I C A N A D X

- 580 JAMAICA, Galina 0047 1/7 : "RJR" by ancr - soccer game w/Pakistan, good. (Townshend-DC)
- 655 EL SALVADOR, San Salvador YSSS 0347 1/16 : SSLA vocals & ancrs (m & f), very good at times. (Hall-PIT)
- 745 t ECUADOR, Chone HCSE4 0401 1/13 : R. Libertad likely the one per Geo. Hakiel tip several weeks ago, nominal is 740 but variable in this range. Mostly a carrier with little audio bits. (Hall-PIT)
- 750 NICARAGUA, Managua HTA750 0352 1/13 : Mixing w/WSB and the Venezuelan w/SS nx and other talk by m. Fr-gd. (Hall-PIT)
- 820 t COLOMBIA, 0357 1/13 : "R-C-N" in SS by man @0358, deep het on freq. One of the listed HJ's seems to have picked up Radio Cadena Nacional - HJAD Cartagena? (Hall)
- CUBA, Ciego de Avila/Manzanillo/Moa CMKO/CMJB 0700 1/13 : //Progreso net with usual gong on hour and "RP-La Onda de la Alegria" (The Wave of Happiness) and ment's "...cadena nacional". 0350 1/16 in Pittsburgh //net w/class. mx. (Hall-PA)
- CUBA, Ciudad de la Habana 0702 1/13 : R. Ciudad de la Habana CNBU w/SS m & w mixing around on channel. (Hall-PIT)
- (830) BELIZE, Belize City 0541 1/13 : NOT audible on 830 with WCCO dominant, but still with transmitter failing and throwing audible spur in 825-7 range. When tuned to 825-7 the image is often at veyr good levels and readable, although through much garbage such as "scratching" and hetting noise. A year or two back Belize suffered similar problems with audible ghosts on 783 kHz - I've noted some similar noise on 780 which may be associated with the xmtr problems. (Hall-PIT)
- 840 HAITI, Cap Haitien 4VEF 2345 1/6 : FF talk by m & w fair-good - no sign of WHAS. (Townshend-DC) (Bill - St. Lucia is much more common on the freq. with FF Creole usually. If you're sure of the straight FF it's very likely this was Haiti which is quite a good logging, although St. Lucia rates as very difficult too. ed)
- 850 COLOMBIA, Bogota HJKC 0601 1/13 : CARACOL Bogota with ID's as such & //4755hf w/"radio noticias". Fr mixing w/WRMR and presumed KOA. (Hall-PIT)
- 910 CUBA, Camaguey CMHL 2334 1/6 : Rumba, ment. of Cuba by man. Good o/WRNL. (Townshend-DC) (Bill - Good catch on Cadena Agramonte here, which is pretty tough to hear usually w/the Reloj Cuban usually dominant. ed)
- 920 CUBA, Pilon CMNG 0119 1/7 : Nx in SS, metronome and beep on minute. Fair over WHEL. (Townshend-DC)
- 960 CUBA, Cienfuegos CMFD 0107 1/7 : Nx in SS by m & w, fr. (Townshend-DC)
- 1060 CUBA, Baracoa CMNQ0607 1/13 : CMKS Trinchera antiimperialista/CMXD La Voz de la COA //1070 w/SSLA rumbas, fr/gd. (Hall-PIT)
- 1070 CUBA, Guantanamo CMML 0108 1/13 : //1060 w/same pgm, fr/v. gd. (Hall-PIT)
- 1030 HAITI, Cap Haitien 4VEC 2358 1/6 : Gospel pgm, s/off in EE w/Amazing Grace, (ex-1035). Good o/WBZ. (Townshend-DC) (I've never gotten this in Pgh. although I can usually get rid of s/top from KDKA-1020 to get WBZ. ed)
- 1080 CUBA, Guines CMCU 0611 1/13 : Cadena Habana mixing w/presumed Haitian as often hrd here. //1120/1140. (Hall-PIT)

- 1090.6a unID, 0352 1/16+ : unID SSLA w/het to 1090 - presume CMAW-Guama. (Hall-PIT)
- 1100 COLOMBIA, Bogota HJCN 0730 1/17 : Topping freq. o/Cubans and WWVE w/pips to 0730, "CARACOL" ID's, int'l nx itmes, much on US figures. //4755/850, many proud "...radio noticias" heralds. (Hall-PIT)
- CUBA, La Habana 0620 1/13 : Radio Cadena Habana //1080/1120/1140 w/SS mx. (Hall-PIT)
- 1110 CUBA, Holguin CMKL 0622 1/13 : "R. Angulo" ID by man, //1120/1130. (Hall)
- 1120 CUBA, Artemisa CMCW 0615 1/13 : Cadena Habana //net (1080/1100/1140), fr/gd mixing w/other Cuban and St. Louis. (Hall-PIT)
- CUBA, Mayari CMKQ 0610 1/13 : Radio Angulo //1110/1130 w/ID's, SS talk by man (Hall-PIT)
- 1130.2 CUBA, Sagua de Tenamo CMKU 0612 1/13 : Radio Angulo a bit off-freq. but was oc dominating chan. at very good levels //1110/1120 - hets all over the place w/113 hetted badly by Costa Rican on 1127.1 which was at very good levels too. This was a fairly good evening for LA activity. (Hall-PIT)
- 1127.1 COSTA RICA, San Jose TISHB 0354 1/16 : Firm levels w/SS CA vocals, some US EE opp mx too. SS m ancr w/"Sonido" & TC. (Hall-PIT)
- 1140 CUBA, La Habana CMBW 0614 1/13 : Radio Cad. Habana w/"RCH" ID's and festive Tocal rumba mx, //1080/1100/1120. In deep WRVA fade (or great CMBW peak). (Hall)
- 1155a unID, El Salvador? 0621 1/13 : Seems to be on about 1155.1a - almost certain an LA and M. Connelly heard this awhile back too & rpted it to DXW-E. Is El Salvador back? (Hall-PIT)
- 1170 t COLOMBIA, Valledupar HJPB 0018 1/7 : Nx in SS by man, freq. ment's Colombia, one ment. Valledupar, fair. (Townshend-DC) (Sds/1k the one Bill, and if so a good logging w/WWVA usually pesty and Haiti most often hrd around these parts. e
- HAITI, Cap Haitien 4VRS 0010 1/7 : FF talk by man, fair o/u Colombian. No sign of WWVA. (Townshend-DC) (Bill - WRTH has Port-au-Prince as QTH. ed)
- 1180a CUBA, Neuva Gerona, I.J. CMOD 0628 1/13 : Relej program deep in mess/het w/ standards/nx pgm. Fr/gd. (Hall-PIT)
- 1290 CUBA, Rancho Veloz CME0 0631 1/13 : "Doblevel" (W) //840 w/female ancr in SS, mixing w/several domestics. (Hall-PIT)
- 1440 CUBA, Ciego de Avila CMIL 0557 1/15 : Fr/gd w/Cuban rumbas + SS talk. (Hall)
- 1564.8 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Santo Domingo HIAJ 0112 1/14 : Occ fades to slop but on peaks to v. gd. levels w/SS pastor. This stn is all SS rign. Later has hymns. (Hall-PIT)

