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Corrections for last issue - issue number should read 11 not 10. Add to the Table of Contents - Verification Signers.....11. On page 10 at the bottom of the page it should read continued on page 3, not continued next page. Sorry for these errors.....Ralph.

Lots of letters asking about the Superadio mods. The digital readout hook-up is in and working fine. The tunable plug-in ferrite bar loop is also working fine. Next in line is the filter mod for better selectivity, this looks like it should also work fine. When I get finished with the drawings they will be published in the bulletin with complete instructions for doing the mods, and building the loop. With suppliers for the parts listed.....Ralph.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, all editors should mail their columns with the intention of getting them to Riverside by Saturday. No column should be mailed any later than Thursday if it can be avoided. Wednesday mailing would be preferred. This will remain in effect until early next year.

More on the Superadio - I have on hand the manuals for model number 7-2880A and model number 7-2885F. The 7-2885F manual is for the Superadio II. If you wish a copy of the alignment procedure send along a couple of .25 cent stamps to - Ralph Sanserino, 11300 Magnolia #43, Riverside, CA 92505.

SANGEAN ATS-803A
by Ralph Sanserino, IRCA Publisher

I got to looking around for portable radios to use on the BCB and not to my surprise there are not too many around. The GE Superadio seems to be disappearing from the marketplace, so I took a look at what was left and I had to go up in price to the Sangean ATS-803A; there is not much below the \$190 price tag for use on the BCB. If someone out there knows of a real good portable for BCB in a lower price range, please let me know. I have been checking out the 803A for awhile and it was just fair on the BCB. So off to get a service manual to see what could be done to make this go better on the BCB. The people at Sangean were thinking of the BCB DXer when they designed this radio; they put in an FET RF amp just for the BCB and LW bands. Here is this ferrite rod antenna hooked directly to this nice looking FET RF amp and I knew right off it was going to work great when I got done with it, and sure enough I was right; it does work great. I added an external 15" tuned ferrite rod antenna, the plug-in type, so when I unplug it, the internal ferrite antenna is back in use. The external antenna improves the 803A about 200% or more. Stations that could not be heard with the internal antenna were now audible using the external antenna. Splits were readable and you have a digital readout and a BFO with pitch control to help you tune them. I am not going to list all of the specs here; all I know is the radio works. You can get all the specs from a Sangean brochure.....Ralph Sanserino.

If you would like a copy of the Sangean ATS-803A brochure send me a self addressed stamped envelope and it is yours. Address above...Ralph.



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DEADLINE: TUESDAYS

Another short one this week.

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 846 KIRIBATI, Tarawa-good with Island mx and man in presumed Gilbertese or whatever their current language is at 0945 on 12/5. (PM-OR)
- 1017 TONGA, good with U.S. Pop song and ID at 0900 on 12/5. (PM-OR)
- 1188 REPUBLIC OF KOREA, Seoul-FEBC-HLKK, noted in EE on 11/25 from 1120 to 1130 with Rel. Program "Words of Hope". ID as "This is HLKK, Radio at Eleven eighty eight on your radio dial." (MH-OKINAWA) (Good to hear from you again. Report often, as we get few reports from Asia these days. PM)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

- MH-OKINAWA MIKE HARDESTER-HQCO, HQBN-BAS, 3RD MARDIV-FMF, FPO SF, CA. 96602-8602.
- PM-OR YOUR EDITOR SP-600JX, 200' NE/SW LW, Ground system.

DX WORLDWIDE EAST

Seasons Greetings

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A report from Bill saved the day this week. I also heard the Brit on 1548 and a few others but lately I've been rather involved with other affairs and have only been able to DX a few eve's a week. Should change soon, though, and an interesting bandscan from my old QTH-area of Columbia, MD should appear somewhere soon. A call from Neil Kazaross 12/3 alerted me to 815 kHz where apparently he had heard something. Is the Ecuadoran back on this split? If so I missed it as I received the message around 0700 when either conditions changed or more likely the hoped for station signed off.

TRANS - ATLANTIC DX

- 1557 FRANCE, Nice 0605 12/4 : FF f vocals to v. gd level but with wavy fading. (Hall)
- 1548 ENGLAND, London et al. 0607 12/4 : Poor but segmented Brit. EE appeared in some splashing from US stations. (Hall-PIT)
- 1584 SPAIN, graveyarder 0609 12/4 : Poor but a synchros. stn was occ audible with SS talkers. (Hall-PIT)

PAN - AMERICAN DX (Townshend-D.C.) all

- 660 CUBA, Santa Clara CMEB 0221 11/23 : Songs by CCR & Beatles on R. Progreso. Gd.
- 690 CUBA, Cienfuegos CMFB 0222 11/23 : CCR & Beatles tunes. R. Prog. //CMEB-660.
- 720 CUBA, Cienfuegos CMFC 2353 11/20 : SS nx by m //CMHC-710. Gd.
- 740 CUBA, Cienfuegos CMHB 0223 11/23 : CCR, Beatles //CMEB-660/CHFB-690, R. Prog. fair.
- 810 BAHAMAS, Freeport ZNS3 2324 11/22 : Sports, ad for Radio Shack, gd. o/u HJCY.
- COLOMBIA, Bogota HJCY 2324 11/22 : Ranchero mx, talk in SS by m, fr u/ZNS3.
- 840 COLOMBIA, Neiva HJKK 0452 11/19 : Ranchero mx, ment of Doble, good.
- 1030 HAITI, Cap Haitien 4VEH 2341 11/20 : Sermon by m, XInt o/WBZ.

