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RENEWALS: Tom Wood, Robert wien, Robert Green, Bob Pietsch, Bill Block, Paul Swearingen.....Thank you all very much....

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VOTE: Issue number 8 had a ballot insert please use it and vote. That is one of the many things you get by being a member of the IRCA, you get to help guide the IRCA. Send that ballot to Albert Lobel.....Thank You

PRESIDENTS REPORT: You will note a proposal from Paul Swearingen the publisher of DX News for the National Radio Club. If Paul takes over the publishing the DX Monitor will disappear for ever. If someone does not step up and take the job of publishing this will no doubt happen. As I said before the publishing job is not an easy one. I would sure hate to see it go to NRC, I have put to much time and effort in to the IRCA to see that, it is up to someone out there to come forward and take the publishing job.

FOR SALE: Like new Drake R8 with speaker, service manual. Just back from Drake, it was there for a checkup. Very nice receiver for medium wave DX. No digital readout noise when using a loop. Must sell as I am over stocked with receivers. Price \$750.00 plus \$10.00 shipping. I have other stuff for sale drop me a line. Ralph Sanserino 11300 Magnolia #43 Riverside CA 92505. Sell some radio gear to get more fishing equipment.....

IRCA DX TEST BULLETIN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1992 - KNAK-540, P.O. BOX 636, DELTA, UT 84624 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 2:00 & 2:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE, TONES, AND VOICE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. DOUGLAS BARTON - OWNER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1992 - WSMI-1540, P.O. BOX 10, LITCHFIELD, IL 62056 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 1:00 & 1:10 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE, TONES, AND VOICE ID'S AND WILL BE PART OF THE STATION'S MONTHLY FREQUENCY CHECK. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. BRIAN TALLEY (N9OWV) - CHIEF ENGINEER. MR. TALLEY REQUESTS AN SASE BE INCLUDED WITH ALL REPORTS. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1992 - WIMA-1150, 667 WEST MARKET STREET, LIMA, OH 45801 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 12:30 - 1:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE, VOICE ID'S, AND MARCH MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. MARK GIERHART - DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1992 - KCNO-570, P.O. BOX 570, ALTURAS, CA 96101 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 3:30 - 4:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE, POLKAS, AND MARCH MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: CAROL IRWIN - PROGRAM DIRECTOR. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1992 - WRIX-1020, WATSON VILLAGE, ANDERSON, SC 29624 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 2:00 - 3:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE, VOICE ID'S, AND AN UNSPECIFIED SELECTION OF MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JOHN WOODSON - PROGRAM DIRECTOR. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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DEADLINES: 2nd & 4th Saturdays.

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

NEW STATION APPLICATIONS: NONE

NEW STATION GRANTS: NONE

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY: NONE

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

CO. Brighton KLTT-800 2500/200
WI. Ladysmith WLDY-1340 610/610

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS: NONE

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

AZ. Phoenix KISP-1230 becomes KYOT "Quiet"
RME0-740 becomes KIDR "Kids Radio"
CA. Fortuna KNCR-1090 becomes KAJK
MO. Cape Girardeau KGIR-1220 becomes KCGQ
NJ. Washington Twshp WWSJ-1360 becomes WNJC
NC. Asheville WTOO-1380 becomes WKJV
Pinehurst WKHO-550 becomes WIOZ
TX. Breckenridge KSTB-1430 requests KROO

FORMAT CHANGES:

AZ. Casa Grande KFAS-1260 was SS, now silent for repairs
Phoenix RME0-740 was EZL, now KIDR, CSN (children's)
AR. Hot Springs KBHS-590 was silent, now country
CA. Fortuna KAJK-1090 was KNCR, AC, now Supercountry
Lancaster KAVL-610 was gold-based AC, now oldies
Los Angeles KIIS-1150 was CHR//FM, now adult CHR//FM
Palm Springs KCMJ-1140 was country, adds CBS talk
Riverbank KPLA-770 was nx/talk, adds IBN talk
CO. Littleton KDKO-1510 was silent, now urban
FL. Crestview WCNU-1010 was silent, now nx/talk
KY. Ashland WCMJ-1340 was AC//FM, now SMN classic rock
Louisville WKY-790 was soft AC//FM, talk, now all-talk
ME. Gorham WASY-1590 was talk//WZON, sports, rptd. silent
MA. Orange WCAT-700 was talk, adds IBN talk
MI. Grand Rapids WLAV-1340 was oldies, now modern rock
MN. Monticello KMMN-1070 was nx/talk, now silent
Winona KWNO-1230 was oldies, adds EFM, MBS talk
MO. Cape Girardeau KCGQ-1220 was KGIR, stds., now CHR//FM
Sikeston KMPL-1520 was AC, now SMN stds.
Waynesville KOZQ-1270 was rock CHR//FM, now rock //FM
NE. Broken Bow KCNI-1280 was AC, now country
NY. New York WQXR-1560 was classical //FM, to be WQEW, AS
WNEW-1130 to be nx/talk, WEBR in December
North Syracuse WNSS-1200 was nx, adds SUN, CBS talk

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| NC. Pinehurst | WIOZ-550 | was WKHO, country, now EZL//FM |
| OH. Youngstown | WKBN-570 | was full service, talk, now all-talk |
| OR. Redmond | KPRB-1240 | was country//FM, adds SMN C&W/Fm |
| PA. Clearfield | WCPA-900 | was fold-based AC, adds SUN talk |
| SC. Anderson | WANS-1280 | was CHR, talk, now talk, C&W, c. Xtian (sim. WFBC days, C&W/Xtian nights) |
| TN. Southaven | WAVN-1240 | was country, sports, now southern gospel |
| TX. Lubbock | KJBX-580 | was AC//FM, now hot AC//FM |
| Marshall | KCUL-1410 | was CHR//FM, now southern gospel |
| WA. Bellingham | KPUG-1170 | was oldies, now Unis. CNN Headline nx |
| WV. Huntington | WTKZ-930 | was AC//FM, talk, now oldies//FM, talk |
| WI. Wausau | WSAU-550 | was Unis. soft AC, now Unistar AC |
| WY. Rawlins | KRAL-1240 | was country, now silent |

Just renewed my membership, just in time, whew! Days are getting chilly but DX is getting hot, remember to go and vote! 73's.

IRCA AM-FM ALMANAC UPDATERS:

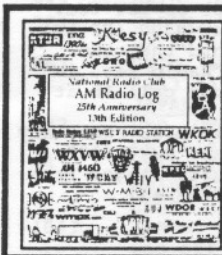
TALK UPDATER 5.6, FOOTBALL UPDATER 5.7 COMING SOON!

Almanac Updater 5.6 will feature "Talk Networks 1992," a complete guide to radio talk, with station listings, schedules, formats, title index, and host index.

Updater 5.7 will include 1992 NFL and college football and other items of interest.

Still available: Updater 5.1 - Almanac index, AM slogans. Updater 5.2 - Satellite Music Network, Unistar/Transtar, BRN, 1991 baseball. Updater 5.3 - Rush Limbaugh, TIS/Highway Radio update, NHL hockey, 1991 football. Updater 5.4 - Updates to ABC, AP, UPI, USA, ESPN, SEN, Canada nighttime music, and basketball. Updater 5.5 - 1992 baseball, Spanish networks, Interstate Radio Network, and AM slogan updates.

