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August 12, 1991

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Dear Mike:

This letter will confirm your reception of KCUB at 1290 kHz, on August 5, 1991 at 0045 MST.

The information you provided in your report is correct.
Thank you for your interest in our station.

K-CUB

Sincerley,

Cliff Reno
Chief Engineer

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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DEADLINES: 2nd & 4th Saturdays.

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NEW STATION APPLICATIONS:

(NONE)

NEW STATION GRANTS*

(NONE)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

(NONE)

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

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|---------------|-----------|--------------------|
| CA. Fowler | KRGO-1220 | reduce to 370-D |
| NJ. Elizabeth | WJDM-1530 | increase to 1000-D |
| PQ. La Tuque | CEME-990 | move to 830 khz. |

FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS:

(NONE)

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

| | | |
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| AK. Eagle River | KCFA-1020 | becomes KFFR |
| FL. Jacksonville | WJGC-1530 | requests WCRJ |
| GA. McDonough | WZAL-1410 | requests WKKP |
| NC. Charlotte | WSOC-930 | becomes WYFQ |
| Laurinburg | WDXF-1460 | becomes WEWO |

Note: WJFL-1530 remains WJGC, request withdrawn

AM 600 • 96 1/2 FM

FORMAT CHANGES:

| | | |
|----------------------|------------|--|
| AL. Albertville | WAVU-630 | was oldies, adds AFR talk |
| Bay Minette | WBCA-1110 | was silent, now AC |
| Dadeville | WDLK-1450 | was country/talk, adds AFR talk |
| Elba | WELB-1350 | was oldies, now country |
| CA. Porterville | KTIP-1450 | was nx/talk, adds AFR talk |
| CO. Grand Junction | KNZZ-1100 | was nx/talk, adds AFR talk |
| CT. Hartford | WCCC-1290 | was silent, now rock //FM |
| Willimantic | WILI-1400 | was AC, adds SMN AC |
| IN. Terre Haute | WBOW-1230 | was oldies/talk, adds SUN talk |
| KS. Hays | KAYS-1400 | was AC, adds Unis. AC |
| Hutchinson | KWEW-1450 | was talk, adds SUN talk |
| KY. Pikeville | WLST-900 | was country, now oldies //FM |
| Prestonburg | WPRT-960 | was country, now AC |
| MD. Annapolis | WNAV-1430 | was full-service AC, now full-service oldies |
| Ocean City | WETT-1590 | was stds/talk adds AFR talk |
| MA. Gardner | WGAW-1340 | was AC/talk, adds AFR talk |
| MI. Muskegon | WSEFJ-1600 | was WSNX, CHR//FM, now SEN sports "Fan" |
| MN. Minneapolis | KTCJ-690 | was jazz, now alt. rock //FM |
| MS. Amory | WAMY-1580 | was country, now AC |
| Starkville | WKOR-980 | was CHR//FM, talk, now C&W//FM, talk |
| MD. Jefferson City | KMOS-1240 | was soft AC, talk, now talk |
| Joplin | KQYX-1560 | was nx/talk, adds AFR talk |
| NE. Scottsbluff | KNEB-960 | was country//FM, adds AFR talk |
| NV. Ely | KELY-1230 | was country, adds JSA country |
| NH. Hanover | WTSL-1400 | was AC. adds AFR talk |
| Nashua | WMVU-900 | is new, nx/talk |
| NY. Salamanca | WGGO-1590 | was AC, now talk |
| NC. Charlotte | WYFQ-930 | was WSOC, C&W//FM, now BEN religion |
| Fayetteville | WFAI-1230 | was AS, now gospel/talk |
| Garner | WHEV-1000 | was country, rptd. silent |
| Laurinburg | WEWO-1460 | was WMXF, CHR//FM, now Unis. AC |
| Lumberton | WAGR-1340 | was oldies, now UTK talk |
| Rocky Mount | WRMT-1490 | was black gospel, now contemp. Xtian |
| OH. Hamilton | WMOH-1450 | was AC, talk, now nx/talk |
| Newark | WCLT-1430 | was oldies, talk, adds AFR talk |
| OR. Bend | KBND-1110 | was nx/talk, adds AFR talk |
| Hillsboro | KUIK-1360 | was oldies, talk, now talk, sports |
| PA. Elizabethtown | WPDC-1600 | was CHR/sports, adds AFR sports |
| Mount Pocono | WPCN-960 | was AC, now rock |
| PR. Mayaguez | WORA-760 | was AC//WQBS, now nx/talk //WQBS |
| Patillas | WEXS-610 | is new, variety |
| Ponce | WPRP-910 | was AC//WQBS, now nx/talk //WQBS |
| San Juan | WQBS-630 | was AC, now nx/talk |
| SC. Charleston | WUJM-1450 | was urban, now news |
| Hemingway | WKYB-1000 | was country, rptd. silent |
| SD. Rapid City | KIMM-1150 | was country, adds SMN country |
| TN. Clarksville | WDXN-540 | was country, adds AFR talk |
| Cookeville | WPTN-780 | was oldies/talk, now talk |
| Gate City | WGAT-1050 | was C&W/bluegrass/gospel, adds AFR talk |
| TX. Dallas | KLIF-570 | was talk, adds SUN talk |
| Killeen | KRMV-1050 | was KIIZ, urban//FM, now SS/ethnic |
| Victoria | KNAL-1410 | was nx/talk, now silent |
| VI. Charlotte Amalie | WSTA-1340 | was variety, adds AFR talk |
| WA. Lakewood | KLAY-1180 | was nx/talk, adds AFR talk |
| WI. Eagle River | WERL-950 | was SMN AC, now SMN AS |
| ON. Newmarket | CKAN-1480 | was AC, now silent |
| Toronto | CJCL-1430 | was AS, now oldies/sports |

Note: UTK is the United Talk network

Just 9 more days till Tax time, hope you get a big enough refund to buy a new rx! 73's.



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DX Worldwide - West

Time: UTC phone (503) 861-3185

DEADLINES: 5/4, 6/1, 7/6

There is a good turnout this time around as we go into the Summer months. Bruce Portzer had good luck at a DXpedition at Kalalock, WA recently and we have reports from Shawn Axelrod and Dale Park. So on with the show!

