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DX TESTS Courtesy National Radio Club - Colorado CPC Machine - Thank You.

November 4, 1990, KVOX-1280, P.O.Box 97, Moorhead, MN 56561, time 0600 -
0630 ELT. Special NRC announcement & Morse code ID. KVOX will use it's
nighttime facility. Thanks to Mr. Bob Holton, GM.

November 4, 1990, KLEY-1130, KLEY Drive, Wellington, KS 67152, time 0630-
0730 EST. Test tones, march music, voice & Morse code ID's. Thanks to the
Chief Operator, Mr. Vernon Napier.

November 4, 1990, WITZ-940, P.O.Box 167, Jasper, IN 47546, time 0530-0600
EST. Test tones, music, voice & Morse code ID's. Thanks to Gary Lee.

GET-TO-GETHER - Saturday November 3rd @ Best Western Canterbury Inn in
Coralville, Iowa (adjacent to Iowa City).....From Rick Dau.

WHAT'S GOING ON, ANYWAY ? I will be hosting a get-together for ALL MW
DXers. I will be providing snacks and refreshments, and YOU, the DXing
public, are invited to bring along radios, logbooks, tapes, QSLs, and
anything else hobby-related. The mayhem will commence around 2 PM Cen-
tral Time, and the Canterbury Inn has an indoor pool, so someone may get
thrown in during the course of the day. We may have time in the evening
for a DXexpedition if I can find a good place for a beverage antenna
somewhere around Iowa City.

HOW TO GET THERE: If you are traveling East or West on Interstate 80,
get off at Exit #242 (Coralville), turn south and go about 1 1/2 blocks
past the Quik Trip and Motel 6. The Canterbury Inn will be on the right-
hand (West) side of the "Coralville Strip." Those flying in may want to
think about first getting a flight to Cedar Rapids or the Quad Cities,
then getting on another plane to Iowa City as the Iowa City airport is
somewhat small. See you all on November 3rd !!!

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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Deadlines: every Saturday * compiled 10/7/90 * welcome to the weeklies!

GOING ON THE AIR

call	KHz	power/antenna	state/city
WMLC 1270	1000/	ND-D	MS MONTICELLO was silent, now southern gospel
KIQQ 1310	5000/500	DA-2	CA BARSTOW was silent, back on w/AC // KVVQ-910 (Wien-CA)

NEW STATIONS

KMVP 670	2500/1000	DA-N	CO COMMERCE CITY requests CP to replace expired permit
WCRN 830	3000/1000	DA-N	MA CHERRY VALLEY granted extension of time
KCUS 1010	500/	ND-D	MN SARTELL requests extension of time
KHNC 1360	500/	DA-D	CO JOHNSTOWN granted change in xmtr location

CHANGES IN EXISTING FACILITIES

KSUR 700	330/500	DA-2	CA SOLEDAD granted 2500/700 w, DA-2
KKMC 880	10000/1000	DA-2	CA GONZALES amend app. to delete change in city of license to Del Rey Oaks CA

FORMAT CHANGES

XETRA 690 BCN TIJUANA was all news, now mostly sports (T. Hall-CA)
WFMO 860 NC FAIRMONT was classic rock // FM, now black gospel
WSLI 930 MS JACKSON was country, now news-talk
KNZZ 1100 CO GRAND JUNCTION was KJYE, easy listening, now news-talk
WVPG 1160 MD FUNKSTOWN new, will be satellite adult contemporary
KWRT 1370 MD BOONVILLE was country // FM, still country, FM split off
KSES 1420 CA YUCCA VALLEY was adult contemporary, now sat. rock oldies
KNSI 1450 MN ST. CLOUD was KCLD, CHR // FM, now all talk
KONE 1450 NV RENO was country, adds sat. traditional country
WDUR 1490 NC DURHAM was black gospel, now sat. black oldies // FM
WBZI 1500 OH XENIA was adult contemporary // FM, now CHR // FM

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

WDFD-910-MI, WHWB-970-VT, WGAT-1050, WFFG-1300-FL, WSCR-1320-PA, WBCR-1340-PA, WLOV-1370-GA, WRSC-1390-PA, KYNG-1420-DR, KRUI-1490-NM, WTNI-1490-SC

STATION SALES THAT FAILED: WDKC-1330-FL, WJPJ-1530-TN

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES: To clarify Nigel Pimblett's WDXR listing of KMEO-740 in the 9/29 issue, the 740 in Phoenix is still officially KMEO; the KOZY calls still belong to the 1320 in Grand Rapids MN. This is the latest example of a very irritating trend confined (thus far) mostly to a few FM stations, of using false call letters as an on-air slogan. (E.g., several "Mix" FM stations call themselves "W-M-I-X"; "Hot FM" in Muncy PA calls itself "W-H-O-T.") The actual legal IDs are buried, usually at about :51 on the hour, with a fake legal ID at the top. (Stations are also now using this trick to misrepresent their city of license.) The FCC ceased caring about this sort of thing about the time the radio spectrum stopped being a publicly owned and regulated service and instead became an investment commodity....

