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RENEWALS: BRUCE PORTZER, TOM BEATON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.....PUB

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MEXICAN LIST: BILL HARDY HAS NOTIFIED ME THAT THE MEXICAN LIST IS VERY CLOSE TO BEING PUBLISHED. WATCH THE FRONT PAGE IN COMING ISSUES.....

IRCA REPRINTS: LIST OF REPRINTS FROM IRCA REPRINTS c/o STEVE RATZLAFF 1885 EAST BAYSHORE ROAD SPACE 90 EAST PALO ALTO CA 94303.....

IRCA BOOKSTORE: SEND FOR THE BOOKSTORE FLYER AVAILABLE FROM: THE IRCA BOOKSTORE 9705 MARY NW SEATTLE WA 98117.....

FROM THE PUBLISHERS DESK: THE FOLLOWING 2 COMPANIES SELL RADIO THINGS LIKE AIR VARIABLE CAPACITORS, BALL DRIVES AND OTHER COMPONENTS: OREN ELLIOTT PRODUCTS 128 W VINE EDGERTON OH 43517 (419)298-2306 AIR VARIABLE CAPACITORS AND BALL DRIVES. OAK HILLS RESEARCH 20879 MADISON ST BIG RAPIDS MI 49307 (616)796-0920 BALL DRIVES & OTHER THINGS. IT LOOKS LIKE E-MAIL IS OUT FOR ME TO MUCH MONEY. WE CAN STILL GIVE THE FLOPPY DISK A TRY WITH THE ASCII FILE AND A LASER PRINTER.....



THE OVERSEAS BROADCASTING STATION
 BANGKOK, THAILAND.

HSK 9

Power output: 50 Kw. Frequency: 5170 kHz ^{830 Kcs.}

Schedule 0735 - 0805,5 G.M.T.

PATRICK MARTIN

With thanks we beg to verify correct
 your report on 29th. October 1966.

Leslie C. Johnson
 Chief, Overseas Broadcasting Division, Public Relations Dept.

LATE - BREAKING NRC TEST

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1994 - WUUU-1260, 920 WADE HAMPTON BLVD, GREENVILLE, SC 29609 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST FROM 1:30 & 2:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL BE RUN AT 5,000 WATTS & WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE & TEST TONES RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JOE NARRIS. (ARRANGED BY THE NATIONAL RADIO CLUB CPC)

DX TEST BULLETIN

• DX TESTS ARRANGED BY IRCA AND NRC •

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1994 - WNEZ-910, 130 BIRDSEYE ROAD, FARMINGTON, CT WILL CONDUCT A REPEAT OF THEIR DECEMBER DX TEST BETWEEN 12:00 & 12:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TEST TONES AND MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: BOBBY GRAY (KA1ZHH) - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY MR. RON MUSCO FOR THE THE BENEFIT OF ALL DXERS)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1994 - WEKZ-1260, P.O. BOX 460, MONROE, WI 53566 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 1:00 & 1:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TEST TONES AND MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. KEN STEWART - OWNER. (ARRANGED BY THE NATIONAL RADIO CLUB CPC)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1994 - WHND-560, 5305 VINEYARD DRIVE, MONROE, MI 48161 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 12:00 & 12:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE OLDIES MUSIC, TEST TONES, & MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. TOM GARDULL - CHIEF OPERATOR. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1994 - WIXN-1460, DIXON, IL WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 1:30 & 2:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. CLIFFORD J. GROTH - DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING, c/o WFAW-AM, P.O. BOX 94, FORT ATKINSON, WI 53538-0094. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1994 - KOVO-960, 651 WEST 1560 SOUTH, PROVO, UT 84604 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 2:00 & 3:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE, TONES, & GLENN MILLER SWING MUSIC. DURING THE TEST, KOVO WILL SWITCH BETWEEN A 5,000 WATT OMNIDIRECTIONAL PATTERN AND A 5,000 WATT DIRECTIONAL PATTERN. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. BENJAMIN J. REED - PROGRAM DIRECTOR. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1994 - KBMR-1130, 3500 EAST ROSSER AVE., BISMARCK, ND 58501-3398 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 1:00 & 1:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE COUNTRY MUSIC, VOICE ID'S, & MORSE CODE ID'S. POWER WILL BE 50 KW, DAY PATTERN. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. ANDY ANDERSON - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1994 - KVOW-1450, 603 E. PERSHING STREET, RIVERTON, WY 82501-3605 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 2:15 & 2:45 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TEST TONES & MORSE CODE ID'S. THIS TEST WILL BE REPEATED ON MARCH 14. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. LONNY A. FAIRFIELD (N7TSP) - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1994 - CKX-1150, 2940 VICTORIA AVE., BRANDON, MANITOBA R7A 6A5, CANADA WILL CONDUCT A REPEAT OF THEIR DECEMBER DX TEST BETWEEN 3:00 & 3:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE COUNTRY MUSIC, TEST TONES, AND MORSE CODE ID'S. FROM 3:00 - 3:15, CKX WILL OPERATE ON DAY PATTERN. THE LAST 15 MINUTES WILL BE RUN ON THEIR NIGHT PATTERN. POWER WILL BE 50 KW. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. RON THOMPSON - TV METEOROLOGIST. (ARRANGED BY TOM BRYANT & J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1994 - WIWO-1580, 1129 N. HICKORY ROAD, SOUTH BEND, IN 46615 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 4:00 & 5:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TEST TONES, CHRISTMAS MUSIC, TV & MOVIE THEME MUSIC, AND MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. MICHAEL SHANNON - OPERATIONS MANAGER. (ARRANGED BY LYNN HOLLERMAN & J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1994 - KKin-930, P.O. BOX 930, AITKIN, MN 56431 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 2:00 & 2:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL BE RUN ON KKin'S 2,500 WATT NONDIRECTIONAL DAY PATTERN & WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. MACB TWIGG - OPERATIONS MANAGER. (ARRANGED BY THE NATIONAL RADIO CLUB CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1994 - WJIC-1510, P.O. BOX 132, SALEM, NJ 08079-0132 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 12:00 & 12:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TEST TONES, VOICE ID'S, AND MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. BEN FERGUSON (N2GK) - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1994 - WJLS-560, P.O. BOX AB, BECKLEY, WV 25802 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 12:00 & 12:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TEST TONES AND GOSPEL MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. CHARLES MARLOW - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY THE NATIONAL RADIO CLUB CPC)

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BROADCASTING INFORMATION



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DEADLINES: 2nd & 4th Saturdays.

Compiled: 02/16/94

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

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

CA. Lodi	KCVR-1570 increases to 500 w. N, DA-2
KY. Marion	WMJL-1500 decreases to 175 w.
AB. Wainwright	CKKY-1230 now on 830, <u>not</u> 880 as previously reported.