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DX
ROUNDUP

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST


- 1280 KJAX CA, Stockton 11/21 1500 "The new newstalk for the valley, KJAX" on hour, Mutual news. Other slogans heard during ABC Talkradio breaks; "Talk of the Town," "Newstalk Radio 12-80." Ex-KJOY. (RT-CA)
+11/27 0705 usual good signal with ID into Mutual news, then "Best of King." Ex-KJOY, thanks to FPJ for this tip. (RW-CA)
- *****
- 810 KGO CA, San Francisco is running 50kw ND day, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ kw nite, won't be able to replace towers until Feb. (PT-CA)
- 920 KQLO NV, Reno 11/20 1955 talk program about oxygenated gasolines now required in NV, garden show promo, "News 92 KQLO" slogan, but ID on hour is KQLO, so be careful! NBC news on hour, call change finally logged, rare since KLOC went full-time. (RT-CA)
- 950 (XEKAM) BCN, Tijuana 11/27 0357 with OC sounding like running water. (RW-CA)
- 970 KBBK ID, Rupert 12/4 1907 woman with weather, ment. "KBBK," local ad into (country?) song. No sign of KYTE. (NH-WA)
KTRW WA, Spokane 12/4 1905 woman with ID into country song. New, ex-KZZU. (NH-WA)
- 1000 KKMX CO, Hayden 11/27 0345 apparent new nighttime operation, very good in KOMO null with ID "The best in music, on 96 FM, KKMX," over KRHS. (RW-CA)
- 1130 KSDO CA, San Diego 11/23 1942 sports, then ID "San Diego's news station KSDO," into ads, faded o/u WX-1130. Usually Dinuba is dominant. (RT-CA)
- 1150 KKEY OR, Portland 11/24 1030 call ID, into relig. program. On top of jumble; BRN jingles heard underneath, likely KEZX, but no ID gleaned for that. Soon faded, rare here. (RT-CA)
- 1260 KOIT CA, San Francisco 11/22 2335 fair with oldies, promos as "KOIT 96.5," no AM side IDs. (RCW-WA)
- 1290 KHSL CA, Chico 11/22 2355 under KTOL-1280 but still readable with lite C&W music. This used to be a regular dial marker here pre-KTOL days according to old log records. (RCW-WA)
- 1300 KDOV OR, Phoenix 11/27 0800-0820 good at s/on over KMPS, NBC news, then non-stop hymns. Call change, ex-KHUG. (RW-CA) (Format and call moved from 1230.--NH)
- 1310 KDIA CA, Oakland 11/23 0020 with top 40 request program. Solid stream of promos as "KDI" without the "A." Relogged 11/24 2320 and different DJ using full call in promos with same type program. (RCW-WA)
- 1350 KRLC ID, Lewiston 11/20 1859 country music, call ID, AP news, another ID, country song, ad for store in Clarkston. Dominant, faded way over KSRO. (RT-CA)
- 1370 KEEN CA, San Jose 11/25 0015 C&W music, severe KKMO-1360 QRM. (RCW)
- 1410 KFMS NV, N. Las Vegas 11/20 1942 country music, ID "KFM 102 with Ricky Shelton, it's 4:42," over KCAL & KERN momentarily, then faded. New, tried for this for ages! (RT-CA)
- 1480 KRED CA, Eureka 11/26 0150 C&W music, Satellite News Network, some local spots. Fair with frequent promos "...1480 AM, KRED." (RCW)
- KYOS CA, Merced 11/26 0200 news, promo during brief KRED fade. (RCW)
- 1590 KZOK WA, Seattle 11/26 0230 oldies, still using "Kool Gold" from KQUL days. Request number is in Phoenix! (RCW-WA)




Central DX Roundup

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FOR THE RECORD

Report in Eastern time. No tips over 2 weeks old.  Deadline: Saturdays.

RIDING GAIN

- [SA-MB] = Shawn Axelrod, 30 Becontree Bay, Winnipeg, MB R2N 2X9
ICOM IC-R70. 3' Box loop, 100' longwire, mini TUN-3.
- [WB-MO] = Walt Breville, PO Box 13008, St. Louis, MO 63119
1986 Ford car radio, whip antenna.
- [TML-IN] = Tom Laskowski, 1334 East Miner Street, South Bend, IN 46617
ICOM IC-725.
- [SHP-TX] = Stephen H. Ponder, 273 Settlers Park Drive, Shreveport, LA
71115-3197
DXing on location in Houston, TX while on vacation.
 Toshiba RP-F11, 1985 Delco car radio.
- [RS-MO] = Randy Stewart, 4225 West La Casa, Springfield, MO 65802
Realistic TRF 12-656, 4' spiral loop.
- [PLS-KS] = Paul Swearingen, 2840 S.E. Illinois Ave., Topeka, KS 66605-1427
R-1000, Combo Sauserino/Martens loop.
- [JcJ-MT] = Your editor using an ICOM IC-R71A with a 23" ferrite bar loop.

SPECIAL INTEREST

- 560 KLZ CO Denver, 11/30 good. 0400 noted with new format, was C&W. Now "Z-Rock." 0400 ID "The first and only radio station in Colorado, Z-Rock, 5-60 AM KLZ Denver." [JcJ-MT]
- 1400 KTUS TX Galveston, EX-KILE. 11/20. 1223-1235 w/PSA for Galveston Salvation Army. 1227 ID "Your Country Radio, US 1400." [SHP-TX]
- 1430 WXTZ IN Indianapolis, EX-WIRE. 11/27 good. 2013 w/spot for K-Mart, ID "You are listening to WXTZ, Indianapolis." Man and woman with talk. New for me. [SA-MB]

DOWN THE DIAL

- 590 WOW NE Omaha, 11/20 fair to good. 1105 w/weather "...from the New News Leader, WOW." [RS-MO]
- 600 KTBB TX Tyler, 11/20 poor to fair w/WREC nulled. 1205 w/"Tradio" program. [RS-MO]
- 620 KWFT TX Wichita Falls, 11/20 fair to good. 1710 with weather for Wichita Falls. C&W music. [RS-MO]
+12/2 good w/KTAR and CKCK nulled. 1900 w/Texas A&M vs Texas football game. 1919 spot cluster. [JcJ-MT]
- 650 KIKK TX Pasadena, 11/18. 1553-1601 w/C&W, live remote from Pettigrew Smith Auto Supply. 1600 ID "You're listening to a Superstar Weekend on KIKK Pasadena and KIKK FM Houston." [SHP-TX]
- 660 KTNN AZ Window Rock, 11/27. 1827 w/promo for "Sounds Partnership" and "Sports Page." Local phone number 871-2666. Then talk in Navajo language. Appears this is the best time to hear KTNN east of Mississippi. [PLS-KS]
- 720 WMYX GA Hogansville, 11/28. 0523 w/R&B oldies. "7-20 WMYX" ID by a deep-voiced announcer reminiscent of Drake era. [PLS-KS]
- 760 KMTL AR Sherwood, 11/26 good, alone. 0810 with ID, Gospel music and short sermons on the spirit of giving. Spot for a Little Rock church. [WB-MO]
- 890 KVOZ TX Laredo, 11/23 o/WLS. 1833-43 with spot for Laredo Cellular Phones, ID. Alternating EE and SS EZL music. [WB-MO]
- 930 KRKY CO Granby, 11/27. 1914 w/local spots for Granby Drugs, Granby Printing, Willow Creek Signs. C&W music. [PLS-KS]
- 980 KFRD TX Rosenberg, 11/18. 1605-1625 w/SS programming. 1611 ID "On the cool 98-0, KFRD." Spot for Unicorn Ballroom. [SHP-TX]
- 1010 KLAT TX Houston, 11/18. 2004-2022 w/SS programming, live remote from the Matamoros Ballroom. 2014 ID "La Tremenda, Numero Uno." [SHP-TX]
- 1030 KFAY AR Farmington, 11/26 mixing w/KCTA. 1810 w/ID "KFAY Farmington, Fayetteville" into C&W music. [WB-MO]
- 1090 KACO TX Bellville, 11/18. 1625-1708 w/Sun Radio Network programs. 1633 ID "AM 10-90 KACO TalkRadio for the 90's." [SHP-TX]
- 1100 KKLO MO Webb City, 11/26 along. 0830 w/ID "KKLO Webb City, Carthage, Joplin" into Gospel music. [WB-MO]
- 1110 KTEK TX Alvin, 11/18. 1634-1701 w/SWC football. 1653 ID, spot for Harold Kestersen Motors in Pasadena. 1700 ID "KTEK Alvin, Houston's Christian Information Station." [SHP-TX]
- 1120 WTWZ MS Clinton, 11/19. 1800 w/woman w/religious program, address. ID heard many times during sign off, mentioned 2500 watts during the day. New for me. [TML-IN]