Much of the station data for this column comes from weekly issues of The M Street Journal and assorted DX Monitor columns.

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DX Worldwide - West

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PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 540 MEXICO, S.L.P.-XEWA 9/30 0830 in good w/mx. (JJBP-WA)
 820 MEXICO, Mexicali-XEYX-9/30 0410-0438 loud on all three antennas with Beer ad "Don't Be Cruel" in SS, SS disco/rap mx.(JJ-BP-WA)
 900 MEXICO, Mexico D.F.-XEW-9/30 0851 man talking followed by real slushy vocal mx. A veritable effusion of EZL. (JJBP-WA)
 1470 MEXICO, Tijuana-XEBBC-9/30 0658, man ancr and ID. (JJBP-WA)
 1250 UNID, 0914 9/30 Ranchera mx and ID "Super Equis" Frequently repeated. Strongest on NE Beverage. Whoozis? (JJBP-WA)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 621 AUSTRALIA, Melbourne-3AR 9/16 at 1309 man w/R. Australia Nat.nx a split second behind RA on SW. Then wiped out at 1310 by KIPA starting to play Talk-Net tape delay. New vy poor. (5P-HI)
 774 AUSTRALIA, Melbourne-3LO-9/16 1311-1354. Man interviewing woman and 2nd man on rel. and stress. Poor to vy poor. (5P-HI)
 792 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-9/10 at 1536-4QG Man w/Nat. nx. Jingle "R. Australia, Bringing Australia to your World". (5P-HI)
 855 AUSTRALIA, Maryborough/Eidvoid-4QB/4QO, mx and TC "25 minutes away from ??, ABC Radio, word origin" bit. Poor to vy poor. (5P)
 890 ALASKA, Homer-KBBI-10/3 1524 man w/area wx. Into area nx w/ment. of Homer, Sitka, Juneau, faded out. Faded in at 1529 ID "This is KBBI 8-90 AM, Homer..." before fading under 5AN-891. New AK #2 Poor to very poor, KNUI QRM. (5P-HI)
 +Also noted 9/30 0806 in w/raggae mx and "You're tuned to KBBI Homer" (JJBP-WA)
 +Also noted good w/music and ID "You're tuned to KBBI-Homer" at 0759.50 on 10/6. (PM-OR)
 930 ALASKA, Ketchikan-KTKN-9/30 0605 caught coming out of network nx and local wx. (JJBP-WA)
 1287 t NEW ZEALAND, Westport-3ZW? 9/25 1417 Male DJ ment.records to be played, inc. new Judds tune. Coca Cola ad w/New Kids on The Block. Ad w/6 digit phone number, Poor u/o tent. 2MT,KNDI QRM heavy white noise QRN. (5P-HI)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

- JJBP-WA JEF JAISUN-POST OFFICE BOX 92-BOTHELL, WA. 98041
 BRUCE PORTZER-6546 19TH AVENUE,NE-SEATTLE, WA 98115
 DXing w/FRG-7 2500' SE, 2000' NW, 1500 NE unterm. Beverages At Barrel Springs, WA North of Reecer Canyon/Ellensburg, Wa. at 5200'.
 5P-HI DALE PARK-POST OFFICE BOX 22778-HONOLULU, HI 96823-2778
 RX: Sangean ATS-803A, Selec-A-Tenna.
 PM-OR YOUR EDITOR
 SP-600JX, 1300' NNW wire, non term.

IRCA Foreign DX Reference, Volumes 24-26

The IRCA Foreign DX Reference is a cross reference listing of all the stations reported to DXWW-W and DXWW-E during volumes 24-26 of "DX Monitor" (9/86-8/89). Three sections are available: Trans-Atlantic, Pan American, and Trans-Pacific. Each section contains a frequency listing (countries reported for each frequency) and a country listing (frequencies reported for each country) including the "DX Monitor" issue in which they were reported (volume and number). No longer will you need to thumb through tens of back issues of "DX Monitor" to find the information you need. With the IRCA Foreign DX Reference you can quickly determine which foreign stations might on a particular frequency or where to look for stations from a particular country. The Reference is an indispensable guide to what was reported the last three years, and where to find specific information about the receptions.

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**WESTERN
DX
ROUNDUP**

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Deadline for WDXR tips -- each Monday.

