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Happy 25th Anniversary!

This issue marks the club's silver anniversary. Twentyfive years ago, the first edition of what became DX Monitor was published in Bill Nittler's basement in Denver. To celebrate the occasion, this issue is filled with forums, photos, articles, and other memorabilia on the club's history. It's really amazing how much the club and the hobby have evolved during that time.

For those who may be wondering, the following charter members are still in the club:

Donald Erickson, Riverside, CA
 Kermit Geary, Walnutport, PA
 Dave Johnson, Corona, CA
 John Johnson, Billings, MT
 Glen Kippel, Merced, CA
 Ronald Musco, Poquonnock, CT
 Bill Nittler, Mancos, CO
 David Rogers, Ft. Supply, OK
 Randy Seaver, Chula Vista, CA
 Charles Taylor, Grifton, NC

On this special occasion, I'd like to give special recognition to three column editors who have volunteered an unusually large amount of time and energy in producing their respective columns over the years:

Nancy Hardy, has been an editor longer than anyone. She started as WDXR editor in January 1975, and will produce her 500th column sometime this fall, after typing well over 30,000 WDXR loggings! She was also EDXR editor in the early 70's, putting her total columns well over 500.

Ric Heald, who began editing WDXF in March 1975. He's not that far behind Nancy in total columns; I don't want to guess how many forums he's typed. *Richard Evans*, read his article on page 46. I'm not sure how many columns he's typed, but it looks like it's around 400.

Now look inside for page after page of interesting reading. On behalf of the rest of the club, thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue.

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Also scattered throughout this issue are photographs of past and present club members, radio stations, and scenes from conventions, DXpeditions and gettogethers. We've tried to provide a cross section of photos spanning the full 25 years. Thanks to everyone who sent photos.

New Members

Welcome this week to:
 Robert Harrison, Union, NJ
 Robert Thomas, Carbondale, IL
 Bill Hodges, Weatherford, TX
 Reid Wheeler, Olympia, WA (rejoin)
 Robert Cipriotti, Tarzana, CA (rejoin)
 Richard Lovette, Elizabethtown, TN

Volume 26 Sched

Next week will be the April Fool's issue and the end of our weekly schedule for the season. The rest of Volume 26 is as follows: April 15 and 29, May 13 and 27, June 17, July 15, and August 12.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IRCA! In radio parlance, here's to many more years of your favourite (and most useful) DX tips, with uninterrupted accuracy, responsive & reliable editors and fewer newspaper clippings than any other MW DX publication..

A brief reintro: late 20's, married w/no QRM (8 years, to Kiyoko), DXed over the past 14 years in 2 continents, 3 countries, 6 states & had about 1500 veries before giving that part up. Moved to DC area 2 years ago, about 700 heard before moving to this TVI-infested apartment in Jan. 88. In my other lives, I work for a low income housing/tenant organizing group in Arlington, do a lot of other community organizing work, Native American support work, write prolificly, & sing in a band.

Since people seem to keep asking, this is as good a place as any to clarify: since fall 1987 I have not been involved in the management or the daily doings of RadioPhiles or The M Street Journal - so please don't ask me for prices, reprint permissions, etc.! RadioPhiles is apparently defunct (noone seems willing to say it, but nothing is being published, either); The M Street Journal, if you can afford it, is and remains an excellent weekly source for FCC and format information, and much of this column's information comes from it. Their address & phone: P. O. Box 3568, Alexandria, VA, 22302, (703) 684-3622. I've also seen galleys of the long-promised Radio Annual that's been mentioned in DXM a few times, it should be out shortly and it really does look great.

On to the mega-column:

NEW STATIONS

<u>call</u>	<u>KHz</u>	<u>power/antenna</u>	<u>state/city</u>
new	530	?/?	? AB HIGH LEVEL on the air // CKYL-610
new	560	/36	ND-N MI MONROE app. for WHND synch. xmtr returned
WBMX	640	1000/250	ND MI ZEELAND applies to change from DA to ND
KMCE	650	25000/5000	DA-2 CA RANCHO CORDOVA applies for new xmtr locatn
WWFE	670	50000/2500	DA-2 FL MIAMI requests another extension of time
new	670	10000/	DA-D VA SURRY application dismissed
KKJZ	700	330/	ND-D CA SOLEDAD requests reinstatement of exp. CP
KSPO	740	500/	ND-D WA DISHMAN applies to change xmtr location
WAWB	810	2500/	ND-D GA HAHIRA on the air
new	820	50000/1000	DA-2 NC PAW CREEK new application
WCRN	830	3000/1000	ND MA CHERRY VALLEY requests extension of time
new	870	3000/	DA-D MO SPRINGFIELD new application
KJCD	880	780/220	DA-D CA MONTECITO applies for new xmtr location
new	880	1000/	DA-D VA DAYTON application granted
WBMA	890	10000/1000	DA-2 MA DEDHAM reapplies for 50000/3000 w, move to Sherborn MA, change xmtr location
WBSH	1020	500/	ND-D AL HEFLIN requests extension of time
KIRS	1040	9500/4500	DA-2 CA SAN DIEGO requests extension of time
WJHR	1040	4700/1000	DA-2 NJ FLEMINGTON applies to change xmtr location
KWSA	1070	5000/	ND-D OR KLAMATH FALLS on the air
KOFK	1130	5000/	ND-D NM MILAN applies for change in antenna system
WTWF	1160	5000/250	ND FL WOODVILLE app. returned for move to Tallahassee FL, 5000/1000 w ND
WMYT	1180	10000/	DA-D NC CAROLINA BEACH requests extension of time & CP to reinstate expired permit
new	1190	3000/750	DA-2 FL ODESSA new application
KCPC	1200	5000/1000	DA-2 CA RANCHO MIRAGE requests extension of time
KOQI	1200	25000/1000	DA-N CA SOQUEL requests extension of time
new	1200	10000/1000	DA-N FL MICANOPY new application
new	1200	5000/230	DA-3 FL THONOTOSASSA new application, to replace expired WFLZ-1200 permit; DA-3 is for 900 w & a different DA during critical hours
WMXA	1200	10000/2500	DA-2 IL CHICAGO requests extension of time, towers are up & should be testing by now

<u>call</u>	<u>KHz</u>	<u>power/antenna</u>	<u>state/city</u>
KBET	1220	1000/500	DA-2 CA SANTA CLARITA target date was 3/1/89, no word as to whether they made it on
WNNH	1340	250/250	ND NH MADBURY applies for change in xmtr locatn
WRLE	1460	5000/	ND-D NJ FLORENCE requests extension of time
WNJO	1550	860/720	DA-2 NJ SEASIDE PARK requests extension of time
new	1570	800/250	ND WV ELK HILLS application granted

CHANGES IN EXISTING FACILITIES

<u>call</u>	<u>KHz</u>	<u>power/antenna</u>	<u>state/city</u>
KDFT	540	1000/250	DA-D TX FERRIS app. returned for 250 w nights
WICE	550	1000/500	DA-N RI PAWTUCKET applies for 4600/3400 w DA-2
WAFC	590	930/470	ND FL CLEWISTON applies to move to Cape Coral FL, 5000/5000 w DA-1
CISL	650	10000/9000	DA-2 BC RICHMOND granted 10000/9000 w DA-2
CJRN	710	10000/500	DA-2 ON NIAGARA FALLS applies for change in day DA
WJTO	730	1000/	ND-D ME BATH applies for 10000/500 w
WLVG	740	250/	ND-D MA CAMBRIDGE applies to move to Needham MA, 2500 w ND-D
KRPM	770	1000/1000	ND WA SEATTLE requests extension of time for increase to 50000/5000 w DA-N
KHIS	800	250/20	ND CA BAKERSFIELD granted 1000/500 w DA-2
WREF	850	1000/	ND-D CT RIDGEFIELD app. returned for 5000 w days
WJBQ	870	5000/500	DA-2 ME GORHAM applies for 10000/1000 w
WSEA	900	1000/	ND-D DE GEORGETOWN app. returned for 4000 w nights
KTIS	900	50000/300	DA-2 MN MINNEAPOLIS appl. for 25000 w days, new DA
KPSL	1010	5000/5000	DA-N CA THOUSAND PALMS application dismissed for 5000/2400 w DA-N
WXTL	1010	50000/50000	DA-1 FL JACKSONVILLE BEACH app. dismissed for 5000 w nights
WUFL	1030	5000/	ND-D MI STERLING HEIGHTS app. dismissed for new DA
WYPX	1040	10000/1000	DA-2 FL BOYNTON BEACH applies for 25000/1100 DA-2
WJSB	1050	5000/	ND-D FL CRESTVIEW granted 3100/500 w ND
WQWM	1050	1000/500	DA-1 WI KAUKAUNA app. dismissed for 900 w nights
WMTY	1090	1000/	ND-D SC GREENWOOD applies for 780 w days
WELX	1160	50000/500	DA-2 FL CALLAHAN granted 500/250 w ND
WSML	1190	1000/	DA-D NC GRAHAM requests extension of time for move to 1200 KHz, 10000/1000 w DA-N
KRGO	1220	250/	ND-D CA FOWLER granted extension of time for move to 1210 KHz, 10000/1000 w DA-N
WGNY	1220	5000/	DA-D NY NEWBURGH applies for 2500 w nights, granted extension of time for move to 1200 KHz, 10000/1000 w DA-2
CFVM	1220	10000/5000	DA-2 PQ AMQUI granted 10000/5000 w DA-N
WJNO	1230	500/500	ND FL DEERFIELD BEACH granted 800 w days
CFPB	1230	1000/1000	ND NWT IQALUIT granted 1000/4000 w ND
CJNH	1240	1000/500	ND ON BANCROFT granted 1000/1000 w ND
CJCS	1240	1000/500	ND ON STRATFORD granted 1000/1000 w ND
WDOV	1410	5000/5000	DA-N DE DOVER granted change from ND to DA
WHRF	1520	250/	DA-D MD BEL AIR granted 1000 w nights, DA-2
KGLA	1540	500/	ND-D LA GRETNA granted 1000 w days
WTGG	1540	250/	ND-D MI SPRING ARBOR app. for 490 w days, 200 w CH
WCGR	1550	250/	ND-D NY CANANDAIGUA requests extension of time for move to 1310 KHz, 2500/2500 w DA-2
KTGE	1570	5000/	DA-D CA SALINAS granted 500 w nights
WTCL	1580	5000/	ND-D FL CHATTAHOOCHEE application returned for 10000/2000 w, reapplies for 10000/500 w DA-N
WAUB	1590	500/1000	DA-2 NY AUBURN app. returned for 700 w days
WARV	1590	5000/5000	DA-N RI WARWICK applies for modified day DA
KELP	1590	5000/	ND-D TX EL PASO applies to add DA, add 900 w nites

CALL LETTER CHANGES THAT NEVER HAPPENED:

KDPX-1260 Huntington TX is still KAFX; KFNI-1430 Fresno CA is still KFIG; WWKY-1450 Sarasota FL is still WSPB. For some reason it keeps coming up, perpetuated, I think, by NRC's Domestic Log, but KIKR-880 Conroe TX never went to the call letters KNRO; they applied for and then set those calls aside about two years ago!

CALL LETTER CHANGES

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

new	530	AB	High Level is	now CKHL	new	1200	NV	Virginia City	KDXA
KJCC	540	CA	Carmel Valley	KPUP	new	1200	NC	Atlantic Beach	WBYY
KESR	600	CA	Independence	\$ KNYO	KLIP	1220	CA	Fowler	* KRGO
KKPL	630	WA	Opportunity	KHDL	WERT	1220	OH	Van Wert	WKSD
KEYR	690	NE	Terrytown	KOAQ	new	1240	MS	Southaven	WAVN
new	720	CA	Templeton	KGVV	new	1270	MA	Faithaven	WEDD
WLPF	730	FL	Lake Placid	WWTk	WANI	1320	VA	Richmond	\$* WLEE
new	750	NV	Carson City	KKNK	KRKR	1330	LA	Lafayette	\$ KVOL
WVEZ	790	KY	Louisville	\$ WWKY	WRIE	1330	PA	Erie	\$ WEYZ
new	810	VA	Dublin	WKNV	new	1340	NH	Madbury	WNNH
WFLN	900	PA	Philadelphia	* WURD	WFLK	1380	CT	Naugatuck	WFNW
WTGE	910	LA	Baton Rouge	\$ WNDC	KCZN	1400	CA	Santa Paula	* KZTR
WGST	920	GA	Atlanta	\$* WAFS	WCKZ	1450	NC	Gastonia	WBIG
KJJO	950	MN	St. Louis Park	KZOW	WEYZ	1450	PA	Erie	\$ WPSE
WSBY	960	MD	Salisbury	\$ WLWV	WPNX	1460	AL	Phenix City	WIQN
WGVt	980	GA	Rossville	WLMX	WLEE	1480	VA	Richmond	WJRW
KMJJ	980	LA	Shreveport	KICJ	KRYN	1490	CO	Manitou Springs	KXRE
CKGM	980	PQ	Montreal	* CHTX	WCKC	1490	FL	Milton	\$ WECM
WBDX	1030	TN	White Bluff	\$* WJKZ	WSDC	1490	SC	Hartsville	WTNI
KNXX	1050	NM	Los Ranchos de Albuquerque	KMBA	WKRp	1500	GA	Dallas	\$ WDPC
WOAM	1070	KY	Elkton	\$ WEKt	WINW	1520	OH	Canton	* WRQK
KPLS	1150	CA	Santa Rosa	KVRE	WSDL	1560	LA	Slidell	WSLA
WFEN	1160	MI	Fenton	WACY	WKOL	1570	NY	Amsterdam	WFNH
KPZE	1190	CA	Anaheim	KORG	new	1570	OH	Athens	WLvZ
WAYD	1200	AL	Ozark	\$ WFSF	new	1570	WV	Elk Hills	WMSP
new	1200	MI	Taylor	WBTI	WSNX	1600	MI	Muskegon	WSNZ
					WZMM	1600	WV	Wheeling	WBBd

FORMAT CHANGES

call	KHz	state/city
CKHL	530	AB HIGH LEVEL new, AC // CKYL-610 (Stonebridge-AB)
KCRS	550	TX MIDLAND was adult contemporary, now country
KCLQ	620	CA HANFORD was classic rock // FM, now ethnic/variety
WPRO	630	RI PROVIDENCE was adult contemporary, talk, now all talk
WPBD	640	GA ATLANTA black, sold to WGST-920, will be news-talk upon sale (Fitzherbert-CT)
WJTO	730	ME BATH was AC/rock oldies, now news-talk/oldies
KCHG	810	TX SOMERSET was adult standards, now gospel
WADU	830	LA NORCO was rock oldies, now easy listening
WLND	830	OH CORtLAND was country, now religious
KTRB	860	CA MODESTO was country, drops Talknet overnights (Perry-CA)
WURD	900	PA PHILADELPHIA was WFLN, silent, back with gospel
WORD	910	SC SPARTANBURG was adult contemporary, now silent, is NOT back on (at least not as of 3/13) as has been reported elsewhere
KKSX	910	WA VANCOUVER was oldies // FM, now Transtar "AM Only" ad stds
WAFS	920	GA ATLANTA WGSt, news-talk, to be religious upon sale(Fitz-CT)
WMAZ	940	GA MACON was easy listening, now adult standards
WXGI	950	VA RICHMOND was country, now easy listening
WSIX	980	TN NASHVILLE was adult standards, now talk
CHTX	980	PQ MONTREAL was CKGM, rock oldies, now CHR
KKGZ	1010	CO BRUSH country, is not, repeat NOT silent as per other rpts
WJKZ	1030	TN WHITE BLUFF was WBDX, remains country "KZ-Country"
WSAO	1140	MS SENATOBIA was country & CHR, now contemporary Christian
WRUN	1150	NY UTICA was adult contemporary, talk, now religious (Fitz-CT)
WGOW	1150	TN CHATTANOOGA was rock oldies, now Sun network talk
KSTT	1170	IA DAVENPORT was rock oldies, now Aor // FM (again)
WHJM	1180	TN KNOXVILLE was SMN rock oldies, now adult standards
CHMG	1200	AB ST. ALBERT was CKSt-1070, oldies, now CHR "MG-1200" to Edmonton (Axelrod-MB)
KRGO	1220	CA FOWLER was KLIP, jazz, now news, ABC/MBS talk
KFJB	1230	IA MARSHALLTOWN was adult contemporary, now rock oldies
WTAX	1240	IL SPRINGFIELD was adult contemporary, now news-talk (Fitz-CT)
WKBR	1250	NH MANCHESTER was adult standards, now adult contemporary
WHIO	1290	OH DAYTON was adult contemporary, talk, now all news-talk
WDOd	1310	TN CHATTANOOGA was satellite oldies, now country // FM except for ABC Talkradio 1900-0100 (Fitzherbert-CT)
KOYL	1310	TX ODESSA was country, now Spanish
KXOL	1320	OK CLINTON was automated rock oldies, now religious

call KHz state/city

WLEE 1320 VA RICHMOND was WANI, silent, back on with adult standards.
This is also apparently where the 2 hours a week of WBBL
Sunday church services has landed, but it's not clear whether
it's a regular Sunday morning worship program or whether WBBL
retains its status as a separate, shared-time station - or
whether it will move back to 1480 when/if that frequency
(which now has new calls so the WLEE calls could move to
1320) returns, and if, when/if it returns, it will still be a
separate station. This is an awful lot of attention for an
obscure 2 hour/week shared time station no DXer will probably
ever hear, but it is an interesting situation!

KFH 1330 KS WICHITA was ctry, now AC/oldies // FM, at least overnights
WXRR 1340 AL CULLMAN was country, now Transtar rock oldies
KFIV 1360 CA MODESTO was CHR // FM, now "Money Radio" business news
5 AM-7 PM (local time), still // FM nights & wknds (Perry-CA)

WGCL 1370 IN BLOOMINGTON was WGTC, country, now rock oldies "Cool 1370"
WQPN 1370 WV MOUNDSVILLE was religious, now SMN rock oldies
WMP5 1380 TN MILLINGTON was talk (to Memphis), now silent
KMIX 1390 CA TURLOCK was country // FM, now traditional ctry (Perry-CA)
WFBL 1390 NY SYRACUSE was silent, back on w/AoR oldies // FM, but
expected eventually to return to adult standards format

KZTR 1400 CA SANTA PAULA was KCZN, country, now AoR oldies // FM
KHTX 1400 CA TRUCKEE was CHR // FM, now silent (Fitzherbert-CT)
WAMQ 1400 PA LORETO was CHR // FM, now adult contemporary, still // FM
KKNV 1400 TX HUNTSVILLE was country, now religious
KALV 1430 OK ALVA was country, now rock oldies
WEMG 1430 TN KNOXVILLE was black/gospel, now silent
WSLE 1440 GA BREMEN was silent, back on w/oldies mornings, country
afternoons til 1600, then gospel til s/off

WCDL 1440 PA CARBONDALE was AC/oldies, now all polkas (Fitzherbert-CT)
KTZR 1450 AZ TUCSON was SMN Z-Rock heavy metal, now Spanish
WJBX 1450 CT BRIDGEPORT was oldies, now silent, to be Spanish under new
ownership w/calls WCUM, about 4/1/89 (Fitzherbert-CT)

WCLM 1450 VA HIGHLAND SPRINGS was silent, back on w/adult contemporary
KXOA 1470 CA SACRAMENTO was Transtar adult standards, now business news
WCFJ 1470 IL CHICAGO HEIGHTS was WMPP, remains black gospel
KYOS 1480 CA MERCED was CHR/black/urban, now ABC talk (Perry-CA)
WPEX 1490 VA HAMPTON was rock oldies, adds SMN Heart & Soul black oldies
KSJX 1500 CA SAN JOSE was KHTT, rock oldies, now business news
WSSH 1510 MA BOSTON was soft AC // FM, now Transtar satellite country
WWKB 1520 NY BUFFALO was rock oldies, Talknet, now business nx & Talknet
WRQK 1520 OH CANTON was WINW, remains AoR // FM
KSGO 1520 OR OREGON CITY was live rock oldies, now Transtar sat. oldies
KYND 1520 TX CYPRESS new, country

WHYF 1540 NH EXETER was SMN rock oldies, now SMN adult standards
WORI 1550 TN OAK RIDGE was religious, now silent
KZQQ 1550 UT WEST VALLEY CITY was SMN Z-Rock heavy metal, now fine arts
KFRS 1560 WA SUMNER was religious, now silent (again)
WEBG 1580 PA EBENSBURG was rock oldies, now silent (again)
WWCC 1590 PA HONESDALE was WDNH, SMN adult standards, now SMN country,
is NOT silent (as has been reported elsewhere)
WWBR 1600 TN HARRIMAN was AC/religious // FM, now silent, is NOT //
WHRE-1580 Knoxville or WBBE-1580 Georgetown KY (as has been
reported elsewhere)

New Larry King stations, via Dale Park: WSYR-570-NY, WKIX-850-NC, WKNV-
910-SC, WEZI-1430-TN, and KAPE-1550-MO

Format change of the year: KZQQ-1550 switches from heavy metal to
concertos in D minor. Wonder if their listeners noticed?

Note several instances in this (and previous) months' listings where
columns in other clubs have gotten it wrong. I'm not interested in
proofreading everyone else's columns, but knowing whether a station is
or is not on the air is pretty essential information in judging whether
you've just heard it. Be careful, and don't assume that information in
any column - including this one - is the last word!

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

Yowza! Lots of cities this time, so let's get to the celebratory dials:

SACRAMENTO (aka "Convention City") via Floyd Perry

KMCE 650 RANCHO CORDOVA unbuilt CP
 KFTA 710 CARMICHAEL contemporary Christian
 KPPT 890 SLOUGHOUSE religious, should come on air within 6 months-1 yr
 KAHI 950 AUBURN SMN's StarStation adult contemporary
 KKSA 1030 FOLSOM silent
 KRXC 1110 ROSEVILLE Spanish
 KRAK 1140 SACRAMENTO country
 KTLN 1180 PLACERVILLE unbuilt CP
 KEBR 1210 ROCKLIN religious, Family Radio
 KSAC 1240 SACRAMENTO classical/fine arts
 KGNR 1320 SACRAMENTO automated rock oldies days, Transtar "Oldies Channel" overnights, CBS
 KSMJ 1380 SACRAMENTO SMN "Heart & Soul" black oldies
 KJAY 1430 SACRAMENTO unlimited paid programming (religious, ethnic, etc)
 KXOA 1470 SACRAMENTO Tramstar "AM Only" adult standards
 KFBK 1530 SACRAMENTO news-talk, Talknet evenings, Larry King AN, NBC/ABC

SAN DIEGO thanks to Tim Hall (NSP unless indicated)

KKLQ 600 SAN DIEGO CHR/dance music // 106.5 FM "Q-106"
 XETRA 690 TIJUANA news, local talk, ABC-E, Sockers, Chargers
 KFMB 760 SAN DIEGO full service AC, local talk eves, CBS, Padres, SDSU
 XEMMM 800 TIJUANA Spanish ranchera, open carrier all nights!
 MEMO 860 TIJUANA Spanish CHR "La Poderosa"
 KMJC 910 EL CAJON brokered time, mostly religious
 XEGM 950 TIJUANA Spanish AC "Radio California"
 KVSD 1000 VISTA local & ABC talk, 0530-0030 local time (ABC-D)
 KIRS 1040 SAN DIEGO not on yet, will be Spanish
 XEPRS 1090 TIJUANA Spanish variety, various L. A. sports "Radio Express"
 KSDO 1130 SAN DIEGO news, local talk, tape-delay King/Raphael/Snyder, ABC-1, MBS, MM silent period
 KCBQ 1170 SAN DIEGO SMN "Pure Gold" oldies // FM 105.3 "Eagle 105"
 KPRZ 1210 SAN MARCOS commercial religious
 KSON 1240 SAN DIEGO country // FM 97.3
 XEAZ 1270 TIJUANA Spanish ranchero, U.S. big band, "Z-13"
 XFC 1310 TIJUANA Spanish adult contemp. "Radio Tijuana" (irreg. sked.)
 KPOP 1360 SAN DIEGO local adult standards, NBC, Talknet 1800-0400 PLT
 XEXX 1420 TIJUANA Spanish ranchero
 XERCN 1470 TIJUANA Spanish adult contemporary, "RCN", OC all night
 XEBG 1550 TIJUANA Spanish pop, open carrier all night

The exotic section: ANCHORAGE via Rod O'Connor... (all 24 hrs)

KENI 550 ANCHORAGE news-talk	KFQD 750 ANCHORAGE adult contemp.
KHAR 590 ANCHORAGE soft AC/EZL	KABN 830 LONG ISLAND rock oldies
KYAK 650 ANCHORAGE country	KCFA 1020 EAGLE RIVER religious
KBYR 700 ANCHORAGE rock oldies	KKSD 1080 ANCHORAGE adult standard

and most of HAWAII from Dale Park...

