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NEW MEMBER: Jerry Blake. **RENEWALS:** Tom Laskowski, Joe Ursini, Gregory Henson, Neil Kazaross, Bruce Portzer, Russell Gaj, Alan Merriman, Mark Connelly. Thank you all very much. Welcome to new member Jerry Blake....

IN THIS ISSUE: Campaign Statements, By-law Changes, DX Worldwide West, Western DX Roundup, Central DX Roundup, Eastern DX Roundup, Western DX Forum, Eastern DX Forum, Hearing It Through The Grape Vine, In the center we have the ballot and the people nominated for the TVA.....

ELECTION: This is the election issue please exercise your right & VOTE..

CANADIAN AM & FM: Miss Christine Klik was wondering why no one has published a Canadian AM & FM radio station and address book. She thinks it would be nice if someone would publish this information, a club project. I know M Street Radio Directory has this information 1-800-527-4892.....

NRD-525: I have been able to get rid of 90% of the digital readout noise in the NRD-525. I will have more on this in a later issue of the DXM. I will also take a look at the R-71A, R-5000 receivers.....

IRCA DX TEST BULLETIN

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)

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1993 - WVHI-1330, THIRD AND MAIN, EVANSVILLE, IN 47708 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 1:00 - 4:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE, TONES, VOICE ID'S AND VARIOUS TYPES OF MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. RALPH TURPEN (KA90WT) - VICE PRESIDENT/CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR IRCA CPC)

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

Welcome to your opportunity to have a voice in the future of IRCA. Every two years, IRCA conducts a general election in which the President, Secretary/Treasurer and the seven (7) members of the Board of Directors are elected to serve two (2) year terms. The following persons have chosen to run for the various offices. In addition, two IRCA By-Law changes are being submitted for IRCA member approval/disapproval. Finally, the ballot for IRCA's Ted Vasilopoulos Award (TVA) is being included. Every IRCA member in good standing is allowed one (1) vote for President and Secretary/Treasurer and seven (7) votes for the Board of Directors. In addition, an IRCA member is allowed one (1) vote for the TVA. A member may choose to submit 'write ins' for any office (the TVA as well)... appropriate spaces have been provided. Ballots received with more than the above mentioned votes will be discarded. I've added a couple of Board advisory questions at the end of the ballot, answer them at your discretion. Remember to VOTE... and exercise your opinion.

Ballots are due to me by May 1 1993 and should be mailed to the following address:
Phil Bytheway - 9705 Mary Ave NW - Seattle WA 98117

IRCA President Campaign statement

BILL HARDY - 2301 Pacific Ave - Aberdeen WA 98520-4527

My name is Bill. I'm 46 and running for President. Do I get Secret Service protection?? hi. Too bad there aren't two other candidates running against me!! I understand several of the nominees for President declined to run because they're too busy. Well, truthfully, I'm very busy also, but if elected I will make time in my schedule to oversee the operations of IRCA's elected club government. There is no purpose in having a democratic club if the elected officials don't follow the wishes of the club members. The major issue facing us in the next two years will be the proposals to switch to twice-monthly publishing, or accept the offer to print a joint bulletin with the National Radio Club. Many members have spoken eloquently of this issue, in Forums and in letters to club leaders. These opinions, plus more to come, have guided me in my Board voting and will guide me if I'm elected club President. If you have not voiced an opinion on IRCA's direction, I urge you to do so soon. IRCA leaders can respond to the wishes of the members, and that is what has made IRCA great for 29 years and hopefully many more to come!!!

IRCA Secretary/Treasurer Campaign statement

RALPH SANSENERINO - PO Box 70223 - Riverside CA 92513-0223

I would like to thank the person that nominated me for this position. First, I would like to tell every member that the IRCA treasury is in very good shape and the IRCA is starting to get a few new members. I understand that the postal service is operating in the black and that may mean no postage increase in 1993. I think we can handle a postage increase without increasing member's dues. In the coming weeks, we will pretty the 'DX Monitor' up a bit, I noticed a comment about looks so we will go for looks with our quality content. Thank you very much for your votes and please DO vote.

IRCA Board of Directors Campaign statements (in alphabetical order by last name)

SHAWN AXELROD - 30 Becontree Bay - Winnipeg MB R2N 2X9

I would like to first of all thank the person or persons who nominated me for the Board of Directors. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as BoD these last 2 years. Should you by your votes again see fit to elect me, I promise to work hard to keep IRCA a viable and active club. The next two years will be ones of great importance to the club and all its members. I would like to work with and for you to keep IRCA the club we have all grown to enjoy. I would like to encourage all of you to vote in this election to elect a strong group of candidates, of your choosing, so IRCA can continue to survive, and grow. Thank you very much and good luck to all who are running in this perhaps the most important election IRCA has had in many years.

RICHARD C EVANS - PO Box 21883 - Milwaukee WI 53221-0883

I am pleased to be a candidate for IRCA's Board of Directors. Since joining the club in 1965, I've seen a lot of things happen in IRCA and in the hobby, some for the good, some for the worse. In the past, I've spent 6 years on the BoD and 4 years as club President, plus 5 years as CDXR editor and the past 11+ years doing the EDXF. Looking towards the

future, I can see the big problem being a transition down the road to a new publisher when Ralph Sanserino steps down. We really need to start working on this soon. (And, really, each time the club gets a new publisher, we should start working on locating the next publisher). This past fall, when it looked as tho IRCA might be going down the tubes, there were quite a few comments made that we shouldn't let it happen. The difference between IRCA and most other clubs is our C&B-L's where we elect our leaders. The comments this fall played up the democracy in the club. Let's show we're serious by voting this year. My work on the BoD will be looking towards the future of the club and the hobby, while grounded in the rich tradition of this club's 29 year history.

LARRY GODWIN - 2390 Clydes Dale Ln - Missoula MT 59801

I feel honored that someone nominated me to serve on our club's Board of Directors. If elected, I will initiate any legislation that appears needed or desirable, and will vote on issues that affect the IRCA according to what I believe are the club's best interests. I strongly favor the continuation of our club as an autonomous, democratic organization devoted to the sharing of DX tips and information, and to friendship. I would appreciate your vote.

JIM HALL - 3176 Cheltenham Ct - Gibsonia PA 15044-8435

It's an honor to have received a nomination once again for a post on IRCA's Board of Directors. I accept the nomination in anticipation of contributing to the democratic tradition of governing IRCA's affairs. If elected, I would ensure that all matters brought before the Board be treated promptly and fairly, with the welfare of the IRCA and its membership in full consideration. I have enjoyed editing DX Worldwide - East for the last nine years as well as writing articles for IRCA's "DX Monitor" and the Almanac and would look forward to additional service on the BoD. This is a coveted opportunity and I extend thanks in advance to those of you who support me with their vote. JRH.