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WA (elev. 5200; 10 mi. north of Ellensburg, WA)
PRG-7, 1500' NE, 2500' SE, 2000' NW Beverages, untermated
- (bp) Bruce Portzer-6546 19th NE-Seattle, WA 98115
(bp-WA1) DX'ing at same DX site & using same equip. as JJ
- (PT) Pete Taylor-2614 Jackson St.-San Francisco, CA 94115
- (RW) Robert Wien-1309 Dentwood Dr.-San Jose, CA 95118
GE Superadio, GE long-range portable, SM-2

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1510 KLLD UT, West Jordan 9/30 0305-0335 black dance music format with long thumping dance tracks reminiscent of Donna Summer stuff 0315 ad for Bryant Street Hair Designs (they speak Spanish and are open late; phone 263-8209 if you need your do done, hi). Ex-KZZI. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- *****
- 515 "CL" WA, Port Angeles 9/29 2320 beacon in code. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 529 "SQM" AK, --- 9/30 0328 in weakly with audio, weather for Alaska. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 570 7KCN0? CA, Alturas 9/29 2210 good with A's baseball. Disappeared exactly at 2215, pattern/power change time. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 610 CKYL AB, Peace River 10/7 0832 good, solid, alone, a surprise with clear "CKYL" and weather for Peace River, back to adcon music, then fading into mix of KFRC/KONA. Awakened Nancy for next tip! (BH-WA)
+10/7 0929 end of relig. program, ID & weather, 0930 into another relig. show. New. (NH-WA)
- 620 KTAR AZ, Phoenix 9/30 0430 (NW Bev.) in good with promo for Cardinals NFL football with Redskins into "KTAR-620" ID, Mutual News, followed by Jim Bohannon Show. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 660 KAPS WA, Mount Vernon 10/7 1600 fair but much TV interference. Country music, jingle "KAPS, Mount Vernon," ABC-E news. Ex-1470 where it was rare. (BH-WA)
- 750 CJWW SK, Saskatoon 10/5 2318 heard end of countryish song, expected to hear "KERR," but instead heard "CJWW." New, had been on my most-wanted list. (NH-WA)
- 760 CFLD BC, Burns Lake 10/7 0820 good, even with CKQR which was tracking Simon & Garfunkel's greatest hits. "Oldies Coast-to-Coast" show from Vancouver, 0825-0828 local ads for Smithers and other towns, 0828 "BV-LD" slogan and back to network. (BH-WA)
- CKQR BC, Castlegar 9/29 2224 PSA for forest fires, "QR-760" ID, Bette Midler song. NE antenna. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 790 KOQO CA, Clovis 9/30 0042 strong in Spanish, best on NE & NW antennas, blasted by KGHL on SE wire. (JJ&bp-WA1)
+10/6 0059 ranchera music, English ID and into noticias at 0100. Strong with KJRB nulled. (NH-WA)
- KGHL MT, Billings 9/30 0042 Country Gold Saturday Night with music by Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, etc. Taking live phone calls. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 800 KNKK UT, Brigham City 9/29 2338 in fair with South Utah State FB. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 840 KVEG NV, North Las Vegas 9/30 0006 "Bowers Hours" talk show. (JJ&bp-WA1)

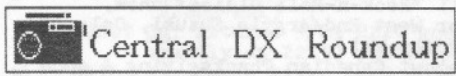
- 840 CKBX BC, 100 Mile House 9/30 0005 weather for Williams Lake and 100 Mile House, mixing with KVEG. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 870 CFBV BC, Smithers 10/7 0855½ "Your Country Connection BV-LD." At 0900 "Your community minded station, BV-LD," into news. New. (BH&NH-WA)
- 890 KBBI AK, Homer 9/30 0406 (NW Bev.) heard reggae music, followed by "You're tuned to KBBI Homer," as I was drinking coffee out of my KBBI 10th Anniversary mug! (Great moments in DX, hi). (JJ&bp-WA1)
- CJDC BC, Dawson Creek 9/30 0406-0415 (NE/SE wires) with oldies rock, "Oldies Coast to Coast" jingle, Ralph's Cadillac/Olds in Dawson Creek, electronics store in Grand Prairie. Strong. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 900 KKRT WA, Wenatchee 9/30 0356 ID by woman anncr, Beach Boys song mixing with Spanish (probably XEW). Rather weak considering proximity. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 930 KTKN AK, Ketchikan 9/30 0205 coming out of net news into local news, ID in the middle. Good signal on NW Bev. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 950 KOZE ID, Lewiston 9/29 2112-2122 A's BB & Domino's spot. Best on SE Beverage. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 960 KQKL CA, Apple Valley 10/1 0934 good in KABL null with "On This Date," ID. (RW-CA)
- 1050 CICF BC, Vernon 10/2 2240 CICF ment. in promo, local ad. New, ex-CKAL. (NH-WA)
- 1120 KANN UT, Roy 9/29 2159 "This is Christian Radio," plus St Mary's FB game. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- +10/3 0549½ someone in KPNW null, expected KMOX, instead got a promo for public service announcements, giving KANN address in Ogden, then a promo for a religious show. New, #3 on 1120. Nancy heard KANN on 1090; I did not. (BH-WA)
- 1130 KRDU CA, Dinuba 9/29 2148-2154 FB with Hancock vs Santa Barbara Tigers, spot for Hometown Bank "in Dinuba," good over CKWX on NW/SE Bev. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 1190 KNBA CA, Vallejo 9/29 2144 sneaking under KEX briefly with ments of Vallejo. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 1200 CHMG AB, St. Albert 9/29 2311 "Rock-n-Roll Oldies" show, satellite fed, spots for West End/Argyle Suzuki, Cole (?) Hardware. Ex-1070. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- +10/8 0132 oldie, talk about Canadian Thanksgiving & snow during the day! "Classic Gold" slogan. 0216 Mountain time check, "MG 12-hundred" slogan and phone number for requests 458-2500, as heard earlier. Fair-good with CKDA nulled. New for us both. (NH&BH-WA)
- 1220 7KDFC? CA, Palo Alto 9/29 2143 probably the one with classical music. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 1260 KLYC OR, McMinnville 10/7 0956 call letters, into song. Strong. (NH&BH-WA)
- KPOW WY, Powell 9/29 2259 ID plus "Wyoming Cowboys Football Network." (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 1280 KDUK OR, Eugene 10/1 2253 ads, 2255 "1280 AM, K-Duck, Cool Gold cruisin' through the 50's and 60's," into oldie. New, ex-KQAK. (NH-WA)
- 1330 KWKW CA, Los Angeles 9/30 0233 on SE Bev., frequent Spanish ments of Hollywood, ID in Spanish. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- KRDG CA, Redding 9/29 2252 brief ID in talk. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 1380 KSMJ CA, Sacramento 9/29 2149 with Cal. State Northridge FB. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 1430 KYKN OR, Keiser 10/3 2209 call heard in station promo, fair with KAYO-1450 slop. New, ex-KGAY. (NH-WA)
- 1460 KRRS CA, Santa Rosa 9/30 2145 noted in Spanish while in car in Santa Rosa. Called 10/1; they went Spanish Aug. 20. (PT)
- 1470 KELA WA, Centralia 10/1 0941 good while trying for KZZK-UT, with sports, ID. (RW-CA)
- 1520 KMPG CA, Hollister 10/8 0900 fair thru KFX with s/on, "This is KMPG, Hollister-Gilroy," jingle in English "Good morning," then Spanish announcements, Spanish jingle, Mexican music, fading under KFX. (BH-WA)
- KTRO CA, Port Hueneme 9/30 1045 in Spanish, mixing with KFX on SE/NE Bevs. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- KFX OR, Oregon City 9/30 1045 mixing with KTRO. (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 1550 KNTR WA, Ferndale 9/29 2052 with relig. (JJ&bp-WA1)

