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## News From HQ

This is a really great issue of DX Monitor: 13 pages of DX Tips, 6 pages of Forums, and a Broadcasting Information column. Keep up the good reporting habits, folks.

We have some followup information on recent front page items: in the 1/21 issue we said KIEV-870 is now 10 kw. Steve Mittman says they went to 10/1 kw a year ago, with no changes since then. Our info was from a Dec issue of The LA Daily News, who apparently just found out or something. Steve also says KTNQ-1020 is now 24 hours again; the nightly SP was apparently to make some repairs to the antenna system. Per my listening whil in LA 1/26 KAZN-1300 is on the air only 1200-1800 PST mostly w/JJ pgms. Jim Hall says one of the 1070 Cuban stns breaks off for R. Cadena Habana at times, so update your list. Finally, the ASWLC will resume publication in March, per a letter from their publisher Stewart MacKenzie, after some belt-tightening, including dropping their BCB DX column.

Wilhelm Herbst is looking for radio recordings from US, Canadian, and Mexican stations from the 1940s, 50s & 60s. He would like cassettes 30, 45, 60, or 90 seconds long without interruptions (no news/talk, religion, sports, or classical stations). Please write first and tell him the costs for cassettes & mailing. He is also looking for old copies of RADEX magazine & old broadcast/ham QSLs. His address: PO Box 45 05 06, D-5000 Koln 41 WEST GERMANY, or PO Box 52056, Philadelphia PA 19115.

## Merengue Music

Dominican DXer Cesar Objio has prepared a 60 minute cassette tape with the history and explanations of the Dominican Republic's popular music, Merengue. Lots of examples are featured on the tape, narrated in English, to help you recognize Dominican music while DXing. It is available for US\$10 including shipping (by registered airmail) from Cesar Objio, Calle Enrique Henriquez 69, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

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## The TVA Award

Don't forget to nominate someone for the Ted Vasilopoulos Award. Details have appeared in the last few DX Monitors. To nominate someone, send their name and a brief nomination statement to Karl Zuk, 154 Old Post Road North, Croton, NY 10520. We will vote on the TVA Award in March.

## 25th Anniversary

Don't forget to send in your forums, articles, and photos for the 25th anniversary issue. The deadline for the forums are noted in this week's columns. Deadlines for other material will be March 17. The anniversary issue will be March 25.

## DX Gettogethers

The annual IRCA HQ gettogether will be held Saturday February 18, from 1 pm onward at the home of Bruce and Evelyn Portzer, 6546 19th Avenue NE, Seattle. Bring potluck junkfood and items for show and tell. We'll pass the hat for pizza at dinnertime. For more info call 206-522-2521.

Rob Harrington has planned DX meetings in Denver for the 3rd Saturday of March May July Sept & Nov 1989 at the Westminster Public Library, 76th & Irving from 1300-1430 local time, and the 3rd Sunday of Feb Apr June Aug Oct & Dec at the Aurora Public Library on East Alameda at 1300-1430. For more information, contact him at 303-753-0720.

# BROADCASTING INFORMATION

Editor: Geov Parrish, 1201 S. Court House Rd. #240, Arlington VA 22204  
 Deadlines: 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, etc. \* \* \* compiled 1/9/89  
 This was a slow month - the FCC laid off for the holidays...

## NEW STATIONS

<u>call</u>	<u>KHz</u>	<u>power/antenna</u>	<u>state/city</u>
KMCE	650	25000/5000	DA-2 CA RANCHO CORDOVA dismissed app. for change in xmtr location
WBSO	650	10000/10000	DA-2 MA CLINTON requests extension of time
KQSR	660	5000/5000	DA-2 ND WILLISTON requests extension of time
new	660		ON RED LAKE granted 650 w nights, DA-N
WVFE	670	50000/250	DA-2 FL MIAMI granted extension of time, again
WRZN	720	10000/250	ND FL HERNANDO granted extension of time
WLFP	730	500/	DA-D FL LAKE PLACID granted extension of time
new	750	10000/10000	DA-2 NV CARSON CITY new stn granted
WNYS	750	5000/1000	DA-2 NY CANTON granted extension of time
WHBE	830	10000/1000	DA-N SC ST. ANDREWS dismissed app. for change in xmtr location
WKDI	840	1000/	DA-D MD DENTON on the air
KUIP	840	10000/1000	DA-N NV GARDNERVILLE dismissed app. for change in xmtr location
KCBB	890	10000/1000	DA-2 CO STRATHMOOR granted reinstatement of exp. CP
KGGN	890	1000/	DA-D MO GLADSTONE granted extension of time
WPKJ	890	250/	DA-D PA CASHTOWN on the air
WLJD	890	10000/	DA-D VA FALMOUTH applies for ND antenna
WRRD	940	480/	DA-D WV BLENNERHASSETT applies to change xmtr loc.
new	990	5000/5000	DA-1 FL MIAMI new stn granted
KPSL	1010	5000/5000	DA-N CA PALM SPRINGS on the air
WPJC	1020	1000/1000	ND PR ADJUNTAS granted extension of time
new	1030	1000/	DA-D IN UNION CITY new station granted
KNOB	1050	2500/	DA-D CA FRAZIER PARK granted new xmtr location
KTNR	1090	500/	ND-D CA OAKHURST on the air
WADN	1120	5000/1000	DA-2 MA CONCORD requests extension of time
WLJH	1120	1000/	ND-D MS PETAL granted move to Denham Springs LA (near Baton Rouge, 100 miles away!)
WNHA	1140	10000/	DA-D NH CONCORD granted extension of time
WKWA	1160	10000/1000	DA-N AL MOBILE granted extension of time
WELX	1160	50000/500	DA-2 FL CALLAHAN on the air
new	1170	5000/	DA-D DE LAUREL new stn granted
new	1170	2500/	DA-D VA FALMOUTH new stn granted
new	1200	10000/1000	DA-N NV VIRGINIA CITY new stn granted
new	1240	580/580	ND MS SOUTHAVEN new stn granted
KXXT	1290	500/	ND-D TX KERRVILLE denied extension of time
new	1330	20/	DA-D CA SAN JOSE app. for KLBS synchronous xmtr
KRCK	1500	10000/1000	DA-2 CA BURBANK granted reinstatement of exp. CP, granted extension of time; granted 50000/14000 w DA-2, new xmtr location
WTRJ	1510	250/	ND-D OH TROY denied move to 1030 KHz; CP & calls forfeited & cancelled; delete from yer logs!
WLMO	1600	1800/620	DA-2 NY GENESEO granted extension of time

## CHANGES IN EXISTING FACILITIES

<u>call</u>	<u>KHz</u>	<u>power/antenna</u>	<u>state/city</u>
WLVG	740	1000/	ND-D MA CAMBRIDGE dismissed app. for 2500/ w DA-D
WAEB	790	1000/5000	DA-2 PA ALLENTOWN applies for 3800 w days
WBLW	810	250/	DA-D GA ROYSTON granted 239 w days
WREF	850	1000/	ND-D CT RIDGEFIELD applies for 5000 w days
KZRC	1010	4550/250	ND OR MILWAUKIE applies for 8000/500 w
WQWM	1050	1000/500	DA-1 WI KAUKAUNA applies for 900 w nights
WUST	1120	1000/	ND-D DC WASHINGTON reapplies for 20000 w days
WEEO	1130	1000/	DA-D PA WAYNESBORO applies for 5000 w days
KQQQ	1150	1000/500	DA-N WA PULLMAN granted extension of time for move to 650 KHz, 1000/500 w DA-N
KEX	1190	50000/50000	DA-1 OR PORTLAND granted DA-N
WGSP	1210	10000/250	DA-1 TN ARLINGTON granted modified day DA pattern
WBUD	1260	5000/1000	DA-2 NJ TRENTON applies for 1700 w nights

call	KHz	power/antenna	state/city
WFHM	1270	500/	DA-D NJ VINELAND applies for 360/210 w
WFAH	1310	1000/500	DA-1 OH ALLIANCE granted 500 w nights
KLAY	1480	1000/	DA-D WA LAKEWOOD CENTER requests extension of time for move to 1180 KHz
WOBS	1570	2000/410	ND IN NEW ALBANY granted 1570 w days
WQQW	1590	5000/5000	DA-1 CT WATERBURY applies to change day DA pattern
WAUB	1590	500/1000	DA-2 NY AUBURN applies for 700 w days

#### CALL LETTER CHANGES

( \$ means change accompanies a station sale; \* check for format info)

KAIG	750	LA Gretna	KKNO	KIDN	1350	CO Pueblo	is now	* KRYT
WDVT	900	PA Philadelphia	\$ WFLN	WAJD	1390	FL Gainesville		WZRZ
WYOU	1120	FL Destin	WBZR	WEED	1390	NC Rocky Mount		\$ WEWD
WNNR	1220	CT Hamden	* WXCT	WSPB	1450	FL Sarasota		WVKY
WTIP	1240	WV Charleston	* WVSR	KXXL	1450	MT Bozeman		* KUUB
KAFX	1260	TX Huntington	KDFX	WWHT	1450	SC Charleston		* WXCH
WORL	1270	FL Eatonville	WBZS	KSLI	1450	UT St. George		\$ KSGI
WYAK	1270	SC Suriside Beach	WXMB	WVBS	1470	NC Burgaw		WXBG
KOTY	1340	WA Kennewick	* KTCR	WLXR	1490	WI La Crosse		WLFN

#### CALL LETTER CHANGES THAT NEVER HAPPENED:

KHKM-1340 Lubbock TX remains KFMX; KZAN-800 Brigham City UT remains KNKK

#### FORMAT CHANGES

call	KHz	state/city
WJMW	550	PA BLOOMSBURG was and remains CHR // WHLM-FM
KJMM	580	AZ TUCSON was new age, now silent
WCVP	600	NC MURPHY was country // FM, now adult contemporary
WAVU	630	AL ALBERTVILLE was rock oldies, now country
CISL	650	BC RICHMOND was AC/oldies, now all rock oldies (to Vancouver)
KWNK	670	CA SIMI VALLEY was adult contemporary, talk, now news-talk
WVOK	690	AL BIRMINGHAM was country, now country oldies
WWAZ	790	RI PROVIDENCE was adult standards, now fine arts/classical
WHC	790	TN MEMPHIS was country, now news-talk as of 1/1/89
WKDI	840	MD DENPON new, adult contemporary
WPKJ	890	PA CASHTOWN new, religious
CKGM	980	PQ MONTREAL was AC/oldies, now rock oldies
KPSL	1010	CA THOUSAND PALMS new, fine arts (T. Hall-CA)
KYXE	1020	WA SELAH was live country to Yakima, now TNNR sat. country
CHUM	1050	ON TORONTO was oldies/AC, now adult contemporary
KTNS	1090	CA OAKHURST new, Transtar adult contemporary
WEBS	1110	GA CALHOUN was country, now adult standards
KGEM	1140	ID BOISE was country for many yrs, now adult stds (Aden-ID)
WSAF	1180	GA TRION was adult contemporary, now SMN sat. rock oldies
WXCT	1220	CT HAMDEN was WNNR, rock oldies, now classic rock
KDGO	1240	CO DURANGO was silent, back on w/soft adult contemporary
WVSR	1240	WV CHARLESTON was WTIP, rock oldies, now CHR // FM
WNDE	1260	IN INDIANAPOLIS was rock oldies, now news-talk
WANS	1280	SC ANDERSON was CHR, now rock oldies
WDX1	1310	TN JACKSON was country, switches to all-Elvis 19 hrs/day
KTCR	1340	WA WENATCHEE was KOTY, country, now news-talk
KRYT	1350	CO PUEBLO was KIDN, country, now oldies // FM 108 (Johnson-MT)
WNVA	1350	VA NORTON was country, now SUN network talk
KBEC	1390	TX WAXAHACHIE was adult standards, now country oldies
KSKS	1430	OK TULSA was country, now rock oldies // KVLN-FM
WBHF	1450	GA CARTERSVILLE was AC, CHR, now SMN satellite adult contemp.
WVON	1450	IL CICERO was variety, now black talk (Chicago metro)
WEZR	1450	IN FORT WAYNE was adult standards, now rock oldies
KUUB	1450	MT BOZEMAN was KXXL, silent, now rock oldies
WXCH	1450	SC CHARLESTON was WWHT, dance/CHR, now religious/gospel
WJYA	1460	GA BUFORD was adult standards, now soft adult contemporary
WOHO	1470	OH TOLEDO was AC-oldies // FM, now country "Country 1470"
WHRB	1490	SC GREENVILLE was silent, to become BRN business news
WINW	1520	OH CANTON was automated rock oldies, now album rock // FM
WTPI	1530	GA DALTON was country, now religious
KCVR	1570	CA LODI was bilingual ranchero/AC, adds CHR // FM eves (Perry-CA)
WKYR	1570	KY BURKESVILLE was country, now rock oldies
WWCK	1570	MI FLINT was album rock // FM, now CHR // FM

A correction: KORL-650 Honolulu HI is still off the air and has not come back on as was reported last month. Also, contrary to a DXM report, KSHY-1370 Cheyenne WY has not yet moved to 1530 KHz.

