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RENEWALS: Timothy Noonan, Jim Jenkins. Thank you for the renewals.....

ISSUE NUMBER 24: Seems there was some trouble with this DXM. I mailed this DXM on Wednesday Feb 24th and most of you should have received it by Saturday the 27th. My copy has not arrived yet, I should have checked it out on Friday. A trip to the post office is planned early Monday AM. Positive thinking they are probably still there on the rack.....

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TVA AWARD 1993: Below is a list of members that have been nominated for the IRCA's highest award. They will appear on the election ballot that will appear in a DX Monitor that will be published in a March issue.....

1993 TED VASILOPOULOS AWARD

The Ted Vasilopoulos Award is our club's highest honor. Ted Vasilopoulos was a founding charter member of IRCA who died in 1965. This award in his honor is presented to the IRCA member who has contributed the most to IRCA and the DX hobby during the past year, as determined by a vote of IRCA members. The winner receives a plaque and a year's free membership in IRCA.

The following people have been nominated for the 1993 Ted Vasilopoulos Award. Please choose one.

- Shawn Axelrod - for regularly contributing much useful information to DX Monitor, and for his editing of "Hearing It Through the Grapevine."
- Mark Connelly - for consistent and outstanding technical articles in DX Monitor.
- Nancy Hardy - for her outstanding work in editing Western DX Roundup, and for encouraging members to DX, both through her column and by creating interesting contests.
- John C. Johnson - for his time and energy in editing Central DX Roundup for every issue of DX Monitor since 1986, and for bringing the 1993 IRCA convention to Billings.
- J.D. Stephens - for outstanding results arranging DX tests in his first two seasons as chairman of the Courtesy Programs Committee, for creating information exchange and cooperation between IRCA and NRC, and for hosting the 1992 IRCA convention.

IRCA DX TEST BULLETIN

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1993 - KPCR-1530, P.O. BOX 1, BOWLING GREEN, MO 63334 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 1:00 - 3:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE AND VARIOUS PROGRAMMING. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. J. PAUL SALOIS - GENERAL MANAGER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1993 - KTNS-1090, 40356 OAK PARK WAY, OAKHURST, CA 93644 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 3:00 - 4:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE AND AN UNSPECIFIED SELECTION OF MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. LARRY GAMBLE - GENERAL MANAGER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1993 - KKR-1180, 1001 FARNHAM-ON-THE-MALL, OMAHA, NE 68102 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FOR A 15 MINUTE PERIOD BETWEEN 1:00 AND 1:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE AND POSSIBLY MARCH MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. ALLEN SHERRILL - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1993 - KWKY-1150, ~~1150~~ BOX 662, DES MOINES, IA 50303 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 1:00 - 1:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE, TONES, VOICE ID'S AND MARCH MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. HOWARD KLING - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1993 - 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, MARCH 27, 1993 - WECO-940, P.O. BOX 100, WARTBURG, TN 37887 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 12:00 & 12:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE, TONES, AND BLUEGRASS MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. CARL STUMP - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1993 - WLKW-790, 75 OXFORD STREET, SUITE 401, PROVIDENCE, RI 02905 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 12:00 & 12:15 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JEFFREY LALUMIERE - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1993 - WCPM-1280, 101 KELLER STREET, CUMBERLAND, KY 40823 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 1:00 & 1:15 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TONES AND VOICE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. J. GEORGE BIBB (KS4K) - PRESIDENT. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

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

IRCA AM-FM ALMANAC UPDATERS:

TALK UPDATER 5.6 COMING SOON!

Publication of Almanac Updater 5.6, originally planned for October, has been delayed, but it is now in the final preparation phase and will be sent soon. It will include the latest information, such as Larry King's move to afternoons, and we'll announce in DXM when it is in the mail. Our apologies for the delays.

Updater 5.6 will feature "Talk Networks 1993," a complete guide to radio talk, with station listings, schedules, formats, title index, and host index.

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

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



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DX Worldwide - West

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DEADLINE: MONDAYS

A good turnout this week after cx have been poor. Fist news from DX AUSTRALIA: The old frequencies that 2NX-1341 KHZ-Newcastle and 2WL-1314 KHZ-Wollongong occupied before moving to FM have now been put to use by the TAB, which broadcasts racing and sporting results on them. Broadcasting times are irregular and there does not appear to be any set operating time. The TAB also plans to expand their network around the country, however many new frequencies will be on FM. This from Chris Martin.

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 760 CUBA, Guanabacoa-Radio Reloj 2/14 0324, poor w/time pips and "R" on the minute (MB-DX)
- 810.3 UNID, 1044 to 1103 1/4, musica romantica causing het on KCMO(CD-OK) (Welcome Carl. Hope you report often.PM)
- 860 CUBA, Radio Reloj 2/14 0358-good, time pips "R" on the minute (MB)
- 940 CUBA, Colon-Radio Reloj- 2/14 0348, time pips "R" on the min.(MB-DX)
- 1020 t MEXICO?, Unid 0817-0837 1/4, ment song by Jorge? TC for 2:20 listener request, poss. slogan "mi gustalo?" faded down 0837, prob. Mexico (CD-OK)
- 1180 CUBA, Radio Rebelde-Havana-2/14 0030, Excellent, ments of Cuba, Totally dominating the freq. on all three wires, WHAM barely in there,SS talk//5025 SW,New. UNID SS underneath,VOA? (MB-DX)
- 1310 t MEXICO, Monterrey-XEVB-0042 to 0109 XEVB call listed WRTH hrd w/ "Radio Trece, Neuva Feberacion" IDs,fair to poor (CD-OK)
- 1430 MEXICO, Ciudad Obregon-XEOX 0951-1003 1/4. Pop/Rock mx "Canal 1430" jingle,ID,ad poss.--Good to poor (CD-OK)
- 1540 MEXICO, Hermosillo-XEHOS-0425 to 0439 1/15,XE mx and "La Ponderosa" slogan ID,good to fair (CD-OK)
- 1700 BRAZIL, Maraba-CRJ 2/14 0040 Good-Beacon in Morse Code (MB-DX)
- 2370 MEXICO, Huayacocotla-XEJN-2/14 0315 good Mexican mx (MB-DX)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 540 WESTERN SAMOA, Apia-good over all w/Island mx and man in Somoan at 0815 2/22 (PM-OR)
- 1475 MALAYSIA, Kota Kinabalu-1444 2/16--pop mx,fair to poor, Het from 1476 (Russia or China) running Ort. mx (BP-WA)
- 1521 TAIWAN, Fair w/woman in CC 1455 2/16,man in CC 1459, fanfare,then Tome, easy to separate from KPXX-1520 w/sel. in 1.2 KHZ, plus very careful tweaking of regeneration and tuning controls on loop (BP-WA)
- 1566 REPUBLIC OF KOREA, Cheju-HLAZ 1502 2/16 RR talk and hymns,fair w/CHUB splat (BP-WA)

VERIFICATIONS

- 918 CHINA, Heilungjiang Peoples BCing station-vq from Radio Beijing in 3 months, EE section for report sent to CPBS HQ. Full details shown on card which stated I'd hrd the Heilungjiang Peoples BCing station (BP-WA) (Good QSL,Bruce.PM)
- 1610 AUSTRALIA, Canberra-1PPP sent v/l and postcards in 9 months for taped report v/s Bill Wilson-Admin. Mgr said they will move to 1125 this Fall. (BP-WA)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

- CD-OK** CARL DeWHITT-501 Glendale-Ponca City, OKLAHOMA 74601
Kenwood TS-680S, 134 foot end fed LW, Grove mini tuner,
Sony ICF-6500, internal Ferrite Rod, Autek QF-1A filter
- MB-DX** SHAWN AXELROD & WAYNE McRAE
DXing at Valhalla DX Site, 2 ICOM R70 w/Plam Board, with South
Northeast and West Beverages.
- BP-WA** BRUCE PORTZER-6546 19TH AVENUE, NE-SEATTLE WASHINGTON 98115
DXing with Racal RA-17, KIWA Loop.
- PM-OR** YOUR EDITOR
DXing with Drake R8, SP-600-JX17, Term. 200' SW/NE Wire, 1500'
Term. Eastern Beverage, 1600' NNW Term. Beverage, Ground radial
system.

