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PUBLISHER NEEDED: SOME NICE PERSON TO TAKE OVER MY DUTIES AS PUBLISHER.

IRCA POSITIONS AVAILABLE: VERIFICATION SIGNERS, ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CHAIR-MAN, CONTEST CHAIRMAN, GRAVEYARD/HEARD/VERIFIED DX RECORDS EDITORS, NEW MEMBER PACKET REVISION COMMITTEE AND PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN. INTERESTED IN FILLING ANY OF THESE POSITIONS ??? CONTACT PRESIDENT PHIL BYTHEWAY.

MEMBERSHIP LIST: A MEMBERSHIP LIST WILL BE PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER. I WILL PUBLISH IT IN VOLUME 30 NUMBER 1. IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR NAME LISTED LET ME KNOW PRONTO. IRCA PUBLISHER 11300 MAGNOLIA #43 RIVERSIDE CA 92505.

#### **CONVENTIONS / MEETINGS**

IRCA - will be held in Huntsville AL on August 21-23 at the Holiday Inn Research Park, 5903 University Dr. Huntsville AL 35816 ((205) 830-0600). Hosts are JD Stephens, 3715 Conger Rd SW, Huntsville AL 35805 - (205) 650-0642 (evenings) and Lynn Hollerman. Room rates: \$45 + 10% tax for either (1) room with 2 double beds or (2) room with 1 king size bed. Reservations can be made by phoning 1-800-845-7275, M-F, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM (CDT)... please mention IRCA. The hotel has a free shuttle to and from the airport.

DecalcoMania '92 Meeting - will he held in Detroit-Windsor on July 11-13. John Clemmer is the coordinator. Contact him for more information. John Clemmer, 4524 7th St #2303, E Moline IL 61244 (309) 796-0684.

NRC - will be held in Omaha NE on Labor Day weekend, September 4-7 at the Days Inn, 3001 Chicago St, Omaha NE 61831. Host is Ernie Wesolowski, 13312 Westwood Ln, Omaha NE 68144-3543. Room rates, \$53.52/night (1-4 people/room - 2 double beds). To reserve call (402) 345-2222 and be sure to mention the National Radio Club.

#### IRCA AM-PM ALMANAC UPDATERS:

UPDATER 5.4 NOW OUT; UPDATER 5.5 COMING THIS MONTH!!

5.4 just off the press - updated NBA and college basketball, ABC-AP-UPI-USA network updates, ESPN and SEN sports talk, Canadian music networks, and more.

Updater 5.5 will be available this month - 7 pages of 1992 baseball, and 11 pages of AM slogan updates! Order now for immediate shipment. There will be an Updater 5.6 sometime this summer, featuring talk

programs and new network updates - order now if you wish. Still available: Updater 5.1 - Almanac index, AM slogans. Updater 5.2 - Satellite Music Network, Unistar/Transtar, talk updates, BRN, 1991 baseball. Updater 5.3 - Rush Limbaugh, TIS/Highway Radio update, NHL hockey, NFL and college football.

20 pages each, \$2 U.S. and Canada, \$3 elsewhere, payable to IRCA, from Bill Hardy, 2301 Pacific Ave., Aberdeen, WA 98520. Thank you!

NO ROOM FOR CONTENTS INFO. THIS DXM IS LATE FOR MANY REASONS.....73 PUB.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 1993 IRCA AM-FM ALMANAC!!

Computer users especially needed! Information needed too!

We are planning to publish the 1993 edition of the Almanac in fall 1992. We hope it will be the biggest and best yet. We plan to have about 300 pages, 25% bigger than the 1991 edition.

To produce the new Almanac, we need a few volunteers with access to computers (IBM or McIntosh compatible). The person who sorted many of the lists for the 1991 Almanac has lost the use of his computer, so we have some "big shoes to fill." Some of the networks and programs have several hundred stations. A few have 1000 to 2000, and we shouldn't "manually sort" those! I'd like to have the computer sort any list longer than 50 stations. And that's where we need your help.

We have sent more than 100 letters to networks and program suppliers this month. As station lists begin to roll in, we need to

enter the lists onto disks for sorting.

If you have access to a We need: 1. Volunteers with computers. computer, and some time to enter short, medium, or long station lists (your choice) onto disks, please write to Bill Hardy. We have one volunteer who wishes to enter and sort all the talk shows. If you have a special interest such as that, please let Bill know.

 Volunteers with access to 1992 Broadcasting Yearbook or SRDS.
 If you have access to either reference and a computer, and can take the time to enter information from those books onto disk for sorting by IRCA, please let Bill know. This allows us to generate lists for those networks that do not release their station lists.

3. An editor for Broadcasting Updater. Unless someone volunteers, we will not have a Broadcasting Updater in the 6th edition. If you have access to all issues of DX Monitor from Jan. 1990 to present and could enter all station changes since 1990 onto disk, please write to Bill. We would then sort it and print it. I'd love to have an FM Updater too, if anyone with access to WTFDA bulletins since 1990 is able to enter that data!

Information needed: To gather information not available elsewhere, such as slogans, program airtimes, etc., we've run some contests. We're running a contest each month this summer, May thru September, with Almanac Updaters as prizes. See details elsewhere in DXM. But even if you wish to send info and aren't interested in winning, you can still help. Here is some information we especially need:

Networks carried by AM and FM stations you hear. State and regional networks. If you can send an address or a complete list, wonderful!

Talk and music programs carried by stations you hear, AM and FM,

with airtime if known.

Formats of AM and FM stations carrying satellite programming. Indicate the service if you can determine it - i.e., Satellite News Network is heard only on SMN; CNN News often indicates Unistar.

All simulcasts heard - AM-FM, AM-AM, FM-FM, multi-city. Simulcasts of TV news audio heard on the radio.

Slogans heard, old or new - both AM and FM.

AM Stereo you hear, with service if known (i.e., GM car radios pick up only C-Quam, not Kahn).

Foreign languages in use on U.S. and Canada stations. In Quebec, we list English and other non-French stations.

Any and all sports broadcasts (except high school).

Any and all TIS stations, especially on 530 and 1610 kHz. For the contest, we give 1 point for each station you hear that updates or confirms the above, or any other Almanac listing. 2 point for items from newspapers and other print sources (clippings, photocopies, even written/typed summaries are all okay). 2 point for stations announced on the air as carrying a particular program. And 3 points if you hear a station when you are at least 50 miles from home, so vacationers can do especially well (try not to drive the family batty, hi!).

If you wish to send information, or volunteer to help enter Almanac information onto computer disks, please write today to Bill Hardy, 2301 Pacific Avenue, Aberdeen, WA 98520. Thanks! 73 and good DX.

# BROADCASTING INFORMATION

EDITOR: ROBERT WIEN 1309 DENTWOOD DR SAN JOSE CA 95118

DEADLINES: 2nd & 4th Saturdays. Compiled: 5/16/92 Much of this information was compiled from M Street Journal , DXM, and various other sources.

#### NEW STATION APPLICATIONS: (NONE)

#### NEW STATION GRANTS"

(NONE)

#### CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

(NONE)

#### FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

San Mateo KOFY-1050 10000-N West Covina KGRB-900 1000-N CA. San Mateo

WBOX-920 change to daytime only LA. Bogalusa

KLVS-1290 incr. to 25000-D OR. Lake Oswego

NC. Franklin WAJA-1480 54 w-N VA. Richmond WRNL-910 1500 w-N FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS:

AZ. Black Canyon CityKUET-710 4200-W N
IN. Union City WENN-1030 330-W. (CP)
MO. Camdenton KEYE-1520 10000/4200 (CD)

KFXE-1520 10000/4200 (CP) MO. Camdenton WA. Mt. Vernon KAPS-660 10000/1000 DA-2

CALL LETTER CHANGES: AR. Benton KBBA-690 requests KEWI KIRS-1040 becomes KURS (CP) CA. San Diego WAVO-1420 becomes WWEV GA. Decatur WAVO-1420 becomes WWEV NM. Aztec KCEM-1340 becomes KCQL OR. Gresham KKGR-1230 becomes KMUZ PA. Mount Pocono WPCN-960 becomes WPMR PR. San Juan WQBS-630 becomes WSKN WY. Douglas KKIC-1470 becomes KKTY CKAR-1350 becomes CKDO ON. Oshawa

### A DXers TECHNICAL GUIDE

Now in its 2nd edition, this 120 page book answers questions on how receivers work, how to make them work better, what audio filters and loop antennas will do for you, how to build a beverage and phasing unit, and much more. Only \$5.50 for IRCA members, \$6.50 for non-members (add \$2.50 for overseas airmail). Write: Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary N.W., Seattle, WA 98117.

#### FORMAT CHANGES:

AL.	Anniston			Unis. oldies, now Unis. Hot C&W//FM
200	Birmingham			EZL, adds JSA EZ1
	De Witt			country //FM, rptd. silent
CA.	San Luis Obispo			country, adds SMN country
	Santa Rosa			SS, now oldies "Mixin' 1150"
	Thousand Oaks			KMDY, AC//KNJO, now SS //KPLS
CT.	New Britain			oldies, now Unis. CNN Headline nx
	Waterbury			AS, rptd. silent
	Milford			nx/talk, adds IBN talk
FL.	Ft. Walton Beach			talk, adds IBN talk
	Palmetto	WBRD-1420	was	talk, adds IBN talk
	Tallahassee			urban, now Unis. CNN Headline nx
HI.	Honolulu	KULA-1460	was	AC//FM, now Unis. stds.
IL.	Granite City	WGNU-920	was	talk/variety, adds IBN talk
IN.	Ft. Wayne	WLYV-1450	was	oldies, now oldies //FM
LA.	New Orleans	WQUE-1280	was	sports, adds SEN sports
	Winnfield	KVCL-1270	was	variety //FM, now JSA country//FM
ME.	Gardiner			AC/talk, adds IBN talk
	Westbrook			rock, now BRN bus. nx
MD.	Baltimore			urban//FM, now Uis. CNN Headline nx,
	DOI 2 CLANDE C	many soso		continue to sim. FM nights/weekends
	Gaithersburg	WMET-1150		silent, now bus. //WPGC
MA.	Gardner			AC/talk, adds IBN talk
	Albion			stds.//WEIL, now silent
	Battle Creek			stds.//FM, now silent
	Detroit			talk, adds SUN talk
	Petoskey			silent, now Unis. CNN Headline mx
	Taylor			urban, now talk
MT	Wolf Point			country, adds SAN country
	Nashua			AC, now country 'country 1590'
	Trenton			nx/talk, adds SEN sports
	Beaufort			talk, adds IEN talk
IAC.	Laurinburg			WMXF, Unis. AC, now Unis. oldies
OH	Cicninnati			
	Gresham			oldies, now SEN sports
				KKGR, silent, now AC
PA.	Annville			EZL, temp. silent due to fire
	Coudersport			oldies, adds IBN talk
	Hughesville			silent, now Unis. stds.
	Pittston			talk, adds IBN talk
	Wilkes-Barre			nx/talk, adds IBN talk
TAIL	Williamsport			mx/talk, adds CNN Headline mx
SC.	Lancaster			country, rptd. silent
	Mullins			country, adds IBN talk
TX.	Abilene			nx/talk, adds SEN sports
	Colorado City			country, adds SMN Real country
UT.	Sandy	KTKK-630	was	talk, adds IBN talk
	Dishmand	LIDAIT 010	100	rock//FM, sports, adds SEN sports
VA.	Richmond	MKMT-310	was	tock//rm, sports, auds sen sports

DX has slowed to a crawl, I'm on permanent dayshift UFN, so DX is severely limited, but it's almost summer, and not much to try for, hopefully it will pick up down the road, happy Memorial Day! 73's.

