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ing and broadcasting, lists of stations by subject, construction pro-
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CPC DX tests summary

CPC Chairman (NRC)

Bill Hale - phantom2@eaze.net

Monday, December 14, 1998 - WJAS-1320, Pittsburg, PA 0105-0115 ELT.
(NRC)

Monday, December 14, 1998 - WPTT-1360, McKeesport, PA 0115-0125 ELT.
(NRC)

Monday, December 14, 1998 - WEGP-1390, Presque Isle, ME 2:00 am ELT.
(NRC)

Monday, December 14, 1998 - WFIW-1390, Fairfield, IL 2:00, 3:00, 4:00,
5:00, 6:00 am ELT. (NRC)

Monday, January 4, 1999 - WGAI-560, Elizabeth City, NC 12:00-12:30 am
ELT. (NRC)

Monday, January 4, 1999 - WJVA-1620, South Bend, IN 6:00-7:00 am ELT.
E-mail: WHLY@aol.com
WWW:<http://members.aol.com/mike1580> (NRC & IRCA)

Monday, January 4, 1999 - KXTA-1150, Los Angeles CA 0400-0800 am ELT.
(NRC)

(ELT = Eastern Listening Time, i.e. the local time in the Eastern time
zone). Please remember, what's listed as being on, say, Monday *may*
be what you think of as Sunday night!

DETAILS:

WJAS-1320 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania will broadcast 15-second long 1 kHz
tones, march music, Morse code IDs, and a little history of the station
from 0105-0115 Eastern Time on Monday, December 14, 1998. WJAS will be
utilizing their daytime facilities of 5000 watts non-directional.

Reports may be sent to:
Mr. Phil Lenz, Chief Engineer
WJAS-WPTT Radio
900 Parish Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15220
(Arranged by John Malicky for the NRC CPC.)

WPTT-1360 McKeesport, Pennsylvania will broadcast 15-second long 1 kHz
tones, march music, Morse code IDs, and station history from
0115-0125 on Monday December 14, 1998. They will be on their nighttime
facilities of 1000 watts, directed due north. But possibly for the
test will be on 5000 watts, non-directional for a short time.

Reports may be sent to:
Mr. Phil Lenz, Chief Engineer
WJAS-WPTT Radio
900 Parish Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15220
(Arranged by John Malicky for the NRC CPC.)

WEGB-1390 Presque Isle, Maine will broadcast a Morse Code ID, along with their regular on-the-hour ID at 0200 Eastern Time on December 14, 1998. WEGB will be utilizing their regular 5000 watt nighttime signal, a kidney-shaped pattern directed primarily to the north and southeast.

Reports may be sent to:

Mr. Wally Babbidge
WEGB-AM
3 State Street Place
Presque Isle, ME 04769-2323
(Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.)

WFIW-1390 Fairfield, Illinois will broadcast a Morse Code ID, along with their regular on-the-hour ID at 0200, 0300, 0400, 0500 and 0600 Eastern Time on December 14, 1998. WFIW will be utilizing their daytime authorization of 710 watts non-directional. Fairfield is about 20 miles east of Mount Vernon, IL.

Reports may be sent to:

Mr. Kirk Wallace
WFIW-AM
Box 310
Fairfield, IL 62837-0310
(Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.)

WGAI-560 Elizabeth City, NC will broadcast Morse Code IDs, various station jingles and "test" announcements from midnight to 0030 hours Eastern Time on Monday, January 4, 1999. WGAI will be utilizing their regular nighttime power of 500 watts and normal directional pattern (they are U3).

Reports may be sent to:

Mr. Bob Carter, PD/OM/Engineer
WGAI-AM
Box 179 Lovers Lane
Elizabeth City, NC 27909
(Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.)

WJVA-1620 South Bend, Indiana will broadcast Morse Code IDs during their regularly scheduled programming from 0600 to 0700 (correct) Eastern Time on Monday, January 4, 1999. At this time, they will be broadcasting on 'experimental' power of 10 kw non-directional. They have requested the new calls WHLY, and may be using them by then. They plan to switch calls with their 1580 facility.

Reports may be sent to:

Mr. Larry Humphrey, CE
WJVA-AM (or WHLY, as the case may be)
2010 South Michigan
South Bend, IN 46613
(Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.)

