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IRCA 1997-8 TED VASILOPOULOS AWARD BALLOT: Each year, the IRCA membership selects an IRCA member to receive the TED VASILOPOULOS AWARD (TVA). The award was named after Ted Vasilopoulos, a charter member of the IRCA known for his high DX standards and contributions to the club. The award is given to the IRCA member that has made a significant contribution to promoting and keeping the IRCA a thriving club during the 1997-1998 DX season. The winner receives an engraved plaque and a free year membership in the IRCA. The last 5 TVA winners are not eligible for the award. They are Pat Martin, Phil Bytheway, Lynn Hollerman, Nancy Hardy and JD Stephens. Any other IRCA member can be nominated and last year's winner, Pat Martin is coordinating the nominations. Send the names and a brief description why the person should receive the TVA to: Pat Martin, PO Box 843, Seaside OR 97138. Also up for voting is the Heald Award. The purpose of the Heald Award is to recognize the IRCA member who most benefitted the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year (1997-8). JD Stephens, Lee Freshwater and Ralph Sanserino are not eligible for the Heald Award. The winner receives a printed certificate. Should the same member win both the TVA and the Heald Award in a given year, he/she would be presented with the TVA, and the runner-up for the Heald Award would receive the Heald Award. Send your Heald Award nomination to: Pat Martin, PO Box 843, Seaside OR 97138. Deadline for receiving nominations is March 31 1998.

Thanks again... phil.....

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 Web-page URL, included; then e-mail Charles at the above address.....

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.

RENEWING: If the number above your name reads 35-25 it is time to renew or you will be deleted from the address list. It makes it a whole lot easier on me if you renew early. I try to rubber stamp a reminder on the front page of the DX Monitor to let you know that it is time to renew. Again I asked you to please try to renew early...Thanks.....

WELCOME TO IRCA's "soft" DX MONITOR
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CPC DX TESTS SUMMARY

Bill Hale - 6124 Roaring Springs Dr, N Richland Hills TX 76180-5552
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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!

MONDAY, April 6, 1998 - CHSJ-700, St. John, NB 2:15, 3:16 am EDT.
(exactly) (NRC)

MONDAY, April 6, 1998 - KKSA-1260, San Angelo, TX 1:00-6:00 am EDT.
(NRC) (Re-schedule of its 3/16 test)

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...

JD Stephens - jdstephens@juno.com

Received the following from the CE of KKSA. Note that the DX test has been resked to Monday, April 6th between 1:00 and 6:00 AM Eastern time.

"I must apologize, the Morse Code ID did not run. The person responsible for entering it into the computer felt that it was not a good time to run it due to some very severe weather they were having in San Angelo over the weekend thinking it might confuse people and cause alarm thinking it was weather related. The people in San Angelo are a little gun shy when it comes to bad weather. They had a tornado rip through the city a few years back. I have asked her to reschedule this for the morning of April 6. Some other things you might have your group listen for is "News, Talk, Sports K-SAY" or "1260 K-SAY". Again, I am sorry they did not run on the 16th. I just found out about it today. I have instructed the person responsible for setting it up in the computer to let me know next time if it can't be run so I can e-mail you ahead of time.

Sincerely,
Gary Smith
CE for KKSA San Angelo, Tx

HOT STUFF

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Round Two - NRC log helper.

Thanks to all who responded to my first post. If someone can e-mail me a copy of that post, original file got accidentally deleted! All replies receive credit in the 19th edition. Amateur Operators are encouraged to list their call signs...

The NRC's AM Radio Log is in need of some help with some conflicting reports on format, networks and other information that is needed to help keep it current... Listed by State. If you can help, thanks! If you can pass the question on to someone who can thanks also!

CT
I now show WNLK-1350/WSTC-1400/WINE -940 and WPUT-1510 all // operation with C&W format. Is this correct?

FL
WJNO-1040/WJNA-1230/WJNX-1330 Have had some say WJNA // WJNO with NWS/TLK. Others say WJNX is //WJNO and WJNA is a stand alone with NOS. Also, Don Trelford reports letters to WJNX are returned as moved not at this address.

GA
WCGA-1100 last we had them as TLK, music format now? WERD-1160 phantom2@eaze.net (Bill Hale). I mailed a CPC request to WERD in Georgia (to Log address) and got it back a few days later marked as "wrong address" or some such. WRCG-1420 P.O. Box 1537 address no good ??

MD
Cannot tell for sure if full-time, but WASA-1330 (not 1310) is definitely //1360 at 3:15 PM EST on 17 March 1998. As I write this they are // with NOS type music. Someone in the Baltimore area could probably do a better job on this. - (Al Merriman) Any takers on this?

MT
KOFI-1180 AC/OLD/TLK or now all Talk?

NJ
WJWR-620 Needs a new address

PR
WVOZ-1520
74 Mayaquez St address no good.

WA
KKNW-1290 has been reported as C&W. Last we had (1/98) was changing to OLD KNOP-1450 This was reported a while back //KKNW-1290, also with OLD format anybody know what's happening now?

THESE ARE LISTED IN FREQUENCY ORDER

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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 3/19/98

Call Signs reserved for Pending Sales Applicants **

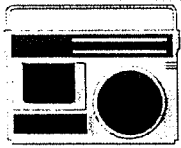
NEW CALL	CITY AND STATE	FREQUENCY	FORMER CALL
WSFN	Brunswick, GA	790	WPIQ

** 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
KTZN	Anchorage, AK	550	KENI
WIST	Statesville, NC	550	WTLI
KFXD	Nampa, ID	580	KBKK
KENI	Anchorage, AK	650	KYAK
KKGT	Portland, OR	1150	KKEY
KDOX	Henderson, NV	1280	KDOL
WDZY	Colonial Heights, VA	1290	WZOD
KSPW	Casper, WY	1400	new
KATZ	St. Louis, MO	1600	KMJM
WJVA	South Bend, IN	1620	new
KBAG	Farmington, NM	1620	new
WDHP	Frederiksted, VI	1620	new
KYIZ	Renton, WA	1620	new
KBCM	Ft. Worth, TX	1630	new
WAXP	Warner Robbins, GA	1670	new
WAXK	Princeton, NJ	1680	new
WAZC	Lexington Park, MD	1690	new
WAYU	Rochester, NH	1700	new
KQXX	Brownsville, TX	1700	new

* 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.



WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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WDXR Deadlines: April 3, May 1, June 5, June 26, July 31, August 21. Please use Eastern Time.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1150 KKGZ OR, Portland 3/9 1000 ex-KKEY. Just under KXTA with ID "Great Talk 1150," into NBC news. They are KKGZ per FCC database. (RW-CA)
+3/9 1706 good over mess with Mary Maddilan Show after several local spots, ID as "This is your exclusive station for The Mary Maddilan Show, 1150 AM, KKGZ Portland." Ex-KKEY. (PM-OR)
- 1230 KPPT OR, Toledo now with oldies rock. IDs as "The Point, 1230 AM, " "Baby Don't Go" by Sonny and Cher at 0907:30 on 3/3. Ex-KZUS, C&W. (PM-OR)
- 1290 KKNW WA, Port Angeles 3/7 1700 back on the air again with C&W, ID's as "Kickin' Country." Not nearly as strong up here as they were previous to going dark last year. Ex-KAPY. (DS-BC)
- 1340 KLDZ CA, Santa Barbara 3/2 0542 faded up with ESPN Radio, ID at 0545 "This is extra sports 1340, Santa Barbara," legal ID at 0600 on top of frequency. EX-KIST. (RW)
- 1400 KITZ WA, Silverdale noted back on 3/5 2000 with the Mike Segal show and ID'ing as "Mega-Talk 1400" and "Silverdale-Seattle." The call letters are derived from Kitsap County. No presence at night but I'll miss the drivetime appearances of KUKI, KQMS & CKSQ and the like which have topped the channel during its absence. (PT)

- 540 KVIP CA, Redding 3/6 1000 strong with USA Radio News, religious promo, legal ID, then program "Art of Family Living." (LG-MT)
KNAK UT, Delta 3/6 in KVIP null with on-air swap sale, man said "Right here in Delta." (LG)
- 550 KMVI HI, Wailuku 3/1 0835 good with "Cruizin' 55" IDs and weather, mentioned NO rain. Way over KOAC. (PM-OR)
- 560 CHTK BC, Prince Rupert 3/3 0815 fair on top of jumble with weathercast, mentioning "TK Radio," temps in Ktimat, Terrace & Prince Rupert. (PM-OR)
- 570 KQNG HI, Lihue 3/1 0810 very strong over everything else with rock music, IDs as "KONG," YMCA spots. (PM-OR)
- 580 KFXD ID, Nampa-Boise is still KFXD - for now. The FM, KFXJ (FM) sold the AM to Jacor (which owns KIDO) and a few others). Jacor requested KBKK for the facility but withdrew it. Preparatory to coming on with a new format, it will request a new set of calls. In the meantime, on 580, you will for the most part hear "The Arrow, 103.3" (for KARO), as I did a t a weak level over/under CKXR 3/5 2050. (PT-WA)
+3/9 0901 noted // to KLTX-107.9 FM, heard mentions of "108," weather and traffic report. Sounded like AdCon music but not sure, signal not that strong as usual in KMJ null. (RW-CA)
- 590 KKSK HI, Honolulu 3/1 0915 very good over all with religious program, nice KSKK ID. (PM)
- 620 KGTL AK, Homer 3/9 0245 fair above jumble briefly with AS "Frank Sinatra's Chicago" and "K-G-T-L, Radio 620," back into adult standards music. (PM-OR)
- KIPA HI, Hilo 3/1 good over/under KEWS with adult standards and spots at 0957, KIPA IDs. (PM-OR)
- 650 KHNR HI, Honolulu 3/1 good with new promos and "KHNR" ID at 0930. Sacramento way, way underneath. (PM-OR)
- 670 KDLG AK, Dillingham 3/9 fair to poor with the Beatles and Johnny Cash song. Weather for western Alaska at 0240. Lots of KBOI QRM. (PM-OR)

690 KQMQ HI, Honolulu 3/1 fair with Michael Jackson song & other pop music and Marsh Carey giving canned ID at 0922. (PM-OR)

700 KBYR AK, Anchorage 3/9 0231 good with other stations phased out, with "Sports Radio 7" and KBYR mention. Best heard in a while. (PM-OR)

710 WOR NY, New York 2/27 2259 through a weak KIRO with promo for Dr. Joey Brown on WOR. This has become the most consistent NY station here. (LG-MT)

730 KBSU ID, Boise 3/9 0958 very strong ID'ing as "Idaho's jazz station." (LG-MT)

750 KFQD AK, Anchorage 3/9 0235 very strong way over KXL with The Ididirod Report, "KFQD" ID. (PM-OR)

760 KGU HI, Honolulu 3/1 0940 very good with "One on One Sports," many Honolulu area spots. (PM-OR)

800 CKOR BC, Penticton 3/7 1000 appears to have dropped oldies. Noted with AdCon format using full CKOR calls for ID's (no more Okanagan Radio identity). (DS-BC)

900 KRRA CA, West Covina all alone on auroral AM at 0802 3/11 with Spanish program. Man gave legal ID in English, mentioning West Covina/Los Angeles, and also the slogan "Radio Ranchito." New. (LG-MT)

KNUI HI, Kahaluu 3/1 0950 good with Filipino program & announcer with accent mentioning KNUI, way over others. (PM-OR)

920 KESI CA, Palm Springs 3/9 0933 good on top with ID "KESI newstime is 6:33, 46 degrees in Palm Springs." (RW-CA)

940 KJPN HI, Waipahu 3/1 0947 very strong with Japanese programming and "JPN" IDs in Japanese. Beautiful Japanese pop music. Best ever heard. (PM-OR)

980 KVLV NV, Fallon 3/5 1000 strong with C&W, ID jingle, and ABC news. (LG-MT)

1050 KTCT CA, San Mateo 3/12 0900 broke away from sports program for ID "KTCT, San Mateo-San Francisco, The Ticket 1050." New; ex-KOFY. (LG-MT)

1130 KHTH CO, Dillon strong with CKWX weak at 0800 3/1. I heard oldies, then legal ID for "KHTH, Dillon-Breckenridge." (LG-MT)

1140 KSFN NV, North Las Vegas on top of the frequency at 2300 3/10 with brief legal ID during a Suns basketball game. New, ex-KXNO. QRM from KHTK. (LG-MT)

1150 KEZX WA, Seattle 3/2 1040 good while looking for KKGT-OR (ex-KKEY) with ID "You're listening to AM 1150, Talkradio. On top of frequency, then lost under KXTA. Rare here. (RW-CA)

1180 KYET AZ, Williams weak at 0800, moderately strong at 0900 through KOFI. ID was "Non-stop news 24 hours a day, this is the News Station... KYET... right here in Williams." Man also mentioned another call that sounded like KDBR. Also noted at 2300 3/3. Format was religious; when did it change? (LG-MT)

KLAY WA, Lakewood strong atop KOFI at 1000 3/4. ID was "KLAY, Lakewood-Tacoma, your conversation station." (LG-MT)

1190 (KEX) OR, Portland 3/9 0421 had open carrier. (RW-CA)

1230 CJNL BC, Merritt 3/3 0830 with KVAS phased out, heard "CJNL" ID briefly above jumble. (PM-OR)

1240 KMKZ MT, Billings 3/11 1000 incredibly strong, with semi-local KLYQ nulled. Man gave legal ID. (LG-MT)

1260 ?KOIT? CA, San Francisco (assumed) dominant & strong at 0958 3/12 with Bay Area traffic report. (LG-MT)

1400 KJDY OR, John Day 3/2 1000 with the Morning Weather Vane, spot for a business in Burns, OR, and legal ID. (LG-MT)

1420 ?KCCN? HI, Honolulu 3/1 0926 presume the source of the Hawaiian music under KITI with what sounded like "Honolulu" mention at one point. (PM-OR)

KUJ WA, Walla Walla had open carrier only at 0800 2/28, then talk show with faint, very distorted audio at 0857 and 0958, leaving KMOG. Normal audio noted at 2248. (LG)

1430 (KVVN) CA, Santa Clara 3/2 0506 totally off, then back on with periods of open carrier later. (RW-CA)

