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NEW MEMBERS, REJOINS & RENEWALS: Davi Haller, Mike Brooker, Ruby Watts, William Wyllie, Ralph Sanserino, Phil Bytheway..... Thank you much

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## IRCA CPC TEST BULLETIN

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1991** — WIQT-820, HORSEHEADS, NY WILL AIR A SPECIAL DX TEST FROM 1:00 TO 1:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TONES & MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JIM BARRETT - CHIEF ENGINEER, WIQT-AM RADIO, BOX 288, HORSEHEADS, NY 14845.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1991** — WARV-1590, WARWICK, RI WILL CONDUCT A SPECIAL DX TEST FROM 3:30 TO 4:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE VOICE & MORSE CODE ID'S & AN UNSPECIFIED SELECTION OF MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS GO TO: MR. LINCOLN W. HUBBARD - CHIEF ENGINEER (NIATU), WARV-AM, 52 PARK VIEW AVENUE, WARWICK, RI 02888.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1991** — WCVR-1320, RANDOLPH, VT WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 12:00 & 5:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE VOICE & MORSE CODE ID'S AND AN UNSPECIFIED SELECTION OF MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. ED STOKES - OWNER (WB6KOK), WCVR-AM, BOX 249 RANDOLPH CENTER, RANDOLPH, VT 05061.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1991** — WDEL-1150, WILMINGTON, DE WILL CONDUCT A SPECIAL DX TEST BETWEEN 3:30 & 4:00 AM EST AND IT WILL CONSIST OF SPECIAL TEST ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER TEST PROGRAMMING. RECEPTION REPORTS GO TO: MR. BOB MERCER - PROGRAM DIRECTOR, WDEL-AM, 2727 SHIPLEY ROAD, WILMINGTON, DE 19803.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1991** — WGAN-560, PORTLAND, ME WILL RUN SPECIAL DX TEST PROGRAMMING BETWEEN 12:00 & 4:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL CONSIST OF MORSE CODE AND SPECIAL VOICE ANNOUNCEMENTS MENTIONING IRCA. RECEPTION REPORTS GO TO: MR. CHARLES "CHUCK" BULLETT - CHIEF ENGINEER (WB1AEK), WGAN-AM, 200 HIGH STREET, PORTLAND, ME 04101.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1992** — KMYZ-1570, TULSA, OK WILL RUN A SPECIAL DX TEST FROM 1:01 TO 5:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JOE HANCOCK - CHIEF ENGINEER, KMYZ-AM, 5810 E. SKELLY DR. #801, TULSA, OK 74135-6456.

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**TEST:** This test courtesy of the National Radio Club CPC..... Thank You.  
**WKVA-920** PO Box 911 Lewiston PA 17044 will conduct a DX test from 1205-1230 EST on Saturday morning January 4, 1992. Test will consist of CW mx. voice & Morse code ID's. Test will be conducted with the daytime facility  
Thanks to Robert L Wilson President for this test.  
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH PEACE THE WORLD OVER. CHEERS....

# 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:

(NONE)

## FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS

NY. Babylon WGLI-1290 550 w. nights  
NC. Charlotte WOGR-1540 reduce to 2500 w.

## FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS

CO. Monument KCBR-1040 reduce to 1900 w.  
MN. Minneapolis KUOM-770 change hrs. of operation  
WA. Oak Harbor KJTT-1110 move to 1520 khz., 1 kw. ND days.  
ON. Toronto CFYZ-1280 move to 530 khz., 25/99

## CALL LETTER CHANGES

AL. Tuscaloosa WRLX-1230 requests WNTW  
CA. Apple Valley KQKL-960 granted KZXY  
FL. Jacksonville WRXJ-930 granted WNZS  
GA. Brunswick WPIQ-790 granted WHJX  
Columbus WSTH-540 granted WMRV  
ME. Brewer WKIT-1200 granted WNSW  
NV. Reno KONE-1450 granted KOZZ  
NY. Endicott WENE-1430 granted WMRV  
Rome WFRG-1450 granted WZLB  
Springville WSPQ-1330 granted WFWC ("Flag Waving Country")  
OR. Eugene KZTZ-860 (CP) granted KDBS  
PA. Canonsburg WWCS-540 requests WKJS  
SC. Elloree WORG-1370 granted WMNY  
WA. Seattle KRPM-770 granted KULL ("Cool")

## CALL LETTERS NOT USED

HI. Honolulu KHNR-650 remains KORL (station still silent)

## FORMAT CHANGES

AL. Andalusia WTCG-1400 was AC, now SUN-talk  
Birmingham WYDE-850 was religion, now EZL

	Calera	WBYE-1370	was country, now south. gospel
	Daleville	WRDJ-1560	was religion, now SUN-talk
	Tuscaloosa	WRLX-1230	was EZL, now WNTW, nx-talk
AK.	Eagle River	KCFA-1020	was contemp. Xtian, now silent
AR.	Camden	KAMD-910	was C&W /FM, adds Unis. C&W
	Hot Springs	KZNG-1340	was stds./talk, adds SUN-talk
CA.	Apple Valley	KZXY-960	was KQKL, oldies, now AC //FM
	Fresno	KYNO-1300	was oldies, now Christmas mx (sic)
	Oakhurst	KTNS-1090	was AC, now ARN-talk
	Wasco	KERI-1180	was rel./talk, adds BRN business
FL.	Crestview	WCNU-1010	was silent, now SUN-talk
	DeFuniak Springs	WGTX-1280	was rel., now PTP talk
	Fernandina Beach	WQAI-1570	was travel info, rptd. silent
	Gainesville	WGGG-1230	was talk, adds SEN sports
		WRUF-850	was soft AC, now nx/talk
	(note: station will use Daynet, Talknet, CNN headline nx, and For The People)		
	Jacksonville	WRXJ-930	was oldies, now all sports
	Key West	WKIZ-1500	was talk //WIOD, returns to oldies
	Orlando	WHOO-990	was rock //Fm, adds black gos. AM's
GA.	Brunswick	WHJX-790	was WPIQ, silent, now urban //FM
	La Grange	WTRP-620	was AC, adds SEN sports
	Washington	WLOW-1370	was urban, now SUN talk
IL.	Centralia	WILY-1210	was AS, now BRN business nx
	Lincoln	WPRC-1370	was country, adds JSA country
IN.	Jeffersonville	WXVW-1450	was AS, now SMN Kool Oldies
	Muncie	WERK-990	was contemp. Xtian, now Unis. oldies //FM
KY.	Fulton	WKZI-1270	was country, adds SMN country
	Louisville	WAVG-970	was AS, adds SMN stds.
LA.	New Orleans	WTIX-690	was talk/business, adds SEN sports
MD.	Baltimore	WCAO-600	was country, now black gospel
	Frederick	WFMD-930	was AC/C&W/talk, now all-talk
MA.	West Yarmouth	WUOK-1240	was nx, adds SUN-talk
MS.	McComb	WAKK-1140	was country, now country //FM
NV.	North Las Vegas	KVEG-840	was talk/sports, now all SEN-sports
	Reno	KOZZ-1450	was KONE, country, now classic rock //FM
NJ.	Ocean City	WIBG-1020	was SS, now religion
NM.	Bayard	KNFT-950	was country, adds SMN country
NY.	Endicott	WENE-1430	was oldies, now Unis. 41-AC //FM
	Springville	WFWC-1330	was WSPQ, soft AC, now JSA country
NC.	Fuquay-Varina	WNBR-1460	was bus. nx, now silent
OH.	Columbus	WCOL-1230	was oldies//FM, talk, now SMN Kool Oldies, talk
PA.	Farrell	WRQQ-1470	was silent, now BRN bus. //WYWR
	Johnstown	WCRO-1230	was silent, now religion
	Meadville	WGMW-1490	was AC, talk, adds SEN sports
	South Williamsport	WFXX-1450	was country, now all SEN sports
SC.	Walhalla	WGOG-1000	was AC, now southern gospel
TN.	Chattanooga	WJOC-1490	was sports, adds SEN sports
	Jefferson City	WJFC-1480	was C&W//FM, gospel, now country-oldies, gospel
	Knoxville	WUTK-850	was nx & info, adds Unis. CNN H. nx
	Memphis	WODZ-680	was oldies, trucker, now Xmas, trucker
TX.	Beaumont	KZZB-990	was CHR //FM, now silent
	Cleburne	KCLE-1120	was country, now country //TCCN (Texas Country Connection Network, based at KCLE-1120)
	Hamilton	KOES-900	was KCLW, country, now country //TCCN
	Kermit	KERB-600	was silent, now SS //FM
	San Antonio	KCHL-1480	was black gospel, now Unis. stds.
	San Saba	KBAL-1410	was silent, now country //TCCN
	Terrell Hills	KISS-930	was oldies //FM, now oldies //KSMG
WV.	New Martinsville	WETZ-1330	was oldies, now country
WI.	Holmen	WKBH-1570	was AS, now SMN country

Ye editor passes on the following tip:

- OR. Lake Oswego KLVS-1290 scheduled to come back on air this month with religion  
CA. San Luis Obispo KATY-1340 currently no plans to change calls to KGLW, still nx/talk //KUHL-1440

Does anyone know anything about the status of KZZK-1470 Tremonton, UT.? Have they changed calls to KBXN, or are they silent, or what? Any info appreciated! Till the next column, 73's.