CDXR Continues....

- 1140 KSSQ TX Conroe, EX-KPHD. 11/18. 1707-1721 w/SS programming. Spots for the Unicorn Ballroom. 1716 ID "We're the new guys in town and we came to kick some...hits, KSSQ. [SHP-TX]
- 1160 KFHM TX San Antonio, 11/26 strong, on top. 1833 w/ID and slogan "The Big M." EE/SS talk, temperature, Rancho music. [WB-MO] +11/28. 0603 w/Mexican MOR-type music. No ID, slogan "The Big M, 11-60." Mix of EE & SS talk. [PLS-KS]
- WAMB TN Donelson, 11/20 good. 1716 w/traffic report, spots for Nashville area businesses. "Radio 11-60" slogan. [RS-MO]
- 1180 WSAF GA Trion, 11/20 fair, lost to WJNT. 1720 with "Georgia News Network" features. [RS-MO]
- 1250 CHSM MB Steinback, 11/28. 2259 w/Christmas music. Christian spots. Also spots for Independent Jewelers and rental space in the CHSM building (call Bob Schenkel.) "CHSM" (only) ID into news. [PLS-KS]
- 1260 WRDZ OH Cleveland, 11/20 fair. 0640 w/"WDRZ" ID then several PSAs for Cleveland and Akron. New for me, OH#31. [SA-MB]
- 1270 WYYN FL Tallahassee, 11/26 in mess w/local WCMR. 1800 with "WYYN AM 12-70" ID into network news (not sure which). New. [TML-IN]
- 1280 KTTX TX Brenham, 11/18. 1722-1734. ID "KTTX, KWHI, AM 12-80 FM 106, Your Friendly Country Stations." [SHP-TX]
- 1390 KULP TX El Campo, 11/20. 1255 with ID "You're tuned to the Best In Country, KLUP El Campo," Texas State Network news. [SHP-TX]
- WMER MS Meridian, 11/21. 1700 w/woman w/local church notes, several IDs "We are WMER Meridian" into USA Radio Network News. Spot for Carter Computers in Meridian. New for me. [TML-IN]
- 1400 WIKY IN Evansville, EX-WROZ. 11/26 good. 1702 with many "WIKY" IDs during promo for John Madden's sports program. Fade. First time heard at WIKY. [TML-IN]
- 1450 KATE MN Albert Lea, 11/25 fair. 1858 with "You're in tune to your radio, KATE AM, Albert Lea." 1900 ABC News. [SA-MB]
- 1460 KBRZ TX Freeport, 11/20. 1309-1332 w/C&W. 1313 ID "Lite-N-Country, KBRZ" into Ralph Emery Show. [SHP-TX]
- 1590 KZOK WA Seattle, EX-KQUL. 11/25 fair. 0845 w/rock oldies, slogan "Kool Gold 15-90." New for me, WA#16 and Station #1100! [SA-MB].

TIS

- 530 WNLC815 TX Houston Intercontinental Airport. 11/20 1420-1423 with 2 minute loop. ID "This is WNLC815 The Houston Airport Radio System Network." Freeway exit information. [SHP-TX]
- 1610 KON347 TX Houston Hobby Airport. 11/20 1315-1320 with 3 minute loop ID "This is KON347, Hobby Airport Traveler's Information Radio." [SHP-TX]

UNIDS

- 990 unID 11/27 fair. 0458 with a Mike and a woman talking about how to spend wisely. Just kept on talking for an hour! No ID. Looped EW. Help? [SA-MB]
- 1580 unID 11/26 fair. 0820 w/TT and/or OC. Not KDOM. [SA-MB]

CORRECTION

Randy Stewart mentions that Stephen Ponder's logging of Springfield, MO's 1260 in the 11/18/89 CDXR has an incorrect call sign. Stephen reported he heard the ID "KGBX Springfield's Radio Ranch, AM 12-60." Randy says 1260 does use the slogan "Radio Ranch," but the call is KTTS, not KGBX." He says a few years ago KTTS was on 1400 and KGBX was on 1260. A frequency swap was made. KGBX-1400 is now silent, going off the air in July 1988 because of financial problems. KTTS is still going strong on 1260. Randy mentioned the one time KGBX was owned by Al Sikes, the new FCC chairman.

25 YEARS AGO

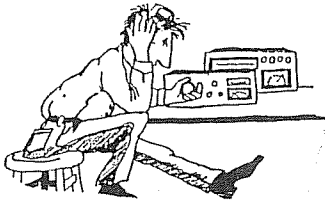
12/15/1964 issue of DX Monitor...WDAF-610 had just gone 24 hours. Randy Seaver's DX had suffered because school had been rough. Don Erickson logged 1ZD. Rich Heald said he just started a job at the Post Office. Bill Hardy Jr. "gave up" and popped for first class.

OPEN MIKE



Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. A big CDXR welcome to 3 new reporters this week. Walt Breville, Randy Stewart, and Paul Swearingen! Thanks for your reports and keep reporting! I hope all of you will have a very Merry Christmas, and that Santa brings you lots of DX. Be sure to report all of that DX! Ho Ho Ho. Thanks for your support! 73, John.