- 1580 KTFN CA, Merced the 1580 scenario 3/10 at 2359: a quivering KGAL being overrun by KBLA. "Hark!," I said, "Let's get KBLA for the contest." By 10 seconds of, KBLA had disappeared. Next was a KGAL ID and "Sports radio 1580..." and "something unreadable (blotted out by the CBS news logo) ... Merced." This is my first 297 watt station. (PT-WA)
- KDZZ NM, Albuquerque even with KWYD 0857-0900 3/11. I heard two "Radio Disney" IDs but no call ID. It's the only one listed on Disney web site. New. (LG-MT)
- 1590 KVGB KS, Great Bend moderately strong at 2300 3/2. Man said "This is Z-104, KVGB, Great Bend, an ??? radio station." (LG-MT)
- 1610 TIS WA, Blaine 3/7 1600 strong signal with information about the Peace Arch border crossing. A joint operation of U.S. and Canadian Customs. New. (DS-BC)
- 1620 WPHG AL, Atmore 3/2 in fair over/under KYIZ with Black Gospel, ID at 0230 as "You're with W-P-H-G Atmore, Alabama, 1620 on your dial," then into more Gospel music. All other X-band stations including Metra-1630 and DFW-1680 in good tonight. (PM)
- 1630 TIS IL, Deerfield (other locations around Chicago) heard again 3/2 0140 in between the splash of 1620 (KYIZ) and 1640 (KDIA) with "Welcome to Metra." Sounded lie second station in the gable way behind, may have been another Metra station or MI. This 9 watter sure gets out! (PM-OR)
- 1660 ?WJDM? NJ, Elizabeth 3/8 probably the one with moderately strong open carrier at 0751, looping E-W. But why wouldn't it be on RS? (LG-MT)
- 1690 CKWX BC, Vancouver [image of 1130] 3/7 0753 particularly strong with "CKWX news time." (LG-MT)

LOCAL NEWS

600 KGEZ MT, Kalispell slogan is "Classic 600." (LG-MT)

DX TEST

850 ?KICY? AK, Nome 3/2 0445 possibly the one in KOA null with tones, regular breaks between tones for about a minute, then gone. Nothing else heard. Very poor. Unneeded. (RW-CA)

(KICY) +3/2 0430-0530 nothing that sounded lie a test. Thought this one might make it. (FA)

MYSTERY SOLVED

The 1280 station one other DXer and I heard carrying talk programs from foreign broadcast organizations is KRVM Eugene, OR. It's owned by a local high school and has an arrangement with the World Radio Network out of London which packages the service. I thought it was a mystery CBC Albertan (it looped ENE/WSW). PD was not happy to learn that his local ID machine wasn't working at 0400 3/12. Thanks to Pat Martin for the tip. (PT-WA)

UNIDS

- 1230 Who is the station with ID's as "Q 93" on 1230? Heard 3/3 0820. (PM-OR)
- 1590 3/7 2000 station played melodic chimes and seemed to ID as "KWCL, Global Church Radio." I have a feeling this was KLFE. (LG-MT)
- 1610 3/3 0858 assumed TIS with kids-oriented segment, featuring many sound effects. Maybe the one in George, WA. (LG-MT)

Per verie John received this week, the call letters for the 1620 Renton, WA station is KYIZ. The 1420 station remains KRIZ and 1560 KZIZ. Last issue I had 1620 listed as KRIZ as the column was typed on their first day on the new frequency and that was how they were ID'ing.

Now we have everything correct. This is the time of year I always remind reporters to take note of the deadline dates at the beginning of the column. The next DXM will be next month, so if I receive a WDXR report tomorrow, it will not get used for three weeks! Happy spring everyone.

IRCA 1997-98 DX CONTESTS
Standings as of March 15, 1998

States & Provinces		Letterama	
1. Craig Rathbone	388	1. Pete Taylor	290
2. Bill Nittler	327	2. John C. Johnson	225
3. John C. Johnson	303	3. Greg Hall	206
4. Stan Weisbeck	268	4. Mike Sanburn	143
5. Nigel Pimblett	254	5. Charles Dobbins	104
6. John Tudenham	237	6. John Tudenham	74
7. Greg Hall	226	7. Dale Park	9
8. Charles Dobbins	188		
9. Pete Taylor	182		
10. Mike Sanburn	113		
11. Dale Park	19		

Some of you are still close in points! Remember the contest ends May 31st, final contest reports need to be postmarked by June 5th.

Central DX Roundup



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

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Drake SW8, FRG 100 with Kiwa Loop and MFJ 959B pre-amp.
- [JcJ-MT] Your editor using an Icom IC-R71A, "Radio West" Loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 530 ... TX, Odessa. 2-15. 0945 TIS with interesting five minute tape loop explaining everything from the history of the Permian basin to the number of hotels (21) in Odessa and synagogues with 140 miles (1). Gave ID as KBRT, "K-Bright." [KDF-TX]

600 KERB TX, Kermit. 2-15. 1000 with SS religious program. ID as "La Cadena Cristiana" that included KUBR-1210, KVOZ-890, KIBL-1490, KBRN-1500, and KUOL-1470, and a few FM's. [KDF-TX]

760 KTKR TX, San Antonio. 2-14. 1530 with sports, ID, "The Ticket," then Texas v. Texas Tech basketball from Lubbock. [KDF-TX]

810 KXOI TX, Crane. 2-14. 1803 with lengthy, excited SS ID, "Radio Alabanza." For some reason, "1000 watts of power" was spoken in EE. [KDF-TX]

860 KFST TX, Fort Stockton. 2-15. 1800 with pop music, ID, "The station for continuous light hits for Pecos County, KFST Fort Stockton." [KDF-TX]

910 KLCN AR, Blythville. 2-17 weak signal in and out. 0713 with "The News Station, KLCN 9-10." News, ID. [LB-MO]

920 KENT TX, Odessa. 2-14 & 2-15 heard only carrier while in Odessa. No audio. [KDF-TX]

940 KBRE UT, Cedar City. 3-5 dominant. 0850 w/rock oldies, "KBRE Cedar City" ID. [JcJ-MT]

980 KHOS TX, Sonora. 2-14. 1645 with SS and EE religion, ID, phone number, mention of "New Christian Radio." [KDF-TX]

1240 KVLF TX, Alpine. 2-15. 1655 ID, standards, "Voice of the Last Frontier" at 1700. [KDF-TX]

WIAN MI, Ishpeming, Negaunee. 3-8 poor in mess. 0400 with "...12-40 WAIN Ishpeming and Negaunee..." [JJR-WI]

WTAX IL, Springfield. 3-10 poor. 0406 with calls mentioned four times in a :30 second promo for their morning show! [JJR-WI]

1330 KLBO TX, Monahans. 2-15. 1202 with ID, "All news, all the time," in between Sunday morning religious programs. [KDF-TX]

WRAM IL, Monmouth. 2-18 weak signal in the pile. 0729 with weather, TC. Mentioned "35 degrees on the square in downtown Monmouth," and "news from WRAM and WMOI 97.7 FM. I'm Aron Linsky." Into chit-chat by two men. [LB-MO]

1410 KRIL TX, Odessa. Heard 2-14 and 2-15 with almost continuous classical music, missed a couple of ID's. Definitely not news-talk as listed. [KDF-TX]

