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In This Issue

All sections are present this issue. EDXR contains reports forwarded too late for last issue. No section was received for this issue and there has been no word.

Call for 1990 Convention Host Volunteers

Karl Zuk advises that the only bid to host the 1990 IRCA Convention had been an informal offer from John Clemmer. There has been no formal bid and attempts to contact John have been unsuccessful. If you are interested in hosting an IRCA Convention, preferably east of the Mississippi, please get in touch with Karl Zuk for details and an official bid form.

DX CALENDAR

Sun. Feb. 4	WRSW	1480	Warsaw, IN	1kw	0530-0555 EST	NRC/CCM
Mon. 5	WCIL	1020	Carbondale, IL		0630-0700 EST	NRC/CCM
Sun. 11	WLDS	1180	Jacksonville, IL		0500-0530 EST	NRC/CCM
Sun. 18	WLUS	980	Gainesville, FL	5kw etc.	0400-0430 EST	NRC/CCM
Mon. 19	WIVV	1370	Vieques, PR	5kw ND	0400-0426 EST	NRC/CCM

WRSW-1480, P. O. Box 1448, Warsaw, IN 46580 will conduct a special DX TEST on Sunday 2/4/90 0530-0555 EST s/on. The test will use the 1kw daytime facility. At 0555, WRSW will switch to 500w directional. The test will consist of some marches, legal IDs, code IDs and will be interspersed with Oldies from their automated normal programming. "In addition to acknowledging reports, I will award a special prize to the farthest report of our signal. Regards" James L. Swearingen, CE. Our thanks to Mr. Swearingen! Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the NRC.
WCIL Radio 1020, P. O. Box 700, Carbondale, IL 62903 will conduct a Special DX TEST Broadcast on MM 2/5/90 0630-0700 EST. The test will consist of a special test announcement, Morse Code IDs and music. Reception reports are requested. All reports should be sent to: Mr. Paul H. McRoy, General Manager. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for NRC.
WLDS-1180, P. O. Box 1180, Jacksonville, IL 62650 will conduct a DX TEST on Sunday morning, 2/11/90 0500-0530 EST with Morse Code and voice IDs and music. Correct reports with return postage will be verified by Mr. Kevin Potter, Chief Engineer. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the NRC.
WLUS-980, P. O. Box 1068, Gainesville, FL 32602 will conduct a DX TEST on Sun. 2/18/90, 0400-0430 EST. The TEST will consist of voice and Morse code IDs, an explanation of the test and fast tempo, big-band style music. Power will be 0400-0417 5kw, 0417-0419 500w, 0419-0421 250w, 0421-0423 166w, then returning to 5kw. Code IDs will be used during all segments. Thanks to Mr. Tim McGuire, CE. Arranged by Colorado CPC Machine for NRC.
WIVV-1370, P. O. Box 338, Vieques, PR 00765-0338 will conduct a special DX Test on 2/19/90, 0400-0426 EST and s/on at 0426 for normal broadcasting. Test will be 5kw ND and consist of Christian music with frequent voice and code IDs. Thanks to Mr. James C. French, Operations Manager. Arranged by Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

Per info from NRC's Wayne Heinen, who along with Jeff Tynan are the Colorado CPC Machine, WMNY-1370 was heard by Rick Dau/IA. KABI-1560 was heard by Wayne Heinen, John Wilkins, & Jeff Tynan, all of CO. WADN-1120 was hrd by Wayne Heinen who also heard and verified WKEN-1600 in DE!



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DX Worldwide - West

Time: UTC phone (503) 861-3185

DEADLINE: TUESDAYS

Bill Harms, now stationed in South Korea again sent in some changes for the AFKN Network. They are as follows:

AFKN-Seoul is changing from 549 KHZ to 1377 KHZ at 5KW
AFKN-Munsan is changing from 576 KHZ to 1440 KHZ at 5KW.
AFKN-Taegu is changing from 585 KHZ to 1377 KHZ at 5KW.
AFKN-Pusan is changing from 783 KHZ to 1197 KHZ.

These changes has been requested from The Republic of Korea Ministry of Communications as a country wide realignment of AM and FM frequencies for AFKN, KBS, and MBC.

Bill also mentions that the station that Randy Tomer heard on 657 KHZ was probably a South Korea jammer. The South Koreans have stated to use open carriers or at least a low level of modulation on some of their jammers from time to time. Thx Bill for the info and hopefully you will send more info from time to time when you get it. The same goes for Mike Hardester and any other overseas members.

Only one other time this week from Dale Park.

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

1600 t MEXICO, Tecate XETCT 12/31 2052 light rr by Tom Petty, Cutting Crew, Gloria Estefan, ID at 2100 "Esta es XECT?...1600 Khz.... centro de Tecate...voz de Oh-16...." on bed of Inxs mx, disco song in SS by Martika. Signs near the I-5 border crossing into Tijuana advise drivers to tune to 1600 AM for border info, however no EE Anmts were hrd. Poor o/u SS station (KGST?) KUZZ was audible in daytime. (5P-CA*)

VERIFICATIONS

1242 AUSTRALIA, Toowoomba-4AK, nice verie letter received in 4 months after tent taped report sent. Mentioned tape was rather weak but it was 4AK. Peter McIntosh-GM. Sent 4AK hat and station info with a beautiful Brass Key Chain. 2KW and according to pattern map, station is directional West! Little signal this way. One of my better veries in a while. Queensland QSL #50 and Aussie #166.(PM-OR)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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PATRICK MARTIN-Your Editor (QSL)

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If you notice ANY errors, please let Don Erickson, IRCA HQ, know right away. (714) 687-5910. All CPC info for DX Calendar, all changes of address, and all membership renewals should be addressed to IRCA, Donald Erickson, 6059 Essex Street, Riverside, CA 92504-1599. -DEK

Bulletin Schedule

Future bulletins will be dated Febr. 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.

