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

November 11, 1990, WSYB-1380, P.O.Box 249, Rutland, VT 05701, time 0530-0600 EST. AdCom music with voice and Morse code ID's. Thanks to Mr. Tom Elmore for this test.

November 12, 1990, WARU-1600, P.O.Box A, Peru, IN 46970, time 0200 - 0230 EST. March music with voice and Morse code ID's. Thanks to Mr. James Swearingen, CE.

November 12, 1990, KRXY-1600, 7075 W. Hampden Ave., Denver, CO 80227, time 0230-0300 EST using 5000 non-directional. Voice and Morse code ID's. Thanks to Mr. Girard M. Westerberg, CE.

NOW HEAR THIS: During the test time of WARU, KRXY will be off the air.

Upcoming test WCDP-1350, KORN-1490, KSTL-690, KLER-1300, KATL-770, KOJM-610, KUMA-1290, KTIL-1590. More information on these tests in coming issues of the DXM. Test information courtesy National Radio Club.
FROM THE PUBLISHERS DESK: If you have any radio related material that you wish to sell please send your for sale list to: Shawn Axelrod, 30 Becontree Bay, Winnipeg, MB R2N 2X9 Canada.

GE Superadio: Looks like the mods for this radio will have to be put on the shelf. Cannot get parts, no digital readouts, low cost filters hard to come by, the only mod we can do is the plug-in loop antenna and I will make sure this info gets into the bulletin. Just 10 years late with mods.

R390A: Have a nice audio adapter for publication in the next DXM if there is room. I built this unit and what a difference in the audio quality.

Air Core Loop: I am working on a new loop. Will be testing soon and will pass on the info to you. Size is 2 foot square with FET preamp..73..Pub.

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GOING ON THE AIR

WBMX 640 1000/250 ND MI ZEELAND silent stn reported back on for only a few hours at a time a couple days a week - probably a minimal requirement in order to hang on to their license

Phil Bytheway called to report hearing KUCL-730 Boise, so they are on RS. I sorta figured the silence I heard 9-24/25 was xmtr problems - but I thought it was amusing (and telling) that their receptionist had no idea the station was off the air...

Also in this section, WAST-1600 Ashtabula OH has been issued a show-cause order by the FCC, which requires the station to demonstrate why their license shouldn't be revoked. WAST has been silent since 1981!

NEW STATIONS

WRBR 720 5000/	ND-D MS RICHLAND requests extension of time
WMVU 900 1000/	ND-D NH NASHUA requests extension of time
WTGR 1030 10000/	DA-D WV POINT PLEASANT granted 2900/ DA-D

CHANGES IN EXISTING FACILITIES

KVCL 1270 1000/	ND-D LA WINNFIELD granted 820/ ND-D
WDAR 1350 1000/	DA-D SC DARLINGTON granted 650/ DA-D
CILW 1230 1000/1000	ND AB WAINWRIGHT granted move to 830 KHZ; 10000/3500 w, DA-2
VOAR 1230 1000/1000	ND NF ST. JOHN'S granted move to 1210 KHZ;\n10000/10000 w, DA-2

FORMAT CHANGES

KWTO 560 MO SPRINGFIELD was ctry, becomes news-talk 10/22 (Stewart-MO)
WRXK 770 FL NORTH FORT MYERS was sat. heavy metal, now rock // FM
WAYL 980 MN MINNEAPOLIS was classic rock // FM, now sat. heavy metal
KKIS 990 CA PITTSBURG was AC // FM, now satellite adult contemporary
WBZR 1120 FL DESTIN silent, will return (some day!) w/sat. bus. news
WELX 1160 FL CALLAHAN new, will be satellite business news
WTWF 1160 FL WOODVILLE new, will be satellite business news
KNRY 1240 CA MONTEREY news-talk, to return to rock oldies (Hilliker-CA)
WELV 1370 NY ELLENVILLE was adult stds, now EZ listening // FM (Fitz-CT)
WDWS 1400 IL CHAMPAIGN was adult contemporary, now news-talk
WWLD 1430 FL GAINESVILLE new, will be satellite business news

The four northern Florida AMs listed with business news are not co-owned, but will be operated as a regional network.

