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PUBLISHER'S DESK: This is the second issue using Phil's soft DXM and I like the way it goes together. This has been a tough weekly session for me with not enough filler material to publish a 4 or 5 sheet DXM which adds up to a 16 or 20 page DXM. The club has lost some editors and this has created the problem. DXM number 23 is the last of the weeklies and I hope things will get better. Will have to start stocking up on filler material for the next weekly session that starts next October. IRCA's publishing policy will not let me publish copyrighted material without permission. One way is for you to type up the information and send it in as a forum report. Some of you have done this from time to time. On another subject I have run into some really nice sites on the internet maybe I will ask permission to use some of their material in the DXM. If you have any questions or comments get in touch with me I will have an answer for you or get one. Thank you all for the support.....

 1998 IRCA E-MAIL DIRECTORY: Charles Taylor <WD9INP@Skantech.net> is gathering e-mail addresses from on-line IRCA members for the 1998 IRCA E-MAIL DIRECTORY. If you wish your e-mail address, and also your Webpage URL, included; then e-mail Charles at the above address.

1998 IRCA CONVENTION: Anyone interested in hosting IRCA's 1998 convention...please contact Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary NW, Seattle WA 98117

CLUB POSITIONS NOW AVAILABLE: CPC Chairman, "Hearing It Through The Grapevine" editor (anyone want to keep this going - let me know), "DX Techniques" editor, "Sports" editor, IRCA Almanac coordinator as well as "DX Monitor" Publisher/Editor-in-Chief. Contact IRCA President Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334.

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 RENEWING: If the number on your address label reads 35-22 it is time...

WELCOME TO IRCA's "soft" DX MONITOR
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CPC DX tests summary

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Bill has volunteered to be the CPC chairman for the NRC. Right now
Bill is looking for target station lists and stamps or money to help
get the lists worked on.

Lynn Hollerman - gmholler@hiwaay.net

PLEASE NOTE: Even if you don't hear a test, be sure and drop a card,
letter, or e-mail to the station personnel, thanking them for going to
the trouble to run a test!

Sat, February 21, 1998 - WAMS-1380, Wilmington, DE 12:00-2:00 am EST.

Sat, February 21, 1998 - WILM-1450, Wilmington, DE 1:00-3:00 am EST.

Monday, March 2, 1998 - KICY-850, Nome, AK will conduct a DX test
from 4:30 - 5:30 am EST. The test will consist of Morse Code IDs and
will be run at 10 kW nondirectional. Reception reports may be sent to:

Mr. Tom Gulliam
Chief Engineer
KICY-AM
P.O. Box 820
Nome, AK 99762

E-mail: kicy@dwarf.nome.net
(Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.)

Also, if you hear a test, PLEASE, PLEASE let me know, via e-mail or the
newsgroup! And, if you send a reception report to a station, please
remember to include return postage with your report...

HOT STUFF

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Several DXers have reported that the Dallas-Fort Worth TIS has changed
call letters to WPLR660 from WQO767. The first report received here is
dated 9 February 1998.

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Does anyone know of a TIS station on 1670 in the South? I am hearing an
UNID one with a female announcer giving a phone number "723" or "732"
prefix. She also mentions "Northeast Area" in the message. Somewhere I
read about a TIS in a small town in Texas. Does anyone know anything
about this. I've check Bill Harms TIS site, but nothing is listed. Any
help, would be appreciated.

There is a new TIS operating on 1670 khz in Midlothian, Texas. This
station is operated by the Midlothian Fire Dept. Reports can be sent
to:

David Schrodtt-Fire Chief
Midlothian Fire Dept.
104 West Avenue E
Midlothian TX 76065.

I have been hearing it here very weakly

The station on 1670 Khz that I have been hearing with the "Southern Accent" is operated by the Midlothian Fire Dept in Midlothian, Texas. The station uses kids from the local school to broadcast the information on the area. The station just runs 3 1/2 watts from a 35 foot antenna. I am getting bits and pieces of it here.

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t 1700-NY, JFK Airport. unid man talking u/WCMQ with parking info. Hard to copy and WCMQ was fairly strong. Could catch bits and pieces during WCMQ fades at 0550 EST 2/13. Soon lost. Caught "New York" a couple of times and "International Airport". I am going to try a taped tent. report to them. Hopefully they can make out the tape. (PM-OR)

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KRIZ-1620 now on the air with R&B. Very strong here, abit stronger than KDIA-1640, 10DB o S9 or better. Don't know if they are running 1KW or 10 KW. Drat there goes AL. Glad I hrd them when I did.

Pete Taylor - pvtaytac@brigadoon.com
EQPT.: Sony ICF 2010, Palomar loop

1620 KRIZ WA Renton noted on //1420 Feb. 13 at 2321 EST. Slight hum on the signal. They seemed to be on 1kw as I could null it to distortion. They always give dual KRIZ/KZIZ IDs even though KZIZ isn't on at night (PT-WA)

I'm certainly glad I got Argentina and WPHG logged during the last two weeks!