KMVI 550 WAILUKU AC/Hawaiian, some ethnic shows, Larry King, MBS
 KQNG 570 LIHUE AC/Hawaiian, CHR when // FM, UPI
 KSSK 590 HONOLULU AC/rock oldies "K-59"
 KIPA 620 HILO country/Hawaiian mornings, Transtar Format 41 soft AC afternoons, Talknet nights, NBC
 KORL 650 HONOLULU silent since 9/88
 KPUA 670 HILO AC/oldies, CNN
 KQMQ 690 HONOLULU CHR // FM
 KUAI 720 'ELE'ELE AC/Hawaiian, MBS
 KGU 760 HONOLULU local & network talk, CBS, ABC Talkradio, Talknet
 KKON 790 KEALAKEKUA AC/Hawaiian, ABC
 KIKI 830 HONOLULU Transtar "Oldies Channel" rock oldies
 KHLO 850 HILO adult contemporary
 KAIM 870 HONOLULU religious/inspirational
 KNUI 900 KAHULUI adult contemporary, ABC-Contemporary
 KDEO 940 WAIPAHU country
 KHVH 990 HONOLULU news, sports, Larry King, ABC, NBC, MBS



WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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WDXR DEADLINES: Mondays April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, June 5, July 2

REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:

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Racal RA-17, ICF 7600-D, Drake SPR-4, 2'x4' Wedge loop with pre-amplifier
- (TRH) Tim Hall-350 G St. #F-1-Chula Vista, CA 92010
DX 150B, ICF-2010, Radio West loop
(TRH-CA1) DX'ing with Neil Kazaross at Neil's Beverage site, Rancho Bernardo (San Diego), CA ICF-2010, 1500' longwire aimed ENE
- (BH) Bill Hardy-2301 Pacific Ave.-Aberdeen, WA 98520
FRG-7, Radio West loop
(BH-WA1) Travelling in Olympia-Tacoma area, Delco truck radio
(BH-WA2) Travelling in Vancouver, WA, Delco truck radio
(BH-OR) Travelling in Portland area, Delco truck radio
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FRG-7, Radio West loop
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FRG-7, SM-2
- (SSH) Steve Howe-250 Waverley St. Apt. 5-Menlo Park, CA 94025
Realistic DX-150, Radio West loop, Sony CFS-920
- (GL) Gary Larson-2806 Lincoln-Burbank, CA 91504
- (PM) Patrick Martin-P.O. Box 843-Seaside, OR 97138
SP-600JX, 1500' East Beverage, 1500' NNW Beverage, 200' NE/SW longwire. Ground system.
- (JSM) Steve McDonald-3319 Glasgow St.-Pt. Coquitlam, BC V3B 4K8
R-71A and HB 8' broadhead loop with preamp on 15' tower
- (CM) Curtis McMenamin-2917 Georgia St.-Vallejo, CA 94591
Sony ICF-2010, Radio West loop
- (SMM) Steve Mittman-2248 West 37th Street-San Pedro, CA 90732
Realistic TRF #12-655; Kenwood KRC-939 AM stereo car radio
- (bp) Bruce Portzer-6546 19 Ave. NE-Seattle, WA 98115
Sony SRF-M40W
- (RW) Robert Wien-1309 Dentwood Dr.-San Jose, CA 95118
GE Superadio, GE long-range portable, SM-2

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1490 KRUI NM, Ruidoso Downs 3/4 2141-2400 fair, but usually with heavy KYCA QRM. Faded up for IDs at 2325 & 1400. CBS news on the hour at 2400 preceded by lite AdCon music. Haven't seen this call change listed yet. Ex-KOAW. New, NM #28. (TRH-CA1)
 - 1500 KSJX CA, San Jose 3/1 2007 call/format change, ex-KHTT (oldies). Good at SSS & into nighttime with affiliation with Business Radio Network. ID 2017: "KSJX--Business Radio 1500." (SMM)
+3/6 0054 call change, ex-KHTT, with PSA for draft registration, BRN-produced program, ID. Easy call change, hi. (RW-CA)
 - 1560 (KFRS) WA, Sumner apparently now dark & probably has been for a while. Not noted on afternoons of 2/25 & 3/4 and directory assistance doesn't have a phone # for them. (bp-WA)
+3/9 1250-1405 completely silent while on a business trip to Sumner. This confirms an NRC report that KFRS is silent.(BH-WA1)
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- 530 CKHL AB, High Level 2/27 0246 Faint, mixing with WNAC648 Tacoma, in null of a Seattle TIS carrier. Faint with "Radio 610, CKYL" ID.

CKHL cont'd Promo at 0253. ID at 0300, Broadcast News, weather, sports, then faded out. (pb-WA)

?CKHL 7+2/22 0230 poor, fading, het from a TIS. Man with definite Canadian accent but too weak to identify. (PM-OR)

"NB" ON, CFB North Bay 2/28 0058 100w NDB with code ID every 10.1 seconds. Have been listening for this one for 4 years...at last! 2,004 miles. (JSM-BC)

540 ?CBK? SK, Regina 2/25 0034-0107 fair but fluttery over partially nulled XEWA with "Mostly Music" program, promo for "The Food Show" with Bruce Steele, "Radio 5-40" ID, and CBC news by Bob McGregor. (SSH-CA)

550 KUZZ CA, Bakersfield 2/20 0304 unusually weak with deep fading over mess with KSFO-560 nulled. C&W music and quick IDs between songs. (SSH-CA)

570 KLAC CA, Los Angeles 3/5 0700 briefly fair but mostly buried by KISN with KSFO-560 mostly nulled. ID and C&W music. No sign of KVI. (SSH-CA)

KISN UT, Salt Lake City 2/20 0321-0435 with KSFO-560 nulled over KVI at beginning and end, under KVI 0345-0414 with top 40 rock music, "Kissin' 97, KISN" IDs. (SSH-CA)

KVI WA, Seattle 2/20 0335-0426 fade-out o/u KISN with oldies rock music, IDs "The Northwest's one and only, 57, KVI, playing the oldies," weather, and PSA. (SSH-CA)

580 KUBC CO, Montrose 3/4 2006-2115 fair-good until pattern change with Montrose HS girls BKB, local ads. New, CO #30. (TRH-CA1)

590 KUGN OR, Eugene 2/25 0130 briefly good over KAQQ & KMJ-580 with NBC Talknet, IDs, and local spots. (SSH-CA)

KAQQ WA, Spokane 2/25 0114-0135 fair mostly over KUGN & KMJ-580 with IHL(?) hockey game, spots, "Q-59" IDs, and post-game wrap-up. (SSH-CA)

600 KKLQ CA, San Diego 2/20 0450-0535 very good over partially nulled KFRG-610 with top 40 rock music, lots of "Q-106" IDs, dance club spot, and contest. (SSH-CA)

(KKLQ)+3/5 0241 noted OC for a few minutes, leaving WMT-IA. (TRH-CA1)

WMT IA, Cedar Rapids 3/5 0242 in briefly during KKLQ OC with local ads including an insurance dealer "serving Cedar Rapids since 1971" gave local phone number. New. (TRH-CA1)

610 KAVL CA, Lancaster 3/5 0242 briefly surfaced during KKLQ-600 OC with weather, "AM 6-10 KAVL" ID. Rare down here. (TRH-CA1)

690 CBF/ PQ, Montreal/SK, Gravelbourg MM 2/27 0310 fair, both stations
 CBKFF1 in tonight with CBC French programming, almost $\frac{1}{2}$ second delay between the two. Could rotate the loop to get rid of one and hear only the other. New, PQ #1. Local XETRA picked a fantastic night to take a silent period! (TRH-CA)

740 (KCBS) CA, San Francisco 3/5 0600 with usual SM s/off until 0800 per lengthy ID but ran OC with occasional TT and IDs virtually entire 2 hours with only rare 1-5 sec. breaks in the OC. (SSH)

870 KIEV CA, Glendale Sa 2/25 finally began broadcasting in stereo during the day (as well as at night)! At 1430, tape ID: "KIEV, Glendale-Los Angeles, is 'The Talk of the Town.' It's 11:00" (This at 11:30, hil) Into program "View on Food." (SMM-CA)

WWL LA, New Orleans 2/20 0548-0600 fair over UNID (with relig. music program. KAIM?) with news, legal ID, and CBS news. (SSH)

KROL NV, Laughlin 2/24 2152 briefly fair over KIEV with IDs, sports talk, and frequent mention of Los Angeles Lakers. (SSH)

880 KIXI WA, Seattle 2/24 2120 good but fluttery over UNID with 40's and 50's music (SMN Stardust, I guess), ID, and spot. (SSH-CA) (KIXI has switched to Transtar from SMN.--NH)

890 KDXU UT, St. George 2/24 1952-2112 very good but scratchy with KNEW-910 nulled. Top 40 music, ABC-I news, weather, spots, lots of "Dixie, 8-90, KDXU" IDs, birthday greetings, and EKB game between Dixie College Rebels and College of Southern Idaho. (SSH-CA)

910 KKSJN WA, Vancouver 2/28 1350 format change from oldies, now "Sunny 9-10" with "great songs from the 40's, 50's, and 60's." 1400 ID: "Sunny 9-10, KKSJN, Vancouver." Apparently via satellite. KKSJN-FM-97.1 is still oldies. (BH-WA2)

920 KVEC CA, San Luis Obispo 3/11 2329 solid on top, promo for KVEC news and music. (PM-OR)

940 KWBY OR, Woodburn 2/28 1405 fair signal in Portland with new calls, ex-KWRC. Went from Mutual news to "Northwest News Network," 1410 local ads, "KWEY, Cowboy Country," & 1960's country music. (BH-OR)

- 1010 KXEG AZ, Tolleson 3/8 0351 noted atop channel with preacher. Clear ID 0400, then lost to KIQI and another Spanish. Not new, but first time from Sacto. (RH-CA)
- 1030 KJDJ CA, San Luis Obispo 3/12 0950 atop with "American Know-How" talk show about nutrition, host Kathy Helm, PSA's, national ad. Suppressed by KDUN carrier by 0957, KMAS cutting in & out, KDUN s/on began 0958, so by 1000 the ID was barely heard through KMAS/KDUN, then NBC News and faded out. (BH-WA)
- 1080 KRLD TX, Dallas 3/4 2300 has added SMU Mustang BKB AND Tom Bodett's "End of the Road" show at 2300 Sa ELT. (TRH-CA1)
- 1150 KVRE CA, Santa Rosa 3/6 0831 poor over mess with ment. that Santa Rosa exit from highway 101 will be closed, ID, then faded under KBAI/KIIS. Call change, ex-KPLS. (RW-CA)
- 1190 KORG CA, Anaheim 3/1 1600 call change, ex-KPZE. All IDs are "K-Orange." Format still tele-talk. Legal IDs: (Jingle;) "1190 K-Orange!" (Male;) "KORG, Anaheim-Los Angeles." Promos ment. that whereas KFI & KABC provide coverage for L.A., K-Orange is specifically for Orange County. Carries CNN Radio News at :00, and Business Radio Network news at various times. Thanks RW for tip! (SMM-CA)
- +3/6 noted new call, ex-KPZE. Listed in local radio logs and even heard # over air--800-222-1190. Still talk format. (GL)
- KNBA CA, Vallejo 3/6 2200 noted they leave their transmitter humming at night. I hope that they stop soon. Sometimes they go totally off, then KEX takes over. But, when their transmitter is on, KEX is impossible to hear, or other DX on this freq. (GM-CA)
- 1200 WOAI TX, San Antonio 2/26 0357-0418 fade-out good over 2 unIDs (one Spanish, the other English rock music) with Jim Bohannon Show, PSA, legal ID, and CBS News. (SSH-CA)
- 1220 *KBET* CA, Canyon Country 3/6 1700 on with test tone, ID "This is KBET Canyon Country conducting transmitter tests." Probably using .25 ND. Wavering, but still readable here. (GL-CA)
- 1230 KEXO CO, Grand Junction 3/5 0554-0602 fair with Transtar oldies (//KAYJ-1260), slogan "playing more of your favorites back-to-back," legal ID on the hour into ABC-I news. New, CO #33. (TRH-CA1)
- KDZA CO, Pueblo 3/5 0607 poor, but faded up briefly over KLAV with slogan "Your original classic oldies station, KDZA." (TRH-CA1)
- KTDO OR, Toledo 3/10 0305 s/off atop freq., no anthem, for KTDO AM/FM & translator in Lincoln City. (pb-WA)
- 1240 KSUE CA, Susanville 3/6 2156-2200 AdCon music, ID at 2200 into AP News, 2202½ very brief weather, "The news is heard 21 times a day on Lassen County's full service radio station, KSUE and KSUE-FM in Susanville" into AP Sports. Quite good over others. (NH-WA)
- 1250 ?KTMS? CA, Santa Barbara 2/26 0435 fair with NBC Talknet. (SSH-CA)
- 1260 KAYJ TX, San Angelo 3/5 0523-0540 poor, way under KGIL with Transtar oldies (//KEXO-1230), "12-60 K-Jay" slogans, local contest promo where listeners could win free movie rentals. New, TX #44. (TRH-CA1)
- 1270 KDJI AZ, Holbrook 3/4 2045-2108 LOUD with UC/CHR dance music, male DJ, ABC-I news on the hour, later noted with Northern Arizona Univ. Pioneers BKB. Seemed to stay on full day power for the entire BKB game. Rare at home. (TRH-CA1)
- KPLY NV, Sparks 3/5 0854 very good with classic music from 50's & 60's, and "K-Play" IDs. (SHH-CA)
- 1280 KJOY CA, Stockton 3/5 0857 very good with C&W music, ID, and into "Powerline" rock music program. (SSH-CA)
- 1300 ?KAZN? CA, Pasadena 3/5 0208 tent. with "Radio Filipino" ID in mess, Tried Sun. night but no trace of them. (RW-CA)
- 1320 KGNR CA, Sacramento 3/5 0844-0853 unusually weak but still fair to good with KDIA-1310 partially nulled. 60's rock music, spots, and ID. (SSH-CA)
- 1330 KGAK NM, Gallup 3/4 2030 noted airing Wingate HS BKB. (TRH-CA1)
- 1340 KORV CA, Oroville 3/5 0300 bits & pieces of s/off rose above the 1340 jumble. (pb-WA)
- KOMY CA, Watsonville 3/11 2320 atop at times in Spanish, call letters "KOMY" given in English, "en Watsonville." New. (PM)
- KDEN CO, Denver 3/5 0330-0341 poor-fair but steady with KMTW et al. All-news format, IDs, slogan "give us 22 minutes, we'll give you the world." New, CO #32. (TRH-CA1)

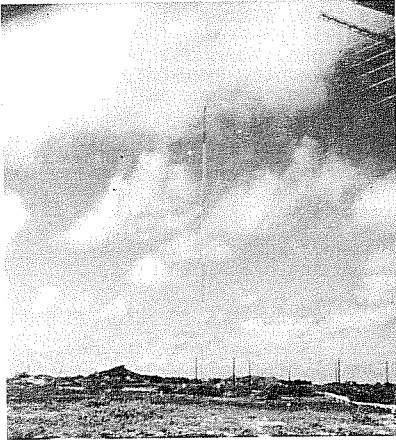
- 1340 KQIL CO, Grand Junction 3/5 0224-0236 poor-fair signal with C&W music, male DJ, lots of IDs. Resurfaced around 0340. New, CO #31. (TRH-CA1)
- KCEM NM, Farmington 3/4 2307 noted throughout the evening with C&W music, "Kick'em Country" slogans, IDs, and local ads. (TRH-CA1)
- KTCR WA, Kennewick 3/4 0330 "Tri-Cities...KTCR, Kennewick" and into news. Ex-KOTY. (pb-WA)
- 1350 KABQ NM, Albuquerque 3/5 0419 fair dominating channel over KRYT with Spanish; music, IDs, slogans "numero uno" & "La Autoridad." New, NM #30. (TRH-CA1)
- 1360 KRKK WY, Rock Springs 3/5 0321 poor-fair mixing with KPOP, this time I caught the ID on tape. New, WY #9. (TRH-CA1)
- 1400 KMIN NM, Grants 3/4 2221 faded up nicely for an ID, lucky I had my tape recorder on at the time! New, NM #29. (TRH-CA1)
- 1410 KERN CA, Bakersfield 3/11 2315 "Talkradio 1410, KERN." Fair. Strong aurora removed usual CFUN signal. (PM-OR)
- 1480 KYOS CA, Merced 3/5 0030 fair with Jim Bohannon, "Newstalk 14-80, KYOS" slogan. This is my unID from last month. (TRH-CA1)
- 1490 KYCA AZ, Prescott 3/4 2230-2355 now carrying Phoenix Suns EKB. Good signals. (TRH-CA1)
- KICO CA, Calexico 3/4 2304 just faded up for ID -- one of the few CA GY stations audible on this antenna. (TRH-CA1)
- KRTN NM, Raton 3/4 2141 U. of New Mexico Lobos BKB game, 2231 ad during half-time for Raton Builders Supply. Called station, played tape of ad, and they confirmed it was KRTN. New. (TRH-CA1)
- 1510 KFNN AZ, Mesa 3/1 2020 good at SSS with affiliation with the Financial News Network. 2021 "KFNN News," 2024 "KFNN Valley Weather," 2025 "The financial news continues on 1510 KFNN..." Ex-KDJQ for me. (SMM-CA)
- KGA WA, Spokane 3/5 0746-0831 good to excellent strength but deep fading with KHFT-1500 mostly nulled, with C&W music, lots of "15-10, KGA, the Country Station" IDs, ABC-I news, and promos. (SSH-CA)
- 1520 (KSGO) OR, Oregon City 3/5 0438 off RS with OC. (bp-WA)
- 1570 CHUB BC, Nanaimo 3/5 0717-0723 good but fading deeply with rock music (Satellite Radio Net "Night Shift" program), requests, celebrity birthdays, and promos. (SSH-CA)
- 1600 KRXY CO, Lakewood 2/27 0358 alone in partial null of KQUL-1590 slop. Contest promo mentioning "Y-108," 0400 clear "KRXY-AM, Lakewood-Denver" ID, into news. (pb-WA)
- KATZ MO, St. Louis 3/5 0358-0420 fair mixing with KMNY with SMN "Heart & Soul" Motown oldies service including SNN news 0358. Legal ID on the hour then back into SMN feed. New. (TRH-CA1)
- 1610 (KNHD261) WA, Olympia 3/9 1205 & 1435 Olympia area TIS appears to be inactive. During the past two weeks the highway signs have been removed. No more open carrier, completely silent, although antennas are still in place. Their last message was last fall. (BH-WA1)

UNIDs:

- 830 3/8 0335 40 db over S/9 tone, intermittent with OC periods with tone returning at various pitches. No ID, of course, suspect KNCO Grass Valley, although loop indicated NW/SE and Grass Valley is NNE. (RtH) (KFLT Tucson, AZ, maybe?--NH)
- 1080 3/5 0050-0300 station steady under KRLD with BBD program, sounded like CNN news on the hour. Sounded exactly like the old KSCO's programming. Suspect WRYT-IL, but this music wasn't as bland as SMN's Stardust playlist usually is. Any other ideas? (TRH-CA1)
- 1090 3/5 2115 faded over KBOZ/XEPRS with rock (Carly Simon), gone in middle of song as a power change or s/off. Format & "sign-off" time fit KTNS Oakhurst, CA, looped east. (RW-CA) (Robert, Bill checked the March sunset maps and Almanac chart, and says KNCR Fortuna also has a 2115 sunset time, and format fits, but loop doesn't. Oakhurst is very close to the 2100-2115 line, possibly on the 2100 side. KNCR is 10,000 watts; KTNS is 500.--NH)
- 1190 3/2 2100 coming in very poor under KEX. Heard man announce time as 12:00. Lost for good. Anybody know what this could be? Possibly WOWO? (CM-CA)
- 1200 3/2 2400 coming in very poor under CKDA/WOAI with rock music. CHMG possibly? (CM-CA)

- 1300 3/4 2251 station airing comedy under KROP, XEJ. Maybe KVOR? Excellent conditions to CO/NM tonight. (TRH-CA1)
- 1340 3/4 2310 Phoenix Suns BKB // KYCA-1490, KTAR-620. Might be unneeded KIKO or needed KFBR. (TRH-CA1)
- 1360 3/5 0320 unID C&W station mixing with KPOP/KLFF/KRKK and others. (TRH-CA1)
- 1360 3/5 0456 unID with talk (sounded like tape-delayed Talknet). Probably much-needed KSCJ, as Neil logged them about the same time. (TRH-CA1)
- 1400 3/4 2121 female DJ with C&W music, ad for First National Bank of Green(?). Any ideas? (TRH-CA1)
- 1490 3/4 2200-2300 Super Gold Oldies program. Los Alamos, NM? (TRH-CA1)
- 1600 3/5 0458 light 70's AdCon, would not fit KATZ or KRXY format. Noted two or three times tonight. Any ideas? (TRH-CA1)

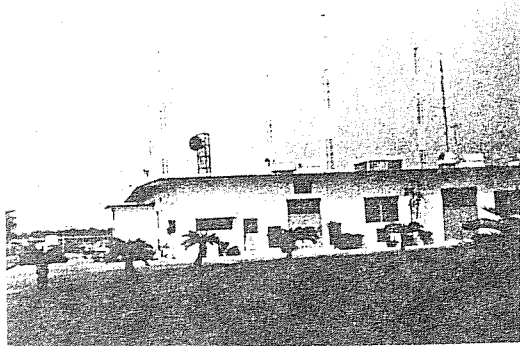
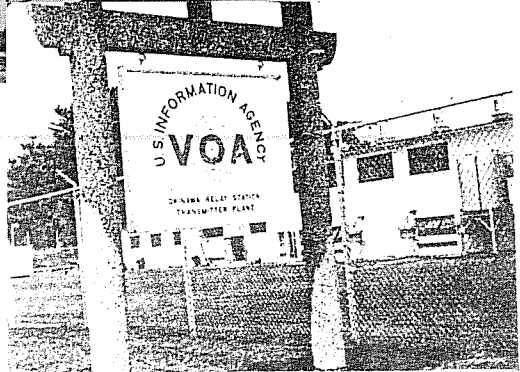
Welcome to WDXR, Steve H.! The turnout for this issue was excellent. Thank you to all the reporters! Happy 25th anniversary, IRCA. ♡



Top row: tower and "studio" of WXLE, a 250 watt station operating on Canton Island in the 1970's. Despite low power, it was widely heard on the west coast & once as far east as Virginia.