MIKE HARDESTER - 3118 Gaitway Ct - Jacksonville NC 28546

During the past two years, I have enjoyed the privilege of representing you as a member of the Board of Directors, and I would like to continue in the same position of representing you and supporting our club. I'll make no promises except to represent you, the members, to the best of my ability, keeping the best interests of our club in mind at all times. If elected, I would ask you to support me with your comments and suggestions on how we can improve our club and continue to be Number One. Additionally, regardless for whom you vote, PLEASE VOTE! Thank you.

STEPHEN S HOWE - 9 Warner Dr - St Albans VT 05478-1575

I would like to thank the person or persons who nominated me as a candidate for the office of Board of Directors. I am 38, married, and a Research Geologist at the University of Vermont. Prior to moving to Vermont in October, 1990, I was a Research Geologist at the US Geological Survey in Menlo Park, California for ten years. I have been DXing seriously for 25 years and was a member of the IRCA in the late 1960s and early 1970s. I rejoined our club five years ago and have been serving as your 'Verification Signers' Editor for the past six months. If elected to the Board of Directors, I would serve enthusiastically and with diligence. I strongly support the continued existence of the IRCA as a club independent of the NRC. Our club has a lot going for it now -- our membership has increased, columns in the 'DX Monitor' have been initiated or reestablished, and we have an exciting Convention coming up. However, I also recognize the time has arrived for our club to put into motion means to insure that our improved financial health and publication of our superior bulletin continue. The new Board of Directors will have many challenging issues to consider, ranging from the publication of fewer bulletins to the implications of an expanded frequency band. I will be YOUR voice and will always be open to presenting your proposals, suggestions, and comments to the Board. Regardless of which candidates you select, it is important to exercise your democratic right and vote. We are fortunate to have such an exceptionally strong slate of candidates from which to choose. I feel strongly the future of the IRCA is very bright indeed. 73, SSH.

LEONARD HYDE - 1805 Whipple Dr #26 - Blacksburg VA 24060-2436

Running for IRCA BoD is serious business. There is nothing I, or anyone else, can say in 20 lines that will change the record we have made. Don't be swayed by words: get out your DXMs from the past two years, and elect the seven persons who have done the most to support the club. A person who has been an active member will be the same on the BoD: the opposite is also true. Voting is a privilege: don't use it frivolously. Make educated choices based on record, not rhetoric and personalities. That's all from me, so let the voting begin!

JOHN C JOHNSON - 979 Neptune Blvd - Billings MT 59105-2129

I am pleased to accept the nomination to serve on the IRCA Board of Directors. A few years ago I served on the Board and feel this is an honor. The next few years will be crucial to IRCA's survival. You know my dedication to keeping IRCA alive. Your vote to place me on the Board is appreciated. I will do my best.

PATRICK MARTIN - PO Box 843 - Seaside OR 97138-0843

I am very pleased to accept the nomination for the Board of Directors and I would like to thank who ever nominated me. I have been pleased to serve on the Board in the past and to help serve the IRCA and its members. For newer members who do not know me, I have been a DXer since 1962 and an avid QSLer since 1965. I first joined IRCA in 1968 and have been the editor for DX Worldwide - West since 1980. I will be very happy to have your vote for the Board of Directors. Thank you.

STEVE MITTMAN - PO Box 3222 - Seal Beach CA 90740-2222

Over the years, I have frequently expressed my opinions and ideas about this or that, through DXM Forums and letters to the Board; as well as having submitted various By-Laws proposals. The IRCA is a great club, and I believe the primary reason for this is that the club IS extremely democratic and specifically permits its members to be able to express such opinions and submit proposals. I am very loyal to the IRCA for this reason.

The IRCA is not only a great club for its democratic principles, but it is also a strong club (despite occasional controversies and the like -- which keeps things interesting, hi!). And I feel the reason that it remains strong is due particularly to the high caliber of its members and officers. For these reasons, I would like to be more directly involved with the operations of the club, and would honor the privilege of serving on its Board. Thank you.

MIKE SANBURN - PO Box 1256 - Bellflower CA 90707

Thank you for nominating me for the office of IRCA Board of Directors. I first joined the IRCA in 1974. If I'm elected to this position, I will do my best to serve the membership, stay open to suggestions, continue to promote our club when and wherever possible, and always vote in a manner that will focus on maintaining our independent status as the finest club available to the broadcast band DXer.

GARY SIEGEL - 2955 115th St - Toledo OH 43611

I'd like to thank whoever for nominating me to the office of IRCA Board of Directors. I am honored and gratefully accept this nomination and the opportunity it affords. I've been a member of IRCA for 22 years (since 1971) and have followed the club through its good times and tough ones too. Besides being an avid active DXer, I carry a certain two-sided expertise both from club activities, involving attending various conventions, and hosting IRCA confabs in 1971 and 1984, to having worked 5 years in the broadcast industry we so closely follow. Needless to say this is a time of change and transition both for IRCA and radio. How IRCA meets it challenges and reacts to the changing world of DXing will determine how well we keep our hobby alive, not to mention OUR club. One of the best aspects of IRCA is its democratic infrastructure. We as members of the club, through its BoD and President, can recommend those changes needed to adapt. I believe we will need to address our publisher situation and publishing schedule. Since IRCA has eased out of a tough financial situation we'll need to seek more ways to increase membership to strengthen IRCA. I hope the IRCA membership will see fit to elect me to BoD. Besides being familiar with IRCA's operations, I can offer ideas and at the same time willingly advance yours. My mailbox and phone would be wide open for your contacts and suggestions. There are transitions and challenging times ahead for IRCA. I'd like to help steer IRCA through those. Let's keep IRCA alive and well! 73s.

REID WHEELER - 5910 Boulevard Lp SE - Olympia WA 98501

I am honored to be nominated for the IRCA Board of Directors. I would like to think that my efforts as your Western DX Forum editor have been recognized by at least one member, hi. Seriously, I have thoroughly enjoyed my editorship; it has brought me in closer contact with many of the brethren. I have currently been a member for about the last 3 years; I also belonged in the late 60's - early 70's but was sidetracked from MW DX for a while by family and career needs. My 'real' life has provided me extensive managerial and administrative experience in civil engineering. Issue analysis, alternatives identification and decision making are not foreign to me. I believe that there is a need for innovation and consensus-building combined with practical reality to maintain and expand the viability of IRCA. Important issues to be faced include; maintaining the ability to edit and publish the DXM in a professional and cost-effective manner; maintaining our independence but being cooperative as a MW DX club; insuring our publication(s) continue to meet members' needs; and keeping 'new blood' coming in. With the other BoD members, I assure you I will be representing the best interests of IRCA.

Thank you for nominating me for the BoD position once again. If elected, I'll simply try to keep up the good service I hope I have performed while being on your BoD the last 2 years. My mailbox is open to suggestions on club policies, suggestions on improvement, etc.... Thank you.

IRCA BY-LAWS CHANGES

Below are 2 IRCA By-Law changes IRCA members are being asked to vote on. These By-Law changes were voted on by the IRCA Board of Directors to be submitted to the membership for vote at this time.

PROPOSAL 1. (submitted by Steve Mittman)

The Election Committee Chairperson (ECC) shall be exempt from being permitted to campaign, or run for an elected office, during the period in which he or she is the Election Committee Chairperson.

