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NEW MEMBER: In last issue Davi should have read David sorry for the typo.
RENEWAL: Steve Ratzlaff.

SECOND EDITION OF DREAMHOUSE: Radio Historian and Scholar Bill Earl has a second edition of Dreamhouse available. This second edition deals with KRLA's history as the first edition did. This second edition is very different from the first edition. Cost is \$11.10 plus \$1.90 mailing cost. Make checks payable to Bill Earl and Associates 633 North Taylor Avenue Suite 18 Montebello CA 90640-3334 phone (213) 728-1946 US orders only.

CPC TESTS: More test next issue. JD Stephens needs more postage stamps for the CPC program. If we want this thing to go we must pitch in & help. JD STEPHENS PO BOX 605 HUNTSVILLE AL 35804-0605. Load him up w/stamps.

CONVENTION 1992: Now is the time to start thinking about hosting the 1992 IRCA Convention. Anyone who is interested (or even thinking about it) is encouraged to contact IRCA President Phil Bytheway at this time. Since the 1991 convention was West of the Mississippi River, tradition would place the 1992 convention East of the Mississippi River, however that is not a hard fast rule. If more than one site is approved by the IRCA Board of Directors, an election will be held early next year to determine the convention site. Deadline for bids is January 1, 1992. You can get bid forms from Phil Bytheway 9705 Mary NW Seattle WA 98117. Better hurry.

RECORDINGS: IRCA President Phil Bytheway is looking for good quality recordings of BCB foreign stations (preferably IDs) to use in a promotion project. Please contact Phil at 9705 Mary NW Seattle WA 98117.

STATIONARY: For those who have inquired recently, IRCA stationary (black-red on white) is available from the IRCA Bookstore for \$4.00/100 sheets. IRCA Bookstore 9705 Mary NW Seattle WA 98117.



A few IRCA 91 Conventioners
TOP ROW left to right
Albert Lehr, Al Buckalew,
Duncan Shaw, Jim Hilliker,
Tim Hall, Art Peterson,
Rich Segalas, The Publisher
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min, Robert Wien, Steve Rat-
zloff, Rich Toebe, Patrick
Martin, Neil Kazaross &
on the floor President Phil By-
theway. Bottom Row is also
left to right.

DX WORLDWIDE EAST

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A couple of reports have made it in for our Christmas column, thanks to Randy and Leonard. I even managed to toss in a mention of a little-heard Cuban. HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM DXW-E!

P A N - A M E R I C A N A D X

- 580 MEXICO, Piedras Negras XEMU 2310 11/28 OUTRAGEOUSLY loud on sunset skip w/Coca-Cola ads, "Rancherita del Aire" ment's & Mex. mx. (Stewart-MO)
- 620 CUBA, 0955 12/5 Oft-heard at old Pgh. QTH - here was v. gd w/SS jx/promo for R. Rebelde. Some line noise QRN. (Hall-PA)
- 650 CUBA, 0302 11/29 Cuban Nat'l Anthem noted u/WSM, Honduras etc. (Stewart)
- 690 CUBA, Cardenas CMBD 2318 11/28 Fr u/WGGF, //640 w/comedy pgm in SS. Rare here. (Stewart-MO)
- 720 NICARAGUA, Managua R. Catolica 0422 11/29 "R. Catolica" ID & frequent ments of Nicaragua during presumed newsmagazine pgm. Listed s/off of 0400 in WRTH... Fr sig in WSM null--no sign JBC. (Stewart-MO)
- 750 MEXICO, Cd. Carmago XEOH 0418 11/29 "O-H, 700-50" jx & ment's of Chihuahua coming out of SS pop vocal. WSB v weak in mix of LA signals tonight, though it came back to almost its usual (obnoxious) level later (same here, Randy. ed) By the way, I haven't heard Nicaragua on this freq. in a very long time. (Stewart-MO)
- JAMAICA, Port Maria 0430 11/28 Calypso song "All the Black People Love Jamaica" - talk in EE. (Hyde-WV)
- 780 unID, 0405 11/28 "La Voz de la Pena" - upbeat mx w/accordions, no horns. No calls. Sds/lk a Mexican, but who? (Hyde-WV)
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, Bonaire PJB 0430 11/26 "Radio Trans Munda", ments of "Pacifica", "Jesus Christos". Talk, mx, jx's in PP. Mostly gd o/chan. (Hyde-WV)
- 810 unID, 0550 12/1 Looped SE - in/out w/WGY and unID SS. Rap/UC mx (lang? ed) & m ancr w/heavy Carib. accent - "We don't want to play no tricks on you, we just want to play good music for you." Into rap. At 0600 went to SS, but still distinct from other SS stn which looped in toward Cuba. Gone after 0605. Bahamas, PR or other? (Hyde-WV) (Almost def. sds/lk the Bahamas, Leonard. ed)
- 820 CUBA, Bayamo CMDT 0349 11/28 XInt w/a story or fairy tale. At 0350 a long ID segment w/m&f ancrs, slgns, "C-M-D-T" in SS, "R. Buana?Bwana?" (Hyde-WV) (ID probably "buen&/property, fortune, inheritance, or"buena/ buend/ good. ed)
- 880 unID, 0417 11/27 unID SS w/f ancr, rap mx in SS. In/out w/WCBS, Cuban, mess. Best on west wire. Ideas? (Hyde-WV)
- 910 CUBA, Camaguey CMHL 2330 11/28 Uusual R. Reloj format, ID "R. Reloj, La Habana". New Cuban log for me. (Stewart-MO)
- 940 MEXICO, Mexico City XEQ 0451 11/29 Atop & strong w/"X-E-Q Radio" jx & slgn "La Q Mexicana". Rather rare here. (Stewart-MO) (NOT HERE, hi. ed)
- 1040 MEXICO, Chihuahua XEHES 2325 11/28 Gd, alone on chan w/"X-E-H-E-S, La Poderosa" in wierd electronically-altered/dpeeded-up voice, & SS pop vocal. (Stewart-MO)
- 1140 unID, 0104 11/28 SS tlk in/out w/WRVA. Anything else rare. (Hyde-WV)
- 1180 CUBA, R. Taino 0300 12/2 Really more of a question than a logging--do they ever air EE pgmng anymore? Still running bilingual EE/SS ID's on the hour and half-hour (& even an occasional tourist spot in FF), but all pgmng seems to be espanol these days. (Stewart-MO) (I'll have to pay more attention to their "normal" garbage program evenings. ed)
- +0240 11/28 Gd w/"R. Taino" ID's. Usually hear R. Pais (Leonard, although I haven't hrd the "Pais" ment here, could this just be a patriotic type of pgm/mention?? ed) Compl dif sounds/fmts. "Pais" sds/lk an American, but has been rpted as Cuban in DX News. Pais the old Marti by chance? (Hyde-WV)

1550 MEXICO, N. Laredo XENU 0155 12/2 Full ID ment slogan "La Poderosa,"
5-kW power, etc. My local KLFJ off the air for some reason, but they
returned at 0200, spoiling my fun, hi! (Stewart-M0)

