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NEW MEMBER: Paul Amend. RENEWALS: Jerry Neves. Chester Jaffee. Glenn Hauser, Tom Bryant, George Hakiel, Dennis Gibson, Robert Lamorgese, GD Anderson, Frank Aden Jr, Howard Kemp, Wilhelm Herbst Verlag. Welcome to new member Paul Amend and thank you all for keeping me busy.....

**RESULTS OF THE TVA VOTE:** JD Stephens - 42, Nancy Hardy - 18, Mark Connelly - 8, Shawn Axelrod - 6, John C Johnson - 5. Congratulations. JD receives a year's free IRCA membership and a plaque. I have changed your membership due date JD...Pub.

**RESULTS OF THE IRCA BOARD CHAIRPERSON VOTE:** John C Johnson -4, Pat Martin - 1, Richard Evans - 1, Larry Godwin - 1. John C Johnson is the IRCA Board Chairperson. The new IRCA officers take office at 1201 AM MDT on September 15, 1993.

**IRCA CONVENTION 1994:** IRCA President Phil Bytheway is now accepting bids to host the 1994 IRCA convention. If you are interested, contact Phil for details and a bid form. Deadline for bids is October 15, not to very far away. Phil Bytheway 9705 Mary NW Seattle WA 98117....

EDITORS/POSITIONS: IRCA has some vacancies which include: Election Committee Chairperson and Graveyard DX Records Editor. Interested in filling any of these positions...contact Phil Bytheway for details....

# A WORD FROM YOUR CPC

WE ARE NOW BEGINNING WORK ON ARRANGING TESTS FOR THE '93-'94 DX SEASON. DONATIONS, IN THE FORM OF MINT STAMPS, CHECKS (NO CASH, PLEASE), OR SUPPLIES MAY BE SENT TO: J.D. STEPHENS, P.O. BOX 605, HUNTSVILLE, AL 35804-0605.

THE CPC IS OFFERING A NEW SERVICE BEGINNING WITH THIS DX SEASON, THE "CPC NEWSFLASH". FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THE DX SEASON, THE CPC IS NOTIFIED OF A TEST WITHOUT ENOUGH LEAD TIME TO GET THE INFORMATION IN PRINT. THE "CPC NEWSFLASH" IS DESIGNED TO HELP OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM. SIMPLY SEND A SUPPLY OF SELF-ADDRESSED 19-CENT US POSTAL SERVICE POSTCARDS TO THE CPC ADDRESS BELOW. WHEN WE ARE NOTIFIED OF A TEST WITHOUT ENOUGH LEAD TIME TO GET THE INFO IN PRINT, A CARD WITH YOUR NAME WILL BE SENT TO YOU WITH THE NECESSARY INFO. ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE SENT IN CARDS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THESE LATE-BREAKING TESTS. THE LAST CARD SENT TO YOU WILL CARRY A MESSAGE NOTIFYING YOU THAT YOUR SUPPLY OF CARDS IS EXHAUSTED. SEND AS MANY CARDS AS YOU WANT, BUT 5 OR 6 SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO LAST EACH DX SEASON. SEND YOUR POSTCARDS TO 'J.D. STEPHENS, P.O. BOX 605, HUNTSVILLE, AL 35804-0605.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE AWAITING VERIFICATIONS FOR THE DX TEST FROM WVHI-1330, EVANSVILLE, IN, PLEASE BE PATIENT. I HAVE RECENTLY SPOKEN WITH CHIEF ENGINEER RALPH TURPEN, WHO SAYS THAT THEY WERE "OVERWHELMED" WITH RECEPTION REPORTS. WVHI RECEIVED OVER 80 RECEPTION REPORTS FOR THEIR APRIL DX TEST, INCLUDING REPORTS FROM GERMANY AND GREENLAND. MR. TURPEN SAID HE HAD JUST TAKEN PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEIR NEW TRANSMITTING TOWERS, AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF HAVING THESE PICTURES MADE INTO A "PHOTO" QSL CARD. DX TEST from the NRC CPC SEPTEMBER 5th, 1993

> WSEZ 1560 Box 26 Paoli IN 47454 Sunday Sept 5th, 1:30 to 2:00 AM EDT. Test will be at 1000 watts and will include Morse code ID's. Reports to: Tod Edwards.

> WCEI 1460 306 Port St Easton MD 21601 Sunday Sept 5th, 2:30 to 3:00 AM EDT. Test will be at 500 watts and will include Morse code ID's and Big Band music. Reports to General Manager.

WASB 1590 6675 Fourth Section Rd Rockport NY 14420 Sunday Sept 5th, 4:30 to 5:00 AM EDT. Test at 1000 watts and will include Morse code ID's and contemporary music. Reports to General Manager.

September 6th, 1993

WCSI 1010 3212 Washington St Columbus IN 47203 Monday Sept 6th 2:00 to 2:30 AM EDT. Test at 330 watts and will include Morse code ID's and regular programming a talk show. Reports to General Manager.

WCEG 1530 PO Box 329 Middleboro MA 02346 Monday Sept 6th, 1:30 to 2:00 AM EDT. Test at 1000 watts and will include Morse code ID's. Reports to General Manager.

# *G*IRCA CONTESTS →

# Nancy Hardy, 2301 Pacific Ave., Aberdeen, WA 98520

# "DX PARTNERS" - AN EXCITING NEW CONTEST!

The rules for the 1993-94 contests will appear in DX Monitor in September. But this year we will have a new contest called "DX Partners," so let's team up the partners now!!

In this contest, a pair of DX'ers will log as many states as possible, with a limit of ten stations per state for each team. Each station will count one point. Obviously, a team of one DX'er in Arizona and one in New York would be more sensible than a team of two DX'ers from Washington!

I would like to register teams on September 15 as the contest will begin October 1.

Do you wish to choose your partner? If two members want to enter this contest as a team. by all means go ahead and team up. If you know your teammate, please register by September 15.

Do you wish to have us choose your partner? If you want to enter the contest but don't have anyone special to team up with, I'll assign you a partner and let you know by September 15 who it will be. Please let me know by September 1 that you wish to enter.

# THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE FOR ANY IRCA CONTESTS.

How about a FOREIGN DX CONTEST? We are planning to have a contest for logging foreign countries and stations beginning Oct. 1. If you have any suggestions for rules, drop me a line right away. As you can see, we hope to get more people involved by having more kinds of contests.

More specific rules will be given later. I just wanted to let everyone know as soon as possible about this exciting new contest, and to give you time to choose your teammate! 00000000000 **BROADCASTING INFORMATION** 

EDITOR: ROBERT WIEN 1309 DENTWOOD DR SAN JOSE CA 95118

DEADLINES: 2nd & 4th Saturdays. Compiled: 07/19/93 Much of this information was compiled from M Street Journal , DXM, and various other sources.

#### CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

KY. Eminence WKXY-1600 drecreases to 320-D Whitesburg WTCW-920 decreases to 4200-D, ND

#### FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

AL.	Hartselle	WHRT-860	move	to	890,	5000-D	
ND.	Wishek	KDRO-1330	233/1	08			

#### FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS:

OR.

#### CALL LETTER CHANGES:

CA. Fresno

KBOS-1340 becomes KKTR

#### FORMAT CHANGES:

AL.	Mobile			nx/talk, adds USA talk
AR.	Bentonville	KJEM-1190	was	stds., now contemp. Xtian
CA.	Fresno	KKTR-1340	was	KBOS, nx/talk, adds USA talk
	Porterville			nx/talk, adds USA talk
	Quincy			country, tal, now Unis. stds., talk
	Ridgercrest	KZIQ-1360	was	AC//FM, now SGC Xtian C&W
	San Francisco			talk, sports, adds SEN sports
	Taft	KMYX-1310	was	rock AC//FM, now Unis. oldies
00.	Grand Junction	KSTR-620	was	talk, adds USA talk
FL.	Babson Park	WXPQ-1530	was	oldies//WAUC, now talk
	Englewood	WENG-1530	was	AC, talk, now USA talk, stds.
GA.	Gordon	WBNM-1120	was	bus. nx, now country gold
	Thomasville	WSTT-730	was	silent, now nx/talk
ID.	Payette	KIOV-1450	was	SS, rptd. silent
IL.	Fairfield	WFIW-1390	was	talk, adds USA talk
IN.	Elkhart			country, adds USA talk
	Jeffersonville			SMN Kool Oldies, now SMN oldies
IA.	Boone	KWBG-1590	was	AC, to be JSN C&W upon sale
	Creston			country//FM, adds JSN C&W//FM
	Webster City	KOWC-1570	was	AC//FM, now JSN soft AC//Fm
KY.	London			oldies, now s. gospel
	Neon	WNKY-1480	was	country, nx, now silent pending sale
	Shepherdsville	WBUL-1470	was	s. gospel//WZCC, now silent
	Winchester	WHRS-1380	was	soft AC, talk, now Super country
LA.	Monroe	KLIC-1230	was	silent, now religion

#### FORMAT CHANGES (CONT.):

ME.	Westbrook	WLPZ-1440	was	bus. nx, talk, now SEN sports
MA.	Gardner			silent, now SMN stds.//WSRO
	Springfield	WSPR-1270	was	silent, to be SS
MI.	Kalamazoo			country, now SEN sports.
MN.	Staples			silent, now oldies
MS.	Amory			AC//WAFM, now s. gospel
	Jackson			talk, adds SEN sports
	Pontotoc			silent, now s. gospel
MO.	Cape Girardeau			country, now nx/talk (WWI, Unistar)
	De Soto			silent, now JSN C&W
	Festus			AC, now MBS talk
NE.	Omaha	KOIL-1290		silent f/repairs, now C&W//KXKT pen-
			ding	g sale, to sim. KKAR-1180 nx/talk when
				e closes)
	Mount Holly			stds., now silent
NY.	Buffalo	WEBR-970	was	nx, jazz, now nx
	Freeport	WGBB-1240	was	nx/talk, adds Unis. AC days (sim.
			WGSN	(Huntingon mornings)
	New York City	WZRC-1480	was	country, now brokered Korean
NC.	Albemarle	WXLX-1010	was	silent, now nx/talk //WZKY
	Burgaw	WVBS-1470	was	CHR, now silent
	Taylorsville	WQXZ-860	was	oldies, now country/oldies
OH.	Columbus	WCTM-1130	was	talk, EZL, adds USA talk
OK.	Norman	KNOR-1400	was	AC, talk, adds USA talk, now all tlk
OR.	Baker	KBKR-1490	was	oldies, talk//KLBM adds JSN oldies
			//KI	LBM-1450
	La Grande	KLBM-1450	was	oldies, talk, adds JSN oldies
PA.	Gettysburg	WGET-1320	was	AC, talk, adds MBS King, Buchanan
	Portage	WHYM-1470	was	oldies, now SMN oldies//WKXU
sc.	Batesburg	WBLR-1430	was	silent, now JSN-C&W, urban//WJRQ
	Greenville	WPCI-1490	was	BRN bus. nx, adds JSN jazz nights
	Lexington	WLG0-1170	was	oldies, now gospel
	Newberry	WKMG-1520	· was	AC//FM, now JSN oldies, urban//FM
SD.	Rapid City			soft AC, talk, now talk
		KIMM-1150	was	country, now WW1, Unis., DAN talk
TN.	Cleveland	WCLE-1570	was	country, to be SMN C&W//FM (Sept.)
	Fairview	WPFD-850	was	silent, now SMN Real country
	Jefferson City	WJFC-1480	was	country, now country//WNDD
TX.	Beaumont	KZXT-1380	was	KKFH, silent, now s. gospel
	Crockett	KIVY-1280	was	soft AC, now JSN oldies
	Houston	KCRR-1070	was	KRBE, CHR//FM, now contemp. Xtian
	Huntsville	<b>KYLR-1400</b>	was	oldies, adds EFM talk
	Texarkana	KHSP-1400	was	rel., talk, adds USA talk
UT.	Centerville	KBBX-1600	was	rel. SS, now religion
VA.	Bassett	WODY-900	was	country, now silent
	Danville	WDVA-1250	was	silent, now gospel
	Fieldale	WODY-1160	was	WCBX, country, is new, will
				to rel. format on 8/1
	Manassas	WKDV-1460	-	WPRW, silent, now kids format//WKDL
WA.	Everett			AC, now SMN oldies
	Spokane			sports, adds SEN sports
WV.	Pineville			new, country/variety
		A STATE LAND		

Mike Sanburn of Bellflower, CA. passes on the following tip:

CO. Dillon

KHTH-1130 apparently was silent, back on // KNUS-710 Denver, came back on in mid-June

Thanks, Mike. DX is still horrid here, maybe it will pick up as the summer moves into fall soon. 73's.

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NOTE: THIS IS A BONUS COLUMN OF PREVIOUS MISSING INFO FROM LATE JUNE, THIS INFO MAY BE A BIT OLD!

#### FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

FL. Pompano Beach WRBD-1470 50000-D

#### FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS:

CA.	San Diego	KURS-1040	370/470, diplex	from KSON xmtr
	Thousand Oaks	KCTQ-850	25000/1000 DA-2	
FL.	Chattahoochee	WTCL-1580	become daytimer	only

#### CALL LETTER CHANGES:

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#### FORMAT CHANGES:

AL.	Florence	WSBM-1340	was	urban now SMN urban AC
AR.	Benton	KGKO-850	was	stds//FM, now Unis. stds.
GA.	Brunswick	WPIQ-790	was	WHJX, silent, now s. gos/cont.Xtian
	Macon	WNEX-1400	was	stds, talk, now talk
	North Atlanta	WCNN-680	was	all nx, now SEN sports
IA.	Indianola	KXLQ-1490	was	C&W//KELR-FM, now Reach s. gospel
MI.	Bay City	WMAX-1440	was	all nx, now SEN sports
	Escanaba	WCHT-600	was	oldies, talk, now MBS, DAN talk
	Rockford	WBYY-810	was	soft AC, adds WOR, USA, SUN talk
NE.	Omaha	KOIL-1290	was	country//KXKT, now silent due to
			fire	e (station should now be sim. KKAR)
NY.	Geneva	WGVA-1240	was	AC, oldies, talk, now JSN oldies
	New York City	WABC-770	was	talk, adds Unis. Liddy talk
NC.	Eden	WCLW-1130	was	WEDE, oldies, now AC 'classic'
OH.	Dayton	WHIO-1290	was	nx/talk, adds Talknet
	Philadelphia	WIP-610	was	sports, adds SEN sports overnight
VA.	Richmond	WRVH-910	was	WRNL, nx/talk/sports, now talk/sports
			(Lie	dy, MBS-King, EFM, ID as 910 WRVA)
WV.	Berkeley Springs	WCST-1010	was	C&W//FM, now silent
	Hurley			EZL, now oldies
	Sheboygan	WCNZ-950	was	WKTS, oldies, talk, now CNN Unis. nx,
			ESP	I sports
WY.	Sheridan	KROE-930	was	SMN AC, SMN Hot AC, now SMN Hot Ac
BC.	Vancouver	CKLG-730	was	CHR, now hot AC, talk (3 1-hr. talk
		The second second		cks, to expand this)

That's it! 73's. This info is approx. 1 month old as of 7/20.