\* \* \* \* D I A L C A R D \* \* \* \*

Al Stewart sends along a synopsis of

BIRMINGHAM AL

WZZK 610 BIRMINGHAM country	WCRT 1260 VESTAVIA HILLS rock oldies
WZOK 690 BIRMINGHAM country oldies	WAGG 1320 BIRMINGHAM religion/gospel
WURL 760 MOODY country	WXXR 1340 CULLMAN country
WYDE 850 BIRMINGHAM religious	WBYE 1370 CALERA country
WATV 900 BIRMINGHAM black	WJLD 1400 HOMEWOOD black/R&B
WERC 960 BIRMINGHAM news-talk	WSMQ 1450 BESSEMER country oldies
WAPI 1070 BIRMINGHAM adult standards	WLPH 1480 IRONDALE country/gospel
WAYE 1220 BIRMINGHAM religion/gospel	WGTT 1500 ALABASTER SMN rock oldies
WARF 1240 JASPER country	WRSM 1540 SUMITON country

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Answer to last month's two-part harmonics question: 1) WCHS-580 Charleston WV has a station 910 KHz away (WXIT-1490) and on the opposite side of 910 KHz (WVSR-1240); 2) before WAMB moved from Nashville to Donalson TN and from 1170 to 1160 KHz in the mid-70's, WSM-650 had stations on its doubled frequency (1300 KHz), 910 KHz away (1560 KHz) and on the opposite side of 910 KHz (1170 KHz).

For this month, we'll keep it simple (maybe!): In terms of population, what is the largest U.S. city without a currently operating AM station?

PROPOSED STATION SALES (\* means check the format listings for more info)

WAES-610-NC, WWLS-640-OK, WQIS-890-MS, WWJ-950-MI, WBEU-960-SC, KKRE-1040-CO, WANN-1040-WV (unbuilt CP), WTPO-1050, WCGM-1120-TN (unbuilt CP), WDXI-1150-SC, WAIA-1170-FL, KDDR-1240-ND, WCBY-1240-MI, KBMO-1290-MN, WRIE-1330-PA, KGBX-1400-MO, KTMC-1400-OK, WBIW-1340-IN, WPLJ-1340-PA, KOKE-1370-TX, WQMI-1380-NH, WPCG-1400-AL, KATI-1400-WY, WACT-1420-AL, WXAM-1430-KY, WDNG-1450-AL, WJXN-1450-MS, WDAD-1450-PA, KNET-1450-TX, KYOS-1480-CA, WHOC-1490-MS, WUSS-1490-NJ, KMOO-1510-TX, WHYP-1530-PA, WOR1-1550-TN, WVAB-1550-VA, WCDN-1560-OH, WAIK-1590-IL, WETW-1590-MD

STATION SALES THAT FAILED: WREN-1250-KS

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES: Station switches: the sale of silent WREN-1250 Topeka KS to KTOP-1490 has apparently fallen through; on the other hand, WPEN-950 is considering buying WFIL-560 Philadelphia and moving to the better frequency.

The new station grant for 990 KHz in Miami replaces the old WFAB-990, whose license was yanked by the FCC nearly 15 years ago. The facility has been fought over ever since; meanwhile, power increases to the 980 in Pompano Beach FL (which now calls itself a Miami station) mean the new station won't be 50 kw and the two stations, only 30 miles apart, will interfere quite severely with each other throughout the metro area. Meanwhile, another new station replacing a previously revoked license, KRCK-1500 Burbank CA, is apparently still alive; there's been no word on them for several years, but this month they were granted reinstatement of their CP and an extension of time to build it.

Yet more on would-be offshore pirate Radio NY International: a Boston district court has granted the government an injunction against the ship and station operators. RNI had sought to prevent the injunction on the grounds that first amendment rights of free speech included the right to broadcast without a license. Incidentally, for those of you with long memories, one of the prime movers behind RNI, Alan Weiner, was the same guy who tried to set up a station in Yonkers NY on 1620 a few years ago, claiming he could do so through a station he legally owned, WOZW-710, in upstate Maine. Eventually the FCC pressured him to sell WOZW under threat of revoking WOZW's license. He's baa-aaaacccckk....

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# Eastern Dx Roundup

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Chula Vista, CA - 92010
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2115 Scarbrough Road  
Stone Mountain, GA - 30088  
HQ-150, R-390A; 200' longwire
- (LH-AL) Lynn Hollerman  
1237 Willowbrook Dr., Apt 5  
Huntsville, AL - 35802  
DX'ing on a Toyota car radio
- (RB-NY) Ray Bauernhuber  
141-12 243rd Street  
Rosedale, NY 11422  
SONY - 2010; Shotgun loop; Palomar BCB loop
- (JDS-AL) J.D. Stephens  
3605-8 Chasewood  
Huntsville, AL - 35805  
Panasonic RF-2600 w/30' longwire
- (WPT-DC) William P. Townshend  
4500 Connecticut Ave NW  
Apt. 901  
Washington, DC 20008  
SONY ICF-2010
- =====
- 560 WYOR TN, BRENTWOOD 1/12/89 0958 GOOD w/BRN talk show feature, "It's 9:00 AM and time for nx on AM 560, WYOR, Brentwood", into BRN nx, spot for American Family Care Center. (JDS-AL)
- 570 WTKN FL, TAMPA 1/6/89 2045 FAIR, "your listening to Sally Jessie Raphael on WTKN"; last heard as WPLP. (GH-PA)
- 610 KARV ARK, RUSSELVILLE 12/29/88 0720 FAIR, agric rept sponsored by the Arkansas Valley Farmers Association. Taco Johns 39¢ menu, Russelville Tires, 612 South Ark, wx on Regional Radio (presently 18 degrees), lost to WDAF. (GH-PA)
- 660 KSKY TX, DALLAS 12/29/88 0727 FAIR, w/ID and promo for religious program; lost to WFAN (2nd logging for me). (GH-PA)
- 740 WMBL NC, MOREHEAD CITY 12/31/88 1730 FAIR "The Right FM" ID only into rock oldies; 1/4/89 @ 1701 fair with legal AM-FM ID "WMBL-WRHT, Morehead City." (GH-PA)
- 790 WETB TN, JOHNSON CITY 1/4/89j 1716 FAIR promo for 12 issues of Singing NX, care of WETB, spot for Watson's in Elizabeth; "Sunshine 790" into religious mx. (GH-PA)
- 800 WDSC SC, DILLON 1/5/89 0056 POOR noisy w/CKLW QRM; many "AM 800 WDSC, Dillon" ID's and "NAACP Forum on WDSC" repeated many times by/m. (GH-PA)
- 820 CHAM ON, HAMILTON 1/10/89 0705 way o/WBAP w/nat'l nx, ments of Hamilton, spot for Mohawk Pontiac, ID as "820, CHAM." (KVJ-GA)

850 WEAT FL, WEST PALM BEACH 1/6/89 1957 ID's, nx, FAIR. (WPT-DC)

900 WSEA DE, GORGETOWN 1/1/89 1725 FAIR surface out of mess "WSEA AM 900 Oldies Radio" into Motown song w/WKDW mixing. When did they change calls? (GH-PA)

920 WTTM NJ, TRENTON 1/16/89 1750 c/w w/SID: "W-T-T-M", DJ Mark Edwards says: "Have a Great Day and Stay w/us Happy Folks"; Dave Marchette w/Satellite Network News. (RB-NY)

940 WFAW WI, FT. ATKINSON 1/15/89 1840 WEAK and fluttery w/local spots mentioning Whitewater and other surrounding towns. Hear clear "WFAW" ID, iojnto Beatles mx. (JDS-AL)

940 WINE CT, DANBURY 1/16/89 1818 Oldies w/SID "Radio 940, WINE"; plus "The Oldies Station, Solid gold, 940, W-I-N-E." FAIR. (RB-NY)

940 WMIX ILL, MOUNT VERNON 12/31/88 0300 GOOD ID by/Larry King out of Jim Bohannon Show, Beacon Insurance Co. spot, fading w/Cuban pest, in for most of morning. (GH-PA)

990 WHOO FL, ORLANDO 12/28/88 1729 ment of Orange Ave. and Hwy A1A by m/ann; good in WWRC splash. (WPT-DC)

1060 WNPC TN, NEWPORT 1/11/89 0755-0811 & 1/12/89 ID @0800, NBC nx, ads, local & regional nx @ 0806, "...brought to you by the National Bank", ments of Jefferson Co., Hwy. 11E; WEAK in mess. (LH-AL)

1060 WNOE LA, NEW ORLEANS 1/11/89 1744 "WNOE weather southwestern Louisiana...", temps, "74 here in the French Quarter at your weather station...". WEAK. (LH-AL)

1060 WHFB MI, BENTON HARBOR 1/3/89 1745 FAIR "TG Shepard on WHFB" by/m; "Join us again tomorrow at 0715", (also gave FM station to tune to); gone quickly; no SSB. (GH-PA)

1070 WGOS NC, HIGH POINT 1/6/89 0705 FAIR w/"Golden Oldies on WGOS, High Point, Thomasville" by/m, into oldies. (GH-PA)

1090 WKTE NC, KING 12/31/88-1715 FAIR "AM 1090 WKTE, King, concludes another day of broadcasting"; "Chuck Webster for staff and management" s/off w/banjo version of "America." (GH-PA)

1130 WJTP NC, NEWLAND 1/6/89 0709 FAIR "WJTP Music Radio" into a rock oldie song. ID and SID ment of NC in wx by man. (GH-PA)

1180 WFGN SC, GAFFNEY 1/6/89 1745 ment of Gaffney-Blacksburg by m/ann. (WPT-DC)

1180 WSAF GA, TRION 1/6/89 1754 ment of NW GA, spot for store in Summerville, then special CBS nx about Emperor Hirohito's death; Fair. (WPT-DC)

1290 WFIG SC, SUMTER 12/29/88 1752 Wx, ID by/m; fair o/WFBG. (WPT-DC)

1300 WERE OH, CLEVELAND 1/5/89 0100 ment of Newstalk Radio and Cleveland, ID by/m; good over pest WFBR. (WPT-DC)

1330 WESR VA, ONLEY 1/6/89 1700 FAIR "WESR ends broadcast day" by YL DJ. Some AC and EZL w/song by Floyd Cramer; in WADJ null and faded off during s/off. (GH-PA)