DX WORLDWIDE EAST

EDITOR: JIM HALL #240 BYRON ROAD # PITTSBURGH,
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Good to have a variety in the selection of reports this week. Ray Moore has surfaced again with some outstanding Trans-Pacific fare. With my current schedule the TP time frame has been the main time I've been able to use the beverages here in Pgh. Not much from me this time, but hopefully I'll be able to off this schedule soon. On w/rpts:

TRANS - P A C I F I C D X

- 1575 unID - TP?, Can't rule out an LA but don't know of any here. Carrier noted many mornings just before LSR. 1/2 1201 traces of audio, 1/3 1155 w speaking. Doesn't seem to correlate with 1629 as they peak on different days. (Moore-MA) (Quite likely if a TP it's something tremendous - Thailand seems like a pretty far shot; the others seem unlikely with the Aussie possible @5kW since the +1600 RPH's make it in. ed)
- 1620 AUSTRALIA, Carrier w/charac SAH noted here many mornings but no audio on this one. (Moore-MA)
- 1629 AUSTRALIA, Still the best of the RPH stations. Best reception this winter 1/20 1132-1203 w/w talking until the hour when mx & m talking. The slow SAH of previous seasons seems to be missing meaning one of the stations has left the freq. which should make it easier to log whoever is left. (Moore-MA) (I think all the RPH's up here are either switching freq's or being phased out; this and the imminent expansion of the AMBCB will phase out FC listening of these almost altogether! ed)

TRANS - A T L A N T I C D X

- 693 UNITED KINGDOM, Droitwich 0200 12/18 : Rare this season, noted w/m talking 0200. (Moore-MA)

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

- 580 MEXICO, Piedras Negras XEMU 0031 1/16 : Very strong & dominant as it often is, w/"La Rancherita del Aire" stn promo & mx. (Stewart-MO)
- 730 unID, Noted a loud, low het (around 300-400 Hz) on this freq. on car rx around 0000 1/16... XEX loud as usual, thought they might have drifted...got home and found the het looping NW/SE-disappeared when loop pointed toward XEX. Don't recall seeing reports of anyone drifting on this freq.--any ideas? (Stewart-MO) (Yes - the Cuban Progreso outlet has been 300-500 Hz variable for quite some time over the last year or three. ed)
- 770 unID, 0050 to past 0100 1/16 : Thought I heard mention of "Colombia" and "RCN" in gy-like jumble of LA's and domestics on this freq..listed SW //6160 inaudible/buried under splatter from Bonaire-6165...little else emerged except time pips, 5 short & 1 long, about 5-seconds fast per WWV. With all the short-skip from Cubans & Mexoicans, Colombia has been a difficult log for me lately. (Stewart-MO)
- 780 MEXICO, Tampico XFPMS 0200 1/16 : V. strong w/ID in WBBM null-sure seems to dominate the channel at this OTH w/only 1kW. (Stewart-MO)
- 1100 ANTIGUA, St. John's ZDK 2250 1/8 : Sports, particularly cricket. Xint - no sign of WWWE. (Townshend-DC)
- 1360 CUBA, Esquivel CMHW 0652 1/15 : Cuban mx, talk by OM in SS, Radio Cadena Agramonte. (Townshend-DC)
- 1380 CUBA, Jaronu CMHY 0652 1/16 : //CMHW-1360, fr-gd. (Townshend-DC) (1/15. ed)
- 1375 unID, 0238 1/18 : Fr 5 kHz het lopoping NF/SW between 1370/1380 domestics, tho no audio came through. Perhaps St. Pierre though it doesn't seem to be reported very often. (Stewart-MO) (I think modulation's low. ed)
- 1540 BAHAMAS, Nassau ZNS1 2321 1/8 : Sports by m w/ment Bahamas, gd. (Townshend-DC)
- 1564.9 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Sto Domingo HIAT Nice tape ID 2250 12/11 "Fsta es R. Amanacer International desde Sto Domingo", later noted "Rudolf" in SS 0110. (Ray Moore-MA)

CREDITS:

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WESTERN
DX
ROUNDUP

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WDXR deadlines are Mondays. Use Eastern time.