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

WJTO-730-ME (now silent), WINE-940-CT, WNRV-990-VA, WKBY-1080-VA, WXGL-1240-ME, WIGO-1340-GA, WEBB-1360-MD, WDEY-1530-MI, WHLP-1570-TN, WPLV-1580-VA

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES: Much of the station data for this column comes from weekly issues of The M Street Journal and assorted DX Monitor columns. Other contributors this issue: Phil Bytheway (Seattle WA); Tony Fitzherbert (Fairfield CT); Randy Stewart (Springfield MO)

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DEADLINE: TUESDAYS

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

950 MEXICO, Tijuana-XEKAM 10/19 0700 returned to the air this evening after being silent for 7 months. New format is CHR w/EE ancrrs. Slogan ID "Covering both Californias, This is XEKAM, 9-50 on your AM dial." Signal much cleaner than before and seemed to loop a bit farther West. New XMTR site? (TRH-CA) (Tim, thx for the tip on this.PM)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

576 AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2FC 9/23 1615 R. Australia's "International Report //729, 9580 SW-KQNG splatter, fair to poor, local QRN (5P)

648 t AMERICAN SAMOA, Pago Pago-WVUV. Insp. mx and hymns by mixed chorus accompanied by piano, some songs ending with "Amene" (amen). 9/23 1556-1608, 1601 vy soft woman w/talk, then more mx. Fair to poor, local QRM/QRN. (5P-HI)

774 FIJI, Suva-Radio Fiji 2 9/22 1601 Hindi pops and fim mx //891 & 810, RF freq. 927 and 639 also hrd. Vy poor in shadow of KGU-760 slop, best hrd on 775 KHZ. (5P-HI)

963 t NEW ZEALAND?, Christchurch-3YC-10/15 1115-Big Band mx, listed // 675 inaudible. Fair het de 960. (5P-HI)

972 SOUTH KOREA, HICA-KBS 10/15 1101. KK man w/nx. Later woman w/tx, and //6015. Poor vy weak QRM KHVH-990, het de 970. (5P-HI)

1008 NEW ZEALAND, Tauranga-1ZD-Radio Bop 10/15 1100, five pips, into local pop mx after nx, fair then poor, het 1010. (5P HI)

1224 MARSHALL ISLANDS, Kwajalein-WXLG AFRS-10/14 1055. Westwood One Net show "Off the Record With Mary Turner" about the rock group Bad Company. At 1059 fanfare and man w/ID "At Kwajalein..AFRS 12-24 AM, The Central Pacific Network. The time is 11 o'clock." Into AP Net nx. (5P-HI)

1233 t AUSTRALIA, Newcastle-2NC w/Jazz and pop mx, w/Aussie accent. WRTH says //2JJJ-FM. 10/10 at 1437-Fair to poor, local QRM. (5P-HI)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

TRH-CA TIM HALL-350 G STREET-#F1-CHULA VISTA, CA 92010-4559
 5P-HI DALE PARK-POST OFFICE BOX 22778-HONOLULU, HI 96823-2778
 DXing w/Sangean ATS-803, Selec-A-Tenna

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WESTERN
DX
ROUNDUP

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WDXR deadlines are each Monday.

REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:

- (TRH) Tim Hall-350 G St. #F-1-Chula Vista, CA 92010
Sony ICF-2010, Radio West loop, Delco car radio
(TRH-CA2) DX'ing at San Diego Beverage site, Poway, CA
Sony ICF-2010, 1200' aimed E (85), 1900' aimed SE (135)
(RJO) Rod O'Connor-P.O. Box 3488-Kodiak, AK 99615
GE Superadio & 4' loop
(AWP) Art Peterson-851-31st St.-Richmond, CA 94804
Bendix MN-26C, Radio West loop
(RW) Robert Wien-1309 Dentwood Dr.-San Jose, CA 95118
GE Superadio, GE long-range portable, SM-2

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 650 KMTI UT, Manti 10/18 0023-0110 fair-good with XETNT. Still C&W format. Frequent IDs and "The new 6-50 AM" slogan. Big pest here. Ex-1590. (TRH-CA)