Larry B. Godwin - lbg@selway.umd.edu

A new X-band station has made its appearance: KRIZ-1620-Renton, WA. I first noted it 2/13 at 2252 EST with fast-paced adult instrumental music and dual IDs for KRIZ-1420 and KZIZ-1560. (No ID for the 1620 yet.) Also in at 0800 EST 2/14 with soul/gospel music. This station ID's frequently.

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The F.C.C. has started putting CALL LETTER changes in their computer data base...We will include them here as time and space permits.

PREPARED ON 2/10/98

Call Signs reserved for Pending Sales Applicants **

NEW CALL	CITY AND STATE	FREQUENCY	FORMER CALL
KXPS	THOUSAND PALMS, CA	1270	KNWZ

** Commission grant and consummation does not automatically grant call sign application. The new licensee must provide written notice to the call sign desk upon consummation of the transaction and await authority from the Commission to use the new call sign.

CALL SIGN CHANGES

NEW CALL	CITY AND STATE	FREQUENCY *	FORMER CALL
KBKK	NAMPA, ID	580	KFXD
KKGM	GRAND JUNCTION, CO	620	KBZS
WDLT	FAIRHOPE, AL	660	WHOZ
KOOR	CLOVIS, CA	790	KOQO
KLDZ	SANTA BARBARA, CA	1340	KIST
KKEN	DUNCAN, OK	1350	KHRD
KXCA	LAWTON, OK	1380	KSWO
WHYI	FERNANDINA BEACH, FL	1570	WQAI
KDIA	VALLEJO, CA	1640	KXBT

* The F.C.C. does NOT list the frequency in their database. I have tried to supplement this with information from my own database,, so look it over "carefully" before you change anything in yours.

We have put this information in order of frequency rather than location. Send any suggestions, changes AND corrections to the above E-Mail address.

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WDXR DEADLINES: Fridays March 13, April 3, May 1, June 5,
 Please use Eastern Time.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1310 KMKY CA, Oakland 2/2 0400 usual good signal with several spots for Radio Disney-related items, ID "AM 1310, KMKY, Oakland-San Jose-San Francisco," jingle ID "Radio Dianey, we're all ears!" Ex-KDIA. (RW-CA)

1490 KBRO WA, Bremerton noted back on 2/3 1800 with end of Triangle Radio Network program (gay/lesbian programming). Same noted 2/4 1100. Local ID is not sync'd with the network resulting in dead air during on-hour network break. ID includes that of KNTB-1480 Tacoma which isn't on the air. (PT-WA)

1620 WPHG AL, Atmore 2/1 0805 with Gospel music & IDs, asking for phone calls. Started operating 1/31 0600. Thanks to Bill Harms for the tip. This is the 5th X-band station to sign on. Weak 2/3 2259:55 with ID. Sounded like net news, but too weak to copy much. Heard again 2/3 2330 with weather for northern Florida & southern Alabama. (PM-OR)
+2/2 0745 faded up with ID on tape by deep-accented male announcer "WPHG, Atmore Alabama, 1620 AM," into Gospel music. Started fading, believe they switched to 10kw day power at 0730. New, AL #6 for me! (RW-CA)
+2/3 0200 Gospel music followed by clear ID for "WPHG 1620 Atmore, Alabama." Single pip on the hour and then into USA news. New state for me from Fox City. Poor signal, faded up on the hour enough for me to get an ID. (MS-AB)
+2/5 0250 good signal with relig. music and ads. USA Radio News at 0300 and back to relig. music. (CR-CO)
?WPHG?+2/2 0100 weak with deep fades, relig. programming. Suspect WPHG. (FA-ID)

1640 KDIA CA, Vallejo ex-KXBT 2/6 0200 monster signal with ID at the top of the hour for "Solid gold old time favorites, 1640 KDIA Vallejo-Oakland-San Francisco." (MJS-AB)
+2/6 heard well as usual with R&B oldies and lots of KDIA IDs. ID on the hour at 0800 as "1640 KDIA Vallejo-Oakland-San Francisco." (PM-OR)

620 CKCK SK, Regina 1/18 0200 oldies. A long slogan of "Just remember the station you can listen to all day at work CKCK 620." Mixing with KAAM & KTAR. Good signal. (CR-CO)

660 KEYZ ND, Williston 1/20 0310 weather for ND and local ads. Mixing with CFRR. "Keys Country" and into C&W music. New. (CR-CO)

690 WOKV FL, Jacksonville 1/17 0135 good signal right during the ID and then faded back down. Mixing with CBU. "Newstalk 690 WOKV." Haven't heard this one in many years. (CR-CO)

790 CFCW AB, Camrose 1/9 0340 good signal mixing with KGHL, several local ads, (CR)

830 KPLS CA, Orange 2/2 0305 noted now carrying eclectic AdCon format of "Aahs World Radio," Radio Aahs is dead. Assume other old affiliates of Radio Aahs on the network (such as WJDM-1660) are playing this music as well. (RW-CA)

