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REJOINS: Carl DeWhitt, Jeff Shiflet. **RENEWALS:** Paul Kotke, Lawrence Cox... Welcome back to Carl and Jeff. Thank you all very much.....

IN THIS ISSUE: Please read the front cover some important news, now on to the other important things. IRCA DX Test Info, Broadcasting Information, TVA info, DX Worldwide West, Western DX Roundup, Central DX Roundup, nice verie from Langenberg, Eastern DX Roundup, Verification Signers, Western DX Forum, Eastern DX Forum, KBOI QSL, DX Techniques, Club Officers.....

NOTICE - NOTICE: All nominations for the up coming election must be sent to the President Phil Bytheway at 9705 Mary NW Seattle WA 98117. **DO NOT** send them to Albert Lobel. Albert has resigned as the EC Chairperson..Pub.

ELECTION RESULTS for BY-LAWS change: Change #1: 34 yes and 22 no - passed, Change #2: 40 yes and 17 no - passed. Change #3: There will be a re-vote on this in the general election. Change #4: 47 yes and 10 no - passed.....

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: The updated constitution and by-laws will appear in these pages in the future. Thank you all for taking time to vote.....

IRCA ADDRESS: The correct address for the IRCA is: PO Box 70223 Riverside CA 92513-0223. Sorry about the mess-up. I will take part of the blame....

DX GET-TOGETHER: Try to make the get-together at the home of Bruce and Evelyn Portzer 6546 19th Ave NE in Seattle, phone for more info 206-522-2521 DATE February 13th, Time 1 PM till late in the evening.....

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IRCA DX TEST BULLETIN

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1993 - KDES-920, P.O. BOX 2745, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92263-2745 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 4:00 - 4:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S AND MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JOE TOURTELOT (KB6FX) - VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1993 - KCKY-1150, P.O. BOX 6, COOLIDGE, AZ 85228 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 4:30 - 5:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. BILL OOSTENBURG - CHIEF ENGINEER/PROGRAM DIRECTOR. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1993 - WOC-1420, 3535 EAST KIMBERLY ROAD, DAVENPORT, IA 52807 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 2:15 - 2:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE, TONES, VOICE ID'S, AND BIG BAND MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JON BOOK (KB0EDE) - DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1993 - KXTQ-950, 904 EAST BROADWAY, LUBBOCK, TX 79403 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 2:30 - 3:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S, AND BILINGUAL (SPANISH & ENGLISH) PROGRAM MATERIAL. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: TANYA ROBERTS - GENERAL MANAGER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1993 - KEYZ-660, P.O. BOX 2048, WILLISTON, ND 58802-2048 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 1:30 - 2:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN AM STEREO. SO, FOR THOSE OF YOU WITH AM STEREO RECEIVERS, BE SURE TO REPORT ANY STEREO RECEPTION. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. EARL GROSS (WD0APE) - NEWS DIRECTOR. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1993 - KAZM-780, P.O. BOX 1525, SEDONA, AZ 86336-1525 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 2:00 - 2:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S, TONES, AND MARCH AND POLKA MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JOE TABBACK - GENERAL MANAGER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 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 (N90WV) - CHIEF ENGINEER. MR. TALLEY REQUESTS AN SASE BE INCLUDED WITH ALL REPORTS. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

TESTS ARRANGED BY THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO
CLUB OF AMERICA COURTESY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

EDITOR: ROBERT WIEN 1309 DENTWOOD DR SAN JOSE CA 95118

DEADLINES: 2nd & 4th Saturdays.

Compiled: 12/29/92

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:

MI. Mount Pleasant WPRJ-1020 on the air

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

AK. Nenana	KIAM-630	10000/8500
MA. Cherry Valley	WCRN-830	7000/5000
WI. Milwaukee	WTMJ-620	50000/10000

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS:

IL. Evanston	WKTA-1330	change PSSA/PSRA to 24 w. ND
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CALL LETTER CHANGES:

CA. Lompoc	KNEZ-960	becomes KCLL
	Soledad	becomes KQKE "Quake"
KY. Newburg	WLSY-680	becomes WXRN
LA. Jonesboro	KTCC-920	becomes KDKS
MD. Baltimore	WEBB-1360	becomes WHLP "Help"
MI. Charlotte	WNNY-1390	becomes WLCM
NY. New York City	WNEW-1130	becomes WBEB "Bloomberg Business Radio"
SC. Travelers Rest	WBEB-1580	becomes WDAB
TX. Cockrell Hill	KSSA-1600	becomes KRVA
VA. Waynesboro	WZKT-1490	becomes WAYS

FORMAT CHANGES:

AL. Dothan	WWNT-1450	was silent, becomes nx/talk (CBS/EFM/WOR/MBS)
AZ. Globe	KJAA-1240	was country, adds EFM/IBN/CBS-talk
CA. Costa Mesa	KJQT-540	was class//KKGO, now stds. //KGIL
	Hemet	was stds., now all talk (IBN/USA/Talknet)
	Lompoc	KCLL-960 was KNEZ, SS, now SMN oldies "Cool 960"
	Monterey	KNRY-1240 was all nx, now IBN, NTN-talk
	San Fernando	KGIL-1260 was talk, now stds. "K-joy" (to be KJOI)
	Soledad	KQKE-700 was KSUR, EZL//FM, now C&W//FM
FL. Brandon	WEND-760	was talk, adds IBN talk
	Largo	WRFA-820 was religion, adds IBN talk
	Melbourne	WTAI-1560 was talk, adds Morton Downey
	Miami Beach	WMBM-1490 was black gospel, now IBN talk
	New Smyrna Beach	WWEB-1550 was EZL, rptd. silent
	Ormond Beach	WELE-1380 was religion, adds IBN, FTP-talk
	Pompano Beach	WNNN-980 was motiv. talk, adds IBN talk
GA. Conyers	WPBE-1050	was bus. nx, adds IBN, WSB-talk
	Washington	WLOV-1370 was talk, now rel//WRFA
	Waycross	WAYX-1230 was silent, now AS
IL. Taylorville	WTIM-1410	was country, now nx/talk (IBN, Unistar/CNN Headline, AFR)
IN. New Castle	WMDH-1550	was country, talk, now IBN talk
IA. Ames	KASI-1430	was AC, now talk
	Boone	KWBG-1590 was AC//KIAB, now AC
KY. Cadiz	WKDZ-1110	was country, now IBN-talk
	Hopkinsville	WHOP-1230 was AC, talk, adds EFM-talk
LA. DeRidder	KDLA-1010	was religion, now EFN, IBN-talk
	Norco	WADU-830 was EZL, now SS AC
MD. Baltimore	WITB-1230	was stds., to be CSN kids//WNTR
MI. Ann Arbor	WPZA-1050	was AC, talk, now all talk
	Gladwin	WGDN-1350 was country, now soft AC//FM
	Lapeer	WWGZ-1530 was nx/talk, now country gold
	Mount Pleasant	WPRJ-1020 is new, religion
MS. Tupelo	WELO-580	was oldies/talk, now Unis. stds.
	WTUP-1490	was silent, now SMN stds.
	WPMX-1060	was urban, now talk (Larry King)
NE. Plattsmouth	KOTD-1000	was country, now SMN stds.
NH. Dover	WTSN-1270	was stds., talk, now all talk, adds IBN talk
	Manchester	WKBR-1250 was rel//WVNH, now silent
NJ. Mount Holly	WWJZ-640	is new, stds.
NY. New York City	WNEW-1130	was stds., now stds//WOEW, to be WBEB 1/4
NC. Albemarle	WZKY-1580	was oldies, adds talk (IBN, EFN, Sun)