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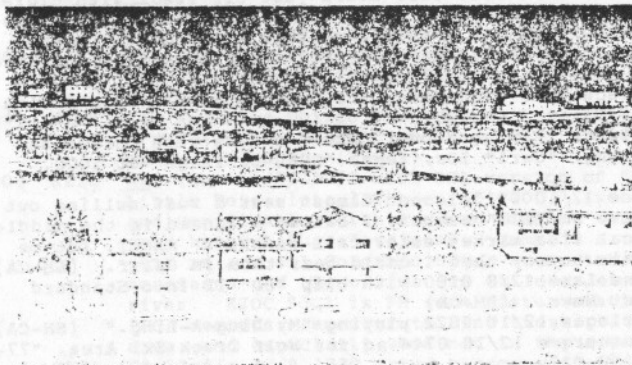
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(Left - Right)
Jean Burnell
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WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1340 KTOX CA, Needles 11/29 0154 ex-KSFE. Thanks to RW for timely tip on this call change. Mostly dominant over KKAM, KMTW, XEAA. Heard sports program, ID "K-Tocks," "K-T-O-X Needles," CBS news. (MS-CA)
- *****
- 530 CKHL AB, High Level 12/8 fair // 610, "YL" IDs for CKYL-610. (PM-OR)
?CKHL?+12/10 0910 assumed the one with ment. of Grande Prairie on my car radio. Certainly strong for listed 400 watts. Is this one heard often? (LG-MT)
- 550 CKPG BC, Prince George 12/8 0232 good with weather for Prince George, way over KOAC. (PM-OR)
+12/9 mixing with two others, ID 0907. (LG-MT)
- 560 ?CHTK? BC, Prince Rupert 12/8 possibly the one with Oldies Coast to Coast, into net news at 0300. (PM-OR)
- 570.5 KCNO CA, Alturas 12/9 0915-0935 heard just off freq. with oldies (note format change from C&W). Had USA Radio Network news 0933, then ID 0935. I phoned station to inform. (LG-MT)
- 580 CKXR BC, Salmon Arm 12/8 0400 good over all with Oldies Coast to Coast. (PM-OR)
- 590 ?CFKT? BC, Terrace 12/8 0500 poss. the one o/u jumble with Oldies Coast to Coast. (PM-OR)
- 730 KURL MT, Billings 12/9 good over CKLG & others with Christian programming, "Curl" IDs, legal "KURL-Billings" at 1600. (PM-OR)
- 750 KOAL UT, Price 12/10 0915 looped almost east & west nulling out KXL. Gave an "800" number, I called & landed in the middle of a local flea market sale, call-in show. Ann-cr. put me on the air to say that I could hear them in Calif. (SH-CA)
- 760 CFLD BC, Burns Lake 12/8 0100 with blip "LD" ID into Standard Broadcast News. (PM-OR)
- 760 CKQR BC, Castlegar 12/10 2022 playing "My Ding-A-Ling." (SH-CA)
- 770 KKOB NM, Albuquerque 12/10 0744 ad for Wolf Creek Ski Area, "77-KOB." (SH-CA)

KULL WA, Seattle 12/9 0922 fair in 760/780 splat and 770-CHQR QRM. Oldies rock music and "Cool Oldies," ID 0922. Ex-KRPM. (PM-OR)

790 CFCW AB, Camrose 12/9 0905 good with weather & Camrose-Edmonton news. (PM-OR)

830 KPLS CA, Orange a recent call to applicant reveals they plan to go on the air Dec. 30, however I couldn't get a time yet. Their studio phone is (714) 282-8300. Format to be news, serving So. California. (GL-CA)

WCCO MN, Minneapolis 12/8 0342 PSA for Santa's Anonymous. Long story by DJ about how cold it was waiting for the bus to work. (SH-CA)

840 CKBX BC, 100 Mile House 12/8 with Oldies Coast to Coast // 890, 900 etc. at 0315, heard under KSWB at 0250 before 0300 s/off. (PM-OR)

850 ?KMDY? CA, Thousand Oaks 12/9 0937 good on top with "92.7" FM IDs. Still don't know if they're KCTQ yet! (RW-CA)

890 KQLX ND, Lisbon 12/5 0858-0900 on top with community calendar, then ID ment. AM & FM. (LG-MT)

CJDC BC, Dawson Creek "like a ton of bricks" local-like AN 12/8. (PM-OR)

920 KDES CA, Palm Springs 11/25 2024 excellent with sports. This station is surrounded by mountains. (JS-CA)

960 CFAC AB, Calgary 12/8 2350 rodeo scores from national finals, "Country Coast to Coast." (SH-CA)

1000 KOMO WA, Seattle 12/9 2026-2046 good to poor with adcon and local news, local ads and PSA's. (DJS-CA)

1010 KPSL CA, Thousand Palms 12/8 1629 as previously mentioned in DXM, they're on with classical format. Good signal. (MS-CAL)

1060 KKDS UT, S. Salt Lake City 12/14 1857 woman talking to girl, ID at 1859 into music, then rapidly faded under KBGN. (NH-WA)

KBGN ID, Caldwell 12/14 1859 came up through KKDS with promo and ID, into USA Network News at 1900. At 1906 began "Echos Latinos" program in Spanish. Fair at first, then became loud and clear. (NH-WA)

1230 KSZL CA, Barstow 12/4 0220 had been sitting on 1230 after unsuccessful try for KINO f/c. Heard promo for American Country Countdown, then ID "...Right here on KSZL." Mixing with KGFJ, KGEO, KLAV, KAAA. Ex-KWTC for me. (MS-CA)

1240 KPOD CA, Crescent City 12/7 2038 ID "24 hours a day...with K-Pod." (MS-CA)

1250 KTMS CA, Santa Barbara 12/10 0823 CNN Headline News. (SH-CA)

1260 CFRN AB, Edmonton 12/9 with spots for Edmonton Oilers, "Oldies 12-60" at 1557. (PM-OR)

1270 KNWZ CA, Palm Desert 11/25 1945, 2000 ID "This is K-News" into simulcast of KESQ Channel 3. Very strong evenings & mornings. They are an ABC affiliate, but usually carry CNN and local news. (JS-CA)

1290 KGVO MT, Missoula 12/9 1550 good with "790-KGVO" IDs and sports news. (PM-OR) (You had this listed on 790 as KGVO, but KGVO is on 1290. Maybe you meant KGHL???)--NH)

1300 KAZN CA, Pasadena 12/6 0300 time pips (3 short low and 1 short higher in tone), ID as "Radio Korea 1300 AM KAZN Pasadena." (RS-CA)

1340 KATY CA, San Luis Obispo 12/6 per call to KATY, still KATY, //KUHL-1440. Doesn't know anything about proposed call change to KGLW. (RW-CA)

1400 KEZC AZ, Yuma 11/25 2050 with EZL version of "Reminiscing" by Little Fete, into ABC news at 2100. Excellent conversation and verification with Program Manager Mark Royal, he was very helpful & professional. Yuma is a very hard locale to get, as are all Colorado River area stations. Lots of mountains and the cities are at lower elevations near the river. KJOC 93.1 is FM rock sister station to KEZC. All IRCA members, remember to tune these stations when in the area, and especially when not in the area! (JS-CA)

KUNA CA, Indio 12/8 1330 noted strong with Spanish programming. Have heard from home only as KREO. (MS-CAL)