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

AL. Andalusia	WKYD-920 dec. to 400 w. nights
CA. Soquel	KBOQ-1200 dec. to 25000/10000 DA-N (CP)
KS. Wellington	KLEY-1130 add night power of 1 w.
NV. North Las Vegas	KFMS-1410 move to 1400 khz., 1000/1000

FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS:

MA. Cherry Valley	WCRN-830 inc. to 7000/5000 DA-2 (CP)
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CALL LETTER CHANGES:

AZ. Prescott	KWDS-1130 becomes KQNA
Tucson	KWFM-940 becomes KCEE
CA. San Diego	KKLQ-600 becomes KOGO
FL. Cantonment	WKGT-1090 becomes WNVY
Winter Garden	WXTO-1600 becomes WOKB
LA. Baton Rouge	WTKL-1260 becomes KBRR
MD. Cumberland	WALI-1230 becomes WNTR "News Talk Radio"
MO. St. Louis	KXOK-630 requests KJSL
OR. Corvallis	KFLY-1240 becomes KEJO
TX. Denton	KDNT-1440 requests KICI
Slaton	KCAS-1050 becomes RTEZ

FORMAT CHANGES:

AK. Homer	KTGL-620 was soft JSN soft AC, now JSN EZL
AZ. Prescott	KONA-1130 was KWDS, c. Xtian, now nx/talk (CNN Headline nx and local nx)
Scottsdale	KOPA-1440 was classic rock//FM, now Unis. CNN nx
Tucson	KCEE-940 was KWFN, oldies, now Unis. stds.
Williams	KYET-1180 was AS, now silent
CA. Porterville	RTIP-1450 was nx/talk, adds AC
San Diego	KOGO-600 was KKLO, CHR//FM, to be nx/talk (April)
CO. Colorado Springs	KRDO-1240 was country//KHII, now SEN/ARN sports tk
FL. Brooksville	WWJB-1450 was AS, now country
Cocoa Beach	WKXU-1300 was gospel, AC//WXTO, now reggae//WOKB
Gainesville	WLUS-980 was AS, adds SMN stds. (rptd. accidentally as WLVS prior)
St. Petersburg Beach	WRXB-1590 was urban AC, adds SMN Urban Gold overnight
Tallahassee	WHBT-1410 was s. gospel, now SMN Urban Gold
Winter Garden	WOKB-1600 was gospel, urban AC, now reggae

GA. Alma	WULF-1400	was JSN oldies//FM, now JSN soft AC//FM
Carrollton	WPPI-1330	was AC, now silent
Jesup	WLOP-1370	was country, adds ABC Moby
ID. Payette	KIOV-1450	was silent, to be SS (March)
IL. Evanston	WKTA-1330	was ethnic, now talk (remain ethnic 3-7 PM)
IA. Boone	KWBG-1590	was country, adds JSN country
KY. Manchester	WWLT-1450	was s. gospel, now MGS c. Xtian //FM
Murray	WNBS-1340	was country, adds SMN country
Princeton*	WPKY-1580	was AC//FM, now talk, oldies
LA. Tallulah	KBYO-1360	was counntry//Fm, adds urban 9 AM-noon
ME. Houlton	WHGS-1340	was c. Xtian, now AC//FM
MD. Bel Air	WHRF-1520	was talk, rptd. silent
Cumberland	WNTR-1230	was WALI, oldies, now nx/talk/sports
Hagerstown	WARK-1490	was oldies, now Unis. talk (Imus, Liddy, Don & Mike days, oldies sim. nights)
MN. Richfield	KRXX-980	was rock//KRXX-FM, now new rock//FM
MS. Biloxi	WXBD-1490	was travel info, now AC//WXLS-FM
Moss Point	WGUD-1460	was country//FM, now silent
MD. Joplin	WMBH-1450	was stds.//FM, now country
St. Louis	KATZ-1600	was urban AC, now SMN urban gold (rptd. as KXOK-630 by accident prior)
NJ. Paterson	WPAT-930	was soft AC, talk, adds sports talk 10 PM-2 AM
NC. Charlotte	WBAV-1600	was gospel, urban AC, adds SMN Urban gold
OH. Cincinnati	WSAI-1360	was sports, now Unis. stds.
Circleville	WNRJ-1540	was c. Xtian, now silent pending sale
OK. Frederick	KTAT-1570	was silent, now AC//KYBE
Lawton	KRXX-1050	format change listed for AM by accident last column was for FM <u>only</u>
OR. Lakeview	KQIK-1230	was country//FM, adds JSN C&W//FM
Salem	KSLM-1390	was oldies, adds SMN Kool Oldies
PA. Hazleton	WAZL-1490	was rock, now stds., talk
SC. Sans Souci	WHYZ-1070	was urban AC, now silent pending sale
TX. Abilene	KYYD-1340	was children's, now SEN, ASN sports
Dallas	KLIF-570	was talk, adds Talknet
	KTCK-1310	was KAAM, stds., now sports
Marshall	KMHT-1450	was silent, now urban//KZEY-FM
Slaton	KTEZ-1050	was KCAS, s. gospel, now c. Xtian
Tyler	KZEY-690	was urban, now urban AC
UT. Murray	KMGR-1230	was business, now religion
Vernal	KVEL-920	was soft AC, adds JSN soft AC
VA. Richmond	WTVR-1380	was AS, adds SMN stds.
WA. Silverdale	KITZ-1400	was AC, now silent (station is 'sleeping' per their answering machine!)
WI. Fond Du Lac	KFIZ-1450	was AC, now nx/talk/sorts
BC. Vancouver	CKST-1040	was alt. rock, now full service stds.
	CHQM-1320	was stds., ethnic, now ethnic
NS. Halifax	CJCH-920	was classic rock, now classic rock "Arrow"

Stan Shedd and Marv Carlson of Calgary, AB. confirm the earlier info on CRKY-830 in the column, thanks. In addition, Stan sends in the following:

AB. Calgary CRMX-1060 was CFCN, now "Mix 1060"

Marv also adds the following:

AB. Calgary CFXL-1140 owner of CFFR-660 and CFXL may merge operations and move CFXL-1140 to FM, vacating the AM frequency, dependent on CRIC approval

Ye editor passes on the following info:

BCN Tijuana XEKAM-950 was silent, now back on w/"Radio Formula" ID's, anyone know how long they were silent (I think a year).

That's about it, a long column. President's Day is just 5 days away, and Easter not that far down the road, the DX season is winding down, but keep the tips coming! 73's.



