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MARCH 16th, 1991 KBBW-1010, 1019 WASHINGTON, WACO, TX 76701 TIME 0100-  
0700 EST. Music, voice & Morse code ID's. Thanks Bernarr Howell CE.

MARCH 23rd, 1991 KTGG-1540, SPRING ARBOR COLLEGE, SPRING ARBOR, MI 49283  
TIME 0430-0500 EST. Details later. Thanks Edmond R. Trombley CE.

CONVENTION: Anyone wishing to host the 1991 IRCA convention contact: Karl  
Zuk for a bid form at 154 Old Post Road North, Croton, NY 10520.

FROM THE PUBLISHERS DESK: This is the anniversary issue and I am going to  
use this space for a short intro: I am a white haired young, old man that  
will be 65 come this June 13th. Been around crystal sets, radios since I  
was a kid. I have been trying to figure out why one area or another needs  
so many AM and FM radio stations. The area here in Southern California is  
loaded with them and they are all trying to sell something to the consumer  
in one form or another. I do not know how they all stay in business. The  
new copier is working out fine and saving the club money. There is more  
to putting out the DXM than meets the eye, I do all the work here and my  
wife helps when I can con her into it. Paste up, copy, collate, staple,  
fold, stamps, envelopes, labels are done by hand. The old computer does  
print the labels and keep track of the membership list what a time saver  
it is, what did we do before computers. IRCA membership is holding steady  
and I am getting more requests for samples now that I have changed the  
address at the post office. IRCA funds are doing OK and from time to time  
we make a payment on the debt. We use money from the sale of reprints and  
the sale of the almanac to pay on the debt. The club is stable and will  
be around a long time. I hope to have the debt paid off before I give up  
the publishing job and with your help we can do it. The people in control  
have to keep closer tabs on how the money is spent and when prices go up  
like postage and printing you have to take a close look to see if dues  
must be raised, the DXM must be printed from membership dues ONLY, it must  
not be subsidized with the money from the sale of reprints or almanacs or  
tech guides or what ever, if it is you are flirting with disaster. I hope  
everyone is reading this....Happy Anniversary IRCA.....73..Ralph....

# BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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Deadlines: every Saturday \* compiled 3/3/91

## GOING OFF THE AIR

call	KHz	power/antenna	state/city
WMAK	980	900/	ND-D KY LONDON was soft AC, now silent
WJHH	1000	1000/	ND-D GA SOPERTON was country, now silent
WKLO	1000	1000/	ND-D KY DANVILLE was rock oldies, now silent
WDAT	1170	500/	ND-D MS AMORY was gospel, now silent
WWES	1270	1000/	ND-D VA HOT SPRINGS was country, now silent
KTMP	1340	1000/1000	ND UT HEBER CITY was country, now silent
WYSE	1360	5000/1000	DA-2 GA BAINBRIDGE was gospel, now silent
WSEL	1440	1000/	ND-D MS PONTOTOC was religion // FM, now silent
WGSR	1570	1000/	ND-D GA MILLEN was country, now silent

Also, in noting CKLM-1570-PQ's demise a couple of weeks ago, I forgot to list the CKLM-1570 relays that bit the dust as well: CJER-900 St. Jerome, CKSJ-1400 St. Jovite, and CJSA-1230 Ste. Agathe des Monts.

## GOING ON THE AIR

KMXN	1150	5000/5000	DA-2 CA SANTA ROSA was KRVE, silent, now Spanish
WONZ	1580	1000/7	ND NJ HAMMONTON was WTYO, silent, now news-talk // WOND-1400 Pleasantville

## NEW STATIONS

KRKL	840	2500/250	DA-D CA YOUNTVILLE granted extension of time
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## CHANGES IN EXISTING FACILITIES

KLAY	1180	2400/1000	DA-N WA LAKEWOOD granted ext. of time from 1480
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## CALL LETTER CHANGES

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

WSTT	730	GA Thomasville	now WSN1	WDKC	1330	FL Fort Pierce	is \$*WJNX
WSIX	980	TN Nashville	\$* WYFN	KASH	1360	CA Modesto	KF1V
KRVE	1150	CA Santa Rosa	\$* KMXN	KTFS	1400	TX Texarkana	\$ KHSP
WCRT	1260	AL Birmingham	* WCEO	new	1440	KY Paris	WYGH
KLGV	1280	TX Longview	KDOX	KMJK	1550	WA Vancouver	KVAN
				WTYO	1580	NJ Hammonton	\$* WONZ

## FORMAT CHANGES

WAFB	590	FL CLEWISTON	was country // FM, now Spanish
WYFN	980	TN NASHVILLE	was WSIX, country // FM, now religion
KFLG	1000	AZ BULLHEAD CITY	was KRHS, ad. stds, now ctry // FM (Wien-CA)
WHHR	1130	SC HILTON HEAD ISLAND	was travel info, now business news
WMEX	1150	MA BOSTON	was business news, now AC/oldies // WMJX-FM
WCEO	1260	AL Birmingham	was WCRT, standards, now business news
WSYD	1300	NC MOUNT AIRY	was country, now satellite rock oldies
WJNX	1330	FL FORT PIERCE	was WDKC, country, now news/talk // WJNO-1230
WBCB	1490	PA LEVITTOWN	was adult standards, now adult contemporary, talk

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

KFUN-1230-NM, WJOT-1260-SC, KLFB-1420-TX, WRJQ-1570-WI (now silent), KQXK-1590-AR

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES: Steve Mittman sent along an L.A. Times article indicating that the new owner of KDAY-1580 Santa Monica CA will drop their long-time black teen format for CNN Headline News - making it the Los Angeles area's 12th all news or talk AM station, by my count. No wonder AM DX is a hobby that simply doesn't occur anymore to anyone under age 35 or so...the NTR news-talk network - an outgrowth of Pat

Robertson's WNTR-1050 Silver Spring MD - was gutted by a fire in late February. WNTR and its network were off air for a while and are now working out of the DC newsroom of Pat's other project, the CBN Network.

More permanently dead: the Northwest Talk Radio Network, which gathered over a dozen affiliates in WA/OR/ID in its eight month life but still couldn't make a go of it...and the Kid's Choice network, whose pre-teen "Imagination Station" format got only two affiliates in the last year: WPRD-1440 Orlando, which also switched to CNN this week, and KKDS-1060 Salt Lake, which says it will continue with local children's programs. Not dead, but swallowed: Drake-Chenault's tape syndicated division has been purchased by Broadcast Productions of Seattle, which has assembled something of a monopoly on taped formats in the last three years: Drake is the last and biggest of six or seven different companies they've bought out. Drake's satellite formats were not sold and will continue to be operated independently.

Finally, Al Ham's "Music of Your Life" format, which will be dropped by Unistar on April 15, has announced plans to go back to tape distribution and to license the MOYL name, club kits, logos, etc. to anyone who wants to use them - including affiliates of SMN and Unistar's competing adult standards formats. Currently MOYL is down to about 25 affiliates.