- ?KJDY? OR, John Day 12/7 2000 tent. in KBLX null with Portland Trailblazers BKB. 50% sure I heard a "KJDY" ID by woman at 2000, but buried by KQMS. One of my most-wanted Oregon stations. (RW-CA) (1991-92 net has KNND, KJDY & KBCH.-NH)
- 1410 KWYO WY, Sheridan 12/8 2211 o/u CFUN with C&W music, "KWYO" ID above jumble. (PM-OR)
- 1420 KSES CA, Yucca Valley 12/8 1940 heard playing oldies "Tighten Up" & "Sweeter Than Wine." ID as "14-20 Kisses" at 1945. This one badly needed at home location. Signal gets weaker outside of town. Saw a single tower in Morongo Valley, but that might be KCDZ-FM. (MS-CA1)
- 1430 KAMP CA, El Centro 12/8 1640 coming on strong with football game. (MS-CA1)
- 1440 CFCP BC, Courtenay 12/8 0320 good over mess with "Coast Radio." (PM-OR)
- 1490 KBAS AZ, Bullhead City 11/25 2020 with country music, "K-Bass" IDs. Very hard to get but usually there--best SRS/SSS. Always seems to give a fishing report (K-Bass, hi). (JS-CA)
- ?CFWB? BC, Campbell River 12/8 0322 // with CFCP-1440. Presume it was CFWB-1490. (PM-OR)
- 1520 KTRO CA, Oxnard 12/10 2222 "RRRRradio Tirrrro." (SH-CA)
- 1560 KCEB CA, Norwalk 12/4 2200 Cerritos College Radio, is nowadays broadcasting after sunset. Good signal days, but KNZR eats 'em up at night. (MS-CA)
- 1600 KRRY CO, Lakewood 12/9 0850 good with IDs for AM & FM (107.5). (PM-OR)
- 1610 TIS ID, Clearwater National Forest moderately strong 12/6 1900-1930 with woman annrc. on brief tape loop. Referred to Highway 12, Milepost 41, and also Orofino. (LG-MT)
- TIS MT/WY, Yellowstone Nat. Park 12/6 1900-1930 weaker than Idaho TIS. Man advised that "animals you see are not tame...enjoy your visit to Yellowstone." (LG-MT)

DX TESTS

- 1360 (WGEE) WI, Green Bay 12/2 0200 DX test tried--not heard. (MS-CA)

HELP WITH UNIDS

- 1270 bp-WA and NH-WA's unIDs in 12/7 WDXR is possibly KPLY-NV. They run ARN and are heavy in sports programming. (DJS-CA)

UNIDS

- 530 Assumed beacon with "....." repeated every few seconds around 0910 and again 1910 12/10 on car radio. (LG-MT) (This is surely "INE," which is "... ." on 521 kHz with 400 watts, right there in Missoula! We've heard it in Aberdeen.--NH)
- 580 12/9 very strong test tone (1000 cycle) heard from 0245 to past 0330. No ID. Only heard off 1500' east Beverage. Over/under KFXD and CKXR. KANA returning? Anyone else hear this? (PM-OR)
- 820 Spanish is semi-weak most of the time. Heard on two occasions. The first time it sounded like a baseball game or some kind of quiet sporting event in the background. The second time they were playing "I Can't Get No Satisfaction" and other oldies in Spanish. (SH-CA)
- 900 12/9 0411 station here running "Classic Gold Radio Network" with "Baby I'm Yours" over all for awhile. Gave address for items, tagged "U.S. orders only." Ideas? Off 1500' east Beverage only. (PM-OR) (Bill says "Clasic Gold" is a Canadian network. So far, the only affiliate on 900 is CKBI-SK.--NH)
- 1230 12/7 2014 unID good on top with Portland Trailblazers BKB. Only KZZR listed as affiliate on network, faded to unID OSU BKB outlet which turned out to be KQIK. (RW-CA)
- 1240 12/7 2027 unID with OSU BKB. No affiliate listed on network in IRCA Almanac. (RW-CA) (KFLY-OR is on 1991-92 net.--NH)
- 1340 12/9 0430 unID TT good looping ESE with 5 sec. of TT then 3 sec. of pause. Continuous for hours. (RW-CA)

I would like to wish everyone "Happy Holidays" from all the Hardys-- Nancy, Bill, Billy and Melanie!

Central DX Roundup

★ PRODIGY

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FOR THE RECORD

Report all times as Eastern.

Deadline is every Saturday.

RIDING GAIN

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Realistic TRF 12-656, 4' spiral loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 730 WARB LA Covington, 11/28 good. 1905 sign off following NBC News. Sign off text mentioned "seven hundred thirty kilocycles, 250 watts, circular polarization..." Gave mailing address as PO Box 568, zip 70434. Also said sign on time was 6 am. "This Is My Country" sung a cappella by a male chorus. Odd use of old term "kilocycles" and "circular" vs "non-directional." New for me. [RS-MO]
- 920 KYST TX Texas City, 11/28 poor. 2235 with bilingual EE/SS announcer mentioned "KYST" in English going into Spanish music. New for me. [RS-MO]
- 930 WJBY AL Rainbow City, 12/3 loud and dominant. 2236 with "WJBY Radio Opinion Line" (phone numbers 1-900-454-4313/4.) Slogans "Joy" and "The station that plays the praise." [RS-MO]
- 970 KNEA AR Jonesboro, TENTATIVE. 12/3 fair. 2208 faded up with spot for Anderson's Auto Parts with mention of "in Northeast Arkansas." Soon faded under WAVG. [RS-MO]
- 1350 KCOR TX San Antonio, TENTATIVE. 11/28 poor. Sports in SS, mentions of San Antonio. SS music. No ID heard. [RS-MO]
- 1550 KXOJ OK Sepulpa, 12/1 good. 2156 with Christmas music. SID "We wish you a Merry Christmas from KXOJ." Last logged as KBLK. Local KLFJ was off the air for some unknown reason. [RS-MO]
- 1600 WXVI AL Montgomery, 12/3 fair to poor. 2225 with promo for "The Voice of Montgomery." Rev. Thomas Brown with "Love 16" "...from Sunshine 16, WXVI." Soon faded. New for me. [RS-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

December 31, 1966 issue of DX Monitor....Bruce Portzer of Seattle, Washington reported hearing lots of Alaskan stations including KFAR-660....Paul Kirkpatrick of Tucson, Arizona told us he would be going to Germany for 2 years....Don Erickson offered to print WPE cards for \$3.00 per 200.

OPEN MIKE

Trouble knocks at every man's door from time to time, but why ask him in and pull up a seat for him? If this edition of CDXR looks different it's because I am now using Ami Pro 2.0 as my word processor. Hope 1992 brings all of you super DX. 73, John.