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## THE TRAVELERS HIGHWAY

## INFORMATION ADVISORY

## STATION RADIO GUIDE

We still have several copies of the Traveller's Information Station and Highway Advisory Radio Guide. This handy guide lists all sorts of info on TIS/HAR stations, including their locations, prerecorded announcements and other material. It's a must for those of you who DX on 530 and 1600 kHz, or if you're going to do a lot of travelling this summer. To obtain your copy, send a check or MO for \$10 to IRCA, P.O. Box 21074, Seattle, WA 98111.

# IRCA Sports Centre '89

DALE PARK / 2253 KANEALII  
HONOLULU, HI 96813-1345

Hello, earthlings. I have returned from my exile on the planet Pherengi, where I have been purged of such thoughts as "Death to CBers"...No folks, I've been going through some personal and family problems for the past several months, forcing me to move back-to-Hawaii'. I've been trying to catch up since, so bear with me; more details in WDXF. Meanwhile, let's go back to that wacky world we call Sports, with NBA flagships first...

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

920 WGST-GA	Atlanta HAWKS (30)	John Sterling, Walt Frazier, Steve Holman
590 WEEI-MA	Boston CELTICS (55-60)	Johnny Most, Glenn Ordway, Doug Davis
1110 WBT--NC	Charlotte HORNETS (36)	Steve Martin, Gil McGregor
1000 WLUP-IL\$	Chicago BULLS (?)	Jim Durham, Johnny Kerr, Chet Coppock
850 WRMR-OH	Cleveland CAVALIERS (30)	Joe Tait, Jim Chones, Howard Kellman
820 WBAP-TX\$	Dallas MAVERICKS (0)	Ted Davis
850 KOA--CO	Denver NUGGETS (?)	Jeff Kingery, Bob Martin
950 WWJ--MI	Detroit PISTONS (18)	George Blaha
680 KNBR-CA	Golden State WARRIORS (?)	UNAVAILABLE
740 KTRH-TX	Houston ROCKETS (?)	Gene Peterson, Jim Foley
1070 WIBC-IN	Indiana PACERS (25)	Mark Boyle, Clark Kellogg
930 KRTH-CA\$	Los Angeles CLIPPERS (?)	Ralph Lawler
570 KLAC-CA	Los Angeles LAKERS (16)	Chick Hearn, Stu Lantz
1090 XEPRS-BCN	In Spanish: (0)	UNAVAILABLE
560 WQAM-FL\$	Miami HEAT (7)	Sam Smith, Eric Reid
710 WQAQ-FL	In Spanish: (0)	UNAVAILABLE
620 WTMJ-WI_1	Milwaukee BUCKS (24)	Jim Irwin, Jon McGlocklin
1130 WDGJ-MN_1	Minnesota TIMBERWOLVES (?)	UNAVAILABLE
1130 WNEW-NY	New Jersey NETS (1)	Howard David, Jim Spanarkel, Mike O'Koren
660 WFAN-NY_2	New York KNICKS (?)	Jim Karvelas, Ernie Grunfeld
570 WMCN-NY_2	(Backup)	
610 WLP--PA_2	Philadelphia 76ERS (20)	John Gurevitch
1480 WDAS-PA_2	(Backup)	
620 KTAR-AZ	Phoenix SUNS (8)	Al McCoy, Dick van Arsdale
620 KGW--OR	Portland TRAILBLAZERS (30)	Bill Schonley, Geoff Petrie
1530 KFBI-CA_3	Sacramento KINGS (?)	UNAVAILABLE
550 KTSA-TX_3	San Antonio SPURS (8)	Dave Barnett
720 KSAH-TX	In Spanish: (?)	Armando Quintero
950 KJR--WA	Seattle SUPERSONICS (8)	Bob Blackburn, Kevin Calabro
570 KISN-UT	Utah JAZZ (15)	Rod Hundley, Carl Arky, Zelmo Beatty, Dave Blackwell
1260 WMDC-DC	Washington BULLETS (8)	Charlie Slows

HOW TO READ: Flagship station(s) in the left-hand column, play-by-play announcers in the right-hand column; number of affiliates in parentheses. N.B.: 1. Effective 1989-90 season when Minnesota and Orlando MAGIC join the league. 2. Airs games if conflict on flagship occurs. 3. Per team last year; Broadcasting says 1200 WOAI-TX.

