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1992 CONVENTION: Now is the time to get your bid forms from President Phil Bytheway 9705 Mary Ave NW Seattle WA 98117. Get it out of the way early so everyone will be happy and content. The President will take bids from East or West, so come on you bidders do your thing. Deadline Jan 1st

IRCA CPC TEST BULLETIN

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1991 - WDOV - 1410 - 0200-0415 EST. DX test special ID's just after the top of each hour. There will be tones, voice ID's and Morse code. Reports to Bob Reinhardt KC30Q CE PO Box B Dover DE 19903.

TESTS ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA.

MEMBERSHIP LIST: IRCA is going to make the members names and addresses available to the officers, editors and members of IRCA. Please notify me if you **DO NOT** want your address listed. Please let me know. Ralph the Pub

LOOPS: If your thinking about building a ferrite bar or box loop please get touch with me, I have all the parts and information for these loops. I am again marketing box loops, a 15" and a 24" box loop. Both have ball drive tuning and a 2 FET preamp. Let me know if you wish information. Pub



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BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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DEADLINES: 2nd & 4th Saturdays.

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Much of this information was compiled from M Street Journal, DXM, and various other sources.

NEW STATION APPLICATIONS:

(NONE)

NEW STATION GRANTS:

(NONE)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

VA. Moneta WBLU-880 on the air

FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS

IN. Valparaiso WAKE-1500 move to 970 khz., 400/700
TN. Ripley WTRB-1570 28000/534

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS

(NONE)

CALL LETTER CHANGES

CA. San Luis Obispo KATY-1340 requests KGLW
CO. Gunnison KGUC-1490 requests KPKE
IA. Independence KOUR-1220 requests KOMG
MD. Baltimore WYST-1010 becomes WERQ "Q-92" (//FM)
MA. East Longmeadow WIXY-1600 becomes WAQY
NY. Rome WFRG-1450 becomes WOFA
OH. Wellston WKOV-1330 becomes WYPC
WA. Seattle KRPM-770 becomes KULL "Cool"
WI. Kimberly WYNE-1150 requests WHBY

FORMAT CHANGES

AL. Enterprise WLHQ-600 was classic rock //FM, now silent,
and has returned license to FCC
AR. Camden KJWH-1450 was urban, now silent
CA. Auburn KAHI-950 was SMN AC, now SMN C&W
Riverbank KPLA-770 was religion, now nx/talk
CT. Middletown WCNX-1150 was nx/talk adds BRN nx
Norwich WICH-1310 was AC, adds NE Sat. Entertainment
AC nights
FL. Naples WNOG-1270 was nx/tal, adds Sun talk
New Smyrna Beach WSBF-1230 was AS, adds Unis. stds.
Venice WAMR-1320 was stds/talk, drops stds.
GA. Adel WBIT-1470 was C&W, now southern gospel
Brunswick WPIQ-790 was oldies, now silent
Gainseville WLEA-1130 was country, now silent
ID. Boise KSPD-790 was contemp. Xtian, now Xtian
talk

FORMAT CHANGES (CONT.)

	Nampa	KFXD-580	was nx/farm/talk, adds SUN talk
IL.	Carbondale	WCIL-1020	was oldies, now SMN AS
	Edwardsville	WRYT-1080	was AS, now BRN bus. nx
IN.	Terre Haute	WJSH-1300	was WYTL, silent, now AS
IA.	Dubuque	WDBQ-1490	was oldies, now Unis. stds.
LA.	Bastrop	KMYQ-1340	was gospel, rptd. silent
	Monroe	KLIC-1230	was gospel, rptd. silent
ME.	Fort Kent	WLVC-1340	was AC//WSJR, adds SMN AC//WSJR
	Madawaska	WSJR-1230	was AC, adds SMN AC
MA.	Beverly	WNSH-1570	was oldies, now silent
MS.	Ridgeland	WLRM-780	was motivational, now Unis. CNN headline nx
MO.	St. Louis	KGLD-1380	was oldies, to be all-sports 1/1
NM.	Socorro	KSRC-1290	was C&W, now silent
NY.	Liberty	WVOS-1240	was AC//FM, adds NES AC nights (see WICH-1310 CT. entry for explanation of NES)
	Rochester	WRMM-990	was soft AC//FM, adds NES AC nights
	Rome	WFRG-1450	was C&W//FM, now WZLB, stds//WTLB
	Trumansburg	WPIE-1160	was AC, adds NES AC nights
	Utica	WTLB-1310	was oldies, now Unis. stds.
NC.	Cherryville	WCSL-1590	was AC oldies //WGNC, adds SUN talk
	Gastonia	WGNC-1450	was AC oldies, adds SUN talk
	Icard Township	WUIV-1580	was rel., now AC //WNNC
	Mebane	WGSB-1060	was silent, now religion
OH.	Dayton	WING-1410	was oldies, now Unis. CNN head. nx
	Lancaster	WLOH-1320	was AC, now Unis. CNN head. nx
	Marysville	WUCO-1270	was C&W, now oldies
OR.	Coos Bay	KYNG-1420	was AS, now religion
	Lebanon	KSHO-920	was KGAL, oldies //FM, now SMN AS
PA.	Annville	WAHT-1510	was silent, now EZL
	Doylestown	WBUX-1570	was full service, adds NES AC nights
	Farrell	WRQQ-1470	was oldies, now silent
	Pittsburg	KDKA-1020	was full service, adds EFM talk
	Reading	WAGO-1240	was oldies, adds Unis. oldies
	Scranton	WGBI-910	was AC //FM, adds NES AC nights
	York	WQXA-1250	was WXVU, C&W, now CHR /FM
SC.	Anderson	WANS-1280	was AS, now AC //FM
	Greenville	WESC-660	was C&W //FM, now classic country
	Hemingway	WKYB-1000	was country, rptd. silent
TN.	Loudon	WL0D-1140	was C&W //FM, now classic country
TX.	Amarillo	KLCJ-1360	was KFNS, nx/talk, now religion
	El Paso	KVIV-1340	was silent, now SS
	Terrell Hills	KISS-930	was oldies, now oldies //KSMG
VA.	Lynchburg	WWOD-1390	was all nx, now silent
WA.	Lacey	KTOL-1280	was silent, now C&W //KJUN (owners hope to add KENU-1330 and KLSY-1540 to simulcast soon)
	Seattle	KULL-770	was KRPM, C&W//FM, now Unis. oldies
WI.	Stevens Point	WSPO-1010	was nx/talk, adds SUN talk

Ye editor passes on the following info:

CA Palm Springs KP5L-1010 had been rptd. silent, on air w/
classical format

Randy Stewart in Springfield, MO. passes on the following info:

AR. Sheridan KGHT-880 announcing 50 kw., so 50 kw. CP
is now in effect as of 10/10

MO. Springfield KICK-1340 was silent, now KIDS, all-child-
dren's programming, came on air in
October, hrs. of optn 0800-1400 (ELT)

TX. Tomball KSEV-700 still using these calls as of 11/18
sched. to change calls to KTBT

Thanks, Randy (I can't thank myself, hi). Till next column, don't
eat too much over Thanksgiving! 73's.



WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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DEADLINE FOR WDXR TIPS IS MONDAY. PLEASE USE EASTERN TIME.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 770 KULL WA, Seattle 11/18 2025 noted with new satellite oldies format, lots of "K-double-0-L" IDs, legal ID noted several times since "...your dial is set at 7-70 KULL Seattle-Tacoma, Seattle's K-double-0-L, Kool Oldies." Also running anncts telling listeners to tune to KRPM-FM-106 if they want to hear C&W. - Ex-KRPM/C&W. (bp-WA)
- *****
- 630 (KCIS) WA, Edmonds 11/18 2030 noted off, apparently had been off since windstorm the night of 11/16-17. Remained off until sometime between 0947 & 1025 11/19. KIDO dominant with KCIS off. KGNW-820, KARR-1460, KKMO-1360 and KZOK-1590 also noted off during storm 11/17 0230, but unusually severe electrical noise made even KGO-810 unlistenable. (bp-WA)
- 680 KOMW WA, Omak 11/17 1620 strong, ended recorded Spanish program, then English ID and "Don't touch that smile!" (LG-MT)
- 690 ?KBLI? ID, Blackfoot maybe the Idaho station with CNN Radio Headline News ment., // on 690 & 1260, with 1260 being in Idaho Falls. No ID on this Idaho station, though. (LG-MT) (This is KECN, ex-KBLI, relaying KICN-1260 Idaho Falls with CNN news format. Changed about a year ago.--NH)
- KRCO OR, Prineville 11/18 0851 on top on this loop bearing with C&W and ID. (LG-MT)
- 730 KSVN UT, Ogden 11/16 0800 strong with Spanish program, then English ID "KSVN, Ogden-Salt Lake City." (LG-MT)
- 750 KOAL UT, Price 11/17 2105 strong with ID "Hometown Radio, AM-750 KOAL Price." (LG-MT)
- 840 CKBX BC, 100 Mile House 11/17 0707 through KVEG with ID as "Cariboo Radio," then weather. ID'd with help of slogan list in IRCA Almanac. Pretty strong for listed 1kw. (LG)
- 850 KMDY CA, Thousand Oaks per follow-up call to KMDY, won't change calls to KCTQ for "about another 3 weeks," so look for this in early December. Wouldn't say what new format will be. (RW-CA)
- 870 KOWA NV, Laughlin 11/16 0933 "The Cow" in the clear with ID. (LG-MT)
- 920 KVEC CA, San Luis Obispo 11/12 0910 finally logged this long-time-unID, fading in & out of KORK with spot for business on Hwy. 101, news item on model railroads, ID at 0920. (MS)

- 1030 KMAS WA, Shelton 11/18 0449 xlint in KJDJ null with ID "Your 24 hour music station, AM 1030, KMAS." Thought this was KDUN-Oregon, but KDUN apparently still silent (knocked off air by fire in main studios). (RW-CA)
- 1140 KZMQ WY, Greybull-Basin 11/22 1803 local ads, country music, finally gave call letters 1822½. Fair to very good, KRAC nulled and no sign of KGEW. Only heard once before, as KMMZ. (NH-WA)
- 1230 KWG CA, Stockton 11/22 1916 KWG Birthday Contest promo and local ads. Excellent over everyone. (NH-WA)
- 1240 KJAA AZ, Globe 11/6 0500 good signal at top of the hour ID. (MS)
- 1260 KICN ID, Idaho Falls ex-KTEE (listed as silent in NRC Log) seems to be the call here. I didn't hear the station, but heard ID on simulcast on 690. Referred to "The new KICN." (LG)
- 1270 ?KJUG? CA, Tulare 11/19 2037 C&W music, local ads for Visalia and Porterville. No ID, but nothing else fits. (bp-WA)
- 1280 KJAX CA, Stockton 11/22 1907 ID at end of Rush Limbaugh promo, into Talknet. Loud & clear over all. Ex-KJOY for me. (NH)
- 1320 KHNN OR, Springfield-Eugene 11/5 2040-2100 o/u CHQM with Z Rock, local & national ads, 2059 legal ID "If it's too loud you're too old, Z Rock 1320, KHNN Springfield-Eugene" (I have them listed as changing calls to KZAM). KXRO, like KIT-1280, has been conspicuously absent lately. (bp-WA) (Wish KXRO was "conspicuously absent" here for while!--NH)
- 1340 KORV CA, Oroville 11/21 1107 briefly atop with ad for place in Chico, then call ID. (bp-WA)
- KIST CA, Santa Barbara 11/10 1133-1157 surprised to hear this former regular at a decent level, playing dual versions of oldie "Spanish Harlem" by Ben E. King & by Aretha Franklin. No KVOY QRM. (MS-CA)
- KLOO OR, Corvallis 11/20 1100 very dominant with Oregon news read by woman, legal ID, into network news. (bp-WA)
- 1560 (KNZR) CA, Bakersfield 11/18 0418 totally off till 0704, probably prearrangement for KSAJ test so people on WC could hear test (I wasn't one of them, hi). (RW-CA)

DX TESTS

- 1560 (KSAJ) KS, Abilene 11/18 0600-0615 DX test tried for, not heard. (MS-CA)
- +11/18 0600-0615 tried for them but not heard, too much interference from KNZR. (CM-CA)
- +DX test tried, not heard. Someone on frequency very weak, but mucho KKHI-1550 splash. Sounded like there might be a tone in there, but not sure. Frequency became lively after 0630 (XEJPV came in good, then KKAA!). (RW-CA)
- (KWCO) OK, Chickasha 11/18 tried, but nothing heard from them. Instead, KNZR strong & local-like with end of Bible program 0128-0130, then CNN Headline News promo. (RJO-AK)
- +11/18 0101-0131 DX test tried for--not heard. (MS-CA)
- +11/18 0101-0131 tried for them but nothing, a lot of interference from KNZR. (CM-CA)
- (KKID) OK, Sallisaw 11/11 0100-0500 DX test tried for but not heard. (MS-CA)
- +11/11 0100-0500 tried for them but not heard--too much interference from KNZR. (CM-CA)
- 1590 (KWEY) OK, Weatherford 11/11 0130-0200 DX test tried for--not heard. (MS-CA)
- +11/11 0130-0200 tried for them, but not heard. (CM-CA)

HELP WITH UNIDS

- 850 SMM-CA's unID 850 in 11/9 WDXR possibly KHLO-HI, still C&W as far as I know. (RW-CA)

UNIDS

- 630 11/19 0905 woman with news "for oldies 63," o/u KIDO with KCIS off. (bp-WA)
- 850 Maybe SMM's unID, with C&W in & out with KOA 11/16 around 0850-0900. Faded by 0910 and did not return, seeming to rule out

- KHLO (listed as C&W). (LG-MT) (How about Alberta, are they country??--NH)
- 880 11/4 0315 unID TT, possibly the same ET'ing heard recently by RW and TRH. Am speculating on CP for Montecito, CA or Desert Hot Springs? (MS-CA)
- 1270 11/19 2030 unID American Radio net talk dominant, no legal ID at bottom of hour. (bp-WA)
- 1270 11/22 1900 clear "AM 8-40, KVEG North Las Vegas" into "Sports & Entertainment Network." Odd to hear ID for 840 station on 1270! (NH-WA)

It's great to see so many DX tests to try to hear. A thank you to all involved!