#### \*\*\* IRCA Foreign Logs \*\*\*

Before the creation of the IRCA Foreign DX Reference, the IRCA published nine editions of the IRCA Foreign log. Each edition contained the actual tips that were reported to the DXWW sections during an entire year, recompiled and retyped in a book format. In addition, special features include: articles on foreign DXing (Vols. 6-8), utility lists (Vols. 7-8), shortwave parallels (Vol. 8) and BCB propagation (Vols. 6-8). IRCA archives still has Volumes 3, 4 and 6-8 of the IRCA Foreign Log available to all for \$2.50 each. Make checks out to Phil Bytheway and send them to: 9705 Mary N.W., Seattle, WA 98117

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#### NEW STATION APPLICATIONS:

(NONE)

NEW STATION GRANTS"

(NONE)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

MA. Middleborough WCEG-1530 on the air

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

IL. Evanston WKTA-1330 change PSSA/PSRA to 24 w. ND MA. Denham WEMA-890 3500/25000 (currently CP only)

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS:

CT. Hartford WCCC-1290 decrease to 490 w. NY. Bath WABH-1380 5000/350

SC. Ridgeland WNFO-1430 decrease to 630 w.

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

CA. Carmel Valley KHKN-540 becomes KIEZ

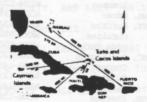


#### Atlantic Beacon

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GREETINGS:

WE ARE PLEASED TO VERIFY RECEPTION OF THE ATLANTIC BEACON
ON <u>For. 30</u> at <u>1045 PM Es</u> the atlantic beacon operates
A 50KW NAUTEL TRANSMITTER INTO A TWO 5/8 WAVE TOWER ARRAY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR DETAILED REPORT.

J73'S & GOOD-DXING C.E.

#### FORMAT CHANGES:

TOIL	MI CIMIOLO.			
AK.	Fairbanks	KTAK-970	was	country/talk, adds IBN talk
	Lexington			silent, now news/talk
	Coolidge			talk/sports, adds AFR sports
	Pine Bluff	KCTA-1400	was	country, now country //KPRO-FM
	Banning	KMFT-1490	was	country, now country //KPBQ-FM SMN Kool oldies, now SMN AS
ca.	Carmel Valley	KHKN_540	Was	contry //FM, now KIEZ, SMN AS
	Fort Bragg			silent, now AC
	Needles			nx/talk, adds SUN talk
	Ukiah			country//FM, now mx/talk
m	Denver	PARTS 710	WGS	ny/talk adda CIN talk
	Milford	WYUS-930	was	nx/talk, adds SUN talk
				nx/talk, adds AFR talk
LL.	Arcadia Posch			country, now Southern gospel
	Atlantic Beach			silent, to be religion
				talk/gospel, now country/talk
	Jacksonville	MCKU-1000	was	silent, now Southern gospel
	Key West			talk, adds AFR talk talk, adds IBN talk
	Melbourne Mims			
				religion, now AS
	North Ft. Myers			nx/talk, adds AFR talk
	Saint Augustine			country/talk, adds SUN talk
GA.	Albany			nx/talk, adds AFR/SUN talk
	Brunswick			urban//FM, now silent pending sale
	Clarksville			AC, now nx/talk
303	Douglas			country, adds AFR talk
	Rexburg			Unis. C&W//FM, now Unis. Hot C&W//FM
IL.	Brookport			religion/talk, now talk
	Decatur			AC/talk, now nx/talk
	Newburgh			talk, adds IBN talk
	Sioux City			AC/talk, now nx/talk
LA.	Farmerville			CHR, now silent
	New Orleans			sports, adds AFR sports
				nx/talk, now AS
	Biddeford	WIDE-1400	was	nx/talk, adds IBN talk
	Lexington Park	WPTX-920	was	nx/talk/AC, now nx/C8W/talk talk/sports, adds AFR talk
MA.	Fall River	WSAR-1480	was	talk/sports, adds AFR talk
	Middleborough	WCEG-1530		
MI.	Ann Arbor			AC/talk, adds AFR sports
w	Grand Rapids			rock//FM, now modern rock//FM
MD.	Gulfport Starkville			black gospel, now silent
NO.				country//FM, talk, now nx/talk
MA.	Carson City			AC, to be AS
MIT	Las Vegas Newark			Unis. oldies, now Unis. CNN nx
NU .				urban AC, now brokered ethnic
	Trenton Aztec	W11M-920	was	nx/talk, adds AFR sports
		MCQL-1340	was	country, now Unis. oldies
MI.	Buffalo Cortland			nx/talk, adds AFR talk
				oldies, adds JSA oldies
100	Hyde Park			oldies, now SMN real country
NC.	Burlington	WBBB-920		nx/talk, adds AFR talk
	Concord			country, now oldies
	Kinston			urban AC//FM, rptd. silent
	Salisbury			nx/talk, adds AFR talk
OH.	Chardon			oldies, to be nx/talk 6/1
	Cincinnati			AC/talk, adds ESPN sports
	Jackson			country//FM, adds SMN Real C&W
	New Boston			country/talk, now EZL
	Van Wert			variety, now oldies //FM
-	Youngstown			nx/talk, adds CNN Headline nx
OK.	Blackwell			nx/talk, adds IBN talk
	Clinton			sports//WWLS, adds SUN sports
	Moore			sports, adds SUN sports
	Muskogee			oldies, now contemp. Xtian
	Oklahoma City			nx/talk, adds SUN talk
05	Wagoner	KX1D-1530	was	sports//WWLS, adds SUN sports
UR.	Ashland			nx/talk, adds IBN talk
	Reedsport	1030	wdS	silent, now country

#### FORMAT CHANGES (CONTINUED):

PA. Ambridge WMBA-1460 was AC/talk, adds AFR talk WTSS-1320 was religion, now silent Scranton Wilkes-Barre WTSW-1340 was relig. //WTSS, now silent SC. Waiterboro WRIT-1080 was country, now black gospel TN. Etowah WCPH-1220 was silent, now country TX. Denton KDNT-1440 was nx/talk, adds AFR talk Merkel KMXO-1500 was Spanish, now silent San Angelo KCRN-1340 was silent, now religion//FM RGKL-960 was AC, now rock "Rock 96" KTEM-1400 was talk, adds AFR talk VA. Newport News WGH-1310 was country, now sports WCRR-660 was country, now Southern gospel Rural Retreat Staunton WTON-1240 was full service AC, adds AFR sports WA. Lakewood KLAY-1180 was talk, adds IBN talk WNFI-1440 was nx/talk, adds IBN talk WI. Green Bay Stevens Point WSPO-1010 was nx/talk, adds IBN talk BCN Tijuana XEKAM-950 was talk, now silent NS. Halifax CHNS-960 was AC, now oldies

Mike Hardester of Jacksonville, NC. passes on the following info:

NC. Jacksonville WLAS-910 was silent, to be on air 6/21, nx/talk/sports format, incl. ESPN & CBS sports.

Rick Newman of Las Vegas, NV. also confirms the above listed info for KENO-1460.

Thanks, Mike and Rick! I'm going in for some foot surgery and will be off work for a coupla weeks, I'll be able to get in some DX'ing again, after typing this long column, my fingers will need surgery, too (hi)! Guess the FCC waited till after Memorial Day to publish this overflow of info, making it the longest column I've typed to date! Have a happy June, Father's Day and Summer Solstice... 73's.



KJUN AM 1450 ANNOUNCES THEIR EXPANSION THAT INCLUDES TWO MORE RADIO STATIONS: KTOL AM 1280, THURSTON COUNTY, AND KBLV AM 1540 (FORMERLY KLSY AM), KING AND SO. SNOHOMISH COUNTIES.

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# DX Worldwide - West

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#### DEADLINES: 7/6

Here we are with another column. Not too much to report this time around except I just added a new Drake R8 to the shack. It works very well, and a very quiet receiver. Reports this time from Shawn Axelrod, Robert Wien, and Chuck Boehnke.

#### PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

590	CUBA, Santa Clara-Radio Reloj-5/8 at 0945 fair, man doing News	
	in SS, RR on the minute and clock in background. (SA-MB)	

- 620 CUBA, Colon-Radio Rebelde 4/24 0902 fair in CKRC null, man and
- woman in SS, mentions of Cuba. New. (SA-MB)
  UNID, SS fading up good briefly 5/25 1204-1213, after KKOB fade-770
- out, then gone by 0813, no ID, but laser blasts between every song. Is this XEIH? (RW-CA) 900
- MEXICO, Mexico City-XEW 4/26 0243 Good, totally dominating the freq.-w/Mexican mx, very good the last 3 days. Echo on the signal , so prob. XEWB Veracruz, just out of sync. (SA-MB)
  MEXICO, Mexico City-XEQ 5/9 0939 man w/SS talk, into Mexican mx
- 940
- good, dominating the freq. (SA-MB)

  UNID, w/female anr. on syn talk show, faded after good signal in KWJJ null, KSCO off til 1300. This hrd at 1238 5/25. KWAI or 1080 KRPX? (RW-CA)

#### TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 1008 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4TAB-fair with racing, ex 4IP, 4IO at 1240 on
- 5/16. Reported, new under this call. (PM-OR)
  HAWAII, Honolulu-KZOO-now with 10 KW days, sometimes 1 or 5 at 1210 Too much QRM in Honolulu area, so may not be 10 KW nights. According to Chuck Boehnke/Alan Roycroft. Station with JJ programming is much stronger over the the Big Island. (CB-HI)
- AUSTRALIA, Canberra-1PPP- fair to good with ID "1PPP" by man at 1246 5/18, gave Sydney adrs. Finally got enough info for a report 1620 under 1PPP. Allready have QSL under 1PHR. (PM-OR)

#### THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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- R70, Plam Board/4KHZ filter-4 foot Box Loop RW-CA Robert Wien-1309 Dentwood Drive-San Jose, CA 95118
- Superradio
- Your Editor PM-OR Drake R8, Term. 200' DU wire-Ground system

#### VERIFICATIONS

- 650 HAWAII, Honolulu-KHNR-verie letter in 45 days from Bernie Armstrong VP/GM-adrs: Penthouse Ste.-850 Richards St.-
- Honolulu, HI 96813 (PM-OR) AUSTRALIA, Gosford-2GO-verie letter and cd in 89d after f/up 801
- from Shayne Bartlett-CE-Station now on FM only. (PM-OR) 1190 MEXICO, Guadalajara-XEWK-nice letter in SS and XEW pennant in 55d from Lic Rodrigo Cabello Wallace-Dir. (PM OR)



EDITOR: JAMES R.

