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Bulletin Schedule

Future bulletins will be dated January 6, 13, 20, 27; Febr. 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; and Apr. 7 to complete the weekly issues, then Apr. 21, May 5, May 26, June 16, July 14 and Aug. 11, 1990.

A Full Bulletin

All sections are present this issue. Last issue there were no DXWW-E rpts; Jim Hall's note to HQ was again delayed by the mails. Because we are in the midst of holiday mail schedules, this and the next issue or two will probably arrive one or two days later than usual. If you miss a bulletin, let IRCA HQ, c/o DEE, know and it will be replaced. -Don Erickson

DX CALENDAR

Sat. Jan. 6	WKMT	1220	Kings Mtn, NC	1kw/105w	0100-0300	EST	NRC/Hall
Mon. 8	WADN	1120	Concord, MA	5kw DA	0200-0230	EST	NRC/Klein
	WMNY	1570	Santee, SC	5kw ND	0400-0430	EST	NRC/CCM
Mon. 15	WKEN	1600	Dover, DE	5kw	0200-0400	EST	NRC/Schmidt
	KCAM	790	Glennallen, AK	5kw ND	0400-0500	EST	NRC/CCM
	KABI	1560	Abilene, KS	250w etc.	0530-0600	EST	NRC/CCM
Mon. 22	WILD	1090	Boston, MA	5kw ND	0200-0230	EST	NRC/Klein
Sun. 28	WAGL	1560	Lancaster, SC	50kw DA	0400-0430	EST	NRC/CCM
Sun. Feb. 4	WRSW	1480	Warsaw, IN	1kw	0530-0555	EST	NRC/CCM
Mon. 5	WCIL	1020	Carbondale, IL		0630-0700	EST	NRC/CCM

WKMT-1220, P. O. Box 1220, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 will be conducting annual Proof of Performance tests on Sat. morn 1/6/90, 0100-0300. The test will run at both 1kw and 105w non-directional. The program will consist of audio tones between 100 Hz and 10 kHz, white noise, music and both voice and Morse code IDs. The tests will be completed by 0300, and the station will be on automatic operation with interspersed Morse code IDs until 0600 when regular programs will resume with Southern Gospel Music. Direct all reports to Mr. Don Holtzinger, CE. Don would appreciate info on signal strength, band conditions and fading, co-channel and adjacent channel interference, and if you have C-QUAM Stereo, whether or not the stereo light lights up! Arranged by Tim Hall and the CO CPC Machine for NRC.

WADN-1120 Concord, MA will conduct a DX TEST using 5kw directional (basically west). Programming will consist of 1 kHz test tones, Morse Code IDs and vocal IDs by both male and female announcers. Correct reports will be verified by Mr. Michael Klein, NV1L, WADN Radio, Damonmill Square, Concord, MA 01742. Arranged by Michael Klein with assistance from Peter George and the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

WMNY-1570 Santee, SC will use 5kw non-directional with 1 kHz tone and code IDs breaking the tone. Info by phone from Wayne Heinen, CO CPC Machine/NRC

WKEN-1600 Dover, DE will test MM 1/15/90 0200-0400 EST with tones, music, many IDs, with 5kw day pattern. Prepaid phone calls accepted at (302) 674-1234. Reports go to: Dave Schmidt - WKEN - P. O. Box 553, Dover, DE 19903. Arranged by Dave Schmidt, National Radio Club.

KCAM-790 will program information on Glennallen, Alaska, and the mission that runs the station. There will be voice and code IDs. The regular programming ends a little after 0400 EST and the special test will run for one hour after that. Reports should go to: "Dan", P. O. Box 249, Glennallen, Alaska 99588. -Info phoned by Wayne Heinen for the Colorado CPC Machine and NRC.

KABI-1560 (not 1530 as in last issue's DX Calendar), P. O. Box 69, Abilene, KS will conduct a DX TEST 0530-0600 and on. The date is MM 1/15/90; 250w will be used 0530-0540, 140w 0540-0550, and 20w 0550-0600. At 0600 KABI will



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DX Worldwide - West

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DEADLINE: TUESDAYS

We have a good column for you this week with a lot of Latin Tips. So on with the reports:

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 630 MEXICO, UNID 12/3 1254 Long version of XE Anthem, deep fades, mixing w/presumed Guaymas. Female announcer gave a GMT-7 TC, but seemed to say good morning to listeners in Jalisco. ID wiped out by a deep fade right in the middle of the call letters. (TRH-CA2)
- 660 MEXICO, UNID 12/3 1307 SS mx way u/KTNN. Thought I caught some kind of ID or slogan on tape, but couldn't find it. Still need just about all the XE stations on this freq. (TRH-CA2)
- 780 MEXICO (?), UNID 12/3 1206 noted XE songs here briefly u/KROW and a pesky XETRA mixing product. For some reason, my usually not-too-bad 2010 was spreading false signals all over the dial at times tonight. (TRH-CA2)
- 790 MEXICO, Chihuahua (presumed)-XERPC 12/3 0520 noted what sounded like a Basketball Game (may have been Winter Baseball) between Estado Chihuahua and the University of Guadalajara. Good, no ID heard. (TRH-CA)
- 810 MEXICO (?), UNID 12/3 1218 Noted "La Rancherita" slogans and a possible GMT-6 TC here u/KGO. XERSV apparently not on yet. Unsure who this was. (TRH-CA2)
- 815 UNID, 12/3-0437 UNID station w/male announcer and SS mx. Very hard to copy, heavy slop etc. Can any of our Colorado members identify this one? (TRH-CA2)
- 820 HONDURAS, HRLP16, Tegucigalpa-12/3 0532. Presumed them w/frequent "Radio Moderna" slogans, tropical mx, and a kind of "birdcall" like 4 note signature played on a flute. Promos mentioned that they'd recently gone to 24 hour operation. Other slogans included "La Primera en servicio", "La musica mas popular", and "La Estacion Popular." Was in for a couple of hours mixing w/WBAP. (TRH-CA2)
UNID, 12/3 0647 faded up briefly w/GMT-6 TC and mention of Tabasco. Perhaps just Radio Moderna again. (TRH-CA2)
UNID, 12/3 0830 GMT-6 TC, "La Musica Bonita". Think there was at least one station besides Radio Moderna in tonight. (TRH-CA2)
UNID, 12/3 0912 Believe I heard a "Radio Melodia" slogan here, but could not find it on tape the next day. (TRH-CA2)
MEXICO, UNID 12/3 1200 XE anthem, male ancr gave TC "las 6 en punto" then faded. Noted ranchera mx and "La Consentida" slogans here at around 1213. (TRH-CA2)
- CUBA, 12/3 0931 Probably Radio Ciudad de La Habana, which used to be a nightly catch at home, but hasn't been heard much this year. In briefly mixing w/UNID SS station u/WBAP. (TRH-CA2)
- 830 CUBA, Habana-Radio Taino-12/10 weak u/WCCO. 0200 MST (0900 UTC) and //1100 and 1160. (JcJ-MT)
- 870 MEXICO, Guachochi-XETAR 12/3 1210. Good w/sign on by YL incl full ID' AND "La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara" slogan. Gave power as 5KW and s/off time as 0100. Clearest reception ever of this station. (TRH-CA2)
UNID, 12/3 0904 Newscast mentioned Bogota. Thought I hrd a "Radio Nacional" slogan, but couldn't find it on tape the next day. (TRH-CA2)
- 880 MEXICO, Los Mochis-XEPNK-12/3 0312 vy good w/"Superestacion" slogan seems to stay on later than before, but exact s/off time eluded us. XEV on top later. (TRH-CA2)
- 920 MEXICO, UNID 12/3 1259-1300 XE Anthem noted here again. Still need the Hermosillo station. (TRH-CA2)
- 990 MEXICO, La Paz-XEHZ 12/3 1328 Fair-good on top of channel w/nice clear call-letter ID and lots of food ads. (TRH-CA2)
- 1030 MEXICO, Los Mochis-XEMCM?? 12/3 0503 XE Anthem and off after brief OC Still need to get the s/on time for this new one. (TRH-CA2)
- 1060 MEXICO, Mexico DF-XEEP 12/3 0246. Good sigs on top of channel tonight w/music program //SW 6185. Phoenix area pests like KUKQ significantly attenuated on this antenna. (TRH-CA2)