Eastern DX Roundup

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- (LH-AL) Lynn Hollerman 514 Carrsbrook Rd., Huntsville, AL - 35803; DX-302 + 70' longwire.
- (LLH-WV) Leonard L. Hyde Rt. 1 Box 28, Ballard, WV 24918 Philco-Ford car radio modified; Chrysler digital Am/FM w/800' wire WNW.
- (JDS-AL) J.D. Stephens 122 Brawley Drive, Owens Cross Roads, AL - 35763; Panasonic RF-2600; SONY ICF-2001 +75' longwire.
- (AM-VA) Alan Merriman, P.O. Box 66, Annandale, VA 22003; Drake R8, 2 antenna supermarket slopers modified to noise-red. antennas, mini MWDX-4A wire/wire phasing unit, MWT-2 regen. amp/tuner, 2' high dynamic range balun loop w/amp.
- (TH-CA) Tim Hall, 350 G. St., No. F-1, Chula Vista, CA 91910-4559

- 560 WQAM FL, MIAMI 11/20 0100 FAIR in WJLS null w/Talknet. (LLH-WV)
- 570 WGMS MD, BETHESDA 11/28 2050 rarely heard station in suddenly w/talk, DC area ads, call-in show. Topic was "What did you do for Thanksgiving?"; mentions of American Radio Network. (LLH-WV)
- 600 WSJS NC, WINSTON-SALEM 11/27 2330 GOOD w/Hornets bkb; becoming a regular here as the winter sets in. (LLH-WV)
- 640 WGST GA, ATLANTA 11/23 2020 in/out w/Hawks bkb. ID at 2024 as "Atlanta's news station, WGST." (LLH-WV)
- 680 KNBR CA, SAN FRANCISCO 11/4 0459-0522 WEAK but fairly steady u/WPTF fades. "KNBR" calls heard frequently, station promo mentioning the Bay area, "This week in the NFL" promo. Looks like I finally have enough for a report. CA #5. (JDS-AL)
- 690 WVOK AL, BIRMINGHAM 11/23 1720 on top w/"this weekend, the Southeast's biggest record snow at the ???? Armory." Also, "Your oldies station, AM 690 - WVOK." Into mx; not needed but rarely heard. (LLH-WV)
- 730 CKAC PQ, MONTREAL 11/28 1904 FAIR w/nx and talk in FF. (LLH-WV)
- 740 WLWI AL, MONTGOMERY 11/23 1918 fighting KRVG and KTRH. ID as "Am 74 - WLWI - the station playing the songs you love to sing along with." Had to laugh, had just finished singing along with "We've Only Just Begun", hi. Strange mix of NOS, RO and CW oldies. (LLH-WV)
- 800 WHOS AL, DECATUR 11/26 2323 "Back to back ??? - WHOS"; heard amid mess containing PJB, unID Mexican, unID c/wstation and others. (LLH-WV)

810 WQIZ SC, SAINT GEORGE 12/1 0710 "AM 810, WQIZ" into GOS mx. (LLH-WV)

820 CHAM ON, HAMILTON (date, time?-ed) rare good appearance o/WBAP w/wx...how to win a 1992 Dodge Stealth RT; ad for Holland Chev/Olds (that's the way they said it), into c/w. (LLH-WV)

850 WPTB GA, STATESBORO 11/23 2052 faded up w/ad for Pizza Inn, "right here in Statesboro, across from the college campus" (Georgia Southern). Several mentions of the 'blue plate special.' "News in 6 minutes on the powerful 850." Into EZL mx and gone by 2058. (LLH-WV)

850 WRUF FL, GAINESVILLE 11/27 2305 POOR in WKIX null, mess. Wx forecast (tropical!) and into Talknet. At 2310 an ad for Scoresplus (a 900 sports service) and Whirlpool [850 increasing a jumble here - rare to hear anyone clearly other than WKIX these days.] (LLH-WV)

930 WTAD IL, QUINCY 12/1 0005 in/out w/WTKZ w/nx then "WTAD weather for the Tri-State area" - proceeded with very nasty forecast containing ice. Brr! (LLH-WV)

990 WEEB NC, SOUTHERN PINES 11/27 2210 GOOD in WIVK null w/Hornets vs. Jazz bkb. (LLH-WV)

1020 WRIX SC, ANDERSON 11/23 1710 in/out w/talk show about coming bluegrass concerts in Anderson. "The powerful AM 1020" and "the 2000 watt AM powerhouse." S/off at 1730 w/mention to continue listening on their sister FM station [103.1 WRIX-FM -ed]. (LLH-WV)

1030 KCTA TX, CORPUS CHRISTI 11/23 1825 w/contemp Christian mx. Fair in growl, flutter. Female announcer; long blocks of mx w/no talk. S/off at 1846 w/mention of 50,000 watts. (LLH-WV)

1030 WXSS TN, MEMPHIS 11/23 1855 occ w/black GOS mx, Memphis church nx (2 stations on 1030 less than 200 miles apart?). (LLH-WV)

1040 WQBB TN, KNOXVILLE 11/23 1730 EXCELLENT with CNN nx; s/off at 1734. (LLH-WV)

1060 WMPX MS, TUPELO 11/24 0019 alone on channel - "Quiet Storm" UC format. "Power Mix 1060" and "celebrating one year on the air in Tupelo." Plus, "the only station in town that jams - Power Mix 1060." Tupelo ads, wx. (LLH-WV)

1090 KAAZ AR, LITTLE ROCK 11/24 0030 VERY POOR but alone on channel. Always amazed at how weak this station is here. Heard before only at LSS. GOS talk and mx. (LLH-WV)

1140 KSOO SD, SIOUX FALLS 11/28 2008 in o/WRVA for a moment w/"Gentle On My Mind" then "K-S-O-O" by m/ann...into ads. Faded fast...not heard again. State #42, long sought after and it just pops up nonchalantly when I'm not even trying! (Yep...that's how it often happens!-ed). (LLH-WV)

1160 WAMB TN, DONELSON 11/24 0130 FAIR in/out w/WJJD and unID rock station. EZL format w/"The music of the night, into the night - WAMB - Donelson." Nashville ads then mx. Last heard in 1969 on 1190 at 250 watts during a DX test. (LLH-WV)

1270 WXYT MI, DETROIT 11/28 2059 "AM 1270 -WXYT, Detroit" into nx. Not heard for a while here. (LLH-WV)

1270 WKBF IL, ROCK ISLAND 11/25 0142-0148 c/w, ID at 0148 as "Where real country lives, WKBF", Fair signal. (LH-AL)

1280 WWOK IN, EVANSVILLE 11/25 0139-0140 "WWOK - the news authority for the tri-state" into wx for Evansville area...into "Cats in the Cradle"at 0140. Strong but fading. (LH-AL)

1310 WDOD TN, CHATTANOOGA 11/28 2104 GOOD w/ABC nx; into NOS, AS mx;"WDOD and great memories." (LLH-WV)

1310 WDXI TN, JACKSON 11/18 2144-2146 mentions of the University of Tennessee + ID. (LH-AL)

1320 WJAS PA, PITTSBURGH 11/25 0055-0130 "She Believes in Me", f/ann; ID at 0059 as "13-20, WJAS" into nx. Lots of QRM but strong. (LH-AL)

1320 WCVG KY, COVINGTON 11/25 0149-0201 surfaced for ID as "Get down and ??? - WCVG", ad for BRN program; lots of QRM. (LH-AL)

1350 WSMB LA, NEW ORLEANS 11/25 0001-0002 Pizza Hut ad, talk about Saint/Falcons game; nx and ID as "WSMB radio, New Orleans", good signal. (LH-AL)

1360 WSAI OH, CINCINNATI 11/24 2357-0000 "Baby Love", Dick Clark DJ giving credits, thanks at end of show. ID as "W-S-A-I, Cincinnati" at 0000 into "When Will I Be Loved"; strong signal. (LH-AL)

1370 WDEF TN, CHATTANOOGA 11/28 2135 up for a second w/ID as "FM 92.3 and AM 1370 - WEDF." (LLH-WV)

1520 KACY LA, LAFAYETTE 11/24 2056 FAIR-GOOD w/AS, EZL. No sign of WWKB. At ToH "KACY - Lafayette." No nx...straight into Neil Diamond's "I Am, I Said." (LLH-WV)