Central DX Roundup

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FOR THE RECORD

Report all times as Eastern.

Deadlines: Every Saturday

RIDING GAIN

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Realistic TRF 12-656, 4' spiral loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 530 CIAO ON Bramton, TENTATIVE. 11/13 fair, bad XEWA-540 splatter & het from beacon OJ on 527. 2153 with pop music, talk in strange language (might have been Chinese.) If there was a 2200 ID I couldn't pick it out. [RS-MO]
- 620 CKCK SK Regina, 11/13 completely dominating 620, no sign of WTMJ. 2109 w/Regina Pats Hockey from Aeridome. Many "All New CK-62" slogans. [PAL-MN]
- 700 KSEV TX Tomball (Houston), 11/18 good. 1807 with ID "Houston's number one source for sports talk, TalkRadio 700 KSEV." Sportspage call-in show. Noted not using KTBT calls apparently. New for me. [RS-MO]
- 920 WMPL MI Hancock, 11/15 good. 1834 w/football playoff Ontanagon vs Traverse City. [PAL-MN]
- 960 WTCH WI Shawano, 11/13 fair. 2115 w/spot for dairy farmers in the Badger state. [PAL-MN]
- 980 WCUB WI Two Rivers, 11/13 good. Has become dominant on 980 here. 2200 "WCUB Two Rivers, Manitowoc, Sheboygan" ID. [PAL-MN]
- 1050 CKSB MB St. Boniface, 11/13 excellent. 2008 w/man and woman with talk in FF. [PAL-MN]
- 1220 CJRL ON Kenora, 11/13 good. 2003 w/Western ON road conditions, spot for a Kenora firm, CJRL News report into rock music. [PAL-MN]
- 1230 KPFW AR Fort Smith, 11/18 fair, briefly ontop. 2300 with ID into Satellite News Network newscast. New for me, not audible here in the daytime. [RS-MO]
- 1270 WKBF IL Rock Island, 11/18 poor, local KTTS-1260 nulled, as result WKBF also being nulled. 2030 w/C&W. Mention of "Real Country 12-70 WKBF." [RS-MO]
- WMKT MI Charlevoix, 11/13 good. 2035 with BRN news, numerous mentions of business radio. [PAL-MN]
- WNLS FL Tallahassee, 11/17 fair, surfaced briefly in mess, local KTTS-1260 nulled, but still some slop. 2208 with mentions of "TalkRadio 12-70 WNLS" and "the Capital City." New one for me. [RS-MO]
- 1280 WMCP TN Columbia, 11/17 excellent. 2159 with American Country Countdown local cutaway, ID "..with studios located atop the First Framers and Merchants National Bank Building. WMCP Columbia." New for me. [RS-MO]

CDXR Continued....

- 1300 KWCK AR Searcy, 11/17 very good. 1810 with weather for Searcy, slogan "Your kind of country, Quick Country 99.5 FM" into country music. [RS-MO]
- 1320 KOZY MN Grand Rapids, 11/14 fair. 1900 w/ABC News, 1905 w/local news and weather. [PAL-MN]
- 1360 KWWJ TX Baytown, 11/16 fair o/WMOB. 0015 w/weather conditions for Baytown. "Gospel 13-60" slogan, gospel music. 0100 ID "The station where the praise never stops, KWWJ Baytown, Houston. Gospel 13-60." New for me. [RS-MO]
- 1430 WYMC KY Mayfield, 11/17 fair. 1835 w/song by Neil Diamond, spot for Junior Foot Market at 6th & College in Mayfield. ID "For the best in music, keep your radio and your ear tuned to the Y, WYMC 1430 Mayfield." New for me. [RS-MO]
- 1450 WELY MN Ely, 11/17 good. 0812 w/promo for MN Timberwolves, local spots into lost and found program. Announcer said since nothing was lost or found they could go to music. [PAL-MN] {JCJ}Don't you just love local radio! John}
- 1470 MN KBCW Brooklyn Park, 11/13 good. 1941 with talk about MN high school football playoffs followed by a game between Elk River and Lakeville. [PAL-MN]
- 1570 KYCR MN Golden Valley, 11/14 poor. 1819 w/mention of Northwestern Bible College. [PAL-MN]

UNIDS

- 1300 unID 11/18 very good. 2035 w/Dallas Cowboys pre-game call-in show via satellite. Spot for Road Runner Car Wash in Shreveport. Might very well be KFLO. 2100 faded, no ID. [RS-MO]
- 1340 unID 11/17 fair in mess. 1820 slogan "Love 13-40 AM," sounded like religious programming. Gave weather, but couldn't pick out city or region. Looped east-west. [RS-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

December 10, 1966 issue of DX Monitor...Bruce Portzer of Seattle added Texas #2 to his log...Raleigh Biss of Palm Springs reported DX was spotty this year...Long articles on Radio Caroline and New Zealand's Radio Hauraki made for interesting reading.



OPEN MIKE



The discipline of desire is the background of character. Welcome to CDXR Paul, report as often as you can!

73, John.



Eastern DX Roundup

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- (LLB-WV) Leonard L. Hyde Rt. 1 Box 28, Ballard, WV 24918 Philco-Ford car radio modified; DX-440 +2' box loop (homebrew)
- (MH-PA) Mike Hardester P.O. Box 8159 Camp LeJeune, NC 28542-8159; DX'ing in Mansfield, PA w/GMC truck radio.
- (DLR-KY) David Reitz 9332 Fairground Rd., Fern Creek, KY - 40291; R-1000 + Radio West Loop; GE Superadio.
- (RCR-PA) Robert Ritchie 210 S. Walnut St., Martinsburg, PA - 16662; Superadio II + 400' longwire.