- 1560 KNZR CA, Bakersfield 10/1 0400 shocking call change, ex-KPMC. Just stumbled on this one with promo for Bible Study program, ID on hour "AM 1560, KNZR Newsradio," CBS News on hour. Usual good signal. (RW-CA)
 +10/5 0759 promo, ID, CBS News. Good, ex-KPMC, one of the first Californians I heard in 1961 before I became an active DXer. Sad to see the historic Pioneer Merchantile Corporation calls go. (BH-WA)
- 1600 KRXV CO, Lakewood 9/30 0300 "One o'clock in the Mile High City." (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 1610 KNEF-687 WA, Cle Elum 9/29 2132 TIS with construction info on I-90. On NW Beverage only. (JJ&bp-WA1)

UNIDs

- 620 9/30 0430, 0530 under KTAR. Running Mutual News about 7 seconds after KTAR's feed. Heard 2 unintelligible IDs; at 0430 tape sounds like "Now we're K-E-M-E" or KDNE; at 0530 sounded more like "K-Sand sports." Also running Bohannon after Mutual News. Using NW Beverage. Can't be too many possibilities here. (JJ&bp-WA1) (Jef, Bill says KGW runs 10-second delay on all its network talk shows, and recently added Larry King & Jim Bohannon. Only KGW, KTAR, KMNS-IA, WJDX-MS, and WVMT-VT on King list on 620.--NH)
- 830 9/29 2338 two s ations on NW Beverage. Pop music, "I Go to Extremes," etc, man giving lottery numbers. KNCO/WCCO? (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 1250 9/30 0514 ranchera music & lots of "Super X" IDs in Spanish. Any domestics fit this description? (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 1480 9/30 0101 America the Beautiful on SE Beverage. Time corresponds to CDT s/off at midnight. Only station listed in 1985 NRC log is WFXW, Geneva, IL, U4 1000/500. That's a bit of a stretch. Can't be too many with America the Beautiful s/off. Any help out there? (JJ&bp-WA1)
- 1610 9/30 misc. TIS stations scrambling with each other after 0300. Probably Chief Joseph Dam & Wenatchee Nat. Forest. (JJ&bp-WA1)

Remember, we are weekly now! ♡



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FOR THE RECORD

Report in Eastern time. RIDING GAIN ➔ Deadline: Saturdays.

- [TML-IN] = Tom Laskowski, 1334 East Miner Street, South Bend, IN 46617 Icom IC-R71A, loop.
- [TN-WI] = Tim Noonan, 4609 Crescent Road, Apt. 5, Madison, WI 53711 Drake SW-4A, Radio West Loop.
- [JcJ-MT] = Your editor using an Icom IC-R71A with Radio West Loop.

SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1560 KNZR CA Bakersfield, EX-KPMC. 10/7 good. 0300 ID out of Jim Bohannon "News Radio 15-60 KNZR Bakersfield." CBS News. 0306 Infotainment Radio Network talk show. [JcJ-MT]

DOWN THE DIAL

- 630 KVMA AR Magnolia, 9/20 mixing, mostly over, KXOK. 0700 Weather forecast from National Weather Network by Dave ?? "for KVMA." [TML-IN]
- 760 KCCV MO Independence, 9/30. 0719 w/Religious program, promo for a give-away, IDs. Last logged on 1510 in 1985. [TML-IN]
- 790 KURM AR Rogers, 9/19. 0707 with mention of McDonald county in SW MO. ID "This is kerm, KURM." Weather. New. [TML-IN]
- 800 KXIC IA Iowa City, 9/19. 0706 with weather read by Terri Bennett. Weather for IA cities, ID given during weather. [TML-IN]
- 880 KJJR MT Whitefish, 9/30 very clear, weak u/WCBS (?). 0725 w/C&W. SID "88 Country KJJR." A real shock, one of my best ever! MT#2. [TML-IN]
- WMEQ WI Menomone, 9/25 fair. 0715 with local news, gave news-tip number 1-800-876-AM88. "WMEQ Newstime, 18 past." [TML-IN]
- 990 WYAT LA New Orleans, 9/25 fair. 2111 w/ID, "Kool Gold" oldies format. [TN-WI]
- 1140 KNEI IA Waukon, 9/30 poor w/KSOO. 2014 w/man w/sign off. Mention of power, frequency, Waukon, IA, FM cross plug "Invite you to tune to KNEI FM." [TML-IN]

- 1150 KASM MN Albany, 9/30. 2045 w/Polka music, world and local news. Male announcer spoke fast. ID heard, but not clear. Albany mentioned. [TML-IN]
- 1180 WJNT MS Pearl, 9/25 good, stronger than WHAM. 2159 w/ID "Newstalk 11-80 WJNT Pearl, Jackson." out of Sally Jessy Raphael talk show. [TN-WI]
- 1190 KKOJ MN Jackson, 9/20 good, no sign of WOWO. 2028 with C&W music. Brief sign off announcement mentioned Jackson, MN and Spirit Lake, IA. Sung SSB. [TML-IN]
- KLIF TX Texas, 9/25 poor. 2205 w/ID and news. [TN-WI]
- 1280 WWOK IN Evansville, 9/25 fair. 2130 with ID between songs. Standards format. [TN-WI]
- 1320 WFHR WI Wisconsin Rapids, 9/30 fair. 2106 Woman mentioned "421-2345, WFHR...." into TalkNet. [TML-IN]
- 1350 WIOU IN Kokomo, 9/25 fair. 2040 w/ID during promo. [TN-WI]
- 1390 WCSE SC Charleston, 9/30 good. 2140 w/50's music, ID "Cool gold 13-90 WCSE." [TML-IN]
- 1450 KMRY IA Cedar Rapids, 9/21. 0706 with local news, weather. "I'm Rick....KMRY news." NOS music format. Last logged as KCDR. [TML-IN]
- 1460 WXRQ TN Mt. Pleasant, 9/21 poor. 0700 Man with sign on. Gospel format mentioned. Call ID during sign on. [TML-IN]

CORRECTIONS
620 WTMT KY Louisville, Incorrectly listed in previous CDXR as WTNT. Noted and corrected by [TN-WI]

25 YEARS AGO

October 23, 1965 DX Monitor...David Rogers told of his being on a KOMA news report -- without his knowledge...An article on reports mentioned technical phrases and words used by stations...On a sad note we were told of Ray Edge's tragic death.



OPEN MIKE

What we see depends mainly on what we look for.

73, John.



Eastern DX Roundup
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DEADLINE: Friday's at my QTH for ALL winter issues

(KVJ-GA) Karl V. Jeter 2115 Scarbrough Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30088; HQ-150, 4' AMP Loop, Longwires.

- 1170 WPLX TN, COLLIERVILLE 10/6 1730 s/off w/female announcer, brief message, no SSB. (KVJ-GA)
- 1170 KUGT MO, JACKSON 10/6 0716 w/Southern gospel music, female announcer. (KVJ-GA)
- 1170 WKFL FL, BUSHNELL 10/3 1930 "MOYL" type format, "Easy 1240 and 1170" slogan; still parallel the 1240 Eustis, Florida station. Seemed to be having technical problems as there was a periodic break of several minutes in the audio. Formerly country format. (KVJ-GA)
- 1200 WSML NC, GRAHAM 10/5 1918 Graham H.S. football pre-game show with many Graham/Burlington area businesses. Station ID at 1934. (KVJ-GA)
- 1360 WELP SC, EASLEY 10/6 1900 s/off w/mention of "Easley, Liberty and Pickens." (KVJ-GA)
- 1400 WPAS FL, ZEPHYRHILLS 10/7 1924 "Total Radio 14 - WPAS"; ads for free vision check and "Seminole Bingo." (KVJ-GA)
- 1540 WPTR NY, ALBANY 10/6 0624 w/mention of "Capital District's home for Larry King, AM-1540, WPTR." (KVJ-GA)