# **IRCA Reprints**

The IRCA maintains a large file of articles which have appeared in past issues of DX Monitor. These articles cover a wide variety of topics, including: antenna theory and construction, tips for the foreign BCB DXer, how to improve your DXing skills, history of DXing and broadcasting, lists of stations by subject, construction projects and receiver modification, receiver reviews, medium wave propagation, and more. Copies are available for a nominal charge. For a list of reprints, send \$1.00 to:

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# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

CA.	Frazier	Park	KNOB-1050	rptd.	on	the	air w/10000-D, DA
SC.	Manning		WYMB-1410	moves	to	920,	, 5000/1000 DA-N

# FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

AZ. Cave Creek KCCF-1100 50000-D (CP) CA. San Bernadino KCKC-1350 600-N

# FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS:

FL. Indian Rock BeachWXYB-1520 600 w.

#### CALL LETTER CHANGES:

AL.	Ozark	WFSF-1200	becomes WQLS
FL.	Miami Beach	WMBM-1490	becomes WSBH
GA.	Alpharetta	WAZX-1400	becomes WVNF
IL.	Wood River	KEZK-590	becomes KFNS
IN.	Elkhart	WCMR-1270	becomes WFRN
ME.	Lewiston	WKZN-1470	becomes WZOU
MD.	Baltimore	WHLP-1360	becomes WWLG
MI.	Zeeland	WROR-640	requests WISZ
NJ.	Pompton Lakes	WKER-1500	requests WGHT
NM.	Albuquerque	KMBA-1050	becomes KJBO
NC.	Taylorsville	WQXZ-860	becomes WACB
PA.	Olyphant	WWAX-750	becomes WMXH
SD.	Sioux Falls	KJIA-1520	requests KCGN
TX.	Houston	KCRR-1070	becomes KRBE
	Mineola	KM00-1510	becomes KJMC
	San Antonio	KVAR-1160	requests KENS
		KONJ-1310	becomes KXTN
UT.	Ogden	KJON-1490	becomes KJOE
	Tremonton	KUFA-1470	becomes KNFL
VA.	Bassett	WODY-900	becomes WCBX
	Fieldale	WCBX-1160	becomes WODY (CP)
	Manassas	WPRW-1460	becomes WKDV
WI.	Kaukauna	WQWM-1050	requests WSGC

#### FORMAT CHANGES:

AL.	Greenville	WGYV-1380 was AC//FM, now EFM talk, s. gospel
	Ozark	WQLS-1200 was silent, WFSF, now nx/talk (CNN)
	Selma	WMRK-1340 was country, now urban
co.	Aspen	KRKE-1260 was country, now silent
FL.	Arcadia	WKGF-1480 was silent, now c. Xtian//FM (to
		switch to separate s. gospel form. soon)
	Avon Park	WKHF-1390 was silent, now country oldies
	Jacksonville	WCRJ-1530 was gospel, now country
	Valparaiso	WFSH-1340 was stds., adds FTP talk
GA.	Sandersville	WSNT-1490 was AC//FM, now s. gospel, JSN CD C&W//FM
	Smyrna	WAZX-1550 was WYNX, rel., now reg. Mexican
HI.	Hauku	KUAU-1570 is new, ethnic/jazz //KPOA
ID.	Gooding	KRXR-1480 was silent, now country
IL.	Macomb	WLRB-1510 was AC//WLMD, now country//WLMD
KS.	Hutchinson	KWHK-1260 is new, Skylight c. Xtian
KY.	Covington	WCVG-1320 was country//WNKR, now black gospel
	Hartford	WLLS-1600 was rock, C&W//FM, now AC//FM
MD.	Bethesda	WTEM-570 was sports, adds Unis. IMUS mornings
	Boston	WMEX-1150 was AC//FM, now ethnic
		WSSH-1510 was SS (tropical), rptd. silent
MN.	Monticello	KMOM-1070 was silent, now gold-based AC

MS.	Brookhaven	WJMB-1340 was AC, rptd. silent
MO.	Sullivan	KTUI-1560 was country//FM, now FTP talk
NM.	Albuquerque	KJBO-1050 was KMBA, bus. nx, now SMN Kool Oldies
NY.	Baldwinsville	WSEN-1050 was oldies//FM, now Unis. stds.
	Troy	WTRY-980 was oldies, adds Unis. Imus mornings
OR.	Eugene	KEED-1600 was trad. country, now silent due to fire
PA.	Olyphant	WMXH-750 was WWAX, silent, now CSN children's format
TN.	Gallatin	WHIN-1010 was country, adds SMN Trad. C&W
TX.	Mineola	KJMC-1510 was KMOO, silent, now SGC Xtian C&W/nx
UT.	Tremonton	KNFL-1470 was KUFA, silent, now AC
VA.	Orange	WJMA-1340 was CHR//FM, now country gold
WI.	Madison	WTSO-1070 was country, talk, now nx/talk/sports
		(WW1, Unistar, Sports Byline, AC w/ends)
	Sun Prairie	WMAD-1190 was silent, now Unis. stds.
AB.	Lethbridge	CKRX-1090 was CHEC, oldies, now rock

Tom Bryant of Nashville, TN. passes on the following tips:

TN.	Brentwood	WYOR-560	fixed their 4-month mod. problem, now normal operation, may not be going directional at night
	Smyrna	WKXB-710	is back on w/religion/gospel format
	Nashville	WENO-760	had stereo fixed for few days, then disappeared, stereo op's sporadic
	Fairview	WPFD-850	extended ops past former 5 PM LT s/off, s/off time varies, C&W/s. gospel format
	Ashland City	WQSV-790	no longer //WQSE-1030, WQSV religion, WQSE now C&W, very little talk

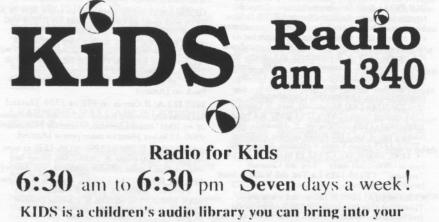
John Johnson corrects some typos in 6/7 column:

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KY.	Louisville	WDJX-1080	should	read	this,	not WJDX	
NY.	Rome	WZLB-1450	should	read	this,	not WZLG	
BC.	Tuktoyaktuk	CFCT-990	should	read	this,	not CFCP	

John also passes on that the former calls for CKDR-5-1340 Red Lake, ON. were CKRE. Thanks, Tom & John!

A Fairly long column, my birthday is 3 days away, I'll be doubledigit 33, and I'm getting gray, too! 73's.



home and take with you in your car every day!

# DX WORLDWIDE II

Bruce Portzer 6546 19th Avenue N.E. Seattle, WA 98115

We'll begin this issue with a report from Larry Flegle, who logged the following stations while on a recent trip to Bang Kla, Thailand (all receptions were on a Sangean ATS-803A).

- 542 6/20 2156, mx, suspect CC, veryuptempo
- 578 6/22 2149 unk Thai stn, traditional mx
- 585 6/22 2153, Thai stn, man w/nx
- 604 6/22 2155. Commercials, wish I knew Thai.
- 684 6/22 2206 Gansu PBS, Lanzhou, China, traditional mx, man & woman talking & laughing.
- 1143 6/22 2202 stn in Thai(?), do not believe it to be China (Zhangzhou Economic BS).
- 1170 6/20 2152 Thai male in slow determined voice.
- 1214 6/20 2148, mx sounded more JJ than anything else.
- 1251 6/22 2204, Dingdao Economic BS strong, male ancr.
- 1575 0/20 2140, VOA, news in Thai w/some. English words, alternating male& female ancrs, report on Pepsi contamination.

Now on to other news:

# PAN AMERICAN

**BOLIVIA:** Split frequency stations gleaned from a list in the Arctic bulletin: (P208 R Sipe Sipe has dritted to 1045 from 1040, for commercial reasons they moved from Sipe Sipe to Quillacollo: (P173-1075 ex 1030 R Agricultura: R Crucena-1125 ex R Jenecheru in Cotoca, Santa Cruz, 1130-2200, nominal freq is 1530, does not have an official license; R Porvenir-1125 in Tiquipaya, Cochabamba; 1195 CP108 R Independencia, Quillacollo, Cochabamba, -x-1200 1000-2300 M-Sat, off Sun: R Uncia-1265 drifted from 1260; 1275 CP187 R Chane 1000-0300 (1100-2200SaSu): R Alborada-1445. Santa Cruz, 1 kw 1100-0100(2400Sa 1600Su); CP262-1475 Emis Verde y Blanco, Santa Ciuz, ex-1450, 1000-0700; CP152 El Mundo Radioditusion 0900-2200 daily 'Voz del Chapare Tropical": CP135-1485 La Voz del Valle is here trom 1580 [Arctic]

COLOMBIA: HJ?? R Brisas del Catatunbo. Tijon Norte de Santander Ind in Velezuela on 2nd harmonic woatti-guerilla pgm, HJBO Ind on 1369.5, HJLQ Ind on 1520.3 [Arctic]

CUBA: Radio 8SF-760 in Municipio II Frente is

new w/.25 kw; Rsadio Taino, Santa Clara has been on 890 since early April [Arctic]

All times UTC

GUATEMALA: TGRV R.560 is on 5501; TGW-640 is not inactive as stated in WRTH-93, ID as "La doble V, La Voz de Guatemala; TGL, R.adio Victoria is on 870; TGK-1240 also IDs as Radio Luz [Arctic]

MEXICO: stations of the Grupo Radiopolis organization can now be QSLed as follows: v/s Miguel Angel Burrientos Valadez, Dir Teonico de Plantas Transmisoras, Calzada de Tlapan No 3000, Col. Espartaco, C.P. 04870, Mexico, DF. This group consists of XEWA-540, XEX-730, XEW-900, XEQ-940, XEWW-6165/9515/15160, & XEQO-9680. [NZDXT]

PANAMA: HOPU-540 Lider540 is 5kw 1000-0400; Faro de David 1240 is new 1kw 1100-0400M-F, 1100-0100 Sa, 1200-1800 Su; HOS56-920 is now 2.5 kw [Arctic]

# **TRANS ATLANTIC**

ARMENIA: Yerevan-702 is 150kw w/Mayak 2300-2200, delete 1506, Yerevan-1314 1000kw w R. St. Yunost [Arctic]

BELGIUM: 1125 1233 & 1305 French 2nd program will probably close down its MW service very soon [Arctic]

FINLAND: Lahti-252 was taken out of service 5/31 [Euronews]

GFIRMANY: MDR-1044 was to leave MW 6/30, VOA will drop all German pgms 10/1, this will affect 1197, 177 207 810 1539 & 1575 will either leave the air or carry a new service on 12/31, a new station called Deutschlandradio will operate trom Koln on 153 and Berlin on 549 & 756, Langenberg 1593 "has been off come time" to install RDS service on xr, but is now back on [Arctic]

MELILLA: R One is on 972 ex 1359. [Arctic] MONACO; Riviera Radio 702 is the new name of ex-RMC Italian Service, Currently uses 40kw 0500-1730 but plans to raise power [Arctic].

SAO TOME B PRINCIPE: VOA-1530 is now on the air 0.300-0700 & 1600-2200, being hrd well in Shri Lanka [Media Network, via Arctic]

SPAIN: RNE1-774 La Linea, Andalucia is new, COPE-900 Caceres ex 1224, R Cadiz-990 ex 1485, RNE5-1152 ex 936, R Casilla Burgos 1287 ex-1584, RNE5 Bilbao 1305 (not 936) //1476. [Arctic]

UKOGBANI: Due to massive criticism in the

British press, the BBC is reconsidering plans to drop Ratio Four on 198 and replace it with a news station. A decisionilis expected later this great [Aretro]

# **TRANS PACIFIC**

AUSTRALIA: 3GG-531 plans to change to a racing format linked to 3UZ-927. 3PB Melbourne moved from 1593 to 1026. SBS Special BCing Service will open a second network stn in Melbourne by late 1993, probably on 1116 1422 or 1593. 3BO-945 moved to FM 5/5. 7HT & 7EX ID as "You're tuned to 7TAB statewide through 7HT Hobart & 7EX Launceston". Verie signer for 2RPH 1539 is Dave Rose. The ABA is considering a proposal to allow stations to operate at higher power levels during the day. 2WS-1224 hoped to move to FM at the end of May; 2RPH plans to move to 1224 from 1539 after 2WS vacates. 3EE-693 left the air suddenly at 0600 5/27 after being sold, and is currently //3MP-1377. 2CO-675 Corowa has started relaying NSW pgms 6/28 w/local pgms originating from 2RVR studios in Wagga Wagga. 3AK-1503 has BBC World Service after midnight local time, 3RPH-1179 carries it after 11:30 pm. [DXA/NZDXL]

HONG KONG: Commercial Radio 864 dropped its AM ALive in favor of all-music "Quote 864" with back-to-back 20 minute pre-recorded tapes. Metro News 1044 has been renamed Metro News Plus. [Arctic]

NEW ZEALAND: R Rhema Christchurch is on 612 as of 4/6 with local programming 3-7 pm local time Mon-Fri. Auckland's 1476 AM (formerly Airport Radio) now has sportstalk 1800-2400 local time, othertimes relays 91FM "The Breeze": new owner plans to change to a "Lifestyle Radio" format, selling hourly blocks of "advertorial" pgms such as travel, tiunance, cooking, etc. Pacific Islands Radio has been allocated 531 kHz in Auckland, with pgms for the 110,000 Pacific islanders living in the area; will be English dam to 7:30 pm, then various island langs until midnight, and may hit the air in late July [NZDXT]. Classic Gold Radio Ranturly has moved from 981 to 729 [DXA]. R New Zealand has undergone management changes, which include separating the noncommercial National Radio from RNZ's commercial stations; the change could lead to RNZ selling its commercial stations in order to pay off debts [World Broadcast News, via Arctic

# LEARNING VALUABLE LESSONS FROM RADIO TONGA

by Martin Allard, Project consultant to UNESCO [reprinted from Interadio, Vol 5 No 1, 1993, via Arctic Radio Club]

The ancient Polynesian kingdom of Tonga comprises over 160 inhibited aub-tropical islands in a vast but mostly empty stretch of the South Pacific. Any traveller to this land is atruck by the lonely beauty of the tiny islands and the placid way ot life.