1450 KVSI ID, Montpelier. 3-3 on top others. 0858 with Idaho news into 0900 ABC news with no ID. 0905 out of ABC News with "KVSI Sports." [JcJ-MT]

1470 KWSL IA, Sioux City. 3-4 good to poor with intermittent stereo in WMBD's null. KIRL-1460 off the air. 0547 noted with "AM 14-70 KWSL" ID, Westwood One Adult Standards ||WRTH-1430, DJ talk, trivia. [EB-MO]

WGNR IN, Anderson. 2-23 up out of the pile then gone. 0727 with "Your listening to 14-70 WGNR Anderson, Indianapolis. WGNR is on the air daily from 6 a.m. to..." Faded out and u/WMBD." EX-WHUT. [LB-MO]

DX TESTS

850 (KICY) AK, Nome. 3-2 DX Test. 0430. Nancy and I listened for this one, but all we heard was a strong KOA. [JcJ+NJ-MT]

+3-2 DX Test. 0430-0530 listened during this time for the DX Test with a 1400' long wire at 335 degrees. No sign of test. Had KOA, FF Canadian and an unID with music and WHAS-840 slop. My GCD program tells me I am about 2.5 hops from Nome. So signal was a couple of hundred miles above me! [TMJ-IL]

LOCAL CHANGES

1460 KIRL MO, St. Charles. 3-1 noted back to operating daytime only. This station has been having problems with their nighttime transmitter site in recent years. [EB-MO]

UnIDS

1140 unID (No date) unID station on some other frequency still here splattering WRVA. Power up/pattern change at 0719 (now into a new

month, but still at the same time). Heard during morning drive with car radio. [TMJ-IL]

25 YEARS AGO

In March of 1973 four issues were printed instead of two. This time we look at the March 24th and 31st issued. March 24, 1973 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Larry Godwin of Boulder, CO said he decided not to run again as Secretary- Treasurer as he was no longer active in the hobby ... Bill Harang of San Jose, CA said he was 17 and a junior at Willow Glen High School. The March 31, 1973 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Billy Hardy of Aberdeen, WA said he was 26 and single and was afternoon DJ at KGHO ... Bruce Portzer of Seattle, WA commented on taped loggings vs. Written veries from stations. Either could be faked.

OPEN MIKE

When you finally discover all of Life's answers, they'll change the questions. Please check the deadlines now that we are out of weekly issues. This was typed on March 14th. 73, John.

Eastern DX Roundup

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Welcome to the last bi-weekly DXM, next month we go MONTHLY!!! Lots of time to write up your DX and send it to your editors !!!! Deadlines are 4/8, 5/6, 6/10, 7/8, 8/5, and 8/26. Have lots of fax paper and computer paper to print out your DX !!! Here is this weeks report.....

STARS OF THE WEEK

- (5P-HI) Dale Park P.O. Box 22778 , Honolulu, HI 96823 VIA E-MAIL
- (MH-NC) Mike Harvester 3118 Gateway Ct., Jacksonville, NC 28546-6973
- (GJ-CA) Gary Jackson R-70 w/22" Radio West Loop VIA E-MAIL
- 7735 Center Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95823
- VIA U.S.P.S.
- (EM-PA) Ernest Meyer 7916 Burholme Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111
- Drake R-8A, 100' l.w. , KIWA Loop VIA U.S.P.S.

LOGGINGS

- 890 WFKJ PA Cashtown 3/2 1800 fr-pr in WLS null w/sign-off announcement, mentioned power of 890 watts and transmitter located on U.S.Route 30. No SSB. (MB-ON)
- 1010 WGUN GA Atlanta 3/3 1745 Heard ad for business in 770 area code. (Atlanta), into some theatrical preaching, under partially nulled WINS. (EM-PA)
- WELS NC Kinston 2/22 1750-1755 W. talking- 2 call letter ID's heard, under partially nulled WINS. (EM-PA)
- 1070 WNCT NC Greenville noted from early March to present in AM/late PM with new format of "Beach Music"..whatever that is, hi ! Promos as "We're the Beach AM 10-70," and "Your on the Beach AM 1070 WNCT." Not //WNCT FM 107.9. Excellent groundwave sig. (MH-NC)
- 1300 WXRL NY Lancaster 3/1 1800 End of C&W mx, call letter ID, mostly under WJFK. (EM-PA)
- 1350 WRNY NY Rome 2/27 1805 After logging WADR on 1480 a few minutes earlier, I logged their sister station here only tentatively caught earlier, also heard "stars" radio network logo. (EM-PA)
- 1370 WJWS VA South Hill 2/23 1745 M. Annrc. signing off his show for the

- day & then giving call letters. (EM-PA)
- 1410 WLSH PA Lansford 3/9 1759 fr over residual CHKT-1430 crud w/"Return to Sender" by Elvis Presley, ID by woman as "The station you grew up with, AM 1410 WLSH Lansford-Coaldale-Summit Hill" into USA Radio Network news at 1800. First time I have ever heard a non-religious format station w/USA Radio nx! (MB-ON)
 - 1430 WDEX NC Monroe 2/23 0000 T-O-H ID, including logo "Ford Broadcasting Netork" (EM-PA)
 - 1480 WADR NY Remson 2/27 1750-1800 Ad for pasta company in nearby Rome, nostalgia type music, dual T-O-H ID with WRNY (1350), into CNN mx, on top of others (EM-PA)
 - 1500 WGFT OH Youngstown 3/5 1800 End of male vocal, TOH full ID, under partially nulled WTOP. (EM-PA)
 - 1620 WPHG GA Atmore 3/10 at 0350-0420 w/gospel music and canned programs. ID as "Hello world and thank you for joining us on 1620 Stereo WPHG, Atmore, AL"..Fair to good. Also a daily AM/PM drive log on truck radio (MH-NC)
 - 1640 KDIA CA Vallejo 3/10 at 0220-0248 w/W anncr, promos for "solid Gold Soul for the Basy Area 24 hours a day." and frequent mentions of "1640 KDIA." Spots for Sears, and 2 local? (unclear as to name sponsors). PSA for Red Cross Blood Center, brief wx rpt and "...beautiful today on 1640 KDIA.." Poor to fair with moderate QSB and some UNIDEN co-frequency QRM. Female anncr. Poor with moderate to severe QRM. (MH-NC)
 - 1650 KGXL CA Costa Mesa tentatively the stn here 3/10 0249-0316 w/M anncr, ment of "Music of Your Life" (true MOYL pgm?), mx by Carpenters, Shocking Blue, and "Yellow Rose of Texas", ID as "Music of your life. here on 12-60 and 1650, KG(XL? XL never completely clear on any IDs hrd) M ID himself as "Carl Hinson" Poor with QSB and splash from 1660khz. (MH-NC)

SPECIAL INTEREST

- 910 WLAS NC Jacksonville. Station has been off the air for a good month, I've yet to be home during "normal office hours" to call them, but Directory Assistance still has a listing (910-937-0211) (MH-NC)

UN-IDEN:

- 1640 UNID NOT DFW. UNID noted 3/14 @ 2050-2120 w/M anncr, weather report loop,ment of "The National Weather Service forecast for the Philadelphia Metropolitan (and?) Delaware Valley," and an ID (presume NWS ID) of WPKX 1124 or WPKX 924 or similar). Poor to fair sig, looping N/S w/ co-freq QRM de both KDIA (presumed) and WPLR660 (presumed) w/airline info. Nothing noted on Bill's list. Ideas and an address? Tnx. (MH-NC)
- 1640 WPLR660 TX, DWF (presumed). No ID noted, but format same as on 1680 (again hrd this date). This on 3/14 @ 1928-1945 w/2 W anncrs, airline info, mention of "American Airlines," and "Dallas/Fort Worth" (not in conjunction w/airline/gate info). QRM from UNID w/mx (KDIA). Noted that signal strength/fade pattern different for each stn: kept switching back and forth between the two - 2 separate sites? Poor to fair w/QSB. (MH-NC)
- 1630 UNID Station looping NNE/SSW w/both M & W ancrs barely above audio threshold at times. Did note one clear, "This is 16-30..." Some instr mx, but mostly a VERY strong rumble on the frequency. This on 3/14 @ 2122-2142. Anyone active/testing here? POOR. (MH-NC)
- 1640 UNID Stn testing w/tones? On 3/14 UNID noted @ 2040-2050 w/tones of varying pitch on for maybe 2-3 seconds and off. One extend period, I was able to get a tent NW/SE loop. WPLR660 hrd and looping differently. Presumed KDIA w/mx

also noted. Fair lvl as opposed to WPLR660's poor signal.
Ideas? (MH-NC)

HELP WITH UN-IDEN:

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

1680 TX WPLR660 DFW Airport TIS tentatively the stn hrd 3/10 at 0600
w/2 female anncrs: one anncing the city and the other
anncing the gate #. No ID hrd, but did hear one ment of
"departure and arrival times" AM 16-40 (not hrd/presumed
KDIS dominant): ment of mid-western cities. Tent rpt sent.
Poor w/LSR approaching. (MH-NC)

SPECIAL

- 570 WHNZ-FL Pinellas Park/St. Petersburg * Per WHNZ web page, station
airs Talk America's "Stan Major Show" at 0006-0500,
replacing Art Bell. (5P-HI)
- 590 WARM-PA Scranton * Per Greg Foster on the Usenet at
rec.radio.broadcasting, station has added KFI-640's "John
and Ken Show" weekdays 0900-1200, despite the fact the
show actually airs 1800-2200. (5P-HI)
- 770 WABC-NY N.Y.C. * Per Chris Tramiel on the Usenet, station has
added "John and Ken Show" starting at 1900. (5P-HI)
- 790 WAEB-PA Allentown * Per Chris Tramiel on the Usenet, station has
added "John and Ken Show." (5P-HI)
- 1080 WNWI-IN Valparaiso * Per Blaine Thompson on Usenet, station has
been approved to move to the Chicago suburb of Oak Lawn,
IL and increase power to 1.9 kW. Station is said to be
silent. (5P-HI) (MY DATABASE SHOWS STATION AS SILENT
ALSO-ED)
- 1310 WORC-MA Worcester 3/12 * Adds Westwood One's "Tom Leykis Show" per
program today. (5P-HI)
- 1500 WTOP-DC Wash. * Per Bob J. Carpenter on Usenet, station has
started simulcasting on 94.3 mHz in Warrenton, VA (the
former WQRA-FM), but will move the simulcast to the former
WUPP-FM Warrenton on 107.7 mHz on 4/01. (5P-HI)
- 1520 WLGC-KY Greenup * Per Michael L. Blair on the Usenet, station has
re-added One-on-One Sports. (5P-HI)

DX TESTS

- 560 WGAI NC Elizabeth City, NC Mar. 15 0100-0130 Not heard. WVOC
(Columbia, SC) was noted, so WGAI would have been
theoretically possible. (MB-ON)

Received a nice note from Gary Jackson in Sacramento. Seems the address
we had for WLMY-Greenwood SC, was an old address. He sent the new one:
WLMY 2002 Highway 72 221 E. Greenwood, SC 29649-9723... Thanks Gary!!

Mike Hardester is looking for a current address for KDIA & KGXL. Only
address available is on the web as KDIA 3267 Sonoma Blvd in Vallejo
and KXBT 770 Tamalpais Dr in Corte Madera. Does anyone know if these
are correct?

Thats a wrap for the bi-weeklies. I guess that signals the end of the
DX Season ????? Nice to have Mike back with us with a re-newed R-70.
Next time we go Monthly on April 18 !!!! There has to be some DX out
there SOMEWHERE !!! Lets hear from you.....73's and all the
best.....fresh

DX Worldwide East

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This column is for International LW/MW DX loggings by IRCA members in the UTC-6 eastward to UTC+6 time zones (winter). Members located in other time zones please report to Pat Martin's DX Worldwide West column. Loggings are accepted via snail and e-mail preferably in the format used throughout this column. Last minute items can be submitted via the toll free (in US) number listed above. All times are UTC and dates should use 3-letter month abbreviations.

[Connelly*R-MA] = Rockport, MA (GC= 70.622 W / 42.667 N)
(Granite Pier)

[Connelly*Y-MA] = South Yarmouth, Cape Cod, MA (GC= 70.20 W / 41.65 N)
(Windmill Beach: River St. at Willow St.)

Receiver: Drake R8A

Antenna system - homebrew Broadband Loop-Sense Cardioid Array (B-LSCA) consisting of BBL-1 broadband active loop, AW-1 active whip, and Superphaser-1 phasing unit

*** COMMENTS ***

The mini-DXpedition to Granite Pier in Rockport, MA on the evening of MAR 10 was not in the most comfortable weather (temperature -5 C / 23 F, high winds). Despite this, the nice run of auroral enhancement of southerly DX made the listening session worth the effort.

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

- 549 ALGERIA, Les Trembles, MAR 1 0007 - woman in AA and interludes of drumming & flutes; loud. [Connelly*Y-MA]
+ MAR 11 0120 - emotional AA talk by man, musical interludes ... possibly a dramatic presentation. Huge S9+30, totally killing 550. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid, MAR 1 0013 - strong with male SS group vocal in a style like that of '50s "glee club" groups such as the Four Lads, Four Freshmen, etc. [Connelly*Y-MA]
+ MAR 11 0116 - hard rock music // 684; fair to good.
[Connelly*R-MA]
- 603 SPAIN, RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, MAR 11 0114 - // 684 with rock music followed by fast SS talk by man; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, FEB 28 2305 - news by man in AA; good.
[Connelly*Y-MA]
+ MAR 11 0110 - man in AA; local-like. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, MAR 10 2314 - SS talk; very good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 684 SPAIN, RNE1, Sevilla, MAR 11 0059 - '50s-type rock instrumental; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 693 AZORES, RDP, Santa Barbara, MAR 1 0028 - "Come Together" by the Beatles, then man in PP talked about John Lennon. Atop UK & Spain. [Connelly*Y-MA]
+ MAR 11 0053 - woman in PP; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Droitwich et al., MAR 1 0020 - man & woman with EE talk about world politics; mixed with Azores.
[Connelly*Y-MA]
- 711 WESTERN SAHARA, Laayoune, MAR 11 0030 - emotional AA talk by woman; strong. [Connelly*R-MA]