1370 WOCA FL, OCALA 1/12/89 1850 FAIR w/promo for "Car Show Coast to Coast" show, frequent "Newstalk AM 1370 WOCA" slogans, program highlights including "Ocala on the Air" and "ABC Talkradio." Sign off anncts by/m and gone @ 1900. DX'ers should be careful and not confuse w/WOCA in Pensacola, FL, also on 1370. (JDS-AL)

1380 WSYB VT, RUTLAND 1/3/89 1632 GOOD Rutland man sentenced in District Court; other ments of Rutland by YL doing nx; wx is 0-10 degrees; "WSYM Newsroom, I'm Chris \_\_\_\_\_." New for me. (GH-PA)

1400 WLKK PA, ERIE 12/31/88 0505 POOR w/ID "WLKK, Erie, AM 1400" by/YL. (GH-PA)

1410 WLSH PA, LANSFORD 1/3/89 1606 GOOD w/ID by/m reading local and national nx. "To Your Health" feature; wx; no KQV. (New for me). (GH-PA)

1410 WDOE NY, DUNKIRK 1/3/89 1618 FAIR ment of Jamestown and dubnkirk sports event; hometown sports station; several IDs w/WNCQ and WELM mixing. (GH-PA)

1410 CKSL ON, LONDON 1/13/89 2225 POOR w/KQV, "CKSL, London" by/m. (GH-PA)

1440 WZYX TN, COWAN 1/2/89 0944 FAIR w/"WZYX Live Radio" slogan, man gave request #, c/w mx, local spots. (JDS-AL)

1440 WHDM TN, MACKENZIE 1/14/89 0830 Paul Harvey, no sign of usually dominant WZYX. (KVJ-GA)

1460 WBET MA, BROCKTON 1/2/89 0105 1000hz TT; caught announcer ment WBET at 0109; FAIR-POOR. (WPT-DC)

1480 WZJY SC, CHARLESTON 1/12/89 2055 GOOD out of gospel program w/"Charleston's Joy WZJY", time check, brief nx, ment of revival @ "The Garden of Prayer." (JDS-AL)

1480 WAJA NC, FRANKLIN 1/7/89 0700 (S/ON) later heard w/c/w mx, wx and female DJ. (KVJ-GA)

1500 WDEB TN, JAMESTOWN 1/8/89 0744 "Great American Country Radio" and "Color Radar WX." (KVJ-GA)

1520 KOMA OK, OKLAHOMA CITY 1/12/89 0810-0814 Beach Boys mx, ID 0812 by M DJ, into "Let the Little Girl Dance." FAIR. (LH-AL)

1540 WADK RI, NEWPORT 1/4/89 1605 FAIR w/several IDs by/m and ments of Newport, RI during nx. (GH-PA)

1550 WARD PA, PITSTON 1/15/89 0410 nx, wx, "Snow Search" rpt for skiers; Sports Illustrated ad. FAIR. (RB-NY)

1550 WCSJ ILL, MORRIS 1/9/89 0230 Local spot for Mike's Wallcovering; "Stay tuned for nx with Rita Maxwell, this is WCSJ, Morris." ID by Larry King on the half hour; spot for Value Rite; back to best of King (heard before but first time I could get a good ID on them"). Does anyone have their night power?? (GH+PA)

1550 WCCZ FL, NEW SMYRNA BEACH 1/13/89 0015 NOTED GOOD w/s/off Magic 15Z IDs + "There's always a better song on Magic 15Z." S/off w/power 93w at night (THIS STATION REALLY GETS OUT!). (GH-PA)

1570 WNCA NC, SILER CITY 12/27/88 1800 NC Network Nx, ID by/m; excellent but then QSB'd out. (WPT-DC)

1570 WBUX PA, DOYLESTOWN 1/15/89 0429 POOR in mess; ID and BBD. (RB-NY)

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TENTATIVES & SPECIALS

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1060 WCOK NC, SPARTA TENTATIVE 1/11/89 0803 Surfaced for weak, (t) tentative ID (not sure I got it right), ad for hardware store "in Sparta." (LH-AL)









# WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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**WDXR DEADLINES: MONDAYS**

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**OF SPECIAL INTEREST:**

- 1290 (KLVS) **OR**, Lake Oswego now off the air for a few weeks to get a new format together. Per monitoring and John Adams. (PM-OR)
- 530 ---- **CA**, Sacramento Airport 1/7 0305 weak-fair with long run down on short & long term parking info, shuttle bus service, etc. Not bad at times. Called to get address, and was told they operate with only 3 watts!! Chuck Boehnke in Keaau, HI also has been hearing it. One of my better TIS catches. Reported. (PM-OR)
- 560 ?CHTK? **BC**, Prince Rupert 1/14 0658 prob. the one with AN sat. format //590, //620, etc. Prob. ID at 0700, just before news, sounded like unID slogan "?? Radio (pause),--Prince Rupert." Too much QRM. Haven't heard this since I lived in Alaska in the 60's. (PM)
- 620 CJCI **BC**, Prince George 1/14 0600 like a ton of bricks off north Bev., with sat. net // 590, 560, etc. Leaving KGW/KIPA lost in the mud. Nice ID. Unneeded, but nice to hear. Better than CKPG-550, who was also dominant. (PM-OR)
- 1020 (KTNQ) **CA**, Los Angeles 1/13 0445 off. Thanks Steve Mittman for tip. (TRH)
- KYXE **WA**, Selah 1/13 0445-0506 poor but clear under KCKN with Larry King Show, network ads, nice clear ID "AM 10-20, KYXE, Selah-Yakima." New, WA #22. (TRH-CA)
- 1240 KNRV **CA**, Monterey 1/16 1017 solid above regular KPOD coming out of weather, "Right now it's (?) degrees on Cannery Row," into sports. (DL-HI)
- 1330 KFAC **CA**, Los Angeles per call on Mon. 1/16, they didn't switch freq. with KWKW over the weekend due to "some minor technical problems" but they plan on doing it Tues. night 1/17. (RW-CA)
- 1340 KOMY **CA**, Watsonville 1/16 0858 ID in the mess mentioning Monterey as well as Watsonville, then into some Benny Goodman sounding filler before Mutual News on the hour. Somewhat stronger an hour or so later with morning show banter. (DL-HI)
- 1400 KBCH **OR**, Lincoln City 1/16 0724 atop KBLX, the regular powerhouse, with 40's & 50's style vocals a la Perry Como, Rosemary Clooney. Slipped in Roy Orbison's "Cryin'" too. (DL-HI)
- 1410 \*KENP\* **OR**, Portland 1/14 1830 on with apparently a test, running financial news (like 1600-Pomona). Nice ID "Your Business News Station in Portland 1410 KENP Portland." Later I checked, and they were off. (PM-OR)
- 1460 KTYM **CA**, Inglewood 1/16 0504 very weak (presumably 500w) with string of local ads then into Elack spirituals, in the absence of KDON while searching futilely for KENO. Nothing else managed on a very mushy morning. Now a very tantalizing channel. (DL-HI)

- 1460 WXOK LA, Baton Rouge 1/15 0337 I was just tuning across the dial, caught ID "I'm a Ladys Man, on 1460 WXOK." Into Black music. New. Not bad for 1kw, lost in a couple of minutes. No sign of KMMX. (PM-OR)
- 1510 KFNN AZ, Mesa 1/16 0930-0940 ex-KDJQ (not heard as KJAA) strong at s/on in precarious KNFT-1500 null. Faded out to KGA. Numerous IDs, Business Radio Network, financial news. Gone by 0940. (RW)

DX Test

- 1080 (WKAC) AL, Athens 1/16 0320 DX Test tried, not heard. Too much KLRS/KWJJ/KRLD. Poor eastern conditions. (RW-CA)

Help with an unID

- 990 Re unID CEC station a couple issues back, I would say it was not CBW Winnieps as they play music from s/on to 0700 EST. Then there is a natl. news to 0713, then Information Radio to local news WX sports & interview/info program. Many of the interviews are local, but some are of a national nature. (SA-MB)

unID

- 590 Terrace, BC? 1/14 0656 weak, same sat. program as 560, but too weak to ID. (PM-OR)

The deadline for the Anniversary issue WDXR will be March 13. We hope to have a nice long column that week! ♡

LISTADO DE LAS ESTACIONES DE RADIODIFUSION DE TEGUCIGALPA

AMPLITUD MODULADA = A.M. (535-1605 Khz.)			FRECUENCIA MODULADA = F.M. (88-108 Mhz.)		
FCIA	SIGLAS	NOMBRE DE LA ESTACION	FCIA	SIGLAS	NOMBRE DE LA ESTACION
550	HRH	RADIO HONDURAS	88.3	HRWC	RADIO AEROPUERTO
580	HRZQ	RADIO TEGUCIGALPA	89.3	HR LH	STEREO AMISTAD *
610	HRLP	RADIO AMERICA	89.9	HRWM	SATURNO F.M STEREO *
640	HRNN-4	STEREO EXITOS	90.5	HRNN-4	STEREO EXITOS *
670	HRNN	LA VOZ DE HONDURAS	91.1	HRVU	RADIO COMAYAGUELA
700	HRKL	RADIO RELOJ	92.1	HRUP-3	STEREO MIL *
730	HRTG	RADIO TELEVISION	94.1	HRCI	F.M 94 *
760	HRXW	RADIO COMAYAGUELA	94.7	HRLP	RADIO AMERICA
790	HRTG-2	RADIO SATELITE	95.3	HRBU	RADIO CENTAURI
820	HRLP-16	RADIO MODERNA	95.9	HRYW	RADIO PANAMERICANA *
850	HRUP	RADIO CENTRO	97.1	HRTL	STEREO TIC-TAC *
880	HRH	RADIO HONDURAS	97.7	HRRT	STEREO AZUL *
910	HRVS	LA VOZ DE SUYAPA	100.7	HRXE	UNION RADIO
940	HRXW-2	RADIO PANAMERICANA	101.3	HRH	RADIO HONDURAS
970	HRTL	STEREO TIC-TAC	102.5	HRRF	RADIO INTERCONTINENTAL *
1000	HRXE	UNION RADIO	103.7	HRVC	LA VOZ EVANGELICA ♀
1030	HRUP-3	STEREO MIL	104.9	HRZV	STEREO AMOR *
1060	HRVW	LA VOZ DE CENTROAMERICA ♀	106.7	HRVW	W-F.M ♀
1090	HRWC	RADIO AEROPUERTO	107.3	HRSW	RADIO CADENA
1120	HRTI-2	RADIO FIESTA	107.9	HRQZ	RADIO TEGUCIGALPA
1150	HRNP-12	RADIO UNIVERSAL			
1210	HRRO	RADIO CAPITAL			
1240	HRZC	RADIO MONUMENTAL			
1270	HRPL-20	RADIO SONORA			
1300	HR LH	STEREO AMISTAD			
1330	HRSW	RADIO CADENA			
1360	HRNP-18	RADIO SAN PEDRO"			
1390	HRVC	LA VOZ EVANGELICA ♀			
1450	HRXE-2	RADIO TITANIA			
1480	HREZ	RADIO CARACOL			
1570	HRRF	RADIO INTERCONTINENTAL			

NOTA: las que tienen el símbolo \* transmiten con sonido stereo

NOTA: las que tienen el símbolo " son repetidoras de estaciones de la ciudad de San Pedro Sula