Back in 1985 Radio Tonga was operating an elderly 10kw medium wave transmitter which could not effectively cover the country. A UNESCO project sought to supplement this medium wave service with three local FM stations for the major island groups.

Tongan technicians were trained to assemble small FM transmitters and several of these were installed. However even with high power it turned out that the population was so thinly spread over so many islands that only a small proportion could be served.

The next step was to provide a 1kw shortwave transmitter to help cover the outlying islands. Another low-cose UNESCO transmitter design was used and it worked well: almost too well! Within a few weeks reception reports were coming in from as far away as Canada. The World Service of Radio Tonga was on the air.

The FM transmitters assembled by Radio Tonga technicians functioned well for over 5 years, quite an achievement considering that they had never built anything like this before. But by the time the equipment needed maintenance the staff who had originally been trained had all emigrated.

Sadly, this is a familiar story, and one which raises disturbing questions about the whole philosophy of technology transfer. With a limited budget, the aim of the UNESCO community radio projects has always been to sow the seeds of self-sufficiency, not to provide simple aid. In almost every case the training has been a success, but there's is no was of keeping the trained staff where they are needed. To say that these people should stay and help their own country is an expression of northern hypocrisy. Should we thereforget about the training and just dispense as much equipment as we can?

The experience of Radio Tonga showed that "packaged" solutions are unlikely to work in countries with such unusual topography, and the details of a broadcasting plan have to be worked out on-site. It showed that retaining skills in the country can be more difficult than providing training. In this situation technology transfer has to be a continuous process.

The positive side is that we introduced both FM & SW broadcasting to Tonga, and both were inmensely popular. They expanded the horizons of radio in that country to cover all the islands and far beyond. The SW service enabled people on remote islands to receivenational programs for the first time. It provided a better service than the old MW station and was set up at a very low cost. Meanwhile, the FM service gave an alternative high quality channel which was greatly appreciated. Radio Tonga is now a much nore dynamic and modern station.

CREDITS: Arctic DX (Lub (Arctic), DX Australia (DXA), New Zealand DX Radio League (NZDXRL), Showrtwave Echo (SW Echo), Euronews (via Richard Eckman), and other sources as noted.



#### DEADLINES: 8/23, 9/6

Not a lot of DX going on this Summer. Conditions seem to be better than most Summers, even with all the Thunderstorm crashes. Finally received info on my UNID on 530 KHZ, thanks to Shawn Axelrod. I knew someone in the East must have heard them. Thanks again Shawn. On with reports:

#### PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, Radio Vision Christiana. Hrd with SS 530 talk and mx 7/28 at 0250. Fair.Talk and mx was of a Rel. nature. At 0300 hrd clear WWRV-1330 ID. Now on, infact this was easily hrd around 0400 6/26 At the IRCA convention DX'pedition. We thought it was CIAO doing something unusual. Boy was I big time wrong. This 6/26 transmission must have been one of the first. It only shows ignorance is not bliss. New for me. (SA-MB) (I hrd them here on 7/6. Thx for the tip on this.PM)
- MEXICO, Culiacan-XENZ-atop all w/commercials for Culiacan mer-890 chants 0315-7/28. (LG-MT)
- t MEXICO, Mexico City-probably the one mixing with WQEW and under 1560 at times 1100 7/21. (PM-OR)

## TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- WESTERN SAMOA, Apia-2AP, fair above jumble at times at 0734 on 7/31 with man in Samoa talking, no music hrd. 747 is in EE alot 540 of the time with nice Samoan mx, some U.S. Pops, then 540 is normally solid Samoan talk in the evenings/mornings. (PM-OR) NEW <u>ZEALAND</u>, Ohura-hrd with morse code ID "OR" about half the mornings in late July around 1200. (LG-MT) 1615
- UNID, beacon transmitting Morse code noted 7/19 1203. ID seemed 1622
- to be "ZY", not listed. Very weak. OR-1615 was strong at this time, but TM-1630 was not. Ideas? (LG-MT) UNID, suspected Australia with Moon River, then ann. by man at 1200 7/28. No interval signal. Which Aussie(s) are left here? 1620 (LG-MT) (A couple of the hospitals are using some of these freqs. NEW ZEALAND, Taumaruni-weak w/morse code ID "TM" at 1156 on 1630 7/28 (LG-MT)

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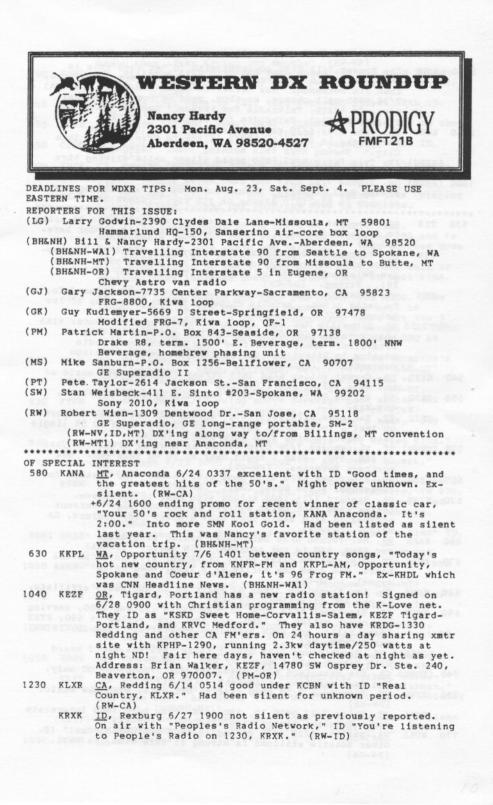
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1340	KKTR	CA, Fresno 7/12 0730 dominant with ID "At 1340 this is KKTR, Talkradio for Fresno." Heard brief news item, spot, then Jim Bohannon. New calls, ex-KBOS/KKAM/KMAK. (MS-CA) +7/26 0800 call change, ex-KBOS, good on top with Mutual news, ID "KKTR, Talkradio for Fresno." another ID as "Talkradio 1340, Talkradio for Fresno." (RW-CA)
1450	КОВО	<u>CA</u> , Yuba City 6/29 reported silent in NRC Log, now broadcasts in Spanish. ID's as "Radio Grande, KOBO Yuba City." Strong here this morning 1000. (GI-CA)
	(KEZJ)	<u>ID</u> , Twin Falls 6/23 1850 noted <u>silent</u> while driving thru Twin Falls. Apparently off air. (RW-ID)
1600	(KEED)	OR, Eugene 7/31 1815 and 2245 noted silent while in Eugene, ex-SMN Real Country. Thanks to GK-OR for mentioning KEED
		silence in his 1610 Albany OR TIS tip. (BH&NH-OR)
530	TC	
530	TIS	<u>CA</u> , Altamont Pass has new recording, now gives who to write to (federal & state) and info about windmills. Poor here. $(GJ-CA)$
	TIS	CA, Truckee 7/16 0800 Cal Trans Advisory Radio in Truckee-
		Tahoe area giving road conditions and delays while roads are being worked on and repaired (highways 80, 89 267 & 28). Strong. (GJ-CA)
	TIS	MT, Missoula 6/23 & 7/4 Reserve Street construction info.
		No calls given. Awfully close to 521kHz frequency of 1kw beacon "INF"! (BHSNH-Wal)
P	MYD255	WA, Ritzville 7/6 1409 7/6 1409 folksy male announcer with
		$\frac{WA}{M}$ , Ritzville 7/6 1409 7/6 1409 folksy male announcer with things to see and do in Ritzville, operated by City of
		Ritzville. Nancy identified this as "the only radio
		station in Ritzville" during the quiz at the Billings
		convention! (BH&NH-WA1)
540	KIEZ	CA, Carmel Valley 6/14 1615 strong with old type music of
		the 40's, 50's, etc. (GJ-CA)
550	CKPG	BC, Prince George 7/23 0415 weak mixing with CFJC/KBOW. (SW-WA)
	CFJC	BC, Kamloops 7/23 0419 fair "Listen for Pet Posse (report
		on lost & found pets) weekdays on JC 55," then JC 55 jingle
570	?CFWH?	into music, mixing with CKPG/KBOW. (SW-WA) <u>YT</u> , Whitehorse 7/26 0310 either an LPRT or CFWH with jazz
570	: Cr wn :	$\frac{11}{1}$ , whitehorse $\frac{11}{20}$ 0510 either an LPRT of Crwh with Jazz $\frac{11}{100}$ , 860, 690. Wish I could hear an ID on this one. Off
		northern Beverage. (PM-OR)
600	KSJB	ND, Jamestown 6/24 0340 good with "K-600" ID, weather for
		Jamestown, faded under CHRX. (RW-MT1)
620	KIGS	CA, Hanford 7/11 1409 strong with mass in Portugese.
		Letter came back using address in new NRC Log. Current
		address is KIGS Radio 620, 6165 Highway 198, Hanford, CA
		93232. (GJ-CA)
660	KAPS	WA, Mt. Vernon 6/28 0823 weak, mixing with unID, "KAPS is
670	PLAIP	our name, 660 is our address," C&W music. (SW-WA)
670	KWNK	<u>CA</u> , Simi Valley carry relay or XETRA, with no ID on the hour. How does one verify this type, when no ID? Weak
		hour. How does one verify this type, when no ID? Weak signal. (GJ-CA)
680	KNBR	<u>CA</u> , San Francisco after 62 years as an NBC Radio affiliate,
000	MADA	is now ABC Direction. (PT-CA)
690	KECN	ID, Blackfoot 6/23 2050 ID "CNN Radio 690 and 1260, serving
		the upper valley at 1260, and the lower valley at 690, KTEE
		the upper valley at 1260, and the lower valley at 690, KTEE Idaho Falls, and KECN Blackfoot-Pocatello." (RW-ID) (KTEE,
		not KICN??NH)
	?CBKF1	? SK, Gravelbourg 7/23 0350 I think this was who I heard
	1	with French talk & music // 860. (SW-WA)
740	(KCBS)	CA, San Francisco 6/20 0644-0659 and 0706-0732+ OC only.
750	CJWW	Two weak stations underneath. (LG-MT) SK, Saskatoon 7/23 0340 fair in KXL null, with C&W music.
150		(SW-WA)
	KOAL	UT, Price 7/23 0400 ID, ABC news, then back into Interstate
770	KULL	Radio Network, mixing with KXL/CJWW. (SW-WA) WA, Seattle 6/20 0536 strong in KKOB null with "Cool" ID.
110	NOLL	Other Seattle stations in strong at this time, as well. (RW-CA)
		(An-CA)

+7/6 2352 good, oldies "Seattle's Cool Oldies," I finally heard then after trying for months! (SW-WA)

- MT, Billings 6/19 0733 C&W tune ended and man said "Depend 790 KGHL on us for a wide variety of great country music on AM-790, KGHL." (LG-MT)
- HI, Hilo 7/12 0856 in fair thru KTRB-860 splash with ID. 850 KHLO (RW-CA)

870 KORD WA, Pasco 7/7 0817 poor, C&W, "Thanks for listening to the Tri-Cities favorite, KORD." (SW-WA) BC, Dawson Creek 7/24 0523 strong in passsing, with ID. CJDC

- 890
- (GJ-CA) CA, Fresno 6/19 1145 strong in KNEW-910 null, with relig. 900 KBIF programming. Address is 2811 N. Wishon, Fresno, CA 93704 (different than in NRC Log). (GJ-CA)
  - KKRT WA, Wenatchee 6/23 1200 ads messing up across hour (playing twice), 12012 joined CNN Headline News in progress. (BH&NH-WA1)
    - +7/7 11/57 noted legal ID on 104.9 FM, "KSSY, KKRT, Wenatchee's rock and roll difference." Checked 900 and in fact the album rock music was parallel !! That narrows down the dates for this format change! (BH-WA1)
    - +7/26 0800 popped up for ID mentioning 104.9. Per call to station, they increase power to 1,000 watts at that time. (LG-MT)
  - C??? BC, LPRT heard ending God Save the Queen 7/26 0800, then annct. "This is the CBC Radio Network." Per call to Engineer Dave Newberry at CBU-Vancouver, there are the 3 possibilities cited in NRC Log; all run 40 watts. He also said they operate AN, but confirmed they do play GSQ at this hour. (LG-MT)
- 910 MT, Billings 7/27 0800 proclaimed itself to be "Montana's KBLG News Authority, KBLG, Billings, Newsradio 91." (LG-MT) MT, West Yellowstone 6/27 1500 with s/off annct. while
- 920 KWYS visiting studios. Signs off Sundays at 1pm! (RW-MT)
- AK, Ketchikan 7/12 using north Beverage good on top all evening, using satellite service. ID's "We're KTKN 930 KTKN Ketchikan, the best of yesterday and today's hits," pop hits, and ID at 0315. (PM-OR) IA, Des Moines 7/27 0034 weak o/u CJIB "All Oldies KIOA." (SW-WA)
- 940 KIOA
- ID, Rupert 6/23 2000 ID on hour "97 AM, KBBK, Rupert," 970 KBBK Mutual news. (RW-ID)
  - WA, Spokane 6/23 1558 ending A1 Bernstein's Sports Party on KTRW American Sports Network, net ad, 1600 "Sportsradio, AM 970, The Score, KTRW Spokane," into Unistar News. Format and slogan change from "True Country," but no call change. (BH&NH-WA1)
- 990 KKIS CA, Pittsburg 6/24 0355 good with "Contra Costa's Kiss" ID. (RW-MT1)
  - (KKIS)+7/17 0657 totally off, KQSB in strong, alone. (RW-CA)
- 1000 \*KOMO\* WA, Seattle 6/20 0539 with OC, TT. Weak unID Spanish and KCEO under OC. (RW-CA)
  - +6/20 0633-0732+ OC and TT, various pitches. (LG-MT) UT, Tooele 6/23 1855 loud while driving thru Twin Falls,
- 1010 KTUR with ID "La Poderosa," ment. of Tooele, lively Spanish music. (RW-ID)
- BC, Vancouver 7/10 0730 strong with modern rock music. IDs as "Coast 10-40." New address per phone call is 1199 1040 CKST West Pender St., Vancouver, BC V6E 2R1. (GJ-CA) OR, Springfield 7/11 0200 weak ID & relig. programming,
- 1050 KORE first time heard & only because KEYF was off. (SW-WA)
  - WA, Dishman 7/6 1353 several commercials, quick "throw-KEYF away" ID between ads. "KEYF-FM Cheney, KEYF-AM Dishman," and more ads. All other times of the hour they are "Oldies 101.1." (BH&NH-WA1)
- (KEYF)+7/11 0145 noted off apparently due to transmitter problems or lightning strike, returned to air about 0850. (SW-WA) 1090 KTNS CA, Oahhurst 7/26 1224 weak with C&W. (GJ-CA)