- 1100 CUBA, Habana-Radio Taino. 12/10 strong S-8, KFAX weak and easily nulled completely. 0850 UTC w/SS talk and SS mx. 0900 EE ID (male ancr, sounded quite mid-western) "This is Radio Taino, Tour Radio of Havana . Yours for the listening." a talk program in SS followed ID, 3 or 4 people talking. (JcJ-MT)
- 1150 MEXICO, Guadalajara-XEAD-12/3 1240 Fair-good w/local ads and "radio Metropoli" slogans. Rare here. (TRH-CA2)
- 1160 CUBA, Habana-Radio Taino-12/10 faint u/KSL at 0900 //830 and 1100. (JcJ-MT)
- 1240 MEXICO, Guaymas-XEBQ-12/3 0446 Pretty good sigs, at times fading up w/local KSON. Note correct calls---my noted last month had a typo, as I heard this station while trying for XEGC-Nogales. (TRH-CA2)
- 1340 MEXICO, Ciudad Obregon-XEOS-12/3 0217 fair sigs on top of channel w/lively mx, local ads my man and woman, and "Radio Variedades" jingles Mixing w/XECW which also uses "Radio Variedades" slogan. New XE#161. (TRH-CA2)
- MEXICO, Los Mochis-XECW-12/3 0220 fair sigs mixing w/XEOS w/local ads Unlike XEOS, used spoken "Radio Variedades" slogans instead of jingles. (TRH-CA2)
- 1410 MEXICO, Los Mochis-XECF-12/3 0224-0235 Good sigs, way over usual pest KFMS w/some sort of Public Service program. M&F discussion,KCAL faded up at times off back end of antenna. New XE#162 (TRH-CA2)
- 1490 MEXICO, UNID 12/3 0657 Noted XE anthem. Possibly unneeded XEDR(TRH-CA)
- 1550 MEXICO, XEBG-12/3 0315. In answer to my own question posed last time, this is the Tijuana station which carries Tijuana Winter BB //XEKT on 1380. Maybe this will help someone log XEKT some night. (TRH-CA2)
- 1560 UNID, 12/3 1010 Distinctly Andean flute mx (Sounded Ecuadorian) with mumbly ancr. Couldn't decipher any thing on tape next day. Whatever this was, it probably was a great catch. (TRH-CA2)
- MEXICO, Mexico DF-XEFAJ-12/3 1034 full ID by man. This time he said 10KW. "Musica de Pegue" used in ID as well. (TRH-CA2)

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- 648 AMERICAN SAMOA, Pago Pago-WVUV-12/5 at 1131. M&F w/Samoan talk and laughter, played two Milli Vanilli songs, one Hawaiian song done rr style, MOR mx. Only EE on top of hour as an ID. Poor to vy poor, QRM KQM-Q-690, image on 650 (5P-HI)
- 747 JAPAN, Sapporo-JOIB. Man in JJ at 1133 12/5 and KK talk, perhaps lang. lessons? South Korea 702 noted in passing. Poor. (5P-HI)
- 1098 MARSHALL ISLANDS, Majuro-WSZO-12/6 1113, C&W tune my woman and man God Bless America Again, more tunes by duo, man talk in Marshallese. Vy poor to poor QRM from KFAX-1100. (5P-HI)
- 1380 HAWAII, Pearl City-KLNI, per local press, Hawaii Public Radio has bought this station and will use it to relay its third FM station, KIPO-89.3 and its news and entertainment (Jazz) programming.(5P-HI)
- 1404 UNID, 12/5 1120 UTC Roy Orbison's "Only The Lonely" and other oldie music, unable to hear DJ, due to heavy QRM. 2AP? Vy Poor (5P-HI)
- 1420 HAWAII, Honolulu-KCCN-Noted off the air along with KSSK-590,KIKI-830, KWAI-1080 (Which is always plagued with shutdowns) KNDI-1270, and even KUMU-1500 (but related FMs were still on). All stations listed except KUMU also off 12/5-12/7 around the same time. Called KCCN 12/7 and receptionist said her station was off due to installation of FM equipment for when they sign on 100.3 Mhz for total simulcasting. The two towers leased to these stations are about 1/2 mile apart, so I guessed the engineers killed several birds with one stone.hi.(5P-HI)

Thx Dale for the info on the Hawaiian stations.

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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 ICOM IC-R71A, Radio West Loop
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IRCA Membership List Requests on hand will be filled as soon as time is available. The lists were run on Thanksgiving morning and are effective through that date. If you have not already requested a copy of the list, please await further word in DXM. -DEE

DX WORLDWIDE EAST

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This week we are looking much better with Randy's first report and one from Gerry Thomas in Pensacola. Good to hear from you again, Gerry - welcome back, and welcome to Randy. Please report as often as possible, gentlemen. I also was out at a coal mine one evening last week with a DC operable R71 and some wire (this time only 1200!). Not much came down the lines, but I did note some of the Taino Cubans wreaking havoc, each topping standard-spaced frequencies by one kHz even. Details below. On with reports:

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

- 540 MEXICO, San Luis Potosi XEWA 0517 12/4 : Crashing in w/ranchero & other Mex. pops, & "Superstelar W-A" jingle after nearly every song, preceded by "once, diez y nueve" (11, 10, & 9), whatever that means... (Stewart-MO)
- 655 EL SALVADOR, San Salvador YSS 0534 12/4 : Dominating 650/660 domestics w/impassioned anmts exhorting Salvadoreños to perform some action...punctuated by equally impassioned mx...many ments of San Salvador. (Stewart-MO)
- 660 MEXICO? Mexico City? 0450 to past 0500 12/4 MM : Good in WFAN null, y1 in SS w/what sd/lk a folk mx pgm, rather exotic; hideously distorted audio... then into Mexican disco-pop stuff @0500 w/NO ID that I hrd... other un ID SS in b/g (Randy, what is b/g abbreviation? ed) Is this XERIN R. Infantil? Loops straight south, which is basically correct for Mexico City from my QTH. (Stewart-MO) (It sure sds/lk then Randy, but unsure w/o some sort of ID. ed)
- 700 JAMAICA, Montego Bay JBC R. One 0440 to past 0600 MM 12/4 : Often xint w/gospel & reggae mx, ID 0602, m & w jocks bantering back & forth w/lots of "good morning" greetings to factory workers, etc. Even audible u/MLW w/loop pointing toward Cincinnati. Is this really only 10kW? Along w/PJB-800 and Anguilla-1610 it's the most consistent Caribbean stn here... (Stewart-MO) (Yes, believe 10kW. ed)
- 720 NICARAGUA, Managua HTA720 0253 12/6 : "R. catolica" fr w/clear ID 0253; SS fem chorale singing followed. Thought this stn had been shut down (?). (Thomas-FL) (Yes, they were closed by the "gov't" for refusing to broadcast political anmts of the ruling body and supposedly inciting violence, but they have since reopened. ed unID, 0155 12/6 : Poor carrier, occ male shouting in sd/lk SS. No ideas. (G. Thomas-FL) (This is no doubt the Chone, Ecuadoran HCSE4 which George HakieI and I have been chasing lately. They are variable from 747a/v. ed)
- 770 MEXICO? 0615-0630 12/4 : Presumed XE stn (looped SSW) w/ranchero mx & SID's after every record mentioning what sd/lk "La Rancho Montana". Quite dominant on freq. Whozis? (Stewart-MO) (No particulars are known as of yet, but this is indeed a new Mexican w/"La. Ranchera Montana" slogan - heard by bp in IA a few months ago as well. I will include further info here or in DXW111 when known. ed)
- 800 MEXICO, Cd. Juarez XEROK 0632 12/4 : w/HUGE signal, Mex. mx, TC's for MST, ("tiempo de la montana") & ID's as "R. Canon". Not always in this well. (Stewart)
- 820 CUBA, La Habana 2300 12/1 : R. Ciudad de la Habana in very well at SSS w/full ID, eating WBAP's lunch. '89 WRTH lists at 1kW... I don't buy it. (Stewart-MO) (Don't, Randy, Columbia, MD FCC says 10kW - the Progreso outlet on same freq. is indeed 1kW, however. ed)
- 831.0 CUBA, 0230 12/14 : The R. Taino Cuban killing 830 with severe het. Pgm as usual w/assorted Cuban rumba mx and SS conv. between several talkers. Other net outlets doing same. (Hall-PIT)
- 895 NEVIS, Charles Town 0820 12/11 : Fr w/phone-in contest; EE ancr. (Thomas-FL) (Gerry, my QSL announces Nevis-only as QTH. ed)
- 975 COSTA RICA, San Pedro Montes de Oca 0500-0545 12/6 : "R. Impacto" strong from 0500-0545 w/nx from around Cent. Am. Noted // to TIRI on 980, so new outlet, I guess. (Thomas-FL)
- 1020 CUBA? 0651 12/4 : SS versions of American pops like "Brown-Eyed Girl" etc, y1 ancr ment "Cubano" at times, no ID @0700... fr sig slight flutter at times. Couldn't seem to null KDKA completely. Think this is R. Guamo? (Stewart-MO) (Likely is; check for parallels next time, Randy. ed)
- 1041.0 CUBA, 0240 12/14 : Same as 831.0 - - seems like they're really trying to tell us something again. 1160 not noted at all; they're usually in well. (Hall-PIT)
- 1101.0 CUBA, 0235 12/14 : Same as 1041.0 & 831.0 ; R. Taino doing quite a job on 1100 w/piercing heterodyne. "R. Tur de Emisora Cuba" & "R. Taino" ID's. (Hall-PIT)
- 1165 ANTIGUA & BARBUDA, St. John's 0215 12/6 : Noted in passing at fr level w/usual r1gs fare in EE. (Thomas-FL)
- 1240 CUBA, Matanzas 0440 12/11 : CMDL "R. 26" weak but atop GY w/EZL instr's and // 1220. (Thomas-FL)

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WESTERN
DX
ROUNDUP

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1100 KJYE CO, Grand Junction per call to KVEE, have changed calls to KJYE, hours of operation are 0800-0300 EST. (RW-CA)

- 530 KNEC996 CA, Santa Ana 12/3 0902 finally heard fair with woman with traffic info & ID. (Kaz-CA1)
- 540 KKJZ CA, Hesperia 12/9 all day // KKG0 105.1 with some jazz then classical. Heard about 0800 with legal ID about 3 past hour sort of weak, but about 0945 power increase & really loud in S. El Monte area. Noted Spanish under prior to increase. (GL)
- 550 KOAC OR, Corvallis 12/13 1000 very weak, heavy QRN levels this morning. Clear ID on the hour (including several other Oregon NPR FM outlets) followed by NPR news, Oregon events calendar. (RCW-WA)
- 700 KSUR CA, Soledad 12/13 0200-0220 class. music & AM ID at 4 min. past hour as advertised. Very good signals here with only small amount of QRM from KIRO-710. (RCW-WA)
- 1140 KGEM ID, Boise 12/6 2143 network ads, regional weather, playing "original hits" & mentioning "your memory station." Good signals, moderate QRM from unID nostalgia station. (RCW-WA)
- 1220 KDFC CA, Palo Alto 12/6 2244 class. music, few breaks. Heavy mixing with KCCS. Pretty weak here. (RCW-WA)
- KCCS OR, Salem 12/6 2310 & 12/7 1000 relig. program, local weather and news, local ads. ID'd as "This is KCCS, Salem." (RCW-WA)
- 1250 KKFX WA, Seattle? 12/9 1600 top of hour ID as "Seattle-Everett." Huh? Far as I know, xmtr sites still include towers on Rose Hill in Kirkland, WA for DA-N to protect Pullman, WA. That means signal goes west, not north, till 0300 KWSU s/off. Day pattern does go north, but Everett (30 mi. away) has KWYZ on 1230! (JJ-WA) (Bill says a station can include any city in their ID regardless of signal strength, as long as the city of license is mentioned first.--NH)
- 1260 KCYX OR, McMinnville 12/13 0010-0050 weak with Linfield-Concordia BB game, under KOIT & mixing with CFRN. (RCW-WA)
CFRN AB, Edmonton 12/13 0010 weak with call-in sports talk show. Signals generally under co-channel KOIT & alternating with BB game on KCYX. Looped out most of KOIT sigs. (RCW-WA)
- 1270 KPLY NV, Sparks-Reno 12/13 0058 weak with oldies program, male DJ. Severe QRM from KTOL-1280 & CHWK(?) under with EZL. (RCW-WA)
7CHWK? BC, Chilliwack 12/13 2204 very weak with local news from Vancouver vicinity barely readable. (RCW-WA)
- 1590 (KLIV) CA, San Jose 12/11 0517 totally off. (RW-CA)
KZOK WA, Seattle 12/11 0520 good in KOGO null with ID "Seattle's Cool Gold station is Cool Gold AM 1590, KZOK." Ex-KJET (not heard as KQUL). (RW-CA)

Help with unIDs

- 790 Re RH's unID on 790 in 12/9 DXM, L.A., Tucson, Houston & Pensacola all have stations on 790 on I-10 but none are affiliated with FM 97 to my knowledge. (Kaz-CA)
 - 1010 CK's unID in 12/2 WDXR is undoubtedly KFMS, there is a Charleston Blvd. ad I hear regularly on KFMS, loop bearing is right, and obvious reference to Boulder City, a Las Vegas suburb. (RW-CA)
- Another one page WDXR. Report! ♡



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. (in home set-up)
- [KDF-IL] = Karl D. Forth, 2714 North LeClaire, Chicago, IL 60639
ICOM IC-R70, HQ-160, spiral loop, longwire.
- [TMJ-IL] = Tom Jasinski, 419 North Raven, Shorewood, IL 60435
FRG-7, 2 1/2 foot loop.
- [JcJ-MT] = Your editor using an ICOM IC-R71A with a 23" ferrite bar loop.

SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1200 WOPA IL Chicago, 12/1. 1800 heard testing with a variety of music, bored-sounding engineer giving ID. Off after 1900. Heard the same time on 11/30. [KDF-IL]
+12/8. 1850 heard Latian music u/WOAI and thought I might have a distant Latian coming in, turned out to be WOPA testing. 1900 ID "This is WOPA Chicago." First time heard with audio other than ID. This is also the first time I've caught them testing since 10/7/89. Also, first time I've caught them testing at night! [TMJ-IL]
- 1450 KTYZ MT Wolf Point, EX-KVCK. 12/3 good. 0820 w/"KTYZ" ID, weather for Wolf Point then another "KTYZ" ID into C&W music. This is new for me and my MT#37. [SA-MB]