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: Frank Aden (Boise ID); Steve Mittman (San Pedro CA)



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DEADLINE: TUESDAYS

Here we are with our anniversary and a good report from Chuck Boehnke from Hawaii:

### REPORT FROM HAWAII

- 770 MEXICO, Unknown-2/22 1045 fair w/non stop tropical and mariachi mx "noche en....." no TCs or IDs-KOB QRM (CB-HI)
- 800 MEXICO, Cd. Juarez-XEROK 2/22 1130 Blasting in w/usual anmts and dedications, Tex-Mex mx. (CB-HI)
- 801 GUAM, Agana-KTWR 2/22 1145 with strong het from XEROK and Gulf War bulletins, IDs in EE. (CB-HI)
- 860 MEXICO, Mexico D.F. XEUN "R. Univeridad" good over light QRM on 2/22 at 1122. (CB-HI)
- 891 FIJI, Lautoka-"Radio Two" in EEA Regular here 2/22 1100. (CB-HI)
- 918 NEW ZEALAND, Greymouth-3YZ 2/22 1110. Excellent Maori mx. (CB-HI)
- 1060 CHILE, Santiago CB106 "R. Minería" News headlines, Persian Gulf stories, plane crash. At 1000 2/21. (CB-HI)
- 1140 CHILE, Santiago-CB114 "R. Nacional" hrd o/KRAK at 1015 2/21. This was a hard one toughcopy. (CB-HI)
- 1170 tPERU?, Unknown-possibly OBX6L in Arequipa? relaying RPP OAX4G in Lima. Fair over KLOK w/light mx and pips 2/21 1035. (CB-HI)
- 1180 CHILE, Santiago-CB118 "Radio Diego Portabes" 2/21 1008. Rapid fire newscast, ID clear. (CB-HI)
- 1270 CHILE, Vina de Mar-CB127 1270 hrd 2/21 1021. Local anmts and lively mx. Almost no QRM from KNDI-Honolulu (1270). (CB-HI)
- 1320 PERU, Lima-OAX4I "R. LaCnonica" and "R. Portada" IDs Some QRM from Sacramento, Ca. 0940 2/21. (CB-HI) (You sure hrd some good ones. PM)

THANKS TO THIS REPORTER

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Nothing earth-shattering this time around, but a few interesting transitions, nonetheless.

## Trans-Pacific

**Australia** - 1629 - 2RPH Sydney is also running on 1539 kHz, with 24-hour operation, planning to decrease 1629 (Ian Stanley in DXA).

**Bahrein** - 1350 - VOA has a 25kW relay tx here (Whittaker in Media Network via Dis. via ARC).

**Cambodia** - 1543 - Voice of the People of Batambang Province is a new regional stn (RNMN via SDXL via ARC via FERC).

**China, PR** - 1242 - Macheng PBS, Hubei Province, heard here. 1437 - Putian PBS heard here; nominal freq. is 1440 (T. Gima in ABI, via FERC).

**India** - 999 - AIR Combatore new with 10 kW. 1179 - AIR Rewa is ex-801. 801 - AIR Jabalpus is ex-1179 (ARDXC via WWDXC).

**Iran** - 531, 594, 639, 702, 720, 765, 930, 936, 1026, 1098, 1197, 1224, 1323, 1386, 1404, and 1449 kHz are being used by IRIB for its External Service (Bengt Ericson in ARC).

**Iraq** - Latest reports are that all jammers have been stopped. 1360 Kirkuk was reported off, bombed (Olle Alm in ARC). 1134 - Voice of Peace in EE, intended for U. S. troops in Saudi Arabia, heard here, // 11860 (AMID via WWDXC).

**Korea** - Frequency changes for AFKN stations, requested by the ROK Ministry of Communications were as follows: Seoul, 549 to 1377; Munsan, 576 to 1440; Taegu, 585 to 1377; Pusan, 783 to 1197, all 5 kW (from AFKN via Bill Harms).

**Nepal** - 648 - R. Nepal; now // 684, 792 (SCDX via MWN via ARC).

**New Zealand** - 1566 - Radio Kingston, 4XK, a community station, is on the air with 10 watts (Otago Daily Times, via ARDXC via FERC).

**Sri Lanka** - 882 - SLBC's Tamil Commercial Service now on with 400 kW (SCDX via ARDXC via FERC).

## Trans-Atlantic

**Albania** - 909 - Korce reported by several EBU monitoring stns (EBU via Bengt Ericson via ARC).

**Azores** - 828 - A new RdP station is on with 1 kW at Monte das Cruzes (EBU via RB via ARC).

4 **Czechoslovakia** - 792 - A new regional stn., Radio

European Service (Steve Whitt in MWN via ARC).

**Hungary** - 1251 - the tx at Nyiregyhaza now with 500 kW (BE in ARC).

**Italy** - 1206 - R. Canale Effe new in Castel San Pietro Terme (Comm. via ARC). 1553 - Radio Noi, Vicenza new with 50 w (? -pls)(PDX via ARC). 1620 - R. International, Verona, is active again (PDX via ARC).

**Lesotho** - 1197 - Tests were underway from the BBC's new 100 kW tx at Lancer's Gap, Maseru, and full programming was to have been in service in February (Ginbey/Media Network via Comm. via ARC).

**Libya** - 1503 - Zelten, 10 kW, is new (EBU via RSkala via DXCI via ARC).

**Lithuania** - 612 - Only this frequency is active in Vilnius with a relay of VR-2 from Moscow; 1107 & 1557 are silent (ARC).

**Poland** - 1080 again active (Olle Alm in ARC).

**Portugal** - 720 - R. Antena 1, Elvas, 10 kW is ex-1287. 1287 - R. Antena 1, Portalegre, 1 kW, is ex-1196. 1332 - R. Elvas, 1 kW, is new (EBU via RSkala via DXCI via ARC).

**Spain** - 531 - RNE R5 Pontevedra is ex-1116 (PDX via ARC). 621 - RNE Radio 1, Avila, 10 kW, is new (Carbonell in PDX via ARC). 882 COPE Gijon is ex-1026 (PDX via ARC). 1008 - SER, R. Vigo, here, ex-1026 (PDX via ARC). 1053 - COPE Zaragoza is ex-1134 (PDX via ARC). 1116 - SER R. Pontevedra heard, also on 1520 kHz (DM in PDX via ARC). 1143 - COPE Reus now here, ex-1269 (Brunet in PDX via ARC).

**United Kingdom** - 1017 - Shropshire, WABC, now on (Comm. via ARC). In January, the Radio Authority was to have advertised franchises for the first of three new national commercial radio services. The Authority has now said that the national FM franchise will go to a service providing music other than pop or rock. There will also be two national MW outlets (the first on 1215 kHz and the second on 1053/1089 kHz). This means that BBC 3 is likely to lose its 1215 kHz outlet in October 1991 and BBC 1 will vacate 1053/1089 kHz in 1992 (DK in Comm. via ARC).

**USSR** - 747 - Tallinn now on (EBU via Bengt Ericson via ARC). 1161 - EBU reports Volgograd here (EBU via Bengt Ericson via ARC). 1494 - A new superpowered tx has been reported here

Regina, is on from Prague (WBI via Comm. via ARC).

Germany - 1107 - AFN will shut down soon (BT in ARC). 1575 - DLF Cologne testing for a new DXCI via ARC).

## Pan-American

Bolivia - 580 - CP91, R. Panamericana will raise power to 25 kW (WRTH/RFA via UKVK via ARC).

Brazil - 650 - ZYL... R. Itatiaia now on the air, ex-1340 with 10/1 kW (CRM via ARC).

Chile - 1340 - CCI34, R. Doña Isabel Riquelme, is ex-1335 (JA in Pampas via ARC).

Colombia - 770 - HJKH RCN Bototá now in AM Stereo (RRR in Pampas via ARC). 1040 - HJSY is R. Súper, ex- R. Reloj (Gaviria, Pampas, via WRTH LA-NL via ARC). 1400 - HJWY, La Voz de los Samanes, 1 kW is new from Quilichao (Cauca) (Gaviria, Pampas, via WRTH LA-NL via ARC).

Ecuador - 660 R. Carrousel now 50 kW, ex-25. 975 - R. Católica Nacional new with 20 kW. 1070 - R. Tigre is ex-1080 (FSDXF via WWDXC).