1110	KRLA	<u>CA</u> , Pasadena 6/19 0702 ID "All oldies, 1110, KRLA Pasadena," during AN program. (LG-MT)
1120	KANN	UT, Ogden 6/24 0352 way over KPNW with preacher, ID. (RW-MT1)
1130	KRDU	CA, Dinuba 7/11 1338 strong with rebroadcast from Peoples Church in Fresno. (GJ-CA)
	KBMR	ND, Bismarck 7/26 0015 mixing with CKWX (with talk), "11-30, KBMR." (PM-OR)
1140	KVLI	CA, Isabella 7/10 1130 brief ID, very weak with strong interference from KRAK. (GJ-CA)
	KGEM	ID, Boise 7/26 0830 fair under KRAK with music, ID "Memories, 1140 KGEM." Very rare here. (RW-CA)
1150	KBAI	<u>CA</u> , Morro Bay 7/5 weak 1515 with ID and slogan "Central Coast's only station that plays music from the 40's &
	*000	50's." Strong interference from KRAK-1140. (GJ-CA)
	KQQQ	WA, Pullman 6/23 1400 ID and into ABC News, still not moved to 650. Good near Moses Lake. (BH&NH-WA1)
1200	KEZX	WA, Seattle 7/6 0125 mixing with unID, "KEZX 1150 Seattle." (SW-WA)
1200	CKDA	<u>TX</u> , San Antonio 7/29 0610 strong with news. (GJ-CA) <u>BC</u> , Victoria 7/29 0701 turning antenna in opposite direction, CKDA in strong with West Coast Oldies. (GJ-CA)
1230	KBAR	ID, Burley 6/23 1900 "61 degrees at the K-Bar studios,"
1250	ADAK	nostalgia music, ID on hour "From Burley Idaho, at 1230 on
	KCBN	your AM dial, this is KBAR," ABC news. (RW-ID) NV, Reno 6/14 0511 good on top with ID "Great songs, great
	RCDH	memories, AM 1230, KCBN." (RW-CA)
	KZLO	MT, Bozeman 6/25 1608 ID "Fox 99 FM, KZLO," C&W. (RW-MT)
	KSBN	WA, Spokane 7/6 1300 ID "KSBN Spokane is Business Radio
		1230, the sound of business." Then national newscast,
		possibly from Business Radio Network. BRN business news
-		1306. I'm not sure why Larry heard them with rock music
		(7/17 WDXR), unless he heard the "Spokane" ID and another music station faded up. (BH-WA1)
1240	KSUE	CA, Susanville 7/16 1407 in briefly with KSAC nulled, with
		Job Line. (GJ-CA)
1250	KHOT	CA, Madera 6/21 1900-2000 in weakly with 250 watts, had to
		null KSAC-1240 to pick them up! They are now Spanish, not English as in NRC Log. ID as "Radio Caliente" ("hot").
		Verie back lists new address as P.O. Box 112, Fresno, CA
		93707, now Spanish, still 250 watts. (GJ-CA)
1280	KDOL	NV, Henderson 6/20 0543 loud with "Radio Latino" ID,
		completely dominant, ment. of "en Las Vegas." Testing on day pattern? (RW-CA)
1300	KYNO	CA, Fresno 7/26 0930 strong with oldies. (GJ-CA)
	KPTL	NV, Carson City 7/26 1030 strong with news. (GJ-CA)
1310	KDIA	CA, Oakland 7/26 1035 with news. (GJ-CA)
	KEIN	MT, Great Falls 6/24 1310 noted with "America's Best Country" via SMN. No longer Kool Gold. (BH&NH-MT)
1340	KPRK	MT, Livingston 6/25 1625 with request number 422-1340, ad
		for Sports Byline Show heard M-F 8-11pm "on AM 1340, KPRK,"
		ad for Downtown Hoedown," "KPRK Weatherwatch." (RW-MT)
1350	KSRO	CA, Santa Rosa 6/29 1100 strong with news, weather, and
		sports. QSL came back with new address: 1410 Neotomas Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95405. (GJ-CA)
1370	KPCO	CA, Quincy 7/16 1305 in briefly carrying Rush Limbaugh
		Show. Had to null KSMJ-1380. (GJ-CA)
	CFOK	AB, Westlock 7/17 0644 in fair mixing with CHPQ, with C&W music and several "CFOK" ID's. (PM-OR)
1380	KQKD	SD, Redfield 7/20 0359 ID with newscast promo in jumble. Called station, ID'd over the phone. (PM-OR)
1400	KBLX	CA, Berkeley 7/20 1045 in with news. (GJ-CA)
1.00	KIGO	ID, St. Anthony 6/27 1820 noted silent while driving
	KWNA	through town. (RW-ID) NV, Winnemucca 6/23 1030 "7:30 news update from the KWNA
		newsroom," then news from the "Great Basin Network." (RW-NV)
1410	KBNP	OR, Portland 7/19 0858 faded up over CFUN for about 20
		seconds, luckily gave ID. (SW-WA)

1440	KVON	CA, Napa 6/19 1031 strong after nulling KJAY-1430 & KUHL-
1450		1440, with West Coast Gardenline Show. (GJ-CA) <u>CA</u> , San Francisco 6/19 1315 strong in German. New address
1450	RES I	is KEST 185 Berry Street, San Francisco, CA 94107. (GJ)
	KMMS	MT, Bozeman 6/25 1615 with Larry King, ad for American Car
		Care Centers, ID "Back to Larry, on AM 1450, KMMS." (RW-MT)
	KOZZ	NV, Reno 7/16 0800 carrying Oakland A's game. (GJ-CA)
1470	KKFO	CA, Coalinga 7/5 1020 strong with C&W on car radio while
		travelling through Central Valley. Per phone call to
		station, new address is 152 East Elm, Coalinga, CA 93210.
		Station states that they have been here for a couple years.
		Hope this will be a help to someone in the future & save
	NGKI BA	postage! (GJ-CA)
1480	KRXR	ID, Gooding 6/23 1842 ID "You've found AM 1480 TNT Dynamite
1 100		Country, now rip your knob off" (sic). (RW-ID)
1490	KJYK	AZ, Tucson 7/12 0605 "K-Joy" ID coming out of news,
	KSYC	somewhat fadey. (MS-CA)
	ROIC	CA, Yreka 6/14 0525 good with C&W, ID "Hear all the latest hits, here on KSYC." This is my unID C&W of last issue.
		(RW-CA)
	KRCD	ID, Chubbock 6/23 1855 with UPI financial news, ID "This is
	nnos	KRCD, Chubbock-Pocatello, your station for oldies, news and
		conversation, too." (RW-ID)
1500	TIS	CA, Anaheim 7/12 1300 new frequency for this TIS. 45
		second tape loop giving traffic info for Anaheim Stadium
		and Arena. ID "You're listening to the City of Anaheim
		Highway Advisory Radio broadcasting on 1500 kilohertz."
		Great signal here. Has sign on Ball Road near Disneyland.
	(	(MS-CA)
	(KSJX)	CAA San Jose 6/14 0435 off again, MM SP seems to be regular
	KSTP	now. (RW-CA) MN, St. Paul 7/23 0358 heard by nulling KGA-1510, "AM 1500
	NOIF	KSTP, the talk station," into Rush Limbaugh. (SW-WA)
	CKAY	BC, Duncan 6/14 0513 weak in KSJX OC with ID, mention of
		105 FM. (RW-CA)
1520	KMPG	CA, Hollister 7/5 1135 heard weakly in Spanish while
		travelling through Central Valley. (GJ-CA)
	KTRO	CA, Port Hueneme 7/5 0434 mixing with KOMA in Spanish,
		while in Hanford, CA. (GJ-CA)
	KOMA	OK, Oklahoma City 7/5 in strong 0430 with pop music, news
1	(	and weather, while in Hanford, CA. (GJ-CA)
	(KKHI)	
1300	(KNZR)	CA, Bakersfield 7/18 0552 totally off on extremely rare SP, KKAA in weak, no trace of WPAD. (RW-CA)
	KKAA	SD, Aberdeen 7/20 0010 way over others with C&W, ID. QRM
		from WPAD and/or WQEW. 7/26 totally dominant with non-stop
		C&W music, KKAA ID at 0059:55 with satellite service.
		Slight KNZR QRM at 0055. (PM-OR)
1570	KCVR	CA, Lodi now in all night in Spanish. Two weeks ago tried,
		as NRC Log listed them as 34 watts. Now booming in,
		strong. Couldn't hear them before, but now another local.
		Have they raised their power? (GJ-CA)
1580	KEZD	CA, Windsor holder of CP passed away. Consultant friend is
		working with successors who: (a) have requested extension, (b) are working with the city zoning dept. on tower
		location. Will be 3 tower directional, 700w day, 250w nite
		and should be on by end of the year with nostalgia
		(Sinatra, Dorseys, etc.) format. (PT-CA)
1590	KCNN	MN, E. Grand Forks 7/20 on top with CNN news, ID at 0306
		"Exciting talkradio on KCNN 1590," into net talk show. (PM)
	KZOK	WA, Seattle 6/24 0345 good, alone with ad for Z-Rock
		T-shirt, ID. (RW-MT1)
1610	TIS	CA, Paso Robles 6/19 1900 Calif. Midstate Fair Traffic
		Radio Info Service heard testing up to 7 miles either side
		of the Fair site (which we saw) on Hwy. 101. (PT-car-CA)
	KOP/96	MT, Deer Lodge 6/24 1345 TIS from Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, folksy male announcer, KOP796 calls
		announced. (BH&NH-MT)
		announced. (Bhawn-HT)

- TIS <u>OR</u>, Albany 7/19 2045 apparently new TIS. Multi-minute tape loop detailing vacation/shopping/recreation opportunities available in the Albany area. Refers to I-5 exit numbers (234 & 235) as well as mentioning "Santiam Highway," and other routes. No calls or phone number given. Local KEED-1600 off, as it has been for many weeks now. (GK-OR) KNEF687 WA, Cle Elum 6/23 1145 Blewett Pass State Highway 97
- KNEF687 <u>WA</u>, Cle Elum 6/23 1145 Blewett Pass State Highway 97 construction info for milepost 165-169, 40 sec. loop, no beeps. Antenna at milepost 845. (BH&NH-WA1)
- KNEF687 <u>WA</u>, Ellensburg 6/24 1211 same message as Cle Elum, but with two loud beeps between tape loops. Antenna at Exit 106. (BH&NH-WA1)
- (KNEF687) WA, North Bend 6/23 1050 TIS for Snoqualmie Pass road conditions was off as usual during the summer. (BH&NH-WA1)
- (KNEF687) <u>WA</u>, Snoqualmie Summit 7/7 1258 noticed a sign on I-90 westbound to tune 1610 for road conditions when lights flashing, lights not flashing, off for summer. (BH&NH-WA1)

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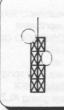
- 530 7/6 fair Spanish/Portugese above jumble with alternating woman & man announcers at 0500, 0410 as "This is WWRM New York, 530 AM, your ethnic---" taped off eastern Beverage only. Anyone else hearing this? Could be from the Caribbean, as not heard in NY. (PM-OR)
- 840 7/5 0801 unID TT good looping N-S in KVEG null. Probably KDBS. (RW-CA)
- 1200 7/11 steady tone here all day like station testing, but with no ID's. NRC Log lists 3-4 new stations to go on the air. (GJ-CA)
- 1240 7/26 0824 good on top over KSUE looping N-S with ad for Oregon Science Center in Newport, nostalgia music. KFLY? (RW-CA)
- 1300 7/26 0945 speaking Chinese. Possibly KAZN Pasadena? (GJ-CA)
- -1450 7/5 0824 good in KEST null with Indian-style chanting. Possibly KOBO-CA, which switched to Spanish format recently. (RW-CA)
- 1630 6/12 0800 poor signal with Morse code. Possible beacon, but don't know where to look for information! Have written to several DX'ers for help. (GJ-CA)

Wow! With all this DX reported it's hard to believe that this is the middle of summer! The convention must have inspired a few of us, hi.

WDXR	REPORTERS TO VOLU	ME 30 (Total	tips &	number of issues	reported):
1.	Patrick Martin	474/25	18.	Tim Hall	16/4
2.	Robert Wien	337/33	19.	Guy Kudlemyer	14/2
3.	Mike Sanburn	140/16		Steve Mittman	14/8
4.	Larry Godwin	123/8	21.	Gary Pifer	12/3
5.	Jim Hilliker	122/14	22.	Frank Aden	10/3
6.	Gary Jackson	108/14		Reid Wheeler	10/3
7.	Bruce Portzer	99/13	24.	Rod O'Connor	8/6
8.	Bill Hardy	50/9	25.	Steve Hawkins	7/2
9.	Nigel Pimblett	44/5	26.	Shawn Axelrod	3/2
10.	Stan Weisbeck	38/3		Nick Hall-Patch	3/2
11.	Pete Taylor	35/10		Steve Ratzlaff	3/1
12.	Nancy Hardy	30/10		Mike Stonebridge	
13.	Dennis Gibson	23/4	30.	Dale Park	2/2
14.	Gary Larson	22/8	31.	Guy Atkins	1/1
15.	Greg Hardison	21/1		Jim Hall	1/1
	Art Peterson	21/5		Leonard Hyde	1/1
17.	Bill Nittler	17/4		Jeff Shiflet	1/1

A special "thank you" to all the reporters listed above!

DX CONTESTS: We will have a new "DX Partners" contest beginning Oct. 1. Two DX'ers from different parts of the country will log as many states as possible. If you want to enter and don't have a teammate in mind, sign up by Sept. 1 and I'll assign your teammate by Sept. 15. If you and a friend would like to team up, enter by Sept. 15. Watch for more details on the new "DX Partners" contest, as well as "States and Provinces" and other returning contests. --Nancy Hardy



# Central DX Roundup

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REPORT ALL TIMES AS EASTERN.

DEADLINES: 8/19, 9/4.