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DEADLINE: MONDAYS

A great bunch of DX this week from Bruce Portzer out at Midway Beach, WA and some TA DX from Nigel Pimblett, also on a DXpedition. On with reports.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 198 ENGLAND, Droitwich, BBC 0225 10/10 relay of BBC World Service with "Newsdesk" programme. (NP-AB)
- 855 SPAIN, RNE 0215 10/10 several "R. Nacional" IDs between EE Pop tunes. (NP-AB)
- 1062 PORTUGAL, Norte-0247 10/10 pop mx, mainly in PP, but add EE one -noted //1035 Lisbon. (NP-AB)
- 1098 CZECHOSLOVAKIA, Nitra-0258 10/10 Interval signal to 0300 time pips, then s/on with low voiced woman. (NP-AB)
- 1107 GERMANY, Munich-AFN 0203 10/10 coverage of league championship baseball game (NP-AB)
- 1107 EGYPT, Batrah-0044 10/12, alone on frequency tonight, unlike other nights, w/Arabic vocals. (NP-AB)
- 1494 RUSSIA, St. Petersburg-Radio Ala 0200 10/11 time pips, theme mx, ID as "Radio Ala //5040 and 1386 KHZ (NP-AB)
Great catches, Nigel!!! (PM)

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 1620 MEXICO, Reynosa-XERI (R. Rey) 0233 10/11 many MDT or CST tcs, lively Mexican mx, full ID w/call and 810 freq at 0300 (NP-AB)
+Also XERI was my 9/27 unid per John Bryant who hrd them the same night. I replayed my tape and hrd slogans "Radio Rey, la emisora...." at 0246 and "Radio Rey" plus possible call ID at 0455. This is the 2nd harmonic of 810. (BP-WA)
+Also XERI, lic. to 810 KHZ 10/22 0230 full ID, into SS Pops, many "Radio Rey" slogans, elec. sound effects, first hrd 9/27 0209
Some deed fades, but sound quality excellent. Music ranges from disco to SS, light rr tunes to tropical SS mx. (PLS-KS)
(Thx for the info on this, guys. PM)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 180 RUSSIA, Petropavlovsk, FE-good with Russian pop tunes and man in Russian at 0815 10/28. Taped report sent to address in BPs list in bulletin. Keeping my fingers crossed. (PM-OR)
- 279 RUSSIA, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk-good 1244 10/18 w/Reggae mx //180 KHZ (BP-WA)
- 529 ALASKA, Level Island-SQM strong w/aviation notices 1333 10/18(BP)
- 531 JAPAN, Morioka-JOQG-good w/man in JJ at 1515 10/30 (PM-OR)
- 540 JAPAN, synchros-good over domestics at 1510 10/30 (PM-OR)
- 567 GUAM, Agana-KGUM-fair w/CBS nx at 1501 10/30 (PM-OR)
- 576 AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2RN good w/man in DU EE 1334 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 594 AUSTRALIA, Horsham-3WV 1352 10/11 pol. discussion program and was //4920 khz (NP-AB)
- 603 AUSTRALIA, Nowra 2NT and/or 4CH-Charleville fair in CHRX splat w/inst mx //2RN-576 1451 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 620 HAWAII, Hilo-KIPA-1325 10/11 Motel 6 ad, ID as AM-620 KIPA(NP-AB)
- 630 PHILIPPINES, Quezon City-DZMM-presumed source of Tagalog talk in passing at 1521 10/29 (PM-OR)

657 D.R. KOREA, Pyongyang-strong w/KK pop mx //3320 1331 10/18 (BP)

666 RUSSIA, Komsomolsk na Amur-loud carrier, weak RR operatic male at 1326 10/18. Weak unid underneath (BP-WA)

693 UNID, DU male fair in splat 1446 10/18 (BP-WA)

702 AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2BL strong w/talk 1117 10/18 (BP-WA)

UNID, inst. EZL mx, fair-nil in splat 0747 10/18 (BP-WA)

720 NEW ZEALAND, Invercargill-4YZ 1340 10/10 sombre classical mx then "19 minutes to 3" tc //756 (NP-AB)

729 AUSTRALIA, Adelaide-5CL good and easily separable from CKLG-730 w/pop mx and woman DJ 1445 10/18 (BP-WA)

756 NEW ZEALAND, Auckland-1YA-1300 10/10 nx of elections in NZ, Most consistent DU signal of the trip. (NP-AB)

760 HAWAII, Honolulu-KGU-0745 10/18 fair u/CKQR w/Rainbows FB //KHLO-850 (BP-WA)

774 AUSTRALIA, Melbourne-3LO loud w/teletalk o/rr mx (prob. 4TO), at 1440 10/18 (BP-WA)

+Also noted 3LO 1406 10/11, mx by 10cc, other pops (NP-AB)

783 RUSSIA, Spassk Dalniy-good with Russian pops and woman ancr in RR 1445 10/31. (PM-OR)

792 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4RN still in w/R. Australia relay at 1555 on 10/18 (BP-WA)

801 UNID, Rock mx in splat here at 1457 10/29 (PM-OR)

819 UNID, het against KGNW-820 1649 10/18 (BP-WA)

830 HAWAII, Honolulu-KIKI-loud w/oldies 0706 10/18 (BP-WA)

837 JAPAN/PHILIPPINES, mix here at 1517 10/31 (PM-OR)

846 KIRIBATI, Tarawa-0630 10/18 strong w/disc. by 2 women, mx, then rel program produced in NZ. 0700 talk in native lang. (BP-WA)

AUSTRALIA, Canberra-2CY good w/rr mx and woman DJ 1438 //792 (BP)

850 HAWAII, Hilo-KHLO-0740 10/18 Loud w/Hawaii Rainbows FB game. no background noise even w/70 DB of att. switched in! (BP-WA)

864 UNID, bits of audio here 1649 10/18 (BP-WA)

873 AUSTRALIA, Sydney-2GB-good w/tele talk 1437 10/18 (BP-WA)

891 AUSTRALIA, Townsville-4RR good w/rr mx and ad 1128 10/18 (BP-WA)

918 P.R. CHINA, CC talk 1453 10/18, then inst. mx, CPBS time pips at 1500 fair-poor (BP-WA)

936 JAPAN, fair JJ Pops at 1520 10/31 (PM-OR)

945 UNID, DU w/pops on West wire 1520 10/18 (BP-WA)

954 JAPAN, Tokyo-JOKR good w/signing and woman talk 1310 10/18. Strong w/ DJ and ... time signal 1600. (BP-WA)

963 UNID, 1431 10/18 EZL mx and DU male talk, ad, then Radio Drama 1433 fair-poor (BP-WA)

JAPAN, NHK1 synchros good w/Inst. and JJ talk 1557 10/18 (BP-WA)

972 REP. OF KOREA, good w/KK talk talk 1518 10/18. Still in 1717 w/ KK talk (BP-WA)

981 UNID, EZL type mx fair 1518 10/18 (BP-WA)

UNID, CC woman talk weak-fair in 980 splat 1608 10/18. WRTH lists CPBS1 here, but couldn't find SW //. Also a 1KW Taiwan here. (BP)

1017 JAPAN, Fukuoka-JOLB presumed the JJ talk 10/18 1549, thought NHK2 was off by then? (Yes, PM) mixing w/someone running various tones, possibly an ET by Tonga or an Aussie (BP-WA)