NOTA: las que tienen el símbolo ♀ transmiten en Onda Corta = S.W

# DX WORLDWIDE EAST

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As I had hoped for, numerous recent January solar flares (mentioned last issue) seem to have been responsible for some extraordinarily good Latin American DX conditions at various times between 1/18-24. Conditions were quite good and have improved drastically enough to curb the MWA (Midwinter Anomaly - see cover DXM #15 Jan. 7). Although paths to most of Latin America were outstanding, Central America was seemingly in much better than usual with a few good ones logged here, like TGY-880 Guatemala City with their possible spur on 892.7a, and Zacatecas state Mexico on 890 among others. There were also a couple of intriguing unID's heard here, mostly via a 2000' beverage oriented to western South America/ eastern Central America. Belize-830 is still experiencing xmr difficulties and are heard easily in the 825 area (spur) totally swamping usual St. Kitts R. Paradise on the freq. Anyway, (although I enjoy Trans Atlantic DX immensely too) 1989 looks like the year for serious Pan American DXing since we have passed our sunspot minimum and extensive solar activity is expected to peak as early as the end of this geophysical year (per Lee Dye in article in DXM #15 Jan. 7). George Hakiel-NY has also reported to me by phone a month or two ago that he is anticipating the improved Pan American conditions as well, so I trust we will be receiving many reports this year for the LA sections. At my deadline only Tom had reported this week, so any loggings without a credit at the end belong to your editor (or let's just say that Tom has loggings on 580 and 830 this week). Speaking of 830, the R. Taino Cuban has not been noted lately using the channel much -- look for this during Holidays or special occasions, such as the next big tirade from Fidel Castro which receives national airing on most Cuban AM's. To all who have sent Holiday greetings, a belated thankyou. Times and dates are UTC:

P A N - A M E R I C A N D X (Hall-PA) unless noted

EDITOR'S NOTE: Regarding my loggings this week, I did quite a bit of extensive DXing (and taping of freq's on the automated recorder) which explains the host of loggings. However, to abbreviate the list most Cubans (and a few others like Cayman Islands-1205/1555, Antigua-1165, St. Kitts-555/825, Anguilla-1610 or Dominican Republic-1565) have been totally excluded because of commonplace reporting when heard often, and most of the information, especially Cubans, would have run at least another page. I can mention, however, that nearly every one of the nearly sixty Cubans I heard last May (all frequencies were listed in the Aug. 6 #34 DXM) were heard at one time or another (I rake the band for them to keep the Cuban AM BC List updated), excluding a few such as 950, 1000, 1430 & 1560. A few new ones were noted, too, like 890-R. Musical Nacional. The memory & keypad entry on the ICOM make it very simple to jump back and forth on different freq's to enable me to check their (or any) parallels. I am still amazed at the number of Cuban stations that are routinely heard in suitable cx (I know it seems unbelievable!). Of course, a beverage or two make clearing the band for LA's much easier if you have the space, and inland I will continue to prefer a wave antenna over a loop for foreign DX, especially splits.

- 535 GRENADA, St. George's 0145 1/20 : R. Grenada w/light vocals, acc'td EE m, fr/gd.  
 550 VENEZUELA, YVKE Caracas 0151 1/19 : Briefly mixed w/Rebelde Cuban w/R. Mundial pgm of Venezuelan mx.  
JAMAICA, RJR Montego Bay 0228 1/18 : Fr //580/720/770 w/Urban EE vocals, fr w/CM.  
 555 NICARAGUA, Chinandega HTC555 0315 1/19 : Usual SS martial talk, earlier was mixed w/St. Kitts arounf 0245. Also LOUD @0519 1/23 w/Cent. Amer. tempo mx. & vocals.  
 560 JAMAICA, JBC Kingstown 0616 1/20 : Noted in jumble //850/750/700 w/US EE pop mx.  
 570 VENEZUELA, Villa de Cura VVLX 0141 1/20 : //670/4970hf w/fast SS -- Barranquilla, Col. vs. Maracaibo, Ven. soccer game as heard on 700 & 830 YV's. Fr and fairly easy w/no Cubans currently occupying freq. On Rumbos net here.  
 580 JAMAICA, Galina RJR 0700 1/7 : R. Jamaica w/coverage of a cricket (?) match betw. Pakistan & West Indies team, ended @0727 approx. Carib. acc'td male gave TC as "twenty-nine past two" & ID as "Supreme Sound". 0729 into EE reggae style mx. Nice steady signal with little or no fading. Ad for corned beef made by Osco's or Oscar's? Also hrd SID "The Supreme Sound RJR". Jamaica #2 for me here. (Laskowski-IN) (Tom, when any Jamaicans are in & the Cubans are pounding away chances are several more Jamaicans can be logged as I have noted. Around 05-0600 Caribbean cx seem to be at peak when good Alcx continue on that late (or early UTCed.)  
 +0229 1/18 : Fr //550/720/770 w/Urban vocals & acc'td EE ancr. Deep growl on chan. apparently from the "Rebel Radio" Cuban, also the YV which was pr-nil.  
VENEZUELA, Maracaibo YVMJ 0247 1/18 : LV de la Fe pr-nil but occ would raise w/SSLA mx and SS talkers.

- 595 DOMINICA, Roseau/Hillsborough 0314 1/19 : Pr w/Carib. style mx/talk in acc'td EE.  
600 COLOMBIA, HJHJ Barranquilla 0737 1/19 : R. Libertad mixing w/Cuban w/trop. Colom. mx w/lively accordions.
- 620 JAMAICA, Mandeville 0502 1/23 : JBC Radio Central pr w/Cuban mess but definitely parallelled 750-JBC. Island mx/mx briefs. One of the more difficult Jamaicans here.
- 630 PUERTO RICO, WQBS San Juan 0647 1/20 : Had noted salsa mx earlier around 0555 but was at a poor level losing to domestics; at this recheck was briefly dominant and occ very readable. Finally at 0710 on a gd peak out of disco/salsa SS m w/"Cadena Q-B-S" ID, soon lost. New and wanted for many years -- seems to be heard in MA & on the coast much more often, but chan. usually a mess of domestics here.
- 645.1 unID, carrier 2322 1/19 on bev's. LA?
- 650 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HIAT Santo Domingo 0724 1/20 : "Radio Universal" ID by SS man out of very lively merengue vocals, very festive fmt. Much Cuban QRM, in WSM null on wedge.  
HONDURAS, San Pedro Sula HRWV 0438 1/20 : Occ dominant but losing to C&W on WSM & CM Rebelde QRM. Mellow SS vocals, TC & "La Voz de Centroamerica" ID 0431.  
unID, Central America 0144 1/19 : Briefly outstanding signal o/Cuban xmtrs w/talk by man, TC "siete cuarenta cinco minutos" (7:45 at my local 8:45). Prob. usual HRWV.  
VENEZUELA, YVLH Maracay 0158 1/20 : Mixing w/the Cuban Rebelde's, fr to gd w/ apparent soccer as hrd on other YV channels this AM, "R. Vision" @TOH 0200.
- 659.8 t HONDURAS, Tegucigalpa HRNN18 (unl. in 88' WATH, but isn't the relay still on as hrd by Gerry Thomas-FL awhile back? Lately has been hrd on this exact drift freq.) 0250 1/19 : Generally fr/pr in hets but ref's to Honduras and ment. San Pedro Sula. TOH ID's difficult to read on tape with at least 3 different hets to 660 mixing.  
660 unID/COLOMBIA, 0150 1/19 : Was ending up SS pgm w/possible ment. Colombia. Long Fadeouts w/Cuban mostly dominant.  
t COLOMBIA, Cucuta 0338 1/19 : Must be R. Ciudad de Cucuta HJQS, hard to hear but a possible "Grupo Cadena Radial" or Grupo Radial Colombiana" or similar, ref's to Col. Much Cuban interference but occ would overtake for a minute or two.
- 663.7v unID, LA - 0247 1/19 : Had been hearing this het, finally @0247 to gd level w/SS talk at fr/pr mod. level. Not Cuban who were right on 660. @0340 1/20 had drifted a bit to 663.5.
- 670 VENEZUELA, YVLL Caracas 0140 1/20 : //4970/570 w/"Rumbos de Venezuela" ID, fr w/Cuban Radio Rebelde.
- 690 COLOMBIA, Bogota HJCZ 0327 1/20 : Weak w/Progreso Cuban w/net ID by SS m "CARACOL".  
700 JAMAICA, Montego Bay JBC 0111 1/20 : V. Gd //750's EE vocals, w/SS stn (YV?). Also unbelievably strong 0600a hammering WLW, @0601 accidentally left about 6-minutes of OC which was still "quieting" the whole channel, corrected w/audio at 0607.  
VENEZUELA, YVMH Maracaibo 0112 1/20 : Fr/gd w/short Venezuelan doorbells to ad-break 0115 from Maracaibo/Barranquilla soccer game, sd/1K //7830 (& I've hrd several YV's carrying the same soccer game and @the end of the game on some freq's a long list of affiliate's slogans are given). Also 0604 audible easily in Jamaican OC w/SSLA mx/vocals with more unID SS under, likely the powerful Subtanza Colombian.
- 693.7 unID, carriers have been noted hereabouts, latest was drifted to 693.2 @0923 1/23.  
opposite prev.
- 720 JAMAICA, Kingston 0231 1/18 : RJR fair //550/580/770 w/US EE Urban Contemp. vocals, EE hosts w/local spots in Caribbean English.  
VENEZUELA, Port of Spain YVQL 0308 1/19 : Fr w/usual SS, ID's, SSLA mx. Possible HJ noted 1/20 but lost before getting the "Em. Unidas" ID on it.
- 721.9 unID, carrier 0726 1/19 - SSLA seemingly.
- 730 COSTA RICA, TIHB San Jose 0705 1/19 : Best in a long while w/presumed Mexican QRM, but to very good level w/several "Radio Reloj" ID's, TC's and many proud "R. Reloj, Numero Uno en Costa Rica" slogans; very colorful pgmning w/festive CR SS vocals. Has been noted a few other times in good Central Amer. cx if the Mexican is not too strong; local WPIT off at 10 local nightly.
- 733 unID, carrier @0523 1/23 on LA-wires. Is there anything here now?  
750 VENEZUELA, YVKS Caracas 0552 1/20 : "Caracas" ref's/ID's, SS tik w/heavy Jamaican QRM.  
NICARAGUA, HTA750 Managua 0458 1/23 : TC by SS w "diez-cincuenta siete minutos en Managua", later ID by man. SS items at ToH.  
JAMAICA, Port Maria JBC 0120 1/20 : //7700 w/EE vocal mx, fr but to very good and steady levels w/some SS under. WSB was strong but occ overridden.
- 756.2 unID, carrier 0537 1/18 - A Latin here?
- 760 VENEZUELA, YVQQ Puerto La Cruz "Doble Q" 0239 1/20 : Poor to nil buried by audio from Colombia and dominant Reloj Cuban w/WJR 75% lost on Bev's.  
COLOMBIA, Barranquilla HJHJ 0242 1/20 : Hrd //RCN-770 w/"R. Cadena Nacional" full net ID, fr w/snippets of YVQQ, channel mostly dominated by Reloj Cuban. Also much better, beating the Cuban @0445 1/23 //770 w/Colombian vocals.
- 765 t EL SALVADOR, YSKLD of Usulután : Several times 1/18-23 in outstanding Central Amer. cx -- a few times to gd enough levels to put definite SS audio on chan. (NOT FF from Haiti) & I even thought I hrd El Salvador mentioned a few times. Best peaks seemed to be around 04-0500. Also typical SSLA-beat SS mx was heard a couple times. Fades in appropriately for CA, too, so I will be guarding for the ID here! Haiti is also here but is rarely pulled in around here, and should be all FF/Creole rign.