# **RIDING GAIN**

FOR THE RECORD

[BH+NH-MT] Bill and Nancy Hardy, 2301 Pacific Avenue, Aberdeen, WA 98520-4527

DXing on the road near West Yellowstone, MT.

[BH+NH-SD] Bill and Nancy Hardy DXing on I-90 east of Rapid City, SD

[NH+NH-WY] Bill and Nancy Hardy DXing in Yellowstone National Park

- Bill and Nancy's on the road DXing was done on a Chevy Astro Van radio
- [BH-MT1] Bill Hardy DXing at the 1993 IRCA convention site in Billings, MT
- [BH-SD1] Bill Hardy DXing at KOA Kampground between Mount Rushmore and Hill City, SD
- [BH-WY1] Bill Hardy DXing at KOA Kampground, Sheridan, WY
- [BH-WY2] Bill Hardy DXing at KOA Kampground, Greybull, WY

Bill was using a G.E. 7-2963A Multi-Band portable for his loggings.

- [MS-MT] Mike Sanburn, P.O. Box 1256, Bellflower, CA 90707 DXing at the IRCA 1993 Convention site in Billings, MT with a GE Superadio II.
- [RW-MT] Robert Wien, 1309 Dentwood Drive, San Jose, CA 95118
- DXing at the IRCA 1993 Convention site in Billings, MT with a GE Superadio.
- [JcJ-MT] Your editor using an Icom IC-R71A with a Radio West loop.
- [JcJ-MN] Your editor DXing on I-94 in Minnesota.
- [JcJ-ND] Your editor DXing on I-94 in North Dakota.
- [JcJ-SD] Your editor DXing on I-90 in South Dakota.
- [JcJ-WY] Your editor DXing on I-90 in Wyoming.

John-John's on the road DXing was done on a Mustang car radio.

# SPECIAL INTEREST

1090 CKRX AB, Lethbridge. EX-CHEC. 6/28 dominant o/KBOZ. 0323 with ID "10-90 Rock CKRX Lethbridge." Rock Radio Network programming. Promo to for CKRX win sticker then ID "The New 10-90 CKRX. Southern Alberta's best rock." [MS-MT] +6/28 strong. 0556 with spot break "...on the Rock Radio Network." Mentioned "The new 10-90 CHRX." 0600 "Broadcasting to the world via Anik satellite, you're listening to Overnight." AOR format. This is both a call and format change (CHEC was adcon/oldies). We also noted this in Billings 6/26 strong at 0601, but no calls heard at that time. [BH-WY1]

+7/21 good in KBOZ null. 0145 with heavy metal rock music. Spot cluster with mentions of "10-90 CKRX." 0200 ID "Lethbridge's best rock, CKRX AM 10-90." into Anix satellite fed "Overnight" programming. Needed for call change. [JcJ-MT] DOWN THE DIAL

530 WPBX286 MN, St. Paul. 7/13 in area. 1845 with I-94 road work information near St. Paul. IDing as "WPBX 286 Minnesota Department Of Transportation." Noted also on 1610 with the exact same call letters. Same message except mention of "1610" instead of "530." [JcJ-MN]

WNXC873 WY, Gillette. 7/15 in area. 1900 with ID and TIS for Gillette. [JcJ-WY]

550 KFYR ND, Bismarck. 6/30 good. 0115 with adcon music, 0120 sports, weather, and more music with a local DJ. "K-Fire" slogans and "KFYR" call given. Refreshing to hear local-live adcon on AM. [BH-SH]

	CDXR Conti 550 KRAI	<u>CO</u> , Craig. 7/2 good. 1005 ending CO news with "Wherever you go in northwest Colorado take us along, 55 Country." Local country in morning drive, Unistar
		satellite later. 1200 and 1300 legal ID "KRAI AM Craig is 55 Country." TC
	560 KLZ	and CNN hourly news. [BH-SD1] <u>CO</u> , Denver. 6/30 strong. 0126 with female DJ on "56 KLZ" into C&W country song "Achy Breaky Heart," but with religious lyrics! More religious country songs. Mentioned "Colorado's Christian station" and a four minute commentary giving KLZ address and phone for comments. This must be where their night signal goes, rare at home. Also noted in daytime 6/30 1245 on I-90 east of Rapid City. [BH-SD1]
	580 CKY	{JcJ: Bill, KLZ is a #1 pest in Billings. Always has been. John.} MB, Winnipeg. 6/30 good. 0125 with "KY-58" slogan in "Oldies Coast To Coast." [BH-SD1]
	590 KGLE	MT, Glendive. 6/30 fair. 1242 with religious music. Promo for show on Moody Network. Religious commentary. [BH+NH-SD]
1	600 KSJB	ND, Jamestown. 6/30 good atop unID music. 0140 with IRN programming. 0141 local weather cut-in and local spot. [BH-SD1]
1	630 KHOW	CO, Denver. 6/30 good, then faded. 0152 with female DJ ending music set "KHOW 95.3." Local spots, fade. [BH-SD1]
•	680 <b>KWKA</b>	NM, Clovis. 6/27 good o/KNBR and an unID. 0330 with "Wake up to good times and great oldies on 6-80 KWKA." [RW-MT]
•	690 <b>KOAQ</b>	[JcJ: RW, your unID was probably CJOB. John.] <u>NE</u> , Terrytown. 6/30 good. 1255 with satellite oldies. Mentioned AM Stereo. Had AP news. 1000 watts gets out well in this area of good groudwave east of Rapid City, SD [BH+NH-SD]
	710 KNUS	(JcJ: Bill & Nancy, KOAQ might get out good into SD, but doesn't make it to Billings! John.) <u>CO</u> , Denver. 6/30 fair. 1300 legal ID "KNUS Denver and AM 11-30 the all new KHTH Dillion, Breckenridge," This into CNN hourly news. [BH+NH-SD]
	WDSM	WI, Superior. 7/13 good with others while in White Bear Lake, MN. 1855 with local break in baseball game between Thunder Bay and St. Paul. [JcJ-MN]
	730 <b>KWOA</b>	<u>MN</u> , Worthington. 6/30 good signal for distance. 1258 with farm prices. 1300 "That's how the markets are shaping up from AM 7-30 KWOA Worthington." TC, brief weather into news. [BH+NH-SD]
	790 KGHL	MT, Billings. 6/30 good. 0200 with C&W, legal ID, CBS News. Night pattern goes here. [BH-SD1]
	WEAQ	WI, Eau Claire. 7/13 good over others while in White Bear Lake, MN.1858 with EZL Standards/NOS/BBD format. "AM 7-90 WEAQ" ID. [JcJ-MN]
*	830 CKKY	<u>AB</u> , Wainwright. 6/28. 0100 with news followed by ID "Country's hottest stars play here. Key 83." Music included "Curisin' These Back Roads." [MS-MT]
2	BEO KNUJ	MN, New Ulm. 7/13 good while in White Bear Lake, MN. 1900 with "8-60 KNUJ" into NBC News. C&W format. [JcJ-MN]
8	390 KQLX	ND, Lisbon. 7/10 in area. 1850 with C&W. "KQLX AM and FM" ID. [JcJ-ND]
	930 KROE	WY, Sheridan. 6/28 local. 0445-0610 noted 24 hours with Unistar satellite country. [BH-WY1]
	KSDN	SD, Aberdeen. 7/10 in area. 1836 with weather. Rock format. [JcJ-ND]
	940 CJGX	<u>SK</u> , Yorktown. 6/28. 0156 with ID "The station with more fun, GX-94." 0200 ID "CJGX 94 Yorktown. Serving Manitoba and Saskatchewan. We are GX-94." News followed. I was expecting KIOA here. [MS-MT]
	70 WDAY	{JcJ: MS, you should have heard a strong KIOA. Good catch, not far but rare. John.} <u>ND</u> , Fargo. 6/30 good. 0100 with ID "Newstalk WDAY Fargo, Moorhead" into NBC News. [BH-SD1]
1	050 CJNB	SK, North Battleford. 6/28 booming in with possible CFGP or CHUM below. XEG interference was sporadic. 0242 with "Northwest Radio CJNB, CJNX" ID and a
1	090 <b>KYBG</b>	C&W song. 0246 with weather. Wish I could still get this back in SoCal. [MS-MT] <u>CO</u> , Aurora. TENTATIVE. 6/30 poor. 1725 with "K-Big AM and FM" in sports talk. Colorado spots. [BH+NH-SD]

CDXR Conti	nued
	{JcJ: Bill & Nancy, yep that's KYBG. Slogan is "K-Big" (KaY BiG) John.}
1130 CKWX	BC, Vancouver. 6/28 good over KWKH. 0554 with local and Canadian spots.
	Promo for Blue Jays on CKWX. "Country Coast To Coast" program. Strength this
	far east suprised me. [BH-WY1]
	{JcJ: Bill, CKWX is a big pest for me in Billings. Always strong. John.}
	ND, Bismarck. 7/2 strong. 0720 with C&W. Report on local street flooding from 2.7 inches of rain. 0725 with NBC Sports. Still in at 0750 with more local reports. 0800 with NBC News. Local KZMQ-1140 off until 0805! Elusive at home. [BH-WY2]
1140 KXNO	NV, Las Vegas. 6/28 in with interference from either CFXL or KZMQ? Quite strong here. 0335 with "Casino Radio" tourist info. [MS-MT]
	{JcJ: MS, 1140 nights sometimes finds you with KGEM, KRAK, or KSOO. John.} +6/27 fair o/u/KGEM and others. 0358 with spot for Sands Casino, ID "We're Casino Radio 11-40, Casino Radio." [RW-MT]
KZMQ	WY, Greybull. 7/2 local. 0805:15 popped on the air in the middle of spots.   100.3.
	No legal ID. 0806 with local cut-in rejoining SMN satellite country feed mentioned "KZMQ." [BH-WY2]
	{JcJ: Bill, Most likely a technical problem getting them on that AM. Station is owned by KSVI (TV ch. 6) Billings. Their FM on 100.3 can be received here in Billings. John.}
1170 CKGY	<u>AB</u> , Red Deer. 6/28 fighting KVOO. 0337 with C&W and ID "Alberta's new country home. 11-70 CKGY." [MS-MT]
1190 KKOJ	MN, Jackson. 7/14 in area. 1115 with weather, spot cluster. Mini-vacation contest
	mentioned KKOJ's 13th Anniversary. Also mentioned their FMer KRAQ would be on the air soon. KKOJ has C&W format. [JcJ-MN]
1230 KDIX	ND, Dickinson. 7/10 in area. 1450 with lite rock roldies mix. 1500 with ID into CBS News. [JcJ-ND]
	MN, Morris. 7/11 in area. 1100 with "KMRS Radio 12-30 Morris, MN" into NBC
	News. NOS/BBD format. [JcJ-MN] <u>MN</u> , Mankato. 7/14 in area. 1145 with rock oldies. Slogan "Total Radio" being used.
	Noted NBC News on hour and then carried Rush Limbaugh at 1206. [JcJ-MN]
1240 WJON	MN, St. Cloud. 7/13 weak, mixed with others while in White Bear Lake, MN. 1845
1000 1000	with spot cluster in local talk program. [JcJ-MN]
1260 KPOW	WY, Powell. 7/2 semi-local. 0759 with full data sign-on. ABC Info News. Not 24
1320 KHPT	hours. [BH-WY2] ND, Minot. 7/10 in area. 1520 with C&W format. Slogan "Sound Alternative" being
1020 11111	used. [JcJ-ND]
KOLT	NE, Scottsbluff, 6/30 fair, 1733 ending market report, back to Pete Rose sports talk
1330 C IVM	show "on Wyobraska's favorite radio station, 13-20 KOLT." [BH+NH-SD] SK, Rosetown. 6/26. 0406 with ID "The oldies station" and weather for SK. Calls
1550 05114	not heard. [RW-MT]
	[JcJ: RW, this is most likely CJYM, a pest here in Billings. John.]
1340 KPOK	ND, Bowman. 7/10 in area. 1530 with "Nashville Record Review" C&W program. IDing as "Goodtime Radio KPOK." [JcJ-ND]
KWOR	WY, Worland. 6/27. 0416 w/blip ID, spot for Longhorn Saloon in Worland. [RW-MT] +7/2 semi local. 0655 noted on the air with SMN adcon and Mutual News.
	Apparently 24 hours. [BH-WY2]
1390 KRRZ	ND, Minot. 7/10 in area. 1540 with CBS Baseball Game Of The Week. Local spots
1400 100	heard and mention of "13-90 Minot," but no call ID. [JcJ-ND]
1400 KODI	WY, Cody. 7/2 semi-local. 0800 sign-on and into local oldies format. Not 24 hours. [BH-WY2]
	ND, Beulah. 7/10 in area. 1550 with C&W format. Noted    to KNDC-1490. [JcJ-ND]
1410 KWYO	WY, Sheridan. 6/28 local. 0500-0600 noted 24 hours with local country format. [BH-WY1]
1430 KLO	UT, Ogden. 6/26 strong. 0600 ending adcon music with SID "KLO Ogden" into ABC Info News. [BH-MT1]
	{JcJ: Bill, I consider KLO a local here in Billings. John.}

CDXR Continued....

1460 KTLC ND, Dickinson, 6/26 good. 0418 with spot for fireworks display in Williston, ND. "...on AM 14-60 KRLC." [RW-MT]

1480 KMEM <u>NE</u>, Lincoln. 7/26 weak to good in KPHX null. 0200 with ID "KMEM Lincoln" into very lite rock oldies from 50s, 60s, 70s. 0212 spot cluster with PIs and "Lincoln's 14-80 KMEM." Needed for call change. [JcJ-MT]

1490 CJPR AB, Blairmore. 0420 good, on top. 0420 with ID "12-30 C-jock, 14-90 CJPR." C&W format. [RW-MT]

[JcJ: RW, I've yet to hear CJPR! Thanks for the tip here. John.]

KBOL CO, Boulder. TENTATIVE. 6/30 fair. 0758 with SSB, sign on data, but no city or address given! 0800 with ABC News. Lost to local KFCR. [BH-SD1]

(KBSR) <u>MT</u>, Laurel. 6/27 0830 and 0915 local noted off 24 hour schedule. Was back on by 0955 going from satellite oldies to local SS programming at 1000. [BH-MT1] {JcJ: Bill, I find KBSR off now and then. Not sure why. John.}

KFCR <u>SD</u>, Custer. 6/30 moderate, a bit weak for 10 miles away. 0778 carrier, 0800:15 with "KFCR Custer" ID out of nowhere then joined "NSC News" (part of a satellite adcon feed) in progress. Sounded like the employee had waled into the building a moment late, turned it on, and pushed the satellite button. Station leaves the air nightly at 2000 or 2100. Station has a weak signal, even at the main highway junction in Custer. I suspect tower is east or south of town. [BH-SD1] (JcJ: Bill, I've never been able to log KFCR here in Billings. Now I know why. John.)