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- 530 CIAO ON, BRAMPTON 11/5 0920-1000 w/program in Italian. IDs as "CHOW Radio", also an English ID at 0950 by/f ann as "You're listening to CHOW radio, 7-90...???.also with a test broadcast on 5-30...???. Short time notes ("pips") on the hour but couldn't tell # (4 or 5?). Noted other days and always with Italian programs. Fair signal; couldn't tell if had a // 790 kHz frequency. Is the transmitter in Brampton or elsewhere? [the name of the station is CIAO Radio 790 AM Ltd. and they were operating on 790 kHz and had a CP to move to 530 kHz. They obviously moved but retained the official name they "were" using on 790. The NRC Radio Log has the station on both frequencies...station name gleaned from listing of Canadian stations ... compliments of Shawn Axelrod. I can only presume the transmitter is in Brampton - ed]. (MH-PA)
- 540 WGTO FL, CYPRESS GARDENS 11/12 2358 FAIR w/promo for Dick Bartley's Cruisin' America Show; ID as "Cruisin' Oldies 54 WGTO" into rock oldies. (RCR-PA)
- 560 WQAM FL, MIAMI 11/12 2355 FAIR w/horse racing results; ID as "WQAM" into sports talk show. (RCR-PA)
- 590 WWLX TN, LAWRENCEBURG 11/10 1735 local spots; ID as "Am 59 W-W-L-X playing the south's hottest country hits" into c/w; good o/WVLK. (DLR-KY)
- 850 CKVL PQ, VERDUN 11/11 0255 tx in FF w/m/ann, into nx at 0300. Clear ID at 0304; no sign of WRMR, KOA or WYDE; clear atop channel. (LLH-WV)
- 920 WBBB NC, BURLINGTON-GRAHAM 10/22 1959 w/local spot for Boone Furniture; ID as "This is News-Talk 920 WBBB, Burlington-Graham, in our 50th year of service." Into Mutual nx, local spots, nx talk and 920 wx. (DLR-KY)
- 1040 WMTX FL, PINELLAS PARK 10/25 2115 w/AC mx; "Mix 96" IDs; local spots; promo for Mix 96 Monster Mash party. Good o/WHO. (DLR-KY)
- 1120 WTWZ MS, CLINTON 10/25 1915 w/Gospel mx; ID as "Turn on the Power - your radio station, AM 1120 WTWZ", local spots for Christian Heritage Review and Lucas Tire...into Gospel mx; good o/KMOX. (DLR-KY)
- 1150 WCRK TN, MORRISTOWN 10/31 0535 popped out of jungle with ID and wx for Morristown. (LLH-WV)
- 1160 WYNS PA, LEHIGHTON 10/31 0540 heard signing on in jumble...new. (LLH-WV)
- 1190 WHMT TN, HUMBOLDT 11/11 0035 w/oldies; ID as "W-H-M-T Pure Gold 1190" into more mx on PSSA??? Good o/WOWO. (DLR-KY)
- 1190 WBSL MS, BAY ST. LOUIS 10/28 2035 on top with c/w mx, wx for Waverly and Bay St. Louis. F/ann said "It's 78 in Gulfport, 77 in Slidell and 78 on the porch at - WBSL." Big boots tonight squashing usual pest WOWO...new. (LLH-WV)
- 1230 WSBB FL, NEW SMYRNA BEACH 11/14 1950 FAIR w/EZL mx; ID as "AM 1230 WSBB" into more mx. (RCR-PA)
- 1270 KESS TX, FORT WORTH 11/12 2130 w/local spots in EE/SS; ID as "K-E-S-S"; talk w/Rudy Garcia of the Dallas Health Board about AIDS. (DLR-KY)

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1280 **WSAT** NC, SALISBURY 11/10 1830 FAIR w/local ads, wx, ID as "Carolina Classic WSAT"; c/w mx. (RCR-PA)

1290 **WCHY** GA, SAVANNAH 11/12 2140 w/local spots; SID as "W-C-H-Y Savannah" into c/w. (DLR-KY)

1300 **KFLO** LA, SHREVEPORT 10/24 2130 w/H.S. Football (Southport Cowboys vs. Captain Creek Gators); local spots, ID as "AM 1300 K-FLO." (DLR-KY)

1310 **WYND** FL, DELAND 11/4 2030 w/Bible study program; ID as "Let everyone know you heard the Brother Ross Bible Hour on WYND"; local spots...into more Bible study. (DLR-KY)

1320 **WQIK** FL, JACKSONVILLE 11/4 2025 with c/w mx; ID as "WQIK continuous country FM 99"; Florida Lotto #s, local spots; Good signal. (DLR-KY)

1330 **WFBC** SC, GREENVILLE 11/4 1953-1959 w/talk about cars (a call-in auto talk show). At end of show at 1858 ad gave # 1-800-727-IDEA; picture frames and Wrigley's gum ads; ID at 1859; fading signal. (LH-AL)

1380 **WRBQ** FL, ST. PETERSBURG 11/4 2001-2016 rock mx, mentions of "Tampa's hits station" and "Q-105"; kids call in and describe songs...say hi to pals. Heavy QRM. (LH-AL)

1400 **WPCE** VA, PORTSMOUTH 11/10 1900 POOR w/Gospel mx, wx, ID as "AM 14 WPCE" into more mx. (RCR-PA)

1420 **KXOW** AR, HOT SPRINGS 11/4 1930 w/ID, local spots, wx report...then...lost. (DLR-KY)

1420 **WIGG** MS, WIGGINS 11/14 0005 w/Satellite Network News; Network ID as "All American Country AM 1420 W-I-G-G Wiggins" into c/w. (DLR-KY)

1450 **WHKP** NC, HENDERSONVILLE 10/31 0520 P-F w/"Java Jive" by the Ink Spots. It's amazing how many stations are suddenly carrying this format - some of these records haven't been played on radio in years! A welcome change from c/w and rock oldies..new. (LLH-WV)

1460 **KIRL** MO, SAINT CHARLES 11/11 0048 promo for KIRL Christmas shopping tour of central Missouri; address given for tickets [KIRL 3713 HWY 94N, St. Charles, MO 63301]. (DLR-KY)

1490 **WGCH** CT, GREENWICH 11/8 0030 BRIEFLY FAIR w/promo for nx; ID as "You're in touch with so much on 1490 WGCH." (RCR-PA)

1500 **KANI** TX, WHARTON 11/4 1900 STRONG w/ID as "KANI Wharton/Houston, playing Gospel Music on Great Gospel 1500" into Urban Alternative (Gospel) program. (DLR-KY)

1520 **WLGC** KY, GREENUP 10/25 2005 w/H.S. football (Greenup County Musketeers vs. Ashland Tomcats); local spots; fair signal. (DLR-KY)

1520 **WVOI** OH, TOLEDO 11/10 0155 in/out w/UC mx o/poor WWKB - "The Quiet Storm." (LLH-WV)

1550 **WTYR** TN, SODDY-DAISY 11/12 1808 w/local spots; ID as "All of your classic favorites on the TIGER W-T-Y-R - Soddy/Daisy/Chatanooga"; into rock oldies. (DLR-KY)

- 1560 WAGC AL, CENTRE 11/12 1755 c/w mx; ID as "W-A-G-C Cherokee's country leader"; local school lunch menus for the week were given. (DLR-KY)
- 1570 WPTW OH, PIQUA 11/10 0114 popped up w/wx; ID as "Playing the music you grew up with - AM Stereo 1570 - WPTW"...into "Tom Dooley" by the Kingston Trio. (LLH-WV)
- 1580 WPGC MD, MORNINGSIDE 11/10 0029 FAIR w/Talknet; ID as "Business radio AM 1580 from the nation's capital - WPGC." Per announcer // WMET in Gaithersburg, MD evenings. (LLH-WV)
- 1590 WAKR OH, AKRON 11/10 0058 in/out w/Jim Bohannon. Of course call means "AKron" but idea of insomniacs up listening to Bohannon all night brought "WAKer" to mind. Hi. (LLH-WV)