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R70 with altazm. loop

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- 530 CA, Nevada City, CALTRANS radio network, 12/24 2300 mentioning zip code 95950. Dominating the frequency most of the time. Does anyone know their power or call letters? (CM-CA)
 - WNIG247 CA, Sacramento 12/24 2230 poor tonight with Sacramento Airport and ID "WNIG-247." How many watts does this station put out? (CM-CA)
 - 570 KISN UT, Salt Lake City 1/15 0458 poor with AdCon music. ID on the hour. Noted significant signal drop at 0504 w/o S-meter drop (someone's OC?) then steady tone over 0505 on. Normal occupant KVI not on but perhaps using carrier only??? (RCW-WA)
 - 650 KUUY WY, 1/19 1859 woman with weather advisory for WY, 1900 ID "K-U-U-Y, Cheyenne" into NBC news. Fair with CISL nulled. (NH)
 - CKOM SK, Saskatoon 1/15 0114 poor, ID as "65 C-K-O-M," CHR music. No sign of pest CISL. (RCW-WA)
 - 680 KLDY WA, Lacey 1/18 tuned in 1942 and heard Larry King Show. That ended 1958, local ads, ID, and into simulcast of KIRO-TV Eyewitness News at 2000. 2058 ads, then 2100 s/off. (NH-WA)
 - 700 KMJY WA, Newport 1/19 1938 end of weather, ad, C&W music. Excellent with KGRV nulled. (NH-WA)
 - CKRD AB, Red Deer 1/20 1231 ad, area weather, "Radio 7" jingle into song. Excellent at this time, but just 20 minutes later they were gone completely! (NH-WA)
 - 740 (KCBS) CA, San Francisco 1/15 0400-0730 totally off, only KTRH/KMEO mix. They seem to have abandoned their SM SP in favor of MM or Sat. morning SP's. (RW-CA)
 - 750 KBRR MT, Polson 1/19 1919 weather, announcement of "power down." Good with KXL nulled, then gone after power cut. (NH-WA)
 - 790 KFLI CA, Eureka 1/15 0219-0302 very weak, frequent fadeouts with relig. programming, ID'd at 0300 as "K-F-L-I" but leader/trailer unreadable. (RCW-WA)
 - KABC CA, Los Angeles 1/15 0405-0444 fair with call-in talk program "Open Forum." (RCW-WA)
 - KGHL MT, Billings 1/15 0219-0420 up & down with nil to fair sigs, C&W music. Significant QRM from semi-local KGMI & KABC. QSL-ers note correct address is 2070 Overland Ave., zip 59102, CE Don Peck (as per phone call). Is 24 hours NSP. (RCW-WA)
 - KWIL OR, Albany 1/15 0230 very short pop-up of ID on half hour, not up long enough to hear any regular programming. (RCW-WA)
 - KGMI WA, Bellingham 1/15 0150 fair sigs generally weakening to poor by 0300 with Talknet, Wash. State Lottery ads, ID on half hour. QRM from KGHI, KGHL, KFLI. (RCW-WA) (KGHI??--NH)
 - 880 KKMC CA, Gonzales 1/11 0900 was looking for KHAC and got this. ID on hour "This is Christian radio, KKMC Gonzales-Salinas-Monterey-Santa Cruz." (MS-CA)
 - 920 CKCQ BC, Quesnel 1/15 1913 local ads, ment. "...on the Yellowhead Highway," 1915 jingle ID into song. Very weak with KQEU nulled. (NH-WA)
 - 990 KKIS CA, Pittsburg 1/6 2200 "This is KKIS AM & FM Pittsburg-Concord" I did not hear a KIXA ID. Still is KKIS. (CM-CA)
 - 1210 CFYM SK, Kindersley 1/19 2000 ID "CKYM-CFYM" poor through KEBR & KBSG. New. (NH-WA)

- 1250 KTIM AZ, Wickenburg 1/6 1900 logged by surprise. ID "Music of your life is found right here on Time, KTIM AM & FM Wickenburg." MOR music. Still very light outside! (MS-CA)
- KHIL AZ, Willcox 1/6 1927 playing cover version of "Sweet Dreams." S/off annc't. at 1929 read over music, by (Bruce?) Johnson--mentioned "Back at 7," IDs as "K-Hill," "...KHIL in Willcox AZ now leaves the airwaves." (MS-CA)
- KNEU UT, Roosevelt 1/6 1905 overtaking KTIM, finishing news, then ID "We play your country favorites, KNEU Roosevelt." (MS-CA)
- 1320 KUTR UT, Salt Lake City 1/5 2232 logged per call change. Music by Peter Cetera, promo for Mormon program, ID "KUTR, the station that sounds like Utah." Ex-KEMX/KCPX/KBUG. Over KGNR. (MS-CA)
- 1460 KZXR CA, Salinas 1/15 0339 poor sigs, KMWX QRM. AdCon music, "Taking you into the next decade, K-Z-X-R." (RCW-WA)
- 1470 CJVB BC, Vancouver 1/15 0134 with good, solid sigs with Spanish language program mixed with English. Frequent ment. of Philipines. ID as "C-J-V-B news, sports and weather report" in English. Local KELA apparently off early as no sign of 'em. (RCW-WA)
- 1500 KSJO CA, San Jose 1/6 2400 "This is KSJO 92.3 FM and AM 1500." I guess they must have changed call letters. Ex-KSJX. Heard rock music. (CM-CA) (As far as I know they are still KSJX. They simulcast KSJO.--NH)
- *KSJX* CA, San Jose 1/15 0358 noted with OC, back on RS about 0415 with simulcast of KSJO-92.3 FM San Jose. (RW-CA)
- 1580 KCWW AZ, Tempe-Phoenix 1/8 0240 clear signal under KDAY. Announcing music by George Strait, then ID "The home of the country tradition KCW." Ex-KNIX, KTUF. (MS-CA)

DX TESTS

- 790 KCAM AK, Glenallen 1/15 0400-0430 tried, not heard, too much KABC, KOQO. (RW-CA)
- 1120 WADN MA, Concord 1/8 0200-0230 tried for them but no luck since KPNW was dominating channel most of the night. (CM-CA)
- 1220 WKMT NC, Kings Mtn. 1/6 0100-0300 tried for them during testing period, but no luck on this one. (CM-CA)
- 1560 KABI KS, Abilene 1/15 0530-0625 tried, apparently not heard (was this on at all, expected to hear this!), thought I had weak TT at 0533, but unsure, could've been het, much KRGO-1550 splash and KLIV-1590 slop. Freq. got loud at 0600 like a growl, but nothing discernible faded up. XEJPV took over at 0630 as usual that time of MM. (RW-CA)