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## DX Worldwide - West

Time: UTC phone (503) 861-3185

DEADLINE: MONDAYS

We have a good turnout this week and lots of Latins from John Bryant from Oklahoma. So on with reports:

### PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 590 CUBA, Santa Clara-Radio Reloj-CMHI 0215 ID as "Radio Reloj" usual M & F and clock ticks. Exc. signal in WOW(?) null. (JB-OK)
- 595 DOMINICA, DBS-Rouseau-good level w/pops-male host with island accent. No ID, tune in 0323 fade out 0240.11/28. (JB-OK)
- 654.9 EL SALVADOR, San Salvador-YSSS-Exc level w/female speaker in SS. Is semi-local here, audible during parts of most evenings. Logged 11/28 and 12/1 and 2. (JB-OK)
- 670 CUBA, Arroyo Arenas-Radio Rebelde-CMQ good in WMAQ null//5025 11/28 at 0300, Also a strong XE here during aurora. (JB-OK)
- 700 tGUATEMALA, Radio Mundial-TGHR alternating w/XEGD-Uninterrupted mirimba mx. This is still required by law of all Guatemalan stations (I think) marimba for one hr min daily. Male ancr in SS heard once on 11/29 (JB-OK)  
MEXICO, Hidalgo del Parral, Chih.-XEGD noted with trid (ranchera?) mx and full ID except for call as "R. Novedades" at 0400 11/29. (JB)
- 720 MEXICO, UNID in WGNs null noted on 11/28 and 11/29 and 12/1-S/off w/Mexican NA at 0404 12/1. Hrd mentions of "capitol de republica" and this was 720 and not 730. Fair to good. (JB-OK)
- 770 MEXICO, Monterrey-XEATH-a near local here fighting it out with KKOB. Very dominant on 12/2 0310. IDs most often as "La Region Montana" (or Montena?) 12/2. (JB-OK)
- 825 tST. KITTS, Radio Paradise presumed, het here 0230 11/28. (JB-OK)  
tAlso possibly the station (weak) what sounded like hymns 0547 11/16. (LG-MT)
- 900 MEXICO, Mexico City-XEW-Dominant night time station here 0345 on 12/2. (JB-OK)
- 990 MEXICO, Monterrey-XET Usually equal opportunity occupont of this channel w/Memphis, TN station-Loop splits nicely 0356-12/2 (JB-OK)
- 1040 MEXICO, Guadalajara-XEBBB finally IDed after 4-5 nights of trying 0202 11/28. After Corona commercial, IDed as "R. Joven de Guadalajara, X-E-Triple-B" and gave power as 10 KW. (LG-MT)
- 1050 MEXICO, Monterrey-XEG-night time here-caught at dawn 1240-1300 What a signal 100KW makes! 12/4. (JB-OK)
- 1140 tMEXICO, Monterrey-XEMR-caught briefly before fade at 1225. Mentions of Monterrey 12/4. (JB-OK)
- 1505 tANGUILLA, Radio Anguilla presumed weak het here 0238-rarely audio out of this 11/28. (JB-OK)
- 1555 CAYMAN ISLANDS, Radio Cayman-usually better than 1205, 11/28 at 0240-Rebroadcasting BBC WS live //Sackville TX at 0300 11/30 Hrd also 0215 12/1. (JB-OK)

1570.8 UNID, Het here last several evenings in Nov, noted also 1&2 of Dec. Loops more or less E/W. Ideas? (JB-OK)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

747 JAPAN, Sapporo-JOIB 11/18 at 1200-Pips NHK on hr. (GJ-CA)  
 828 JAPAN, Osaka-JOBB- hrd w/S6 signal, NHK pips at 1400 11/28, no ID befor or after. In clear until KFLT antenna change just after 1400. Last hrd 1300 9/25-Rare! (LG-MT)  
 t+Also noted 11/18 1210-strong het, no audio. (GJ-CA)  
 1575 UNID, around the same time as JOBB-828 1411-1429 11/28 w/conversation among 2 men and women. Couldn't make out lang. No DU carriers at the time. Japan? (LG-MT) (Sounds like Thailand-VOA as this gets out w/1000KW. PM)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

JB-OK JOHN H. BRYANT-RR #5-BOX 14-STILLWATER,OK 74074  
 NRD-525-Radio West Loop  
 LG-MT LARRY GODWIN-2390 CLYDES DALE LANE-MISSOULA,MT 59801  
 Hammarlund HQ-150,SM2 Loop  
 GJ-CA GARY V. JACKSON-7735 CENTER PARKWAY-SACRAMENTO, CA 95823  
 Yaesu FRG-8800, Dymak DA5

## Geomagnetic Indices

+	high flux point	mas	major storm	SA	solar activity
-	low flux point	mif	minor flare	spe	satellite proton event
GEO	geomagnetic activity	mis	minor storm	ss	severe storm
maf	major flare	pca	polar cap absorption		

Geomagnetic Summary Nov 3 1991 through Nov 29 1991

Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	ETC
11/3	186	12	5	moderate	unsettled-mis	-
4	177	26	5	moderate	unsettled-mis	-
5	176	21	6	moderate	unsettled-mas	-
6	187	21	3	moderate	quiet-active	-
7	194	12	2	low	quiet-unsettled	-
8	+200	64	8	moderate	unsettled-ss	ss
8	197	+99	3	high	ss-unsettled	maf/mis
10	195	16	2	high	unsettled	maf
11	198	14	2	moderate	quiet-active	-
12	192	7	1	low	quiet	-
13	181	13	4	moderate	quiet-active	-
14	184	16	3	low	unsettled	-
15	173	21	4	high	unsettled-active	maf
16	166	23	2	moderate	unsettled-active	-
17	165	16	3	moderate	unsettled-active	-
18	163	25	5	moderate	active	-
19	158	41	2	moderate	mis	-
20	153	11	5	low	quiet-active	-
21	145	37	5	moderate	active-mis	-
22	139	33	3	low	unsettled-mis	-
23	136	18	3	low	unsettled-active	-
24	-130e	14	3	low	unsettled	-
25	*	*	*	*	*	*
26	144	6	1	low	quiet	-
27	153	- 5	1	low	quiet	-
28	155	7	3	low	quiet-unsettled	-
11/29	161	13	3	high	quiet-unsettled	maf



# WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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

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FRG-7, Radio West loop
- (SJ) Steve Hawkins-1229 Trailwood Ave.-Manteca, CA 95336  
ICOM IC-720, Sony 2010, GE Superadio II; Hustler 5BTW  
vertical, north longwire, homemade 2' loop
- (JH) Jim Hilliker-1705 Withers Ave. #12-Monterey, CA 93940  
GE Superadio
- (GJ) Gary Jackson-7735 Center Parkway-Sacramento, CA 95823
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GE Superadio II, SP-600 & wedge
- (PM) Patrick Martin-P.O. Box 843-Seaside, OR 97138  
SP-600, 1500' East Beverage
- (CM) Curtis McMenamin-2917 Georgia St.-Vallejo, CA 94591  
Sony ICF-2010, Radio West loop
- (RJO) Rod O'Connor-P.O. Box 3488-Kodiak, AK 99615
- (bp) Bruce Portzer-6546 19th Ave. NE-Seattle, WA 98115  
Racal RA-17 with Radio West loop, car radio, Realistic TRF  
(bp-CA) DX'ing in Stockton, CA with Realistic TRF
- (RS) Ralph Sanserino-11300 Magnolia #43-Riverside, CA 92505  
ICF-2010, 51J-4 with a 15" box loop/fet preamp.
- (DJS) Duncan Shaw-3560 S. Hoover St. #224-Los Angeles, CA 90007  
DX-440 with Selec-a-tenna
- (RCW) Reid Wheeler-5910 Boulevard Lp SE-Olympia, WA 98501  
R390A with 4' altazimuth loop
- (RW) Robert Wien-1309 Dentwood Dr.-San Jose, CA 95118  
GE Superadio, GE long-range portable, SM-2

