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CPC Chairperson (IRCA) - Lynn Hollerman - lynnholllerman@netzero.net

3/25/01 Sun - 0000-0400 - WMIB - 1660 - Marco Island FL (NRC)

Sunday, March 25, 2001 - WMIB-1660, Marco Island, FL will conduct a
DX test from 12:00-4:00 am EST. The test will consist of rock 'n'
roll, old jingles, and "general silliness". The Ops Manager at WMIB
says that while he doesn't have the ability to do code IDs, he will
try to run a 1 kHz tone at the top of each hour.

Reception reports (with return postage) may be sent to:

Phil Beckman
Ops Manager
WMIB-AM
601 Elkam Cir #5
Marco Island, FL 34145
Mail: philbeckman@gulfaccess.net
(Arranged by Phil Beckman for the NRC.)

Results from the 1080 off-test appear later in this issue.

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!

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

CONVENTION/MEETING NOTICES

The IRCA/DecalcoMania convention will be held on August 24-26 2001
at the Best Western Airport Inn, 10232 Natural Bridge Rd, St Louis
MO 63134. DecalcoMania member Mike Sanburn (PO Box 1256, Bellflower
CA) is your host (mikesanburn@hotmail.com). For reservations 1-800-
872-0070 or (314) 427-5955. Rates are \$73/night (up to 4
people/room). Registration is \$35/person. Contact Mike for more
information.

The WTFDA Convention will be held on July 27-29 2001 at the Super 8 Lodge, 2773 Elder St, Boise ID 83705. Host is Frank Aden (4096 Marcia Pl, Boise ID 82704 - N7SOK@aol.com). For reservations (208) 344-8871 (mention Frank Aden). Rates are \$62.10 (for a double). Registration is \$20.

2001 NRC Convention will be in Pittsburgh PA over Labor Day weekend.

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS - ELECTRONIC BALLOTING FOR SDXM SUBSCRIBERS

Notice is hereby given that balloting may begin for IRCA officers for the 2001-2003 period and the TVA and RHA awards for 2000-2001.

The balloting shall be done by e-mail for all IRCA members who subscribe to the Soft DX Monitor and may be by e-mail for those who subscribe to both the hard-copy DX Monitor and the Soft DX Monitor. Members subscribing to the hard-copy DX Monitor or to both will receive paper ballots in an upcoming issue of DX Monitor. E-mail ballots must contain your name for eligibility verification by the Secretary-Treasurer.

All ballots, paper or e-mail, must be received by the Election Committee Chairman (reid@olywa.net) no later than 0001 hours, Mountain Local Time, May 1, 2001.

Procedure: Send e-mail to reid@olywa.net and the words "2001 Ballot" on the subject line. The body of the e-mail must contain your name. Include the names of the person for whom you are voting for President, Secretary/Treasurer, a maximum of seven Board of Director members, the TVA and the RHA.

President - The following member(s) have been nominated and have accepted the nomination for IRCA President (in alphabetical order):

Lee Freshwater

Secretary/Treasurer - The following member(s) have been nominated and have accepted the nomination for IRCA Secretary/Treasurer (in alphabetical order):

Lynn Hollerman

Board of Directors - The following members have been nominated and have accepted the nomination for IRCA Board of Directors (in alphabetical order):

Ray Bauernhuber, Phil Bytheway, Nick Hall-Patch, Tom Jasinski, John C Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Patrick Martin, Kevin Redding, Mike Sanburn, Mike Stonebridge, Charles A Taylor, Pete Taylor, Robert Wien

Ted Vasilopoulos Award

Ted Vasilopoulos was a founding charter member of IRCA who died in 1965. This award in his honor is presented to the IRCA member who has contributed the most to IRCA and the DX hobby during the past year. The winner receives an engraved plaque and a year's free membership in IRCA. The following have been nominated for the Ted Vasilopoulos Award:

Nancy Johnson - For her continuous editorship of Western DX Roundup for over 25 years, her dedication to the hobby having DXed for 31 years and for co-hosting the 2000 Convention.

Ralph Sanserino - For his work as Secretary/Treasurer and other capabilities in IRCA over the years.

Reid Wheeler - For serving competently and efficiently as Election Chairman for six years and faithfully as Western DX Forum editor for six years.

Robert Wien - For his work on the Broadcasting Information column.

There is also a write-in space to vote for any IRCA member, except for the following persons who have won the TVA in the last five years and are ineligible this year: Lee Freshwater, Mike Sanburn, John C Johnson, Pat Martin and Phil Bytheway.

Ric Heald Award

The Ric Heald Award (RHA) was created in 1995 to recognize the IRCA member who most benefited the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year. The winner of the award will receive a printed certificate. Should the same member win both the TVA and the Ric Heald Award, he/she will be presented with the TVA, and the runner-up for the Ric Heald Award will receive the RHA. The following IRCA members have been nominated for the RHA:

Eric Bueneman - For his efforts as IRCA Publisher..

Lynn Hollerman - For working hard on the CPC Committee.

John Johnson - For his dedication as Editor of Central DX Roundup and co-hosting the 2000 IRCA Convention.

There is also a write-in space to vote for any IRCA member, except for the following persons who have won the RHA in the last five years and are ineligible this year: Nancy Johnson, Phil Bytheway, Ralph Sanserino, JD Stephens and Lee Freshwater.

2000-2001 IRCA Campaign Statements (by office and alphabetically within office)

President

Lee Freshwater - Ocala FL

I am again honored to accept the nomination to again serve the IRCA. I am also pleased to see the amount of nominations and the fine slate of candidates that we have. This is what makes our club work. I want to urge each and every one of you to get involved in the process of running the IRCA. Don't let "the other guy" do it. You can start by casting your vote for the candidates of your choice. Then you can "support" them by getting involved and helping out when ever possible. I also want to thank the current BOD for all their help during my term as President. I could not have asked for a better group to work with. There are great days and many challenges ahead for us all. Lets all get involved. 73's and my best to everyone.

Secretary/Treasurer

Lynn Hollerman - Lafayette LA

I am honored to have been nominated for the secretary/treasurer and am pleased to accept the nomination. As IRCA computer/BBS representative, I have created and maintain the IRCA web site (since 1996) at no cost to IRCA. The web site contains links to many other

DX clubs currently on the Web. I am the moderator of [IRCA], a mailing list for IRCA members, where DX tips, club comments, and other information are all exchanged. Also, I put out the DX tests Summary on a weekly basis during DX season, listing upcoming DX tests, and, as often as the schedule affords, a summary of the results that have been sent to me of the latest DX tests. Currently, I am working as IRCA CPC co-chairman with Kevin Redding - I have been on the CPC since 1991 and have arranged many DX tests over the years. I feel that IRCA has been presented with challenges for this century, among them how it will deal with the growth of the Net and how IRCA's Net presence fits with its identity as a club of radio enthusiasts. I will work to find a "happy medium" between those on-line and those not on the Net, and will work towards growing the club. With your support, I will be able to serve the needs of IRCA, and look forward to doing so for you.

Board of Directors

Ray Bauernhuber - Whitestone NY

Dear IRCA members: as a long time member of the IRCA and past editor of EDXR it's always been a pleasure to be a participating member of the club. By accepting the nomination for Board of Directors I genuinely accept the challenge of putting back into the club some of what I've received from it. I'll always act and vote in the members best interest. Thank you & 73's.

Phil Bytheway - Seattle WA

I have been involved with the IRCA since I helped host the 1974 convention. I am currently Editor-in-Chief and Bookstore manager. As a person that contributes my time and energy to the continuation of the club, I feel it is important to be part of the decision making process, and thus I am running for the Board of Directors this time. Thanks to all IRCA members that contribute to the success of the club.

4 Nick Hall-Patch - Victoria BC Canada

The major problem facing IRCA is once again, the lack of a publisher for DX Monitor, and as there are still many hard copy only subscribers, it may not yet be the time to convert the club to a "soft only" format. Perhaps we could survey the hard copy subscribers and find out how many are using or are likely to use the Internet in the near future, and what their opinions are about IRCA moving to a "soft" bulletin only. Without a new publisher, it may be our only option. Although I had suggested that we could improve the appearance of DX Monitor using fairly simple techniques (for both hard and soft copies, assuming that we can continue with the hard copy), that does not seem to be a pressing issue for other members. Certainly, the bulletin has had plenty of content over the past few years, and that is what is important. Instead, I'll let that suggestion lie and simply ask you to vote for those who you perceive can offer creative suggestions for the future of IRCA.

Tom Jasinski - Shorewood IL

I accept the nomination for the Board of Directors for the IRCA. I am 53 years old and have been married to my wife Cindy for 27 years. We have three children, Sara age 24, Erin age 22 and Steve age 14. I live in my own home in Shorewood, Ill., a small community on the

west side of Joliet. I started DX'ing the BCB in the early 60's and have been a member of the IRCA continuously since joining the club in 1964. I am also a member of the NRC for the past 15 years. Over the years I managed to attend several club conventions and several midwest area get-to gethers where I have met many members and other DX'ers. I presently work as a Predictive Maintenance Specialist at one of the midwest's largest electric power generating plants near Morris, Illinois. I have worked there for 21 years. If elected to the BOD I will put considerable effort to find ways to increase the membership in the IRCA. We need new, young members to help sustain this club. I look forward to receiving your vote.

John C Johnson - Billings MT

It is an honor to be nominated to serve on the IRCA Board of Directors. If I am elected, I promise to give thought to both sides of any issues brought before the Board. I would like to be part of the new Board to help make important decisions considering the many changes coming to the IRCA this year. I'd appreciate your vote.