- 770 COLOMBIA, Bogota HJKH 0722 1/19 : Mixing w/Jamaican w/ID's, SS talk, ref. to local cities. +0238 1/20 w/trop. Colom mx w/accordions //RCN-760. 0424 local ID which was similar to "R. (7-70?), R-C-N". Also LOUD at 0445 1/23 //760. This is the channel dominant & is heard most often here. Mostly had various SS QRM u/.  
PANAMA, HOL47 Chitre 0420 1/20 : Pr-fr - chan. a mess w/HJKH mostly dom. although on fadeup had net "Radio Nacional de Panama" by SS m. S5LA mx u/(HJKH & HOL47 were in SS talk) prob. the Ven. again. Channel is xInt in AUCx. Re. my last report of this in a recent DXM, I have found out that I hrd them then on the nat'l RNDP net so they probably have not dropped the "LV de Herrera" as I suspected (although back in 1984 the slogan was to be ex-LV de Her.)  
VENEZUELA, YVKK Valencia 0237 1/20 : "R. Nacional" (not Panmaa) w/Barranquilla vs. Maracaibo game, Ven. refs, ID at 0300 for YVKK. Jamaican & presumed Colom. QRM, WABC largely gone w/Bev's and AUCx.  
JAMAICA, Spur Tree RJR 0228 1/18 : //550/580/720, faded up o/Venezuela to v. gd w/EE US UrbCon mx, WABC helpless in xInt cx. Also 0719 1/19 V. gd w/US C&W mx! Only 720 was in at this time. Surprised to hear country & western mx here.
- 780 unID, 0553-0602 1/18 : Possibly a Central American stn. (not HJ or YV) w/heavy CA mx items by 2 SS men, 2 "La Voz de \_\_\_?" ment's which seemed like pgm names & not stn ID's (maybe were nx sign's), 0557-0600 very difficult but hrd ment. of Nicaragua, but a TC later by female (could not get time announced) w/possible "en Panama".  
VENEZUELA, San Cristobal YVOD 0224 1/18 : //4980, refs to San Cristobal, topping chan. o/WBBM, "Ecos del Torbes" ID. YVOD is the channel dominant here & is hrd every time good LA cx are good.  
COLOMBIA, HJZW Riohacha 0215 1/18 : Fr-pr R. Airirante w/YVOD w/spirit'd Col. mx. and SS talk, mostly buried and only peaked when YV and WBBM were poor.
- 804.9 unID LA, 0538 1/18+ : LA carrier as usual in supurb LA cx.
- 810 BAHAMAS, Freeport ZNS-3 2345 1/18 : "It's fifteen minutes before seven", fr to gd //1540 w/acc'td EE, local annts & ads by m/f. Later is lost to Colombian & Cuban QRM.
- (830) BELIZE, Belize City Radio One w/xmtr trouble has been easily casting spurs on 825a and causes considerable noise, enough to make 825-St. Kitts very difficult to hear. In xInt Cent. Am. cx 1/18-19 was at huge levels at times.
- 830 CUBA, unloc. 0230 1/5 : R. Taino very strong w/Spanish music and talk, ID at 0259 "Esta es Radio Taino..." into EE ID at 0300 "your Tour Radio in Havena". Also on 1040/1160 at the same time. 830 kHz was burying WCCO but 1040 had trouble from WHO and 1160 was mixing w/WJJD. 830 was also hrd earlier from around 0030. Rock solid signal w/great strength. (Laskowski-IN)  
VENEZUELA, San Antonio de los Altos (Caracas) YVLT 0315 1/18 : Gd w/SS man - has not changed freq. yet per DXW11. "R. Sensacion" ID. Also 0130 1/20 w/soccer.
- 835 unID, LA? Carrier at 0230-0300 1/18. Haven't heard this for a long while. There may be an Ecuadoran here. The Ecuador station on 745 has also been showing good carriers but I have not gotten reasonable audio there yet.
- 840 CUBA, Sta. Clara CMEI many times killing WHAS //1290 w/Cuban dance and rumba mx, has interesting "Doblove" SID's.
- 844.2 unID, carrier on LA ant's 0230-0300 1/18. Not the Cuban - is this LA or QRN?
- 850 COLOMBIA, HJKC CARACOL Bogota : Many times easily hrd in mess w/Caracol pgm's //SW on 4755 kHz.  
JAMAICA, Savannah-la-Mar JBC 0310 1/20 : LOUD/DOH w/civic events, ment's Montego Bay, meeting on how to learn EE, ment a funeral svce. //700/750.
- 870 t COLOMBIA, Ibague HJLA 0405 1/19+ : LV del Tolima w/"CARACOL" ID's //850/1100/4755/6 4865 Shortwave w/nx by region "CARACOL Cali, Bogota, Barranquilla, CARACOL Cali, CARACOL Medellin" etc. Listed tent. but likely the one here as HJSB (below) seems all tropical mx and is not listed on Caracol Net.  
COLOMBIA, HJSB Barranquilla 0317 1/19+ : 2 men in SS disc., 0319 "Mar Caribe" ID's. Heard very often in gd cx. but the Cuban Progreso stn on 870 occ. causes problems. At this time three were hrd on chan: HJSB/Cuban Progreso/Venezuela.  
VENEZUELA, YVMP Barquisimeto R. Lara mixing in w/HJSB at 0320 1/19 - poor u/CH/YV & still dominant WWL.
- 875.7 unID, 0238 1/19 unID carrier on Bev.-LA or QRN.
- 880 GUATEMALA, Guatemala City TGY 0505 1/18 : Nx w/heavy Central Amer. emphasis ment. several CA countries, "Nuevo Mundo" ID. Possible spur on 892.7 also. This hasn't been heard in 5-years and is a welcome logging here. WCBS totally gone - channel was dominated 90% by Cuban Radio Progreso, but TGY faded up for a few min. at this time. Later w/long talk on business or political sub. w/another def. "Nuevo Mundo" ID at 0530, very difficult to pull out. WRTH lists s/off at 0500 - may have been 0600 then.
- 885 MONTSERRAT, ZJB Plymouth 0520 1/18 : Fr-gd w/lite vocal mx, seemed like US UrbCon, accented Caribbean EE m.
- 890 COLOMBIA, Santa Marta HJPH Radio Galeon has been noted many times 1/18-24 w/pr-v. gd signals, very lively Colombian party mx. 0323 1/20 chan. a mess w/at least 2 SS stns hrd - HJPH and what turned out to be Mexico (next page). "R. Galeon" ID's as usual. Stn was ex-895, ex-ex-892v a year or two back, but is settled on 890 nowadays.

(890 continued)

- 890 t PANAMA, HOL81 David 0400 1/18 :WLS absent in AUCx, very relaxed SS m, mellow  
cont. crooner style SS vocals, 0400 a possible "Radio de Panama" ID & a TC of "...once...."  
which agrees with Panamanian time zone. Unheard here so will be looking for ID.  
unID, 0217 1/19 : An SSLA ending (promo) w/theme from "2001 Space Odyssey". HJ?  
MEXICO, Fresnillo, Zacatecas state. XEYQ 0102 1/19+ : Had heard this fighting the  
HJ 1/18 and chased for a few hours at different times but could not ID. Finally on  
1/19 still very difficult to copy in mess, but perfect peak (poor but definitely  
readable) "Radio Fresnillo" ID w/QTH and something like "musica de Mexico en estahora"  
and into SS vocal. New & nice suprise here.
- CUBA, CMJE Santiago de Cuba and/or CMEE Santa Clara 0250-0330 1/20 : WLS gone,  
chan. a total mess w/occ (every 10-min) fadeups of HJPM, and an occ. snippet of what  
was probably Mexico again. New and a great suprise (ID's after listening to over 90-  
minutes of tapes from automated recorder unmanned resulted in about 1½-minutes of  
readable audio and ID). Listed at 250 and 500-watts! Had been getting classical and  
opera/& cultural pgmng (as WRTH says) at generally extremely poor levels on a 400'  
Caribbean longwire. Finally at 0330a to barely readable level but got SS woman with  
"...esta es...?....la Musical Nacional" fol/by frecuency anmts (of which I caught  
one as '9-50!'), then "...desde La Habana", TC "...diez..?.." (approx. :30 but was in  
a jam of het/presumed HJ QRM).
- 892.7 t GUATEMALA, Guatemala City spur? (TGY): A bad overmod.-sounding image has been noted  
spur here in xInt CA cx 1/18-19 (similar to Belize's 825 spur but not the same stn here).  
Various times but seems to fade in w/other Cent. Americans and is almost surely a CA.  
Mostly had western Caribbean/Cent. Amer.-beat instru. mx native to CA, also some US  
T40 w/SS vocals (like Belize plays), usually at pr-fr levels, mostly nil and hard to  
hear (although the noise from this sometimes affected 890 greatly). 1/18 around 0311  
w/SS m ancr and an almost def. "Nuevo Mundo" mention which is TGY-880's slogan, but  
doesn't seem to agree with the mostly talk I had heard on TGY-880. Have also noted  
a f ancr in SS (Cuba uses m & f combo's but this is almost totally unlikely to be  
Cuban according to the instru. mx I hrd). Can someone ID this or add info. here?  
Someone is definitely having severe xmtr problems here. Not Nevis-895 or Mont.-885.
- 900 unID, 0357 1/24 : SS briefly up u/usual dominant Cuban - possibly a YV or an HJ.
- 895 NEVIS, Bath Village/Charlestown 2339 & 0114 1/18 : Fairly difficult to pull audio  
out at times, but acct'd West Indian bassy m in EE w/Urban Contemporary vocals (most  
are US) were audible at times. Fairly new stn. using "VON- (Voice of Nevis?) 8-9-5"  
925 GUATEMALA, San Pedro Carcha TGUL 0059 1/20 : V. pr in siop, R. Imperial as hrd in  
gd cx. SS m w/unID talks.
- 1070 CUBA, Pinar del Rio CM.. 0321 1/18 : "R. Guama" ID, mixing w/other Cuban in  
Guantanamo. SS conv. betw.man & woman. Het from high Colombian. //1090 Cuban.
- 1070.4 COLOMBIA, Barranquilla 0234 1/18 : Emisora Atlantico HJAG w/common SS talk by m,  
numerour refs to Colombian cities & Colom. Cuba was loud on 1070 making this hard  
to pull out of het/mess.
- 1090 CUBA, Minas de Matahambre CMAW 0322 1/18 : "R. Guama" ID's by m, talk w/w at times.
- 1090.6a unID, a severe heterodyne has been plaguing 1090 in these gd. cx, only possibly SS  
at 0324 1/18 but nothing definite. Not the Cuban (I don't think). Dominican?
- 1100 COLOMBIA, Bogota HJCN 0730 1/17 : V. gd //4755/850 w/CARACOL net nx & ID's, CARACOL  
noticias is seemingly all news, w/either short mx'l interludes. Pips to 0730 into  
reports from correspondants. Cuban QRM and o/WWE.
- 1101.9 unID, 2328 1/19 : Possibly an LA, w/deep het often audible. Or is this something  
else?
- 1127.1 COSTA RICA, San Jose TISHB 0345+ 1/18-24+ : Often easy to pull up w/variety of mx,  
from US pop to SS LA mx. "Sonido" ID's, announcing "once mil" (1100) I think, but  
is 1125v & nom. 1120. Possibly announcing once mil veinte??
- 1150 VENEZUELA, Punto Fijo YVMN 0526 1/19 : Deep-voiced SS m, 2 "Mundial Caribe" ID's,  
mellow SS vocals. New & welcome as the Cuban and domestics are a real problem here.
- 1180 t VENEZUELA, unID : 0644 on 1/23 hrd possible Rumbos net ID's w/Cuban Reioj QRM, also  
some unID domestic QRM. Is there a Rumbos net YV here?
- 1190 CUBA, 0300a 1/18 : //1210 pr-fr - pgm is Sancti-Spiritus or Revolucion.
- 1200 CUBA, 0300a 1/18 : //1210 pr-gd - " " " " " "
- 1200.9 unID, SSLA carrier 0240 1/18.
- 1210 CUBA, 0300a 1/18 : //1200 pr-gd - pgm is Sancti-Spiritus or Revolucion.
- CUBA, 0300a 1/18 : //1190 fr-gd - " " " " " "
- VENEZUELA, Coro YVMN 0539 1/19 : "Radio Coro" ID by bassy SS man; alegria and SS  
party mx to gd. levels w/Cuban(s). Another new Venezuelan here.
- 1350.3a VENEZUELA, Puerto Cumarebo YVTJ 0346 1/18+ : Mostly in deep het but briefly was  
able to peak in domestic QRM & het mess. SS and ir the Radio Vision outlet which  
has been up 1350.3 since I first logged them in Sept. of '86.
- 1360 VENEZUELA, YVTI Maracaibo 0747 1/23 : Another unbelievable frequency in good LAcx -  
but freq. opens up here after 0600 s/off of semi-local WIXZ-McKeesport, PA. Anyway,  
the YV and others here seem to show much better around this time rather than the 0000-  
0500/0600 period. This was mixing w/HJ and CM in xInt cx, to only fr. levels and a  
deep het on freq., perfect fade up 0749 for "Catatumbo Internacional" by SS man after  
some SSLA mx.