KXTA-1150 Los Angeles, California will broadcast Morse Code IDs at 13 wpm at the top of each hour from 0400 to 0800 hours Eastern Time on Monday, January 4, 1999. Because the KXTA studio feeds multiple transmitters, the code will also be heard on KAVL-610 Lancaster, KLYF-850 Thousand Oaks and KCKC-1350 San Bernardino, all California. They have an automation system that triggers their IDs on command from Los Angeles. All stations will air their separate, individual IDs at approximately :55 past the hour.

KXTA has a Web Site that shows some photos of the construction of their new 50 kw plant. Check it out at <http://www.hottips.com>

Reports may be sent to:

Mr. Mike Callaghan
KIIS Radio
3400 Riverside Dr., # 800

Burbank, CA 91505
(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

NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS
ALL MEMBERS SHOULD KEEP A COPY OF THIS NOTICE

All IRCA members are hereby advised that elections for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and all seven Directors of the Board for the period September 15, 1999 through September 14, 2001 are about to begin.

The following timetable and conditions will be followed:

Nominations for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and the seven Directors will open December 1, 1998 and close January 15, 1999. Each IRCA member can only nominate one person for President and one for Secretary-Treasurer; up to a maximum of seven may be nominated for Director. A member may nominate him/herself. Only members in good standing shall be eligible. This means the nominee must have held one year's continuous membership in the IRCA as of April 15, 1999. All nominations must be submitted in writing and be received by the Election Committee Chairman (ECC) by January 15, 1999. Faxes and e-mails which clearly identify the sender will be accepted.

As soon as possible after January 15, 1999, the ECC will send to the Secretary-Treasurer a list of all nominees; the Secretary-Treasurer will return the list to the ECC as soon as possible indicating which nominees have been members in good standing for the requisite one-year period.

The ECC will notify all eligible candidates concerning their nomination by February 1, 1999. All nominees must reply in writing (again, e-mail and faxes will be permitted) if they accept the nomination, except that those who may nominate him/herself will be presumed to be accepting the nomination. Each candidate, including self-nominees, may submit a campaign statement, not to exceed 20 DXM bulletin lines, to appear in a March issue of DXM. A campaign statement is not required of any candidate. If a member is nominated for more than one office, he/she may submit a campaign statement for each or any of the offices for which he/she intends to run. If nominated for more than one office, the candidate must decide for which office(s) they prefer to run and notify the ECC of all such office(s) the will run for. This decision by a candidate is final.

Notifications of acceptance and all campaign statements must be received by the ECC by February 20, 1999. The ECC will prepare the campaign statements in alphabetical order by candidate's last name, and the ballot categorically by office and in alphabetical order by candidate's last name and submit them to the Publisher by March 1, 1999.

All ballots must be received by the ECC no later than 0001, Mountain Local Time, May 1, 1999. Again, faxes and e-mails, clearly identifying the sender, will be accepted.

The above information is a summary of Article III of the IRCA Bylaws.

Please direct any questions to:

Reid Wheeler
Election Committee Chairman
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Publications Center
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Mannsville, NY 13661-0164

Pat Martin - Seaside OR - mwdxer@webtv.net

1630 KKWY WY, CHEYENNE on the air with Adults Standards format, CNN News on the hour and half hour. Hrd poorly way behind KCJJ at 0630 EST 11/19. Then by 0730, alone on the channel with CNN Nx, followed by local news. Called station and was told KKWY signed on Tues evening (11/17). Reports go to: KKWY, 110 E 17th Street #205, Cheyenne WY 82001. This is number #19 X bander. (PM-OR)

Western DX Roundup
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WDXR Deadlines: Fridays. Please use Eastern Time.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

1150 KKG T OR, Portland 10/31 1100 poor signal mixing with KEZX & KQQQ
with talk and legal ID "Great talk 1150... KKG T Portland,"
Ex- KKEY. (DS-BC)