UNID

- 1410 1/10 0900+ heard ID in mess of KERN-KCAL-KFMS. Sounded like K-N-O-B (Lompoc?). (MS-CA)

Thanks for all the reports this week. My WDXR dealines will be each Monday through March. Report! ♥

Here is a reprint of a previously published request including one line which disappeared because it started with a WordStar dot command to ignore a line (the period):

Margins for editing Your Editor-in-Chief continues to have problems with some material coming in with incorrect margins. Top and bottom margins on a 14 inch sheet of paper must be 3/4" and side margins are 1/2" on both sides. In addition, the first page requires 1 1/2" for the section masthead/logo. Therefore, the first line typed should be 3/4" plus 1 1/2" (2 1/4") from the top. 14" paper is virtually a must and blue-lined masters are supplied upon request to anyone wishing to submit any kind of material. Space should also be allotted for page numbers. If you are typing what will probably be the last full page, it is a good idea to leave an extra line at the bottom to allow for continuation notation. No type character should TOUCH those side margins. An addition-al problem most issues is that some editors are not taking the time to care-fully proofread what they type. If you feel a DX tip or a Forum report is worth typing, please consider whether it is also worth making certain it is typed correctly and legibly. When sending DX catches to your editor, it would help very much if you make certain of the spelling of the cities of license. It is a lot to ask of the editor to know how to spell every city name.



Central DX Roundup

Editor: John C. Johnson
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FOR THE RECORD

Report in Eastern time.

Keep items fresh.

Deadline: Saturdays.

RIDING GAIN

- [SA-MB] = Shawn Axelrod, 30 Becontree Bay, Winniepeg, MB R2N 2X9
ICOM IC-R70, 3' box loop, 140' longwire, Mini TUN-3.
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- [RD-IA] = Rick Dau, R.R. 2, Box 64, Oakland, IA 51560
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- [TMJ-IL] = Tom Jasinski, 419 North Raven, Shorewood, IL 60435
FRG-7, 2 1/2 foot loop.
- [TML-IN] = Tom Laskowski, 1334 East Miner Street, South Bend, IN 46617
ICOM IC-R71A, loop.
- [JcJ-MT] = Your editor using an ICOM IC-R71A, Radio West Loop.

SPECIAL INTEREST

- 760 KCCV MO Independence, 1/9 very good. 1204 with usual religious programming. Station was simulcasting former 1510 facility throughout December. Now just on 760, move has apparently been completed. [RD-IA]
- 1030 WNTL MD Indian Head, EX-WBZE. 1/6. 1700 w/ethnic program of Arabic music. 1715 with EE sign off. "Washington's International Sound." Call ID. [TML-IN]
- 1100 KJYE CO Grand Junction, EX-KVEE. 1/13 fair in WWWE null. 0815 with EZL music. New for me, CO#54. [SA-MB]
- 1230 WLLR IL Moline, EX-WMRZ. 1/7. Now simulcasting FM 101 with country. Station had oldies format when they were WMRZ. [JC-IL]
- 1350 KGHF CO Pueblo, EX-KRYT. 1/13 fair. 0809 w/BBD music, songs from the 40s and 50s. New for me, CO#55. [SA-MB]
- 1440 WIRE IL Normal, EX-WMLA. 1/7. Now simulcasting FM 92.7. Still C&W music format. [JC-IL]

DX TESTS

- 1120 WADN MA Concord, DX TEST, 1/8 weak u/KMOX. 0203 w/Code ID, 0205-0208 TT. Also noted TT 0214 and 0229. Not enough for a report. [RD-IA]
{Rick, the code ID copy and TT times should be enough for a report considering conditons, distance, etc. John.}
+1/8 very weak u/KMOX. 0200-0230. 0203 code ID, 0204 TT, 0216 good audio. [TMJ-IL]
+1/8 very tough due to KMOX being very strong w/music. 0200-0232. Code IDs, 1000 Hz tones, Phonetic IDs. [TML-IN]
- 1370 WMNY SC Santee, DX TEST, 1/8 weak to fair. 0419-0435 w/TT. Code IDs at 0419, 0423, and 0429. SC#3, report sent. [RD-IA]

DOWN THE DIAL

- 540 KKJZ CA Hesperia, 1/18 weak w/noise otherwise alone briefly. 0340 w/"KKJZ" and phone number 213-???-5540. Jazz music followed. Not enough for a report, but needed here. [JcJ-MT]
- 950 KLIK MO Jefferson City, 1/7. 1814 w/contest, caller won \$95. "What's your favorite radio station? KLIK" and "Write it down the phrase that pays, 95 Country KLIK." C&W format. [TML-IN]
- 1000 WJHH GA Soperton, 1/6 good. 0730 with sign on. [RD-IA]
- WLUP IL Chicago, 1/8. 0204 noted off the air. [TMJ-IL]
- 1120 KCLE TX Cleburne, 1/8 weak u/KMOX. 1820 with news and promo for a contest put on by a local Pizza Hut weekdays at 1145. KCLE Weather Update at 1827, sign off at 1845. [RD-IA]
- 1140 KJSA TX Mineral Wells, 1/8 good o/WRVA. 1931 with sign off. [RD-IA]
- 1180 WFGN SC Gaffney, 1/6 poor w/WHAM. 1747 caught tail end of what may have been a sign off. Mentioned serving Cherokee County. [TMJ-IL]
- WLDS IL Jacksonville, 1/13 good. 0743 with sign on. No SSB. Local news and weather followed. [SA-MB]
- WMLX KY Florence, 1/13 fair. 0745 with possible sign on (No SSB). Woman w/"More of your favorites continue on WMLX." [SA-MB]
- 1230 KWIX MO Moberly, 12/30 good. 0636 w/mention of SE Missouri and promo for a program "...heard this afternoon on Kwicks." [RD-IA]
- 1270 WHYD GA Columbus, 1/4 good signal. 1949 w/weather for "Bi-City Area" of Columbus, GA and Phenix City, AL. Gospel music. 2000 USA Network news and 2005 with full ID. [TMJ-IL]

CDXR Continues...