AM **67 KBOI**

Station Profile

AM 67 KBOI is the 50,000 watt "Voice of Idaho." As the station in Idaho that reaches the most territory in the state, **KBOI** is serving as the official radio station of Idaho's Centennial.

AM 67 KBOI is the recognized leader in the state when it comes to full service radio. Strong personalities host **KBOI's** popular formula of music, entertainment, news and information in an adult contemporary format.

"Continuous Entertainment" captures the feeling of **AM 67 KBOI**. **KBOI** boasts the largest experienced radio news staff in the state. That along with mutual news, our own commuter traffic reporter, Idaho's most recognized weather personality and the state's premier sportscaster covering the sports scene makes **AM 67 KBOI** the one to turn to for entertainment, information, news and sports plus favorite songs of the 60's, 70's and 80's.

KBOI also serves as the "Voice of the Boise State University Broncos," broadcasting play-by-play action for Idaho's largest university in football and basketball. **KBOI** is there, home and away for every Boise State game, bringing that action to Idaho and the west.

A big part of the **KBOI** success story lies in our commitment to community involvement. **AM 67 KBOI** is a very big part of Idahoans daily lives. We know what is important to the Idaho lifestyle and we're there to enhance that lifestyle.

AM 67 KBOI ... full service radio ... for professional entertainment, news, information, sports, weather, great music, community service and involvement by very proud Idahoans. Twenty-four hours a day, **AM 67 KBOI** works very hard to perform at the highest level of professionalism ... and we have been for over 40 years!



WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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

REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:

- (SA) Shawn Axelrod-30 Beacontree Bay-Winnipeg, MB R2N 2X9
- (DG) Dennis Gibson-442 Ellwood Beach Dr. #3-Goleta, CA 93117
GE Superadio II & III, Sony ICF-2010, Select-a-tenna
(DG-CA1) DX'ing in Santa Barbara, CA with Ford Taurus car radio
- (JH) Jim Halliker-1705 Withers Ave. #14-Monterey, CA 93940
GE Superadio with built-in antenna
- (PM) Patrick Martin-P.O. Box 843-Seaside, OR 97138
Drake R8, SP-600-JX17, 1500' east Beverage term., 1600' NNW
Beverage term., 200' SW/NE wire term., radial ground system
- (SMM) Steve Mittman-P.O. Box 3222-Seal Beach, CA 90740-2222
- (BN) Bill Nittler-Box 824-Mancos, CO 81328
- (MS) Mike Sanburn-P.O. Box 1256-Bellflower, CA 90707
GE Superadio II
- (PT) Pete Taylor-2614 Jackson Street-San Francisco, CA 94115
Radio Patrolman SW60
- (RW) Robert Wlen-1309 Dentwood Dr.-San Jose, CA 95118
GE Superadio, GE long-range portable, SM-2

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1550 KZQQ UT, West Valley City using these calls in Spanish. Have not heard the English C&W in weeks. ID 1230 in Spanish with these calls on 2/15. (BN-CO)
- 1600 KBBX UT, Centerville 2/15 1028 good way over KGST in KLIV-1590 null with weather for Wasatch Front, "Back to the Bible" program, ID on hour "AM 1600, KBBX, Centerville." Did they change calls back to this from KUMT? Not heard as KUMT! (RW-CA) (See next tip from Bill.--NH)
+Heard with several KBBX ID's on 2/15 1215-1228, so apparently did not change calls but is duplicating KUMT programming at night as heard 2/14 on hour as "Utah's Mountain, KUMT 105.7." (BN-CO)
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- 540 (KOJY) CA, Costa Mesa 2/8 0450 totally off this MM, nothing much on frequency. (MS-CA)
- 570 KCNO CA, Alturas now carries People's net "Auto Answers" Saturday mornings. (JH-CA)
- 700 KQKE CA, Soledad 2/6 0100 in strong with C&W music & promo for Lori Morgan concert. (MS-CA)
- 830 KFLT AZ, Tucson 2/8 1454 very weak but listenable; about 600 miles at noontime. KPLS off. (DG-CA1)
- KPLS CA, Orange 2/11 1007 s/on with new all children's format (satellite delivered Radio Aahs); // KCTQ-850 signed on with same at 1020. Legal ID's are "KPLS Orange-Los Angeles and KCTQ Thousand Oaks-Ventura." Article on new format in 2/11 Los Angeles Times. Slogan "Family Radio for all of Southern California." (DG-CA)
+KPLS & co-owned KCTQ-850 returned to the air Th 2/11 following a 6-day SP with new English format as affiliates of the Children's Satellite Network (known over the air as "Radio Aahs"). Local Orange County programming will be added gradually. Slogan is "Family Radio," and except for legal ID's, all frequency ments are "AM 830" (which must confuse kids listening to the 850 station!). NOTE: Religious KFRN-1280 Long Beach-Los Angeles also uses "Family Radio" slogan! (SMM-CA) (And religious KFLT-830 Tucson AZ uses slogan "Family Life Radio."--NH)

- +2/13 0600-0700 fair to good with new children's format, ex-Spanish. ID "Radio Aahs in the Morning" & "Great music for great kids, Radio Aahs." Legal ID 0659 "Radio Aahs is KPLS Orange-Los Angeles and KCTQ Thousand Oaks-Ventura, Family Radio for all of Southern California." Is this net out of Minnesota? And, why is this on overnight when kids are sleeping (hopefully)? (JH-CA) (The head of M Street told Bill it originates at WWTC-1280.--NH)
- +2/14 1230 noted with new Radio Aahs format (ex-Spanish). Dual IDs // KCTQ! Phone 1-800-552-2470. Kids songs by Michael Jackson, Chipmunks, and Robin Williams from movie Aladdin. (MS-CA)
- +2/15 back on air, ex-silent, with children's programming "Radio Aahs" satellite network. Thanks to DG for this tip. (RW-CA)
- ?KPLS?+2/13 1045 presume the new source of "Radio Aahs" Kids programming via satellite. Many mentions of "Southern California Radio," etc. Didn't catch call, but who else. (PM-OR)
- +2/22 1115-1158 presumed them mixing with KNCO with "Great music for great kids," sing-along "hootenany" like music. (PT-CA)
- (KPLS)+2/7 1615 completely off the air. (MS-CA)
- +2/8 off, // KCTQ-850 also off. Article in 2/9 Los Angeles Times said station's 30 employees were given no warning of intention to suspend operations; no mention of future plans; said they went off 2/5. (DG-CA)
- WCCO MN, Minneapolis 2/8 0441 heard well in KPLS silence & after KNCO went off. ID and sports. (MS-CA)
- 840 KVEG NV, North Las Vegas 2/8 1459 good signal--legal ID into news. KPLS-830 & KCTQ-850 off. (DG-CA1)
- 850 (KCTQ) CA, Thousand Oaks 2/7 1616 noted off the air along with partner station KPLS-830. (MS-CA)
- 870 KOWA NV, Laughlin 2/9 2300 heard very loud with classic C&W music (Eddie Arnold, Buck Owens). ID "The Cow, K-O-W, (Moo!)." Spot for Leonards Automotive at 2321. (MS-CA)
- 1240 CJAV BC, Port Alberni 2/19 0930 good on top with C&W profile, local news, spots, while looking (again) for CFNI. (PM)
- 1310 *KDIA* CA, Oakland 2/14 0539 with OC. (RW-CA)
- KIVA NM, Albuquerque 2/8 0211 logged with ID "1310 KIVA-AM," spots mentioned Amana & Army National Guard. ID again 0230. NOS instrumental, and music from West Side Story. (MS-CA)
- 1340 KLKI WA, Anacortes 2/19 0935 good on top with local news. (PM)
- 1370 KGEN CA, Tulare 2/7 2140 thanks to KEEN's absence this was logged in KWRM null with some QRM from KSOP & KPCCO. Solid crystal clear singing ID in English: "KGEN Radio Tulare." Song in Spanish, then a slogan that sounded like "Radio Vovola(?)". CA #296. (MS-CA)
- 1440 CFCP BC, Courtenay 2/19 0940 fair above jumble with Coast Radio ID's, Campbell River/Courtenay news, and road reports. (PM)
- 1470 KBSN WA, Moses Lake 2/15 1050 blowing away KXOA, KELA with ID, while looking for KUFA-UT (KUFA's done something to their transmitter, tough now!). (RW-CA)
- 1590 KZOK WA, Seattle 2/14 "Z Rock" with "KZOK AM 1590" ID 2100. (BN)
- LOCAL NEWS
- 820 TIS CA, Hollywood Bowl WPAC337 in regards to Make Sanburn's recent inquiry as to this station's correct call, I noted it giving this ID: "You're listening to AM Radio 820, the official information station of the Hollywood Bowl. Call sign WPAC337." Station gives info about the Hollywood Bowl and museum. (SMM-CA)
- 840 *KSWB* OR, Seaside now testing, still very distorted off & on, but may be in dummy load, as signal is weaker, and is lost on car radio 2 miles out of Seaside. (PM-OR)
- 1240 KNRY CA, Monterey now uses only CBS news on the hour, ex-USA, UPI & Mutual. Also, CNN Headline news has been dropped