- 729 SPAIN, RNE1, Oviedo et al., FEB 28 2314 - SS teletalk; fair over other. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 747 BURKINA FASO, Ouagadougou, FEB 28 2312 - // 4815 with fast reggae and soca music; poor, in mix with Canaries SS talk. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 756 GERMANY, Deutschlandradio, Braunschweig/Ravensburg, MAR 1 0002 - GG news by woman; to good peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 765 SENEGAL, Dakar, FEB 28 2309 - rhythmic African music; excellent. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- + MAR 11 0044 - LOCAL-LIKE ! Children singing, banging hollow sticks & drums. Signal was stronger than WABC. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 774 EGYPT / SPAIN, MAR 1 0023 - even-strength mix of AA and SS talk. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 774 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, MAR 11 0043 - excited SS talk by man & woman; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 819 EGYPT, Batra, FEB 28 2305 - woman in AA; dominant. A second station (that sounded // Morocco - 612) was under. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 836 unID, MAR 10 2311 - het against Canaries-837: probably Azores back here from 837. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 837 AZORES, RDP, Pico da Barossa, MAR 1 0031 - poor; // 693 with Beatles hits including "All You Need is Love". This may have since moved to 836 (het noted on MAR 10). [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, COPE synchros, MAR 10 2311 - SS teletalk; over others and an 836 het. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1, Murcia et al., MAR 11 0017 - SS news interview, including EE talk translated into SS; strong. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 864 EGYPT, Santah, FEB 28 2303 - Koranic male vocal; to good peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 873 SPAIN, SER R. Zaragoza, Zaragoza, MAR 11 0226 - SER SS newstalk; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, MAR 11 0014 - SS teletalk; good, alone on channel. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, MAR 11 0013 - segments of music with interspersed AA commentary by man; good with WBPS phased. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 907.8 GAMBIA, R. Syd, Banjul, MAR 11 0146 - African male vocal & drumming; best signal out of this in a long time. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 954 SPAIN, R. Espana, Madrid, MAR 11 0009 - SS teletalk; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 1 0049 - SS newstalk; dominant. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- + MAR 11 0209 - SS talk; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1053 UNITED KINGDOM, Talk Radio synchros, Start Point et al., MAR 1 0052 - EE teletalk with man & woman; fair, better than 1089. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1088 ANGOLA, Radio Nacional, Mulenvos, MAR 11 0225 - pop-rock music; poor to fair. Not much 1089 at the time. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1098 SLOVAKIA, Nitra, MAR 1 0053 - briefly loud with C&W-style female vocal; over Spain. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1134 SPAIN, COPE synchros, MAR 10 2339 - SS teletalk; poor to fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1179 SPAIN // CANARY ISLANDS, SER synchros, MAR 10 2336 - two men with SS newstalk; excellent. There was almost no trace of an 1180 het ! [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1197 LESOTHO, BBC relay, Lancer's Gap, MAR 10 2352 - BBC commentary fully in charge. This was not surprising since the conditions were rather auroral. WKOX-1200 was nulled down with the phased loop/whip cardioid antenna array. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1349 MAURITANIA, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, MAR 10 2316 - woman in AA; massive signal, killing 1350. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1386 RUSSIA-KALININGRAD, Bolshakovo, FEB 28 2324 - EE talk; mixed with several others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1422 ALGERIA, Algiers, FEB 28 2348 - AA sounding talk by man; way atop music station (Germany). [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1467 FRANCE, TWR, Roumoules, MAR 10 2318 - EE preaching; fair to good with the 1470 slop nulled. [Connelly*R-MA]

- 1502 ANGOLA, E.P. de Benguela, FEB 28 2329 - male African vocal with xylophone-like accompaniment: up to a good peak, right on 1502.0 kHz. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1503 AZORES, AFRTS, Lajes (t), FEB 28 2330 - fragments of US EE talk atop the channel, most likely this. Angola "next door" on 1502 was the major QRM ! [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1530 SAO TOME & PRINCIPE, VOA, Pinheira, MAR 11 0259 - sign- on with ID "This is the Voice of America - Washington, DC"; blasting right through WSAI. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1548 ALGERIA - CLANDESTINE, Tindouf, FEB 28 2340 - noted on this channel (ex-1544) with SS talk that sounded like a political speech. Very loud signal, totally trashing VOA Kuwait. This station was heard subsequently on 1550 kHz. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1550 ALGERIA - CLANDESTINE, Tindouf, MAR 10 2325 - loud and clear with typical AA/Berber music with drumming, string- plucking, and shrill Delta-blues-like vocals. This was followed by an Afro-pop style song having a sound similar to what influenced Paul Simon's post-1985 stuff. The audio was, as usual, somewhat bassy and mushy. This was alone on channel when I set up a westward phase null against fairly- weak WRDM-CT. CBE-ON was absent (due to aurora and the early time). Thanks to Dave Kenny of BBCMS Caversham Park for alerting DXers to this via the Hard-Core DX E-mail list. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1619.5 NETHERLANDS, Scheveningen, PCH, FEB 28 2342 - "PCH" code ID; mixing with Argentina - 1620. [Connelly*Y-MA]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 535 GRENADA, GBC, St. George's, MAR 1 0009 - reggae male vocal; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, ZIZ, Basseterre, MAR 1 0010 - Caribbean-EE sports coverage; fair to good.
+ MAR 1 0033 - huge with a dancehall reggae / "gangsta" vocal that used some of the old "Bonanza" TV theme .. I had to laugh. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 580 PUERTO RICO, WKAQ, San Juan, MAR 11 0117 - "todos noticias" slogan, SS news; over jumble including CJFX & suspected Venezuela. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 604.9 unID, MAR 1 0016 - carrier with rough AC growl and bits of audio. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 610 BRAZIL, maybe ZYL268, MAR 11 0113 - PP talk briefly over apparent Colombia, Venezuela, & possible Trinidad-Tobago. WGIR groundwave was phase-nulled to inaudibility. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 620 ANTIGUA, ABS, St. John's, MAR 11 0109 - BBC news & commentary; mixed with WZON-ME groundwave. Heavy QRM from Canaries-621. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 630 PUERTO RICO, WSKN, San Juan, MAR 11 0108 - Puerto Rico SS newstalk; over CFCY & nulled WPRO. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 640 GUADELOUPE, RFO, Pointe-a-Pitre, MAR 11 0105 - FF talk by man; excellent, well over likely YVQO (salsa music). [Connelly*R-MA]
- 650 COLOMBIA, RCN Antena Dos, HJKH, Bogota, MAR 1 0042 - SS sports coverage mentioning several Colombian cities; absolute 'monster' signal - as loud as anything from Boston or New York. [Connelly*Y-MA]
+ MAR 11 0124 - SS Colombian sports promo.; excellent. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 670 VENEZUELA, R. Rumbos, YVLL, Caracas, MAR 11 0127 - Venezuela mentions, Rumbos doorbells; over others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 672 unID, MAR 11 0131 - weak carrier. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 680 PUERTO RICO, WAPA, San Juan, MAR 11 0101 - Puerto Rico local news in SS; strong, in phasing unit null of local WRKO. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 705 ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES, Kingstown, MAR 11 0032 - mellow pop vocal; fair.
+ MAR 11 0132 - to good peaks with "Tears in Heaven" by Eric Clapton. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 720 VENEZUELA, YVQE, Porlamar, MAR 11 0052 - R. Oriente ID; atop apparent Jamaica with CHTN in phaser null. [Connelly*R-MA]