#### 9839 PRESIDENTIAL DRIVE #103 LLISON PARK PA 15101-1841 USA ALLISON PARK PA

The June edition of DXWW-E is usually slim due to the summertime DX doldrums. but 1992's is certainly an exception. After some miscellaneous comments we'll get right to the reports. Jean's April logs will interest you seeing that when he was there a sudden blizzard curtailed the activity (St. Francis). Congrats Jean on your first Bolivian. Carl passes along information obtained on a visit to XEPV-1170. XEPV intends to go to 3kW and 1kW nights (currently 250w). XEPV's new QTH is Gonzales Ortega. 200, C.P. 93400, Papantla, Veracruz, and the engineer/announcer is Juan H. Cao Romero Ibanez. Papantla is "old Veracruz" and most people use two given and three family names.

#### TRANS-ATLANTIC DX (Burnell-NF) unless noted for DX-MA

747 SPAIN, Cadiz 0141 4/19 Pop mx fr/gd, SS teletalk 0144. (DX-MA)

765 SENEGAL, Dakar 0150 4/19 Big OC (well after end of reg. pgmming) (DX-MA) 783 PORTUGAL, Miramar 2237-2243 4/26\* PP ancr intros mx by Nelson Eddy & Jeanette Macdonald, then tunes from "Guys & Dolls". Not // either Antena 1 or R. Comercial nets. \$10 343

792 SPAIN, R. Sevilla 0048-0052 5/10 SER net pgm, ads, SS pops, phone rpt about a musueum. VOWR spl atter bothered. S10 232

819 MOROCCO et al 0136 4/19 AA mox pr in jumble of carriers. (DX-MA)

AZORES/CANARY ISLANDS 0134 4/19 PP talk o/u SS mx. (DX-MA) +(AZORES RDP) Barroasa 0055 5/10 Instru jazz //828. Well o/Spain for once! 837 \$10 433

882 CANARY ISLANDS 0030 4/19 SS male talk pr/fr w/WCBS phased. (DX-MA)

891 ALGERIA Algiers 0027 4/19 Loyd w/m & w in FF. )0X-MA)

SPAIN R. Espana Madrid 2238 5/9 Romantic SS pops, clear 10s. S10 244 954

963 PORTUGAL RRE Seixal 0104 5/9 PP ads, 0105 TC, more ads, PP ballad from 0107. //1251. SIO 333

990 SPAIN R. Bilbao 0126 4/29 SER net pgm //1026 o/u CBY, w talking in SS, pips at 0130. S10 322

1008 CANARY ISLONAD R. Las Palmas 2302 5/9 W w/nx, Cadena SER ID 23041, entertainment nx, ads, rock mx. SIO 233

1044 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aloun 0025 4/19 W in AA fr/gd despite occ slop from WBZ/WEVD. (DX-MA)

1088 ANGOLA R. Nacional, Mulenvas 2302-2309 5/9 Man in PP ment. Angola often, pop & disco mx. //1367 audible also but not as strong. \$10 333

CANARY ISLANDS 0022 4/19 The most likely source of the MoR mx noted here. (DX-MA)

1098 CZECHOSLOVAKIA Nitra-Jarok 5/5 0156-0205 IS, w in Slavic lang 0200, polka mx. \$10 322 w/Spain partialyly phased out.

1107 EGYPT Batra 0126 4/19 AA chant briefly to gd peak. (DX-MA)

SPAIN RNE-5 2259 5/5 Grand mx, pips, ID & nx. SIO 244. These are generally 1107 well sync'ed and this sig. was weak but v. clear. In contrast the COPE synchros are poorly syncied so their audio is sometimes tricky to follow due to the echo.

1134

SPAIN COPE synchros 2330 5/16 pips, net ID, nx summary //1224.
MOROCCO Casablanca 2315-28 5/8 FF pgm about the blues, lots of mx //1197. 1187.9 Seemed slightly off freq. which I suspect was the reason for the muddy audio.

1197 LESOTHO BBC Lancer's Gap 5/8 2329-31 Snatches of BBC WS pgm, Hrd "BBC" 2330, punk mx. Sig badly mauled by cochannel Morocco (dominant) & Spain. S10 322 Also 2317-22 5/16 BBC WS request pgm, absolutely ALONE on freq. \$10 253

1215 SPAIN Radio Popular de Castellon/Lorca 2254-2302 5/8 Voth evident w/COPE net pgm -- 2 stns // byut not synchronous (approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$ -sec separation) -- tribute to Marlene Deitrich, pips at ToH, COPE ID, nx. Ea stn S10 322 w/VOAR 1210 splat.

AZORES RDP Faial 0035 5/9 Antena 1 pgm, w in PP intros light mx // 1259 mainland stn's. S10 243

ANGOLA Emissora Provincial do Uige 2307 5/8 Weak in Af p lang w/talk re. 1295 Angola, faded out 2311. Seemed exactly on freq. S10 232

ENGLAND BBC WS Orfordness 2302 4/26\* WS nx (EE) v clear on 30 degree wire --1296 \$10 444, w/Spain bothersome on 95 degree wire.

1349 MAURITANIA Nouakchott 0005 4/19 Strong het againtst domestics, only very

fragmentary audio. (DX-MA)
Lushnje 4/22 2146-57 FF pgm, C&W mx! "Ici Tirana" ID. One of the earliest TA's to come in. \$10 252 (ALBANIA) 1395

uniD 4/26-27\* 2358-0000 Pops, 4 in a row FF & lost of US hits too. O/weaker 1404

stn in Slavic lang - Ukraine prob. Pretty sure this isn't Guinea! \$10 333 ALGERIA Alger 2150-2210 5/8 FF pgm w/FF rap, political interview. WRTH sayas 1422 Holy Koran Svce but this was secular pgm. Dee, fades to nil from strong. Peak \$10 was 343

1422 GERMANY Saarlandischer Rundfunk 4/26 0239 GG balad & w ancr. US pop tune.

UKRAINE Nikolayev 5/9-10 2359-9007 R. Moscow IS, pips on hour, w w/pos. 19 1431 & m w/Slav. lang nx. Found Kiev 4940SW // w/operatic mx. S10 242

LUXEMBOURG RTL 2317 4/22 Pop mx w/GG DJ - seems to play more oldies than when 1440 pgm was in EE. S10 333

uniD 5/9 2227 Mid East mx not //1251. Sd/lk Koran at 2245. Was looking for 1449 Iran. Hets from 1450 € 1448. At best \$10 242

FRANCE (MONACO) TWR Roumoules 5/8 2148 W interviewed in EE re AIDs in 1467 Romanian orphans. \$10 344

COTE D' IVOIRE Abidjan 4/26\* 2212-28 1492.7

Repetitive local mx, from 2222 lots of talk in AA sding lang. S10 322 JORDAN A1 Kanarah 4/26\* 2203 AA nx, recitations "Huna Amman" 2210. QRMed at 1494

2211. S10 322 w/het from 1492.7 1494 RUSSIA R. Ala, Sankt-Petergburg 2/26-27\* 2348 & 0008 Russian barda mx --

sort of folk song. Unequivocal //5040. S10 343

1502 ANGOLA Emissora Provincial de Benguela 5/9 2204 M in PP re Angolan Central Committee, official interviewed by "R. Nacional de Angola" so prob. a nat'l pgm, but Just hets on other Angolan freq's (Incl SW). Faded quickly. S10 243

1503 AZORES AFR, Lajes 4/26\* 2322 "Pizza at the commissary" ad, ID "On fifteen oh three AM this is AFR Lajes", C&W song. \$10 333

VATICAN 4/25 2344 Nauseating Muzak versions of Albinoni's "Adaglo" and "La 1530

Bamba" - I'm sure the Pope wasn't listening. \$10 343

MADEIRA Posto Em. de Radiodif. do Funchal 5/8 2240 m6w in PP, alone on frweq. 1530 initially, but Vaticana up quickly and Funchal u/ 2248. S10 343 @2240.

SPAIN R. Valladolid 4/25 2355-7 SS chat, song 'Noche Blanca' SIO 333 1539

ENGLAND BBC R. Bristol 4/26\* 2136-42 Limericks, "Late Night West" rock mx 1548 pgm. \$10 333

MALTA Deutsche Welle, Cyclops 2351 5/9 Definate DW pgm in GG w/chat and 1557 GG songs. \$10 243

1566 t AZORES 0015 4/19 Het, bits of PP-sounding talk inmerciless WQXR sllop. (DX-MA) + Clube Asas do Atlantico 2308 5/16 In passing w/PP songs, Best sig ever: \$10 was 444

1566 TUNISIA Sfax 2220 4/25 Noted o/Azores w/AA talk then AA mx, SIO 333

BELORUS? "R. Moscow" 0029-0030 5/17 Moscow IS hrd/taped, u/dominant stn, but 1566 weak. Belorus synchros listed at this time. See below! \$10 211

1566 t IRAN, Bandar-Abbas 0029-0034 5/17 Funny story: I was concentrating on hearing the above CIS stn by trying to phase out the dominant signal. Without thinking I assumed the dominant stn was Tunisia. However on tape review I realized the lang was not AA but prob. Farsi. M & w talking (possibly nx), bit of Jean-Michel Jarre mx then 10 0033 that was garbled but started "Inja --- ", which is consistent w/Farsi and Dari (not Hindi). In the ID I didn't hear anything that sd either like "Tehran" or "Iran", though. I'll be trying to get this again! \$10 343 (I'll say, Jean! This would be a good one alright... ed) PORTUGAL R. Comercial, porto 4/26\* 2133 PP ancr, faded up briefly o/ 1575

Spain. \$10 322 Also hrd at 0030-3 5/10 w/R. Comercial pgm, Louis Armstrong tune, ad about Brazil 0032, pop mx, //1062. Dominating Spain. S10 333

1615 unID 0015 5/9 Tiny amount of audio w/pop mx. Carriers detected on 1604 and 161/, also. Possibly Dutch pirates. \$10 241

#### PAN-AMERICANA

590 MEXICO, Rio Bravo XEFD 0332 5/18 Strong w/shallow fading (rapid), ranchera mx, "La Consentida" SID's, sign "Por los grandes exitos musicales, La F-D, La Consentida". Still just 250-watts night? (Stewart-MO)