permanently. Has added NBA net for selected NBA games.
(JH-CA)

DX TESTS

- 690 (WZAP) VA, Bristol nothing, too much KRCC, CBU, etc. (PM-OR)
1110 (WNNW) NH, Salem 2/15 0300-0330 DX test tried, not heard, too much
KRLA/KRCX. (RW-CA)
+2/15 0300-0330 not heard; way too much KRLA & thunderstorm
QRN. Did not expect to hear, but tried anyway. (DG-CA)
1280 (KVOX) MN, Moorhead 2/13 0300-0310 not heard; too much KFRN &
jumble. (DG-CA)
+2/13 no sign of tones or anything. Thought this would make
it. Were they on? (PM-OR)
1310 KAAM TX, Dallas 2/8 0245-0353 DX test logged. Code ID's only,
but they were very loud and penetrating. Pitch seemed to
vary in frequency. QRM from KDIA & KIVA. (MS-CA)
1590 (WWCC) PA, Honesdale 2/13 conditions poor 0000-0030. Possible
tones at 0029, but too hard to tell, on east Beverage. (PM)

HELP WITH UNIDS

- 730 CKDM ME, Dauphin PM-OR's unID may be this station as they carry
quite a bit of religious programming, so... (SA-MB)
1070 CBA NE, Moncton PM-OR's unID CBC s/off has to be CBA. I went
thru my lists and this is the only station that would s/off
then. Another nice catch for Patrick. (SA-MB)

UNIDS

- 640 2/15 0728 unID C&W way down in KFI null, way too weak for ID,
faded quickly. Maybe CHOG-ON? (RW-CA)
1370 2/14 1005 country music fair, then faded with KTOM-1380 splat.
Possible KSOP, needed here. UnID Spanish, KGEN or KWRM.
Usually, 1380 stop is so bad, can't hear much on 1370 except
KXTL-MT. (JH-CA)
1370 2/15 0822 unID with "America in the Morning," Mutual news, o/u
KXTL looping N-S. Only KWNC-WA listed with Mutual (and KXTL),
but signal was o/u KXTL! Any other new affiliates? (RW-CA)
1460 2/14 1010 very fadey, poor-fair, two stations, one relig./Gospel,
maybe KTYM. Another sounded like Asian language. (JH-CA)
1490 2/13 0600 poor in mess into CBS news, no ID heard. (JH-CA)

Six different reporters gave five different spellings for the new kids
program on KPXS-830 and KCTQ-850: Radio AAHS, Ahs, Ahhs, Oz, and Ozz!
The Los Angeles Times lists it as Radio AAHS. In keeping with IRCA's
standard slogan format (where capital letters would be spelled out
"A-A-H-S"), we will write the slogan as "Radio Aahs." See you next
week for the special anniversary issue!

IRCA CONTEST STANDINGS

as of Jan. 31, 1993

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	<u>Grand</u>	<u>State/</u>		<u>Jan. Mini</u>	<u>Previous</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Province</u>	<u>Letterama</u>	<u>Contest</u>	<u>Mini</u>
					<u>Contest</u>
Mike Sanburn, CA	486	269	78	8	131
Steve Sprague, KS	283	283	0	0	0
John Johnson, MT	110	75	23	3	9
Bruce Portzer, WA	40	38	2	0	0

Welcome to new contestant Bruce Portzer! Mike Sanburn wins the
January mini-contest. Remember, February "State and Provinces" and
"Letterama" loggings should be postmarked by March 10. March 1-31
mini-contest: Choose one hour per day (7-8am, 5-6pm, 10-11pm, etc.)
and hear as many stations as possible during that hour throughout
March. April will be "log all you can" all month long, which means the
contest is wide open. Contest entries do not have to be "new" catches.
We encourage you to report your "regulars" and "relogs." Every IRCA
member is welcome to join us in any or all of these contests!

Central DX Roundup



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FOR THE RECORD

REPORT ALL TIMES AS EASTERN. DEADLINE: SATURDAYS.