(1360 continued)

- 1360 COLOMBIA, unID 0730 1/23 : No doubt an HJ was heard here based on the following: cont. In outstanding cx the freq. was occ all SS, Colom. mx noted fr until 0730 ID's by SS male, full net ID "CARACOL - Primera Cadena Radial Colombiana, esta es Caracol". The slogan was garbled but did not sound like "R. Reloj", the highest powered outlet at 10kw - instead sd/1k "R. Miraflores" but not certain, but also a possible ment. of Cartagena. Venezuelan mixing at 10-15 minute intervals, and chan. was mostly filled with Radio Cadena Agramonte Cuban which was //1370/910 and LOUD 100kw/er on 1380. Call is either HJRK for Miraflores or HJTU for the Reloj outlet in Cartagena which possibly changed slogans (unless I heard wrong). Hopefully '89 WRTH will have this.
- 1370 unID, 0750-0810 1/23 : SS w talk into SS mx, actually sd/1k a Mexican but possibly the Siboney Cuban (mixing here with the Cad. Ag. Cuban which was //910/1360/1380). Did not return after 0810, only pr fadeups lead IDing this nowhere but bears watching. Killed off at Toh by WCOA-Pensacola, FL.
- 1371.1 unID, carriers noted nowadays, v. gd 0302 1/20 briefly w/possible audio, SS.
- 1390.3 unID, carrier at 0235a 1/18 - LA?
- 1500 VENEZUELA, YVRZ Cumana 0412 1/20 : Deep-voiced SS man, "R. Dos Mil" (an unusual sign for this). Lively SSLA mx, u/WTOP on Bev.
- 1520 CUBA, Palma Soriano CMJU 0453 1/20 : R. Baragua w/fem. SS talk, SS cubano vocals, pr w/other SS which turned out to be Nicaraguan. R. Minuto-Colombia is usually hrd on this freq. but no sign of them at this time.
- NICARAGUA, (clandestine Central American xmting location - is our xmtr in Honduras?) 0457 1/20 : Came up occ fr. but obscured somewhat by WKKB. Still on peaks was easily readable at times --- SS man w/seemingly fierce political talk (which would agree w/the US's republic propaganda into Nic.) and ref's to Nicaragua. Several "R. Liberacion" anmts noted. Xint CA cx lately. Not yet listed in WRTH but perhaps '89 will list this.
- 1540 BAHAMAS, Nassau ZNS-1 2322 1/18 : Mostly pr but fr on peaks //810 - Broadcasting Corp. of the Bahamas.
- 1580 VENEZUELA, Cumana YV.. (still unassigned?) 0356 1/20 : LOUD & best ever dominating channel e/"R. Manzanaras" ID into s/off anmts a few min. early before 0400, ended up w/choral Venezuela NA.
- COLOMBIA, HJQZ Barranquilla 0544 1/20 : Occ faded up this AM w/Col pop mx, mostly buried.

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## Tiny Glenwood radio station reaches listeners far away

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GLENWOOD — The caller was from Little Rock, and he knew how to get rid of Formosa tree roots that keep growing after you cut down the tree.

Just combine some AAA tree poison with some motor oil, and the mixture will kill the roots forever.

Tom Nichols doesn't get that many calls from Little Rock on his daily "Ask Your Neighbor" program. Most of the callers live closer to Glenwood, where he and his wife Polly own and operate KWXI, at 670 on the AM dial.

That people do call from Little Rock, as well as Booneville, De Queen, Camden and Sheridan, is evidence that the tiny station reaches many more people than live in and around Glenwood.

It has to.

"The town itself has only 1,400 people, therefore many people have considered putting a station here, but backed away," Nichols said. "What they failed to realize is that there are 73,000 people within a 30-mile radius of the station, so it's a bigger market than it appears to be."

Nichols and his wife Polly, both Hot Springs natives, started KWXI in

May 1980. Nichols, who had worked for various radio stations at Hot Springs for 20 years, said Hot Springs was already crowded with stations.

But Glenwood represented a relatively untapped market, especially since it is a regional trade center with two banks, three auto dealers and an active city government.

Since going on the air, the station has become a popular voice in southwestern Arkansas. The program is varied, but it all tends to emphasize the informal good-neighborliness that is typical of its listening area.

On his morning show, Nichols slurps his coffee, exhorts listeners to get out of bed and does many of his commercials live. He also helps listeners exchange household hints and recipes during his "Ask Your Neighbor" show, and the station has an incoming WATS line to encourage listeners outside of the Glenwood area to participate.

The station also offers, among other shows, a "Swap Shop" radio bulletin board for listeners to buy and sell things, and a daily episode of the classic radio series "Lum'n' Abner," set at Pine Ridge, about 40

miles away in Montgomery County.

"We're not just playing music at them all the time," Polly Nichols said. "They have a chance to talk back to us. We have a very interesting blend of people here, and that shows by the big break who call in."

The station's first break came in 1983, when the Federal Communications Commission decided to release 25 clear channels around the country to daytime stations. The channels had previously been the domain of power-hour stations from big cities that broadcast for thousands of miles after sunset.

The new rules allowed local stations to broadcast on the stations' frequencies as long as they did not interfere with the large stations' own local daytime signals.

KWXI was one of the first stations to apply for a clear channel, and moved in February 1984 to 670 AM, occupied during the night by WMAQ at Chicago. The station also doubled its power to 5,000 watts, allowing it to reach to Fort Smith, Texarkana and Little Rock, a move that both expanded its audience and changed the type of advertisers it attracted, Nichols said.

"That put us into a different ball game," Nichols said. "While we still had to serve this area, we also began reaching a much broader

area. Because we are a regional-type station and we have a different type of programming [than more local stations], we know that we'll attract a different kind of advertiser, so we look for regional-type businesses."

KWXI's position is further strengthened by its affiliation with the NBC radio network, which gives the station hourly national news broadcasts. The station also features the Steve Allen show, an NBC experiment that the network is dropping next month because not enough stations subscribe to it. Nichols said many stations are too locked into their formats for Allen's show to fit.

"That's the problem with radio these days," Nichols said. "It's all formatted, and there's no room for experimentation. So what we'll do when Allen's show is canceled, we'll try another experiment. One of the things we've learned is that nothing is written in stone."

Nichols said the FCC would soon be releasing an FM frequency in southwestern Arkansas and he hoped to take advantage of the agency's policy of giving preference to local owners of daytime stations in granting license applications.

He said, however, that KWXI was holding its own quite well as an AM station, despite FM's current recent dominance.

"Radio is still basically radio, and people will listen to a station whether it's AM or FM if you give them something to listen to," Nichols said. "The trick is program-

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# DX Worldwide - West

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Still not much to report. This by far is the worst DX season I have even seen in my 27 plus years of DXing. I can't really ask where everyone is as there just isn't much in in the Foreign DX Department. I get up early in the morning lately, and if I am lucky I get maybe a very weak Tahiti (who has been AN of late) or Tonga, etc. That is about it. Possibly 2YA or 2BL as a tentative. I have been saying that I hope conditions improve, and they can't get any worse. Well apparently I was wrong. They can get worse. I guess all we can do is wait. I do have a couple reports this week. Not much, but at least you are trying out there. Glad to see some of the ANers are beginning to sign off at Midnight. Hopefully that will help. On with the few reports:

## TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

1629 AUSTRALIA, Sydney/Melbourne-2RPH/3RPH Midwinter is traditionally the least productive time of year for reception from Down Under, but on December 25, I found these two 500 watt midgets jointly delivering a fair to good signal from 1227 to 1521 UTC. I taped six excerpts totalling 21 minutes of program fare from these two in a period and sent each of them a taped cassette, along with identical letters asking for a verification if they could recognize what they heard on the tape. I have not sought written verifications for years, but decided these would be worth having. There was lots of Christmas music on the tape, and I told them both to keep the tape. Last excerpts on the tape came one hour after Denver Sunrise. (Good going on both of these Gene. It is amazing how far those 500 watters do get. All the RPHs are good QSLers, but some are slower than others, depending on how much help they have, being listener supported. I have all OSLed here and 4RPH was the most slow and get took a f/up. Good luck. PM)

Also a card from Jim Hall: "A note regarding Nick's (Nick Hall-Patch) tentative 594-JOAK-Tokyo in DXWW-West of 12/24 DXM Vol.26 #13. I caught a story from Cable News Network in early January regarding the then-ill Chrysanthemum Throne Emperor Hirohito and the elaborate nationwide vigil the Japanese people took part in. It said that many radio outlets were placed into all-night operation during the period of mourning for Hirohito when he was ill, so I would tend to think that any JJs hrd ANing between Sept. 19th, 1988 and the day he passed would have been for that purpose. Also, most would have been subject to drop regular programming and advertising for documentaries, interviews, and other reports. I'm not sure if this is the reason Nick heard this or any others, but I suppose it may have been. Be on the lookout for continued alternations like this, as according to tradition an Emperor's funeral is held six weeks after his death. (Thx for the card or this. After I typed that I also hrd a sim. story, but it slipped my mind to mention it in the next column. Thx for bein on your toes. PM)

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Bill Townshend, 4500 Connecticut Ave NW, Apt. 901, Washington, D.C. 20008 202-966-8046. Greetings from the land of pleasant living and of NSP pests such as WCAO-600, WMAL-630, WCPT-730, WQSA-820, WFAD-930, WWRC-980, WBAL-1090, WAGE-1200, WWDC-1260, WFBR-1300 (my favorite oldies station), WYCB-1340, WMEQ-1390, WOL-1450, and WTOP-1560. Maybe we ought to break out the Flit, Raid or Gulfspray, hi. The auroral cx on 1/6 (1730-2030) rivaled the cx experienced on 10/1/78, when I logged 22 newies (including 5 Colombians and 3 Haitians) between 2000 and 0230 with a 30-minute time-out for nx at 2300. On 1/6, the night Emperor Hirohito died, I logged 7 newies including 3 Cubans, a Colombian, a Haitian and a Jamaican. I heard several stations that I logged on that memorable early October night in 1978. Maybe I should have heard that Jamaican as a local, hi. That would be a great place to be this time of year. At least I got to the Caribbean, armchair style. Old reliables such as WHAS-840, WWVA-1170, and WHAM-1180 were wiped out that night. If the forecast of increased sunspot activity materializes, we here on the East Coast will be wide open to the coffe and banana republics and to the islands of the West Indies and will notch many more Latinos in our logs. My BCB log now stands at 1223 heard. CUN14, 28 or whenever. 10001+137 and good DX.