DOWN THE DIAL

- 640 WGST GA Atlanta, 12/2 poor u/WCRV. 1700 w/ID, weather. Later heard sports call-in show that was probably WGST. [KDF-IL]
- 720 KDWN NV Las Vegas, TENTATIVE. 12/10 very weak. 0440-0458 with a talk show. Promo for Las Vegas area, mentioned phone number with a 714 area code. No ID heard. Interference from an unID latian (stronger than KDWN). [TMJ-IL]
- WGN IL Chicago, 12/10. 0230-0548 noted w/TT and/or completely off. 0548 w/TT until 0600 regular schedule. [TMJ-IL]
- 860 WSON KY Henderson, 12/13 good and clear. 1845 w/"Stereo 86 WSON" ID into standards song "What Kind Of Fool Am I." [WB-MO]
- 970 KOAQ MN Austin, 12/2 poor in WDAY null. 0845 with local spots for a restaurant and some kind of contest in Austin. Several mentions of Minnesota. New for me, MN#100! [SA-MB]
- 1180 WJHM TN Knoxville, 12/2 fair. 0744 with sign on. [KDF-IL]
- WSAF GA Trion, 12/2 good o/WJHM. 0745 with sign on. Pop music format. [KDF-IL]
- 1230 KDZA CO Pueblo, 12/14 weak but on top this GY. KUUS-1240 splatter nulled. 0337 w/spot cluster, promo for "Colorado Weather" "...on AM 12-30 KDZA." Not needed, but rare. [JcJ-MT]
- 1280 WNAM WI Neenah, 12/1 poor to fair mixing w/WWTC and CIPX splatter. 0656 w/TC into oldies music. ID "This is...at WNAM." New for me, WI#64. [SA-MB]
- 1370 WABD KY Ft. Campbell, 12/10 poor to fair w/WDEF. 0009-0115 with soul and jazz music. Request line, spot for Jewelers on Fort Campbell Blvd., (in Clarksville, TN?) several mentions of "WABD" call sign. [TMJ-IL]
- 1390 KCLN IA Clinton, 12/3 fair. 0858 w/religious program into weather, ID "...right here on 13-90 KCLN." Another religious program followed at 0900 (No legal ID on hour). IA#53. [SA-MB]
- 1470 KWSL IA Sioux City, 12/14 on top. 0350 with rock oldies. ID "KWSL playing music you want to hear." [JcJ-MT]
- 1510 KDKO CO Littleton, 12/2 poor in WLAC null, sometimes good. 0540 with soul and pop music, some spots and other announcements. Had to call KDKO to verify a song they were playing to verify it was them I was listening. [KDF-IL]
- 1550 KBLK OK Sapulpa, 12/2 good. 0524 w/religious music, "KXOJ FM 101" IDs, weather. Female announcer. [KDF-IL]
+12/9 fair. 0635 w/"The Gospel According to Music on KXOJ." Gospel-rock music. [WB-MO]
{JcJ:Walt, you reported this as KXOJ, that's their FM call. AM call is KBLK.John.}

CDXR Continued...

1560 KTUI MO Sullivan, 12/7. 0635 w/TT, ID. Mentioned they would return with regular schedule at 0715. [TMJ-IL]

WINV FL Inverness, 12/7 fair w/WQXR nulled. 0620 w/Florida Agri-Net and spot for Citress Oranges. [TMJ-IL]

UNIDS

1180 unID 12/2 fair o/WJUN, WJHM, and WSAF. 0800 w/instrumental music. This might be the Florence, KY station. [KDF-IL]

1280 unID 11/29 poor in CIPX null & splatter. 0650 w/two men, FF talk. Possible oldies format. [SA-MB]

IDING THE UNIDS

Tim Hall offers some help with [SA-MB]'s unIDs:

11/25/89 CDXR:

1580 unID w/"Cool FM" must be KZKL from Albuquerque, NM.

12/2/89 CDXR:

1210 unID w/Fred Sanders Show is probably KGYN, although someone recently reported KLDI carrying this feed.

1340 unID "The Wiz" could be WIZE, nothing else seems particularly close.

1400 unID "AM 1400 and FM 105" is most likely WELL from Michigan, although others are possible.

Neil Kazaross also offers some help:

1010 [TML-IN]'s unID in the 11/25 issue with the "Southern Gospel Music" on the "Heaven's Jubilee" program is probably WFGW. They are religious and run 10kW during critical hours.

1580 [SA-MB]'s unID is most likely KZKL.

Thanks Tim and Neil for your help, hope this helps others!!

25 YEARS AGO

12/29/1964 issue of DX Monitor...Membership reached 251....Bill Nittler had spent the Christmas Holiday in Nebraska....Dan Sheedy reached the 500 stations heard mark.



OPEN MIKE

Prudence is a duty which we owe ourselves.

Welcome to the 90's!!

Congrats to Shawn on hearing his 100th Minnesota station! On the two

week rule; Example: This issue, 12/30, CDXR deadline was 12/16. Your

DX of 12/1 to 12/16 was safe.

Happy New Year!!!!

73, John.

DX WORLDWIDE - EAST
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- 1320 MEXICO, "R. Trece" fr atop w/freq. ID's & ment's Mexico. Soft/mod mx in SS. No calls hrd and no "R. Trece" listed for 1320 but rather 1300. A move, I guess. (G. Thomas-FL)
- 1440 HONDURAS, La Ceiba HRRD 0450 12/6: Shouted (H-R-R-D) ID at 0450 fol/by talk about Honduras. No slgn hrd. (Thomas-FL)
- 1535 unID, Poor carrier here 0140 12/6 w/occ v weak unreadable SS m; looped deep C. Am/ Ecuador. (Thomas-FL)
- 1555 CAYMAN IS., George Town : R. Cayman noted at v gd level at 0434 12/7, s/off then w/GSTQ. (Thomas-FL)
- 1565 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Sto. Domingo 0120 12/6 : R. Amanecer fr w/Christmas carols in SS. (Thiomas-FL)
- 1600 MEXICO, Cd. Acuna XEAE 2350 12/4 : "R. Variedades" ID, gd but fighting it out w/ semi-local KATZ. (Stewart-MO)

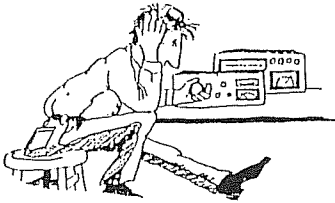
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simulcast KSAJ-FM with oldies. The test will consist of, but is not limited to, "voice, tones, frequency sweeps, EBS tones, pink noise, music or many combinations. Tune in." (signed) E. Joe Eck, CE and PD. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

WILD-1090 Boston, MA will conduct a DX TEST on 1/22/90 0200-0230 EST. Test will be conducted using 5kw Non-directional. Programming will consist of 1000 Hz test tones, Morse Code IDs and vocal IDs by both male and female announcers. Correct reports will be verified by Mr. Michael Klein, NVIL, P. O. Box 2181, Lynn, MA 01903. Arranged by Michael Klein with assistance from Peter George and the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club. 7