[TEXT]

Change the first part of ARTICLE III, SECTION 3 to:

"Any member in good standing, except the Election Committee Chairman (ECC), regardless of where he lives, shall be eligible for regular election to any office... (etc.)"

Change ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 to:

"The Election Committee Chairman (ECC), appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board, shall handle all aspects of all elections of officers, whether regular or special, with complete authority. The ECC should essentially be unbiased, and therefore, may not campaign for a person, policy, or matter to be voted upon, or run for any elected office, during the period in which he is the ECC. If at the time a member becomes the ECC he holds an elected office, the office must be resigned."

PROPOSAL 2. (submitted by Phil Bytheway)

Change the IRCA frequencies of interest from '510 to 1620 khz' to '510 to 1720 khz'.

[TEXT]

Change ARTICLE II to:

"The purpose of the IRCA shall be to promote the hobby of radio listening on the AM Broadcast Band, 510 to 1720 kilohertz, and to a lesser extent on the longwave broadcast band."

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DX Worldwide - West

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DEADLINE: MONDAYS

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 1069 COLOMBIA, station here again with anmts in SS at 0550 on 3/5. Wish I could get an ID on this. Will keep trying. (PM-OR)
540 PERU, Lima-Radio Inca del Peru-hrd at 1100 3/4 with ID in SS Dominating frequency. (CB-HI)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 702 UNID, TP het 1032 2/27, prob. JJ (BP-WA)
747 JAPAN, Sapporo-JOIB 1028 2/27 JJ male fair in KXL splat (BP-WA)
WESTERN SAMOA, fair in KXL splat with man in Samoan and EE, Island mx at 0845 3/5 (PM-OR)
774 JAPAN, Akita-JOUB-JJ talk in 770/780 splat //747 1028 2/27(BP-WA)
828 JAPAN, Osaka-JOBB 1039 2/27 poor w/bits of JJ talk in splat(BP-WA)
1422 UNID, TP hets here at 1431,1501 2/26 (BP-WA)
1476 RUSSIA, Vladivostok-Radio Aum Shrinko apparently the one here w/JJ talk by woman, per Bill Harms report in 2/12 DXM, fair in splat 1436 2/26 (BP-WA)
1494 UNID, at 1440 2/26 pop mx and DJ in Asian language, poor in splat. Philippines? (BP-WA)
1566 REPUBLIC OF KOREA, Cheju-HLAZ good w/man in CC 1413 2/26 (BP-WA)
1575 UNID, carrier and bits of audio 1455 2/26, prob. Thailand (BP-WA)

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WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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

REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:

- (FA) Frank Aden-4096 Marcia Place, Boise, ID 83704
Modified FRG-7, Unidan CR2021, HQ-180A; 45' longwire N-S,
50' inverted-V dipole E-W, 180' L-shaped longwire, 4' box
loop, 4' wedge, MW-1
- (JH) Jim Hilliker-1705 Withers Ave. #14-Monterey, CA 93940
GE Superadio with built-in antenna
- (SMM) Steve Mittman-P.O. Box 3222-Seal Beach, CA 90740
- (RW) Robert Wien-1309 Dentwood Dr.-San Jose, CA 95118
GE superadio, GE long-range portable, SM-2
- *****
- 630 ?KOH? NV, Reno 3/5 1258-1300 very poor & noisy with local KIDD
off. Couldn't make out talk or possible ID, but CBS news
sounder was heard. (JH-CA)
- 640 KFI CA, Los Angeles 3/5 1302-1306 poor-fair through local
electrical noise & TVI. Woman doing news, ment. "L.A. P.D.
official..." later made out weather, ID & TC, into Rush
Limbaugh show. Local KIDD-630 off. (JH-CA)
- 670 KWMK CA, Simi Valley MM 3/1 0345 interestingly, noted remaining
on the air, although originating // station XETRA-690 was
off for a SP!! Was carrying a live national sports talk
show, 6 seconds behind KNBR-680. Incidentally, during RS
(when KWNK & XETRA are //), ID's refer only to the 690
station: e.g., "Extra sports 690," "Sports talk 690," "The
Mighty 690," "XTRA-AM 690," etc. (SMM-CA)
- 690 (XETRA) BCN, Tijuana MM 3/1 0345 off the air for a MM SP. Relay
KWNK-670 remained on. (SMM-CA)
- 1100 KNZZ CO, Grand Junction heard on KNRV-1240, 3/6 0910, this
station carries "Auto Answers" on the People's Net. (JH)
- 1190 (KEX) OR, Portland 3/1 0620 apparently totally off. (RW-CA)
- 1340 KTOX CA, Needles 2/27 0600 poor, barely atop the mess with legal
ID. (JH-CA)
- 1350 CKEG BC, Nanaimo 3/1 0604 good o/u KSRO with SBN news, ID, C&W,
only 2nd time heard. (RW-CA)
- 1380 KSRV OR, Ontario 3/1 0948 good over KTOM with ID "Country KSRV."
(RW-CA)
- 1400 KEZC AZ, Yuma 2/27 0500 fair, out of EZL or nostalgia format
with clear legal ID. This one is getting more common here.
(JH-CA)
- KKCB CA, San Luis Obispo 3/5 2205-2220 fading in & out of KBLX
null with recorded buy & sell ads from listeners. Listen-
ers are urged to call "AM 1400" at 900-726-1400 and record
their ad and it's played back later. Several mentions of
San Luis Obispo, but never heard an ID. Variation on
"Radio," with station making money from the 900 call,
charges are given in between the ads that were played!
Mostly national ads were heard between the want ads from
listeners. (JH-CA)
- LOCAL NEWS
- 560 KSFO CA, San Francisco 2/28 0825 noted with Wolfman Jack Show.
Also heard weeknights, with Wolfman Jack, 3/4 2250,
possibly overnights, too? Haven't checked yet. (JH-CA)
- 630 (KIDD) CA, Monterey 3/4 2235 noted off the air, but sister station
KXDC still on! Only KOH heard. Still off at recheck 3/5
0630 and 3/5 1300! But, back on 3/5 1350. Was told they

monitor FM only and DJ didn't know it was off till my P.D. at KOCN called them, darn! Have heard rumors that owner of tower site wanted to shut station off because they're way behind in paying the electrical bill! (JH-CA)

- 1080 KSCO CA, Santa Cruz will carry Oakland A's baseball this season in my market & not KNRY-1240, which had A's several years. KNEW-910 is new A's flagship station, formerly KSFO-560. (JH-CA)
- 1240 KNRY CA, Monterey now carries Larry King show M-F 1600-1900, with 1800-1900 tape delay of the 1500-1600 first hour. Jim Bohannon show still on M-F 2300-0200. (JH-CA)
- 1540 KLAU CA, Capitola now 24 hours again, AN-7, still with 50's "Kool Gold" format. Was silent 0300-0830. (JH-CA)