Greenville	WNCT-1070	was nx/talk, adds Morton Downey
		was EZL//FM, talk, now all-talk (Talknet/Morton Downey)
Jacksonville	WLAS-910	was nx/talk, adds Morton Downey
Southern Pines	WEEB-990	was all-talk, adds Morton Downey
Yanceyville	WYNC-1540	was silent, now IBN, MBS-nx/talk
OH. Dayton	WHIO-1290	was nx/talk, adds Morton Downey
Eaton	WCTM-1130	was EZL, adds IBN talk
Gallipolis	WJEH-990	was country, now nx/talk, country (C&W middays, Unis/CNN Headline/IBN/FTP)
Massillon	WTIG-990	was country, now sports, talk (Morton D.)
OR. Klamath Falls	KAGO-1150	was AC, talk, now all talk (CBS, Daynet, Talknet, IBN)
PA. Allentown	WXKW-1470	was country, adds Unis. country
TN. Crossville	WCSV-1490	was C&W//WEGE, silent pending sale, to return mid-93 with traveler's info format)
		was country, now silent
Etowah	WCPH-1220	was silent, now urban//WCMG upon sale
Knoxville	WEMG-1430	was silent, now urban "1120 Jams"
Maryville	WCGM-1120	was silent, now urban "1120 Jams"
Oak Ridge	WATO-1290	was southern gospel, now urban//WCGM upon sale
South Pittsburg	WEPG-910	was country, adds IBN talk (C&W days/talk nights)
TX. Lufkin	KRBA-1340	was country, AC//FM, now country, oldies//FM (sim. KUEZ-FM overnight)
		was country//FM, now IBN, FTP-nx/talk
Snyder	KSNY-1450	was silent, to be CSN-kids//WNTR
VA. Manassas	WPRW-1460	was AC, adds nx/talk (NBC/CBS/IBN/AFR)
Staunton	WTON-1240	was country, adds EFM talk
Wytheville	WYVE-1280	was AC, now IBN-talk
WI. Platteville	WTOQ-1590	was soft AC, now oldies, IBN-talk
Sheboygan	WKTS-950	was stds1, now SUN, IBN-talk
Tomah	WTMG-1460	

Ye editor passes on the following:

CA. San Jose	KEEN-1370	was C&W, to go silent 1/1 to return "within a few months" with TED new format.
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Everyone have a happy New Year, may your DX prosper in 1993! 73's.

TED VASILOPOULOS AWARD: IRCA's highest honor is named in honor of Ted Vasilopoulos, a founding charter member of IRCA who died one year after the club was formed. The award has been presented each year since 1966 to the IRCA member contributing the most to the DX hobby and IRCA during the preceding year. We will vote on the TVA during the March 1993 election of IRCA officers. Publisher Ralph Sanserino, 1992 TVA winner, is chairman of the nominating committee. Because of Ralph's busy schedule, he has asked that nominations be sent to 1991 winner Bill Hardy. You may nominate any IRCA member in good standing, except those who have won the award in the past five years: Ralph Sanserino, Bill Hardy, Ernest R. Cooper, Richard Evans, and Karl Zuk. If you know of any member who is deserving of the TVA, please send their name and a brief reason why they deserve the award. Please send it by January 31 so there will be time to get the names onto the March ballot. Write to Bill Hardy, 2301 Pacific Ave., Aberdeen, WA 98520-4527. Thank you.

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DEADLINE: MONDAYS

Hope everyone had a happy holiday season. Now we are into a new year and hope for good DX for the year. Conditions this last Fall was very good. Maybe the Spring will be good too. Just a few tips this time around, so here we go.

ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 1375 ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON-RPO-12/20 at 0400, vy strong het and occ. PF Talk and mx-1st heard from Winnipeg-vy poor (SA-MB)
(Good catch, I have been trying for them for yrs.PM)

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 670 CUBA, Arroyo Arenas-Radio Rebelde-12/15 0428-fair, man in SS //5025 u/WMAQ-New-Last time I heard this was yrs ago in Orlando (SA-MB)
- 1180 CUBA, Habana-Radio Taino-12/19 0448-Good-Latin mx, Radio Taino ID over WHAM again. This might be the easiest Cuban to get up here. (SA-MB)
- 1190 MEXICO, Guadalajara-XEWK 12/19 0455 Good w/Mex. mx talk of Mexico possibly commercials, Christmas wishes (SA-MB)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 855 AUSTRALIA, Maryborough/Eidsvoid-4QB/4QO-good to fair w/talk on Australia and ABC at 1030 on 12/23 (PM-OR)
- 891 FIJI, Lautoka-Radio Fiji 2-fair w/Hindo mx at 1015 12/23 (PM-OR)
- 1017 TONGA, Nuku'alofa-A3Z-fair w/woman in Togan at 0832 12/23 (PM-OR)

VERIFICATIONS

- 770 ALASKA, Valdez-KCHU-nice QSL typed form with all info, listed as 10 KW now-no signer 12 days-Box 2085-Valdez, AK 99686. I now have 27 Alaskans QSL'd out of the 41 listed as on the air, not counting the AFRN stations. I also have a couple of those. (PM-OR)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

- SA-MB SHAWN AXELROD-30 BECONTREE BAY-WINNIPEG, MB R2N 2X9 CANADA
Icom R70 with Plam Board and 4KHZ Filter-4 foot Boox Loop,
100 foot Longwire
- PM-OR YOUR EDITOR
Drake R8, SP-600-JX17, Term. 200' SW/NE wire(DUS), 1600' NNW
Term. Beverage, 1500' East Beverage, Ground system.