DX Worldwide - West

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DEADLINE: MONDAYS

Only one reporter this week, but a good one. Larry Godwin heard alot of DX including a TA opening.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 738 UNID, with weak audio at 0525 2/9. Abruptly went off, back on by 0530, but weaker still. Looped NE/SW. (LG-MT)
- 1008 UNID, in SS man talking at 0534 2/8. Deep fades. Members on EC hear Spain and Canary Is. here. (LG-MT)

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 850 UNID, probably Mexico, w/tele. talk show at 0541 2/8, KOA nulled. (LG)
- 880 MEXICO, Chihuahua, Chih. under assumed KJJR w/ID as "Radio de Chihuahua, XEV...Radio Sensacion" at 0721 2/7 (LG-MT)
- 970 MEXICO, Cd. Juarez, Chih. with "Radio Mexicana" ID followed nat'l anthem at 0602 2/8. I think many NSP Mexicans play anthem at local Midnight. (LG-MT)
- 1040 MEXICO, Guadalajara-apparently has a new slogan "Radio Mujer" caught this ID at 0612, 0708, and 0731 2/7. At 0708 ancr. also ment. "Canal Guadalajara". (LG-MT)
- 1130 MEXICO, Toluca-XETOL w/call ID as X-E-TOL and Radio Lobo" as strong as a semi-local at 0532 2/7. Apparently s/off at 0100 as I tuned in just in time to hear national anthem, then OC (LG-MT)
- 1150 MEXICO, Guadalajara-strong with ID as "Radio Metropoli" completely dominating freq. at 0558 2/7 (LG-MT)
- 1190 MEXICO, Guadalajara-XEWK-rather weak but on top w/clear call ID at 0356 2/5. Much stronger 2/7 at 0601 w/IDs as XEWK and "W-Guadalajara." (LG-MT)
- 1400 UNID, maybe a Mexican or domestic fairly strong momentarily at 0440 2/8. Mentioned several Mexican placenames" Michoacan, Zacatecas, etc. no ID. (LG-MT) (Sounds like you may have had a good one. PM)
- 1430 MEXICO, Cd. Obregon-XEOX on top 0503 2/8 w/ID "OX-Canal 14-30" (LG)
- 1470 MEXICO, Mexico DF XESM shot through the QRM w/call ID "la AM mas prendida se 94, transmittiendo con 20,000 watts...una emisora de Organizacion Radioformula" at 0404 2/8 (LG-MT)
- 1500 MEXICO, Piedras Negras, Veracruz-XEGN on top w/CST TC and ID "La Super G" at 0548 2/7 during spectacular Mexican opening (LG-MT)
- MEXICO, Mexico DF, rather weak but on top at 0438 2/8 with ID "La catedral de la musica familiar, XEAI...Radio AI" (LG-MT)
- 1530 MEXICO, Mexico DF XEUR underneath domestics w/clear "Radio Onda" ID at 0423 and 0435 2/8. Listed in 94 WRTH as 5 KW (LG-MT)
- 1570 t MEXICO, Cd. Acuna-XERF, assumed the one w/ID as "Radio Frontera" under US/Canadian station 0806 2/7 (LG-MT)
- 1610 t ANGUILLA, assumed the one with spot in EE for church in Los Angeles w/1-800 # 0759 2/7 Weak (LG-MT)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 738 UNID, perhaps Tahiti w/woman talking at 0929 2/7. Couldn't ID language. (LG-MT)
- 1017 UNID, man talking, looped SW at 0928 2/7. Vocal mx at 0931. Faded out abruptly as it appeared. Tonga? Poss. SS there. (LG-MT) (Yes, Tonga has been quite strong here lately, along with Hawaiians & Tahiti. PM)

Also here is a tip from Robert Wien.

1370 MEXICO, Mexicali-XEHG-1/31 1500 Good w/ID "XEHG, La Nortena"
call letter in SS way over KWRM. Rare here. (RW-CA)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

LG-MT LARRY GODWIN-2390 CLYDES DALE LANE-MISSOULA, MT. 59801
HQ-150, Sanserino air-core box loop
RW-CA ROBERT WIEN-1309 DENTWOOD DRIVE-SAN JOSE, CA 95118



WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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★ PRODIGY
FMFT21B

WDXR DEADLINES ARE MONDAYS. PLEASE USE EASTERN TIME.
WDXR DEADLINE FOR 30th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE: Mon. Feb. 28.

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(RW) Robert Wien-1309 Dentwood Drive-San Jose, CA 05118
GE Supersdio, GE long-range portable,

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

600 KOGO CA, San Diego 2/7 0834 ex-KKLQ, still //FM for now, with local news, Bryan Adams music. Legal ID on hour "KKLQ-FM, KOGO-AM, San Diego, Q-106." (RW-CA)

1320 CHMB BC, Vancouver format and call change ex-CHQM. 2/9 2355 CHQM said their goodbyes for "Memory Music 1320" and into regular Chinese programming. Legal ID of CHQM at 0100 and 0200. At 0300 legal ID became "This is CHMB AM 1320 Vancouver." Ownership change took effect at 0300 2/10 (Chinese New Year). Station is now 100% ethnic, the bulk of it Chinese. As well as legal ID, CHMB, "Radio Amichi" is used frequently. This was the most uneventful call letter change I've ever heard. Other than CHQM staff saying their goodbyes, there was no official sign off or sign on. (TW-WA)

530 TIS WA, Ritzville 2/1 0340 tourism message by man, "Hello, welcome to Ritzville..." (NP-AB)

CIAO ON, Brampton 2/1 0140 faded in & out over the next half hour with an eclectic mix of music. Nice ID at 0235 as "AM 530, Ciao Radio." Finally, I've been after this one for ages! (NP-AB)

CFHS ON, Fort Frances (TIS) 2/1 0249 message about exchange rate, Ontario highway laws, tourism info, ID "You are listening to CFHS radio, Fort Frances." (NP-AB)