Right: the Voice of America had a 1 MW relay on 1178 kHz on Okinawa until the late 70s. Mike Hardester snapped these two shots while stationed on the island.

Below: Father Jack Pejza



DX WORLDWIDE EAST

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A fine turnout for this week's column, so on with the reports. Lately (week of 13th) solar activity and flares have wreaked havoc with most communications, so hopefully resulting conditions will cause some interesting DX to occur. If so, please report any interesting foreign information to the DXW sections.

IRANS - ATLANTIC DX (Hakiel-NY) unless noted

- 693 ENGLAND, Droitwich 0135 2/25 : EZL mx, 'La Vie En Rose', EE talk, good.
- 765 SENEGAL, Dakar 2314 3/6 : Good w/2 men in vern. talk, nightly regular.
- 837 t CANARY ISLANDS, 0443 3/5 : SS talk, poor. (Connelly-MA)
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers 0050 3/5 : Fem. AA chant, good - best TA. (Connelly-MA)
- 981 t ALGERIA, 0325 3/5 : Possible AA mx, stiff het against WCAP / South Americans-980. (Connelly-MA)
- 1089 ENGLAND, Brookman's Park 2304 3/1 : Fr w/pop vocals by w, EE talk.
- 1197 GERMANY, Munich VOA 0335 2/1 : Fr w/m & w in RR talk //7105 SW. (There's one I'd like to hear, George. ed)
- 1215 USSR, Kaliningrad 0239 2/1 : Fr w/EE World Svce. pgm //1386, USSR stn #4. (Nice logging, George - only one USSR from Pittsburgh. ed)
- 1269 GERMANY, Neumunster 0323 2/1 : Alpine mx, GG talk, fair.
- 1314 NORWAY, Kviteseid 2332 2/27 : Gd w/US oldies, Norse talk.
- 1375 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON, 0124 3/5 : Back on nominal freq.; this had previously drifted higher and lower. Good signal, per usual. FF talk, man doing sportscast. (Connelly-MA)
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, Duba 0313 3/5 : AA chanting briefly peaked up well o/generally-tough WWKB oldies-show slop. (Connelly-MA)
- 1539 GERMANY, Mainflingen 0413 2/1 : Fr w/light mx, GG talk.

PAN - AMERICAN DX (Connelly-MA) unless noted

- 530 COSTA RICA, Cartago TICAL 0450 2/11 : 'R. Rumbó', SS love songs, good. (Hakiel)
- 590 CUBA, 0447 3/5 : R. Reloj tick-tock pgm o/u WEEI.
- 600 CUBA, Urbano Noris CMKV 0450 3/5 : Uptempo SS LA mx, SS talk, 'Rebelde' ID - Toud! Pipeline to Cuba tonight; South Americans, by comparison, were poor.
- 610 CUBA, 0451 3/5 : Rebelde pgm //600; poor & in jumble.
- 620 CUBA, Color CMDA 0451 3/5 : Rebelde pgm //600; pr to fr w/LA & domestic QRM.
- 640 CUBA, Guanabacoa/Pilon 0454 3/5 : Gd w/SS mx, R. Progreso pgm.
- 650 COLOMBIA, Bogota HJX 0335 2/14 : Gd w/Col. mx, ID as 'R. de Colombia, R-C-N'. (Hakiel-NY)
- 660 CUBA, Santa Clara CMED 0454 3/5 : Progreso pgm, //640; u/WFAN.
- 670 CUBA, Arroyo Arenas CMBC 0459 3/5 : 'Rebelde' ID; dominant o/other SS LA (YVLL?) - no domestics audible.
- 730 COLOMBIA, Bogota HJCU 0506 3/5 : Brassy mx, 'R. Melodia' ID.
 unID, 0509 3/5 : Something apparently using a 'Mundial' slogan briefly surfaced w/SS talk o/HJCU and a mishmash of other SS LA's. (Perhaps a 'world topic' pgm, Mark? ed)
- 740 CUBA, Camaguey CMHB 0622 2/20 : Mambo mx, SS talk by m, good. (Townshend-DC)
- 760 CUBA, 0520 3/5 : Reloj pgm, atop graveyard-like rumble of other stations.
- 790 CUBA, Pinar del Rio CMDA 0230 2/10 : Nx pgm by m & w, good o/WTAR. (Townshend)
- 812 CUBA, - off-freq. Cuban hrd nightly - 'Radio Progreso' ID, good. (Hakiel-NY)
 +0448 3/5 : The stn previously noted (unID) at the home QTH in Billerica w/a poor signal has a killer signal down here @West Yarmouth. Gd w/slogan 'La Onda de la Alegria' (roughly translated: 'The Happy Station') (Yes, Mark, it's formally 'The Wave of Happiness'. ed), mentioned 'desde La Habana'. This must give Bahamas-810 fits! I sure clobbers it (and WGY, HJCY et al.) on Capre Cod. (Occ here too, but as of recheck week of 13th may have returned to nom. 810. ed)
- 820 CUBA, 0529 3/5 : R. Progreso pgm //640; good o/others.
- 830 CUBA, Habana (?) (Vicinity of per FCC. ed) 1550 3/5 : Cuba audible ALL DAY!

After taking note of George Hakiel's daytime reception of this, I thought I'd give it a try from West Yarmouth. Sure enough, it's in there just slightly u/WNYC (w/ the neighbor's light dimmer phased out). At the beach, away from power lines, the phaser could be used to knock out WNYC and bring Cuba in all alone. Who knows, this might make it to Nova Scotia days. Phased Beverages, regenerative preamplification, a hot receiver, and a seaside QTH should do the trick. Fast SS LA mx

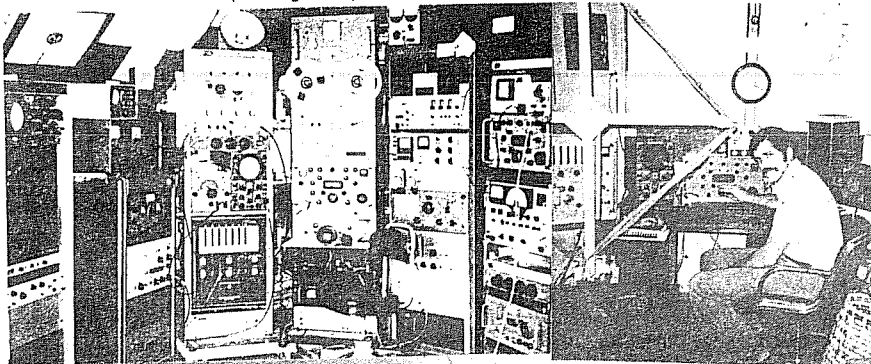
was hrd at 1550 UTC/10:50am local time. SAH between WNYC & Cuba is about 7Hz; it seemed fairly constant at morning, noon, and afternoon checks. Neil Kazaross & I got Cuba on 720 at noon from Narragansett, RI in 1979; Beverages were used. Considerable shorter wires were used this time. ++Night signal awesome, in the same league as PJB-800 and Paradise-825 (and, for that matter, semi-local WHDH-850). SS mx & revolutionary talk loud on 05 MAR @0058; EE sports rpt (//1040/1160) great at 0139. The het between this and St. Kitts-825 sounds like the battle of the titans. Belize-830 probably doesn't get out of its backyard now.

- 940 CUBA, Colon CMDI 0334 3/5 : R. Reloj new/time show well o/CBM.
 950.5a unID, 0540 3/5 : Quite a het here against CKNB/CHER/others after I phased out dominant WPEN.
 960 CUBA, 0045 3/5 : R. Reloj outlet dominant.
 1040 CUBA, 0138 3/5 : Sports rpt in EE, good. Was //830 & 1160.
 1100 ANTIGUA, St. John's ZDK 0146 3/5 : Rap mx by Jamaican ecc'td dude / much revert then Carib. EE DJ. Barely atop jumble of competing signals.
 1102.1a CUBA, 0145 3/5 : R. Reloj Cuban here w/usual fmt. Crackling noted on audio, as if from an intermittent audio patch cord in the studio. Good signal on split, should be widely hrd.
 1150 VENEZUELA, Punto Fijo YVMM 0440 3/5 : Gd w/SS talk, "R. Mundial Caribe" ID. (Hakiel-NY)
 1160 CUBA, Habana (?) 0143 3/5 : EE pgm //830/1040. Was o/u a big-band stn, probab' WQMR from Maine.
 1170 COLOMBIA, Cartagena HJNW 0314 2/7 : Fr w/SS talk, "CARACOL" ID. (Hakiel-NY)
 1380 CUBA, Jaronu CMHY 0353 1/31 : Love songs by duet, SS talk, ID, good. (Hakiel-N)

FROM THE EDITOR: Please excuse the print quality in the DXWV-E recently. The old machin is ailing and if I can find the time will rip it apart again to repair it. ed

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Above Left: DX shack of legendary DXer Gordon Nelson, circa 1976. Lower left: Mark Connelly circa 1979. Above: Elliott Straus, DX Worldwide Editor in the late 1970's.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY INTERNATIONAL RADIO CLUB OF AMERICA. 25 GREAT YEARS!!!!!!!

We have a good turn out for you this week. Several we haven't heard from in quite sometime heard some good ones. I even did a little more DXing than I have done in recent weeks and caught a new New Zealander. So on with the show.

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP (A Great turnout here!!)

- 630 MEXICO, Unid station noted 2/23 1145 w/XE anthem and s/on. Soon lost to KHOW/KIDO/KSLR mix. Have never heard a trace of an XE on this freq. before. (TRH-CA)
- 640 CUBA, MM 2/20 0215-0915 Almost level with KFI w/lively pgm of pop vocals. Later noted //660. (TRH-CA1)
- 660 CUBA, MM 2/20 0910 surfaced suddenly wiping out what may have been KSKY. Progreso net pgm //640. Haven't hrd this one at home in quite sometime. (TRH-CA1)
- 680 MEXICO, XELG MM 2/20 0220 Mexican National program, caught a quick ID and "La Grande" slogan on tape. Still there at 0425 and 0535 rechecks. New. (TRH-CA1)
- 810 BAHAMAS, Freeport-ZNS3 MM 2/20 0245-0915. Poor-fair way u/KGO but audible all evening w/usual half-hour rel. shows: "10 PM News" at 0300 weather f/c for the Southeast and temps in Fahrenheit and Celsius, nx again at 0500. Need a f/up report on this one, but couldn't copy enough verifiable details. (TRH-CA) (Too bad you couldn't tape it. Maybe a taped report would have gotten you a QSL.PM)
- 830 CUBA, MM 2/20 0155, Cuban mx, mostly female vocals, //1160. New Cuba #19. (TRH-CA1)
- +Also noted La Habana, Radio Taino hrd 1/30 0605 w/Tropical mx and SS ID. (GK-CA)
- +Also hrd Radio Taino 2/18 0140-0220 Vy strong signal SS, dominating 830. WCCO gone. KNCO in null, //1160. 0140-0145 World Sports in EE, 0145 to 0150 Latin mx in EE, 0150, 0202, Interview with Jazz musician visiting in Havana in EE, 0202 ID "This is Taino 1160 on your dial, I'm Bill Bowmer your host", 0202 to 0210 Latin mx in SS, 0210 to 0213 Female with Cuba Teavel info in EE, 0213 to 0218 Latin mx in SS, 0218 to 0220 female talking about political parties in Cuba in EE. (JCJ-MT) (John thx for the detailed info on this.PM)
- 890 UNID, hrd 2/28 1252-1259 w/SS spot for Kawasaki, then Ranchera mx, Buried by KDXU s/on 1259. Mexico? (GK-CA)
- 990 MEXICO, Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua=XEGF 2/23 1255-1310. New station 5KW. Ver: strange morning program...bilingual GERMAN AND SPANISH!! Much like the "Spanglish" You hear along the border, this show was mainly in German except for the commonly-used phrases such as the date and time which were in Spanish. Lots of ads, slogan sounded like "Radio Formula" but I'm not sure. About 90-95% sure of calls, caught full ID on tape. New XE #123. (TRH-CA) (There must be a large German population in the area, don't you think? PM)
- 1040 CUBA, La Habana-Radio Taino hrd 1/30 0532-0600 w/ballads and peppy SS mx, spoken and jingle IDs. (GK-CA)
- 1102.2a CUBA, Radio Reloj station 3/5 0223 poor w/2 men reading nx. Reloj pips barely hrd audible underneath. New Cuba #20. (TRH-CA1)
- 1160 CUBA, MM 2/20 0150 nated w/usual program bothering KSL //830. This one is hard to hear at home due to KCBO-1170 slop. (TRH-CA1)
- +Also noted 1/30 Radio Taino 0616 w/SS talk, had to null KSL to hear this. (GK-CA)
- +Also noted Radio Taino 2/19 0140 weak in tight KSL null //830. JMJ-MT)

- 1505 t ANGUILLA, HM 2/20 0330-0400 poor but faded up at times playing sacred mx much like was one 1555. No ID or talk of any sort. Would be new if I could get an ID. (TRH-CA1)
- 1555 t CAYMAN ISLANDS, HM 2/20 0320-0400 probably them with nonstop pgm of sacred mx. Faded up nicely at times, but no talk of any sort, let alone an ID! Would be new if I could get an ID. (TRH-CA1)
- +Hrd again 3/5 0318 fair in 1550 slop with British accented man reading mx. This time we got the ID. New Country #29. (TRH-CA1) (Good going, I hrd 1205 several years back and got a QSL. They are a good QSLer. PM)
- 1570 t TURKS AND CAICOS, 3/5 0308 and several rechecks. Atlantic Beacon (presumed) with usual 1/2 hour blocks of Southern Gospel and rel. shows. 1610 Anguilla also loud tonight. Has been noted at SSS from home also. (TRH-CA1)
- 1580 MEXICO, Hermosillo-XEDM, very good at 1020 on 3/12. Best hrd in a while with ads and Ranchera mx. (PH-OR)
- 1600 UHID, strong Southern cx with weak SS station under/over KMHY. Noted at 1207 on 3/13. Anyone hear an SS on 1600? (PH-OR)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 531 AUSTRALIA, West Kempsey-2HC-vy good with pop mx and sports scores at 1125 on 3/14. "Coast radio" and 2HC IDS. This is one of the easiest DUs anymore. It used to be 4HK-1026, but they are much weaker these days. (PH-OR)
- 585 t AUSTRALIA, Hobart-7ZL, probably the station with non-stop classical mx, fading into the mud at 1237 on 3/14. (PH-OR)
- 639 Fiji, Lautoka-fair in KFI slop and man in Fijian in passing at 1130 on 3/14. (PH-OR)
- 648 AMERICAN SAHOA, Pago Pago-WVUV-good signal was U.S. Pops and U.S. DJ several "WVUV" mentions and a dedication or two at 0908 3/14. (PH-OR)
- 684 Fiji, Labasa-Radio Fiji 1 // 639 at 1134 3/14. Man in Fijian. (PH-OR)
- 702 UHID(S) hrd 2/28 1233-1316, soft orch. mx and piano mx hrd w/fair to zilch signal, bearing may be south to Japan. At 1316, was orch mx while HHK? stations were in JJ talk. However at 1245, hrd Ort. talk by YL poss. //828. (GK-CA) (Maybe an Aussie mixing with JJ? PM)
- 720 U.S.S.R., Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk-3/6 st 0940 during KDWH SP. Good with man talking in Asian language. Also a brief inst. with disco type beat (JW)
- 738 TAHITI, Fr3, fair with woman in FF at 0850 on 3/14. Strong carrier, better than KCBS, but very weak audio, as much of the Pacific is. If the Pacific stations used 1005 mod, boy would many of them be strong. (PM)
- 747 JAPAN, Sapporo-301B-strong but w/KCBS splatter 2/28, 1218 in JJ. (GK-CA)
- 756 NEW ZEALAND, Auckland-1YA-vy good with National pgm and Frank Sinatra tune at 1239 on 3/14. Best hrd in a while. (PH-OR)
- 765 NEW ZEALAND, Hastings-2ZK-fair w/rr mx at 1212 on 3/14. (PH-OR)
- 774 JAPAN, Aki-a-30UB fair-poor 2/28 1217 w/JJ talk, much splatter covering signals. (GK-CA) (Don't you notice that the Domestic slop seems to be much worse than a few years back. Either the signals are much weaker from the Pacific and Asia or the slop is worse, maybe a combination of both? PH)
- +Also hrd 3/6 at 0957. Fair with intermediate-level conversational EE. This Powerhouse is seldom hrd this season. (JW-OR) (Also same is true here. PH)
- 783 t NEW ZEALAND, Wellington-2YB poss. the one with disc. prm in passing, lot of KROW splatter at 1134 on 2/13. (PH-OR)
- 792 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-40G, good with Clas. mx and woman ancr at 1239 3/14, checked to see if 585 was //, but had faded out. (PH-OR)
- 828 JAPAN, Osaka-30BB-fair-good 2/28 1209-1310 w/JJ. (GK-CA)
- +Also noted at 1340 on 2/21. Maybe EE lessons before 1400, time pips, male-female after 1400, interval signal and ID at 1420. (RS-CA) (Nice to hear from you Ralph. Long time no hear. Report when you can. PM)
- +Also hrd 3/6 at 1043. Fair to good w/woman w/Intermediate EE (JW-OR)
- 830 HAWAII, Honolulu-KIKI-Good w/Hawaii spots, ID sixties mx, 3/6 at 1035 (JW-OR)
- 846 KIRIBATI, good w/man in language in passing at 0930 on 3/14. Best hrd in a longtime. (PH-OR)
- 855 AUSTRALIA, Maryborough-40B, good with Easy listening mx at 0936 on 3/14. KHL0 splatter. (PH-OR)
- 891 Fiji, Lautoka-Radio Fiji 2, w/Hindi mx and woman ancr at 0840 3/14 (PM)
- 945 SOLOMON ISLANDS, Gizo-Hrd w/ old U.S. C&W mx // 1035, lost in splatter soon at 1023 on 3/14. (PH-OR)

1008 NEW ZEALAND, Tauranga-1ZD-good with "New Zealand Tonight" with Pop mx and many NZ ments, tcs, etc. at 0940 on 3/14. Fantastic signal at times. Best hrd in several years. (PH-OR)

1017 TONGA, Nuku'alofa-exc. signal equal with domestics on 1010/1020, w/ man in Tonganese (presumed) at 0837 on 3/14. (PH-OR)

1026 NEW ZEALAND, Kaitaia/Whangarei-1ZK/1ZN, // w/1008 and NZ Tonight in passing 0941 3/14. (PM-OR)

1035 NEW ZEALAND, Wellington-2ZB // 1008 at 0942 3/14 in passing. (PH-OR)

1053 NORTH KOREA, Jammer hrd w/outer-space noises 2/28 1203 (GK-CA)

1125 UNID, weak station here, mostly carrier in looking for 2XR-Ruatoria) (Not listed in 89 WRTH) at 1015 3/14. (PH-OR)

1377 NEW ZEALAND, Horowhenua-2XX, hrd weakly with w/News at 0900 and wx for Horowhenua area (Wherever that is, couldn't find on map), mentioned boat racing in Auckland in Sports, but being a 2 call, must be in Southern part of N. Island, 2XX ID, lost in mud, U.S. Pop mx. New (PM)

1475 MALAYSIA, Kota Kinabalu-3/5 1130 Very good signal at times. Female ancr talking in dialect between song excerpts. ID "The Malaysian Broadcasting Service" hrd twice and caught on tape. Was Definitely on 1475, not 1476. New, Country #30. (TRH-CA1) (Good going on this, hasn't been reported in quite a while. Another good verifier, but don't be surprised if it takes a while. It took about a year to get a QSL card and beautiful pennant back in 1979. PM)

THANKS TO THESE GREAT REPORTERS (Thanks for a great turnout guys. PM)

TRH-CA TIM HALL-350 G STREET #F1-CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA 92010-4559
DXing with Realistic DX150B, Radio West Loop

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DXing at Neil's beverage site, Rancho Bernardo (San Diego), Ca. ICF-2010, 4600 ft. Beverage and 1500 ft. Longwire.

JCJ-MT JOHN C. JOHNSON-979 NEPTUNE BLVD.-BILLINGS, MONTANA 59105-2129
ICOM R71A, Radio West Loop

GK-CA GLEN KIPPEL-612 WEST AVENUE-MERCED, CALIFORNIA 95340
Hammarlund SP-600-JX17, and GE Superadio

RS-CA RALPH SANSEIRINO-11300 MAGNOLIA #43 - RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA 92505
Modified FRG-7, Small Box Loop

JW-OR JACK WOODS-POST OFFICE BOX 1003-WALDPORT, OREGON 97394
ICF-2010, Martens Loop

PM-OR YER EDITOR
SP-600JX, RBO-2, 1500' East Bev, 1400' NNW Bev, 200' NE/SW term.
LW, Ground system.



Some convention photos: lower left - meeting room at 1983 Seattle convention L-R Randy Seaver, Bruce Portzer, Greg Monti, Jim Hilliker, Don Erickson, Dennis Kibbe. Above left - banquet at 1972 San Diego convention, Grant Manning at center with tie, left row looks like Randy Seaver, Father Jack Pejza, Albert Lobel, John Kolb, the rest are unknown. Above softball game at 1970 Vancouver convention, Dave Prather at bat, Randy Seaver catching, Linda Seaver & Larry Godwin in background.

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Once again, it is time to wish IRCA a Happy Anniversary. As a re-introduction, I am 26, working as a student lawyer (which means that by this time next year I'll be the real thing), and have been an IRCA member since the 1977-78 DX season. A few things have changed since I started out as an IRCA member: Monday Morning (or Sunday Morning for that matter) used to mean something. I can recall the Monday Morning of December 6, 1976 when KGHL-790 and KTWO-1030 were heard for my first and only Montana and Wyoming stations ever logged from Ontario. (3 years in Winnipeg rectified that deficiency, hi). On weekends, when I would stay up late, I used to look forward to CBC stations signing off at 0108 so that I could hunt for equipment tests from daytimers, particularly on 1550 & 1580. One such station that always comes to mind is WKIG in Glennville, GA on 1580. WKIG wouldn't verify my report of an ET in March, 1979, although IRCA member Scott Mentzer had also heard the same test, and had reported same to CDXR. It also seems that sunset skip to the deep south and southwest was a common occurrence 10 years ago. Not so anymore, although I can't really say that, as I usually come home from work several hours after sunset! Oh, for the good old days... I suppose it's a shame that I wasn't DXing when things were really great, back in the mid-1960's. 73s and good DX to everyone.