Nancy Johnson - Billings MT

It is an honor to be nominated for the IRCA Board of Directors. I've enjoyed serving IRCA for the past four years as a Board member. If elected I will strive to again represent the general membership. My mailbox will always be open for comments from all members.

Patrick Martin - Seaside OR

It is an honor to run for another term on the IRCA Board of Directors. Thank you. I have been pleased to serve on the Board in the past and to help serve the IRCA and its members. For the newer members who do not know me, I have been a Dxer since 1962 and an avid QSLer since 1965. I first joined IRCA in 1968 and have been the editor of DX Worldwide West since 1980. I will be very happy to have your vote for the IRCA Board of Directors.

Kevin Redding - Mesa AZ

My name is Kevin Redding. IRCA has long been an innovator and trendsetter. I have expressed ideas that are now the IRCA mail list and work with Lynn Hollerman on our CPC to find stations to do DX tests. Also, I was top DX reporter in 1999. IRCA must always strive to keep all members happy by giving them their preference of paper DXM which they love or the SDXM for those who use the Internet. We owe the long time members a debt of gratitude for their efforts. IRCA must continue to use the Internet in a increased capacity in the hope of attracting younger members; young people are computer users, and to make the club young and vibrant, we must go where they are to attract them to DXing and balance this transitional period with providing the long time members with the DXM format they have been comfortable with for 38 years. I have several ideas that I believe will attract younger people to the DXing hobby that revolve around the Internet and as a member of the BOD, I can bring these ideas to the table. We as a club must lead in innovation yet serve the long time members to ensure our future. I ask for your vote to so I may work for you to bring IRCA growing and into the future. Thank you for nominating me and reading this.

Mike Stonebridge - St. Isidore, Alberta Canada

I must thank whoever nominated me for this position. I had no idea at all that someone was even under consideration. Accordingly, I accept this privilege and their respect. I have been DX'ing for more years than care to remember, first starting when I was a kid living in the southern UK. After spending almost 30 years working as an supervising operator in the Oil & Gas I took early retirement 4 years ago, and I have no desire whatever to return. I first joined the IRCA not long after arriving here in Canada back in '75, and have been a member of either the IRCA or the NRC ever since. Having attended 5 of the past 8 IRCA conventions I have got meet a lot of you and understand some of the concerns the membership has. And I hope I will be able to help address some of those concerns. My mailbox is always open and I'm receptive to all and any suggestions you might have. Thanks for your support

Charles A Taylor - Grifton NC

Fellow IRCAers, I've been nominated to the IRCA BOD. Being a charter member of IRCA, a current MW/AM Dxr, and in Broadcasting, I am aware of the current affairs of our club, the Hobby, and the industry that makes it possible. Therefore, I have the knowledge to do the job; and, if you offer me your vote I shall serve the BOD to the best of my ability. Thank you.

Robert Wien - San Jose CA

I hope to sere you as well as I hope I have the prior terms I have served on the Board of Directors. Thank you.

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

Editor: Robert Wien - 1309 Dentwood Dr - San Jose CA 95118
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FORMAT CHANGES:

CA Redding	KNRO-1670	was KAZT, new, is ESPN sports
CA Redding	KAZT- 600	was KNRO, ESPN sports, rptd. silent (sports format moves to 1670)
FL Jacksonville	WBWL- 600	was sports, adds ESPN sports
GA Vienna	WKTF-1550	was country, now WW1 oldies
IL Chicago	WYPA- 820	was religion, to be 1 on 1 sports
KS Fairway	KCNW-1380	was religion, now regional Mexican
MD Brunswick	WTRI-1520	was silent, now Korean (some of WTRI's pgming sim. w/WKDV & WPWC)
NY Schenectady	WVKZ-1240	was stds//WUAM, now Jones classic C&W
NC Canton	WBCG-970	was WWIT, ABC oldies, now ABC country
OK Lawton	KKRX-1050	was ABC black gospel, now ABC R&B oldies
TX Huntsville	KHVL-1490	was KSAM, classic C&W, now WW1 oldies
VA Charlottesville	WCHV-1260	was urban AC, now Fox sports
VA Dumfris	WPWC-1480	was silent, now Korean
VA Manassas	WKDV-1460	was ethnic, classic C&W, now Korean
WV Moundsville	WVLY-1370	was WMJT, talk, now ESPN sports
AL Thomasville	WJDB- 630	was WW1 rhythmic oldies, now Jones rhythmic oldies
AZ Black Canyon	KUET- 710	was reg. Mexican//KLNZ, rptd. silent
AZ Tolleson	KMYL-1190	was AS, adds oldies (pop oldies of 50's/60's/70's 6 AM-9 PM, Jones AS

		overnight)
CA Bakersfield	KZPM-1100	was oldies//KKDJ, now CHR//KIIIS-FM
CO Denver	KKYD-1340	was silent, now nx/classical//KFCR
MD Towson	WNST-1570	was sports, adds The Greaseman
MI Escanaba	WDBC- 680	was oldies, talk, now Jones stds, talk
MI Kentwood	WKWM-1140	was WW1 rhythmic oldies, now ABC R&B oldies
MI Muskegon	WKBZ-1520	was silent, now Radio Disney
MO Macon	KLTI-1560	WW1 rhythmic oldies now ABC R&B oldies
NY Dunkirk	WDOE-1410	was oldies, now AS
NY Lake Placid	WIRD- 920	was sports, talk, now ESPN sports
NY Ticonderoga	WIPS-1250	was adult alternative//WLPW, now Jones Hot AC
NC Bishopsville	WAGS-1380	was s. gospel, now cont. Xtian
TN Clarksville	WDXN- 540	was WW1 rhythmic oldies, now talk
TN Lenoir City	WLIL- 730	was country//WZKX-FM, now country
VA Arlington	WZHF-1390	was Chinese, adds The Greaseman (interesting combo-ye ed.)

NEW STATION APPLICATION:

NY Kingston : -1200 2000/400 DA-2

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

AR Mountain Home	KTLO-1240	dec. to 830/830 ND
CA Hollister	KMPG-1520	adds 3500-N, DA-2
CT Vernon	WCTF-1170	inc. to 2500-D, DA-D
FL Homestead	WOIR-1430	dec. to 47-N, DA-N
FL Orlando	WRMQ-1140	inc. to 5000-D, ND-D
KY Ashland	WCMT-1340	dec. to 700/700 ND
WA Seattle	KSRB-1150	inc. to 6000-N, DA-N

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

CA Pittsburg	KATD- 990	inc. to 10000-D
KS Liberal	KSCB-1270	mod CP inc. to 5000-D, ND
NY East Syracuse	WSIV-1540	inc. to 2500-D, add 400-N, DA-N
NC Gastonia	WLTC-1370	inc. to 12000/30 ND
UT Saint George	KTSP-1450	inc. to 10000/500 ND

FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS:

TX Dallas	KGGR-1040	inc. to 3300-D
AK Kenai	KZXX- 980	inc. to 5000/900
CO Denver	KRKS- 990	inc. to 6500/390

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

CA Ontario	KIKA-1510	becomes KMXM "Mix 1510"
CA Redding	KNRO- 600	becomes KAZT
CA Redding	KAZT-1670	becomes KNRO
FL Kendall	WRBP-1120	becomes WRHB (CP)
IL Highland	WINU- 880	becomes WCBW
IL Highland	WCBW-1510	becomes WINU
MA Boston	WNRB-1510	becomes WSZE
PA West Hazleton	WILP-1300	becomes WOGY
PR Lajas	WAVB-1510	becomes WTCV
TX Huntsville	KSAM-1490	becomes KHVL
WA Blaine	KBLO-1600	becomes KVRI (CP)
WV Moundsville	WMJT-1370	becomes WVLY

KY Fort Campbell WABD-1370 becomes WJMR "Jammin' 1370"

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

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Rich Toebe of Davis, CA. passes along the following:

600 KNRO CA Redding has been silent since 2/22.

1470 KIID CA Sacramento 2/26 No format change yet, but KRAK calls are gone and you know this means Disney's coming... during break from Imus just before 7:30 am, announcer used "Gold Country 1470 KIID" slogan. Top of hour ID this afternoon mentioned "New Country 105.1 KNCI and 1470 KIID". (confirmed by ye ed MM 2/19/01, Curtis McMenamin of Vacaville, CA. Reports they are still C&W as of Sunday 2/25/01 also per call with him-ye ed.)

There's a blurb on page A-2 of Saturday's Bee under the headline "Sacramento Loses Radio Host Imus";

"Sacramento area fans of "Imus in the Morning" woke up Friday to hear the pop sounds of Radio Disney on 1470 AM rather than hear the caustic banter of talk-show host Don Imus. At midnight, ABC Inc., which owns Radio Disney, took over the frequency formerly occupied by long time country-music station KRAK. Meanwhile, Westwood One Radio Networks will be looking for another Sacramento station to pick up the Imus show. "We're working on Los Angeles now (where Imus has been off the air for a few moths), and as soon as we get that done, we will turn our attention to Sacramento," said Dennis Green, a vice president for Westwood One in New York City. "There aren't enough stations that fit the format to do this kind of show. I'm sure it will be a longer process than people would like."

Dennis Gibson of Santa Barbara, CA. passes along the following:

Re: KSSC-850 call change:

They must have a record (close to 990 Santa Barbara) for how many times they've changed call letters. I'm guessing the new (as of today they're still using KACD) ones might stand for "claSSCom"; they are simulcasting the online worldclassrock.com station, which was formerly on 103.1 in LA (city of license is Santa Monica) and Orange County (city of license is Newport Beach).