- 1370 WCOA FL Pensacola, 12/31 fair. 2100 w/news item, ID, Ai News. My final catch of the decade, it's a nice one! [RD-IA]
- 1420 KZMO MO California, 1/8 fair. 0559 with sign on. [RD-IA]
+1/9. 0105 tuned in to man with sign off, "Good night from all of us at KZMO AM and FM..." This was followed by a 1000 Hz tone of 37 seconds. New for me. [TML-IN]
- WADX GA Trenton, 12/30 on top. 0621 w/spot for Exxon Truck Stop at Highway 136 and I-59. No IDs heard, good use of a road atlas pointed directly to this one. [RD-IA]
- WKSJ TN Pulaski, 12/31 fair. 0001 with sign off. [RD-IA]
- 1430 KAOL MO Carrollton, 1/6 very good. 0826 w/area HS basketball scores from previous night. [RD-IA]
- WYMC KY Mayfield, 1/6. 1733 with spot for a store on Highway 45 in Mayfield, phone number 742-1430 and 1-800-665-???? for calls outside Graves County. A new one here. [TML-IN]
- 1480 KPHX AZ Phoenix, 1/19 weak w/noise, KRAE nulled. 0400 w/SS format, 0401 English ID "This is KPHX Phoenix, 1480." [JCJ-MT]
- 1490 KQDS MN Duluth, 1/15 good. 0235 w/mix of oldies and hard rock. IDs "FM-95" and "KQDS Classic 95." New for me, MN#102. [SA-MB]
- 1570 WBGZ IL Alton, 1/3. 0058 w/end of a Billy Joel song, ID, sign off. Mentioned owner, power, location, and call letters given many times! New here, first logging of 1990! [TML-IN]
- 1580 KOKB OK Blackwell, 12/31. 0100 w/end of Oklahoma vs Tulsa basketball game wrap-up the sign off w/ID. NO SSB. New here, my OK#15, 1580 #32, and last logging of the 1980s. [TML-IN]
- 1600 KRRY CO Lakewood, 1/15 strong. 0204 out of rock man said they were leaving the air for 2 hours. This might be a new SP, but most likely just a one time thing. [SA-MB]
{JCJ/Noted on the air the following MM. John.}
- WSNX MI Muskegon, 1/15 good mixing w/WAAM (Larry King). 0127 with "Sunny FM" and "FM 104.5" IDs. Lite-rock. [SA-MB]

UNIDS

1520 unID 1/4 good in KOMA null. 0548 w/TT, lasted 32 seconds. No ID. Might be WHIC, Hardingsburg, KY w/1st Friday F/C. [TMJ-IL]

IDING THE UNIDS


Rick Dau offers some help to [SA-MB] on his unID in the 11/25 CDXR: Your unID on 1400 might be WATW. Per a "salute" on the show they were mentioned as a Fred Sanders affiliate. Ashland, WI isn't too far from your Winnipeg listening post. Thanks, Rick!

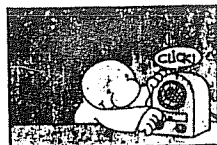
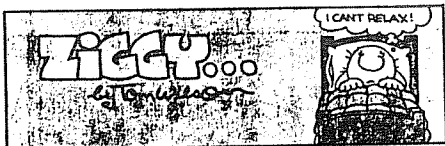
25 YEARS AGO

2/2/1965 issue of DX Monitor...Membership has reached 294...KFBB 1530 had a MM sign off of 0400...John Johnson of Sheridan, WY was in Butte, MT 2/2 for a selective service physical....Bill Hardy, Jr. logged KFBB-1310 on his Candle 10-transistor radio.



OPEN MIKE

 True friendship is a plant of slow growth. It's hard to believe that it's been 25 years since that selective service physical! Concerning the 1/6 WKMT DX Test, [TML-IN] said no sign as WGAR was too strong, and the 1/8 WMNY DX Test, both [TML-IN] and [TMJ-IL] said it was not heard because of other stations being too strong. [SA-MB] said he tried for all the DX Tests on 1/15, none heard. I know how you feel! 73, John.





Western DX Forum

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1990 DEADLINES - WEEKLY ON TUESDAY 11 DAYS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION

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Still no DX done in 1990, very busy. Laura is busy training in Salinas to manage a House of Fabrics store in Capitola. She was working at their Monterey store and hopes she can get back to that store later. We hope to move to town later this year as well. Local radio stations in this market have had several meetings in recent weeks to set up a working plan for EBS in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties. My PD at KOCN met the CE from K7XR 1460/KDON FM at one of those meetings. Looks like it will be this June when the two towers for 1460 come down at Sunset Beach State Park site near Watsonville. The state's been trying to get the towers off the site for 10 years. K7XR 1460 will then diplex off the KCTY 980 three-tower site in Salinas off Natividad Road. A sidenote to this is that the owner of KOMY 1340 had been talking to KDON/K7XR previously about diplexing off their 2 towers to get a better signal, but didn't know that 1460 wasn't going to be there much longer. KOMY still plans to dismantle its 52-year-old tower, which is self-supporting on 4 legs out behind what they call "Broadcast House," their studios since 1937. No other news from here so I'll say 73 'til next time.