Bill Harms, near Munich in Bavaria, Germany

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IRCA. Time for the annual re-intro. I am 33 years old and am married to the former Becky Patch. We have 4 children. I have been a MW DXer ("officially") since 1969, and have been a member of IRCA since 1977. I had listened to distant stations on the MW band before 1969, but I didn't know that what I was doing was called DXing. I remember listening to my first "W" station in the form of WCCO sometime in the mid 60's on my clock radio. I remember that there was a lot of QRM from KNEW-790, Spokane, WA, a local station. I guess that poor selectivity like this is typical for many clock radios. The first time I learned about MW DX was from a Popular Communications magazine which had an article about collecting QSL cards from MW stations. My first MW QSL card is from WFAA-820 Dallas, dated November, 1969. Since then I have collected several hundred QSL's from 43 states and 45 countries. I have DXed at Spokane, Washington (my original hometown), Provo, Utah, Maryland, Korea, and here in Bavaria. I figured out the other day my totals for here in Bavaria are about 650 stations heard from 50 countries and 130 stations verified from 29 countries and 5 continents. Only continent not heard and verified here is Oceania. I have had fun DXing MW here in Central Europe, especially being able to pick up new countries the same way DXers pick up new states/provinces in North America. In addition to MW, I also DX SWBC and FM-TV. Some of my favorite memories include listening to East Coast stations with the coyotes on Beverage antennas strung on sagebrush bushes and cactus in the Utah deserts, going to the 1979 IRCA convention in Portland, and serving as a member of the BoD for 2 years. In closing, I would like to again say Happy Anniversary to IRCA and I am looking forward to many more years of being a member of this great club. Drei und Siebsig von Bayern de Bill.

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

Greetings and Happy 25th to IRCA! I joined in 1977, so I guess that means that I have been a member for almost half of that time. As a re-intro- I am 35, a single parent with an almost-five-year-old son, Kevin, and am employed as a structural engineer with an architectural aluminum products firm. My DXing "career" began during high school, around 1969 or so, although prior to that I had often tuned around my dad's big console radio to see how many cities I could hear. In 1969, a friend told me about verifications, so I began DXing "seriously" about then. I don't recall keeping a log until about 1971, and I have lost track of that original log. So, 1971, I left North Carolina after graduation, and moved to Carrollton, GA to attend West GA College. It was there that I got to sit on the other side of a radio, working for a year at WLBB-1100/WBTR-92.1. I also had a brief stint at WGCC-1440 Bremen, GA, and assisted in the beginning of WGGC-FM, a mighty on-campus 10-watter! In 1974, I moved

to Atlanta, and have been here ever since. Current totals are 1765/1370 and I am currently DXing what little I have time for with my trusty refurbished HQ-150, and a R390A on loan from former IRCA'er Wayne Murphy of Nashville. As I mentioned in a recent Forum, my days of at-home beverage DXing are over, as the woods where my antenna "farm" was are being transformed into an apartment complex. So, I have revived my old 4-ft NRC altazimuth loop, which works great on the lower part of the band, but needs some adjustments for use higher up. Although I missed what is often the "golden" days of DXing, I began in time to remember such things as Monday mornings with most of the clears off and numerous DX tests; I suppose I got in during the tail-end of the good old days! I doubt that I will ever completely give up DXing, because it is a great posttime for me and has been one of the greatest constants in my life, and through it some lasting friendships have begun. It is a lot harder to hear something new these days, due to both my increasing totals and the increasing levels of interference on the band, but I just consider it a challenge and keep going, regardless of the changes in the band that occur. Being a part of the IRCA certainly has enhanced my own DXing, and I hope both the IRCA and myself are around for many years to come! 73's.

Karl D. Forth, 2714 North LeClaire, Chicago, Illinois 60639

Happy 25th Birthday, IRCA! My memories of IRCA don't extend back to 1964, but I remember the early 1970s when I was in high school and first joined the club. At that time, DX Monitor was an attractive stenciled bulletin put out by Don Erickson in Riverside, California. The DX Round-ups and DX Forums were part of the "blue pages". The CDXF editor was Lynn Brooks and the CDXR editor was a cigar-chewing truck dispatcher named Rick Evans! There were many colorful DXers active in the Chicago area at that time, and it's kind of surprising now to look back at what was being heard by all of us. It was a lot of fun! I'm still DXing, but at a much slower pace, due in part to the crowded band and changing conditions, and many other interests that I didn't have 17 years ago. I only heard 15 new stations this season, to bring the heard total to 2487. Next season, the "drive for two-five" (2500) will begin. I also sent out a few reports and got back a couple of verifications to bring that total to 1263. This season, conditions have seemed to be poor, especially since the first of the year. Maybe it's the auroras we had in January, but there has definitely been a reduced level of skywave reception. I'm 33 years old, and work on the editorial staff of a trade magazine in the aviation field. Over the past year, I've used my ICOM IC-R70 with a homebuilt spiral loop as the primary ECB rig. The Hammarlund HQ-160 is still in service, and I've been accumulating extra tubes in recent months to ensure that it will still be around when the tubes aren't. I'm also interested in short-wave DXing, and sometimes DX FM and TV, especially during skip openings. Other interests include travel, photography, maps, reading, painting and running. A couple of weeks ago, I was driving down the Calumet Expressway on the south side of town, and was looking for the new WMXA-1200 towers that were supposed to be at the Calumet and 130th. I didn't see anything, so I assumed they wouldn't be on the air for a long time. I've since read that their towers are up in another location at 104th and the Tri-State Tollway. On another local note, one of my favorite radio programs is going off the air. WLWU, the Loyola University station on 88.7 FM, aired a two-hour program on Sunday nights called "Super CFL". They played all the songs that were on the "Big Ten" record surveys, talked about the records and the artists (for example, why WCFL had a song on their survey and WLS didn't) and, best of all, had a wide variety of Super CFL jingles from the late 1960's and early 1970's. It looks like the program will be a memory, just like WCFL! 73.

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

I'm thrilled to be a part of the 25th anniversary celebration of IRCA, and I hope to see many more. I've been a member of IRCA and a regular contributor to these pages since I first joined in June, 1985 and certainly have enjoyed being part of a great club and a great hobby. A brief re-intro: I'm 28, single, and work part-time at the University of Notre Dame. I recently graduated from Purdue University with a BS in Meteorology. I've been a MW/SW DXer since the mid 70's, but I started keeping totals and a serious log in 1981, and since that time I have logged 994 stations from 42 states, 7 provinces and 20 other countries. 45 of these logs are call changes so my actual total is 949. In addition to MW, I also DX shortwave and I am a newly licensed amateur holding a novice ticket with the call KB9BIT. Again, I want to thank everyone who works so hard to put out a high quality bulletin each week, especially Bruce Portzer, all editors, and all regular contributors. Without any of these dedicated people, IRCA would just be another club instead of the fine organization it is today. Finally, to all those who don't contribute:

This club is only as good as its participation. If more people would take time to send in a few logs each week, the DX Monitor would be that much better. Please share your DXpertise with the rest of us. 73's to all.

Ernest Cooper, 5 Anthony Street, Provincetown, Massachusetts 02657 508-487-9337. This may be IRCA's 25th Anniversary, but I recently celebrated (?) my 57th Anniversary as a DXer - on December 28, 1988. My first-ever verification was for reception on that date in 1932, from WFIW-940, Lopkinsville, KY, which became WAVE-970 Louisville, and is now WAVG. Second received was a typed card from WEXL-1310, Royal Oak, MI, still going strong(er) on the GY channel which is now 1340. At that time, they ran a big 50 watts, but were considered a "pest" as they maintained a schedule of 0800-0400 daily. Around that time there were a few Mexican border EE language stations, like XEPN-585, XER-735, XENT-1115, XERA-1570 (I think). In the 30s, most of the GY stations conducted regular frequency checks which were monitored by the FCC, and were of 20 minutes' duration, the first week of the month. All other stations on that frequency had to be silent for them. Later on, they were changed to the second week of the month and were of 15 minutes length. Few remember that Maritime Canadian stations also conducted regular monthly frequency checks in those days. They were eight minutes long - the station would sign on, play one march, ID, then go off, come back with their auxiliary transmitter and play another (or the same) march, ID and go off! One of the earliest all-nighters was WEDC-1210, Chicago, owned by Emil Denmark Cadillac Distributors, the only sponsor on that station. They called their overnight show "The Midnight Flyers". WEDC was, however, a DXer's friend, as many times, they kindly signed off for 15 minute periods to allow DXers to try for DX tests on their frequency, once for one of their share-timers, WCRW. New York City's First Aner was WNEW-1280, which later swapped frequencies with WOV to get 1130, their present channel. Now, New York's only non-all-nighters are WLIB-1190 and WNYC-830, the latter will join the AN brigade when and if they ever get on 820 kHz. Why are some stations staying on all night? One told me it's because it is cheaper to have an all-night deejay on duty than to hire an overnight security guard! I was a member back in those days of the Canadian DX Relay, and the Globe Circlers DX Club, before joining the National Radio Club in '39. I do not keep a heard log, nor do I tape my loggings. All I count is my veries, which total os of this writing, 3/4/89, 4,337. I still get a thrill out of logging a new one even after all these years!

Karl J. Zuk, 154 Old Post Road North, Croton-on-Hudson, New York 10520

I have been fired as broadcast DXing editor of Popular Communications magazine. After writing 5 monthly articles and a feature, I insisted to be paid, and was fired. The day I was fired I received my first check. Paul Swearingen warned me about this, but I thought I would give it a try to promote the club. I was successful while it lasted, getting in a couple of good plugs and by sending IRCA information to all who wrote to the column. For those of you who read my article on the RNI pirate ship in the March issue, I didn't write the last paragraph. I think the ship has quite a future, and these guys still have my support. Paraphrasing Chuck Berry "I'm so glad to be living in the IRCA..." DX here has been very slow this season. The channels are just loaded with undecipherable drones of lots of low power stations. Now that AM sounds like CB, the FCC is approving the close spacing of FM stations. AM comes to FM! News about the expansion of the band to 1700 kHz: It seems that the preference of allocations to these frequencies will be to existing daytimers, and they will simulcast on their new and old AM band frequencies until the expansion catches on. The TIS stations will move from 530 and 1610 to 1700 kHz. Maximum power on the 1610-1690 allocations will be 10 kw. Also keep looking for the NAB antenna experiment station on 1660 kHz this summer. It could prove interesting. I had a couple of phone calls with Dave of pirate WJDI-1620 fame. Although his station is illegal, he actually builds his own transmitters from scratch. He does beautiful work, and the transmitters sound wonderful. His last broadcast, for a long time, will be on March 12, due to FCC paranoia. It seems the NRC actually printed his address and name. Maybe they should have just written to the FCC directly. I have been tinkering with my flea-powered Part 15 station on 530 kHz. I obtained an old relic from the RNI shop Sarah: a little motor driven code identifier. I have maintained the old call sign of Y 12. This would distinguish my whisper of a signal from others. I will have a new ground system and more efficient antenna in the spring. These flea powered propagation tests have improved my knowledge of low frequency antenna and feedline design immensely. Anyway, with no column to write for the magazine, Mr. Evans will be hearing from me much more often! Congratulations to everyone on our 25th anniversary, and best of DX. KZ.

Ray Bauernhuber, 141-12 243rd Street, Rosedale, New York 11422

Since I haven't sent a Forum in some time and this being the 25th Anniversary Issue of DX Monitor, let me reintroduce myself to the membership. I'm a 43 year old employee of the Nassau County Sheriff's Department on Long Island. I've been an avid radiophile since I was 5 years old. In 1975 I began DX'ing the Shortwave bands actively and also became more interested in the ECB. Since joining IRCA 5 years ago, the club has offered insights on antennas, receivers and hard to catch stations on quite a few occasions. IRCA has made my hobby much more pleasurable. As the editor of EDXR, I feel that I'm putting something back into the club and hobby which has given me so much pleasure. I've made new friends and some members have given me excellent advice on antennas etc. Out President, Karl Zuk, began writing the "Broadcast DX'ing" Column in Popular Communications magazine (Feb., 1989) and everyone should read it. He's writing an excellent column and it's a real coup for an IRCA member to be a part of such a wide-read national publication. Being from the NY Metropolitan area, I'm inundated with power stations which blow out everything on their respective frequencies! Sooo I've been experimenting with antennas (not much yard space for a longwire). Jim Hall has given me some help (boy do I need it) and hopefully my catches will improve. Let me leave some space for some others now by closing with HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IRCA...may it last forever!

Richard E. Berg-Andersson, 47-11 48th Avenue, Woodside, New York 11377

Happy Silver Anniversary to IRCA!! 1989 marks two anniversaries (radio-related, that is) for me, as well: In June, I will have been a member of IRCA for 5 years, and--more importantly--on next 2 Oct, I will mark my 20th anniversary as a serious radio hobbyist (dated from when my loggings began). A brief re-intro: I'm going to be 33 around the time you read this (my birthday = 26 March), married (to Margo-who, fortunately, is tolerant of my radio activities), no kids. I started in the hobby on the SW side by playing with a massive multi-band portable while visiting relatives circa 1965 and dabbled in CB late in that decade. Ironically, it was only after I stopped listening to Medium Wave for entertainment (transferring my musical loyalties from Top 40 powerhouse WABC-770 to a local FM rocker) that I--growing up in New Jersey--discovered BCB DXing in the summer of 1970. It seems somewhat silly now, but I remember my excitement when--in the fall of '70 -- I picked up WBZ-1030, a station my family listened to regularly while we were on vacation in New England on a cheap-o transistor radio in New Jersey! However, I failed to record this "historic" moment in my log -- probably because of the decided anti-MW bias teenagers of my generation had once they "discovered" FM (the write-ups in my HS yearbook are replete with phrases such as "can do without AM radio", "AM doesn't rate", etc ad nauseam). It wasn't until 17 Feb 1971 that I logged my first serious bandscan of the ECB, but from then on--except for a period in the "mid-1970's" -- I've enjoyed BCB DX along with other aspects of the hobby, although my involvement in radio clubs would have to wait until the 1980's. At any rate, happy 25th and I look forward to seeing what IRCA's next 25 will bring. 73 to all.

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Happy 25th anniversary IRCA! It's the Silver for a club that is truly golden! A golden beacon of democracy in the DX club world, a fact that every member of this club should appreciate and be grateful for. It was this premise that founded IRCA and it is what makes this club stronger than ever today. My best wishes for the next 25 years IRCA! A brief reintro, I'm 38, single, and chief dispatcher for the City of Sylvania Police in suburban Toledo. I've been with SPD for over 11 years now--nearly as long as I've been with IRCA--which I joined in 1971. I've been proud to be a host member of two IRCA conventions--in 1971 and 1984. For those who haven't hosted a convention give it a try, it can be an enjoyable experience. If you can't host a club confab at least attend them; whether large or small, I've always found them to be fun and interesting times. Unfortunately, due to work needs, I'll not be able to make this year's gathering in Sacramento. Sylvania is host to this year's Jamie Farr Toledo Golf Classic tournament over the July 4th weekend--and as a result vacations in that period are a taboo. I will take this occasion to wish everyone who can attend a good time and the club a most successful gathering. Let me hear that it was our largest attended club meet ever. I've been cheered by the increase in Forums in the bulletins in recent months/weeks. This is a healthy sign even if DX conditions most of this winter have been about the most putrid I've noted in the last 20 years. From just after Thanksgiving to about President's Day the dial about sounded like someone removed the ionosphere-only locals, semi-locals, normal dominants and regular auroral stuff seemed to surface, yeah even the GY channels seemed to be occupied by the daytime regulars at night--

that's bad! Ah but there has been hope recently, a new one for me in the form of C&W WDMV-540 in MD broke thru at 2130 ELT on 2/25, also a new Cuban ticker is on on 1100 kHz--anyone notice this lately? An encouraging sign had to be the reception of CFAC-960 at 0300 ELT on 2/27, not only was he in strong w/C&W but I'd guess it's been at least 8 years since I'd heard this former MM regular. So take heart conditions may be making a revival. It has remained dry and snow-free here in the Maimi of the North, only 16 total inches of snow so far this winter. January was the 7th warmest since records started back in 1870 here, it may have been our sunniest January ever. It was capped with a record shattering 62 degrees on 1/31, old record was 54 degrees, and we wonder why AM cx were bad? Totals here are 2911 heard from 49 states, 10 provinces, and 50 countries. A welcome to new IRCAN and fellow Toledoan Jeff Less. Be sure to vote in the upcoming club elections, keep IRCA strong. Contribute often, send those DX tips in. 73's de GES.

Mike Hardester, AHCS-46 NSHS, Bethesda Det., Portsmouth, Virginia 23708
Happy Anniversary IRCA! As the IRCA becomes another year older, I find my membership has grown another year older: now 20 years. Hard to believe. As with tradition, a reintroduction is in order. I'm 39, single, career Navy (will be in a year-long Navy school when you read this), and (unfortunately) haven't seriously DX'ed in almost 2 years. BCB totals: 43/43 + DC, 6/5, and 28/17. States still needed: AL, ME, NH, NJ, RI, VT and WI. DXing, from an apartment, while in PA was discouraging to say the least and I suspect the building's steel/iron construction had a lot to do with the poor reception experienced: the ONLY stns hrd (95% of the time) were from PA, WV and OH., and a stray stn from MO. Three Quebec stns logged (2 commercial & CBC/CBM-940); no reply from the comm. stns & CBC sent sent a f/l advising they don't QSL rpts. Hopefully, my next DX location will NOT be from an apartment! DX equipment presently includes a ICOM R-70 (w/mods) and SONY 2010. Ant: R. West 18" ferrite loop and two R. West Actives. I also DX SWBC (Tropical & Ute bands), and LW, Best Logs: domestic - CFB Beacon NB 530 kHz in 1970 running 100w (located in ON & logged in CA); foreign - ZNS-1 1540 kHz logged in CA in '72. Other DX areas of interest: TIS stns w/several hrd/QSLd; photographic stns; and visiting foreign stns (e.g., VoA sites in Okinawa, Thailand and the Philippines; KBS-Seoul; R. Nepal; AIR-India, etc). Remember, The Navy is not just a job, it's an adventure! If you think that's just a recruiting promo, you'd be surprised at how real that statement is. Enuf for now. Very 73 and Best of DX de Mike!

Richard Eckman, 9 Still Harbor Court, Hampton, Virginia 23669

It's been some months since last appearing in the column and I wanted to make sure I made it for the 25th anniversary issue. As a brief reintroduction, I'm 30, single, and have been a research scientist with NASA Langley for the last year studying the ozone layer. I've been a DXer since 1970 and been an IRCA member for almost 16 years. Since returning to the USA last year after spending two years in England, I haven't been too active on the dials. I did purchase a JRC NRD-525 last summer and use it as time permits. It's a dramatic difference from the old HQ-180A which I sold in order to raise some money to buy the new rig. I have both good and bad feelings about the receiver. As nearly everyone has mentioned, the audio quality is appallingly bad. The MW performance is good but doesn't strike me as spectacular. I've not noted any appreciable improvement over my heavily modified '180A. It would have been nice to perform a side by side comparison. On the plus side, the stability is excellent thus making ECSS reception very easy. I find this particularly useful for pulling up some audio out of the sideband sludge on both MW and SW. Of course, the digital display is a vast improvement over the Hammarlund. Overall, I'm happy with the JRC. I certainly do a lot more SW DX on it (where it seems to be particularly superior to the '180A). I also recently built a five-foot unamplified loop based on the plans in one of last September's DXM's. This was done with the considerable assistance of a friend more knowledgable with woodworking than I am. The loop turned out well and performs nicely, particularly in attaining sharp nulls. Gain is a bit down from the amplified two-foot Sanserino loop but the two-foot has a tendency to overload the MW band on the JRC with SW images. Conditions for foreign DX this season have been terrible. Looking back at my logs from around Christmas of '85, it's depressing to see how good conditions were around sunspot minimum as compared to today. When I have listened this year, TA conditions have certainly been about as bad as I can remember. Some of the difference may be due to my slightly more southerly location as compared with Philadelphia but I can't believe that that's the main cause of the dismal performance of TA's this season. Congratulations to IRCA -- its officers, publishing staff, editors, and contributors -- for making DXM such a fine DX publication. Happy 25th anniversary!

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1964-1989. It almost sounds like an obituary, but not in our case. I think IRCA is alive and well. It's the only club I know of that elects its officials every two years and the person who was in charge willingly hands over the club records to the next person who's elected. Other clubs, such as the NRC, have had elected officials in the past, but I don't think any of them can boast of a 25 year string of doing it. It was the NRC's abolishment of elected officials in the early 1960's that led directly to the start of IRCA. Now we co-exist fairly well, although it was hardly peaceful in the beginning. I set up in an article some of the memories I have of IRCA starting with when I joined back in Feb., 1965, but it turned out to be 3 pages long, so I'm not sure if or when it will run. When I joined IRCA, it was being published in Bill Nittler's basement in Englewood, Colo. on a mimeograph machine. Dues were \$4 a year, plus \$2 if you wanted it by first class mail. Airmail was even more, and I took it that way for several years. Both options are now gone, with all bulletins being first class, except that airmail is available for overseas. Some of the things we see in the DX Monitor every week were changes I made as an editor many years ago. Before I took over CDXR in 1970, the Roundups used the old standard state abbreviations in the column, such as Del., Penn., Ala, Calif., etc. I used the two-letter abbreviations from the start in 1970 just to make the column look neater (and took flack for it as I recall), but now all the editors use it. In those days, each editor in a region would handle both the Forum and the Roundup. Lynn Brooks and I were the first to split a region with Lynn doing the Forum and I the Roundup. Sometimes, I think it would build up both columns again if one person handled both. Of course, then we had three Forums also. On a personal level, I will be 44 this year, married, and work as a freight bill auditor. I also moonlight about 20 hours a week as a stocker for a local Drum Emporium. I started my DX logs on 3/22/61 in Kalamazoo, Mich. with a logging of CJBC-860. I had DXed for years before that but I have no written records of it. That Kalamazoo log is still active, though I left town some 23 years ago. I still get home to see my Dad (a former IRCA member himself) and sometimes take the Superadio with me. I've had different logs kept in Kalamazoo, Mich., Gary, Ind./New Buffalo, Mich. (40 miles apart, but almost identical in reception), Philadelphia, Penn., Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc., and now Milwaukee, Wisc. I hope the next 25 years will be as eventful for IRCA as the past 25 years, but not as raucous as some of the past years, hi. 73

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We finally made it. 25 years! This is the biggest DXM I've ever put together in my 10-odd years (pun intended) as Editor-in-Chief. It was really interesting to see the wide range of comments in the forums this time. They provide a lot of insight into the folks making up our hobby.

As for myself. I started DXing in March 1964 at the age of 12. I was tuning around looking for a news report on a major earthquake that hit Alaska. and stumbled onto CFRM Edmonton. Tuning around some more. I also picked up CBK Regina. KEX Portland. and KGA Spokane. From there, it just sort of evolved. I joined IRCA in 1966. and have been a member ever since.

My interest in DXing and electronics eventually lead to my career choice as an electrical engineer. I currently work for a consulting firm where I design security and communications systems for prisons, courthouses, office complexes. and other places. I've been doing a lot of work related travel lately. mostly to southern California and the midwest. I've even managed some enjoyable visits with Randy Seaver. Don Erickson. and Steve Mittman lately. plus several brief but enjoyable conversations with Tim Hall's answering machine. My wife and I have one almost-two year old daughter. She started playing with my GE Superradio when she was 14 months old. so we may have a budding DXer there. Plus. through a metaphysical coincidence. she said "radio" for the first time on March 17. 1989. 25 years to the day after our club's first bulletin was published!