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 540 MEXICO, San Luis Potosi-XEWA-1159 3/29 s/on w/vocal NA, then call ID, mixing w/O Canada from CBK s/on. It's rare to hear 2 different NAs mixing on the same frequency, even if it is just Canada and Mexico. (BP-WAK)
+Also noted alone on frequency w/lively mx and man doing ads. In most nights after CBK s/off-3/31 0926-Good (SA-MB)
- 730 MEXICO, Mexico DF-XEX 0915 4/1 strong in CKDM null, with lots of mx and talk in SS-XEX ID. (SA-MB)
- 830 BELIZE, Belize City-Radio Belize(Ladyville) 3/31 0430 poor w/ reggae mx. First time hrd. New Country-accented EE (SA-MB) (Shawn: This isn't reported often anymore. Good going.PM)
- 850 MEXICO, Mexicali-XEZF dominant on South wire 0253 3/29 w/ ranchera mx, call IDs, ment of Calexico-Mexicali s/off anmt 0259, then vocal NA (BP-WAK)
- 940 CUBA, Radio Reloj-3/30 0757 Poor, clock and morse code ID on the minute (SA-MB)
- 980 MEXICO, Navojoa-3/27 1055 Fair mx, man doing nx and XEKE ID New for me in CBW null. (SA-MB)
- 1030 MEXICO, Mexico DF-XEQR-1038 4/2 Fair Mexican mx u/KTWO in part null. (SA-MB)
- 1205 CAYMAN ISLANDS, 0641 3/29 carrier-fair (BP-WAK)
- 1555 CAYMAN ISLANDS, 0635 3/29 Good carrier, possible audio thru Domestic splat. (BP-WAK)
- 1560 MEXICO, Mexico DF-XEFAJ-1150 3/29 Poor -Lots of mx and ID in KKAAs null New for me. (SA-MB)
- 1610 ANGUILLA, The Valley--strong 0625 3/29 w/Blues mx ment of listener in Georgia getting them on the car rx, phone numbers given w/800 and 818 area codes. (BP-WAK)
- 1000 UNID, Slow and fast paced Mexican mx 4/2 1023-Hrd Radio Mil ID Who is 24 hrs now? (SA-MB) (Prob. XEMIL-Los Mochis, as Tim Hall ID'd this for me last yr. PM)
- 2580 UNID, LA various times 0450-1030 3/29 on South wire w/LA pops, SS anmts fair-nil. Either 2nd harmonic of 1290 or 3rd harmonic of 860 (not XEMO). (BP-WAK)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 529 ALASKA, Level Island-SQM good w/wx and code IDs 0718 3/29. Hrd only on N. wire (BP-WAK)
- 531 AUSTRALIA, West Kempsey-2MC-1320 3/29 good w/string on ads, ID etc. (BP-WAK)
- 540 WESTERN SAMOA, strong 0718-0735 3/29 w/personal messages by woman in Samoa, switched to man 0730 (BP-WAK)
- 550 HAWAII, Wailuku-KMVI-0938 3/29 atop w/Dr. Demento pgm, promo for Filippino pgm, "KMVI, the sound of Maui" ID (BP-WAK)
- 567 AUSTRALIA, Julia Creek-4JK probably the pop mx and woman DJ fair 1250 3/29, unable to find // to confirm. (BP-WAK)
- 576 AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2RN good w/discussion pgm 1245 3/29 (BP-WAK)
- 594 JAPAN, Tokyo-JOAK JJ talk good thru splash 1349 and 1409 3/29(BP)
- 603 AUSTRALIA, Charleville-4CH-4/8 1417-Man reading list of celebrity birthdays, light pops, ABC Shoppe spot, wx.KSSK splat. (DP-HI)

- 612 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4QR-fair w/mx 1415 3/29 (BP-WAK)
693 JAPAN, Tokyo-JOAB fair w/JJ talk 1408 3/29 (BP-Wak)
702 AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2BL-good/fair in splat 1148 3/29 (BP-WAK)
720 HAWAII, Eleele-KUAI-adcon mx 1520 3/29 "7-20 KUAI" ID at 5:20 TC between songs (BP-Wak)
738 AUSTRALIA, Grafton-2NR-fair 1314 3/29 w/discussion pgm (BP-WAK)
747 JAPAN, Sapporo-JOIB 1313 3/29 //774,828 best on West wire(BP-Wak)
774 JAPAN, Akita-JOUB 1241 3/29 good w/JJ talk, way atop 3LO even though the antenna was pointed directly at Australia! much poorer on North wire due to Domestic splat. Loud on all 3 wires by 1312. (BP-Wak)
810 NEW ZEALAND, Dunedin-4YA 3/28 1035 Woman airing jazz mx by Nat King Cole Trio, Andre Previn //9700 SW before losing to QRM. Fair to poor, QRM KIKI-830, Fiji underneath in Hindi (DP)
819 AUSTRALIA, Glen Innes-2GL 1343 3/29 discussion pgm easily separable from KGNW (BP-WAK)
828 JAPAN, Osaka-JOBB o/UNID DU hrd w/JJ talk 1311 3/29, also better on West wire than N wire (BP-Wak)
830 HAWAII, Honolulu-KIKI-0738 3/29 strong with ads, PSA, oldies music (BP-WAK)
846 KIRIBATI, Tarawa-good w/mx //14917 SW 0745 3/29 (BP-WAK)
850 HAWAII, Hilo-KHLO-0830 3/29 loud o/KTAC w/C&W mx,Call ID (BP-Wak)
870 HAWAII, Honolulu-KAIM-loud w/rcl pgm 0653 3/29 (BP-Wak)
891 AUSTRALIA, Townsville-4RR good 1336 3/29 w/Anne Murray song "Better music 4 double R" ID ads (BP-WAK)
900 FIJI, good w/Hindi mx 0655 3/29 (BP-WAK)
900 HAWAII, Kahului-KMUI good 0700 3/29 w/AM-FM ID and adcon mx Also assumed to be the one w/Filippino pgm 1336 (BP-Wak)
945 UNID, something trying to break thru splat 0833 3/29 (BP-WAK)
981 UNID, het 1520 3/29 none noted earlier checks (BP-WAK)
1008 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4TAB-good w/ID between songs 1214 3/29 (BP-Wak)
1080 HAWAII, Honolulu-KWAI 0753 3/29 fair u/KWJJ w/talk about Hawaii natives, call ID (BP-WAK)
1071opps) UNID, het here 1226 3/29 and several rechecks, always too much CFAX/KNX to produce audio (BP-WAK)
1098 UNID, singing and male talk, sounded non-EE, prob WSOZ 0932 3/29 (BP-WAK)
1110 HAWAII, Kihei-KAOI 1216 3/29 good w/rr mx (Kona-Maui concert mx, blood bank PSA, ID for KAOY, KKON, & KAOI checked 790 for// but no luck. (BP-Wak) (KKON is really tough, only hrd here a couple of times in the past 13 yrs!PM)
1143 UNID, frustratingly, elusive DU here at various times 1330-1601, 3/29, had some nice peaks during songs, but otherwise weak-nil, audio recognizable as DU EE w/DJ talk, ads, mx at 1400, but almost never readable. Possible series of tones to mark top of hour at 1400, but may have been Domestic splatter. Mx was mostly soft rr (Billy Joel, etc) 3 stations listed, prob. 2HD, since 4HI is inland and listed at 1400 s/off. 1YW unlikely because few if any NZ stations were noted that night (BP-WAK) (All three have been hrd here, but 2HD is the most common. PM)
1161 UNID, bits of pop mx 1535 3/29 after KSL fadeout (BP-WAK) (4MB was hrd here last fall. PM)
1170 HAWAII, Honolulu-KOHO apparently the JJ talk way u/KPUG 0905 3/29 (BP-WAK)
1206 UNID, 1325 3/29 60s rr tunes, 2GF, most likely (BP-Wak)
1224 MARSHALL ISLANDS, Kwajalein-AFRS 4/6 1043-First hour of all request "Dr Demento Show" Fair to very poor (DP-HI)
UNID, DU teletalk 1422 and 1551 3/29-only a few words readable now and then. (BP-WAK)
1233 AUSTRALIA, Newcastle-2NC finally appeared 1502 3/29 w/nx, still good 1540 w/pop mx //1548 (BP-Wak)
1305 UNID, someone trying to break through splat 1225 and 1327 3/29 and other times, never quite produced readable audio (BP-WAK)
1332 UNID, probably 4BU 3/29 1555 making first appearance of the night(!) w/Harry Chapin song (BP-Wak)
1548 AUSTRALIA, Emerald-4QD good w/pop mx 1347 3/29 and several rechecks, still producing decent audio at 1606 (BP-WAK)
1566 REPUBLIC OF KOREA, Cheju, KLAZ KK talk better on West wire than on N wire 1302 3/29 (BP-WAK)