- 732.6 unID, MAR 11 0048 - romantic-style SS vocal, distorted and mushy with some FM'ing of the carrier (as noted with the receiver's BFO on). This one surfaces from time to time (probably the same station as I'd logged JAN 3 on 732.25 kHz). I haven't seen it ID'ed yet. Florida DXers should be able to solve this. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 760 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJAJ, Barranquilla, MAR 11 0008 - // 1000 with SS sports; loud, atop other Latin Americans. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 750 VENEZUELA, YVKS, Caracas, MAR 11 0047 - Caracas mentions, SS teletalk; dominant. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 760 GUYANA, R. Roraima, BRG, Georgetown, MAR 11 0046 - Hindi male vocal, tabla drums, flutes; in mix with SS & PP stations. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 770 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJXX, Bogota, MAR 11 0133 - // 760 with fast SS talk / sports coverage; absolutely ANNIHILATING WABC. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, ZBVI, Roadtown, Tortola, MAR 11 0042 - Caribbean EE man talked about prizes including dinner at a local restaurant "one of the finest in the islands". Atop SS station. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 780 VENEZUELA, Ecos del Torbes, YVOD, San Cristobal, MAR 11 0136 - // 4980 with SS news by man & woman; good / dominant. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, Trans-World Radio, PJB, Bonaire, MAR 11 0040 - SS religious program; excellent. WCCM with pop SS music noted under. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 810 COLOMBIA, CARACOL, HJCY, Bogota, MAR 11 0138 - fast SS sports play-by-play (// 1100, 1170); over a jumble of others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 830 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, TBN, Basseterre, MAR 11 0037 - // 7510: US EE man with evangelistic preaching; excellent, atop WCRN/YVLT. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 860 BRAZIL, ZYJ459, Rio de Janeiro, MAR 11 0023 - man in PP surfaced briefly over a cluster of SS Latin Americans; CJBC eliminated by aurora. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 880 VENEZUELA, Mundial, YVYM, Puerto Ordaz, MAR 11 0016 - "en Mundial" mention, man & woman in SS; way over (!) WCBS, other Latin Americans. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 895 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, VON, Bath Village, MAR 1 0044 - excellent with slogan "The powerhouse of the eastern Caribbean - Von Radio". [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 900 BARBADOS, CBC, Bridgetown, MAR 11 0149 - 2 or 3 men in the studio with local-issues discussion in Caribbean-EE, some laughing; atop YVMD. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 900 MEXICO, XEW, Mexico City, MAR 11 0248 - SS talk, XEW ID, Mexico mention; slightly over others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 900 VENEZUELA, R. Mara Ritmo 900, YVMD, Maracaibo, MAR 11 0148 - "Mara" mention, salsa music; on messy channel. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 920 unID, MAR 11 0151 - SS talk "... la vida"; with growl & WHJJ groundwave; CJCH weakened by aurora. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 940 VENEZUELA, R. Punto Fijo, YVNN, Punto Fijo, MAR 11 0010 - "R. Punto Fijo" reverberated ID cut through the jumble of Latin Americans; CBM was killed by aurora. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 960 CUBA, R. Reloj, MAR 11 0155 - Reloj program with on-the-minutes beeps; mixed with others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 980 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJES, Cali, MAR 11 0200 - // 1000 with SS talk; WCAP (Tom Leykis show) nulled. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1000 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJAQ, Cartagena, MAR 11 0008 - RCN sports in SS // 760; mixed with CKBW. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1050.3 unID, MAR 1 0050 - almost getting some audio here on this perennial unID. Nasty growl against WEVD. The Latin American experts in Finland must have this one figured out by now. My guess is Colombia. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1080 VENEZUELA, MAR 11 0212 - YVQJ or YVNR possible: apparent SS evangelical program, Venezuela mentions and "hallelujahs"; in touchy phase-null of WTIC. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1100 COLOMBIA, CARACOL, HJAT, Barranquilla, MAR 11 0005 - excited SS talk by man, // 1170. [Connelly*R-MA]

- 1110 VENEZUELA, YVQT, Carupano, MAR 10 2341 - "en Carupano !" mention, then a group discussion with people in the studio; huge signal. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1130 unID, MAR 11 0004 - slogan sounded like "La Voz del Oriente", maybe a reference to the eastern part of Venezuela. The station used two 3-note chime segments, the first similar to the old "NBC" chimes, the other had the notes in a different order. This was in an imbroglgio of about 5 Latin Americans; WBBR was barely noticeable in the stew. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1140 VENEZUELA, R. Margaritena, Porlamar, MAR 11 0222 - Venezuela & Carabobo mentions, romantic SS female vocal; dominant. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1160 BERMUDA, VSB3, Hamilton, MAR 1 0057 - huge and dominant with BBC commentary that mentioned luxury cars. [Connelly*Y-MA]
+ MAR 11 0244 - BBC report from an art festival in Adelaide, Australia; excellent / totally dominant. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1170 COLOMBIA, CARACOL, HJNW, Cartagena, MAR 11 0000 - loud with ID "Esta es CARACOL !" [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1180 CUBA, R. Rebelde, FEB 28 2317 - // 600 with US rock; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1620 ARGENTINA, R. Esmeraldas, Buenos Aires, FEB 28 2342 - emotional SS religious music; poor to fair. Domestics not noted; the only QRM was PCH Netherlands. [Connelly*Y-MA]

Summary of DX on 13 - 15 MAR 1998 - Mark Connelly

On Friday, I noted somewhat auroral conditions on the car radio as I drove on a cold moonlit night heading down Route 3 through the long stretch of pinelands in Plymouth north of the Sagamore Bridge and Cape Cod Canal. Cubans seemed to be all over the lower part of the dial. The TA hets were the predictable ones from Spain, Algeria, Morocco, and the Canary Islands. A representative channel would be 620: Cuba dominant and a fat het from Canaries-621. I reached Harwich around 10.30 p.m. local (0330 UTC: 14 MAR). One of the experiments I conducted was the phasing of two broadband loops separated by about 43 m / 141 ft. At various times I had these oriented E-W and then N-S. The spacing was along a line that was the same direction as how the two loopheads were oriented. Phasing the loops worked out quite well. Results were a bit better above 800 kHz than below: the ideal frequency for the given spacing, a quarter wave, would be at 1744 kHz. On the lower frequencies, there was somewhat more of a likelihood of nulling forward (desired) and back (interfering) stations together. At 0358 UTC / 14 MAR, I started DXing in earnest. Right away 610 kHz proved interesting with a nice "La Radiodifusora Nacional de Colombia ... la voz del Amazonas" ID. Note that this is Uribia, not Bogota (RCN). Right after that some Venezuelan ads popped up. This would be either YVSE or YVXY. I looked for the Brazilian I'd noted in Rockport earlier in the week, but no show this time. After 0400 there was some TA action that was Spain-dominated: 999, 1044, 1107, 855, 1116, 1296, 774, 1305, 1359, 1413, 1521, 936, 684, and probably some others I didn't write down. Also had Canaries - 1179 & 621, Libya - 1251, Algeria - 891 & 981. In other words, the basic "big guns", excluding northern Europeans that were "aurora'ed" out of the action. South Americans got less numerous as the evening wore on (and domestics got louder). Big Colombians on 700, 760, and 770 rolled in. In the Caribbean, only the Cubans (several including parallel Progreso's on 640, 660, & 690) and St. Kitts on 555 made much of a show. (Big boomers PJB-800 and R.V.C.-530 were car-radio copyable earlier, per usual.) I called it quits at 0620 UTC. Some of the Spaniards (especially 855) were still booting in good signals then.