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TENTATIVES & unID's

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- 1390 unID 11/4 2010 WG?? 1st two letters of call shouted at 2010; Motel 6 ad; heavy QRM; could this be WGCI in Chicago? (LE-AL)
- 1460 unID 11/4 2021-2025 w/soul mx, mentions of "Jam Central" w/Terry Martin DJ. Gave phone # 499-1460, Flinstones vitamins ad at 2022. "Terry Martin on the Hot One, WXR (?) J (?)" at 2025. Could this be WXOK in Baton Rouge, LA. [the M Street Radio Directory lists this station playing R & B mx-ed]. (LE-AL)
- 1580 unID 11/10 0045 POOR in/out w/African-American program. Ads mentioned Columbus or Columbia - possibly Columbus, OH or Columbia, PA. My bet is the college town...Columbus. Any help? (LLH-WV)
- 1600 WAAM MI, ANN ARBOR 11/10 0100 POOR in jumble (t) w/ID, NBC nx. After nx heard "Between the Lines" sports talk show - don't know if this is WAAM or another. Lost station in jumble after the nx. (LLH-WV)

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DX TESTS, FREQUENCY CHECKS, TIS

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- 530 TIS MD, WASHINGTON COUNTY no callsign announced 10/30 & 11/7 daytime reception. Noted while travelling on I-81. M/ann mentioned the Washington County Visitor Center, area attractions, and Potomac River reports and cautioned that broadcasts were different for particular areas (multiple xmtrs?). This station heard in 1990 w/similar format. On the 11/7 trip, station noted while still in PA, through both MD and WV (30 or so miles), and into VA. Even if a series of TIS xmtrs, definitely an effective system. (ME-PA)
- 530 WNMM NY, CHEMUNG COUNTY located on I-17 in the 725 Elmira/Corning area. The series of TIS xmtrs in this area are off the air. A friend, and the engineer who put the station on the air and maintained them, advises

that the two (2) year experimental period which authorized the stations, expired and the stations were taken off the air. Another (unidentified) group is thinking of possible applying for a license to resume broadcasts. (MH-PA)

- 530 WQC
725 VA, KINGS DOMINION along I-95; daytime check. Station NOT noted during 10/30 and 11/7 drive through area. The park's billboard indicated the park was closed for the season, so possible the station will resume operations when the park reopens. (MH-PA)
- 530 TIS VA, RICHMOND no callsign announced. Daytime reception on 10/30 & 11/7. F/ann noted on 10/30 w/30-45 second loop announcing test broadcast w/mention of "Welcome to Metro Richmond", and "This is the Tourist Information Station." On 11/7, m/ann noted w/similar greeting but 2-3 minute loop w/mention of the "Metropolitan Richmond Visitor Center" (and address), attractions in both the Richmond area and Virginia and Veterans' Day activities. This station noted while checking for previously reported TIS in toll booth areas along the I-95 route in the Richmond area. (MH-PA)
- 1610 KIE
736 VA, SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK daytime reception on 10/30 and 11/7. Noted while traveling along I-66. F/ann (weakly) noted w/mentions of park attractions, extreme fire hazard, and giving a 1-800 # to call for reservations (apparently for camp sites in the park). (MH-PA)

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OTHERNESS

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- 720 WFNR VA, CHRISTIANSBURG 11/7 1000 noted back on again...silent for over 1 month after lightning strike to tower. (LLH-WV)
- 920 WMMN WV, FAIRMONT 11/10 1200 confirmed station SILENT as reported in the MONITOR, #9. Channel now occupied by WBBB, Burlington-Graham, NC. (LLH-WV)
- 1560 KKID OK, SALLISAW 11/11 0100 DX TEST w/Morse Code IDs; IDs as "Greeting listeners from the Plains, this is KKID 1560, Sallisaw, OK on the air for a test for DXer's using 250 watts Am 1560 Sallisaw, Oklahoma." Thanks J.D. (DLR-KY)
- 1590 KWEY OK, WEATHERFORD 11/11 0130 tried for the DX TEST; heard a few code IDs but that was all. Thanks again J.D.! (DLR-KY)

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COMMENTS

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Thanks to all of this issue's contributors for making the column impressive this time around. I hope everyone had a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving Day...now down to the Christmas grind! Until next issue, CONTINUED GOOD DX MY FRIENDS and 73 de Mr. B



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Recent veries from KRDX-650, KORV-1340, and KSFE-1340. KSFE didn't verify my 1988 report, but replied quickly this year. KRDX's verie took 100 days. Sent a very confusing bumper sticker; KRCX and the Super 650 Radio en Espanol (650 is KRDX). Chief Engineer of KRDX signed the letter, mentioned it was his voice I had heard on the English ID. Recent Radio World [Nov 6, 1991] included an article on how KTNQ Los Angeles converted its 5 tower antenna farm into an industrial park. They sold their prime commercial property for development, but kept their towers and transmitter intact. Not to fear, RF in the buildings is equal to the energy being radiated over the air one mile away. SC members: they are located at East Julian and Sixth Avenue. Article included photo. Perhaps this will be done elsewhere as well. 73, John

Larry Godwin, 2390 Clydes Dale Lane, Missoula, MT 59801

Greetings! I just received my Palomar BCB Loop from Gilfer at a cost of \$179.90, and am sorely disappointed. The gain is extremely low: 1/3 to 1/2 compared to my SM-2. I called Palomar (619-747-3343 for anyone interested) and an engineer thought the unfavorable comparison was due to the short ferrite rod (7-1/2" x 12" on the SM-2). I'll return the unit to Gilfer and eat the 15% restocking fee. This is probably a newer unit than the gaudy one Michael Sapp reviewed in A DXer's Technical Guide. It's nice looking but looks aren't everything, hi. By the way, the new Gilfer catalog has a nice ad for the IRCA Almanac. Gilfer is currently offering the 1992 WRTH, to be shipped in January for \$16.95 post paid. Order from 52 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ 07656. [short deletion here-ed] During the past week, I've combed the house with my portable radio and determined the following sources of QRM: waterbed heater, furnace, satellite receiver (even when off!), stereo amplifier, laptop computer charger, and, of course, TV. I enjoy writing my DXF reports for a special reason: what I write gets published. It's not that easy to get a manuscript printed in a profession accounting journal! 73

Randy Stewart, 4225 W. LaCasa, Springfield, MO 65802-5615

The wild auroral conditions of the last of Oct./1st part of Nov. have abated somewhat but it was fun while it lasted. I've added substantially to my logbook (I'm up to 575 logged), including country #19 (St. Kitts-825) and state #37 (KDWN-720 NV). By the way, I think I've been hearing the new CIAO-530 with what sounds like Chinese--can't get a positive ID. Thanks to J.D. Stephens and his hard work as new IRCA CPC contact, I have my 1st verie of the season, from KPRW-1140 for the 11/4 DX test. Reports still out to KTJS-1420 (also for 11/4 DX test), WBT-1110 (f/up), JBC-700 (2nd f/up), KDWN-720, and HJPM-890 (taped/SS rpt). Did you see Karl Forth's article on MW DXing in the 90s in the Dec. PopComm? A really nice job, and he manages to plug IRCA and the Almanac as well [Good and up to date piece on MWDX-ed]. I like Larry Godwin's idea about EC & WC DXers coming up with TA/TPs that might be likely to penetrate into the central states. I suppose I could do a "Best Foreign Bests from the Plains" but who needs a long laundry list of XEs and CMs, hi? Actually, from here in MO much of Cent.America is easily hrd (YSS-655, HRVW-650, Costa Rica-530, Guatemala-700) and several Caribbean stations, too. But in 20 years of DXing I've never logged the Bahamas; and tho Colombia is fairly easy, Venezuela has been extremely elusive. So maybe I'm not the one to write such an article, hi. Anyway, that's all for now--73 from the Ozarks.