- 1584 PALAU, Koror-WF2B-good to poor 1351-1400 3/29 w/C&W mx, ID at 1356 as "(garbled) -Z-B Koror", then chime. At 1400 had a brief anmt in native language, 11 o'clock in EE, then gone (matches listed s/off time) (BP-WAK)
- 1593 UNID, native language fair 1350 3/29 either PNG or Truk (BP-WAK)
- 1620 NOTHING, checked freq several times during the night, but no sign of 1PPP or 4RPH, which were still here last Fall. All RPH stations, apparently changed freq. (BP-WAK) (During the same time, the last week of March, one station was hrd on 1620 here, but I don't know which one. Nothing noted this week. PM)

VERIFICATIONS

- 765 NEW ZEALAND, Taradale-2XT-Radio Kahungunu-Te Toa Takitini Trust-Post Office Box 7010-Taradale, Napier, NZ--rec in 26d nice letter, mentioned this is a Maori station. There are now 10 Maori stations in NZ. Robin Kingi-Administrator. (PM-OR)
- 846 KIRIBATI, Bairiki, Tarawa-Post Office Box 78-rec in 24 d for taped report-New card. Had this QSL'd back in the late 70s, but wanted their new card. \$1.00 enclosed. Does not take IRCs. (PM) (Maile Kiritome-for CE)
- 927 AUSTRALIA, Gladstone-4CC-65 Central Lane-Box 420-Gladstone Q 4680, rec nice letter after f/up 30d from Cliff Reeve-PD (PM)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

- SA-MB SHAWN AXELROD-30 BECONTREE BAY-WINNIPEG, MB R2N 2X9 CANADA
ICR-70, New \$ Foot Box Loop
- DP-HI DALE PARK-POST OFFICE BOX 22778-HONOLULU, HI 96823
ATS-803A, Selec-A-Tenna
- BP-WAK BRUCE PORTZER-6546 19TH AVENUE NE-SEATTLE, WA 98115
DXing near Kalaloch, WA, FRG-7 RX w/2500' Beverage at 255 degrees (West), 2000' Beverage at 160 degrees (South) and 2400' Beverage pointed roughly North (varied from 330 to 30 degrees, due to a couple of dog legs), All Beverages unterminated. All loggings on West wire, except as noted.
- PM-OR YOUR EDITOR
SP-600-JX28-Term.200' NE/SW wire

Dale Park adds that KISA-1540 is now 24 hours, KUAI-720 operates from 1500-1000 daily, except on Sunday (UTC-Mon.) off at 0900.

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Bendix MN-26C, Radio West loop
- (bp) Bruce Portzer-6546 19th Avenue NE-Seattle, WA 98115
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- (MS) Mike Sanburn-P.O. Box 1256-Bellflower, CA 90707
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GE Superadio, GE long-range portable, SM-2

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 850 (KMDY) CA, Thousand Oaks off the air since at least 3/26, when I first noticed it. Call to station disclosed that sale to owner of KPLS-830 Orange, CA had been completed, and station is off pending a new format. (DG-CA)
- KCTQ CA, Thousand Oaks 3/31 1945 heard testing with rumbling sound. 2245-2315 // KPLS-830--audio level too low, quality inferior to KPLS. On regular schedule 4/7 with Spanish format. (DG-CA) (Apologies go to Dennis on this one. He sent two reports for this one, one that they were testing and one that they were on RS. For some reason the second report got lost here. I read the report once, then it disappeared! So, 4/7 is a guess, but I do remember the fact they had Spanish.--NH)
- +4/11 1200 New! Ex-KMDY/KGOE for me. Spanish broadcast // KPLS-830. Dual ID at top of hour. (MS-CA)
- 1230 KMUZ OR, Gresham 4/6 1415 poor u/o KVAS (KVAS with relig. program), woman with "KMUZ, stereo 12-30." Ex-KRGR. (PM)
- 1530 KHPY CA, Moreno Valley 4/11 1355 noted back on the air with continuous music format (Heart, James Taylor, Barry Manilow). Sounded very automated. ID at 1405, jingle ID at 1455. Later that afternoon they were off again, before SSS. (MS-CA)
- *****
- 530 WNVN611 CA, Martinez 3/29 0013-0024 loop anncnt with civic related items giving this call & phone #372-3540 as noted in 11/9/91 WDXR. Poor, only 10% readable but atop weak jumble on S wire. (bp-WA1)
- WNVN277 OR, Newport 3/29 1012 good on S wire with recorded loop about scenic attractions in Newport. ID as "WNVN277, licensed to the City of Newport and operated by the Newport

Chamber of Commerce." Still there on groundwave after 1200, 10 watts at 220 miles isn't bad for daytime reception! Not heard during the night so either weird propagation or this station is on only during day. (bp-WA1)

CKHL AB, High Level 3/29 0318 good on N wire with adcon music, ads for Hight Level & Peace River, ID for CKYL-610. (bp-WA1)

550 KBOW MT, Butte 4/8 0735 good with ID over jumble. (PM-OR)

570 KLAC CA, Los Angeles 3/29 0145 good over KVI on S wire with traffic report & weather, "Classic Country KLAC" ID. (bp-WA1)

600 KKLQ CA, San Diego 3/29 0053 dominant on S wire with CHR music, woman DJ, Q-106 slogan. (bp-WA1)

610 (KFRC) CA, San Francisco 3/30 0330 totally off, KYJC in good. Back on at 0427 recheck. (RW-CA)

630 KIDD CA, Monterey 3/23 0410 good signal in KFI-640 SP with woman back-announcing music, ID as "101.7 Radio," jazz instrumentals. Mixing with KHOW/KOH/KIDO. (MS-CA) (After Mike heard KIDD, they dropped 24-hour schedule; see "Local Changes" at end of column.--NH)

KWRO OR, Coquille 3/29 1109 strong on S wire with oldies and "KWRO AM 63" ID, also noted mixing with KCIS on truck radio the previous afternoon. (bp-WA1)

640 *KFI* CA, Los Angeles 4/3 0405 noted airing 1000 Hz (or thereabouts) test tone, which was then tuned down at 0407 (to something only elephants could hear, hi). Back on at 0430 recheck with repeat of Bill Press show from 3/28, complete with TCs & traffic reports. Fair with KHNR-650 splatter, Fiji-639 het. (5P-HI)

(KFI) +3/23 0300-0600 off. (MS-CA)

?KGVW? MT, Belgrade 3/29 1202 probably the one starting relig. program fair on W wire. (bp-WA1)

650 KHNR HI, Honolulu 3/30 0140 good way over KRDX with CNN news, 0144 local news, "Radio 65" IDs, "All news, all the time." Thanks for Dale Park's tip. New. Came on 3/24. Address: 850 Richards St., Penthouse Ste., Honolulu, HI 06813, Mgr. Bernie Armstrong. Report sent. (PM-OR)

660 (KTNN) AZ, Window Rock 4/6 0542 totally off all morning. (RW-CA)

670 KWNK CA, Simi Valley while in Calif. I noted s/off 0306 3/25 "Ending another broadcast day," was off after 0300 on a couple previous trips to L.A., so apparently has not been AN for some time. (bp-CA)