From Inside Radio:

Clear Channel counters in Bakersfield with simulcast of its KIIS-FM, Los Angeles.

As of 3pm PT yesterday Clear Channel began simulcasting its KIIS-FM on KZPM-AM, Bakersfield. KZPM-AM was most recently simulcasting oldies KKDJ-FM. A judge granted American General Media a restraining order against Clear Channel last week so Clear Channel could not use the "Kiss" slogan on its KKKX-FM, Bakersfield. American General Media has been using the "Kiss" slogan on KISV-FM since 1997. As of Monday Clear Channel was trying to get a clarification on the restraining order to see if it would be able to use the KIIS calls in Bakersfield.

I noticed this as I was driving to Santa Maria this morning.

Ye editor passes along the following:

From Redding, CA. Enterprise Record online newspaper (2/7 edition) KNRO turns its own dial, moves from 600 to 1670

Next week, pitchers and catchers report to spring training.

Oh, happy day! That should shove the XFL back into the darkest corners of the sports section, where it belongs. A couple weeks later, San Francisco Giants and Oakland A's spring training games

will be broadcasted. That means it's time to go shopping for a new transistor radio. That's because my old model doesn't reach down to 1670, where Giants affiliate KNRO has relocated from its familiar 600 spot. The station moved recently to find a less-congested home on AM radio's expanded band. Some years back, according to Jim Bremer, Regent Broadcasting's chief engineer, the Federal Communications Commission opened the expanded band to relieve crowding on the AM dial. KNRO jumped at the opportunity for an improved signal, which translates into a bigger audience. Bremer said the old AM-600 location, which has been simulcasting with 1670, will shut down this week and KNRO-1670 or "ESPN Radio-1670" as it's called on the air, will be the sole home to the Giants, 49ers and Lakers broadcasts. But it's only the Giants that matter as March approaches, so it's time to locate a good \$10 transistor. And I might just send KNRO-1670 or Regent Broadcasting the bill.

Dennis Gibson of Santa Barbara, CA. passes along the following:

I think M Street is a little confused. 1100 (KZPM Bakersfield-ye ed) was on last Friday, the last time I was close enough (in Santa Maria) to hear them. It makes no sense for them to have been on the short amount of time they have, and then turn it off for 3 months. Also, as far as I know, 970 was never off.

Art Blair of Folsom, CA. passes along the following:

*Colorado Public Radio (CPR) will be moving all of the talk shows currently heard on their FM outlet KCFR 90.1 FM to its newly acquired AM station, KKYD 1340 AM (New calls KCFR AM pending), and will simulcast that schedule on KUNC 91.5 FM Ft. Collins pending sale of that station.

Minor league baseball broadcasters:

MODESTO A's KESP-970 Modesto, CA with Adam Fox and Steve McElroy
COLORADO SPRINGS Sky Sox KRDO-1240 Colorado Springs, CO "The Jock" with Dan Karcher and Dick Chase

The Visalia Oaks can be heard this coming baseball season on 1450-KTIP. The Lancaster Jethawks can be heard this coming baseball season on 1470-KUTY. Both teams are in the AA California League.

Russ Edmunds *** of Blue Bell, PA. passes along the following:

From nyradioguide.com:

Nearly two years after it introduced its weekday Popular Standards format, Sunny 1430 (WNSW, 1430 AM) has retired the sounds of Sinatra, Ella, and Streisand and will feature Chinese-language programming weekdays from 5 AM to 7 PM. The change was to be effective 3/1/01.

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. sends along the following:

1660 KAXW CA, Merced, test //1580 with Ranchera mx. No IDs, but dif. South at 2330 EST 3/2. Looks like another X Bander to pop on. I am sure KKOL isn't going to like this!

Dennis Gibson of Santa Barbara, CA. adds the following to above:

I tried 1660 several minutes after your message arrived; nothing on the frequency but KKOL. They are not diplexing off 1580 (which I can't hear); they will be using a tower taller than a half wavelength. If they have a decent ground, they should get out very well.

KAXW - 1660 : application data for daytime operation
MERCED , CA Coordinates: N371641 W1203735 View location.
Class: OB | Nominal power: 10.00 kw | RMS: 0441.40 | Antenna: ND1
Tower #1: Electrical height: 214.5 degrees Tower is top loaded (0).
Tower #2: Electrical height: 000.0 degrees Tower is top loaded (0).

Tower #3: Electrical height: 000.0 degrees Tower is top loaded (0).
File # BMP981224AA This station operates on an unlimited schedule.
EXPANDED BAND APPLICATION FOR KTFN, 1580, MERCED, CA
KAXW - 1660 : application data for nighttime operation
MERCED , CA Coordinates: N371641 W1203735 View location.
Class: 0B | Nominal power: 01.00 kw | RMS: 0441.40 | Antenna: ND1
Tower #1: Electrical height: 214.5 degrees Tower is top loaded (0).
Tower #2: Electrical height: 000.0 degrees Tower is top loaded (0).
Tower #3: Electrical height: 000.0 degrees Tower is top loaded (0).
File # BMP981224AA This station operates on an unlimited schedule.
EXPANDED BAND APPLICATION FOR KTFN, 1580, MERCED, CA
KAXW - 1660 : construction permit data for daytime operation
MERCED , CA Coordinates: N371641 W1203735 View location.
Class: 0B | Nominal power: 10.00 kw | RMS: 0432.90 | Antenna: ND1
Tower #1: Electrical height: 214.5 degrees Tower is top loaded (0).
Tower #2: Electrical height: 000.0 degrees Tower is top loaded (0).
Tower #3: Electrical height: 000.0 degrees Tower is top loaded (0).
File # BP970616AY This station operates on an unlimited schedule.
EXPANDED BAND APPLICATION FOR KTFN
KAXW - 1660 : construction permit data for nighttime operation
MERCED , CA Coordinates: N371641 W1203735 View location.
Class: 0B | Nominal power: 01.00 kw | RMS: 0432.90 | Antenna: ND1
Tower #1: Electrical height: 214.5 degrees Tower is top loaded (0).
Tower #2: Electrical height: 000.0 degrees Tower is top loaded (0).
Tower #3: Electrical height: 000.0 degrees Tower is top loaded (0).
File # BP970616AY This station operates on an unlimited schedule.
EXPANDED BAND APPLICATION FOR KTFN
For some reason they show up twice at radiostation.com, but with
different file numbers.

Rich Toebe of Davis, CA. sends along the following:

920 KLOC CA Ceres Despite reports that the station has gone silent, they are still on with "La Bonita" Spanish format; weaker signal than usual, allows daytime reception of KIHM Reno. (RT-CA)

920 KLOC CA Ceres 3/4 1602 now noted with smooth jazz music, relaying "The River at 105.5", "The station for relaxation", gave dual call KRVR/KLOC ID at 2 mins. past. New format, had been Spanish language as long as I can remember. Still has a weaker signal than usual, easy to hear KIHM Reno in their null. (RT-CA)

Don Kaskey of San Francisco, CA. sends along the following:

This morning (3/6) on 1270 at 7:17 am the announcer on KPLY-Sparks was giving a promo (very large spin) on the move of all sports radio KPLY to 1230 kHz on Monday March 12th...

This would lead one to believe that KCBN will move to 1270 also, probably with NOS format...

I'm sure this will go over great with all their (KPLY's) fringe listeners..They are very listenable in S.F. 70% of the time...

Just 12 days till spring starts, but it still sure feels like winter here!

Hope you Seattle guys out there survived the 6.8 quake (just a little shook up - pb), we had a 4.4 quake in San Jose 3 days before Seattle. Wonder if any connection? 73's...

From Dennis Gibson - dcgibson@earthlink.net (#2)

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

UT Saint George KTSP-1450 inc. to 10000/500 ND
There's something a little weird about this one. Since 1450 is a

graveyard frequency, how could they increase to 10 KW? I know of no one on a graveyard frequency running more than 1 KW. If it's a typo and should be 1000/500 ND, that would be a decrease, not an increase.

They already have a CP which is not entirely clear to me. According to both radiostation.com and Kodis, KTSP already has a CP to change their transmitter site to be very near, but not exactly at, the same coordinates as KDXU-890. The tower at the new site would be much taller than their current one. The difference between KTSP's new site and KDXU's is so slight that both are shown on Kodis as being 4 kilometers, and on a heading of 117 degrees, from KTSP's current site. I'm wondering if the CP is to diplex off KDXU, but for some reason the coordinates are off ever so slightly.

From John Sampson - jsampson@qwest.net

Per article in today's Arizona Republic, local KSLX (1440) will be changing call KAZG on April 1. Format will be oldies (call stands for "Arizona Gold").