540 ?KOJY? CA, Costa Mesa 2/8 1935 evidently the one with ad for

- Camelot jewelers in Torrance. Not needed. (LG-MT)
- KWMT IA, Fort Dodge 2/9 0821 gave call ID after C&W number and announced temp. as -18. (LG-MT)
- KNAK UT, Delta MM 2/7 0400 a surprise with ID as "This is KNAK, Delta-Fillmore, Utah, West-central Utah's 24-hour radio station," then into ABC news. I phoned station to confirm night power as 13.3 watts. CE said sked is NSP and will soon be 10kw days. Heard on current lkw day power 2/8 0959 with Delta weather & call ID atop CBK. (LG-MT)
- 590 KTHO CA, South Lake Tahoe strong at 1000 2/8. Announcer said "This is Dick Reeves, CBS news for KTHO, South Lake Tahoe, Tahoe City, New Pine Village. CBS news is next." (LG-MT)
- 600 CKBD BC, Vancouver 2/9 0901 carried relig. song across the hour, then announced "The Bridge" and short BC newscast. (LG-MT)
- 620 KSTR CO, Grand Junction 2/4 0904 ABC news, ID as "You're with talkradio AM 620, KSTR." (NP-AB)
- 630 WDGY MN, St. Paul 1/31 0904 ID heard through CHED, "The great music tradition now continues on KDGy." Odd propagation, the normally dominant Boise stations on 630 and 670 were virtually inaudible for about an hour. (NP-AB)
- 670 WMAQ IL, Chicago 1/31 2203 good signal in the clear with "WMAQ Sports Huddle." (NP-AB)
- 700 KSUR CA, Soledad 2/9 went across the hour with classical music, but gave legal ID at 0001. (LG-MT)
- 740 (KCBS) CA, San Francisco off SM 2/6 prior to s/on (no anthem) at 0800. Is this regular? (LG-MT)
- 760 KTLK CO, Thornton (ex-KRZN) on top 2/3 at 2300 with ID by woman, "This is Denver's first place to talk, AM-760, KTLK, Thornton-Denver." Then ABC news. (LG-MT)
- 800 CHAB SK, Moose Jaw 2/3 2254 ended relig. program "Haven of Rest" and gave call ID, then into C&W. I naively thought this might be PJB! (LG-MT)
- 850 CKBA AB, Athabasca 2/2 0800 with legal ID at conclusion of C&W program. KOA nulled. (LG-MT)
- 900 KTIS MN, Minneapolis 2/1 0855 thanks to Larry G.'s tip, heard "Morning Chapel Hour," then "Focus on the Family," ID noted at 0929 "KTIS, AM 900, Minneapolis-St. Paul." (NP-AB)
- 920 KKLS SD, Rapid City 2/5 0900 with brief call ID under KXLY, then Beatles tune. (LG-MT)
- KVEL UT, Vernal 2/7 0250 with no sign of KXLY, running oldies program. Announcer said "Your station for BYU basketball, newstalk-sports 920 KVEL." (LG-MT)
- 950 KWAT SD, Watertown 2/4 2204 end of Aberdeen vs. Watertown basketball, ads, ID as "KWAT, Watertown, SD." (NP-AB)
- CFAM MB, Altona 2/4 2156 local news, weather for southern Manitoba, into "Mission For Children." (NP-AB)
- 960 KFLN MT, Baker 2/1 1834 country music, ID's as "The Hit Kicker, 96 KFBN." Fair in CFAC null. Thanks to Larry's tip of a couple months ago. (NP-AB)
- 970 KVWM NM, Show Low SM 2/6 0900 very strong with s/on (SSB). Slogan is "The Voice of the White Mountain" (railroad line). Then NOS music. NRC Log doesn't mention simulcasted KVWM-FM on 93.5 (3,000 watts). (LG-MT)
- 1120 KANN UT, Ogden 2/7 1008 strong in KPNW null with "Music to lift the spirits." Unusually strong this late on SRS! (RN-CA)
- 1160 (KSL) UT, Salt Lake City 2/7 0134 was slow picking up network feed and had OC for two minutes. Heard sportscast on UID station. (LG-MT)
- 1230 KEXO CO, Grand Junction MM 2/7 0345 moderately strong and on top with call ID during oldies program. (LG-MT)
- ?KLAV? NV, Las Vegas MM 2/7 0200 probably the one mentioning "Las Vegas." Just before the hour, carried ad for "For The People" at 800-888-9999. I phoned service, which said they do advertise on KLAV. (LG-MT)
- 1310 KARY WA, Prosser 1/29 1831 coverage of Prosser-Ephrata girls basketball, ID at 1858 "You're tuned to KARY, 1310 AM, Prosser." (NP-AB)
- 1400 ?KIID? CA, San Luis Obispo 2/7 0937 fading o/u mess in KBLX null with Radio Ahs //KPLS-830. ID at 0937 "Radio Ahs, the

- place for kids." Called station, only affiliate on 1400 that is logical. Call change, ex-KIXT. (RW-CA)
- KART ID, Jerome 2/8 2306 legal ID and ad for People's Radio Network. (LG-MT)
- KRPL ID, Moscow in at 2300 2/8. Announcer said "Good times and great oldies for the university cities on KRPL." (LG-MT)
- KJDY OR, John Day 2/8 2335 on top breaking Portland Trailblazers game with ad for Mike Nadish Allstate Insurance agent in John Day. (LG-MT)
- 1440 KCHE IA, Cherokee 2/2 0729 weak, but in the clear, "Currently in Cherokee, 4 degrees above zero..." into Iowa farm news. (NP-AB)
- KMAJ KS, Topeka 1/30 1827 sung "KMAJ" jingle, then back to ESPN. (NP-AB)
- KODL OR, The Dalles 1/30 0259 "KODL, The Dalles" jingle, then into CNN news. (NP-AB)
- 1450 KBFS SD, Belle Fourche 1/31 0059 ID "News, music, information and more, right here on KBFS, Belle Fourche." (NP-AB)
- 1500 WGN90 CA, Anaheim talked with head man at Cal Trans 2/8 and he said the station on 1500 is not a Cal Trans station, but belongs to the City of Anaheim. (GJ-CA)
- KMXX TX, Merkel is Spanish Christian, daytime only, with current s/on 0830 and s/off 1930, per call to station. Not in NRC Log. I did not hear it. (LG-MT)
- 1530 KKCM NH, Shakopee 2/4 1836 in with sports, ad for Miller Mortgage, and weather by Jeff Peterson. Different announcer gave call ID and said "Evening Forum" (talk show) would follow. (LG-MT)
- WCKY OH, Cincinnati 2/4 1930 with call ID, KFBK nulled. (LG-MT)
- 1550 KNTR HA, Ferndale 2/4 1921 gave ad for Ferndale business, then ID'd as "Help Ministries Radio." (LG-MT)
- KVAN HA, Vancouver in at 0856 2/9. Announcer ment. "K-Van news time" and gave ad for Vancouver Ford. (LG-MT)
- 1570 CKMW MB, Winkler 2/4 1818 ended Friars' Folder (sports) and ID'd as "CKMW, your sports station for southern Manitoba." (LG)
- 1580 KMYD CO, Colorado Springs 2/4 1929 ended Spanish relig. program with ID for "Radio Transmundial, Bonaire" then gave call ID in English. Maybe the closest I get to hearing PJB! (LG)
- 1590 KCNN MN, East Grand Forks 2/4 1809 ended "The World Tonight" (CBS news) and gave call ID for "Talk-sports 1590, KCNN, East Grand Forks and Grand Forks." (LG-MT)
- KHIT NV, Sun Valley 2/4 1900 popped through KZOK with ID as "Northern Nevada's ???-ist country music station, KHIT Sun Valley and KHIT-FM Reno." (LG-MT)
- KZOK WA, Seattle ID'd as "102.5, KZOK-FM" at 1855 2/4. Then went into "old rock" without commercials for a half hour. At 2000 announcer said "KZOK-FM, the classic rock station." (LG-MT)
- 1610 TIS CA, Treasure Island 2/4 1330 picked up weak signal "This is a test of 1610 kHz Highway Advisory Radio Emergency broadcast station." Address: c/o Commanding Officer Security Detachment, Code 20, Naval Station Treasure Island, 410 Palm Ave., San Francisco, CA 94130-0410. (GJ-CA)