870 WWL LA, New Orleans 1/31 0005 ad for mail order product with Waxachachie, TX (pronounced WOX, not WAX), CBS news & a deep, rich voice ID "870 AM, 50,000 watt clear channel giant WWL, New Orleans" (OR-lins) 1/31 2358-0005 atop three other stations, including what I was really looking for, KLSQ. (PT-WA)

930 KGER WA, Yakima 2/3 1658 good with ID. ID'd all American Christian stations, including KTBI-Spokane and KGER-Yakima. Into canned relig. at 1700. New address is 123 So. 2nd Ave.-Yakima, WA 98901. Ex-KJOX. (PM)

960 KALE WA, Richland 2/3 1706 now "Music of Your Life" ID'ing as the "New 960," promo for "The Music of Your Life" into Rock and Roll Waltz by Kay Starr. (PM-OR)

980 KJOX WA, Yakima 2/3 excellent "local-like" with ID at 1702 as "The Hawk" and KHHK and KJOX Yakima. Rock format. (PM-OR)

1370 KKSJ CA, San Jose 2/2 0500 noted with ID "ZSF, Alameda-San Francisco, KSJ, San Jose, La Zeta." Apparently still KKSJ despite fact M Street Journal reports they changed calls to KZSF on 1/20/98! Tried calling station but no answer.

- 1400 KCOW NE, Alliance 1/11 0250 fair in the rest with C&W music. (CR-CO)
- 1440 KVON CA, Napa 1/28 2153 surfacing with ID & local annct regarding lost dog. (MS-CA)
- 1450 KVSI ID, Montpelier 1/13 0905 strongest on the frequency as usual with ABC news and into local ads and sports. (CR-CO)
- 1460 KLTC ND, Dickenson 1/7 0305 fair signal & slogan "Your Agriculture Station." C&W music. (CR-CO)
- 1560 WQEW NY, New York 2/6 0514 good over KNZR with Adult Standards format with many "15-60 WQEW" IDs. (PM-OR)
- 1580 KGAL OR, Lebanon 2/6 0800 local weather forecast, then "1580 KGAL Lebanon-Albany- Corvallis" ID, then into CBS news. (MJS-AB)
- 1590 KCNN MN, East Grand Forks 2/5 0200 CBS news & promos for the Olympics. Ads for Red River Central sports, into Bruce Williams show. Fair with KLLL. New. (CR)

DX TEST

- 670 ?WVNS? VA, Claremont 1/30 0000 was listening one night early (!?) and heard sets of rapid fire tones/beeps - 5 in a row, occurring at 0012 and 0024. Was this them??? Severe QRM from KBOI and KVCA. (MS-CA)
- (WVNS) VA, Claremont 2/1 0000-0200 nothing heard under KBOI (nulled as best as possible). Did not expect to either! (FA-ID)
- +2/1 nope; nothing but KBOI and someone with basketball (presumed KPUA). (PT)

HELP WITH UNIDS

- 580 Pete Taylor's unID of 1/1 and 1/10 could have been CKY out of Winnipeg, MB. The format is right. (MJS-AB)
- 1260 Pete Taylor's unID of 1/1 0420-0530 with "Good times oldies" and "The oldies just keep on coming" sounds very much like CFRN out of Edmonton, AB. Pity he didn't give the direction his loop was pointing. (MJS-AB)

UNIDS

- 780 2/4 0340 Art Bell very weak under WBBM. Does KKOH have have Art Bell at night? (CR)
- 780 2/5 2350 C&W music very weak under WBBM. I wonder if this id CFDR or someone else on at night now. (CR-CO)

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Deadlines: 2-27 for the Anniversary issue. 3-13, 4-3, 5-1, 6-5, 6-27, 7-31, 8-21, and 9-4. Please report all times as Eastern. Keep tips to less than a month old.

RIDING GAIN

- [LB-MO] Louis Buehler, Winfield, Missouri
DX-390.
- [TMJ-IL] Tom Jasinski, Shorewood, Illinois. coltj@ccmail.ceco.com
Drake R8A, Quantum loop, or on the 1990 Pontiac digital radio.
- [TN-WI] Tim Noonan, Madison, Wisconsin. Dxing@webtv.net
Kenwood R-1000, "Radio West" loop.

- [JJR-WI] John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
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Drake SW2 with Palomar loop and amp, Drake SW8, FRG 100 with
Kiwa Loop and MFJ 959B pre-amp.
- [RS-MO] Randy Stewart, Springfield, Missouri. JRS555T@wpgate.smsu.edu
Yaesu FRG-100 modified by EEB with 6-kc Collins filter, 4-kc
filter.
- [JcJ-MT] Your editor using an Icom IC-R71A, Yaesu FRG-7, Lafayette
HE-30, GE Superadio III, 2 "Radio West" Loops.