1540 KGBC TX, GALVESTON 11/23 2300 alone w/High School football (Lamont vs. Bay City); ann came in w/ID at 2300 over football; no CHIN on SW wire. (LLH-WV)

1550 WYNX GA, SMYRNA 11/23 1700 "Lite 1550 - WYNX, Smyrna/Atlanta." Into CNN nx; buried in jumble by 1703. (LLH-WV)

1570 WOBS IN, NEW ALBANY 11/12 0025-0028 STRONG at times w/Indiana Pacers vs. L.A. Clippers bkb game. Local spots during time outs; NRC log lists 233 watts. (JDS-AL)

1590 KKAY LA, DONALDSONVILLE 11/12 1813-1815 peaked w/sign off anmt mentioning transmitter location, studio-to-transmitter link and asking for program comments to be addressed to the manager, than gave station address. Off w/SSB. (JDS-AL)

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TENTATIVES & unID's

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660 unID FL, PENSACOLA 11/23 1742 EXCELLENT with Soul oldies, UC mx. "Classic 660 AM." Pensacola ads, mentions of Gulf coast; legal ID at 1800 given DURING mx selection but could not read in QRM. (LLH-WV)

660 WVLS
(t) ???? 11/23 1800 popped up suddenly w/sign off. Caught TENTATIVE call w/mention of Mobile Bay. [This was WBLX in Fairhope, AL - ed]. (LLH-WV)

740 KTRH
(t) TX, HOUSTON 11/23 1929 occ o/WLKI and KRMG war. Ad for SW Bell at 2030; occ heard nx, ads, etc. One business "located on ??? St., off Rt. 59." US 59 runs through Houston; other ads ment 72nd St., 53rd St., so it's a large town. (LLH-WV)

1020 unID 11/23 1707 in/out w/WRAS; GOS mx, like folk mx; one group sounded like Peter, Paul & Mary. Lost before s/off. (LLH-WV)

1050 WSNB
(t) NC, SIKESBORO 11/24 0005 came up o/XEG for a few seconds. Sounded like their s/off; mention of Sikesboro, NC and gave a call (tentative). I am from NC and have heard of Sikesboro but could not find it in my atlas [neither could I... must be a very small town]...gone after this w/XEG dominating. [You heard WFSC in Franklin, NC-ed]. (LLH-WV)

1150 WCUE
(t) OH, CUYAHOGA FALLS 11/28 2029 in suddenly w/GOS. ID "W ???, Cuyahoga Falls - 1150 on the AM dial." Back into mess. My 1973 Almanac has WCUE-1150 in Akron, OH of which Cuyahoga Falls is a suburb. (LLH-WV)

1310 unID 11/18 2146-2158 f/ann heard w/country mx...lots of QRM. (LH-AL)

1620 unID 11/10 1004 as speculated by me earlier this is definitely a TIS (or TAS) station that I am hearing here. Barely detectable in the noise, both m/f announcers; at 1013 noise down and signal up "We invite you to stop by for information on accomodations, ??? and special events" by m/ann followed by brief remarks by the f/ann and then the m/ann again a few seconds later "This is Travelers Advisory Station ..."; gave the call and first letter was a 'W' but nothing else. Again at 1017 "We invite you to stop by...", at 1020 and again at 1028 "Welcome to the ..." and at 1022 what sounded like "time of day." At 1032 and again at 1033 signal up briefly again and at this time the man sounded like he had an accent due to the weak sig/noise. Although this station appears to be roughly east or west of me, it's impossible to get even semi-accurate DF due to the fact that I have to null my powerline noise and take what's left. So much for Australia, at least for me, hi. Usually I don't care 2 hoots about TIS stations but this one has my curiosity aroused. Somebody ID this one - there can't be many TIS stations using 1620. Reception on this date was possible only on the loop, there was too much noise on the slopers. I have this on tape. (AM-VA).

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DX TESTS

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910 KVIS OK, MIAMI 11/5 0110-0112 WEAK just heard code & nothing else. Right at 0100, heard someone s/off w/SSB by Whitney Houston but not sure if this was they. (JDS-AL)

1560 KKID OK, SALLISAW 11/11 0057-0110 STEADY signal w/continuous code mentioning city. Started early; code seemed uninterrupted by any sort of voice ID or tones. (JDS-AL)

1590 KWEY OK, WEATHERFORD 11/11 0131-0157 WEAK code heard at roughly 3 to 4 minute intervals. Thought I heard a Van Halen song at 0151. (JDS-AL)

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QUIPS / QUOTES / unID HELP

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FROM TIM HALL: Lynn Hollerman's unID-950 is indeed WJPC, IL., they simulcast WJPC-FM 106.3. Glad to see some of the old EDXR regulars returning; I think the CPC tests will really help [I hope so Tim...and while on the subject of CPC TESTS, I must thank J.D. Stephens for doing an excellent job...it's a real PLUS having IRCA setting up DX tests as well as that other club, hi! Anyone wishing to help J.D. out w/postage costs can donate money or stamps to the cause...I HAVE because I realize, as an editor, the costs can really add up quickly - ed].

FROM LEONARD HYDE: Mike Brooker's 740 unID in Monitor #9 might be KTRH in Houston, TX. They are on the Gulf of Mexico and would possibly give marine wx. My logging of CIAO on 10/23 was at 2032 and not 1032...sorry for the typo [no problem Leonard o ...we all make 'em once in a while, hi - ed]

ALSO FROM LEONARD: Interesting results w/SW wire. No great DX but many stations that are not usually heard here. I hoped for more Mexicans and Mountain Time Zone stations ... conditions were rotten. By 0000 on 11/24 all stations on the band were affected by severe flutter. Approaching cold front or geo event? Never did check WWV; tried for KROB-770 around 0200 but found channel full of WYRV in Cedar Bluff, VA, which I thought was a daytime station [it IS only daytime per M-Street Directory and the NRC Radio Log - ed]. Had to take the wire up the next day but more opportunities will come.

AGAIN FROM LEONARD: SN/MM of 11/24-25 was one of the worst I've ever encountered. The entire band sounded like someone had thrown a blanket over it. Many regulars missing or barely heard, but nothing else heard either. Similar to AU but no DX noted. Only explanation I can come up with is passage of massive cold front that day. Can an event in relatively lower levels of the atmosphere mess up BCB reception that way? Don't BCB stations have to ID anymore during sporting events? Many are not...one more headache for DX'ers, hi.

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COMMENTS

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Thanks to this issue's reporters and quipsters. EDXR is really looking better these days and it's thanks to the members contributing on a regular basis! My hat's off to all of you! Until next time, CONTINUED GOOD DX MY FRIENDS and 73 de Mr. B

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(MB-ON) Mike Brooker 99 Wychcrest Ave., Toronto, ON, Canada M6G 3X8; Panasonic RF-2200 & SONY ICF- 7600D

(TF-CT) Tony Fitzherbert 356 Jackman Ave., Fairfield, CT - 06432; GE Superadio

(HH-MD) Hank Holbrook 407 Arundel Road, Fair Haven Cliffs, Maryland 20754; (4) Realistic DX-400 w/30'basement antenna; (2) SP-600 w/Colegrove loop; (1) SP-600 w/50' longwire; (3) Realistic DX-400 with Colgrove loop.