IRCA Foreign Logs

The IRCA has published nine volumes of the IRCA Foreign log. Each volume contains several hundred actual tips that were reported to the DXWW sections during an entire year, compiled and retyped in a book format. In addition, special features include: articles on foreign DXing (volumes 6, 7 and 8), utility lists (volumes 7 and 8), shortwave parallels (volume 8) and BCB propagation (volumes 6, 7 and 8). The IRCA Bookstore still has volumes 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of the IRCA Foreign Log available for \$2.50 each (overseas airmail add \$2.50/book). Order your copy today from: IRCA Bookstore, 9705 Mary Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117



WESTERN
DX
ROUNDUP

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

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GE Superadio
- (PM) Patrick Martin-P.O. Box 843-Seaside, OR 97138
Drake R-8, SP-600-JX17, term. 200' SW wire, 1600' NNW Bev.
term., 1500' E. Bev. term., ground system, Tony amp
pre-select
- (RW) Robert Wien-1309 Dentwood Dr.-San Jose, CA 95118
GE Superadio, GE long-range portable, SM-2

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1010 KTUR UT, Tooele 12/21 0945 good at s/on in KIQI null over CBR,
with ID in English & Spanish, then fast Spanish music,
faded rapidly. New. (RW-CA)
- ?KTUR?+Tentative 3 days in a row, 12/16 1857 in tight KIQI null,
thought I heard partial ID. 12/17 1859-1901 strong with
man in Spanish talking, telling listeners thanks for
listening, etc, into music, open carrier & off. 12/18 1855
Spanish in KIQI null, ad for a concert in Salt Lake City
with singer Pablo Sanchez. Then, apparent s/off. Still
never did get definite ID. (JH-CA)
- 1140 CFXL AB, Calgary per call to station, has changed calls from
CFXX to CFXL on 10/30! ID's as "XL Radio." (RW-CA)
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- 540 ?KJQI? CA, Costa Mesa 12/21 1005-1010 tentative in KIEZ null after
long string of classical music, ad for Trader Joe's, ad to
"be sure and read your local L.A. Times." Faded rapidly.
Tent. call change, ex-KKGO. (RW-CA)
- 580 CKUA AB, Edmonton 12/25 1523 good with classical music, ment.
concert. (PM-OR)
- 620 KIPA HI, Hilo 12/18 0330 all alone on freq. with talk, no sign
of KGW. (PM-OR)
- 630 CHED AB, Edmonton 12/25 1510 "63 Ched" ID quite strong under
KCIS, with non-stop rock music on Christmas day. (PM-OR)
- 700 ?KQKE? CA, Soledad 12/21 0910 noted ID "You're listening to the
premiere of The Quake, Monterey's all new country, The
Quake," other ID's as "Double 99 The Quake." ID on hour as
"KQKE, The Quake," but don't know if AM still KSUR. Called
station, got answering service who didn't know! Wait till
next MM to officially ID. (RW-CA) (JH heard their FM ID at
1551, a normal time of hour for FM ID's. AM ID may be
"buried" somewhere around there also.--NH)
- 830 *KPLS* CA, Orange 12/21 0627 with OC, CKKY in alone on freq. (RW)
- 890 WLS IL, Chicago 12/24 0330 good all alone with "Talkradio 89
and 94.7 FM." (PM-OR)
- 900 KNUI HI, Kahului 12/19 0315 very good with Hawaiian/U.S. pop
music, with a Christmas song in every 4th or 5th song.
Hardly a sign of CJVI at all. (PM-OR)
- 920 CKCQ BC, Quesnel 12/24 2005 fair on top of channel with special
Christmas show. (PM-OR)
- 930 CJCA AB, Edmonton 12/25 1520 good with Christmas music, promo
for "Talk of the Town, CJCA." (PM-OR)
- 950 ?KMER? WY, Kemmerer 12/24 0906 weak with man giving weather, in
jumble. (PM-OR)
- 970 KBBK ID, Rupert 12/24 0917 fair to good on top of Portland with
Senior Center News, spots, "KBBK" ID's. (PM-OR)

- 990 KQSB CA, Santa Barbara now carries "Auto Answers" via the People's Network. Heard Santa Barbara caller 12/19 1045 while working at KNRV, say that they were listening over KQSB. (JH-CA)
- 1010 KBIS AR, Little Rock 12/24 with Bruce Williams Talknet, net news at 0400, 0404 net spot, 0405 spot for talk shows on "Talk Back," "All new Talkback KBIS AM 1010," Arkansas Volunteers spot, Little Rock phone number 1-800 given, "on 10-10 KBIS." New. First Arkansas station heard in years. Some KIKI QRM at times. (PM-OR)
+12/25 0230 heard again with talk, KBIS promo. I wonder if they have changed directional patterns, or I just discovered them? (PM-OR)
- 1020 CKVH AB, High Prairie 12/24 2012 fair above jumble with spots for Christmas, High Prairie. (PM-OR)
- 1060 KKDS UT, South Salt Lake City 12/17 1942 very strong, after several children's songs, heard some ads and ID "KKDS 1060, the Imagination Station." New. (JH-CA)
- 1080 KSCO CA, Santa Cruz 12/23 2225 on top of KWJJ with newstalk. KSCO really tears up KWJJ now at night with their lkw. (PM)
- 1190 KNBA CA, Vallejo 12/24 1019 fair u/o KEX with Interstate 80 traffic reports, spots, Central Valley. (PM-OR)
- 1230 KSJK OR, Talent 12/19 1700 ID call "KSJK," and info on "...serving Medford residents for over 26 years." QRM from presumed KQIK, as I heard "Lakeview" mentioned in jumble, C&W music. Earlier at 1645 heard an "NPR" type program in jumble talking about "soil in the Plains," KVAS phased. Now I have heard all Oregon stations, except a call change or two. (PM-OR)
- 1250 KIKC MT, Forsyth 12/24 0900 good with farm reports, reports on grain trading, spots for banks in Miles City, etc, ID at 0900. (PM-OR)
- WTAE PA, Pittsburgh 12/21 with ID at 0541 "WTAE newstime is 5:41," lost under unID station with CNN Headline News, then at 0543 "Good morning, WTAE..." Receiver in upper sideband to get rid of unID carrier. New! Sure hope KKFV stays off for a while! (PM-OR)
- KKFX WA, Seattle 12/18 0420 noted on with jazz program. Apparently they are not signing off at 0300 anymore? It was fun while it lasted! (PM-OR)
- (KKFX)+Apparently off MM 12/21. Strong unID carrier though, no audio. Off MM's only? (PM-OR)
- 1270 KAJO OR, Grants Pass 12/20 1820 very strong with Perry Como program. (PM-OR)
- 1280 KDYL UT, Salt Lake City 12/16 1553 nice ID during EZL format & Christmas music, greeting from member of KDYL staff wishing listeners happy holiday season. Good signal. New here. (JH-CA)
- KUDY WA, Spokane 12/19 1159:55 ID, mixing with KIT. (PM-OR)
- 1320 KCTC CA, Sacramento 12/19 1220 excellent an all alone on freq. with "Sunny 13-20" ID's, talk show on plants. (PM-OR)
- 1340 KATA CA, Arcata 12/19 1222 good above jumble with cluster of spots, "Pure Gold, KATA 1340" ID. (PM-OR)
- CINL BC, Ashcroft 12/22 1527 fair with "NL Sports," spots for Kamloops & Ashcroft. (PM-OR)
- 1400 KUKI CA, Ukiah 12/19 with ID at 1203 briefly above jumble. (PM)
?KATI? WY, Casper 12/23 2243 with spot that sounded like "Right here in Casper," lost in jumble. (PM-OR)
- 1480 KRXR ID, Gooding 12/23 2240 "12 songs in a row," "AM stereo," spots. No sign of KBMS Vancouver. (PM-OR)
- 1490 ?KOWL? CA, South Lake Tahoe 12/15 1935 believe this is what I had with DJ giving call as "KRLT and ...AM 1490," into sports trivia quiz, gave 800 number & local number. Into music. Faded out. Poor. There is an FM station KRLT in South Lake Tahoe. (JH-CA) (M St. Directory says KOWL & KRLT are sister stations, with same owners and address.--NH)
- KSYC CA, Yreka 12/19 1234 ID "Best Country KSYC" ID. (PM-OR)
- KCID ID, Caldwell 12/23 2306 "This has been KCID World News." (PM-OR)