SPECIAL INTEREST

- 990 CJAB PQ, Montreal. EX-CKGM. 1-30 good. 1825 movie review, ID's,
and sports. [TN-WI]
- 1620 WPHG AL, Atmore. New expanded band station on the air. 1-31
good signal. 2030-2143 testing with Gospel music and short
TT. Again on 2-1 at 0602 (first day on the air.) I have
the honors of being the first person to call in a
reception report to the station at 0615. Signal was heard
until 0930 though weak, with their 10Kw day signal. It
will be tough to hear anything more from the numerous TIS
stations and PCH. [TMJ-IL]
+1-31 alone, good signal. 2142 on air testing with
religious music. New. [JJR-WI]
+1-31 noted while out in the car. 2142 with bits of Gospel
music, lots of OC, and ID's. 2-1 logged at home with fair
signal. 1900 with legal ID and USA news. [TN-WI]
+2-1 faint with lots of very quick deep fades. 0145 Mostly
unreadable, but could catch Gospel music. Not enough for a
report. [JcJ-MT]
- 1640 KDIA CA, Vallejo. EX-KXBT. 2-3 good. 0900 with "KDIA the big
station. AM Stereo. Vallejo, Oakland, San Jose." Might
have changed calls on 2-2. They were still ID'ing as KXBT
at 0200 2-2. [JcJ-MT]
- 1660 WJDM NJ, Elizabeth. Format now 70's automated oldies. No ID's
after sitting through seven songs. This format change
after Radio Aahs demise. [JJR-WI]

DOWN THE DIAL

- 660 KCRO NE, Omaha. 1-26 good w/KTNN nulled. 0714 with "660
KiloHertz KCRO begins its broadcast day. As you make us a
part of your day, may God richly bless you." Religious
music, weather for east NE and southwest IA. "Stories of
Great Christians" program from Moody Bible Institute of
Chicago. [LB-MO]
- 680 CJOB MB, Winnipeg. 1-20 fair fading in and out. 0620 with
phone-in talk, sports. "That is CJOB sports..." "CJOB
news". News, spots, TC. [LB-MO]
- 690 WOKV FL, Jacksonville. 1-23 fair, on top of FF station (CBF?).
0647 with ID, "News, talk 6-90 WOKV." Weather mentioned it
was 69 degrees at the beach, news, spot for Shoneys, promo
for CBS news. Traffic report. 0700 with CBS News. [LB-MO]
- 790 WSGW MI, Saginaw. 1-23 weak signal in and out o/WWKY and others.
0722 with weather, ID "WSGW 7-90 24 hour news" and promo
for Charles Osgood. [LB-MO]
- 860 WSON KY, Henderson. 1-24 weak signal fading in and out u/FF
(CJBC?). 0715 with NOS format, promo for Superbowl "4:45
Sunday brought to you by the All Sports Club, right here
on WSON." "Stereo 86 WSON. Henderson's radio station
serving you for over 59 years." [LB-MO]
- 1190 KXKS NM, Albuquerque. 2-2 quite good and dominant. Listed as 24
watts, sounded more. 0200 with SS format, 0202 sign off.
[JcJ-MT]
- 1210 WGSF TN, Bartlett. 2-2 fair. 0800 EE ID by woman in SS format.
[TN-WI]
- 1240 KBIZ IA, Ottumwa. 2-1 in poor in mess. 0300 with dual KBIZ and
KTWA (FM) ID into news. Not needed here. [JJR-WI]

- 1390 KJME CO, Westminster. 2-6 good w/others. 0702 with EE ID in SS programming. [JcJ-MT]
- 1560 WCNW OH, Fairfield. 2-2 fair to good, surfacing in the mess. 0732 with "WCNW Fairfield" and music. [TN-WI]
- 1580 WOXR AL, Oxford. 1-20 weak in mess. 1920 with country music. "We don't just call it country, it is country. AM Country 15-80 WOXR." Thought they were NOS? [LB-MO]
- 1590 KWBG IA, Boone. 1-20 weak in and out of mess. 1840 with spot for McCloud USA Phone Directory. "It's KWBG's...tailgate basketball....Wednesday night..." Spot for Balloons and Gifts in downtown Boone. Spot for Marla's Larger Fashions. And another spot for a furniture and carpet store in Boone. [LB-MO]

DX TESTS

- 670 WVNS VA, Claremont. 2-1 DX Test in poor in WMAQ null, but faded up to fair within seven minutes. 0002 tune in. Mentions of towers and where to send reports between news format and weather on the 9's. New for me! [JJR-WI]

UnIDS

- 1140 unID 2-6. 0720-0745 unID station splattering 1140 with distorted signal. Heard during WRVA fade. Sounded similar to what has recently been heard on 1640 from WLMA-1350 and in the past on 1615 from KMOZ-1590. Anyone else hear this stuff? Heard on car radio during morning drive to work east of Morris, IL. [TMJ-IL]
- 1250+- unID 2-4 with het against WTAE on car radio while driving. 2130. Domestic off frequency or foreign? [TMJ-IL]
- 1550+- unID 2-4 and again 2-5 0745 both days. UnID het against WCSJ 1550 during the morning drive to work. Strong signal, was only 5 miles away from WCSJ while approaching work. Heard on digital car radio, so can't tell if on the high or low side of 1550. Domestic off frequency or foreign? [TMJ-IL]
- 1640 unID 1-31 unID. 2000-2300 carrying Bruce Williams talk show with terrible distorted audio. Copied best in "FM" mode on the R8A. Signal splattered from 1635 to 1645. This was not a local from Joliet nor Chicago. Looping EW. [TMJ-IL]

