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# WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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## OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1430 KVVN CA, Santa Clara 11/2 0300 with ID in English "The new Asian voice of Santa Clara County." Ex- KNTA (which was Spanish), now obviously Asian. (BP-CA)
- 1480 KQAM KS, Wichita ex-KZSN 10/29 2140 with sports & frequent IDs. (BN-CO)
- 1700 WCMQ FL, Miami 11/2 moderately strong in Spanish 2232-2331 with talk show, thanks to tip from Bob Wien. At 2330 man said "CMQ, Cadena Nacional... la emisora de Miami, donde habla todo el mundo." Some QRM from Amanda Park, WA TIS. Not audible at all at this time 11/3, but strongest 11/4. (LG-MT)  
+11/6 2200 English ID with Spanish ballads for an hour. Where did this one come from? Listed on 1210. Strong signal. (BN-CO)  
+11/7 has been pretty weak but as of right now, 0100, is solid! Spanish with some kind of very fast mention of "This is a ??? station" in English. (FA-ID)  
?WCMQ?+ 11/3 0455 tentative with Spanish talk very weak and fadey, not really anything discernible, will have to keep checking. Did come on air previous weekend instead of 11/4 as originally planned, per various E-mails. (RW-CA)
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- 540 CBK SK, Regina 10/22 0038 fair with book discussion with Canadian writers, unID Spanish underneath. (KJP-OR)  
XEBACH BCN, Tijuana 11/3 0759 had a good signal in CBK null. Classical music piece ended and announcer gave legal ID in Spanish. (LG-MT)
- 580 KFXD ID, Nampa 10/27 0112 good with ID into sports program. (KJP-OR)
- 640 KFI CA, Los Angeles 10/25 first airing of new talk show "Spiritually Speaking" with Michael Levine. ID, time check, ads, station promo, weather & traffic report. Poor; under seige noise-wise from computerized treadmill in the next room. (5P-HI)
- 660 KTNN AZ, Window Rock 10/27 0053 fair to good copy in CFFR null. (JKP-OR)

- 680 KHKR MT, E. Helena 10/30 2045 poor-fair mixing with KNBR, KHKR apparently forgot to turn their AM off, as I was hearing their FM format (C&W), IDs & spots. (PM-OR)
- 690 XETRA BCN, Tijuana 10/27 0055 audible signal under CBU. Mentioned San Diego and upcoming "Mexican National Hour." (KJP-OR)
- 720 WGN IL, Chicago 10/23 0057 talk between male & female about Microsoft. KDWN pest unusually weak, easy null. (KJP-OR)
- 810 WHB MO, Kansas City 10/17 2305 "The Farm" farm news. Ex-710. (BN-CO)
- 820 WBAP TX, Ft. Worth 10/23 0106 very weak copy under dominant KWNW. ID plus time check. (KJP-OR)
- 830 WCCO MN, Minneapolis 10/27 0105 strong copy, CKKY not heard. (KJP-OR)
- 870 WWL LA, New Orleans 10/27 0215 ID as "W-W-L 870 AM," C&W "Road Gang," ad for Big Easy (?) Truck Stop with E-Z access to I-10. (KJP-OR)
- KLSQ NV, Laughlin looks like this is the most dominant station (in the mess) now in Spanish. "Super Q." 11/4 0600 ID on hour in English, "KLSQ Las Vegas/Laughlin." (FA-ID)
- 940 ?KWBY? OR, Woodburn 11/6 2258 probably the Spanish-speaker with talk program. Woman said "en Woodburn" at one point. (LG-MT)
- KIXZ TX, Amarillo 11/6 2306 ended news and began NOS music with slogan "Magic 940." (LG-MT)
- 1060 KDUS AZ, Tempe ex-KUPD "The Deuce" sports station. Heard nightly here. (BN-CO)
- 1080 KOTK OR, Portland (ex-KWJJ) 10/31 2300 strong with ID jingle "The talk leader, hot talk 1080, hot talk KOTK," then CNN News. (LG-MT)
- 1090 KAAV AR, Little Rock 11/1 carried "Bible Study Time" show at 2309, then gave weak legal ID at 2400. (LG-MT)
- 1100 KCCF AZ, Cave Creek 10/24 1910-1945 under KNZZ with numerous IDs, news and oldies. (BN-CO)
- 1140 KSFN NV, N. Las Vegas 10/21 2000 "Sports Fan Radio" ID. (BN-CO)
- 1150 KBAI CA, Morro Bay 11/3 0515 good on top with "Beauty and the Beast" theme song, ID "Thanks for listening to the greatest music, on 1150, K-Bay." Per M Street Journal, now KBAI! But they were off the air, so have no idea what happened there! (RW-CA)
- 1190 KEX OR, Portland 10/24 0757 "Coast to Coast AM" in progress, PSA, ad, ID, weather, and ABC-I news. Fair to poor, possible Mexican way underneath. (5P-HI)
- 1200 CKXM BC, Victoria 10/20 0935 C&W and ID. (BN-CO)
- 1220 KBPA CA, Palo Alto 10/19 2120 "Personal Achievement Radio" with ID & ads. (BN-CO)
- 1240 KMHI ID, Mountain Home 11/6 0900 ID for "KMHI...right here in Mountain Home." New, ex-KLVJ. (LG-MT)
- KPBL TX, Hemphill dominated at 0800 11/4 with two clear call ID's. New. (LG-MT)
- 1260 KPAY CA, Chico 10/23 0205 1st time heard on new frequency. (KJP-OR)
- 1340 CIBQ AB, Brooks 11/1 fair above jumble briefly "13-40, CIBQ" at 0759:55. New. 11/2 0759:55 fair on top of frequency with "CIBQ, 1340." (PM-OR)
- 1480 KQAM KS, Wichita (ex-KZSN) heard 10/30 using new calls & sports. (BN-CO)
- 1550 ?KYCY? CA, San Francisco 10/27 0042 ID as KYCY FM. Rare here due to KVAN. (KJP-OR)
- 1560 WPAD KY, Paducah 10/30 fair over KNZR with adult standards, "15-60 WPAD" ID at 2315. (PM-OR)
- 1590 KLFE WA, Seattle surely the strong religious station broadcasting in Spanish at 2252 11/1. Announcer referred to "la ciudad de Burien" (Seattle suburb). Never heard in Spanish before. (LG-MT)
- 1610 KOP798 UT, Bryce Canyon TIS 10/15 and several nights later 0210 thru local Mesa Verde TIS. (BN-CO)

#### UNIDS

- 1630 11/2 "... Highway Advisory Radio. There are no advisories at this time." Looped east. Who is this? Man's voice "1630 on the dial." Very, very poor at best. (PM-OR)
- 1630 11/2 0438 woman announcer occasionally here mixing with other TIS, but couldn't understand what was said. (PM-OR)
- 1700 11/2 0540 talking (man's voice), looping east. (PM-OR)

# Central DX Roundup



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## SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1700 WCMQ **FL**, Miami Springs. New expanded band station on the air. 11-3 fair to poor signal. 2207 noted with spot mentioning Miami Beach in SS into musical interlude before fading out. Thanks to Larry Godwin for this tip! I never could hear this station on 1210 from here. [EB-MO]  
+11-5 good signal. 0020 with EE-SS talk program that mentioned Miami. Left the air at 0030. 0558 the next morning on air, more SS talk. 0600 ID "CMQ from...." (too weak of signal.) [TMJ-IL]

## DOWN THE DIAL

- 690 KGGF **KS**, Coffeville. 11-2 briefly good. 0057 with sign off. [JcJ-MT]  
**KRCO** **OR**, Prineville. 11-2 in briefly after KGGF sign off. 0058 with "KRCO Country" slogan. [JcJ-MT]
- 770 WEW **MO**, St. Louis. 10-26 fair in jumble of stations. 0700 sign on, SSB followed by "Good morning, this is WEW.." This into local news. [RCP-IN]
- 870 WQRX **AL**, Valley Head. 10-26 very good o/WWL and unID SS. 0723 with Gospel music, also weather for central AL and then "This is the Big 870 WQRX." [RCP-IN]
- 880 KRVN **NE**, Lexington. 10-23 great signal with WCBS barely audible. 1858 with country music format, spot for Munday Chevrolet in Hill City, KS. [RCP-IN]
- 930 WKCT **KY**, Bowling Green. 11-3 fair signal w/others. 0252 w/jingle "WKCT 9-30" [JJR-WI]  
**WTAD** **IL**, Quincy. 11-2 in poor with 2 others, no WAUR which I always used to hear! 0106 with "Talk radio 9-30 WTAD." [JJR-WI]
- 960 KLTF **MN**, Little Falls. 10-25 good. 0712 with detailed weather and sports, ID. Not heard often, but in well when received. [KDF-IL]
- 1000 WXTN **MS**, Lexington. 10-20 very good way o/WMVP. 1822 with Gospel music mixed with preaching. Listened until 1830 sign off with SSB. [RCP-IN]
- 1020 KOTD **NE**, Plattsmouth. 10-3 fair to good o/WPEO. 0733 with promo for Mort Crim program, weather. [KDF-IL]