Perú - 850 - OAX2W, R. Atahualpa is new, //4820 24 h (FSDXF via WWDXC). 1470 - Antena 1, Lima, new here with 25 kW (Arrunátegui via Monferini via ARC).

Venezuela - 700 - YVPQ R. Sur, Puerto Ordaz, new here, ex-1530 (Knutsson, MV-Eko via ARC). 790 - R. Nal. de Venezuela new here, presumed QTH Puerto Ordaz (Salazar, via Monferini, via ARC). 820 - YVXG, R. Guadalupana, ex-1540,

from Leningrad (Olle Alm in ARC).

Yugoslavia - 630 - Trebinje, 10 kW, is new. 738 - Stara Pazova, 50 kW, is new. 837 - JRT 1, Novi Sad-Sombor, 50 kW is new (EBU via RSkala via heard here (PK in SDXL via ARC). 850 - R. Valencia new here (Salazar via ARC). 970 - R. Mundial Oriente, Barcelona, new (Salazar via Monferini via ARC). 1240 YVVW R. R. Nal. de Venezuela has ended its test period, with complaints filed from various stations in the Caribbean (Lanza, via Molano and Monferini via ARC; all Venezuela above listed in WRTH LA-NL). YVVW-1240 suspected to have a tx of 250-500 kW (HK in UKVK via ARC).

## International

R. Caroline - is now on 819, intermittently (Graham Cox in MWC).

As usual, should you desire the name of a specific source listed above, please write to me at the address in the masthead. I review DX bulletins from Great Britain, Sweden, Germany, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and other countries, and editors of these journals review others, including DXM, so coverage of changes is pretty universal (and somewhat redundant). Also, I'd be happy to forward foreign bulletins once I'm through with them to any IRCA member for a first-class stamp per bulletin. Specify the countries. 73!



Station 4BK MUSIC Patrick Martin Date 20. 2. 80  
Power 5kw  
Frequency 1296khz  
Location BRISBANE

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge receipt of your

correct logging of **4BK-4BK** transmissions

Dated 20. 2. 80

Please accept our thanks for your report and our good wishes for the future.

Yours faithfully,

THE COURIER-MAIL STATIONS  
BRISBANE

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1260 KICN ID, Idaho Falls 2/25 0410 good, but with irritating het (off frequency?) in KOIT null. CNN news, several local spots at 0413, ID on hour at 0500. Call change ex-KTEE, ex-silent also. (RW-CA)
- 1310 ?KMYX? CA, Taft 2/25 1007 apparently back on the air after long silent hiatus. Briefly good in KDIA null with ID "Hang in there, listen to the all-new Trucker Country 1310, the all-new K-Mix, 103.9 FM." Per M Street Journal directory, their FM is on 103.9, and no other 103.9's listed in Western U.S. with AM on 1310, so must be them. Call change ex-KTKR, and ex-silent. (RW-CA)
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- 560 KMON MT, Great Falls 2/15 0539 fair with C&W music, ID & TC. (EH)
- 600 KGEZ MT, Kalispell 2/17 1922 good in CHRX null with local weather and ads, into oldies music. (EH-WA)
- 690 CBU BC, Vancouver 2/21 2358 good over XETRA with BC weather, "CBC Radio" ID. (bp-CA2)
- CEKFP1 SK, Gravelbourg 2/18 1910 good in CBU null with French talk by man & woman. (EH-WA)
- 710 KIRO WA, Seattle 2/21 2158 local ads atop freq., near Gilroy. (bp-CA2)
- 730 ?KRCV? OR, Medford 2/21-22 2248-0026 apparently the Oregon State Univ. EKB game strong over weak Spanish (XEX?). Lots of network ads but never heard a local ID (even at 2302 when anncr gave 3 advance "warnings" of upcoming local station break). Way too strong for listed 74w nite power. 2/22 0100 recheck revealed only CKLG. (bp-CA2)
- 800 KNKK UT, Brigham City 2/21 2336 fair-good with postgame show for state high school EKB playoffs. ID as "The Big 800, K-N-double-K." (bp-CA2)
- 930 KSEI ID, Pocatello 2/21 2034 woman with news & weather, local ad and ID 2035 into old rock tune. (bp-CA1)
- 950 KKIC ID, Boise 2/3 Spanish 2130-2300 with English IDs on the half hour. First heard on 2/3, but several times since. (BN-CO)
- 1070 CPAX BC, Victoria 2/25 0000 completely over KNX with news and several IDs. (BN-CO)

- 1090 KBOZ MT, Bozeman 2/21 2008-2016 battling XEPRS with ABC news, weather, C&W music, lots of IDs & local ads. No sign of semi-local KTNS. (bp-CA1)
- 1120 KANN UT, Roy 2/21 1950 good with Christian music. All alone, rechecks after 2000 produced only KPNW. (bp-CA1)
- 1200 CHMG AB, St. Albert 2/21 2019 fair & alone with oldies and "MG-1200" ID. (bp-CA1)
- 1240 KLTZ MT, Glasgow 2/19 1945 very good with ads, weather for Glasgown into business news. (EH-WA)
- KBLI MT, Helena 2/16 2005 briefly with local news, ID. (EH-WA)
- KFLY OR, Corvallis 2/16 1950 good with ads, promo into adcon music. (EH-WA)
- 1290 KAPY WA, Port Angeles 2/19 2300+ while in Port Angeles, noted on after dark with satellite adcon, SNN news at :00, "Music 12-90" slogan, announced as 24 hours. 2/20 0903 switched to local oldies after SNN news, but back to satellite feed that afternoon. FCC files list their night power as 149 watts. (bp-WA)
- 1300 XEP CHI, Ciudad Juarez 2/25 0700 a most-wanted heard while trying for KVOR-CO. Faded up over mess with ID "Esta es equis-eh-peh, Radio Trece, Ciudad Juarez, con mil watts de potencia..." faded under KROP with KMPS nulled, then KYNO took over. New! (RW-CA) (Robert, you reported this to Pat also, didn't you?--NH)
- 1330 KLBO TX, Monahans 2/5 with basketball game 2000 (Monahans Lobos) over KOVE, KGAK, KWKW for surprise. (BN-CO)
- 1340 KIHR OR, Hood River 2/17 0958 s/on in jumble. (bp-WA)
- 1360 KKMO WA, Tacoma 2/22 0215 good atop freq. with Japanese program. No ID heard, but I doubt there are two stations on the freq. with Japanese at this hour. (bp-CA2)
- 1380 KTOM CA, Salinas 2/20 0347 weak under KRKO with ID for FM, C&W music. (EH-WA)
- 1400 KXGF MT, Great Falls 2/19 1926 xint with local ads, "Home of the Classics" slogan into adult standards. Ex-KARR. (EH-WA)
- 1410 KBNP OR, Portland 3/3 0933 fair atop KMYC/CFUN with a news update, ad, ID, into "Omniverse" from Business Radio Network. Faded out by 0945. First logging with these calls, ex-KPAM/KLSC for me, not logged as KCNR or KKUL. (BH)
- KWYO WY, Sheridan 2/18 1946 fair in CFUN null with C&W music, ads with ments of Sheridan, ID. (EH-WA)
- 1450 (KAYO) WA, Aberdeen 3/3 0759 first noted off air, off all day 3/3 and still off 3/4 evening. Likely AM transmitter failure as FM is still on. (BH-WA)
- KCLX WA, Colfax 2/13 2104 fair with weather, ID, C&W music. (EH)
- 1460 KRRS CA, Santa Rosa 3/3 0859½ good atop KCKX/KMWX with local KAYO-1450 off, full-data Spanish s/on including "Kah-erre-erre-esse, Santa Rosa," ending with English "KRRS, Santa Rosa," into news, probably Radio Centro. Ex-KWFM/KQTE. (BH)
- +3/3 2055 talk in Spanish, faded down but came up at 2101½ with ID for KRRS Santa Rosa "...and 13-30 Los Angeles." Fair over KENO, no KMWX, local KAYO-1450 off. New, ex-KQTE. (NH-WA)
- KENO NY, Las Vegas 3/3 2100 ID into oldie poor with KRRS, local KAYO-1450 off. New for me. (NH-WA)
- KCKX OR, 3/3 0800 fair in KMWX null (oldies), no KARR, KDON silent, local KAYO-1450 off. ID, SNN news, 0805 "X marks the spot for exciting (???)", KCKX," into country music. 0832 again local ads (no cities heard), 0834 lady with "Brand X, country KCKX." Alberta was in after 0830. Not bad if really 15 watts, this is RW-CA's "pest" but new here thanks to KAYO-1450. (BH-WA)
- +3/3 2358 C&W, 2359.55 ID "...Brand X, KCKX Stayton" into SNN news. Poor with KRRS, KMWX, KGHO-1490 slop. Local KAYO off. New for me. (NH-WA)
- 7CJMH? AB, Medicine Hat 3/3 0830-0850 fair-poor with classical and performing arts music, mentions of cultural events in Calgary, Mountain time checks. Didn't hear CBC mentioned