TONGA, Nuku'alofa-nice w/woman in Tongan 0727 10/18 (BP-WA)

1026 AUSTRALIA, MacKay-4MK-good w/"top 40 Australia" program, string of ads, ID 1120 10/18. Strong 1427 w/hilarious ad for pregnancy test kit (man trying it out to see if he's pregnant, then a woman saying "...so simple even a man can use it") (BP-WA)

P.R. CHINA, CC talk-at 1520 10/30 (PM-OR)

1044 UNID, man in unid lang. 1646 10/18, after listed s/off for China (BP-WA)

1053 KOREA, usual jammer good 1250 10/18, loud by 1515 (BP-WA)

1107 JAPAN, fair JJ talk 1535 10/31 (PM-OR)

1110 HAWAII, Kihei-KAOI loud w/HS football game, break for local ads and "KOAI AM Stereo" ID 0733 10/18 (BP-WA)

1116 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane-4BC-1400 10/11 time pips, nx, wx for the Golden Sunshine Coast" ID as "4BC, Brisbane Country" (NP-AB)

UNID, C&W countdown program w/US accent in well 1015 10/18 (BP)

1134 JAPAN, Tokyo-JOQR-good w/JJ woman 1545 10/18 US rr mx 1642, JJ talk 1705, still there bits of mx 1721 (BP-WA)

SOUTH KOREA, KK talk mixed w/JOQR 1642 10/18 (BP-WA)

- 1143 JAPAN, Kyoto-JOBR EE and JJ pop mx JJ DJ 1640 10/18 (BP-WA)
UNID, DU EE pop mx 1423 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 1147 PHILIPPINES, Poro-VOA weak w/talk 1415 10/18. Fair in Cantonese
 1513, still there in CC 1638. This was the station I hrd on 9/18
 rather than China. Aussie DXers first noted in Aug. (BP-WA)
- 1152 JAPAN, NHK2 synchros fair w/woman 1413 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 1161 UNID, weak CC talk at 1519 10/29. (PM-OR)
- 1179 JAPAN, Osaka-JOOR-fair w/JJ talk 1145 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 1188 REP. OF KOREA, Inchon-HLXX-CC rel. pgrm thru KEX-1190 splat at
 1312 10/18, matches WRTH (BP-WA)
- JAPAN, Kitami-JOKP JJ talk mixing w/HLXX 1313 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 1206 P.R.CHINA, Yambian good w/KK talk 1310 10/18 (BP-WA)
UNID, non-stop pop oldies 1407 10/18 strong, no anmts on West
 wire, prob. 2GF (BP-WA)
- 1242 JAPAN, Tokyo-JOLF-fair w/male and female w/pop mx 1247 10/18
 still there 1541 w/woman DJ and rr mx (BP-WA)
- 1251 AUSTRALIA, Dubbo-2DU 1006 10/18 call ID and ment. of NSW at end
 of nx, mixing w.unid prob. NZ (BP-WA)
- 1287 JAPAN, Sapporo-JOHR-good w/JJ talk 1215 and 1637 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 1323 UNID, bits of mx in splat 1054 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 1332 JAPAN, Nagoya-JOSF woman in JJ 1405 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 1341 NEW ZEALAND, Nelson-22N 1100 10/18 fair w/mx, then RNZ nx easily
 separable from 1340 (BP-WA)
- 1386 JAPAN, NHK2 synchros fair w/JJ talk 1214 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 1395 UNID, teletalk in DU EE, briefly good 1506 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 1404 JAPAN, Unid JJ pop mx and woman DJ briefly in well 1636 on 10/18
 4 stations listed (BP-WA)
- 1413 UNID, pop mx and DU EE talk in CFUN splat 1045 10/18. 2KO? (BP)
- 1422 JAPAN, Yokohama-JORF fair w/man and woman in JJ 1342 10/18, JJ
 pops at 1635 (BP-WA)
- 1431 UNID, het still here 1635 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 1476 RUSSIA/CHINA, usual mess of carriers/audio good 1238 10/18 and
 several rechecks. Faint traces still there 1723 after everything
 except HLAZ-1566 faded out (BP-WA)
- 1485 JAPAN, weak JJ talk 1259 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 1494 UNID, James Taylor song briefly good 1210 10/18. Mess of audio
 from sever stations 1300 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 1548 AUSTRALIA, Emerald-4QD already in well w/ABC nx at 0804 10/18
 strong (100% copy) w/talk at 1109 recheck, still good 1536 w/"ABC
 Regional Radio" ID (BP-WA)
- 1566 REP. OF KOREA, Cheju-HLAZ was fair-good all morning 10/18 w/rel.
 programs in JJ/KK/CC, then started building in signal well after
 SR. Monster signal every time I checked during RR program 1600-
 1700, by 1700 they were the strongest signal above 1400 KHZ
 except for locals KAYO-1450 and KGHO-1490. Guad. began to fade
 around 1710, but still producing audio at 1803. Last traces of
 carrier gone 1810 (11:10 AM local time) 4 hrs after local SR (BP)
- 1575 THAILAND, Bangkok-VOA thundering in w/pgm in Bangla 1614 10/18
 grad. got weaker but was still fair-good when pgm ended at 1659.30
 One sentence s/off for V of Free Asia 1659.45. carrier off promp-
 ly at 1700, leaving weak unid faded into noise. (BP-WA)
- UNID, someone u/VOA w/old rr hits 1618-1630 10/18, prob. FEN, since
 200 is now on FM only and format doesn't fit anything else (BP)
- 1584 UNID, someone in JJ or KK 1622 10/18. Traces of echo on the
 audio as though 2 stations on same network trying to come in.
 3 one KW KBS and sev 100W or less NHK2 stations listed. Rather
 unusual to hear such low powered DX 2 hrs after SR! (BP-WA)
- 1593 UNID, pop or C&W mx good-poor in heavy 1590/1600 splat 0755 on
 10/18. Prob. WSZC. Also noted mx and male talk 1359 through bad
 1590 splat. Not sure if same station (BP-WA)
- 1602 UNID, JJ or KK fair w/woman talk, then ... - pips 1200 10/18 (BP)
UNID, Opera atop freq 1207 10/18. Prob. Russia (BP-WA)
- RUSSIA, Kuril'sk-I replayed my tape of 1159 9/27 and confirmed
 that I hrd Krem. chimes (BP-WA)
- 1615 NEW ZEALAND, Ohura-OR fair w/come ID 0818 10/18 (BP-WA)
- 1620 AUSTRALIA, 1PPP or 7RPH fair w/woman talk 0818 10/18 (BP-WA)

1669 UNID, 1334-1342 10/18 series of 1-2 min anmts by women in JJ, would cut carrier at end, then come back on at different strength w/same or sim. anmt. I suspect something like marine wx reports from different xr sites and vaguely recall a list of such stations appearing in DXM 6-7 yrs ago. Will check further. (BP-WA) (accord- to Bill Harms-Korea, there is quite abit of active stations in the 1600-1700 KHZ in Asia.PM)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

NP-AB NIGEL PIMBLETT-1146 QUEEN STREET-MEDICINE HAT, AB T1A 1B4
DXing at Cardinal Divide, SE of Hinton, AB w/Kenwood R-5000
and 800' at 30 degrees and 250' at 120 degrees.