KDBM MT, Dillon 12/23 2300 "Now it's time for ABC news on KDBM Dillon," into ABC news. (PM-OR)
?KMCW? MT, Great Falls 12/23 2256 "If you're driving here in Great Falls" and gave what sounded like road conditions. Listed as only 300 watts. Sounded like they went into Christmas music. (PM-OR)
KRRR OR, Roseburg 12/20 good on top at 1600 with C&W music and ID. (PM-OR)
KENE WA, Toppenish 12/21 0433 good with "14-90 KENE" ID. (PM)
1510 KTID CA, San Rafael 12/20 1807 fair o/u KGA with Christmas music. (PM-OR)
1600 KATZ MO, St. Louis 12/24 0040 "16 minutes of non-stop Christmas music on KATZ, AM 1600." Above KBBX. (PM-OR)

LOCAL NEWS

700 KQKE CA, Soledad despite an office worker telling me over the phone that they would be on 24 hours now, they still sign off at 0300 after one week into their new country format. (JH-CA)
1240 KNRY CA, Monterey another change due to a bartered program. Larry King now ends at 0200. Then, Tuesday-Sunday KNRY carries a music show 0200-0800 called "The Perfect Blend," jazz, blues, Motown, etc, with DJ Buddy Lowe. Also, today, 12/19 1100, UPI news came on the People's net feed instead of usual USA net news. Monday, Best of King 0100-0800. (JH-CA)
1370 KEEN CA, San Jose per local newspaper article, has lost lease on transmitter site and is expected to go dark 1/1/93 until "mid '93" when they will appear with new format. That will open a nice frequency here! (RW-CA)
1540 KLAU CA, Capitola dropped Sports Byline USA M-F 2200-0100 and went back to regular "Kool Gold" satellite oldies, after the only other oldies station in this market (KHIP-FM) dropped that format. (JH-CA)

DX TESTS

960 ?KGWA? OK, Enid 12/21 0100-0130 may have heard bits of TT way under mess, but unsure, in KABL null. May have even heard code ID, but again not sure, just too weak to copy. Not enough for report. (RW-CA)
1150 (KNED) OK, McAlester 12/21 0200-0230 DX test tried, not heard thru bad KLOK-1190/KRAK-1140 splash. KBAI also in too strong on 1150. (RW-CA)

UNIDS

1060 12/17 1928-1930 poor, several ads for Las Vegas businesses. Sounded like talk, but thought I heard woman say they were going off for the night & to tune to FM station. Very poor. (JH-CA) (KKVV Las Vegas is religious.--NH)
1250 12/21 0427 CNN Headline News all-news station here weak. (PM-OR)
1250 12/21 oldies station popped up at 0515. May have been // to KIKI-830. (PM-OR)
1250 12/21 0531 preacher here (WREN?), CNN Headline station QRM. (PM)
1250 12/21 0615 Sports Entertainment Net fair. Nothing listed. Who? (PM-OR)
1250 12/21 0631 Black R&B type station faded up briefly. (PM-OR)
1250 12/21 0700 CBS news. (PM-OR)
1290 12/21 0523 unID TT under KMEN, looping ESE. KCUB also in there, so not them. (RW-CA)

There was a lot of good DX reported this week. Pat Martin was lucky enough to hear WTAE-1250. Good catch, Pat! I guess it is "official" now--the 1993 convention will be in Billings. John and Larry will be great convention hosts. Bill, Billy, Melanie and I all plan to be there. The last time Bill & I attended a convention was in 1985 (Portland) so we will be looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting some new ones!



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- [SA-MB] = Shawn Axelrod, 30 Becontree Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2N 2X9
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- [TMJ-IL] = Tom Jasinski, 419 North Raven, Shorewood, Illinois 60435-9640
FRG-7, Quantum loop, 2 1/2 foot loop.
- [JcJ-MT] = Your editor using an Icom IC-R71A with a "Radio West" loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 710 WUFF GA, Eastman. 12/12 fair to poor w/WGN slop. 0804-0810. End of news, spot for Chevy truck dealer in nearby Hazlehurst, GA. Mentioned call letters. [TMJ-IL]
- 810 CKJS MB, Winnipeg. 12/11 good in WGY null. 0130-0200 with rock music, sports news, weather and a simple "CKJS Radio" IDs. First time heard, also in good at same time 12/12. [TMJ-IL]
- 830 CKKY AB, Wainwright. 12/13 strong. 0705 with C&W music. Talk of AB and IDing as "All Hit Country" or as "Key 83." [SA-MB]
- 1110 KRCX CA, Roseville. 12/21 good to weak, alone. 1057 with ID in EE "KRCX Roseville, Sacramento, Stockton." into SS news. 1100 SS talk and music. Needed for follow up report. [JcJ-MT]
- 1280 KVOX MN, Moorehead. 12/13 good o/u/WWTC. 0750 with EZL music, local spots for Fargo/Moorehead. No longer C&W, ID "Easy Listening KVOX AM 12-80." [SA-MB]
- 1430 WCKN IN, Indianapolis. 12/6 good. 1805 with C&W music. "WCKN Real Country" ID. EX-WFXF, WXTZ, WIRE. [SA-MB]
- 1450 KBFI ID, Bonner's Ferry. 12/7 very good, on tip. 0903 with Ai News, spots for Sand Point into weather. PSA and ID "We're KBFI Bonner's Ferry, Idaho." [SA-MB]
- KBUN MN, Bemidji. 12/12 good. 1822 with "24 hours a day, you're with the all new KBUN AM 14-50 Sports Radio." Now all sports. [SA-MB]
- KEYY UT, Provo. 12/12 poor u/WELY. 0759 with "KEYYY" ID. New for me. [SA-MB]
- WELY MN, Ely. 12/12 poor. 0750 with EZL music, weather for Ely. ID into Ac news. New for me. [SA-MB]
- 1500 WLWQ MI, Detroit. 12/7 good o/KSTP. 1530 w/religious program & "WLWQ" ID. [SA-MB]

DX TESTS

- 1020 WRIX SC, Watson Village. 12/7 good w/KDKA, KTNQ. 0206, 0209, 0228 very clear code IDs. New for me, SC#2. [SA-MB]
- 1100 KNZZ CO, Grand Junction. 12/14 DX Test. 0500-0600 spot checked this frequency, heard several good code IDs under WWWWE. [TMJ-IL]
- 1280(WABK)ME, Gardiner. 12/14 DX Test. 0230-0300 listened for test, semi-local WBIG nulled. Heard TT at 0259 and past top of hour for a few minutes. Not sure who this was. Nothing else recognizable. Possible WONW in there music too. [TMJ-IL]
- 1370(WDEA)ME, Ellsworth. 12/14 DX Test not heard here. Dosed off - missed it!!! [TMJ-IL]

unIDs

- 920 unID 12/2 poor. 0730 with Classical flute music. Looped SE. WBAA? [SA-MB]

CDXR Continued....