- 1070 **WHYZ** SC, Sans Souci. 11-2 in fair and dominating 1070. 1813 with urban/oldies, live "10-70 WHYZ." New! [JJR-WI]
- 1170 **KOWO** MN, Waseca. 10-31 good atop KVOO. 2246 country music, spot for Minnesota State Lottery, 2301 ID "AM 11-70 KOWO Waseca. Owatonna, Waterville." [RS-MO]
- 1220 **WEZU** MN, Stillwater. 10-31 fair. 2130 with Stillwater Ponies vs. Hastings Raiders high school football. Numerous local spots, nearly all phone numbers with Stillwater's 439 prefix. No top of the hour ID, finally a call ID at 2228 at end of game. "Pony Football exclusively on AM 12-20 WEZU." Sounded like they were on their 5kW power. New log for me. [RS-MO] (If any of you are ever in the area, be sure to visit Stillwater, MN. Very interesting resort town minutes from Minneapolis. John)
- 1240 **KBIZ** IA, Ottumwa. 10-16. 0400 heard with KBIZ-KTWA (FM) ID. This and other 1240 stations heard during nightly SP 0100-0700 of our local Chicago station. [KDF-IL]
- KICD** IA, Spencer. 10-4 fair. 0500 with instrumental music, "KICD" jingle. [KDF-IL] +11-1 in poor. 2000 with female announcer talking with male, ID "KICD Spencer, Iowa" into CBS News. [JJR-WI]
- KWOS** MO, Jefferson City. 10-25 fair to good. 0400 with "News radio 12-40 KWOS" ID then news. One of the more common AN stations heard here in recent weeks. [KDF-IL]
- WATT** MI, Cadillac. 10-4 poor to fair. 0600 with ID and news. [KDF-IL]
- WJMC** WI, Rice Lake. 10-1 fair. 0359 with AM-FM 97.4 ID, mention of Rice Lake, Spooner, and "Wisconsin's Great Northwest." [KDF-IL]
- WJON** MI, St. Cloud. 10-18 good. 0300 with local spots, ID, "AM 1240, WJON St. Cloud. News-talk station of the year." [KDF-IL]
- 1260 **KWYR** SD, Winner. 10-25 good. 0739 with country music, many local spots, ID "Radio for the Heartland, 12-60 Country, KWYR." [KDF-IL]
- 1300 **KGLO** IA, Mason City. 11-1 surprisingly good, no WOOD nor WTAQ. 1851 with "13 KGLO" ID, promos. Female announcer. Ad/Con music. Haven't heard in years. [JJR-WI]
- 1320 **WDMJ** MI, Marquette. 10-24 on top briefly. 2118 with high school football, clear "WDMJ, WIAN" ID the fade out. [KDF-IL]
- 1380 **KAGE** MN, Winona. 11-1 poor in brief, fade up o/WHWD a few minutes. 1837 "Kay-Gee Country" cash call, Non-satellite country format. Unusual to hear this one. [JJR-WI]
- 1440 **WJL** NY, Niagara Falls. 11-1 in fair to good, totally dominating 1440. 1825 with female announcer, non-satellite oldies. [JJR-WI]
- 1450 **CHUC** ON, Port Hope. 11-1 in very good to excellent. 1821 with promo for CHUC lottery line. Local spots, promo, AdCon music. [JJR-WI]
- 1510 **WAUK** WI, Waukesha. 10-19 fair in WLAC null. 1808 with sports format. "You're listening to the Sports Fan Radio Network on WAUK." Only the second time heard. [RCP-IN]
- 1530 **KGBT** TX, McAllen. 10-22 very good way o/WSAI. 1905 with SS. 1930 sign off with prayer and Alleluia chorus from Handel's Messiah. Called station to confirm. [RCP-IN]
- 1580 **KGAL** OR, Lebanon. 11-4 good in null of KWYD. 0815 with spot cluster in local news. Many mentions of "KGAL news time." 0822 spot cluster into "Charles Osgood Files" program. Finally enough for a decent reception report. [JcJ-MT]

### UnIDs

- 1010 unID 10-23 unID very rapid code or TTY heard mixing w/WINS and CFRB. Signal was very strong at times. [RCP-IN] (Perhaps an image from a SW station? John.)
- 1430 unID 10-24 unID looped SE. 2215 SS with Mexican music, heard one mention of "Ciudad Concord." [KDF-IL]

### 25 YEARS AGO

November 25, 1972 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" - Brian L. Cartwright of Johnstown, PA said he was 13 with 782 stations heard - Carl "Skip" Dabelstein of Lincoln, NE said he has logged 1439 stations with 1302 verified - Jim Poterba of Yardley, PA received a verie from Morocco-818 - S. Joshua Hill of Alden, NY logged KAAV AR for state number 38.

### OPEN MIKE

Sometimes when asking a person "A penny for your thoughts" you need to ask for change. So far Nancy and I have yet to hear WCMQ-1700, but we will keep trying! For those of you keeping track of how soon your report gets into print, this column was typed on November 7<sup>th</sup>. 73, John.

# EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Here we are in the middle of November, with "some" DX to report. Been kind of slow here. Deadlines are Wednesday at 6PM. (lfreshwate@aol.com)

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

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## LOGGINGS

620 WJWR NJ Newark Now with "One on One Sports". This station is a powerful local suffering from powerful phase distortion. Unlistenable. (KZ-NY)

740 WGSN NY Huntington 11-5 0700 Has dropped FM simulcast with "Country 94.3 WMJC" and is now Radio Disney kids format. Sounds very much like Radio Aaahs format. The meek will inherit the earth. Jeez ! (KZ-NY)

840 WCTG SC Columbia 11/2 2205 Heard call letter ID sung twice as a jingle, strong but then gone with WHAS taking over. (sign off time) (perhaps, I have logged them here at sign off in October at 6:15pm. Are you using GMT or EST ?? Please use EST.-ed) (EM-PA)

1350 WCRM FL Fort Myers 11/8 1805 Fair signal with Spanish program. ID at 1805 with singing jingle "WCRM" New (LF-FL)

1430 WVAM PA Altoona 10/27 2250-2300 In jumble of competing stations C&W mx emerged followed by m. welcoming requests: "call 944-9456", no call letters heard. (EM-PA)

1700 WCMQ FL Miami Springs 11/5 1745-1805 VG with SS talk. EE ID on hour. (CB-NY)

WCMQ FL Miami Springs 11-4 2300 and now nightly regular on with Spanish talk. Very strong. (KZ-NY)

WCMQ FL Miami Springs 11/7 1756-1802 "This is WCMQ, Miami Springs, an ??(QRM) radio station", ID in SS, lots of regal-sounding announcements in SS, nx? "CMQ presente .." 1802. Strong sig. This logging was picked up on a Nissan Quest radio. However, I've been able to hear WCMQ on my DX-440 (VERY weak), SRIII, and YB-400, usually after dark. And at about 4am, it comes in really well on the YB-400! (LH-AL)

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## SPECIAL INTEREST

1090 WNVY FL Cantonment 11/9 1848 Excellent signal from this formerly SILENT station. I thought it was KAAY with rel. mx. S/off consisted of only a legal ID "WNVY Cantonment" All my info shows this station as silent. No idea when it returned. New (LF-FL)

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UN-IDEN:

1570 ???? : ?? 11/9 2237 station playing possible C&W mx, ID'ed at "104.1, WLEL"...Any ideas ??? (LF-FL)

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HELP WITH UN-IDEN:

Charles Bernth writes that Karl Zuks uniden on 570-660 (DXM3405) may have been 590 W L Q E from Lynchburg, VA. They ID as WLQE "The Lake" Charles heard them on 6/5. Herb Newberry checks in (Herb, we've missed ya!) Herb thinks my Charlotte uniden on 1660 may have been WGIV-1600 conducting tests on their future freq. of 1660? May be possible, but the signal was SO strong for just a SHORT distance, perhaps 3-4 miles then faded away FAST!. (HN-GA)

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T.I.S./H.A.R.

1290 TIS MD Silver Springs 11/2 Noted TIS on north/west part of DC beltway is now on 1290. Multiple transmitters along northern belt between VA & MD and then north on I-95 nearly to Baltimore. (KZ-NY)

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Nice to hear from Herb Newberry. We've missed his loggings and tapes the past year. Reading Ernests logging on WCTG makes we want to remind every-one to "please" use EST (0000-2400) on your reports. Being a domestic column we don't convert from GMT. Karl Zuk writes that "hearing Miami night after night on 1700 proves one thing: all the "old" channels must have multistation clutter beyond our wildest dreams. I hope the Virgin Island allocation (1620 & 1690) get on the air before they get crowded out." You're right, except the expanded band channels will have a "chance" at DX that the others don't due to overcrowding. The FCC never did understand how AM radio works. It all started back in the late 70's when they started handing out "low power" night allocations to daytimers. That's enough from the "soapbox", hope to hear from all of you soon. Lets get those receivers "humming" and REPORT! see you in 7 73's fresh

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# GEO INDICES

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Tabulated from WWV at ~0518 GMT nightly

Geomagnetic Summary November 7 1997 through November 13 1997

GEO - Geomagnetic activity	pca - polar cap absorption
maf - major flare	SA - Solar Activity
mas - major storm	spe - satellite proton event
mis - minor storm	ss - severe storm

Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
11/ 7	94	30	1	low	quiet-mas	spe/pca
8	90	5	2	low	quite-unsettled	spe
9	86	7	3	low	quite-unsettled	spe end
10	89	9	3	low	quite-unsettled	-
11	92	5	0	low	quiet	-
12	87	2	1	low	quiet	-
11/13	90	2	1	low	quiet	-

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[Connelly\*H-MA] = East Harwich, Cape Cod, MA (GC= 70.02 W / 41.71 N)  
(near junction of Routes 39 & 137: pitch pine forest 2 km from ocean)

Receiver: Drake R8A Antenna system - two 28 m wires at a right angle;  
phased with new Superphaser-1 prototype phasing unit.