WMAQ IL, Chicago 3/23 0430 booming in through KBOI with news, PSA for Social Security, and IDs. (MS-CA)

700 KGRV OR, Winston 3/29 0845 s/on strong on S Beverage. (bp-WA1)

730 KURL MT, Billings 4/6 0706 good over XEX with ad for furniture store in Billings, "KURL" ID. (RW-CA)

760 KFMB CA, San Diego 3/31 tipped off by KQJI-540 employee that KFMB power increase to 50kw will be on 5/9. Unknown what time it will happen. Also says KFMB tests nights with 50kw. (GL-CA)

770 KPLA CA, Riverbank 3/28 2143 dominant on S wire with Sun talk show, local ads. (bp-WA1)

KULL WA, Seattle much stronger during the day of late (from 4/1). Must be 50kw day--what is their night power? Signal lost in jumble at night. (PM-OR) (Per bp tip in 4/11 WDXR, it's 50kw day, 5kw night, U4 or DA-2.--NH)

830 KPLS CA, Orange 3/28 2201 strong on S wire with call ID in Spanish at start of talk program. (bp-WA1)

(KPLS) +3/30 0425 totally off, back on later. (RW-CA)

840 WHAS KY, Louisville 3/29 0325 good on W wire with KVEG/CKBX eliminated. Weather, "84-WHAS" ID, 60's rock tune. This station is now DX, a far cry from a few years ago with they were the main QRM on the channel. (bp-WA1)

850 KHLO HI, Hilo 3/30 0842 strong & alone with C&W, ID "KHLO Country," KTRB-860 splash. (RW-CA)

+3/30 0845 loud with Anne Murray song & ID in strange absence of KOA. (MS-CA)

- 870 ?KORD? WA, Pasco 3/29 probably the C&W noted on W wire after sunrise. Didn't wait for ID, but if them it would be a switch back to C&W from oldies. (bp-WA1)
- 880 KTMT OR, Medford 3/28 0055 good with rock music, "Power 93 KTMT" ID, ads, dominant on S wire. (bp-WA1)
- 890 *KDXU* UT, St. George 3/30 0423 apparently the one very good with OC. (RW-CA)
- 900 KBIF CA, Fresno 3/28 2206 & several rechecks, Hindi program very loud on S wire, finally ID'd in English 2359. (bp-WA1)
- 930 KKHJ CA, Los Angeles 3/28 2210 strong on S wire with Spanish music, Radio Alegria ID. (bp-WA1)
- 950 KTBR OR, Roseburg 3/29 1116 good on S wire, not heard on W & N wires. Local ad, contest promo with "Timber Radio KTBR" ments., ment. of Good Time Oldies. (bp-WA1)
- 980 KEYQ CA, Fresno 3/18 1105-1110 Spanish, fair with splash from KKIS-990. Call change, ex-KEAP. (AWP-CA)
- 1030 ?KJDJ? CA, San Luis Obispo 3/28 2223 & several rechecks. Network news/sports dominant on S wire, not heard on W & N wires. No ID, but this is only one that fits. (bp-WA1)
- 1040 CKST BC, Vancouver 3/30 0005 weak under WHO-1040 with rock music and call ID. Call change, ex-CKXY. (AWP-CA)
- 1060 KAHU HI, Hilo MM 3/30 0420 weak under KPAY's carrier with Hawaiian music, Hawaiian accented announcer. (PM-OR)
- 1080 KKVV NV, Las Vegas 3/23 0930 fair under KPAY-1060 & KOFY-1050, both looped. End of "Through the Bible" pre-recorded program, then call ID. (AWP-CA)
- 1090 KNCR CA, Fortuna 3/18 1008 poor-good with ID & spot for a tire outlet on S. Fortuna Blvd. Finally, after years of seeking, I bagged this. (AWP-CA)
- 1130 KWKH LA, Shreveport 4/6 fair o/u CKWX with C&W music, "KWKH" ID at 0312. (PM-OR)
- 1150 KMXN CA, Santa Rosa 3/30 1030 finally logged this call change ex-KPLS with Santa Rosa area weather, ID "Mixin' 1150," good after KBAI fadeout but faded rapidly. KLOK-1170 splash nulled. (RW-CA)
- 1170 KOHO HI, Honolulu 3/30 0410 weak in jumble with Japanese talk. (PM-OR)
- 1190 (KEX) OR, Portland 4/6 0530 apparently totally off, KORG in strong & alone. This seems to be regular MM SP now. (RW)
- 1240 CJAV BC, Port Alberni 4/8 with call ID at 0900, weather for "Alberni Valley." (PM-OR)
- 1250 KLLK CA, Willits 3/28 2302 locally-done oldies show dominant on S wire, KLLK AM&FM ID. (bp-WA1)
- 1270 KPLY NV, Sparks 3/29 0637 dominant on S wire with sports talk, ID "K-Play, your sports and information station." (bp-WA1)
- 1280 KJAX CA, Stockton 3/18 1133 semi-local with call change. Many years ago KJAX was a Santa Rosa station! (AWP-CA)
- 1300 KYNO CA, Fresno 3/28 2255 dominant on S wire with 50's rock, local ads, "Kool Gold 13 Kyno" ID. (bp-WA1)
- 1320 KCPX UT, Salt Lake City 3/22 2247 noted with these new/old call letters first logged in '72. Ex-KUTR/KEMX/KBUG. (MS-CA)
- 1330 KWKW CA, Los Angeles 3/28 2303 dominant on S wire with CRC news, back to Spanish music. (bp-WA1)
- 1340 KWXY CA, Cathedral City 4/6 0958 good with ad for car dealer in Palm Springs, ID, faded rapidly. (RW-CA)
- KORV CA, Oroville 3/18 1032 fair with "Gypsies, Tramps, and Thieves," then call ID twice. Also a long-wanted catch. No KOMY-1340 for some reason (which always stymied me before). (AWP-CA)
- KIHR OR, Hood River 3/30 0956 amazingly good signal, all alone on frequency with ad for Cascade Travel of Hood River, ID "I'm Mike ???, in the KIHR newsroom..." Only 3rd time heard. Verified 10 years ago. (RW-CA)
- 1360 KUIK OR, Hillsboro 3/28 2257 dominant on S wire with Spanish program & local PSA in English & Spanish. (bp-WA1)
- 1380 KSMJ CA, Sacramento 3/28 2258 dominant on S wire with Black oldies, only KRKO heard on N & E wires. (bp-WA1)
- 1390 KMIX CA, Turlock 3/29 0343 atop with C&W, woman DJ, "13-90 "K-Mix" ID on S wire. (bp-WA1)