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS Roadtown ZBVI 0139 4/19 Fr w/calypso & soca mx, Carib. 780

EE ancr. (DX-MA) 825 ST. KITTS, Basseterre 0135 4/19 EE preaching, excellent. (DX-MA)

ST. LUCIA, Castries 0104 4/19 Loud/dominant w/Creole FF pgm. (DX-MA) 840

- MEXICO XEIG Iguala, Gro. Here from 1340. At 2340 4/19 request pgm, "880" signs. Reduces pwr 0000 when XEEM come in for s/off anmt/NA. (Huffaker-MEX)
- MEXICO XEPOR Daxaca "LV de Amistad" 0255-0309 3/26 s/off w/prayer, ID, Mex
- 895 NEVIS 0132 4/19 Pop mx, fr. (DX-MA)
- MEXICO XESP Guadalajara, Jal. 4/20 0041 "R. Juventud", non-stop mx. (Huffaker-MEXICO) (Thanks for the additional information here, Carl. ed) ST. LUCIA or MARTINIQUE 0021 4/19 FF political discussion, gd w/WBAL 1070
- 1090 phased. (DX-MA)
- +0047 5/14 Football play-by-play, distinctive FF accents. \$10 @232 (Burnell-WF) 1100 t CUBA 0345 5/18 No audio possible on chan because of a monstrous low het of about
- 200Hz. (Stewrart-MO)
  BRAZIL R. Globo (ZYK694) Sao Paulo 2328-31 5/12 1st ZY signi hrd just after 1100 sunset here, PP m ment "Globo", Braz mx 2331. Bad QRN, S10 242 (Burnell-NF) MEXICO XEFN Uruapan, Mich. "R. Moderna" 4/18 0630 regular history feature,
- 1130 instru. mx pgm, Woody Woodpecker sound effects foollowed by s/off 0700-6 w/NA good in KWKH null. (Huffaker-MEXICO)
- COLOMBIA CARACOL HJMW Cartagena 5/2 050, Jx ID in mess, 2 men talking. Another SS had mainly time pips w/female ancr (Does Cuba have a Reloj here now?). WWVA 1170 reduced w/phasing. \$10 232 (Burnell-NF) +(tent) 0350 5/18 Presumed w/all-nx fmt. Briefly o/KV00 & soon faded. NO ID
- but sd/1k usual CARACOL fmt. (Stewart-MO) unID 0356 5/18 Who's the source of the 5kc het here? Noted at fr level (& 1185 stronger than 1205) but no audio pulled. (Stewart-MO) (I don't know, but
- perhaps Mark Connelly of another will turn it up some time. ed)
  CUBA CMHT 0400 5/18 In well, //much weaker 1200 (burled u/WOAI), w/compl. s/off
  by m & w. Ment FM & AM put gave no freq's of xmtr QTH's, just desde el centro de 1210
- isla de Cuba en el Corazon del Mar Caribe" call & sign ID w/city (Sancti-Spiritus). Ment ret at 6am, political signs and choir NA. (Stewart-MO) (Nice report on this one, Randy - I can't remember that any Cubans had a det. s/off. ed
- 1280
- BRAZIL R. Tupi (ZYJ455 Rio de Jameiro >/14 0029 fairly clear but huge amplitude p fading. PP talk, ads. SIO 343. (Burnell-NF)
  BRAZIL T. Timbira do Maranhao ZYH888 Sao Luis >/13 0012-39 PP hyper male DJ ment "Maranhao" oft, local mx w/lots of drums. 49/6 SW inaudible. SIO 242 (Burne ARGENTINA R. Buenos Aires LS6 5/13 0200 "loteria nacional" #1s list. QRM 1290
- 1350 from a domestic stn increased put at 0206 was \$10 333. (Burenell-NF) 1420
- URUGUAY R. Lavelleja CW43 Minas 5/13 0108 Ads for Minas stores, UTC-3 TCs fol/something like "toda la Republica Oriental del Uruguay", mellow ballads, 0130
- nx. Great sig for 500-watts! Si0 332. (Burnell-NF) (Excellent logging!: ed)
  BRAZIL uniD stn's 5/13-14 2350 Jumble of at least 3 ZYs, ea giving so much
  QRM that it was hard to decipher ID's. (Burnell-NF)
  BRAZIL uniD stn 5/13 2330 Mainly PP talk, "R. ? ". Si0 232 (Burnell) 1430 1450
- BRAZIL uniD stn(s) 5/8 2356 A mess w/aBrazilian fading in/out w/PP talk & echoed anmts. Tent "Primavera" 2356 so pos "R. Primavera" Porto Ferreira. \$10 1470
  - VENEZUELA R. Vibracion YVSY Carupano 5/8-9 2359 Emerged o/ZY stn(s) w/rel talk, ad string, clear ID 0006 perore SS version or Rolling Stones song. S10 333 at 0006. (Burnell-NF)
  - BRAZIL R. AM de Pareinas 5/9 2325-39 Amazingly alone on freq. w/Brazilian songs until 2333 when hrd "AM Pareihas" then ad string. Brief jx for "hora festa" (pgm name?). Anyone have call letters for this stn? This is a ZY gy freq so must be only 250-watts night. (Burnell-NF)
- uniD 5/13 0058-0106 2 men in ss, tlk about some "campeonato" but never mwent 1530 place/country, just "de la Patria". Thus frustratingly little to help ID. Prob NOT YV/HJ due to the propagation. Initially SIO 333 but increasingly QRMed. (Burenell-NF)
- BOLIVIA R. Emisora Canarvi CP115 2335-0007 5/ 12-13 Essentially the only usabl 1550 signal betw 1500-1600 on a southern wire! "Noticiero 1992", TC's, quick ID 2357, cholera PB PSA's, pgm "Correo del Oyente" from 0001. Unequivocal ID w/La Paz mailing address 0002. At peak around 2355 S10 343! (Burnell-NF) (Keep up these exceptional loggings, Jean! ed)
- ANGUILLA The Valley 0005 4/19 EE preaching absolutely blasting in. (DX-MA) 1610

EDITOR'S CORNER: I must first apologize for the column this month - sure we had some EXCEPTIONAL loggings! But, there were numerous typing errors that occurred, as well as some shoddy print appearing. Near the end of the column I re-repaired this thing & have it working ok. Some dated material was edited (not my usual way to do the column) only because of just getting back from vacation and trying to beat the deadline! But Rick Evans & especially Ernie Cooper would be proud to know that I'm still pounding the keys of a manual typewriter for this!! What next? Well, now that I mentioned it, next month a NEW (sorry, Phil) address will be announced. Finally, it will be permanent! ed

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(TRF & 4-ft spiral loop)

(DX-MA) Mark Connelly on DXpedition w/Tom Beaton, Jean Burnell, Bruce COnti

to Rockport, MA Granite Pier Site

(2 DX-440's ea position: Position 1=homebrew active whip phased againtst RTL-1A 11op w/DCP-1 Controller/Phaser. Position 2=two

30-m (100-ft) wires phased w/MWDX-5)

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## Geomagnetic Indices

	high point low point	major storm minor flare		solar activity satellite proton event
GEO	geomagnetic activity major flare	minor storm polar cap absorption	SS	severe storm

#### Geomagnetic Summary April 13 1992 through May 9 1992

Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	ETC
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5/ 9	-127	6	5	very low	active-mis	spe/pca



# WESTERN

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DEADLINES FOR WDXR TIPS: Monday July 6, Wednesday July 22, Monday August 31, and Monday Sept. 14. PLEASE USE EASTERN TIME.

REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:

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- Jim Hilliker-1705 Withers Ave. #12-Monterey, CA (JH) 93940 GE Superadio
- (PM)
- Patrick Martin-P.O. Box 843-Seaside, OR 97138 Drake R8E, 50' loaded vertical, ground system (GP) Gary Pifer-2356 Caddie Ct.-Oceanside, CA
- Superadio (GP-CA1) DX'ing in L.A. during riots, with Chrysler car radio Robert Wien-1309 Dentwood Dr.-San Jose, CA 95118 GE Superadio, GE long-range portable, SM-2

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 540 KIEZ CA, Carmel Valley call change, ex-KHKN. Noticed new IDs first on 5/29 0648, "You're listening to America's greatest classics on KIEZ, Carmel Valley ... " and at 0655 "Good time then legal ID 0700 "KIEZ, Easy-54-AM, Carmel Valley, for the music you remember, 24 hours a day." Slightly illegal isn't it, to mention calls & not the city of license immediately following? Still SMN Stardust, into SMN news. Called station, they say call change happened Fri. 5/22, but thought I heard KHKN calls as late as Wed. 5/27. 5/29 1325 ID \*KIEZ, 54-AM-Stereo, with great American classics for California's Central Coast." (JH-CA) \*
- KFRC CA, San Francisco now carries Tom Snyder Show 0200-0500 tape-delayed after Larry King Show. Magic 61 then goes back to music at 0500 instead of replay of King show. Don't know date this started. (JH-CA)
- 640 (KFI) CA, Los Angeles 4/30 local IRCA member Mike Riordan notified me by phone at 221? that KFI's GM had just announced they'd be evacuating the studios because the rioting was just down the street. KFI off at 2215 (45 min. before local sunset), back on at 2259. 2220-2245 some kind of sporting event in Spanish looping SE/NW, XEYQ?? (DG-CA) +4/30 2227 noted off the air. (GP-CA)
- 680 (KNBR) CA, San Francisco 5/12 0440 totally off, back on at 0520. Two Spanish stations mixing, suspect unneeded XELG and needed XEFO. (RW-CA)
- NV, Las Vegas MM 5/4 silent 0743, then 0C 0751. 720 (KDWN) CA, San Francisco 4/26 0725 earlier than normal (0500 740 KCBS
- local) sign on due to earthquake at 0421 local. 770 KULL WA, Seattle 5/4 0837 loud, alone, with KPLA off. Washington Natural Gas, "Cool" ID, faded rapidly. (RW-CA)
- CA, San Francisco 5/24 0536 totally off. UnID Spanish 810 (KGO) dominating freq., then preacher in English took over freq. Heavy T-storm QRN. (RW-CA)
- NM, Albuquerque 5/4 0817-0822 pleasant surprise very good 1190 KXKS pver KORG/KRDS in KEX null with Spanish, ID "La Super Equis, Kah-Equis-Kah-Esse, " couple of IDs later on after ranchera music. Faded by 0822. New! (RW-CA)
- 1200 CKDA BC, Victoria 5/10 0320 weak with ID & oldies format. (DG-CA)

1230 KGFJ CA, Los Angeles 4/30 0315 special edition of "Perspectives" (talk show) in attempt to calm public during L.A. riots. (GP-CA)

+5/1 2100 unusual format of Gospel music and special edition of "Perspectives." (GP-CA1)

CA, Monterey 4/30 0215 running simulcast of KNX-1070 coverage of L.A. riots. KNRY ID at quarter past the hour. 1240 KNRY Over KSON. (GP-CA)

CA, Santa Barbara 4/30 0200 running simulcast of KFI-640

KTMS coverage of L.A. riots. KTMS ID at top of hour. (GP-CA)

CA, San Fernando 4/20 2005 caught tail end of Emergency 1260 ?KGIL? Broadcasting System providing info on L.A. riots (I'm not 100% sure on this one, I know FM stations were on EBS). (GP-CA)

CA, Bakersfield 5/11 0839 loud way over KSRO with big band 1350 KBAD

music, ID. (RW-CA)

CA, Inglewood 5/1 1725 noted off the air. (GP-CA1) 1460 (KTYM)

CA, King City 5/14 a thrill at s/on 0800. Enthusiastic man 1490 KRKC concluded, "You're tuned to the Mighty 1490, KRKC, King City-Greenfield-Soledad." CNN news followed. (LG-MT) MT, Dillon 5/5 0758 s/on, ment. AM & FM, followed by SSB.