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\*\*\* TRANS-ATLANTIC DX \*\*\*

- 531 ALGERIA, Ain-El-Beida, NOV 9 0013 - // 549 w/ AA female vocal;  
fair, in mix w/ Spain & Madeira. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 531 MADEIRA, RDP, Porto Santo, NOV 8 2352 - PP talk; fair, somewhat  
over Spain / Algeria. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA, Les Trembles, NOV 8 2318 - good w/ woman in AA.  
+ NOV 8 2355 - AA woman on phone & man in the studio; piling in.  
+ NOV 9 0012 - wild flutes & electronic organ / violin sounds,  
reverberated female vocal; blasting in at S9+40 (!): about 15  
to 20 dB stronger than the 550 kHz domestics. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 576 ALGERIA, Bechar, NOV 9 0015 - // (local-like) 549 w/ piercing  
flutes & vocal; poor to fair in a mix w/ apparent Spain &  
Portugal. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid, NOV 8 2322 - SS teletalk fair through static.  
Up to HUGE level when re-checked at 2351. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 594 MOROCCO, Oujda, NOV 8 2350 - // 612 w/ AA male vocal, drums;  
fair. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 603 SPAIN, RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, NOV 8 2348 - SS teletalk;  
fair. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, NOV 8 2347 - bombing in at local-like  
strength w/ AA female vcl & instrumentation. This was at least  
15 dB stronger than WGIR/WIP on adjacent 610. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, NOV 8 2324 - SS teletalk  
// 585; fair. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 639 SPAIN, RNE1, La Coruna et al., NOV 8 2325 - SS teletalk; poor to  
fair. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 684 SPAIN, RNE1, Sevilla, NOV 8 2357 - fast SS talk by man; loud.  
[Connelly\*H-MA]
- 693 AZORES, RDP, Santa Barbara, NOV 8 2356 - PP talk; atop an apparent  
UK / Spain mix. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 729 SPAIN, RNE1, Oviedo et al., NOV 9 0023 - piano, female nightclub-  
type vocal // 738; good, over others. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 738 SPAIN, RNE1, Barcelona, NOV 8 2204 - SS teletalk w/ man & woman;  
to good peaks through static crashes. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 792 SPAIN, SER, Sevilla, NOV 8 2254 - man w/ SS newstalk & teletalk;  
good punchy audio. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 819 MOROCCO, Rabat, NOV 9 0005 - // 612 w/ group AA vocal, flutes,  
drums; to good peak. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 836 AZORES, RDP, Pico da Barossa, NOV 8 2159 - back on this frequency



- (after a short-lived move to 837). PP talk by woman; slight 1 kHz het from Canaries-Spain-837. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1, Murcia et al., NOV 8 2250 - SS talk w/ interspersed bits of music; good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, NOV 8 2150 - woman in AA; to good peak. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 918 SPAIN, R. Intercontinental, Madrid, NOV 9 0006-announcer mentioned "musica en la noche", then dance music (that was talked over several times) followed; good, about equal in strength to the 920 jumble. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 954 SPAIN, R. Espana, Madrid, NOV 8 2243 - man & woman in SS mentioned Valencia; excellent. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 981 ALGERIA, Algiers, NOV 8 2242 - shrill AA vocal at light audio level on fat carrier. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 999 SPAIN, COPE, Madrid, NOV 8 2307 - excited SS talk by woman; good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, NOV 8 2337 - lingering here w/ an open carrier after normal programming concluded. Signal was at "monster" level w/ Spain audible well under. The carrier abruptly went off the air at 2339 UTC. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN, SER synchros, NOV 9 0027 - SS talk mixed w/ a weaker second station (Morocco off at the time). [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1053 MOROCCO, Tanger, NOV 8 2337 - // 612 w/ AA male a cappella vocal; LOUD and totally dominant. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1134p CROATIA, HR, Zadar, OCT 24 0156 - audio level just readable w/ mx. Signal was strong for only a minute and sounded more Slovak than Spanish. Murphy's law was in effect and signal faded at 0159. Used 2.3 kHz filter & USB. Strong carrier noted here on OCT 22 & 23. [Jasinski-IL]
- 1251 LIBYA, Tripoli, NOV 8 2216 - AA female vocal; very good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1296 SPAIN, COPE, Valencia, NOV 8 2236 - man & woman w/ SS teletalk; poor to fair w/ some T-storm QRN. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1314 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, NOV 8 2234 - SS newstalk & part of a speech; to good peak, some static. Norway was completely blocked off by high absorption on northern paths. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1349 MAURITANIA, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, NOV 8 2230 - fast group vocal & percussion; to fair peak. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, Duba, OCT 21 0325 - good level w/ male AA lang talking. Was strong at tune in and faded after a few minutes. Accompanied by loud het. Used 1.8 kHz filter in USB to keep KOMA as far away as possible. KOMA is in the opposite direction! The following days had nothing more than a carrier here.[Jasinski-IL]

\*\*\* COMMENTS \*\*\*

Mark Connelly:

Just a few logs here this time from a quick 2.5 hour session at Harwich on Saturday night. It was pouring with rain at the time and there were gale force winds. Static crashes were hitting over S9 (more like July than November). Lightning strikes must have been within 200 miles, although I noted none within visible range. It made for some noisy DXing. There must have been a bit of auroral-zone extension since northerly TA's were at a big disadvantage compared to those from Spain, Morocco, and Algeria. The best signals were on the low end of the dial. Algeria-549 and Morocco-612 were the two strongest TA's: both were virtually local-like. It would be interesting to compare my DX observations with those from the active European DXpeditions and any other US/Canadian loggings made at the time.

Tom Jasinski:

The Drake R8A can indeed separate the powerful midwest domestics from the weak and feeble Euros and Asians. The last few days have been productive! Carriers noted on almost every 9 kHz split freq from 837 on up on 10/22, 10/23 and 10/24.

Brandon Jordan:

Still no time for any serious DX'ing due to work overload. Is relief on the way? It looks as if cool weather may have set in here for good. The lightning static has been the norm. Thanks to Mark and Tom for making this all possible! Anybody else out there picking up any DX?

More from Mark:

Hello to all. Jerry Berg said, "Paul McDonough, Ben Krepp, and I are journeying up to the Chamberlain, Maine site for a DXpedition, staying overnight Friday and Saturday nights, Nov 21 & 22. Lois, the owner, permits four people max overnight. Anyone interested in joining us?"

I expect to be at the BADX meeting on 21 NOV and at Ray Arruda's annual medium-wave get-together in Acushnet, MA on the 22nd. I won't be able to make the Maine thing, unfortunately. I hope someone who goes to Maine gives medium-wave at least a glance. One hour before, to one after, sunset tends to be the most productive time. I suspect that the tropical bands would also be in prime form at that time too, especially to Africa. If it's auroral, you could really clean up on MW into Africa and Brazil. And if it's not, look for things like Iran/Greece-1386, UAE-1476, Oman-1413, India-1566, etc. If VOA Kuwait-1548 (a relatively easy catch) is really blasting, then a good number of other Middle East / central Asia targets should be available for the taking.

After Arruda's, I'll be going to Cape Cod so maybe I'll get some parallel monitoring done during the Saturday late-evening portion of the Maine DXpedition. This should cover the 0300-0700 UTC Euro-dawn-enhancement period. A comparison of loggings might be informative.

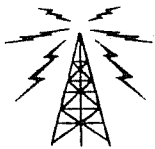
I've got the new Superphaser-1 design up and running: it blows away the MFJ-1026 in terms of spurious suppression and operational flexibility. Unfortunately there's no way I'd be able to match MFJ's price because I'm using chips like the LH0033CG (which alone retail for over \$30 a piece). I think that my raw materials cost for this thing runs about \$200. Were it to be marketed (not something I expect to do), I'd have to charge nearly double what MFJ get for their box. I'll probably be demonstrating the unit at Ray Arruda's if we can jerry-rig some wires.