RIDING GAIN

- [VAL-DX]..... DX'pedition at Valhalla Beach, MB 2/13-14
2 Icom IC-R70's with PLAM board and 4kHz filter, W, S, and NE beverages.
Attending: Shawn Axelrod and Wayne McRae of Winnipeg, MB
- [RTE-MO].... Richard T. Eddie, 152 West Rose Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63119-4653
Drake R8, Palomar loop.
- [KDF-IL]..... Karl D. Forth, 2444 West Belle Plaine, Chicago, Illinois 60618
Icom IC-R70, Hammarlund HQ-160, spiral loop, longwire.
- [TMJ-IL]..... Tom Jasinski, 419 North Raven, Shorewood, Illinois 60435-9640
FRG-7 with Quantum loop, RC390A with 2½ foot loop, Sharp QT50.
- [JcJ-MT]..... Your editor using an Icom IC-R71A with Radio West loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 517 **GQ** MO, Kansas City. 2/14 good. 0725 heard this beacon. [VAL-DX]
- 518 **GCT** IA, Guthrie City. 2/14 good. 0724 heard this beacon. [VAL-DX]
- 521 **TO** KS, Topeka. 2/13 good. 2237 heard this beacon. [VAL-DX]
- 540 **WGTO** FL, Pine Hills. 2/14 poor with severe local KUSA-550 splatter. 0105 with "WGTO" weather. [RTE-MO]
- 560 **WHBQ** TN, Memphis. 2/14 poor with severe local KUSA-550 splatter. 0048 with "Sports 56 WHBQ" and sports program from Sports Talk Network. [RTE-MO]
- 580 **KALB** LA, Alexandria. 2/14. 0011 with "KALB 5-80 and KZMZ Power 97. What a great combination." Rock music. [RTE-MO]
- 590 **WOW** NE, Omaha. 2/8 w/local KEZK nulled. 0306 with weather, C&W. [RTE-MO]
- 600 **WMT** IA, Cedar Rapids. 2/14. 1706 with "WMT Weatherline 393-0500." TV show promo into "Musical Memories" program. [RTE-MO]
- 620(WTMJ) WI, Milwaukee. 1/23. 0200 noted off the air Saturday morning leaving strong SS and several unIDs. [KDF-IL]
- 640 **WBOW** IN, Terre Haute. 1/23 strong. 0206 with station promo for "Mystery Song Prize Package." Usually heard days now. [KDF-IL]
- 680 **KFEQ** MO, St. Joseph. 2/14. 1719 w/"Music that makes country great, KFEQ" [RTE-MO]
- KNBR** CA, San Francisco. 2/8. 0325 with talk. [RTE-MO]
- 690 **KHEY** TX, El Paso. 2/8 good during long CBF fade. Mixing with XERG(?). 0404 with ABC News, "KHEY" call and mention of "K-hay AM 6-90." Promo for Paul Harvey. C&W music. Lost to slow CBF fade up at 0415. [TMJ-IL]
- WPDQ** FL, Jacksonville. 2/12. 0500 with ID into news and weather. [RTE-MO]
- 720 **KDWN** NV, Las Vegas. 2/7 fair to poor w/unID Latian. WGN off. 0510-0545 with talk. [TMJ-IL]
- (WGN) IL, Chicago. 2/7. 0505-0545 noted off the air for maint. [TMJ-IL]
- 730 **KWRE** MO, Waventon. 2/14. 1725 with "73 Country Weather." [RTE-MO]
- 740 **WVLN** IL, Otney. 2/14. 1733 with "Continous hits 24 hours a day. Power 93 WSEI." into rock music. [RTE-MO]
- 780(WBBM) IL, Chicago. 2/7. 0510-0548 noted off the air for maint. [TMJ-IL]
- 800 **KREI** MO, Farmington. 2/14. 1804 with weather. [RTE-MO]

CDXR Continued.....

- 830 **KBOA** MO, Kennett. 2/9. 1646 with ID and pop music. [RTE-MO]
900 **CKDH** NS, Amherst. 2/13 poor u/CHML. 1750 brief fade up with "CKDH" ID. This is the 3rd time heard here. [VAL-DX]
950 **KYGO** CO, Denver. 2/8. 0344 with IRN programming. [RTE-MO]
WSPA SC, Spartanburg. 2/8. 0400 with ID into CBS News. [RTE-MO]
960 **KZIM** MO, Cape Girardeau. 2/9. 1543 with "Color-radar Weather." [RTE-MO]
1010 **KBIS** AR, Little Rock. 2/12 u/CFRB. 0546 with ID into "Morning Sports Time" from SPN. [RTE-MO]
1020 **KDKA** PA, Pittsburgh. 2/15 weak in KTNQ null. No KWIQ, KCKN already off air. 0220 with local talk show "...Good morning, welcome to KDKA." Haven't heard this one in years. Was looking for CKVH. [JcJ-MT]
1160(WJJD) IL, Chicago. 1/25. 0333 noted off the air leaving WAMB, KSL, and unID TT. [KDF-IL]
WJJD IL, Chicago. 2/14. 0046 with "Love Song Weekend on WJJD." [RTE-MO]
1190 **KJEM** AR, Bentonville. 2/5 poor u/KFEZ and WOWO. 0930 with "Back To Bible" program. Difficult reception here. [RTE-MO]
KWMB MN, Wabasha. 2/14. 0705 with "KDHL 9-20 Fairbault and KWMB 11-90 Wabasha" ID into weather. [RTE-MO]
WGKA GA, Atlanta. 2/14. 0749 with ID and Classical music. [RTE-MO]
1240 **KFMO** MO, Flat River. 1/21 fair briefly in WEDC null. 0106 with full ID. Possibly sign off announcement. 2nd time heard at this time. [KDF-IL]
1260 **WXCE** WI, Amery. 2/14 fair. 0730 with weather for WI. "WXCE" ID. [VAL-DX]
1280**WWOK** IN, Evansville. 2/12. 0440 w/ID "OK Radio AM 12-80 all night favorites." [RTE-MO]
1310 **WIBA** WI, Madison. 2/12. 0430 with "News Radio WIBA 13-10 Madison, Wisconsin" ID. [RTE-MO]
1330 **KFH** KS, Wichita. 2/23. 0413 with ID "All oldies 13-30 KFH." [RTE-MO]
1520**WHOW** IL, Clinton. 2/13 poor. 1827 fade up with "WHOW" ID and C&W. New! [VAL-DX]
1530 **KPCR** MO, Bowling Green. 2/9. 1534 with "You're listening to KPCR FM 94.1 and KPCR AM 15-30 Bowling Green." C&W music format. [RTE-MO]
1580 **WDQN** IL, Du Quoin. 2/9. 1600 with ID "WDQN AM 15-80 and WDQN FM 95.5 Du Quoin, Illinois." [RTE-MO]
1590 **WAKR** OH, Akron. 2/12. 0359 with ID "News-Talk Radio WAKR 15-90 Akron." into weather. [RTE-MO]
1610 WY, Sheridan. **WNII-729** TIS. 2/14 fair. 0604 fade over Kensha, WI TIS with woman giving info on Sheridan. Also mixing with unID TIS tester. [VAL-DX]
{JcJ here. I was in Sheridan 2/13 & 14. This TIS was off the air 2/13! I didn't check on the 14th. Will check again next time I'm in Sheridan. John.}

DX TESTS

- 690 **KEWI** AR, Benton. 1/23 fair with occasional CBF ET. 0300-0316 with continuous code IDs on DX Test. New here. [KDF-IL]
WZAP VA, Bristol. 2/13 DX Test good o/CBF. 0002-0030 with IDs, TT, religious songs. [KDF-IL]
1070 **WANM** FL, Tallahassee. 2/5 poor to good w/WIBC, WTSO. 2/5 23:53 to 2/6 00:48. Tuned in early to find test already in progress! Continuous code and voice IDs. I could even hear a high pitched squeal during high speed rewind of test tape! Called station at beginning of test, but got only an answering machine. [TMJ-IL]
1110(WNNW)**NH**, Salem. 2/15 DX Test not heard here, too much S9+ KFAB. [JcJ-MT]
+2/15 DX Test not heard here, too much KFAB and KMOX splatter. [RTE-MO]
1310 **KAAM** TX, Dallas. 2/8 DX Test poor u/WIBA, WDOD, WTUX. 0159:30-03:54. Heard several high pitched code IDs. Also possible very weak TT during scheduled IRCA DX Test. [TMJ-IL]
1480 **KLEE** IA, Ottumwa. 2/7 DX Test o/WHBC and WOPA splash. 0122-0145 with code IDs, TT. [KDF-IL]

FREQUENCY CHECKS

- 610 (KCSR) NE, Chadron. 1st Thursday Frequency Check not heard. [TMJ-IL]
(KZSS) NM, Albuquerque. 1st Thursday Frequency Check not heard. [TMJ-IL]
- 1260(KIMB) NE, Kimball. 2nd Monday Frequency Check not heard. [TMJ-IL]
- 1340(KTOQ) SD, Rapid City. 1st Saturday Frequency Check not heard. [TMJ-IL]

unIDs

- 512 unID 2/14 good. 0727 with unID beacon "XKQ" -- any ideas? [VAL-DX]
- 610 unID 2/3 poor w/WDAF. 2347 with Hindu-sounding language. Talk and music. No mention of an Wthnic format on 610 in NRC log. Looped east/west. [TMJ-IL]
- 780 unID 2/7. 0538 with Gospel program in EE to SE?? Too weak to copy, lost to an unID Latian and WBBM coming back on. [TMJ-IL]
- 1110 unID 2/13 poor w/KFAB. 1725 with EZL piano music into SS talk. Possibly a religious station. Might be WABI? [VAL-DX]
- 1610 unID 2/14 good. 0655 heard "Foretec (or Forstec) Radio Visitor Radio Station 16-10" then counting over and over (1,2,3,4,5.....9,8,7,6....1). [VAL-DX]

25 YEARS AGO

March 9, 1968 issue of IRCA's DX Monitor...Bruce Portzer of Seattle, WA told about KETO-1590 changing to KSND, "The new sound of Seattle, K-Sound"...Jim Foley of Milwaukee, WI mentioned he has enlisted in the Navy to avoid being drafted into the Army...Jeff Kadet of Bethesda, MD said from Maryland he has logged and verified 49 states...KS and NE were "States Of The Month".