KDBM

(LG-MT)

KEYG WA, Grand Coulee with oldies rock music & ID 0300 "This is your radio station, KEYG & KEYG-FM Grand Coulee." Fair. (PM-OR) (Date??--NH)

WA, Toppenish 5/4 0800 popped up through the hash with an KENE ID. (LG-MT)

WA, Walla Walla 5/7 with C&W music, then ID jingle 0800, KTEL

followed by ABC news. (LG-MT)
CA, San Jose 5/10 0523 totally off, unID OC good looping 1500 (KSJX)

N-S (CKAY?). (RW-CA)
WA, Bellevue 5/18 0804 faded up briefly over KLAU in KSKQ 1540 KBLV null with ID on hour "You're listening to the Country Gold Network," then list of stations, ID "KBLV 1540, Bellevue-Seattle." Call change, ex-KLSY for me. (RW-CA)

1550 KQWB ND, Fargo 5/4 0437 surprisingly very good in KKHI null with "1550, KQWB" ID. Not heard very often anymore. (RW-CA) 1610 KNEC996 CA, Los Angeles 5/1 1720 Los Angeles Harbor Freeway 110 1550 KQWB

information on which on & off ramps were closed due to L.A. riots. (GP-CA1)

WA, Bridgeport (Chief Joseph Dam) formerly a regular, I haven't heard for several months. Not listed in Almanac Updater 5.3. Is it silent? (LG-MT) (Bill tried for this station 5/31 0300 and it was in as usual. Bill says Updater 5.3 listed only the changes to the Almanac .-- NH)

WY/MT, Yellowstone National Park with man & woman alternating on loop. Moderately strong 5/5 0750. (LG-MT)

#### LOCAL CHANGES

CA, Carmel Valley changed format 5/11 to SMN Stardust. 540 KHKN SMN Country. New slogan is "Easy 54 AM Stereo." One ID says "Easy 54 AM Stereo, with Stardust memories for the Central Coast." Legal ID says "KHKN, Carmel Valley. Easy listening for the Central Coast." (JH-CA)

CA, Carmel no longer 24 hours, at least temporarily. Local cable TV company dropped KJAZ (FM), so KRML lost that feed and is no longer // with that station. So, till KRML gets a studio-to-transmitter link with KJAZ, they s/on at 0900 and go off at sunset. Went off at 2300 on 5/25. (JH-CA)

#### UNIDS

770 5/25 0804-0813 unID Spanish fading up after KKOB fadeout, then gone by 0813. Laser blasts between songs. KPLA off as usual till 0900. Domestic or Mexican? (RW-CA)

5/25 0838 unID talk show, seemed nationally syndicated, female announcer. Good at first, but faded rapidly in KWJJ null, KSCO off till 0900. KWAI or KRPX? (RW-CA)

5/18 0113 unID TT good looping SE, KGYN? (RW-CA)

- 1250 5/4 0550 unID again heard with satellite C&W // local KEEN-1370. Seems to be Unistar Country, under KHOT/KTMS, looping SE. Is this KDHI or is this KTIM-AZ? (RW-CA)
- 1300 5/20 0440 unID TT good looping ENE. Possibly KPTL? (RW-CA) 1470 5/10 0526 unID TT noted last two nights under KUTY, looping SE. TTs both days about this time. (RW-CA)
- 5/26 0705 woman spoke in what sounded like Mandarin. 1470 (LG-MT) (CJVB, Vancouver, BC.--NH)
- 1490 Spanish station with ranchera music, woman announcer, and PDT TC's 5/14 0735-0755. KWAC, KICO and KSPE are all listed as Spanish. Can any of you CA members help? (IG-MT)
- UnID Canadian with "Oldies Coast to Coast" spot, then news 5/27 1490 0800. Who here carries this program? (LG-MT) (Per late 1991 list, CJPR-AB and CFWB, CKBV and CJOR1 in BC.--NH) (Freq. approx.) unID Spanish pretty strong 5/27 0703-0745 with
- news, commercials, ranchera music; surely Mexico or CA. Could it be a harmonic of 840? KVEG wouldn't permit a comparison of freqs. (LG-MT)

Welcome to WDXR, Gary. We hope to hear from you often! Hope everyone noted the summer deadlines at the beginning of the column. There is a Wednesday deadline among them. We are leaving for our family vacation to Glacier Park, Montana after Bill gets home from work on Sat. July 25. Happy summer!

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 1993 IRCA AM-FM ALMANAC!!

#### Computer users especially needed!

Information needed too!

We are planning to publish the 1993 edition of the Almanac in fall 1992. We hope it will be the biggest and best yet. We plan to have about 300 pages, 25% bigger than the 1991 edition.

To produce the new Almanac, we need a few volunteers with access to

computers (IBM or McIntosh compatible). The person who sorted many of the lists for the 1991 Almanac has lost the use of his computer, so we have some "big shoes to fill." Some of the networks and programs have several hundred stations. A few have 1000 to 2000, and we shouldn't "manually sort" those! I'd like to have the computer sort any list longer than 50 stations. And that's where we need your help.

We have sent more than 100 letters to networks and program suppliers this spring. As station lists begin to roll in, we need to enter the lists onto disks for sorting.

We need: 1. Volunteers with computers. If you have access to a computer, and some time to enter short, medium, or long station lists (your choice) onto disks, please write to Bill Hardy. We have one volunteer who wishes to enter and sort all the talk shows. If you have a special interest such as that, please let Bill know.

- Volunteers with access to 1992 Broadcasting Yearbook or SRDS.
   If you have access to either reference and a computer, and can take the time to enter information from those books onto disk for sorting by IRCA, please let Bill know. This allows us to generate lists for those networks that do not release their station lists.
- 3. An editor for Broadcasting Updater. Unless someone voluntee we will not have a Broadcasting Updater in the 6th edition. If you Unless someone volunteers, have access to all issues of DX Monitor from Jan. 1990 to present and could enter all station changes since 1990 onto disk, please write to Bill. We would then sort it and print it. I'd love to have an FM Updater too, if anyone with access to WTFDA bulletins since 1990 is able to enter that data!

Information needed: To gather information not available elsewhere, such as slogans, program airtimes, etc., we've run some contests. We're running a contest each month this summer, May thru September, with Almanac Updaters as prizes. Details appeared in May DXM. But even if you wish to send info and aren't interested in winning, you can still help.

If you wish to send information, or volunteer to help enter Almanac information onto computer disks, please write today to Bill Hardy, 2301 Pacific Avenue, Aberdeen, WA 98520. Thanks! 73 and good DX.

# Central DX Roundup APROD



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#### FOR THE RECORD

REPORT ALL TIMES AS EASTERN.

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DEADLINES: 6/30, 8/1, 8/29.

#### RIDING GAIN

[SA-MB] = Shawn Axelrod, 30 Becontree Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2N 2X9

Icom IC-R70 with PLAM board and 4KHz filter, 4-foot box loop, 100' wire.

ITMJ-IL1 = Tom Jasinski, 419 North Raven, Shorewood, Illinois 60435-9640

FRG-7, 21/2 foot loop.

[SS-WI] = Steve Schreiter, 104 Brookdale Drive, South Milwaukee, WI.

Car radio ('91 Olds) on SH 41 near museum.

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

#### SPECIAL INTEREST

1470 KKTY WY, Douglas. EX-KWIV. 5/18 weak w/KRKI. 0800 Sign on. Mentioned KKTY AM and KKTY FM. Also mentioned owner Fireside Broadcasting Company. Not sure of format, they started out with a C&W song, but ahwile later were playing rock oldies. WY#43, quick verie. BI recently listed call change KWIV to KKIC. Letterhead on verie had the KKIC call crossed off and KKTY written above. Not sure if they were KKIC "on air." I show KKIC as being 950 Meridan, ID. Perhaps someone can clear this. They are KKTY now. [JcJ-MT]

#### DOWN THE DIAL

540 CJSB ON, Ottawa. 5/3 fair, alone on frequency. 0418 with "54 Rock. Ottawa's Best Rock." Rock music. [SA-MB]

570 KVI WA, Seattle. 5/7 good. 0655 with "KVI" ID into Rush Limblah!! [SA-MB]

590 KAQQ WA, Spokane. 5/6 good in CKY null. 0532 with NOS/EZL music. "KAQQ" ID. First time logged from Winnipeg. [SA-MB]

IA Sioux City. 5/2 fair in CKRC null. Faded up u/WTMJ. 0540 with C&W music 620 KMNS and "KMNS" ID. First time logged from Winnipeg. [SA-MB]

640 **CFOB** ON, Ft. Francis. 5/7 good in CKRC null. 0517 with "6-4-0 CFOB" and "64-CFOB" IDs. AC Music. [SA-MB]

BC. Vancouver. 5/7 good. 0637 with oldies music on "Coast To Coast" program. 650 CISL New for me, BC#21. [SA-MB]

750 KXL OR, Portland. 5/7 good. 0628 with "KXL NewsRadio 75" ID. Very rare here. [SA-MB]

800 WDUX WI, Waupaca. 4/22 fair o/u/CKLW in CKJS null. 0600 with sign on for WDUX AM and FM. [SA-MB]

820 WBAP TX, Fort Worth. 4/22 fair. CHAM off for a change. 0610 with weather, farm market report. "WBAP" ID. [SA-MB]

940 WFAW WI, Ft. Atkinson. 4/28 good in CJGX null. 0500 with "WFAW Ft. Atkinson" ID. [SA-MB]

CO, Denver. 4/28 fair. 0455 with "KRKS" ID into religious program. [SA-MB] 990 KRKS WIVK TN, Knoxville. 5/5 good, alone on frequency. 0512 with "107.7 WIVK" ID. C&W music. [SA-MB]

1010 KDJW TX, Amarillo, 4/22 good, 0702 with "Y-94" ID, weather, C&W music. "KBUY 94-FM" ID. [SA-MB]

1040 CKST BC, Vancouver. 5/18 briefly weak, WOW missing. 0715 with "Coast 10-40 is building the stage." Lost quickly. Needed, but not enough for a report. [JcJ-MT] CDXR Continues....