ABC will again carry the NBA All-Star Game this season, 12 Feb. in Houston, as well as the championship series. No announcers have been set at press time.

### LOS ANGELES LAKERS (ENGLISH)

570 KLAC-CA	1080 KWAI-HI	1240 KSMA-CA	1340 KVOY-CA	1450 KOVA-CA
870 KROL-NV	1230 KXO--CA	1270 KNWZ-CA	KATY-CA	KVEN-CA
940 KNST-AZ	KPAK-CA	1290 KMEN-CA	KIST-CA	KONE-NV
	1240 KNRY-CA		1410 KERN-CA	

Chick Hearn, Stu Lantz

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### ARIZONA WILDCATS

550 KOY--AZ	<u>940 KNST-AZ</u>	1230 KINO-AZ	1340 KFBR-AZ	1450 KDAP-AZ
870 KROL-NV	1150 KCKY-AZ	1340 KIKO-AZ	1420 KFAN-AZ	1490 KYCA-AZ
FM:		93.5 KVMM-AZ		100.1 KGMN-AZ

Brian Jeffries, Joe Nehls

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Broadcasting, 24 Oct. 1988.

Typed 17 Jan. Gee, already near the bottom of the page and already out of info. So much for my return effort, hi. Now that it's winter, I need any and all info on play-by-play networks for indoor teams (basketball, hockey, soccer), forwarded to the address on top. Thanks for welcoming me back; you can keep the leis, hi. Hey sports fans, I luvyah!

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Bon Jour! Who says that diligence doesn't pay off? Between that, my prior DX techniques and a lot room for very long antennas, I managed to sprint from ZERO to 1002 stations logged in less than 39 days! Is this some kind of record? My best antenna is the 1200-footer that is virtually WSW, and now on stakes to keep it out of the snow. Another 1200' wire going SE does wonders for SRS from the Southeastern US, and it brought my my first South American (total is now 3): Brazil-1280! I've heard this unusual "first" two or three times now; they're 200 kW with no other really strong Latins on the frequency. Their slogan is "tupí" (to urinate?) and, if your 1280 isn't blocked during Auroras, this may actually be the best Brazil bet from the Central or Eastern US, because most other powerful Brazilians (740, 860, 940, 1180, etc.) are blocked by other, nearer powerful Latins, usually Cubans or Venezuelans. Actually, Haiti (the only other Latin on 1280 with much power) is more common here during Auroras. Some people wrote me with comments like "I'm sorry to hear that you lost all your old logs, Frank", etc. All of my old logs are actually VERY MUCH "alive" and accessible; I only "lost" my old location. Moving nearly 400 miles west of my old digs, I started my totals anew. But, God willing, I'll still have my old logs 20 years from now, and I may even add to them occasionally in the form of DXpeditions when I revisit my former Toledo/Michigan areas. Am still trying to receive HI in Macomb, hi - but I feel there is hope because I thing I've heard adult contemporary music under WCCO, and I've definitely had religion far under WWL. I guess it could be KROL. Perhaps my 830 was XEVQ, which is heard here occasionally. I'll always feel fortunate that I experienced the end of the Golden Era of nationwide clear regionals on MM's (such as 1420 after KSTN s/off, 950, and 1460) when I lived 40 miles from Detroit. With only 40 feet of wire draped in a second-floor attic, I managed to hear Hawaiians and even-farther TP's, using a HQ-129X, between 1962 and 1965. My wire must've been near something that made it heavily favor the West, because I rarely heard TA's, and I even went 5 or 6 years without hearing WMID-1340 (a very common catch of that era) even once. Seven tea trees.

Ernest Cooper, 5 Anthony Street, Provincetown, Massachusetts 02657

(NOTE: Ernie's commented a couple of times that his reports to the NRC were being "lost", so to speak. His three missing "Musings" all appeared in the 1/14/89 DX News, along with old reports from other NRC members, at least one of which dated back to September--rce)

After several calls to Commonwealth Electric's offices in Hyannis, they finally sent a man in a truck here to try to trace this terrible buzz I've been experiencing every evening. Of course, when he came, the buzz was not on, but it soon started. He said he would be driving around the area looking for its source. He never did come back here to tell me if he did or did not find anything - and the buzz continued merrily on. I called again, and just before Christmas, Com Electric sent another fellow here and he drove around, and the buzz was in full swing. He came back and told me it was coming from a pole about one mile from here; that they would be back to fix it the next Monday. This they did, but in the meantime I drove up to where he indicated the trouble was, and I found the buzz disappeared as I got about 100 feet away from my house, but there were similar noises noted here and there along the way, on the AM dial. I had it on 540 kHz where very little signal is heard on the car radio. At the point where he said the trouble was originating, there was only a faint buzz on my radio! I again called the head honcho in Hyannis, and this time, a more experienced person came, and after driving around a bit, and then taking a hand-held receiver and walking the neighborhood, he came up with the answer! It was coming from the house directly across the street from me! He knocked on their door, was admitted, and there he found it to be some sort of intensity lamp whose glow can be raised or lowered simply by putting one's hand on it! These folks agreed not to use that lamp anymore, and they had had no idea it caused any problems. They are what I call "teleholics" - they never use their radio, but the TV goes from 0600 till whenever. When their son was on a radio program on WOMR from the school, they sent him over here to ask me where



on the dial WOMR was! So, I would assume, that as long as we stay friendly, I'll again be able to do some twilight DXing. I MAY have a lead on a used Hammarlund HQ-180 - more as it happens - or doesn't happen. I see a leading astrologer predicts the world will come to an end on November 15th - gee, our tenant's rent is due on the 15th - I'll have to ask him to pay me on the 14th this November, I guess. Forward - March!