600 (KKLQ) CA, San Diego MM 10/8 0304 totally off. Strange slop on channel prevented any useful DX. (TRH-CA)
910 (KECR) CA, El Cajon Sa 10/13 0500 noted off on car rx. Unfortunately, they returned to the air before we reached the Beverage site. (TRH-CA)
+10/14 0420 off again, leaving XEAO. (TRH-CA)
940 KFRE CA, Fresno heard with Interstate Radio Network while trying for WFAW DX test, 10/14. (RJO-AK)
KDEO HI, Waipahu 10/14 semi-regular heard while trying for WFAW DX test, with Bill Kingsleys CWM show. (RJO-AK)
1060 KRSP UT, South Salt Lake City 10/15 0806 good with ID o/u CFCN. Has not changed calls to KKDS yet. (RW-CA)
1130 (KSDO) CA, San Diego MM 10/8 0307 off early tonight (SP usually begins at 0400); station has been taking many midweek SPs as well. CKWX/KWKH/KRDU mix in their absence. (TRH-CA)
1160 KFHM TX, San Antonio Sa 10/13 0700 very good over KSL with legal ID in English, then back to Spanish music. Best reception ever. (TRH-CA2)
1220 KBET CA, Santa Clarita-"Canyon Country" Sa 10/13 0900 noted in well with CNN News and local ads. No sign of usual pest KDFC. (TRH-CA2)
1450 KSGI UT, St. George 10/15 0856 surprisingly good in KEST null over KONE with ID "Southern Utah's information leader, AM 1450, KSGI." Still in at 0910 recheck, several local spots. Call change, ex-KATJ (not heard on other interim call changes). (RW-CA)
1470 KUTY CA, Palmdale 9/24 0515 prog. C&W, mention Antelope Valley, good but fluttery. (AWP-CA)
1530 (KFBK) CA, Sacramento 10/15 0340 totally off most of morning. (RW)
1590 KOGO CA, Ventura 9/24 0600 oldies going into news, good with KLIV apparently off. (AWP-CA)

DX TESTS

- 940 (WFAW) WI, Fort Atkinson 10/14 0500-0600 tried, but not heard. (RJO-AK)
1550 ?WLUX? LA, Baton Rouge Sa 10/13 0637-0656 tried for DX test at Beverage site, heard nothing but occasional test tones. Local XEBG had been off all evening, but returned to the air an hour or so before the test! (TRH-CA2)
(WLUX)+10/13 0630-0640 tried, not heard, only fair KZQQ in KKHI null. (RW-CA)

UNIDS

- 550 MM 10/8 0820 C&W under KCWR. (TRH-CA)
600 10/8 0318 MYL looping ENE during KKLQ SP. 2nd time heard. (TRH)

- 730 Sa 10/13 0732 LOUD TTs, varying pitches. Possibly pest KSVN, although the Beverages don't favor that direction. (TRH-CA2)
1340 9/24 0640 call sounded like KXJR, KSJR, or something phonetically similar. On a graveyard would have to be CA or adjacent states, likely a call change. Not in 1991 NRC Log. Help. (AWP-CA)
(KSGR-Nampa, ID?--NH)

The times that appear in WDXR are Eastern (Pacific plus three hours). When I received a report last week with Pacific times listed, it occurred to me that I haven't told new reporters what time to use when they report! ♡

EASTERN DX FORUM

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Reports from members living east of the Mississippi River
Deadlines: Saturdays

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It was an interesting week. Allan Weiner and I drove down to DC to meet with the FCC. Allan has a shortwave station application before the commission, and they wanted to ask him a lot of things about his infamous past. Well, we spent the day listening to FCC lawyers and judges scold him for being bad. The hearing ended just before five and we headed south for Knoxville and the IRCA/MT convention. We arrived just before 0300 and got lost in downtown Knoxville. A police car rescued us and escorted us to the hotel. Within 20 minutes we were in Room 530 and our carrier current station was on the air on 530 kHz. Little did we know that, although we weren't causing any problems with my own cable converter I had brought to see the pay movies free, the ones in the hotel has my voice on it and people were hearing all about IRCA without choice! The wife of the guy who runs Monitoring Times, Judy Grove, busted me early Saturday and we had to move the station! We relocated to the convention floor. Saturday, we visited WIVK, the Knoxville country station with half the town listening to it every day. We didn't get to meet Wivick The Frog, the station mascot, but we did get a look at their operation outside of town. Saturday night we headed out to Look Rock in an isolated forest about an hour south of town. After a misguided drive to find the place, we arrived at a nice big parking lot and an amazing vista where we could look over into valley upon valley lit by an almost full moon. Within minutes we had reeled out over 500 feet of wire, and with two Superadios and a Panasonic B-300 we started our DXpedition. On hand were David Reitz, Rick Dau, Frank Merrill, and a cast of thousands. I guess there were about 15 of us. About a half hour into the fun a park ranger pulls up and says "What are you all doing?" I explained that we were a club of radio listeners having a convention in town and we were listening, you see. Well, he laughed. "In all the time I've been asking people what they were doing up here at night, you were the first bunch who really were listening to the radio!" We tried to get him to turn off the rather potent TIS on 1610 kHz just a few feet away, but no go. We heard some nifty stuff: a few Mexicans, Algeria's het nice and strong on 891, KOMO from Oklahoma, and some stations from the Ohio and Indiana area. I was amazed how strong the biggies were from my neck of the woods: WFAN, WCBS, WNEW, WQXR, WGY, WTIC, WBZ. The long wire really dragged them in. The difference between a bareback Superadio and the Panasonic with the longwire and ground was like night and day. They received two different sets of signals. (continued next week)

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Central DX Roundup

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FOR THE RECORD

Report in Eastern time.