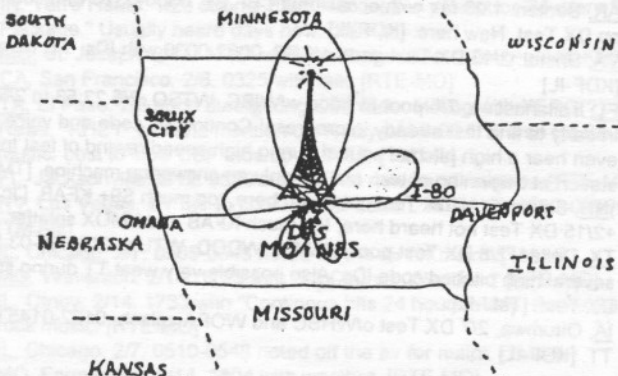
OPEN MIKE

Often statistics are used as a drunken man uses lamp posts -- for support rather than illumination. Shawn mentioned they had to cut their DX'pedition off a day early due to the -40(C) wind chill temps. I think most of us won't DX when it's below 70! When sending in tips and DX, please format your reports to match CDXR's format. Easily heard clear channel and regional stations should not be reported unless there is something unusual. Next week is the Anniversary issue! Billings '93. 73, John-John.

IRCA 1993 CONVENTION UPDATE



The 1993 IRCA Convention will be held in Billings, Montana on June 25, 26, and 27th. Feel free to extend your stay in Montana this summer. Side trips can be planned to near by Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, or other area attractions. If you would like a Montana Vacation Planning Kit sent to you please mention in a forum report or send me a card. See you in Billings! 73, John & Larry.



KWXY 1000 WATTS, 1150 KHZ

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* THE REPORTERS *

- (MB) MIKE BROOKER-Toronto ON
Panasonic RF-2200, Sony ICF-7600D
(MH) MIKE HARDESTER-Jacksonville NC
ICOM R-70, Radio West 22" ferrite loop
(JD) J.D. STEPHENS-Huntsville AL
Panasonic RF-2600, Sony ICF-2001, several longwires

* THE REPORT *

- 580 CFRA ON, OTTAWA 1/27 0713 pr o/CKYC slop w/anmt "news on the hour, news at once, 580 CFRA." Into traffic rpt. (MB)
690 WTIX LA, NEW ORLEANS 2/13 0043 v gd, mixing with WZAP DX Test, w/jazz song by Al Hirt, local spots. "WTIX, here's the latest weather." (JD)
910 WLAS NC, JACKSONVILLE 1/26 1813 fr w/best CKLY nulled. ID as "Eastern Carolina's News Center: WLAS." Into local wx and storm warnings of a possible Nor'easter. (MB)
940 KIOA IA, DES MOINES 1/25 0215 strong w/oldies, frqt slgns, one of which ended with "...great oldies and you: AM 940 KIOA." Either left their day pattern on, or great cx west. (JD)
& 1/24 0335-0444 fr/gd o/XEQ w/"Solid Gold Saturday Night." Promo for "Brown Bag Hall of Fame" prgm, "weekdays at noon on all oldies KIOA. (MB)
1030 KTWO WY, CASPER 2/9 2210-2242 strong at times w/C&W mx o/WBZ. Live DJ, not IRN at this time. Frqt "1030 KTWO" & "K-two" slgns. Show was called "K-Two In The Night." Wx & "Benefit Bingo Numbers" promo. New, WY 1. Thx to Tom Bryant for the tip! (JD) (wish I could hear them here. WBZ too strong -ed)
WNOW NC, MINT HILL 2/12 1734 strong w/Bob Larson tx show. Gospel Truth program promo. Slgn "His Light Radio, AM 1030 - WNOW. REL format. (JD)
1320 WQIK FL, JACKSONVILLE 2/15 0335-0345 in w/fr signal w/IDs for "FM 99" and slgns for "Country Hit Kicker," & "Hot Country Favorites." Fair sig w/moderate fading. GRM from unID with oldies. (MH)
1350 WSLR OH, AKRON 2/15 0353-0423 "Whistler 13-50" IDs & C&W format. Fair w/2 unID stns providing GRM. (MH)
1430 CJCL ON, TORONTO 2/15 0430-0450 w/Maple Leaf hockey at this strange hour. Ment of "...Toronto Maple Leafs on ...14-30." Promo for Toronto Blue Jays game coming up. Poor w/heavy fading. Strange hour for a game! (MH)
1600 WQBR FL, ATLANTIC BEACH 1/6 0745-0815 pr/fr on truck radio w/REL format, 2 promos: "...WNMC FM 88.1 and now 1600 AM" & "it's a new Wednesday morning on the new AM 1600." (MH)

* unIDs *

- 1510 unID 1/25 0249-0350 strong at times, o/u/WLAC w/CNN nx. Frqt "Around the world in 30 minutes" promos, ads for movies on WTBS-TV. No stn ID for the whole hour. Help! (JD)
(WNLC-CT? Hrs of operation don't match, but that may have changed. KPBI & KMSD highly unlikely. Anyone? -ed)

* DX TESTS *

- 660 KEYZ ND, WILLISTON 1/25 0145 very strong w/code IDs. I called the stn, and they said they had just switched to day pattern. New, ND #3. (JD)
690 KEWI AR, BENTON 1/23 0300-0315 NRC DX TEST. Strong w/WLW solat w/non stop Morse code. (JD)

- 690 WZAP VA, BRISTOL 2/13 0014-0055 strong mixing w/WTIX, w/tones voice IDs given phonetically, REL song called "He's been Working On Me." (JD) (unfortunately, I did not know about this test until after it ran. It did not appear in DXM until #22, which I received on Tuesday, Feb. 16. It's safe to assume most other East Coast members had the same experience. Could the test be rescheduled, JD? -ed)
- 780 KAZM AZ, SEDONA 1/25 0200 surprised at their strength, u/un-nullable WHAM. Lots of tones, voice IDs, MST TCs, & march mx including "Anchors Aweigh." I called and they put me on the air. New, AZ #5 (4th on a DX Test.) (JD) (JD, you're getting so much air time these days, you may have to apply for an FCC license. HI! -ed)
- 1070 WANM FL, TALLAHASSEE 2/5-6 2357-0048 strong w/code IDs, voice IDs repeated 8 or 9 times, every couple of minutes. This guy started early and stayed late. (JD)
- 1110 ?WNNW? NH, SALEM 2/15 0300-0330 several tent code IDs, plus some sweeping tones. If them, would be NH #2. (JD)
(WNNW) NH, SALEM 2/15 0300-0330 NOT hrd. The freq was effectively covered by WBT. (MH)
- 1310 KAAM TX, DALLAS 2/8 0148 caught these guys w/their reg pgming. Many "K-double-A-M" slgns, AP net nx. "The Night Owl" oldies prgm. CODE ID after nx. (JD) (I wonder-this strn has rarely been rptd here, but the night of this test, was WIDELY heard w/reg prgming, even before the code IDs. Was the day pattern left on all night for this test? -ed)
- 1480 KLEE IA, OTTUMWA 2/7 0100-0122 NRC DX TEST. Surprised at their strength for only 500 wts. Calls in code repeated over and over, followed by tones & voice IDs. (JD)
- 1590 WARV RI, WARWICK 1/25 0330 strong right at start of test, w/2 quick code IDs. Several code IDs later on. Hrd better than their DX test last year. (JD)
WVCC PA, HONESDALE 2/13 0019-0030 fr w/code IDs, tones, weird sound effects. Lots of WEUP-1600 slop. (JD)

*** EDITOR'S DESK ***

Thanks to both MIKES, and J.D. for their support this week.