DX TESTS

- 640 ?WVJZ? NJ, Mt. Holly 3/1 0110 tent., listened entire hour 0000-0100 but nothing heard in KFI null. Just about to give up when up faded code ID. Made out word "new" as in New Jersey (I guess). DXM mentioned test may run over & looks like it did! Tent. state #42. Tent. report sent. (RW-CA)
- 830 KBOA MO, Kennett 2/22 weakly heard Morse code portion of call letters at 0138 during DX test. Other Morse letters heard but were too weak to make out. (FA-ID)
- WKTJ OH, Cortland 3/1 weakly heard two sets of Morse calls at 0138 during test. (FA-ID)
- 960 ?KGWA? OK, Enid 3/1 tentatively heard some Morse code at 0330 but extremely weak & unable to confirm. (FA-ID)
- (KGWA)+3/1 0300-0400 test tried, not heard, in KABL null. Should have likely made it if on. (RW-CA)

UNIDS

- 790 3/5 2140-2205 sounded like H.S. basketball in KABC null, mentioned "Richmond" in the score & thought I heard "Moses Lake." C&W under, KGHL? No ID or spots heard. (JH-CA)
- 1400 3/5 2225 faded up over KBLX & San Luis Obispo, with rock oldies and ID "Oldies 92.9." Visalia? (JH-CA) (Likely. Bill says KFSS-92.9 Visalia, co-owned with KEYX, uses "Oldies 92.9" slogan to Fresno market.--NH)

Hope everyone enjoyed the anniversary issue. I just realized the weekly WDXR deadlines are over for the season. There will be no deadline on March 22. Deadlines will be Monday March 29, Monday April 12, Monday May 3, Saturday May 29, Saturday June 19, Monday August 2, Monday August 23 and Saturday September 4. If you look closely, you will notice there is no July deadline. There normally would be one July 5, but we won't be back from Billings yet. We're taking the long way home from the IRCA convention--via Mount Rushmore, SD!



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FOR THE RECORD

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DEADLINE: SATURDAYS.

RIDING GAIN

- [CD-OK] Carl DeWhitt, 501 Glendale, Ponca City, OK 74601
Kenwood TS680-S, 134' wire, Grove mini-tuner. Sony ICF-6500W.
[CD-OK1] Charles DeWhitt at work 3 miles away from home with a 1983 Delco car radio.
[JcJ-MT] Your editor using an Icom IC-R71A with a Radio West loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 570 KGRT NM, Las Cruces. 2/22 poor to fair. 1936 with spots for Bank Of America New Mexico and a video store. C&W format. IDing as "Classic Country K-Great AM 5-70." Lost at 1946. [CD-OK]
- 590 KBHS AR, Hot Springs. 2/23 poor. 1906 in briefly with promo for Hot Springs Boat And Tackle Show. Mentioned KBHS News. [CD-OK]
- KLBJ TX, Austin. 2/23 good. 1908-1921 with spot for Shoreline Grill. News and traffic watch. Promo for Lady Longhorn basketball. IDing as "News Talk 5-90 KLBJ." [CD-OK]
- 600 KTBB TX, Tyler. 2/6 fair. 2040-2048 with Tyler Jr. College basketball half-time report. PSA for the college and spots for Tool Shed and Tyler Insurance and Abstract. [CK-OK]
- 620 WJDX MS, Jackson. TENTATIVE. 2/11 fair to good. 1834-1840. Spot for Surplus Direct and a promo for Miami Sound Machine. Possible "JDX" slogan. Not positive on that. [CD-OK]
- 640 WCRV IN, Collierville. 2/11 good to poor. 1843 with Chuck Colson's "Break Point." ID "This is your 50,000 watt for Memphis and....AM 6-40 WCRV Collierville, Memphis." [CD-OK]
- 730 KDAZ NM, Albuquerque. 2/11 poor to fair. 1908-1917 with "...in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This is Good News Radio AM 73 KDAZ." Spot for Dyna Gym and a scripture reading in SS and EE. Lost at 1917, most likely due to pattern change. New for me. [CD-OK]
- 790 KKBQ TX, Houston. TENTATIVE. 2/6 fair to poor. 2145-2229 with Houston Baptist vs East Texas Baptist basketball game. PSA for Houston Baptist. Post game. [CD-OK]
- 990 KRKS CO, Denver. 2/13 poor to fair. 0459 with ID "Rock Solid Christian Radio AM 9-90 KRKS" and a promo for Cathedral Quartet Concert. Lost by 0509. New for me. [CD-OK]
- 1230 KVAS MO, Joplin. 2/2 poor. 0425-0430 with Sports Network program. ID "KVAS Joplin. AM 12-30." Faded into jumble. New for me. [CD-OK]
- 1300 KGLO IA, Mason City. 2/16 poor to fair. 2223-2238 with Southern-Gospel music. "K-glow" slogan. [CD-OK]
- KVET TX, Austin. 2/17 poor to fair o/u/KAKC. 1845-1906 with spot for auto insurance. News, sports, weather at 1900. IDing as "K-vet." New for me. [CD-OK]
- 1310 WIBA WI, Madison. 2/18 Fair to poor in and out of KAAM (DX Test). 0330-0334 and 0348-0349. ID "News Radio 13-10 WIBA Madison. Your information station." State and local news. PSA for SW WI chapter of Alzheimers Assoc. New for me. [CD-OK]

CDXR Continued....

- 1400 **KLIN** NE, Lincoln. 2/13 poor. 0459 up through jumble with leveral "KLIN" mentions into CBS News. Quick fade. New for me. [CD-OK]
- 1410 **KTCS** AR, Fort Smith. 2/13 fair to poor. 2009-2025 with C&W music. IDing as "Country Lovin' KTCS." Also mentioned \FM 99.9. New for me. [CD-OK]
- WING** OH, Dayton. 2/13 poor. 2000 with "News Radio WING" into CNN News. [CD-OK]
- WIZM** WI, LaCrosse. 2/2 fair to poor. 0505-0516 with local area weather and promo for Mutual's "America In The Morning." ID "14-10 WIZM. LaCrosse's News Station." New for me. [CD-OK]
- 1450 **KOKO** MO, Warrensburg. 2/18 poor to fair. 2329-0005. Mutual News. Promo for Central Missouri State Basketball. Jim Bohannon show. IDing as "This is Warrensburg's radio station AM 14-50 KO-KO (cocoa). SID "Cocoa". New for me. [CD-OK]
- 1500 **KCLF** LA, New Roads. 2/1. Poor to good. 1911-1944. PSA for a technical institute. Spot for a bail bond company and Southern Life. IDing as "KCLF, the all new K-15." New for me. [CD-OK]
- 1510 **KJIM** TX, Sherman. 2/27 fair to poor with KSTP. 0810-0847 with mentions of Sherman. Southern Gospel music. Broadcast from Ambrose Baptist Church. [CD-OK]
- 1510 **KLLB** UT, West Jordan. 3/1 good in KGA null. 0800 with ID "You're listening to the New KLLB West Jordan. Serving the Wascach Front with America's best gospel." Now needed. [cJ-MT]
- 1540 **KDYN** AR, Ozark. TENTATIVE. 2/12 poor o/u/KXEL. Q808-0815 with employment spot for Mercy Hospital in Ozark. Weather for Ozark and vicinity. New for me if them. [CK-OK]
- 1590 **KVGB** KS, Great Bend. 2/5 poor. 1923 with C&W music and ID for KVGB FM 104.3. Rapid fade. [CD-OK]