(LLH-WV) Leonard L. Hyde Rt. 1 Box 28, Ballard, WV 24918 Philco-Ford car radio modified; DX-440 +2' box loop (homebrew)

(KVJ-GA) Karl V. Jeter 2115 Scarbrough Rd., Stone Mountain, GA-30088; HQ-150 +4' amplified loop, longwires.

(RCR-PA) Robert Ritchie 210 S. Walnut St., Martinsburg, PA - 16662; Superadio II + 400' longwire.

(JDS-AL) J.D. Stephens 122 Brawley Drive, Owens Cross Roads, AL - 35763; Panasonic RF-2600; SONY ICF-2001 +75' longwire.

(WPT-DC) William P. Townshend 4500 Connecticut Ave. NW, #901, Washington, D.C. 20008; SONY-2010

(KZ-NY) Karl Zuk 154 Old Post Road North, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520; R390/URR w/1500' longwire ground system.

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530 CIAO ON, BRAMPTON 11/18 0615-0640 BOOMING in w/ethnic programming...language sounded Spanish but there were frequent mentions of "Italia", so maybe it was Italian. English ID at 0630 mentioning 790 in Brampton and Test broadcasting on 530. (JDS-AL)

530 CIAO ON, BRAMPTON 12/7 0558-0704 GOOD much of the time w/some QRM - pesty MD Highway TIS stations. NX in English at 0600 & 0700; program of pop mx announcement in some foreign language. (HH- 1,2 - MA)

540 CJSB ON, OTTAWA 12/6 2145 w/rock mx and a "Suck Up and Win" contest, where listeners are invited to call the DJ to tell him how great he is - best entry wins; way o/local WLIX. (TF-CT)

540 WGTO FL, CYPRESS GARDENS 11/25 0208-0226 BOOMING in w/oldies and "Cruisin' Oldies 54 WGTO" slogans. DJ was Mark Sunder. I called the station; about 5 minutes after I called they abruptly disappeared, as if a pattern switch occurred. Perhaps they accidentally left their day pattern on? New and much wanted! (JDS-AL)

570 CJEM NB, EDMUNDSTON 12/5 2125 French rock mx very audible u/WMCA here. (TF-CT)

620 WVMT VT, BURLINGTON 12/6 2159 w/commercial for Sears, WVMT ID...into syndicated rock mx show. (TF-CT)

640 WNNZ MA, WESTFIELD 11/29 1621 w/talk; seems to simulcast WRKO; commercial for Snow Mountain Skie Area, local telephone to talk on WNNZ given as 568-6400; good signal. (TF-CT)

660 WMIC MI, SANDUSKY 11/16 1700 FAIR o/WFAN w/sign off anct mentioning 500 watt PSA, no SSB. (MB-ON)

730 WOHS NC, SHELBY 12/3 1905 FAIR w/wx, Shelby temp; ID as "WOHS" into RC mx; not heard since 1973. (LLH-WV)

760 WVNE MA, LEICESTER 11/28 1620 w/Christian mx; announcer is John Reynolds; a "good night to most of the listeners"

- at 1630 as the station reduced power; a call to the station revealed that they dropped power from 10 kw to 24 watts at that time. (TF-CT)
- 780 CFDR NS, DARTMOUTH 12/7 1705-1734 o/WBEM w/rock mx, frequent ID's for "All Hit CFDR - 780", Skywatch Weather w/snow; a commercial for Woodlawn Sports. Never heard before so must be a new move from 680 kHz. (TF-CT)
- 800 CKLW ON, WINDSOR 12/1 2309 dominating channel like the old days w/MYL. "Tell your friends about the great music on AM-800, CKLW" into ads. This was one of my favorite stations in the late 60s when they played RC. (LLH-WV)
- 830 WWMO NC, EDEN 11/30 1650 very audible preaching by Pastor L.C. Maloney on his "Gospel Express" complete w/train whistles, ID for "The Big O" WWMA at 1700 and then into more preaching from the New Hope Gospel Church on New Street, Danville, VA. (TF-CT)
- 850 WRMR OH, CLEVELAND 12/1 2318 ON TOP w/MYL. ID almost carbon copy of CKLW: "Thanks for telling your friends about the Music of Your Life on 'WARM-850' - WRMR." Into "April in Paris" by Basie. (LLH-WV)
- 980 KOKA LA, SHREVEPORT 11/25 0100-0102 just caught s/off. Said they would return to the air at 5 AM. I did hear the owners' names mentioned but due to tough copy I only caught the name "Diane." Weak signal. (JDS-AL)
- 1030 WXSS TN, MEMPHIS 11/24 2150-2220 STRONG; some fading w/Black Gospel. Slogan is "Make a statement in Memphis on the station where your friends are AM 1030 WXSS." They were reported in a past broadcasting changes column that they had switched to a K-Call. And the pending call letter switch was confirmed during a visit at the station back in July. Did this ever happen? (JDS-AL)
- 1070 WKII FL, SOLONA 12/3 1712 w/Nostalgia, spot for First Federal of Ft. Meyers, wx for SW FL; formerly hrd/verified as 1090/Port Charlotte. (KVJ-GA)
- 1090 WKTE NC, KING 12/5 0948 in daytime on south wire; c/w. Believe it or not, daytime regular on loop is extremely weak but audible KAAY, AR. WKTE is the station that mixes but can't be IDd before now. (LLH-WV)
- 1120 WDUV VA, DUFFIELD 12/10 0849-0903 GOOD in KMOX null; no sign of WBNM/Gordon w/bluegrass mx; "...this is the home of that great American bluegrass music..." Boy, I wish I lived in the primary coverage of this station! (KVJ-GA)
- 1160 WMVI NY, CLIFTON KNOLLS 12/4 1645 w/standards, ID = "You are listening to the station that remembers - AM 1160, WMVI", commercial for "The Tire Center"; weak signal. (TF-CT)
- 1190 KUII TX, DALLAS 12/3 1755 "1190 AM Traffic", financial nx, promo as "KUII means we Keep U Instantly Informed." (KVJ-GA)
- 1200 WNSS NY, NORTH SYRACUSE 12/5 1620 w/lots of IDs for "W-News"; CNN Headline Sports; commercial for The Garden Center and "You give us 30 minutes and we will give you the world", and lost by 1630. (TF-CT)
- 1250 WNTT TN, TAZEWEEL 12/4 0601 s/on w/SSB into c/w. (KVJ-GA)

1260 WRIE PA, ERIE 12/4 2115 w/rock oldies; lots of IDs for "Oldies Radio Am-1260, WRIE"; the WRIE wx forecast...faded after 30 minutes; never heard here before. (TF-CT)

1270 WLBR PA, LEBANON 12/5 1638 w/mx, the Afternoon Magazine Program; w atop 1270 w/WSPR gone. (TF-CT)

1280 WQUE LA, NEW ORLEANS 12/1 0230 FAIR w/soul, UC mx; New Orleans area ads; phone calls; f/ann answers "Q93."

1290 WIRL IL, PEORIA 11/21 0648 F-G o/CJBK w/ID as "Newsradio 1290 WIRL", into sports report featuring Bradley University bkb. (MB-ON)

1300 WIMG NJ, TRENTON 11/29 1700 w/black gospel mx; ID at 1700 then into more gospel mx; weak u/WAVZ; never heard here before. (TF-CT)