*** DX RECORDS ***

TOMBSTONE TERRITORY: 1450 kHz

REPORTER - TOTAL HEARD/VERIFIED

Shawn Axelrod	52/0	Robert Wien	34/24
Ron Musco	27/20	John C. Johnson	28/21
Mike Sanburn	18/6	Ralph Sanserino	12/--

*** EDXR SPECIAL REPORT ***

The following two pages contain a report from Mike Brooker. Since the report was done so well, with letter quality print and a close approxi- of the proper margins for DXM publication, I used it just as it was. Saved me a lot of unnecessary retyping! So, on to Mike's report...

(MB-MA) Mike Brooker, 99 Wychcrest Ave., Toronto, ON M6G 3X8, DXing at the Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health, Lenox, MA w/Sony ICF-7600D

550 WDEV Waterbury, VT Feb. 3 0729 gd w/anct "WDEV news time is 7:29" into business nx (MB-MA)

800 CJAD Montreal, PQ Feb. 5 0813 gd w/"CJAD all-day traffic watch" (MB-MA)

820 WIQT Horseheads, NY Feb. 5 0819 gd w/"Compuweather" forecast, NY and PA winning lottery numbers (MB-MA)

840 WRYM New Britain, CT Feb. 2 0736 fr-pr w/SS nx, ad for travel agent specializing in flights to Puerto Rico (MB-MA)

870 WHCU Ithaca, NY Feb. 1 2230 fr o/WWL w/New York Rangers hockey game. This is well past New Orleans sunset. Thought they would have had to sign off well before 2230 EST, unless they stayed on to broadcast entire game. (MB-MA)

910 CKLY Lindsay, ON Feb. 1 2200 fr w/Toronto Maple Leafs hockey game, //CHML-900, CJCL-1430. This is a !@#%&* pest!! (MB-MA)

970 WYNZ Portland, ME Feb. 3 0734 fr w/*Unforgettable* by Nat King Cole, ID as "WYNZ, your original all-hit station". Last logged in Toronto in 1976 as WCSH. (MB-MA)

1160 WSKW Showhegan, ME Feb. 5 0734 fr-gd w/AIDS PSA from Center for Disease Control into local wx, ID as "AM 1160 WSKW" (MB-MA)

1250 WMTR Morristown, NJ Feb. 2 0720 fr w/anct "6degrees in Morristown on the new WMTR", into ad for Ginsana ginseng extract (MB-MA)

1260 WMMM Westport, CT fr o/nulled WEZE w/ID as "AM 1260 WMMM" into school bus schedule (MB-MA)

1270 WTSN Dover, NH Feb. 6 0642 fr o/WSPR w/local wx, ski conditions on "WTSN Morning information center" (MB-MA)

1280 WEIM Fitchburg, MA Feb. 4 0658 pr in nulled WADO w/promo for sports trivia show and Celtics game on WEIM (MB-MA)

1290 CJBK London, ON Feb. 5 0634 fr-gd w/sports report talking about Ontario Hockey League and London Knights, promo for Don Cherry's *Grapeline* program on CJBK (MB-MA)

1290 WJBR Wilmington, DE Feb. 6 0653 fr-pr w/ID as "Wilmington's best mix of the 70's, 80's and 90's on Mix 99.5 WJBR" (MB-MA)

1310 CIWW Ottawa, ON Feb. 2 0642 fr w/ad for Nutri-System, local wx and promo for Winterlude winter carnival (MB-MA)

1320 WDER Derry, NH Feb. 2 0645 fr-pr w/end of religious program, local wx and promo for broadcast of high school basketball game on WDER (MB-MA)

1320 CKEC New Glasgow, NS Feb. 5 0723 fr w/local wx, marine wx for Northumberland Strait, ad for Brass Villa in Highland Square (MB-MA)

1330 WADJ Somerset, PA Feb. 2 0730 fr-pr w/anct "7:30 on WADJ", into talk about Punxatawney Phil groundhog (MB-MA)

1370 WELV Ellenville, NY Feb. 4 0712 pr in WFEA null w/run-down of local school lunch menus, FM // ID as "99.3K-Lite time is 7:12" (MB-MA)

1380 WSYB Rutland, VT Feb. 4 0706 fr-gd w/promo for "WSYB Morning News" at 7:30 into local sports (MB-MA)

1420 WBSM New Bedford, MA Feb. 4 0620 fr w/quasi-local WBEC nulled, w/anct "20 past 6 on WBSM" into talk about Marge ("some of my best friends are Black/Jewish") Schott (MB-MA)

1430 WMRV Endicott, NY Feb. 3 0647 gd o/nulled CJCL w/horoscopes, "WMRV" ID jingle into the Beatles' *In My Life*. (MB-MA)

1440 WNPV Lansdale, PA Feb. 2 0709 fr w/ad for Delaware Valley College, "WNPV Suburban Weather-scope" local wx (MB-MA)

1440 WLPZ Westbrook, ME Feb. 2 0657 pr in mess, caught only "...on1440 AM WLPZ" into local wx (MB-MA)

1440 WSGO Oswego, NY Feb. 2 0652 fr-pr w/run-down of school closings, local wx and "Star 105" ID (MB-MA)

1470 WXXW Allentown, PA Feb. 5 0705 fr-pr w/local nx, many mentions of the Lehigh Valley (MB-MA)

1480 CHRD Drummondville, PQ Feb. 6 0726 pr w/FF sports report, ad for Canadian Tire (MB-MA)

1510 CJRS Sherbrooke, PQ Feb. 5 0640 gd w/sports, ID as "CJMS 1280, le leader de l'information" (/CJMS-1280) (MB-MA)

1540 WPGR Philadelphia, PA Feb. 3 0711 gd in WPTR null w/non-ID as "Geator Gold" into Four Seasons' *Walk Like A Man*. (MB-MA)

1550 WGGO Salamanca, NY Feb. 3 0656 gd w/run-down of school lunch menus in Salamanca, Ellicottville, etc. (MB-MA)

AM **67 KBOI**

Daytime

COVERAGE MAP



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Western DX Forum ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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[2/11] Two veries to report this time, one from KAZM-780 for the DX Test 1/25. A much valued verie I must say! KGHL-790 splatters quite a bit onto 780 to hear much more than a poor WBBM normally. The other verie is from CKST-1040 for a report sent last November. Better late than never. CKST mentioned that they have an application for 94.5 FM and if that is approved 1040 will go dark. Interesting. The convention plans are rolling along. I hope many of you will be able to attend. Quality Inn has offered rates some \$15 per night less than normal. Be sure to make your reservations before May 1st to take advantage of these reduced rates. Call them at 406-652-1320 and mention IRCA block and confirmation number P4186 to take advantage of the reduced rates. Hint: Call weekends and save on long distance charges. Note this is the correct confirmation number, incorrectly listed in a previous notice. 73, John-John.