- 530 TIS/HAR CA, Orinda Fire Dist.11/1 0600 TIS/HAR with
530-Martinez, CA and Altamont Pass, weak fading in & out,
with mention of Orinda, CA. Talked by phone to head man &
they verify. Address is Attn. Bob Williams, Morago/Orinda
Fire Dist., 33 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563. He stated
they just put station back on the air. (GJ-CA)
- 600 KROD TX, El Paso 11/1 0358 Sportsfan Radio Network with college
scores. Fading from strong to weak. (CR-CO)
- 620 KAAM TX, Plano 11/3 0245 Radio Disney. Very loud and then just
disappeared at 0300. ID as "KAAM Plano, Dallas, Ft.
Worth." (CR-CO)
- 640 CFOB ON, Fort Frances 10/30 2053 ID as "AM 64, CFOB," then into
60's music. Quite good, with very little KFI today.
(NP-AB)
- 650 CINT SK, Saskatoon 11/6 0148 sportstalk radio. News, sports and
talk. Many local ads. And many, many 650 NTR slogans.
(Or is it NPR?). (CR-CO)
- 670 KBOI ID, Boise ID and into Jim Bohannon rerun. (RD-AZ)
- 690 KHEY TX, El Paso very weak in XETRA null on 11/12 at 2300 and
11/13 at 0800. One-on-One sports program ended, and man
ID'd in each chamber as "690, KHEY, El Paso." New, thanks
to tip from Craig Rathbone. (LG-MT)
- 710 KFIA CA, Carmichael 11/11 2255 dominant on this loop bearing, ID
was "KFIA, Talk Sacramento." (LG-MT)
- 790 KABC CA, Los Angeles 11/7 0007 with weather & ID. (RD-AZ)
- 820 WBAP TX, Ft. Worth 11/7 0002 with ABC news. (RD-AZ)
- 870 WWL LA, New Orleans 11/6 with religious program hosted by David
J. Smith and ID at 0000 and CBS news. (RD-AZ)
- 880 KRVN NE, Lexington 11/6 playing country music. (RD-AZ)
- 940 (KFRE) CA, Fresno 11/9 0555 totally off, still off at 0900
recheck, back on at about 0915. (RW-CA)
- 960 KNND NM, Farmington 11/10 1958 good signal with Navajo music and
chanting. Also good in the morning. (CR-CO)
- CFAC AB, Calgary 11/11 0230 fair with C&W music and "CFAC
Country Favourites." (CR)
- 1030 WBZ MA, Boston 10/30 2206 Accu-weather, ID as "WBZ Newsradio
1030," into talk program. (NP-AB)
- 1050 KLOH MN, Pipestone 11/6 0825 very strong with ag report,
auctions and local sales. Many ads for IA, SD and MN.
Paul Harvey at 0830. (CR-CO)
- KNML NM, Albuquerque 11/6 0818 fair signal with One on One
sports and local ads. "Your home of the Denver Broncos"
and "1050 KNML, The Sports Animal." (CR-CO)
- 1090 KKYN TX, Plainview 11/13 2158 broadcasting high school football
scores at half time of the Bulldogs football game. Not
bad for 500 watts! Rarely heard here. (RD-AZ)
- 1110 KFAB NE, Omaha 11/6 2350 ID & ad for KFAB Game Day. (RD-AZ)
- 1130 KWKH LA, Shreveport 11/6 2346 with ID and a looong string of
ads, gave web address of www.KWKH1130.com at 2349 and into
sports talk. (RD-AZ)
- 1190 KVSU KS, Beloit 11/7 1855 "Scoreboard" show with phone-ins on
the Wildcat network. Local ID on hour. (NP-AB)
- KLEY KS, Wellington 11/3 2130 high school football between

Beloit and Hillsboro. They are always stronger than their 90 watts night power during football games. (CR-CO)

1195 KANN UT, Roy spur of 1120 strong and rather distorted at 0758 11/7 and 11/8. No sign of spur on 1045 this time. (LG-MT)

1250 KLLK CA, Willits 11/7 0008 "Alternative Radio for Mendocino County" in quite loud with KKDZ off (as it frequently is on Th & Fr nights) and KWSU nulled. These are my only three 1250 loggings so far from Tacoma. (PT-WA)

KBRF MN, Fergus Falls 11/8 1805 repeated ID's during program promos, then carpet store ad and into country music. (NP-AB)

1290 KOWB WY, Laramie 11/4 0257 good with local sports talk show and local ads. Ads for Denver Bronco football on KOWB. (CR-CO)