- 1400 KQMS CA, Redding 4/3 fair above jumble at 0229 with promo for "Oakland A's on KQMS." (PM-OR)
- 1410 KMYC CA, Marysville 3/28 2322 good-fair on S wire with big band and old jazz music. Thought at first it was KRML till they ID'd. (bp-WA1)
- 1430 KWDO CA, Fresno 3/18 2109 faded up periodically under KALI with spot for Gourmet Restaurant on Shaw St., IDs as "W-D-O," oldies music. Ex-KARM for mem not heard as KFIG. (MS-CA)
- KYKN OR, Keiser-Salem 3/28 2329 dominant on northern wire with ID during break in Portland BKB game, not heard on other two wires! (bp-WA1)
- 1480 KDFL WA, Lakewood re BH's report in 3/28 DXM, I noted them using this call during mid-week last August and thought everyone else already knew about it, hi. (bp-WA)
- 1500 (KSJX) CA, San Jose 4/6 0750 with OC well past LSR, still off at 1040 recheck! (RW-CA)
- ?KSJX?+3/28 2336 Chinese talk good on S wire, no ID but nothing else fits. (bp-WA1)
- 1540 KSKQ CA, Los Angeles 3/29 0111 strong with Spanish music, "Super Cah Co Keensay Quarenta" ID, dominant on S wire, nothing but KBLV on N & W wires. (bp-WA1)
- 1560 KCAA SD, Aberdeen 4/8 0130 good over Bakersfield with C&W music and "K-K-A-A" ID. (PM-OR)
- ?KCAA?+3/29 0119 assumed to be the C&W and ads fair thru KNZR on N&W wires (not heard on S wire), didn't wait for ID. (bp-WA1)
- 1590 KLLL TX, Lubbock 4/7 0259:50 good with ID into net news. (PM)
- 1600 KUBA CA, Yuba City 3/26 0929 C&W station very audible under KMNY. News and numerous IDs. (MS-CA)
- KSSA TX, Cockrell Hill 4/3 with ID at 0300 "This is KSSA" in English, then Spanish talk. (PM-OR)
- 1610 TIS CA, Hilt 3/28 fair-good atop jumble with message from agricultural inspection station. Heard only on S wire, W wire had Anguilla all alone. (bp-WA1)
- 2680 KVOY CA, Mojave 3/29 0357 weak on 2nd harmonic with C&W music and legal ID, into network news. (bp-WA1)

LOCAL CHANGES

- 550 KMVI HI, Wailuku now airs Westwood One shows "The Lost Lennon Tapes" Su 0300, followed by "Dr. Demento" Su 0400-0600 (ex-KAOI 1110/FM). This means "Jim Bohannon Show" now airs only at Su 0600-0800. All times one hour later during Winter Time (which is shorter than DST anyway). (5P-HI)
- 630 KIDD CA, Monterey as of 4/6 has nightly SP 0300-0800. Only KOH and unID music under on 4/7 0635. OC on at 0756, ID 0800: "KXDC, Carmel, KIDD, Monterey-Salinas-Santa Cruz..." Into a long promo for "Radio Pacific, an audio environment for the 90's..." (JH-CA)
- 710 KMPC CA, Los Angeles I found out new sports format is to go on air last Friday in April. Time unknown. (GL-CA)
- 720 KUAI HI, Eleele schedule changed to 1100-0600, except local Sun. when s/off is 0500 EDT Mon. (Better way to remember this is that the SP is 0600-1100 daily but 0500-1100 Mon.). (5P-HI)
- 1540 KISA HI, Honolulu is now 24 hours since late March. For your info, now broadcasts in English, Tagalog, Ilokano and Visayan. (5P-HI)

DX TESTS

- 650 KMTI UT, Manti 3/9 0230-0300 heard many code IDs and also a couple of 1000 Hz tones. Heard ID at end of test "KMTI Manti." I received a letter back from them as station confirmed me of hearing them. New. (CM-CA)
- 1090 ?KTNS? CA, Oakhurst 3/9 0300-0400 heard what sounded like Morse code beeps in the background. Got a letter back from station & they were unable to complete test due to power outage. Station manager will attempt to conduct another test at a later date. (CM-CA)

1250 WTMA SC, Charleston 2/24 0300-0330 was quite amazed to hear them on DX test. Heard weak Morse code under KTMS. Also heard a 1000 cycle tone. I then called station to confirm if they had the tone. The person said, "We just ran a 1000 Hz tone over the air." Got a letter back from CE as he had confirmed my report. WTMA runs 5kw day power & 1kw at night. Engineer was quite amazed. He confirmed most of their signal was beamed directly toward the West Coast. SC #1. (CM-CA)

UNIDS

- 650 3/30 0844 faded up over KMTI with KRDX nulled, CISL already gone. TC of "3:44," either KYAK-AR or KHNR-HI (ex-KORL--call change still needed here). Seemed to be news format. (RW-CA)
- 690 3/25 either 0135-0155 or 0235-0255 (I was sleepy, hi) classical music under XETRA. Possibly CBU? (DJS-CA) (Likely.--NH)
- 940 3/28 2213 Portland-Houston BKB in Spanish dominant on W wire, fair on S, nil on N. Possibly KWBY. (bp-WA1) (KWBY is on Trailblazers schedule "en Español."--NH)
- 1060 3/23 0930 another station under KPAY & KKVV also heard, about 20% readable; KKDS possible as it seemed like a woman reading a story, but that may be my ears playing tricks on me. (AWP-CA)
- 1130 3/28 0345 C&W music briefly fair thru CKWX on W wire. Possibly KWKH. (bp-WA1)
- 1150 ESPN Sports dominant on S wire 3/28 2229. Can't find anything listed, possibly KAGO. (bp-WA1)
- 1340 3/18 1045 and 3/23 1000 with loop crosswise to KORV. Bad splash from KSRO-1350 made copy difficult, but sounded like soul or related. Loop toward Fresno, so could be KBOS but no ID heard. (AWP-CA)
- 1350 3/28 2315 big band music atop freq., either KSRO (departing from their usual newstalk) or KBID (if they're on at night). (bp-WA1)
- 1410 3/28 2320 Talknet mixing with KMYC on S wire, possibly KERN. (bp-WA1)
- 1480 3/29 0348 Bobby Vinton song briefly good on W wire during KBMS fade. Lost after KBMS faded back up. (bp-WA1)
- 1520 3/30 0818 unID TT over KTRO, looped N-S. KMPG? (RW-CA)
- 1540 3/29 0207 weak tone (not a het) mixing with KBLV on W wire. (bp-WA1)

Wow, another great column! Next deadline is three weeks away--May 4.