FCC

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CALL SIGN CHANGES

NEW	CITY AND STATE	FREQUENCY	FORMER
CALL		*	CALL
WEFL	PALM CITY, FL	760	WBDO
WSPO	JOHNSTOWN, PA	850	WODZ
WFHG	BRISTOL, VA	980	WXBQ
WHK	PARMA, OH	1000	WCCD
WKEP	CALHOUN, GA	1110	WEBS
KBIS	HIGHLAND PARK, TX	1150	KDMM
KBZZ	SPARKS, NV	1270	KPLY
WCAS	SALINE, MI	1290	WYBN
KROP	BRAWLEY, CA	1300	KKSC
KRNX	VICTORIA, TX	1430	KAMG
WECP	VIRGINIA, MN	1400	WHLB
WHKK	CLEVELAND, OH	1420	WHK
KTBS	TULSA, OK	1430	KQLL
KAZG	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	1440	KSLX
	(CHANGE TO TAKE PLACE 4/1/01)		
KSSP	GREENWOOD, AR	1510	KPBI
KHGG	VAN BUREN, AR	1580	KFDF
WSNE	GEORGETOWN, KY	1580	WTKT

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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700 WLW OH, Cincinnati 3/4 0340 C&W music, national weather at
0344, "Truckin' Bozo" slogan at 0349. Fair/good signal,
not heard in many a moon. (AB-CA)

740 CBX AB, Edmonton 3/7 0135 noted under KCBS with classical
type music // 1010 CBR. (RT-CA)

800 CHAB SK, Moose Jaw 3/6 2235 C&W music and ID. Fair/good for
20+ minutes. Co-frequency QRM from XEROK and others.
(AB-CA)

860 KPAM OR, Troutdale 3/8 0718 "Newstalk 6-70 KPAM" slogan/ID.
Co-frequency QRM from XEMO. (AB-CA)

920 KLOC CA, Ceres 3/4 1602 now noted with smooth jazz music,
relaying "The River at 105.5," "The station for
relaxation," gave dual call KRVR/KLOC ID at 2 minutes
past. New format, had been Spanish language as long as
I can remember. Still has a weaker signal than usual,
easy to hear KIHM Reno in their null. (RT-CA)

1220 CHSC ON, St. Catharines 3/3 0615 good on top of XEB with
oldies and "CHSC" ID's. (PM-OR)

1230 KLXR CA, Redding 3/3 good with NOS format, ID at 0530 "AM 12-
30, KLXR." (PM-OR)

KORT ID, Grangeville 3/3 0510 good with C&W music and live
announcer, weather reports, many "KORT" ID's. (PM-OR)

KKEE OR, Astoria only with open carrier all night 3/2-3/3.
(PM-OR)

KQIK OR, Lakeview 3/3 good on top at times with distorted C&W
music, several "KQIK" ID's at different times. (PM-OR)

KWYZ WA, Everett 3/3 good at times with Korean talk, ID at
0500. (PM-OR)

CJNL BC, Merritt 3/3 good on top with BN at 0700, weather for
Kamloops and Merritt at 0705, many "NL" ID's. (PM-OR)

1260 CFRN AB, Edmonton 3/6 spot for oldies program and "AM 12-60
CFRN" ID. (AB-CA)

1330 KKPZ OR, Portland 3/2 0930 gent with readings from the Bible,
fair/good under KLBS. (AB-CA)

1400 KJOK AZ, Yuma 3/2 0810 man with KJOK call ID, last heard
5/17/99. (AB-CA)

1460 KUTI WA, Yakima 3/5 0819-0900 good with ID "Your hometown
favorite, 1460, Country Cutie," way over KTXK-KENO,
another ID as "Country CUTie" at 0824, then ID "From
Yakima to Ellensburg, you're listening to 1460, Country
Cutie." Solid signal at this time. They must have
abruptly done something to their signal as I've been
trying for this call change for months now! Ex-KMWX.
(RW-CA)

1560 (KNZR) CA, Bakersfield noted off 3/6 2250-2345 while driving
home from Sacramento; Spanish language, assumed Mexican

heard. ID'd on hour but I was driving past electrical interference, of course! KNZR back at 2345 with sports talk. (RT-CA)

- 1620 KSMH CA, Sacramento-Auburn has moved antenna site from Cool, CA to near Sacramento. Electricity not hooked up yet, running on generators at this time. Still working on antennas. Signal 100% stronger. (GJ-CA)
- 1640 ?WKSH? WI, Waukesha 3/5 0715 tentative on fadeup over KDIA with male singing various hymns, then rapid fadeout, gone by 0720. LSR in March is 0715 per maps, must've gone to day pattern at this time. Not enuf for report, darn! (RW-CA)
- 1670 KNRO CA, Redding 3/5 0800 good with ID on hour "KNRO, Redding, you've found Redding's ESPN Radio 1670," Jay Reynolds giving scores, ad for Airport Printing of Redding. Call change ex-KAZT. 600 is indeed silent, also checked! (RW-CA)

UNID

- 1010 3/5 0250-0306 fading up & down in strength in CBR null; ESPN Radio. Of course it faded down at the top of the hour; by 0306 it was very potent. Loops best E-W. Who is this? (RT-CA)

WDXR deadlines are weekly through March. First skip week will be Friday April 13th! Nancy 2300 3/9/01

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- 570 CKSW SK, Swift Current 3/14 2300 finally logged, after years of trying. C&W tune ended and woman gave legal ID. Broadcast News followed. Signal was quite strong; did they forget to change patterns? A recent WDXR report noted a religious format, but was C&W tonight. (LG-MT)
- 580 KTMT OR, Ashland 3/3 0335-0400 over/under KMJ with ads for Ashland merchants at 0345. 0400 call ID and into CNN

news. Format is ESPN Radio. (DKK-CA)

650 KMTI UT, Manti 3/9 2235-2250 with Utah High School basketball. Many ID's given during time-outs etc. Under/over KSTE. (DKK-CA)

680 KKGR MT, East Helena strong in KNBR null at 2258 3/10 with oldies and ID as "580 KGR." Evidently still on PSSA. (LG-MT)

860 KTRB CA, Modesto 3/15 1840 with a traffic report for the Modesto area. The traffic reporter was female. New. (KR-AZ)

870 KRLA CA, Glendale 3/15 0259 "Newstalk 870, the new KRLA" slogan/ID, news and time check at 0300. EBS says KIEV, Radio Locator KRLA. (AB-CA)

920 KBAD NV, Las Vegas 3/15 2047 with basketball and an ad saying that Oldsmobile was the official car of the NCAA basketball tournament. (KR-AZ)

KIHM NV, Reno 3/10 0955-1005 with religion. ID 1000. Heard call OK but slogan bothered greatly by KNEW splatter. "Immaculate ..Heart Radio" or similar. KNEW seldom allows anything in on this frequency. (DKK-CA)

930 KSEI ID, Pocatello 3/9 0853 man with call ID, into item about basketball coach Bobby Knight. (AB-CA)

940 ?KICE? OR, Bend 3/15 2104 with ESPN sports talk. Tentative, new. (KR-AZ)

CJIB BC, Vernon unexpectedly on top with ID 3/12 0015 with no KWRU and minimal KJR-950 slop. Rare. (PT-WA)

950 KJR WA, Seattle 3/6 2104 with ID after news and then into ads. Atop 950 but usual horrible KABL slop. (DKK-CA)

960 CFAC AB, Calgary 3/10 "Come home to your country connection CFAC Calgary" at 0112 atop tight KABL null. Playing C&W music. Noted 0107-0115 atop. (DKK-CA)

980 KJOX WA, Yakima 3/9 2220-2230 with ESPN Radio. During break from 2223-2226 heard two "KJOX Sports" ID's as well as local ads. In atop with KFWB nulled out. (DKK-CA)

1000 KKIM NM, Albuquerque 3/10 0145 good on top of KOMO off eastern Beverage with relig. talk show. ID at 0159:30 "KKIM AM 1000, Christian talk radio," into lively Gospel music at 0200. They must be running 10kw day power. New. (FM-OR)

+Was running 10kw day power around 2300 3/11 and 3/12, really cutting up KOMO. Stronger on 3/12 with ID "Christian talk radio for New Mexico, this is KKIM AM 1000, Albuquerque-Santa Fe." Not audible 3/13, 3/14 or 3/15 at 2300, so apparently problem fixed. (LG-MT)

1010 CBR AB, Calgary 3/15 2115 with a CBC news story about a trial in progress. New. (KR-AZ)

1040 CKST BC, Vancouver had a fair signal, all alone at 0757 3/14. Man called for listeners to click on "real audio" on www.am1040.com to hear the station "anywhere in the world." (LG-MT)

1080 KVNI ID, Coeur d'Alene 3/5 0910 with great signal atop all with ID & time during a local news show. "News 4 Weather Central" weather at 0911. Best ever heard. (DKK-CA)

1090 KMXA CO, Aurora 3/15 2101 had a Radio Tricolor slogan with Spanish ad for Century Chevrolet. New. (KR-AZ)

1110 KLIB CA, Roseville very strong at times 3/10 0204-0300 over KBND. I wasn't getting anywhere with CFSL (below) due to KEX's hyperblast promo at 0259 so got the new computer generated KLIB ID at 0300. Glad I knew what it was because I couldn't have read it otherwise. (PT-WA)

1170 KLOK CA, San Jose 2/14 0200 Spanish music and ID by male. Big strong signal all by itself. No trace of KPUG Bellingham, WA (GH-OR)

1180 KYET AZ, Williams 3/7 0300 with ID after C&W music loudly atop frequency. Open carrier followed ID so may have been an equipment test. (DKK-CA)

KLAY WA, Lakewood had a good signal in KOFI null at 2310 on 3/9. Gave local weather and commercials mentioning Lakewood and Tacoma. Rare here. (LG-MT)

1190 KEX OR, Portland 3/15 2110 with call in phone show and gave the local number and was giving prices of phone calls. New. (KR-AZ)

CFSL SK, Weyburn Murphy's Law at its best most of the time 3/10 0211-0315. No calls but local weather, "AM 1190" promos and lots of country music in & out of KEX. Report sent. (PT-WA)