DX TESTS

- 1070 **WANM** FL, Tallahassee. 2/6 weak through KFDI. 0012-0030 with code ID "DE WANM WANM.....TESTING ON 1170 KHZ." No voice IDs heard. New for me. [CD-OK1]
- 1090 **WMUS** MI, Muskegon. 2/5 DX Test. Poor to fair o/u/KAAY. 0416-0430 with code IDs and C&W music including Loudon Wainwright's "Dead Skunk." New for me. [CK-OK]
- 1310 **KAAM** TX, Dallas. 2/8 fair to good with some fading. Received with WIBW. 0310-0400 with BBD. IDing as "K-Double-AM." Code ID twice. "CQ CQ CQ DE KAAM KAAM KAAM." [CD-OK]
- 1480 **KLEE** IA, Ottumwa. 2/7 DX Test. Poor to fair. 0108-0201 with code and voice IDs. Mentioned "...conducting equipment test on 1480 kHz with a power of 500 watts non-directional. Ottumwa is located in southeast Iowa." Also phone number given. 512-682-8711. New for me. [CD-OK]
- 1540 **WSMI** IL, Litchfield. 2/2 DX Test poor o/KXEL and rest of mess. 0000-0001 with code ID "TEST DE WSMI WSMI WSMI.....1540 KHZ." Not heard after 0001. [CD-OK1]

unID Help

- 521 unID [SA-MB]'s unID beacon heard 1/31 with "TVC" is probably "TVX" Greencastle, IN (40 miles SW of Indianapolis). This beacon was recently installed. Info from Arthur Peterson of Richmond, CA. Thanks Arthur! John.

25 YEARS AGO

March 23, 1968 edition of IRCA's DX Monitor....Included was a list of 32 stations that aired "Holiday Inn Nighttime"...An article mentioned the nation's first all-news radio station, WNUS Chicago, was going to "good music" because it's not making enough money...Gregory Sheehan of Louisville, KY told about his new Hallicrafters S-108...Dan Sys of Vancouver, BC also got a new receiver, a Hallicrafters 210.

OPEN MIKE

No problem is so formidable that you can't just walk away from it. Thanks to Carl DeWhitt we have a column this week Spring fever? See you in Billings in 3 months! Convention Registration Forms are starting to arrive here! It's gonna be fun! We'll have more details next week. BILLINGS '93. 73, John.

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* THE REPORTERS *

- (MB) MIKE BROOKER-Toronto ON
Panasonic RF-2200, Sony ICF-76000
- (KVJ) KARL V. JETER-Stone Mountain GA
HQ-150, Quantum Loop, 4' loop
- (DLR) DAVID REITZ-Louisville KY
R-1000, Radio West loop
- (WW) WILLIAM WYLLIE-Franklin MA
Realistic Modulaire w/built in antenna
- (ed) The editor at home with R-392/URR, modified Philco-Ford car
radio, DX-440, 2' box loop, Autek QF-1

unID HELP:

SHAWN AXELROD-Winnepeg MB
WAYNE HEINEN-Aurora CO
LYNN HOLLERMAN-Huntsville AL
J.D. STEPHENS-Huntsville AL

* THE REPORT *

- 540 WRIC VA, RICHLANDS 1859-1907 "the leader since 1951... serving
all of SW VA." UPI nx, Talknet. (KVJ)
- 550 WDUN GA, GAINESVILLE 2/20 2135 hs bsktball AA East champion-
ships, ID: "WDUN AM 55." Local spots, poor u/WLWA. (DLR)
- 680 WCTT KY, CORBIN 2/20 1844-1852 gd in WCNN null. "KY Wildcat
Scoreboard" postgame show, numerous local ads, KY lottery
promo. (KVJ)
- KKYX TX, SAN ANTONIO 2/20 1852 in briefly u/WCTT w/C&W mx, ID.
(KVJ)
- 730 WACE MA, CHICOPEE 2/17 0702 fr/gd o/CKAC w/dual ID as "AM 950
WRDL, Boston; AM 730 WACE Springfield." Into local wx, pro-
mo for "Songshine USA" prgm. (MB)
- 760 KMTL AR, SHERWOOD 2/20 1830 xlnt signal, "All Gosoel 760. GOS
mx. (KVJ)
- 800 CKDR ON, DRYDEN 2/15 0641 pr in dogfight w/pests CKLW & CJBQ.
Noted "CKDR temperature is minus 25 degrees," into a run-
down of people celebrating birthdays on this day. Heard on
900 kHz in 1979. (MB)
- 820 WNYC NY, NEW YORK 2/6 0208 pr/fr signal. "WNYC AM & FM" ID.
Didn't they use to be on 830? Not hrd in a long time. (WW)
(I think they were on 830. Never hrd here, one of my most
wants, along with the Chicago 820. -ed)
- ?WQSI? MD, FREDERICK 2/6 0049 fr w/C&W mx. Only ID as "82-0" 91
NRC book lists call as WQSI. I know it's the MD stn. (WW)
(calls are correct, William -ed)
- 830 WCCO MN, MINNEAPOLIS 2/6 0210 fr to weak w/tx show. Gave call
"WCCO" and phone number for show. (WW)
- 850 WNIS VA, NORFOLK 2/26 0731 gd w/school closings, local nx. A
new stn on 850 for the first time in ages. "News Radio 850-
WNIS." (I meant new to me.) (ed)
- 930 WZNN NH, ROCHESTER 2/1 1745 strong most of the time. Doesn't
give calls very often. "All News 9-30 WZNN." (WW)
- WBEN NY, BUFFALO 2/6 0050 fr/gd w/ID: "News 9-30 Buffalo."
Temp given as -7 w/wind chill of -25. (WW)
- 970 WYNZ ME, PORTLAND 2/1 1751 fair but fady signal. Seems to play
soft music. Tom Jones song, CBS nx. ID as "9-70 WYNZ." ID
a/5 PM: "WYNZ Portland." (WW)