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- 530 TIS CA, Sacramento? TIS at "Metro Airport" heard every faint every night but is usually unintelligible. Better 12/1 0730, listened for almost an hour & they never said what town. I am fairly sure from the directions given that it is the Sacramento CA Airport. (SH-CA)
- CIAO ON, Brampton 12/6 poor at best with ethnic programming, ID at 0400 by woman "You have been listening to CIAO Radio 7-90 AM...and 530 AM," bit of music into next ethnic program (Italian?). Good conditions to the east. (PM-OR)
- 540 CBK SK, Regina 11/26 2300 "Radio 540," long program about Mozart. Had to listen almost an hour for ID. (SH-CA)
- 550 KBOW MT, Butte 12/1 very good with C&W over KOAC at 1730. (PM)
- 570 KISN UT, Salt Lake City 11/26 010-0123 dominant with adcon & call ID. (bp-CA)
- 580 KFXD ID, Boise 12/6 1845 heard business network programming, ID at 1900 "This is your only station for business, sports, and CNN Radio News, 5-80 AM, KFXD." (NH-WA)
- CKXR BC, Salmon Arm 12/6 1841 "...on a Salmon Arm weekend," into hockey stories. Good, then faded out under KFXD. (NH-WA)
- 600 KGEZ MT, Kalispell 12/1 good with football game at 1810. (PM)
- 630 CKOV BC, Kelowna 12/1 1759 fair o/u KCIS with news. (PM-OR)
- 640 KGVW MT, Belgrade 12/1 1510 good over KFI, with relig. program. (PM-OR)
- 660 CFRR AB, Calgary 12/1 1825 with "local-like" signal with oldies, "66 CFR" IDs. (PM-OR)
- 690 KRCO OR, Prineville 11/22 1100 C&W music & ID under CBU. (bp-WA)
- CBKFI SK, Gravelbourg 11/29 0900 believed the French very strong.

Gave CST time check and began program Radio Journal. Is it true this one broadcasts in French? (LG-MT) (Yes, CBC.-NH)

700 KGRV OR, Winston 11/28 2305 "The Christian Alternative." (SH)  
 KFAM UT, N. Salt Lake City 11/26 0105 good with weather, "AM 700 stereo KFAM" ID into EZL music. (bp-CA)  
 CKRD AB, Red Deer 12/2 0106-0110 fair to poor with adcon music, singing ID at 0109. (RCW-WA)

770 KULL WA, Seattle 12/2 0614 call change-ex KRPM. Poor in KKOB null with oldies format (ex-C&W). Partial ID heard as "K-double O-L, Kool Oldies." ID later as "Seattle's all new 770." Are they on satellite network? (RW-CA) (Yes, SMN "Kool Gold."--NH)

790 KJRB WA, Spokane 12/1 good with KJRB ID at 1740. (PM-OR)  
 800 CKOR BC, Penticton 12/1 1630 good over KPDQ. (PM-OR)  
 850 CKBA AB, Athabasca first noted 11/27 0850 with local livestock report, then strong with ID 11/28 0917; KOA nulled. Seems stronger than listed lkw. (LG-MT)

900 KBIF CA, Fresno s/on 11/3 0900, not 1400 as I reported earlier. (LG-MT)  
 KKRT WA, Wenatchee 12/1 1833 good with Doris Day "Secret Love," Wenatchee Cougar Inn spot. (PM-OR)

910 KVVQ CA, Hesperia 11/28 1225 ID "KVVQ 910 AM," spot for Rodman Furniture, Victorville, "KVVQ Hesperia and KIQQ Barstow" IDs by female at 1232. CE told me they are running 700 watts at Hesperia and they are simulcast with 1310. They refurbished the old "KIOT" xmtr on 1310, CE said it was in bad shape. Hesperia had been on for 18 months and Barstow came on line last June or July. CE also told me I should not be able to hear the Hesperia xmtr, but I told him they were coming in quite well. They are supposed to protect KECR El Cajon. (RS-CA)  
 KURY OR, Brookings 12/1 1804 fair to good over KKSX with Oregon news. (PM-OR)

920 KLOC CA, Ceres 11/22 2127 dominant with Spanish program & call ID. (bp-WA)

1050 CJNB SK, North Battleford 11/29 0857 surely the one with ad for Battleford Co-op. Gave temp. as -27 degrees and began Sports Review. (LG-MT)  
 XED BCN, Mexicali very distorted signal intruding on 1040/1060 evening of 11/19. ID as "La Gran D" 11/26 1926. (LG-MT)

1080 ?XEDY? BCN, Cd. Morelos 11/23 0855 strong on top with local ad (no ID). (LG-MT)

1090 KBOZ MT, Bozeman 11/27 0840 killing XEPRS with local ads, Montana weather, ID, C&W music. (bp-CA)  
 CHEC AB, Lethbridge 12/1 1922 "Classic CHEC" ID. (PM-OR)

1100 KNZZ CO, Grand Junction 12/1 1925 fair above several stations. (PM-OR)

1170 KCBQ CA, San Diego 11/29 2010 good with oldies and KCBQ ID. 2nd time heard recently. Hadn't heard them for about 5 years. (PM-OR)

1260 KPOW WY, Powell 12/1 1640 with "We're 12-60 Country KPOW." (PM)  
 1280 KTOL WA, Lacey 11/23 1220 noted back on air with country music, Tacoma-area ads, 1230 very long sports report (including what sounded like the score for every HS football game in the state). Finally ID'ed 1305 as "The Country Gold Network KJUN Puyallup, KTOL Lacey" into more C&W. Fair with KMPS-1300 splat. (bp-WA)

1310 KLIX ID, Twin Falls 11/22 1920 fair over KDIA in partial KDIA null. Promo for Great KLIX-1310 Turkey Shoot, other local spots, into country music. New. (JH-CA)

1320 KSMX WA, Walla Walla 12/1 1653 good with Spanish pops. (PM-OR)  
 1330 KMBI WA, Spokane 12/1 1655 excellent with Christian music. (PM)  
 1340 KVOY CA, Mojave 11/26 0300 quick call ID under KMAX. (bp-CA)  
 KATY/ CA, San Luis Obispo 12/2 0940 good on top with simulcast of KGLW?  
 KUHLL-1440 Santa Maria. Has applied for KGLW calls, but don't know if KGLW yet. No ID heard. In KORV null. (RW)

KLKI WA, Anacortes 12/2 0202 up briefly with oldies request program; request line 1-800-833-9211. (RCW-WA)