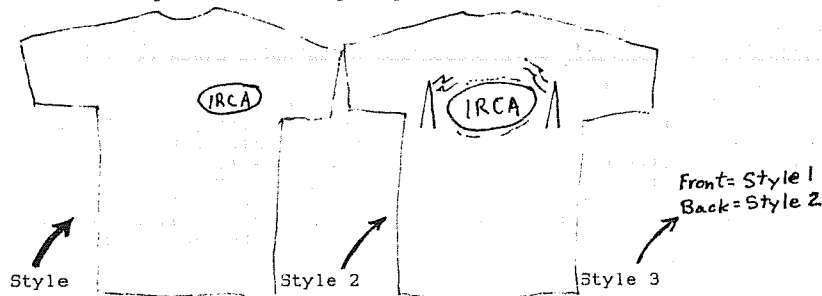
James Hall, 240 Byron Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237

(Continued from last week) ...Per 12/10/88 Billboard WDAS-Phila, PA will be (or has) going to a gospel format, abandoning R&B/oldies. Also, KQDN-AM Monterey, Calif. began simul. of FM Nov. 29th. Billboard's PD of the week profile (Dec. 17) Gary Bruce of WHAS-Louisville, Kentucky (840) has some worthy comments on the survival of the "dynasty" AM vs. FM's. It's definitely recommended reading as it easily applies w/struggling AM's of any market. Sean Ross' VOX JOX says Satellite Music Network's 7-Rock format picked up 2 major-market AM's: KSJL-San Antonio, Texas (760) on Nov. 7, formerly simul. T40 KSAQ. Per Ross "KSJL's 50,000 watt signal reaches much of south Texas including Corpus Christi and Del Rio, and parts of northern Mexico during the day." KJJO-Minneapolis, Minn. (St. Louis Park on 950) was //"Hot Rockin' 104", now to SMN as of Halloween. KSJL will keep those calls, while KJJO will take new calls shortly. Meanwhile SMN is pitching the format to European clients.

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25th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE DEADLINE - 07 MARCH

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Hi all from Pasadena's Rose Bowl on New Year's Day. At 1220 PLT tuned in to KUTY 1470 on my car radio. It's in good next to KTYM playing German. Also heard KWRM 1370 with C&W. Am glad they haven't done any changes to that format. It's good there's a regional AM Country here.

Just returned from a 5 km run in S. El Monte where I noticed KWNK 670 comes in well there. Seems they aren't on Winifred in Simi Valley but now at Fallbrook Mall, second level, West Hills. They retain the business and request numbers for the Ventura County area.

Just heard news person on KUTY give a number for weather alerts: (805) 272-0929. Probably an updated tape each day. Not a bad service, similar to a snow line. The signal almost sounds like a power increase or some other improvement. I once heard a promo about a stronger signal. Wish they'd push their signal more south, southeast against XERCN.

I see KSRT 830 has an extension on their CP. Never did know first transmitter location. In current Orange County phone directory there's no listing for KSRT yet. I see the listing of 1550 KOZR Apple Valley.

Just heard a promo for KUTY's bumper sticker contest plus their GM's promo for a better signal to reach areas not yet served and a reference to a "country giant flexing its muscles." Maybe they're going to fine tune antenna pattern to put more signal in certain directions. The Antelope Valley is growing and needs a good powerful AM.

I see KHSJ 1320 is to use 300 watts nights. Would imagine they'd need to protect Oceanside and vice versa. Doubt if I'd hear KHSJ here; too much 1330.

Is KISK 1550 Reno on? All I ever hear is a trace of KKHI. (KKHI and a KCVR spur is all I hear here on 1550-Rth.)

Nice to hear of jazz on AM, meaning KJOY 1280. "Jazz on Joy," hi. Wow, KMEN playing black oldies. Always thought of them as Top 40.

So KLYD 1350 is C&W? I recall them when they were using KUNN.

I'm glad KDON 1460 has dropped SS. Can't hear them much due to KTYM.

On KMEZ 1480 - a friend I know at Z. Rock in Dallas says AM is still EZL but he thought their FM changed format. It's only a frequency change. KMEZ is now 107 something in case they ID together and an AM DX'er hears it.

Better close. 73.

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I hope everyone had a great holiday season! I was driving home a few weeks ago and on the car radio heard 66 WNBC's "final farewell." The entire staff was gathered around for the final seconds countdown to the end. "What's that again?" you ask. Are you wondering how I possibly could have heard that on my car radio? Easy. . . a local FM station, KOLA 99.9 San Bernardino, played a tape of WNBC's final seconds on the air during their newcast that evening, hi (Steve), it wasn't too long ago you could hear WNBC on your car radio, hi-Rth. I was very sorry that the end had come to that very historic station and I was quite pleasantly surprised that KOLA's news staff also appreciated the "historic significance" of the occasion! Interestingly, KOLA isn't even affiliated with NBC - they carry (occasional) ABC news. If anyone happened to tape WNBC's end, please contact me. I would be interested in obtaining a copy of it, and can either pay you for the tape and postage or tape swap with you.

Speaking of NBC, in what might possibly be a FIRST - Los Angeles now has two NBC network affiliates. KFWB 980 had been L.A.'s only affiliate for at least ten years (maybe 15 +), though they only carried selected NBC (and ABC) news reports during their all-news format. They never carried those networks at the top-of-the-hour five-minute newscasts. However, KMPC 710 has now also just signed up with NBC and they now carry the five-minute newscasts overnights and weekends when their regular news staff is off. This, therefore, marks the first time in many years that Los Angeles has had an affiliate carry the five-minute hourly newscast (even though it is only during obscure hours). Per call to KMPC, NBC now has two separate "feeds," similar to ABC's separate network feeds, which is how L.A. (and presumably other markets) can have two affiliates. This is especially interesting (and newsworthy) in that once before NBC had two feeds (called the Red and Blue networks) and they were forced to sell one due to an anti-trust lawsuit. In 1943 they sold the smaller one (Blue) which became ABC. (Remember when KFI was NBC under Earl C. Anthony?-Rth.)