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	TIS	Luanne Brannen [NOTE #1]	300 East Main St. Richmond, VA 23219	L	28	HH
	TIS	Carl Shulak [NS3G], TPC SIGNAL TECH IV	Delaware Dept. Transportation P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903	L	22	HH
	WMVN227	Phillip Hutchison, DIR. Newport Chamber of Comm.	555 SW Coast Highway Newport, OR 97365	L	12	PM
540	KWMT	[UNSIGNED]	P.O. Box 578 Fort Dodge, IA 50501	Q	9	JDS
	XEWA	Ruben Hernandez Lopez, DIR.RADIO, Multimedios	Parictin 316 Sur, Col. Roma C.P. 64700 Monterrey, MEXICO	L	32	PM
558	7BU	Karen Hamilton, SEC'Y	73 Mount St. / Box 120 Burnie, TAS. AUSTRALIA 7320	L	18	PM
570	WAAX	[ADDRESS UPDATE:]	P.O. Box 570, Gadsden AL 35999			RS
630	KHOW	Craig Roberts, CE	8975 Kenyon Ave. Denver, CO 80237	L+		MS
640	KTIB	Ray (Page??), ENG.	P.O. Box 682, 108 Green St. Thibodaux, LA 70301	Lr	12	TMJ
	WGST	Mike Lawing, CE	550 Pharr Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30363	Q+	12	TMJ
	WJTE	Mitch Sandidge, CE	640 Radio Way, #286-B Blountville, TN 37617	L	25	TMJ
650	KRDx	Gerald Suseoff, CE	P.O. Box 417250 Sacramento, CA 95841	LMB	99	JCJ
690	KRCO	Bob Smith, PD	P.O. Box "K" Prineville, OR 97754	L	9	JCJ
700	JBC	Hector Wheeler, ASST PD	5 South Odeon Ave / PO Box 100 Kingston 10, JAMAICA	LB	30ff	JDS
	KGRV	Bill Simmons, GM	P.O. Box 1598 Winston, OR 97496	LMB	14	JH
702	LXP	John Haynes, OP DIR. Andrew Dubber, PROG MGR.	Radio Pacific Private Bag, Auckland, NZ	L	16	PM
710	WEKC	Marty M(????)y, GM Marty Mc Conally, CE	P.O. Box 1071, Jackson Mall Williamsburg, KY 40769	Lr	45	TMJ
730	KWOA	Mike Casper, GM	P.O. Box 730 Worthington, MN 56187	L	5	JCJ
820	WAPO	Phil Patton, OWNER/CE Jim Walker, ACCT EXEC.	29 West Main St. Jasper, TN 37347	L	24	JDS
	WIQT	Jim Barrett	P.O. Box 288 Horseheads, NY 14845	LM+	24	JDS MH

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840	KWDF	Rich Dupree, STN MGR.	3735 Rigolette Rd. Pineville, LA 71360	L	160	TMJ
	KWPN	[UNSIGNED]	P.O. Box 84 West Point, NE 68788	Q	10f	TMJ
880	KMPR	Don Bennett, Tech Dir.	P.O. Box 159 Medford, OR 97501	L+		MS
960	CFAC	Ms. Britt Matheson, MORNING CO-HOST	3320 17th Ave. SW Calgary, AB T3E 6X6	L	12	TRH
	KQKL	Ron Jensen, OP MGR.	12370 Hesperia Rd. / Box 5002 Victorville, CA 92393	L	42f	PM
1010	CBR	Pat O'Brien, PLANT MGR.	1724 Westmont Blvd. / Box 2640 Calgary, AB T2P 2M7	Lr	350	TMJ
	CFRB	Stephen Canney [VE3PQ], Ontario DX Association	P.O. Box 161, Stn. "A" Willowdale, ON M2N 5S8	Q	13f	OW
1030	KFAY	Dianne Vias, ANNCR.	P.O. Box 878 Fayetteville, AR 72702	LB+	88f+	JDS
	KMAS	Bill Meyer, PD	P.O. Box 760 Shelton, WA 98584	LMB	7	JH
1080	KNDK	Joni Gellner, TFC MGR.	Rte 5 Box 9, Langdon, ND 58249	LB+	23	OW
1100	KNZZ	Dwight C. Morgan, CE	1360 E. Sherwood Dr. / Box 969 Grand Junction, CO 81502	L	145f	PM
1130	KSDO	Jack H. Rabell, CE	5050 Murphy Canyon Rd. San Diego, CA 92123	QB		MS
1140	KPRW	Michael E. Fields, DIR ENG	Oklahoma City, OK	L	5	RS
1160	VSBJ	D.E. Browne, STN MGR.	P.O. Box 1450 Hamilton 5, BERMUDA	P	32f	HH
1170	HJNW	Humberto Gonzalez Kerguelen, GERENTE	Apartado Aereo 403 Cartagena, COLOMBIA	LB	83	JDS
1210	KGYN	La Jean Clare, TFC/OPC MGR.	P.O. Box 130, Guymon, OK 73942	Lr	10f+	TMJ
1220	KBET	Carl Goldman	27565 Sierra Highway Santa Clarita, CA 91351	L	10	JCJ
1230	WCLO	Michael F. Murrey, ENG MGR.	1 South Parker Dr. Janesville, WI 53545	L	15	TMJ
1240	KSUE	Rod Chambers, GM [NO VERIE STATEMENT]	3015 Johnstonville Rd. Susanville, CA 96130	MB+		MS
1280	KJAX	Scott Thomas, PD	110 N. El Dorado St. Stockton, CA 95202	L	12	PM
1310	KIQQ	John Barry, NX DIR.	11920 Hesperia Rd. Hesperia, CA 92345	L		MS
	KZRQ	Bill Major, GM	10316 Edith Ave. NE Albuquerque, NM 87102	P	135f	OW
1320	KWHN	Jimmy Poole, ENG.	423 Garrison Ave. Ft. Smith, AR 72901	LB	8ff	JDS
1340	KORV	Janet L. Munn, TPC DIR.	2854 Olive Highway, #B Oroville, CA 95965	LB	7	JCJ
	KSFE	A.W. "Andy" Ward, OPS.	P.O. Box 738, Needles CA 92363	L	7	JCJ
1360	KNGN	Greg Fairow, DIR OPS.	P.O. Box 240, Mc Cook NE 69001	LB+	5	OW
1380	KHJJ	"Staff" (in person)	44748 Elm Ave. Lancaster, CA 93534	L	54	PM
	KSMJ	Les Tracy, AM PD	1750 Howe Ave., #500 Sacramento, CA 95825	LB+		MS
1390	WADA	Joe Martin, PD	P.O. Box 2266 Shelby, NC 28151	LMB+	10	JDS
1440	WEZJ	Paul Estes, GM	552 Main St. Williamsburg, KY 40769	LB	45ffff	JDS
1450	KEST	Ton Johnson, PD	185 Berry St. Bldg 2, #6500 San Francisco, CA 94107	L		MS
	KEYY	Steven A. Barsuhn, MGR.	P.O. Box "KEYY" Provo, UT 84603-3200	L	5	JCJ
	KEZJ	M. Jackson (?)	P.O. Box 346 Twin Falls, ID 83303	L	8	PM
1490	KBAS	Gene Stafford [N7NVR]	2636 Highway 95, #10 Bullhead City, AZ 86442	L		MS