- 1350 KRRC ID, Lewiston 11/22 1850-1900 good, wiping out KSRO. Local weather ment. Moscow, Pullman, etc. Promo with Pepsi ad for Snake River Derby, downtown Lewiston Holiday Open House, etc, into 13 top country hits on "13-50, KRRC." (JH)
- 1360 CKEG BC, Nanaimo now with "C-K-1350" slogan (was "C-Keg"). (RCW)  
 KPOP CA, San Diego 12/3 0445-0500 Talknet with Dr. Harvey Rueben. Spot at 0445 for "K-Pop Wearing Apparel" (you can get a hat for \$9 and golf shirt for \$17). "Call 292-1360 for an order blank." Oookay. Also, spots for Scores Plus, VW Passat, NBC News at the top. (JJ-WA)
- KRKK WY, Rock Springs 12/3 0403+ finally ID'ed after news, weather & spot for Blue Shield/Blue Cross of Wyoming. "It doesn't get any better than this...on the Heart of Rock and Roll, KRKK." Then oldies rock (Pretty Little Angel Eyes, Up, Up and Away). Question: is this also the station with CBS news on the hour and SNN feed at :10 past? (JJ-WA)
- 1370 KXTL MT, Butte 12/1 1910 with Seahawks game, tag "KXTL, your Seattle Seahawks station." KAST nulled with loop-Beverage combo. (PM-OR)
- 1400 KEZC AZ, Yuma 11/26 0238 briefly atop with several call IDs, Community Calendar, "AM 1400 Easy Radio" slogan. EZL music. (bp-CA)  
 KBLX CA, Berkeley 11/22 2112 dominant with San Francisco area traffic report, woman DJ with KBLX AM & FM ID. (bp-WA)
- 1440 ?KDIF? CA, Riverside 11/22 2142 possibly the Spanish briefly battling KODL. No ID, but this is the only West Coast Spanish I know of on 1440. (bp-WA) (Bill says KVON has Spanish on Sunday morning.--NH)  
 KMED OR, Medford 11/30 0045 "Your station for great memories." (SH-CA)
- 1450 KSGI UT, St. George 11/27 0100 end of Sports Byline USA, ID as "Utah's news and information leader, KSGI, St. George" into Mutual news. Strong at first, soon lost under presumed KEST (middle-east programming). (bp-CA)  
 KCLX WA, Colfax 12/1 good over all with KCLX ID at 1710. (PM)
- 1460 KCKX OR, Stayton 11/13 0915 & 12/1 0930 I was dumbfounded to hear from Pat Martin & Tim Hall's loggings that this one is only running 15 watts. They come & go but the signal was strong enough that I would never have guessed 15 watts. (SH-CA)
- 1480 KRED CA, Eureka 11/30 2330 "K-Red The Community Radio Station." (SH-CA)
- 1490 KMET CA, Banning 11/28 1000 ID "Kool Gold AM 1490 Banning," KMET is best at sunrise & sunset. May cut power at night?? (RS)  
 KRKC CA, King City 11/29 0926 in with "Good morning from KRKC," then gone. (RS-CA)
- 1500 CKAY BC, Duncan 11/29 0907 weak with ID in the midst of oldies program. (LG-MT)
- 1550 KZQQ UT, West Valley City 12/1 1659 with Spanish music, "KZQQ" ID by man. (PM-OR)
- 1570 KCVR CA, Lodi 11/25 2350 Spanish music program with IDs as "Kah Ceh Veh Errey, La Radio" (or something similar), 2357 what seemed to be s/off annct (ments of "mana" etc) into Spanish pop tune, 2359 legal IDs in English & Spanish over end of song, then carrier cut, leaving only CHUB and CFEZ. Odd time to s/off (9pm local time). (bp-CA)
- 1590 KZOK WA, Seattle 11/23 0900 (bp's favorite) through the jungle with call ID preceded by "You're surrounded by," then hard rock music. (LG-MT)
- 1600 KEED OR, Eugene 11/23 0923 "Real Country" with nice ID amidst C&W tunes on top. Annct. mentioned neighboring towns of Waltherville & Cedar Flats. (LG-MT)  
 KBBX UT, Centerville 11/23 0930 weak with ID & ment. Salt Lake City between relig. programs. (LG-MT)  
 +12/1 1658 good with Spanish music. (PM-OR)
- 1610 ?KNEZ390? WA, 11/22 1605 TIS good with short tape loop of road/weather conditions for Stevens Pass, giving these calls at end of annct. Problem is, this call is for a Seattle TIS



on 530, so either they've changed freq. & location or a state employee gave the wrong call when he recorded the annct. Reception made from parking lot at work in downtown Redmond. I normally don't hear anything here midday but midday skip was unusually good at the time. Probably either the TIS at Monroe or the one at Stevens Pass summit. Not heard at 2105 recheck. (bp-WA)

#### DX TESTS

- 1060 KPAY CA, Chico 12/2 0330 very good as usual with ID and address, Morse code ID, march music. Some Calgary QRM at times, tho. (PM-OR)
- +12/2 0330-0430 this one was heard. 0340 march music, 0344 "This is KPAY Chico conducting equipment & special test. Chico is approx. 100 miles north of Sacramento, address 2654 Cramer Lane, Chico, CA 95928," then into Morse code. IDs every 6-8 minutes, Morse code and lots of march music. Some KNX-1070 slop and some interference from a station on the same freq., ID'd as KUKQ Tempe when KPAY went to open carrier at 0433. (RS-CA)
  - +MM 12/2 0331 with faint but readable Morse code ID'ing call letters three times ending with SK (end of message). Signal very deep in CFCN-Calgary powerhouse. (RCW-WA)
  - +12/2 0330-0432 poor to fair to good o/u unID CHR music (KUKQ?) and KNX-1070 slop. March music (including the Monty Python theme!), voice & code IDs. (DJS-CA)
  - +12/2 0330-0355 xint on car radio while driving home from work. March music, station address, CID's, mention that Chico is 100 miles north of Sacramento. Good test. (RW-CA)
  - +12/2 came in strong at 0332 with voice annct. "KPAY Chico, conducting equipment and listening tests," then address folowed by Morse code & march music! Strong here about 310 miles south in Central Calif.! (GJ-CA)
  - +12/2 0339-0358 excellent DX test, even though it's a regular here. Marches, ID, address and code ID. Several different marches. Only faded twice. Quite strong. (JH)
  - +12/2 0405 fair-good in CFCN null with march music, voice & code IDs. (bp-WA)
  - +12/2 0342-0345 with Sousa march music of varying strength. ID 0345 "This is KPAY, Chico, conducting equipment and listening tests..." garbled fade under CFCN. On SP-600/wedge. (JJ-WA)
- (KPAY)+12/2 0330-0430 heard a newstalk program, but no sign of a DX test from them. (CM-CA) (It was definitely on, but not newstalk. Did you try at 0330 EST or PST?--NH)
- 1290 KUMA OR, Pendleton 12/2 good with some KGVO QRM at 0300, with KUMA s/off at 0303. Morse code IDs, off at 0307. (PM-OR)
- +MM 12/2 0304, 0305 & 0306 with faint but readable Morse code ID'ing call letters three times followed by frequency, city, state and two more calls. Station followed regular s/off at 0300 (local weather, ID, s/off annct., SSB). Signal quite weak with both new KTOL-1280 splatter and an unID co-channel carrying Larry King (KHSL?) tearing up the frequency. (RCW-WA) (KHSL signed off 0300, Bill heard KGVO with Larry King.--NH)
  - +12/2 0305 loud like always on DX test with code IDs & OC. (bp-WA)
  - (KUMA)+12/2 0300-0310 not heard. (DJS-CA)
  - +12/2 0300-0310 test not heard, I have a station up close and personal here. (RS-CA)
  - +12/2 0300-0310 nothing but noise & Spanish station! (GJ)
  - +12/2 0300-0310 tried for, but not heard. (CM-CA)
- 1360 (WGEE) WI, Green Bay 0200-0245 tried, not heard. Test sked overlapped with KKMO-1360 (Tacoma, WA) regular programming. Noted a weak unID adcon music under KKMO but was not WGEE test. (RCW-WA)
- +12/2 0200-0300 test not heard, someone else was here. (RS)
  - +12/2 0200-0300 not heard, only KPQP & unID Spanish. (DJS)
  - +12/2 0200-0300 tried for them, but not heard. (CM-CA)

+12/2 0200-0230 no luck. UnID C&W looped more S and SE, and an unID Spanish language station also looping S and SE. Nothing heard when looped more to east. (RJO-AK)  
 +12/2 0200 and 0300 heard nothing here, just noise! (GJ-CA)  
 +12/2 0210 tried with Beverage--just usual KOHU, KUIK, KKMO etc. (PM-OR)  
 +Not heard on DX test, too much KKMO. (bp-WA)  
 +No sign of 'em. Way too much action on the freq. (see my 1360 listings). (JJ-WA)

LOCAL CHANGES

1360 KKMO WA, Tacoma with all Spanish programming 1700-0300 PST 7 days per week. Program director sez they have been doing it for about 2 years. If this has been in the DXM I sure missed it. (RCW-WA)