LOCAL NEWS
950 XEKAM

BCN, Tijuana returned to the air approx. Mon. 2/7. Station had been off the air for 2 years following an FCC shutdown and heavy fine for sending programming to Mexico without proper permits. Back on with new Spanish-language format and "oldies" Spanish music. Numerous ID's as "equis-eh-kah, ah-emme." They always pause to make it sound like XEK-AM. Nighttime show mentions many "XE" stations carrying the show, and local announcer cut in and added: "y XEK-AM en Tijuana." (SMM-CA)

+2/9 per call from Steve Mittman, tried, but nothing. 2/10 0545 tuned again to 950 on Superadio and heard many ID's, including XEKAM with talk oriented program. Power is unknown. Splash from 930 here at times. Would be interested in learning more on them like studio, phone number, power, owner, etc. (GL)

980 (KFWB) CA, Los Angeles 2/10 1145-0000 noted off while I tuned up dial. Called newstip number & spoke to traffic reporter Steve Hansen. He said it was a normal maint. period. I mentioned being a DX'er and I'd heard of a power increase. He said it is to happen in future. (GL-CA)

DX TEST

- 910 KBLG MT, Billings 1/31 0207 heard code ID's for IRCA test, no voice noted under strong KALL and CKDQ signals, and nothing further noted after 0215. Had expected this to be easier. (NP-AB)
- 1320 (WDMJ) WI, Ishpeming 2/7 0145-0200 DX test tried, not heard, too much KCTC/KCNR. (RW-CA)

UNID

- 750 2/7 0314-0316 good with tone, regular breaks in tone every few seconds. Went on for at least 30+ minutes. KCBS-740 nulled, over KXL/KAMA. Suspect KOAL-UT. (RW-CA)
- 750 MM 2/7 0311-0355 very strong station with 10-second tape loop of tone and "I give you Transponder 19, channel 17." Mixing with KERR. Not KMMJ, as I called them. Don't think KOAL, either, as it was there with talk program, I think. (LG-MT) (There goes Robert's thought of KOAL in previous tip, hi. -- NH)
- 910 2/3 0800 ID for Q-95 (assumed FM station). (LG-MT)
- 1610 2/9 0658 heard male announcer with "1-2-3-4, 4-3-2-1." Not Treasure Island. Several station ins, fading a lot. Atop L.A. emergency road conditions for Cal Trans. (GJ-CA)
- 1610 On Mike Hardester's info on Tahoe Park, made several calls & could find no TIS station listed on CA or NV side of Lake Tahoe according to park personel I talked to on phone! Still think this is a park located near coast in some town. For example, Sacramento has a Tahoe Park. (GJ-CA)

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JRC NRD-525, Superadio II.
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Drake SW-4A, "Radio West" loop.
- [TJR-IL] **Thomas J. Reiser**, 9506 South Winchester, Apt. 205, Chicago, IL 60643-1109
Sony ICF-2003 with built-in antenna.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 930 **WEOL** QH, Elyria. 2/1 fair. 2230 with Adcom music. "WEOL" ID's and local news. [TJR-IL]
- 980 **CKRM** SK, Regina. 2/2 good in WCUB null. 0750 w/promo for TV, ID, C&W music. [JA-WI]
- WNBI** WJ, Park Falls. 2/1 fair, no sign of usual WCUB. 2233 with weather, ID given by woman announcer. SMN NOS format ||WAVG-970. [JA-WI]
- 1070 **WTWS** WV, Beckley. 2/1 poor in mess w/WTSO, CHOK, WIBC. 2058 with EZL music, ID and WV road conditions. [JA-WI]
- 1110 **CKTY** QN, Sarnia. 1/31 fair o/WBT, KFAB. 2013 with "Sarnia Country" slogan, C&W music. [JA-WI]
- 1230 **CJLC** QN, Thunder Bay. 1/31 fair to good. 1805 with CSN Sports and ID. [JA-WI]
- KTRF** MN, Thief River Falls. 2/2 fair to good. 0806 with local news, ID. [JA-WI]
- 1310 **KNOX** ND, Grand Forks. 2/2 fair o/WIBA. 1800 with C&W music, legal ID. [JA-WI]
- 1320 **WDMJ** MJ, Marquette. 2/7 very poor. 0120 with gospel music. New for me. [TJR-IL]
- 1330 **WFBC** SC, Greenville. 1/31 fair. 2334 with "News-talk 13-30 WFBC" [JA-WI]

DX TESTS

- 560 **WFRB** MD, Frostburg. 1/31 DX Test strong, but u/WIND. 0101 with strange sounding TT and code IDs. [TML-IN]
- 600 **WFRM** PA, Coudersport. 1/31 DX Test very weak u/WMT. 0038 heard what seemed like code. [TML-IN]
- 740 **WJIB** MA, Needham Heights. 1/24 DX Test mostly alone on the frequency. 0135+ with TT and code. I was half asleep during the test, so didn't pay much attention. [TML-IN]
- 940 **WADV** PA, Lebanon. 1/29 DX Test. 0234 stong, but only heard tones and code. Didn't pick out much else. [TML-IN]
- +1/29 DX Test poor to fair. 0230-0240 with TT, code, and voice IDs. Mentioned P.O. Box 940 to send reception reports. [JA-WI]
- 950(WHVW) NY, Hyde Park. 2/7 DX Test not heard here. WWJ dominated 950. [TN-WI]
- 1010 **KDLA** LA, De Ridder. 1/15 DX Test. 0515 only heard weak code. Very tough to copy much else here. [TML-IN]
- 1260 **WIAN** MJ, Ispeming. 2/7 DX Test very poor. 0110 with code IDs and gospel music. New logging for me. [TJR-IL]
- 1340 **WTRN** PA, Tyrone. 1/31 DX Test weak in GY mess. 0031 w/code. A tough one. [TML-IN]

25 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1969 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor"....Bill Nittler of Englewood CO mentioned new station KUAD-1170 would be on the air soon....Tom Hartloff of Ventral Nyack, NY added state #32 with KNX-1070....Dave Christensen of Seattle, WA said he was 14 years old and uses a Hallicrafters SX-130.

OPEN MIKE

An optimist is person who thinks he can break up a traffic jam by blowing his horn. Welcome back to the IRCA, Jim. We hope you can report your Wisconsin loggings regualry. 73, John-John.