My most memorable DX experiences are numerous Beverage expeditions. including my first in 1974 with John Clements & Don Erickson. one in 1978 at Bill Hardy's parents' beach cabin where I heard 3 Indonesians & a 1kw Filipino. several on Vancouver Island with Nick Hall-Patch (some had the radio dial sounding like we were somewhere in Queensland). and several at Jef Jaisun's old place where we had to route our wire through an incredible obstacle course of yards. roads. railroad tracks. and the world's largest blackberry patch. and where Jef sometimes had to call his neighbor/landlord at 2 am to tell him to turn off the light dimmer in the rec room! Beverage expeditions are by far the best way to get away from city QRM & QRN. but inertia and family /job commitments seem to limit them to one or two per year. at least until I win the state lottery. hi.

Finally. I'd like to thank the many of you who have provided no end of support. kind words. contributions. and constructive criticism these past few years. It makes editing DXM all the more enjoyable. 73.



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Happy 25th Anniversary IRCA and may we continue to have 25 years and more. I'm 27, have DX'ed for most of my life. I DX both AM and FM, but mostly AM. My farthest catch was WNBC back in the mid-'70s on a very modest receiver after midnight (PLT) in the middle of my grandparent's farmland. It was during Christmas vacation and boy was it cold. Darn near caught pneumonia, but caught WNBC instead, hi. Those were the days. I almost wish I had been DX'ing in Ernie Cooper's generation. The '70s weren't too bad, but the '80s is compost! Damn deregulation. There's too many AM stations and many more to go and many of them are going silent. They should try to fill up the FM band instead.

I currently work for Shannon's Seafood Restaurant six days a week as a cook/dessert baker. My original ambition was to become a radio DJ. I took college courses on broadcasting, even volunteering at the two local college FM's, but I lost interest and I changed my major from broadcasting to food service which I later got an AA degree. In addition to Shannon's, I've been at a couple other restaurants as well as an installer for the local CATV.

My one time pest, KSMJ 1380, is no more. RTH showed me how to null them, but my current pest as well as RTH's is, of course, KQVR 1570. Their daytime format stinks and they're now NSP. At least their bilingual format isn't 24 hours. I predict their demise either in format or as a station altogether if I had my way.

Although I have three radios, I DX mainly on my GE Superadio 7-2882A which I purchased in '83. This model is slightly different than the usual Superadio as this has electronic scan tuning as well as a switch in the back to change it from 10 kHz to 9 kHz tuning. I'm looking for a good used SM-2 antenna.

Both Rth and I are planning the 25th Anniversary convention in good old "Sacra-Tomato" as Dr. Don Rose (KPRC) used to call it. Newsweek, remember, called Sacramento one of the ten most liveable cities in the US.

73 de FPJ and Sacramento in '89!

FRANK ADEN JR., 5147 MORRIS HILL, #133, BOISE, ID 83706

I'd like to wish IRCA a Happy 25th Anniversary. I'm 35 and work for the state of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare where I'm in charge of the computer records for several different programs. I have a BS in Telecommunications from the University of Oregon. I first joined IRCA in '69 and have been a member since except for a couple of lapses when my main concern was college courses. Primary DX interest is foreign, but I'm also interested in domestic BCB, TV, FM as well as SW, LW and PSB. I'm the publisher of the Oregon Broadcast Band Guide ('82) and the Idaho Broadcasting Guide ('84 to present). Someday I may start work on a complete Oregon Broadcasting Guide.

I started DX'ing in '59 and first kept records seven years later. In the late '60s and early '70s, Bill Frahm and I along with other local DX'ers used to have weekend GTG's. During those times we were all mainly domestic DX'ers, but I can remember hearing hets and pips frequently during our all night DX sessions. With no sky blockage to the northwest and west. Boise must have been a fantastic place for TP DX with the bands mostly clear at night. In the early and mid '60s, KIDO and KGEM were the only locals after midnight and it was possible to hear almost all the eastern Clears on a regular basis.

My main plans for the future is to buy a house or duplex in the next few months so I can finally put some outdoor antennas up and a possible convention bid for Boise in either '90 or '91. 73.

GARY LARSON, 2806 LINCOLN, BURBANK, CA 91504 (818) TH6-9611

Hi IRCans. Happy 25th Anniversary, IRCA. I've been involved as a DX'er for many years. I'm in my mid '30s, work in security, single, and in to running 5, 10 and 8 km runs in the area. That's been going on for the last 20 years. I support several local track and cross country teams at high schools and have helped in many meets plus plus some for Cal State Northridge.

Volunteered time for KCSN 88.5 and KPCC 89.3 during fund drives as board operator.

IRCA is great and of course, it's the members, editors and publishing committee that does it. Keep up the great work. 73 from SoCal.

RANDY SEAVER, 1154 VIA TRIESTE, CHULA VISTA, CA 92011

Happy Silver Anniversary IRCA!! I'm a charter member of the club and have been an active DX'er throughout our 25 years. When IRCA began, I had been DX'ing for about 18 months and had just started DX'ing foreign stations. 1964-5 was a sunspot minimum year, with many periods of long geomagnetic quietude, resulting in fantastic Far East DX in the early mornings and even European DX on occasion in the evenings.

The Far East and Down Under stations were on 10 kHz spacing then, but even low power stations could be heard occasionally because there were many open frequencies after midnight local time. DX from deep South America was occasionally heard, with Brazil, Uruguay, Peru, Ecuador, Chile and Bolivia logged. These stations competed with regional sign-ons - it was not unusual to hear EST, then CST and finally MST stations coming on the air each hour, washing over the foreign stations (or vice versa).

DX'ing in the evening (2000 and on PLT) was fun - there were many Latin American stations on split frequencies, and on rare occasions European stations were heard in between the domestics. December 28, 1964 was probably my best DX session ever, with BBC 881 and BBC 1214 in until after 0100 PLT. Little did I know my DX career would peak so early!

My early DX years were spent in our house in San Diego, with an HQ-160 and several short wire antennas. I got a loop and an HQ-180 in '67, but the DX has never been the same. I was relatively inactive from '68 to '71, but I started DX'ing again in '72 when we bought a house in south San Diego, then moved to Chula Vista in '75. Throughout all of this time, I've kept one log which now numbers about 1,560 stations, 66 countries and 44 states.

The best memories of the early years are not of the DX, but are of the people; Gray Scrimgeour (now in Toronto) who DX'ed TP's and TA's in La Jolla, Larry Godwin and Art Peterson in the Bay Area, Don Kaskey and Dave Prather in Sacramento (ERBA will live forever!), Ed Krejny from Cleveland who attended nearly every convention, Don Erickson and Toyland, the Northams in Portland, Gordon Nelson in Boston, Ron Schatz of Miami (he always wanted to go around to the topless bars when he visited), Father Jack Pekza in Ojai, then San Diego. Each offered a different perspective to the hobby and its activities. I attended the '65 (San Diego), '66 (Milwaukee), '67 (Denver), '68 (Hollywood) and '70 (Vancouver) IRCA conventions, not to mention the IRCC/ERBA confabs in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, West Sacramento and Portland over the years. The stories that haven't yet been told seem so innocent in these days of drugs and violence, but they're part of the lore of IRCA.

I hope the next 25 years are as good to IRCA as the last 25 have been. We have a strong and stable base of DX'ers, reporters and editors. I thank each of you for brightening my life during this time - DX Monitor is still the first mail I read. 73.

JOHN OLDFIELD, 7135 129A ST., SURREY, BC, CANADA V3W 6T4

HAPPY 25th! My first "real" DX radio was a Zenith Trans-Oceanic in Edmonton. That loop and my longtime worked well back in the days of only one 50 kw'er in Alberta, CBX 1010, which had Edmonton studios with the transmitter at Lacombe, near Red Deer. Other than a couple of 40-watt LPRT's, there was only one GY, CFCW 1230 Camrose. My best catch was CBDC 1230 Mayo, YT. This was one of many 40-watters possible then. Easy too was S/9 signals of WBZ, WABC, CJBC (English CBC Dominion Network then) and many others. Now they're fair DX. I was still alive when the Wolfman and the CIA's Radio Swan/Americas lived. Perhaps the wierdest DX was only hearing my Big E locals (and not even CKRD Red Deer) plus AFRTS 1425 Thule and KCCN/ZAP 1420 with the rest of the band dead (the do-nut hole night).

The funniest QSL was from KIKI 830. Mr. Roycroft wrote many cards with Japanese characters saying "you are a bloody liar" to those who sent phoney reports not knowing KIKI was in JJ at the time. Try to imagine those who got theirs translated. Thanks to all who give their free time for the club.

Vancouver area changes: CISE (Sea Isle) is using jingles after each record and more rock. For the first time "Vancouver's Oldies Station" no longer says Richmond. CKST 800 Langley does use the new calls plus "Coast All Hit Radio." CFVR 850 (and CHWK 1270) have gone stereo. Their FM, CKSR, "Star 105" is picking up a few folks in metro Van. and have ads for little Surrey (200,000) CHRX "AM stereo 600" "Classic Rock" format is very popular here. Seems that AM may survive in Canada due to dual ownership of many AM/FM'ers in most cities. Only time (and ratings) will tell. 73.

DAVID ROGERS, KA5VAY, BOX 74, MAY OK 73851

Happy birthday IRCA. I haven't graced these pages in a couple of years, but I'm still around. I'm a charter member of IRCA joining in '64 at the invitation of our first president Marv Robbins. I was 15 then and I'm 40 now. Tempus fugit, hi.

I've worked at several stations including KALV, KSIW, and KGYN. KALV is now stereo.

I've been employed at Western State Hospital at Ft. Supply for the past 15-and-a-half years. I moved to May (about ten miles west of Ft. Supply) back in '87, but still have my Ft. Supply post office box, but I'm gradually shifting my mail to my new address. May is a large town, by the way, population about 40!

KOMA 1520 has gone back to playing the rock oldies that were current hits when I was in high school. They've even brought back their "Yours truly, KOMA" jingles and the "Kissing Tone." I listen to them quite a bit. At one time they were probably one of the most popular stations in OK.

Have 575-plus veries but haven't been too active in recent years. Since I got my ham ticket, I get on 160, 80, 40 and 2-meter bands. 73 and best DX!

STEVE RATLAFF, 900 HENDERSON #60A, SUNNYVALE, CA 94086-9059

Hi. I'ms a casual BCB listener these days. I used to DX back in the '50s and '60s when Clears were clear and the rest of the band not so crowded. My current interests lean toward LW.

I enjoy the technical articles in DX Monitor; I do quite a bit of bread-boarding and experimenting. I'm especially interested in high-dynamic range receivers.

I live in a mobile home park with just a short, invisible wire atop of trailer, connected to a general coverage receiver.

I work as an Electronics technician here in the Silicon Valley. 73.

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Hello and Happy 25th Anniversary IRCA! Annual re-intro: I'm 27, single and a computer programmer for GE Retail Systems (a small company owned by GE, which writes accounting and inventory software for the home furnishings industry). I'm also trying to finish my MBA at San Diego State University. I've been DX'ing since '72, a member of IRCA since '84, and have been editing the Verification Signers column for just over two years now. Current totals are 810 stations heard (no call changes) from 37 states and 28 countries.

My hobby-related activities in the past year have been divided between developing my database of station info, refining my reception report writing program, processing network information for the upcoming Almanac and even a little actual DX. 1988 wasn't a great year in terms of verifications, but a burst of vacation DX in July and August did help.

I'd like to thank everyone who's written me in the past year with station info, help on verie-signers, receiver performance tips and so forth. Also, my hat's off to my fellow editors, especially those of you who have to put out weekly columns all through the prime DX season!

In closing, I'd like to encourage everyone to sit down and gather up-to-date information about stations within their regular listening area and forward it to the appropriate editors: formats to Geov Parrish, sports affiliations to Dale Park, slogans to Rich Toebe, etc. Do it now while you've got everyone's address right in front of you. There'll never be an easier time. Best wishes to all, and I hope to be at the convention in Sacramento to meet more of you in person. 73 de TRH.

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Hi gang. KGRB aside, I want to wish IRCA a Happy 25th Anniversary! Since this is the anniversary issue, a re-intro is in order. I'm 30, married, have two sons. You know, typical, hi. I've been a member for about ten years and I credit this club and its contributors for assisting me in most of my DX. Thirty to 40 back issues of DXM's can help solve many questions.

I'm still in the process of fixing up my garage/room for my DX post, so meanwhile I listen with a menagerie of information spread out before me.

My FRG-7000 and R. West MW-1 have been my main stay for some time now. I reclaimed my R-390 which my brother had. Moving it is like moving a refrigerator!

My other interests include SW DX, hiking, astronomy, photography, radio collecting and screen printing - usually non-profit. And so on and so forth. 73.

ROBERT WIEN, 1309 DENTWOOD DR., SAN JOSE, CA 95118

Happy Anniversary IRCA! A re-intro: I'm 28, have been a member since '76, have logged about 1,200 or so stations from 40 states, about 15 or so countries and 2 continents. I work as a satellite operations engineer at Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in Sunnyvale.

34 Heeds of changes in CA radio call changes in the last few weeks. Checked

1500 Monday afternoon, 27 February and found KHTT 1500 playing continuous loop tape lauding the Business Radio Network, with mentions to "tune into the South Bay's Business Connection, KSJX, Business Radio 1500, beginning Wednesday, March 1st." Tape was only interrupted about every five minutes by ID's as, "This is KHTT, San Jose."

Other CA call changes: KPIS 1150 Santa Rosa is now KVRE, changed over on 08 February.

KBET 1220 Canyon Country is currently ET'ing per call they plan to be on the air in 'about three weeks,' or so about mid-March. KCCN 1400 Santa Paula is now KTR, KESR 600 Independence changed calls back to KNYO, KPZE 1190 Anaheim is now KORG (K-Orange, for Orange County). Also, rumor has it that KGNR 1320 Sacramento is possibly trying to move to 1030 to take KKSA's old frequency, but that's just rumor. Calls assigned to new Virginia City, NV station on 1200 will be KDXA, which were the old calls for Lovelock. CP for 880 is apparently now defunct. Also, rumor has it there may be a new station in the Napa area on 840, which I suspect means KWTR 1270 Lakelport may be moving to 840 soon.

If anyone's interested, I have a tape of the loop tape KHTT/KSJX was playing just days before switching to KSJX. Just write.

RtH, why do you think there's been this recent explosion of CA call changes? Are stations starting to lose money and sell stations. (Of course - as I predicted several years ago-RtH.)

KWSS 94.5 San Jose is trying a new approach to programming. If you like a song they play, you call one phone number and if you don't, call another. They tally the votes at the end of each week and any song that has more says than yeas, kiss the song goodbye. They call it "an innivative new approach to radio programming." What do you think of this RtH? (I call it desperation, hi-RtH.) 73.

DAVE JOHNSON, 1898 COOK CIRCLE, CORONA, CA 91720

Greetings! As one of the original IRCA members, I suppose an intro is in order. I'm 41, married, two kids and am a computer operations supervisor. Began DX'ing when I was about 15. When I began I was living in Denver, and had two of the greatest DX'ers around as tutors: Bill Nittler and Larry Godwin. Spent many evenings in Bill's basement putting the Monitor together. Was a past BoD member, Forum and Round-Up editor, and various other little jobs. When I started, I used my dad's old Hallicrafters HX-24. Then I moved up to a Hammariund HQ-145. Went into the Air Force in '69 and that's when my activity pretty much came to an end.

My HQ-145 hasn't worked since moving from Denver to Billings, MT (Hi, John!). By the way, if you're ever in Billings, be sure to look up John and talk him into one of his great tours of RTVQ-TV. The only DX I've done is when I get homesick and listen to KOA. Also do a little dial twisting in the evenings on the car radio when I'm stuck in this famous SoCal traffic. CA is the LAST place I thought I'd be 25 years ago.

In closing I'd just like to say that DX'ing has been a very enjoyable hobby. Even 'tho I've been inactive for several years, it's still in my blood. Just sitting here writing this, and recalling all of the great memories has gotten the DX juices flowing again. Along with Bill and Larry, all of the other members have provided much support and information through the pages of the DX Monitor. I hope that IRCA will be around for another 25 years and be there for my son if he catches the DX fever in a few years. Happy Birthday IRCA! And all the best to all of its members. 73.

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As a former president of IRCA, I want to reminisce a bit about the club and my association with it. I became DXWW editor in '68 or '69, about a year after joining IRCA. I was kept busy, because a lot of outstanding foreign DX was reported in those days on both coasts before AN US stations began to hog the airwaves. Later, I came up with the idea of the IRCA Foreign Log to capitalize all the foreign DX received within a particular season into book form.

I'm proud to have won the TVA back in '71 for these efforts.

When the San Diego crew took over the publishing of DXM from Don Erickson in '73, I became the Editor in Chief for about two years. This group was responsible for changing the publishing method from mimeo to offset. The sessions at Grant Manning's garage to fold, staple and stamp bulletins became a weekly tradition.

Even though I was president from '77 to '79 or thereabouts, my actual DX lessened considerably from '73 on, and now I rarely if ever turn on the MW. However, IRCA has been a great organization to belong to. I've met a great number of interesting people at conventions and other gatherings such as the infamous GPG in West Sacramento in '69. (I still have the ERBA loop, Mark II, which can be custom core-loaded for reception of specific foreign countries).

In IRCA's 25 years, we've had our share of controversies to keep things interesting. But despite its problems over the years, the club has proved that democracy does work in a radio club. I wish IRCA another 25 years of success to match its first 25 and hope that I'll be around to see them. 73 de FJP.

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

Happy 25th IRCA! Recent veries from KMAS 1030 and KMJK 1290. Yes, KMJK! Reported in October 1986, their former CE catching up on paperwork sent a verie 858 days later. The CE mentioned the changes: KMJK to KVIK to KLVS. Said the station is silent and "no date has been set for its return to the air." Nice to get this much wanted verie. KMAS mentioned their nightly s/off at 0305 following ABC news.

A brief re-intro: I'm 43 and have been dial twisting since the mid-'50s. I'm in my 17th year as a master control operator at KTVQ channel 2 here in Billings. DX'ing for real began in '62 with totals at 1,208 with 386 veries, 43 states heard, 41 verified, 7 provinces heard with 6 verified. Some of you may recall I lived in Sheridan, WY before moving to Billings in '72. These are combined totals.

I'm one of the charter members of IRCA. I was at the 1963 convention in Denver when IRCA was being formed. The years roll by, DX continues to be a major hobby. Being the editor of CDXR helps keep my DX interest peaked. Being a member of IRCA has increased my DX totals.

DX'ing 25 years ago is quite different than today. I recall many hours of listening to frequency checks, waiting for regional stations to s/off to hear other stations still on, or getting up early to hear s/ons before locals would s/on. Nowadays it seems like everyone is on all the time, hi.

In the late '50s, my early DX experience was mostly tuning around to find something to listen to (radio dramas such as Dragnet). Being in my early teens, wanting to listen to rock, I ran across KOMA 1520 in '57. KOMA supplid my rock music way into the mid '60s. KOMA still places a nice strong signal into this area - still sounds like it did then.

IRCA provided a nice strong publication 25 years ago. . . still provides the same! 73 de John.

NICK HALL-PATCH, 1538 AMPHION ST., VICTORIA, BC, CANADA V8R 4z6

Thought I should deliver a few lines to mark this auspicious occasion, and also see if the old memory banks can deliver up some bits of the past as well. Although not a member of IRCA at its beginning, I joined the club about a year later, when I was 15 or so, and seem to remember some encouraging words from Don Erickson. I had been MW DX'ing oif and on for a few years, but IRCA introduced me to the spiral loop antenna, TPs and MW DX Tests. The latter generally had to be listened to surreptitiously, as my parents had banned wee hours on school mornings for DX. So I had to put my alarm clock under the pillow and damp the dial lights while DX'ing. (I thought I was the only one who did that - and I got caught, hi-Rth.) Who says DX was easier in those days?

Actually, it was, at least on the regional channels, as Ric reminds us from time to time. But I heard only one TP at the time (China 1040), and virtually no Latins beyond Mexico. That may have been due to inferior equipment. The unamplified spiral loop and the guts of an old console radio of those days wouldn't have held a candle to today's homebrew radio and a west coast Beverage! Yet that '60s set-up did hear my first Australian in June '75, admittedly with an added RF amplifier. It's amusing to speculate what might have been heard in those days with today's equipment.

If I may be mildly nostalgic, my peak DX'ing years were in the mid '70s, after I rejoined IRCA and used a modified National HRC and various loops and wires. That's when the overseas DX poured in and domestic conditions were still not a revolting as they are today. Now most of my DX is heard on DX'peditions using Beverage antennas on the west coast, and I scan the dials at home to be able to say "Nothing's in tonight/this morning." Still I hope to see IRCA through another 25 years, perhaps without a break this time. 73.

BILL HARDY, 2301 PACIFIC AVE., ABERDEEN, WA 98520

Happy 25th Anniversary IRCA! I'm 42, work in local retail sales and am married to Western DX Roundup editor, Nancy. I'm project coordinator for the IRCA Almanac and am having the worst time getting the latest Almanac ready for publication, for which I apologize. I should be out very soon, and I hope you'll find it worth waiting for.

I joined IRCA in '64, several months after its founding. The first 100 members were considered "charter members," and I missed that by about 30. But this club has meant a lot to me during the past 24-and-a-half years. There has never been a dull moment as our club has grown and matured.

For instance, in 1968-68 there was an effort to merge IRCA with the NRC. While some DX'ers strongly favored the merger, quite a few charter IRCAs opposed it. Discussion in the "blue pages" of DX Forum got quite heated. Eventually the merger failed to reach a vote, but some of the comments were filled with venom!

By contrast today, there's hardly any discussion about a proposed first ever joint IRCA/NRC convention in Topeka this Labor Day. This is coming to a

vote of the members, and I suspect the decision will be based on logical considerations, such as whether Sacramento (in July) or Topeka (in early September) is more convenient for those who wish to attend. Discussion of a joint IRCA/NRC convention would have been considered blasphemy in 1968.

But even though I enjoy my membership in both clubs, THIS is the club that has elections of your club leaders every two years, and those leaders in turn decide the course of our club. I hope every member will vote, because YOU are the boss. 73 and good DX and Happy Anniversary IRCA!

NANCY HARDY, 2301 PACIFIC AVE., ABERDEEN, WA 98520

Happy Anniversary IRCA! I'm happy to have been a member for 18 of the 25 years.

Recently I was thinking about all the club members that I've met through the years. I counted up many more than I would've imagined. Two good friends are gone now: Jim Critchett and Percy Kesteven. Both Jim and Percy made a great contribution to IRCA.

I've attended four IRCA conventions - two in Portland, one in Seattle and one in Toledo. At each many new friends were made. However, the best friend that I've met through IRCA would have to be my husband Bill. If it hadn't been for IRCA we would never have met (he lived in WA and I lived in NY). In case you didn't know, we have a two-and-a-half year-old son, Billy. His name will almost certainly be in the list of reporters to DXW in a few years. In fact, as I was writing this he came into the room, switched on the FRG-7, turned on the R. West Loop, and began "DX'ing!" Maybe you have to see it to believe it, hi.

Anyway, in the anniversary forum I guess I wanted to let you know that in addition to invaluable DX tips, through the years invaluable friendships have also been formed. Happy 25th IRCA! 88.