25 YEARS AGO

February 17, 1973 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Randy Minnehan of Columbus, OH logged WWBZ-1360 NJ for state #46 ... Dave Whatmough of Hamilton, OH said his total heard was 1702 stations ... Rich Eddie of St. Louis, MO logged Radio Nacional CB142 Santiago, Chile for country #20 ... Brian L. Cartwright of Johnstown, PA told us Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on 2-2 and promptly at 0000 on 2-3 it started to snow.

OPEN MIKE

Why is the word "abbreviation" such a long word? KTVQ's web page is now operational at: <http://www.ktvq.com> Check the deadlines at the top of the column, we're almost to the end of the season. This column was typed on February 6, 1998. 73, John.

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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 Drake R-8A, 100' l.w. , KIWA Loop VIA U.S.P.S.

LOGGINGS

620 WTMJ WI Milwaukee 1/29 2205 ID as "Newstalk 620, WTMJ,
 Milwaukee", then back to Bucks basketball. (NP-ON)

670 WVNS VA Claremont 1/26 1703 "News when you want it, WVNS," ad for
 local restaurant, good with WMAQ nulled. (EM-PA)

860 WAMO PA Pittsburgh 2/1 1742 Weak call letters & Pittsburgh ID
 rose momentarily above vague jumble, CJBC nulled (EM-PA)

WLBG SC Laurens 2/1 1747 Call letters & ad for furniture store
 briefly emerged over jumble. (EM-PA)

870 WQRX AL Valley Head 2/1 1752 Ad for health facility in Fort
 Payne, call letter ID, announcement of upcoming
 basketball game, good signal !! (EM-PA)

930 WDLX NC Washinton 2/9 1759 Fair with "Newstalk 930 WDLX" then
 TOH ID as "WDLX Wasjington, serving Eastern NC ??????"
 into net news. new (LF-FL)

990 CKGM/CJAD PQ Montreal 1/29 0745 Was surprised to hear "CJAD
 Satellite Traffic" here, thru a religious station, but
 apparently they were using this freq and also 1410,
 after losing their towers due to the ice storm. (NP-AB)

990 CBW MB Winnipeg 1/29 2200 ID heard thru another station: "CBC
 Radio One". A recent verie from CBC Manitoba mentioned
 that eventually this one would also go to FM. (NP-AB)

1110 WUHN MA Pittsfiled 1/31 1735 "Country 110, WUHN" clear ID briefly
 over powerhouse WBT, into C&W mx. (EM-PA)

1120 KMOX MO St.Louis 1/29 0736 TC: "It's 6:36 now in
 St.Louis", KMOX ID in passing, then interview about the
 flu. (NP-ON)

1150 CJRC PQ Gatineau 1/29 0732 Woman and man talking in French, then
 traffic report including Ottawa street names (NP-ON)

1160 WODY VA Fieldale 1/31 1800 TOH ID as "Your Christain Information
 Station, WODY,"gospel mx, fair over WOBM. (EM-PA)

1280 CFYZ ON Mississauga 1/28 2108 Toronto Airport TIS with EE & some
 FF. ID: "You're listening to CFYZ, the advisory service
 of Lester B.Pearson International Airport...." (NP-ON)

1570 WYTI VA Rocky Mount 2/6 2043 signal out of the mud w/ blue grass
 mx, local wx "on WYTI" mixing w/ WTLK. New (LF-FL)

1620 WGYJ AL Atmore Xbander noted 2/4 with contemporary gospel
 music, weak at 2030 EST. Stronger on 2/5 with ID "We
 Proclaim His Glory, W-G-Y-J, 16-20 A-M, Atmore, Alabama,"
 at 2045 EST. Mix of southern and contemporary gospel
 with short taped inspirational thoughts, i.e., "Racial
 reconciliation...let the Body of Christ lead the
 way." Much less impressive signal than other east coast
 Xbanders on 1660 and 1700. (JR-VA)

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

Several DXers have reported that the Dallas-Fort Worth TIS has
 changed call letters to WPLR660 from WQO767. The first report
 received here is dated 9 February 1998. (BH-MD)