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- [SA-MB] = Shawn Axelrod, 30 Becontree Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2N 2X9
Icom IC-R70, 4-foot box loop, 100' wire.
- [TMJ-IL] = Tom Jasinski, 419 North Raven, Shorewood, Illinois 60435-9640
FRG-7, 2½ foot loop.
- [WMC-MB] = Wayne McRae, 103 Donegal Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2K 2B5
Icom IC-R70, loop.
- [JcJ-MT] = Your editor using an Icom IC-R71A with a "Radio West" loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 560 WYOR TN, Brentwood. 3/23 poor to fair. First time heard w/semi-local WIND off on irregular SP. 0130-0300 w/C&W music. "Kickin' 5-60" and "AM 5-60" slogans. Mentioned 24 hour programming, but no mention of Brentwood. Frequent spots for nearby Franklin and Nashville area. [TMJ-IL]
- 620 CKCK SK, Regina. 4/4 fair in CKRC partial null. 0308 with oldies. "6-20 CK Radio" IDs. First time heard from Winnipeg thanks to my new loop. [SA-MB]
- 1080 KVNI ID, Coeur D'Alene. 3/30 good in KRPX null. 0859 IDing as "News Source 1080 KVNI." [JcJ-MT]
- 1230 WHCO IL, Sparta. 3/30 good. 2120 with oldies rock. "WHCO" ID. DJ talk mentioned WHCO carried Chicago Bulls games. This was my previous unID. [WMC-MB]
- 1260 KPOW WY, Powell. 3/30 good. 0908 out of ABC Sports report with local news. IDing as "Radio West News." [JcJ-MT]
- 1310 KFKA CO, Greeley. 3/30 good. 0850 with local news. [JcJ-MT]
- 1320 KOLT NE, Scottsbluff. 3/30 strong. 0845 w/C&W. IDing as "13-20 KOLT." [JcJ-MT]
- 1330 KGAK NM, Gallup. 3/30 strong and alone. 0842 with promo for "On Target News on 13-30 AM KGAK." Not needed, still have 1962 verie. [JcJ-MT]
- 1340 KGFW NE, Kearney. 3/30 good. 2100 with "KGFW Kearney" ID after soft rock oldie. NOS format. [WMC-MB]
- 1370 KGNO KS, Dodge City. 3/30 weak but steady, others nulled. 0835 with "KGNO" ID and local sports report. [JcJ-MT]
- 1380 KCNW KS, Fairway. 3/21 good. 1915 with Christian music. "AM 13-80 joy. KCNW." [WMC-MB]
- KOTA SD, Rapid City. 3/21 good. 1958-2200 with basketball game (Rapid City vs. Wichita Falls) "...on Rapid City's Sports Leader, Radio 13-80 KOTA." [TMJ-IL]
- WIZO TN, Franklin. 3/28 very good. 2100 with "This is WIZO Franklin, Tennessee." after rock music into CNN News. [WMC-MB]
- 1420 KXOW AR, Hot Springs. 4/3 fair, alone on frequency. 2110 with NOS music, mentions of Hot Springs. Must not have switched power. Thanks to [WMC-MB] for the tip. AR#11. [SA-MB]
- 1440 WPRS IL, Paris. 3/28 brief in mess. 2045 with "We're WPRS." [WMC-MB]
- 1520 WWZZ MI, Muskegon Heights. 4/4 poor in KOMA null following KOLM sign off at 2000. 2005 with EZL music. Last heard as WQWQ. MI#76. [SA-MB]
- 1560 WQXR NY, New York. 4/4 fair and alone in KKA null. 1956 with TC, ID "WQXR 96.3 FM" into classical music. [SA-MB]

TESTS, TESTS, TESTS

780(WWOL)NC, Forest City. 4/5 DX Test not heard, too much WBBM. [SA-MB]

25 YEARS AGO

April 22, 1967 issue of DX Monitor....Bruce Portzer of Seattle, WA said he finally got his WPE card. Calls are WPE7CPV....Fred Prechtl of Cincinnati, OH commented on DST which would be observed in OH for the first time....Jeff Kadet of Bethesda, MD mentioned after sending a f/up to KOWB-1290 they returned his postage and apologized for not answering the original report.

OPEN MIKE

Expedients are for the hour; principles for the ages. 73, John.



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| (MB-ON) | Mike Brooker 99 Wychcrest Avenue, Toronto M6G 3X8, Ontario, Canada; Panasonic RF-2200, SONY-7600D. |
| (LLH-DX) | Leonard L. Hyde DX'ing on Brush Mt. near Catawba, VA; DX-440, Beverage 1725' NNE, longwire 800' SW. |
| (WPT-DC) | William P. Townshend 4500 Conn Ave, NW #90, Washington, DC 20008-4326; SONY ICF-2010. |

*** REGULAR LOGGINGS ***

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| 780 | WABS | VA, ARLINGTON 3/28 1813 Poor w/ads, PSA's. At 1815 anmt that they are switching to post sunset power, and abruptly gone. " <u>Sunlight 780.</u> " (LLH-DX) |
| 850 | WEEU | PA, READING 3/28 1950 Fair w/RO mx. " <u>Songs from your best years on WEEU.</u> " (LLH-DX) |
| 860 | WBGR | MD, BALTIMORE 3/28 2000 Good o/Canadian who was in/out. REL programming; " <u>WBGR - Baltimore's Gospel Radio.</u> " (LLH-DX) |
| 900 | WBRV | NY, BOONVILLE 3/16 0714 Poor in CHML null w/local wx, PSA for recycling in Oneida County, 0715 rundown of school lunches to be served at local schools (eg. Irish stew at Remsen Central School for St. Patrick's Day). (MB-ON) |
| 1040 | WSKE | PA, EVERETT 3/28 1855 Poor in mess w/"WSKE Weather." New here. (LLH-DX) |
| 1100 | WHLI | NY, HEMPSTEAD 3/28 2250 Fair w/NOS mx; also new. (LLH-DX) |
| 1150 | WDEL, DE, | WILMINGTON 3/28 2012 Good briefly w/ads, spot for "WDEL Home Expo." DE #2. (LLH-DX) |

1160 WPMG MD, FUNKSTOWN 3/1 1846 Good w/ad for store on Main Street in Hagerstown. Medical talk show w/ male announcer. (WPT-DC)

1170 WCXN NC, CLAREMONT 3/28 1830 Poor behind WWVA w/bluegrass mx. ID as "~~WCXN - Claremont~~". Finally broke the WWVA channel lock. (LLH-DX)

1310 WXMC NJ, PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS 3/19 1828 Fair o/CIWW et al, w/promo for WXMC Music of Your Life Club, into instrumental MOYL tune; 1830 ID as "WXMC Parsippany-Troy Hills" into AP nx. (MB-ON)

1340 WKEY VA, COVINGTON 3/28 1656 Good but already fluttery. C/w mx; ID as "Country Fresh 1340 - WKEY." (LLH-DX)

1480 WLEA NY, BORNELL 3/18 1759 Good w/CKAN now silent; spot for Nationwide Financial; no-frills ID as "WLEA" (i.e. no slogan, no jingle) into ABC nx at 1800. (MB-ON)

1520 WCHE PA, WEST CHESTER 3/28 1715 Good w/GOS mx. New. (LLH-DX)

1570 WHOG FL, FERNANDINO BEACH 3/3 1853 Fair w/ment of St. Augustine (the City, not the person). This is #30 on this channel...my most productive. (WPT-DC)

TENTATIVES & unID's

1070 unID 3/28 1844 very poor in mess w/mentions of either "Sunbury" or "Sudbury." At first I was sure this was WKOK-PA, but then I heard anmt "Back to ??? Coast to Coast", or "Country Coast to Coast." Also, Sarnia, ON is a LONG way from Sudbury, though Sudbury could have been mentioned as part of a news item. CHOK is not listed as carrying ANY of the "Coast to Coast" formats, either. [as per the 1991 IRCA AM-FM ALMANAC "Coast to Coast" is a Canadian nationwide all-night mx program owned by Telemedia. I believe you got CHOK in Sarnia and 'Sudbury' was a news mention -ed]. (LLH-DX)

DX TESTS

1020 WCIL IL, CARBONDALE 3/16 not heard [just heard KDKA in Pittsburgh, PA. (WPT-DC)

1370 WZAO WV, GLEN DALE 3/8 heard 0537 CID's, TT's, VID by m/announcer. (WPT-DC)

1530 KPCR MO, BOWLING GREEN 3/8 not heard. (WPT-DC)

EDITOR'S DESK

Thanks to this issue's reporters. All IRCA DX TESTS are arranged by J.D. Stephens. All expenses are "out of pocket" for J.D. so cash or stamp donations sent to J.D. are sincerely appreciated. References used for EXDR are M Street Radio Directory (1991), NRC AM Radio Log (1992) and the IRCA AM-FM Almanac, 5th Edition (1991). The dead line for the May 16th issue is May 7th. Until next time ...