To tie up a couple of loose ends with the KGRB 900/KBOB 98.3 story: I was going through my files and found an old newspaper article from 1982 about KGRB's having just boosted its (daytime then) power from 250 to 500 watts.

Per the article, the correct spelling of the owner's name is Robert Burdette. The call letters reflect the initials of (Mr. and Mrs.) Gloria and Robert Burdette. KBOB is, of course, informally "Bob." Also, Gary Larson phoned me and informed that he was mistaken when he reported in the same issue that KGRB's new night power is 250 watts. I'm sure, though, that one way or another, we'll eventually find out what KGRB's new nighttime power is - and then we can all write to Mr. Burdette and have our letters thrown in the trash, hi. (Better yet, publish new nighttime power in DXM and send him a copy - to be thrown in the trash, hi-Rth.) More next week. 73 de SMM.

GLEN KIPPEL, 612 N. WEST AVE., MERCED, CA 95340

Not much DX happening here lately due to the birth of future DX'er Jeremy Ray Kippel on 19 December. Because he already is much more awake at night than during the day, he already has a built-in talent for DX'ing, hi. (Congrats, Glen - and you're suppose to be turning the dials while he's being fed, ya know, hi-Rth.)

The NAB's experimental "anti-skywave" project is being held up by the Prince George's County (MD) Planning Commission. When they get on the air, look for them at 1660 kHz with call sign KA2XXB and powers up to 5 kw. I don't know for sure, but they may like reception reports. More later.

I was just thinking about the changes in DX'ing over the years. In the '50s and early '60s there weren't nearly as many stations on the air as there are now, and most of the fulltimers went off at midnight. Most of the remaining AN'ers signed off MW for maintenance. Therefore it was possible to hear stations in Australia and Japan, even from the eastern part of the US (east of the Rocky Mountains, that is!), long before TP-land went to 9 kHz spacing.

Even as recently as 1982, there were a few US Clear Channels left and, from California, stations such as Radio Coro (Venezuela) on 1210 and Cuba 880 were heard almost nightly. Peru on 880 was also in fairly often, but not often enough to be a pest. But now? Forget it! (Don't forget Bolivia 1020-Rth)

Certainly the proliferation of interference from various sources, including broadcasters themselves, has been detrimental to AM listening and the economic viability of AM broadcasting.

Now if George Yazell's NFR ("Noise-Free Radio," i.e. MW-FM) ever comes to pass, we may be able to hear lots of new DX. Here's how. At present, if you're listening to a GY channel with 157 stations skipping in from every direction, nulling one of them 20 or 30 db with a loop isn't going to help much. But with FM, capture ratio comes into effect. Whichever station is the strongest will be the one station which is heard. Nulling that by even a miniscule amount would make the next strongest station come in clearly. No more trying to make out that elusive ID among a Babel of other stations. (But Glen, that takes out the fun and challenge of hearing five signals on one channel and staying with the weakest one - and I also lie a lot, hi-Rth.) MW FM would have a profound effect on DX'ing.

Thanks to Ben Peters in Holland for the beautiful card and comments on large-aperture loops. 73 all.

\*\*\*IT'S COMING - 25th ANNIVERSARY WDXF - 07 MARCH DEADLINE\*\*\*

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It may be a sore subject by now, but after seeing so many comments in reply to Steve Mittman's memorable experiences with KGRB's Bob Burdette, I couldn't resist chiming in. Evidently, at about the same time of Steve's fateful call, I made one myself to the station one Saturday night, bearing the same question. In the course of the ten-minute conversation that followed Burdette relayed the same endearing sentiments toward we DX-types that Steve was subjected to - I then further identified myself, as the producer of the Ray Briem show, and as a years-ago relief DJ for his FM, KBOB, which was part of an arrangement leasing the 808-watt FM to the University of Laverne. He of course had no memory of me; I told him (truthfully) that my year or so at the FM gave me an appreciation for his BBD/NOS format (particularly 1930's Louisiana blues). He launched into me - are you sitting down? - about the fact that Ray Briem on his national talk show, maintained the audacity not to talk about KGRB's rather unique format! I reminded the gentleman about the realities of the marketplace - after all, separately-owned radio stations just don't promote each other in this dimension, now do they? The conversation further degenerated into Burdette's diatribe about the woes of society! Everything covered from L.A.'s ongoing gang warfare, drug abuse, ad nauseum. I finally gave up after he refused to acknowledge the accuracy of my 80-watt nighttime power guesstimation. In closing the Burdette file - I only have pity for the man. (To quote my 76-year-old father who retired from his local city council three years ago, "Some guys don't know when to hang it up."-Rth)

On to brighter areas: The 07 January Ray Briem DX Special went very well, with lots of calls on many aspects of DX'ing - all bands represented. My apologies to those of you who let that phone connection ring for, seemingly, days, only to beaced out by the clock. We will be presenting two of these

animals per year; the next one, tentatively sked for the first part of August. We'll focus more on SW broadcasts with the appeal slated more toward the general public. This will give us an opportunity to present a more "DX'ers oriented" program in January each year. A bit more of this and we should see some new blood pumped into the DX racket! Anyone with any workable ideas for upcoming shows, please drop me a line. 73.

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Hope everyone survived the holidays and is off to a good start this year. Haven't done any DX, but give me time, hi.