1200 KOQI CA, Soquel 3/6 2120 noted extremely loud with C&W music. Probably using their 10kw. (DKK-CA)

1220 KLVZ CO, Denver had an awesome signal for 660 watts at 1941 on 3/4. ID'd as "K-Love" and played some NOS music as well as rock oldies around this time. (LG-MT)

KDDR ND, Oakes was particularly strong 3/10 at 2300 with ID following ESPN program. NRC Log doesn't mention occasional sports format. Weaker at 0655 on 3/14 with apparent s/on (male vocal SSB), followed by Dakota Country weather. Only QRM at this time was from XEB. (LG-MT)

1230 KGEO CA, Bakersfield 3/6 0300 with Bakersfield ads and ID. Only atop briefly. QRM fierce. (DKK-CA)

KPRL CA, Paso Robles 3/6 2130 with "AM 1230 KPRL" ID. (DKK-CA)

KCBN NV, Reno 3/6 2030 atop with Tom Leykis program and ID as KPLY 1270. So is relaying KPLY already. (DKK-CA)

?KWUN? UT, Murray assumed the weak station buried in the hash that mentioned Salt Lake City at precisely top of the hour at 0800 3/9. I've only heard this once before. (LG-MT)

1240 KQEN OR, Roseburg 2/15 0030 NOS oldies and KQEN jingle sung in female voices. Far above the jumble. New log. (GH-OR)

1260 KLYC OR, McMinnville 3/9 2055-2215 under/over KOIT in locals tight null with Oregon 3A high school basketball tournament. Pleasant Hill "Billies" versus ??? "Tigers." Numerous local ads and ID's thru-out. Called station and startled them, hi. First time this one was ever heard here. (DKK-CA)

1270 KPLY NV, Sparks 3/6 1007 noted with announcement that they were moving the whole kit & kaboodle to 1230 kHz on Monday March 12. (DKK-CA)

CKSR BC, Chilliwack I was looking for the new KCBN and the music fit but got "Radio Max is CKSR Chilliwack" instead 3/16 2100. New calls for me. (PT-WA)

1300 KAPL OR, Phoenix excellent at times, chewing away at KKOL, 3/10 2320 with low key religious music and conversation, and finally an ID 3/11 0000:30. Among my most wanted. Easy to say they were still on 20kw but KCMX-880 was jamming KIXI at the same time. (PT-WA)

KKOL WA, Seattle 3/10 0823 woman with KKOL call sign ID followed by program notes. (AB-CA)

1310 CHLW AB, St. Paul 3/10 2313 good with promo, nicely atop KLIX & KZXR. (PT-WA)

1320 CHMB BC, Vancouver 3/6 0000 man said "You're listening to

CHMB Vancouver" into CNN news. Good signal with unID's underneath. (GH-OR)

1330 KLBS CA, Los Banos Portugese ballads 3/16 0137-0202 dual ID and s/off. Alternating with KWKW and its Portugese religion. Note new weeknight signoff time. (PT-WA)

1340 KTSN NV, Elko 3/5 0926 ID during local break of ESPN Radio. Some QRM from KXEG's Spanish. (DKK-CA)

1370 KAST OR, Astoria 3/6 0005 some Art Bell nonsense over and under a very weak KXTL. Seldom heard. (GH-OR)

1420 KMHS OR, Coos Bay 3/10 1023-1056 long sought. Came in when most signals had faded. Rock/pop music. 1026 had several local ads mentioning Coos Bay then "Pirate Radio KMHS," This repeated often after songs ended. Minor XEKK QRM and where is KSTN? (DKK-CA)

KUJ WA, Walla Walla 3/6 0100 man said "You're listening to eastern Washington's news leader KUJ Walla Walla." Good signal. (GH-OR)

1430 KMRB CA, San Gabriel 3/6 1030 ID in English "AM K-M-R-B" after ads in Mandarin. Chinese programming first noted 1025. Heard Mandarin greeting "Ni Hao" clueing me that this might not be semi-local KVNN who is Vietnamese. (DKK-CA)

1440 CKJR AB, Wetaskiwin fair but alone 3/16 0134 with "KJR" and "Heart of the country" slogan. (PT-WA)

1450 KBFI ID, Bonners Ferry 3/8 0005 heard female give ID way out in the jumble. Nothing else intelligible. New log. (GH-OR)

1460 KRRS CA, Santa Rosa 3/8 2110-2120 atop in Spanish. This nearby station with their tight null toward San Francisco is rarely heard atop the frequency, if at all. (DKK-CA)

KKCS CO, Colorado Springs fair on top of KUTI with a business talk show. At 0459:45 "Hot Talk 1460, KKCS, Colorado Springs," into net news. (FM-OR)

KLTC ND, Dickinson 3/12 fair under/over KKCS with ID at 0505. (FM-OR)

1470 KEAN TX, Abilene 3/15 2123 // to KEAN 105.3 (?) and playing C&W. (KR-AZ)

1490 KRNR OR, Roseburg finally in for the first time this season with post news "1490 country KRNR." Atop the pile 3/10 2305, but not for long. Rare, unusual because KQEN-01240 is a pest. (PT-WA)

1500 KSTP MN, St. Paul 3/8 0030 Art Bell show with good signal in & out. Man said "You're listening to the talk station KSTP." (GH-OR)

1510 KMND TX, Midland 3/13 0400 after Art Bell a top of hour ID for KMND-1510 and KRIL-1410. Apparently they are // these days. (KR-AZ)

1570 KPRO CA, Riverside 3/15 2225 with religious program. Black preacher giving it all and going to town on things. (KR-AZ)

1580 ?KRAN? CA, Merced 3/7 2003-2115 FINALLY 2003 noted another Spanish speaker below KBLA. 2016 newcomer up for ads in Spanish. I heard Merced & Modesto mentioned. Format was Ranchera music while R. Unica (KBLA) had strictly talk. Joined by KMIK & KGAL for next hour. In again 2102-2112 with music under KBLA, "Cielito Lindo" at 2110. No ID heard but not much else likely. Must be using 1000 watts!? (DKK-CA)

CKMW MB, Winkler mildly chipping away at CKEG 3/12 0049. All I really got was a 325 prefix phone number (same as

- CKMW's) and C&W music. I was really looking for WGSR's final 'cast blast, but to no avail. (PT-WA)
- 1620 KSMH CA, West Sacramento (ex-Auburn) gave call ID with this city location at 0800 3/3 during religious program, well on top of KBLI (which is rare). (LG-MT)
- 1650 KFOX CA, Torrance 3/7 0230 noted with much stronger signal than usual. Denver noted underneath. (DKK-CA)
- KDNZ IA, Cedar Falls 3/5 0400 coming in fair with ID "1650 KDNZ Cedar Falls." Finally heard them. New. IA #3. (CM-CA)
- 1660 KAXW CA, Merced now testing. Called station, no set date to come on the air, still in testing stage. Uses Ranchera type music. (GJ-CA)
- 1690 KDDZ CO, Arvada 3/7 0220 with Radio Disney blasting KSXX away. (DKK-CA)
- 1700 KEUU AL, Huntsville 3/9 0000 mixing with KQXX, KTBK and KBGF. Weak ID and then into Gospel music. It sounds like WEUP instead of WEUU. Very weak signal. First time heard in months.. (GJ-CA)

DX TESTS

- 560 ?WGAI? NC, Elizabeth City 2/16 2300-0030 possibly heard code very weak with KSFO nulled. (CM-CA)
- 1280 ?WFBS? PA, Berwick 2/17 0000-0200 heard Morse code coming in very poor. Good conditions to the east on 2/16 and 2/17. (CM-CA)

UNIDS

- 890 3/15 0240-0248 weak station with C&W music as KDXU faded down. Methinks CJDC. (AB-CA)
- 1650 3/5 0430 newstalk under KDNZ coming in poor. (CM-CA)
- 1650 3/5 0430 noted with music. Not KFOX or KBDJ. KBDJ had Christian music at the time, and KFOX man was speaking in Chinese. Possibly WHKT my most wanted station, but not sure. (CM-CA)

Thanks to our WDXR reporters this week. Remember, weekly WDXR deadlines end soon. April deadlines are April 6 & April 20. Nancy 2300 3/16/01

IRCA 2000-2001 "Pick-A-Pair" DX Contest

Standings as of March 15, 2001

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Pete Taylor (CA,AB/1240,1490) | 119 |
| 2. Nancy Johnson* (CA,WA/1340,1490) | 75 |
| 3. Phil Bytheway (CA,MT/1340,1450) | 40 |
| 4. Don Kaskey (ID,WA/1240,1490) | 39 |
| 5. Nigel Pimblett (CA,WA/1240,1400) | 38 |
| 6. John C. Johnson (CA,CO/1340,1400) | 26 |
| 7. John Tudenham (TX,CO/620,1070) | 10 |
| 8. Mike Sanburn (UT,WA/1000,1400) | 8 |

*Contest manager not eligible to win the contest.

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loop.