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- 980 WWRC DC, WASHINGTON 1/31 0200 go signal w/"WRC washington NBC news." Also ID by Jim Bohannon. (WW)
- 990 WVSC PA, SOMERSET 2/26 0740 briefly gd w/ad for Stall Oil Co. Local hs bsktball results. "990 WVSC AM." C&W mx. (ed)
- 1000 CKBW NS, BRIDGEWATER 2/1 0155 gd w/C&W mx. "You're listening to CKBW Country Coast to Coast." (WW)
- WYBT FL, BLOUNTSTOWN 2/20 1935 C&W mx, 1cl spots. ID "Y-1000, WYBT." S/off anmts, join sister stn WPHK-102.3 FM. Owned/operated by Blountstown Bdcsting Corp.: Harry Hagen, Pres. "Y-1000, your hometown stn," and off a/1941. (DLR)
- (good ones, guys! We rarely see anything on 1000 other than WLUP and XEOY. -ed)
- 1050 WSMT TN, SPARTA 2/18 2140 1cl spot for Bank of White Co. Ments Sparta/Cookeville. ID, into C&W mx. (DLR)
- 1130 WSJP KY, MURRAY 2/23 1756-1812 creaming usually dominant WBBR & WWWW w/promo for Murray State Univ. bsktball coverage, WSJP's "Student of the Week," state nx from the Kentucky network, local wx, CNN nx a/1800, promo for "Bottom Line" rpt, farm news pgm on WSJP. (MB)
- 1300 WCDZ WV, ST. ALBANS 2/15 1935 local spots, ID: "1300, WCDZ." Lost to WLXG. (DLR)
- 1360 WHLP MD, BALTIMORE 2/23 2140 "help wanted" ads for 1) Carpetland, 2) American Frozen Foods, 3) Radio Shack. "All jobs, all the time: Job Radio 1360, WHLP." Ex WEBB. (DLR)
- & MD, BALTIMORE 2/26 0810 gd w/job line, traffic rpts. ID: "WHLP 1360-Job Radio." Need call change, ex WEBB. (ed)
- 1480 KCMZ TX, DALLAS 2/21 in briefly thru mess w/"1480 Memories - KCMZ." NOS mx. (KVJ)
- 1580 WPGC MD, MORNINGSIDE 2/25 0736 "Business Radio In Washington" (KVJ)
- WZKY NC, ALBEMARLE 2/16 1931 spot for Stanley Comm. College. ID: "Serving Stanley Co. is what we are: 1580 WZKY." Adn given as "P.O. Box 550, 28002." Ment now 24 hrs a day. Into t1k show. (DLR)
- 1590 WKTP TN, JONESBORO 2/18 2003 wx forecast, ID: "E-Z listening WKTP." Into EZL mx. (DLR)

*** HELP W/unIDs ***

From SHAWN AXELROD: 960 "Kiss 98.7" - maybe WBEU-SC if they are // WYKZ which is "Kiss FM."

600 "Heaven's Stn" - maybe WCAO, who uses "Heaven 600" slgn. More re-search needed.

1480 - CKAN is no more, but CKDX is on the air, most likely the unID w/"Coast to Coast."

unID help from WAYNE HEINEN of the NRC: The 960 "Kiss 98.7 FM" unID is probably WBEU-SC. They have a // 98.7, WYKZ. Also, the 1480 unID Canadian heard by the editor is CKDX. CKAN returned to the air 9/92, calls changed to CKDX 2/93. (thanks, Wayne -ed)

From LYNN HOLLERMAN: MH's WVNN-770 log - they are not // any FM stn at any time, but the studio is located in the same bldg w/TWO FM stns, WHVK-93.3, and WZYP-104.3. All 3 stns owned by the same person. What Mike heard was probably a slip up by persons at the studio - pushed the wrong button or something.

From J. D. STEPHENS: "Mike Hardester's WVNN-770 logging: WHVK-FM (the "Country 93" Mike hrd mentioned) WZYP-FM, and WVNN-770 all have their studios in the same bldg. My guess is that someone had the audio feed for WHVK going to the wrong xmtr."

(Another possibility is that there was something wrong w/the satellite feed for WVNN, and they switched to // prgming until the problem was resolved. Why don't you write them, and find out, Mike? This has my curiosity aroused. -ed)

*** EDITOR'S DESK ***

Thanks to everyone for their support this week, and welcome back David. Just a reminder: report all times to EDXR as Eastern, not UTC. Deadline here is Friday.

A new feature is being implemented in EDXR. We will spotlight a certain interesting frequency, and ask all of you to listen, and send in as many loggings as you can hear on this frequency. The 1000 loggings in this week's column gave me the idea. Therefore, in the April 2 issue we will spotlight 1000 kHz. That gives you two weeks from the time you read this to log as many stns as you can on 1000. Good luck.

In addition, I want to say that I couldn't be more pleased with the way the column is going. Many thanks to everyone who has supported it!

*** DX RECORDS ***

REPORTER: Tom Laskowski DATE OF REPORT: 1/24/93

LOCATIONS: South Bend IN: W. Lafayette IN

STARTED DXing: -- YRS SERIOUSLY? 12 COUNT CALL CHANGES? no

HEARD/VERIFIED:

TOTAL BCB: 1270/134 US-CANADA: 1212/125 FOREIGN: 58/9
STATES: 44/41 PROVINCES: 8/7 COUNTRIES: 22/9
DC? y/n MOST HEARD STATE-PROVINCE & NUMBER: MI-82

BEST CATCHES:

DOMESTIC HEARD: KJJR-880 MT, Whitefish
DOMESTIC VERIFIED: WZAL-1540 GA, McDonough
CANADIAN VERIFIED: CIOF-1040 BC, Vancouver
FOREIGN HEARD: HRLP-630 Honduras, Tegucigalpa
FOREIGN VERIFIED: YSS-655 El Salvador, San Salvadore

TOTAL BY HEARD/VERIFIED: 62/0

1230: 12/0 1240: 12/0 1340: 11/0
1400: 7/0 1450: 14/0 1490: 6/0

A total of 22 DX Records rpts have been rcvd here to date. Most are complete: however, a number of them are not. While there may be many valid reasons for this, the editor is far more likely to select a complete rpt to publish. I don't consider numbers, but level of interest, and incomplete rpts just don't seem as interesting. You may update your incomplete rpt at any time: just send me the missing info. 73 de LLH.

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## Gary Larson, 2806 Lincoln, Burbank, CA 91504

A quick re-intro. Have been a member for a long time and am single. Currently no job or car. I have a Superadio II plus using 2 other receivers with cassette recorders built in. Glen Kippel, thanks for the trans. site info. Have many old KGIL #10 envelopes so collectors drop me a stamp or two and I'll get some off in mail. 73

## Robert Wein, 1309 Dentwood Dr., San Jose, CA 95118

Well, time for the anniversary issue again. A reintro: I'm 32, a satellite operations engineer at Lockheed in Sunnyvale, CA for the last 9 years. I've been in IRCA since 1976. I am currently on the BoD and am the frequency check list and Broadcasting Information column editor. I'll be in Billings for the convention, as Montana is my home state and I want to go back! Just got a new car, and of course, my license plate will read "AMDXR1", it's only appropriate, hi. DX has been great of late, I've logged a new station 9 out of the last 10 MM's for me, latest being KRKE-1260 Aspen, CO. ex-KSNO, and last MM, tentatively heard the WWJZ-640 NJ. DX test for tentative state no. 42, if verified. J.D. Stephens has been doing a terrific job with all the tests, keep up the great work! Happy Anniversary, IRCA, and may the club have 100 more anniversaries! 73's.