KNDC ND, Hettinger. 7/10 in area. 1555 with C&W format. Noted || KHOL-1410. [JcJ-ND]

- 1510 KMSD SD, Millbank. 7/10 in area. 1406 with 2 hour delay of Rush Limbaugh. [JcJ-MN]
- 1540 KXEL IA, Waterloo. 6/28 huge signal. 0357 with Interstate show. 0400 ID "America's all time greatest country music station. 15–40 KXEL Waterloo." [MS-MT] {JcJ: MS, KXEL is a real pest here, as you no doubt noted. John.}
- 1550 KQWB ND, Fargo. 7/10 in area. 1827 with ESPN Radio programming. Local break mentioned legal ID "KQWB Fargo, West Fargo." [JcJ-ND]
- 1590 KZOK WA, Seattle. 6/28. 0403 noted with Dio song "Holy River." "Z-Rock" IDs. [MS-MT]

1600 KDAK ND, Carrington. 7/11 in area. 1000 no ID into ABC News. Mention of Carrington out of news during local weather report. [JcJ-ND]

1610 WPBX286 MN, St. Paul. 7/13 in area. 1845 with I-94 road work information near St. Paul. IDing as "WPBX 286 Minnesota Department Of Transportation." Noted also on 530 with the exact same call letters. Same message except mention of "530" instead of "1610." [JcJ-MN]

(.....) MT, Earthquake Lake. 7/3. 1425 noted that former TIS at visitor center (in 1979 and 1982) is no longer here. [BH+NH-MT]

MT, West Yellowstone. 7/3 local. 1500 a sign on for a TIS on 1610 at the west entrance to Yellowstone Nationa Park, but no audio on this one. [BH+NH-MT] SD, Keystone. 6/30 distorted signal. 0950 saw highway sign to tune to 1610. Message for Custer State Park. Distorted message with music. Cut off after 45 seconds and then repeated! No calls given. [BH+NH-SD]

WY, Yellowstone National Park. 7/2 local. East entrance TIS noted at 1614 with male and female voices with info about entering the park. [BH+NH-WY]

WY, Yellowstone National Park. 7/2 local. Fishing Bridge TIS at 1650 had message about protecting yourself from wild animals. Woman mentioned hanging things "10 feet above the ground and 4 feet from the nearest object"! This sounds like Larry Godwin's unID in 7/17 WDXR!!! Man discussed the 1988 fire damage. Later near Canyon, same message scripts but roles were reversed. Man talking about hanging things, woman talking about fires. [BH+NH-WY]

# uniDs

# 680 unID 7/3. 1455 noted just north of West Yellowstone a beacon repeating "ESQ" [NH+NH-MT]

- 1370 unID 6/27 unID o/u/KSOP, KXTL. 0358 with TT. [RW-MT]
- 1480 unID 6/27 unID u/weak mess. N/S loop. 0404 with NOS music. Suspect KMEM. [RW-MT] [JcJ: RW, this is probably KMEM. See my logging above. John.]

#### CDXR Continued....

# 25 YEARS AGO

August 17, 1968 issue of IRCA's DX Monitor....Bruce Portzer of Seattle, WA received a verie from WJR-760 for state #27....John C. Johnson stationed in Rota. Spain mentioned he had 6 months left in the U.S. Navy....Percy R. Kesteven of Edmonton, AB sent his forum in via telegram due to the postal strike in Canada...Bill Nittler of Englewood, CO received a verie from BBC-1214 for country #40.

# **OPEN MIKE**

The difficult we do today; the impossible takes a little longer. For an August column this sure has to be a record. Not often I get to five pages everl Hope some of these tips help others. I've received some very nice thank you notes on the 1993 IRCA Convention. I'm happy so many enjoyed themselves. Mid-July I went on vacation to the Minneapolis area. My vacation DX noted above might not be super DX, but for me it was interesting. While in Sheridan, WY I noted KWYO'S FM KLWD is now KWYO-FM. KWYO AM format is still C&W, FM is rock oldies. One interesting item, a promo aired still giving the KLWD calls! Apparently they changed call and format just recently. The Sheridan TIS on 1610 was not on again. 73, John.



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DEADLINES: August 20, September 4.

\* THE REPORTERS \*

(JD) J. D. Stephens - 3715 Conger Road - Huntsville AL 35805 - Panasonic RF-2600, Sony ICF-2001, several longwires

\* OF SPECIAL INTEREST \*

- 710 WFNR VA, BLACKSBURG has greatly cut back on locally originated programming. Now carrys talk during the day, including Limbaugh & others. Syndicated bluegrass prgming in the afternoons, goes back to local stuff from 5 PM or so until signoff. I don't know if this means money problems or the opposite. (ed)
- 1000 WTAK AL, HUNTSVILLE now simulcasting new FM 106.1. Same calls, same format (AOR) & still a daytimer. Slogan: "The valley's rock & roll. (JD)

\* THE REPORT \*

920 KYST TX, TEXAS CITY 7/28 0018 quite gd at times w/"Spanglish" ancr who called himself "the hot dog." Ranchera mx, SS & EE ads, frqt slgns, including "the new Y-92"; "AM 920, Y-92"; & "a better music mix: We're AM 920, Y-92." Promo for "92 days of summer" contest. (JD)

\* unIDs \*

1590 unID 7/25 2241 strong w/WEUP splash, w/Soul & R&B mx. "Community Information" segment. Frqt "Blues 1590" slgns. Need help w/this one! Maybe Jackson, MS? (JD)

(MB-MA) Mike Brooker, 99 Wychcrest Ave., Toronto, ON M6G 3X8 - DXing at the Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health, Lenox. MA, w/Panasonic RF-B45

560 WHYN Springfield, MA July 9 0632 gd w/"WHYN AM 560" ID, into Skyway Patrol Traffic report and ad for Woodworks Unpainted Furniture in West Hartford, CT (MB-MA)

720 WWII Shiremanstown, PA July 10 0609 pr w/anct "6:09 on W-W-two" into local wx (MB-MA)

740 WGSM Huntington, NY July 5 0622 fr w/Citibank ad, local wx from the "Long Island Radio Network" (MB-MA)

790 WLKW Providence, RI July 5 0617 fr o/WAEB w/instrumental-EZL version of Lady Madonna, local wx from "AM Stereo 79 WLKW" (MB-MA)

800 WLAD Danbury, CT July 3 0605 fr-gd w/"Radio 80 WLAD" ID, sports, into oldie song Becchwood 4-5739 (MB-MA)

850 WREF Ridgefield Center, CT July 9 0608 gd o/WHDH w/anct "WREF News time is 6:08" into local wx for Fairfield County (MB-MA)

900 CKTS Sherbrooke, PQ July 2 2300 fr in CHML null w/sports talk, //CJAD-800 (MB-MA)

900 WBGG Saratoga Springs, NY July 6 0600 fr-pr w/anct "Sounds of yesterday, WBGG Saratoga Springs, it's 6 o'clock" (MB-MA)

900 WMVU Nashua, NH July 6 0601 vgd, creaming WBGG w/no apparent sign-on anct, just "Talk radio 900 WMVU Nashua" jingle, into local nx (MB-MA)

900 WBRV Boonville, NY July 9 0623 pr in mess w/ad for Mercer's Dairy, Route 12 in Boonville, into run-down of local birthdays and anniversaries (MB-MA)

930 WIZR Johnstown, NY July 8 0629 fr-gd w/ad for Lugano's Factory Outlet Center, located next to Johnstown YMCA, local nx w/promo anct "You heard it first on WIZR" (MB-MA)

940 WGFP Webster, MA July 9 0615 fr w/ID as "News Talk 940 WGFP", local nx, promo for Birdwatching by Mail (MB-MA)

940 WADV Lebanon, PA July 9 0557 pr o/CBM w/anct "....rightere on Christian Gospel WADV" into C&W-ish sounding gospel tune (MB-MA)

970 WWDJ Hackensack, NJ July 6 0608 fr-gd w/"970 DJ" jingle, gospel mx, promo for gospel concert featuring a group called Pray For Rain (MB-MA)

1000 WRNJ Hackettstown, NJ July 5 0631 fr-pr w/ABC nx, "WRNJ" ID jingle into local nx (MB-MA)

1070 WKOK Sunbury, PA July 5 0605 fr in CBA null w/end of CBS nx, into a local nx report which was mostly a summary of fatal accidents on the 4th of July weekend (MB-MA)

1100 WHLI Hempstead, NY July 6 0530 vgd w/local nx, many mentions of Long Island, and bigband era tune (MB-MA)

1120 WADN Concord, MA July 6 0557 fr w/sign on anct mentioning 5000 watt power and slogan "Walden 1120" (MB-MA)

1150 WRUN Utica, NY July 8 0559 fr in mess w/ad for K-Mart, non-ID as "AM 1150, Utica's business news station" (MB-MA)

1180 WJJF Hope Valley, RI July 8 0558 fr-pr in WHAM null w/"WJJF AM 1180" ID into C&W song (MB-MA)

1200 WKOX Framingham, MA July 8 0622 fr o/CFGO w/"AM 1200 WKOX Metro weather" local wx (MB-MA)

1200 CFGO Ottawa, ON July 8 0620 fr-gd w/McDonald's ad, promo for Rod Stewart concert at Ottawa Civic Contre, "Energy 1200" ID into song by Jeff Healey (MB-MA)

1220 WXCT Hamden, CT July 8 0613 fr-gd w/SS traffic rpt mentioning Hamden, Milford, Bridgeport, etc. (MB-MA)

1220 WKBK Keene, NH July 3 0610 fr-pr in mess w/SS station (presumably WXCT) w/local wx "from your friends at WKBK" (MB-MA)

1270 WLBR Lebanon, PA July 4 0600 fr w/sign on into ABC nx (MB-MA)

1310 WTLB Utica, NY July 5 0554 gd in CIWW null w/ID as "1310 WTLB playing the greatest hits of the 50's" into Gene Pitney's *It Hurts to be in Love* (MB-MA)

1570 WBUG Amsterdam, NY July 4 0612 fr-gd w/ID as "AM 1570, you're listening to The Bug, WBUG" into C&W mx (MB-MA)

1580 WPGC Morningside, MD July 10 0557 pr u/WLIM's Big Band mx w/"Business Radio 1580 WPGC" ID (MB-MA)

#### \* EDITOR'S DESK \*

Thanks to Mike & J.D. for their support in this otherwise DX dead summer. NOTE EDITOR'S ADDRESS CHANGE!!! I moved one door over to a larger unit. I am now in #27. Mail addressed to #26 will be forwarded, but may be delayed. Is there to be a new NRC Log this fall? Has anybody heard? I noticed they called the last one the "13th NRC Log" rather than the "1993 NRC Log."

IRCA DX TECHNIQUES LEONARD HYDE - 1805 WHIPPLE DR #27 - BLACKSBURG VA 24060-2436

#### GETTING STARTED IN MW DXING By Leonard Hyde

### PART 2: ANTENNAS:

If you bought the best radio money can buy, you would not get much out of it without a good antenna. Fortunately, hundreds of feet of wire are no longer necessary. All modern radios suitable for MW DXing will perform up to their capabilities with a 50 to 75 foot wire antenna.

The wire antenna will work well over the radio's entire tuning range. However, for optimum results on MW, a directional antenna is needed.

This is because the BCB channels are increasingly crowded. You know this by listening to the radio at night. Some channels are just a jumble of many stations all trying to come in at once.

If you have a directional antenna, you can rotate it to null out some of these interfering stations. This improves your chances of hearing a real DX station.

An air core box loop gives excellent results on MW, and you can make it yourself. Many plans are available. Also available are amplified ferrite bar antennas, active whips, and multi antenna systems for phasing of unwanted stations.

If you have a digital portable, some new constraints come into the picture. First, you should never directly couple an untuned longwire antenna to the radio's antenna jack. These radios lack a tuned circuit network between the antenna and RF amplifier. Thus, you will get spurs and mixing products: that is, stations on frequencies other than that to which they are assigned. Use an antenna tuner. These are easy to construct, and many plans exist. Commercial units are also available.

Second, if you use the radio's built in ferrite bar antenna, it is unlikely that you will hear anything that can be classified as DX. The same reason as before: lack of a tuned circuit network to peak the antenna at the received frequency.

The cure: either use an outboard antenna of any type described earlier, or use a piggyback loop.

This is a simple affair, and can be easily made by anyone. It consists of a ferrite bar antenna, and a tuning capacitor, mounted in a plastic box. There is no direct connection to the set. The antenna is inductively coupled by securing it to the back of the receiver, near the built in ferrite bar antenna.

The antenna works in two ways: 1) it provides a signal strength gain by increasing the aperture of the antenna system, and 2) it peaks the receiver's built in antenna at the desired frequency.

To demonstrate the effect, tune your portable to a frequency where there is a weak, hard to read station coming in. Now, put any inexpensive dial type AM radio next to yours, back to back. Tune the other radio to the received frequency on your portable. Where did all that signal come from? Well, it was there all the time, but your portable's antenna was not peaked at that frequency.

The active whip antenna may be used on MW, but is non directional. It is best used as a component in a phasing system of some sort.

What is a phasing system? Simply, signals from two dissimilar antennas are

so that it is at the same level from both antennas. If the two signals are 180 degrees opposed to one another (out of phase) they will cancel out, and we will hear any station that was previously covered up. The same principle is being experimented with to build silent, mufflerless cars. Engine sounds are sampled, reproduced at equal volume, 180 degrees out of phase, and the exhaust sounds are almost completely cancelled.

If you ever hooked up one of your stereo speakers backwards, and noticed that it no longer "sounds good," you have connected the speakers out of phase. Thus, some sounds from the speakers are phasing or cancelling each other.

Why do the antennas have to be dissimilar? If they were identical, you would cancel or phase every signal on the frequency, since they would all match. When the antennas are dissimilar, and adjusted to phase the strongest signal on the channel, the other received signals will be at different levels and polarities, and will not phase or cancel one another.