SPECIAL

- 790 WQXI GA Atlanta 2/01 * Adds United Stations Network's "Online Today with David Lawrence" per show today; program airs live Suns. 1406-1600. (5P-HI)
- 790 WNIS VA Norfolk 2/01 * Adds CBC/TRN's Sunday program "Dreamland with Art Bell" per show today. (5P-HI)
- 800 CKLW ON Windsor 2/08 * Adds Talk Radio Network's "Dreamland" and "Coast to Coast AM," both hosted by Art Bell, per the former program today. Bell was mentioned in the Feb. issue of Monitoring Times. (5P-HI)
- 980 WILK PA Wilkes-Barre 2/08 * Adds "Dreamland with Art Bell" per show today; sister stations 910 WGBI, 960 WPMR and 1300 WXPX also add the show. (5P-HI)
- 1210 WNMA FL 1700 WCMQ-FL Miami * Per PR Newswire via AOL, Radio Unica Network has purchased these two stations and began feeding Radio Unica programming to WNMA under a Local Marketing Agreement as of 2/01. Radio Unica is affiliated with Mexico's Grupo Radio Centro and airs some of GRC's shows. This move reunites the two frequencies under one roof and discontinues sports programming on 1210 after only a few weeks. (5P-HI)
- 1230 WTBC AL Tuscaloosa 2/01 * Adds "Dreamland with Art Bell" again per show today. (5P-HI)
- 1320 WHHO NY Hornell 2/01 * Adds "Online Today with David Lawrence" per show today; program airs live Suns. 1406-1600. (5P-HI)

 Nice to see a couple of new names this week. Nice to have Nigel visit, and a big welcome to Jerry. Report often Jerry !! The weeklies are almost over. Will be nice to give Ralph a break. Lets here from EVERYONE... Support YOUR sections !!! 73's and all the best... fresh

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[Connelly-B-MA] = Billerica, MA (GC= 71.221 W / 42.533 N)
(home)

[Connelly*H-MA] = East Harwich, Cape Cod, MA (GC= 70.021 W / 41.713 N)
(near junction of Routes 39 & 137: pitch pine forest 2 km from ocean)

[Connelly*Y-MA] = South Yarmouth, Cape Cod, MA (GC= 70.198 W / 41.645N)
(Bass River Beach)

Receiver: Drake R8A

Antenna systems - MFJ-1024 whip, BBL-1 prototype broadband loop, two 30 m wires, Superphaser-1 phasing unit

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

- 531 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, JAN 31 0327 - // 684 with SS talk & music; to strong peak, almost equal to R.V.C. - 530. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 540 MOROCCO, Sidi Bennour (t), JAN 31 2330 - bits of female vocal seemed // 612. Heavy QRM from CBT / others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA, Les Trembles, JAN 31 0330 - male AA vocal & strings; very good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 558 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, JAN 31 0332 - // 738 & others with SS talk; very good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 567 IRELAND, RTE R.1, Tullamore, JAN 31 0333 - man spoke about a political meeting in Cork; good, over Spain. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 576 ALGERIA, Bechar, JAN 31 0334 - bits of AA music; under Spain. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 576 SPAIN, RNE5, Barcelona, JAN 31 0334 - // 738 with SS talk by man, then old-fashioned piano music; slightly over likely Algeria / Portugal mix. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid, JAN 31 0334 - SS talk; LOUD ! [Connelly*H-MA]
- 594 MOROCCO, Oujda, JAN 31 2327 - // (huge) 612 with female AA vocal; surfacing over Portugal. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 594 PORTUGAL, R. Renascenca, Muge, JAN 31 2326 - man in PP, apparently with sports coverage; initially over Morocco. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 603 SPAIN, RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, JAN 31 0335 - SS talk by several people; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, JAN 31 0535 - // 207 with group AA vocal. [Connelly*H-MA]
- + JAN 31 2314 - AA male vocal, strings; local-like. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, JAN 31 0335 - group SS discussion about music, then jazz was played. Huge signal: strongest TA at the time. [Connelly*H-MA]
- + JAN 31 2325 - SS // 639, 684; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 639 SPAIN, RNE1, La Coruna et al., JAN 31 0336 - // 684, others with SS talk about music and the entertainment business; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- + JAN 31 2324 - SS teletalk; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 648 GAMBIA, R. Gambia, Bonto (t), JAN 31 2323 - African music, African-accented EE talk; poor, in mix with unID AA station. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 648 unID, JAN 31 2323 - AA music mixing with suspected Gambia. There are several possibilities here including Saudi Arabia and Libya. Usual Spain not noted. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 657 SPAIN, RNE5, Madrid, JAN 31 0340 - // 684 with musical interludes, SS talk; to fair peaks through WFAN slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 684 SPAIN, RNE1, Sevilla, JAN 31 0327 - good with SS // 531. [Connelly*H-MA]
- + JAN 31 2320 - SS teletalk; huge, nearly equal to WRKO-680. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 693 AZORES, RDP, Santa Barbara, JAN 31 0455 - // 837 with US soul music; loud. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 711.05 WESTERN SAHARA, Laayoune, JAN 31 2315 - AA talk by man; fair to good, in WOR null. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 729 SPAIN, RNE1, Oviedo et al., JAN 31 0515 - // 684 with SS teletalk; poor. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 747 BURKINA FASO, Ouagadougou, JAN 31 2313 - high-life music // 4815; over growl / jumble.
- + JAN 31 2358 - // 4815 with AA- influenced music; atop growl. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 765 SENEGAL, Dakar, JAN 31 2312 - drumming, man in African- accented FF; HUGE. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 774 EGYPT, Abis, JAN 31 2310 - AA vocal (big carrier / light audio); atop Spain. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- + FEB 10 0015 - female AA vocal; over Spain. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 774 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, JAN 31 0407 - woman with SS news; slightly over other station. [Connelly*H-MA]