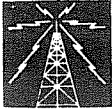
Eastern DX Roundup

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- 640 WHLO OH, AKRON 12/2 1630-1645, weather, ABC newsbreaks, religious
music, IDs, almost at local strength. (TF-CT)
- 690 WPDQ FL, JACKSONVILLE 11/29 1718 songs by Turtles & Doobie Bro's
w/SID sandwiched between. EXCELLENT. Ex-WAPE. (WPT-DC)
- 850 WYDE AL, BIRMINGHAM 11/24 1710 mention of Bessemer concert by male
DJ; GOOD while on day power. (WPT-DC)
- 880 WRRZ NC, CLINTON 11/20 1715 ment of Rte 701 during s/off. (WPT-DC)
- 940 WINZ FL, MIAMI 11/20 1722 "I'm Available" by Marjorie Rayburn, wx
rpt (temp 77 F.), FAIR. (WPT-DC)
- 1110 W NAP PA, NORRISTOWN 11/25 1640, gospel mx, under WHIM/WBT, not
enuf for a rpt. (TF-CT)
- 1130 KWKH LA, SHREVEPORT 11/23 1740 w/spots for Stallworth GMC Trucks &
Lanier copiers, promo for C&W request line, 800-669-HITS, "a
service of ranch radio KWKH" into C&W mx, FAIR & alone on
freq w/auroral cx killing WCXI & WNEW. (MB-ON) 11/20 1808
market report, nx by female, Jimmy Dean tune, GOOD. WNEW
aurora'd out. (WPT-DC)
- 1160 WSKW ME, SKOWHEGAN 12/3 1610-1625, Big Band mx, Patti Page song,
Community Calendar, "Keeping The Valley Up To Date - AM
1160", mention of several c ME towns, "Home of Great
Entertainers", all at local strength. (TF-CT)
- 1160 WOBM NJ, LAKEWOOD 12/2 1717-1734, Country mx, lots of IDs for "Star
Country - AM 1160", ment of c NJ towns. (TF-CT)
- 1290 WCHY GA, SAVANNAH 11/22 1714 wx rpt (temp 66 F), ID, song, FAIR.
Ex-WTOC, WWSA. (WPT-DC)
- 1370 WLOP GA, JESUP 11/22 1724 spot for store on W. Cherry St. (WPT-DC)
- 1370 WGCL IN, BLOOMINGTON 11/28 1703 w/state & local nx mentioning that
the Monroe County school board had given varsity sports
status to high school soccer, non-ID as "The New Cool 1370",
promo for shopping in downtown Bloomington, oldies mx, FAIR-
POOR w/pests WSPD & WXXI nulled. (MB-ON)
- 1380 KLIZ MN, BRAINERD 11/27 1805 w/NBC nx, ID as "AM 1380 KLIZ
Brainerd, it's 5:05", into Minnesota News Network nx, 1810
spot for The Sporting News, 1811 KLIZ Radar Weather sponsored
by Brainerd Insurance Agency, POOR in CKPC null. (MB-ON)
- 1580 WENO FL, CHATTAHOOCHEE 11/20 1751 spot for store in Quincy; ex-
WSBP. FAIR. (WPT-DC)
- 1580 WCCF FL, PUNTA GORDA 11/20 1800 ment of State Rte 765 during s/off.
GOOD. (WPT-DC)
- 1590 WERA NJ, PLAINFIELD 11/25 1800, comments by female annrc about
"Million Dollar Weekend", ID "Your Top AM 1590, WERA", & a
spot for health club, nx, lost by 1805; rare here as we are
deep in a null. (TF-CT)

NOTE from former Interim Editor: It seems EVERYBODY is confused! After forwarding 2 rpts rcvd in Riverside, Ray sent no column but forwarded one of the above rpts w/o explanation. Two others received here. Unless advised otherwise, however, RAY BAUERNHUBER, address above, is editor with Saturday deadlines. Rpts rcvd in Riverside will be forwarded but with significant delay. -Don Erickson



Western DX Forum



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1986 DEADLINES — WEEKLY ON TUESDAY 11 DAYS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION DATE

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1989 marked 22 years since I first joined IRCA and 25 years since discovering the AM DX hobby. I'm now past the half century mark, still happily single. Have a new setup consisting of a 1986 Ford AM/FM/cassette receiver, a 12v RV battery and a 10 amp charger. This has almost eliminated the problem of CATV leakage messing up even the weaker local AM stations in my home, even with all TV sets off. Turned out 95% of the noise was in the power line. The new car radio using a plain car whip antenna is more sensitive on weak stations, especially on the lower half of the band, than my R-1000 was during rare noise SPs whether the R-1000 was using the SM2 or the 60-foot longwire. Going to battery power was the answer to my noise problem. I have a GESuperadio, but it has fallen into disuse with it lacking digital readout which has become a must for me in recent times with so many new stations and call changes. Like the Superadio, the car radio makes DX'ing more fun with its greater audio output, rich low tones, compared to the R-1000 feeding a 5-inch speaker. That's one thing that hasn't changed in 25 years, then and now communications receivers had and still have skimpy audio output sections, with scattered exceptions such as the Hallicrafters SX-62 which had a ten-watt built-in "hi fi" amp, and today's Grundig portables. Does anyone know how well Satellit 400, 500 or 650 does on AM? Back in the early '60s good car radios gave the most bang per buck spent in DX performance - it's still the case today. My car radio has digital tuning, is great for domestic DX, but like most digitals, cannot tune foreign splits, but those seldom make it this far inland unless you live in a DX enhanced area such as Denver. I was saddened by WLS going all talk, but as late as 29 October they were still running a Sunday morning pop music and low-key preaching program 0600 to 0630 CLT called Powerline with uptempo secular as well as Christian AC/CHR type music much of what WLS played in recent time before subcoming to talk fever. Maybe they still run this fine Southern Baptist produced program, try it. Locally, I lost the fine oldies WKLL 590 Wood River, IL, they're now WCEO, obviously for Chief Executive Officers, with all business news from the Business Radio Network. That leaves KGLD (ex-KWK) and KLOU 103.3 battling for the oldies audience of St. Louis. To reduce financial pressure of IRCA, I'd be in favor of going to publishing once every two weeks, perhaps also bi-monthly during the summer season when the other clubs are monthly. 73.

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First of all, as a brand new member (I belonged to NRC as a young pup in the early '70s). I'm 33, married and Music Director at KSMU 91.1 (CLA, JZZ), the NPR station at Southwestern Missouri State University. I just returned to MW DX about a year ago after a ten-year hiatus. My current setup is an early '80s vintage Realistic TRF (12-656) modified with a couple of Radio West "trans-filters," along with a 4-foot spiral loop. I'd never used a big loop before, let alone build one. . .the engineers at the station helped me with construction. . .they're very VHF-oriented and were dubious about the whole project. But it work quite well. I also do some SW DX and have my Ham license (Tech class), call KAØRNF. . .I operate 2-meter FM phone on our university club repeater. Like most of you, I wish I had more time to listen and have sent what little I've heard recently to CDXR and DXNW editors. I enjoy foreign DX when there is any - one of my best recent catches was YVMN 1210 R. Coro at 0005 ELT 23 October. The high level of geomagnetic activity of late has been great for LA DX, with SS stations often outnumbering domestics on the dial. I haven't done much with veries since getting into DX -- results haven't been that encouraging. Reports in February '89 to KTRN 660 and in April to KOKK 1210 were never answered. But then I read the Verie Signers column in DXM and see many replies that required 4 or 5 f/ups. Anyone have suggestions to get veries from the above listed stations? I'm glad to finally be a member. . .tried to join at the old \$20 rate, which didn't go over too well, hi. Anyway, I'll try to check in when I can. 73 from the Buckle of the Bible Belt. (Welcome to WDXF, Randy, and you are indeed in the blue pages of WDXF-land. Good to get forums from our Midwestern members. Please report when time permits-Rth.)