- 1010 unID 12/13 fair. 1946 with talk about a Dallas Cowboys game and other sports talk. KBBW? [SA-MB]
- 1120 unID 12/18 weak to poor in partial KMOX null. 2230-2330 with talk show. Mentioned a Don McDonald. Talk about finance. 1993 NRC log shows only KMOX and KPNW with talk. Question. What does the format "FLK" mean for WADN? [TMJ-IL]
{How about "Finance Talk" for "FLK"? John.}

25 YEARS AGO

January 13, 1968 issue of IRCA's DX Monitor....Bruce Portzer of Seattle, WA received a verie from CJOY-1460 for Providence #4....New member Patrick Martin of Seaside, OR mentioned he was 18 and moved to Seaside from Seward, AK..... Walt Breville of St. Louis, MO mentioned his totals, 43 states and 735 stations....Dave Johnson returned to Pueblo, CO for his junior year at South Colorado State College.

OPEN MIKE

The truth is more important than the facts. - Frank Lloyd Wright. 1993 is herel Make plans now to be in Billings June 25-26-27 for the IRCA Convention. You won't want to miss the view from the antenna farm. If you want Montana travel information sent to you, write or request in a forum. 73, John.

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R-70, longwire
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- (LH) LYNN HOLLERMAN-514 Carrsbrook Road-Huntsville AL 35803
DX-440 w/internal antenna
- (*LH) DXing in Rensselaer IN with same equipment
- (WPT) WILLIAM P. TOWNSHEND-4500 Connecticut Ave. NW #901-Washington DC
20008-4326 - Sony ICF-2010
- (ed) The editor at home with modified Philco-Ford car radio,
DX-440, 2' box loop, Autek QF-1

* OF SPECIAL INTEREST *

- 550 WKRC OH, CINCINNATI Heard this anmt at top of hour many times
now: "This was WKRC, Cincinnati, the home of the Bengals,
five-fifty WLW." (GVH) (see "Other Stuff." -ed)
- 910 WLAS NC, JACKSONVILLE now simulcasts WITN-TV Channel 7 nx at
both 1800 and 2300 7 days a week. (MH)
- 970 WFLA FL, TAMPA this BCB stn has a shortwave // on 25870 kHz.
Noted in FM mode 12/13 2020-2045 w/sports phone in show.
Have checked 12/14-16, but not noted again. Seems sporadic.
Rptd to be a 100 wt Motorola into a halfwave. Something to
try for, and they do QSL. (MH) (Re your concern about rele-
vancy, Mike, ALL BCB // operations are relevant. Thks -ed)
- 1260 WZBD NC, EDENTON simulcasts WITN-TV Channel 7 nx weekdays at
1800 per TV promo. (MH)

* THE REPORT *

- 570 KLIF TX, DALLAS 12/7 0331-0334 "Talk Radio 5-70, KLIF," into
ad for local area, PSA, ad for "Talk Radio Event Countdown"
Into rebroadcast of talk show. Xlnt. (LH)
- 850 WYLF NY, PENN YAN 11/9 1735 nx, wx by m. Freq ments Hammonds-
port. (WPT)
- 950 WJPC IL, CHICAGO 12/7 0400-0417 "WJPC Chicago 950 AM," into
rap mx. Heavy QRM on this freq. WJPC's signal faded severe-
ly, lots of country mx QRM as well. (LH)
- 960 KZIM MO, CAPE GIRARDEAU 12/14 0157-0215 rebroadcast of Bruce
Williams & Talknet. CBS nx on hour. Wx a/0204, then "thanks
for listening to the ... news/sports 960 - KZIM." Back to
Talknet. Dominated freq afterward. (LH)
- 990 WHOO FL, ORLANDO 12/20 0330 pr-gd w/70s oldies (Boston, Kansas
etc.) IDs as "Q-96 FM, Orlando's best rock." Listed as new
station, it is definitely on. (There probably goes my last
chance at CBY. With two all tx stns (WEEB, WIVK) I did have
a chance, but w/rock on the freq? Doubtful.) (ed)
- 1070 *KNX* CA, LOS ANGELES 12/20 0139 weak but readable u/WIBC and
CHOK with "KNX 1070, 21 before 11." Traffic and wx, freq
use of calls. Finally bagged this, CA #3. (GVH)
- 1090 WJKM TN, HARTSVILLE 12/13 1818 GOS & Xmas mx, TC & "32 degrees
in the City of Trees." Gave calls during invitation to come
by studios in Hartsville. New for me. (GVH)
- 1150 KLRG AR, N. LITTLE ROCK 11/26 1852-1901 "... coming up on the
DIGITAL (?) all new KLRG, N. Little Rock." Community anmts
(who's preaching where,) into REL mx. (*LH) (Wonder what's
meant by the "digital" reference, Lynn - I didn't think any
stations had digital capacity yet. ? -ed)

- & 12/21 0154 caught just as I came on freq xint w/"on KLRG"
Into GOS mx. Faded but still there. New. (ed)
- WGGH IL, MARION 11/16 1901 ID heard amid QRM. (*LH)
- 1210 KOKK SD, HURON 12/13 1829 fr/gd in WOGL null w/call ment during
contest details, and during an ad for "Randalls." TC at
1833 and wx. Calls again, into Dolly Parton. SD #2. (GVH)
- 1280 WWOK IN, EVANSVILLE 12/14 0230-0242 "Bring Back The Old Times"
by Barry Manilow (can't do it, Barry - hi! -ed) "We're OK
Radio, AM 1280" and DJ tx about digital compact cassettes.
Into Mac Davis mx, more IDs, mx, and DJ tx. (LH)
- 1360 WGEE WI, GREEN BAY 12/13 1653 fr in crowd w/car dealer ad, CL
ID and "Number One Country" slogan. Not new, but they don't
visit here very often. (GVH) (And never here! -ed)
- 1370 ?WCOA? FL, PENSACOLA 12/14 0155-0157, 0200-0229 ads, Talknet re-
broadcast. Strong. QRM from a C&W mx station, also sounds
like a phone ringing. No positive ID heard. (LH) (They do
carry Talknet, Lynn -ed)
- 1440 WGIG GA, BRUNSWICK 11/11 1659 auto dealer ad, ID by f/ancr.
Good. (WPT)
- 1470 ?WABB? AL, MOBILE 12/20 0300-0330 mostly buried in jumble, and
fighting annoying het. Up a/0325 w/"This is "N-W-T": news/
talk radio for the Gulf Coast." BRN type programming, all
national spots. As for "N-W-T", I am not understanding that
reference. Has there been a call change? (ed)
- 1540 WTBI SC, PICKENS 11/13 1745 end of GOS pgm, s/off. Ex WPKZ.
Good. (WPT)
- 1550 WMDH IN, NEW CASTLE 12/12 0139 Indiana Pacers bsktball. No ID
at network break 0103. Legal ID at end of game 0139. QRM
from CBE until their s/off a/0108. New. (GVH)