CONTINUED GOOD DX MY FRIENDS and 73 de Mr. B

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Greetings to my new friends at IRCA. Two months after I joined our Club last summer, I attended our illustrious Monterey Convention. Steered by Phil Bytheway, the Convention proved to be a not-to-be-missed, learning, enjoyable, and very relaxing event. I'm an avid fan of medium wave DX, and also enjoy some limited shortwave DX. At home I DX on an ICOM R-9000, which after a year I feel is STILL holding some secrets back from me! The 9000 is connected to a WAS-50 and AH-7000 antenna. But I travel for a living, so my Sony ICF-SW77 goes with me everywhere. Contrary to the problems reported with the 77, I feel it still "ekes out" my 2010 by at least three hairs. Being an airline pilot the air band on the 2010 is not a plus for me - I much prefer the 77's stereo audio quality. At home I DX my 77 using the Sanserino Box Loop; while traveling, I use a Radio West Great Little Loop which performs superbly. In November from the 7th floor of the Hilton at Turtle Bay on Oahu's North Shore (Honolulu is on this same island 40 miles south), with my Sony 77 and Radio West Great Little Loop, I received with "almost-none-to-moderate" interference KOMA-Oklahoma City, WBAP-Ft. Worth, WOAI-San Antonio, KSL-Salt Lake, KOA-Denver, and a host of coastal stations from British Columbia south to the Spanish-speaking lands. Also pulled in a Japanese-speaking broadcaster, which I had no luck in identifying. While on Oahu, I tried my hardest to pull in something east of the Mississippi - no luck! Actually, I find this difficult to do from Los Angeles, much less Hawaii! Now I'll close with a few personal observations regarding my DX experience in the Los Angeles Basin. I live in Atwater Village, at the east end of a high peak in nearby Griffith Park. Bottom line: it's a real busy mess of an AM dial here. Pulling in the weak ones out of this quite often "mire" is hard work, but it's rewarding. With hills in all quadrants, strong L.A. AM signals are splashing all over the dial, exacerbated by the nearby hills. Suffice it to say, this L.A. area is a far, far cry from my much easier and so-much-more hassle-free glory AM days in the early 60's from my hometown of Columbia, South Carolina. NOW we are talking about a different place, a different time! 73's. It's a pleasure to be a member of IRCA. Thank you. Al [welcome to the forum pages Al - don't be shy about further contributions - and don't forget the DX Roundup column, too, hi! - rcw]

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(4/10) Just when you thought it was safe to rely on Radio Shack, hi: Guess what, gang. No more DX-440's. I not only got the last one in Seattle, but I had to settle for a broken demo model. I put 30 bucks down on it and they sent it in for repair! That was five weeks ago and I'm still waiting for it to come back. Am I buying the extended warranty? You bet! (Normally, I avoid 'em like the plague. They remind me of Loss Damage Waivers at rent-a-car places. But under the circumstances, I think I'll hedge my bets.) Why no more 440's you ask? Well, according to the RS manager, Sangean has stopped making them. That's right -- this is the same radio that only a year ago was in such high demand due to the Gulf Presidential Popularity Incursion that RS couldn't keep 'em in stock. Now it's history (the radio and the Gulf shtick, hi). I noticed a new receiver in the RS catalog that may be intended to replace the 440, but I have no idea what it does. Ah well...shop those flea markets, y'all. My latest addition is a 386-33 clone with a monster HD, both floppies, and enough RAM to handle your average ewe, hi. I'd be interested in connecting with those of you who routinely use computers in DX-related activities. I'm sure somebody must have created the ultimate logging system by now. Also, what's chances that books like the NRC Domestic Log will turn up on disc? It sure would make updates easier. Maybe someone can set up an updater subscription service, where you get a disc every 3 months or so. My 386 has an internal fax/modem (Quick Link II), but so far I haven't done much with it. What I really want to do it program the system to log Wisconsin, something I've been unable to do on my own in 30+ years of DXing. Gee WIZM, anyway. 73/JJ

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Please note the following summer schedule deadlines for submittals:

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Deadlines in Milwaukee: 5/2, 5/30, 7/4, 8/1.

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It's been quite awhile since I have appeared in these pages--the workload during Jan and Feb was hectic to say the least, and most DX was limited to trying for the tests. As is the nature of self-employment, March brought a big drop-off in work, and with more time to DX, I have lousy conditions to contend with, hi. The Test effort this DX season was just superb; I believe between both clubs, there were over 50 tests arranged. I just wish I could have heard more of them; only 10 were heard and/or verified so far. But, there were some great loggings, like my 2nd Utah station (KMTI test), since my 1969 logging of KSL; Delaware #2 (WDOV), since a 1970 hearing of WDEL-1150, and NM #3 (KHAC-880). I have not heard from WIQT-820 to date, although I understand several others have received veries, so a follow-up has already been sent. Other tests heard were: WVVW-630, WSKE-1040, WJIC-1510, WQTW-1570 (unneeded), WGEE-1360 and KMYZ-1570. Most of the other scheduled tests were attempted, unless they were already heard/verified. The verie count is 1478, as I begin to close in on the 1500 milestone--would like to accomplish that by year's end. WSDQ-1190 Dunlap, Tenn. sent me a nice blue logo baseball cap that I might save as a future auction item, and WDFU-1120 Duffield, VA returned my cassette with ninety minutes of their excellent bluegrass/traditional country programming. This is a wonderful small-town station that has bucked the trend of satellite or homogeneous programming; they even operate, literally, out of a barn! The owner of WDFU is Jimmy Smith, a former Grand Ole Opry star, and the entire staff (except the C.E.) is the Smith family. The prepared card returned after several follow-ups from WRDQ-1560 Daleville, AL included the message: "Be sure to listen on March 30 at 0500 CDT". Well, I forgot to, but wonder if this was either a test (PoP or f/c) or perhaps a reference to their impending call change to WTAN? Indeed, WDGR-1210 Dahlonga, GA is off-the-air now, and can be added to the list of silent locals and semi-locals, which include WLBA-1130 Gainesville, WFCM-1230 Marietta, and WZAL-1410 McDonough.

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Stickers to our EDXF editor for the WYLO address. A couple more awaits the current WLV7-1410 address. Alas, Kentucky Educational Television has advised that June 13 open house will be delayed. It became apparent that new studios won't be ready for a June dedication. Got list of affiliated stations from Kentucky Network, Inc. (news) and forwarded to Bill Hardy. Perhaps it will appear in a future DXM or updater. From the Courier-Journal on 3/14: WXVW-1450, Jeffersonville, IN no longer for sale. Had some lookers, but no buyers, according to Charlie Jenkins, co-owner and station manager for 25 years. Sunnyside Communications Corp. had bought WAVG-970 in Louisville last year and couldn't own two AMs in this market. The recent FCC rule changes saved the station from sale. It will keep a commitment to local topics and high school sports/ Next page: the WNBS-AM and LPTV-46 fiasco is still going on down in Murray, KY. Felony theft charges to be dropped against pop singer Troy Cory who agreed to pay \$10,642 to his former station employees. He also agreed to create a \$10,000 scholarship for communications students at Murray State University to honor grandfather Nathan B. Stubblefield, who he claims was the real inventor of radio. Former owner Chuck Shuffett, being sued by Cory for \$12 million, is under a court order to pay two banks more than \$500,000 still owed for the stations. Stay tuned folks!