RIDING GAIN



Deadline: Saturdays.

- [SA-MB] = Shawn Axelrod, 30 Becontree Bay, Winnipeg, MB R2N 2X9
Icom IC-R70, 3' box loop, 100' shogwire, Mini TUN-3.
- [TMJ-IL] = Tom Jasinski, 419 North Raven, Shorewood, IL 60435
FRG-7, 2 1/2 foot amplified loop.
- [TML-IN] = Tom Laskowski, 1334 East Miner Street, South Bend, IN 46617
Icom IC-R71A, loop.
- [RS-MO] = Randy Stewart, 4225 W. La Casa, Springfield, MO 65802-5615
Realistic TRF 12-656, 4' spiral loop.

SPECIAL INTEREST

- 560 KWTO MO Springfield, 10/22 Changed formats from C&W to 24-hour News/Talk. Local newspaper mentioned they had the C&W format for 57 years. [RS-MO]
- 720 KOTZ AK Kotzebue, 10/11 good to fair, mix or o/WGN. 2140 with man and woman talking in foreign language. Thanks to Wayne McRae for the tip. AK#1, State #43! [SA-MB]
- 990 CHTX PQ Montreal, EX-980. 10/14 good to fair. 0333 w/mix of old and new rock music. ID as "Montreal's all hits station." and "The all 9-90 hits." Must be new pattern also as never heard on 980. PQ#23. [SA-MB]
- 1210 WOGL PA Philadelphia, EX-WCAU. 10/10 good in KGYN null. 2356 w/"WOGL" IDs, sports talk, contest. PA#8. [SA-MB]
- 1220 WKNR OH Cleveland, EX-WGAR. 10/11 fair. 0656 w/"You're favorite oldies back to back." and mentions of "North Shore." New for me, OH#35. [SA-MB]

DX TESTS

- 940 WFAW WI Fort Atkinson, NRC DX Test. 10/14 fair to poor w/terrible WAUR-930 slop. 0459-0545 w/code and voice IDs, music. Not needed here. [TMJ-IL]
+10/14 Not heard here, Code IDs heard were from Cuban outlet "Reloj." [RS-MO]
- 1550 WLUX LA Baton Rouge, NRC DX Test. 10/13 poor w/WCSJ, CBE. 0631-0658 w/code and voice IDs, TT. Not needed. [TMJ-IL]

DOWN THE DIAL

- 540 CBK SA Regina, 10/15 fair to good in XEWA null. 0757 w/sign on, ID as "CBC Radio Saskatchewan." Gave address as 2440 Broad Street, Regina. Not heard in awhile. [RS-MO]
- 550 WDUN GA Gainesville, 10/14 excellent w/KUSA nulled. 0704-0715 w/network news, weather, sports. ID "WDUN AM 55." [TMJ-IL]
- 620 KTAR AZ Phoenix, 10/15 fair, mix w/WTMT and others. 0759 finally got a positive ID on this: "620 AM KTAR Phoenix" into ABC News. 0805 with local news. Spot for St. Joseph Center for Sports Medicine. Report sent. [RS-MO]
- WTMT KY Louisville, 10/15 briefly dominant. 0656 with news from the "Kentucky Network." 0659 ID "WTMT Louisville" into C&W music. [RS-MO]
- 630 KHOW CO Denver, 10/15 briefly atop KXOK and mess. 0631 with call ID. [RS-MO]
- 710 WOR NY New York, 10/15 fair to good. 0705 w/spot for attractions at the Meadowlands. Manhattan/NJ traffic report, "...WOR News time..." Not heard in a long time. [RS-MO]
- 730 KKDA TX Grand Prairie, 10/14 good w/XEX, WGN slop. 0030-0100 with blues music, frequent "KKDA" calls mentioned. 0100 ID as "Rhythm and Blues, Jazz, Gospel, News, Soul 73 KKDA Grand Prairie, Fort Worth, Dallas. [TMJ-IL]
- 830 WKTX OH Cortland, 10/2 strong u/WCCO. 0702 w/ID "You're listening to AM 8-30 WKTX Cortland, Warren, Youngstown." News about religion. Religious format? Never logged as WLND. [TML-IN]
{CJ: Tom, NRC 1991 Log shows Religious format. John.}
- 900 WNNO WI Wisconsin Dells, 10/1 good. 0657 man w/FM ID. Short news before quick fade. [TML-IN]

CDXR Continued....