- CJMH cont'd so not counted yet, would like to hear at s/on time. Not noted before 0830, so either pattern change or signed on at that time. (BH-WA)
- 1490 CJSN SK, Shaunavon 2/19 1959 very good with ID into relig. program. (EH-WA)
- 1560 KZIZ WA, Sumner 2/14 2030 s/off by woman to return at 6am. Oddly enough, KRIZ gives IDs for both stations after dark. (bp-WA)
- 1580 KDAY CA, Santa Monica We 2/27 per newspaper article, K-Day, one of the most influential rap music stations in the country, is about to call it a "day" and say "R.I.P. to RAP." The station's sale is expected to close within two weeks, and will become a news & talk station, with an emphasis on business & financial news. (Will competing KMNy-1600 next-door eventually be forced to change its format??!!) (SMM-CA)
- 1590 KVGB KS, Great Bend 2/15 0449 good in KZOK null with C&W music, ID into local ads. (EH-WA)
- KHIT NV, Sun Valley 2/17 1952 good with C&W music, local ads. (EH-WA)
- +3/2 1915-2000 C&W, many "Kick 104.5 FM" slogans, 1925 & 1955 5-minute remotes from Reno Spring Preview Home Show. 2000 ID for KIIQ Reno and KHIT Sun Valley. Pair with KTIL null-  
ed. New, ex-KSRN. Thanks Ed for the tip! (NH-WA)
- 1600 KCRG IA, Cedar Rapids 2/15 0429 good with ID, ABC-I news into weather. (EH-WA)

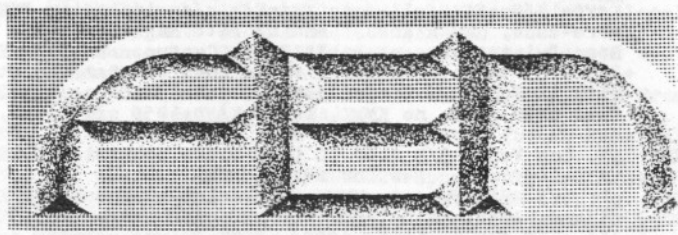
**DX TESTS**

- 700 (KBYR) AK, Anchorage 2/4 0400-0430 tried but not heard. (CM-CA)
- 720 KUAI HI, Eleele 2/25 0552 poor-fair in semi-nulled WGN null with numerous code IDs, soft Hawaiian music. Unneeded, but not verified yet. Faded out to Russian. (RW-CA)
- 1280 (KSOK) KS, Arkansas City 2/3 0500-0600 tried but not heard, only KJAX. (CM-CA)
- 1570 (WMYM) WI, Minocqua 2/10 0630-0640 tried for them, but no luck on this one. (CM-CA)

**UNIDs**

- 820 2/25 0533 unID TT weak thru mess looping NE. WBAP or KGNW. (RW)
- 1030 2/21 rock tune mixing with KTWO & presumed KMAS (ABC-I Gulf War Update). Forgot to note time, sometime around 2030. (bp-CA1)
- 1340 2/25 0643 way under mess with Larry King looping NE. Likely KATA or KLOO, but I need KLKI, KTCR and KCAP! Faded to KSGR. (RW-CA) (KCAP is a pest here!--NH)

A special thank you to all the special reporters to this anniversary issue WDXR! Happy Anniversary, IRCA!!! ♡



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# Central DX Roundup

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## FOR THE RECORD

Report in Eastern time.

Deadline: Saturdays.

### RIDING GAIN

- [TMJ-IL] = Tom Jasinski, 419 North Raven, Shorewood, IL 60435  
R390, FRG-7, 2 1/2 foot amplified 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 with Radio West Loop.

### SPECIAL INTEREST

- 660 KEYZ ND Williston, EX-1360. 3/3 good but weak, alone. 1115 with C&W format, numerous "6-60 keys country" mentions. Long spot clusters. 1200 ID "KEYZ Williston" into church program. Not sure when they moved to 660, CP first issued 3 years ago! First time heard. ND#43. [JcJ-MT]

### DOWN THE DIAL

- 750 KXL OR Portland, 2/25 good in KOAL null, CJWW off. 0150 with TalkNet, 0159 Spot, ID "News Radio 7-50 KXL Portland." 0200 CBS News. Needed for f/up report. [JcJ-MT]
- 1000 WKYB SC Hemingway, 2/10, WLUP off the air temporarily. 1800 with Southern gospel music. ID by man followed by sign off. Gave frequency as 1 MHz. New for me. [TML-IN]

### DX TESTS

- 780 WABS VA Arlington, 2/11 poor u/WBEM. 0005 w/voice and code IDs. Gospel type music. Only my 2nd station logged on 780! [TML-IN]
- +2/11 very poor in partial WBEM null. 0102-0159 w/music, code and voice IDs. This has got to be my best catch from VA! Note, also heard on a Sharp QT50! [TMJ-IL]

### FREQUENCY CHECKS

- 1510 WAHT PA Lebanon, 2/19 strong u/WLAC. 0010-0026 w/TT. No voice IDs. Quite a regular here. [TML-IN]

### 25 YEARS AGO

March 19, 1966 issue of DX Monitor...This was the 2nd Anniversary for IRCA...Issue contained 74 forum reports...Bill Nittler's son was born this week.....Rick Evans returned to Michigan from New England looking for work.....President Paul Kirkpatrick's report said the true meaning of the second anniversary was it's tribute to greatness and a tribute to ourselves.



### OPEN MIKE

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. [TML-IN] said he did not hear these DX tests: KBYR-700, KOTZ-720, WMYM-1570, WLIM-1580, & KARY-1310. [JcJ-MT] did not hear KOTZ-720 nor KARY-1310 either. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!!!! 73, John.