1320 WKAP PA, ALLENTOWN 11/29 1709 w/ID as "Oldies 1320, WKAP", into oldies; o/u WATR. (TF-CT)

1340 WROD FL, DAYTONA BEACH 11/26 1753 FAIR wx by/m ann; ID as "AM 1340 WROD", into EZL mx. (RCR-PA)

1380 WPHM MI, PORT HURON 11/28 0705 POOR w/pest CKPC nulled; end of ABC Information nx, f/ann w/ID as "Good morning from the WPHM newsroom...33 degrees at 7:05", into local nx. (MB-ON)

1410 WLTV AL, MOBILE 11/25 2036 GOOD w/religious mx, ID by/m as "You're listening to LOVE 1410 WLTV, the station you listen to most...a Mobile, AL tradition since 1930." (RCR-PA)

1440 WLXN NC, LEXINGTON 12/5 1005 Oh Nostalgia! This is the town I spent my teenage years in. Then, the station was WBUY; WLXN was FM. GOOD on South wire o/local WHIS w/nx, ad for Lanier Hardware (where I used to buy my models) and NOS mx. Last time heard w/full time GOS. Wish I had more time to explore day possibilities but the wire must be taken up. (LLH-WV)

1490 WACM MA, WEST SPRINGFIELD 11/30 1623 Spanish program w/female ann then live broadcast of a sporting event...probably soccer; o/u WGCH. (TF-CT)

1500 WKER NJ, POMPTON LAKES 11/29 1644 w/rock oldies; ID as "WKER - in our 28th year of serving Butler and Bloomingdale", wx and more oldies; o/local WFIF. (TF-CT)

1560 WINV FL, INVERNESS 11/18 0558 out of nowhere w/a clear ID as "WINV the voice of Citrus County." Soon lost to QRM. (JDS-AL)

1570 WBUX PA, DOYLESTOWN date & time? wx for Bucks County, oldie mx; way atop 1570...regular here. (TF-CT)

1580 WANB PA, WAYNESBURG 11/20 0630 FAIR w/ad for McClellandtown Furniture; f/ann w/state and local nx during which "WANB news time is 6:32" ID was heard. Not heard regularly on SSS/SRS since circa 1978; once a frequent pest. (MB-ON)

1590 WPDL FL, SOUTH DAYTONA 11/25 2025 FAIR w/R&B type oldies; ID as "WPDL" by/m ann...back to oldies. (RCR-PA)

1590 WSMA MI, MARINE CITY 11/19 0652 POOR in battle w/pest
WAKR, w/"Walk Right Back" by Anne Murray; f/ann w/ID as
"8 before 7 on WSMA", into c/w. (MB-ON)

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DX TESTS, FREQUENCY CHECKS, TIS

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1320 KXOL OK, CLINTON 11/25 0130-0200 IRCA DX TEST arranged by
J.D. Stephens; heard some tones but no code; as I
should have heard the code if I heard some tones; this
logging is TENTATIVE. (JDS-AL)

1360 WGEE WI, GREEN BAY 12/2 0217-0300 IRCA DX TEST arranged by
J.D. Stephens; surprisingly good DX program thru WDRS
and others; code good and some voice and music IDs.
(HH-2-MA)

1360 WGEE WI, GREEN BAY 12/2 0200-0259 IRCA DX TEST arranged by
J.D. Stephens, heard w/Code IDs about every 6 minutes;
one Voice ID noted at 0200 start of test. (KVJ-GA)

1560 KABI KS, ABILENE 11/18 0600-0615 IRCA DX TEST arranged by
J. D. Stephens; heard some electronic pips, called
station and confirmed. The CE said they were SONAR
PIPS. (JDS-AL)

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TENTATIVES & unID's

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920 unID 12/3 1920 F-G off S wire w/Xmas mx, USA net nx into
GOS mx. No IDs and gone before I could ID. (LLH-WV)

1040 unID 12/3 2110 GOOD w/UC, soul mx and fast talking DJ. Ad
mentions something "east of I-95." Later noted w/GOS
mx; never heard any IDs. Surely same as 11/7 1040
unID. Who is this? Anyone? (LLH-WV)

1310 WEEL VA, FAIRFAX 12/1 2345 TENTATIVE thought I
(t) heard ID in mess. I heard this station first go on the
air in 1960 when we lived at Mankey's Corner, near
Fairfax Station, VA and I was 8 years old. (LLH-WV)

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SPECIAL / PIRATE ****

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1620 WRMR NY, MONTICELLO 12/7 2230-0130 "Radio Free
Monticello" pirate. DJ was "Dark Helmet"; phone
request line as 914-434-2587; heavy metal mx (Anthrax,
etc.). Mentioned 99.7 FM parallel. STRONG! [Thanks
Karl - ed] (KZ-NY)

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SPECIAL / EXPERIMENTAL BEACON ****

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1639 "R D"

MD, BERLIN 12/8 0945 Experimental Beacon station; GOOD w/CW IDs. This beacon on weekends and sometimes during the week. 24 hours **POTENT SIGNAL for ONE WATT**. Heard as far as upper NY state and Mass. This station sends QSL cards: write to Dave Holland, 300 South Main St., Berlin, MD - 21811. [Thanks Hank, GREAT logging; hope the members get some QSLs from this tip! -ed]. (HH-3-MA)

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COMMENTS

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Thanks to this issue's reporters who sent in some terrific tips. I hope everyone had a very Healthy and Happy Christmas holiday and I'd like to extend my wishes to everyone for a Healthy and Prosperous New Year! Until next issue, **CONTINUED GOOD DX MY FRIENDS** and 73 de Mr B



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A few lines here to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Also, hope you all have a good New Year. I called KPLS-830 owner, Danny Villanueva, Jr today 5 Dec. and was told he plans to go on 30 Dec. but as yet unsure of time. The tower site is in a forest area between Orange and Corona, CA on a hill. Power is 2500/1000 with a planned news format. The studio-offices are at 1592 Batavia St, Orange, CA. Cross street in my atlas shows it's at Taft Ave; phone is 714-282-8300. Also was told 3 towers are used. Saw the Broadcasting Info item on KPSL-1010 so I called the number I had on file (613-323-1010); spoke to Ray Johnson who says he is in programming there. He says there are 5 towers in Thousand Palms (city of license) near Vella Road. Was told the consulting engineer is Larry Morton of Mesa Oaks (who did consulting for KRCK-1500 and KBET-1220). Called Ed Stoltz re: KRCK's application and he says Jan 6 is when his tower site case goes before the LA city council. Calls welcome here - LA area DXers can use 800-300-5540 or above numbers. 73

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Greetings! I'm always on the look-out for interesting computer programs with radio significance, and just found two I plan to purchase from Zephyr Services (800-533-6666). One is "Suntimes" (\$29.95), which generates sunrise and sunset tables for any month of any year, and for any location (lat/long) on Earth. DST is automatically considered or can be overridden. The other is "Bearings" (\$24.95); you can specify any two locations on Earth (lat/long) and get the distance and directions (bearing in degrees of the compass) from one to the other. The catalog description says it's "great for aligning your antennas to pull in those DX stations." Both are for IMB-compatible machines; neither requires a color monitor. Will a new edition of the IRCA Mexican List be coming out this season? Hope so. I'll bet each of us has a list of favorite frequencies. Mine are 720, 820, 830, 840, 890 and 1040 because of the possibility of distant reception from my location. Who has the most states on 1610 (TIS)? My modest list consists of 3: ID, WA and MT/WY (Yellowstone could be either). Shawn Axelrod is inspiring me to hear some TA hets; I'll keep trying 1314 and 1521. I enjoyed the Bricktown DX list; where is Bricktown? 73 and good DX!