Unless I'm mistaken, the Newfoundland DXpedition that has been scheduled for the period around the US Thanksgiving holiday (27 NOV) is down to two participants (Burnell and Kazaross). Werner Funkenhauser cancelled because his wife is having an operation. I'd imagine that the DXpedition plans are still going ahead. "Press releases" about this have been rather meagre considering that it's only three weeks away. Usually by this time, the E-mails are loaded with all sorts of interesting DX strategy and who's-bringing-what type information. This year, I'd already booked a short family trip to Vermont during Thanksgiving before I knew of the Newfie scheduling. So unlike last year (when I could at least do meaningful parallel-listening from Cape Cod and Cape Ann), I'm not likely to have much to offer for loggings during the NF '97 DXpedition period. Vermont is DX-inferior to the home QTH in Billerica, which itself is "no trip to the beach".

Despite a lighter "dance card" of DXpeditions this year than last on the North American side, the Europeans are pressing ahead with an aggressive schedule with planned activities at Sheigra and Clashmore (Scotland), Ballyconeely (Ireland), the Algarve (Portugal), and doubtlessly several others. The support of NRC's International DX Digest column has been fairly good this year, but only a handful of DXers are actually contributing. It would be great to see longer lists of names at the end of Jim's columns. Some of the stalwarts of yesteryear have been strangely silent (and I know that most of these DXers still have functioning receivers). Maybe the DXpeditions this month will build up the enthusiasm level for DXing on all of the bands. These outings typically put the spotlight on rarities that were previously unknown or were considered "impossible dreams". Usually much parallel-frequency data emerges and inaccuracies of the World Radio-TV Handbook come into focus. DXpeditions are where "the rubber meets the road": a thorough work-out of all the commercial and homebrew technical innovations that get the signals passed successfully from the air to the headphones. I hope to see some of you at the BADX meeting and/or at Ray Arruda's. 73 / good DX ... Mark

\*\*\*Thats all, folks\*\*\*

73, Brandon



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[11/11] I have not "Forumed" in way too long so maybe a short intro is in order. I am a happily married, 50 year old techno nerd. I am employed by Pacific Bell as I man of a 3 man network problem Swat team. I got into radio through AM DXing when I was about 10 and have been in love with radio every since. I'm so bad that one of my favorite sounds is a radio tuned to a graveyard freq. in the winter, just after sunset. I am a Ham. WV6U. And now that my kids have moved out I have a whole room in my house filled with radios and computers. You can't have too many radios. Conditions here are better then they have been in quite a while, although I have not heard the new one on 1700. However I have found several new Canadians so loud I can't believe I never heard them before. I found two interesting AM radio related web sites: <http://www.radiodigest.com/> and <http://www.aa.net/~rfs/>. The first is detailed current information about San Francisco Bay area Radio stations. The second is a pretty detailed history of San Francisco Bay area AM radio. Steve

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Buenos DX. Seems like the wheels are in motion for the expanded band. My local on 1650 is running a continuous open carrier and occasional 1 khz tone. I understand WCMC 1700 in Florida is on the air now. I watched the Florida Marlins win the World Series. I hope their flagship station WQAM saved some bumper stickers for me. Talked with Bob Wien on the phone tonight. A few of us Dxers will be getting together in San Diego the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in January for Dxing, dining, and visiting tourist traps. We'll likely be at the Motel 6 at Hotel Circle, but I haven't ruled out upgrading to a bigger hotel. The Fabulous Inn - site of the 1972 IRCA convention, is a possibility. Maybe these roaming get-togethers will catch on someday. I'd love to know where the '98 IRCA convention will be. Any volunteers? I know I'm a hard act to follow but trust me, being a host is all fun and games, hi. Wherever it is, I'll try to be there. I got a packet from the Las Vegas convention bureau. It contains a booklet with radio station addresses. Of course KVEG, KORK, and KXNO have all changed call letters rendering it somewhat inaccurate. I have to admit I miss that casino-radio format on 1140. One format I will dearly miss is AAHS World Radio. If I understand right, Disney is buying them out!? What hasn't Disney bought? If local KPLS changed, I wonder what the status of Long Beach Ice Dogs hockey and San Francisco 49ers football games is? Over at KGIL-1260 Florence Henderson of TV fame is now following the Gary Owens show every weeknight. I was glad to finally get a logging of KART-1400. Others have referred to them as a pest, but I'll take any graveyarder from Idaho. KTIK-1340 is also an easy catch here but they're moving to 1350. I still remember touring their studios at the '95 IRCA convention. I was able to log the new San Diego TIS on 890 here. On a car radio, it's especially strong in the day near the water or at higher elevations such as a bridge. Got a verie back from Classic Country K-JUG 1270. Actually it's a signed/confirmed photocopy of my report with the missing artist names even filled in by the C.E. How could I forget "Why have you left the you left me for" is by Crystal Gayle? hi. Finally, a plug for the Decalomania Club: the special \$8 annual rate is good until the end of this year. It's a must-have for promotional and aircheck collectors (like me). Contact Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary NW, Seattle, WA 98117. Very happy holidays to everyone. 73

**Gary Jackson, 7735 Center Parkway, Sacramento CA 95823**

[11/9] Nice write up in Dec. issue of Popular Communications, Medium Wave Section, on CalTrans TIS/HAR Bay Area and the work IRCA did for them. 73



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## OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1700 WCMQ FL, Miami 11/6 0600 on the air in Spanish, with fair signal. Thanks to Larry Godwin for ID'ing it for me. (GJ-CA)  
+11/10 0400 very good with ID "CMQ, en Miami," then "Cadena Nacional" news, later on had Gloria Estefan music at 0640 recheck. New. (RW-CA)
- 630 KWRO OR, Coquille 11/4 2355 almost certainly on day power of 500 watts with election coverage, Mike Reagan show. (KJP-OR)
- 690 KRCO OR, Prineville 10/31 0954 school lunch menu and ID. (KJP-OR)
- 700 KMJY WA, Newport 10/30 2330 "Community Calendar" and ID. (KJP-OR)  
KFAM UT, N. Salt Lake City 11/4 2300 "The weather from K-F-A-M..." (KJP-OR)
- 730 KRVC OR, Sweet Home 11/2 2041 numerous "K-Love" IDs. (KJP-OR)  
KULE WA, Ephrata 11/2 2044 Detroit Lions football game & ID. (KJP-OR)
- 790 WBBM IL, Chicago 11/2 0348 road report for Stevenson Fwy., in KKOH null. (KJP-OR)
- 810 KTBI WA, Ephrata 10/31 0926 "Today's Christian Radio" in KGO fade. (KJP-OR)
- 830 KPLS CA, Orange 11/4 0022 "Oz World Radio," mentions of Orange county. (KJP-OR)
- 840 KSWB OR, Seaside 10/30 2110 Robert Palmer song & ID weakly heard. Rare in east Portland. (KJP-OR)  
WHAS KY, Louisville 11/4 2310 poor but audible signal, "You're on 84 W-H-A-S." At 2315 KXNT annihilated signal. (KJP-OR)
- 850 KHHO WA, Tacoma 11/1 2340 Tacoma hockey game. Again, apparent day power. (KJP-OR)
- 880 KJJR MT, Whitefish 11/8 0000 broke through mess with mention of Kalispell and into ABC news. Was not on my bandscan. (FA-ID)  
KTMT OR, Phoenix 10/31 0059 ID, ad for Round Table Pizza. (KJP-OR)
- 900 ?\*KBIF? CA, Fresno 11/10 0445 suspect loud with test tone looping ESE over XEW and unID Spanish (KRRR?), CJVI nulled. (RW-CA)  
CJVI BC, Victoria 11/12 0400 very weak with news about Vancouver. They have been better in the past. (FA-ID)