1300 CJME SK, Regina 11/5 0745 noted with newstalk format now, ID "Newstalk CJME... Regina's talk station." Ex-olddies. (DS-BC)

1320 KFAN UT, Salt Lake City 11/7 0753 with sports talk and ID with ad for Utah Grizzlies hockey. (RD-AZ)

1370 KAST OR, Astoria 11/4 in KXTL null with faint legal ID at 2259. (LG-MT)

KSOP UT, South Salt Lake 11/8 had C&W across the hour, then ID'd as "Country 104.3, KSOP" at 0801. (LG-MT)

KWNC WA, Quincy now back on the air with all news, AP net news on the hour. Apparently they are using their night power of 39 watts now, not heard in the past. 11/11 0400 ID as "KWNC 1370, news and sports." A station that was very rare here, mainly because of local KAST-1370, is a pest now. KAST is off at 0300 daily. (PM-OR)

1390 KLGW UT, Logan 11/8 0900 came up over KSLM with NOS music, could not make out any slogans. New! (FA-ID)

1400 KQMS CA, Redding weak but on top at 0800 11/5. Man said to stay tuned for ABC news on "Newstalk 1400, KQMS, Redding." New. (LG-MT)

KJDY OR, John Day 11/6 0900 in the hash with ID jingle. (LG-MT)

1430 KASI IA, Ames 11/8 1800 ID on the hour as "1430 KASI, Ames only choice," then into news. New catch here. (NP-AB)

1450 CHOR BC, Summerland 11/3 weak in the hash with ID as "We're CHOR 1450" at 0800. New. (LG-MT)

1460 KKCS CO, Colorado Springs dominant at 0800 11/6 in KMWX null. Man said "This is KKCS-AM, the home of ... talk radio." Rare. (LG-MT)

1490 CJPR AB, Blairmore 11/5 1000 very strong with C&W and ID "Serving Elkford and Longbrick (?), we are CJPR/CJEV, Crownsnest Pass." NRC Log shows these two are // in 1340 listing but not 1490. (LG-MT)

1520 KEYT CA, Santa Barbara 11/7 0755 with many breaks saying slogan "The news station," into ID "KEYT Santa Barbara" and into news. (RD-AZ)

KSIB IA, Creston 11/6 1759 popped through KOLM with an ID as "KSIB, AM and FM..." New one here. (NP-AB)

KOLM MN, Rochester 11/6 1800 dominating the frequency with oldies music and frequent "1520 KOLM" ID's. (NP-AB)

KMAV ND, Mayville 11/6 1755 man gave closing announcement "KMAV ends its broadcast day..." mentioned 2500 watts of power and invited listeners to tune to 105.5 FM. (NP-AB)

1550 KIWA IA, Sheldon 11/7 1743 country music, promo for an internet course sponsored by KIWA. New one for me. (NP-AB)

KCCF WA, Ferndale 11/5 2000 new calls noted here. ID's as "Heritage 1550 KCCF...Classics of the Christian Faith." Ex-KNTR. (DS-BC)

+Strong at 1000 11/11 with ID, "Refreshing to the spirit, renewing to our faith, this is Heritage 1550 KCCF... Ferndale-Vancouver-Bellingham." Slight QRM from KMRI. Ex-KNTR. (LG-MT)

1560 WQEW NY, New York 10/30 2158 on top of the frequency with ID "The home of American popular standards, 1560, WQEW." (NP-AB)