A couple of quick notes. On KRML 1410, the CP to go fulltime was for 5 kw day and night, last time I heard. Was told back last year by our engineer their pattern was supposed to be very tight to protect 1380. Also, after noticing KCTY 980 off after midnight recently, I called the station to see what's going on. They now s/off at 0000 PLT. Last year they were on a 24-hour schedule after getting the go-ahead to use lower power after sunset. Forgot to ask about s/on time, probably between 0500 and 0600 PLT. A few weeks ago with KCTY off I was able to hear K'WJ AZ under KFWB.

Being the stickler I am for details, I have a few loose ends to tie up from recent article on KFAC/KWKW/KALI. I mentioned a KNRC becoming KTM 780, then KEHE and finally KECA, now KABC. Well, for the record, KNRC was first KFVF Hollywood. This business of changing calls is nothing new, hi. That was in 1925. Also, KFVD actually began in San Pedro in 1925, before going to Culver City and then Los Angeles. In later years, it became KPOP, KCBS and is now KTNQ. Also, 98.3 was KDWC in 1960.

As for the loss of KFXM, just because 590 went to all news, why did the calls have to change? (New owner, Jim, and starting fresh with new calls, I suspect-RtH.) Those calls have been in San Bernardino for ages. They've been KFXM since 1929, first on 1210, then 1240 and on to 590. KFXM began in 1925 as KFWC Ontario and later Pomona and San Bernardino. I have an opening night program for the station from 1926 for their first night on the air after an apparent lengthy silent period.

Everything else is fine here. Pete just got over the flu and a cold, Laura may work at a daycare center and we hope to be in Sacramento this year for the convention if it's there, hi. 73 to all.

GENE MARTIN, 3303 E. EVANS AVE., DENVER, CO 80210

Let me offer you my pet peeve this week.

Because I've been a professional writer for more years than most members of IRCA have been around I pay close attention to spelling, the use of language, how abbreviations are formed, what is correct and what is not.

So when I run across abbreviations like kW and kHz in the club publication, I wonder what is going on, why do they do it that way?

There's no justification in the language for the capital W in kW. No justification for the capital H in kHz.

Broadcasting magazine is quite close to radio and it doesn't use these weird abbreviations. I opened their yearbook and the first thing my eyes fell upon was the following:

"KCBN AM-Oct 30, 1963: 1230 khz; 1 kw-D, 250-w N, - that is a Reno station but that's enough of the listing to demonstrate how Broadcasting handles these abbreviations.

I know what the argument is to justify the capital W in kW and the capital H in kHz. Watt was a person and his name is a proper noun and Hertz was a person and therefore his name or its abbreviation should be capitalized.

Neither one of these contentions makes any kind of sense - every dictionary I know of spells watt with a small w and hertz as a unit of frequency is spelled that way, a lower case H, in my 15-pound Random House dictionary published about 15 years ago.

There's a guiding principle in the English language that whenever a proper noun becomes a well-known word the former capital letter is dropped. Gerry was a former Massachusetts political figure, but gerrymandering is spelled with a lower case G. Maverick was a Texas cattleman but maverick is spelled with a small M. Bikini was a place and a proper noun before it became a bathing suit with a lower case B. Vulvan was a proper noun but vulcanizing drops the capital V.

Volta was a person and a proper noun but volt is spelled with a small V. Samuel F.B. Morse invented the telegraph, but we spell it morse code, minus any capital M.

There are thousands of examples like these in our language, where the capital letters once attached to a name are dropped when the name becomes a part of ordinary speech.

Can't we remove etymological monstrosities like kHz and kW from the club publication? (Gene, I've always used kW and still prefer kcs as opposed to kHz - cycles is what radio waves do - Hertz rents cars, hi-RtH.)

RANDY TOMER, 50 THISTLE RIDGE, EUREKA, CA 95501

My recent visit to Sarasota, Florida 17-31 December provided lots of warm, sunny weather and good times at the beaches but unfortunately not a whole lot of good DX. Certainly no where near the amount heard during my '81 visit. There seemed to be quite a few new stations on the Clears, splatter was higher and not much was heard on the splits. Maybe conditions were down and probably I don't DX with as much intensity as I did in '81. The strongest split heard was R. El Salvador 655, heard quite loud and a good bet for the WC. The Caymans 1555 was also noted most evenings at fair strength. No audio was heard from any other splits although lots of weak carriers were spotted. The Cuban on 830 was very strong indeed from 12 to 24 December, pegging the S Meter and impossible to null. At this strength it should be widely heard. From 26 December until my departure it was either off the air or at greatly reduced power. The Turks and Caicos outlet on 1570 was extremely strong at night and should also be widely heard. They ID'ed as the "Atlantic Beacon." In '81 KFI 640 and KNX 1070 were both easily heard with good signals in Sarasota, but there was no sign of them this visit, the co-channel QRM was too strong.

On 21 December I visited a friend in Wabuso near Ft. Pierce. That evening I noted several weak hets on 9 kHz frequencies but none developed any audio. TA's from the Atlantic coast will have to wait for another trip, hi.

Well, the DX wasn't mind-boggling, but I did have a good vacation anyway. I enjoyed the Sarasota area's local AM and FM stations. There was all-day tele-talk on WTKN 570, WFLA 970 and WBRD 1420 and they had some good programs. There were several good non-commercial FM stations to choose from and I really liked the jazz/MoR format on WHVE ("The Wave"). It was also fun to hear the eastern Clears at good strengths that used to be heard out west. On my next trip to FL I'd like to contact a DX'er in that state, and schedule my trip in the spring or fall, as DX could be better then. 73.

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Greetings! Work continues to progress on the Almanac. Most of the network lists have been submitted for final processing and will reflect members' tips through the 24 December 1988 DXM. Bill Hardy and I have spent lots of time tracking down the most up-to-date information available for each network. It's amazing how many stations have changed nets just in the last year.