The IRCA Technical Column

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The Lowe HF-225 Receiver

by Don Moman

Although I'm not sure whether this set is presently distributed in North America, (Lowe is a British company) it is certainly worthy of a review. It was first produced in 1989 as an updated version of the HF-125. There is some efficient design here using custom IC's, and neither the circuitry or the radio itself appear to be overcrowded or complex. Front panel controls are limited to volume, tone, tuning knob, separate IF filter and mode selection, a memory select button, and up/down MHz tuning buttons. A relatively accurate S-meter is also included. However, the lack of complexity does not mean that the receiver is a poor performer.

The set is designed to run on 12 volts at about 250 mA. This can be supplied from an external AC adaptor (supplied), from any other 12 volt source, or from an internal rechargeable battery which is available as an option. Extra DC connectors are not hard to find or expensive unlike some other manufacturers that use unique connectors that only they can supply - for a nice price!

This is a dual conversion receiver, with an upconversion to 45 MHz, while the filtering is done at the second IF of 455 kHz; 2.2, 4, 7 and 10 kHz filters are available in a cascaded arrangement. Setting the filter widths is accomplished via a revolving menu type of system which takes a bit of getting used to. I didn't find it too inconvenient, which also goes for the 30 channel memory system. One small complaint with these 30 channels: only the frequency is stored, while mode and filter selection are not.

The 5 digit frequency LCD only displays to the nearest kHz which is a distinct handicap for many things, especially tropical and utility DX'ing. Thankfully however, it actually tunes in 8 Hz increments, precise enough to handle most RTTY/CW/SSB signals. Like many other sets the tuning step increases if the tuning knob is turned rapidly. There is an optional keypad for frequency entry which works very well with a minimum of key pushes. The display is clear in most conditions (excellent in bright sunlight) but isn't back lighted enough to make it easily read in lower light. Rather than such a fixed compromise between power consumption and light intensity, it might have been wiser to make the backlight level adjustable, permitting it to be turned

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The rear of the HF-225 allows for the usual 50 ohm PL-259 UHF connector plus a spring loaded wire terminal which is ideal for Beverages or random wires, since it uses an internal 600 ohm matching device. For portable use, an active whip antenna option is available. If the rear slide switch is in the "whip" position while you have an external antenna connected, the results are terrible, as would be expected.

Generally I found the RF performance to be quite good, and on weak signals throughout the SW spectrum the audio recoverability is very good. This is a hard quality to measure or define, but some sets cannot recover as much intelligence out of a weak signal due to a combination of design compromises. The Lowe recovered audio at least as well and sometimes better than the Yaesu FT-1000D, the Kenwood TS-850, and the ICOM ICR-72.

For example, I tuned my FT-1000D to 9735 kHz, where a weak signal was managing to produce some audio. I punched in USB, carefully tuned for zero beat - looks like 9734.98 is best. I backed off the RF gain control as the static crashes were almost a continuous roar. The signal was now quite readable, and I got a Radio Nacional, Paraguay ID. On the Lowe HF-225, I simply punched in 9735 on the keypad - no need for decimals or even an "enter" keystroke. Already there was decent audio in AM, but it was even better in the AM-sync position with the 4 kHz filter. Another test involved a comparison with the Sony ICF-2010. Both sets used their own whip antenna and internal batteries, and the HF-225 was substantially more sensitive on all bands, often bringing in clear audio where the Sony produced little or none.

On medium wave, I found the set to be quite resistant to overloading, using a variety of Beverage antennas. My location is about 30 miles from the local 50 kilowatters, but a Beverage pointed at them can produce several volts of RF, capable of overloading all the sets I own. Comparisons were made with my Kenwood TS-850 (with the internal MW attenuator removed), and I found that the Kenwood would overload a little more, but was also a little more sensitive. The specifications indicate the HF-225's MW sensitivity under 2 MHz is typically 0.8 uV for a 10 dB signal to noise ratio. Third order intercept figures are +3 dBm @ 10 kHz spacing and +12 dBm @ 50 kHz, all quite respectable numbers. Longwave performance on the '225 is also decent thanks to the separate 500 kHz low pass RF input filter. The HF-225 has a permanently enabled noise blanker and quite slow AGC (especially in AM). Lowe is evidently trying to give the AM listener as smooth a ride as possible, and in the majority of cases, they have succeeded, but I still would prefer to have control of these functions myself.

The audio quality from the HF-225 has received glowing comments from many sources. I found it a very pleasant set to listen to, especially using the synchronous detector on usually strong, but somewhat fady, SW signals. However, I have one reasonably significant complaint, and that is: Lack of selectable sidebands in SYNC mode. Having previous experience with the synchronous board option (ESKAB) for the ICOM R71A as well as the SONY ICF 2010, both of which have the ability to select the "least interfered with" sideband, I found the lack of this feature in the HF-225 a significant handicap. If the desired station is in the clear, this isn't a problem and the sync stage works very well—the distortion caused by selective fading of the carrier is drastically reduced. Incidentally, the lock range is specified as plus or minus 100 Hz. Finally, external audio output is provided at a fixed level on the rear panel for use with a tape recorder or external amplifier.

The literature that comes with the Lowe is as refreshing as the set itself—good basic information. The manual is clearly written and even includes several pages of small but very clear schematics. The "Lowe Listener's Guide" includes an excellent introduction to the hobby, factual, but certainly not dry! There is a good deal of information about what you can hear on the various bands, advice on antennas, noise problems, receiver specification and much more. They even define a new term I've never seen used anywhere—a "sprog", which we would call a "spur" over here. Lots of humor and quick comments everywhere.

Overall, the Lowe is a fine sounding and performing set in a plain wrapper. It hasn't many of the features we expect in a serious DX machine, and it certainly doesn't look the part. If you're prone to being more of a program listener, you should look at the HF-225. Further information should be available from Lowe Electronics, Chesterfield Road, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 5LE, England.

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* CHECKING IN THIS WEEK *

- (MH) Mike Hardester-3118 Gaitway Ct-Jacksonville NC 28546: ICOM R-70, Radio West loop
(GVH) Gregory V. Henson-12024 Waterside View Dr #23-Reston VA 22094: GE Superadio III
(JD) J. D. Stephens-3715 Conger Rd SW-Huntsville AL 35805: Panasonic RF-2600, Sony ICF-2001, wires
(JD-TN) J. D. Stephens-DXing from Nashville TN w/Tom Bryant
(WPT) Bill Townshend-Washington DC: Sony ICF-2010
(LLH) the editor at home with DX-440, 1' balanced air loop, Autek QF-1