On the afternoon of Saturday (14 MAR), I did a beach stop at Duxbury Beach, MA on the way home. Bruce Conti had mentioned that he might be over at Rowley at the same time (though his last set of logs indicated that he may have opted for home-only operation). The Duxbury Beach session ran from 2240 UTC (14 MAR) to 0020 UTC (15 MAR). When I started, it was raining a bit, so I just ran two 27 m wires out on the beach (one wire northeast, one southeast) and phased them. I didn't notice a whole lot from Latin America, but the more-southerly Trans-

Atlantics weren't bad. In the log: Morocco-1044 (S9+30), Lesotho (over Spain) -1197, Mauritania-1349 (loud!), France-1467, Saudi Arabia-1521 (huge), Vatican-1530, Spain-1584, Libya-1251, Canaries-1179, Colombia-1170, Morocco-1053, Algeria-981, Cuba-890 (WBPS nulled), Croatia (over Spain)-1134, Spain-1107 & 1071 (both huge), Spain-999, Spain-954, Spain-918, Morocco-612 usual bulldozer signal, Egypt (over Spain)-864, Canaries-837 & a het from presumed Azores-836, Morocco-819 (//612) with Egypt-819 just a bit under, Egypt-774 briefly over Spain, Senegal-765 slightly over Switzerland, W. Sahara-711 loud - about equal to WOR, UK-693 (in big mess with Azores, Spain, others), Spain-603.

More DX information and antenna experiments later.

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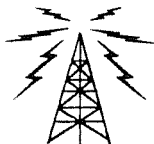
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Greetings from the coastal plains of NC It has been several years since I have submitted a Forum, much less an intro. I am a charter member of IRCA, 51 years old, father of four and grandfather of 6. XYL is Leonor L. Lasao, a Filipina, who does not see the point of any type of DXing (but is tolerant, having her own lunacies, hi.). Ham license is tech grade plus. I have been a MW BCB DXer since 1957; most of my listening was done from Indianapolis (totals, 1,454 logged). Also have DXed formally from Philippines, Okinawa, Bermuda, Oak Harbor, Wash., & Sco Tomi e Prmncipe (logs kept, IDs taped on cassette); and informally from Navy shipboard, Vietnam, and San Diego (no logs). I have not verified any stations since Indianapolis 1957-1966 (when I entered the Navy). Instead, I have a large, well-organized collection of cassette-tape IDs, starting with Bermuda in 1978. Have been employed since 1986 as a transmitter technician at the VOAs Greenville Relay Station (whence is radiated the 7405 kHz EE Africa service that you guys use for checking //s with VOA overseas MW freqs.), currently working rotating shift. DX den is centered on an R-390A/URR, a Drake SPR-4, an SM-2, and two, 75-ft horizontals. Also have DXed FM, TV and SWBC in past, but not currently. Other interests/hobbies include running, travel, studying electrical generation, transmission and distribution systems, & foreign languages. My present work-sked tends to preclude late-night DX sessions and I haven't done more than an occasional bandscan during the day. 73 de Charlie.

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Did anyone else spot the article in the 3/16 Wall Street Journal dealing with music labels putting together programs of their singers and paying stations to play them. It mentioned that about 25% of the radio stations in the country had been sold in the past two years. The article brought up the subject of payola in the radio industry back in the 50s and 60s plus later on, but said this would be different since it would be above board for people to know--almost akin to the infomercials which air so much on overnight television. Apparently, one problem for the producers would be that the stations are required to let listeners know when they have been paid to broadcast a song, and the question would be how to do it for an hour long show. Would it be all right for the mention to be at the beginning and ending of a show plus perhaps two or three times during the show or would it have to be said at the time of each song? Apparently, reaction is mixed on the

subject both on the side of the record producers and the side of the broadcast industry. It could be a way for some unknown singers to get air time. 73.



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[2/15] I finally got a little time to give a quick report on our beverage antenna expedition on Oct. 4. We were at Bonneville Point, a few miles SE of Boise. It is a great location due to being a null area for many of the nighttime patterns of the locals. It is also over 1000 higher than Boise and looks over the valley. It is also located on the Oregon Trail. We ran two unterminated 1000 wires, one to the NW and the other to the SW. I spent most of my time on the NW beverage and did mostly bandscanning. Did not do as much logging as I just wanted to check out conditions. We are planning another one this spring. Probably next month and up to June. If anyone is interested in attending let me know. Just heard KFXD has applied for KBKK. Too bad, they are the second oldest calls in use in the state. KFXD came on the air in Logan UT in 1925 and moved to Jerome ID in late 1926, moved to Nampa in 1930. Only KSEI in Pocatello has older calls, dating from early 1926. 73

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[2/18] It's been rather a long time letting the dust settle, but I thought I'd like to comment on the big Trans-Atlantic opening in late December. Although it's been described as "the best in 30 years", especially in Europe, I really feel that this opening, though interesting, didn't compare with the openings in the mid-70's and the early 80's for this location.

Essentially, it was the big Norwegian station on 1314 showing what it could do, and some of those things were pretty interesting, such as solid audio at 2205 UT on December 29, a couple of hours before local sunset, and possible appearances of a TA carrier on 1314 at local dawn during this period. I say "possible", as direction finding was quite difficult most mornings, though at 1459 UT on December 24, a bearing of 15 to 20 degrees was indicated. Strangely, evening receptions of 1314 tended to be at a 45 degree bearing, which is not quite the direction for Norway. But, although there were carriers on a number of other TA channels during this period, only one was strong enough to deliver any audio, 855 which was poor at best at 0134 UT December 29. Its bearing, like most of the carriers, was in the 40 to 50 degree range, which possibly indicates skewed paths rather than southern Europe. In the 1979-1980 openings, there were lots of channels with fair audio, so that's why I feel that this opening wasn't in the same league...or has sideband splatter really gotten that much worse over the years? For me, the depth of the opening was best indicated by hearing carriers, apparently from West Africa, on 765, which hasn't happened for a long time, and on 1349, which has never been noted here before. These were both just after sunset on 29 December local time. Unfortunately, the opening ended shortly afterward and didn't repeat itself at all 27 days later. We'll have to see if anything interesting occurs during the equinox, but don't hold your breath!

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[3/13]Greetings! Just a short note to say it's almost certain the IRCA will hold a convention this coming summer, without the frills. The Board of Directors is currently considering alternatives, including cities in Colorado, Oregon and Montana. I think we'll be able to announce the site and dates soon. 73, Larry



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