BP-WA BRUCE PORTZER-6546 19TH AVENUE, NE-SEATTLE, WA 98115
DXing at Midway Beach, WA with FRG-7 and 7600D, 950' W term. Bev,
and 1700' NW term. Bev.

PLS-KS PAUL SWEARINGEN-2840 S.E. ILLINOIS AVENUE-TOPEKA, KS 66605-1427
Kenwood R-1000 w/Sanserino/Martens Loop combo

PM-OR YOUR EDITOR
Drake R8, Hammarlund SP-600-JX17, term. 1700' NNW Bev, Term. 200'
SW/NE LW, Ground system.

THE REALISTIC DX-390 - A "QUICKIE" EVALUATION - By Leonard Hyde

Recently, I had a chance to try out the new Realistic DX-390. This receiver hit the market about January 1, and is intended as the direct replacement for the DX-440.

I could write paragraphs of glowing testimony about the improvements over the DX-440 regarding ease of tuning and use of the keyboard. However, what I discovered during 5 minutes of use renders all these improvements moot.

The fact is, unless the unit I tested was a defective receiver, the DX-390 is fatally flawed for use in AM DXing!

I was allowed to take the receiver out in front of the store, to get away from all the QRM from computers florescent lights, etc. Therefore, I was obliged to use only the built in antenna.

On powerup, the receiver was set at 150 kHz. I was very pleasantly surprised by the total absence of display noise. This is a major limiting factor with the DX-440 on longwave and BCB, using the built in antenna. So far, so good.

Tuning up the band, I was not surprised by the lack of signals - on longwave, this is normal in daytime with an inefficient antenna. However, the relative lack of noise of ANY kind was more disquieting.

The lack of noise, though, took a quick back seat to what I found at 350 kHz: my local, WJJJ-1260, blasting in!

At 374 kHz, the beacon at the Roanoke Airport, audible on the DX-440 with the built in antenna, even with the display noise, was not heard. Only a slight increase in static was heard here.

The "birdie" at 455 kHz on the DX-440 was thankfully absent. Yet, at 520 kHz, I found another surprise: WKEX-1430!

Tuning across the BCB revealed no more apparent images. However, it was obvious that the DX-390 is FAR less sensitive than the DX-440, at least with the built in antenna. Stations that are heard on the DX-440, even with the display noise, were faint or not heard at all.

One might reason that the receiver should perform much better with an exterior antenna, such as a tuned loop. This may be true: yet, the presence of images of this magnitude, especially with the less sensitive built in antenna, AND the lack of sensitivity, indicate the presence of major design flaws in the RF circuitry of this receiver.

Certainly, a more subjective evaluation is indicated before consigning this receiver to the "trash heap." Yet, however cursory the test, these findings are cause for genuine alarm. I would urge any serious BCB DXer to look this receiver over very carefully before buying it.

Hopefully, someone will take it upon themselves to do a true scientific evaluation of this receiver, since it will no doubt be around for some time to come.



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

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GE Superadio, GE long-range portable, SM-2

- 527 "RWE" CA, Santa Maria 10/24 0555 good thru local 530 TIS Airport station with continuous "RWE" code ID, signal slowly faded. New. (RW-CA)
- 650 KRDX CA, Rancho Cordova 11/2 0959 good with new English format, ex-Spanish. Apparently first day of new format, mentioned "first day on the air." ID "Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, and Yolo Counties - this is Talkradio, AM-650, KRDX, Rancho Cordova - Sacramento's new talk station." 1000 ABC news. (PM-OR)
- 720 KSAH TX, Universal City 10/26 0746 very good at apparent day pattern change with Spanish, ID. (RW-CA)
- 770 (KKOB) NM, Albuquerque 10/24 0410 totally off on rare SP. (RW-CA)
- 840 (KVEG) NV, North Las Vegas 10/24 0557 & 10/26 0602 totally off both these periods. (RW-CA)
- 930 KBFW WA, Bellingham-Ferndale 10/26 0500 fading up under mess with KKHJ nulled with nice ID "For the best in country music, you've got it, on KBFW, Bellingham-Ferndale," into Willie Nelson song. Listed as 500w nights! New, thanks to JH-CA for this tip. (RW-CA)
- 1250 KCST OR, Florence 11/4 0844 promo for "Polka Party" Saturday mornings "5:30 to 8, on KCST." Fair, quickly faded under KNEU. New for me, ex-KGBU. (NH-WA)
- 1270 (KPLY) NV, Sparks 10/24 0600 totally off, KTFI/KJUG mix. (RW-CA)
- 1430 KWDO CA, Fresno 10/26 0837 apparently did not change calls to KFIG as I thought, with clear "WDO" ID in local KNTA null, over KLO. (RW-CA)

UNID

1090 10/26 0920 fading up in XEPRS null with mention to tune to sister station on 92.? FM, checked my log, nothing seems to fit. Looped NE. Was looking for KLWJ-OR at this time. Ideas? (RW-CA)

HELP WITH UNIDS

- 580 JH-CA's unID in 10/31/92 WDXR probably CKXR-BC, which I hear on occasion. (RW-CA)
- 880 LG-MT's unID in 10/31/92 WDXR probably was XEPNK Los Mochis, but maybe he also had KWIP-OR (also Spanish). (RW-CA)

CORRECTION

740 KCBS CA, San Francisco in 10/31/92 WDXR, normal Sunday morning SP is 0600-0800 ELT (0300-0500 PLT). On 10/11 they were off early at 0302 EDT. (RW-CA)

Where is everyone this week? Must be so busy logging stations for the contest that there is no time to send in a WDXR report, hi.

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- [TMJ-IL] = Tom Jasinski, 419 North Raven, Shorewood, Illinois 60435-9640
FRG-7, 2½ foot loop.
[RS-MO] = Randy Stewart, 4225 West La Casa, Springfield, Missouri 65802-5615
Realistic TRF 12-656, 4' spiral loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 580 **CKWW** ON, Windsor. TENTATIVE. 10/26 very weak w/CKY. 0422 heard mention of "KW 58" and then talk program. CKY uses slogan "KY 58" note this one using "KW 58" – heard again at 0540 with WIBW. [TMJ-IL]
670(WMAQ) IL, Chicago. 10/18 noted off the air. 0200-0350. Occasional OC and TT. [TMJ-IL]
720 **KDWN** NV, Las Vegas. 10/18 with good signal for over 30 minutes with WGN off and during occasional WGN OC. 0230-0350 with sports talk, spots for sports line "Talk To Sports Experts. Call 1-900-288-4586, the call will cost you \$25.00." "KDWN AM 7-20" ID on the hour. Earlier between 0210-0230 720 had just a very weak Latian to the south. [TMJ-IL]
(WGN) IL, Chicago. 10/18 noted off the air. 0210-0350. Mentioned they would return at 0600. [TMJ-IL]
860 **WAEC** GA, Atlanta. 10/22 good to fair in CJBC null. 1957-2035 with live phone call in talk show. Frequent mentions of WAEC and Atlanta. First new station heard using the Quantum loop. I could never get a good null on CJBC before! [TMJ-IL]
910 **WHMS** WI, Hayward. 10/23 excellent signal for 75 watts. 2035 with ID, spot for a store on highway 27 in Stone Lake (south of Hayward). Alone and on top of frequency for 15 minutes then quickly faded. [TMJ-IL]
1050 **WACR** MS, Columbus. 10/26 poor in mess w/XEG and others. 2054 caught "WACR Columbus, Tupelo." ID. New for me. [RS-MO]
1170 **WPLX** TN, Collierville. 10/26 fair. 1735 noted brief mention of "...right here on your memories station, WPLX." into big band music. [RS-MO]
1190 **WHMT** TN, Humboldt. 10/26 fair. 2100 surfaced nicely for ID "This is WHMT Humboldt, celebrating our 20th year. Thank you west Tennessee." Into rock oldies. New logging for me. [RS-MO]
1260 **WQZQ** TN, Dickson. TENTATIVE. 10/22 poor w/WIBV and unID station off frequency. 0616 heard mention of Dickson Funeral Home and Obituary and announcements for Dickson area. Also a spot for a Dickson furniture store. 1992 NRC log shows this one silent. [TMJ-IL]
{Note: 1993 NRC log shows this as WKDN. John.}
1440 **KMLB** LA, Monroe. 10/26 good. 2206 dominant with Rush Limbaugh promoting his show from 11am-2pm "....right here on Talk Radio 1440, KMLB." Into TalkNet. One of my "beacons" for good short-skip from the south. [RS-MO]
1470 **WVOL** TN, Berry Hill. 10/26 fair. 2201 ending "Let's Talk" public affairs program with ID "WVOL Berry Hill, Nashville. The Mighty 147." Into R&B music. New logging for me. [RS-MO]