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

[2/10] Well, I guess I owe the Jamaica Broadcasting Corp. an apology for all the griping and moaning i've done about their failure to answer my detailed written/taped reception report of Oct. 1991. There's a good reason they never replied, as I discovered recently (2/1): my report never reached Jamaica (never even left Missouri!) because the padded mailer got mangled by mail-handling equipment in Kansas City. It showed up in my mailbox with a large rip in the side, in an apology-covered plastic bag (though the tape and \$1 bill enclosed were intact!). Well, okay, these things happen... but WHY did it take the Postal Service more than 15 MONTHS to return it to me? Were they using it to prop up a table leg or what? [I've had similar experiences - was told they sort of accumulate such 'problem' pieces and periodically deal with them when it's convenient - rcw] Anyway, on the DX. Actually, I have none to report -- haven't done any real listening since Christmas. Finally, I understand Phil Bytheway is preparing a field test/report on the Kiwa Air-Core Loop... I found this out because my curiosity got the better of me and I called their toll-free number and talked to Craig. The unit sounds like it's superbly made -- the loop windings (there are 4 separate ones, each w/multiple turns) are encased in heavy plastic; the base is cabinet-quality wood, etc., so it'll be sturdy -- "beefy", Craig said, at 12-13 pounds! But here's the rub: it's going to sell for \$330 -- quite a bit more than many of us have invested in our receivers! Craig said they tried to keep costs down, but many of the materials can't be made in-house and have to be farmed out; also contributing to the cost is the small production run -- necessary, given the limited market (the first run will only comprise 50 units). I had to give Craig my regrets... I can't afford it. But I'll look forward to reading Phil's report. Craig said Kiwa's initial field tests (with an NRD-525 receiver) indicated it nulls as well as a large altazimuth loop, and sensitivity is roughly equivalent to a 600-foot mini-Beverage... 73.

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In DXM Forums and columns lately, I have noticed a marked increase in interest in daytime DX by IRCA members. This turn of events is quite intriguing to me, as I have evolved into a daytime-to-sunset DXer almost exclusively over the past few years. My favorite time to DX is the 11:00 am to 6:00 pm (local) time slot, from about mid-November to mid-January. The 11:00 am to 2:00 pm part of this time period is when the sun is at its lowest high-point in the daytime sky for the year and the mid-day conditions most approximate nighttime. It is quite surprising what long-distance signals can roll in when there is diminished ionospheric adsorption coupled with enhanced groundwave conditions. At U.S. latitudes more northerly than my location (Seattle, for example), I'm sure this effect is quite intensified. I have in my possession a spate of NRC reprint articles written by Gordon P. Nelson detailing strategies for searching out

elusive daytime-only AM stations, or stations that are difficult to hear at other times of the evening/night. One article details a formula for determining an approximate distance from which stations can be expected to be heard in the daytime from a receiving location, based on intervening ground conductivity, time of year, the transmitting station's power, and latitude/longitude of the transmitting/receiving sites. Utilizing this detailed approach, I was able to determine that, from my location, daytime DX is possible out to a distance of about 900 air miles (depending upon transmitting station power). This includes Tijuana to the south; the Four Corners area to the southeast; the South Dakota state line to the east; Saskatoon to the northeast; Dawson Creek, BC to the north; and Ketchikan, AK to the northwest. These parameters do not seem to be overly optimistic, as I have received stations on the very edge of this envelope during the noon-to-3:00 pm time period on several occasions (Ketchikan notwithstanding); this using a simple amplified loop! Pat Martin in Seaside (slightly more northerly) has reported some phenomenal daytime catches this season utilizing his beverages. I heartily recommend that anyone interested in daytime DX purchase the Gordon's reprints and give daytime DX a serious attempt next fall/winter. In particular, watch the graveyards, as these stations can be ephemeral on a day-to-day basis, especially in the sparsely-populated west: I once had a tentative on KWNA 1400, Winnemucca, NV (350 mi. to the southeast) at mid-day, all the while fighting a near local, some 20 miles south!

Shawn Axelrod, 30 Becontree Bay, Winnipeg, MB R2N 2X9

Well another successful DX'pedition to the Valhalla Beach DX site has come and gone. The weather this winter here in the Great White North has been worse than usual. It has been either too cold or driving conditions have been too bad to make it out to our favorite site. Wayne McRae and I finally said let's do it and see how it goes. Well we were pleasantly surprised that the few days of warm weather two weeks ago melted enough snow to make the 1200 foot walk in quite easy. Last time with snow knee to waist deep even pulling a toboggan full of equipment was a two man job with at least 7 or 8 stops to catch your breath. This time we walked out quite easily with only one stop. Then snow was nicely crusted over and you hardly sank at all. Well almost all the way. Around the bus the snow was still 3 feet deep and both Wayne and I found a couple of weak spots. Nothing like having one leg sink up to your rear end in snow while other is on top to make you look funny. You laugh until it's your turn HIII! The DX was not too great but three new Cubans and two new US stations aren't bad for one night. We did go out to start our cars at 23:00 that night to insure they would be OK in the -22C temps. Had mine freeze up once so now we start them at least once a night. Wayne had planned to stay one more night but with an overnight low of -28C plus a wind chill of about -35C he decided to head back the same day I did. Waking up to find the fire in the wood burning stove had died out while we slept also made for an interesting wake up. Hey when the windows are frosted up on the inside and you can see your breath its time to stoke that stove. Even my ICOM was too cold to work right. Had to let it warm up for about 15-20 minutes so it would operate the right way. See what you guys are missing!? That's all for now. 1993 is turning out to be a great DX year thanks to DX tests. A BIG thanks to all who work on those projects. I have gotten both NH and RI for new states in 1993 and it's only February!! 73 and best of DX to all - Shawn.

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WHOA! Wait just a minute, folks! Apparently a few fellow IRCA members took me wrong a few weeks back when I tossed in my 2 cents concerning the issue of Paul Swearingen taking over publication of DXM. And apparently those few think I owe Mr. Ralph Sanserino an apology. Those people who think that were evidently reading me wrong, or reading between the lines. Yes, I did make comparisons between DXM's and DXN's publication processes and outputs, but the comparisons made were not anything that anyone with 2 open eyes (or even 1!) could not have determined themselves. In the spirit of trying to better the club, I merely brought to light the fact that several people were issuing a blanket, unilateral, uncompromising "NO" to the idea of Paul being publisher, without even fully exploring it, and that they were apparently basing their opinion on pure emotion instead of on logic. That was all I had intended to do. No offense to Mr. Sanserino (or anyone else in the club) was intended! Never! Not at anytime! In fact, a verbatim statement from that Forum reads: "Not that Ralph hasn't done a fine job; he certainly has and we all owe him a great debt of gratitude for his years of service." But, to ease the feathers that I inadvertently ruffled, please allow me to make the following a

matter of public record: I, Guy Kudlemyer, do hereby apologize to Ralph Sanserino and fellow IRCA members for any accidental and unintentional mental duress that I might have caused Mr. Sanserino or any other concerned party, with my unfortunate choice of words in my attempt to address the DXM publication issue. No offense or demeaning intent was intended, or implied by my action. I take full responsibility for my statements and ask forgiveness from Mr. Sanserino and concerned members of the club. Because my statements were viewed in an unintended light, I fear that I might be ostracized or blacklisted by fellow members, and that would be unfortunate, for I have been a member-in-good-standing for the better part of 2 decades. Please allow this apology to be accepted in the spirit which it is intended and not simply as a hollow jump through the hoops. Again, my apologies, Ralph.

Ralph Sanserino PO Box 70223 Riverside CA 92505

No need to apologize for your views Guy. That is what free speech has going for it, anyone can voice their opinions and that is good. Better looking is not always better. Remember the Edsel, hi !! No need for Paul to take over the publishing job. All we do is let the IRCA fade away like old generals, pay back the members their deferred membership money and include the address of NRC with their money. Then we sell NRC the rights to the IRCA Almanac and the IRCA members get some more money back. This is probably the best way to go no hassle. No merger, no this, no that etc. But this is down the road a piece. While I am at it I am going to wish the IRCA a Happy Birthday and many more to come. All the IRCA members are doing a fine job, a pat on the back....73 from Ralph the member.....