RICH TOEBE, 2972 MARTIN AVE., PLEASANTON, CA 94566

Happy Anniversary IRCA! It's an anniversary of note for me too; I joined this great club ten years ago in the spring of '79. A lot has changed since then. Radios have become more sophisticated and easier to use but conditions have deteriorated, and I have less time to DX. Even so, I wouldn't have missed these past ten years for anything. I've met a lot of great people from all over North America (and England too) through the club and made some good friends. Knowledge I've gained from those more experienced than I enhanced my enjoyment of DX immeasurably. Thanks, everybody, whose efforts make this club possible. And may IRCA be around for many more years to come!

Hope to see as many of you as possible in Sacramento this summer (it would be nice not to have to travel far to a convention for a change, hi); Ric lives in a great town - Sacto's California's best kept secret. (Thanks to Newsweek and now you, that's not true anymore, hi-Rth) 73 from RT

ALBERT S. LOBEL, P.O. BOX 26762, SAN DIEGO, CA 92126

This is the IRCA Anniversary issue. For a re-intro, I'm 40, married for going on 20 years (June 22) to Helene. We have zero kids. I've been a DX'er and SW listener for 24 years. I own my own business of appliance repair which is run out of my home. Helene works for AT&T. No, she isn't an operator. She works in the computer sales division as a clerk. Before the breakup of Ma Bell, she worked for what was then Pacific Telephone and transferred to AT&T after the breakup of the Bell system. I'm currently serving in the capacity of IRCA's ANARC representative. In addition to IRCA, I belong to the following DX clubs: ASWLC, NRC, SCADS and WTFDA.

As mentioned in a previous forum, I'm planning a vacation to England, Scotland this year. If there are any of you there that would at least like me to ring you up, drop me a note before the beginning of April. I'll be on vacation 14-29 April and if time permits and I'm near your city I'll give you a call.

A reminder that ANARCON '89 will be held in Tampa, FL. I'll not be able to attend and am asking that any IRCA member who may attend let me know as soon as possible. I would like to recruit at least one IRCA member to be IRCA's official representative. It will not take much of your time and you'll be able to attend all of the special executive sessions in my place. Some of the things going on at these special sessions are confidential in nature and not revealed to the general attendees at ANARCONS. If you'd like to represent IRCA, drop me a line.

73 and good DX in 1989 de Albert.

ART PETERSON, 851 31st ST., RICHMOND, CA 94804

To re-intro myself: I'm 44, single and a consulting forester. I've been DX'ing since 1960 and joined IRCA a year after it was formed. I also belong to the Longwave Club of America.

For the 25th Anniversary I would like to reflect on how the DX scene has changed over this quarter century. When I first started DX'ing, after midnight just about any night of the week brought in rewarding DX, and MM brought a wide-open band due to very few NSP'ers. Even though most of the TPs were on even channels, they were easily heard, sometimes swamping the US competition. What's striking about old tapes from this era is the low level of noise as compared to recent years. As the '70s wore on, domestics made foreign DX increasingly difficult. The big change to the 9 kHz plan greatly revived TP DX for a while because of numerous splits created, but the rising tide of domestic NSP'ers gradually submerged the TPs to the point where remote Beverage sites near the coast were almost a requirement for any serious foreign DX.

Now as we push into the '90s, the pressure of economics from the stampede of audience to FM may cause the MW NSP tide to ebb once more, boosting the odds for good foreign DX. Only time will tell. In the meantime I've been spending a lot more time during the '80s DX'ing the LW spectrum which has been quite productive. With ID's almost a thing of the past on MW, it's refreshing to DX stations that do nothing but continuously identify themselves! What we need is a requirement on MW for Morse code ID's every ten minutes between midnight and 6 AM; of course, on any given channel the exact time for ID would be staggered in a set sequence to avoid QRM, hi. 73 and good DX to all IRCans as we start our next quarter century.

DALE PARK, 2253 KANEALI'I AVE., HONOLULU, HI 96813-1345

I noticed in the 18 February WDXR that my logging of the DX Special on KGU 760 was severely edited. Now, editor Nancy Hardy has the final say on what gets printed in her column, but the log gave the impression that when I called the show, I was put on hold. For fifty minutes. I should clarify this, lest anyone gets the wrong idea. The Talkradio shows originating at KABC use several phone numbers. The one announced on the network during Ray Briem's program is reserved for callers outside the Los Angeles/Orange County area. There are also several phone numbers for local use (Orange County, San Gabriel Valley, etc.); anyone outside the Southland calling the local numbers do so at their own risk - to their MCI bill, hi. Well, I called at around 0450 ELT, but finding the 879-TALK national number busy, I dialed the other numbers until I got one that rang. Producer Greg Hardison thought I was actually a South Bay listener and put me on hold. Finally, he talked to me around 0540. I told him I didn't mind paying for the wait, and after a few minutes I got to chat with Briem and his guests. It was my fault; Greg had no idea at first and is not the one to blame for the wait. (Solution for this mess: lease Tom Snyder's 800 number because he doesn't use it after 0100 ELT) By the way, KGU only airs the repeat at 0605 to 0900 (between Sally and Dr. Joy E. Browne). 73.

STEVE HOWE, 250 WAVERLY ST., #5, MENLO PARK, CA 94025

This is my first report to IRCA in over 15 years since rejoining last November, so a re-intro is in order: I'm 34, married, a research geologist at the US Geological Survey, and have been living on the West Coast for the past eight years. I was a member of IRCA for several years in the early '70s when I lived about 30 miles east of New York City on Long Island at Great Neck, where my final totals were 441/189 stations, 34/27 states, 5/3 provinces and 10/5 countries. Not too bad considering I was using a Realistic DX-150 and only a 60-foot longwire and considering the struggle I had convincing my parents that DX'ing wasn't conflicting with my high school homework, hi.

Alas, college and graduate school at the University of Rochester, Penn State University and Stanford effectively snuffed out any more DX'ing until getting back into this great hobby this past fall. I'm still using my 20-year-old DX-150 but have added a R. West Loop to my set-up. I'm looking forward to replace my DX-150 with a new receiver and would be interested in anyone's opinion on the ICOM IC-R71A vs. the Kenwood R-5000.

Some of my fond memories were of staying up virtually every MM trying to log every DX test, equipment test, and frequency check I could. My shack was in the attic of an old house my parents and I shared with my grandparents, and every time I wanted to call up the station conducting tests, I would have to creep down two flights of creaking stairs as fast as I could without waking up my grandparents, make my call in the living room, then back upstairs in time to hear my name being announced on the air, hi. There was even a bed in the attic so I could snooze between tests. Ah, those were the days. You can imagine my surprise on returning to DX'ing in '88 to find that such testing is nearly a thing of the past. I'll continue reminiscing next time, but for now, it's good to be back. 73 and see you in Sacramento. (Good to have you back Steve and welcome to NorCal and see y'all in Sackamenna in July-RtH.)

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Avery special Happy Anniversary to IRCA, the big "2 - 5!" For a re-intro: I'm 33, married to Laura for nearly four years and our son Pete will be a year old in May. I've been DX'ing off and on for around 20 years, but only seriously in the ECB hobby since 1980. I've been a member since '82 and feel it's the best club around. I also DX and listen to the SW bands from time to time. My best and most active DX years were 1982-85 from southern California. I had a total of around 550 heard from 36 states and about a dozen or so countries. I also enjoy pulling in domestic and foreign DX for Beverage DX'peditions. My current related interest is collecting various items related to the history of radio and DX'ing.

By the time this hits print, I'll be history at KTCM where I've been a newscaster for the last two years. The reasons for my layoff are too complicated to get into, so won't mention them. Hopefully, I'll find new employment soon.

No DX to report from here, been too busy. Did notice that KBLX 1400 is now running the business news feed from KMNY 1600. Also, KLRS 1080 is now running some local talk shows evenings, separate from KLRS-FM. Talked to a DJ at KOMY 1340. Looks like within the next year they'll replace their original antenna from 1937, the year they went on the air as KHUB, "the hub of the Monterey Bay." It's quite a unique tower and I plan to take a picture of it soon before it's gone. The studios next to the tower are still in the original building as well.

That's all for now. Best of DX and here's to another 25 years for IRCA!
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Happy 25th IRCA! It's been a good 18 years since my last forum report, so I thought one was definitely overdue. I first became aware of DX and IRCA in late 1965 from former Vancouver area member Jon Pearkings, who I went to school with. I first joined IRCA around the time of the '70 Vancouver convention and remained a member until the mid '70s when I ran out of time for DX'ing and other radio related hobbies.

I've worked in radio since graduating from high school in '72. In Vancouver I worked at CKNW/CFMI as music director and then came to Calgary and CHQR (QR 77) in 1983 where I'm in music and programming.

In the past few years I've been able to reactivate my interests in DX'ing. Survey collecting and most recently, collecting airchecks. Since rejoining IRCA in late '86, the interest in DX has steadily increased. . .the recent addition of a Sony ICF-2010 could soon have DX'ing overshadow the collecting of everything but veries.

I'm currently in the process of getting a log together. . .everything I've heard in the last six years is on scraps of paper and loose sheets of paper. I doubt if I could accomplish a Frank Merrill type of binge, but some serious DX'ing is on the horizon.

I'm looking forward to many hours of airchecking stations between here and Las Vegas in late April when I drive down for the NAB convention. I'm sure I'll probably visit a station or two enroute to get stickers and charts and whatever else they might have available. If all goes well, I'm hoping to make it to Sacramento in July! 'Til then, 73.

BILL NITTLER, BOX 824, MANCOS, CO 81328

With KRRV 1480 sending me a v/l I now have veries from all active CO stations. Will change in a week or so when KBXG 710 hits the air. DX has been very futile most of this season with job pressure and general DX conditions. Thought I should put in some words for the Anniversary issue, though.

In a brief re-cap of IRCA history, the club was founded officially on 01 February 1964 when Larry Godwin, John Tracy, Marv Robbins, Dave Johnson, Bill Nittler, Dallas John and various wives met at the Little Banquet Restaurant in Denver. The restaurant disappeared years ago, but the club became a hit! For the first two years, the DX Monitor was published from my basement in Englewood and then transferred to Bill Lipis and Don Erickson in California. Along the way we've tried a lot of different things and had a lot of controversies which threatened to destroy the club.

A lot of DX'ers have come and gone in the 25 years with numerous dedicated people seeing that the Monitor got out on time with great DX information. Many of you still refer to the "Blue Pages." Our original set-up found the bulletin color coded with yellow for DXWW and blue for forums. Special articles were usually done in salmon color with the front page in white with our red, white and blue masthead. (How well I remember, Bill-RtH.) I still have my charter membership certificate which we presented to our first 100 members. . .how many are still with us?

Conditions and changes in regulations certainly have changed our hobby in 25 years. Our first issue of the Monitor probably contained routine loggings nation-wide of Portugal 882, Senegal 765, Peking 1040, KRQD 730, Tonga 1020, Sierra Leone 1205, 1zD 1000, LR3 950, JOKD 1370 as well as GY's heard coast-to-coast. Now we can't even get the old routine Clears coast-to-coast. Stick around, IRCA will always be here as long as the dedicated caring DX'er still exists. Happy Anniversary!

R. CORRY, SNUG HARBOR, RT. 3, CLAY CENTER, KS 67432

Greetings to all hands on the Silver Anniversary of IRCA. I've just commenced my ninth year (with DXM #20, Vol. 26). Am too old (82 in April) to attend a convention, and don't know beans about radio, but I enjoy reading of all the hints, problems and successes of the rest of the members.

I run a Kenwood R-2000 (mainly) and have a Regency MX-5000 for local stuff. I don't have the faculty of tuning the R-2000 to FM, so one of the ten push buttons is tuned to a weather station.

I don't understand why a lot of the members want to receive TP and TA via ECB when it's so much easier to receive on SW. (That's just it. It's the challenge-Rth.)

Have fun and don't forget to double space for Ric. 73.

PATRICK MARTIN, P.O. BOX 843, SEASIDE, OR 97138

Happy Anniversary IRCA! Twenty five years and may the next 25 be even better. My yearly intro is in order: I'm 40 and have been DX'ing since 1962, collecting verifications since 1965. I DX mainly foreign stations, but with poorer conditions the last few years, good domestic DX is in order, at least until foreign conditions are back where they used to be. I've been editor of DX Worldwide West since 1980 and have been on the Bd for two terms. I work as a locksmith here in Seaside, owning my own business for about ten years. The business has been in the family for 22 years in Clatsop County.

As I mentioned, I collect veries and have about 2,000 from 70-plus countries on MW. I started DX'ing in Alaska where I heard and verified all 50 states in about two years. Back when conditions were good and there were far fewer stations. There weren't too many NSP'ers then.

One of my favorite periods to DX was in the early '80s when the dial was filled about every night with stations from the South Pacific. I heard and verified over 200 stations from Australia and New Zealand during that time. Some of my better catches have been: zK1zC 630 500 watts-Cook Islands, 7SH 1584 100 watts St. Helens, Tasmania; Vietnam 1010, APRTS 1425 1 kw Greenland; JOKP 1584 100 watts-Japan; WPGC 1580 Morningside, MD; WJIK 1580 NC; plus many others. Again, Happy Anniversary IRCA. 73 de Patrick.

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Let's see. . . what was I doing 25 years ago this month? Um, looking down the throat of high school graduation. Hard to say how much I was DX'ing, although by that time I had certainly rigged my old GE clock radio with a long-wire. I seem to recall logging over 300 stations on that lil' 5-tuber, although I shudder to think what real DX would have been like at the time with a Collins, SPR-4, HQ-180. (Errr, did they make 180's in '64?) (No they didn't - before then - I've been laying in wait for JJ, hee, hee-Rth.) But hey, I didn't even know DX clubs existed until the Seattle convention in '74. Guess that means I've been in the club 15 years.

I've got DXM's multiplying all over the house, mysteriously materializing in the piles of paper on my desk. Even popping out of looseleaf binders in the old 8 1/2 x 11 format. (Remember colored mastheads, sigh?) And tapes?? Oy vey, have I got tapes. (And albums. I met you when you were pushing albums from your trunk - a VW as I recall, hi-Rth.) For all the good they do me. Sure, I can play back the 1330 "Olga Emmay" until the cows come home - or all NSP'ers shut down indefinitely for routine maintenance, hi. Something to do during high sunspot cycles.

I voluntarily retired my Wedge antenna last month due to old age, termites and a logarithmically significant reduction in inductive signal reception (caused in part by my six-year-old son going, "Wow, dad, what's this thing do? Ooops!") (Would you care to translate two lines back?-hi-Rth.)

Yep, yep, well I remember Portzer and Bytheway when they were still in their '20s. I remember Heald when. . . uh. . . sorry, can't tell that one here. (Yeah, I remember when you needed a haircut, hi-Rth.) I think Bill Hardy even had hair once, 'til he lost it editing endless reams of Almanac submissions.

Ah, the GEGs, the Beverage DX'peditions at the old zucchini farm (now the City of Woodinville Memorial Shopping Center and Fast-Pitch Sales Industrial Park) (Guaranteed no zucchini ever grew there and I'd better shut up at this point-hi-Rth.), the beer, the pizza, the coffee, the heartburn. Oh yeah, the DX! Sure am glad I joined this club. Now who the hell is "Olga Emmay???" 73 and 25 de JJ.

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Hello again from the nation's Heartland. Happy 25th Anniversary IRCA! And to think that the club's been around longer than I have, hi.

This is my only third appearance in the "blue pages" so a re-intro won't be necessary here, just go back a few weeks to issue 22 for all the details. Nothing much new here, still trying to get to 700 before the end of the sea-

son, and I just might make it. Finally got a verie from CHOK 1070 yesterday, 08 March; only my second Canadian verification. I was thrilled to log WOGM 860 on 30 January with its 10 watt PPSA going. At over 500 miles, it's by far my best PPSA logging ever, blowing away KAPB 1370 and WLLJ 910.

My search for two much-wanted Nor'easters, WHEB 750 and WFIC 1080 resulted in futility, so I guess I get to wait until next season for those guys. One thing I won't have to wait for, hopefully, is to hear from some fellow IRCAn! Call (on the weekends) or write, cuz I love correspondence!

Let's hope the next 25 will be as good as the first! 73 de RWD.

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Happy Anniversary, everyone! As the club is now celebrating its 25th anniversary, I just recently celebrated my thenth anniversary as a member. During this past year I logged my 700th station! Funny - in the "good old days" (that is, prior to five years ago!), to log a new station often required knowledge, skill, timing and a bit of luck. Now, if you want to log a new station, you simply turn on the radio and you have some new locals, hi. Seriously though, all of the new stations simply make logging those "exotic" far-off catches even that much more exciting and rewarding. Totals (as of 09 March 1989) stand at 707 logged / 143 midday (call changes not counted).

On a personal level, today, 09 March, I turn 32, am single and live in "historic" San Pedro, two blocks from the ocean on the beautiful Palos Verde peninsula in sunny southern California. (And no, I don't work for the Chamber of Commerce, hi.) Speaking of anniversaries, here's another one for you: San Pedro (despite Spanish origins, pronounced "Peedro" rather than Paydro), is currently its 100th anniversary. Most of you probably see San Pedro on TV all the time, and perhaps don't realize it. On any given day, one can drive around San Pedro and see TV shows and movies being filmed. For example, I used to frequently watch them filming "The Streets of San Francisco" here! (San Pedro is very hilly.) Also, the famous fight scene on the bridge in the last James Bond movies was filmed on the Vincent Thomas Bridge here in San Pedro. San Pedro is also internationally famous for the Grunion Runs. Grunions are fish which, at certain times of the year, and during full and new moons, come up out of the water to spawn. Eventually the sand gets completely covered by millions of the fish.

Again, Happy 25th IRCA and 73 de SMM.

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We made it! HAPPY SILVER ANNIVERSARY IRCA! Watch next week for the forums that didn't make the deadline. In typing this, the upper case "z" quit, so my apologies all around, but I had no choice. hi.

For a re-intro: I'm 42, a professional batchelor (hi), am a Clerk II for Sacramento County, working swing shift at Mental Health crisis center (I felt safer working at the jail, hi) and have been DX'ing since '59.

I quit keeping logs years ago, but believe it was around 1,200 heard with about 55% veried from 44 states, 7 provinces, 35-plus countries. Best domestic DX would have to be WKFE 1090 King, NC, then 500 watts, on a DX Test. That was when XERB had a MM SP (remember that?). Best RS catch WRAN 1510 NJ. Best foreign catches: 1196 W. Germany and 760 Saigon. The latter I heard before the TP/DU "twins" Godwin and Peterson heard 'em, hi. These catches and totals all from the Bay Area.

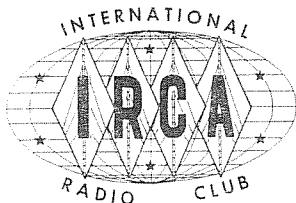
I currently use a FRG-7 and SM-1. Have gone through a couple HQ-129's, Lafayette HA-30, Trans-Oceanic, a mid-'30s console multi-band radio and began with a 5-tube Packard Bell with an AM antenna terminal. On that little set heard WBE and KDKA (remember those stations, gang?).

I've lived in AK, NY, NJ and PA, but have always come back to my native California. Some real interesting DX from Sitka, AK in the mid-'60s, and even better from the Indian village of Venetie, 40 miles northwest of Ft. Yukon and 35 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Literally around the world in 24 hours. The Northern Lights dictated what I'd hear (a loop would NOT have helped, hi), such as window effects like s/ons from KY, TN, NC, SC only. On another occasion 1450 ND alone! Or listening to WFEA 1370 in the clear only to have it replaced by JOKD ten minutes later. Or to have Rome QRM'ing a local KFRB 900! Those were the days.

Because we seem to be heading down memory lane, I well remember the mimeo editions of DXM and the different colored pages for its various sections. Possibly Toyland has a copy of the first edition.

I brought it up several weeks ago. What was IRCA's original name, albeit briefly. Answer: NRC, Inc. I well remember reports from that first convention in Denver. Doesn't seem like it's been 25 years. But, onward. IRCA has matured and in my opinion, has become the best ECB club! Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the various columns. YOU are the club. YOU, the member have equal democratic voice in the direction of IRCA and please exercise your right and vote in the upcoming elections.

Here's to another 25 years! Once again, Happy 25th IRCA. Best of DX, Sacramento in '89 and 73 de Rth. .



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During the past 25 years, The International Radio Club of America has established itself as a remarkable fraternity of people with a common bond. We all have a great love of AM radio. Our membership is an extremely diverse and professional family of experts involved with every facet of the medium wave spectrum. Our club members are the finest of documentors, specializing in propagation science, the conditions of frequencies, developing technical advances, monitoring changes in the marketplace, and creating unique reference materials. Our bulletin, DX Monitor, is a unique, detailed, and precise record of the history and advances of the standard broadcast band. Our Almanac, Technical Guide, Foreign Log, and Goodie Factory offerings are all testaments to our undying efforts and proficiency. We are proud that our club is a microcosm of America: a melting pot of many different types of people, with a truly democratic government representing all the ideas and wishes of our membership. Our variety of opinions and interests always merge to give our group great strength. When you join our club, you join a remarkable combination of people who are all DXers and friends. In this issue we celebrate a quarter of a century of pride, and we anticipate an even greater future. Congratulations to everyone!

Karl J. Zuk
President
The International Radio Club of America

A Look at Past Anniversary Issues

1965: There were 112 forums in our first anniversary issue, which is probably the all time record. DX Forum editor was Don Erickson.

1966: There were only about 60 forums. This issue featured an experimental column called DX Roundup & the forums had been split into east and west. The DXWW "Tip of the Week" was on the high powered Cuban on 830 which carried all English programs under the name "The Friendly Voice of Cuba".

1967: By this time, HQ had moved from Denver to California. The roundups & forums had split into EST/AST, CST/MST, and PST/HST sections. DX Worldwide was edited by Randy Seaver.

1968: There were 48 forums. DXWW included loggings of Uruguay on 850 and 1090 in Ohio. Art Peterson had a long list of DX heard while serving in the Navy in SE Asia.

1969: Dues by now had gone up to \$6.50 3rd class & \$9.50 1st class. The club had 263 members, of whom 62 sent in forum reports.

1970: Several members reported hearing CFFB-1200 Frobisher Bay, NWT on a DX test. The contest standings listed over 50 members who had entered.

1971: Art Peterson reported KSRM-920 Soldatna, AK and LRA-870 Buenos Aires. Gene Martin heard Senegal (which back then wasn't all that rare for him.) There were 57 forums and 7 pages of DX Roundup tips.

1972: Dan Myers of Toledo reported some west coast goodies like KORL-650 Honolulu, KCBS-740 San Fran, KCRL-780 Reno, KLUC-1140 Las Vegas, et al. There were 3 pages of photos of club members.

1973: Column editors included Bruce Portzer (Questions & Answers), Nancy Gantzer(EDXR), Rick Evans (Contests & CDXR), and Father Jack Pejza (DXWW). There were 30 forums. DXWW had several logs of WXLE-1385 Canton Island.

1974: Publishing HQ had moved to San Diego. This was the first anniversary issue done by photo offset printing. Bruce Portzer heard CHML-900 & WRVA-1140. Articles included a CBS Mystery Theatre list & Part 3 of Ron Schatz' Loop Sense Cardioid antenna plans.

1975: A member in Ellensburg WA heard WFDR-1370 GA, and WHHY-1440 AL. There were 23 Forums. DX Roundup took the equivalent of 8 of today's DXM pages.