CDXR Continues.....

- 1500 **KCLF** LA, New Roads. 10/26 fair. 2150 with R&B music, spots for businesses in New Roads and Lavonia. 2153 full sign off announcement. Address given as 700 Olinde Street. New for me. [RS-MO]
- 1550 **WKBA** VA, Vinton. 10/25 briefly w/CBE, WCSJ. 0715 with call ID and mention of Roanoke. [TMJ-IL]
- 1560 **WPAD** KY, Paducah. 10/26 in like a local (In fact I thought it was KLFJ.) 2145 noted with nostalgia format. Also heard 10/27 stronger than usual. Wonder if their DA pattern is malfunctioning? [RS-MO]

TESTS AND DX SPECIALS

- 1290 **WQIN** PA, Lykens. 10/20 very poor u/WIRL, WHIO. 0030-0130 very weak TT at 0029, 0059 and between 0128-0130. Scheduled DX test. Has been heard stronger during regular scheduled f/c's. [TMJ-IL]
- 1360 **WLYN** MA, Lynn. 10/26 weak w/WGEE, WSAI. 0330-0430 TT and code during scheduled DX test. [TMJ-IL]
- 1540 **WSMI** IL, Litchfield. 10/28 with a strong KXEL partially nulled. 0000-0010 with code ID's and TT during scheduled DX test. Unneeded, can be heard during RS. [TMJ-IL]

unIDs

- 580 unID My unID on 580 reported earlier. The two possibilities are WTCM Traverse City and CKWW Windsor. The loop bearing favors CKWW, but then the call sign does not match. Maumee, Ohio is about 50 miles south-west of the Detroit area. Does the new 1993 NRC log show someone new on the air in NW Ohio? Have heard WTCM before, but never CKWW (at least not yet). [TMJ-IL]
- {Note: New NRC log does not show an Ohio station on 580. John.}
- 660 unID 10/18. 0210-0300 playing rock on program "Night Shift" and mentioned 107.2 (??) FM. Male announcer mentioned "Night Shift every Friday and Saturday from midnight to 4:45 AM on 6-60 radio." Heard this in and out with WFAN and unID. First time heard for this unID. E/W loop. [TMJ-IL]
- 1230 unID 10/26 fair. 2111 with weather calendar for some Arkansas town, but couldn't pick out the calls or location. Suspect KBTM Jonesboro due to S-SE loop bearing. [RS-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

November 17, 1967 issue of DX Monitor....Bruce Portzer of Seattle, WA mentioned he had passed his stations heard goal for the year, he now had 404 logged, hoped for 400.....Jeff Kadet of Bethesda, MD mentioned a small fire in their basement destroyed 350 verifications....Walt Breville of St. Louis, MO mentioned St. Louis now had an FM stereo station playing rock. KSHE 94.7.

OPEN MIKE

A wise man changes his mind, a fool never will. - Abraham Linclon. Randy said he hasn't been able to stay up for any of the IRCA DX tests yet. He did say 10/26 he had a field day with short-skip from the south and east. We're mid-way into November. The DX season is here, report often -- even if you just have one logging, send a post card! Thanks. BILLINGS '93. 73, John.

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EDXR EASTERN DX ROUNDUP
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On Friday, 10/23, the editor noted the best sunset conditions so far this season, with an excellent opening to the Deep South; a number of new stations were heard. Also, Mike Brooker is enjoying the absence of CIAO on 790, as his report indicates. Special thanks to Mark Connelly for going the "extra mile" in behalf of the club on the WLYN test. ON-to EDXR!!!

* * * THE REPORTERS * * *

- (MB-ON) Mike Brooker-99 Wychrest Avenue-Toronto ON M6G 3X8
Sony ICF-7600D, Panasonic RF-2200
- (MB-MA) Mike Brooker, DXing at the Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health, Lenox MA: Sony ICF-7600D
- (MC-MA) Mark Connelly-30 William Road-Billerica MA 01821-6079
Drake RB, phased longwires
- (ed) The editor at home with modified Philco-Ford car radio,
DX-440, 2' box loop, Autek QF-1

* OF SPECIAL INTEREST *

- 1370 WRGS TN, Rogersville 10/29 0550 good w/rock oldies: not country as listed. // WEYE-FM. "YOUR 50s ROCK AND ROLL RADIO STATION." DJ was "Gorgeous George." (ed)
- 1200 KY00 MO, Bolivar 10/26 0220-0240 poor u/WOAI preacher w/rock, country oldies. Many IDs as "KY00." NRC Log lists no night operation for this station at all: what gives? (ed)
- 1430 WNFO SC, Ridgeland 10/26 0115 fair w/info on Hilton Head Island area. "THIS IS VISITOR INFORMATION RADIO - AM 1430 - WNFO." Not a true TIS, as they feature ads. (ed)
- 1550 WMDH IN, New Castle 10/26 0058 finally got this pesky unID pinned down: they run Talknet and NBC news on MM. In spots where they should ID, they transmit dead air, and beeping alarms. Got them on a "War of the Worlds" rebroadcast promo. Can this really be 250 watts? They are STRONG in WBSC absence every MM here. (ed)

* * * THE REPORT * * *

- 770 KUOM MN, Minneapolis 10/6 0702 fair/good, wiping out WABC w/local weather. "THE TIME IS 2 MINUTES AFTER 6, AND WELCOME TO KUOM." Into classical music. (MB-ON)
- 770 WVNN AL, Athens 10/14 0706 fair o/WABC w/ad for Channel 31 news. ID: "ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW - WVNN RADIO." Into local news. (MB-ON)
- 790 WETB TN, Johnson City 9/30 0641 fair/good w/CIAO gone. Promo for National Quartet Convention in Nashville; into USA Radio sports. (MB-ON)

EDXR continues...