- 940 WYLD LA New Orleans, 10/14 good to excellent at times atop mess. Low grumbly het. 0618 with call ID, Gospel music. Are they still only 500W-N? Very strong at times. [RS-MO] {JCJ: Randy, 1991 NRC Log shows 500W-N. John.}
- 980 WCUB WI Two Rivers, 10/10. 1945 with spot for a steakhouse in Newton, PSA for National 4-H Week, weather forecast with "WCUB" ID. New for me. [TML-IN]
- 1010 CFRB ON Toronto, 10/15 good. 0709 with weather by Peter Dickens "...on Toronto's News leader, CFRB 10-10." Not always this strong. [RS-MO]
- WQYK FL Seffner, 10/2 poor u/CFRB. 0705 w/quick "WQYK" ID into C&W music. ID by DJ sounded like "WQIJ." [TML-IN]
- 1050 KSIS MO Sedalla, 10/13 fair for 1 minute o/WSMT, XEG. 2106 with promo for 24-hour weather forecast telephone line, spot for Ceasers Pizza. [TMJ-IL]
- WSMT TN Sparta, 10/13 fair to poor w/WTSJ, WPZA, XEG. 2100-2300 with Tennessee vs Florida Gators football. 2100 simple ID as "WSMT Sparta." [TMJ-IL]
- 1060 KFIL MN Preston, 10/1 mixing w/KYW, mostly over. 0701 with SSB, AM and FM ID only. Weather. [TML-IN]
- 1140 KZMQ WY Greybull, 10/13 good. 0805 w/"KZMQ playing the songs you want to hear. "The Country Super Station." IDs. C&W music format. New for me, WY#18. [SA-MB]
- 1170 KUGT MO Jackson, 10/4 good. 1959 ID "Serving south-east Missouri and southern Illinois, this is the Gospel Voice of 11-70 KUGT Jackson, Cape Girardeau." Then sign off by woman. New for me. [TML-IN]
- WMRH WI Waupun, 10/8 weak u/WWVA and KVOO. 0738 promo for a bike ride sponsored by ".....and WMRH radio." [TML-IN]
- 1290 KOIL NE Omaha, 10/15 on top, dominant thru DX session. 0615 with oldies, ID as "Omaha's favorite oldies on Omaha's oldies authority, The Mighty 12-90 coil." [RS-MO]
- 1330 WTRE IN Greensburg, 10/1. 2001 with "Wake up to WTRE for the latest news in Decatur County, right here on WTRE." New for me. [TML-IN]
- 1350 KRNT IA Des Moines, 10/15 fair to poor, atop at times. 0720 with call-in show. Frequent call IDs. [RS-MO]
- 1360 KCMG MO Mountain Grove, 10/1. 2032 with "Playing more country music hits all day and all night long, 24 hours a day, KCMG-FM Mountain Grove." New for me. [TML-IN]
- WKYO MI Caro, 10/8 weak above mess. 1959 with promo for radio advertising, "...call WKYO today." "44 degrees at 1360." New for me. [TML-IN]
- WSAI OH Cincinnati, 10/15 good. 0717 with "13-60 WSAI" ID, promo for contest to win \$1000, "Thousand Dollar Thursday." Jock told story of once interviewing Leonard Bernstein (who had died the previous evening.) [RS-MO]
- WVRQ WI Viroqua, 10/1 poor. 0705 man with sports, ID, weather. Mentions of Viroqua. New for me. [TML-IN]
- 1390 WHOT OH Youngstown, 10/8 strong. 1939 w/oldies music "...around the clock, WHOT." Is this a call change from WFMJ or a frequency swap with 1330? [TML-IN] {JCJ: Tom, 1991 NRC Log shows call as WHOT. John.}
- 1420 KJCK KS Junction City, 10/15 fair. 0845 w/Paul Harvey. Local spots for Junction City merchants. "14-20 Country" IDs, Weather. New for me, KS#25. [SA-MB]
- 1560 KABI KS Abilene, 10/13 fair briefly over KKA. 0705 with GM car spot, weather forecast, several "KABI" IDs. KS#24 [SA-MB]

25 YEARS AGO

November 6, 1965 issue of DX Monitor...WBBM-780 had a MM sign off at 0000....Glen Kippel of Palm Desert, CA listened to Peking-1040 every morning on his car radio on his way to work...Don Erickson had "best DX I've known in 4 years" including KFQD-750..President Paul Kirkpatrick proposed the "The Ted Vasiloupous Award."



OPEN MIKE

 Words are the voice of the heart. Congrats to Shawn on the KOTZ-720 logging! Shawn's 1st AK and state #43. He said it was "the catch of a lifetime." The DX season is here!!!! 73, John.