* unIDs *

- 710 unID 12/13 1725 pr w/C&W mx, live ancrr w/ments of "97.5 FM." No
calls. Gone before any ID. Looping N-S. Who's this? (GVH)
(Very likely WUFF-GA, Greg. -ed)

* DX TESTS *

- 570 (WMAN) WI, MARINETTE 12/7 0200-0400 no sign of it. (LH)
- 950 (KJR) WA, SEATTLE 12/7 0400-0430 no sign of it. (LH)
- 960 ?KNEB? NE, SCOTTSBLUFF 12/14 0200-0230 perhaps TTs heard a/0217,
0226. KZIM strong. (LH)
- ?KGWA? OK, ENID 12/21 0100-0130 w/local WFIR, Reloj tones & time
pips, and awful low freq het that made copy of even WFIR
impossible at times, hard to believe I heard anything, but
at 0107, in a short dead air period, definitely three tones
of exactly the same speed and timbre that J.D. uses: prob.
"0" in code. (ed)
- 1150 KNED OK, McALESTER 12/21 0200-0230 def heard code IDs a/0216:
very crowded channel, but presence of KLRG pointed to good
cx in that direction. OK #8. (ed)
- 1280 *WABK* ME, GARDINER 12/14 0257 poor w/TTs u/WPXY. (WPT)
(WABK) 12/14 0230-0300 no sign of it. (LH)
- 1370 (WDEA) ME, ELLSWORTH 12/14 no sign. (LH)
- 1540 WSMI IL, LITCHFIELD 11/25 0100-0110 heard pretty clearly w/QRM
from CHIN. (LH) (re your ?, Lynn, you rptd the 10/28 test
as "tentative." -ed)

* OTHER STUFF *

From LYNN: "By the way, by 'SP' (referring to previous EDXR rpt -ed) I
meant "Spanish"... a habit I got into from NASWA a few years back."
The "better late than never dept": almost a year ago, both Mike Hards-
ter and I reported an unID CLA stn on 1570. The NRC Log now lists WQAI-



QSL

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FREQ	CALL	NAME and TITLE	ADDRESS	WHAT	WHEN	WHO
530	TIS	H J Gibson Jr, MaintStaffE	Dept of Transportation, P O Box 25201 P+ Raleigh NC 27611-5201			MH
670	KBOI	Willis Frahm, CE	P O Box 1280 Boise ID 83701	Q	120	MS
740	KIDR	John R Hadle, CE	3719 N 32nd Ave Phoenix AZ 85017	R	19	Jcj
840	KDBS	Paul Bjornstad, O	2365 Bonnie View Dr Eugene OR 97401	P	9f	PM
1010	KTUR	Address update	58 S Main Toole UT 84074			MS
1030	KDUN	Signer illegible, OpsM	P O Box 147 Reedsport OR 97467	R	12	Jcj
1310	KFVR	Lynn Goodman, PubRel	P O Box 1089 Crescent City, CA 95531	L	7	PM
1330	KUPL	John Wilson, Asst CE	6400 SW Canyon Ct Portland OR 97221	LB	30	MS
1450	KNOT	Paul Hurt, PD	P O Box 151 Prescott AZ 86302	LB	30	MS
	KMSL	Pat Gittings, StnM	525 Central Ave Great Falls MT 59401	L	6	Jcj
	KLBM	Bryan Christle, P	P O Box 907 La Grande OR 97850	R	9	Jcj
1470	KWOG	L M "Doc" Horton, O	255 N Russell Ave Douglas WY 82633	L	12	Jcj
1480	KFMQ	Bob Quale, ProductionDir	1540 S 70th Suite 200 Lincoln NE 68506	L	8	Jcj
1610	TIS	H J Gibson Jr, MaintStaffE	Dept of Transportation, P O Box 25201 P+ Raleigh NC 27611-5201			MH
1620	1PPP	Bill Wilson, Man	Barton Hwy Gungahlin ACT 2912 Australia	L	179	PM
	WNZA955	LaDonna Cooper, AdminSec	Pebble Beach Commun Services Dist Forest Lake & Lopez Rds Pebble Beach CA 93953	L	10	LG

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

According to John, the calls and addresses for KMSL and KWOG are listed incorrectly in the 1993 NRC log. He indicates that KMSL's telephone # is 406-761-2800 and their FAX # is 406-452-9467, and that KWOG's telephone # is 307-358-3636 and their FAX # is 307-358-3656. Note that the signer for Larry's QSL from WNZA955 is different from the signer of Pat Martin's QSL from the same station reported last month. Finally, Mike H. enclosed North Carolina TIS information that he is also sending to Bill Hardy for the Almanac. Nice turn-out this month! This column was prepared on 12/26/92. Happy holidays! 73, SSH

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Randy Stewart, 4225 W La Casa, Springfield, MO 65802-5615

[12/16] Some interesting comments about the DX Monitor/DX News publishing situation... keep if flowing. Ralph's suggestion (abandoning the weekly schedule during the season) sounds plausible to me. The only really timely information we would need to worry about in DX tests... and if any last-minute info needed to go out before the next publication date, perhaps postcards could be sent out. Changing the subject, Dallas Lankford's latest installment in his love/hate relationship with the Drake R8 was interesting but, for me, a bit inconclusive. Let's hear from other owners/users of the R-8 - like Mark Connelly and Patrick Martin: have you noted similar problems with sensitivity/noise, IMD, etc.? And if so, how serious do you perceive the problems to be? Maybe we were expecting too much from an under-\$1000 (barely) receiver. Just think - the HQ-180A retailed for \$600 when it was last built in 1970 or so - what would that be in 1993 dollars? Also, I've been seeing ads in Monitoring Times for a new G.E. Superadio III, with the same specs as the old models (7-7/8" ferrite rod, 4 tuned IF circuits on AM, etc.) with the addition of a "wide/normal" AM bandwidth filter. Anyone used one? Comments? Some interesting tidbits from recent issues of Radio World: in October a few Federal laws were approved that would require the FCC (finally) to select an AM stereo standard within a year - but Leonard Kahn is still pushing his patent infringement suit against Motorola/C-Quam & GM .. and if they make AMAX standards a requirement for receiver builders, the Electronic Industry Assoc. fears the added expense will put new AM radios out of the reach of some of the public they're trying to reach (they say adding AM stereo and AMAX standards to an AM portable could "double" the price). And in the Dec. 9 RW, I saw an ad announcing a new "Super Gospel Country" Radio (satellite) Network, "an innovative new idea for radio targeting the 25+ audience.. Hot! New! Christian Country Format.. 24-hour digital stereo from Nashville".. Just what we need **ANOTHER** segmented format! 73 from the Ozarks.