- 840 KWPN NE, West Point 10/5 0700-0720 fair in WHAS null w/state and local news. ID: "AM 84, FM 108." Ad for First National Bank; sports; very detailed state weather report. (MB-ON)
- 930 WBEN NY, Buffalo 10/12 0530 good w/CBS news; "WBEN Weather-fax" weather. (MB-MA)
- 1030 WNOW NC, Mint Hill 10/23 2048 caught right at s/off in WBZ null. Gave address (same as in NRC Log); mention of "the best in Christian music & programming." No SSB. New. (ed)
- 1110 CKTY ON, Sarnia 10/10 0609 fair before local WUHN-Pittsfield s/on. "COUNTRY 1110" ID; sports; Sarnia-Clearwater weather. (MB-MA)
- 1110 KFAB NE, Omaha 10/24 0758 good w/PSAs; reminder to set clocks back 1 hour tonight, and check smoke detectors. "SOMETHING WE THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW, FROM 1110 - KFAB." Have now heard 20 stations from both coasts. (ed)
- 1150 CKMO ON, Hamilton 10/26 0150-0155 blasting in w/"Oldies Coast to Coast." ID: "Oldies 1150 - CKMO." Ex CKOC. (ed)
- 1250 WZOB AL, Ft. Payne 10/23 2109 good w/weather by woman announcer, who said: "It's currently 62 on the outside at WZOB." Into country music. New. (ed)
- 1270 WLIK TN, Newport 10/23 2055-2105 fair w/"This Week In The IMAC." (Inter-Mountain Athletic Conference.) Into ads, some w/so much echo & distortion they were impossible to understand. 3 minutes late, at 2103, singing ID: "WLIK-Newport." Back to football show. New. (ed)
- 1280 WWOK IN, Evansville 10/26 0010-0015 in like a ton of bricks w/nostalgia music. "WE'RE OK RADIO - AM 1280." (ed)
- 1290 WKLB KY, Manchester 10/23 2107 poor w/local news read by woman announcer. "WKLB." Obviously not signing off at 1900 as per NRC Log. New. (ed)
- 1300 KWCK AR, Searcy 10/26 0200-0300 noted in/out w/country music. At 0300: "You're listening to KWCK - AM & FM - Searcy." Nice to know I should be able to hear DX Test. (ed)
- 1310 WDOD TN, Chattanooga 10/26 0305 good w/nostalgia and smooth rock oldie music. "WDOD - THE WONDERFUL DYNAMO OF DIXIE." (See 1310 unID for more.) (ed)
- 1310 WTLB NY, Utica 10/26 0310 good w/urban, rock music. Mentions of "WTLB-FM" and "1310-WTLB." May have also been IDing as "105.7." (ed)
- 1350 WLOU KY, Louisville 10/26 0050 good briefly w/rock music. "POWER 1350 - WLOU." (ed)
- 1360 WLCM SC, Lancaster 10/23 2130 briefly excellent w/ads; spot for Bank of Erwin. Dead air, then into guitar music. (ed)
- 1360 WCGL FL, Jacksonville 10/23 2135-2150 in/out w/black gospel music. Male DJ. Running contest; "Where are you listening from?" Entire blocks of air devoted to frantically answering phone: "Good evening - where are you listening from?" with the replies: "North side," "East side": you get the idea. "IT'S 7:10 ON WCGL." (ed)

More EDXR on the next page!

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- 1360 WTSH GA, Rome 10/26 0338 good briefly w/ad for Parkway Ford, "Northwest Georgia's largest volume Ford dealer." (ed)
- 1380 WLRV VA, Lebanon 10/29 0559 good w/s/on. Into NBC news. Faded fast. One of my most wanted VA stations. (ed)
- 1400 WYYR SC, Spartanburg 10/29 0606 in briefly w/beach music. In the 60s, East Coast beach music was defined by groups like the Drifters, the Zodiacs, Bill Deal & the Rhondells, etc. It has evolved into a regional craze in the Carolinas. NOT surf music. I do not keep up with it, so I do not know any of the new groups playing it, but the style is still similar to the groups noted above. (ed)
- 1430 CJCL ON, Toronto 10/11 0602 fair/good w/"THE FAN" ID: report on Jays/A's ALCS game. A lot of my Toronto pests follow me to the Berkshires! (MB-MA)

* * * * * unIDs * * * * *

- 1310 unID 10/26 0304 fair w/this announcement: "YOUR RADIO IS PERFECTLY TUNED TO THE NEW LOVE 102.5..." Mention of "best in the Pine Belt." WOOD came fading up, so that I could not distinguish between the two stations, and I believed this was WOOD. However, the next hour, WOOD played nothing like that whatsoever. The calls THIS station gave sounded like they had a "D" in them, as well. Ideas? (ed)

* * * * * DX TESTS * * * * *

All IRCA DX Tests are arranged by J.D. Stephens. Thanks to him, Lynn Hollerman, Jim Pogue, and all who contribute to the IRCA CPC effort.

- 1360 WLYN MA, Lynn 10/26 0322-0405 DX test began with test tones, of various lengths and intervals, between 0322-0330. From 0330 on, test was comprised of tones, code IDs, and voice announcements by Michael Klein. Test was intentionally run overtime for the benefit of West Coast DXers. (MC-MA)

+ MA, Lynn 10/26 0330-0400 began right on schedule w/code, test tones. Voice IDs (if any) not heard due to massive GRM from WSAI, WTSH, and half a dozen other in/out unID stations. I did not hear anything before 0330 here. (ed)

- 1540 (WSMI) IL, Litchfield 10/28 0100-0110 no sign of it here: just the usual KXEL and CHIN. After I looked again, I noticed that the listing said EDT: was this a typo, or did the test actually run a hour later? (ed)

* * * * * f/c's * * * * *

The following FREQUENCY CHECKS are scheduled to run this week in EDXRland. Since the club's f/c list needs updating, be sure to listen for these tests, and report what you hear (or do not hear) to EDXR.

3RD MONDAY (NOV 16)

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| WCBG-1590 Chambersburg PA | WINX-1600 Rockville MD |
| WCON-1240 ?? GA (call change?) | WCHE-1520 West Chester PA |
| WHHD-1320 Howell NY | WVFC-1530 McConnellsburg PA |
| WMBT-1530 Shenandoah PA | WFTH-1590 Richmond VA |
| WCMS-1050 Norfolk VA | WFBG-1290 Altoona PA |
| WOND-1400 Pleasantville NJ | WBCB-1490 Levittown PA |
| WILK-980 Wilkes-Barre PA | WJMA-1340 Orange VA |
| WSWV-1570 Pennington Gap VA | WNNT-690 Warsaw VA |
| WHOL-1600 Allentown PA | |

The EDXR Frequency Check List continues...

3RD TUESDAY (NOV 17)
WKEN-1600 Dover DE
WAHT-1510 Annville PA
WQIN-1290 Lykens PA

WCTN-950 Potomac MD
WJUN-1220 Mexico PA

3RD FRIDAY (NOV 20)
WKAV-1400 Charlottesville VA
WNNK-1400 Harrisburg PA
WFTR-1450 Front Royal VA

4TH MONDAY (NOV 23)
WSHP-1480 Shippensburg PA
WLLN-1370 Lillington NC
WHOL-1600 Allentown PA

(For times, consult the 1992 IRCA Frequency Check List in DXM #963.)

* * * EDITOR'S DESK * * *

Many thanks to MIKE B. and MARK for their support this week.

This season, I am FORCING myself to spend my DXing time above 1200 kHz, and am seeing results in many new stations heard. It jangles my nerves, but it's not too bad; the QF-1 filters out a lot of the mess.