Eastern DX Roundup

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540 WDMV MD, POCOMOKE 12/5 POOR in CBEF null over WGR-550 slop,
w/promo for a live broadcast from a shopping center in
Pocomoke City from noon to 4 on Saturday; 1741 farm report
(hog prices, etc.), local wx mentioning "43 degrees here at
WDMV" into c/w at 1742. (MB-ON)
540 WRIC VA, RICHLANDS 12/1 1852 POOR in CBEF null w/oldie by
Buffalo Springfield, calls given by man at 1855. (NJW-DX)
560 WVOC SC, CHARLESTON 12/2 0002 POOR w/WHBQ, end of Gamecocks
basketball broadcast, station promo. (NJW-DX)
560 WHBQ TN, MEMPHIS 12/1 2355 POOR w/Motley Crue song, TC and
non-ID by woman into "Iron Man" by Black Sabbath. (NJW-DX)
570 WAAX AL, GADSDEN 12/3 0644 POOR w/WKBN & unID, promo for
Gadsden State basketball; wx for northeast Alabama; ID'ing as
"WAAX, Gadsden-Anniston, Your Information Source." C/W; ID at
0700 and ABC nx. (NJW-DX).
630 CKRC MB, WINNIPEG 12/3 0414 FAIR w/semi-local CFCO; woman
giving temps for places in MB, SK and ND. Spot for Kern-Hill
Furniture Co-Op, promo for "Festival of Trees" at the Winnipeg
Convention Center; c/w tunes and ID'ing as "Stereo 6-30
CKRC." (NJW-DX)
640 KFI CA, LOS ANGELES 12/6 0006 almost good at times atop the
Cuban w/a news story from Malibu and clear ID at 0006. Best
signal from west coast in some time. (GT-FL)
640 WGST GA, ATLANTA 12/2 0614 FAIR "Newsradio 640 WGST", promo for
Paul Harvey, spot for the "Farmer's Almanac", news and sports
by man. (NJW-DX)
670 WWFE FL, MIAMI 12/8 1700 GOOD talk by man in Spanish, ID in
both English and Spanish. (WPT-DC)
670 WWFE FL, MIAMI 12/1 1652 POOR in WMAQ null; w/soft mx; at 1654
man gave the calls several times in Spanish, as well as
frequency once. Promo for "noticias" and other
announcements. Missed legal ID at 1700 but noticed woman
reading a newscast in Spanish at 1704. (NJW-DX)
680 WCNN GA, NORTH ATLANTA 12/1 1706 FAIR w/WDBC, spots for
Greyhound Express and TV 69, nx with frequent "All news 68
WCNN" mentions. (NJW-DX)
680 WCTT KY, CORBIN 12/1 (1920) and 12/2 (0526) FAIR w/WPTF; 1930
on 12/1 non-ID as "WCTT Country 68" and wx, promo for upcoming
basketball game between the Corbin Redhounds and the Pineville
Mountain Lions. On 12/2 they had the "Master Control"
program, ID and NBC news. (NJW-DX)
680 WPTF NC, RALEIGH 12/1 2132 FAIR w/N.C. State Wolfpack vs. Ohio
State basketball; spots for Cable 32 and Hardees. (NJW-DX)

680 WCAW WV, CHARLESTON 12/2 0432 FAIR w/WPTF & KNBR (doing Talknet at this time); "The Valley's Weather Station, WCAW", promo for a West Virginia Tech broadcast on "The Valley's Sports Authority, WCAW", into c/w. (NJW-DX)

690 WVOK AL, BIRMINGHAM 12/5 1719 GOOD TC, "20-20" nx by man. (WPT-DC)

690 WZAP VA, BRISTOL 12/1 1940 POOR, caught in CBF null with a furniture spot and station promo. (NJW-DX)

720 WMXY GA, HOGANSVILLE 12/2 1713 FAIR w/WGN, oldies by Otis Redding, Beatles, and the Hollies. 1725 promo for an Atlanta Falcons broadcast on "Classic Hits WMXY." (NJW-DX)

720 WGCR NC, BREVARD 12/1 1712 POOR w/WNXY & u/WGN; North Carolina network nx; 1715 s/off by woman, no SSB. (NJW-DX)

740 WSVQ TN, HARROGATE 12/2 1935 just a clear ID above the rest then programming dropped back into the hash. New here. (GT-FL)

770 WLWL NC, ROCKINGHAM 12/3 0730 gospel mx, promo for gospel program at Valley Park Auditorium, ID as "77-WLWL." (KVJ-GA)

830 WWMO NC, EDEN 12/6 2150 WEAK under Cuba with ID by man, into religious program. (GAH-PA)

830 WNYC NY, NY 12/9 1730 WEAK s/off with mention of WNYC-FM, 93.9; first time heard since 1977. (KVJ-GA)

840 WBHY AL, MOBILE 12/1 1725-1740 FAIR in WHAS null; w/soft Christian mx; spot for Downey's Books & Gifts, ID and wx forecast on the half-hour. (NJW-DX)

840 KWPB NE, WEST POINT 12/1 1730 FAIR w/WBHY in WHAS null; w/"4:30 Weather Roundup" sponsored by feed dealers in Oakland, Pender and Lyons. Promo for the Winslow Volunteer Fire Dept. Fall Festival. Woman gave "AM-84" non-ID and played a Commodores record. At 1742 there was plug for the "AM 84/FM 108 Holiday Giveaway." (NJW-DX)

860 CJBC ON, TORONTO 12/11 0025 GOOD must have been the one with FF female and avant garde jazz mx. (GT-FL)

860 KKOW KS, PITTSBURG 12/2 1655 FAIR w/CJBC, c/w, promo for T.G. Sheppard concert; 1700 ID and CBS nx. (NJW-DX)

870 WQRX AL, VALLEY HEAD 12/2 1730 noted at s/off with "My Heart's in Alabama" instead of NA and "R-X 870" slogan. (GT-FL)

880 KRVN NE, LEXINGTON 12/12 1748 POOR-FAIR in WCBS null w/state wx, promo for ABC news coming up at 1700, into c/w by the Gatlin Bros., faded out by 1750. (MB-ON)

920 CFLS PQ, LEVIS 12/12 1700 FAIR u/mess with talk in French by man. (WPT-DC)

1000 CKBW NS, BRIDGEWATER 12/8 1740 FAIR wx, ID by man; "Currently at CKBW it's -12 degrees", into mx. (RCR-PA)

1000 WKYB SC, HEMINGWAY 12/4 1714 FAIR u/WLUP; gospel program ending followed by s/off by man and mention of 10,000 watt power. (WPT-DC)

1000 WXTN MS, LEXINGTON 12/2 1740 POOR u/WLUP w/gospel mx; 1755 spot for a drugstore in Durant; 1800 s/off. (NJW-DX)

1020 WJEP GA, OCHLOCKNEE 12/2 0741 FAIR w/WRIX (also religious) & u/KDKA w/spots for Kelly Reeves Furniture in Moultrie and Johnson Jewelers in Thomasville, into religious mx. (NJW-DX)

1020 WRIX SC, HOMELAND PARK 12/2 0746 FAIR w/WJEP & KDKA; ID & Christmas greeting from the station, into religious tune; man gave calls at 0749. (NJW-DX)

1020 WPEO IL, PEORIA 12/2 1730 POOR u/KDKA; s/off by woman until 0630. (NJW-DX)

1030 WJKZ TN, WHITE BLUFF 12/1 1832 FAIR in WBZ null after KCTA s/off; c/w, several non-IDs as "K-Z Country"; promo for Tradio at 1840. (NJW-DX)

1030 KCTA TX, CORPUS CHRISTI 12/1 1819 POOR in WBZ null w/WJKZ; w/ridiculous preacher up to 1829, local spots and 1830 s/off by man. KCTA is still using 1030 kilocycles. (NJW-DX)

1050 WPZA MI, ANN ARBOR 12/12 1653 FAIR w/ID and oldie song by Del Shannon, weather. (GAH-PA)

1110 WMBI IL, CHICAGO 12/12 1716 FAIR u/WBT with end of gospel program followed by s/off by man (CE). (WPT-DC)

1140 WIXC AL, HAZEL GREEN 12/2 0702 FAIR in WRVA null; CNN news; came out of the news with c/w; female announcer said it was a "Then and Now Saturday, on Fun Lovin' 11-40, WIXCEE." More c/w and spots for Folger's, Federal Jobs Digest and US Savings Bonds. (NJW-DX)

1150 WGBR NC, GOLDSBORO 12/1 2000 ABC nx, 2005 station promo/non-ID into Swing Out Sister's "Break Out." Lost to WIMA and others afterwards. (NJW-DX)

1180 WJNT MS, PEARL 12/2 0657 POOR in WHAM null with Talknet, ID at 0700. (NJW-DX)

1280 WSAT NC, SALISBURY 12/1 1725 FAIR w/ID into moldy oldies. (GAH-PA)

1280 WWOK IN, EVANSVILLE 12/3 0538 "Evansville's Rock 'n' Roll Station 103 GBF." Three in a row by Triumph and The Who; lost just before legal ID time. This is ex-WGBF (ed). (NJW-DX)