Eastern DX Roundup

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

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- (MH-NC) Mike Hardester P.O. Box 8159 Camp Lejeune, NC 28542-8159; ICOM R-70 w/Radio West 18" ferrite loop.
- (KZ-NY) Karl Zuk 154 Old Post Road North, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520 R390A A/URR w/100' longwire - 40' Vertical-ground system.
- 550 WJMW PA, BLOOMSBURG 10/15 1300 FAIR w/oldies. (KZ-NY)
- 560 WFIL PA, PHILADELPHIA 10/15 1235 EXCELLENT simulcast of FM sister "EZ-101"; a waste of a carrier like WOGL 1210 in Philadelphia, PA. Ex-WCAU. (KZ-NY)
- 580 WHP PA, HARRISBURG 10/15 1232 GOOD w/news (CBS affiliate); ID as "Newstalk 580 - WHP." (KZ-NY)
- 630 WEGE PA, SCRANTON 10/15 1230 FAIR w/light WSKQ splatter from 620 kHz. This should be called "Music of Your Grandfather's Life" - Jerry Vale would love this station. VERY OLD standards from Broadway shows, etc. (KZ-NY)
- 640 WNNZ MA, WESTFIELD 10/15 1155 FAIR "640 WINS" w/oldies such as "Little Sheila" & "Beachwood 4-5789." "Westfield-Springfield/New England's Oldies Station"; CBS nx at 1200. (KZ-NY)
- 750 WWAX PA, OLYPHANT 10/15 1110 FAIR "Classic Wax 750" w/oldies/adult contemporary format; laid back m/announcer. News at 1115. (KZ-NY)
- 1170 WPLX TN, COLLIERSVILLE 10/6 s/off at 1930 w/female announcer who gave the address. (KVJ-GA)
- 1540 WRBN VA, RICHMOND 10/13 1915 FAIR w/weather, then "Richmond's Business News" slogan. (KVJ-GA)
- 1540 CHIN ON, TORONTO 10/15 0655-0715 FAIR-EXCELLENT w/French music/announcements; announcer occasionally broke into English, but no English IDs noted. (KVJ-GA)
- 1550 WBSC SC, BENNETTSVILLE 10/13 0626-0700 POOR w/2 Spanish language stations (looping south/southwest) providing QRM. Oldies format, local spots, and ID x 2. Also noted mention of "The Magic One" during 0700 legal ID. (MH-NC)
- 1550 WLUX LA, BATON ROUGE 10/13 0630-0700 NOT noted on scheduled DX test of 10/13; WBSC & 2 Spanish-language stations noted. (MH-NC)

unIDs - TIS - TESTS

- 530 TIS NJ, DANVILLE 10/15 1245 VERY STRONG w/announcement beating with Newark airport TIS (I-80 traffic should slow down, etc.); traced to NJ State Trooper's post on north side of I-80. (KZ-NY)
- 930 unID 9/19 2140 "All News Radio 93" way over local WPAT in Paterson, NJ. Who's this? (KZ-NY)
- 940 WFAW WI, FT. ATKINSON 10/14 0500 & 0515 TEST-code IDs only heard at the above times; severe interference from Cuba and an unID tester made it tough. (KVJ-GA)
- 1550 WLUX LA, BATON ROUGE 10/13 0632-0655 TEST noted w/tone, code IDs and one voice ID heard at 0637. No other audio noted due to much interference from several SS stations. (KVJ-GA)
- 1610 unID ??? has been occasionally noted evenings (after LSS) w/male announcer seemingly in English, but can't be certain. Suspect a TIS as the program seems to be a repeating tape of 1:15 minutes - pause for 10 seconds and continues. Very poor w/presumed Anquilla co-frequency QRM. Loop is N/S; first noted on 10/6. (MH-NC)

1610 TIS unID VERY WEAK heard several times beating w/the Carribean Beacon, especially at SSS. Ideas anyone? I don't know of any 1610 TIS even close! (KZ-NY)

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COMMENTS

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Thanks go to this week's reporters with a reminder to everyone that EDXR and the MONITOR are into weekly issues throughout the winter DX season. So send in a few loggings and until next time, CONTINUED GOOD DX my friends and 73 de Mr. B

continued from last issue NICK'S RECEIVER

Following the RF filter is the same kind of low noise RF amplifier used in the post-mixer section of the receiver. It is there to compensate for the filter loss and to keep the overall noise figure of the receiver low.