- 1580 KDZZ NM, Albuquerque 11/2 0201 has been very strong at night with Radio Disney. Very quick ID's at the top of the hour. (CR-CO)
- 1590 KELP TX, El Paso 11/1 0200 fair to strong with several ID's during the hour with the slogans "Great songs on 1590 KELP" and "Today's Christian Music." (CR-CO)
- 1600 KGST CA, Fresno strong on auroral AM 11/8 at 0857 in Spanish with "La Mexicana" jingle. Rare. (LG-MT)
- KLGA IA, Algona 11/7 1744 promo for a feature broadcast "... right here on KLGA," out of a pile on the frequency. (NP-AB)
- 1620 WPHG AL, Atmore 11/6 1940 coming in over KYIZ with appeal for donations. (NP-AB)
- (KSMH) CA, Auburn not on air 11/1 as listed in local paper last month. (GJ-CA)
- TIS/HAR CA, Orange County 11/8 0600 Freeway 55 TIS/HAR in with good signal, with work being done on freeway. Good signal through KYIZ. (GJ-CA)
- WJVA IN, South Bend 11/7 2321 weak to fair with Music of Your Life, NOS or Big Band music. First new IN in many years. (CR-CO)
- 1660 WQSN MI, Kalamazoo 10/30 2031 sports talk program, local ID during break mentioned AM 1470 and "the big new signal of the sports station AM 1660 WQSN." Quite strong, but under very strong KXOL. (NP-AB)
- 1680 WBHD MI, Ada 11/5 0620 in weakly with music. (GJ-CA) (Has changed call letters to KJNZ. You heard WBHD?-NJ)
- 1700 TIS/HAR CA, Los Angeles TIS/HAR still testing 11/5/98 0700. Located near LA Int'l Airport, very strong here. (GJ-CA)

DX TESTS

- 1140 (KHTK) CA, Sacramento 11/9 0600 checked for code ID's at top of the hour, but heard only usual ID during break in sports programming, no code ID. Signal didn't seem any stronger than usual (actually, KSFN-1140 Las Vegas was tearing their signal up due to auroral conditions!). (RW-CA)
- +11/9 0300-0800 had KGEM nulled to the point that I could hear a good portion of what KHTK was playing, but never heard anything relating to a test. Heard their "Radio in your face" slogan a few times. (FA-ID)
- 1300 (KLER) ID, Orofino 11/2 0300-0315 no sign of this DX test; KKOL was simply too overpowering at the time. (DS-BC)
- 1400 KLCK WA, Goldendale fair in jumble with Morse code. Very poor eastern conditions here after atmospheric storm this weekend. Noted at 0300 11/9 with call letter ID (voice) and Morse code many times. (PM-OR)
- (KLCK) +11/9 0330-0400 tried, not heard in jumble loop NE, PM-OR says they were on because he heard them. Heavy auroral conditions this morning basically wiped out northern reception, perhaps that's why they didn't make it. (RW-CA)
- +11/9 0300-0400 heard nothing in the mess that sounded like a test, frequency was pretty well buried with QRM. (FA-ID)

UNIDS

- 960 11/9 older C&W music, ABC news at 0200 and then "The ??? Valley forecast" with lows in the 30's and highs in the 60's with a chance of showers and T'storms. ID sounded like "KGJM, Classic Country." I have heard them for several nights and there are no ads or really any breaks in the music for the entire hour. (CR-CO)
- 1370 11/11 2300 station mentioned the Premier Radio Network and gave call that seemed to end on AC. Strong QRM from KXTL. (LG-MT)
- 1620 11/7 0750-0800 station mixing with KYIZ. Seemed to have a talk or news format. On the hour, there were 8 or 9 pips, but these

could have come from KYIZ. Maybe WJVA or a foreign station.
(LG-MT)

Have you entered the IRCA contest yet? Time is running out, you must enter by January 1st!
IRCA "Call Letter Scrabble" DX Contest Standings as of November 15, 1998

1. Dan Sys	732
2. Pete Taylor	661
3. John Tudenham	529
4. Greg Hall	299
5. Craig Rathbone	219
6. Lynn Hollerman	135
7. Mike Sanburn	119
8. John C. Johnson	52
9. Dale Park	15

We've almost doubled the number of contestants! Keep in mind you have until January 1, 1999 to enter. Please check the rules carefully, some of you are assigning the wrong point values to letters such as X. Also, the Canadian calls that include a number, drop the number we are only working with call "letters" during this contest. 73-Nancy

Central DX Roundup

Editor: John C. Johnson

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Deadline: Fridays. Please report all times as Eastern. Keep tips to less than a month old.

RIDING GAIN

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[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, DSP-599zx Audio Noise
Reduction Filter. And sometimes my 1972 DX machine, Panasonic
RF-1150.