- 910 KPOF CO, Denver 11/13 0500 religious, on top of KALL, running ad for anti-smoking remedy. (FA-ID)
- 920 KLMR CO, Lamar 11/15 C&W into ABC news at 0400, "Giant of the High Plains, Lamar et al." Was not on my bandscan. (FA-ID)
- 930 KTKN AK, Ketchikan 11/4 0040 very weak with ad for Ketchikan Public Utilities. (KJP-OR)
- 940 KWBY OR, Woodburn was my unID Spanish speaker 11/6 2258 with talk program. I phoned station to confirm ad I heard for Sally's Restaurant. New, on tip from Spokane Stan. (LG-MT)
- 1020 KCKN NM, Roswell 10/27 2305 weak copy with news of China visit. (KJP-OR)
- 1030 KTWO WY, Casper 10/30 2129 very strong signal with Sci-Fi giveaway. (KJP-OR)
- 1050 CICF BC, Vernon 10/30 2132 "AM Mix 105" ID & weather. (KJP-OR)
- 1060 ?KDUS? AZ, Tempe 11/7 0759 probably the sports station with "In the Clubhouse." I phoned station & learned it did air this syndicated program at this hour. (LG-MT)
- KLMO CO, Longmont 11/7 0759 s/on with male announcer (no anthem). (LG-MT)
- KBGN ID, Caldwell 11/7 0800 s/on strong with guitar music. Man said it was beginning another day of Christian broadcasting. (LG-MT)
- WLNO LA, New Orleans 11/10 0458 terrific signal way over KDUS with CKMX nulled. In most of morning with religious talk show, ID. Later on had USA network news. Faded out about 0700. Ex-WNOE for me. (RW-CA)
- 1080 ?KOTK? OR, Portland 10/18 1111 noted with unusual C&W format and IDs like "KWJJ is now KOTK," didn't check for legal ID to confirm if call change is official. (bp-WA1)
- CKSA AB, Lloydminster 10/18 0829 strong with local news & weather, C&W music. (bp-WA1)
- 1150 ?CKIQ? BC, Kelowna 11/2 0130 "Oldies 1150." Call change or simulcast? (KJP-OR) (Last I heard they were CKFR.--NJ)
- 1260 KOIT CA, San Francisco 11/2 0331 ID into music. Weak copy. (KJP-OR)
- 1320 KCTC CA, Sacramento 11/2 0312 weak with KPZZ off air. Heard ID twice. (KJP-OR)
- 1350 CKCI BC, Parksville-Qualicum 10/17 2335 good with local ads & IDs over KSRO. (bp-WA1)
- +10/30 2211 "You're listening to C-K-C-I 1350" in KSRO null. (KJP-OR)
- 1370 KXTL MT, Butte 11/2 0255 Jerry Lee Lewis song & legal ID. (KJP-OR)
- KAST OR, Astoria 11/2 2218 "56 degrees bayside at K-A-S-T." Rare in east Portland. (KJP-OR)
- 1380 KRKO WA, Everett 11/2 2332 "Our 75th year, K-R-K-O." (KJP-OR)
- 1430 KVVN CA, Santa Clara 11/10 0600 good with ID on hour "KVVN Santa Clara-San Jose, the Asian Station," local. Ex-KNTA. (RW-CA)
- KBRC WA, Mt. Vernon 11/2 2226 "Do you have your KBRC bumper sticker?" (KJP-OR)
- 1440 KSLX AZ, Scottsdale in KMED null at 0753 11/7. Woman said "Thanks for joining us on KSLX" then into oldies. There was a man announcer, too. New. Possibly running listed night power of 52 watts. (LG-MT)
- 1480 KLMS NE, Lincoln finally logged at 2254 11/12 with 2 call IDs, local weather, and promo for One-on-One Sports. (LG-MT)
- 1490 KRNR OR, Roseburg 10/30 2256 weakly heard ID in mess. (KJP-OR)
- 1550 KRGO UT, West Valley City 11/10 1025 in good in KYCY null with ID "One double 5 oh, this is KRGO, West Valley City." Has not changed call to KMRI yet apparently. (RW-CA)
- 1580 KCWW AZ, Tempe 11/2 0238 K-C-W slogan, spot for Arizona Broadcast Assoc. (KJP)
- 1620 TIS CA, Milpitas 10/17 2320 fair-poor with continuous messages, many mentions of Milpitas, gave call sounding like KWZ634 or similar. (bp-WA1)
- KUTE UT, Salt Lake City is the rock music station I've heard since 10/11. It is a student-run outlet of the Univ. of Utah. 11/12 2248 there was a commercial for the U.S. Navy and at 2303, the announcer said "You're listening to KUTE 1620-AM, at the University of Utah." I've been trying to reach it at 801-581-7981 but only get a recording. Note: the KUTE call doesn't seem to be FCC-licensed on AM or FM. (LG-MT)
- 1690 CKWX BC, Vancouver 10/17 2028 mixing product noted weakly with news & ads, ID'd by checking 1130 for //. (bp-WA1)

## LOCAL NEWS

- 1490 KJET WA, Hoquiam noted with new C&W format and USA network news while in the area. IDs like "24 hours a day in AM stereo, this is Harbor Country 14-90."  
(bp-WA1)

## UNIDS

- 900 11/12 CBS network. No ID heard, CBS news at 0500. Have not yet received new NRC Log. Any ideas? (FA-ID)
- 990 10/31 0857 s/on with Mexican National Anthem, Spanish talk. (KJP-OR)
- 1355 A man spoke here at 0752 11/9. Signal was distorted. Not heard since. (LG-MT)
- 1400 11/2 0110 looped 080-260 degrees. Call sounded like KFRT? NOS music. New call? (KJP-OR)
- 1620 11/10 0416 unID good in Radio Milpitas null with rock music, promo to call 1-800-656-HELP. This is same pirate LG-MT and others are hearing. It's thought to be in Idaho. KECN-690 has a CP for 1620, wonder if they're testing on this frequency? (RW-CA) (Sounds like KUTE. See Larry's 1620 tip.--NJ)

Has everyone heard the new Miami, FL station on 1700? John and I have been hearing it here in Billings. Remember to send tips of what you have been hearing to our Roundup editors. WDXR deadlines are each Friday. Due to the holiday bulletin schedule there will be no WDXR deadline on December 12th.

# IRCA 1997-98 CONTESTS

Standings as of November 15, 1997

## States & Provinces Contest

1 Craig Rathbone	311
2 Bill Nittler	271
3 Stan Weisbeck	227
4 John C. Johnson	160
5 Charles Dobbins	138
Greg Hall	138
7 John Tudenham	116
8 Pete Taylor	115
9 Dale Park	11

## Letterama Contest

1 Pete Taylor	150
2 Charles Dobbins	78
Greg Hall	78
Mike Sanburn	78
5 John C. Johnson	77
6 John Tudenham	47
7 Dale Park	5

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## SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1360 **WKYO MI**, Caro. Silent station back on the air. 11-13 poor, but clear. 0300 noted back on the air. Phone call to station confirmed station had been silent and now on. [JJR-WI]
- 1700 **WCMQ FL**, Miami Springs. New expanded band station on the air. 11-4 good, big signal. 2250 with SS sportscast, ID in EE and SS at 2300. "This is WCMQ, Miami Springs, another Raoul Anercon (??) radio station." Was this their first day on 1700? Heard fair to good every night since. [RS-MO]  
+11-7 strong signal, almost like a local. Very little fading. 0344 with SS talk, weather reports. Two men talking about Havana and other Cuban cities and also about Miami. "CMQ" slogan. [RCP-IN]  
+11-8 weak with complete fades to noise. 2030 with SS music. "CMQ La Gran Cadena" slogan. 2053 spot for a concert in December in Miami. 2059 legal ID "WCMQ Miami Springs, Miami" included two other FM call IDs. It's been way over 30 years since I've logged a new FL station! Report sent. [JcJ-MT] and [NJ-MT]  
+11-8 fair. 2200 with full ID. Male & female announcer team. News. New. [JJR-WI]

## DOWN THE DIAL

- 540 **CBK SK**, Regina. 11-2 fair, but much background noise. 0718 with weather for major Canadian cities. Program of classical music followed. [RCP-IN]
- WDAK GA**, Columbus. 11-8 good. 1948 with ID in spot for All-Star Manufactured Homes in Columbus. [TN-WI]
- WZER VI**, Jackson. 10-27 fair, but much noise. 0344 with mention of Christian concert coming to Milwaukee followed by what sounded like Christian rock music. [RCP-IN]
- 550 **WDUN GA**, Gainesville. 11-1 very steady signal. 1942 with spot for Little and Davenport Funeral Home then back into Hawks vs. Raptors PBP. [RCP-IN]
- 560 **KWTO MO**, Springfield. 11-8 good way o/WIND. 2045 with spot and ID into ESPN. [TN-WI]
- 600 **KROD TX**, El Paso. 10-27 good. 2045-2100 with pre-game show for Monday Night Football, then PBP. ID's as "News, talk, sports, AM 600 KROD." [CAD-TX]
- 620 **KAAM TX**, Plano. 11-10. 0151 call ID, PSA, jingle ID into oldies. [NJ-MT]