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As I've said, this receiver has been in use for $3\frac{1}{2}$ years now, in B.C., Washington and Alberta using loops, Beverages and random wires. It's travelled on land, sea and air and been used in temperatures of 10° to 90°F. with varying levels of humidity. So far, the only component problems have been that noisy transistor, a bum switch, and a touchy headphone jack. The best DX heard was 5CL-729, 50 kw at 8000 miles, while the unamplified loop was pointed to it and 50 kw CKLG-730 60 miles away. Conditions helped, I'm sure, but I like to think the receiver did its part.

Don Moman and I ran this radio through sensitivity and intermodulation tests in early 1987. The minimum discernible signal was found to be -133 dBm, roughly a sensitivity of 0.2 uV using a 10 dB signal plus noise to noise ratio. Standard two tone (separation of 50 kHz) dynamic range tests gave a value of just over 100 dB which is pretty reasonable, but not as good as expected, as it is only equivalent to what the R-5000 or IC R-71 are capable of. However, when the two tone tests were repeated with signals separated by only 3.5 kHz, my radio continued to show IMD performance of around 96 dB, while the R-5000 and R-71 were poorer than 70 dB. As the 3.5 kHz separation more closely mimics toughest DXing conditions, this result was rather important to me.

This receiver is not finished:

- 1) Its sections are presently housed in old stereo amplifier case, which desperately needs a proper front panel. I'd like something that works this well to look pretty as well.
- 2) I've got to do something about those binding trimmer capacitors. I'd like to try varactors to avoid the mechanical problems associated with the trimmers, but suspect they will introduce distortion on strong signals.
- 3) I'd like to improve the IF amplifier, especially its AGC section, so that a wider range of signal strengths can be monitored without distortion. As I often experiment with antennas, I'd like an S-meter which gives me a wide range of accurate signal strength readings.
- 4) Concomitant with above, I'd like to add a very narrow IF filter so that I could monitor carrier strengths alone when I'm experimenting with antennas or circuitry. No S-meter can give accurate indications when a weak signal is awash in sideband splatter.
- 5) Sideband splatter is the main enemy of split channel DX. There's lots of work to be done using upper/lower sideband exalted carrier detection, synchronous detection, and USB/LSB diversity reception derived from either of these methods.
- 6) Although I've rarely needed an IF notch filter, I'd like to try one out, and even have a section in the receiver put aside for it.
- 7) I'd like to have the time to do all of the above. Send your winning lottery tickets to the address on the masthead!



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1990/1 DEADLINES - WEEKLY ON TUESDAY

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Greetings to all! Well, the IRCA convention for 1990 is history, and while I was surprised by the disappointing low turnout, I must say I had a great time in Vol country (that's Knoxville to you and me). Those attending were Karl the Prez, Jack and Gaye Parks, David Reitz, Ernie Cooper (what WOULD a convention be without Ernie attending?), Frank Merrill and Jeff Kadet (from Malcomb, IL. Arriving on Friday the 5th, David, Frank, Jeff and I found mostly Monitoring Times folks on hand, but some searching through the Hyatt Regency did turn up Jack, Gaye and Ernie in about 30 minutes. Browsing through the many exhibits set up in the the lobby/hall. I was fortunate to mee Ian McFarland from R. Canada International and Fred Osterman, editor of the 1990/1 DX'ers Directory. (I finally bought a copy after much debating). On Saturday, the IRCA conglomerate headed out to WIVK 990, where we were given a tour by music director Mickey Dearstone. Tacked on the was of the office was a reception report for WIVK FM from a DX'er in Ontario. The incredible statistic pointed out by Mickey is that WIVK AM is the #1 morning drive station in the country (with a FORTY THREE share). On occasion the #1 station in the country, period! After the Monitoring Times banquet and door prize giveaway Saturday evening, the MW contingent ventured southeast to Look Rock in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, where a 550-foot Beverage was set up. Over the course of the next three hours, it turned out some amazing results. On Sunday afternoon we journeyed to the campus of the University of Tennessee, where we were given a tour of WUOT FM 91.9 (Glen Hauser's former employer I learned. Being just a couple blocks from Neyland Stadium, I couldn't resist a picture of 91,110-seat "Home of the Vols." The IRCA convention wrapped up after the WUOT tour, so David, Frank, Jeff and I made a little side trip through the Carolinas. I'm grateful for good brakes. It seems like you're going downhill forever around those curves. (Spoken like a true "flatlander," hi-RtH.) The Appalchians made for beautiful scenery, though. 73. (Portion deleted due because of old dates for a GTG that'll be history when this edition of DXM hits your mailbox-RtH.