1976: By now, HQ had moved to Seattle, and dues were increased to \$12. Several members reported a 3/8 DX Test from Radio Millon, 625 kHz. San Jose Costa Rica. The station was on the air for that one test with a million watts, and never again.

1977: This was a good DX season all around & still going strong in March: Nick Hall-Patch reported BBC-647 & Algeria-531, several midwest members heard KYME-740 Boise on a DX test, Albert Lobel reported KICY-850 Nome AK, & Bruce Portzer reported CKPT-1420 Peterborough, ON. Gene Martin had an interesting article on DXing in the 1930s.

1978: Publishing HQ had moved to San Francisco the previous September. There were 30 forums, 22 of them from people still in the IRCA. There was ther equivalent of 12.5 pages of Roundup tips & 3 pages of DXWW tips. All the loggings looked like they could still be heard today.

1979: Dues were \$16.50. Gerry Thomas & Charlie Barfield reviewed a new receiver called the GE Superadio. WDXR featured a couple pages of DX heard by Northwest DXers during a total eclipse of the sun.

1980: HQ had moved back to Seattle the previous fall, and DX Monitor had changed to it's current booklet format. Some good DX in this issue: KFVB-980 by a Tennessee member, KFAR-660 by Robert Wien (who said they were slopping onto 670!), & CFGO & WROK-1440 by Jef Jaisun.

1981: Mark Connelly reviewed the Sony ICF S5W. Sony had loaned 10 of these sets to prominent BCB DXers to try out & review. Mark's review was one of several which eventually appeared in DXM. Unfortunately, the receiver never caught on with either DXers or the general public.

1982: Only 21 forums, the all-time low for anniversary issues. Bill Hardy heard WKGA-1190 Atlanta. There were articles on DXing Mexico, practical Beverage antennas, Satellite broadcasting, & the Kansas Information Net.

1983: This anniversary issue was a modest 32 pages long. Forums had rebounded to a total of 39 in this issue.

1984: This was the club's 20th Anniversary issue. There were 62 forums, the most we'd had in one issue in about 18 years. Some good DX was reported: Tuvalu-621 by Pat Martin, Turks & Caicos-1460 by George Hakiel, Togo-1502, Senegal-1503, Angola-1367 & Azores-836 by Neil Kazaross, who then lived on the coast of Maine.

1985: Dues were now \$20. Richard Wood reported on South American reception in Hawaii, and Mark Connelly had an article on best bets for Latin America.

1986: 28 forums, George Hakiel heard YVWP-1320 & USSR-1548.

1987: This was the best issue DXwise in recent years. Tim Hall heard Ecuador-830, Don Kaskey CHUR-840 ON & KBBI-890 AK, Pat Martin WMBD-1470 IL & WPGC-1580 MD, Gary Siegel CFRN-1260 AB WYKR-1100 VT & KQLX-890 ND.

1988: Except for EDXR, all the editors were the same as this year.

HOW IRCA WAS FORMED

Since this is our 25th anniversary, it seems only appropriate to have an article on how the club was formed. Unfortunately, writing an article from scratch would require researching and interpreting the club archives, having some of our founders and charter members try to remember exactly what they were doing a quarter century ago, and assembling the results into a hopefully coherent and accurate article. While going through back issues of *DX Monitor* I came across the following article. It originally appeared in the club's first anniversary issue and appears to do a good job of outlining how the club was formed. I hope you enjoy it.

--- Bruce Portzer

The IRCA was essentially founded as an alternative to the National Radio Club of Buffalo, N.Y., for 30 years, the sole American CEB DX club. The IRCA is an alternative in that it is founded on a democratic form of government, by which all members are able to participate in the club government, and it is a progressive organization to which all members are able to contribute.

There is a long history behind the series of conflicts between the NRC "old guard" leadership and the proponents of democratic club government which finally culminated in the formation of the IRCA. The opposition to the NRC officers was headed up by Larry Godwin, Bill Mittler, and Marv Robbins and received support from many other DXers around the country. 1961 marked the beginning of the conflict when the NRC's Executive Secretary refused to accept decisions made at the Amarillo convention although decisions made by majority vote at conventions were customarily binding, including the decision which put the Executive Secretary in office as the supreme commander. However, he was able to do this since the club's constitution or guideline was scrapped in 1959 at the Omaha NRC convention.

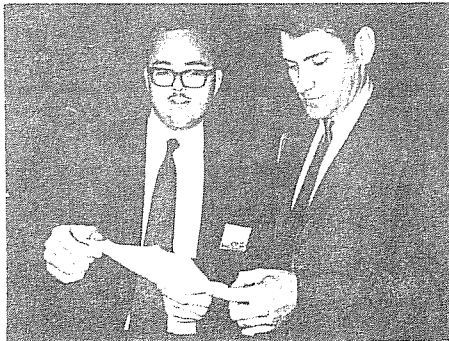
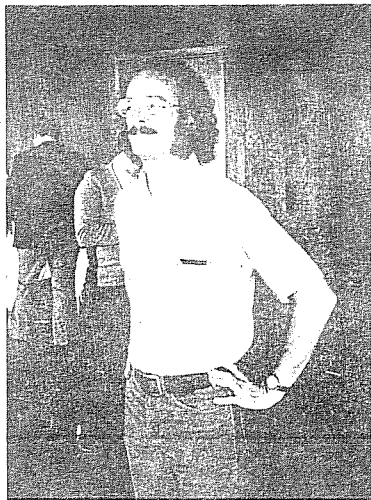
At the 1962 NRC convention in Indianapolis, by which time the conflict had become deeper, the NRC Exec. Secretary made it clear that he would not tolerate any interference with the way in which he was running the club. By late 1962, reports to the NRC bulletin were being censored of any criticism, however constructive, and the opposition was forced to use newsletters in order to present their views. In the course of 1963, some violent and ill-founded attacks were made via newsletter and by the NRC editorialists.

In early 1963, the Denver members put in a bid to publish the bulletin, since the NRC Exec Secretary (also publisher) had stated that he would retire in 1964. The NRC's officers then held this bid until another one could be found, one which would not allow the establishment of democratic government; the Denver bid was then rejected on the grounds that the Denver group was not capable of publishing the bulletin.

As it happened, the 1963 NRC convention was scheduled for Denver, where it was hoped, the opposition could make a final test of its views, since both factions would be present and some settlement could be reached. However, none of the NRC officers came to Denver, after having originally announced they intended to come, so the this group had no spokesman. The Denver convention hosts, with the aid of Don Roller as chairman, souped out the opinion of a democratic form of government, and finding it favorable, proceeded to have the whole group participate in drawing up a constitution and by-laws to be adopted by the NRC. The 37 members in attendance at the convention voted unanimously to adopt the constitution, but as had happened once before, in 1961, this vote was over ruled by the Exec. Secretary as he refused to even recognize the convention vote. Those backing the documents went one step further..they mailed a copy to every NRC member asking for a vote. The results, tabulated in Dec. 1963 by a neutral member, revealed 98 in favor, 53 against. It was hoped that this vote would show the NRC government that the members wanted a change and that they would call for an official vote. However, this vote was similarly ignored by the NRC officers, even though two of them participated in it. It could be seen that nothing but derision and scorn could be expected of the NRC's officers, and the stage was set for the IRCA's founding.

On February 1, 1964, an organization called the National Radio Club, Inc. was founded and incorporated under Colorado Law by six Denver NRCers, Larry Godwin, Dallas John, Dave Johnson, Bill Mittler, and Marv Robbins and John Tracy. The new organization was to be considered as the due successor to the NRC since the officers in the old NRC refused to surrender to the will of the majority expressed by vote. By the end of the month, over 40 members had sent in their dues after a newsletter announcing the club's formation had been sent out. The new club was to be the NRC with identical format, even though the old NRC was still operating with its afore-mentioned officers. The NRCI (as the club was called) published its first bulletin on March 17th, 1964 on a new mimeograph machine purchased with funds donated by members and from member's charter fees. The first bulletin was mailed out to 69 members, who expressed confidence in the Denver member's ability to publish a bulletin. Bill Mittler assumed duty as head of the publishing committee and the bulletin, as today, was published at his home.

It was evident by April that the 98 who voted for democratic government were not all willing to support the new club. Nevertheless, the 100 member mark was reached that spring. In mid-April, 1964, those in Denver temporarily running the club felt that the newly-formed club should seek a separate identity in the interests of co-operation among clubs and because of a technical flaw in the by-laws. A special vote was then taken to determine the name the membership preferred, and the winning name was IRCA. After this name was chosen, the names of the columns and of the publication were also changed. Members chose the club emblem and publication name in a vote. By summer, matters had calmed enough to consider the important business of a constitution and by-laws for the new club. The club had been set up based on the by-laws proposed by the HRC and is still operated on this basis; however, a finalized document will be sent out to all members soon for acceptance. Ron Schatz has compiled suggested changes and proposals and the results have been submitted to the Board and approved. In September, 1964, the Denver government called for an election for a provisional government since it appeared that a suitable document would take a while. Harv Robbins was elected president, Director elected were Ed Krejny, Dallas John, Dave Gleason, Dave Johnson, and Don Erickson. Bill Hättler was elected Secretary-Treasurer. A number of crucial pieces of legislation were dealt with by this government. It is hoped that by the San Diego convention, the club's first officially elected club officers will have taken office.



Clockwise from lower left: Raleigh Biss, a pioneer DXer who started DXing in 1922; he remained an active DXer until his death in 1972. Larry Godwin, one of the club founders, circa 1975. Percy Kestevan (IRCA pres 1971-73) & Mike Worst (IRCA editor-in-chief 1975-77) at 1970 convention. L-R Gary Siegel, John Sally, Paul Mount, Ted Fleischer, & John Clemmer at 1986 West Palm Beach convention.

IT ALL STARTED AT A DANCE...

by Rick Evans

That sounds like a strange title for an article in DX Monitor, but it's true. Those who've read my comments over the years in either DXM or DXN probably can't picture me at a dance--or a party--and normally that would be right. At this point, however, a young lady I was dating had agreed to handle the refreshments for a dance at an Elks Club her dad belonged to, and so, I was there, not really by choice. However, I had something with me that nobody else there had. In the mail that morning, Feb. 19, 1965, I had received a few sample pages of the DX Monitor. I took it with me that evening and read and re-read those few pages several times. The next morning, I went over and bought a money order for the \$4 yearly dues it cost to join IRCA in those days and I began to get DX Monitor on a third-class basis. It didn't take long to be disenchanted with third-class mail, and I sent in the extra two bucks to get DX Monitor on a first-class basis. Several years later, I was to start paying for air mail delivery of the bulletin.

However, this was back in February, 1965, just 11 months after IRCA first started putting out a bulletin--within the next couple of years, the club changed the volume/issue numbers to correspond with the dates of the club officials, etc. My membership renewal is with issue #21. At the beginning, because of the first issue being in March, the February and March issues always showed a lot of renewals, but that's changed over the years, as the early members dropped out.

This is being written during a pause in the typing of the anniversary issue of EDXF, and many memories have been prompted by what I've typed. I thought a chronological listing of what I remember happening year by year might be of interest to others. This is nowhere near complete --a lot of memories can't be listed merely by year, or are so specialized to me that it wouldn't mean that much to others. So, by year, this is a partial list of what's happened in IRCA and my life:

- 1965: I joined IRCA in February. In those days, we were a bunch of young kids, all enjoying a chance at a democratic radio club. The DX Monitor was being published at Bill Nittler's house in Englewood, Colorado, with the mailing address being a P.O. Box at the Airport Terminal branch in Denver. In May, I had a chance to meet Frank Merrill, who lived only 100 miles from me, he being south of Ann Arbor, Mich and I in my hometown of Kalamazoo, Mich. Because of this, I learned about the NRC and joined them in July, 1965. Paul Kirkpatrick was voted in as first club president, only to resign the next year to finish out his military commitment and then go into the ministry. The club saw its first major revision of the Constitution and By-Laws.
- 1966: In late April, I took a job in Gary, Indiana (working the midnight shift for a truck line) and left my parents house. In July, I met Roger Winsor of the NRC and spent many Monday Mornings DXing at his house and learning a great deal about DXing. He also told me about Allied Radio in Chicago, and I was able to buy there a National radio that was a great help over the old three tube RCA Victor table radio I had been using. I was also able to borrow from Roger a two foot loop made by the CE at WNWI-1080. I heard my first (and only) TA's and a couple of LPRTs. With Roger sitting on one frequency and I on another, we both really added to our logs, plus the encouragement we gave to one another. I really advocate having a local buddy to DX with. I attended my first radio club convention--the IRCA one in downtown Milwaukee, hosted by Mike Shannon and Tom Stoltman. Don Erickson rode a bus from California to be there. In late 1965 or early 1966, the DXM went from a "musings" type report with lists of loggings to the current Forum/Roundups format. I understand Ernie Cooper (then only of the NRC) suggested the change as a way of showing a difference between the IRCA and the NRC.
- 1967: Larry Godwin became president of the club. I got married in Sept., then discovered that she didn't care for the hobby. Seems hard dad never had a hobby and so she felt no husband should have one. I was able to DX SSS during that time period because she had a part-time job from 1600-2100. I was also up every MM because I was still working the graveyard shift. During the early part of 1967, I was

able to have a unique experience in getting the bulletin. Since I had a P. O. Box at the main post office in Gary (the sectional center for northwest Indiana), I was able to have access to my mail at all hours of the day. (The people there posted mail in the boxes one an hour.) The Denver crew would mail the bulletins one afternoon a week and I would read it while eating dinner the next day, just 24 hours later.

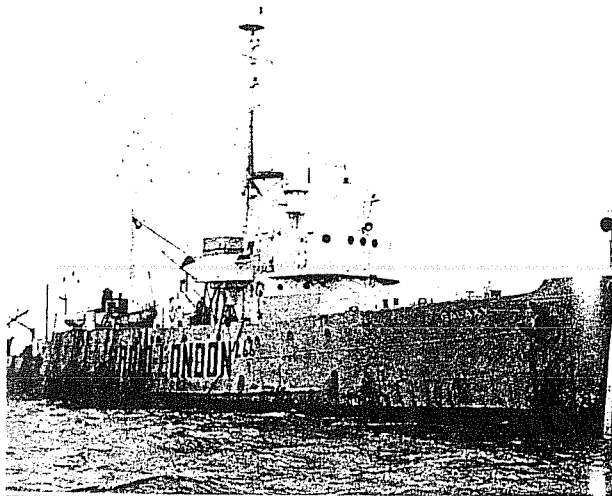
- 1968: I did little DX here from late winter through the end of the year. However, I did get my HQ-100 in late January, and the loop was made for me by Andrew Rekey, of Chicago, in March.
- 1969: Mike Northam was elected club president. I started DXing again in the spring. My son was born April 15th (tax day), and I can remember DXing in the wee hours of the morning with one hand holding the bottle for Jr., cradling a phone with one shoulder and tuning the loop with my second hand. I was always afraid I would drop the phone on my son, but never did. In August, I was divorced (my wife decided she wanted to be single again!!) I spent the summer living at the truck terminal I worked at--sleeping in the drivers bunk room upstairs. In middle Sept., I got my own apartment in the Glen Park section of Gary and started settling down again. I was working evenings and since I needed something to keep myself busy after midnight when I got off work, I started DXing again with a vengeance. On 9/30/69, I had 623 heard; on New Year's Eve, it was 897, and on 5/21/70 I hit number 1000. Veries went from 254 to 364 by the end of the year, then to 500 on July 11, 1970. The IRCA convention was in downtown Chicago that summer but I didn't make it because of the divorce.
- 1970: The club had had a policy of one person doing both the Roundup and Forum for a region--either East, Central, or Western, but Lynn Brooks, who had done both for the central region for a couple of years, felt it was too much work for a family man, dropped the Roundup, and kept the Forum. I took over the CEDR at the Labor Day weekend deadline for the first issue of the 1970/71 DX year.
- 1971: Percy Kesteven (PRK) was elected club president, making this a truly international club, since he was from Edmonton, Alberta. I was elected to my first term on the BoD, and took over the contest manager post along with the CDXR. PRK was a good president in that he changed a lot of procedures in the government, and cleaned out a lot of the deadwood which had built up over six years. For example, PRK was the one who drafted the convention bid form that I believe is still in use--based on an experience he had at one IRCA convention around 1970. At this time, a bad situation with some members came to a head when Paul Lotsoff and a couple of others sent to many or most of the club members an open letter to the BoD which they claimed to the members that the BoD had ignored and refused to look into--it dealt with the club elections that summer. However, it turned out that the letter which the BoD had allegedly refused to take action on had never even been sent to the BoD, and the BoD knew nothing about the letters until club members were asking us why we were ignoring it. (In my case, Don Eggert called and got me out of bed and couldn't understand why I kept saying "what letter?" He finally sent me a copy of it so I could know what he was talking about!) The BoD felt that Paul Lotsoff, George Tanner and Steve Kamp had done enough for the past several years to disrupt the club that expulsion was the only answer--and by a vote of 4-3, the three were gone. I was at the 1971 Toledo convention, hosted by Gary Siegel, Frank Merrill, Bill Raczko and others. There, I met a young lady from Fredonia, NY, named Nancy Gantzer, who later handled EDXR, then resigned in 1973 to move west, and in 1975, as Nancy Hardy, became WDXR editor, a job she still holds. (In June, 1975, I also appointed Ric Heald WDXF editor--so the western section has really been the most stable area for IRCA!)
- 1972: It was a stormy year, with the vote on the three expulsions being made in late spring, and the club being in an uproar for months over it.
- 1973: I was elected club president, probably because nobody else ran for it. Skip Dabelstein was elected secretary-treasurer taking over from Larry Godwin. I flew out to Lincoln to talk with the two of them as the club books were being transferred. Bill Nittler came

over from McCook, Neb. to make it a foursome. During this year, the publishing moved from Riverside, Calif, where Don Erickson had done it, mostly single-handed, to Poway, Calif. where Father Jack, Grant Manning, Albert Lobell, and a few others handled it. We went to an offset method of printing DXM, but in a looseleaf format, not the magazine style we now have. In late 1973, I decided I would have to give up the CDXR because of time--besides being president, I was waiting a job transfer to a new office in my home state of Michigan. Charley Keleher took it over. John Zondlo and I hosted the IRCA convention in Hammond, Indiana with help from Mike Hogan. The memories include hearing George Jensen, of Baltimore, comment about US V.P. Spiro Agnew: "Of course, he's a crook". Two months later, Agnew resigned. I remember being called out of the meeting room and hearing someone say in comment as I left "it's a cop". I got into the hall and it was a cop! First thought in my mind was that someone got caught smoking marijuana (one of the biggest fears John and I had about being hosts). It turned out to be a phone call from Bill Hardy and Nancy Gantzer in Washington state.

- 1974: I was finally transferred back to Michigan and was able to be at the 1974 Seattle IRCA convention. I met many of the west coast members for the first time. I can recall Seattle getting a three-day license to sell beer at the convention. I think it cost a mere \$10--cheap as insurance to avoid the possible hassles otherwise. I can still see Evelyn (Portzer) hiding all the ashtrays whenever we turned our backs. I still smoked my cigars, tho!
- 1975: I was relected club president--running again because nobody else wanted the job. I took over the CDXR again after the person who had replaced Charley Keleher disappeared and we were unable to contact him--even at his job at a hospital. (I understand he still feels we had no right to replace him--even after he stopped doing the column with no notice or explanation.) In late 1975, we started having problems with a San Jose member who had a chip on his shoulder against Ric Heald. He was just as disruptive in a way as was Paul Lotsoff, but this guy made sure he stayed inside the club's editorial policy.
- 1976: I was at the San Francisco convention, and met Father Jack, Ric Heald, Grant Manning, Don Kaskey, and others. I still remember being lodged in the Presidential Suite in the hotel where Don worked. Ric Heald promised sunny dry weather for the convention but we dodged the raindrops Sunday morning. Other memories there include taking the cable car to Fisherman's Wharf where we just missed our reserved trip to Alcatraz, then walked back thru Chinatown to our hotel. I wanted to meet with the kid from San Jose, but he decided not to attend the convention because he was afraid we would get him to change his mind.
1977. Bruce Portzer took over as club president, and I gladly passed on all the club records to him. By this time, Seattle was also publishing DX Monitor. I'll let Bruce tell you when San Francisco took over the publishing, and when Bruce took it back. I was at the convention in Indianapolis, hosted by Charlie Taylor.
- 1978: I moved to Philadelphia when my company closed its doors. As a result, I gave up the CDXR to Bob Lazar of Madison, Wisc., but I believe it was 1979 when I took the contests back over again for a couple of years.
- 1979: Father Jack was elected club president.
- 1981: Don Kaskey was elected club president. In November, I took over the EDXF position replacing Paul Mount.
- 1982: I attended the IRCA convention in Moline, Ill, hosted by John Clemmer. It was a good time, and a chance to see guys I hadn't seen since my last convention in 1977 at Indianapolis. It was my first convention since I quit smoking--and I quickly realized what I had put others thru, hi.
- 1983: Phil Bytheway elected president of the club. I got married in July, and quickly found out I now had a wife who couldn't stand radios, TVs, newspapers and typewriters, not necessarily in that order--just whatever I had in my hand at the time, hi. I kept on with my IRCA

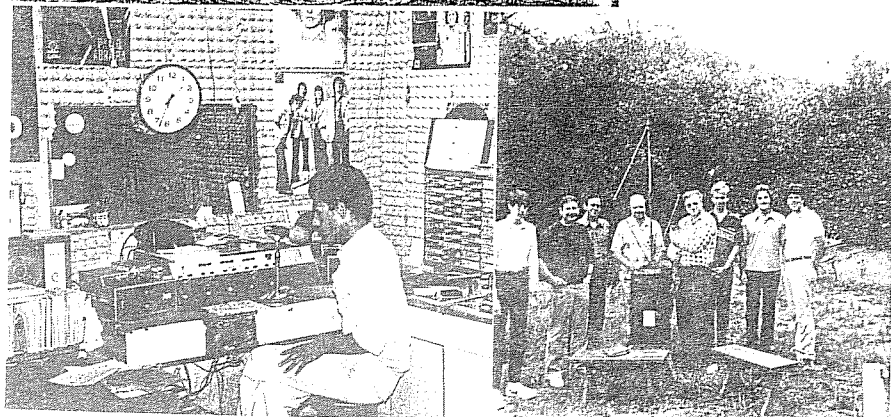
column, but I heard about it every weekend!

- 1984: I made it to the 1984 IRCA convention in Toledo, my wife's first experience with others who also DXed.
- 1985: Richard Wood was elected club president.
- 1986: Richard Wood resigned as club president, mainly due to frustration that the BoD wouldn't do what he felt it should. Bruce Portzer took over the presidency again, because he had been the chairman of the BoD.
1987. Karl Zuk was elected club president. I was elected to the BoD for my first elected club position in a decade. I moved to Wisc. in July and started DXing seriously again for the first time in several years.
- 1988: I moved to Milwaukee after losing my job in Wisconsin Rapids when my employer shut the doors. The DX Log starts over again for the fifth time! I won the TVA award.
- 1989: The 25th anniversary of the club, plus the usual bi-annual club elections. Who will be the new president, and the new BoD? A point of interest: the typewriter I use for the EDXF in 1989 is the same one I used for the CDXR in 1970.



Left: the ship used by Radio London, one of many British offshore pirates operating in the mid 60's. Lower Left: the studios of Radio Paraiso, a Honduran station on 1163 kHz. Note the egg cartons on the wall as acoustical treatment. Photo by Don Moore.