- 650 **KMTI** UT, Manti. 0200 with ID out of country music into news. [NJ-MT]  
**KSTE** CA, Rancho Cordova. 11-3. 0205 with ID out of news, local spots. [NJ-MT]
- 660 **KTNN** AZ, Window Rock. 10-13 good. 2247-2305 with announcer Sharon Mays with recordings by Navajo and Indian artists such as Red Eagle, Burning Skies, etc. 2300 NBC News. ID's "KTNN Indian Country" and "KTNN AM 6-60." [CAD-TX]
- 690 **CBU** BC, Vancouver. 10-16 fair. 0808-0820 with program "Early Morning Radio" with news and weather about BC and Vancouver. NO ID heard, but program content sinched it for me. Second Canadian in 3 years!!! Report sent. [CAD-TX] (2<sup>nd</sup> in 3 years? Around here you can't turn on a radio without hearing 20 or 30 Canadian stations any DX session. © John.)
- KGGF** KS, Coffeyville. 11-10 poor, no CBU. 1805 with ABC Direction News, local spots, "AM 6-90 KGGF Newsbreak..." [JJR-WI]
- 750 **CJVR** SK, Melfort. 11-4 fair in WSB null. 2232 with "Canada's and Saskatchewan's country music station of the year, 7-50 CJVR." New log for me. [RS-MO]
- 790 **KURM** AR, Rodgers. 11-3 very good signal until switch to night pattern. 1815 with swap and shop call-in show. [RCP-IN]
- WQXI** GA, Atlanta. 11-4 fair signal with quick fades. 1717 with sports oriented talk show. Several mentions of "WQXI" [RCP-IN]
- 800 **KREI** MO, Farmington. 11-3 with very fadey signal, much noise. 1821 with slogan "The voice of the Missouri Ozarks" into news. First time heard. [RCP-IN]
- 840 **KXNT** NV, Las Vegas. 10-15 fair. 0703-0712 with ABC News, local weather, and into Bob Grant Show. ID "The news station, AM 8-40 KXNT." [CAD-TX]
- 870 **WQRX** AL, Valleyhead. 11-2 very good signal, o/WVL. 1743 with Sister Sledge "We Are Family" song followed by sign off. No SSB. Off by 1756. [RCP-IN]
- 950 **KLIK** MO, Jefferson City. 10-31 fair at times in null of local WXLW. 1846 with boxed country songs followed by "You're listening to all country KLIK." [RCP-IN]
- 970 **WFLA** FL, Tampa. 10-28 good. 0646-0700 with news, weather, sports. ID "Your home for the Devil Rays, 9-70 WFLA." [CAD-TX]
- 1020 **WJEP** GA, Ochlocknee. 11-7 very good signal, alone. 1717 with religious songs back to back, then sign off. No SSB. Left air at 1730. [RCP-IN]
- 1030 **WFSZ** TN, Memphis. 10-23 good. 2000-2010 with Mississippi State Bulldogs football show. ID's as "Sports for the Memphis, 10-30 WFSZ." [CAD-TX]
- 1050 **CHUM** ON, Toronto. TENTATIVE. 11-5 poor, much noise. 1632 with oldies format with songs by Elvis, Paul Anka, etc. Traffic report for Toronto. No ID heard. [RCP-IN]
- 1060 **CKMX** AB, Calgary. 10-14 fair. 0650-0700 station ID "Adult Contemporary Radio 10-60 CKMX" plus one record before semi-local KBNB signed on the air and covered signals. Not enough info to try for a verie. [CAD-TX]
- KBNB** TX, Gilmer. 11-3 good. 1757-1810 out of CNN News into local KLTV ch. 7 news simulcast. ID's as "All news all day, Radio CNN 10-60 AM." Report sent. [CAD-TX]
- 1070 **KFDI** KS, Wichita. 11-7 very good signal at times in partial null of WIBC. 1753 with religious song "When The Toll Is Called Up Yonder" into news. Legal ID. [RCP-IN]
- 1090 **KAAY** AR, Little Rock. 11-9. 0116 with station ID. [NJ-MT]
- 1110 **WBCA** AL, Bay Minette. 10-23 good. 1908-1915 with country music, ID "Serving south Alabama with the best in classic country, this is WBCA 11-10." Station address was given as 720 South Watt Avenue, Bay Minette, AL 36507 at sign off announcement time. [CAD-TX]
- 1130 **CKWX** BC, Vancouver. 10-13 fair u/KWKH. 2232-2242 with news, weather, sports show. Several mentions of "CKWX news time..." Covered by KWKH at 2242. Report sent, first Canadian in 3 years!!! [CAD-TX] (CKWX is a pest here. © John)
- 1160 **WAMB** TN, Donnelson. 11-10 in good, no WSCR. 1830 with NOS format and a business report. [JJR-WI]
- 1180 **WJNT** MS, Pearl. 10-28 fair. 0708-0716 with weather and "World At Sunrise" program. Market report at 0715. ID's as "News, talk 11-80 WJNT." [CAD-TX]
- 1190 **KEX** OR, Portland. 10-14 poor. 0630-0640 with news program, ID "News you depend on, 11-90 KEX" into "Overnight Best Of Art Bell." Report sent. [CAD-TX]
- 1230 **KVOC** WY, Casper. 11-11, local KMAY-1240 off the air. 2200 "KVOC Casper" ID. [NJ-MT]



- 1240 **KFBC** WY, Cheyenne. 11-11, local KMAY off the air. 1807 with local spot for Los Amigos restaurant. 1808 ID and a news promo. [NJ-MT]  
**KMAY** MT, Billings. 11-3. 1358 noted local station still on the air with rap. [NJ-MT]  
**(KMAY)** MT, Billings. 11-10 noted station off the air. This station is supposed to change to new call letters KMZK and a religious music format at some point. Noted still off the air as of 11-14. [JcJ-MT]
- 1250 **KNEU** UT, Roosevelt. 11-12 good. 0900 with legal ID over the top of a local interview program. The announcer quickly concluded the interview and joined a network news program in progress. [JcJ-MT]  
**KWSU** WA, Pullman. 11-11. 2159 with woman with weather, "Northwest Public Radio, KWSU AM 12-50 Pullman. Celebrating 75 years of radio from Washington State University. [NJ-MT]
- 1320 **KNCB** LA, Vivian. 11-2 good. 1809-1816 with several time checks and KNCB plus Gospel recordings. Sign off announcement at 1815 and SSB. Off at 1816. Report sent, first time heard. [CAD-TX]
- 1330 **KFH** KS, Wichita. 11-10. 0105 with two ID's. "Talk radio 13-30 KFH." [NJ-MT]
- 1350 **KRLC** ID, Lewiston/Clarkston, WA. 11-11. 2054 with "...on one great country, KRLC" into country music. [NJ-MT]
- 1390 **WTJS** TN, Jackson. 10-30 good. 0710-0725 with news for TN and Jackson area with time checks and ID "This is news, talk 13-90 WTJS." [CAD-TX]
- 1410 **KTCS** AR, Fort Smith. 11-10 poor in mess. 1737 with male announcer, country music format. [JJR-WI]  
**WELM** NY, Elmira. 11-10 fair w/others then out. 1717 with "Sports radio 14-10 WELM" New logging for me. [JJR-WI]
- 1510 **KGA** WA, Spokane. 10-15 fair u/weak WLAC. 2308-2326 with Spokane Chiefs vs. Calgary Headmen hockey game from the Saddledome in Calgary. ID "This is Chiefs hockey on 15-10 KGA." By 2324 WLAC was regaining control of 1510. [CAD-TX]
- 1580 **WEAM** GA, Columbus. 11-8 fair to good. 1905 with legal ID only. "The new 15-80 WEAM Columbus." [TN-WI]
- 1590 **KWBG** IA, Boone. 11-5 poor. 2009 with "AM 15-90 KWBG" ID during high school football pre-game show. Soon faded under an unID TalkNet station. [RS-MO]
- 1640 **KXBT** CA, Vallejo. 11-10 fair in noise. 1906 with soul oldies. [JJR-WI]

### UnIDS

- 1140 unID 11-11 fair to good mixing with KSOO, WRVA, and XEMR. unID Alberta station. 1926 with "news and weather for southern Alberta throughout the day on AM 11-40." 1930 into religious show "Voice Of Victory" and "Insight For Living." No calls, didn't seem to be a legal ID at 2000 either, just "AM 11-40." Apparently not audible when I tried again around 2100. Still haven't received new log #18, but #17 shows CFXL Calgary going to FM soon, and CHRb in nearby High River had application pending move to 1140 from 1280. So, I am not sure which one this was. [RS-MO] (FYI. #18 just shows CHRb High River if you haven't yet received your copy. John.)

### 25 YEARS AGO

December 2, 1972 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" Nancy Gantzer of Fredonia, NY had her first EDXR published. DX included some of Nancy's loggings such as WLFA-1590 Lafayette, GA - Dave Rogers of Norman, OK received a verie from WDR Germany for country #23 and logged HOJ2-1045 for a new country - Percy R. Kesteven of Edmonton, AB logged CBY-990, his first Newfie. Province #9 for Percy. The new members list totaled 50.

### OPEN MIKE

A day without sunshine is like, night. Nancy Gantzer (now, of course, Johnson) has been typing a DX column for IRCA for 25 years now! We will keep you posted on the situation with 1240 here. The station has been operated by the May Technical School for a number of years as KMAY. Students of their broadcasting course ran the station playing mostly rap. A local religious music FM, KRSQ, recently changed formats from religious to hot A/C hits and there were lots of complaints about loosing the religious format. Now we see print ads for KMZK "Playing today's contemporary Christian music, the all-new Music 1240." As of 11-14 station is not on. 73, John.

# EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Here we are one week before Thanksgiving. Kind of a SLOW week. Only had the radio on once. Deadlines are WEDNESDAY at 6 pm EST..On with the show.