Phasing systems range from simple to complex, and are a home build item at the present time. See the IRCA Reprint list for articles and plans. (TO BE CONTINUED)



Deadline: Saturday 2 weeks before publication

## Your Editor

If I have Ralph's publishing calendar figured out correctly, this should be the last issue (number 34) of Volume 30. We will be going to two issues in September as the new DX season begins. I'm using this 'new season' opportunity to remind all of you submitting your Forums to <u>please</u> type/word process them double spaced. I am not discouraging anyone from sending me handwritten material - just take a little extra time to write/print clearly. I really want to re-type your submittals accurately and it's often hard to do if your writing is a little sloppy. Also please remember that I follow the IRCA Bylaws and Editorial Policy in dealing with all submittals. Should you have questions or concerns, please write. I can also normally be reached by phone from 6 pm to 9 pm most any day at 206-786-1375 (please no calls after 9 pm PLT). Best of luck to all and good hunting!

## Gary Jackson, 7735 Center Pkwy, Sacramento, CA 95823

[7/1] Hi! I was interviewed on KEST-1450 khz [San Francisco] last Monday morning and gave IRCA a big plug! The station was saying they no longer could reach Sacramento but my QSL which came last week proves them wrong as they no longer use [//] KOBO-1450 in Yuba City. KOBO-1450 is now, this past week, using all Spanish daytime only 500 watts. I purchased the Kiwa loop and now I am able to null out some of my local stations. Three 50,000 watt'rs within a few miles will drive a DX'er crazy! Was able to null local KSAC-1240 and WSL KHOT, Madera now changed to all Spanish 250 watts at almost 200 miles! So instead of going to convention I purchased the Kiwa loop! 73

## Robert Wien, 1309 Dentwood Dr, San Jose, CA 95118

[7/5] Well, it's been a week since I got back from the IRCA convention, had a very good time, John Johnson did an excellent job as host. The KTVQ-TV 2 tour was especially interesting, it's just too bad my golden chance for fame across MT. cable systems was destroyed when the nx ran apparently late and IRCA was limited to a brief on-air mention at the end of the nx. The KCTR tours were good, as was the banquet and auction, where I purchased a CKLG T-shirt, KKLQ-FM tank top and a variety of business cards. I've received all my pictures back from the convention and have sent some into Ralph for inclusion in a future bulletin, plus copies to various members. It's nice to associate faces with names. On the way to/from the convention along the road, noted many AM station changes which will be annotated in my next B.I. column, and other members have passed on tips to me. One tip passed on at the convention: CHEC-1090 AB now CKRX, tried for last night but not hrd., also Pat Martin in OR passes on that KEZF-1040 OR now on the air, but no trace of it here last night, listed as 2200/200. On way

back from convention, stopped in and took pictures of studios of KWYS-920 West Yellowstone, MT (they s/off 1 pm on Sundays!), KTFI-1270 Twin Falls ID (studios closed on a late Sun. afternoon but took pix of xmtr), and KELK-1240 Elko NV (gave me an Elko city map w/their logo on it). Thanks to all the members for voting me on the BoD again, I hope to serve you well as I hope I did the last term. 73's.

#### Mike Sanburn, PO Box 1256, Bellflower, CA 90707

Hello everybody - the '93 IRCA convention was great. I got to do brunch with Ralph S., Phil B., Shawn A., Bill N., and Wayne M. Also did dinner with Larry G., Dale P. and Dave W. I shared a banquet table with Dale, Frank, and Robert ... contrary to popular belief, I did more than just feed my face, hi. Stopped by the KGHL studios next door for some chit chat. Went along for the tours of local towers - KCTR studios high atop the Sheraton hotel downtown - and KTVQ-TV channel 2, where we met news anchor Gus Koernig. I had the privilege of viewing both John and Robert's excellent QSL collections. The demonstration of the Kiwa loop on a classic Hammarlund SP-600 was enough to make a DXer drool. Our guest speaker, Vic Miller, entertained us with his wit and stories of local radio. Sat and watched the business meeting. A big congratulations to J. D. Stephens for winning this year's well deserved T.V.A. award. The auction was a real hoot. Paul Swearingen bought a whole slew of radio station mugs and is now affectionately referred to a "Mr. Coffee", hi. Topping everything off was JCJ's priceless slide show. It was thoroughly inspirational. Sunday afternoon gave us a tornado watch and a pretty hefty thunderstorm - subsequently there was no Beverage DXpedition. I was out and about photographing lightning strikes. When the static dissipated, I then DXed. Heard stations from North Dakota, Los Angeles, Mexico, and especially Canada. CBW, CFUN, CJNB, and CKRX (ex-CHEC 1090). CJGX was also noted on 940. Tentative CHUM fighting XEG... The convention was one I'm glad I didn't miss. Montana is excellent! Here's hoping next year's convention is as well planned and announced likewise well in advance. Thank you to our hosts John and Larry. 73

## George Kesteven, 247 Scenic Way NW, Calgary, AB T3L 1B6

[7/22] Greetings fellow DXers. After appearing in the flesh at Billings, I thought it appropriate to appear in print after approximately a ten year absence from these pages. First, a word of appreciation and congratulations to John and Larry for a truly enjoyable convention. It was a real pleasure to see the people whose names and contributions I have seen in print over the years. It affirms to me that what makes this hobby truly satisfying is the people aspect. Now for someone who has not contributed a forum for as long as I have, I suppose a re-intro is in order, hi. I joined IRCA some 21 years ago at the age of 14 with the encouragement of my late Uncle, Percy Kesteven, who was very active in the club during the late 60's and early 70's. Interests and priorities have shifted over time as my wife Dianne, and I now have two young daughters aged six and two who keep us very busy. I have tended in recent years to spend more of my depleted hobby time pursuing HAM interests, although I still occasionally spin the dials on MW, chasing particularly the CPC tests. I work as a financial analyst for Petro-Canada, and hectic career related activities have tended to reduce the time available to pursue hobbies. My shack contains, in addition to the HAM gear, a Radio West modified FRG-7, a Sangean ATS-803, and a Space Magnet #2 antenna. In addition, there are a number of HAM/SW antennas outside, one (a quad) which I occasionally experiment with on the MW band. It has relatively poor directional qualities but being some 49 feet above ground there is definitely gain, hi. As I mentioned to some of you in Billings, Calgary is not a particularly attractive DXing location because of the presence of seven 50kw stations, six of whom are NSP in the immediate vicinity. Six of them have transmitters located south of the city transmitting predominately north during the night, and I live on the north side, so they never go away, hi. As many of you have observed in recent issues there have been some major format changes at many of these stations in an effort to bolster sagging ratings. CFXL (formerly CFXX, CISS, and CKXL) is now oldies/easy listening, IDing as "XL-1140", while CFCN is now calling itself "MIX-1060" (format changed from "AM 106" during April) which reflects a format made up of just about everything, hi. CHQR has gone to talk by day, and easy listening by evening and satellite feed at night. As with most other major North American radio markets, where FM continues to dominate, it remains to be seen whether these changes will significantly increase listenership/financial prospects. My thanks again for a great time in Billings and I will endeavor to report again before 2003, hi. 73s. [ Good to hear from a Kesteven again ... do contribute again soon - double spaced, hi. - rcw]

## Larry Godwin, 2390 Clydes Dale Ln, Missoula, MT 59801

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[7/27] Greetings! Congratulations to J.D. Stephens for winning the 1993 TVA! Also to Chuck Boehnke for fine, rare receptions from Peru and Brazil. I've been out of town most of July so have DXed little. Highlights from July nevertheless include a new beacon on 1622 and CBC-LPTR on 900; see DXWW and DXR, respectively, for details. The Nat'l Ass'n of Broadcasters will hold a radio show in Dallas 9/8-11, but Digital Audio has no plans for a KDAB-like experimental station then. I did get a verie from KDAB-1660, confirming power as 200 w. So far from Missoula my verification success is 100% (5 of 5 reports, hi). 73

#### Patrick Martin, PO Box 843, Seaside, OR 97138

[7/23] I just recently built a Phasing Unit featured in the IRCA Technical Guide. It is a unit designed by Mark Connelly. A quite simple unit made up of a couple of switches, pots, var. caps and coils. The effects are quite dramatic at times. I can totally lose KVAS and KAST, my closest locals at night, and mostly lose KSWB-Seaside. During the day I have been able to phase out KOAC-550-Corvallis, OR to hear CKPG-Prince George, BC and others. It seem to work well on about any antenna I use, either the SW/NE wire, the 1500 Eastern Beverage or the 1800 foot NNW Beverage. Is anyone hearing a new (presumed) station on 530 KHZ from the East Coast (presumed)? On 7/6/93 from about 0340 to 0505 EDT, I logged an UNID station in SS playing SS Pops, and an'mts by males and females. Several mentions of phone numbers and addresses in New Jersey. I heard two IDs, one by a man and other by a woman as "This is W-W-R-M, New York, 530 AM, your ... ethnic(?) voice ...." The signal was def. East, only hearing it on my Eastern Beverage. It was not audible on any of my other antennas or a loop. It was fairly good at times, but of course at ID time, faded. It was only a little bit weaker than WQEW-1560 at the time. I have a tape if anyone wants to hear it? That's it for this time. Good DX to all. 73s. Patrick

# Bill Nittler, Box 824, Mancos, CO 81328

The Billings convention has prompted me to send in a Forum for the first time in a while. Thanks to Larry and John, the convention was great ... good to see old acquaintances and the new faces. I made it to Billings on Thursday afternoon and stayed until about noon Sunday. Particularly enjoyed the DX party on Saturday night but like normal, I dropped out around midnight. First convention I made since Sacramento-89 sponsored by the late Ric Heald whom I met for the first and last time there after communicating for years. I got back to Mancos on 7/4 and only DX logging has been CKRX-1090 call change as reported at the convention. I certainly hope that someone will take over for Ralph as I don't believe the joint publication will work with NRC ... we might as well merge at that point. It doesn't hurt to investigate it though, so hope our committee will keep an open mind. Only 18 veries received in 1992, my all time annual low. Only 6 thus far in 1993; CFXX-1140, KRSO-590, KCQL-1340, KQLO-920, KOSZ-1570 and KNST-790, for current total of 3332. Wish everyone a great rest of the summer and great upcoming DX season.

# Nancy Hardy, 2301 Pacific Ave, Aberdeen, WA 98520-4527

Thanks to John and Larry for a wonderful convention! Bill and I had just visited Larry last summer, but it had been nearly 21 years since "Nancy Gantzer" had seen John! It was great to meet so many new friends - from Honolulu to Louisville - and all points in between. Also, the strong Canadian contingent held many new faces. I can't remember any convention in the past so well represented! The KTVQ tour was fun, especially the live newscast. The business meeting was interesting, with a presentation done by NRC's Paul Swearingen. The quiz was well prepared, with a little something for everyone. As usual, the auction was lively, but my son Billy wished he had more than \$1.05 to spend, hi. Larry came up with a very good idea for the IRCA Contests. There should be a contest report elsewhere in this issue. The only bad thing about the convention was that it didn't last long enough, hi. If you missed Billings, you missed a good one! 73

# Bill Hardy, 2301 Pacific Ave, Aberdeen, WA 98520-4527

[7/28] It's been eight years since Nancy and I attended an IRCA Convention, and we think John and Larry did a fantastic job with the 1993 event. Our favorite activity was meeting DXers we knew only through the mail. 27 adults attended, and Nancy met 13 new friends while I met 16.

Nancy had previously met several of the convention go'ers when she lived in Fredonia, NY. The station tours were also fascinating. President Phil Bytheway conducted a productive business meeting. NRC Publisher Paul Swearingen discussed his proposal to print a joint DX News-DX Monitor. I expected hostility to his proposal, but everyone listened fairly. Phil is asking the Board to form a joint committee with NRC to work out details. Although I cast a "yes" vote to form a committee to study the matter further, I won't support a matter opposed by most members of IRCA. I still would prefer to keep DX Monitor as a separate bulletin. As you have read, if nobody else steps forward to publish DXM, Ralph is willing to stay on, publishing DXM 22 times per year (every two weeks) beginning in summer 1994. We had a fine banquet, a fascinating speaker, and a fun auction. We left from the Sunday picnic from Mt. Rushmore. On June 30 we headed east to Badlands National Park and Wall Drug. The interstate east of Rapid City has amazing groundwave, with midday catches KWOA-730 Minnesota, CJOB-680 Winnipeg, CBK-540 Sask., Denver on 560-710-760-1090, and most of ND-SD and much of Nebraska. Watch CDXR for daytime, TIS, and a few nighttime catches. Then back home via Yellowstone Park, where it snowed on July 3 at noon, enough to write our name on the window! We had a great time and we hope to do it again soon! 73 and good DX.

# Stan Weisbeck, 411 E Sinto #203, Spokane, WA 99202

[7/22] Thanks & congratulations to John Johnson & Larry Godwin for hosting a wonderful convention in Billings! I found all the events very enjoyable & it was fun putting faces to the names I'd been reading in the DXM since joining the IRCA in February. I've been meaning to write in since joining to introduce myself. I'm 42, single, & I've been a master control operator at KXLY-TV for nearly ten years. I was a disk jockey for several years before that, & initially came to work here as a DJ for KXLY-920. I've been a DXer for over 30 years, although. casually most of the that time. I became serious about it again last year after buying a Sony 2010 for SW & discovered how great it is for AM DX. I've since also acquired a Superadio II & a Kiwa loop. I'm getting ready to take a trip to Russia & Eastern Europe the end of August & I'll try to report on what I hear. 73, Stan. *[Welcome to the IRCA Stan - good you could make the convention - rcw]* 

In conformance with Section III-F of the Editorial Policy, I am including a brief commentary from a non-IRCA'n...