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Just read in the local newspaper that KSPT and their FM KPND Sandpoint are on the air and participating in a charity benefit. So much for rumors about them being broke and off the air. KVNI Coeur d' Alene is for sale and according to a recent article the owners of KCDA (Coeur d' Alene) have filed a complaint against the sale. Apparently the owner of KVNI is trying to sell the station to other members of the same family and KCDA says it's a ploy to get around the maximum number of stations an individual or company can own. Not much DX here. Very few hets showing up. I have a suggestion about helping to solve IRCA's debt. Instead of having weekly issues during the season, cut back to every 10 days or 3 instead of 4 a month. (But extremely confusing to editors and publisher with deadlines-Rth.) The

club's membership in this area is down to 2 now as Bill Frahm has decided not to re-new. That means no more KBOI goodies for the club conventions. The idea of a future Boise convention has pretty well been killed off. (Trust me, it can be done with 2 members pulling it off, hi-Rth.) 73.

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

Recent varies include KORE 1050, KBSG 1210 and KWES 1460. KBSG mentioned they're still 10 kw/D and 1 kw/N, but do have a CP for 50 kw/D, 10 kw/N using separate patterns day and night. They hope to be on with the higher power "next spring." Mentioned there will be a null toward Billings and wants to know the effect here. KBSG can be considered DX'er friendly. Conditions are great, but time is lacking for DX'ing lately. I've been working 7 days a week recently filling in on weekends until a job opening is filled at KTVQ. Nice to get the overtime, but DX is suffering for awhile. (And somehow the OT moves you into the next tax bracket, hi-Rth.) Hope all had a nice Thanksgiving. Christmas is not far away and the '90s are near. Gee, I'm still not over the fact the '60s are history! 73 de John.

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Hi again. Before I run out of time, I'll wish everyone a very happy holiday season from my family to yours. KSUR Soledad 700 finally came on the air 27 November, simulcasting their FM. Their schedule is also the same, 900 to 0000 ELT with CLA. (Did you mean 900 to 0300 ELT?-Rth.) It's a weak but solid signal here at home, OK on the Monterey Peninsula, but subject to powerline noise and KNBR QRM in the car. Good luck on hearing it as it's likely to get buried at skip times. Weird part is on their legal ID, KSUR FM gives ID first, but doesn't mention the AM. Then, at exactly :04 a separate ID from the AM XR fires, saying "KSUR 700 Soledad, simulcasting with KSUR FM Greenfield-Monterey." Sometimes the modulation is low on that ID or runs over a PSA! Seems they should simplify things and run dual legal IDs from the studio like KXDC does for their AM and FM, which have separate cities of license. I wonder what the owners see in having such a low-powered AM station? (Do I hear "tax shelter"?-hi-Rth.) KNRY back to 1 kw, their XR problem was fixed within 2 weeks. KLAU 1540 is now AN7 again after having at midnight (local) s/off as KNZS. All I got was constant KSKQ and once, KXEL. Was told by KRML's CE that the station (on 1410) doesn't have the funds to build a new antenna site for their 3-4 year-old CP to boost power to 5 kw fulltime. The owner is stubbornly leaving the format all jazz for a small but loyal audience, but not making money on it. One final comment on the quake. Yes, AM cmae through in S.F. and San Jose, but not here!! Maybe KRKC 1490 was on and I heard KOMY 1340 was on and off, but kept losing power. But the AMs in this county are second-rate when it comes to having an audience. KSCO did a great job, but had little if any information on Monterey County news. But, power kept off 630, 540, 980, 1240, 1480, 1460, 1540 and 1570. Only 4 of them have enough power to cover the area hit by the quake, but they didn't come through this time. It was an exception in disasters, but in this market, it was the FMs that came through with the best service to listeners. 73.

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Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings, Feliz Navidad, etc. - and may you find the radio gear you've been salivating over all year! Personally, I'd like to see a mint condition HQ-180 or R390 under my tree, hi. Hard to believe it was 12 years ago that I boogied on down to San Carlos where a guy was unloading all his gear and picked up a nearly new FRG7 for only \$100! Since receiving Jim's forum, I've been trying daily for KSUR, but so far just UT and OR. I've got an even noisier neighbor on 710, hi. Remember when WLW used to be a pest? The Monterey Bay area's not that distant, but reception from that direction is poor and 2 of their frequencies are duplicated here and that can be stretched a bit with 1410's local like daytime signal here (Marysville is 45 miles north). But that got me doing some scanning in the evening and stumbled on to SS on 1040. Thinking San Diego's CP was finally on, settled in. But the newscast covered Cuba and Central America. I haven't heard Cuba in years! Tuned back at :50 (2050, 05 December) and Vancouver was now on top. But, lo and behold Murphy's Law of DX didn't kick in and Cuba broke through on top for a nice ID, and it was a bi-lingual ID! For anyone who wants their address (they gave it), it's P.O. Box 3040 Havana (OK, apartado postal, hi). Checked 640 and 590 but no trace of Cubans. The slogan on 1040 sounded like R. Paiz, and was translated for the EE ID, but by then WHO was running passing interference. Regarding number of DXM issues: Start bi-weekly issues one month later and one month earlier in the spring, reducing annual issues by 4. The bi-monthly suggestion stinks, especially this time of the year and with the rapidly changing AM band. Three instead of 4 issues during the season per month - well, if say, the 4th week of each month, for instance, was skipped, that might be OK, but every 10 days - that's way too confusing for all parties concerned, at least in one editor's view, hi. The Bee used to have a radio editor, but he moved to another department, so have no idea what's going on behind the scenes locally. Thankfully, RW drops me a line every quarter with the ratings. We do, h o w e v e r, have another member in Sacramento that might wish to forum, was that subtle enough?-hi. That'll do it for another week. Aden, I agree. I think I'm still stuck in the '60s, hi. Happy Holidays and best of DX in the upcoming new decade de Rth. .

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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Deadlines: 12/23, 1/20, etc. * * * compiled 12/06/89

A somewhat all-consuming personal emergency came up last week, so this column is a week late. Sorry 'bout that.