GARY LARSON, 2806 LINCOLN, BURBANK, CA 91504

KKJ7 540 is on RS 24 hours with jazz. Unsure of night power but I do know I barely hear them at work in N. Hollywood at night. In S. El Monte days they're real strong and fair in San Marino. A promo advising listeners of reception is played at times and a number given out (213-478-5540) as well as POB 250028, Los Angeles 90025. Called recently and found out PD is Cal Milner, formerly operations manager. Good to see Randy of Springfield, MO has joined the club. I write to a friend in Branson (KOMC 1220 area) and he keeps me updated on radio. JH, will send XR list soon. KRCK 1500 is waiting for a county permit prior to construction of towers. Several times in past weeks, I've noted XEGM 950 off at night - KFRE 940 stronger too. If anyone knows address and location of KVEG and KLUC Las Vegas towers, let me know. Thanks and 73.

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

Recent veries include CKBA 850, CHQT 880, CFOK 1370, KCJJ 1560 and KZOK 1590. This is a nice way to start out 1990. You may recall my mention of working 7 days a week lately. With some of the OT I went out and purchased Pioneer's VSK-9500 hi-fi receiver. It's interesting to note the AM section goes to 1700, but, get this, NO AM STEREO. One would think major companies are not interested in AM stereo. Check out CDXR for my latest DX. 73 de John.

TIM KRIDEL, 1205 UNIVERSITY #430, COLUMBIA, MO 65201 (314) 449-7682

A Happy New Year to all! It's been a least a year since I've made an appearance in these pages, so I guess it's time to make good on a resolution to send in a Forum. Much has happened from early May to late August at my parent's house in New Wells, MO and have since returned to Mizzou for my second year of college. Until mid-December, I was living in the Mark Twain dorm, where I had lived for the previous 2 semesters. After two close calls with food poisoning (courtesy of Campus Dining Services) and steadily declining living conditions, I've moved to an apartment on the edge of campus. Now that I have my own room, late night DX'ing has once again become a reality, at least during this semester break. I'm about a half mile away from my old QTH, but reception seems somewhat better here. This is a mostly wooden and brick structure, as opposed to the concrete block dorm. Both have CATV, but, suprisingly, I have yet to encounter any interference from that source. Because I no longer live across from the University's coal-fired power plant, my truck is much cleaner and QRM is almost non-existent. I've also taken up a new job at Square D, an electronics plant, as an assembler. I often work until 0030 so this gives me an opportunity to DX in the wee hours before I'm overcome by the sleepies. The equipment is the same: Palomar loop and a 35-foot longwire (draped out my fourth floor window) running into the ever faithful Bearcat DX-1000. This setup seems to favor the south with Texas and Mexico doing quite well. Recent loggings include KFYO 790 Lubbock and a tentative KLDD 570 Dallas, both poor to fair. When I last checked in August, the Rend Lake, IL TIS on 530 was still on. They ID as the Rend Lake Recreation Information Network. Per my 13 January

1989 QSL letter by park manager Phillip K. Jenkins, it runs 10 watts into a 49-inch antenna, with coverage ranging from 0.65 to 2.0 mv/M over a 2.5 mile range. Reports should go to the Rend Lake Management Office, RR 3, Benton, IL 62812-9803. It seems that since early November, KUSA 550 has dropped the Interstate Radio Network with Fred Sanders in favor of country oldies. Sad to see it go, because KXEL 1540, the only other affiliate I can think of, is very difficult to receive. Best of DX to all in the '90s. 73 de TK in MO. (Welcome back Tim, and great to see the recent flurry of forums from the Midwest, but please, double space. IRN is also on KKOW 860 Pittsburg, KS - would that be a possibility?-RtH.)

RIC HEALD, 8539 BELLAMY WAY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95828 Tele-Forum: (916) 386-8677 1700 to 2100 PLT & ppd

Greetings friends and neighbors. RW, regarding KGNR 1320 changing to KCTC with an E7L format, let me expand on that. In the 23 January Scene section of The Bee (Tuesday is the radio/TV gossip), KCTC in a move as rare as hearing Senegal from the West Coast these days, they're moving their FM operations to AM! 1320 has been stereo for years, and according to the article, the move gets a thumbs up from area broadcasters. Their FM will change calls and change to an AdCon format. In the same article, Arbitron fall ratings are in a KRAK jumped from 6.7 to a 9.3 (making them numero uno), but...that's Country 105 FM. No word on KRAK AM. Then again, that was a broad rating, ages 12 and up and Arbitron can be arbitrary (pun intended). I had a humbling experience at KPLS 1150 as I set out on sales calls armed with "the book" showing us #1 (midday, females over age 35, hi) and a store owner said, "OK, let's see how you do on the rest of the pages," hi. J&M, interesting developments in the Monterey Bay Area. I'm sure KZXR will lose a lot of ground wave coverage moving from their superior salt water location to KCTY. They come in here with virtually no QRM from my local on 1470. I remember Christmas Day '74 going with Hispanic friends to the station and feasting on homemade tamales (their studios are in a house with towers around it). Also, thanks for the bumper stickers. Which reminds me, does anyone else collect sticker? And going back a few years, surveys and coverage maps used to be a popular collectors item, but do either exist anymore? KRAK used to put out a survey but haven't seen them lately. Tim, I've been disappointed with the Interstate Radio Network the last few months; too much talk and not enough music. Granted, it's aimed at truckers and features are relative to them, that part was fine, but they're doing too much patter back in the "broadcast parlor," as they call it. I've got a cheap AM/FM/TV radio at my work station and the FM is subject to co-workers moving about, so I listen to AM which is subject to computer and fluorescent light noise. Can't win, hi. I'm considering hauling my Superadio to and from work, once I get off my duff and send Randy Tomer the five bucks to mail it back (he's been, or rather did, make some modifications on it). Well, time to get this puppy in the mail, so best of DX and 73 de RtH. .