## Mike Stonebridge, Box 511, Fox Creek, Alberta T0H 1P0

Greetings. It must be at least five years since I last graced these pages so I guess a re-intro would be in order. I'm 54 years of age and married to Celia for 17. We don't have any children but we do have a Siamese cat. I am employed by a major oil company as a shift supervisor at a very large natural gas processing plant. I have been DX'ing on and off for more than 40 years now, though never seriously until I came to this country 17 years ago. I haven't done very much in the last few years, but I'm still very interested in all aspects of radio. I have recently returned from my annual pilgrimage to the country of my birth, to visit family and old friends. When I'm there I always rent a car, and like most previous visits, it was a European Ford product. This last visit was no different except it had a radio equipped with "RDS". Now I can just hear some of you out there asking "what is RDS?". RDS could be the answer to a DX'ers dream. Because it can, along with a myriad of other features, identify on a display panel the station that it is tuned to. The downside to this is that it is only available on the FM band. RDS stands for Radio Data System. The RDS information is placed just above the stereo difference signal on a 57 kHz subcarrier. It was developed as an aid to enable drivers to receive up-to-date traffic reports more easily. When a report is broadcast, the radio can without any listener intervention, change stations or stop playing a tape, and turn up the volume so that the announcement can be more easily heard. And then return to the former station or tape when the announcement is complete. All automatically. RDS can also list station frequencies in adjacent transmitter areas. It has a clock that never loses or gains and automatically adjusts between standard and daylight savings time. It will allow automatic station selection by program type. It also has auto-tuning so that when a car leaves a transmitter's area it will search and locate the same program on a closer transmitter. And much more. It was the station identification that fascinated me. For example, it would display BBC stations as "BBC R-1" or "BBC R Kent". I went to the west coast of Wales to visit an old friend and I was demonstrating it to him and the first station that it found was "R Dublin". It also worked on French stations as well. Not all stations were transmitting the required code for identification, in this situation the frequency was displayed. All BBC stations have been transmitting the RDS data since 1988, which is about when I first heard of it. It is supposed to be a worldwide

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standard but only Hong Kong and Singapore outside of Europe are using it. Some US stations are supposed to be evaluating it. If anyone is interested in reading more I will gladly copy some magazine articles that I have on receipt of 3 mint first class postage stamps, US or Canadian. Hope to see you all in Billings. 73's. [Your apology for the length is accepted ... lets hear from you more often - rcw]

... now back to our regular forums...

**Jim Hilliker, 1705 Withers Ave #14, Monterey, CA 93940-1569**  
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Not much DXing done since early January. It was quite interesting to see that Greg Hardison was getting fantastic midday DX from So. CA on 1/6 when I was doing the same here. Especially the two 5 kw stns. I logged from UT and ID. It was quite cold here that day, about 45 or so and then about 50-52 by 2 p.m. We were also in between very dramatic rain storms. I did notice briefly hearing KROW-780 stronger than usual, and KLS-1160 in, but my son was demanding attention and the batteries in my Superadio were nearly dead, so I gave up DXing earlier than I wanted to. The AC cord also has a "short" in it which I've never fixed. Greg's catches were outstanding, especially KOMO-1000. KPNW-1120 is in off and on midday in winter, but not as loud as it was that day. I think they're directional north and south, too. In the 2/13 DXM, Leonard Hyde's forum mentions Greg hearing Barbados on 900 with that 2000 ft. Beverage in 29 Palms, CA. I was there and also logged Barbados on my R-1000. But I do remember being very impressed by Greg's car radio. That 1984 trip was when Joe Talbot, then CE for KWIZ-1480 and the CE at KWOW-1600, put up the two antennas, one aimed east and another for TP/DU. Joe had logged 1320 from Pittsburgh, PA that night. There was also a lot of good foreign DX logged on the other wire. Regarding the Superadio III, I tried one last fall that my friend at KOCN bought. I had the same experience as everyone else; pretty poor for DXing. I also noticed the birdies all over the dial and a lot of hiss on signals such as 1620 here that were solidly strong on my Superadio. Mine is the 7-2880B made in Hong Kong and purchased in 1983. I did like the narrow/wide selectivity switch on the III. It made locals like KFRC-610 and KPUP-540 sound much better, but the narrow isn't narrow enough for serious DXing. It's also the first AM radio I've seen that goes up to 1710. The review by Gary Thomas was very good and made it easy to see what was wrong with the radio. Only other DX in January was KKIC-950 from Boise, ID about 2000 or so ELT with BYU basketball against New Mexico State. Forgot to send it in to Nancy. On 2/13, hrd. KPLS-630 with new kid's format with ID ment. //KCTQ-850. Details in WDXR. Too bad KGIL changed calls. In the '70s when they had Dick Whittington mornings, I thought of them as "that station out in the Valley." DXM continues to look great. Wish I could've tried for more DX tests this year, but getting up at 3 am here for work meant I was asleep for most of them and was too tired to get out of my warm bed. Not as young as I used to be, hi. Someone, Mike Sanburn I think, mentioned Gary Owens was on KLAC for a while with a sports show. I thought I heard him there last year but couldn't believe it. I know after he left KMPC, he was on the old KPRZ-1150 when they were MOYL and then he was on KFI with Al Lohman. Hope to make it to Billings in June, but don't know for sure yet. 73. Jim

**Gary Larson, 2806 Lincoln, Burbank, CA 91504**

Hello. On Feb. 20 I took a drive to Bakersfield to visit a friend who is moving to Reno to work at KZAK FM/KPLY 1270. Got there about 2:30 am and weather was clear & cold. Did a scan up AM dial and noticed no sign of anything on 1050. I did see 3 tower-like structures east of Hwy 99 and the Mettler intersection that are probably for new AM KNOB. Later that morning, we went to 1560 KNZR-KLLY FM plus KRAB FM. At KNZR asked about coverage maps and other things but none available so left address for mailing it later. KNZR/KLLY is at 3651 Pegasus Dr S of 7th Standard Rd near the airport. KRAB is 3701 Pegasus closer to the 7th Standard and even closer (north) is KSVN-FM paired up with KXEM 1590 with phone # of 805-393-0103 so believe KSUV is fm to KXEM. KXEM still listed with McFarland numbers. After leaving these stations I drove out Airport Rd to Bakersfield Glenville Rd toward Woody. Off to right are two towers, one definitely w/fm antenna and other thick one is TV or cable. Off to left is KRAB's tower actually in oil fields. Also went to KGE0 at 207 Truxtun and picked up a

brochure and later had it copied. My friend Dave took the original to use at KPLY. Strange not to hear oldies on 1230 and sports instead. Many format changes over the years on all stations. Dropped by KAFY 970 at 230 Truxtun; the sales manager was very helpful and I found out the 2 towers once used at 4107 Panorama Dr are not used by 970. They have 3 new towers of Round Mtn rd near Hart Park. A fourth tower may be put up. 800 is still religious as is KERI. 1350 is KBIG nostalgia adult standards. That night I heard 850 KOA clear and a few others like XEPRS 1090. 73 [due to length this forum was edited - rcw]