## \*\*\* IRCA AM-FM ALMANAC, 5th Edition 1991 \*\*\*

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## Eastern DX Roundup

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

- (MH-NC) Mike Hardester P.O. Box 8159, Camp LeJeune, NC 28542-8159  
R-70 + Radio West 18" ferrite loop.
- (MH-NC-T) Mike Hardester P.O. Box 8159, Camp LeJeune, NC 28542-8159  
1986 GMC Jimmy Radio w/fender antenna
- (KZ-NY) Karl Zuk 154 Old Post Road North, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520  
R-390/URR w/500' longwire ground system.
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- 540 WETC NC, ZEBULON 2/18 1920-1949 w/local spots, promo for "WETC Winter Cup", occasional spots(?)/promos for WRAL-TV 5 News, c/w format; ID as "5-40 Country, WETC." (MH-NC)
- 610 WIP PA, PHILADELPHIA 2/18 1854-1919 FAIR w/QSB & mix w/R&R station w/"WIP All Sports Radio" promo, and frequent mentions of "610, WIP." Phone-in sports program in progress. (MH-NC)
- 730 WFMC NC, GOLDSBORO 2/23 0637-0702 w/Community Calendar, IDs as "AM Stereo, WFMC" and promos as "WFMC - Your Variety Country." Local spots, Univ. NC bkb promos (stn carries), and ID as "The Call Letters of This Station: WFMC, 730 On The Radio, WFMC, Goldsboro/Smithfield." (MH-NC-T)
- 1010 KBIS AR, LITTLE ROCK 2/22 0644-0700 w/"American Sunrise" program, local nx at 0652 w/Bill Powers, national nx at 0655. ID as "This is...station for the 90s: KBIS, Little Rock." AR #2. (MH-NC-T)
- 1070 WIBC IN, INDIANAPOLIS 2/21 1935-2007 w/network discussion on Iraq/Moscow peace proposals - to 1945 when local talks resumed. Frequent mentions of "WIBC, Indianapolis", local nx at 2000. At end of wx report: "In Indianapolis, it's now 49 degrees; I'm Lee Denair - WIBC news." UNID w/CNN (constant) News feed noted under signal. (MH-NC)
- 1070 WINA VA, CHARLOTTESVILLE 2/21 1935-2007 (in fades of WIBC) w/"WINA Ski Report", oldies and clear ID as "You're Listening To The News and Sports Leader in Central Virginia. This is AM 1070, WINA, Charlottesville." CBS nx followed. (MH-NC)
- 1090 WBZZ NC, SELMA 2/20 1355-1407 w/a "near-perfect" TIS-like format. No spots noted; format (program?) consisted of promos for local attractions, and a VERY complete description of what could be found at EVERY highway exit (Exits #73 to 107)! Bluegrass (instr) mx noted throughout program. Possible ID at 1403 w/mention of "Travelers Information Radio, WBZZ." Frequent mentions of cities of Selma, Smithfield and Kinley. (MH-NC-T)
- 1200 WAGE VA, LEESBURG 2/20 2045-2106 F-P w/QSB w/local spots, mentions of "WAGE, Leesburg", Mutual News on hour and partial ID as "Your Sound Choice...1200...WAGE, Leesburg." Had UNID QRM w/bkb game. (MH-NC)
- 1320 WGLD NC, HIGH POINT 2/19 1953-2020 w/frequent "AM 13-20, WGLD" mentions; EZL oldies. ID as "AM 13-20, WGLD: The Station You Can Count On For Your Original Hits." No city of license noted. (MH-NC)
- 1410 WDOV DE, DOVER 2/19 2040-2125 in jumble w/mention of "14-10, WDOV", and "WDOV: Providing Central Delaware With The Best In Local News." Oldies format; not enough for a report; others in jumble, below (1410 UNID). (MH-NC)
- 1410 KQV PA, PITTSBURGH 2/19 2040-2125 w/Dugesne bkb; occasional mention of KQV, local Pittsburgh spots and mention of a "KQV Public Service Award To..." Fade...what else? Hi. (MH-NC)

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TENTATIVES, unID's, TIS & DX TESTS

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- 910 unID unID 2/21 2025-2150 w/bkb game and many mentions of the "Black Bears." The opposing team was identified as both the "Lions" and the "Cougars". The IRCA Almanac shows WABI in Bangor, Maine carrying "Black Bears" bkb. Would be nice! QRM from unID AM simulcasting FM w/frequent IDs as "XL102" (WRXL, 102.1 via WRWL?). (MH-NC)
- 1000 unID unID 2/22 0620-0645 w/promos of "Hi, This is Nat King Cole," and then into promo congratulating "this fine station on their recent increase in power", and another person congratulating the station for both power increase and "serving a greater area." Naturally, then into fade. Ideas? Fair signal when in. (MH-NC-T)
- 1010 unID unID 2/22 0655 during KBIS face w/local wx report, and "Currently It's 45 Degrees In Salem. This Is...With...News." Salem? Who? (MH-NC-T)
- 1200 unID unID 2/20 2045-2106 w/"St. Mary's" bkb noted during WAGE QSB. (MH-NC)
- 1410 unID JUMBLE...besides WDOV and KQV (2/19 2040-2125): noted: unID w/c/w format, "heavy" preaching/religion, bkb game between (seemingly) Utah and Providence. HOWEVER, "USA TODAY" (2/20) indicated that Utah had a bye on 2/19. Who? (MH-NC)
- 1620 WNSF 589 VA, VIRGINIA BEACH 2/24 0130 TIS w/20 second announcement "conducting equipment tests." Finally Idd after several long tries: In noise and weak. (KZ-NY)
- 1620 unID TIS unID TIS "This is traveler's advisory station WNSR 585 (?) [one syllable word, two syllable word] Beach, now conducting equipment tests. WNSR 585 (?) a traveler's advisory station Beach now conducting equipment tests." Repeats every 24 seconds - message lasts 20 seconds. Male voice w/Tubby Muddy audio. This must be somebody's local! HELP! Also, still hearing a TIS under Caribbean beacon on 1610 kHz. Since when is the FCC authorizing TIS stations on 1620 kHz? (KZ-NY)

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COMMENTS

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Thanks to this issue's reporters. I am glad Mike stayed state-side, we would have missed some terrific reports if he was in Iraq. Good to hear from Karl too (where DO get these unID problems? Hi-ed). I hate to be redundant, BUT, every IRCA member SHOULD purchase the new edition of the IRCA ALMANAC. It's very informative and quite professionally produced. Bill Hardy and everyone else involved with it's production did an outstanding job! Finally, last but certainly not least, a hearty "Well done!" to Ralph Sanserino for a great looking DX MONITOR at no increase in price! Not an easy job and I hope everyone appreciates the effort as I do. Until next time, CONTINUED GOOD DX MY FRIENDS and 73 de Mr. B

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# Western DX Forum

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## RANDY STEWART, 4225 W. LA CASA, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65802-5615

This is (if I got this in the mail in time, hi!) IRCA's 27th anniversary, so a re-intro is probably due here; I'm 34, married to a librarian (who tolerates my hobby but finds certain things about it bizarre, such as my frequent desire to get up at 0500 to listen to the radio, and that ugly 4-by-4-foot antenna that takes up so much space in my office. . .); I'm the classical music and jazz programmer at NPR station KSMU-FM at Southwest Missouri State University; classical (especially opera) is my specialty. I've only been an IRCA'er since the fall of 1989; before that I had been away from the medium-wave DX hobby since the mid-1970s (as a kid I belonged to NRC, 1971-73). Because of limited time at the dials I'm still awaiting station #500 in my logbook, but I'm inching upward a bit at each DX session. . . I have a sort of informal goal of logging two new stations (and/or call changes) in each DX session - not an unrealistic goal considering the crowded band today. I chase a lot of domestic DX (37 states logged so far), but after spending many years fooling around with SW (105 countries logged), I still find foreign DX to be the most interesting. My little Realistic TRF with its Radio West ceramic filter provides pretty decent selectivity, but I'm still a bit limited in the number of splits I can log. I hope someday soon to find a tube "boat anchor" (like a Hammarlund or a Collins) at a reasonable price and in good working order - I'm no engineer, hi. I do hold a Technician-class ham license, though, and the KSMU engineering staff and I hold forth on our 2-meter repeater most days. Despite the rather depressing condition of the AM band at present, I still find it a fascinating band to DX. . . and despite the proliferation of satellite programming on station after station, there's still plenty of interest to listen to on distant AM stations. And DX Monitor continues to be a useful and interesting magazine; special praise to Ralph, the column editors, article-writers and contributing members. So Happy Anniversary, IRCA, and many more! 73 from the Ozarks.