UNIDS

- 680 12/1 1725 station running Spanish program (east) mixing with KNBR, etc. Is KOMW running Spanish? (PM-OR)
- 850 11/23 1105 1950's pop music briefly in KTAC null. Possibly much-wanted KORC. (bp-WA)
- 1270 11/22 1915 local news story on the Idaho Lottery, quickly faded out. Likely KTFI. (JH-CA)
- 1280 Relig. program 11/22 1608 good at times o/u presumed KTOL. Was unable to hang around for ID. Several Portland and central WA stations were in unusually well at the time. Possibly KUDY, but didn't hear any other Spokane stations. (bp-WA)
- 1360 12/2 0235-0309 KOAQ or KOHC or some variation. I heard similar ID last MM, too. Soft & easy C&W format. Some tune about "I Loved Your Grandma So." (Know this one, Rth?) Also, slow Nitty Gritty Dirt Band song. Man anncr. with deep voice, easy delivery. Major QRM from barely-nulled KKMO. At 0301 heard weak SSB, but maybe someone else. At 0309 with KKMO off, heard a blasting "13-60, KOHC!" ID, spot for "1-800-727-IDEA," a garbled jingle ID, then SNN news. After SNN, heard "Good Time Rock 'n Roll" tag, which suggests KRKK. Can anybody sort this out? (JJ) (KRKK has SMN's oldies feed.--NH)
- 1360 12/2 0600 Tinkley bell sounds, like an IS. Three descending tones played twice in succession, then man talking. Unreadable. (JJ-WA)
- 1360 12/2 0310 possibly KZIQ the one with oldies, SNN news, "---Q" jingle mixing with unID talk and another oldies station. (bp-WA)
- 1450 11/22 1910 in KEST null, ID "...104, the mountain's ---- rock, without the hard edge." Into music, quickly lost to KONE. (JH)
- 1450 12/2 0400 in KEST null "...Escondido-San Diego." Missed call letters, as the city of license faded up quickly. Fair. What's the call on this now? Still needed here. (JH-CA) (My log shows KSPA as the call.--NH)
- 1600 11/23 0915 call sounded like KCKA and ad ment. Marysville. (LG) (Marysville is near Yuba City, CA--KUBA?--NH)

First, welcome to the column, Gary and Ralph! Gary is a brand-new reporter, and Ralph may have reported before, hi. We haven't had this long a WDXR in quite some time. Keep up the good work everyone!

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- [JcJ-MT] = Your editor using an Icom IC-R71A with a "Radio West" loop.

DX TESTS

- 1060 KPAY CA Chico, 12/2 Nothing heard, there were several dead air periods during KYW's signal and some fades, but only a weak XEPP under KYW. [TMJ-IL]  
+12/2 Nothing heard here. [TML-IN]
- 1140 KPRW OK Oklahoma City, 11/4. 0100-0130. Listened for IRCA DX Test, but only heard WRVA and one other. One odd item heard was someone playing a melody similar to "Auld Lang Syne" at 0115. Was that KPRW? [TMJ-IL]
- 1290 KUMA OR Pendelton, 12/2 faint u/KGVO, CIFX, KWLS, and others. 0303 heard code, that's all! Not needed, have 1989 verie. [JcJ-MT]  
+12/2 Nothing heard, too much WIRL, WHIO, and others causing too much congestion here. [TMJ-IL]  
+12/2 Nothing heard here. [TML-IN]
- 1360 WGEE WI Green Bay, 12/2 good to fair w/KWWJ. 0200-0300 IRCA DX Test was on w/voice ID/s, code ID, C&W music. [TMJ-IL]  
+12/2 strong. 0200 with C&W music, ID "WGEE Green Bay, Wisconsin testing." Code ID "DE WGEE GREEN BAY WI." A regular here, 1st DX Test heard this year! [TML-IN]
- 1560 KKID OK Sallisaw, 11/11 fair to poor u/WPAD, KTXZ. 0100-0130 with code ID during IRCA DX Test. I called station to verify at 0120. [TMJ-IL]  
KSAJ KS Abilene, 11/18. No sign of IRCA DX Test. 0600-0630 only WQXR, WPAD, and WQXY here. [TMJ-IL]  
KWCO OK Chickasha, 11/18 Noted u/WPAD. 0110 w/high speed code on special IRCA DX test.
- 1590 KWEY OK Weatherford, 11/11 very weak u/WONX and others. 0055 heard what sounded like code. IRCA DX?? [TMJ-IL]

DOWN THE DIAL

- 740 KBOE IA Oskaloosa, 11/13 poor u/weak CBL, KRMG. 1824-1835 with several mentions of KBOE and Oskaloosa. [TMJ-IL]
- 750 WSB GA Atlanta, 11/17. 0110-0115 noted off the air. Was hoping for an open channel for a few hours! [TMJ-IL]
- 940 CJGX SK Yorkton, 12/2 brief in null of KIOA, KIXZ. 0332 with C&W music. IDing as "GX 94." Not needed. [JcJ-MT]
- 950 KJR WA Seattle, 12/2 good in KYGO null. 0327 with "Bruce Williams is pre-recorded to play at this time on KJR." Back into TalkNet. Note not listed as airing Bruce in the IRCA Almanac. [JcJ-MT]
- 1000 WLUP IL Chicago, 11/11. 0150 noted off the air. Still has a MM SP. [TMJ-IL]
- 1050 KLOH MN Pipestone, 12/2 briefly strong. 0044 heard "Old Country KLOH" ID given by a woman. Faded. [TML-IN]  
WEVD NY New York, 12/2. 0109 with ID "...here on New York's greater 10-50 WEVD." Heard often, but never logged this one before. [TML-IN]
- 1280 WBIG IL Aurora, 11/27. 1200-1712 noted completely off the air. Popped back on in middle of a song at 1712. No mention as to why they were off. They came back on just as SSS was beginning to come in! At 1730 they switched to their night pattern. [TMJ-IL]

CDXR Continues....

1410 WING OH Dayton, 12/2. 0200 noted format change. Now carries CNN Headline News at night. Seems to have dropped their oldies format. [TML-IN]

1420 CJMT PQ Chicoutimi, TENTATIVE. 12/2 poor o/WHK. 0110-0120 with rock music. Male DJ talking about American Bandstand in French. [TMJ-IL]

WOC IA Davenport, 12/2. 0110-0150 testing during MM SP, frequent "WOC Davenport" ID's. [TMJ-IL]

1600 KLEB LA Golden Meadow, 11/17 good o/KATZ. 1925 w/C&W music, ID "Your station for great country music all weekend on KLEB." [TMJ-IL]

#### IDING THE UNIDS

Robert Wien offers some help for [SA-MB] on his unID listed in the 11/30 CDXR....

1340 unID "The Bay's Best Rock, 13-40 W-P-W." This might be WWPZ in Petoskey, MI.

Thanks, Bob!

#### 25 YEARS AGO

December 24, 1966 issue of DX Monitor...dan Sheedy of Encinitas, CA said college was a pain, but better than hup-two-three-four... Larry Godwin of Berkeley, CA met with two gentlemen from JONR who were in San Francisco on a visit.....Bill Block of Portland, OR had sent out 25 reports in 5 days.



#### OPEN MIKE



A man is as big as the things that annoy him. Merry Christmas to all of you, and wishes for lots of DX in 1992! 73, John.



## Western DX Forum

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Greetings! Welcome to IRCA, Leonard Hyde. I enjoyed your first DXF. Congrats to Tim Hall on logging WBZ-1030! Like others, I hope a viable bid for an eastern convention comes forth, but if it doesn't, would love to meet fellow/sister members in Boise next summer. Got a very interesting letter from Mike Stonebridge in Edmonton who says his most frequent TA is Norway-1314, which WRTH lists as 24 hr. Many thanks to Mike Hardester who wrote that 1992 NRC AM Radio Log came out approx. 10/1 and sells for \$19.95 to nonmembers. Order from NRC Publications, P.O.Box 164, Mannsville, NY 13661. Did I miss announcement in DXM about new edition? Good DX and 73.