Question for readers: is there enough interest in this column to make it worthwhile to run it each issue? Advantages: smaller columns, fresher information. Disadvantages: more overall column space when IRCA's finances are tight, and it's more of a pain in the @#% to edit. But I'm willing to do it if interest is there. Seems like most of when I hear from readers is when I get something wrong - it's hard to gage how much of this is useful to people and how much I'm providing free proofreading entertainment. Let me, DEE or your friendly local Board member know what ya think...

NEW STATIONS

<u>call</u>	<u>KHz</u>	<u>power/antenna</u>	<u>state/city</u>
WBMX	640	1000/250	DA-D MI ZEELAND granted ND antenna
KHVP	670	5000/1000	DA-N CO COMMERCE CITY applies for 2500 w days
KSUR	700	330/	ND-D CA SOLEDAD granted extension of time, may be on by the time you see this w/fine arts fmt
WRBR	720	5000/	ND-D MS RICHLAND granted extension of time
WARL	820	2300/200	DA-2 VA CLOVERDALE granted change from DA to ND
WCRN	830	3000/1000	ND MA CHERRY VALLEY granted extension of time; applies to change xmtr location
WLPY	840	250/	DA-D VA PURCELLVILLE granted extension of time
WREE	890	2500/	ND-D GA COLLEGE PARK granted extension of time
WJFG	890	500/	DA-D NY SOLVAY granted extension of time
WLJD	890	10000/	DA-D VA PALMOUTH granted reinstatement of exp. CP
KIDH	1000	10000/	DA-D ID EAGLE granted extension of time
KKSA	1030	50000/1000	ND CA FOLSOM reapplies to reinstate expired CP
WJHR	1040	4700/1000	DA-2 NJ FLEMINGTON granted extension of time
new	1100	10000/1000	DA-2 CA BAKERSFIELD new station reapplication
new	1120	1500/1000	DA-2 CA NIPOMO new station application
new	1120	3000/1000	DA-2 CA OCEANO new station application
new	1120	10000/1000	DA-2 CA SAN MARTIN new station application
WMYT	1180	10000/	DA-D NC CAROLINA BEACH on the air
WLRG	1180	1000/	ND-D SC TIMMONSVILLE granted extension of time
WOPA	1200	10000/2500	DA-2 IL CHICAGO wants to add day/night DA augmentation; what this means is they can't get the pattern right & won't be on RS for a while
KHNC	1360	500/	DA-D CO JOHNSTOWN applies to change xmtr location, granted extension of time
new	1400	250/250	ND MI SAULT STE. MARIE new station granted

A clarification on KKSA-1030: this is technically still a new station, even though it was on the air for over a year before going silent. At that time it was using program test authority, and it never applied for its operating license before going dark!

One more new station item: Mike Stonebridge of Fox Creek Alta. wrote to clear up the confusion around new station CKBA-850. Bill Hardy and Nigel Pimblett had reported CKBA as licensed to Barrhead rather than Athabasca, so he called the station. Here are the highlights:

First on air 1 August 1989; licensed to Athabasca, 1000/1000 w.

On 24 hrs, 0700-2300 from local studio and 2300-0700 // CFOK-1370.

Address: Box 1800, Athabasca, Alta. T0G 0B0, phone 403-675-5301.

Thanks, Mike!

CHANGES IN EXISTING FACILITIES

<u>call</u>	<u>KHz</u>	<u>power/antenna</u>	<u>state/city</u>
KKJZ	540	25000/270	DA-1 CA HESPERIA applies to move to Costa Mesa CA
KSEV	700	2500/1000	DA-2 TX TOMBALL applies for 25000 w days
KBXG	710	5000/5000	DA-1 CO DENVER applies for 9000 w days
KKDA	730	500/10	ND TX GRAND PRAIRIE granted 500/500 w DA-N
WNDZ	750	2500/	DA-D IN PORTAGE applies for 17000 w DA days

call	KHz	power/antenna	state/city
KNCI	760	6000/	DA-D KS OVERLAND PARK on the air, religious
WNYC	830	1000/1000	DA-1 NY NEW YORK granted ext. of time for 820 move
KSDP	840	1000/1000	ND AK SAND POINT applies to move to 830 KHz
WAEC	860	5000/	ND-D GA ATLANTA applies for 500 w nights
KHAC	880	10000/430	ND-M TSE BONITO on the air ex-1110 KHz, Window Rock AZ
WILC	900	1000/40	DA-1 MD LAUREL granted 500 w nights, DA-2
WTTM	920	1000/1000	DA-1 NJ TRENTON granted 1400 w days
WXTL	1010	50000/50000	DA-1 FL JACKSONVILLE BEACH applies for move to Baldwin FL; 25000/10000 w DA-2
WYSL	1030	1000/	ND-D NY AVON CP for 1000 w, 500 w PSA is on air
KPBC	1040	1000/	ND-D TX DALLAS granted 10000/1000 w DA-2, new DA for move to 770 KHz & Garland TX; testing, may be on air on 770 soon
KRVE	1150	5000/1000	DA-2 CA SANTA ROSA granted 5000 w nights, DA-2; stn has been off air since Spring '89
CJRC	1150	50000/10000	DA-2 PQ GASTINEAU granted change in day pattern
WAVS	1170	5000/500	DA-2 FL DAVIE granted change to ND days
WGNV	1220	5000/	DA-D NY NEWBURGH granted CP to reinstate expired permit move to 1200 KHz, 1000/1000 w DA-2
WBUD	1260	5000/1000	DA-2 NJ TRENTON granted 2500 w nights
WNAM	1280	5000/1000	DA-1 WI NEENAH granted 5000 w nights, DA-2
CIWW	1310	50000/50000	DA-2 ON OTTAWA granted change in DA augmentation
CFYK	1340	4000/1000	ND NWT YELLOWKNIFE granted 4000 w nights
KAGE	1380	1000/	ND-D MN WINONA applies for 4000 w days
WCQL	1380	1000/1000	DA-N NH PORTSMOUTH applies for 5000 w
WSJM	1400	1000/1000	ND MI ST. JOSEPH app. returned for 1310 KHz move
WWBC	1510	1000/	ND-D FL COCOA granted ext of time for 770 KHz move
WTLN	1520	5000/	DA-D FL APOPKA applies for 700 KHz; 10000 w DA-D
KGTN	1530	1000/	ND-D TX GEORGETOWN granted move to Creedmoor TX; 10000 w days DA, 990 w critical hours
WRHC	1550	10000/500	DA-2 FL CORAL GABLES wants ext. time for 1560 move
WCGR	1550	250/	ND-D NY CANANDAIGUA requests CP to reinstate expired permit for move to 1310 KHz
KWYD	1580	10000/	ND-D CO COLORADO SPRINGS 10 kw CP is on the air
WKKD	1580	250/250	DA-2 IL AURORA applies augment day & nite patterns
WAMW	1580	250/250	ND IN WASHINGTON granted 500 w days
WAMY	1580	5000/	ND-D MS AMORY applies for 1000 w ND days
KOGT	1600	1000/1000	DA-2 TX ORANGE applies for 250/250 w ND
KSSA	1600	5000/1000	DA-N TX PLANO granted move to Cockrell Hill TX; former Dallas synch. xmtr will be licensed as regular nighttime operation