# Wayne Heinen, 4131 S Andes Way, Aurora, CO 80013

[7/25] A forum for an NRC'er? Oh well! Just a brief note to thank Larry & John for the excellent convention that they hosted in Billings! I enjoyed putting faces to all the names and talking AM DX. Enjoyed Craig's Kiwa loop demo and talking tech stuff with other 'techie' types. My thanks also to the Quality Inn employee who pulled my Q-2 card number for the Walkman door prize. My wife thanks you, too, because she's an avid walker (she has a 8 hr/day desk job) and uses it daily. All in all I had a great time and appreciate the hard work that was put in (I hosted a convention once so I know what needs to be done Hil). Congratulations on a JOB WELL DONE! 73 [There are never too many 'well done's' given for the job done by the likes of Larry and John!! - rcw]



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<u>R.C. Watts</u>, 4109 Graf Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40220-3016 Good article on digital broadcasting in August issue of Omni magazine. Says DMX and DCR on cable already have over 20 million subscribers. My local cable has DMX but it's overpriced in my opinion so am not buying it. Heard the author, Byron Poole, on the Talk Radio Count most of his info from DCR. Ran into WRKA (Oldies 103) at Sam's (Discount) Club. Picked up some stix and took a pix of the good lookin' gal, Stevie Jantsen, doin' the promo. Next day, we visited WMMG-1140/93.5 in Brandenburg, KY. It was devastated along with the town by a tornado on April 3, 1974. Rebuilt on the same site, it's a neat little station. General Manager is Shawn Lynch who was previously the GM of WKRP. The one in North Vernon, IN, that is! The following day was in the Lexington area with a camera. Took some outside pic of WLKY-TV 27 and happened past WJMM-106.3 on way to Versailles, KY. Several cars parked nearby so we stopped for stix and pix. Their "770 AM" runs country gospel and is WCGW, Nicholasville. To cap it off, A.J. and I traveled to Elizabethtown, KY to see WIEL-1400/WKMO-106.3. Guided by Chief Engineer Bob Horsley. Stopped by WASE-105.5 on the way in to town and WQXE-98.5 on the way out. And that's it for now from Col. DX.

<u>Mike Hardester</u>, 3118 Gaitway Ct, Jacksonville, North Carolina 28546-6973 GREETINGS! Thank you to all who voted for me in the recent elections. As before, I'll do whatever it takes to keep the IRCA #1! Your comments and suggestions, as always, will be welcome. The lack of DX has led to a corresponding lack of replies, though one recent QSL received was a PFC from WSLR-1350 for a f/up rpt. The v/s is unreadable. I'm curious if anyone repairs, or knows anyone who repairs, RACAL rxs. I have a RA-17 boat anchor which, one day, I would like to get operational. This is a low priority item for me, but if anyone can offer any suggestions, I would appreciate hearing from them. All for now. Very 73 and Best of DX to All!

Tom Bryant, 849 Todd Preis Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37221

On behalf of the WTFDA, I want to thank the IRCA for publicizing our recent Nashville convention in the DX Monitor. Among AM DXers attending was J.D. Stephens and several NRC members. The weather was horrendously hot, but everyone had a good time in spite of the 105+ heat index readings. I've just watched most of Ernie Wesolowski's tape of the Billings convention. Looks like the hosts did a super job. Wish I could have been there. As a youngster I visited relatives there many times and remember well when it was a 3 AM station market...when KOOK-TV went on the air...and seeing KGHL-TV equipment in huge boxes in a storage room just before construction began. Of course KGHL was a nighttime regular in ND, and I remember a live nightly organ and recitation program from the Northern Hotel featuring Grace ???! Wow, how things have changed! Finally, I bought a KIWA loop a couple of months ago and have been well pleased with the results. It's a heft price tag, but the results seem to justify the outlay (at least in a way that only a DXer can justify things). 73's and gooDXing: Tom Bryant. (Tom, don't worry about my question to you some time ago. I already have my answer--rce)

<u>Rick Evans</u>, 4841 South 26th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221-2937 I don't remember seeing a schedule for DXM yet for this next season, but the deadlines I show on the masthead should do it. I'll be on vacation for a week in Sept., but it should fit in nicely (except I may have to do a lot of typing that first Monday back, hi). No DX herein July. I thought the overtime was bad in June, but July got worse, and August may not be much better. Out of room, see you in three weeks. 73.



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My deadline will be the last Friday of the month, unless indicated otherwise.

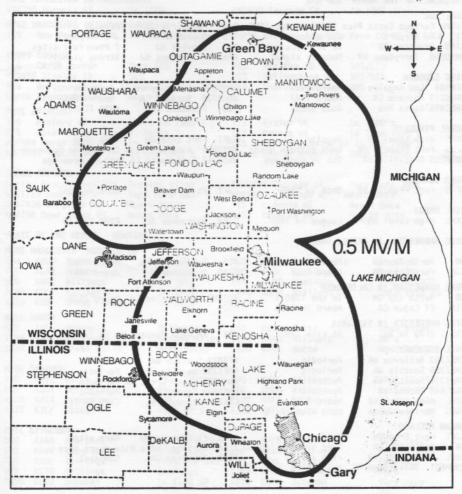
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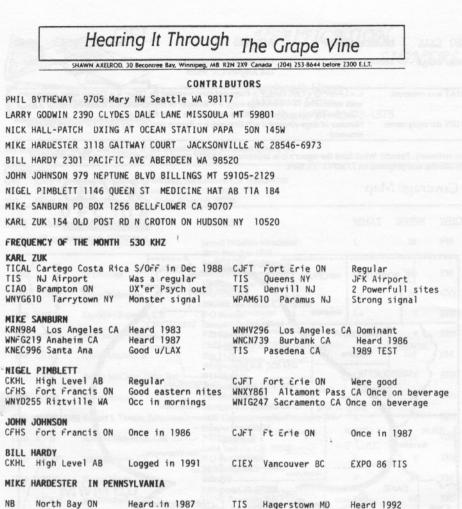
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Nice stationery, Patrick! What does the signer's title abbreviation ODFW stand for concerning your TIS on 530 kHz? This column was prepared on 7/30/93. 73, SSH.

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FREQUENCY OF THE MONTH 1610 KH	IZ					
KARL ZUK						
WNZY224 White Plains NY TIS		TIS	Newark	NJ	Current	
	onally on	TIS	Rye NY		New thi	s month
MIKE SANBURN						
KNEC996 Los Angeles CA Heard	1990	Carib	Beaco	n Anguilla	a Nights	
NIGEL PIMBLETT	CDC 1000	· · · · ·				
	SRS 1992			n Anguilla		
KOD771 Olympic Park WA Seve		TIS		Joseph Dar		ice
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	eu					
MIKE HARDESTER IN CALIFORNIA			~ ~		1. 10-	-
WXK790 Phoenix AZ In 19	81	KMC49	0 Bars	tow CA	In 198	5
MIKE HARDESTER IN NORTH CAROL	INA					
	w Bern area	Carib	.Beaco	n Anguilla	a From C	O NC PA & CA
LARRY GODWIN	120.00					
TIS CA/OR Border Rare	SRS	TIS	Ahsah		SRS/SS	
KRD486 Stanley ID SRS	000	TIS		wstone MT	SRS/SS	2
TIS Bridgeport WA Often		TIS	Sheri	dan WY	SRS	
Carib Beacon Anguilla Reg n	ites					
PHIL BYTHEWAY						
	in 1980's	TIS	Blain		In 198	
TIS Chief Joseph Dam WA Da		TIS	Nacha			e 1970's
WXF988 North Bend WA In 19		TIS		Townshend W		
KMFB751 Toutle WA In mi	d 1980's	Carib	beaco	n Anguilla	unce n	11 1900
SHAWN AXELROD						
	ar nites	KNIG4	25 Chi	cago Il	Very r	are SRS
	rare SRS			ewood WI	Heard O	
	twice	TIS	Linco	In NE	Heard	Once
	Once	TIS	Kenos	ha WI	Reg at	nite
STATE OF THE MONTH MONTANA						
MIKE HARDESTER MODESTO CA						
550 KBOW Butte	In 1970	560	KMON	Great Fall		In 1969
750 KERR Polson	In 1985	790	KGHL	Billings		In 1969
970 KOOK Billings	In 1972	980	KLYQ	Hamilton		F/C in 1970
1180 KOFI Kalispell	In 1969	1240	KBMY	Billings		IRCA test 69
1310 KKGF Great Falls	In 1972					
BILL HARDY						
521 INE Missoula	Reliable	550	KBOW	Butte		Some nites
1180 KOFI kalispell	Strong nites	1290	KGVO			MM's
1310 KEIN Great Falls	Most nites	1370	KXTL	Butte		Most nites
HINC CANDUDA						
MIKE SANBURN	1990 DX test	790	KGHL	Billings		KABC SP '93
770 KATL Miles City 880 KJJR Whitefish	SRS	970	KOOK	Billings Billings		Occ 70-80's
880 KJJR Whitefish 1050 KMTA Kinsey	SRS	1180	KOFI	Kalispell		Former pest
1370 KXLF Butte	1975 MM's	1370	KXTL	Butte		Good
IT BULL DUCLE						
PHIL BYTHEWAY						
580 KANA Anaconda	SSS once 1974		KFLN	Baker		1975 test
630 KGVW Belgrade	S/ON 1971	640	KGVW	Belgrade		F/C in 1986
730 KURL Billings	Freq. in SSS	790	KGHL	Billings		Evenings
970 KCTR Billings	Evenings	1240	KUUS	Billings		Rare
1090 KBOZ Bozeman	In KING SP	1230	KBMN	Bozeman		Very rare

#### PHIL BYTHEWAY'S MONTANA CONT

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1450	KXXL	Bozeman	Rare	550	KBOW	Butte	Freq in even.
1370	KXTL	Butte	Dominant nites	1400	KRDG	Deer Lodge	Very rare
1490	KDBM	Dillon	F/C 1970's	1250	KIKC	Forsyth	Dominant S/ON
1240	KLTZ	Glasgow	Once 1974	560	KMON	Great falls	SSS 1971
1310	KEIN	Great Falls	Evenings	1450	KODI	Great Falls	Very rare
980	KLY0	Hamilton	F/C in 70's	610	KOJM	Harve	SSS
950	KMTX	Helena	Once KJR SP	1240	KBLL	Helena	Rare
1340	KCAP	Helena	Very rare	515	SAK	Kalispell	Dom in 80's
600	KGEZ	kalispel1	Evenings	1180	KOFI	Kalispell	Nitely
1050	KMTA	Kinsey	Sign on	1230	KLCB	Libby	F/c in 1970's
1340	KPRK	Livingston	Very rare	770	KATL	Miles City	Occasionally
521	INE	Missoula	Dom. in 1970'	s930	KLCY	Missoula	SSS
1290	KGVO	Missoula	Nightly	1340	KLYT	Missoula	SSS
1450	KGRZ	Missoula	Very rare	750	KERR	Polson	F/C 1983
1450	KRBN	Red Lodge	F/C 1983	1150	KSEN	Shelby	S/ON
1480	KGCX	Sidney	S/on	920	KWYS	W Yellowstone	SSS once
880	KJJR	Whitefish	In KIXI null	1450	KTXX	Whitefish	Very rare

#### BANDSCAN FROM NICK HALL-PATCH

COMPLETED ON MAY 24 & 25 1993 ONBOARD THE CSS JOHN P TULLY RECEIVER HOME BREW ANTENNA 8 METER VERTICAL

580	KRSA	Petersburg AK	FR-GD	620	KGTL	Homer AK	GOOD
650	KYAK	Anchorage AK	PR-GD	670	KDLG	Dilliingham AK	PR-FR
690	CBU	Vancouver BC	PR-FR	730	CKLG	Vancouver BC	FR
750	KFOD	Anchorage AK	FR-GD	770	KCHU	Valdez AK	PR-FR
840	KABN	Big LAke AK	PR-FR	860	CFPR	Pr. Rupert BC	GD
890	KBBI	Homer AK	FR-GD	930	KTKN	Ketchikan AK	NL-FR
950	KRXA	Seward AK	FR-GD	980	CKNW	New Westminster	BC PR-FR
1080	KKSD	Anchorage AK	FR	1130	CKWX	Vancouver BC	PR-FR
1140	KSLD	Soldotna AK	PR-FR	1200	CKDA	Victoria BC	PR
1230	KIFW	Sitka AK	GD ·	1410	CFUN	Vancouver BC	PR
1470	CJVB	Vancouver BC	PR				

PR- Poor FR-Fair GD-Good NL-Nil

That is about all for this time. Karl Zuk sent in loggings for some pirates that were close to 1610 so I'll put them here for you to see. This is very interesting and are as follows:

**1622 KPF-941 Yonkers NY** Al Weiner's broadcast auxillary station in 1984. Great rock and protest music. FCC couldn't believe it was a licensed station but decided they were breaking the rules anyway!

1620 RADIO NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL LONG BEACH NY In international waters. The legendary MV Sarah and crew. (Heard here in winnipeg too-ED)

1625 WKUE ?? NEW ENGLAND Pirate 1987

1620 WJDI COTTEKILL NY Pirate with passion for the Grateful Dead and a very big output 10,00 watts! 1989-90

1620 RHYTHM RADIO TORONTO ON ?? Pirate with urban and Carib music 1990

1620 K2DX ???? Pirate 1983

1620 WX RADIO CT??? Pirate 1983

1616 KPRC MONTICELLO ME Another Al Weiner Pirate sation 1984

1620 WRMR MONTICELLO NY Radio Free Monticello rock music 1991

1620 KLAM DIGHTON MA 1992 Busted almost immediately. Good signal all over the East Coast. Good engineering, dumb operators!

HEARING IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE CONTINUED:

	NEXT	TIME	AROUND

FREQUENCY 1110 KHZ

PROVINCE MANITOBA

REMEMBER ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN HEAR FOREVER!!!!! BILLINGS WAS GGGGGREATTTT!!!!!!

# **Geomagnetic Indices**

+	high point	mas	major storm	SA	solar activity
GEO maf	low point geomagnetic activity major flare	mis pca	minor storm polar cap absorption	spe ss	satellite proton event severe storm

Geomagnetic Summary June 18 1993 through July 15 1993

Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
6/18	-	-	-	-	_	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -
20	91	3	0	low	quiet	
21	91	1	0	very low	quiet	
22	97	2	2	low	quiet-unsettled	-
23	109	12	4	low	unsettled	-
24	121	23	4 3	high	unsettled-active	maf 0735
25	119	17	2	high	unsettled-active	maf 0322
26	122	10	1	moderate	quiet-unsettled	-
27	128	6	1	moderate	quiet	-
28	124	4	2	low	quiet	The states
29	123	10	2	low	quiet-unsettled	
6/30	116	8	3	low	quiet-unsettled	1
7/1	108	18	5	low	unsettled-mis	-
2	110	23	4	moderate	unsettled-mis	10 LEAD & 2 A C (3)
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5	101	2	0	low	quiet	-
6	95	5	3	low	quiet	-
7	93	10	2	low	quiet-unsettled	- allow to monarce
8	93	14	3	very low	quiet-active	Second A au
9	90	11	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	ad- di Safé danah
10	86	10	5	very low	quiet-mis	- the Person
11	83	22	1	very low	quiet-active	E anortopic in be
12	86	9	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	bell-ben strucht
13	87	8	1	very low	quiet-unsettled	1. State 10
14	93	0	3	very low	quiet	inner Court and
7/15	93	3	1	very low	quiet	Ph-Statestate

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