COMMENTS

Thanks go to Karl Jeter for this week's column. I hope to have a larger EDXR next issue. Please contribute your loggings...even one (1) logging will help: YOU ARE THE DIFFERENCE in the quality of your club. Remember, we're into weekly issues of DX MONITOR! Till next week, continued GOOD DX my friends and 73 de Mr. B



Western DX Forum

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1990/91 DEADLINES - WEEKLY ON TUESDAY

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Hi there! Sure glad it's autumn and DXM is weekly now. I'm not sure what happened to 2 forums I mailed in since late-July. I guess they got lost in the mail. (I've typed up everything received, but I still get your forums that have gone via Palm Springs. Figure that out, hi-RtH.) Anyway, here's what's happening here: The sale of KNRY from KIEV is going through channels now. A local guy who inherited money from his mother bought the station and vows to bring back the rock oldies format dropped in 1986. KNRY also plans to drop Mutual by January. KSCO 1080 decided against changing to a children's format on 15 September and will remain all talk with American Talk Radio net., NBC's Talknet and Tom Snyder from ABC. They also carry Sonny Block's financial talk show from the Sun net out of FL. This weekend KSCO is on AN. I called the station and they said it was for the weekend only and will still s/off at 0100 ELT weeknights. Stay tuned. A local group from Santa Cruz has apparently bought KSCO to keep it talk, especially a local psychic talkshow. (That's Santa Cruz, hi-RtH.) There was a rumor KDON-FM was going to move into the KSCO building, but that didn't occur. Wonder if that means they won't bring back their 1460 AM. Some DX has been done but KJJR 880 was the only new verie. Also got excited about hearing WCCO and WHO early last weekend (end of September-RtH.). I just don't get time for SRS DX much anymore. KSUR 700 is back with CLA music again, // their FM. Dropped // with jazz on KKJZ in mid-September. The CE at KSUR says there's never an operator on duty there, all monitoring and remote control for XR is done from their L.A. HQ. (Is that legal now?-RtH.) KOMY 1340 now carries Raiders FB, ex-KTOM. KNRY still has the 49'ers. A while back, Gene Martin asked about when WENR split from WLS. Can't find it now, but a profile on WLS appeared in NRC about 6 years ago. I believe it said WENR went silent around 1953 or so. Saw the KSRT 830 item in 29 September Broadcasting Info. That CP was granted in '83. Their problem was finding a tower site in expensive Orange Co. Three towers are up now, but near a National Forest and some homes. A County Planning decision approving the towers was being appealed to the Orange Co. Board of Supervisors, according to a recent L.A. Times article. Haven't heard what happened. KSRT will be SS. There are already many SS stations down there including KWIZ 1480. Don't see how they can make it without an FM. 'Til next time, 73 and good DX.

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Hi all. Sorry if I was a bit strong in my last forum. I's just that I felt some points of view needed to be expressed. But as I stated then, although I may not have agreed with all of Don's policies, I do deeply respect him for doing what he believed was best for the club - and who knows, he may yet be proved right. Also Don's a great guy and I hope that our friendship can be maintained and that he harbors no animosity toward the club. Heck, expressing differences of opinion is democracy at work. This club has weathered many controversies over the years - but we should all always remember that the purpose of this hobby is to provide us with fun and recreation, and our common love of DX'ing should unite us together as one big family. So, Don, I hope you harbor no ill will and that you remain active. I thought I'd fill you in on the close of the KHJ saga. As with it's colorful life, it's end was no exception. As perhaps most of you know, due to some fraudulent business practices (a couple of decades ago), by General Tires, its subsidiary

RKO was forced by the FCC to sell its broadcast stations (an order they had been fighting, but ultimately lost. Locally, RKO owned KHJ 930, KRTH 101.1 and KHJ-TV 9. Last year channel 9 was sold first. Our local PBS station KCET 28 had been negotiating for it (Los Angeles is the only major city in the US without its PBS station on the VHF band) but it was sold to the Walt Disney Company and became Disney's first broadcast station. (More on KHJ next week. Great reading!-RtH.)

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Well, time for another forum. Lots of new tips have come my way, including the following: KDB 1490 Santa Barbara is now KSPE, KRNO 1230 Reno is now KCBN, KRSP 1060 Salt Lake granted KKDS and will become an all kids format soon (Look for another call/format change there, hi-RtH.), KWTR 1270 Lakeport, CA now KXBX // FM. Looks like the owners of the KPTO 890 CP are trying to get rid of it and are selling the CP to an interested party. Wonder if they'll be on the air before the year 2000? One interesting new tip here is KPMC 1560 Bakersfield has changed calls to KNZR and format to all news/talk. Happened at the end of September. Fall is now here and conditions are getting better. I heard KBBI 890 AK 2 MM's ago. DX otherwise is a little slow, netted KNZR call change MM 01 October, nothing the MM before that, MM before netted call change from KORC 850 Waldport, OR ex-KBBM. Hopefully, the WLUX 1550 DX Test on 13 October can make it out this way with the power they'll be using. I'll be trying for it. RtH, what do you think of the demise of all the old 3-letter calls like KDB above? (See my forum-RtH.) 73