* HOT TIPZ *

- 540 WGT? FL Cypress Gardens Mo 1/31 1850-1855 clearly heard "We're changing our name so you can remember us better. AM 540 WGT." (No "0" given.) Spot cluster, "AM 540 WGT" ID given before back to talk show. What gives here? Is this a call change or what? (JD-AL)
[I'd lay money that their LEGAL ID at TOH is still "WGTO." Does anyone know anything about this? -ed]
1190 WHYS VA Bluefield call change from WBDY. ID at TOH: "Double talk for the two Virginias: WHYS 1190, Bluefield VA: WHIS 1440, Bluefield WV." Similar ID given on 1440. Another set of American twins! This is sweeping the band suddenly! Does anyone know why? I'm curious. It makes no sense to me whatsoever to simulcast two AMs in the same city! (LLH-VA)

* AROUND THE DIAL *

- 550 WLWA OH Cincinnati Fr 2/4 2055-2104 good w/Talknet, "700 WLW" slogan & wx & news brief from WLW just before TOH. ID at TOH as "The home of the Bengals, WLWA 550, Cincinnati." Into ABC nx. "Traffic and weather together on 550 WLWA" after nx. (JD-TN)
620 WTMT KY Louisville Fr 2/4 2130-2154 good w/country mx, frqt "AM 620 WTMT Louisville" IDs. Local spots, promo for "Winston Cup Today" & "NASCAR Today" shows. (JD-TN)
640 WGOC TN Blountville Sa 2/5 0133-0200 fair in WSM-650 slop w/country mx, frqt "Top Gun Country" slgns. (JD-TN)
[is the 1090 station, silent since 1987, actually dead now? -ed]
790 WTSK AL Tuscaloosa We 1/19 2248-2255 good w/Palmer's Mazda & other local spots. UC mx, "790 WTSK Tuscaloosa" IDs. (JD-AL)
WGRA GA Cairo We 1/19 1844-1855 good w/Southern gospel, spot for "the Singing News," stn address for subscriptions, #228-4970 given for request line. (JD-AL)
810 WMTS TN Murfreesboro Tu 2/1 1600-1610 good w/WHOS 800 splash. Network nx, local spots, local nx. Suzanne Beasley w/wx. Frqt "Murfreesboro's radio station, 810 WMTS" slgns. Country mx prgming. (JD-AL)
900 WCOR TN Lebanon Sa 2/5 0350-0437 fair w/SMN "Real Country" satellite svc. Relaying WANT-FM 99. (JD-TN)
960 WFIR VA Roanoke Sa 2/5 0232-0300 good w/Bruce Williams talk, slogan as "Roanoke's news station." Station promos for shows, frqt "AM 9-6-oh" slogans. Into CBS nx. (JD-TN)

- 990 WEIS AL Centre Tu 1/18 1952-1955 peaked w/lengthy PSA from Cherokee Electric Co-op about saving electricity during recent cold snap. Ended with a "thank you so much from your Cherokee Electric Cooperative, & WEIS." Suspected EBS. (JD-AL)
- 1050 WJXY SC Conway Fr 2/4 2341-0005 fair w/country mx. Ments of 93.9 FM (a simulcast?) slogans as "the station you can depend on, AM 1050 WJXY." USA network nx. (JD-TN)
- 1100 KDXY TX Alamo Heights Tu 1/18 1845-1852 good in AU cx w/religious event calendar, gave station address for submissions to the calendar. Slogan as "the inspirational voice of Alamo Heights." (JD-AL)
[an interesting aside: their calls mean just what they say. Goes back to the "wet/dry" election years ago. I have an interesting story about similar elections in Lexington NC. -ed]
- 1110 KTLD LA Pineville Tu 1/18 1854-1902 good in AU cx w/"Viewpoint" talk pgm, slogans as "Newstalk KTLD Alexandria-Pineville." S/off ancmts gave studio and xmtr location & said they were "central Louisiana's first all newstalk station." No SSB. (JD-AL)
- 1130 WCLW NC Eden Tu 1/18 1930-1945 strong w/no sign of KWKH. Oldies mx, "classic 1130 WCLW" slogans, PSAs and local spots, frqt wx forecasts & school closings due to winter storm. I at first suspected an EBS brdcst 'til I heard the spots. (JD-AL)
- 1160 WBND KY Florence Tu 1/18 1925 surfaced w/some ancmt mentioning "...on AM 1160 WBND." Into James Taylor song. (JD-AL)
- 1410 WDOV DE Dover We 2/2 1705 end of news, lots of CLs, "Newsradio 1410," weatherphone 678-1373. State #35. Was closest state unheard: now it's NH. (GVH-YA)
- 1530 KFBK CA Sacramento Su 1/30 0120-0200 with WCKY off the air, noted them w/talk prgm, giving local #s, and toll free #s for listeners outside CA. Really peaked from 0129-0132 w/spots for AT&T, SCI Financial Services, California Investment Trust, and others. "KFBK" call heard weakly during legal ID before TOH. New, CA #10. Much wanted. Thanks a million to Leonard Hyde for phone tip on WCKY! (JD-AL)
- 1590 WONX IL Evanston Sa 2/5 0100-0115 good w/ID in SS, followed by EE ID as "This is WONX Evanston-Chicago, the best in Spanish broadcasting." Into SS rlig prgm called "Programa Cristiana." (JD-TN)

* DX SPECIALS *

CLARIFICATION:

- 600/1340 WRFM/WTRN Mo 1/31 NRC DX TESTS DID run [despite reports to the contrary -ed] according to Bill Burroughs & info from the stns. The Morse Code was played ONLY ONCE at the beginning of the test. (JD-AL)

HEARD:

- 560 WFRB MD Frostburg Mo 1/31 0100-0130 in quite strong w/lots of clear lengthy code IDs, mentioning Frostburg. Steady tones and slide tones, even some march mx! (JD-AL)
- 600 WFRM PA Coudersport Mo 1/31 0032 code ID, then m/ancr w/ment of Coudersport & Tyrone. Fair. (WPT-DC)
- 740 WJIB MA Boston Mo 1/17 0132 code at fast pace. Fair. (WPT-DC)
- 910 KBLG MT Billings Mo 1/31 0200-0230 caught several tentative code IDs, until 0225, when heard the KBLG calls clearly. This stn was to insert code IDs during the talk prgming, at a power of only 60 watts! Wow! New, MT #4, and Billings #2. (JD-AL)
- 930 WYNI AL Monroeville Tu 2/1 0200-0300 NRC DX TEST w/numerous lengthy code IDs, mentioning Monroeville, Revolutionary War type marches, several voice IDs noted. (JD-AL)
- 940 WADY PA Lebanon Sa 1/29 0230-0300 NRC DX TEST many CL only code IDs, steady tones, & step tones. Also one partial voice ID heard during first ten minutes. Nothing from 0240-0250 when stn was at 5 watts, then code and tones for last 10 minutes, when stn was back at full power, although weaker than first ten minutes. (JD-AL)
- WFAW WI Fort Atkinson Mo 1/31 0200-0300 noted strong code ID at 0230, just after tuning away from the KBLG test. Not needed so went to bed. (JD-AL)
- 950 WHVW NY Hyde Park Mo 2/7 several weak code IDs heard between 0000-0015, plus some tones. Nothing after 0015, possibly when they dropped to low power. (JD-AL)



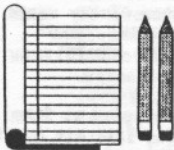
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Greetings! Congrats to Curtis McMenamin for logging the WZNN-NH DX test! Lynn H., your C&W on 1570 may have been CKTA-AB. I just discovered the source of a bothersome QRM problem: a Radio Shack intercom in the same room as my receiver. One more appliance to unplug during critical hours, hi! I'm looking forward to the Aberdeen convention in August (assuming the Board approves the bid). 73 and good DX.