1310 WYND FL, DELAND 12/1 1659 w/"ever increasing faith ministries of WYND"; spot for Nissan. (GAH-PA)

1370 WVMR WV, FROST 12/6 1658 FAIR and brief; s/off with Chet Atkins song, ID. (GAH-PA)

1380 WTOB NC, WINSTON-SALEM 12/8 1645 "WTOB Traffic Control" and spot for Winston-Salem Chronicle. (KVJ-GA)

1390 WTJS TN, JACKSON 12/6 2330 briefly above WROA w/clear ID at 2330. No programming definite. (GT-FL)

1420 WLET GA, TOCCOAFF 12/13 1725 FAIR SID, wx by female. (WPT-DC)

1430 WLKF FL, LAKELAND 12/8 2200 NBC nx, AIDS Hotline PSA. (KVJ-GA)

1430 WDEX NC, MONROE 12/13 1728 GOOD c/w, ID by man. (WPT-DC)

1440 WMDJ KY, MARTIN 12/9 0600 POOR w/sign on. (KVJ-GA)

1460 WEMR PA, TUNKHANNOCK 12/7 1705 FAIR local ad, mention of Tunkhannock, ID by/m, c/w. (RCR-PA)

1480 WSAY VA, SALEM 12/9 1834 gospel, "Inspiration Request Line"; mention of a basketball game starting at 1900. (KVJ-GA)

1520 WARR NC, WARRENTON 12/8 1700 GOOD with s/off by man, mention of 5kw, ID as "The All New WARR - Your Heart & Soul Radio"; no SSB. (RCR-PA)

1520 WDSL NC, MOCKSVILLE 12/8 1714 FAIR X-Mas mx, s/off by man, mention of 5kw, no SSB. (RCR-PA)

1540 WTXY NC, WHITEVILLE 12/9 0714 WEAK at s/on, mentioning 1,000 watts; quickly overridden by WYNC s/on. (KVJ-GA)

1540 WYNC NC, YANCEYVILLE 12/9 0716 s/on then weather closings, c/w, spots for WFW Supermarket and Goodyear Tires. (KVJ-GA)

1540 WYNC NC, YANCEYVILLE 12/8 1705 GOOD PSA by female, s/off by man, no SSB. (RCR-PA)

1540 KSVZ TX, FORT WORTH 12/9 0730 s/on, f/ann, mention of 1,000 watt PSA directional to NW, and daytime power of 50,000 watts; mailing address in Dallas. (KVJ-GA)

1550 KXOJ OK, SAPULPA 12/2 0458--510 FAIR w/WBSC, etc.; w/Christian mx by Amy Grant & others. Female announcer (Tina) gave legal (?) ID at 0502 as "FM-101 KXOJ Sapulpa-Tulsa" and also some other non-IDs as "_____ AM/FM 101 KXOJ." (NJW-DX)

1550 WBSC SC, BENNETTSVILLE 12/2 0459 FAIR u/Sapulpa; SSB, 0500 s/on announcement calling itself "Magic AM 1550 Radio" and playing various oldies. (NJW-DX)

1560 WY2Q KY, HAZARD 12/9 0649 EXCELLENT local nx and weather, spots for First Federal Savings & Loan. (KVJ-GA)

1580 WUIV NC, ICARD TOWNSHIP 12/7 1711 GOOD s/off by man with mention of 5kw, ID as "WUIV, Icard", no SSB. (RCR-PA)

1580 WZKY NC, ALBEMARLE 12/7 1730 POOR-FAIR CBS nx, local ad, mentions of Albermarle, ID as "WZKY" by female, rock oldies. (RCR-PA)

1590 WZRZ MS, JACKSON 12/2 2046 FAIR w/WAKR & WTVB; w/MYL special and several "Jackson 1590" non-IDs; legal ID at 2100. (NJW-DX)

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TENTATIVE'S & UNIDENTIFIED'S

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570 unID KY, ?? 12/3 0645 POOR somebody under WAAX and WKBN with what sounded like a broadcast of an assembly or a meeting from somewhere in Kentucky. (NJW-DX)

650 unID 12/2 0727 POOR u/WSM somebody was playing the current hit by Bad English ("When I See You Smile"). (NJW-DX)

660 KSKY TX, BALCH SPRINGS 12/1 1804 FAIR TENTATIVE in WFAN null; (t) with Brother Popov (?) religious program. Gone at power/pattern change at 1814. [I assume this is KSKY based on time, program format, and subsequent logging of KCTA on same date]. (NJW-DX)

750 WEND FL, BRANDON 12/11 2245 POOR - TENTATIVE presumed the EE station here playing blues in WJR null. Mentions of central Florida and Bartow are the hints but no calls heard. (GT-FL)

960 WHAK MI, ROGERS CITY 12/12 1705 TENTATIVE NBC nx then many mentions of Rogers city by/m doing local nx. NO ID...only "AM 96 News." (GAH-PA)

1380 WYSH TN, CLINTON 12/9 1735 TENTATIVE "Alcoa-Brickman" (?) Academy FB game; no ID. (KVJ-GA)

1230 unID 12/8 2244 above the noise with ad for a biz on East Main St. in Durham. My old log shows nothing close. (GT-FL)

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SPECIAL

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1620 WJBI NY, COTTEKILL 12/11 0050-0115 POOR - FAIR SPECIAL: was surprised to catch this one testing. Started earlier apparently and ended with SSB. During "engineering" tests, used sweep tones, rock mx, and frequent IDs. Gave address as Box 142, Cottekill, NY - 12419 and stated that they were using "2,500 clear watts" to "get a little further out." Said they hadn't been on for some time and were "a little rusty" and hoped to be back on next Sunday night. Signal level varied from nil to fair and QSB made modulation less than perfect (which made W-J-B-I sound like W-J-B-R and Cottekill sound like Cottage Hill, etc.). (GT-FL)

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HARMONICS

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2680 WYCB DC, WASHINGTON - (2 x 1340) 12/2 0557 w/black gospel music, man and woman gave ID on the hour, followed by more gospel mx. [Yes! I realize this a harmonic, but at least we know what WYCB would be doing at this hour...]. (NJW-DX)

2960 WABB AL, MOBILE - (2 x 1480) 12/2 0552 "WABB FM 97" non-ID by man, rock mx by The Eagles and Cher, jingle noted at 0612. [Yes, I realize this a harmonic, but at least we know what WABB would be doing at this hour...]. (NJW-DX)

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COMMENTS

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Now THIS is more like the kind of column we need every week! PLEASE keep it up...I LOVE the work! A big welcome back to G. Thomas from Pensacola (please keep on sending in those loggings). And to all of the other contributors, a big thanks and a wish for CONTINUED GOOD DX! I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all IRCA members a HEALTHY AND MERRY CHRISTMAS and continued GOOD DX in the NEW YEAR. Till next time around, 73 my friends - Ray Bauernhuber

IRCA Finances

I am pleased to report that, during the first three issues of Dec. for which Ralph Sanserino handled all aspects of the publication, the membership has come forward with a large number of donations. The suggestions put forth were not intended to scare the membership into contributing and those responsible tried to make it clear that IRCA is not in any financial danger. However, a great amount of appreciation is extended to those who so generously donated including one member who contributed an extremely large amount of money. Because of the very small bulletins, the printing costs have been very low and IRCA is currently in quite sound condition as far as future operations even though we continue to have outstanding debts and a large deficit due to what is known as "deferred memberships", dues paid for bulletins not yet received. More on this subject in a future issue including details on a charity auction of items donated by IRCA members. -Don Erickson, IRCA Secretary-Treasurer

Mail Problems A member's renewal correctly addressed to IRCA, 6059 Essex St., was recently returned to sender by the PO. The carrier has no explanation and said it should not have happened. If you've had such a problem, please let HQ know. Using IRCA, c/o Don Erickson, is probably not necessary but it doesn't hurt. If you prefer, just use Don Erickson.