Seattle Get-together

There will be a DX get-together on Sat., Feb. 17, 1990, at the home of Bruce and Evelyn Portzer, 6546 19 Avenue N.E., Seattle, Wash., (98115), beginning at 1 PM. All DXers (BCB, SW, etc.) are invited and encouraged to bring veries, receivers, etc., for show and tell. At dinner time we'll pass the hat around for pizza. For more info, call 206-522-2521.

-Bruce Portzer

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The following pieces of equipment are for sale: 1) ICOM R71A w/Collins filter modification. Has pass-band tuning. (SOLD-Ed.). 2) Drake SPR-4 w/Sherwood 1st IF filter mod for using SSB filter on AM; AVC mod. High serial number, fine condition. \$350. 3) Drake R4A w/outboard crystals, good condition, \$200. 4) Info-Tech M-600 multi-mode code receiver w/monitor. (SOLD). 5) Advanced Electronic mba-ro code reader. (SOLD). All in like-new condition; all with manuals. I will ship UPS. Send inquiries to: -Ralph Sanerino, 11300 Magnolia, #43, Riverside, CA 92505

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

EASTERN DX FORUM

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Since the pages of EDXF have been looking kinda slim lately, I thought I'd help out by sending in a Forum. The 1980's, the decade in which I started serious MW DXing, came to an end here with my last log being KOKB-1580 OK, which was heard on Dec. 31, 1989. My first log of of the 80's was KDKA way back on March 11, 1981. And my first log of the 1990's was WBGZ-1570 IL on Jan. 3, 1990. My totals now stand at 1127 logged, of which 60 are call letter changes making my actual number of stations heard 1067. I'd like to make 1100 by the end of the DX season. My state total is now 43 with the addition of ultra-rare Delaware on Jan. 15 when I logged the WKEN DX test. I also tried for the Alaska test but no luck. I never made it to Rob Kramer's GTG on New Year's Eve because the roads were very icy. My alternator also went out so I couldn't drive anywhere. So I just stayed home and DXed. I noticed in a recent issue of Fine Tuning that CADX (Chicago Area DX Club) and MARE (Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts) are going to hold a mini DX convention on Sat. March 31 in Kalamazoo, MI. I'm going to try my best to make it. I just purchased a new Icom IC-R71A to use as my main MW DX rig. I like its performance so far, but I'm annoyed by a large amount of interference which is generated by the receiver's fluorescent display. This only occurs when I use a loop on MW. I've tried using coax as a lead in, and also dimming the display which helps somewhat, but I still have trouble digging out weak signals when using the loop. Any suggestions from Icom users would be appreciated. 73.

Gerry Thomas, 3635 Chastian Way, Pensacola, Florida 32504

Hi again. The radio scene in Pensacola is changing pretty rapidly. Within the past three months, three AM stations have gone silent (WFXP-980, WBOP-1230, WECCM-1490). WBOP returned after a week of silence as WTKX ("Radio 1-2-3") and a format of some of the most obscure alternative music I've ever heard. It makes for interesting listening, if only in very small doses. On other matters, I was dismayed to learn of the tremendous price increases in ferrite rods from Amidon Associates in Calif. I talked at length with them and they are equally dismayed. The 7.5" x .5" rods that were selling for around \$3 each are now \$7; the 4-inchers jumped to \$5. They quit carrying altogether the 12" rods when they jumped from \$17.50 to \$90! Wow! What's going on? These prices are making it much more difficult to be an inveterate home tinkerer, hi. Finally, I happened to be DX'ing a couple of weeks ago at the time that a meteorite swept across southeastern skies. I didn't know about the meteorite at the time, of course, but did notice a rather abrupt onset of auroral-like cx with the almost instant loss of northerly stations in the early evening. Stations to the south started booming in and stayed that way for about two hours when cx returned to normal. I'm assuming a connection between the meteorite and those never-before-experienced cx but can't be sure. That's about it from here. 73's.

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

I am enjoying one of my few free evenings, so I thought I would sit down and tell everyone what I've been up to. I recently returned from a one week vacation in Eden, Utah. About an hour and a half from downtown Salt Lake City, it is a tiny little village in a valley surrounded by big mountains. I enjoyed skiing at several local resorts, and tried to DX as much as I could, but heard nothing unknown or spectacular due to the wonderful shielding properties of thousands of feet of rock. FM was even worse, turning off like a switch everytime you drove between mountains. Many of the FM stations there had numerous repeater transmitters, very confusing to even a determined listener. I saw the Mormon Tabernacle Choir perform for the CBS Radio Network on a Sunday morning, and had a nice two hour visit at the KSL Broadcast Center talking to everyone I could, and exchanging broadcast biz shop talk. A very beautiful station complex, and a format that is quite ambitious. They are trying to produce a very active magazine sound, like Good Morning America or The Today Show for radio. Very interesting listening. Two things are very exci-