Well, after a tough semester at school I've finally had time for other projects. I've improved my reception report writing program (among other things, it now stores copies of my reports so that I can generate f/up reports in a hurry - wish I'd been able to add that feature before my vacation last summer!). My other big news is that I've been interviewing for a new job, as an applications programmer for GE Retail Systems. It's not a great paying job, but it'll be a relief to get out of the supermarket and into a "real" job. At this point, I'm really optimistic about my chances of landing the job.

Turning to DX, I've started using my old DX150B again, as the performance of my ICF-2010 continues to plummet. Signals on the 2010 seem weaker than ever, and many frequencies are half-covered in hash and slop, some of it from non-adjacent frequencies. At first I had thought my antenna was the culprit, but upon connecting it to my DX150B, I find signals which are as loud and clear as ever. Clears on the DX150B still sound like they did ten years ago - armchair copy. Of course, the lack of ECSSB on the DX 150 B means I have to put up with fading and hets again, but it would seem that my best chance of pulling out enough program details for a reception report lies with the DX150B. I'm not sure what's happened to the 2010, but I know that repair folks don't like taking Sony's apart. (From the same folks that sell you a "hot" Sony just as they're discontinuing that model, hi-Rth.)

I found out recently that a childhood friend of mine, Ivan Pencoff, is CE and PM drive DJ and v/s at WCTN 950 Potomac, MD. We'll try to set up a DX test before the end of the season. Too bad for me that I have a 10 kw local on 950. (And at 450 miles farther on, a semi-local for me, hi-Rth.)

That's it for now. Happy New Year, Ric, and thanks for all the continued support of the v/s column. 73 de TRH.

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Greetings everyone! Just tuned the dial this morning and discovered Rush Limbaugh on KMJ 580 on a time delayed basis. In addition to KFBK 1530 and XETRA 690, I believe he's also carried on KOH 630 Reno. Remember everyone, he got his start in Sacramento (and to think I listened to him because he's so inane. I hold up the big "L" word proudly, hi-Rth.) That's Sacramento, home of the 1989 IRCA 25th Anniversary convention.

Two more stations biting the dust and simulcasting their FM's: KLRS 1020 (ex-KSSO) and KDON 1460, were no surprise to me. I even predict the demise of Viva 157 (KQVR 1570) in 1989. I think they'll be // with their successful FM, KWIN, very soon.

Gary Larson, the location of KWG's transmitter is at the SW corner of Weber and E Streets, just west of Filbert Street near Highway 99. But because

of the area after dark, hi. (And we weren't too sure of the area an hour before dark either, right FPJ?-hi-RtH.)

I just read in the San Francisco Chronicle that GE/NBC has sold KNBR 680 to Century Broadcasting, owner of KMEL-FM. I wonder if this means KNBR will be history down the road and become KMEL-AM? God forbid it, hi. (They unloaded WNBC, so what's to stop them from doing the same to KNBR? Like you said - God forbid-RtH.)

I plan to nominate RW to the BoD as I think he has done a great job as a DX'er as well as a good long-standing member in IRCA. I also plan to re-elect RtH to the BoD as he too has done a superb job. Also I don't want to forget Karl Zuk; he's done a great job as well.

Before I go, we had a bit of snow in the Valley on Tuesday, 27 December, unfortunately it melted upon impact on the ground. Stockton hasn't had snow since '76 and Sacramento since '82.

Remember to support Sacramento as the site of the 25th Anniversary IRCA Convention. I plan to dedicate an entire forum to that in the very near future. 73 de FPJ and Sacramento in '89!

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Greetings from Pike's Peak! After several months as an IRCA member, it's about time that I introduce myself. I'm 48, have been MW and SW DX'ing off and on since my grandparents bought a Zenith Transoceanic in 1948. I got my novice ham license in 1955 and have been fairly active in ham radio ever since, concentrating on VHF/UHF DX and contesting. But I always did some MW DX with whatever receiver I had at the time - the HQ 150, HQ 180A and SPR4 being my favorites over the years.

About ten years ago I joined NRC and logged over 800 MW stations in 42 states and 30 countries from Schenectady, NY during a four-year period using a HQ-180A, SPR4, SM-2, 160 meter dipole and 40-meter loop. From 1983-87 I was very involved in coaching x-c, x-c skiing and track, competing in running and skiing events and starting a new business. I sold my SPR4 and HQ-180A and MW DX was on the back burner for a while.

Last March my wife and I moved to Colorado about eight miles north of Pikes Peak. For the first time I had enough land to erect some short Beverages. But until late August I concentrated on TV, FM and ham VHF DX. Our 9,000-foot elevation is a pretty good VHF location and we ID'ed 21 states on TV, 20 on FM and worked 48 states on 6 meters and 23 states on 2 meters. My main MW interest was receiving Cincinnati Reds BB on WLW or other stations.

In mid-August I put up a short, unterminated E/W Beverage to try to get WLW before local sunset so I could hear more of the games. I started MW DX the third week in August using that antenna and the 160 meter dipole. My receiver is a Kenwood TS-430-S transceiver, adequate, but probably not as good as what I used in Schenectady. However, there I had several local power-houses to contend with; here there aren't any stations within 15 miles. I have many more "open" frequencies here.

After four months of fairly intensive evening DX and a few early morning and sunrise sessions, I've logged 516 stations in 36 states, most of which I've reported to Nancy Hardy. It's primarily a cerebral activity as I don't write for veries (my ham band QSL'ing takes an enormous amount of time and money). I also don't count call changes (with one notable exception - WNBC and WPAN). In fact, my logging is not so rigorous as those who don't log unless they hear the legal ID, and because I don't need a lot of info for a report, I usually "hit and run" looking for other new stations as soon as I'm sure of whom I've logged. However, because new stations are harder to come by now and because I realize it's more helpful to others, I try to record some significant info about stations I report.