SPECIAL INTEREST

970 WBCG NC, Canton. EX-WWIT. 3-4 fair, alone. 20:21 with "Best
Country, WBCG." [JJR-WI]
1670 KNRO CA, Redding. 3-4. EX-KAZT. Now using this call EX-600.
01:59 with "Redding's ESPN Radio 16-70 KNRO Redding."
[NJ-MT]

DOWN THE DIAL

550 KFYZ ND, Bismarck. 3-10 fair with others. 06:50 with "kay-
fire 550 KFYZ." [JJR-WI]
570 WKBN OH, Youngstown. 3-10 good, unusually strong. No usual
WNAX, WKYX. 06:08 with "News radio." [JJR-WI]
580 CKY MB, Winnipeg. 3-10 fair, alone. 06:47 with "KY-58"
slogan and oldies format. [JJR-WI]
680 CJOB MB, Winnipeg. 3-10 poor, clear. 08:27 with local sports,
calls. Not common here. [JJR-WI]
710 WDSM WI, Superior. 3-10 poor in WFNR null. 07:26 with calls,
sports format. [JJR-WI]
WFNR VA, Blacksburg. 3-10 fair. 07:25 with calls, One On One
sports. [JJR-WI]
730 KWOA MN, Worthington. 3-4 fair, alone. 20:00 with ESPN
sports, ID, CBS News. 159W! [JJR-WI]
750 CJVR SK, Melfort. 3-10 fair in WSB fade. 06:40 with TC, PSA,
calls. Country format. [JJR-WI]
770 KATL MT, Miles City. 3-4 fair in WABC null until fade out.
19:49 to 19:54. Calls, spot, news brief, promo. New!
770#9, MT#7. [JJR-WI]
900 CKBI SK, Prince Albert. 3-4 poor, clear and alone, no CHML.
06:40 with calls, soft ad/con format. [JJR-WI]
940 KVSH NE, Valentine. 3-4 fair, no CINW. 19:27 with detailed
area weather. [JJR-WI]
1190 CFSL SK, Weyburn. 3-10 very good at 20/9! No WOWO. 05:48 with
country format. [JJR-WI]
1220 KLVZ CO, Denver. 3-7 strong. 19:59 with oldies, "KLVZ Denver"
jingle. Lost 15 seconds later at power cut. [NJ-MT]
1320 WMSR TN, Manchester. 3-10 poor, but on top 1320. 05:42 with
oldies, local spots. 79W! [JJR-WI]
1370 KWRT MO, Boonville. 3-10 poor with others. 07:57 with calls,
oldies format. Not common here. [JJR-WI]
1390 WNIO OH, Youngstown. 3-10 fair over unID. 07:53 with garden
talk show, spots, calls. [JJR-WI]
1450 KEST CA, San Francisco. 3-4 poor. 23:00 with legal ID at the
end of religious program. [NJ-MT]
WASK IN, Lafayette. 3-2 poor in fade up. 22:38 with "Cool
oldies WASK" and back to slop. [JJR-WI]
1490 WTIQ MI, Manistique. 3-4 poor. 05:52 with jingle and oldies.
[JJR-WI]
1560 WCNW OH, Fairfield - Cincinnati. 3-4 poor, on top, no usual
WQEQ nor WPAD. 06:58 with legal ID, southern Gospel.
[JJR-WI]
1590 KUNX CA, Ventura. 3-4 dominating, completely over KVGB. 23:12
with SS format, ID in SS, "Radio Unica" slogan. [NJ-MT]
WTVB MI, Coldwater. 3-10 poor in fade up. 06:54 with NOS

format. This used to be much more common. [JJR-WI]

25 YEARS AGO

March 27, 1976 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Rich Heald of Oakland, CA told of his move and his new view of the Mount Sutro tower ... Eldon Luoma of Surrey, BC said he was 24 and was currently working on an application for a new FM station ... Scott Mentzer of Tylertown, MS logged KNIE for state number 36.

OPEN MIKE

Keep in mind we're almost finished with the weekly columns this year. This column was typed 3-10-01. 73, John

RIDING GAIN (#2)

- [NJ-MT] Nancy Johnson, Billings, MT nancyjohnson@prodigy.net
Yaesu FRG-7, "Radio West" loop. Still waiting for the Kiwa loop! The order was placed 6 (six) months ago!
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Icom IC-T75, Kiwa loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 920 CKNX ON, Wingham. 3-11 fair in local WOKY null! 00:03 with calls into a PSA. Country format. [JJR-WI]
- 940 WNRG VA, Grundy. 3-17 fair to good. 07:01 with country music, then calls into a tape delayed CNN News. I thought I had this already, but no, it's NEW! [JJR-WI]
- 960 KZIM MO, Cape Girardeau. 3-17 poor under WSBT. 07:51 with calls, weather. Rare. [JJR-WI]
- 1150 WGGH IL, Marion. 3-17 poor. 06:19 with new satellite fed southern Gospel music format. 44W! [JJR-WI]
- 1310 CIWW ON, Ottawa. 3-13 fair with WIBA nulled. 19:16 with "Oldies 13-10" slogan. [JJR-WI]
- 1460 KKPR NE, Kearney. 3-14 through KLTC, KUTI, others. 20:00 with "KKPR Kearney" ID. [NJ-MT]
- 1470 KIID CA, Sacramento. 3-16 loud with KEZZ nulled. 21:00 with "AM 14-70 KIID Sacramento" ID by child. Radio Disney programming. This used to be KRAK. [NJ-MT]
- 1470 KWSL IA, Sioux City. 3-13 poor, very weak, in with others under WMBD. 19:16 with "Oldies 14-70 KWSL." [JJR-WI]
- 1490 KXRA MN, Alexandria. 2-24 fair. 23:00 with clear "14-90 KXRA" ID. [TN-WI]

OPEN MIKE

I think the season is coming to a close. This column was typed 3-17-01. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines are 3/18, 3/25..HERE IS THIS WEEKS REPORT.....

STARS OF THE WEEK (#1)

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 LOGGINGS

550 WGR NY Buffalo 2/27 2345 ID; "Sports Radio 55" (WM-MD)
 560 WGAI NC Elizabeth City 2/28 2135 NC State/NC BB gme (WM-MD)
 WFIL PA Philadelphia 2/27 2100 ID hrd in mess (WM-MD)
 580 WHP PA Harrisburg 3/1 1800 Weather fcst; time chk; ID into
 ABC news (WM-MD)
 WCHS WV Charleston 2/27 2350 ID; "Talk Radio 58" (WM-MD)
 640 WWJZ NJ Mount Holly 3/1 1755 Radio Dsney hrd (WM-MD)
 WHLO OH Akron 3/1 2200 presumed w/ rel mx; (WM-MD)
 720 WWII PA Shiremanstown 3/1 1750 Wx fcst; promo for gospel
 event, fair in WGN null (WM-MD)
 730 CKAC QU Montreal 3/8 0110 French talk w/mention of CKAC
 GOOD (RB-NY)
 740 CHWO ON Toronto 3/8 0105 ID = "This Is Primetime Radio -
 AM 740 - CHWO, Toronto." Nos GOOD (RB-NY)
 750 WSB GA Atlanta 3/8 0100 ID = "Newstalk - 750 - WSB" &
 nx. GOOD (RB-NY)
 790 CIGM ON Sudbury 3/8 0042 ID = "Your Home For Today's
 Country - 790 - CIGM." into c/w GOOD (RB-NY)
 CIGM ON Sudbury 2/27 1830 Various ads; spts tlk hrd; mention
 of Telemedia Sports Network. (WM-MD)
 800 CKLW ON Windsor 3/8 0035 "People Helping People on the
 Recovery Radio Network." (RB-NY)
 820 CHAM ON Hamilton 2/27 2120 C&W mx hrd; ID; "Ontarios Best
 Country" (WM-MD)
 830 WCCO MN Minneapolis 3/1 2120 NHL game hrd. (WM-MD)
 850 WEEI MA Boston 3/1/2055 Boston Celtics/Nicks NBA hrd (WM-MD)
 890 WKNV VA Fairlawn 2/28 1755 "The Best in Southern Gospel"
 ID (WM-MD)
 900 CHML ON Hamilton 3/7 2340 ID = "Your Choice For Maple
 Leaf Hockey - 900 - CHML" with the Maple Leaf /
 Oiler game. F-G (RB-NY)
 CHML ON Hamilton 2/27 2133 Various ads; Dr Gabe Mirkin show.
 Mention of Hamiton. Also hrd on 3/2 0000 w/ local
 nws time chk, Canadian Anthem (WM-MD)
 920 WIRD NY Lake Placid 3/1/1940-2000 Presumed with AD CONT
 mention of ? Radio Network; then CBS news mixing
 with Michael Reagan (WM-MD)
 1000 CKBW NS Bridgewater 3/7 2320 ID = "Hometown Radio -
 CKBW" and into c/w. Plenty of noise. POOR (RB-NY)
 1070 WCSZ SC Greenville 3/1 2355-0000 Fox Sports ; various ads,
 ID (WM-MD)
 1080 WWNL PA Pittsburgh 2/13 BLK GSPL Music; "New Life Radio";
 good in WTIC null (WM-MD)
 1270 WKBC MD Cumberland 2/27 1800 ID; local promo; area code 301
 mentioned; hrd just before WLBR (WM-MD)
 WLBR PA Lebanon 2/27 1800 "One of Americas Great Radio
 stations since 1946"; ID into ABC news (WM-MD)
 1280 WGBF IN Evansville 3/1 1915 USI BB hrd (U.Southern IN) (WM-MD)
 1290 WHIO OH Dayton 2/28 2045 BB game hrd, mention of Dayton (WM-

MD)
 1360 WDRC CT Hartford 2/27 2255 ID hrd during talk show (WM-MD)
 WWLG MD Baltimore 2/28 2100 "Legends 1360"; ID into ABC news (WM-MD)
 WCKY OH Cincinnati 2/28 2105 BB game (Ohio/Miami) (WM-MD)
 1410 KQV PA Pittsburgh 2/13 1859 Traffic rpt; weather; (WM-MD)
 "Newsradio 14-10"; ID
 1420 WACK NY Newark 3/1 1825 Hrd ad mentioning Rochester area in mess (WM-MD)
 WHK OH Cleveland 2/13 1800 End of Medical advice pgm; Promo for Job Fair; ID into SRN News (WM-MD)
 1440 WAJR WV Morgantown 2/28 2020 Sports talk hrd; various ads; ID (WM-MD)
 1480 WDAS PA Philadelphia 2/13 1845-1848 Male anncr mentioning local events; time check; ID (WM-MD)
 1530 WRTP NC Chapel Hill 2/27 1745 GSPL MX hrd; station promo; ID (WM-MD)
 1650 WHKT VA Portsmouth 2/27 2337 Satellitfed NOS format hrd; various ads; "Great Memories on AM 1650"; ID (WM-MD)
 *****UNIDEN*****

1420 ???? ?? 2/11 2320 ESPN Radio pgm hrd (WM-MD)
 1430 ???? ?? 2/11 2320 Discussion of Pro Wrestling hrd u/blk gsp pgm (WM-MD)

 Nice to hear from Ray and William this week. NO DX time for me this week.....fresh 3/11/01 0945.....