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

(LF-FL) your editor Drake R-8A / HQ180A, Potomac FIM-41  
KIWA Loop, 75' l.w. N/S  
(MB-ON) Mike Brooker 99 Wychrest Ave., Toronto, ON M6G 3X8  
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(HN-GA) Herb Newberry 405 JH Whitaker Rd, Newborn, GA 30262-9511  
Kenwood R-5000, KIWA Loop, L.W with VIA U.S.P.S.  
MLB Balun

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## LOGGINGS

790 WLKW RI Providence, Nov. 13 1750 gd o/usual pest CIGM w/College basketball sports talk, ID at 1800: "The game's not over till we give the score. This is Sports Radio 790 The Score, WLKW Providence". (MB-ON)  
1110 WNNW NH Salem, Nov. 13 1805 fr w/sign off mentioning offices located at 462 Merrimack Street in Methuen, MA. Off w/schmaltzy piano version of SSB. (MB-ON)  
1190 WLIB NY New York, Nov. 12 0727 gd o/usually-dominant WOWO w/ad for Mortgage Acceptance Corporation, local traffic report, promo for WLIB's "Caribbean Connection" program. Despite WLIB's power boost, WOWO is still top dog here. (MB-ON) (Mike: Has WLIB got their power increase/night-time?? I was under the impression that they could not upgrade UNTIL WOWO changed their tower configuration. That has not been completed yet.-ed)  
1270 WKSJ AL Prichard 11/18 1728 Very poor, out of the mud with "on your station for life, WKSJ-AM 1270" Gone suddenly. Perhaps that was a sign off. could not tell for sure New (LF-FL)  
1290 WHGR MI Houghton Lake, Nov. 6 0709 pr u/CJBK w/local sports, anct "when you see news happening call WHGR at 517..." Phone number killed by CJBK QRM, but at least heard the 517 area code which fits this part of Michigan. (MB-ON)  
1360 WKMI MI Kalamazoo, Nov. 1 0730 fr w/PSA for United Way of Greater Kalamazoo, promo for Imus in the Morning on "the big 1360, WKMI". (MB-ON)  
1370 WJMT WV Moundsville, Nov. 13 0700 fr w/ID anct "The one bright spot on your AM dial, the all-new WJMT...call us at 845-3048", into UPI nx. QSLed as WEIF in 1979. (MB-ON)  
1390 WKDR VT Burlington, Nov. 3 0706 fr o/Syracuse, NY bible-blaster (WDCW) w/local nx, ID "WKDR news time is 8 past 7 o'clock" into ad for Bart Home Decorating Center and "WKDR Weather Watch" local wx. (MB-ON)  
1590 WGGO NY Salamanca, Nov. 7 1700 vgd w/sign off anct read by woman, while SSB played in the background. They'd rather sign off than cut their power to their minuscule post-sunset authority. (MB-ON)  
1590 WAUB NY Auburn, Nov. 7 1706 gd o/usually-dominant pest WAKR w/anct "anytime, anywhere, we've got the music of your life, AM 1590 WAUB" into song by Doris Day. (MB-ON)  
1700 WCMQ FL Miami Springs 11/10 All evening. SS mx of varying styles (ballads, ranchero, et. al.) with NX SS and EE ID at TOH. It is blasting in here 20 over S-9 at peaks with

slight, occasional fading. (ex-1210 ? or still on 1210?)  
 (HN-GA) (Herb, WCMQ will still be on 1210 and was  
 "supposed" to change formats to 1 On 1 Sports on 11/17. I  
 have never logged the 1210 facility here.-ed)

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SPECIAL INTEREST

The following comes to us from John J Reiger : "FOR REFERENCE:Oct 18  
 (Issue #1128) IRCA DX Monitor., Eastern DX Roundup,Special Interest  
 section. WKYO/WIDL reported silent owing to back taxes.UPDATE:Both AM/FM  
 are back ON THE AIR. I heard 1360 WKYO this morning 11-13 at 0300EST  
 w/full station id. Called station and talked to receptionist at 0930EST  
 and she told me stations (AM-FM) RETURNED TO THE AIR on 11-07. So, they  
 WERE SILENT but are now BACK ON THE AIR. Good news!" (Thanks John-ed)

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UN-IDEN:

890 ???? ?? Nov. 10 1815 talk by woman in SS, poor in nulled WLS.  
 WBPS, Dedham, MA? Are they ethnic? No strong Cubans on  
 890 that would be likely so early in the evening.(MB-ON)

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T.I.S./H.A.R.

1610 FL Live Oak ?? 11/10 all evening-Rebroadcast of VHF WX radio WWG30  
 (162.45) broadcasting from the "Swanee County Emergency Service  
 Antenna" site in Live Oak. S. GA and N.FL wx, also Gulf Advisory  
 for Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola. Also heard "AM1610" and  
 "Tarpon Springs" in background. Is there a TIS in Live Oak or is  
 this out of Tarpon Springs, or what ?? (Herb, lets see if we  
 can figure this one out. I know there is/was a TIS in "Jasper",  
 FL serving Hamilton County. Live Oak is just a bit south of  
 Jasper in Swanee County. I think you heard the Jasper, FL TIS  
 station OR the TIS has been MOVED to Live Oak. I know the Jasper  
 TIS has been re-laying NOAA weather broadcasts. A pirate stn up  
 around Jacksonville was on the air about a year ago, with a NOAA  
 wx broadcast as well.-ed)

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Thanks to Mike for the "bulk" of this weeks report. Nice to hear from Herb  
 as well. What happened to the "regulars" ???? Off this weekend to Atlanta  
 for a weekend "retreat" Lots of "rest & relaxation" Perhaps a bit of DX as  
 well, with the R-8 making the trip. MORE NEXT WEEK.

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# GEO INDICES

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Tabulated from WWV at -0518 GMT nightly

Geomagnetic Summary November 14 1997 through November 20 1997

- GEO - Geomagnetic activity
- maf - major flare
- mas - major storm
- mis - minor storm
- pca - polar cap absorption
- SA - Solar Activity
- spe - satellite proton event
- ss - severe storm

Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
11/14	93	7	3e	low	quiet-unsettled	-
15	96	6	2	moderate	quite-unsettled	-
16	96	4	3	low	quite-unsettled	-
17	94	6	1	low	quite-unsettled	-
18	92	9	0	very low	quiet-active	-
19	99	2	1	low	quiet	-
11/20	89	1	0	very low	quiet	-

# DX WORLDWIDE EAST

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[Connelly\*H-MA] = East Harwich, Cape Cod, MA (GC= 70.02 W / 41.71 N)  
(near junction of Routes 39 & 137: pitch pine forest 2 km from ocean)

Receiver: Drake R8A Antenna system - two 28 m wires at a right angle;  
phased with new Superphaser-1 prototype phasing unit.

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\*\*\* TRANS-ATLANTIC DX \*\*\*

- 531 ALGERIA, Ain-El-Beida, NOV 9 0013 - // 549 w/ AA female vocal; fair, in mix w/ Spain & Madeira. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 531 MADEIRA, RDP, Porto Santo, NOV 8 2352 - PP talk; fair, somewhat over Spain / Algeria. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA, Les Trembles, NOV 8 2318 - good w/ woman in AA.  
+ NOV 8 2355 - AA woman on phone & man in the studio; piling in.  
+ NOV 9 0012 - wild flutes & electronic organ / violin sounds, reverberated female vocal; blasting in at S9+40 (!): about 15 to 20dB stronger than the 550 kHz domestics. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 576 ALGERIA, Bechar, NOV 9 0015 - // (local-like) 549 w/ piercing flutes & vocal; poor to fair in a mix w/ apparent Spain & Portugal. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid, NOV 8 2322 - SS teletalk fair through static. Up to HUGE level when re-checked at 2351. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 594 MOROCCO, Oujda, NOV 8 2350 - // 612 w/ AA male vocal, drums; fair. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 603 SPAIN, RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, NOV 8 2348 - SS teletalk; fair. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aiou, NOV 8 2347 - bombing in at local-like strength w/ AA female vcl & instrumentation. This was at least 15 dB stronger than WGIR/WIP on adjacent 610. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, NOV 8 2324 - SS teletalk // 585; fair. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 639 SPAIN, RNE1, La Coruna et al., NOV 8 2325 - SS teletalk; poor to fair. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 684 SPAIN, RNE1, Sevilla, NOV 8 2357 - fast SS talk by man; loud. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 693 AZORES, RDP, Santa Barbara, NOV 8 2358 - PP talk; atop an apparent UK / Spain mix. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 729 SPAIN, RNE1, Oviedo et al., NOV 9 0023 - piano, female nightclub-type vocal // 738; good, over others. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 738 SPAIN, RNE1, Barcelona, NOV 8 2204 - SS teletalk w/ man & woman; to good peaks through static crashes. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 792 SPAIN, SER, Sevilla, NOV 8 2254 - man w/ SS newstalk & teletalk; good punchy audio. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 819 MOROCCO, Rabat, NOV 9 0005 - // 612 w/ group AA vocal, flutes, drums; to good peak. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 836 AZORES, RDP, Pico da Barossa, NOV 8 2159 - back on this frequency (after a short-lived move to 837). PP talk by woman; slight 1 kHz