Something interesting and funny in the mail this week: my first ever NON-VERIE, from HAWG-not 1620, Falling Rock Zone, KY. I was informed I had NOT heard them, and as a result of my NOT sending a report of my NON-reception, they were pleased NOT to verify my NON-report. It was signed by one Colonel Souse Cracklin': drivetime DJ is Ham Hocks. Was cordially invited NOT to continue enjoying their NON programming. (RC, if a pirate station "HAWG" actually DOES pop up on 1620, you are going to have a LOT of explaining to do, my friend!) Well, what's a hobby if you can't have some fun once in a while. I hated it. (NOT!)

An additional plug here for DX Techniques. NO reports have been recieved for the upcoming topic "Using the Computer in DXing." I know a LOT of you do use computers, so why not jot down your thoughts, ideas, and tips, and send them in. The deadline (Nov. 28) is fast approaching. We don't want a thesis, just anything that might help your fellow club members get more out of their computer where DXing is concerned.

For those who do not read Morse Code (like me,) here is a sorted chart that makes it much easier to decipher code such as used in DX Tests.

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Your Editor (again!!)

For the second week, no Forums received at this QTH. DX conditions continue to improve here but little DXing done. Am presently busy constructing a filament/B+ power supply for a pair of Heath QF-1's (using a gutted old VTVM) for attachment to my R-390A. Got the info from one of my other favorite publications, **Hollow State News**. Hope to have everything operational in the next month. All should note the new masthead design for this column (I was running out of the old pre-printed stock courtesy of Ralph). This was all done in WordPerfect 5.1 after scanning in the icon. Any comments??? 73

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Visited WAVG-970/WXVW-1450 again. The Program Director was thrilled with his pix in the Nov. Pop Comm. Was on a scrounge mission, but no new stix. Did catch WZCC-1570 at Chick-fil-A with brand new stickers. A local (?) joker sent me a Radio Hawg non-QLS for Halloween. Whoever you are, I appreciate the humor. WBUL-1470 back on the air with Southern Gospel and a Louisville address in the yellow pages. Still announces Shepherdsville. Will try to find out if they have moved their studio. Not listening much as too many other things I must do. Am doing some initial work to get the radio hobby consolidated into one room. I hesitate to call it a "radio shack", but it may become one. Would like to visit two or three stations before going to China. If we survive that will take a Caribbean DX-pedition in March. Mexico-Costa Rica-Panama Canal-Curacao-VI and PR. See you after Veteran' Day.

Rick Evans, 4841 South 26th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221-2937

I remember not thinking a lot about Leonard Hyde's comments a few weeks ago about the ZIP+4 code three weeks ago with the extra four numbers speeding up service, but then I noticed my mail is now coming with white stickers on it showing all nine digits. I think it probably has to do with automated sorting at the main post office here, where it can be sorted down to the block before it goes to the carrier for house sorting. I started really thinking about when I discovered the person across the street and down two doors has a different +4 number. By the way, I found out that my block is an orphan area for the post office in that it's a small area which gets dumped onto any sub-carrier who needs a few fill-in hours for the day. I'm told it's possible that I might not be getting all my mail at the house, which makes me happy that most of the important stuff goes to the P.O. Box just four blocks from here. I had a note from Frank Merrill regarding my Radio Station Restaurant in Wautoma, WI. It's his understanding that the owner of the restaurant was the founder of WLPO-1220 (LaSalle, IL), and retired to the lakes region in east central Wisc. He also recommends the food (as does the guy I work with) so next time I'm up there, I'll have to give them a try. That's it for this week. 73.

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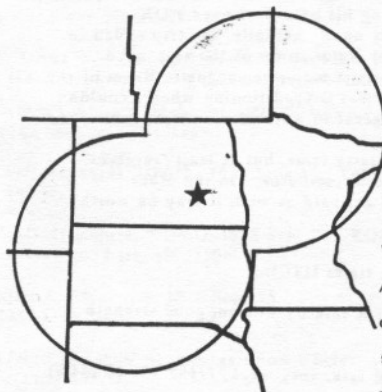
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| 630 | CKOV | Dean Cooper, GM | 3805 Lakeshore Rd Kelowna BC V1W 3K6 | L | 72f | PM |
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| 801 | 2GO | Shayne Bartlett, CE | P O Box 564 Gosford NSW 2250 Australia | LQ+ | 90f | PM |
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| 850 | KCTQ | Keith Matzinger | 3721 Thousand Oaks Blvd Thousand Oaks CA 91362 | L | 5 | PM |
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| 1120 | WDFW | Arlene Smith, AsstM | P O Box 391 Duffield VA 24244 | L | 103f | KVJ |
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| 1190 | WSDQ | Tollye Wayne Titsworth, O/GM | 712 Old York Hwy N Suite B Dunlap TN 37327 | L | 267ff | KVJ |
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| 1240 | WKDK | E R Gilliam, CE | P O Box 753 Newberry SC 29108 | L | 8 | KVJ |
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| 1300 | KWCK | Ken Simmons, OpsM | P O Box 1300 Searcy AR 72143 | L | 28 | KVJ |
| 1340 | KVOY | Mel Winters | 190 Sierra CT #B2 Palmdale CA 93550 | L | 95f | PM |
| 1350 | KBID | Bob Watt, PD | 1626 19th St Suite 23 Bakersfield CA 93301 | L | 30f | MS |
| | KCKC | Mark Sadacca [WB6CCA], DirEng | P O Box 2565 San Bernardino CA 92406 | LB | 7 | MS |
| 1400 | KKZZ | "Chuck" | P O Box 1520 Oxnard CA 93034 | * | | MS |
| 1440 | WGEM | Richard Cain, OpsM | 513 Hampshire Quincy IL 62301 | L | 87f | PM |
| 1450 | KVOW | Dale Roberts, CE | P O Box 393 Riverton WY 82501 | L+ | 30 | MS |
| 1490 | KICO | Eduardo A Medal, GM | P O Box 232, 695 Hwy 111 Calexico CA 92231 | L | 30 | MS |
| | WCHM | J Scott Mote, GM | P O Box 468 Clarkesville GA 30523 | L | 156f | KVJ |
| | WHBB | James M Reynolds, P | 505 Lauderdale St P O Box 1055 Selma AL 36701 | L | 9 | KVJ |
| 1530 | KXTD | Tony Sellars, OpsM | 4000 W Indian Hills Rd Norman OK 73072 | L | 277f | KVJ |
| 1560 | WRDJ | Wyatt Cox, GM | P O Box 81 Mark Donnell Rd Dadeville AL 36322 | P | 295ff | KVJ |
| 1575 | VOFA | No signer | P O Box 2, 131 Rajdammoen Rd Bangkok Thailand | Q | 45 | PM |
| 1580 | KRZI | Illegible | 1018 N Valley Mills Waco TX 76710 | P | 22ff | PM |
| 1590 | WATX | Bill Penn, PD | 259 S Willow Suite A Cookeville TN 38501 | L | 144ff | KVJ |
| 1593 | R Sandaun | Gabriel Deckloagen, Mgr | P O Box 37 Vanimo Papua New Guinea | L | 240 | PM |

WHAT was received: L = Letter; Q = QSL card; P = Prepared card supplied by DXer; R = DXer's letter returned with statement; M = Coverage map; B = Bumper or other sticker; + = Extra goodies
* [for this report] = Verification statement scribbled on Mike's envelope

WHEN the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f = Follow-up

Kudos to all three contributors for their clear reports! Yes, Mike, I am often confused with the two gentlemen mentioned in your report. This column was prepared on 10/30/92. 73, SSH



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ON 10-3-87

SIGNED *Harvey Van Egan*
Chief Eng.