Below: IRCA members at SCADs meet at Radio West in 1983, L-R: John Wallace Jr, Mike Bittner, Albert Lobe¹, Randy Seaver, John Clements, Mark Bixby, Steve Mittman, Jim Hilliker.



THE ROOTS OF MY DXING

By Jim Hilliker

The 25th Anniversary of the IRCA is a time to celebrate. It's very exciting to look back and see how AM DXing and the broadcasting industry have changed over the years. Tastes in receivers used to DX have also changed drastically. As a relatively new member who joined in late 1982, I look forward to the anecdotes from some of our long-time members on their DX experiences and possibly some thoughts about the future of our hobby. I know it's not very realistic, but I sometimes wish the "good old days" of AM DXing would return. I can only imagine what rare stations I could've heard if only I'd known more about the techniques of DXing and could've been an IRCA member in the late-60s.

My earliest interest in radio I can recall was listening to the car radio with my dad when I was in first grade. When IRCA began, I was 9 years old and my father let me use his 6 transistor AM radio quite often. I was fascinated with the announcers and disc jockeys, and I began to imitate their speaking style. We lived in Santa Maria, CA at the time, and I remember during one summer vacation getting up early a few times just to hear one of the radio stations in town sign-on at 6:00 a.m.! DXing was still a few years away, but I do recall my dad listening to KFI on the car radio and in 1965, the radio was tuned to XETRA-690 in August of that year to hear news on the Watts riots in South Los Angeles.

A short time later, we moved south to Anaheim, CA. I received a clock radio for Christmas in 1967 and during that vacation I stayed up late several nights with the radio on. Then, for some unknown reason, I began tuning around and found distant stations by accident. I didn't know I was DXing and didn't know other people did it either. For several weeks on Friday and Saturday nights, I stayed up till 2 or 3 a.m. DXing. For some reason I kept tuning from 1500-1600 kHz. because I thought that was where the far-away stations were likely to be heard after hearing a few distant stations in that range.

You talk about a 12 year old kid being thrilled! I couldn't believe I was hearing Oklahoma City after hearing the KOMA ID on 1520! I got a sheet of paper and began writing down the stations I heard. The next time I was up late, I tried again to see if KOMA would come in. Into 1968 and 1969 I remember KSOM-1510 in Ontario, CA sign-off at midnight. I was surprised to find out later that Ontario wasn't too far from Anaheim, because their signal wasn't too strong. After they went off, KGA-1510 in Spokane was heard quite easily.

From 1967-70, I never had a clue as to how much power these stations had or why they could be heard so far away. I kept tuning for DX every chance I could. KPOL-1540 in Los Angeles also signed-off at midnight back then, and I remember hearing KXEL in Iowa quite often. Sacramento also seemed far away at the time and it was even a thrill to hear KFBK on 1530 for the first time. KPMC-1560 was found a short time later.

One night, I heard the weird call letters XERF on 1570. After hearing the announcer mention Del Rio, Texas several times, I looked it up in the atlas to see where it was. I didn't realize the station was actually across the Mexican border. I have a hazy memory of preachers and weird commercials coming over the airwaves from that station. I clearly remember telling my parents about it the next day. Most of these stations were listened to time and time again to see if this miracle of hearing distant stations could happen more than once.

Sheets of notebook paper became my logbook as more stations were added to my list. While in a bookstore in 1970, I came across my first Vane Jones log full of North American AM-FM-TV stations. This was a big help to me. I now had a five-band shortwave radio but never came across information on antennas for DXing or AM DX clubs.

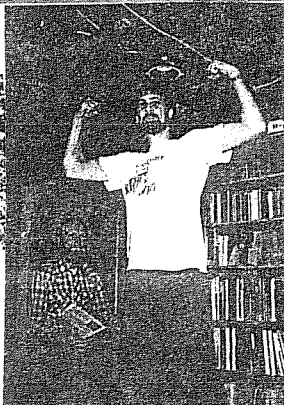
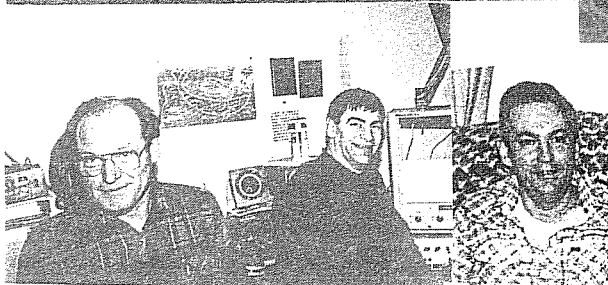
My interest shifted to friends at school and shortwave radio. I DXed on the AM band only when "I felt like it." I did however start

to hear 5 kw and lower powered stations in California and Arizona, and then came across KOA, KSL, KOB, KTWO, KBOI, KOMO and other western clear channel stations. CKWX-1130 was my first Canadian logged in 1973. From 1973-1976, I even wrote for a few AM QSLs from those stations. I learned about that from an old copy of Popular Electronics I had come across.

During 1974 and 75, I found a World Radio-TV Handbook and discovered shortwave clubs and Southern California Area DXers meetings. While I met several IRCA members in the next few years, I was either skeptical about hearing much more on the AM band or was more into my college classes and shortwave listening. So, I forgot about joining an AM DX club. KRVN, WHAS, WBAP, WLS, WWL and WCBS were heard during the mid and late-70s, and I even went on a couple of Beverage DXpeditions to 29 Palms and heard some interesting low-powered stations.

In 1981, I got a Kenwood R-1000 receiver and after trying a loop antenna a few times, I finally bought one and joined IRCA in September of '82. The DX I heard during the next three years was and still is very exciting to me and it's fun to go back and hear some of the tapes I recorded of that DX.

The past 7 years have gone by quickly. The old clear channels for the most part seem to be clogged with local stations and DX seems tougher to hear. If only I had known then what I know now. I feel as if I missed out on a lot of great Monday mornings, DX tests, hearing graveyarders from the Midwest, etc. back in the late-60s and early-70s. But I'm thankful for joining IRCA when I did. It increased my knowledge about the hobby and I learned how to log many stations I otherwise wouldn't have heard. Thanks IRCA for the past 25 years and the friends in the hobby I've made as a result of being a member. Here's to many more years of serving the AM band DXer!



Top row: Bruce Portzer during a gettogether at his DX shack, Rich Segalas reeling out Beverage antenna at 1983 convention.
Bottom Row: Laurens Engel, Phil Bytheway, Ray Bauernhuber, Jef Jaisun



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W E L C O M E ! ! ! !

It is with great pleasure that we welcome DX'ers, new and old alike, to the first issue of "DX News" published from Denver. As we approach our first publishing deadline, "DX News" will be going out to 57 NRCI members in addition to numerous others who have requested to see "DX News." The support shown for this first issue from Denver has been tremendous--far beyond our greatest expectations. May we thank all of you from the bottom of our heart for this great show of support and it is our fervent hope to see the pages of "DX News" continue to grow with the world's fastest growing DX organization, the National Radio Club, Incorporated.

YOUR EDITORS

Your NRCI editors heartily welcome you to the NRCI! We hope that you will report often to the three sections of "DX News," to let the DXing world know that you've been hearing. The NRCI is starting off tops; let's keep it that way.

We are proud to announce that the NRCI DXDX editor is Ed Krejny. Ed has just bought a new typewriter for the section and will edit the best of foreign information on the ECB, week after week. His deadline will be the Saturday before every Tuesday publication date. Reports should be sent to Ed at 12904 Ferris Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. 44105.

Your Musings editor, Dallas John, and your DXDD editor, Dave Johnson, are also proud to contribute to the NRCI bulletin. Their deadlines are the Mondays before publication, and all reports should be sent to P.O. Box 5181, Terminal Annex, Denver, Colorado, 80217.

THE NRCI MASTHEAD.

The masthead at the top of "DX News" will be a temporary one for the first few weeks. This was our first effort in running an electronic stencil, and needless to say, we need more experience, hi. A lot of guesswork and we ran off about 350 when the real trouble developed. The design at the top will be the official masthead and is in the process of being printed for future issues of "DX News." It will be in brilliant blue print on the white front page. Let us hear from you as to your ideas, suggestions, and any other comments on the masthead.

NRCI ELECTIONS

The first NRCI elections for President, Secretary-Treasurer and the seven members of the Board of Directors will be held in September of 1964 in accordance with the official Bylaws. Watch "DX News" for news of nominations, which will be held shortly. At present there are no club officers, but the Denver members are handling the duties of administration for the time being.

The first issue of what became DX Monitor was a 16 page mimeographed edition of DX News. For reasons explained elsewhere in this issue, the club that became the IRCA was actually the National Radio Club Inc., and considered itself (initially at least) to be a continuation of the NRC. Hence, our first bulletin was Volume 31, number 25 of the NRC (I) DX News! The names IRCA and DX Monitor came along a few weeks later, when it became apparent the "other" NRC wasn't going away. We've reproduced here the front page, all the musings, and the foreign loggings, which together made up about 80 percent of that issue.

Ray H. Kraul - 3823 33rd Street - Downy, Illinois 60403

I feel somewhat like a "cov-poke" as I'm writing this since it's headed out West. Now if we could just get some of those juicy Western stations to send a few signals this way, things would be great. Received a phone call from Dal John on Fri evening, but unfortunately my wife and I were out being sociable, hi! Dal left KCAD-980 tip, and I was home in time to try, but it was all C/P/L and two others (f/cer Roy Beer had 'em on the phone--they had xr troubles and got on 65 minutes late, at 2:35, so I missed 'em too, hi!--DJ). The morning of Saturday the 7th was not completely lost, though, as WBER-950 was heard on ET with c/w music and frequent IDs 2:05-2:15. Since March 1, I've heard the following: Sun March 1 was surprised to hear WNUW-1510 s/on 7:15, signal pretty good till 7:30. Verie back Friday. I get about one chance a week to try SSS DX, and March 1 was one of those chances. As a result I heard WJKE & WDBH, both on 800. The first went off at 6:30, the latter at 6:45; Hi! was a bad morning, CX-wise, so nothing exciting, except that KFGQ-1260 was finally heard 2:50-3:05 on ET, with organ music, woman announcer, and phonetic IDs. March 3 WPKY-1550 was heard on RS 6:20-6:30 until knocked out by WBSG. On Fri Mar 6 caught what I consider good DX, WJEB-1360 TP-r/c 12:15-12:30. IDs about 75% readable with USAI WBAV and others. Veries besides WNUW came from WFLA, WRLL, WMLI, and WART. Mr. Norm Miller, new CB at WRLL is evidently a friend of DX and I'm sure a decent report will be verified. As this club gets underway, I hope that those who do decide to join will decide to be "regular--" not only a reader, but also a contributor. Maybe the local AH who gives you headaches would be a good catch in another part of the country, so why not let all members know of your local conditions. Imagine the information that could be gathered if each member would just list the graveyard situation in his area, for instance, here, 1230 WJOB AN except Hi, WCOL heard Hi; 1240 WJEC HSP; 1340 WJOL AH except Wed, then WKGH & WRT heard; 1400 no local AH, but KFRU & WJET heard; 1450 WVOH HSP; 1490 WOPA HSP. With this thought I close my first musng. 73s.

Diort Heelan - 8350 Santa Rosa Road - Atascadero, California

This season I've found to be one of the best for reception from Alaska but I notice that Southern and Northern Alaska do not appear to come through at the same time. For example, last weekend (2/15) KFAR-660kc Fairbanks and KICY-350kc Ionia were good, but not identified this morning (2/22) when KFDJ-730 Anchorage had a wonderful signal at 12:30am EST. It's probably my location and perhaps my antenna, but I've had poor reception from Hawaii this year. Their signals when heard are weak, and usually are covered by the East Coast 50kc stations. (report written 2/22)

Harvin E. Robbins - 235 Laurel St. Apt. 1 - Broomfield, Colorado

Hi gang, greetings from this Denver suburb. Let's start with the latest DX doings from this den: 1/20 KBUB-1270 Sparks (Reno suburb) Nevada on w/ET from 0124-0130. Not much else for that Hi as Allers were strong. 1/27 was much better. Portugal-782 was my first European logged--See IDXD--so a big event here. WJLN-790 Spokane with ET 0117-0127 and ET from CFLV-1370 Valleyfield, Que. from 0140-0200. 2/3 JOIB-750 (in IDXD) fourth Japanese and Barbados-795. 2/10: KRSY-1230 Roswell, N.H. with late show 0100-0105 (already verified), and WJUS-1330 N. Augusta, S.C. w/early show from 0227-0232. KRYT-1530 the new one on the dial here--nice signal from 70 miles away. Logged 2/10, verified in three days. 3/1 was the greatest SI ever spent at the dials with two new countries, USSR and China (see IDXD). JOBK-670 was fifth Japanese log. KS10-1260 logged on 3/7 1802-1815 and is Colorado's newest station. Even though 5kw and 150 miles away, they can't make it over two 13,000 foot ranges so aren't heard in the Denver area in the day--only loggable at sunset and in the early morning. We understand that our old friend John Tucker is the CJ there. Stations verified are now at 2,117--still need four to complete the home state. Understand from Ernie J. that Lincoln will soon be on 1530 and Hastings on 1550. Keep us informed on the new Nebraska CPs, Ernie. To those to whom I still owe letters, patience. Good to hear the tapes from staunch WRCI member Glen Kippel down in "Snow Springs." Good to hear from you, Glen, and let's have a DX show from KDJS next season. And, if your boss would permit the collaboration, how about KCHW-1010? Welcome to new WRCI member Eugene Shephard of BROOMFIELD. And I thought I was the only DX'er in Sreepotom, and find that Eugene has been DXing up a storm for some time. Guess we've got the other Denver suburbs outnumbered. Too bad Englewood isn't so well represented, hmmm, hi, Bill! Welcome to all WRCIers and good to see the tremendous support. 73 to all.

Mike Forst - 634 23th, N.W. - Seattle, Washington 98115

Howdy, gang! Thought I would enlighten everyone as to my change of address. Once I get my radio over here, I'll know just how good this location is. DXing is rather skimpy, but here goes. 1/13 logged CKEM-1390 on a special DX, and I have to admit it, I'm just not interested in verifying. The same day brought WABC-770, KUTY-1470, KPAT-1400 ex-WJG, WJR-760, and WLM-700. For a while there I was listening to low frequency short wave, but I dashed down to the ECB a few times. 1/14 WJBC-660; 1/15 WCBS-880; 1/19 WGI-650; and 1/22 CHED-630 ex-1030 and WJIL-790. CHED gave a call several times that sounded like "Key Radio." Well, that's about it for now. One of these days I'll have to get an antenna up. Len, I figure your Wednesday off falls on April 1. 73. (Thanks for the phone call, Mike!--DJ)

Haurice W. Hittler - 4590 South Julian - Englewood, Colorado 80110
Greetings to the members of the world's fastest growing radio club--the WRCI! DX during the month of February was fair with such loggings on 2/16 as JOIB-750 and Guadeloupe-640. On 2/16 I heard WAGF-1320's DX. 2/10 both L55-630 and L48-830 taped. 2/24: WJUS-1090 was on with an ET, as was K5XX-630 Salt Lake. WFEI-1260 s/on 5 heard. March came in like a roaring lion in the DX world. Sunday AM, the 1st, found the logging of a new country, China: Peking-1040 with a tremendous S3 signal--should have been heard in the East. Then, KFUO-850 logged at 8 s/on and KBOA-830 on RS at 8:30. KIBL-1530 logged in the evening at sunset with no trace of the new KRYT. 3/2 KIKO-1340 logged on AM program. KHLI-1250 was logged in the evening with news at 8:05. 3/4: TLAC-1025 "Radio Fides Catolica de Costa Rica" logged and reported in evening. 3/7 the brand new KCAB-980 logged on ET from Dardanelle, Arkansas at 2:35 thanks to frequency monitor Roy Beer. Veries have come in to date from the likes of: WJUS-1090, KIBL-1530, KFUO-850, WFEI-1260, WSAW-1550, KQN-630, BLO-770, WPRO-630, CKKI-1220, W5WV-1570, KUSD-690, KRSA-1570, WSEP-1580, and KAFF-930. The top verie of the year, however, was a beautiful QSL from CSB9-782 Ibraner, Portugal for first TA verie! Country #28 verified. Let's grow with the WRCI! ~~Having~~ ~~of~~ 3/9 saw the logging of a new country in OAXA-854 s/on at 0600. Domestics included WJHS-730 Eting at 4:28 over UNID SS. WHP-1590 Eting at 0330. KXLA-1320 heard easily on WIRO DX. Veries from KRSY-1230. See you each week in "DX News."

Ken Butterfield - 624 Arthur Street - Plymouth, Michigan 48170
Greetings new WRCI members! From Plymouth's oldest, youngest, and first member, hi. Latest DX: 2/7--WIPV-1440, 12:50am; WSAW-1590, 1:15am, r/c. 2/29--WOPA-1490, 1:30 am AM; WFEI-1390, 1:45am, f/c; KFJZ-1270, 12:58-1:01am s/off with WXXZ off early. Heard a station s/off 15 seconds before KFJZ s/off, who? (Last season it would have been WJCA Gary, Indiana w/SSB--DJ) Latest totals 659/515. Latest veries--v/QSL from KBOH. V/letters--JBIG, WEDR, KSTT. Well, I'm not promising, but I think two more Detroit/Michigan members of the "WRCI" will join the WRCI. I know of two. Well, 73's, best of DX, and I hope to get these issues on time, hi. Ken.

Dallas John - 1070 South High Street/D609 - Denver, Colorado 80210
DX in the past few weeks has been more than plentiful, so I will waste space on nothing else. 2/16 found KHVI-1040 strong 1:15 w/WHO silent. KIRO-710 s/off 3 shapp. WYDE-850 had f/c-PT 3:03-3:15 after KOA s/off 3. CKCD controlled 350 after that. KRKD-1150 was in 3:40-4:02 w/jazz o/KAYO c/w. 2/17 not much for a ill, but two B.C. CJVI-900 RS 3:00-3:26 and CKIX-1130 AM 2:23. Also, WPAV-1150 Bryan, Texas testing a reverb. unit 3:34-3:42. 2/19 Trying for Trinidad, logged CKLG-730 AM at 4:54. Evening KSDO-1130 in at 8:06 but quick fade and no more. 2/22 KGLI-740 RS 8:26-8:36, didn't hear s/off. KVFC-740 overcame them 8:36-9:00 with no trace of KSSS. 2/24 on 920 two Nevadans apparently in the clear, needed KOLO and KRAI, former w/jazz, latter w/rock. KOLO 2:05-2:25, s/off 3 I think, KRAI 4. KRRA-1490 r/c noted fair. KGU-760 came up equal to the Cuban at times, 2:45-3:30. K5XX-630 had an ET w/show tunes, 3:20-3:32 so strong I thought at first only KHGW. Unk-540 w/SSB at 4 and music before it in W/DAK, they say JARO. JOIB-750 for first Jap clear w/ET lessons 4:30-4:37--tape sent. JBO-750 s/on covered them as they faded, w/hymns at 4:50. USB on 5. VPHRD-730 s/on clear at 5 w/band mx and religion. KSHO's first ET caught 5:03-5:15 but weak, QMed by EC s/ons, and I couldn't get a good 15 minute log for hr. Tucker. WJUP-850 noted RS 5:30-5:37. SI 3/1 sensational here. On a series of phonetic tips originating in Olympia, Wash. I logged Peking-1040 stronger than KOTM/XEG. Also, the mysterious "WSA-1540" from 5:15-5:23 KXEL SSB. Have asked WHK and WZRDYL if they know. 3/2 III: KCHS-1380 ez RS 2:05. KORK-1340 AM 2:12 and then KIKO-1340 Miami faded in w/c/w mx. KSLM-1390 had intermittent TT and ID at 3:08 under KGEC. JOKD-1370 in quite well w/WHK pips at 4 and EE Hcast following. KFQD-730 for my 1st Alaskan and 50th state altogether broke in fair from 4:04-4:30. After Trinidad s/on at 5:00, KRYD still cut in part of the time. I caught an ET from KHLI-790 s/off 4:38. Barbados-795 signed on as usual at 4:58 for another try at verification. Two stations on 660, one opera (2YC?) and one light music (KFAIR?). SSS brought KVLV-1250, KHLI-1250, and new KSHO-1260 again. 3/9 KCH-620 nice at 2:21 w/CKCK nulled on loop. KGPC-1340 r/c S9, 1 kv no doubt. WHP-1590 ET at 3:22. WJHS-730 ET/mx 3:26 over an SS I was trying to ID. WED-1440 OC-ET w/3:04 ID. KXIA-1230 test fair. Guadeloupe s/on 5:15. New country OAXA-854 s/on at 6:00, OC came on 5:55. Veries next time & 73 all.

Ernest J. Wesolowski - 1416 Pasadena Avenue - Omaha, Nebraska 68107
Many thanks to all those persons who have come together and set the wheels moving on this great new club, the WRCI. I have joined the WRCI to further my knowledge in the great hobby of Radio DXing, and to receive information from others interested, through the use of a democratic government. This new club has much interest behind it, and I wish everyone the greatest success in the hobby. I am 23 and work day hours. My DXing is now done only on the weekends and on AM. I have logged 1130 stations and have 730 veries, giving me a 64% verie count. Heard and verified 44 states, D.C., and have 17 countries heard, with 12 verified. I started DXing in November of '58. Have a National NC-103D (17 tubes) receiver; two tape recorders; two antennas, a 180' rhombic and a 100' inverted "L." My DX den is in the bedroom, with the receiver alongside the bed for easy DXing in those late hours, etc. Late veries include: CJIC, WJHJ--both QSLs. WJED-820 from Cali, Colombia, KPET, KDSH, WCSJ, KUPD, WYLD, and KVLV (now KAYO-1050). Best verie of the year is from GEM-640 St. John's, Newfoundland. Local SS time for Omaha in March is 6:30 CST; April is 7:00 CST. 73's and thanks to all for this great new idea of the WRCI!

1989 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Here is the latest club membership list, typed by John Clemmer with some additions and corrections by Bruce Portzer. This list is provided solely for the information and convenience of club members and may not be used for any commercial purpose whatsoever. US members are listed first, followed by Canadian & overseas members, followed by a list of newer members and those accidentally left out of the main list. If you don't find a particular name listed, check the list at the end.

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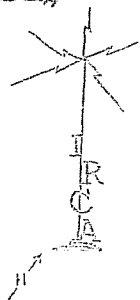
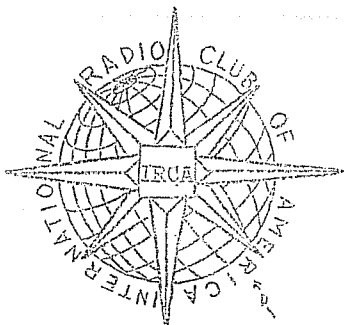
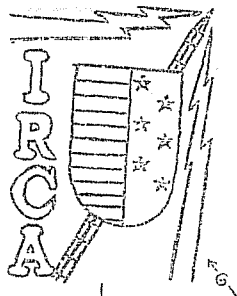
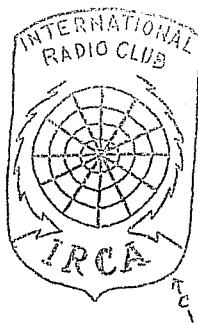
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