## TIM HALL, 350 G ST. #F-1, CHULA VISTA, CA 91910-4559 (619)426-3584

Greetings everyone and Happy Anniversary IRCA. Annual re-intro; I'm 29, single, and work as a programmer-analyst for GERS Retail Systems in San Diego, designing and programming database software for big-ticket furniture and appliance retailers. I've been a member of IRCA since late 1984 (wish I'd joined a lot sooner!) and an editor since 1987. Currently my totals stand at 1058 stations heard (I don't count call changes) from 38 states plus DC and 31 countries. The San Diego area is a good place to DX, despite the high number of NSP pests in California and Arizona. I have pretty good luck with the loop and usually very good luck with the Beverages out in Poway. Best catches of the past year include TIHB 730, XEIN 810, HJXX 770, YVOD 780 and most recently CEL 740. TP DX continues to be non-existent, however, with little more than hets and carriers poking through. The best DX frontier is certainly Mexico, with more than half of the past year's 80 or so new catches being XE stations. If you live within 1000 miles of the border and haven't been paying attention to the Spanish signals you run across, your totals are probably suffering for it. That's it for now. Hats off to the following folks: Ralph Sanserino for his moneysaving efforts on behalf of the club; Bill Hardy for the incredible amount of work that went into the Almanac; Robert Wien and John Wilkins for the constant supply of flash DX tips; Steve Mittman for the radio-related articles;

call from the station I'll always remember as a mainstay in West Coast broadcasting. Incidentally, CJOR stood for "Come Join Our Rally" when they were first assigned in the 1920's. CHOR scared me away because I didn't like the abbreviation of "Chore" that it could become, and the CIOR letter combination looked awkward, but became a cute story when I say I change CKRP to CIOR, that's CRAP to SORE, hi! BH, to answer your questions from the 16 February DXM, you're correct, since 'RP was only re-broadcasting the CKOK air feed Sunday, there was no real concern about "dead air" off the air status as we could carry the feed as long as we had to. The only problem was, by not having local programming the following morning, no local commercials aired. Luckily it was a light log and everything was made good the following morning. Since the control room and transmitter are miles apart, we had no worries about having a signal on the frequency, just as long as the phone feed wasn't accidentally cut. I did do phone cut-ins with the Penticton air staff to keep the locals aware of what was going on. I must be close to my limit, so I'll close with my usual thanks to all who keep this club alive. It's a pleasure to be a part of such a dedicated group, and until next time, 73 de WGE.

ROD O'CONNOR, P.O. BOX 3488, KODIAK, AK 99615

Since the Anniversary Issue is right around the corner, and I can't remember the last time I threw in my five-cents' worth, this is a good chance to forum. First off, a re-intro: I just retired from 20 years military service in the Coast Guard. I'm now working part-time at local Public Radio KMXT 100.1 FM here in Kodiak. Have been stationed here in Alaska for the past seven years, along with two years in Hawaii, six years along the Maine coast, four years in New York City, and assorted tours in New Orleans, Newport RI, and of course a year stationed far out in the Aleutians at Adak. Surprisingly, the Aleutian Islands and Western Alaska is what got me hooked on Alaska, and when I had a chance to get transferred from Hawaii to Alaska, I grabbed it. You either love it up here, or you hate it. I DX with a GE Super-Radio and a 4-foot loop with good results up here. Winter sunrise skip yields nearly every Alaskan AM, especially in the height of winter. Actually quite convenient, when sunrise occurs at 1000. Where else can one DX right after breakfast? I've had good results from this winter's DX/CPC tests with veries back from KMBI 1330, KCKN 1020, and KRXY 1600. Thanks to all for helping to put these tests on. The two Alaskans KOTZ 720 and KBYR 700 were not tried for, as they are regulars here anyway, although I do hope somebody down along the West Coast was lucky enough to catch them. Was going to try for KUAL 720 this past Monday morning, but too late for me, although they are semi-regular here, as are most Hawaiians. Farthest ever heard here was 2YA 567 Wellington, NZ, and WBZ 1030 Boston, both a few years back. Picked up a neat little AM/FM cassette player this past weekend while in Anchorage. It's an AIWA HST50 with digital readout. Seems fairly sensitive on AM, and is the first I have ever seen with an easily switchable 9/10 kHz step frequency on top of unit. Also glad to see it extends up to 1700 kHz. Now, if they would have one with AM stereo. That's all for now. Ric, I hope you're feeling better.

ALBERT S. LOBEL, P.O. BOX 26762, SAN DIEGO, CA 92196

Happy Anniversary, IRCA! As a re-intro, I'm 43, have been an IRCA member since 1970, and a DX'er since 1966. I make my living as an appliance repairman and an Amway distributor. I married Helene in 1969. Besides IRCA, I belong to NRC, WTFDA, and ASWLC. Currently I am IRCA Election Committee Chairman. My receivers are a Yaesu FRG-7, a Radio Shack DX-150A, a Matsui MR-4099 (similar to Radio Shack DX-440), and a G.E. Superadio. Again, Happy Anniversary, IRCA!

BILL NITTLER, BOX 824, MANCOS, CO 81328

Hope this makes it in time to wish everyone a Happy Anniversary for the club! DX season here has been somewhat sparse with no late night DX'ing and very little SRS. Recent veries have come from KIIM 1290, KQAM 1410, KPAS 1260, KHIS 800, KNCO 830, KSJX 1500 and KNZR 1560. Need only five to hit the magic 3200 mark. Thanks to Ralph for the great job he has done in keeping the publication flowing and the club financially sound. 13

and the editors and active contributors who make this club work, especially the supporters of the verie-signers column. The rest of you, TURN THOSE RADIOS ON!! (please). Get well soon Ric. 73, TRH.

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

Happy Anniversary! Yeah! We made it through another year!! A good time to re-cap things. I'm 45, been DX'ing since the late 50's, started keeping records and obtaining verifications in 1962. Total heard 1280, with 950 verified. That does include call changes. I work for KTVQ channel 2 here in Billings, almost 19 years now! Work consists mainly of switching station breaks and TD'ing two newscasts each night. I've been a member of IRCA since day 1, so appreciate all the efforts of everyone who makes IRCA the #1 DX club. I'm sure we'll be around for a long long time! Back to DX, verie #950 was from KLER 1300. Not that easy to log here. They are now running 5000 watts ND, 750 watts directional. Nice to find out I received them when they were still on with 750 watts! Verie said power change is 0945 currently. Bill, yes, let's start doing contests again!!! Maybe by this next DX season we can work out a nifty contest. They are fun! One comment on Unistar's no longer providing MOYL via satellite. One article I read said it was because of demographic shifts. . .that is, people who are now 10 years older are not going to listen to a nostalgia format just because they are older, their format stays the same! Good point. Let's see, when a teenager turns 50, Z-Rock will still be their format. Again, Happy Anniversary and hope to see many more! 73.