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	WTBI	Pierre B. Allston, MGR.	P.O. Box 837, Pickens SC 29671	LMB	153ff	JDS
1550	KAPE	Carla Vaughn, OFC MGR.	South Kingshighway Cape Girardeau, MO 63701	Lr	8f	OW
	KSPT	Ted Mann, CE	P.O. Box 8550 St. Joseph, MO 64508	LB	49f	JDS
	KZQQ	Tracy Johnson	5065 West 2100 South West Valley, UT 84120	L	9	PM
1560	KWCO	Ted L. Turner, PD/CE	P.O. Box 1268 Chickasha, OK 73023	L	250	TMJ
1590	KHIT	David Steere	5290 Neil Rd., #220 Reno, NV 89502	L		MS
	KTCH	Mark Ahmann, GM	P.O. Box 413, West Hwy. 35 Wayne, NE 68787	LB+++	3	OW

WHAT was received: Q=QSL card; L=Letter; Lr=DXer's letter returned w/statement;
B=Bumpersticker/other sticker; P=Prepared card supplied by DXer.
WHEN the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f=Follow-up (report/phone call/visit).

NOTES: 1) KNJR838 is located at Great Bridge, VA, operated by the Virginia DoT;
The other Richmond TIS is operated by Metro Richmond Visitors Bureau.

PAT MARTIN sends the following information for folks seeking the elusive XE verie:
A tentative report sent to XEMMM-800 yielded a very nice letter from Victor Hugo Arellano, Director Artístico. XEMMM is co-owned with KEYX-820, XESDA-920, XEWV-940, XEDX-1010, XEMBC-1190, XEKT-1380, XEBG-1550, and XETKT(XETCT?)-1600. Use either of the following addresses: Avenida Los Olivos #305, Fracc, Cubillas, Apartado 725, Tijuana, BC (C.P. 22410), or P.O. Box 155, San Ysidro, CA 92073.
Thanks, Pat -- I'll try to take advantage of this information! Nice to meet you and lots of other folks at the convention in Monterey.

Congratulations J.D. on the Jamaica-700 verie; I never received anything for my 1989 report. Has anyone received a verie for the KWEY-1590 test yet??? 73, TRH.

The 1991 IRCA Convention
by
Jim Hilliker

This year's IRCA Convention in Monterey, CA November 1-3 went quite smoothly and was a success in several ways. Most importantly, everyone who attended had a good time. We had 22 people at the Saturday night banquet and 15 of those were IRCA members.

On Friday, November 1st, the weather was perfect. It was sunny and 65-70 that afternoon. The meeting room (112) was just about ready at noon. Pat Martin called me there about an hour earlier saying he'd arrived the previous night and would be by soon. Duncan Shaw was actually the first to arrive from USC in Los Angeles. At 23, he may be our newest and youngest member. He helped put the finishing touches on the convention guides and goodie bags. Laura made the bags from brightly colored material featuring headphones, of all things. A KKMC folder held several stickers and promo items from area AM and FM stations. The Convention guides were made up of a schedule, local AM/FM dial listings, AM technical guide and maps of AM transmitter sites. A few AM coverage maps from the area were also in it.

By 1:00 p.m., Duncan was quickly joined by Pat Martin, Ralph Sanserino, Tim Hall, Al Buckalew and Curtis McMenamin. Art Peterson and Steve Ratzlaff arrived soon after. The noise level in the meeting room was quickly filled with the happy sounds of DXers talking about

the club, their latest catches, veries, receivers and antennas, recent DX developments, call changes, etc.

Just about everyone left for the 3:30 tour of KIDD-630/KXDC 101.7 at 3:15, except for Ralph, who held down the fort. While we were walking out to the street, Phil Bytheway arrived with Rich Segalas along with his wife and 5-year-old daughter. Phil decided to join us for the walk to the station.

The station tour was quick and basic as operations manager Ron Soergel explained they were in the middle of moving to a new studio location near where KSUR-700 is. He also told us the format change to Unistar adult standards for KIDD won't happen till about 12/1. As Ron showed us the control room, he pointed out that they had just spruced up the tour site with new paint and guy wires. Ron signed Pat Martin's veries for KXDC-630 and KNZS-1540. Pat then said he had heard and verified KIDD from Alaska in the mid-60s, which Ron found to be totally amazing!

As we headed back to the hotel, it was getting dark. Back in the meeting room, Tim, Duncan and others had receivers and loop antennas out to DX SSS. I recall that Tim IDed KANR-ID on 1340, but the rest is sort of a blur!

Neil Kazaross arrived that evening. Dinnertime found several of us heading to our favorite eateries. Ralph, Phil, Al and myself chose Jack-In-The Box, Neil and Tim had Chinese, Duncan went to McDonalds and the rest stayed in the room with all the goodies there.

The night went by quickly as small groups got together to chit chat and discuss the hobby. My display of old radio logs, DX magazines, postcards and other radio-related items from the 1920s-1940s were popular. Ralph got a kick out of an ad from a 1925 Radio Doings (Los Angeles) magazine for a box loop antenna for \$12.95. I spent a lot of time checking out Tim Hall's verie collection, which included a nice set of prepared QSL cards. It was great fun to meet some members for the first time and get reacquainted with others I hadn't seen in a couple of years. The talking, eating and DXing continued late that night.

Saturday, Nov. 2nd. It was sunny and a cool 41 degrees outside when the meeting room opened for breakfast at 8 a.m. There was plenty of Laura's homemade muffins, plus cinnamon rolls, juice, milk and coffee. We had a fire going in the fireplace for a while. Later, Ralph and Tim were discussing what was heard at SRS. Tim rattled off several regional and GY catches from CA, OR, NV, ID and WA and said KVML-1450 from Sonora, CA was still in. Ralph said KNCO-830 was much weaker here than in So. CA and that there were locals here on all the channels that are open for him back home. New arrivals that morning included Steve Hawkins from Manteca, Rich Toebe from Fairfield and Albert Lehr from Livermore.

Time flew by quickly that morning with more talk about IRCA, the joy over DX tests again in DXM from our own CPC, tubes vs. solid state receivers for DXing, best loops to use, etc., etc. We were all having a blast!

It was warm, proably in the low-70s, when we left in 3 cars for the 2 p.m. scheduled tour of KSCO-1080 in Santa Cruz. The 40 mile one-way trip around Monterey Bay was worth it! On the way, we saw the two 394-foot towers of KIDD-630 in Marina and the four short flagpole towers for KLAU-1540 on a golf course next to Highway 1 in Aptos.