Patrick Martin, P.O. Box 843, Seaside, OR 97138-0843

Well I finally made it. I have now 2,001 MW QSLs!! It took over 26 years to do it. I hadn't counted the QSLs for the past two or three years. I was quite surprised. I also have a couple hundred SW, 150 or so FM, 50 or 60 TV, a few HAM or other misc. from pirates and the like. The breakdown for MW QSLs are: 70 countries, 50 states (from Alaska). U.S.- 1242, Canada-209, Latins-57, Europe/Africa-19, Australian/NZ/Pacific (not including Hawaii)-310, and 164 Asians. I don't want to think of how much postage I have spent through the years. Boy, the DX Worldwide II sure looks good these days. Bruce is doing a great job on it. Now if CX would improve enough to hear more of it!!! I did have a good opening 11/29. A lot of the Pacific heard well, including the Cook Islands on 630 Khz. KOHO-1170 was way over KLOK. Really excellent CX. It dropped off by 0800 or so, no Australians to speak of. Nothing new heard; haven't heard the Cook Islands in several years. Larry Godwin - Western Australians used to be more common a few years back. 6DL-531, 6WA-558, and 6WF-720 used to make it to the West Coast a few times a year, but with CX the way it is

now, even the stronger Eastern Aussies are poorer now. 6XM-Exmouth, WA-2 KW was heard here several years ago. Sure glad to hear the IRCA debt us all paid off. Glad we are in good shape now. Well, that's it for this time. Reid, the column looks great! 73s.

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Happy holidays to all - may you get the piece of DX equipment that your heart desires and/or make the best 'catch' of the year. Also, thanks to Gary Larson for the nice xmas card. DX has been somewhat erratic lately; conditions have been highly variable depending primarily on the wx. There appears to be a 'leaky' power pole somewhere in the area as heavy rain (which is fairly frequent) often inserts a nasty noise floor here. Such as it is, I was able to hear two of the three DX tests on 12/2 - KUMA-1290 and KPAY-1060. Between the QRM and QRN, only the Morse code portions were heard and transcribed (thank goodness for the tape recorder); QSL requests sent to both. Note to project builders: DC Electronics, P.O.Box 3203, Scottsdale, AZ 85271-3203 has a fair selection of parts, etc. Their catalog is free and they have a toll-free ordering number. Very pleasantly surprised with the speed of their response when paying by personal check.

EASTERN  
DX FORUM

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reports from members living east of the Mississippi River  
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Leave it to the Toronto Maple Leafs to recruit their front office staff from the CJCL broadcast booth. Bill watters was the color commentator on CJCL, until he was appointed Leafs' assistant general manager. Replacing watters as color man is the former Leafs GM Gord Stellick. I guess play-by-play man Joe Bowen is next in line for the Leafs coaching job. As usual, not much is expected of the Leafs in 1991-1992, the 75th anniversary season of the National Hockey League (the Leafs are one of the original 6 teams), the 60th anniversary of Maple Leaf Gardens, and the 25th anniversary of the Leafs last Stanley Cup. I am now working in the broadcast industry, though not on the air, with the CBC Television show Disability Network. This is a half-hour news show on disabilities and disability-related issues (e.g., discrimination against disabled people, wheelchair accessibility, etc.). DXing as a hobby for the disabled would be a good Disability Net story. I know there are a few DXers who are blind or in wheelchairs, but whatever happed to Handicapped Aid Program (HAP) or its Canadian counterpart CHAP? This used to be part of ANARC. Back when they used to have ANARC conventions, there would be an auction with proceeds going to HAP/CHAP. If you're into TV DX, you can catch Disability Network from 1230-1300 EST on CBLT, channel 5. It's also aired on some other CBC TV stations as well as the all-news cable channel Newsworld. For the past two months CIAO has been running parallel on 530 and 790. I have no idea when they will shut down 790, but when they do I expect Sug-bury will be almost as big a pest on 790 as CIAO (and their previous incarnations CHIC, CKMW). Jays in '92!!!! Om Namah Shivaya

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I was going through the old logs the other day and found these. I didn't belong to the club when they were heard, so I didn't have any help on them. Maybe someone else heard them too, and can help me with IDing them. 1) 530 kHz - 12/24/87 - exc. w/Christmas program, IDs as "CJRN-710". Old logbook shows CJRN in Niagara Falls, ON. Many local Niagara Falls ads confirm this, what is this doing on 530? Is it a test, or some other unID station relaying CJRN? (Later, CJFT was on 530 - wast it relaying CJRN at this time?) (Yes, it was CJFT-530 with

a relay of CJRN-710. I logged that same relay of CJRN on 11/2/87 while I was living up north in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc.--rce) 2) 1040 kHz - 12/24/87 - 1800 ELT - RADIO MOSCOW? Thought rx was overloading, or I was losing my mind. Both OK, heard on several other rx as well. XLNT over WHO - all freqs. given were SW. Some kind of KW relay out of Cuba or actual TA? Gone after 2100, never heard here again. (I would have to assume it's a Cuban relay on 1040 because the Cuban there has been to wipe out WHO in the midwest (such as Illinois and Iowa) when they boost their power at sunset--rce) 3/1620 kHz - 1/1/89 - 0030 ELT - WJDI - location unknown. "The Voice of New York State, operating on 1620 with a power output of 1000 clear watts. The top of your AM dial - WJDI". "This is a test broadcast from - " and so on. "Cloud Nine" by George Harrison, and "Journey to the Center of Your Mind" by the Amboy Dukes. SSB at 0052, and gone. Never gave location. (Sounds like a pirate to me--rce) 4) 1460 AM - Salinas, CA - my old book shows this as KDON. On 8/16/85 I logged it as KVOA. On 9/1/85, I logged it as KLCX. This was at sunset w/skip conditions, and KLCX may have been mixing with KVOA, causing a mistake. On 8/10/86, the log shows the station as KDON again! I should have cleared this up before now. Any help I can get on these will be greatly appreciated. 73 for now de LLH.

R.C. Watts, 4109 Graf Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40220-3016

Got a nice QSL letter from R. Monte Carlo, with stickers, Frequency info and my IRC returned. This for a May reception in Spain of 216 kHz. Some nice stamps on the envelope. If it looks good I usually stick some stamps on a QSL card or letter, with extras saved for inclusion in future reports. Went over to the mall where I do my fitness walks for a WGZB promotion in a sporting goods store. That's "B-96.5" and their mascot is (can you guess?) a bee. A person was outside the store in a sharp bee costume. I picked up a key ring and a snow scraper for my fledgling station souvenir collection. WGZB AM & FM was in Corydon, IN. Power Communications moved the FM to Louisville and turned off 1550 kHz. The Indiana Weekly (11/6) had the front page devoted to WOCC (Old Capitol Country), the 1550 purchased from Power and celebrating its first birthday after reincarnation. Address is 211 N. Capitol Ave, Corydon, IN 47112, across the street from Indiana's first state capitol. One of the owners is quoted as saying, "Small-town radio is not dead. What we offer that Louisville stations can't is local news of interest to the community--ball games, obituaries, things that pertain to people. They can't hear about themselves on Louisville Radio."

Mark Connelly, 30 William Road, Billerica, Massachusetts 01821-6079

Marc DeLorenzo and I drove down to Ray & Arlene Arruda's house on 30 Nov for their annual get-together. About a half dozen other DXers also showed up. A fine time was had. After a couple of hours of DX chat and a "pizzafest" in the basement, some of us went upstairs to Ray's shack. I hooked up my RTL-1 loop and MWT-2 tuner to Ray's HQ-180A and to my Realistic DX440. TA's weren't doing so well - just 891 noted - but Marc DeLorenzo and I found numerous Caribbean stations including a very loud Grenada-535 with enjoyable steel-band music. On another matter, WNSH-1570 came back on the air shortly after its (approximately) 2 week silence. On normal nights they sometimes get buried by skip, but on auroral nights their groundwave is clear with only Turks & Caicos for competition. I'm not sure how financially solvent WNSH is; perhaps this re-activation will be short-lived. Glad to see Jean Burnell of Newfoundland join both US MWDX clubs. He's an avid DXer in a prime location. I'm starting to notice slowness in the movement of mail. It's getting to the point that having a computer with modem & FAX capability will be essential to getting large amounts of DX information to many people in a timely fashion. A "paperless" DX club may be the thing of the future, at least as an adjunct to normal clubs. Also, the reprints services of the major clubs should think about offering standard IBM-PC compatible ASCII-text-file versions of the articles, loggings, etc. Someone ordering reprints could select paper, floppy disk, or over-the-phone-line data transfer of articles. Many editors are currently taking loggings / other submissions by modem or mailed disk. It's quite probable that

much of a given club's paper reprints already exist in word-processor files at the homes of the various authors. An attempt to gather disk copies of these source files at the reprints centers for subsequent disk or modem distribution would be worthwhile. I would gladly pay a bit more to get articles sent to me in a format from which I could "cut and paste" text, station lists, etc. into new articles rather than tediously typing in such references. Many of my post-1986 articles are available from me in DOS-ASCII format on floppies. Let me know what you need. Much of my earlier stuff was done on DEC (e.g. VAX/PDP) equipment to which I have no current access. I have those old disks, but cannot read or duplicate them presently. 73 / Happy Holidays.