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As per Geov's question about KUCL being off, they've been doing some work on XR to correct spurious signal problems after KBOI complained. It looks like the problem has been corrected and they're back on the air. As for their staff no knowing the AM wasn't on, they're fully automated and all technical work is contracted out. None of the staff are kept up on such. I talked to Bill Fram, ex-IRCA and KBOI CE about KUCL's calls being selected by the FCC. Bill stated FCC policy is now the stations can let the FCC select the calls if they don't want to go through the process themselves. Bill said no one at KUCL (that is, staff in Boise) knows in what manner the calls were selected. Interest to see KZID in the "For Sale" section of Broadcasting Information. I talked a person who is working for a broadcasting company that had considered buying KZID. They told me the license has been returned to the FCC and station had been dismantled, so I wonder what there is to sell? My comments on getting 1990 convention news from MT first, instead of DXM, were just that. Ric, I suppose you meant 1990 instead of 1991. (I suppose-RtH.) Has anyone talked about hosting the 1991 convention? If not I would consider it. If ANARC is still in business we could do a joint convention. Per my check to MT for the August issue. I did get it back and resent it for the September issue which I received. In my letter to them I asked why local retailers were having so much trouble in getting copies from them but no response. Latest comments from the MT (former) retailer are they still have no answer from MT and have decided to no longer carry it. 73.

First off, boy I'm still scraping the egg off my face. I've been DX'ing 30 years and blew it. Pete Taylor sent me a card reminding me that WGN is in Chicago and it's WHN is in New York. I should know better as we get Harry Karry and the Cubs from WGN TV on CATV. Onward, if you're planning a GTG, starting advertising it at least 6 weeks in advance in both your forums and a separate plug to Ralph Sanserino. I'm sorry Rick, but your GTG notice would appear the week afterwards. Hope you had a good turnout. Let us know how it went. I'm noticing forums slowly getting longer and longer than 30-line limit. A couple lines over, OK. 10 and 15 lines will get you Part I & II. Frank, I'd rather have our own convention than share it with ANARC which is non-BCB DX. If we could have the largest turnout in a decade in Sacramento with a record amount of money raised at the auction, we can do it by ourselves. I was going to bid again for 1991 in Sac., but if want to submit a bid, I'll back it. That's it for this week. Rick for the fine report on the IRCA/MT convention. Best of DX and 73 de Rth. .

ANARC UPDATE

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I enjoyed the recent ANARC convention in Virginia Beach even if I was only able to attend on Saturday. The technical talks by Mike Villard on directional aeralis and by Kim Elliot of the Voice of America on the future of shortwave broadcasting were particularly interesting.

The big news, however, occurred at an ANARC club representative meeting held that day which I did not attend as I received no notice that such a meeting was to be convened. So, the comments that follow are largely taken from a letter by ANARC interim coordinator Sheldon Harvey. A decision was made by those representatives in attendance (only from NASWA and ACE) and those on the executive council that, because of lack of perceived interest, ANARC should be disbanded. It seems that those members representing NASWA were particularly eager to pull out of ANARC and it was proposed that a new organization called the National Association of Radio Listeners (NARL) be formed to replace it. Further, it appears that NARL may be run as a business with, perhaps, a paid executive director.

Earlier this year Sheldon Harvey circulated a document outlining his vision for the future of ANARC. His proposals were very interesting and had good merit. Unfortunately, I and most other club representatives did not communicate our support of these proposals to Sheldon and I sincerely regret that omission on my part. Pending the outcome of the current uncertainty with ANARC, I would like to summarize these proposals in a future *ANARC Update* column.

At present, Sheldon is clearly disturbed by what happened at the Virginia Beach meeting. He was unhappy with the apparent NASWA move to form a new umbrella organization that, incidentally, had co-opted many of Sheldon's new ANARC goals. His proposal to the various ANARC member clubs is whether we really agree with the decision reached at the meeting or whether we would like to see ANARC continue with Sheldon as executive secretary. The latter choice requires that the ANARC constitution be amended as it presently states that no person can hold both an office in a DX club and the ANARC executive secretary position.

After consultation with Karl Zuk, I've decided to vote for the continuation of ANARC and the support of Sheldon as executive secretary. As the ballot had to be returned quickly there was no time to consult the membership as a whole on this matter but if you have strong views on the matter please write to me voicing them. We both feel that the proposed new organization, NARL, would simply serve one or two clubs as a publicity organ and would not adequately support the needs of the many speciality clubs like IRCA, NRC and WTFDA. Also, given that the new organization supports most of Sheldon's present goals, why is it necessary to disband one functioning organization to create another?

ANARC is certainly at a crossroads. I believe that there still is much that can be done to support and publicize the radio hobby in North America. Sheldon Harvey appears committed to trying to do just that and I think that he deserves the opportunity to implement his proposals.

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