Western DX Forum

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Hello to Ric and the IRCA. I've recently rejoined after dropping out in early 1988. Alas, I've missed quite a bit of news, new stations, call changes and so forth. However, I have done some DX from other QTH's, mostly Pt. Reyes with Beverages pointed to the Pacific (where plenty of TP DX still roars in) and also DX'ed from 30 September to 05 October from Orchardland Estates are of the Big Island, Hawaii, where the usual "hemispheric-wide" DX was in every night - 9 kHz channels filled with Asians (especially Japanese) signals past about 0300 HST and lots of North American signals from sunset until West Coast sunrise, quite a few Alaskans after the rest of the Lower 48 faded out at sunrise, etc. etc. ho hum - and most of it went onto tape (some 30 hours of recordings compiled into 10 hours now). Besides some DX done here and there on the BCB, I'm anxious to bring to the attention of the club, especially to Top End DX'ers, the presence of several experimenter beacons under FCC Part 15 rules (no license-legal) run by several people that are part of a group interested in low frequency transmitting LOWFERS/1750 Meters, and a new off-shoot, which I encouraged, who run Medfer beacons in the 1615-1700 kHz range. All are CW with simple letter IDs and are running about 100 mW (0.1 watt) into 7-10 foot high top capacitance loaded antennas over ground radials/screening. They ARE getting out, sometimes with tremendous skywave signals in the 100-800 mile range. I've listened to them in various places in CA northern NV, eastern OR, AZ and hear them quite well. Here is a list of the ones which onsistently put out good signals this past fall. It's best to listen after midnight when all will be on, but some are going 24 hours/7 days, others sunset to sunrise only: 1619.92 "D" /1620.08 "U" Salt Lake, UT (Morse, FSK with NOAA weather on AM), 1627.93 "RR-dash" San Rafael, CA (My own beacon) SS to SR, 1650.62 "G4" Palo Alto, CA (good signal in NV on 28 November) 24H/7D, 1650.67 "TI" Kingman, AZ (whopping good signal as his ground is a mobile home) 24/7, 1661.35 :U: San Diego, CA nights only, 1687.28 "SD-dash" Descanso, CA nights only, usually past 2200, 1688.25 "TUS" Tucson, AZ 24H/7D, 1689.1 "AZ" Tucson, AZ 24H/7D. If anyone has heard these particular signals, please let me know and I'll forward your report to the appropriate person. I hope to soon have a master list of all the Medfer beacons going in the US (about 25 so far). And thank you Ric, for taking the time to reprint this. (Now I DO need an optometrist, hi-Rh.) Anyone interested in running a beacon should write me for information. I know this isn't exactly BCB information, but possibly there is some interest with other club members. 73 de SPM.

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Recently got a letter from Jim Hilliker asking for help on some station facts for his history of Los Angeles radio project. Tried calling him, but reached a disconnected number. Did he move? (Nope-Rh). And speaking of phone numbers, please note my new one. Ma Bell changed it; a hospital has a number similar to mine and was getting a lot of calls. Tried contacting new owners of the 1500 CP Burbank, in Sacramento, but no luck yet on speaking with him. One person at KWOD said in '90 in the late spring is when testing is to begin. Went by the proposed tower site in Sunland, but nothing started yet. Saw in DXM 868 the logging of the Pasadena TIS on 530. Seems I recall hearing them a couple weeks ago. Operation is by the Pasadena PD, so maybe they'd verify reception reports. Lately 540 has been off. Little if nothing heard at night in its absence. In the unID column regarding 1410, maybe Las Vegas. Oh, JH, believe 1370 KWRM is all SS now. Should anyone need information on tower site in SoCal, let me know. 73.

RIC HEALD, 8539 BELLAMY WAY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95828 (916) 386-8677 1700-2100 PST

Looking kind of slim out there this week, but I've noticed EDXF even slimmer. Come on members east of the Mighty Miss, get the other Rick to work! Geov, I favor a weekly edition of Broadcasting Info because it would be more up-to-date, and yes, it would be more work for you, but I mean, if I have to type up a column weekly. . .hi. No reflection on the editor, of course, but I used look forward to a few changes, now I nearly break out into a cold sweat, hi. I'm making changes with a pencil instead of pen! Steve, good to have you back in the club. If you want to organize a Beverage DX'pedition, I'm game. Also, there used to be a Top End column in DXM. And there's been a proposal (which will take a club vote) to change our By-Laws from 1620 to 1700 kHz, as the top end. I'm do favor the proposal. But I have a question, probably out of ignorance, but what's the purpose of a 100mW beacon, or more correctly, function, being operated by private individuals? Just curious. Nothing in DX to report, haven't even turned the thing on. That'll take care of another week. Best of DX and 73 de Rh. .

IRCA Almanac V Progress is reportedly being made on the 5th edition of IRCA Almanac. However, it is unlikely publication will be earlier than February and it could be later. -DEE

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Greetings once again from the land of pleasant living. Greg Monti hosted a WADXA GTG at his South Arlington, VA pad (7½ miles from my QTH) on Saturday evening Nov. 18, with 18 attending, including a 5-month-old future DXer, who could be working 1610 thru 1700 when he is old enough to handle radios responsibly. Most of the people in WADXA are SWLers. I did a little SWling on my uncle's three-band Zenith second console rig over fifty years ago at his North Arlington, VA pad. I'm not that much into SWling but every now and then I like to DX "Upstairs". BCB and "downstairs" (LW) DXing are my bag this time of year. I go "topside" (upstairs to land-lubbers) during spring and summer for FM/TV. The above-mentioned GTG kind of counters the Tim Noonan-hosted GTG in Madison, WI in mid-October attended by those living in the Lake Michigan area. We had a white T-giving here with three inches of snow and could have a white Christmas if the cold weather holds. Time for s/off. 8x8+3x3.

Karl V. Jeter, 2115 Scarbrough Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30088
DX has been picking up quite a bit lately with improving conditions and what seems like a colder than normal weather thus far. We had a minor snow-storm on Sat. 12/9 (I know, to all you northerners a 1/2" of snow is no big deal, but that is all it takes to shut down this town, hi!) (If you can't have a foot of snow on the ground, why bother?--rce) so in between DX sessions on 12/9, I was able to get in a snowball fight! Actually, that day was a banner DX day for me; one of the best in a long time, with three new logs during a sunrise session: WY2Q-1560 Hazard, KY, WYXY-1540 Whiteville, NC and WYNC-1540 Yanceyville, NC. The latter two were heard within minutes of each other at s/on-time and after slugging it out for awhile, WYNC emerged victorious for several minutes. That evening, I was surprised to catch WNYC-830 New York at s/off time, the first time I have heard WNYC in about 12 years. It was nice to catch them before their frequency change, but it wasn't quite enough for a report, rats. Conditions definitely seemed to favor stations to the north on 12/9...also noted 1480 being dominated by WSAY Salem, VA for over an hour; I thought this was a new log until I checked and found I had them previously (and verified) as WUEZ. My verie count has reached 1390 with a nice lengthy letter from local WZAL-1410. I doubt that I will make 1400 by year's end, because around the holidays I generally suspend report-sending because they tend to get either lost in the holiday-mail shuffle, or lost in the hectic shuffle at the stations. I commend Don and Ralph's efforts to return the club to financial stability, and see nothing wrong with individuals sending in donations if they so desire; I want the IRCA to continue, and at the very least, we all should help by supporting the various publications, especially the latest edition of the Almanac. Thazsit for now...I wish everyone safe and happy holidays. 73's.