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After a week without a forum, I'd better check in. I've been so busy between work, and going back and forth to Kaiser for tests, seems I have little time to myself. With all the blood draws from the professional vampires I feel like a pin cushion, hi. RW, I very much hate to see history lost, but, the station under a 3-letter call may have had such low ratings and/or a bad reputation, new owners changed calls. But it's my understanding that once you've had 3-letter calls, you can always go back to them. WGN-WMGM-WGN, or KRE-KPAT, KRE now KBLX or whatever their calls are this month, hi. Jim, go back to your old method of typing forums. I miss typing it then turning it over to read the news, hi. The Monterey Bay Area is, in my opinion, oversaturated with AM stations and with most folks turning to FM, how can anyone make a profit. So KPTO is looking for another sucker. It won't fly. I mean I can hear the ID now, "Sloughouse/Sacramento." What a joke! Sloughouse is where everyone goes to buy sweet corn, hi. I think it's time to order the latest NRC Log, although I'll probably need an update as soon as I get it - not NRC's fault, of course, just so many changes. The owner of the house next door was around a couple weekends ago sprucing up the place for new renters and I mentioned the security lights. He turned them on, I brought the TRF - clean! The hunt for my noise source (making it impossible to DX some channels) continues. Once again sports fans, 30 lines and now that we're weekly, you may send 2 or 3 forums at a time with notations of what order. Hope your DX has been eminently better than mine. GO A'S!! 73 de RtH. .

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Greetings DXers. I'm sure everyone by now is anxious to have another season of DX fun beckon us from another all too quickly concluded summer. Early indications seem to suggest things may be better than last year. Two of my recent catches while unneeded proved to be eye openers. They were KGHL-790 Billings, MT on 9/24 at 0530 and CJCH-920 Halifax, NS on 9/24 at 0500. Two new ones have made it here that weren't too shabby. On 9/21 at 0415 a CNN network outlet was topping WEOL-930 with an All News 930 slogan; it turned out to be WZNN-930 in Rochester, NH. They literally wiped WEOL off the radio! On 9/27 at 0350 an Oldies Channel station was hammering WRMR-850 into submission. It proved to be most-wanted WJAC in Johnstown, PA. I've been trying to hear this one for years! Total is now 2974 as I continue to creep ever closer to the coveted 3000 mark. At this writing I'm not sure if I'll be able to make the Knoxville confab after all. I've been bothered by a virus and aching back of late plus one of my fellow dispatchers has been off the past 1½ months with severe back problems and may or may not be back in time to allow me to be away from SPD. We at Sylvania PD have a new phone system in place as of 9/21 which is taking some adjusting to--push button phones, can you believe it! For those who may need it the new TX is 885-8902, can't take long calls as they are timed..wonderful new age we live in, hi! Anyway hope the IRCA/Monitoring Times Convention is a success with or without me. It should be a fun time. 73s and Good DX. P.S. as you know WOHO-1470 is now duping WWWM-FM-105.5 taking that call sign as theirs now; they changed from C&W not all-news as was reported in the broadcasting column recently. Also in a bit of good news locally, CKLW-800 is back to playing music all night having dropped Larry King --at least someone in radio is showing some smarts on AM, hi!