ting to me about AM radio listening lately. The expansion of the band will give us a really unique chance to log all sorts of strange and amazing stuff in the coming months, and leading the way are the Medfer beacons that Steve McGreevey has introduced to our club. I have experimented with beacons on the bottom end of the band, with astounding results, and learned a wealth of information about the properties of RF at those frequencies. The key to good reception at the bottom of AM is a good ground, or being near water, like a lake or a river, or optimally an ocean. Ask George Hakiel and Mark Connelly! I DXed a Medfer beacon from Ontario several months ago. It's a great feeling of achievement to catch a flea-powered homebrew station. You know that both he and you are making a mutual handshake through the ether. You know how to optimize your reception, and he's learned how to transmit with great efficiency. I welcome the challenge, and will continue to comb that region of the dial. One other trick is to use a loading coil to increase the electrical length of your antenna, and/or use an active preselector/preamp to drag the weak ones in. Through my magazine writing, I am discovering that there are a lot of listeners out there who like to receive unusual AM stations, but don't have much interest in technical DXing at all. They don't understand propagation, and don't want to. They just enjoy listening. I guess they are much like shortwave listeners who are spending time with their radios for pure entertainment value. All the techniques and equipment we are accustomed to can be pretty scary to the uninitiated. If you encounter someone like this, take the time to share your skills and enthusiasm. You'll gain a pleasing sense of good will, and make a new friend, too. Happy New Year to everyone, and good listening. KZ.

Rick Evans, Apt. 19, 5104 North Lovers Lane, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53225
 According to an article in the 1/23 Milw. Journal, only two Milwaukee AM stations are in stereo right now (WOKY-920 and WTMJ-620) but that WEMP-1250 plans to begin stereo by the end of March. The column also says that WLZR-1340 will be carrying the Super Bowl on 1/28 starting at 1645 ELT. Arbitron ratings for the 9/21 thru 12/13: starting with #1, WTMJ-620, WKTI-FM, WLUM-FM, WOKY-920, WEZW-FM, WKLH-FM, WLZR-FM, WMIL-FM, WMYX-FM, and WZTR-FM. The other rating service, Birch, in their Sept. to Nov. ratings ranked them this way: starting at #1, WLUM-FM, WKTI-FM, WLZR-FM, WMIL-FM, WTMJ-620, WKLH-FM, WOKY-920, WQFM-FM, WLTO-FM, and WZTR-FM. Arbitron ranks the top five morning shows in the market as: WTMJ-620, WKTI-FM, WOKY-920, WKLH-FM and WLUM-FM. It's interesting to note that WTMJ and WKTI are sister stations as are WOKY/WMIL. I tried some SSS DX Sunday 1/21 but nothing there. Around sunset, I pick up a noise on the radio which forces me to aim the loop east/west. It's usually gone on MM's when I listen, so I assume it's a TV or fluorescent light in the other wing of the building I live in. 73.

Eastern DX Roundup

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- (MB-ON) Mike Brooker, 99 Wychcrest Ave., Toronto, Ontario M6G 3X8
Panasonic 2200; Sony 7600-D
 - (GH-PA) Gary Heisey, Box 310-F, R.D. 1, Osterberg, PA 16667
Philco radio, 4' loop
 - (KVJ-GA1) Karl Jeter, 2115 Scarbrough Rd., Stone Mountain, GA 30088
Sangean ATS-803A, HQ-150, 4 foot loop (DXing at home)
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(elev. approx. 2300') ATS-803A & 4' loop (midday)
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- 900 WBRV NY, Boonville 1/5 1623 FAIR-POOR, ad for birdseed, Swap-Shop program, gave address for free ads on WBRV. (RCR-PA)
- 1120 WADN MA, Concord 1/8 0200-0225 FAIR-POOR in KNOX null on DX TEST w/IDs by male and female, "This is mediumwave broadcast station WADN, Whiskey-Alpha-Delta-November...", gave transmitter co-ordinates (42 degrees, 26 minutes, 54 seconds north latitude; 71 degrees, 25 minutes, 39 seconds west longitude) in ID annt, also had code IDs and tones. (MB-ON)
- 1350 WCOP GA, Warner Robins 1/2 1710 FAIR with Urban Alternative programming, ID, into religious song. (GH-PA)
- 1480 unID --- 1/2 0604 Satellite News Network, "weather for South --?-- and BFL music; local WYZE nulled. (KVJ-GA2)
- 1550 WAMA FL, Tampa 1/1 0000 s/off GOOD. Totally SS programming including ID. (GT-FL)
- 1600 WKEN DE, Dover 1/15 0200-0235 DX TEST. Weird high and low tones heard (like horn blowing) but NO voice IDs. Local WAYC null, but WRRL & others still in the way. (GH-PA)
- 2640 WICO MD, Salisbury 12/31 1730 spot for something at the Georgetown Plaza and the --- Plaza in Salisbury. Year-End C&W countdown. (2 x 1320); POOR. (NJW-DX) (also heard the harmonics of 1480-WABB, 1340-WYCB & 1230-WIGS again)
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This column typed by Ed-in-Chief DEE. Just an item from a report here and there as the amount of material is rather extensive. No section from Ray at deadline and no word on the reports he may have on hand.

Members are once again urged and begged to please do the following when sending EDXR reports: include your name and full address along with receiver and antenna at the top of the page, include your initials & state at the end of each item, list items in frequency order on one side of the paper only with the city & state for each item spelled carefully. -DEE