ART PETERSON, 851 31ST STREET, RICHMOND, CA 94804

I am pleased to announce that after 27 years of on and off effort, I have finally verified my 50th state - Delaware - and my 12th province - PEI! Unfortunately, it was not on BCB that I bagged the last ones. I verified 43 states on BCB but was forced to resort to the shortwave bands for the last 7. In Canada I managed 9 provinces on BCB, then verified YT with a longwave beacon, Newfoundland with a VOLMET station, and PEI, the final province, with amateur VY2CA. One thing that keeps the DX game interesting is just when you have resigned yourself to the impossibility of a goal, opportunities to reach that goal can unexpectedly open up, as in this case. By way of re-introduction, I am age 46, have been DX'ing since 1960, and work as a consulting forester. For receivers I use a Yaesu FRG-7 and a WWII surplus Bendix MN-26 attached to either a Radio West loop or the 300 feet of longwire strung around the periphery of my lot. I also belong to the Longwave Club. At various times I tune LW beacons, MW, SWBC, and utilities. Other interests include bicycle touring, photography, snow skiing, and computers. Many years back, veteran DXer Larry Godwin was heavily into DX and IRCA. We have kept in touch since then, and in his Christmas card he said that he had moved to Missoula, MT, was setting up his HQ-150, and had rejoined the club. Welcome back, Larry!! The IRCA Almanac #5 is a very professional-looking product, one the IRCA membership can be proud of; my hat is off to Bill Hardy for doing such a super job on it! Finally, I want to wish a big "get well soon" to Ric Heald. 73 and good DX to all.

W. GEORGE ELLIOTT, P.O. BOX 956, PRINCETON, BC VOX 1W0

Happy Anniversary, IRCA! It's re-intro time again. I'm 30, single and have been DX'ing since 1974. It was this wonderful hobby of communications and information that led me to a career in broadcasting in 1978, the year I graduated from secondary school. Over the years I've worked at six radio stations doing everything from part-time tape operator and all-night announcer to full-time sales and on-air positions. I am currently the Assistant Manager of a small 1000w GY station in the southern interior of British Columbia. This is the first radio position I've had where I actually followed a call letter change through. Normally, stations I've worked at changed calls sometime after I've left, so this was different. I even got to pick the call letters we would be using! The choice was narrowed down to CHOR, CIOR or CJOR. Penticton had already picked CKOR, so I went with the "I" for a couple of reasons. Being a DX'er, I couldn't bring myself to take the CJOR

The size of the bulletins may have dropped but the DX information has stayed at a high level. . .thanks Ralph! Just another in a long line of dedicated people we have had volunteering over the years to make this club what it is. Until you decide to take on some work for the club, you don't realize how many hours all of these people have put in for our benefit. This club was started on 1 February 1964 in Denver with six members present at an official kick-off banquet. The restaurant where it was held disappeared many, many years ago but we're still going strong! 73 from the 4 Corners.

(Editor's note: The above forums arrived through the official Saturday, 2 March deadline. This column had not been mailed yet on Monday, 4 March, so the next two which arrived that day made it in time-BH.)

GARY LARSON, 2806 LINCOLN, BURBANK, CA 91504 (818) 841-2555  
Picked up KCWR 550 on 1 March on car radio and noted an 800 number, 962-5590, given. May call and tell DJ of reception in Burbank daytime. Today is 2 March and I see I've missed the Anniversary Issue, so will re-intro - am in mid-30's, single, work in security at a Burbank office building on graveyard shift, and am into running as a sport. I've been in IRCA a long time and mostly contribute to WDXF and WDXR. I trade tapes with several people, mostly with Gary Parton. A nice day catch of "KCW Real Country" from Bakersfield. Hope IRCA has many more years to go. 73.

PATRICK MARTIN, P.O. BOX 843, SEASIDE, OR 97138-0843  
Here we are at another Anniversary. The yearly re-intro is in order: I'm 41, and have been an avid MW DX'er since about 1962. Started collecting QSL's in 1965. I have over 2,000 with a few FM, TV, SW, etc. thrown in. As editor of the DX Worldwide-West, I am also an avid foreign DX'er when the conditions are good, which seems to be rare these days. I have somewhere around 71 or 72 countries verified on MW. I started DX'ing in Alaska where I was able to hear and verify all 50 states in a couple of years. That was back when the frequencies were clear on Monday mornings and other mornings, too. Ahh, the good ol' days! Anyway, some of my better QSL's have been showing up in the DX Monitor pages, but I'll mention a few anyway. Most of these were heard back in the late 70's to early 80's. Stations like: 7SH 1584 St. Helens, Tasmania with 100 watts, Cook Islands 630 kHz 500 watts, AFRTS 1425 Thule, Greenland, and The Voice of Vietnam 1010 kHz. I'm also on the Board and I always welcome your comments. May the IRCA run for many years to come. I might also comment that the bulletin looks great thanks to Ralph. 73.

NANCY HARDY, 2301 PACIFIC AVE., ABERDEEN, WA 98520  
This has been an interesting year for IRCA. We all owe Ralph a big "Great job!" for the wonderful way he has been publishing DXM. The bulletins look good, and he is saving the club money in the process. I'm glad the IRCA Almanac has been a success. Much time, by many people, was put into putting it together. Nearly every time that I DX I use mine. On a personal note, I've been a ECB DX'er for 22 years, an IRCA member for 20 years! In the 18 years I've DX'ed from Aberdeen I've heard 1038 stations. On 7 October 1990 I reached #1000, but that wasn't nearly as exciting as on 8 February actually going ahead of my husband Bill in total stations. Currently I'm not working at my retail sales job, but am staying at home with Melanie (1½ years) and Billy (nearly 5). This IS work, believe me. Hobbies include camping, photography, and collecting anything with a penguin on it. In closing I would like to tell Ric we're thinking of him and wish that he will be back editing WDXF soon. Also, Happy Anniversary, IRCA!

BILL HARDY, 2301 PACIFIC AVE., ABERDEEN, WA 98520  
Actually, Nancy's forum was the first received, but she and I are traditionally consecutive this issue. Thanks to all who sent forums this week! I'm 44, work in retail sales, and am filling in for Ric Heald, who is recovering from work-related medical problems. Get well quick, Ric! Hats off to Ralph for the fine bulletins and Tim Hall for most of the finishing work on the new IRCA Almanac! Happy Anniversary! 15

EASTERN  
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Reports from members living east of the Mississippi River  
Deadlines: 3/23 3/30 4/13 5/4 6/1 7/6 8/10

Niel J. Wolfish, 2177 Avenue Road, #112, Toronto, Ontario M5M 4B7  
Happy Anniversary. I probably haven't appeared in EDXF since the last anniversary issue. Reintro: I'm 28, a lawyer and I've been a member of IRCA since 1977. I haven't DXed much this season. Congrats to Shawn Axelrod and Wayne McRae on logging Australia, Maine and Newfoundland on their recent DXpedition. CBY-990 was my one and only Newfoundland logging when I lived in Winnipeg. I was on a DXpedition with Dave McBride and Barry Wasylim at the time. Both Barry and Dave slept through it. They were sorry three weeks later when I produced a QSL card. 73.

Richard Eckman, 9 Still Harbor Court, Hampton, Virginia 23669  
It seems traditional to give a brief introduction for the anniversary issue. I'm 32, single and a research scientist with NASA studying aspects of the ozone layer. I've been in IRCA since 1973 (time certainly flies!) and have been interested primarily in foreign DX during that time. I did manage to spend quite a bit of time at the dials in December and January which, fortunately, coincided with some reasonably good conditions to Europe. It surprises me that so few people seem to be bothering to listen for foreign DX these days. My experience over the last few months sows that there are a lot of European stations coming through at a time just after solar maximum when conventional wisdom would say that TA reception should be quite poor. If you are receiving something, please report your loggings to DXWW! DX Monitor is looking really good these days. Ralph and all of the editors (as well as the increased number of contributors) should be congratulated. It's nice to see bulletin larger than three sheets as had often been the case over the past year. I recently "joined" a shortwave bulletin board available to many unix-based computer systems around the country. There have been a number of questions related to BCB DX and I've managed to get some plugs in for IRCA together with its current address. Maybe some new members will result from this. I also heard from Dave Singer, an IRCA member in the late 60s, who asked me how the club was doing. He's no longer really active in BCB DX however. I eagerly await news of the new Drake R8 communications receiver. I had bought my NRD-525 with the idea that it would last well into the next century but its performance, on MW at least, has been a bit disappointing. If the R8 is anything like its predecessor I might give it some serious consideration, funds permitting! 73.