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The recent discussions in DXM concerning the attitudes of some broadcasting personnel towards DXing came at a time when I too had an interesting conversation along those lines. I phoned WIGG-1420 Wiggins, MS to follow-up on a reception report and talked to a fellow named "Kenney". He was quite cordial, but said the reports they received occasionally were not taken seriously. In fact, he said he thought they were "bunch of Bull" and so much "malarky" because if their signal couldn't be heard county-wide, how could it be heard 300 miles away? At that point, I told him in very layman's terms (which is about all I know anyway, hi) about skywaves and the ionosphere, etc etc which enlightened him a little, I think. I also assured him I was not a crackpot and had been doing this for 20 years and had 1,400 verifications and so on. Next, he questioned whether I could accurately say I heard WIGG when they are satellite-fed and any number of stations might be running the same feed. Well, I just reminded him that I was lucky enough to have heard a local break with a "WIGG" ID. (Why not tell him that those other stations carrying the same feed aren't all on 1420--rce) The upshot of this all was I think he was interested in what I was doing, and we also talked on a more personal level about our respective jobs and lives. I came out of it with the promise of a verification, which I won't hold my breath for! It is interesting how we DXers are perceived by broadcasters, and it is apparent that many either don't understand (my case) or dislike (Steve Mittman's) what DXing is all about. I can understand why we are seen as a bother, when some of these people are trying to keep marginal operations on the air, but I do wish they could see us as allies and supporters of their embattled medium; if AM goes down the tubes, then so does this particular part of the DX hobby and we all lose. But overall, I find that when I do phone stations to ask about veries, they are overwhelmingly polite, interested and helpful--at least on the phone. That all does not always produce the promised verie, but it is encouraging that most stations at least seem to be responsive. With my beverage farm now history, I have put up a 200' longwire that is giving decent results, and I have been resurrecting my old 4-ft NRC Altaz. loop. The amp seems to be on the fritz, so I need to get it checked out. It will be kinda fun to DX with a loop after about 9 years without one! Keep warm, everyone, and 73's.

Tom Laskowski, 1334 East Miner Street, South Bend, Indiana 46617

I enjoyed reading the forums of Gary Seigel and Rick Evans in the Jan. 7 EDXP concerning my local WLLJ. Let me add some more info to the two forums. Back in May before WLLJ went on the air, I called the station and talked with the owner Larry Langford, Jr., hence the calls WLLJ. At the time I called, they were doing an antenna performance check. I had a nice long friendly talk with him about the station and what he was planning. If I remember correctly, he told me that WLLJ was replacing the

expired CP which existed for some time for Mishawaka, IN. The original CP was supposed to be for 910 kHz and was intended to replace WAMJ, which is still on 1580. That CP was held by the previous owner of WAMJ. Apparently that station was never built and WAMJ was sold to a new owner. WAMJ used to have a format of Urban Contemporary music in the afternoons, but when the station was sold, the format became all talk. This left the sizable black population here in the Michiana (pronounced mish-ee-anna, i.e., Michigan and Indiana) area without such a format. So Mr. Langford decided to put his station on 910 to replace the expired CP previously issued for Mishawaka. WLLJ is very strong here during the daytime as the main lobes are toward the southwest and northeast. I don't remember exactly what Mr. Langford told me about the technical aspects of WLLJ, but he did mention that the .5 mv/m contour passes through Chicago. At night the power is cut back to 37 watts and is easily nulled here. Cassopolis is only about 20 miles from here so the 37 watts hardly covers South Bend at night. I don't know how well the station is doing in the ratings but since everyone here listens to FM, I can't imagine it is doing well. I listened to about the first fifteen minutes of the Ray Breim DX special. I could only stand so much of hearing Mr. Breim refer to shortwave as World Band Radio. As somewhat of a purist, I find the term World Radio Band to be stupid and insulting to those of us who have taken the time and effort to learn what shortwave radio is all about. I take offense to being called a "World Band Listener" as a certain person who publishes a reference manual of shortwave frequencies likes to call us. I sure hope this phrase doesn't catch on. That's all for now. 73's to all de TML. (Tom, that repeated and repeated and repeated phrase bothered me also, and helped persuade me it was time to go to bed--rce)

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Recently, Neil Kazaross made a trip to New England from San Diego, CA. He and I got together on 07 January 1989 and took a ride out to the shore at Swampscott, MA for an impromptu DXpedition. Neil, as you may remember, logged a staggering amount of Trans-Atlantic, Caribbean, and South American DX from Narragansett, RI and Ogunquit, ME a few years back. Neil's a great guy & a super DXer: we could use him back in New England. He's considering a full-fledged DXpedition to Maritime Canada (NF or NS) in autumn '89. On 07 January (08 January / GMT), we logged a good assortment of southerly TA's and Caribbean stations between 0130 and 0230 GMT. The DXpedition QTH favored east / southeast & conditions were semi-auroral. Log info. was taken casually: detail isn't sufficient for a report to DXWWE. Azores on 1566 had a potent signal; as we listened to it, a het from something on 1565 became apparent. The first thought was a low-powered St. Lucia outlet; eventually, Spanish-language audio could be pulled by 1566 by manipulation of the MWT-2 regenerative tuner and by a favorable fade. The 1565 thing was probably a Dominican Republic split. Antigua on 620 was generally dominant, with soca / calypso music and accented EE talk. Big signals were noted from a good number of Carib. splits, including Grenada - 535 and the new Nevis - 895 (from which a fine ID was heard). Venezuelans were all over the place: 600-790 and 1000-1200 are the prime frequency ranges for these. Neil's excellent DX memory helped log YVOD (Ecos del Torbes) which was ruling 780: Neil recalled the parallel 4980 kHz outlet which, upon investigation, had the same program. Jamaica on 750 was atop the YV and WSB: Saturday-night-party DJ shows from Jamaica are always welcome listening for me. Turks & Caicos was awesome; its preaching was blowing away all competition on 1570, even usually-pesty CKLM. Spain was tentatively noted on 999 (the talk sounded Spanish, not the expected Arabic from the Moroccan). Usual "mouth-of-the-Med" TA's were good, with Algeria-891 leading the pack strength-wise with its typical cruncher signal. The "travelling DX set-up" with the (Gerry Thomas - modified) Sony ICF-2010, regen. tuner, and 100 ft. (30m.) wire on the ground proved quite capable. The last time I'd logged this much in an hour was on a sunset TA blitz from Brant Rock (Marshfield, MA) a couple of years back. The same gear was used. Average equipment and a good QTH will outperform good equipment and an average QTH for foreign DX. 73.

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Happy New Year, everyone! Over the New Year's weekend, I visited Dillon, Colorado, which is about 70 miles west of Denver. This gave me a great appreciation for all the arguments about having one station, with primary service, in a community at night. Coming from a market with about 90 available stations day and night, I was amazed at how little really was available in this little town in the mountains. During the daytime, stations like KOA were slightly noisy, but reasonable reasonable received almost everywhere. At night, KOA was hit with a severe battle between skywave and groundwave, and a simple lack of signal. There were no lower

powered local AMs in the area. The stations that stuck out on the band was KKOB on 770, who was really dominant and nice. I also heard powerhouse KTNN, Window Rock, Arizona, with a truly youthful and amateur disk jockey announcing country and western records, KTWO in Casper, Wyoming, with its egotistical "We're the most powerful in Wyoming" ID, KFI from LA, and quite a few stations from Texas and Mexico. Granted, my traveling DX machine was a five transistor pocket radio, but you really couldn't listen to something on AM in these parts without being at least a casual DXer. The FM was also interesting. The two locals had several translators all over the band to compensate for those big bumps in the ground that blocked their line of sight signals. I think they call them The Rocky Mountains. The reach of a truly lousy car radio is improved at 12,000 feet. KKOB was heard with some signal all day and night. The most interesting stations I heard, at least to me, were the two TIS broadcasters on 530 kHz I encountered. I have an interest in 530 kHz because I experimented on it with my flea-powered transmitter. Denver's Stapleton Airport had a typical boring loop announcement about where to park and lose your luggage, etc. The Town of Breckenridge, a ski resort area, had a dandy TIS with a beautiful self-supporting tower, about 100 feet tall. It was self-supporting, and had a nice old-fashioned circular capacitive hat above. I don't know what kind of power it had, but did it get out! It must have had about a 40 mile range. It broadcast a tape loop, that changed three times daily, telling about the town, its ski slopes, parking rules, and other touristy stuff. It was read by a very pleasant female voice. It started with "Welcome to beautiful Breckenridge, Colorado..." and lasted about a minute and a half. The one I heard most ended with "This message will change at 3 PM." A very nice little station. I wanted to take their tower home for my backyard. And, by the way, the snow was really great for skiing! 73s and happy trails. KZ.

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 Good turnout this time, and an interesting one at that. We had a good warm (46 deg.) weekend this time, so I took advantage of a rare Sat. off and we went up to north central Wisconsin where we used to live. I listened to WSAU-550 just past sunset from Wausau down to Stevens Point and across to Waupaca, Wisc. before the station faded out enough that we couldn't listen to it anymore. At Appleton, 100 miles north of Milwaukee, I had WOKY-920 in great on the car radio, much better in some ways than here in Milwaukee where I hear, at night, somebody under their signal-- and I only live about ten miles from their towers. By the way, even tho I've been away from Rapids for six months now, the car radio button was still set for WSAU. I haven't changed many of the buttons here because my wife hates the radio on while we travel. Tom Laskowski, where does WLLJ-910 have its studios? Are they up in Cass or there in the South Bend area? Gotta run. Don't forget that the anniversary issue deadline here is March 11. I will hold reports (one is already in the hold box) so you can send in one with another report. 73.



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My recent vacation allowed me plenty of time to give my new Sony 2010 a thorough try-out - here are some comments.

This is a slick radio and I'm glad I bought it. It does have some shortcomings, the main one its relatively low sensitivity on MW and SW with its built-in antennas. You're pretty much forced to use an external loop or wire antenna to obtain adequate sensitivity for DX. In my opinion this partly defeats the reason for having a portable radio. If the memory batteries (2 AA cells) don't fit tightly the programmed memories may be instantly lost if the radio case is flexed (it flexes easily - definitely not a rock-solid design.) I had this problem even when using the recommended "Energizer" batteries that aren't suppose to slip. A simple solution that has worked for me is to wrap a few turns of masking tape around the batteries before they're installed. Battery life of the D cells is not extensive so alkalines are recommended. As

the D cells weaken audio quality drops off but sensitivity isn't reduced that much (my Sony ICF 6500 behaves oppositely in this regard).

The synchronous detector is of no use in digging out weak DX but works well in cleaning up medium-strength signals undergoing distortion from selective fading or suffering from strong adjacent channel interference. The "sync" is useful in listening to talk shows or news from out-of-town stations at night. Use of my homebrew shotgun loop really perks up the 2010's MW sensitivity. Use of the shortwire included with the set also improves MW reception but not as well as the loop. When plugging in an external antenna for use in MW, do not insert the mini plug all the way into the antenna jack or sensitivity will drop way off. On SW this makes no difference.

Does anyone know if 2010's are supposed to behave like this? The manual makes no mention of this. Tom Laskowski informed me his 2010 does the same thing. The January 1989 Monitoring Times mentions that 2010's have problems with their antenna jacks. On SW, use of the shortwire is a must in order to get decent signals from weak stations. When DX'ing in remote areas I clip a 1 ounce lead fishing weight to the shortwire and throw it over a tree limb and results are excellent. (What was the weight of your catch? hi-Rth.) I like to use the shortwire as a vertical if possible. I really dislike the "synthesizer pop" the 2010 makes while tuning with the knob but am slowly learning to ignore it. The narrow IF filter is a pretty good one for most MW use. Reception of SSB and CW is truly excellent for a portable. A tight IF filter and being able to switch off the AGC for CW would be nice but you can't have everything at this price. The 2010 has a bit of really usable features that most receivers don't. In spite of its shortcomings my reaction to it is "how did I ever get along before I had this radio," hi. 73 de RET.