For the past month I've been using two Beverages, both unterminated, a 1,000-foot NE/SW wire and a 600-foot WSW/ENE wire. They're both fairly straight, but low, even lying in snow in places. I have a coaxial switch by the receiver to easily switch between them and the 160 meter dipole.

I'd like to thank Nancy Hardy, Tim Hall and Pat Martin for the help they have given me in ID'ing stations. Until next time, 73. (Thanks for the forum, Doug, and welcome to the "Blue Pages." It would sure help my poor ole eyes if you'd double space, please. Again, thanks for your report-RtH.)

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Whew! I hint (and not so subtle at that, hi) at forums and suddenly I'm typing for hours. Gee whiz, I can't get into trouble this way, dang it, hi.

They say third time's a charm. WRONG - at least when it comes to travel. Last two winters made it to the Northwest without a hitch, then came this winter. Had to rearrange my dates of travel, cutting out a deadline date without having enough time to notify y'all, then AMTRAK flat out cancelled on me. So had to make alternate arrangements and spent a nightmare on the \*\$#@%# bus, hi. Instead of leaving 2300, left at 0400 and got into Olympia at 2340, four hours late! Spent from Redding (and that's in the Vall for crying out loud) to almost Eugene (via Klamath Falls) in snow and/or ice

Then woke up SM 08 January to three inches of snow - I dressed quickly, took the camera and came back to my dad's apartment only when I discovered I could no longer move my fingers, hi.

Had a great (albeit short time) visit in the Northwest. Portzer and Jaisun came down for pizza on the 7th and we spent a couple hours talking about the good ole days of DX. I almost didn't recognize JJ - he's gotten a haircut, hi. We all remember the days when most AN'ers signed off MM, and you could sit on 1470, monitoring 1460 and 1480 and catching 1 and 5 kw stations on the EC doing their s/on routine. Remember that, gang? When you could hear a GY from ID, MT or WY from northern CA loud and clear doing a f/c? Or how about Cicero, IL on 1450 on RS? Yes, we were indeed crying in our beer, hi.

Brought the Patrolman along for the trip. It's not a DX machine by any stretch of anyone's imagination, hi. I didn't even have a window seat! So I settled for local PD stuff wherever we stopped, and some of the stronger FM. Kudlemyer, I agree. KFAT Corvallis is the station to listen to. However, any resemblance to the old and original KFAT is non-existent! No progressive country, no Ry Cooder, Marshall Tucker, New Riders, etc., but still, if I lived in Portland, I'd make every effort to pick up KFAT; 'JJ and KUPL are just as commercial as every one else. By the way, tried to phone you while in Eugene, but only a listing for L.M. - you or relatives? Did find a great watering hole next door to the station, which took the edge off the endless trip, hi. Also tried looking up Block while in Portland, also without luck.

This was not a DX trip. Jef and Bruce came back to dad's apartment for a photography session. I displayed Panorama City's noise level (I believe Roy took note of it several years ago and decided against that location) and Bruce did more than wince, hi.

From a book my dad has about Olympia/Lacey/Tumwater, I've copied and relayed to HQ some brief history stuff on KGY 1240. Hope it's re-printable.

Next week, hotel information along with room rates and registration rates. We're a little late, but we're worth it! Plan on your summer vacation in this nation's second largest capital, Sacramento (not city size, though we're close) but next to DC, Sacramento represents the next largest group of folks: California. See y'all in 7 and see ya in Sacramento. 73 de Rth. .

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Hello to all IRCA'ers. I hope your New Years Celebration was a good one and you made it through without having to put up with too many Drunk Drivers. My wife and I went out early for dinner with some friends and then went to the friends house to spend the evening. The friends live only about five minutes away and we left their house about 0100 on 1 JAN 89. We avoided most of the drunks. On the way home we saw one go through a red light right in front of a San Diego Police Officer. YES, the drunk was stopped. The police officer signaled us to wait so he could cut in front of us to make a U turn and go after the drunk.

As most of you know, I am IRCA's ANARC Representative. My monthly ANARC Column appears in DXMonitor on an almost regular basis. I report all things of interest to IRCA and BCB DX'ers. YES, ANARC is interested in IRCA. HOWEVER, it appears to me that IRCA Members are not interested in ANARC. Come on IRCA'ers! I hope one of your New Years Resolutions was to give ANARC more support in 1989. I want to do a really great job this year and need your continued support to do so. Let me know what you would like ANARC to do for you. Or if there is something you would like me to bring before the ANARC Executive Council. I am not on the ANARC Executive Council but I can certainly make recommendations to them. I am appealing to you here in case you are among the IRCA'ers who never takes the time to read my ANARC Reports in DXMonitor. WHAT! You don't read my ANARC Reports! Shame on you!

This years vacation will be spent in England and Scotland. My wife and I are making plans to go there between April 14, 1989 and April 29, 1989. We will fly there. NO, the recent plane crashes, one bombed plane, is not bothering us. We don't let those things bother us. Especially since I have just missed three such incidents. One was a hi-jacking in 1969 that both of us missed by only five minutes. That was in the days when you could kid with the hi-jackers and they would kid back with you. The plane we were thinking of making but didn't make a side trip to Havana. I was in the area of PSA Flight 182 when it came down in San Diego and almost got hit by a piece of the wing. The Pan Am Flight 759 that went down in New Orleans was the third one. My wife and I were on that very same plane only six days before. I know someone who's daughter was killed on that plane. Someone is watching out for me! If any of you IRCA Members in England or Scotland would (do we have any?) would like to see me while I am in your vicinity write and let me know. Time permitting I may stop or at least call you if you if you tell me your telephone number.

Well, that's it from this DX'er for this time around. REMEMBER TO SUPPORT ANARC IN 1989! 73 AND GOOD DX -- ALBERT

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