COASTAL DXPEDITIONS---THE LOGICAL AND ABSURD NEXT STEP

by Nick Hall-Patch

I spent the summer of 1992 evaluating and modifying a new piece of deep sea instrumentation for the Institute of Ocean Sciences, a federal government research establishment near Victoria, B.C. Quite an interesting job...but the high point was field testing the unit for three weeks in the northeastern Pacific. This meant that I couldn't do what I normally do in September, that is, go on coastal Beverage DXpeditions. So, could I bring a radio on board the ship?

In the event, I brought two receivers: the ICF-2010 with a homebrew RF preselector for MW and LW, and the trusty old homebrew MW receiver. Obviously, a Beverage antenna was out of the question; the C.S.S. John P. Tully is a mere 60 metres long. But I knew the technologist responsible for the ship's antennas, and he guided me to a pair of verticals previously used for Argo, a medium frequency positioning system. The cabin in which the antenna leads came out was only going to be used for storage on this trip, so I had my DX shack all laid out!

A quick test the night before the trip revealed that the 10 metre vertical was shorted to ground somewhere, but the 3 metre vertical (tuned to 1700 kHz) right at the top of the ship's mast showed promise. So started my three week Pacific DXpedition which traversed oceanographic survey lines as far as 145W and 55N.

No pesky locals out there; CFPR-860 and some of the coastal Alaskans came closest to that category. At night, North Americans were very loud (one night many channels were pinning the meter), but at dawn, things were quite different. The first couple of mornings, Australians common on coastal expeditions rolled in, but from then on, Asiatics ruled the airwaves more and more. And what a collection; some mornings it was like being anchored off Japan, even to a couple of hours after sunrise. The hets were coming from the inaudible 10 kHz channels! In general, Japan and Korea were commonplace, even to low power channels, but there weren't many Russians, and it was only towards the end of the month that the Chinese started to appear. The high point was probably hearing the Deutsche Welle relay on 1548 from Sri Lanka. This was noted twice, once over 4QD, and again over an unidentified Chinese station.

I took pity on the international DX editors by typing this out myself. There was just too much. Yet I believe the surface was hardly scratched as far as DX goes. The antenna gave fine performance, but one could hear the receiver noise floor after sunrise. There was also the small matter of doing the job I was out there for, and that occurred at all hours, some of them prime DX hours. And though I can't complain about having a private DX shack, it was high up on a ship which took heavy seas reasonably hard. That cabin moved about pretty furiously at times and I wasn't immune to seasickness. Only the most dedicated DXer will risk returning his breakfast over a DX opportunity; I was that dedicated, but only once! Actually, the trip ended in an unsuccessful attempt to outrun the first major storm of the season, so I missed the good DX which preceded the first major geomagnetic storm of the season. Ask Bruce Portzer about that---he was DXpeditioning when I couldn't face it. Oh well, the aurora borealis was great to watch from shipboard.

So, now coastal DXpeditions seem pretty tame, but at least "receiver stability" on the coast refers only to the local oscillator. On the other hand, to go on a floating DXpedition and get paid as well, it may be worth having to tie the receiver to the table!

Loggings (receiver location in parenthesis, times UTC):

153 RUSSIA, Khabarovsk. 1511 Sept 25. RR talk by woman, good strength (50N 144W)

171 RUSSIA, Yakutsk. 1512 Sept 25. RR talk, very weak, //153. (50 N 144W)

- 180 RUSSIA, Petropavlovsk. 1513 Sept 25. Same woman //153, fair. (50N 144W)
- 189 RUSSIA, Blagoveschensk. 1514 Sept 25. //180, good. (50N 144W)
- 216 RUSSIA, Birobidzhan. 1516 Sept 25. Aren't parallels wonderful? Man in RR, fair //153. (50N 144W)
- 243 RUSSIA, Vladivostok. 1520 Sept 25. RR talk by man, fair, //153, but with echo on it, so perhaps one of the Kazakhstan stations was in also?? (50N 144W)
- 529 ALASKA, Nome, "FDV" 1400 Sept 16. Beacon code ID mixing in with dominant "SQM" (50N 144W)
- 531 JAPAN, Morioka, JOQG. Fair w/JJ woman talking //567, 1504 Sept 15. (50N 142W)
- 540 JAPAN, various NHK1. 1536 Sept 26. Poor strength w/woman talking //594. (51N 139W)
- 549 AUSTRALIA, Longreach, 4QL. 1353 Sept 12. Good to excellent w/"Black Day in July", ABC nx on hour, all //612. (49 N 132 W)
- 560 ALASKA, Kodiak, KVOK. 0145 Sept 25. Pop mx, fair to good, then KVOK ID. (50N 145W)
- 567 UNID. 1539 Sept 17. American EE teletalk, financial advice, fair strength. Guam? (50N 145W)
- 570 CANADA, Whitehorse, CFWH. 1700 Sept 19. CBC nx, fair signal but no ID on hour. However, the announcement that "the Whitehorse Correctional Centre has more vegetables than it needs" after the news clinched it. (55N 145W)
- 1603 S.KOREA, Namyang, HLSA. Likely the one with KK talk at 1458 Sept 23, fair to good signal, but no //s. (50N 145W)
- 620 HAWAII, Hilo, KIPA. 1507 Sept 15. "Around the Big Island, people are talking about Steve Yamashiro" a mayoralty candidate's ad. (50 N 142 W)
- 620 ALASKA, Homer, KGTL. 0150 Sept 25. Good to excellent w/laid-back mx and ID "AM-62 KGTL Homer" (50N 145W)
- 630 AUSTRALIA, Townsville, 4QN. 1401 Sept 11. Fair w/ABC nx //612, dominating channel (49 N 133 W)
- 648 JAPAN, Toyama, JOIG. 1535 Sept 26. Woman talking //666, fair signal o/a couple of unIDs. (51N 139W)
- 650 HAWAII, Honolulu, KHNR. 1449 Sept 15. "Hawaii news radio" ID before CNN spots; excellent signal. (50 N 142 W)
- 1666 NEW CALEDONIA, Noumea. 1405 Sept 12. FF talk by man and woman, fair, then faded under ABC nx //612, presumed 2CN. (49 N 133 W)
- 675 JAPAN, Yamaguchi/Hakodate JOUG/JOVK. Poor to fair w/JJ talk by woman //666. 1522 Sept 18. (52N 145W)
- 684 JAPAN, Nagasaki, JOAG. 1443 Sept 15. Talk by man //666, fair to poor. (50 N 142 W)
- 690 HAWAII, Honolulu, KQMQ. 1522 Sept 22. KQMQ singing ID between rock songs. Fair to very good signals. (50N 145W)
- 702 N.KOREA, Ch'ongjin. 1526 Sept 15. List of words read by woman //6400 (52N 145W)
- 711 AUSTRALIA, 4QW, St. George (most likely). 1410 Sept 12. Weather forecast //702. (49 N 133 W)

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