Gary Siegel, 2728 - 106th Street, Toledo, Ohio 43611  
Happy Anniversary to the best radio club going! It looks like the club is in good hands these days and the bulletin is getting better all the time. Hope all IRCAs take advantage of their right to vote in the upcoming elections. Not every club provides their membership suce a voice in the affairs of the organization. Seems the amount of contributors has increased in the past year, that's good to see but there's still room for more. As for a re-intro, I've now reached the big 4-0 so that must mean life now begins, hopefully new DX will follow, hi! I'm still single and work as Chief Dispatcher for the Sylvania, OH police, been with the dept. for ~~over~~ 13 years now. Most recent DX has been the KSOK-1280 test heard on 2/3 at 0515 with code ID, caught another from that test also at 0540, and after conducting a search over days on 1090 finally bagged WSLG out of Gonzales, LA with s/off ann. & into trumpetity sounding SSB. This was at 1846  
16 on 2/7 and managed to be there just a minute after KAAY's pattern



change. I had been seeking this one out since late January when I heard the SSB's at what should have been Gonzales's s/off time. Persistence in this case paid off. Now I'm on the trail of one on 580 which in Feb. is s/off at 1800, any ideas on who starts their s/off ann. w/"Federal Regulations now require us to s/off"? Poss. are WLES-VA. WTSS-NC, WKSJ-NC. The 1st two are needed. Totals are now 3009 heard from 49 states, 10 provinces, 52 countries. Most stations per frequency are 1340-71, 1450-67, 1580-64, 1400-58, 1570-55, 1590 & 1240-54, 1550-53, 1560-50 and most stations per state/province are PA-162, TN-148, NC-140, OH-136, MI-125, VA-121, KY-118, GA-114, NY-110, IL-108, AL-103, ONT-101, WI-95. Guess that's about it for now. Hope someone from the WC opts to pick up the convention bid for IRCA, it is after all your year out there. How about it WC'ers? 73s.

Mike Hardester, P.O. Box 8159, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542  
GREETINGS AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE IRCA! In keeping with the Anniversary Issue tradition, a re-introduction is in order. At 41, I'm married, have a teenage daughter, two female dogs and a female cat...in short, I'm outnumbered, hi! As for DXing, I recall as a single digit aged child falling asleep listening to CW (Morse Code) on my parents "table" radio (more like a boat anchor!). Later on, I was listening to "distant" stations from my parent's car (at night) in Modesto, CA. Among those which I distinctly recall were KSL, KOMO and KEX, though I'm sure there were more. I began DXing seriously in 1968, using a Freed-Eisemann model 39-U, receiver type CH-100. In 1968, I joined IRCA and have been a member ever since the Blue Pages, Dolly Holiday and Curtis Springer's Mineral Water! Over the years, I've used many radios, and presently I'm using Radio West modified rxs: ICOM R-70, and SONY 2010. The main BCB antenna is a R. West 2-FET 18" Loop. My "travel agent" for the past 17½ years, U.S.Navy, has been nice enough to provide me with ideal DX locations throughout the United States and much of the Pacific and Asian regions. Because of numerous moves with the Navy, my logs, QSLs, files...you name it, are in storage, thus no way to give accurate station/state/province/country totals. Although I do send for QSLs, replies have become increasingly fewer in recent years, and with postage increases, I may cease sending reports. Again, Happy Anniversary IRCA and hopefully many more will be forthcoming! Very 73 and Best of DX de MSH.

Karl J. Zuk, 154 Old Post Road North, Croton-on-Hudson, New York 10520  
Happy Anniversary IRCA! I am soon to be the club's ex-President, and have enjoyed the experience. I am 37 years old and work at ABC TV Network as an engineer, and also do freelance work for Lucasfilm, Ltd. and Monitoring Times magazine. I write MT's domestic broadcasting column, "American Bandscan", forgive us, Dick Clark! I have a R-390A/URR receiver and a 500 foot longwire for BCB DX use. I also experiment with Medfer beacons on 530 and 1625 kHz. I am grateful that Phil Bytheway and John Johnson are both running for President. They are both fine members of our club. Since my restoration of my R-390, I have become very interested in BCB DX outside of our continent and have enjoyed digging hard for audio from split channel hets. Great fun and great DX. As I leave IRCA's presidency I would especially like to thank my working partner for most of my reign, Bruce Portzer, for his enormous efforts and friendship. My best to all! KZ

Bill Townshend, 4500 Connecticut Ave. NW, #901, Washington, DC 20008  
Greetings once again from the nation(s capital which now has a XYL mayor (Sharon Pratt Dixon). This is my 100th Forum (my first Forum was 3/4/88. I joined IRCA in the fall of 1976 after I returned from my last trip to the South Pacific (seeing a total solar eclipse 100 miles NE of Melbourne, Australia). I joined NRC in the spring of 1978, concomitant with my purchase of the 12-655 model Realistic TRF, which I still have at the office; it has seen a lot of wear and tear and doesn't work as well as it used to. On Super Bowl Sunday (1/27) I did a special bandscan which yielded 15 stations including both flagships carrying the game: WGR-550, WTAR-790, WFMD-930, WSBY-960, WLUP-1000, WBAL-1090, WWWE-1100, KMOX-1120, WNEW-1130, WHAM-1180, WAGE-1200, WUGL-1210, KQV-1410, WTOP-1500, and WCKY-1530. This winter has been very mild here with lowest only 17 deg. so far; several

days I have been outside in just T-shirt and shorts. Even though the mild Wx played havoc with ECB DX'ing, 11 newies landed in my log. I'll probably be pounding the pavement soon. Reintro will come in May. Good DX.

Rick Evans, Apt. 19, 5104 N. Lovers Lane, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53225

This column is being typed three days earlier than expected as I have to leave 2/28 to be in Michigan over the weekend. Whatever reports come in now for this issue will be in next week. For a quick re-intro: I'm 45, work as a production rate clerk for Advance Transportation Co., and moonlight as a first-year tax form preparer for H&R Block. I've been DXing since about 1958. I joined IRCA in 1965, 11 months after it started putting out a bulletin. In these 26 years, I've listened in 5 locations across 4 states. Listening Sunday night 2/24 produced 3 new stations (and 1 new state) for this location. I put down KSL-1160 Utah for new state. KDFT-540 TX was logged for the first time ever, and WKYX-570 was heard for the first time since at least March, 1978. Must run. 73.

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Articles of direct relevance

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- \* The MWT-1: A Medium-Wave Tuner / Pre-selector with Regeneration Capability - Mark Connelly - 18 DEC 1985 (the predecessor of MWT-2)

The Dynamic Duo - Ken Cornell - Monitoring Times - FEB 1989 (important regenerative tuner background material)

- \* Micro-MWDX-4A Loop-vs.-Wire Phaser - Mark Connelly - 15 MAR 1989 (Fig. 2 shows how to mount a transformer card similar to MWT-2 Option 4's card. Fig. 3 of that article shows how to mount the variable capacitor and vernier knob. The drawing after the hole list shows grounding hardware such as that used for MWT-2 G1, G2, G3, & G4.)

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