Steve Schreiter, 105 Brookdale Drive, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172
Seeing the comment by Rick Evans in the Forum for 12/9 prompted me to monitor 1560 kHz to and from work for several days. WQXR and WPAD were logged. (Rick, I sent a report to Central DX Roundup) A friend at work, Gene DeRoth, also did some monitoring in the mornings. He logged WQXR on 12/14 at 0517 EST on his R-1000 with a direct coupled Select-A-Tenna. (Good to hear from you Steve, and please report often to FDXF-rce)

Rick Evans, Apt. 19, 5104 North Lovers Lane, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53225
Looks like I'm looking for WQXR-1560 at the wrong time, but I'm not normally up that late in the morning. Steve, you must live about 3-4 miles from where I work at 5005 S. 6th St. (just below Layton Ave.) in Milw. For everyone else, South Milwaukee is not part of Milwaukee, but actually a suburb that doesn't even touch the big city. Last week, I forgot to mention that with all the stations I heard on 12/11 was a format "look-a-like" of WJJD on 1160. It was in bomb, looping south just like WJJD, but at 0341, there was an ID for 1000 watt WAMB Donelson, Tenn. A big shock as the last time I heard them a couple of years ago, I thought they had a black-oriented format. Have a happy new year. 73.

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Here is a report that might interest IRCA members. The FCC held an unusual day-long "en banc" session on 16 November to hear six panels of experts talk about the current state of AM broadcasting and ways to improve it. A total of 26 speakers discussed technical, economic and regulatory issues, interference, receivers, stereo, and how best to use the expansion band (1605-1705 kHz). If anything emerged from the meeting, it was a clearer picture of AM's problems, and the feeling that even radical changes might not be enough to solve them.

Since this meeting was requested by the NAB, they staffed the first panel, which tried to set the day's agenda. William R. Sanders, chairman of the NAB's Radio Board, urged the Commission to support H.R. 2714, "The Radio Broadcasting Improvement Act of 1989." That would require manufacturers to include AM stereo on any receiver which has FM stereo, limit the use of translators by FM stations, and allow "homesteading" in the AM expansion band. David Hicks, the Radio Board's vice chairman, urged the Commission to tighten its interference rules, and relax its station cross-ownership rules.

The second panel discussed receivers, and featured spokesmen from Delco, Motorola and Panasonic, plus Art Suberbielle of KANE in Louisiana, the chairman of the NAB's AM Improvement Panel. Suberbielle said AM broadcasters were willing to give millions of dollars of free airtime to promote the virtues of high-quality receivers, if only manufacturers would make them. But newly-appointed FCC Commissioner Andrew Barrett asked the manufacturers on the panel if they thought consumers would spend the extra bucks to buy AM receivers of higher quality. "In our experience, no," replied Robert Finger of Panasonic. Finger was the first speaker to state explicitly that technical improvements might not be enough to cure AM's problems.

William Gilbert of Delco felt that reducing interference was more important than promoting stereo. He opposed legislation that would require AM stereo on receivers, and instead urged the Commission to use the expansion band to reduce adjacent-channel splatter below 1605 kHz by selectively reassigning existing stations to the higher channels. Panelists throughout the day favored this sort of "thinning out."

Frank Hilbert of Motorola pushed stereo, specifically C-QUAM, arguing that it made stations sound better even on mono receivers. Stations tend to upgrade their entire audio chain when they go stereo, he explained, and the investment boosts staff morale, making the programming feel more upbeat. The lack of an official stereo standard in the US is hurting AM, he said: only about 13% of US stations have gone stereo, while in Australia, which has an official standard, the figure is more like 50%. He mentioned that adding AM to a mass-market FM receiver only increases manufacturing costs about \$0.50-\$2.00. Since Motorola plans to further integrate the audio stages of both tuners, the cost of AM stereo would be even less in the future, he added.

Commissioner Quello seemed to deflate the whole stereo issue when he asked if there were any figures on the profitability of stereo versus mono stations. Suberbielle replied that near as he could tell, advertisers were no more willing to buy ads on stereo than on mono stations. Even Hilbert had to admit that he didn't "have any examples of anyone failing who then became successful after adding stereo." NAB vice president John Abel acknowledged it was unlikely that the 50% of AM stations which are currently operating at a loss could afford stereo even if they wanted to. However, Art Suberbielle said he thought all AM stations should be required to go stereo, and be given a tax credit for doing so.

The third panel focussed on use of the expansion band; it was dominated by requests for set-asides for special interests. Three of the five panelists represented daytime-only stations: they felt daytimers should have priority in getting fulltime licenses in the expansion band. David Honig of the National Black Media Coalition argued that half of the new band should be reserved for minority broadcasters, since only 2.7% of existing radio stations were minority-owned. Tom Kigin, representing KNOW-AM and KSJN-FM, public stations in Minnesota, thought 20% of the new band should be for noncommercial broadcasting. He also said that nighttime skywave coverage—as in "clear channel" broadcasting—was an "anachronism" and should not be encouraged in the new spectrum. However, Arthur Okun and Wayne Vriesman put in good words for skywave broadcasting later on. Vriesman represented the Clear Channel Broadcasting Service (CCBS).

After a lunch-break, the panel on technical and assignment issues brought out some important points unrelated to the topics they were supposed to address. Wallace Johnson noted that the US still hasn't ratified the Final Acts of the Regional Administrative Radio Conference which expanded the AM band. He urged the FCC to lean on the State Department to get the Senate to ratify the document, which has treaty status. Arlen Diamond of KSMU told a bit about his research into "psychological barriers" which stop people from listening to AM even after they are shown that the signal quality can be made almost indistinguishable from FM. And FCC Chairman Alfred Sikes raised many an eyebrow when he asked if narrow-band FM (NBFM) should be allowed in the mediumwave band. Apparently a request for experimental authorization has been received from a station that wants to try it.

The last two panels both looked at "AM Improvement and the Future." Richard Harris, the chairman of Group W, made a strong presentation, backed by his chain's conspicuous success. He spoke bluntly of AM stations as "an endangered species." It's come to the point, he said, where "one has to ask: is it worth fixing?" His answer: yes, to preserve diversity. "A lot of what ails AM, and what will cure it, is programming." His proposals: require stereo broadcasting; require manufacturers to produce high-quality receivers; encourage local origination of programming and forbid AM/FM simulcasting; remove all limits on multiple AM station ownership, and allow firms to own two or more AM stations in the same market. He cited Los Angeles as an example—Group W has a station there whose news coverage is city-wide, even though its signal coverage isn't.

Richard Blackburn, a station broker, seemed uncomfortable appearing before the Commission, but his insights into the economics of AM made a big impression. He noted that the market value of an AM station, with coverage comparable to an FM station in the same market, is generally about 20% of the FM station's. There is no interest in the investment community in buying into AM, he said, and no interest in having AM be more competitive with FM. The one positive suggestion he made was to allow stations that had to put up directional antennas, to protect another station from interference, to buy the other station and combine the coverages. When Commission Quello asked him if he thought "homesteading" in the expansion band by existing daytimers had a reasonable chance of success, he replied succinctly: "No."

The one encouraging presentation in the final panel was by Paul Syoczak, from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Syoczak said public broadcasters are getting interested in AM because of the congestion in the FM noncommercial sub-band. He described some innovative AM public stations already on the air, such as KBRW in Barrow, Alaska. Since public radio's strength is news and informational programming, and that's a known successful AM format, public stations could help "fertilize" the rebirth of AM, he asserted.

Looking back over the whole day, I was struck by how many of the ideas put forward by the NAB at the outset were undermined, even discredited, in the discussion which followed—particularly the emphasis on technical fixes, and stereo as a panacea. It was also striking that listeners were totally unrepresented in the event. I had called the Commission ahead of time to see if I could participate in one of the panels, and was politely told they had more people from the industry that wanted to speak than they could accommodate. Finally, it's clear that the broadcast industry has abandoned Mark Fowler-type deregulation and faith in the virtues of free market competition. Many panelists called for such extreme extensions of regulation that constitutional questions might be at stake.

Chairman Sikes said that the hearing record would be kept open for a couple of weeks after the meeting, to permit follow-up questions and replies. If you would like to contribute your views on how to improve AM radio, you can do so if you act quickly. Address your comments to: Ms. Donna Searcy, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20554. Be sure to write "Re: MM-Doc 87-267" at the start of your letter. And if you can afford to, send five signed copies along with the original.

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