DOWN THE DIAL

980 WBZK SC, York. 11-10 poor to fair, no WONE, WCUB. 1919 with
satellite oldies and "9-80 AM WBZK" slogan. 167W! Thanks
to local DX'er Jim Albrecht for the tip! [JJR-WI]
990 WCAZ IL, Carthage. 11-8 fair, alone. 0754 with "Your information
station, WCAZ Cartage, Illinois" out of spots. Not common
despite closeness. [JJR-WI]
WEIS AL, Centre. 11-8 poor, alone on frequency. 0537 with "WEIS"
jingle between two country songs. NEW! [JJR-WI]
1340 KTIK ID, Nampa. 11-13. 1959 with sports talk, 2000 ID into spots
but faded out. [NJ-MT]
KQIL CO, Grand Junction. 11-11. 2044 call letters heard then
faded into mess. [NJ-MT]
1620 WJVA IN, South Bend. 11-6 fair. 0222 with NOS and "Radio
Hollywood" slogans. ||WHLY 1580. New. [JJR-WI]
+11-8 weak signal mixing with news on WPHG. 1902-1910
"...here on Radio Hollywood" by female announcer into
music, another "Radio Hollywood" by male announcer into
more oldies music. Lost to dominant WPHG at 1910.
Surprised to hear this one as WPHG is so strong here!
[LH-LA]

25 YEARS AGO

November 24, 1973 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Bob Foxworth of New York, NY logged ZDK through and sometimes over WWWE ... Fred Prechtl of Cincinnati, OH commenting on the energy crisis thought it would help (the crisis and DX) if full time stations were required to shut down during the night ... Bill Estes of Jackson, MS said he was 14 and had been DX'ing for nine months on a Hallicrafters S-53A hearing 359 stations.

OPEN MIKE

Even a small star shines in the darkness. I wonder how many 14 year olds today have logged 359 stations? We hope you had a nice Thanksgiving. Christmas isn't too far away now. 73, John.

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STARS OF THE WEEK
(LF-FL) your editor Drake R-8A / HQ180A, Potomac FIM-41
KIWA Loop, 75' l.w. N/S

LOGGINGS
1240 WDFL FL Cross City 11/18 0720 In poor with C&W mx, and ID for "WDFL".. New for me. This station is only about 30 miles away but have a very poor signal.. They barely get out of town !! Moral of the story: Keep trying for those locals !! They do help add to your totals, hi..... (LF-FL)

UN-IDEN:
720 ?WRZN? FL Hernando 11/15 2030-2115 NOS/STN satellite format, runniny dry. IE: No ID's, liners, or local commercials. Based on the EXCELLENT signal strength, HAD to be RZN left on full 10kw instead of 250w which I cannot hear at night.Station has been "struggling" lately. Did anyone else hear this ? (LF-FL)

SPECIAL
2940 KVLH OK Paul's Valley 11/15 2135-2155 2nd Harmonic (2x1470) in weak with C&W mx, local spots, and 97.7 mentions. Thanks to a tip from Bill Harmes. He sent me an e-mail a couple of weeks ago, which I misplaced. Sorry Bill. You might want to try for this harmonic. If Bill heard it in MD and I heard it in FL, this signal is getting out well.(LF-FL)

Really a short one this week. Nice to see the e-mail group up and running. Should be a benifit to us all, but lets not forget those who don't have computers. Thats what the Round Up columns and all the rest are for. Don't forget to support your Editors !!!! Thats a wrap, see you all next week...73's and all the best... fresh

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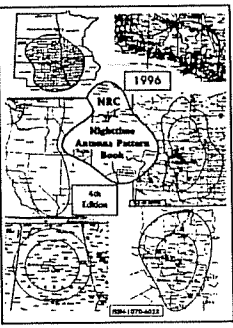
Geomagnetic Summary November 9 1998 through November 18 1998

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

Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
11/ 9	162	38	2	low	quiet-mas	mis 0600
10	154	4	0	moderate	quiet-unsettled	-
11	147	0	0	moderate	quiet	-
12	142	1	5	moderate	quiet-mis	-
13	135	44	4	low	active-mis	mis 1500, spe
14	127	26	2	low	quiet-mis	mis end 2100
						spe
15	126	8	3	low	quiet-unsettled	spe
16	125	9	2	low	quiet-unsettled	-
17	121	4	1	very low	quiet	-
11/18	115	7	1	low	quiet-unsettled	-

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