- het from Canaries-Spain-837. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1, Murcia et al., NOV 8 2250 - SS talk w/ interspersed bits of music; good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, NOV 8 2150 - woman in AA; to good peak. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 918 SPAIN, R. Intercontinental, Madrid, NOV 9 0006-announcer mentioned "musica en la noche", then dance music (that was talked over several times) followed; good, about equal in strength to the 920 jumble. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 954 SPAIN, R. Espana, Madrid, NOV 8 2243 - man & woman in SS mentioned Valencia; excellent. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 981 ALGERIA, Algiers, NOV 8 2242 - shrill AA vocal at light audio level on fat carrier. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 999 SPAIN, COPE, Madrid, NOV 8 2307 - excited SS talk by woman; good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO, Sebba-Aioum, NOV 8 2337 - lingering here w/ an open carrier after normal programming concluded. Signal was at "monster" level w/Spain audible well under. The carrier abruptly went off the air at 2339 UTC. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN, SER synchronos, NOV 9 0027 - SS talk mixed w/ a weaker second station (Morocco off at the time). [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1053 MOROCCO, Tanger, NOV 8 2337 - // 612 w/ AA male a cappella vocal; LOUD and totally dominant. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1134p CROATIA, HR, Zadar, OCT 24 0156 - audio level just readable w/ mx. Signal was strong for only a minute and sounded more Slovak than Spanish. Murphy's law was in effect and signal faded at 0159. Used 2.3 kHz filter & USB. Strong carrier noted here on OCT 22 & 23. [Jasinski-IL]
- 1251 LIBYA, Tripoli, NOV 8 2216 - AA female vocal; very good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1296 SPAIN, COPE, Valencia, NOV 8 2236 - man & woman w/ SS teletalk; poor to fair w/ some T-storm QRN. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1314 SPAIN, RNE5 synchronos, NOV 8 2234 - SS newstalk & part of a speech; to good peak, some static. Norway was completely blocked off by high absorption on northern paths. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1349 MAURITANIA, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, NOV 8 2230 - fast group vocal & percussion; to fair peak. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, Duba, OCT 21 0325 - good level w/ male AA lang talking. Was strong at tune in and faded after a few minutes. Accompanied by loud het. Used 1.8 kHz filter in USB to keep KOMA as far away as possible. KOMA is in the opposite direction! The following days had nothing more than a carrier here.[Jasinski-IL]

\*\*\* COMMENTS \*\*\*

Mark Connelly:

Just a few logs here this time from a quick 2.5 hour session at Harwich on Saturday night. It was pouring with rain at the time and there were gale force winds. Static crashes were hitting over S9 (more like July than November). Lightning strikes must have been within 200 miles, although I noted none within visible range. It made for some noisy DXing. There must have been a bit of auroral-zone extension since northerly TA's were at a big disadvantage compared to those from Spain, Morocco, and Algeria. The best signals were on the low end of the dial. Algeria-549 and Morocco-612 were the two strongest TA's: both were virtually local-like. It would be interesting to compare my DX observations with those from the active European DXpeditions and any other US/Canadian loggings made at the time.

Tom Jasinski:

The Drake RBA can indeed separate the powerful midwest domestics from the weak and feeble Euros and Asians. The last few days have been productive! Carriers noted on almost every 9 kHz split freq from 837 on up on 10/22, 10/23 and 10/24.

Brandon Jordan:

Still no time for any serious DX'ing due to work overload. Is relief on the way? It looks as if cool weather may have set in here for good. The

lightning static has been the norm. Thanks to Mark and Tom for making this all possible! Anybody else out there picking up any DX?

More from Mark:

Hello to all. Jerry Berg said, "Paul McDonough, Ben Krepp, and I are journeying up to the Chamberlain, Maine site for a DXpedition, staying overnight Friday and Saturday nights, Nov 21 & 22. Lois, the owner, permits four people max overnight. Anyone interested in joining us?"

I expect to be at the BADX meeting on 21 NOV and at Ray Arruda's annual medium-wave get-together in Acushnet, MA on the 22nd. I won't be able to make the Maine thing, unfortunately. I hope someone who goes to Maine gives medium-wave at least a glance. One hour before, to one after, sunset tends to be the most productive time. I suspect that the tropical bands would also be in prime form at that time too, especially to Africa. If it's auroral, you could really clean up on MW into Africa and Brazil. And if it's not, look for things like Iran/Greece-1386, UAE-1476, Oman-1413, India-1566, etc. If VOA Kuwait-1548 (a relatively easy catch) is really blasting, then a good number of other Middle East / central Asia targets should be available for the taking.

After Arruda's, I'll be going to Cape Cod so maybe I'll get some parallel monitoring done during the Saturday late-evening portion of the Maine DXpedition. This should cover the 0300-0700 UTC Euro-dawn-enhancement period. A comparison of loggings might be informative.

I've got the new Superphaser-1 design up and running: it blows away the MFJ-1026 in terms of spurious suppression and operational flexibility. Unfortunately there's no way I'd be able to match MFJ's price because I'm using chips like the LH0033CG (which alone retail for over \$30 a piece). I think that my raw materials cost for this thing runs about \$200. Were it to be marketed (not something I expect to do), I'd have to charge nearly double what MFJ get for their box. I'll probably be demonstrating the unit at Ray Arruda's if we can jerry-rig some wires.

Unless I'm mistaken, the Newfoundland DXpedition that has been scheduled for the period around the US Thanksgiving holiday (27 NOV) is down to two participants (Burnell and Kazaross). Werner Funkenhauser cancelled because his wife is having an operation. I'd imagine that the DXpedition plans are still going ahead. "Press releases" about this have been rather meagre considering that it's only three weeks away. Usually by this time, the E-mails are loaded with all sorts of interesting DX strategy and who's-bringing-what type information.

This year, I'd already booked a short family trip to Vermont during Thanksgiving before I knew of the Newfie scheduling. So unlike last year (when I could at least do meaningful parallel-listening from Cape Cod and Cape Ann), I'm not likely to have much to offer for loggings during the NF '97 DXpedition period. Vermont is DX-inferior to the home QTH in Billerica, which itself is "no trip to the beach".

Despite a lighter "dance card" of DXpeditions this year than last on the North American side, the Europeans are pressing ahead with an aggressive schedule with planned activities at Sheigra and Clashmore (Scotland), Ballyconeely (Ireland), the Algarve (Portugal), and doubtlessly several others. Maybe the DXpeditions this month will build up the enthusiasm level for DXing on all of the bands. These outings typically put the spotlight on rarities that were previously unknown or were considered "impossible dreams". Usually much parallel-frequency data emerges and inaccuracies of the World Radio-TV Handbook come into focus. DXpeditions are where "the rubber meets the road": a thorough work-out of all the commercial and homebrew technical innovations that get the signals passed successfully from the air to the headphones.

I hope to see some of you at the BADX meeting and/or at Ray Arruda's. 73 / good DX ... Mark

\*\*\*That's all, folks\*\*\*

73, Brandon

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To make a correction: WHAS-840 switched on a new transmitter on 9/2. The transmitter site remains at Eastwood, KY. Cannot explain all the phantoms! Thanks to the Quantum Loop, I was able to catch the KTGG-1540 DX test, despite KXEL and CHIN. Unexpected, to say the least, and a very quick QSL. From the Mountain Eagle of 10/22/98, Clinch Valley College of Wise, VA to have a new FM station on 90.5 MHz. May affiliate with WVTF-89.1 in Roanoke. Asked for WCVC call letters. I see by the 1996 M Street Directory that is already held by 1330 in Tallahassee, FL. Was in eastern KY again last month and took the time to tour WYMT-TV 57 in Hazard.

Re the 530 kHz reported by Bob Pote and I; Indiana DOT and the Columbus, IN visitor center has this new one at intersection of I-65 and US 31 (Taylorsville). According to letter from the commissioner, INDOT will have a HAR network around the state. I have sent a copy of the letter to Ralph. And that is it from Col, DX. Happy Thanksgiving!

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The deal for WKBQ-1380 to be acquired by a local businessman has fallen through. The owners of the station, Emmis Broadcasting Company, has decided to donate the station to the Northside Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jennings, MO. The station will likely go to an Urban Gospel format, to likely be augmented by talk. The station has an excellent signal during the daytime with 5 kW, but only a marginal signal at night with 1 kW. The station is currently simulcasting WKKX-106.5 Granite City, IL. Top 40 radio has returned to St. Louis, in the form of KSLZ-107.7 (ex-KMJM). The station, which calls itself "Z 107-7", fills a void left when WKBQ-104.1/1380 split. WKBQ-FM is, of course, now Modern AC WALC ("Alice at 104.1"). KSLZ, in my honest opinion, sounds much better than the old WKBQ. Aahs World Radio, which feeds several AM stations, including WJDM-1660, and one FM affiliate (WFUN-FM 95.5 Bethalto, IL) has decided to cease network operations effective January 31, 1998. The children's-oriented network hasn't had a profitable year, and has encountered massive losses, partially due to their litigation against the ABC Radio Networks, distributor of Radio Disney. Aahs has already lost their two Washington, DC affiliates, which are about to go all-Spanish. Some stations may go to Radio Disney, some others may change formats, while a few others may go to locally-originated versions of the Aahs format. In Mexico City, rumors are flying that XEOY-1000 and XEOI-6010 will be splitting soon...both stations broadcast a Spanish-language Soft AC format and ID as "Radio Mil". 73 and good DX, Eric (NOUIH)

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