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Today Dec. 24 1992 is the last day KGIL 1260 airs its talk format. At noon they'll simulcast their FM, KMGX 94.3 until Jan. 5, then leave the air and go silent. Unsure if AM call will change to KJQI per a story in local paper Dec. 22. Story says approx. Jan 15, 1260 will sign-on simulcasting with 540 KJQI with a nostalgia format similar to what KMPC 710 did for years. That programming will originate at the KKGQ FM studios in W. Los Angeles. I plan to record some of the 1260 programs as time goes on. I really want to record the sign-off Jan 5 and new sign-on about Jan 15 if I can find out exact times. When local signal is silent I may be able to hear KOIT. Also Garry Parton, an ex-member, says 1370 KEEN is to go silent Dec 31 due to lease expiration of tower site. Unknown where owners will locate a new site on when 1370 will go back on. Doubtful if country will be aired on returning. Hope all of you members had a good holiday season and good luck in 1993. 73.

Jim Hilliker, 1705 Withers Ave #14, Monterey, CA 93940-1569

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[12/23] I am thrilled that Ralph will stay on for the time being as publisher and that IRCA won't have to merge with NRC! The club would never be the same if that happened, believe me. Back in the mid-70's to early-80's when I was primarily a SW DXer, all the AM DXers I knew in SoCal except for one or two, were IRCA members. I read both DXM and DX News when I decided to get more into AM DXing myself and chose to join IRCA based on a gut feeling I had about the overall membership. This is my 11th DX season as an IRCA member and I haven't regretted my choice of clubs one bit. But how long can Ralph continue? We have to keep in mind someone else will eventually have to take over someday if our club is to survive. On to

something else. Larry Godwin - the Pebble Beach TIS on 1620 (WNZA 955) was on in Oct. and Nov., but sometimes had very low modulation at times, or the woman sometimes was recorded way off mike, making her sound like she was in a barrel and could barely be heard. Then, the stn was silent for some reason after Thanksgiving with only an open carrier! I called them on 12/16. The man who answered the phone had a foreign accent and was a bit difficult to understand. When I explained that their station on 1620 was off the air, he kept telling me that it was on and there must be something wrong with my radio! Again, I said that it always had a strong signal here, and that the transmitter was on, but there was no audio. About a minute later, the tape recorded message came on. When he got back on the phone, he again insisted that it always had been on! I just told him that it was coming in again and left it at that. When I told him I was from an AM band DX club and some of our members had written after hearing the station in MT, WA and OR, he said "We were wondering how it was heard so far away. I guess they were listening on shortwave." Hi. I just told him the antenna system was probably very efficient, thanked him for checking on the station's programming and said goodbye. After a week or so, I notice they run two messages over and over for 5-10 minutes before IDing and then play the other tape explaining the station's purpose. [continued next issue - rcw]

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[12/20] Greetings! I've just compiled a list of all known beacons on 1610-1750 kHz. from sources including IRCA Almanac and DXWW-II, and am happy to send a copy along to anyone interested. I've only heard four of them and there must be 100, he. Gilfer Associates is offering the 1993 WRTH at a pre-publication, discount price of \$18.95 including shipping (no credit cards!). Send your check to 52 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ 07656. Gilfer mailed out promotional cards for the WRTH last year, but not in '92. Pat M., your India QSL is exquisite. I liked the old "posed topic" idea for DX Techniques; it focused attention on interesting concepts. Good DX and 73.

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[12/20] Only one new verie to report. KZBQ-1290 finally verified. Sometimes you have to wait a few years between reports. This was my 3rd report to them. Those of you who have been watching the progress on the RBDS standard will hear official announcement of the standard's approval at the Winter Consumer Electronics Show in January. I understand about 5 Las Vegas stations will be broadcasting RBDS signals, and RBDS encoder information will provide set-up an support during the show. Most major receiver manufacturers will take part in a joint display and demonstration of RBDS receivers. Hopefully one of our IRCA members will attend WCES and will provide first hand information. Be sure to set aside June 25, 26, and 27th to be in Billings for the 1993 IRCA Convention. Items for the annual auction can be sent anytime to my address. See you there! 73, John.

Your Editor

As 1992 comes to a close, let me thank the many contributors during the year for their fine efforts to make this column one of substance and interest. I really can't respond to all of you individually, but your personal notes and supportive comments that often accompany your Forums are deeply appreciated. One last item - Steve Mittman advises us that he has made a 6-hour videotape of the local TV highlights of the recent LA riots - "history in the making". He will send any IRCA member a FREE copy sometime in February just for the writing. His address is P.O.Box 3222, Seal Beach, CA 90740-2222; his new phone # is (310) 833-8888.

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Time becoming incredibly precious around here of late; I'm down to less than 5 hours sleep a night now and, unfortunately it isn't because I'm DXing all night, hi. I did manage to try a couple of tests a few weeks ago but fell asleep at the dials so I missed them. By the way, a tip of the hat to J.D.Stephens for setting up all the tests the past few years...thanks for a thankless job well done. I just finished a quickie review of the new General Electric Superadio III and sent it to HQ's. The bottom line? It's a loser, due to GE's engineering and manufacturing short-cuts (lousy sensitivity, birdies; good FM audio, though). The Superadio Models A, B, and II were excellent in most all respects. The III changes the circuitry and excellent engineering of those models to save a few bucks and ruins performance in the process. If you want a Superadio, try to locate a left-over Model II; forget the III and its \$10 clock radio AM performance. I've received a few questions about the Quantum Loop...According to my calculations, its "effective height" is about 19 inches; that is, its signal gathering ability is about the same as a 1-1/2' box loop with a 40+ dB amplifier. Its sensitivity falls somewhere between my 3-foot, inductively couple box loop with 18 dB amplifier (which I used for years) and a 4-foot directly coupled box loop with single-stage amp. Also, like all loops, the deepest nulls of locals are produced when the coil is tilted so that the coil's smallest dimension is perpendicular to the signal. On the air-core loops, this is the open end of the windings; on the Quantum (because the coil diameter is smaller than its length), the deepest null is when the strong signal to be nulled is perpendicular to the body of the coil. Incidentally, I've printed up some descriptive brochures (with photos and user comments) of the Quantum Loop. If you'd like one, a large SASE will get it to you. Backlogged orders for the loop still resulting in waits of 3-4 weeks. 73's...GT.