- 783 SYRIA, Tartus, FEB 10 0009 - AA talk & music; mixed with probable Spain. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 792 SPAIN, SER, Sevilla, JAN 31 2309 - man with SS news; fair to good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 801 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, JAN 31 0508 - // 684 with man in SS; poor to fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 837 AZORES, RDP, Pico da Barossa, JAN 31 0455 - // 693 with US soul music hits; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1, Murcia et al., JAN 31 0401 - SS news with a telephone interview; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
+ JAN 31 2307 - SS teletalk; excellent. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 864 EGYPT, Santah, FEB 10 0005 - Koranic a cappella male AA vocal; good. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 873 SPAIN, SER R. Zaragoza, Zaragoza, JAN 31 2305 - man with news in SS; poor to fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, JAN 31 2304 - woman with SS news & telephone interview; good, totally dominant; WCBS phased. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, JAN 31 0502 - AA flutes & percussion; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 909 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Moorside Edge et al., FEB 10 0004 - EE news; well over AA-sounding station (Morocco?). [Connelly-B-MA]
- 936 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, JAN 31 2302 - SS news by woman; over second station (Morocco?) that had AA-sounding vocal. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 954 SPAIN, R. Espana, Madrid, JAN 31 2300 - nostalgic pop vocal, then man in SS; fair. [Connelly*Y-MA] + FEB 10 0000 - progressive rock, SS talk. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1026 SPAIN, SER synchros, JAN 31 2255 - SER SS news, over other; poor to fair, WBZ nulled. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aiou, JAN 31 2254 - AA female vocal & flute; huge, way over Spain. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1062 DENMARK, Kalundborg, FEB 8 0452 - names and numbers in Danish, probably Olympic scoring results; fair. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1088 ANGOLA, Radio Nacional, Mulenvos, JAN 31 2232 - bits of African music; hetted by weaker 1089, in phase null of WBAL. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, JAN 31 0358 - // to (super-loud) 684 with woman in SS. 1107's audio level was low. [Connelly*H-MA]
+ FEB 9 2358 - // 774 with saxophone jazz. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1134 SPAIN, COPE synchros, FEB 1 0004 - SS news; fair / noisy. The sky at the receiving site was clear, but there was a lot of T-storm static drifting in from somewhere ... seemingly too much for this time of year. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1179 SPAIN // CANARY ISLANDS, SER synchros, FEB 1 0000 - SS news with speech excerpts; loud. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA, Tripoli, JAN 31 2222 - serious-sounding talk by man in AA. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1314 NORWAY, NRK, Kvitsoy, FEB 4 0140 - man in Norwegian introduced Count Basie's "Lullaby of Birdland". Great audio on a local-quality signal. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1332 ITALY, Rome et al., JAN 31 2220 - II romantic-style vocal & piano; excellent. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1349 MAURITANIA, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, JAN 31 2219 - news / talk by man in AA; excellent. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1413 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, JAN 31 2218 - fast SS talk; poor to fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1422 GERMANY, Deutschlandradio, Heusweiler, FEB 4 0146 - classical music; fair. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1467 FRANCE, TWR, Roumoules, JAN 31 2214 - folk-style hymn, then man preaching in AA; absolutely BLASTING in. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1503 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, JAN 31 2211 - bits of SS talk and low growl. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1512 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, Jeddah, JAN 31 2210 - AA vocal; slopped by WNRB. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, Duba, JAN 31 2207 - strings, flutes, drums, & AA group vocal; monster local-like signal. [Connelly*Y-MA]
+ FEB 6 0327 - Koranic vocal; good with WWKB phased. [Connelly-B-MA]