Richard Eckman, 9 Still Harbor Court, Hampton, Virginia 23669

It's been some time since last sending in a forum. As a brief reintroduction, I'm 33, still single, and a researcher working for NASA. I'm in my 18th year as a member of IRCA. I've been rather inactive on MW this autumn having spent the majority of my time on the amateur bands using my new callsign, KC4MR. I'd been interested in setting up some skeds with other hams in IRCA. I had been all set to attend the Newfoundland DXpedition with Mark, Neil and Jean, but returned to Philadelphia earlier that week after receiving word that my father had been hospitalized. He passed away a few days later from heart disease. I'm slowly getting back to some semblance of a normal routine back in Virginia and hope to hit the dials for some MW DX before too long. By all accounts, despite the number of auroral days this autumn, conditions have been pretty good for international DXing. 73 and all the best in the new year. (Rich, my condolences to you on your loss. I went thru the same thing with my dad in Feb. so I know what you are going thru--rce)

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Ever felt like bombing a radio station? I did, after listening for the best part of an hour, and hearing nothing what would help ID the station. Then, at the top of the hour, their legal ID was buried by the intro for Mutual Nx! Finally got it though. Finally tried a terminated longwire at a length approaching a beverage (1800'). Interesting results. How is it a DXer for 25 years never tried a wire? I believed all the garbage in the "how to" books, that state a beverage must be at least 20' above ground to work. Had no idea you could lay the wire on the ground! If I had joined the club before, would have found out sooner. With the wire along fence posts to NNW, finally got WI. With wire on ground to SW, heard many stations in South. See EDXR reports. No real DX, but a lot of new stations. Conditions crummy that night, look forward to better conditions and different directions. It seems that it would take weeks to exhaust all the possibilities in even one direction, and with changing conditions, who knows? A note for Larry Godwin: the clock you're looking for is available at Radio Shack, on sale for \$149.95. It's part of the DX-440, hi. By the way, after only 2 months use, my DX-440 is already 1 kHz off frequency. Batteries OK, and hasn't been dropped. Anyone else had this happen? Still under warranty, thank goodness. If you are the type that stops at traffic accidents, "Sports Talk" with ex-bengal WR Cris Collinsworth evenings on WLW-700 so recommended. With the bengals travails, absolutely gory these days. I listen most nights. 73 for now, de LLH.

## Hearing It Through The Grape Vine

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STATE OF THE MONTH ALABAMA

MIKE BROOKER

690	WVOK	Birmingham	1977 test	740	WBAM	Montgomery	1977 test
770	WJMW	Athens	SRS/SSS in WABC null	870	WQRX	Valley Head	SSS in 1987
960	WERC	Birmingham	SSS In 1987	1070	WAPI	Birmingham	MM in 1977
1540	WRSM	Sumiton	SSS 1977	1550	WMOO	Mobile	1977 Equip test
1550	WAAY	Huntsville	1978 in CBE SP	1570	WTQX	Selma	SSS 1979
1570	WCRL	Oneonta	SSS 1979	1580	WEYY	Talladega	Equip Test 1978
1590	WVNA	Tuscumbia	SSS 1979	1600	WEUP	Huntsville	SSS 1978

BRUCE PORTZER

Not since the early 1970's.

MIKE SANBURN

"No Alabamas yet, although heaven knows that I've tried" (Keep trying-ed)

NIGEL PIMBLETT

"Only in my dreams" (You can keep dreaming and hopefully someday....-ed)

JOHN JOHNSON Sheridan WY in the 60's

850 WYDE Birmingham 1550 WAAY Huntsville

BILL HARDY

1440 WHHY Montgomery At 0400 4/5/75, wide open freq with CFPC OC nulled.

YE OLDE EDITOR

770 WJMW Athens Once on SRS

FREQUENCY OF THE MONTH 1110 KHZ

MIKE BROOKER

WBT	Charlotte NC	Dominant most nites	KFAB	Omaha NE	SRS/SSS
CKTY	Sarnia ON	Nite & SSS/SRS	WZAM	Norfolk VA	Equip test 1977
WSFW	Seneca Falls NY	SSS	WJSM	Martinsburg PA	SSS 1977
WJML	Petosky MI	SSS 1980	WTBQ	Warwick NY	SSS1986
WMBI	Chicago IL	SRS/SSS rare	WUHN	Pittsfield MA	SRS 1990
WNNW	Salem NH	SRS 1990	YVQT	Carupino Ven.	1977 auroral CX

BILL HARDY

KBND	Bend OR	Fair to good nites	KRLA	Pasadena CA	Some nites
KFAB	Omaha NE	if gd midwest CX	CHQT	Edmonton AB	U/KBND
KHEI	Kihei HI	Not heard since change	KRCX	Rosville CA	Good SSS
KJTT	Oak Harbour WA	Very week daytime			

NIGEL PLIMBETT

KFAB	Omaha NE	Dominates	KBND	Bend OR	Sometimes SRS
KJTT	Oak Harbour WA	Rare at SRS	XERED	Mexico DF	Occas. nites

MIKE RIORDAN

KRLA Pasadena CA Dominant day & nite/ also heard uKHEI 1982 from HI

JOHN JOHNSON

KFAB	Omaha NE	Dominate nites	KRLA	Pasadena CA	Weak in Kfab SP
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KBND	Bend OR	SRS in KFAB SP			
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MIKE SANBURN

KRLA	Pasadena CA	Local	KFAB	Omaha NE	In KRLA SP
XEVS	Hermosillo MEX	Regular	KRCX	Roseville CA	From Central Valley

BRUCE PORTZER

KJTT	Oak Harbour WA	Good all day	KBND	Bend OR	Strong nites
KRCX	Roseville CA	Rare nites with KBND	KRLA	Pasadena CA	SRS/SSS/KBND SP
KFAB	Omaha NE	KBND null nites	WBT	Charolette NC	Late 60's u/KFAB
KHEI	Kihei HI	On DXpeditions 2-3times			

FREQUENCY OF THE MONTH CONT

YE OLDE EDITOR WINNIPEG

KFAB	OMAHA NE	Dominant	XERED	Mexico DF	Rare in auroral CX
WTML	Petosky MI	SRS	KBND	Bend OR	SRS twice
YVQT	Carupino VEN	Once in auroral CX	CKTY	Sarnia ON	SRS once
WMBI	Chicago IL	SRS rare	WBT	Charolette NC	Some nites u/KFAB
WUNN	Mason MI	DXpedition at Arnes MB			
YE OLDE EDITOR	ORLANDO FL				
WTIS	Tampa FL	Days	WBT	Charolette NC	Dominant nites
R. Angulo	Holguin Cuba	Nites			



YE OLDE EDITOR VANCOUVER BC  
KJTT Oak Harbour WA SRS  
YE OLDE EDITOR OTTAWA ON  
WUHN Pittsfield MA SRS

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5- Navy surplus scope-50's model, tubes, heavy. Works!! With book, RF probe. \$25.00  
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#### N E X T M O N T H

FREQUENCY 790 KHZ  
STATE WYOMING

#### B E S T C A T C H E S LEONARD L HYDE

NORTH AMERICA- In Jan. 1969 KFI 640 Los Angeles from Lexington NC at 0230 ELT. Rainy cold night. Using a 75 foot wire a 1956 Olds car radio. CMQ was off and I heard a faint W/S. California WX 17 year old was thrilled to death!!  
Trans Pacific- In Feb 1985 at Collinsville CA got up at 0300 or so PST to go to the necessary room. Turned on the RX on a whim. at about 830 KHZ TP station blasting in at armchair copy. Don't know the exact frequency was a table top RX. Oriental, not CC didn't sound JJ either. There for 15 minutes and gone. Never ID'd.  
Caribbean- First time I logged Jamaica-700. Tried and tried after moving back East, and one night there it was!! Now I curse the pest as I try to hear UNID SS which is there occ. w/JBC and WLW.