CALL LETTER CHANGES

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

WKLL	590	IL Wood River	* WCEO	WMNE	1360	WI Menomonie is now	WMEQ
WJDK	950	VA Richmond	* WXGI	WSMR	1400	NC Raeford	* WHIL
KKIS	990	CA Pittsburg	KIXA	WIRE	1430	IN Indianapolis	* WXTZ
KHLT	1010	AR Little Rock	* KBIS	WEZI	1430	TN Germantown	* WNWZ
WBZE	1030	MD Indian Head	* WMTL	WCHB	1440	MI Inkster	* WKMK
KVEE	1100	CO Grand Junction	*KJYE	KACY	1450	ID Payette	* KIOV
new	1100	NV Las Vegas	KDHB	KVCK	1450	MT Wolf Point	KTYZ
		(KRQO not used)		WAKS	1460	NC Fuquay-Varina	* WNBK
KVOJ	1130	TX Edna	* KTMR	WWML	1470	PA Portage	WZGO
WCPH	1220	TN Etowah	WDRJ	WYDK	1480	NC Yadkinville	WDIX
KFIY	1270	CA Tulare	KJUG	KAIR	1490	AZ Tucson	* KJKY
KJOY	1280	CA Stockton	* KJAX	WNNR	1490	NY Syracuse	WOLF
WGBF	1280	IN Evansville	WVOK	WJGR	1530	FL Jacksonville	WJGC
WPVA	1290	VA Colonial Hgts	*WGTK	WJDW	1550	IN Corydon	* WGBZ
WSSG	1300	NC Goldsboro	* WFXN	WCHU	1550	TN Soddy-Daisy	WTYR
		(WFIN not used)		WMNN	1570	IL Harvey	* WBEE
KHUG	1300	OR Phoenix	* KDOV	KNIX	1580	AZ Tempe	KCWK

Correction to last month: new station WMPP Laurel DE is on 1170 KHz, not 1070 KHz. Thanks to NRC's Jerry Starr for catching this. Jerry also reports that WCLY-1550 Raleigh NC has changed back to its old calls of WSES. KLEO-1480 Wichita KS has been reported using the calls KZSN. No word from the FCC on these. And, indeed, last month Rich Toebe caught KJUG-1270's call change before the FCC bothered to tell anyone! By the way, the reason WFIN-1300 was never used in Goldsboro NC is that the FCC belatedly realized the calls were already in use in Findlay OH.

CALL LETTER CHANGES THAT NEVER HAPPENED: WQMC-1290 Sumter SC is still
WFIG; WLLR-1390 Syracuse NY is still WFBL.

FORMAT CHANGES

call KHz state/city

WRIC 540 VA RICHLANDS was country/AC, now Unistar rock oldies (Fitz-CT)
KTSA 550 TX SAN ANTONIO adult standards, adds "Music of Your Life"
KLZ 560 CO DENVER was country, now-SMN "Z-Rock" heavy metal AOR
WCEO 590 IL WOOD RIVER was WRTH, rock oldies, now BRN business news
KSUR 700 CA SOLEDAD new, will be // fine arts FM when on (Hilliker-CA)
WARB 730 LA COVINGTON news-talk, adds Unistar Headline News
KJEL 750 MO LEBANON was country, now adult contemporary // FM
WURL 760 AL MOODY was country, now gospel
KNCI 760 KS OVERLAND PARK new, religion, fmt moves here from KCCV-1510
WRMS 790 IL BEARDSTOWN was country, now adult contemporary
WJBG 870 ME GORHAM was rock oldies, now adult contemporary // FM
WXGI 950 VA RICHMOND was WJDK, news/info, back to these calls & country
WAVG 970 KY LOUISVILLE is still live oldies, not satellite (Fitz-CT)
WSUB 980 CT GROTON was adult contemporary, now talk (Fitzherbert-CT)
KBIB 1000 TX MARION new, Spanish religion
KBIS 1010 AR LITTLE ROCK was KHLT, AC, now business news, sports, talk
WNTL 1030 MD INDIAN HEAD was WBZE, black gospel, now ethnic & gospel
WFTK 1030 NC WAKE FOREST new, gospel // (Johnson-MT)
WPBE 1050 GA CONYERS was WTPO, country, now adult contemp. "PB-1050"
KFVR 1050 VA DISHAM was KEYF, ad stds, now rock oldies "Favorites 1050"
WKII 1090 FL PORT CHARLOTTE was MOYL standards, now Unis. "AM Only" stds
WEDE 1130 NC EDEN was WWMO, religion, now AC/country/oldies (WWMO sells
this station and moves to new facility on 830 KHz)
KTMR 1130 TX EDNA was KVOJ, religious, now Spanish to Victoria
WXKO 1150 GA FORT VALLEY black, gospel, adds SMN black oldies
WHEX 1150 MA BOSTON was rock oldies, now BRN business news
KLPW 1220 MO UNION was country // FM, now adult contemporary
KRMH 1230 CO LEADVILLE was BRN business news, now Unistar country
KRNO 1230 NV RENO was KCBN, rock oldies, now AC // FM
KSJK 1230 OR TALENT was silent (as KDOV moves to 1300 KHz), to be back
on in December w/variety non-commercial format
KMGR 1230 UT MURRAY was SMN black oldies, now satellite AC (Braiker)
KNRY 1240 CA MONTEREY was Sun net. talk, now CNN news & LK (Hilliker-CA)
KANE 1240 LA NEW IBERIA adult contemporary, adds Unistar AC
KVSO 1240 OK ARDMORE was Unistar rock oldies, now religion
KTEE 1260 ID IDAHO FALLS was adult standards, reported silent
WTKL 1260 LA BATON ROUGE was black, gospel, now adult standards/EZL
KJAX 1280 CA STOCKTON was KJOY, AC, now "News-Talk 1280" (Perry-CA)
KCUB 1290 AZ TUCSON was country, now country // FM
WSTK 1290 VA COLONIAL HEIGHTS was WPVA, silent, back on w/SMN adult stds
WYTL 1300 IN TERRE HAUTE was religion, now CHR/rock // FM
WJDA 1300 MA QUINCY was soft AC, now SMN adult standards
KDOV 1300 OR PHOENIX was KHUG/silent, KDOV moves rlg's format here ex-1230
WCLG 1300 WV MORGANTOWN was adult contemporary, now SMN country
WPPI 1330 GA CARROLLTON was AC/oldies, now religion
KPH 1330 KS WICHITA was AC // KXLK, now 50's & 60's rock oldies
WHOT 1330 OH CAMPBELL was CHR // FM, now Music of Your Life adult stds
KSEK 1340 KS PITTSBURGH was Transtar soft AC, now SMN adult standards
KXEO 1340 MO MEXICO was adult standards, now soft adult contemporary
KSLQ 1350 MO WASHINGTON was CHR/AC mix, now soft adult contemporary
WRNY 1350 NY ROME was rock oldies, now talk
KOKE 1370 TX ROLLINGWOOD was easy listening, now ABC talk to Austin
KJUS 1380 TX BEAUMONT was KWIC, AOR // FM, now religion
WPTL 1400 FL FORT LAUDERDALE was adult standards, now news-talk
KJCF 1400 MO FESTUS was country, now rock oldies "Oldies 1400"
WHIL 1400 NC RAEFORD was WSMR, religious, now black gospel
WXTZ 1430 IN INDIANAPOLIS was WIRE, remains easy listening
WNWZ 1430 TN GERMANTOWN was WEZI, Unistar soft AC, back to all news
KDNT 1440 TX DENTON was SMN country, now news, ABC network talk
KAYC 1450 TX BEAUMONT was rock oldies, now country // FM
WZAC 1450 WV MADISON was WWBB, country, CHR, now country // FM
KWES 1460 CO COLORADO SPRINGS was KKCS, still country // FM (Johnson-MT)
WNBK 1460 NC FUQUAY-VARINA was WAKS, remains business news
CKO 1470 PQ POINTE CLAIRE all-news, the entire Canadian CKO network
(including nearly a dozen FMs) has gone out of business after
a decade of money woes. This also opens up the 650 KHz CP.