1544 ALGERIA - CLANDESTINE, Tindouf, JAN 31 2205 - AA news by man; loud. [Connelly*Y-MA]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 530 TURKS & CAICOS, R. Vision Cristiana, JAN 31 1205 - SS talk still at a good S9 skip strength at local dawn. Groundwave (day) level is about S5. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, ZIZ, Basseterre, JAN 31 0331 - reggae / rap fusion music; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 640 CUBA, R. Progreso, Guanabacoa / Las Tunas, JAN 31 1158 - SS discussion about education and other issues; starting to fade under WNNZ. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 670 CUBA, R. Rebelde, CMQ, Arroyo Arenas, JAN 31 1145 - SS talk about Cuba and "la revolucion"; mixed with WMAQ and others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, Trans-World Radio, PJB, Bonaire, JAN 31 0403 - man in SS greeted his Venezuelan listeners. Huge and dominant signal. [Connelly*H-MA]
- + FEB 1 0030 - SS talk and R. Transmundial ID; loud / totally dominant. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 840 CUBA, CMHW, Santa Clara, JAN 31 1143 - woman in SS talking about events in Cuba. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 860 BRAZIL, ZYJ459, Rio de Janeiro, JAN 31 2352 - PP talk; fair in CJBC null. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 870.38 unID, JAN 31 0504 - SS teletalk by man & woman; poor, but separable from 870.0 at times. [Connelly*H-MA]
- + JAN 31 2306 - SS talk / shouting seemed to include advertising (so probably not Cuba). [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 890 CUBA, R. Progreso, CMDZ, Santiago de Cuba, JAN 31 2350 - // 640 with SS talk, Cuban political speech; loud, way over WBPS. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 941 unID (likely Cuba), JAN 31 0320 - persistent het against CBM yielded bits of SS talk, but not enough for ID. Bruce Conti mentioned that a Cuban has been drifting near this frequency. I'd presume that it would be one of the R. Reloj outlets. [Connelly*H-MA]
- + JAN 31 2301 - weak het still here. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1020 unID, JAN 31 2348 - SS religious program. Is Caribbean Christian Radio in SS now? It used to be EE at this time, but no EE was noted. A subdominant station had rhythmic SS music (this was probably YVRS). [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1160 BERMUDA, VSB3, Hamilton, FEB 1 0004 - // 5975 with BBC news about Iraq and the arms inspection crisis. Good & dominant signal, burying WSKW/WVWJ. [Connelly*Y-MA]

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A quick note since there apparently have not been any reports to the EDXF for two or three weeks. The anniversary issue deadline is coming up quickly as you read this. Since I send in the column using e-mail now, I will probably close it out about 3/4, but still plan on 2/28 to be on the safe side since my wife is looking at surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome but the date hasn't been set yet. (We know it will be on a Tuesday but not which one.) There was an interesting editorial in the 1/31 issue of Editor and Publisher (the trade magazine for newspapers). I had not realized that the cross-ownership ban was still

in effect for newspapers owning radio and television stations in its own city but apparently so, since the editorial is saying that the FCC is demanding that the Tribune Company (which is the Chicago Tribune holding company) sell either its newspaper in Fort Lauderdale or its television station in Miami. They comment on the fact that the FCC has already eased rules on concentration of ownership in radio and TV with the result that in some big cities, a chain can own three or four radio stations in the same market, but that a 30,000-circulation suburban daily in that same market cannot own a radio station there. Life in this country gets weirder by the day. Now, if they would just limit the number of stations that can carry the same program, it would be nice, hi. 73.

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It's probably been more than a year since I last forumed, so I'll start with a re-intro. I'm 27, an IRCA member off and on for about 10 years and a reporter for the Mid-Missouri Business Journal. I used write the "Broadcast DXing" column for Popular Communications, but I was fired in August because I quit sending in columns. They owed me for 13 months worth of columns, and I got tired of their excuses and inaction. I had to threaten to sue before I finally got paid. That makes me the third "Broadcast DXing" columnist fired for expecting to be paid for one's work. I'm also in my final semester of classwork at the University of Missouri School of Journalism, where I'm a graduate student. Although my master's degree will be in magazine, my thesis is on how the talk format saved AM. A large part of my thesis will be a case study of KMOX, which is considered the pioneer of the news/talk/information format. One of my committee members is Charlie Warner, the former VP and GM of WNBC and WMAQ, among other stations. One of my career goals is to write for Broadcasting & Cable, and I've got an interview with them in March. But my primary career goal is to have a job that I love, and writing about radio seems to fit that bill nicely. I often write about radio for the business journal, and in the current issue I have a story about Zimmer Radio Group, a Cape Girardeau, Mo.-based company that is on a buying spree throughout the state. They are currently awaiting FCC approval to buy two Jefferson City stations, a deal that, if approved, would give them ownership of all four commercial radio stations in the city. They also own six others in the Columbia area, which is just north of Jefferson City. It will be interesting to see if the deal gets approved. In my story, I broke the news that the state Attorney General sent a letter to the FCC asking them to hold off approving the deal until the commission does a study of its effects on local advertising rates. The area's other major group owner, Premier Marketing Group, sent the FCC a petition to deny. One of the Premier owners is Al Germond, a longtime DXer and, I believe, a member of the NRC. Between work and school, I've been very busy and have had virtually no time to DX. I hope to get back into it when the semester is over. 73.

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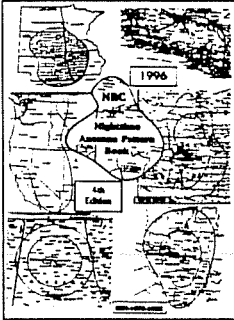
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 ss - severe storm

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10	84	7	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	swa
11	86	11	1	very low	quiet-active	swa
12	91	9	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	swa
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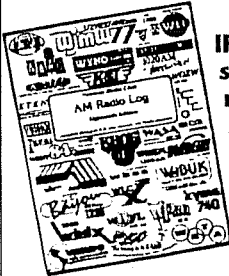
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