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Did anyone get a QSL from KRZN-760 before it was sold and the call changed? I didn't. (Neither did I--rce) No joy from WVHI-1330 either. The station on 1610 heard 1/25 is WPCI801, 10 w., owned by Jefferson County and operated by the Disaster and Emergency Services Dept. Former co-worker Bud Fekete of DES sent me a good deal of info, including copy of the license and specs from equipment supplier, Information Station Specialists of Zeeland, Mich. They sell the Highway Advisory Radio Truck (H.A.R.T.) kit. DRS here calls its unit the Limited Area Broadcast System (L.A.B.S.). It's licensed for countywide operation, including Louisville. Nice DX test QSLs from WDAS-1480 and KWCO-1560. Ol' Col. DX has got too fat and his radio shack Lazy Boy broke down again. Too much hawg sausage, gravy, grits, figs an' biskits! Catnappers on sale so it's already replaced. Getting sleepy just thinking about it, so....

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Greetings from Staten Island. I am 79 years old and a retired Postal employee. Started DXing in 1931 and my first catch was WPOE 50 w. 1370 k. Patchogue, Long Island. - Patchogue Order Glks and my first verie was WCAD 500 w. Canton, New York in 1932. Card said it was a "One Man" station. My log is 2051 with 1450 verified and I also have a few SW and FM loggings. At present, I am just about inactive due to a health problem. In the past, have been a member of the Newark News DX Club - Globe Circulars, Bronx, New York - Universal Radio DX Club in California - Universal DX Club, Oradel, New Jersey - World DX Alliance, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and last but not least, the old Canadian DX Relay Club. My DXing is limited now to the All Night Truckers Information Stations. My biggest AM pest is WOEW on 1560 k as they ruin 1540-1550 as well as 1570 k. In the past way back in the 40's and early 50's, I took part in DX programs on WAWZ, 1350 k Zarephath, New Jersey - WBBR 1330 k. when they had 2 studios as well as their transmitter in Woodrow on Staten Island. Also the late Erick Johnson and I went down one Monday morning to Atlantic City's Convention Hall for a DX program on the old WBAB whose call letters stood for Wonderful Beach And Boardwalk. Well, I have rambled on enough for now so will say "73's". (Pete, welcome to EDXF. Keep those old memories coming, please--rce)

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It's been a while since I reported here, so I thought I'd send in a few lines. First: belated congrats to R.C. and A.J.! I think I did read that you tied the knot in Las Vegas. Yes, I hope you can stick with us for a long time to come, R.C. I usually find a chuckle or two in any report from "Col. DX". 2. I like my DX-440 but it has an inherent design limitation that will prove to be even a bigger problem in the future: the sensitivity drops dramatically at 1621 kHz, even using an external antenna. When MW stations move into the 1600-1700 range, this will be a limiting factor. Is it possible to enable the first RF amp past 1620 kHz? If anyone knows about this, please write. 3. Regarding comments made by several members about doing something to remember Ric Heald: a proposal has been submitted to rename the "Ted Vasilopoulos Award" as the Vasilopoulos - Heald Award". Reasoning? Many of us have absolutely no idea who Ted Vasilopoulos was, or what he did. Adding Ric Heald's name to the award would bring it into the modern era for those of us mentioned. It would also serve as a remembrance of Ric. In correspondence from the club President, Bill makes the point that this might detract from the legacy of Ted Vasilopoulos. Such was certainly not the intent, but if older members feel this way, then we would not want to do that. However, we can't create awards for every outstanding DXer who dies, either. Eventually, we all will, you know. I think Ric Heald did enough for this club to deserve remembrance in some way, and if the proposal fails to pass, we should find some other meaningful way to do so. I have racked my brains, but can't come up with anything. If you knew me, you'd probably say that's no surprise. HI! Anyway, to close: you know how some of us moan and groan about the condition of the BCB these days, and wonder what can be done to save it? Surprisingly, I am finding that some in the industry feel that AM radio WAS "saved" by the talk format! I always considered that to be the PROBLEM rather than the solution. A parallel exists: when all the radio shows and drama moved to TV in the 50's, AM radio was saved by the teenagers, rock and roll, and transistor radios. I remember my father complaining about rock and roll taking over the dial, and realized that it's no different now! He wanted the "good old days" of radio to come back, as it was in the 30's and 40's. I want the "good old days" as they were in the 50's and 60's to come back. I have about as much chance of that happening as he did! The problem with modern radio is not the format: it's the narrowcasting, and the tiny slivers of audience (and profit) available to each station. If there was any money in AM radio, you'd see the creativity return. I believe most of the creative people are doing video and virtual reality these days. And so it goes.

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First, a verie in from CHOK-1070 Ontario for my first Canadian verie from Milwaukee. I did send a report for the KRZN-760 special last fall, but never received a verie from it. Leonard, regarding your comments on Ted Vasilopoulos, I'm now into my 30th year as an IRCA member and I never knew Ted. He died, just as I was joining the club and the award was started then. The feeling then about Ted's passing was probably much about the same as our feelings now about Ric's passing. I've wondered also what could be done in his memory and have no answers either. Only 10 more DX Monitors until Labor Day! 73.

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WHOA ! STOP ! THINK ! ONE AWARD IS ENOUGH. I think Ric Heald did receive the TVA while he was alive and this should be enough. For those of us that have received the TVA for outstanding service rendered this should be enough. I know I do not want one named for me. The TVA hanging on the wall is good enough for me, I know it came from my fellow club members for something I did for them and the IRCA. And I want to thank you again for the TVA. When I glance at it on the wall I know I did good, you told me so. And by the way I am still doing good HI ! If Ric did not receive the TVA he should have gotten one. Ric was a friend but not an easy guy to get along with at the publishing end and some club presidents feel the same way. One thing Ric knows we are thinking about him, 73 Ric. While on the subject of the TVA there is one person that should be rewarded for outstanding service rendered and that is Nancy Hardy. There are others who do good and I think there are times when two TVA's should be awarded. Give the TVA when we are alive not when we are gone. I only had one foot on the soap box and I am going to remove it right now...73..Ralph.

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