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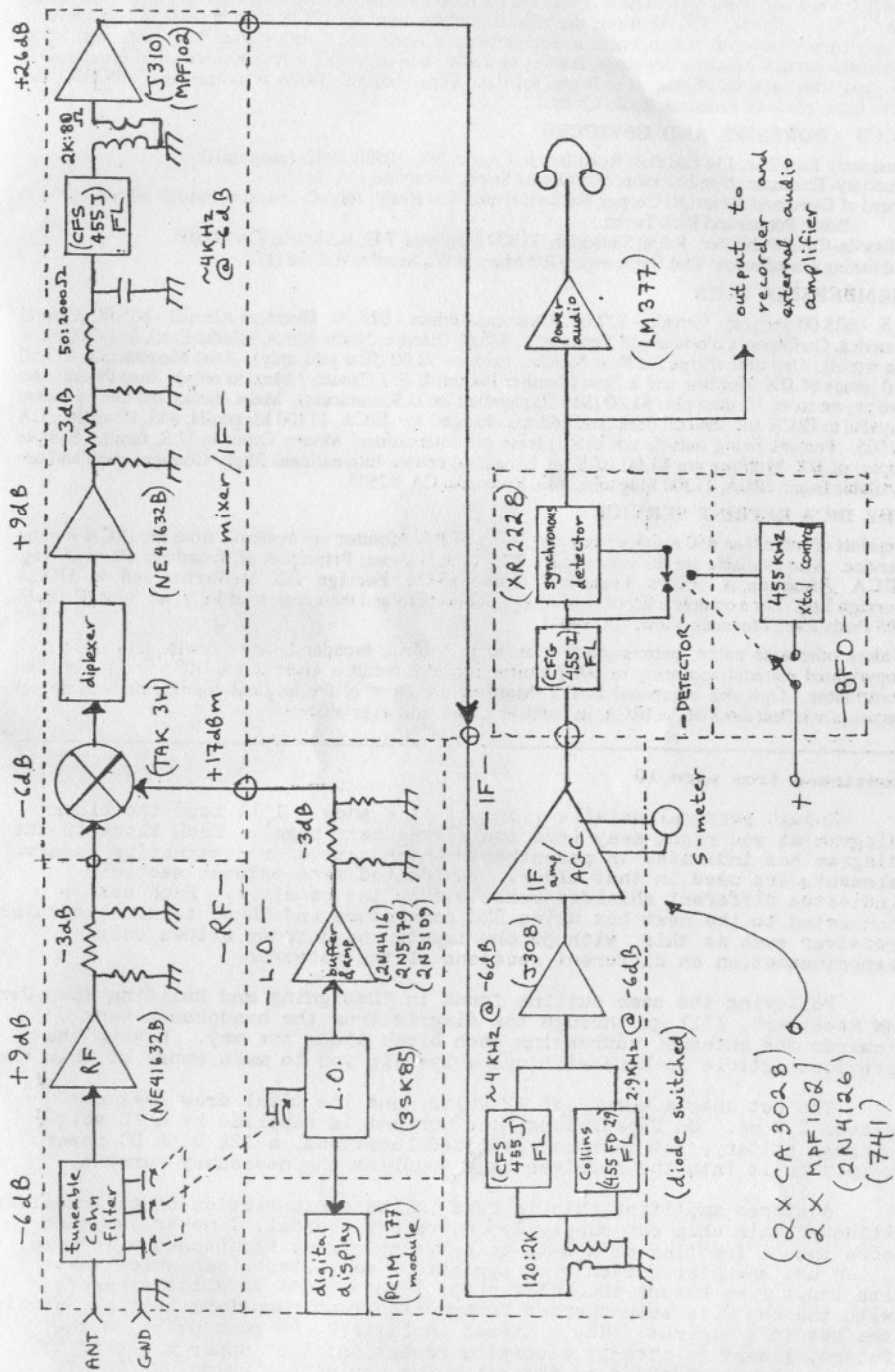
The Ultimate Homebrew Receiver? Not Quite!

In the September 24, 1983 DXM, the technical column featured an article entitled "Designing and Building Your Own MW Receiver" (also page 109 in the Technical Guide, 2nd edition; also reprint M39). I have designed and built two MW receivers in the last ten years; a simple one was described in the March 7, 1981 DXM (reprint M24). The other was more or less completed in January of 1987, and I'm finally going to describe it, though only in block diagram form to save valuable DXM space.

Why has it taken 3½ years to write this article? Initially, I felt that my receiver was quite satisfactory, but that several improvements could be made, so I decided to wait until these improvements were put in place. Since then, real life has reared its ugly head (family, mortgage etc.--you can fill in the details), and I've been lucky to DX in my spare time, let alone design and build, so the receiver is as ugly and unimproved as ever. Time constraints have also meant little time for writing articles, as the infrequency of the technical column can attest to. One positive result of these delays is that the present design has been in use at various locations, using various antennas, for all this time. I've probably found most of the bugs, even if they haven't been removed.

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BLOCK DIAGRAM NICK'S RECEIVER



- (2 X CA 302B)
- (2 X MPF102)
- (2N4126)
- (741)

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Enough personal details...on with the show. I'll toss the block diagram at you right away (see top of the next page). Each block in the diagram has indicated in parentheses which active or distinctive passive elements are used in that block. The dotted line between sections indicates different shielded boxes within the receiver. Each box is connected to the next box using BNC connectors and RG-58 coax. A modular receiver such as this, with 50 ohm inputs and outputs allows easy experimentation on different sections of the receiver.

Following the same outline found in "Designing and Building Your Own MW Receiver", I'll go through the diagram from the headphones back towards the antenna, addressing each block along the way. Having the previous article to hand will probably help you to make sense of this one.

The set uses a supply of 12 volts, and its total draw does not exceed 250 mA. On DXpeditions, the current is supplied by a 12 volt storage battery, but in more civilized locations, a 12V 0.5A DC power supply built into the receiver case supplies the necessary current.

A stereo amplifier chip is used in the audio section of the receiver. Although this chip can supply 2.5 watts per channel, I never use much more than a fraction of a watt to drive my stereo headphones. At home, I can use speakers driven by a separate 7 watt stereo amp which takes its input from before the LM377 chip; I choose not to drive speakers with the LM377 to keep current consumption (and resultant heating) within the set to a minimum. Why a stereo amplifier? At some point in the future, I want to attempt diversity reception, i.e. upper sideband to one ear, lower sideband to the other ear, by either using USB/LSB IF filters, or through an advanced form of synchronous detection. Such reception will require a stereo amplifier.

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