1070 KNX <u>CA</u>, Los Angeles. 5/1 good. 0640 with reports on closures due to riots. [SA-MB] 1090 WGLC <u>IL</u>, Mendota. 5/1 clobbering KAAY. 0400 noted on air all night w/C&W music. Net news on the hour. Presumed on for coverage of the turmoil in LA and other cities. Not heard on the following night. WGLC is about 40 miles away and a daytimer here. [TMJ-IL]

1100 KKLL MO, Webb City. 4/23 good u/KNZZ. 0700 with "KKLL 1100 AM 97.9 FM" ID. [SA-MB]

1170 KSTT LA Davenport. 4/25 fair u/KOWO. 0733 with "KSTT All Soorts Radio" ID and "AM 11-70 Sports." [SA-MB]

1290 WMVP WI, Greenfield. 5/3 poor mixing w/KOIL. No CIFX. 0538 with UC music. Local spots for Milwaukee. New for me, WI#83. Not heard since WLZZ days. [SA-MB]

1300 KGLO A. Mason City. 5/3 strong. 0540 with CNN News. Promo for Twins game. Must be 24 hours now. [SA-MB]

1470 KBSN WA, Moses Lake. 5/18 weak, but alone on frequency. 0645 with rock oldies.

[JcJ-MT]

KRKI CO, Estes Park. 5/18 weak w/KKTY. 0800 w/ID into AP Network News. 0805 with local weather. Mentions of "K-Rocky" as well as "KRKI." Much needed. Never verified by report when they were KSIR. CO#104. Quick verie from KRKI. Actually sent 2 letters of verification. Also sent a K-Rocky T-shirt! Plus sent a rate card. Very friendly station. [JcJ-MT]

TIS

530 WNQN692 WI, Oshkosh. 5/10, Good signal for 1 mile north or south of the museum. 1343 with announcements about the EAA Air Adventure Museum. [SS-WI]

#### uniDs

620 unID 4/26 poor u/CKCK. 0509 with mention of AM/FM and "..the most extensive...music leader...southern...". Weather, C&W. [SA-MB]

690 unID 5/7 good o/u/CBKF1. 0530 with mix of music. "CBC Stereo" ID at 0545. No ID on the hour. [SA-MB]

1440 unID 5/5 fair. 0540 with CNN Headline News. Faded, partial ID at 0600 mentioned Topeka? [SA-MB]

TIP: How about KMAJ-1446 Topeka, KS?

#### 25 YEARS AGO

June 17, 1967 issue of DX Monitor....Larry Godwin had moved from Berkeley, CA to Denver, CO....Ernest Wesolowski of Omaha, NE reflected on the past DX season stating he had received over 100 veries....Bruce Portzer of Seattle, WA received a verie from KEWI for state #23 verified....Dave Verbil of Scottsdale, AZ built a loop antenna too big to roatate in his shack....Ronald Schatz of Great Lakes, IL met Vane Jones.

#### OPEN MIKE

Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle. Shawn modified his Icom IC-R70 with a PLAM (Phase Locked AM) board and replaced the 6KHz filter with a 4KHz filter. He says this is the BEST option for a 70 or 71. Contact him for more details if you are interested. 73, John.



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(LLH-VA)

(LLH-DX1)

Ontario, Canada; Panasonic RF-2200, SONY-7600D.

Leonard L. Hyde 1805 Whipple Drive #26, Blacksburg, VA
24060; DX-440, Autek QF-1, 2" box loop.

Leonard L. Hyde DX'ing on Brush Mt. near Catawba, VA;

DX-440, Autek QF-1, Beverage 1725' NNE, 2' Loop,

phaser.

(LLH-DX2)

Leonard L. Hyde as LLH-DX1 but with beverage to the SSW.

#### SPECIAL INTEREST

880 WCBS NEW YORK, NY 5/1 0030 noted simulcasting KNX-1070 with live reports on the riots in Los Angeles, complete with PLT time checks. In 1989 I heard WCBS simulcast KCBS-

740 after the World Series earthquake. (MB-ON)

WKZK 1010

SC, NORTH AUGUSTA 4/20 2032 Good w/WINS phased. mx, ID as "FM 103-WKZK." Listed on 1600 kHz with

UC/REL format in NRC Log. LLH-DX2)

1470 WRED FL, POMPANO BEACH 4/26 1945 Fair-good with UC mx by Programming EE not SS as listed in NRC Log. request. (LLH-VA)

#### \*\*\* REGULAR LOGGINGS \*\*\*

900 WCPA PA, CLEARFIELD 4/28 0630-0635 Poor in CHML null w/local nx, ad for a Chevy-Geo dealer in Clearfield, 0633 ID as "WCPA news time is 6:33" into local wx and ABC news report on the Pennsylvania primary at 0635. (MB-ON)

940 WMAZ GA, MACON 5/20 1939 in/out w/Braves baseball. (LLH-

DX2)

1030 WNTT.

MD, INDIAN HEAD 5/10 1959 in/out w/East Indian mx. EE

ID at 2000 as "This is WNTL - Washington's International Radio." Obviously my unID SS station I

thought might be WOSO-PR. (LH-DX1)

1070 CHOK

CKKW

WRBN

1090

1540

ON, SARNIA 4/26 0155 in/out in WIBC null w/ad for Sarnia Propane, others. Into "Oldies coast to Coast."

(LLH-VA)

ON, KITCHENER 4/26 0230 Poor w/WBAL phased w/AC mx.

(LLH-VA)

VA, RICHMOND 5/20 1920 Fair w/BRN, local nx at 1930.

New. (LLH-DX2)

NC, HENDERSONVILLE 5/20 1916 Poor in/out w/ads. Mixing with unID black preacher which I have been trying to ID for months now. (LLH-DX2)

#### EDITOR'S DESK

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# Mestern DX Forum

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See Vol 29, No. 30 for deadlines

[24]

Albert (NOT "AL", PLEASE) S. Lobel, PO Box 26762, San Diego, CA 92196-0000 [5/13] A BIG HELLO TO EVERYONE IN IRCA! The TVA voting is coming along just fine. I will not give any hints as to who the winner might be. The announcement will be made at the convention. I will not be in attendance to make the announcement but someone will be designated by me to make the announcement in my place. I am seeking a volunteer who will be at the convention. If you'd like to be that lucky person let me know a.s.a.p. I will send you a copy of the ballot with the winner plainly marked. You can then make the official announcement at the IRCA Convention. The first volunteer whose letter gets to me will be selected. On another matter pertaining to IRCA, anyone can actually make a proposal for a change in the way things are done in IRCA directly. It does not have to come from a board member. However, I do feel it is a good idea to let a board member or two or even all know what you want. Certain changes can be made without the membership approval. However, most do require a full vote of the membership, especially constitutional and bylaw changes. While I may not personally agree with every one of you on everything, I do believe that the majority should rule. If there is something the majority of IRCA members want changed I'll vote in favor of it regardless of what my personal opinion may be. Send you comments to me at the above address. And, please, do me an extremely big favor - do not call me "Al"! My given name is "Albert" and that is what I prefer to be called. I despise being called by the nickname "Al" and quite often ignore people who call my by that nickname. Several of you have addressed letters to me that way in the past. I will not mention names, you all know who you are. A B-I-G 73 and good DX from ALBERT.

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

The prodigal DXer returns, hi. Haven't done any DXing of late, and I piddled around and missed the Anniversary issue, so a brief re-intro: I'm 35, married, and have been a member of IRCA for about 3 years after a LONG absence from MW DXing. I'm still using my little TRF and a gigantic home-built 4-foot spiral loop. Despite my absence from the dials, it has been a really good season for me - I broke the 600 mark in stations logged, though verie returns have been a bit disappointing. Local news: KTWO-560 has picked up the new ESPN radio service on weekends; carrying K.C. Royals baseball. KIDS-1340 (one of the only all-children's stations in the country) is expanding their broadcast day to 6:30am-6:30 pm CLT seven days a week (currently signs off at 1 pm); takes effect 5/10. Still struggling to attract advertisers, but listener/community response has been quite good. Some interesting stuff in the 5/6/92 issue of the trade journal Radio World: Alex Zavistovich's "Earwaves" column talks about a tape compiled by Herb Squire, CE of WQXR-1560 NY, which includes a segment of Sheena Easton's

"For Your Eyes Only", recorded off-air from a common AM-FM headset portable, and from an RCA Radiola 3, circa 1923... "the RCA radio beat its 1988 grandson by a country mile. The frequency response, the dynamic range — there was just no real comparison." So what have DXers been saying all along? Manufacturers (and that includes makers of "communications" gear) are turning out absolute JUNK and calling it "AM Radio"... Along this same line, in the same issue is an article about how Japanese MW stations are using C-QUAM (the Japanese government selected it as the standard for AM stereo in 1991 ... too bad the FCC couldn't have been as decisive one way or the other a few years agol) and receiver manufacturers are planning to increase production of AM stereo receivers & tuners — "the potential demand for AM stereo seems to be huge" [in Japan, anyway] ... the U.S. AM-stereo folks (Delta Electronics, Motoroia, etc.) are hoping so. Japan has shown a great interest in the U.S.-developed AMAX tuner standards as well. So like it or not, the Japanese may help America AM jump-start itself. 73.

#### Gary Larson, 2806 Lincoln, Burbank, CA 91504 (818) 843-2221

It's May 18 here at work. Seems May 6 was last day Duncun Shaw was at USC. Guess he'll be news director of campus station in fall. I know he'll be a real good one with his experience and interest in radio. I've noticed 950 silent lately. Called two office numbers I had but they are disconnected. They may be off due to money problems. Called and left message on a Glendale CA # but so far no call returned. I see 1530 KHPY is supposed to be on w/SS right next to 1540 here as well as 1550 Tijuana BC. I've noted KFMB in strong here nights now probably because of new trans. w/increase to 50 Kw. Sorry to see Tim Hall exit as editor of verie signers column. You've done a fine job. On May 16 I gave 3-1/2 hours of time to USC radio answering calls during a pledge drive. Some were from Couchella Valley areas; Yucca Valley, too. I wish I could have asked some of the callers about 1010 KPSL classical as to its popularity versus FM there. I, too, have noticed 850 KCTQ simulcasting KPLS 830. Too bad comedy is gone. I've noticed at times KJQI 540 on low power days or off occasionally, with XETIM in fair. Still need to go by KJQI/KKGO offices to get a media kit. Work is near them. I'm in Brentwood doing school security 10p-6a and have heard a trace of 540 here late at night on a small radio I have in car. Work site is basically quiet but who knows how long I'll be here at the job. Nothing new yet on 1500 here. 73.