\*\*\*CONVENTION '89 INFO AT END OF COLUMN\*\*\*

GARY LARSON, 2806 LINCOLN, BURBANK, CA 91504 (818) TH1-3646

Hello from Newhaul on 08 January, just finished a three-mile run nearby. Earlier I was in Walnut where I planned to do the same but too much mud.

Before going on my run, I drove to the new site of KBET's transmitter on Sierra Highway. Looks like grading is progressing well - I returned on Sierra Hwy. back to the new offices and studios and was able to meet GM/CE Lawrence Bloomfield. I explained where I had just been (at tower site) and my interest plus being an IRCA member, etc. He and a few others were doing work in preparation for sometime in February when the new 1220 will go on. Power to be 1/.5 kw, stereo, as sign and new bumper stickers say. I mentioned I wrote about them in WDXF and he was enthused, asked to send photo copies for their files. Any interested parties can write or call, P.O. Box 1220, Canyon Country, CA 91351 (805) 298-1220. (You sure of that area code?-Rth.) From what I could tell, when they go on, they'll not be broadcasting from their transmitting site (on temporary basis) but from their new studios. Mr. Bloomfield says they'll be better programmed than KGIL.

On my way to Walnut, called KGRB but DJ says management is tight regarding visitors. (No kidding!-hi-Rth.) At least the staff of KBET is more open minded.

Did a bandscan of AM while in nearby Valencia and sent the info to HQ. 73 everyone and Sacramento in '89!

STEVE MITTMAN, 2248 W. 37th ST., SAN PEDRO, CA 90732-4506 (213) 833-1010

I was recently in a local music store and in the section where they keep the freebee newspapers, I came across something new. There was a publication called, Radio Guide - Los Angeles. It's just like a TV Guide, but for radio. It lists, hour by hour, stations, what program they're carrying, and brief description of those programs. Each issue is 32 pages and covers two weeks. Also included are short articles and the like. I was quite excited when I saw it, as I had never seen anything like this before in my life! (Sure, there are newspaper logs, but never anything like a true radio listing book.) Of course, being the demented nit-picker that I am, I immediately went through it to find all the errors, hi - then went and visited them. They were quite surprised at my knowledge of local radio (formats, frequencies, etc.), and quickly told me that they wished to keep me on as a "consultant" for them! The issues are complimentary right now, though they eventually plan (hope) to become subscription only. If anyone would like two or three sample copies, drop me a note and please enclose US\$1 for postage.

Ric, radio stations must still have "legal ID,s" but I've noticed that it no longer has to be given right at the top of the hour. For the past three or four years some local FM stations here have typically ID'ed anywhere from :50 to :05. (Legally, unless changed since I left radio, it's :55 to :05-Rth) Currently, KIIS AM and FM both ID regularly (and only) at :50 or :51. KIIS AM's ID, incidentally, is a very quick "KIIS, Los Angeles" stuck between spots! The rest of the hour they're known as "The new stereo 1150 Kiss AM."

(You mean you actually listen to an hour of the rap comaste?-hi-RtH.)

Also Ric, I would have liked to have met you while you were down this way for a brief GTG. (I would have too, but on the go most of the time. I did call once - no answer, guy. Maybe here this summer in Sac.-RtH.) Next time you (and any other DX'ers out there) are down this way, try to give me a ring. 73 de SMM.

\*\*\*DON'T BE FFI NT - ANNIVERSARY DEADLINE 14 MAR\*\*\*

TIM HALL, 350 G ST., #F-1, CHULA VISTA, CA 92010

Howdy everyone. Competition has increased between our local news and news-talk station here. Both XETRA and KNX are fighting for San Diego North County listeners. XETRA is billing itself as "the only news talk station that's easy to hear in both San Diego downtown and North County" (referring to the fact that KSDO's signal is weak in the North County and KVSD is weak in the South Bay and East County). Also, XETRA has added Orange County traffic reports in its existing San Diego North and South County twin traffic coverage. XETRA continues to get lots of calls from L.A. on its talk shows - I've even heard people calling KFI to ask them if they have XETRA's phone number! I've also noticed increased San Diego coverage on KNX. KNX has lots of billboards in San Diego North County, starting around La Jolla. I don't know what the effect of all this has been on KSDO, which has been San Diego's top rated AM for a couple of years.

Anyone know if KFI has made a dent in KABC's ratings? They've sure been running a lot of KABC (anti) promos. (KABC is #4, KFI doesn't make the top 20-RtH.) Recently, KABC's president referred to Tom Leykis' show as "trash radio" (or words to that effect). Leykis countered by reminding KABC that their FM station (KLOS) has one of the most obscene morning shows in the country!

DX here continues to be slow. I'd like to get out some f/up reports, but most of the stations I still need to verify are either foreign language (which don't understand DX'ing in either language, hi), known non-verifiers or stations which air satellite feed (with little or no verifiable details) at night. So far, I've had absolutely no luck with NRC's DX Tests. Does anyone know if the WPKY 1010 test actually took place? I thought their code ID's would've made it in here. The other stations weren't as likely here.

I didn't note as many of my local Tijuana stations off the air this Christmas and New Years. Most of the ones which usually go off just left their transmitters on. Still no news about KIRS 1040 - when I saw that their CP was renewed, I left a message on the licensee's machine, but haven't heard back.

That's it for now. Hope the DX picks up before the end of the season. 73 de TRH.

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

Anyone besides me remember the world's first AM stereo station? No, not XETRA - it was KE2XEJ, an experimental call sign for WRCA (hence WNBC), when they were doing stereo tests after midnight about 30 years ago. I believe they were using a Kahn system or something similar.

There was a comment made in these pages a few weeks ago about Radio New York International, First Amendment rights, and how radio should be as unregulated as newspapers.

Unfortunately, if paper was to become scarce, there probably would also have to be regulations to determine who could print a newspaper, how big, etc. This doesn't imply censorship of editorial content, as it would be simply an allocation of this planet's limited resources. And even newspapers do not have a First Amendment right to publish libel or pornography.

Similarly, no one has the right to just fire up a transmitter and start broadcasting without a license. The electromagnetic spectrum, once thought to be virtually unlimited, is now jammed to the gills all the way up to several gigahertz, and we need to properly manage this limited resource. Stations outside the jurisdiction of the FCC still need to abide by the regulations of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU).

Some stations claim that it was illegal for the FCC to shut them down because they operated from outside US territory, but then claim protection from the US Constitution! I'm sorry, but if US law doesn't apply then the Constitution does not either. You just can't have it both ways!

Hope to have more to report, DX'wise later. 73

\*\*\*FORUM FOR THE 25th ANNIVERSARY - DEADLINE 14 MARCH\*\*\*

JOHN C. JOHNSON, 979 NEPTUNE BLVD., BILLINGS, MT 59105-2129

Recent varies include KKLW 600, a nice QSL card. KKGZ 1010, station is very much on the air, was reported silent. KCLK 1430, they're now using their increased power of 5 kw, 1 kw N. XEST 1450, yes this is a great catch! (Yes, indeed, John, good going-RtH.) Finally KHIF 1590. KHIF points out

that they use the calls "KICK-FM" on the air for promotional reasons. Their legal calls on the FM are KIIQ, KHIT on the AM. The station says they changed the AM calls to KHIT to reserve them for future use should they decide to change formats - or if they were to purchase another station they would transfer the calls. To sum up, you'll hear KHIT, KIIQ and KICK calls on this Nevada AM. Just one more reason DX'ers should listen for an hourly ID or s/on, s/off for exact calls. And who said DX'ing AM was easy? When I logged this 1590 station, I had only heard the "KICK FM" calls, C&W and lots of spots. A tentative report was prepared. Nice to have the verie. 73, John (Thanks John for making this not an all CA column, hi-RtH.)

FLOYD PERRY JR., 6408 MORGAN PL., #218, STOCKTON, CA 95209

Hello again everyone. Well, it looks like my earlier prediction is partially coming true. 1570 bites the dust. KCVR Lodi is now 24 hours, NSP. Currently they air that godawful mixture of SS ranchero and EE AC (they call it bi-lingual, sic, hi) (I call it worse, but not printable here, hi-RtH) from 0600 to 1800 PST and then // with their FM, KWIN, until 0600. During the simulcast there's no mention at all of KCVR, just ID's for the FM. Even on the hour, the legal ID time, there's no mention of the AM. That's deregulation for you, hi. (There's illegal for you, hi-RtH.) Because KCVR's ratings are non-existent and KWIN is #2 behind KRAK-FM, I think the bi-lingual format will be history by summer and will become KWIN-AM // fulltime to the FM. Well, at least that will be better than their current format, don't you agree, RtH? (No, because CHR will splatter more - well, yes, anything would be better than their daytime format, hi-RtH.) Also, KCVR has relocated their studios to north Stockton next to KWIN, but they still maintain their transmitter site in Woodbridge outside of Lodi.

I'd like to say hello to Ernie Cooper. Thanks for the Radio Gram. Can I get your new address? Also plan to travel to Sacramento in July, home of the IRCA Convention.

Gotta go now. I'll keep everyone updated on the status of 1570. Everyone, remember to support Sacramento in '89, the state capital, Sutter's Fort and the Sacramento Kings, future champs of the NBA (in the 21st century of course, hi). (Hey, I just celebrated the Kings moving out of last place, hi-RtH.) 73 de FPJ and Sacramento in '89!

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Greetings from Convention center, Sacramento. We'll guarantee to a rainless weekend, balmy temperatures, with 15 to 25% humidity and a nice Delta breeze in the afternoon. That should read humidity - whoops, hi.

The Best Western Heritage Inn in Rancho Cordova has been secured. A beautiful property next to the Sheraton and across from Days Inn. Huge rooms, great rates and plenty of amenities. Restaurant/bar on premises. Several others in walking distance, and all the major chains (eateries, that is, hi) within a couple of miles, plus two shopping malls. Yes, DEE, there's a Scottish Gourmet Palace nearby, hi. (That's McDonalds!)

Rates are \$48/52 SGL/DBL, 2 queen beds or \$54/58 2 king beds and room features wet bar (BYOB, hi), frig and jacuzzi. Besides the pool, there's a spa and sauna. More later.

Called Kaskey with the news (for those who don't know Don, he's the assistant manager of the hotel we used in San Francisco in '76) and his first comment was, ". . .who's getting thrown into the pool?!" Don also said there'd be a good chance to demonstrate (for those not familiar) the ERBA loop. Strange, haven't heard a hair from Nibbi Nibbi since the South Pacific went to 9 kHz spacing, hi.

For those flying into Metro, UAL has the most flights, but we're also covered by AA, DL, US Air and other regional carriers. You will be met, but we need to know when, hi. If you fly into SFO, either plan on renting a car (two-hour drive, at least the way I drive, hi) or hooking up with a Bay Area member. You should be able to get a weekend excursion rate. ANTRAK also serves Sac. with the CA Zephyr and Coast Daylight.

Set aside Fourth of July weekend, starting with '30 June in the PM. We have tentative plans for a MM DX'pedition. Floyd has suggested his grandparents farm; they don't know about it yet, hi.

Have done some midday bandscans (oh yeah, DX, hi), and while looking for Orcutt/Santa Maria 660, stumbled on to KPNN with no sign of Orcutt at less than half the distance. KPNN now replaces KSL as furthest daytime winter reception. KOB got replaced by a local, obviously, hi.

Glen, while I agree with you in principle, the FCC did not have the right to step outside their turf, their legal jurisdiction just as RNI can't have their cake and eat it too. The FCC should be ticketing all these non-ID'ing stations, for instance, within their jurisdiction. I'll get off my soapbox now, hi.

That's it this week. Stay tuned - a fantastic 25th Anniversary Convention is in the works. And especially this year, who we are, why we were formed, and it should be a special time for IRCans! See y'all in 7 and 73 de RtH. .

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