Deadlines are 3/25, 4/1, 4/08, 4/22, 5/20, 6/17, 7/22, 8/19.....
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*****LOGGINGS*****

560 CFOS ON Owen Sound 1818 3/13 NOS music hrd; Promo for shopping trip; ID (WM-MD)
 580 WHP PA Harrisburg 2158 3/13 Michael Reagan hrd; promo for NCAA tournament; "Talkradio 580"; ID (WM-MD)
 750 WMBD MD Baltimore 1825-1830 3/13 REL pgm; full sign off; ID (WM-MD)
 790 WTSK AL Tuscaloosa 0110 3/14; BLK GSPL music; ID; "The Truth" (WM-MD)
 850 WYDE AL Birmingham 1938 3/13 Ad for Creative services; mention of Birmingham Southern Baseball (WM-MD)
 1470 WWNN FL Pompano Beach 1805 3/13 Talk show about vitamins; mention of Boca Ratoon; 561 area code. (WM-MD)
 1570 WISP PA Doylestown 2059 3/13 Promo for Church Event in Levittown; ID (WM-MD)
 1650 WHKT VA Portsmouth 1851 3/13 ID; then NOS MX. (WM-MD)
 *****UNIDEN*****

1200 ???? ?? 3/13 2045 Joan Rivers Show (WM-MD)
 1600 ???? ?? 3/15 0700 Stn with presumed AC and dual ID for 1600 & 1420 up out of the mud with ID. Couldn't make much of it out (LF-FL)

Thanks to William, we have a column this week. Missed out on the WTIC/KRLD test, just couldn't stay up that late. See you all next week.....fresh 3/20/01 0900

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Hi Everyone:

Some great Latins to report this week from Kevin Redding, Rich Toabe, and Pete Taylor. Also had a decent opening to Japan, so away we go.

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP (#1)

- 580 MEXICO, Hermosillo, XEHQ 0500 2/25, playing music and TOH ID. New slogan used "Radio Ray", Plays US pop mx. (KR-AZ)
- 640 CUBA, Guanabacoa/Las Tunas faded up at a good level four times 3/8 between 0600-0730 with ballads, news, commentary, and finally a Radio Progreso ID at 0730. KFI was weak to begin with and was further nulled, KGVW was a distant third. Surprisingly, no sign of RVC on 530. New (PT-WA) (Good going Pete, Cuba is fairly rare on 640 these days. FM)
- 740t MEXICO, Puerto Vallarta, XEVAY? 3/7 0702 UTC. Noted in strongly but u/KCBS with "La Mexicana" calls partially heard, mention of Punta Siete FM", also hrd "Puerta", Fred Cantu's Mexican Radio-TV site lists a XHVAY in Puerta Vallarta on 92.7. (RT-CA)
- 880 MEXICO, Torrejon, Coah. XETC 3/2 1145, playing American modern rock. Had a female voice on automation giving weather at "Once Grados" This was done between every song. 1200 gave TOH ID with male ancr. Announced that it was in Stereo so I tried with a Delco car tuner and it was in excellent stereo. Used slogan Radio Mayran. (KR-AZ)
- 920 MEXICO, Hermosillo, Son XEBH 3/2 0545 with ID and a female ancr. Announced stereo, so I checked on a Delco car radio with stereo and sure enough it was stereo sounding good. (KR-AZ)
- 1360 MEXICO, Guadalajara, Sin. 3/2 at 0507 with light XE Ballads and had a disinterested sounding female ancr and then an ID (KR-AZ)
- 1410 MEXICO, Los Mochis, Sin., 2/28 0500 with "requerdos y musica de amor" Lots of old 40s romantic ballads and it was so nice that I forgot DXing and listened to the full two hour program. (KR-AZ)
- 1560 MEXICO? UNID, 3/7 from 0350-0445 UTC, SS lang. covers of pop music, 70s tunes like "Summer Breeze" and "Your Song" noticed first driving home on car stereo, missed ID on the hour because of electrical QRN. At home with the Grundig, faded up and down, til KNZR resumed broadcasting at 0445 with Sportstalk. IRCA Mexican Log 6, indicates XEMAS the best fit, XEFAJ would be more likely because of higher power, I would think, but the format does not fit. Talk by male never gave a clue as to location, should have taken a different turn just before the hour. hi. (RT-CA) (Any one have ideas on this one? FM)

- 531 JAPAN, Morioka JOQG, fair with male w/JJ talk at 1134 3/11,
// 567. (PM-OR)
- 567 JAPAN, Sapporo JOIK, good with JJ talk at 1115 UTC 3/11.
(PM-OR)
- 594 JAPAN, Tokyo JOAK, very strong //567 with JJ talk at 1117
3/11. (PM-OR)
- 693 JAPAN, Tokyo, JOAB, also very strong with JJ talk, NHK 2, not
// to 594 at 1121 3/11 (PM-OR)
- 747 JAPAN, Sapporo JOIB // 693 with JJ talk by man at 1123 3/11.
(PM-OR)
- 774 JAPAN, Akita, JOUB very strong // 747 but stronger at 1124
3/11, JJ talk (PM-OR)
- 828 JAPAN, Osaka JOBB, much weaker than either 747 or 774 with JJ
talk, //to 747,774,693 at 1126 3/11. (PM-OR)
- 891 JAPAN, Sendai, JOHK, fair with JJ talk by man at 1128 3/11.
(PM-OR)
- 954 JAPAN, Tokyo JOKR, very good with what sounded like a program
in JJ triditional music, rather than the normal pop music I
normally here. Man and woman ancr. May have been a special
program at 1140 3/11 (PM-OR)
- 1008 JAPAN, Osaka JONR fair with woman ancr in JJ and pop tunes at
1135 3/11 (PM-OR)
- 1053 JAPAN, Nagoya JOAR, fair with man in JJ at 1137 3/11 (PM-OR)
- 1062 UNID, weak signal here. May have been KK at 1148 3/11. (PM-OR)
- 1098 JAPAN, UNID, excited woman ancr in the 1100 splat in JJ,
sounded like it may have been a commercial at 1139 3/11
(PM-OR)
- 1134 JAPAN, Tokyo JOQR, fair with JJ pops and male ancr at 1152
3/11 (PM-OR)
- 1143 JAPAN, Kyoto JOBR weak in splat with man ancr in JJ at 1148
3/11 (PM-OR)
- 1179 JAPAN, Osaka JOOR, very strong with woman in JJ pop tunes,
holding its own next to 1180 very nicely. Was one of the
strongest commercial stations heard at 1139 and other times
3/11 (PM-OR)
- 1197 JAPAN, Persume one or more of the STV stations heard last
week. Pop JJ tunes from 1205-1209 UTC 3/11. The highest power
listed is 3KW. (PM-OR)
- 1206 CHINA, strong and the only CC heard this morning with ancr in
normal KK at 1111 3/11. (PM-OR)
- 1287 JAPAN, Sapporo JOHR, not all that strong which was a
surprise, as JOHR is one of the strongest JJs heard. Noted at
1106 3/11, man & woman in JJ. (PM-OR)
- 1332 JAPAN, Nagoya JOSEF, weakly in noise at 1156 3/11, JJ talk by
man. (PM-OR)

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PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP (#2)

- 1150 MEXICO, Culiacan, Sin. XEUAS, 3/14 1200 with ID and u/XESO which was dominant. Anecd. it was from the Universidad Autonoma de Sinaloa. (KR-AZ)
- 1150 MEXICO, Cd. Obregon, Son. 3/14 at 1200 over XEUAS with NA and power up with s/on. Then playing ompah banda music. (KR-AZ)

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Hello. Just got a tape of 1380 Lancaster CA from friend in San Mateo CA. It's nostalgia, was formerly KHJJ, now KWJL. Wasn't sure if call was KJWL so checked tape. It's KWJL and I'm uncertain when change occurred. Now to wish IRCA happy anniversary. I've been a member many years and enjoy the DXM. I have a GE SR II I listen to in car. I'm still doing security locally at nites. Thanks to all who have made IRCA great. Our local 570 is probably going talk, unsure when. In DXM 1214, a typo on my part of a city in Antelope Valley is Rosamond. Also its Tehachapi where 1 FM is lic. to. Haven't been able to reach Royce Int'l. about 1500 here. No testing on 1690 as far as I know. Something local I was unaware of - 1700 is an airport TIS stn (ex-530). Antenna is near airport. Pretty interesting about Palm Springs area stations trading calls, formats. Thanks Glen K. for the explanation in DXM. 73 for now.