#### Larry Godwin, 2390 Clydes Dale Ln, Missoula, MT 59801 (406) 721-5131

[6/25] Greetings! Summer is here and wisely I'm not teaching. I'd hoped to attend the IRCA convention, but I've decided Alabama is too far away to go. Maybe next year. My Sanserino box loop is proving to be by far my best antenna. Gain is higher than with the ferrite loops, and I'm able to tune in distant stations that would otherwise be inaudible. I'm very pleased. Cathy's candid comment about the piece is that it would make a dandy drying rack for socks. I'm sad and a little anxious that Ralph is resigning as Publisher after this coming season. I hope we get a team of volunteers as dedicated to the club as he and past publishers have been. Thanks for the extensive advance notice, Ralph. I think it's been great that J.D. Stephens and apparently other easterners heard the KUAI-720 test. That seems a fitting reward to the person who arranged most (if not all) our tests this past season. I like the idea of scheduling Canadian CPC programs, especially in hard-to-get places like the territories. I also like Leonard Hyde's new column "DX Techniques". I hope everyone who listens this summer gets three or four gold nuggets. 73

#### Jim Hilliker, 1705 Withers Ave #12, Monterey, CA 93940-1569 (408) 375-4872

Hi everyone! Not much DX done here. I did get two newies in mid-April: CJCA-930 with KSEI silent on a Sunday morn., and KEZC-1400, Yuma, AZ. I somehow never got around to sending it in to WDXR. Since my last forum, KHKN-540 has changed format from SMN Country to SMN Stardust. Slogan used in "Easy-54 AM Stereo". Their FM, 104.3 remains Country. Format change took place on 5/11. Also in May, KRML-1410 lost their cable feed from KJAZ (FM), so until a studio-to-transmitter link is in place between the two stations, KRML is no longer 24 hours. I'm not sure of s/off time, but s/on is 0900 ELT. KIDD-630's SP is not always consistent. I've noticed it mainly now to be 0400-0800 weekdays and a s/on of 0900

weekends. But on a couple of Saturday mornings in May, they remained on all night. New member John Ryer's forum regarding his catches from AK was interesting. Nice to know my local KNRY-1240 is still getting out up there, hi. Since my last forum, I've learned that the three partners who now own KNRY also own KLAV-1230 in Las Vegas and KWAI-1080 in HI. KTOM-1380/100.7 station manager, Bob Sherry, who spoke at the IRCA convention here last November, retired in early May after 53 years in broadcasting. I wasn't able to attend the party for him, but was told that he mentioned that when he started at his hometown station of WDOD in 1939 in Chatanooga, TN, the calls stood for "Wonderful Dynamo Of Dixie." Bob also played a tape recording of the "Archie Andrews" show on which he was the announcer. It was heard on NBC radio in 1948. He was reunited with many of the people he worked with when he owned KIDD-630 here from 1958-1972. Others at the party were people Bob worked with at KTOM and KDON. One of those was Johnny Hicks. He had done an old-time Country Music show for many years on KTOM-1380 once-a-week. Also, he was host in the '50s of the "Big D Jamboree" show over KRLD-1080 in Dallas, TX. Bill Hardy's forum on license plates reminded me that a few blocks from here, there's a car with a CA personalized license plate which says "ONZNEWS", with some KNZS-1270 newstalk stickers on the rear bumper. Maybe someday I'll get the nerve to knock on the door and ask if they used to work at that station, which I've DXed several times before. As for Humboldt County stns. being off the air during their quake and aftershocks, that's hard to believe. Seems like they should have generators, since that area has gone through floods and guakes in the past. Our main EBS stn., KSCO-1080 did a great job in the '89 7.1 quake here, and the epicenter was in Santa Cruz County. Till next time, 73 and good DX.

# EASTERN RICHARD C. EVANS PO BOX 21883 MILWAUKEE WI 53221

Tom Jasinski, 419 North Raven, Shorewood, Illinois Back on March 4th, I had the opportunity to be in South Bend, Indiana on business. Later that day I spent an enjoyable evening at Tom Laskowski's place. He has a very neat DX Den, and a nice QSL collection. We have a get together scheduled later this summer either at Kankakee River State Park or here in Shorewood (or both!). definitely has a 60hz buzz and a real tough TVI problem! I recall comment from Larry Godwin about the computer program PCUSA. (from PCGlobe, Inc). I bought a copy for the family for Christmas. With this program you can generate custom maps for anywhere in the USA (including Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska). You can select locations from a list of the 15 largest cities in each state. With a distance/bearing option the program will determine the bearing and distance between these If your town or the destination location is not one of the 15 in the state you can plug in the coordinates from an atlas. The largest program will then determine bearing/distance from these coordinates. It will also allow you to generate a custom map on your printer. program also includes tons of census and geographical data. I am now including a custom map with reception reports for DX catches. here was the WTRI DX Test (NRC). I had a very faint reception which was captured on tape. I can make out a faint female voice with a MORNING....?...WTRI...???". My reception report was answered by a hand written letter from Ms. Roberts (the owner). "Thank you for your It's a pity the signal was not stronger..."! Nothing mentioned about a confirmation. She mentioned their power is 500 watts. be 6000 watts if the budget will allow. Maybe the IRCA could arrange another DX test with plenty of Code and Tones! Received a verification and gift pack from KHVN-970. How many of you have a "KHVN HEAVEN 97AM Tee Shirt? I am looking for any information anyone may have on radio

station WWAE. The station was in operation in Plainfield, Ill. back around 1922-1924. I have a letter from the Plainfield Historical Society that mentions this station. May have city of license as Joliet. Frequency listed as 227 (meters?) (1320 kHz). This station was located in Electric Park in Plainfield. The remains of this park was destroyed during the big tornado 2 years ago. Have a good summer. 73'3.

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

A.J. and I went to the Kentucky Colonels Barbeque in Bardstown the Sunday after the Derby. A lot of hawgs was et which done my ole hart gud. Remote broadcasting by WPQT-1320/WDKH-94.7. BPT naturally stands for Bardstown while OKH is (my) Old Kentucky Home of Stephen Foster and state park fame. WBRT is a neat 1000 watter that's been on since the 50's. Good quite often during the day in Louisville. Many thanks to LLH for the additional beverage info in his DXM column. Hope to repair my camp this year and may go for it this fall. We painted the picnic shelter today (5/16). Sold a short article to Monitoring Times magazine. Meager proceeds went to Radio Shack for some rechargeable batteries and a charger. Hope they do the job as my portable radios eat alkalines. Much lighter to pack around too. Rec'd a sort of QSL note from Jeff Galas, Comm. Design Tech. with IL DOT for a 1610 H.A.R. last 1/24. Says most likely KMB824 at junction of Kennedy and Edens Expressways in Chicago, operating with a power waiver to increase signal.

Mark Connelly, 30 William Road, Billerica, Massachusetts 01821

(cont. from last issue) ... This was followed by a sunset DXpedition to Granite Pier in Rockport, a site I've used often. We ran a DXing position in each of the two cars. DX-440 receivers were used exclusively. The DX-440 in my car was connected to the RTL-1A loop phased against a homebrew remotely-tuned active whip with the DCP-1 controller / phaser. The antenna set-up going to Tom's car consisted of two 100-ft. wires on the ground; these were phased with the MMDX-5. The loop vs. whip set-up did a bit better for North Africa, southwest Europe, and Jean's NF "home stations" CHCM-740, CBT-540, CBN-640, and VCCM-590. Nulling WEEI to get VOCM was easy! Tom's phased wires set-up worked better to the Caribbean and South America. Conditions were slightly on the auroral side: mainland Europe was only represented by Spain and Portugal. The loudest TA's were from Algeria and Morocco. Egypt-1107 came in well, Azores / Canaries battled it out on 837, and WBSK/CKAD-1350 was hetted loudly by Mauritania-1349. Numerous Caribbean stations came in well - St. Lucia on 840 (in Creole FF) had the best signal I've heard from it at a QTH other than Cape Cod. It was blowing WHAS away. Overall, I'd rate conditions as average for April: shortskip domestic QRM worse than during the winter, TA signals not up to peak until an hour after sunset. Nonetheless, a good time was had by all four of the New England / Maritime Canada region DXers involved. Some of us heard new stations.

Rick Evans, 4841 South 26th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221

For better or for worse, I'm giving the computer a shot this week for doing the column. It's felt strange not using the trusty old typewriter that I've done columns on since late 1970, but it's been fun also since I don't have to get out the bottle of Liquid Paper. The program I have has a spell checker in it--which has really been exciting. Turns out it doesn't recognize the words DX, IRCA, or 73, among others. Didn't listen to the radio much while I was south. I ran into Dothan, AL one afternoon by myself and listened to WOOF-560. Some nice oldies and it was an oldies format but it sounded satellite to me, not a locally originated program. Deadlines for this summer are the same as shown in the last bulletin. This is being typed on June 1st, and it already feels like summer here. I was out this morning planting some corn. 73.

# Hearing It Through The Grape Vine

SHAWN AXELROD, 30 Becontree Bay, Winnipeg, MB R2N 2X9 Canada (204) 253-8644 before 2300 E.L.T.

Mike Brooker 99 Wychcrest Ave Toronto ON M6G 3X8 Mike Hardester 3118 Gaitway Court Jacksonville NC 28546 Ye Olde Editor as above

STA	TES	OF	THE	MONTH	

Mike	Brooke	r VERMONT						
620	WVMT	Burlington	SSS 1987	910	WNHV	White River	SSS	1987
1000	WHWB	Rutland	SSS 1986	1100	WYKR	Wells River	SSS	1986
1240	WSKI	Montpelier	DX Test 1978	1320	WWWT	Randolph	SSS	1988
1380	WSYB	Rutland	SSS1987					

Mike	Brooke	r NEW HAMPSHIRE					
750	WHEB	Portssmouth	SSS 1986	1270	WISN	Dover	SSS 1980
1370	WFEA	Manchester	Rare nites & SSS	1450	WKXL	Concord	DX Test 1979
1110	WNNW	Salem	SRS & SSS 1990				

Ye OLDE EDITOR DX'ing in Ottawa

620 WVMT Burlington VT SRS most days

#### FREQUENCY OF THE MONTH NDB's & MEDFERS 510-1700 Mike Hardester various sites as named

516	YWA	Petawawa ON	Frequently at nite from NC/PA
521	GM	Greenville SC	Afternoons/nights from NC
521	INE	Missoula MT	Nights 1980's from CA/CO
530	NB	North Bay ON	CA/PA once each site,NC infrequent in '80's

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513	PP	Omaha NE	Rare catch
515	RRQ	Rock Rapids IA	Infrequent at SRS
515	SAK	Kalispell MT	Very rare at SRS
516	YWA	Petawawa ON	Rare days
517	GQ	Kansas City	Heard only once
521	INE	Missoula MT	Rare at SRS
521	ORC	Orange City IA	Heard once
521	TO	Topeka KS	Heard Once
524	DOC	Iowa City	Rare at SRS/SSS
526	ZLS	Stella Maris Bahamas	Heard once on DX'pedition Arnes MB
530	NB	North Bay ON	Was common until CIAO moved here
1615	OR	Ohura New Zealand	Heard once on DX'pedtion
1685	MER	Mercaderes Columbia	Heard Once on DX'pedition

NEXT MONTH WE WILL DO:

PROVINCE OF THE MONTH: SASKATCHEWAN

FREQUENCY OF THE MONTH: 850 KHZ

DEADLINE: One Month After This Is Published

Not a big column this go around. Probably serves me right for experiment ing with a good thing. Hope your summer is a good one and that you do get some new DX through all the static. REMEBER ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN HEAR FOREVER.