call KHz state/city

KLEO 1480 KS WICHITA was adult standards, now country // FM, may have changed calls to KCZN "Country Cousin" to match FM
CHRD 1480 PQ DRUMMONDVILLE French, now off the air. Here's a sad little trivia question, cuz Drummondville's other station, on 1400 KHz, also went off the air several years ago never to return!
KJYK 1490 AZ TUCSON was KAIR, rock oldies, now easy listening
WOMI 1490 KY OWENSBORO country, adds Unistar country
WBCB 1490 PA LEVITTOWN was adult contemporary, now adult stds (Fitz-CT)
WBFN 1500 MS QUITMAN was country // FM, now gospel (Jeter-GA)
KZKZ 1510 AR GREENWOOD was country // FM, now classic rock // FM
KCTO 1540 LA COLUMBIA was country, now gospel to Monroe
WGZB 1550 IN CORYDON was WJDW, soft AC, now silent, may be coming back on in January with black/urban format // FM to Louisville
WBEE 1570 IL HARVEY dropped WMNN and business news after only two weeks due to listener protests; back to these calls & jazz format
WOBS 1570 IN NEW ALBANY clarification of Oct.'s listing: they're still gospel days, but running Talknet to L'ville nights (Fitz-CT)
WKOL 1570 NY AMSTERDAM was oldies // FM, now Unistar soft AC // FM
KZKL 1580 NM ALBUQUERQUE was KNUS, talk, now rock oldies // FM
WTTN 1580 WI WATERTOWN adult contemporary, adds Unistar AC
WCZN 1590 PA CHESTER country, adds Unistar country
WKWF 1600 FL KEY WEST was adult standards, now CHR // FM

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Last month's vicious trivia: four countries whose names are reflected in current AM calls in the U.S. but not by the state or city. The two easy ones: Mexico (KMXX-1500 etc.) and Cuba (WQBA-1140, WQBN-1300 etc.) Two more nobody in their right minds would get: Spain - in the original language, Espana, via KESP-1290 (en espanol!), and India, via KNDN-960 (remember Columbus' mistake!)

As a gift for the holidays, here's an easier variation: two US stations have calls that are the same as the name of their city of license. There are four more stns whose city name is included IN the call. Well?

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

WJLS-560-WV, KLDD-570-TX, KLDD-590-TX, KZSS-610-NM, KMNS-620-IA, WQKI-710-SC, WRPX-740-WI, WPGS-840-FL, KBBM-850-OR, KICR-900-LA, KORK-920-NV, KGRL-940-OR, WKZA-960-PA, WWGR-960-TN, WWNN-980-FL, WLVN-1080-AL, WGLC-1090-IL, WTIS-1110-FL, WNEW-1130-NY, WSAF-1180-GA, WSCM-1190-NY, WBBK-1260-GA, WGTX-1280-FL, WABK-1280-ME, WLNC-1300-NC, KZZP-1310-AZ (splits from FM, look for call/format change), WQIK-1320-FL, WEBO-1330-NY, KKAM-1340-CA, KIST-1340-CA, WKRM-1340-TN, WCGL-1360-FL, WKMI-1360-MI, WWCN-1370-PA, WRKG-1380-OH, KCLN-1390-IA, WDOT-1390-VT, WQXO-1400-MI, KMOG-1420-AZ, 1420-TX, KDIF-1440-CA, WMDN-1450-MS, WAME-1480-NC, WAJA-1480-NC, KDMO-1490-MO, KBIX-1490-OK, KDOS-1490-TX, WKIZ-1500-FL, WGNB-1520-FL, WYZQ-1560-KY, KQXK-1590-AR, WXVI-1600-AL, WAOS-1600-GA

STATION SALES THAT FAILED: KDWB-630-MN, WNEW-1130-NY, WBRW-1170-NJ, KNTA-1430-CA

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES: The FCC has begun granting waivers to its cross-ownership rules that prohibit companies from buying or operating TV and AM or FM stations in the same market. First off the hook are KYW-1060 Philadelphia and KAKC-970 Tulsa. Owners of both stations successfully petitioned to buy television stations in their cities.

Testing of the NAB's new experimental anti-skywave antenna on KA2XXB-1660 Beltsville MD should begin in the next month. The station has already been on the air testing with above-ground radials, and should have a buried radial system in place to begin tests by the new year.

One more backhanded indicator of how low AM has sunk in the marketplace: the FCC this month busted two more pirate FM stations. They don't seem to bother to bust AM pirates any more - and most pirate station operators set up on FM, where there will be an audience.

A joyous winter solstice to all!

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