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Enjoyed J.D Stephens' Monitoring Times article so much. I caught WMT-600, voice and CW, during the NRC DX Test on 1/31. My first DX test. Also heard CW from the WANM-1070 DX Test for IRCA on 2/6 and voice and CW from the NRC DX Test from KLEE-1480 on 2/7. What sounded like KG CX-1480 in MT faded in during the test. Real good for a Sony portable and a Select-A-Tenna. Had to give up[collecting banana stickers. Nobody wanted to trade, which I fail to understand. Produce clerks frown on peeling stix off fruit without buying it, so I must have et a ton of bananas. As you might imagine, the Hawgs et the peels with gusto. Anyway, I sent out a dozen or so reports, mostly to big dogs on clear channels: KYW-1060, KAA Y-1090, WKNR-1220, etc. Easy ones I'd not bothered with before. Fun listening just the same, but QSL return won't be much. I might very well attend the IRCA Convention in Billings, if health and shekel supply will permit. Fats Porker, the CE of Hawg Radio wants to come along if I can get him on the plane. John, he wants to know if lodging will be available for him, out back under somebody's truck, and what's on the banquet menu? He eats kind of kosher, so baked ham or pork chops are out. Great DX Tests on 2/13. VG reception of WZAP-690 and WERK-990 sneaked in under WIVK. No sign of WWCC-1590 and WWOK had 1280 tied up here. In between was listening to WJJD-1160 (good music) after midnight and it was overtaken by KSL in Salt Lake City. Nice QSL letter from WMT and card from KAA Y.

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Two more veries to report: the TIS on 1510 in Falmouth, with traffic and parking info for the ferry to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard from Falmouth, and WLNL-1000-NY. To Mike Hardester: About your problem on 670 kHz: it's undoubtedly caused by the mixing of two of your locals: WLAS-910 + 360 = WJCY-1290 + 360 = 1670. I got the 360 figure from the difference between WJCY and the 1670 image. Putting it another way, WJCY-1290 - 360 = WLAS-910. When I lived in Brooklyn, 1090 was a tough frequency due to WINS-1010 + 40 = WHEN = 40 = 1090. To Shawn Axelrod & others - the country on the NW coast of South America is spelled Colombia, not Columbia. To Guy Kudlemyer: You mentioned NDRs - what are they, please? Now to DX. I heard some high-pitched TT on 1/31 on 600, apparently the TEST from WMT, unn here. Unn WMZQ-1390 topping this frequency w/local WPLM off as usual on Sunday mornings. On 2/1, a report to local WLKW-790 in still another try to pry a verie out of little Rhody. 2/4 - a report to WISH-560, ex-WFIL at 0226-0301 ID. Mon 2/8 - no sign of the KAMM-1310-TEST, but local WUOK-1240 was doing some fooling around with their equipment, bouncing on and off the air from time to time, so I decided to send them a report. While they were off, I tried without success to pull out WOON-R1, needed here. WUOK is all CNN news, as was another 1240 in the pile when they were off. I had hoped it was a Monday morning silent period! 2/17 - WWKB-1520 back on AN after being off for a few days, or did my ears deceive me - did I hear a WKBW ID? Sat. 2/13 proved to be a trough one - with TESTS sked from midnight till 0430, who could stay up all those hours? So I decided to forego WWCC and WZAP TESTS as they were unn. & I changed my routine and got up at 0300 to look for KVOX-1280, but 'twas all WADO & WABK here (no CJMS, oddly!) but still no sign of Moorhead. Then hoping for WERK-990 I couldn't hear them either. I have a Tru-Value 9 volt D battery in my SM-2 antenna, and it overloads severely on frequencies below 1200. I've noticed this with others too, like Duracell, Energizer, etc. The only D batteries that don't overload the HQ-180 are the red Evereadys and the Radio Shack cheapies: the ones where you can get a new one free every month after purchasing one. None of these is available in Provincetown, so my next

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trip to Orleans. I'll get a new D battery and eliminate the problem.
Forward - March! (Ernie-thanks for the kind words--rce)

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Just a quick note to relay a few thoughts/happenings around here. First, a new TIS station started broadcasting near here in January. I broadcasts from the Gulf Islands National Seashore across the bay in Gulf Breeze, FL on 1610 kHz and is an easy S-9 around the clock in my shack. I don't know the call sign or other particulars yet but will forward them on when I do. The second thing has to do with the demise this past summer of my 250' mini-Beverage; the lot adjacent to my house, and running SE to the bay, was purchased last year. It was cleared (along with my antenna farm) and a house was built this past autumn. Just as depression was setting in, the new owners put up a privacy fence contiguous with mine. This allowed me to string a wire at a fixed 5' height the full length of both fences (>300'). Having learned my lesson with early beverage endeavors, I immediately tried it out and was astounded to hear, at high noon, Jamaica on 700 kHz at S-9! I had never heard Jamaica during daylight in all my years of DXing. Just on a lark, I tried the Quantum Loop, and there was Jamaica at S-7! So, either Jamaica was raised power or the ionosphere has been very cooperative this past winter. Speaking of the ionosphere, the past two years around March 15 have seen auroras visible here in Florida. I'm anxious to see if there's a repeat performance this year. And speaking of Beverages, I was astounded to learn that Harold Beverage died just last year at the age of 99. I thought he had died decades ago; we should have invited him to one of our conventions as a guest speaker...it's probably too late now, I guess. That's it from here...73's...GT

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First, some nx on the weather related DX issue: we have had snow here twice since I last reported. Daytime groundwave reception WAS enhanced, with most signals about 5db over normal levels. Many NC stns were in much louder than normal. About Guy Kudlemyr's observations: I agree that IRCA could have done much worse than Paul Swearingen, and I don't think any of the negative comments about the proposal were directed at him. Someone mentioned something about a "family feeling" in the club, and I agree wholeheartedly. This was what initially attracted me, and I still enjoy it immensely. I do not agree that DX Monitor is inferior in quality to any other club bulletin. It just depends on how you define "quality". I define it as the CONTENT of the published material, not as how it looks on paper. Granted, we could make improvements, myself especially, with my antique dot matrix printer that refuses to put tails on "p"s and dots over "i"s. Hopefully, some progress will be made here in the near future. I am against the idea of standard mastheads and print fonts throughout the bulletin. This way, each column has it's own unique personality, which adds to the feeling of enjoyment I get when I read DXM. In fact, I recently reduced the mastheads on my columns to mundane little banners, for one reason: to add six additional lines of valuable material, in the same amount of DXM page space. As far as any future merger with NRC, or any combining of the club bulletins, I would rather see us go back to mimeographed bulletins, and retain the unique flavor and feeling of IRCA and DX Monitor. Anyway, I laughed my head off when I read the Forums in DXM #22. First was Shawn's report on his recent "loop-a-thon" at Larry Shechuck's house. I wonder if Shawn meant to make a play on words when he spoke of "cold beverages". He's had some experience with those at Valhalla. Then, I split a gut at Mike Sanburn's cure for drowsiness: chug a 2 liter bottle of Mountain Dew as fast as possible. Is there some unknown ingredient in Mt. Dew that keeps you up, Mike, or is it the gut wrenching indigestion that no doubt follows? (Probably the caffeine--rce) Not trying to make fun of anybody, but just trying to illustrate how much I enjoy DXM. Would you ever read reports like that in the "other" bulletin? I think not. Don't forget to support IRCA by voting your choices in the election. 73 and good DX de LLH.

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