73 Slawn

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LEONARD L. HYDE -- 1805 WHIPPLE DR. #26 -- BLACKSBURG, VA 24060

## DXING WITH A WINNING GAMEPLAN By Leonard Hype

#### PART 1: NON-TARGETING DX METHODS

1. The "Scattergun" or random approach: Most new (and some longtime) DXers use this approach. The DXer turns on the radio when he feels like it, and scans the band looking for new stations. This is not the same as what I call a "bandcheck." Most DXers probably do a bandscan every time the radio is turned on, to see "what's out there." Unusual conditions and band openings become quickly apparent. The DXer knows that certain times and frequencies are likely to reveal such openings, and checks to get a quick read on conditions.

The "scattergun" DXer really has no such plan. He merely tunes up and down the band looking for previously unheard stations. Any new ones are logged, possibly taped for verie purposes, and he moves on.

This is not a bad technique, merely a low level approach. Some of my most enjoyable hours at the dial have been spent this way, and a large percentage of my loggings gotten in this manner. There are, however, better ways to get to know the band from your QTH. In order to spot potential band openings and good conditions, a DXer must know his band inside and out.

"Scattergunning" may allow a DXer to log several hundred stations at the beginning of his involvement in the hobby. Yet, after a while, the number of new stations logged each sitting will become fewer. To keep the logbook growing, the DXer will have to learn new techniques. He may use all of the following approaches simultaneously while continuing to "scattergun", or he may adopt one or more new techniques as his favorites.

"Bandscanning" — the DXer starts each session at the bottom of the band, and tunes upward, checking each channel for something new, or cut of the ordinary. This is fine for the SRS DXer, or middle of the night listening, but for successful SSS DXing, Just the opposite is in order — you should start at the top and work down. Why? The MUF, or Maximum Usable Frequency for skip conditions gets progressively lower as sunset progresses. Starting at the top of the band allows for full use of the unique SSS conditions. My experience is that skip will be noted at 1600 kHz as much as one hour before it is apparent at 540. At surrise, the opposite is true.

"Bandscanning" is really just a variation of the scattergun method. No targeting is involved — it is still a random process. It will allow for more new stations to be logged than the scattergun method alone. I use it extensively at SSS. The DXer quickly learns that band openings to certain areas will occur at certain times, and learns to look for these. This will allow more specific techniques to be put to use to take full advantage of such openings.

To progress past random methods of DXing, a target approach must be developed. A number of schemes exist — adoption of one or more of these will allow more stations to be heard than any random method. A discussion of some of these techniques follows. (To be continued.)

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# THE BARGAIN BASEMENT - PART 2 Easy, inexpensive hints and kinks for the BCB DXer By Leonard Hyde

#### 1. CAR VOLTAGE FOR THE AUTEK QF-1

The Autek QF-1 may be operated from 12 volts DC. Take the cover off the QF-1, and locate the main filter capacitor. This is a round black cylinder about 2 inches high, and stands upright on top of the circuit board. Going under the board, solder a wire to the board at the spot where the (+) terminal of the capacitor is commected. This wire goes to the positive leg of the 12 VDC source. The (-) leg may be hooked to any available ground on the QF-1. A good place to tie it is under any screw on the QF-1 case. Use a socket that matches the plug on your 12 VDC source. For use in the auto, a cigarette lighter plug may be used to connect to the vehicle's electrical system. I use a phono plug and socket for connection to the QF-1. Just make sure that the polarity doesn't get crossed, and everything will be fine. The QF-1 normally operates at 16 VDC, but I have successfully used it at voltages as low as 9. The "tuning" will be different, but the unit will still work just fine.

#### 2. SLIP RING CONNECTORS FOR LARGER LOOPS

Headphone jacks and plugs may work fine for rotating ferrite bar antennas, but what about larger air core loops? A cord winder from an old canister vacuum cleaner solves the problem. Disassemble the cord winder by drilling out the rivets that hold it together. Watch the spring — it is coiled and may urwind itself violently when tampered with. Remove the slip contacts. There are two sections, rotor and stator. Don't cut off the attached wires — you'll need them. The contacts themselves are almost impossible to solder to. (If the contacts are burned, get another winder. Many times, these vacuums are junked because the cord winder contacts burn up, thus interrupting the current flow to the motor.) After obtaining the slip ring connector assembly, you will have to figure out how to adapt it to your loop. A simplified diagram of my loop design appears below. With the slip ring contacts installed, your loop will spin with the best of them, and you can now enjoy DXing sans that confounded coax swinging around everytime you rotate the loop.

#### 3. SHIELDING FOR AIR CORE LOOPS

I find that my loop is far less sensitive to TVI and electrical GRN when shielded on three sides. I use aluminum foil, taped to the loop along three edges. Wires are taped to the foil in several places, and tied to the shield (or ground) of the coax leading to the receiver. Noise pickup is reduced noticeably, with no apparent effect on sensitivity or directivity.

#### 4. CAR VOLTAGE FOR THE DX-440

I tried Radio Shack's 9 volt cigarette plug adapter, which is rated at 300 mA. No dice. A check of the instruction booklet showed why — the DX-440 requires 400 mA. Here's the fix. Use a standard auto cigarette lighter plug, putting a 50 ohm, 10 watt resistor in the positive leg between the car and the DX-440. In my car, I obtain 8.87 volts, fine for the DX-440. If you want to get fancy, put a 9 volt, I watt Zener didde in for voltage regulation. I didn't — with a current draw of only 400 ma, there is no heating of the resistor, so the voltage stays constant. If you plan to use the receiver with the engine running, the Zener might be a good idea. I don't know what the voltage limit for the DX-440 is, but why take chances? Depending on the car itself, the voltage could increase by I to 2 volts with the alternator turning. Of course, this will work for any device requiring 9 VDC at a similar mA rating.

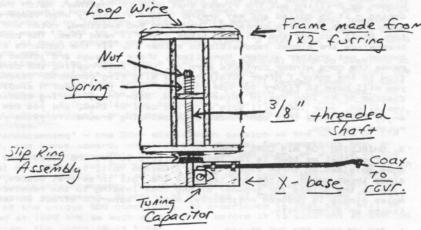
#### 5. LOW BATTERIES CAUSE PROBLEMS

Low "D" batteries in the DX-440 will dim the display and pull down the two "AA" microprocessor batteries, even with the radio OFF. Why? I don't know. The microprocessor should operate independently of the receiver. Yet, when replacement of the AA batteries did nothing to cure the dim display in my DX-440, I found that pulling out the weak "D" batteries restored the display to it's normal state. Moral: keep 'em fresh, or get 'em outta there!

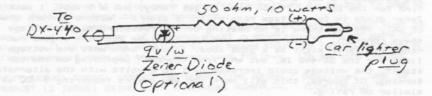
#### 6. TWIN LEAD FOR AIR LOOPS

I have found that winding air core loops with twin lead TV lead-in gives appreciable gain over loops wound with a single wire. Also, the twin lead may be closewound in spiral fashion, with each turn directly over the last. This allows for an unbelievably thin loop. After years of using box loops that were nearly as wide as they were high, my loop is now a svelte 1 inch in width. Portability and appearance are much enhanced, with no apparent effect on the loop's performance. Just twist the two wires together at each end. I have experimented with double tuned loops, using each wire in the twin lead as a separate circuit, but found no advantage in doing so.

# SIMPLIFIED LOOP ANTENNA (10t to scale)



## CAR ADAPTER FOR DX-440



#### OUANTUM LOOP UPDATE

#### Gerry Thomas

Since the publication of the original *Quantum Loop* article, several things have transpired including notification of errors in the article, suggested improvements in the circuit, availability of the *Quantum Loop*, and pricing.

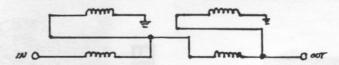
#### **ERRATA**

- 1. The stock number of VC1 from Mouser Electronics is 24TR218 (the number cited in the article was an old stock number).
- 2. R12 in the circuit diagram was unlabeled; it should be 270 Ohms.

#### SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS

- MOSFET 40673 is nearly impossible to find these days. I've switched to the 3N201 (or ECG 454/NTE454) and these direct substitutes work fine.
- 2. The Mini-Circuits T16-1 or T16-6T work well as RF transformers to lower the output impedance of the loop (and thereby more closely match the standard 50 Ohm input impedance of most non-portable receivers). These run between \$4.45 and \$5.65 direct from Mini-Circuits (P.O Box 166, Brooklyn, NY 11235).

If you don't want to purchase one of these commercial models, you can wind your own 16:1 unbalanced-to-unbalanced transformer. You'll need two FT50-43 ferrite toroids (Amidon Associates, 2216 East Gladwick St., Dominquez Hills, CA 90220) and four, nine-inch lengths of 28 gauge (about) wire. Create two bifilar windings (i.e., twist two wires together) and wind nine turns, evenly spaced, around one toroid and repeat the process for the second toroid. Connect the wires as described in the schematic below.



3. Mark's other suggested improvements also are effective and are incorporated in all future Quantum Loops.

#### **OUANTUM LOOP AVAILABILITY**

By the time this update appears, all 20 of the initial run of *Quantum Loops* will be gone. I have ordered the necessary parts for more *Quantum Loops* but I don't expect to be ready to ship more until mid-July at the earliest.

#### **OUANTUM LOOP PRICING**

As I was ordering parts for more loops, I was dismayed to discover that many of the components had increased significantly in price (e.g., cabinets—up \$5.00). Combined with the Mark Connelly improvements and the necessity to have new printed circuit boards made (with their accompanying set-up fees), I must raise the price of the *Quantum Loop* to \$135 (plus \$5.00 UPS). Fortunately, I've ordered enough parts so that this should remain the price for the foreseeable future (i.e., the next DX season).

Thanks for your understanding (and response to the Quantum Loop)...

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