The KSCO tour was a big hit with everyone! The station has been in the same art deco building since 1947 and has 3 towers next to the studio site in a saltwater lagoon. News Director Dick Little showed us everything. First was a large studio used for live music programs in the '40s and '50s which is now used for their live morning news-talk show and two other live talk shows. It had a couple of

old RCA ribbon mikes inside and the acoustic wall tiles with the little holes. The main control room was large with a young woman at the board running a satellite talk show and into their local ID and CNN news on the half hour. Inside the control room was the original 500 watt RCA transmitter, now used as KSCO's PSA transmitter.

We were told about their 10kw ND and 5 kw directional pattern and the station's frustration with poor night coverage of the area. They'd like to go 1 kw ND at night. Pat Martin then told Dick how well the stn. came in the night of the 7.1 earthquake (10/17/89). Pat has relatives in nearby Aptos and said he was tuning to hear news about the quake. KSCO as the local EBS stn. was on 10 kw ND and blasting into Pat's receiver wiping out KWJJ and doing a great job covering how Santa Cruz County was affected by the quake. We then saw the huge 10 kw transmitter along with their huge record library and bomb shelter! We then went outside the back door to look at the towers. We then had one more look at everything on our way out. It was a great station tour and we were all talking about it on the way back to Monterey.

Ralph had stayed behind again and when we got back, Robert Wien was there from San Jose. It was getting dark and the DX gear came out again. Bob said he liked having the convention this time of year since there was more time to DX. Laura began taking stuff to the banquet room for the auction. Tim Hall had 1310 from Barstow coming in and said they were // to 910 in Hesperia. Two non-members, John Cross from Monterey and his friend Dennis Terry of San Jose showed up. Denny is blind and a former DJ for KNRV-1240 and other locals. He wanted to talk to Ralph about what loop antenna would be good for him as a casual long distance AM listener. A bit after 5:30, our guest speaker, KTOM AM/FM station manager Bob Sherry arrived. I explained to him what Tim was doing with the headphones and loop and explained the box loop Ralph had made and brought along. Next, I showed him my veries from the 50kw clears and he said "Oh yes, when I owned KIDD, we used to get letters like that from New Zealand." He also said when he worked at WSM-650 in the early-40s, he hosted a game show which had servicemen competing. He said he was amazed at the letters from virtually every state in the nation. Bob also found some memories in a RADEX magazine I had from 1934 or 35 showing a picture of news commentator H.V. Kaltenborn. He later told a great story about working on one of his programs as an NBC announcer.

Rich Segalas, his wife Monique and daughter Codi were back after a day of sightseeing around the area. The noise in the meeting room was quite loud when we decided it was time to go to the banquet room. Someone (Phil or Ralph) told me that club membership had dropped to about 200, which shocked me. Then, someone else said turnout at conventions has usually averaged about 10% of the membership. So, I felt better about the 22 people we had in attendance that night.

After a leisurely dinner, I introduced our guest speaker, Bob Sherry. He said he had given quite a bit of thought to his appearance and talk before the IRCA. He briefly touched on the problems of AM radio in the broadcasting business of today and joked a bit about trying to guess AM's future. But for the better part of 30 minutes, Mr. Sherry gave us an outstanding witty and entertaining talk on oldtime radio which he called "Earwitness to History." He started with his memories of hearing the 1929 Rose Bowl on the family Atwater Kent, hearing the 500,000 watt WLW, the ramblings of W.K. Henderson on KWKH from Shreveport, LA and Dr. John Brinkley from XER, the Mexican border blaster he was on after losing his license in KS for KFKB. Bob then told us how he started in radio in 1939, went to WNOX in Knoxville, TN when the news came over CBS about the attack on Pearl Harbor on 12/7/41. After a stint at WSM-Nashville, he told us of his years at NBC in New York. There were several interesting and funny stories about various shows he worked on during the war, bloopers, mistakes, etc. Bob then ended the talk with how a bulletin came over during a program about the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Japan and

later news of that country's surrender. Mr. Sherry was most charming and a pleasure to listen to. The end of his excellent talk was greeted with loud applause.

Next, President Phil Bytheway conducted the business meeting. That lasted quite awhile, and I believe either Phil or Ralph will have a write-up on that part of the convention.

After that came the auction and Phil kindly did his bit as auctioneer while I kept track of who spent what. There were several Nice T-shirts from local NPR stn. KUSP (FM), some KLAU-1540 stickers, a recent M Street Journal among other things. A 1970 Vanes Jones log I found in a used book store in mint condition for \$1.50 was sold for I think \$10.00, and Laura bought back items we donated, including a 1943 magazine showing the WNAX-570 tower in Yankton, SD and a 1926 trouble shooting guide to radio reception problems of that time. The auction moved quickly and the club made around \$135.

It was back to the meeting room after that till about midnight or so. A few of the attendees left for home that night. Tim got his receiver on again, Robert Wien was quizzing Pat Martin on his best domestic catches, and the rest of us were talking about what a great day it had been. I was chatting with Phil, Ralph, Neil and others about various DX topics.

Sunday morning, Nov. 3rd. Some slept in, others came in to eat breakfast. Laura and I began to clean up the meeting room and say our good-byes to Pat, Ralph, Phil, Rich and his family, Duncan, Robert Tim and the others. I'd been to Seattle in '83 and Sacramento in '89, but hosting the IRCA convention myself with my wife was a pleasure and a privilege I'll always remember. My thanks to those who attended and shared our common interest of AM band DXing and love for IRCA, the best AM DX club around. My best wishes to whoever hosts the 1992 convention. 73.

Those who attended the 1991 IRCA Convention were:

Jim and Laura Hilliker (Convention hosts) Monterey, CA
Patrick Martin-Seaside, OR
Ralph Sanserino-Riverside, CA
Duncan Shaw-San Rafael, CA and studying at USC
Phil Bytheway-Seattle, WA
Robert Wien-San Jose, CA
Steve Ratzlaff-Mountain View, CA
Al Buckalew-Los Angeles, CA
Rich Toebe-Fairfield, CA
Art Peterson-Richmond, CA
Albert Lehr-Livermore, CA
Tim Hall-Chula Vista, CA
Curtis McMenamin-Vallejo, CA
Rich Segalas, Monique Segalas and Codi Segalas-Walnut Creek, CA
Neil Kazaross-Mill Valley, CA
Dennis Terry-San Jose, CA
John Cross-Monterey, CA
Steve Hawkins-Manteca, CA
Bob Sherry-Guest speaker and station manager of KTOM 1380/100.7,
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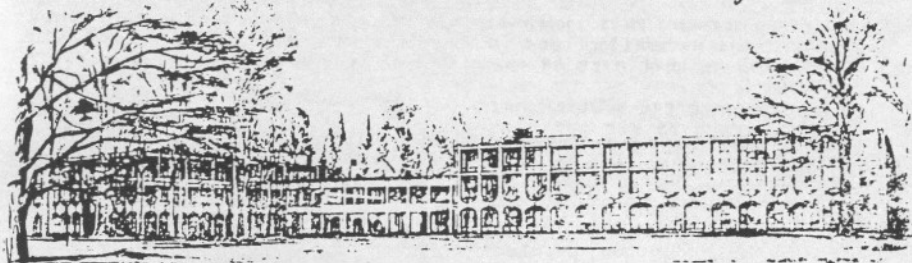
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