#### BILL HARDY From College

WQXR 1560 New York NY. As a WSU student at Pullman WA, I would sit in my car at SSS and try for my home top 40, KGHO-1560 400 miles away, which would often be in & out under KPMC-CA; two other daytimers KDFL-WA & KIQS-CA would sometimes be in too. One Sunday in Nov 1967 at 1903 KPMC had NFL football, KGHO played the hits and a newscast faded up, ending "The next edition of the New York Times News will be at 8:00" This was followed by an airline ad "and now it's time for "Masters of the Keyboard!" but the station faded without a proper ID. I sent a report, got station literature "welcoming me to the WQXR listening audience", but no real verie. But I was shocked to hear them 1/2 hour before sunset, with potent KPMC and 3 nearby daytimers still on and just 1000 ft from the KWSC 1250 tower! Years later I learned that WQXR stayed on day pattern until KPMC sunset, so they were sending more signal my way at that hour than they normally do overnight. KGHO left 1560 in 1985 so WQXR might still be possible around here through KZNR(ex-KPMC) until Bakersfield sunset.

Well that all this time. A big thanks to our FOUR FIRST TIMER REPORTERS:

Bill Haerdy, Leonard Hyde, Bruce Portzer, Mike Riordan.

I hope to here from more of you in the future.

Next deadline is ONE MONTH AFTER this is published.

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## THE "BARGAIN BASEMENT" - By Leonard Hyde

A few simple modifications for the Autek QF-1.

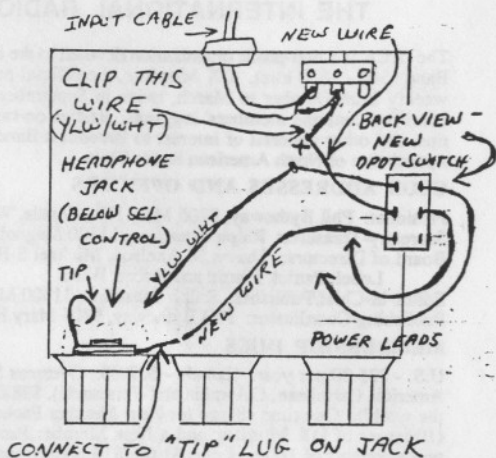
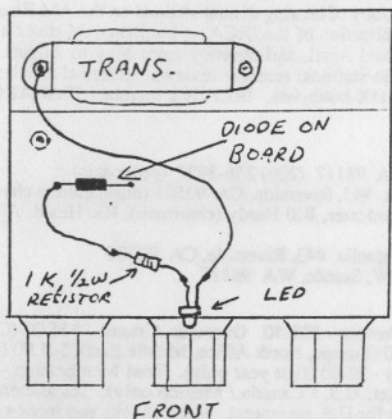
**A Pilot Light -** Obtain an LED. The color doesn't matter, use your favorite. Take the cover off your QF-1. Drill a hole in the front panel, just above the word "NOTCH". The hole should be a tiny bit larger than the diameter of the LED. If you have one of the plastic LED bushings, drill the hole to accept it. Either way, the LED should fit snugly. Press in the LED from the rear of the panel. Use a drop of glue if needed. Now, solder a 1000 ohm resistor to one of the LED leads. This prevents the LED from burning out. One of the LED leads will connect to a black diode mounted on the circuit board. The other goes to ground. I hooked the ground wire under the nut securing the transformer. (See diagram.) Make the hook-ups, and turn on the unit. The LED should light. If it doesn't, you have to reverse the two wires. Now, it should work. If it still does not, you have a bad LED. If the LED is too dim, reduce the value of the resistor by 100 ohms, in steps until the LED is of proper brightness. Now it is much easier to tell when the QF-1 is on.

**"Straithru" operation -** This simple addition allows your headphones to stay ON when the QF-1 is turned OFF. No more unplugging the input cable from the rx each time the unit is not used. You need a DPDT toggle switch to replace the SPST power switch in the QF-1. Obtain from junk equipment, or Radio Shack. Their part # 275-652 has a black paddle lever that makes an attractive replacement. Remove the outer nut from the old switch, and pull it out of the panel from the rear. (We assume you unplugged the unit first, hi!) Clip the old leads off flush with the switch body. Wire the switch as shown in the diagram. Mount the switch. There is not a lot of room, so you may have to mount your switch so that the toggle moves side to side. A small price to pay for the benefits reaped. Try the unit. If all is OK, the unit should work normally with the switch in the ON position. With the switch OFF, the headphones should be on with the unprocessed audio from the rx. If not, check your wiring. Be careful not to cross the POWER side of the switch with the AUDIO side, or you could end up with fried headphones, QF-1 and rx! To say nothing of your ears if you had the headset on!

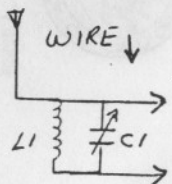
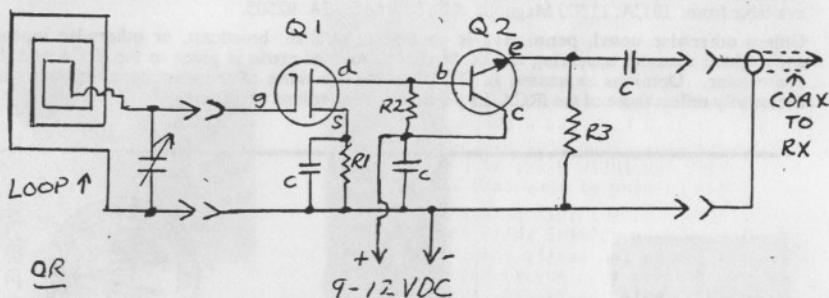
**A Simple RF Preamp -** This preamp will boost the signal from any loop or wire. It has been very helpful while using my loop with the DX-440, as it eliminates the need for an indirectly coupled loop. It did not work for my car rx, which has more RF gain than needed anyway. Most well designed rx and loops NEED no preamp. It does help the DX-440, though, which might say something about the set. If you feel you can use more gain, try it. Both transistors are available at Radio Shack for less than \$1 each. NOTE - If you use a wire, you MUST include the coil and capacitor. The amp will not work without them. With a loop, the loop itself is the coil, and it's tuner the variable capacitor.

**A Simple Longwave Tuner -** If you have tried the DX-440 on longwave with a wire, you probably found that you got loads of stations, most of them belonging in the shortwave range! This tuner will solve the problem. Obtain a ferrite bar, size not critical, but at least 5 to 6 inches long, preferably round. Old rx a good place to look. Wind the bar with about #20 enameled wire, once again not critical but not too fine or too large. The wire should be close wound, leaving about 1/2 inch at each end of the bar unwound. Coat the bar with white glue, to secure the wire, and let dry thoroughly. Find a piece of strap iron, or other springy metal strip. It should be at least 5 inches long for a six inch ferrite bar. Put the strap in a vise, longways, and bend it into a shallow "V" shape. (See diagram.) Glue or otherwise mount the ferrite bar to a board, as shown. Ditto the strap, using a screw and a washer. The strap will swivel so as to travel the length of the bar. Mount the strap so that it makes contact at both ends of the bar. The strap should swivel freely, but have sufficient down pressure to make firm contact with the bar. Now, use very fine sandpaper to LIGHTLY sand away the glue and wire enamel along the top of the bar. Don't overdo it! Also sand the bottom of the strap where it will make contact with the bar. A good electrical connection is a must! Wire the unit as shown. By sliding the strap up and down the ferrite bar, you will find a place where the longwave signal will peak. This tuner should work with any rx, down to about 200 kHz or so, depending on the length of your wire. Lower freqs require more bar and wire, and a better way to move the shunt up and down the bar. A good ground is a MUST with the DX-440. 73 for now de LLH.

QF-1 FROM TOP W/ COVER OFF



### A SIMPLE PREAMP



- C - .05 pf, 100 V
- R1 - 1,000 ohms, 1/2 W.
- R2, 3 - 4,700 ohms, 1/2 W.
- Q1 - 2N3819 (RS # 276-2035)
- Q2 - MPS 2222A (RS # 276-2009)
- \*C1 - 365 pf. variable - (See text)
- \*L1 - loopstick or BCB antenna coil - (See text)

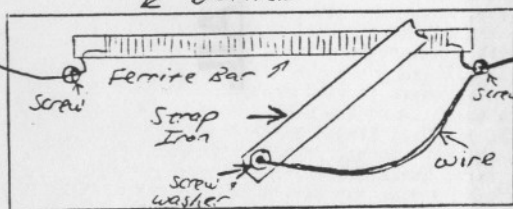
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