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Hello, IRCA members! I've been in the IRCA for a year now, so I felt it was time to send in a forum. An intro: I am 18 years old, originally from near San Francisco, but now a broadcast journalism major at USC. I didn't start to seriously DX until I moved here (what do you say to your mother when she walks into your room at 3 AM and you say you're listening to Boise?). Living in the honors dorm, where EVERYONE has a computer, TV, stereo, plus florescent lights everywhere add a lot of noise at times, but DXing can be done. At this point, I am mostly logging and QSLing the locals but I received verie #1 from KKOB last week [now you're hooked, hi-rcw]. Thanks to JD for setting up the DX tests - so far was only able to hear **KPAY-1060**. Attended the Convention in November and enjoyed meeting other IRCAers and learned quite a bit about DXing; will be going to the SoCal DXers GTG next weekend. Heard about a new receiver from Sangean - the 818CS. It has a built-in cassette recorder and is supposed to be more selective than the 803A. It's available through the C-Crane Co. in Fortuna, CA for \$249. All for now. Happy holidays and 73's. [welcome to the column, Duncan. Hope you can be a regular contributor to both WDXR and WDXFI-rcw]

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

Just received the 12/7 bulletin - looks great. A very good write up on the convention, Jim. It was a lot of fun and it was great seeing everyone, too. Larry Godwin: CKBX-840 puts in a quite strong signal here, too. Sometimes it can be heard u/o my local KSWB and can be dominant after 0300 EST. They get out for 500 watts! Must have a great tower location. Mentioning Canadian stations, the night of 12/7-8, cx to the north was very good with tentative loggings of both **CHTK-560** and **CFTK-590**. Those good cx to the north are great except for one problem - when the signals are strong the powerhouse 10-50 KW's in Vancouver are also strong, so trying to get a log on 590 with CHRX-600 almost 100 db over splats everywhere! I guess that goes with good northerly cx along with 2200 feet of wire running N/NNW. According to Chuck Boehnke - Hawaii, several of the lower powered stations in the West Pacific have been given the go-ahead for higher power. Marshall Islands on 1224 is now 10 KW. A tentative of Truk on 1593 suggests they might have boosted, too. Maybe some of those rate Western Pacific stations might make it in here. Guam is heard very occasionally even with their 10 KW. I guess a lot of the others are heard in Australia and NZ at times. Also a great turnout for Verification Signers. I am glad a lot of people are supporting the column and there are still DXers that QSL. Recently passed the 2,000 QSL mark on MW which I thought I would never do. 530 KHz sure has been getting interesting. Got a log of **CIAO-530** the other night - very weak and sat on the freq. for over 2-1/2 hours. Finally caught an ID by a woman on the hour. Ethnic programming was on but with the noise, weak signals and so-so cx, it wasn't easy. Sent a taped report and hope they answer. Got the old CJFT QSLed several years ago with their 250 watts. Wonder if CIAO is running the same power on both frequencies - 3 KW? Anyone know? Well, that's it for this time. Good DX to all. 73s, Patrick

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I took my homemade loop apart and rebuilt it according to the Gospel of Sanserino. What a difference! I worked good before, it works great now. Thank you, Ralph, for all of the advice and your endless fountain of information. This last month I have spent many hours trying to think of a way to cram a 2000-ft beverage antenna onto a 70 foot lot. No matter how I look at it, it just won't fit! I'm going to scout the area this weekend for a spot where I could unwind a lot of wire in the right direction. I have been hearing a lot of Canadians the last couple of weeks, but no Alaska or Hawaii. I think WCCO was the farthest station away. By the way, if any members out there are on USENET I am sjhawk2@pacbell.com and wv6u@hoptoad.uucp. I am into pacbell.com daily and hothead nearly so. Drop me some E-mail. I would also like to thank Pat Martin for his wonderful store of advice and information; and Nick Hall-Patch for his very nice, very complete answer to my query. Thanks, Steve.

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My friend A.J. dumped CATV so I rigged her up enough antennas to get everything worthwhile. In the process, I detected another low power TV station on ch. 13 broadcasting The Jukebox Network. IDs as "LPTV W13RZ". Location unknown. Caught the WAMZ-97.5 "Winners Van" doing a promo at a local drug store. Snatched a button and some bumper stickers. Got some WRKA-103 bumper stickers at a promo for the Party Place across the street from my sub-division. Keeps me out of trouble anyway! WLKY-TV32 had an open house 11/17. Very nice tour and a rather large crowd. I grabbed a Captain Planet poster while A.J. hogged up on chocolate chip cookies and punch. Across from WLKY, between I-71 and the Ohio River, is the WFIA-900 tower site. That may be interesting because the transmitter shack is a double hulled boat. Looks like a miniature Noah's Ark. Mr. Cisler, the pre-WFIA owner/operator, rode out the 1964 flood aboard this boat and kept the station on the air until the waters receded. At least that's the tale I've been told! (second report) From the Louisville Courier-Journal of 12/8/91: "LRJ-AM, the first radio station in Bowling Green, KY was turned off 12/6 by the owner, Bahakel Communications of Charlotte, NC. The station manager was quoted as saying: "You can't hardly give them away, let alone sell one..." Sister station WCRZ-FM was also turned off but is being sold to Target Communications of Georgia. WLBK-1410 signed on 6/24/70 and was named for first owner L.B. Jenkins. WNBS of Murray, KY and sister TV station also left the air on 12/6/91. Happy listening in the New Year!

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"Recent reports concerning the imminent demise of the AM band have been greatly exaggerated." This is what came to mind after reading some of the material in recent DXMs. Of course, those who say this are talking about RCB radio as a large money maker. In this regard, they are quite accurate. The days of the big bucks in AM radio are done. In the coming years, we will likely see more stations go dark. This is NOT NECESSARILY bad. The band has been grossly overbuilt in many markets the past 15 years, and we are now seeing the pendulum begin to swing back the other way. Some of us wouldn't mind at all seeing the band less crowded. the RCB will continue to be used for what it is best for: public information. There will be more special interest stations, more religious outlets. In most of the world, AM radio will remain the prime entertainment and information medium for years to come. We don't have to worry about the death of our hobby in the near future. WE WILL see changes. If digital AM ever becomes a reality, it will take ages to implement. The change will be gradual, and we can handle it. I wonder who will publish the first homebrew digital converter in DXM? All existing sets would be unable to receive it, so it's a new rx, or a converter. I think the projects in DXM are great. It's good to see more movement back into building our own equipment. On receivers and their deficiencies, no one knows better than we DXers what WE want in a receiver. Therefore, why not build our own? I'm working on one right now. Details as they become available. Thanks to ALL our officers, our publisher, and column editors for the hard work they do to make this club a success. 73 de LLH.

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I hope you all had a good Christmas and will have a Happy New Year. I can wish you all received a new receiver under the tree but I know it didn't happen. Remember to report during 1992. 73.

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