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Local stuff first - WMVU "News 900" is on from Nashua, NH with a news / sports / talk format. It is probably using the facilities of long-silent WOTW: the signal is about the same as that from WOTW's old 1 kw rig. They clearly dominate the channel here days - way over WCLZ (ME). WCLZ can only be brought in clearly by phasing or looping WMVU. WKPE-1170 has been off for a while now; I'm not sure if this is permanent. I miss them as I liked their rock and because they were useful here for judging performance of antenna systems on signal paths to the eastern Caribbean and Brazil. If they were loud compared to stations in "pest" directions (e.g., west), a given Antenna-Under-Test would clean up during an aurora. With both WKPE & WJCC gone, 1170 is now fairly empty here days (line noise is heard). Maybe pre-sunset 1170 TA's will be more likely now. I'll have to check out 1170 (throughout the day) from a good beach / saltmarsh QTH such as Salisbury, MA. WNSH-1570 is still off - maybe forever. WUOK (ex-WOCR) has been on (with CNN News format) for a while: it dominates 1240 with WOOM/WFTN in the background. For the last few months, local WUNR-1600 seems to have dropped power considerably (perhaps to 1 kw or less from former 5 kw). WUNR used to be within 3 dB of WNTN-1550; now it's at least 10 dB weaker. WLANG (NY) can be heard days more easily in a loop or phaser null. At night, even within 15 miles of the Newton WUNR transmitter, QRM from WWRL (NY) can get bad. Recent activities: I've been more active at DX-project building/testing than dial twisting. Conditions haven't been too impressive: just a few of the highest-powered "routine" TA's have been showing. Of course, after having DX'ed with phased Beverages from Newfoundland, little that can be heard here is likely to be impressive. On another matter, I think all DX columns should use GMT / UTC rather than a mix of local times. That's what the ham and shortwave clubs do. Also, because number-style dates (e.g., 4/2/92) aren't universally consistent, a date with a 3-letter month abbreviation is preferable (e.g., APR 2 or 2 APR). Language abbreviations still differ between MW and SW clubs - is there any real justification for this? SW clubs typically deal with more different languages, so their abbreviation scheme is more advanced. MW types should adopt it. Comments? As we move from the DX session to the spring/summer antenna construction / test / repair season, don't forget to send in your antenna tips. 73.

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Today is Monday, April 6. Saturday we got 7 inches of snow. Now, it's in the upper 60's, the snow is gone, and I am going Beveraging. Armed with my new phasing unit, my loop, 1725 feet of wire, a hit list of yet unheard stations in the region, and the other necessities, I head for my mountain hideaway. After getting the wire down to the NNE, I settle in for some daytime DXing. Of course, I want to try out the phaser first, so I just happen to hit 1030 as the first frequency. After some fiddling, I manage to phase my local, WGFC-1030, Floyd, VA, and wonder of wonders! There is W3Z, and a station with a male ancr in JS playing flamenco mx that can only be WOSO-Puerto Rico! No readable ID's heard, but the only other SCANT possibility is Cuba, and there are no other Cubans noted. The hit list dwindles noticeably, but the phaser still needs some work, as I am unable to phase dominant WKDW-900 to hear previously unheard WODY-VA. It seems that stations directly in line with the Beverage will just not null. Yet, I am able to phase many of my pests, such as WRVA-1140 and WBT-1110. I probably need a level pot for the Beverage - the signal level is just too high compared to the loop. The phaser is still in the experimental stage, so problems can be expected. I have incorporated features from both the MWDX-5 and the LIL-3, but have no level pots as yet. Later, after dark, Cuba is back on both 830 and 1040 in EE with the usual over-powering signals. The 1040 frequency is being jammed with a low growl and a cycling high frequency whistle. Who says the Cold war is over? On other fronts - enjoyed Jean Burnell's first IRCA Forum. Which "Jean" is it, the EE or the FF? I have never gotten into SW DXing, but the possibility is always there. On the higher freqs TVI is less a problem, and antenna lengths are more manageable. I just love the BCB, and always will. Goes back to those AM's when I was a teenager when I would stay awake as long as I could with that tiny little

earphone jammed in my ear. Out of space so 73 de LLH-VA.

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In the 4/11 WDXF, Jeff Jaisun asked if radios are ok on planes. Just by chance, I was reading a special advertising section in the 4/20/92 Business Week about cellular phones. With the airline's discretion, cellular phones may be operated at the gate or during longer waits on the tarmac but not while taxiing or in the air. "...for the same reason that cellular phones are prohibited, so too are gadgets that receive and transmit over the airwaves, such as portable radios and TVs...." I would say radios are still banned, even if people get away with using them in the air. To another subject brought up by Mark, after 27 years in the BCB clubs (and more in the hobby), I still can't see any reasons why a BCB-only club in the US and Canada should go 5 to 9 time zones east of him to let someone else convert the time back some 5 to 9 time zones to find out information. I can understand why a SW club would; most of them probably are listening to several continents, but not the US BCB clubs where perhaps only a few (relatively speaking) are die-hard serious foreign DXers. I can see the European clubs using GMT/UTC but, to them, it's no different that IRCA using ELT as it's standard. Perhaps a couple or three zones different but still something is common use in the area probably. How many times do you hear on TV about programs that will be on at "8PM Eastern and Pacific 7 Central." What are the advantages to most of the members living in the US and Canada if we were to go to GMT/UTC? After all, the foreign section now is GMT. 73. See you in three weeks.

Geomagnetic Summary Jan 23 1993 through Feb 18 1992

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| 24 | 178 | 4 | 2 | low | quiet | swa |
| 25 | 202 | 4 | 0 | moderate | quiet | swa |
| 26 | 209 | 9 | 4 | high | quiet-mis | maf/swa |
| 27 | 221 | 15 | 3 | low | quiet-unsettled | swa |
| 28 | 238 | 10 | 2 | low | quiet-unsettled | swa |
| 29 | 266 | 11 | 3 | moderate | quiet-unsettled | swa |
| 30 | 280 | 14 | 2 | moderate | unsettled | swa |
| 1/31 | +303 | 13 | 2 | moderate | quiet-unsettled | - |
| 2/1 | 284 | 15 | 4 | low | unsettled-active | - |
| 2 | 288 | 24 | 6 | moderate | unsettled-storm | mis |
| 3 | 271 | +48 | 2 | moderate | active-mas | mis |
| 4 | 252 | 17 | 2 | moderate | quiet-active | - |
| 5 | 246 | 7 | 1 | moderate | quiet-unsettled | - |
| 6 | 239 | 6 | 2 | high | quiet | maf |
| 7 | 241 | 14 | 2 | moderate | quiet-active | spe |
| 8 | 225 | 45 | 4 | moderate | unsettled-ss | mas/spe |
| 9 | 236 | 46 | 3 | low | unsettled-mas | mis |
| 10 | 241 | 17 | 2 | moderate | quiet-active | - |
| 11 | 224 | 7 | 2 | low | quiet | - |
| 12 | 210 | 7 | 3 | low | quiet | - |
| 13 | 198 | 8 | 1 | low | quiet-unsettled | - |
| 14 | 204 | 9 | 1 | high | quiet-unsettled | maf |
| 15 | 203 | 5 | 1 | high | quiet | maf |
| 16 | 200 | - 2 | 1 | high | quiet | maf |
| 17 | 200 | 11 | 2 | moderate | quiet-unsettled | - |
| 2/18 | 206 | 11 | 2 | high | quiet-unsettled | - |

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