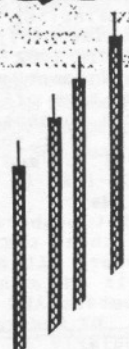
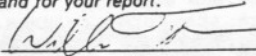

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A number of comments, so here goes. I was also thrown by the wording of the ECC measures on the IRCA ballot. When you read the original proposal, it says one thing, while the ballot seemed to say the opposite. I voted yes (or no) depending on how you look at it. If a substantial number of members were misled, I'm all for throwing it out, clarify the matter, and revote. Folks, when election time comes, remember how people have behaved and expressed themselves. Get out the old DXMs and read them again. We need clear thinking, level headed people at the helm of club government. I am not singling out anyone here, just saying look at your old DXMs, and think seriously about who you nominate and vote for. By the way, have YOU send in YOUR nominations yet? It doesn't matter how much you like the ideas a particular person expresses, that person has to be nominated to run for club office, so get them in before the Jan. 15 deadline. Mike Harvester's comments regarding lack of member input were duly noted here (Mike, I sent you a letter weeks ago ???) but I think most of the members do as I do, and send their comments to Prez Phil. It is true that the Club By-laws do state that PROPOSALS are to be sent to the President. Maybe I have been interpreting that too strictly. It does not say that members shouldn't send ideas and comments to the BoD members. I still think the best platform for such discussions are the Forum columns, where ALL members can see it, and react. That is, unless the matter is of a nature that shouldn't be publicly aired. I think most IRCA members ARE happy with the way things have been going. On a positive note: DX Records lives! The feature is being revived, and will appear irregularly at the end of the EDXR column, depending on how much space I have. For a report form, send me an SASE. I first thought the form should be included in DXM, but

this way, only those who plan to participate will be sent a form, saving the club money and DXM space. Ralph is staying on as pub - oh happy day! IRCA is still alive! 73 and good DX de LLH.

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First, a comment about something Leonard touched on, if you want to run for office, don't wait for someone to nominate you. You are allowed to nominate yourself. Why not? The only requirement is that you have been a member of the club for a year. I found the columns about how to use a computer in DXing to be very handy--and expensive, hi. I went out and bought a copy of the PC Globe 5.0. As Larry Godwin mentioned, it retails for about \$40, but one has to look. I found it at the first place I checked (Office Depot) for \$39.99, but Babbages had it for \$49, Egghead for \$42 plus change, and Office Max had version 4.0 for \$48. Use the phone to check. I installed it on the hard drive this afternoon and started playing with it. I'm not sure yet of the coordinates here at my QTH, but since I have current logs for both AM and FM showing the tower coordinates for all the AM and FM stations in the US and Canada, I started playing with it. Since I know where both the WEMP-1250 and WOKY-920 towers are, I put them in. The program showed 2 miles between them, which I agreed with. So then I plugged in the numbers for WEMP-1250 and WMVP-1290, and discovered that WMVP is 4 miles east/southeast of WEMP. That's not good news, since that means it's not far from my place, which I suspected. Once I got used to playing with the program, it wasn't hard to use, except that it asks for longitude/latitude using a decimal. I wasn't sure how to plug in the degrees/minutes, but when I converted it to a fraction, the program came back and told me it was "hours" and had to be a number under 60. With that, I relaxed. I wonder if the PC USA program has the same database in it, but I wasn't willing to take the chance. It was about ten bucks cheaper. By the way, if you read the box for PC Globe, it doesn't indicate that you can get mileages with it. A few weeks ago, Ernie Cooper mentioned WQXR-1560 NYC changing to WQEW and a new format. I've been listening to it this evening while typing the column, and I love the music. My dad loved classical music so he would have missed the old WQXR, but this is my music. I was trying to get a report set up for them, but nothing really loggable in 35 minutes. WQEW was in great on SSS, but now WPAD is starting to bother them. Must run and get this in the mail tonight. The week between Christmas and New Year's is always rough on the mail. 73.

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IRCA DX TECHNIQUES

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Welcome to the "new" DX Techniques. It's "open season" on all topics: so here we go.

LYNN HOLLERMAN: Lynn mentioned that she and J.D. Stephens have noted a number of DXing "white areas" around Huntsville, AL. She said that J.D. once lived in an apartment complex on the edge of one, and stations on the car radio would fade out as she approached the area. She also mentioned that while only J.D. lives only 7 miles away, there are often drastically different reception conditions at the same time between the two QTH's. (Lynn, I'm sorry to have lost the page of your EDXR report that contained this info, so I could not quote you verbatim. I hope I remembered everything correctly. Feel free to add/correct -ed)

SHAWN AXELROD on TARGET DXing and RECORD KEEPING: Shawn does not use a computer, but he sent copies of three of his record forms: a DX Test Log Form, a DX Test Schedule Form, and a Target Sheet. He mentions that the target sheet helps him when he spots good cx for reception from a specific area, such as MT or WY. He goes to the target sheets to spot needed stations from these areas, and to see if he can "get lucky." The DX Test sheets help him remember upcoming tests (I could use THAT one, hi!) and to log the tests when he hears them. He also VERY GENEROUSLY offered to send copies FREE OF CHARGE to anyone who wants them. "Ask and you shall receive" says Shawn. (Where else can you get service like THAT these days? Thanks for the tips and kind words, Shawn -ed)

ROBERT WIEN: The best MMs to DX are the one when the time is changed back to Standard Time (stations that have signed off before 2 AM will be off the air an hour longer than normal) and the one at the winter solstice (longest night of the year, and should be good cx.) Bob went on to add that SRS is best for West Coasters, SSS for East Coasters.

SRS in the East can be VERY productive, as I am now finding out. Often, dramatically different cx prevail. Before locals start to sign on the possibility exists for excellent openings that do not exist at SSS or during the night. Sign on time is often the only chance a DXer has to log previously unheard stations. I recently logged WLRV-1380, Lebanon VA, a station that has been eluding me for years, right at s/on. In less than a minute, it was gone, buried in the jumble. SRS is good on channels that are usually dominated by a pest station. 1350, with WSLR on top all night, and 1590, with WAKR, are prime examples here: these become a flurry of activity at SRS and local s/on time.

SSS and SRS are special not just because of stations signing on and off. The ionosphere reacts to the change in solar radiation. It seems to become activated, if that's the proper term. Anyway, all DXers who use SSS/SRS know what I mean: openings can occur that won't be present during full nighttime conditions.

One thing I would like to publish is a list of DX/radio related publications. I see references to "Hollow State News," etc. that I know nothing about. If you have a favorite publication, send in the name, address, subscription info, and a brief description of what the publication is about. I will begin publishing them as soon as a few are received, and add to the list as more are come in. Don't assume all the readers know about "Fine Tuning" and "Monitoring Times": many may not. Here's a chance for you to plug your favorite magazine, or one you are involved in producing, so don't hold back!

Received a flyer from Kiwa Electronics, who sells 455 kHz IF filters at reasonable prices. Write to them at 612 S. 14th Avenue, Yakima WA, 98902 for info.

Don't forget: you can send in tips and comments any time to DX Techniques, on this or other subjects. 73 and good DX de LLH.

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