Your WDXF editor

I don't intend to add my re-intro this year as all pertinent information should be included in my 'campaign statement' for a BoD position yet to be printed. Just received what I understand to be the first one shipped - Kiwa's new air-core loop. For those who have to share DXing space with a 'significant other', my wife's comment (as I unpacked it on the kitchen table) was "It certainly looks nice" - the promotional literature and photos simply do not do justice to the actual appearance. After attaching this device to my R-390A (all that is needed is a PL-equipped short patch cable, a 110-volt outlet and about 30 seconds of time) I was pleased to be able to null my local pests as well as those in Seattle and Tacoma almost to nothing, thus allowing other stations on these 'blocked' frequencies to be heard. At my QTH, it knocks the socks off my 4-foot NRC altazimuth loop (which I built myself and have had only limited success in getting electrically balanced, so perhaps the comparison isn't completely fair). I also don't lay any claim of being a technical whiz or any kind of an expert on antennas... but I do know it works for me. I look forward to the in-depth technical/operational reviews that most likely will be coming soon from the 'cognoscente' [look that up in your Funk and Wagnalls, hi!]. Lastly, attended one of the largest ham flea markets in this area last Saturday at Puyallup. Appears that computer stuff is becoming more popular all the time; not much in the way of DX receivers this year. I did pick up a Heath GD-125 Q-Multiplier but without a manual - would appreciate anyone making me a copy. I will gladly pay reproduction + postage. 73's.



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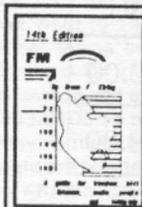
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Bruce Still, Operations Manager at WCKY-1530 (and FM sister Majic 92.5, WIMJ) advised that WCKY will be broadcasting University of Kentucky football and basketball starting in the fall. Also sent me a couple balloons and a fridge magnet to play with plus day/night coverage maps. Info from Assemblies of Yahweh (WMLK-SW in PA) says they are back on Radio Antilles, Montserrat, "...a brand-new transmitter that is now broadcasting at a 100,000 watts of power..." The 2/22 DX Test of KBOA-830 a real challenger. WHAS-840 plays AC mx that puts out plenty of splash. But did hear KBOA under a strong WCCO while WHAS was doing the 0100 news and again at the 0130 station break. Nothing from WDEV-550 later on due to WLWA. Heard a few stations while waiting between test times, the best being WMIX-940 in Mt. Vernon, IL. Just got all the info on EDXC-93, the European DX Council convention at the University in Las Palmas, Canary Islands May 28-31. Registration is 15,000 ptas and deadline for receipt is April 30. Hotel and airfare on top of that. If you want to hear those Canaries and want a copy of the info. sheet, send me a SASE. EDXC-94 is May 20-23 in Paris; 95 is in Denmark, June 2-5 and EDXC-96 will be in Florence, Italy, April 26-29. Hopefully we will be cruising toward the Panama Canal in a couple weeks and will try to find time for YSS, HOXO, ZBVI, WIVV and others if my Sony ICF-SW7600 holds up. I bought it in 1990 for use during the first MT convention and it has travelled many miles since then. with a lot of hard knocks.

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First, to Ernie Cooper: Tnx for IDing CKAN-1460 for me, but do they still use the same calls? It sounded more like CKVM to me. For those of you, who (like me) have missed the "technicolor" DXMs lately, Ralph said it saves him over \$3 each printing to use white covers, and is being done to help get all the deferred membership money banked as early as possible. In other words, if IRCA went out of business tomorrow, for whatever reason, the deferred membership money is the refund that each member would receive for the time remaining on his membership. The club can't really be said to be in the black until all this money is on hand. Ralph has done a superlative job as Treasurer, coming from nearly \$2000 in the hole to the point we find ourselves at now. If he has to use white covers to attain this, I'm all for it, though it really makes it hard to look up things in back DXMs now. You can't just say "I know it was in the blue one" anymore. On Dallas Lankford's NRD-525 article: I find it ironic that the best of today's minds still can't surpass a receiving system that was designed and built in the 1940's and 50s. On rce's concerns about voting: I think 1/3 of the membership is a pretty good turnout. Probably the same ones who take an active role in other club functions, and isn't that as it should be? Take care, and '73 de LLH.



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## FREQUENCY OF THE MONTH 620 KHZ

### LEONARD HYDE FROM CALIFORNIA

KNGS Hanford CA KGW Portland OR  
 KWSD Mount Shasta CA

### LEONARD HYDE FROM WEST VIRGINIA/VIRGINIA

WNR Beckley WV WIMJ Milwaukee WI  
 WRJZ Knoxville TN WJJS Jackson MS  
 WSUN St Petersburg FL

### MIKE SANBURN

KTAR Phoenix AZ Dominant nites KGW Portland OR Nites in KTAR null  
 KIGS Hanford CA Former regular u/KTAR & KGW

### JOHN JOHNSON

CKRC Regina SK Dominant nites KTAR Phoenix AZ Strong nites  
 KSTR Grand Junction CO Good some nites u/CKRC KWFT Wichita Falls TX Good sometimes  
 KGW Portland OR SSS or SRS

### MIKE HARDESTER FROM CALIFORNIA IN THE 60's & 70's

KTAR Phoenix AZ KNGS Hanford CA  
 KWSD Mount Shasta CA Once in 69 KGW Portland OR

### MIKE HARDESTER FROM NORTH CAROLINA

WSUN St Petersburg FL WDNC Durham NC Semi local

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KMNS Souix City IA Occ nites KWFT Wichita Falls TX Rare nites  
 WIMJ Milwaukee WI Most nites CKOY Timmins ON Rare nites  
 CKRC Regina SK Dominant

## STATE OF THE MONTH INDIANA

### LEONARD HYDE

1070 WIBC Indianapolis 1190 WOWO Fort Wayne  
 1220 WSLM Salem 1260 WNDI Indianapolis  
 1280 WOKK Evansville 1430 WCKN Indianapolis  
 1550 WMDH New Castle 1590 WNTS Beech Grove

### JOHN JOHNSON FROM SHERIDAN WY

1190 WOWO Fort Wayne 1310 WIFE Indianapolis

### MIKE HARDESTER

1070 WIBC Indianapolis SSS in NC 1190 WOWO Indianapolis Nites in PA/NC

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750 WNDZ Portage Rare SRS 960 WSBT South Bend Rare nites  
 1070 WIBC Indianapolis Reg nites 1190 WOWO Fort Wayne Dominant  
 1260 WNDI Indianapolis Most nites 1380 WOKK Fort Wayne Rare nites  
 1430 WCKN Indianapolis Reg nites 1460 WKAM Goshen Once SRS  
 1480 WRSW Warsaw Once 1500 WAKE Valparaiso Once SRS  
 1520 WOOO Shelbyville Once SRS 1580 WIFE Connerville SRS  
 1580 WAMJ South Bend Rare SRS 1590 WNTS Beech Grove Rare SRS

### NEXT TIME AROUND

FREQUENCY WILL BE 540 KHZ  
 STATE WILL BE NEW YORK

A small but information packed column this time around. Hope to hear from more of the Eastern readers next time.

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*Shawn*

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