 1080 KRLD/WTIC OFF THE AIR "TEST" (** - from NRC reflector)

**JohnCallarman - Krum TX - JohnCallarman@email.msn.com

KRLD off as advertised. Two Spanish-speakers all I can hear in first 10 minutes 43 miles north of KRLD transmitter site. Neither ID'ed yet.

0025 CST ... one latin did "Besame Mucho" and other slow-paced standards, very short annct. between "Amigas de ..."; other Latin doing more rapid paced songs ... maybe even a "son" and leaving a couple of seconds of silence between songs. I did catch a wisp of an English-speaking talk show giving phone numbers in 831 area code... one began with 479, the other was 477-1340 ... surely Santa Cruz.

0050 cst ... big carrier popped on; nulls same as KRLD... reads 20 over non-nulled as KRLD does.

KRLD audio began again at 0101 CST in middle of CBS News... lady broke into news to say "KRLD, Dallas-Fort Worth," and local news continued 0105.

Both my Latins remain unidentified, and the only other signal I was able to raise was the California talker ... second time it broke through heard only "475" in phone number, and that may have been a commercial... the vocal inflections sounded like ads.

KRLD carrier blotted out everything except the Latin who seemed to say nothing ... even at top of hour ... when break between songs was about a minute ... music on this one was what I would expect from Cuba or Colombia or Venezuela.

"Amigas de ..." played big band and ballad stuff in Spanish ...

the singers all seemed to be female vocalists ... thus the "Amigas de ... may have been a program name. The other station, the one that seemed to say nothing between songs, could still be discerned as KRLD signal could be nulled from S9+20 to about S7. Other stations peaked at about S5 prior to KRLD's carrier return.

It's now 0112, KRLD talk program continues, so I think I'll assume the great silent period is over and go to bed.

****John Tudenham - Joplin MO - w0jrp@earthlink.net**

1232am cst heard chief eng of WTIC announce that they would be leaving the air. Mention NRC and KRLD, fair copy in splash of KAAV. WTIC was heard with a super radio 2 and built in antenna. Had better copy than my Radio shack DX400 with radio shack loop. Now hearing some weak spanish.

****Joe - Providence RI - k1cr@juno.com**

0150 EST 1080. Hearing 2 stations. One with male and female speaking Spanish and other station with slow tempo music. Some heavy splatter from WBAL.

0225 EST. 1080. Still hearing just Spanish speaking stations, but did hear an English speaking station fade up for a minute. Sounded like Bruce Williams show. KRLD perhaps?

****Patrick Griffith - Westminter CO - AM-DXer@webtv.net**

1080 KRLD TX Dallas - 2/18 0059 - KRLD night signal is local quality here. After KRLD s/off for maintenance had UNID EE talk with 2 males. Very weak signal but little fading. Seemed to loop north by slightly northwest. Was still there after WTIC planned s/off so probably not them. Heard mention of "environment" at 0123 and call sign beginning and ending with "K" at 0135 (KOTK?). Splatter here from local SS KMXA/1090. Drake R-8 and Kiwa loop

****Mike Brooker - Toronto ON - aum108@idirect.com**

WTIC-1080 signed off as scheduled, at 0135, following local news.

0135-0200: more or less zilch heard, except some very weak SS, "ranchera" (or whatever you call Latino C&W) mx, and a CHUM-1050 mixing spur.

0205 EST: KRLD coming in fair-good with end of CBS news, local news and wx, promos for krl.d.com web site. Not needed. QSLed in 1977

Pat Martin - Seaside OR - mwdxer@webtv.net

Before KRLD left the air, 1080 was a 50/50 mix of KOTK/KRLD. After that I could hear some local weather at 0104, but not sure who it was. Then KOTK took over channel, At 0134 EST, sounded like news popped up again. It didn't sound network, but was hard to tell, QRM from KOTK and Unid C&W. There was some "local" sound to the news, but I couldn't make out anything certain. I may try a tentative taped report to WTIC. Maybe the CE can make it out, if it was them. Then after 0135, the "news" disappeared. Maybe it was WTIC that went off. I just wish KOTK would have been off.

On a side note, WHB-810 must be running 50KW ND tonight, as they are tearing up KGO.

****Tom Dimeo - Harrisburg PA - tjdx@earthlink.net**

Heard WTIC signoff at about 1:35 eastern time than heard two latins, one talking and the other playing music. At about 2:01 eastern time heard KRLD come on with CBS news and a quick ID of KRLD Dallas Fort Worth shortly after. Following CBS news heard the Bruce Williams show -- he was talking to a woman about making a will. At about 2:12 eastern time KRLD went into the mix with the Latins,

probably switched from day pattern to night pattern.

****Rick Kenneally - Wilton CT - woodlandview@yahoo.com**

Had two SS stations. The "talker", I believe, turned out to be WVCG Coral Gables on the top of the hour. The "singer" with the "Amigas ?" program faded away completely. Anybody know what this was?

KRLD came in very weak here at the ID, but Bruce Williams was pretty strong if I tilted the loop almost vertical. Alas, I didn't figure this trick out until after the ID.

That's it - WVCG, KRLD and the "Amigas ?" Spanish.

****kevin redding - Mesa AZ - amfntvdx@qwest.net**

Heard KSCO from CA.

****Kent Flourde - Bristol CT - kplourde@home.com**

I also heard the two Spanish stations that Joe in Providence and Rick in Wilton heard after WTIC's sign-off at 1:35. The 'talker' sounded like it could be religious. It could be WVCG, no ID heard. The SS ballad station is a mystery. If I had to guess, I would say it was Venezuelan. After 2:00, I heard a third station way under SS. It also sounded like Bruce Williams, however, I could not get a good copy. One snippet of an ad for "jobs" came up with a 214 telephone number and internet address. That's the best I could do with the Sony-2010 with the synch detector set on lower sideband to avoid the WBAL splash with Select-a-tenna. I am located about 10 miles SW of the WTIC transmitter on Avon Mountain.

****Phil Greenspan - Marchfield MA - PGreen1950@aol.com**

Tom, I can confirm what you heard on 1080. got ID at 1:04 CST and temp of 41 degrees. mention of automobile crash in corpus christi. soon afterwards into bruce williams who was lecturing some poor woman about a will. soon faded out into ss.

Can anyone identify the SS which was "constantly" repeating "hallelujah!" between 0100 and 0115? is this the Venezuelan or one of the US stations?

****Ginnie - Ithaca NY - ginnie@nrcdxas.org**

I too heard Bruce Williams discussing a will with a female caller. Turned on the radio at 2:08 am est, this was the first thing i heard. It held for 2 minutes, max, then faded out never to return. of course i didn't get a station id or any local identifying info. dx-398 and select-a-tenna

****Kent Flourde - Bristol CT - kplourde@home.com**

I could be wrong, but I thought the "hallelulah" station was the WVCG from Coral Gables, FL.

****Tony Simon - Miami FL - WLMCBuzzed@aol.com**

Hallelulah... That would definitely be a step in WVCG's direction, they are brokered ethnic, and most of their schedule is filled with Spanish preaching...What you just described fits WVCG's sound quite well.

It might have been tough to catch an ID from them, too, as many times when they are running a prerecorded evangelist (or a remote from a church), they merely throw a poor audio quality ID over the program wherever it lands, catching off guard anyone who might have actually been waiting for a real station break...

Had it been during an English show, you might have been aided by the ca. 1970s "WVCG--We've Got It All!" MOR-esque jingles they still throw on there every now and then...Pretty cool, but I digress.

**David J. Twiggs - Bristol CT - aaljm@snet.net

Managed to stay awake for entire hour...

WTIC had a growth hormone infomercial on just before sign off, followed by a couple of ads, a short news and weather update into a leaving the air announcement by Jeff Hugabone where he announced the intent of the down time, asked for reception comments to the previously announced address, mentioned the NRC and advised all listeners to try and hear distant stations on the clear frequency... Overall a nice plug for the hobby, Thanks Mr. Hugabone.

Three stations heard after WTIC carrier gone...

1. Spanish ballad station. Back to back ballads and instrumentals. I also heard the "Amigas de..." comment issued once between songs. This station went to spanish talk near the top of hour... and also faded below the other spanish talker.

2. Spanish talk station. This one started off with a man with rapid fire chat, (he sounded slightly winded.) Then he took what I think was a phone call from another man, (audio sounded tinny like phone-in.) At conclusion of this exchange a female announcer took over at about 5 minutes before hour. This woman was talking about religion, distinctly heard "espirtu santos" and "palabra de Dios" mentioned. At top of hour was what sounded like an ID in the noise. Is this format consistent with WVCG as Rick Kenneally reported? I'm sure we hearing the same thing.

3. KRLD. came on at about 2 minutes past already in CBS newscast. ID about 30 seconds after that. Followed by local news chock full of IDs, then into Bruce Williams show.

Nearly blew my headphones off when KRLD first fired up, but by Bruce Williams the #2 spanish station was dominant again. (Perhap KRLD started off non-directional then went to their night pattern?)

This continued until WTIC switched back on at about 0231 local, with a similar sign on announcement by Jeff Hugabone.

I have a tape I'm going to run through again today, especially the top of hour.

Thank you to all the participants in setting this up, it was FUN!

Just a couple of more thoughts...

1. Does anyone have a direct address at KRLD for reports?
2. I tried pointing the loop east/west during the silent period and nada... only signals coming north/south.
3. I have since "scrubbed" the tape and didn't glean any more off the spanish stations than previously reported, so I'm going "(p)" with WVCG and "who the heck knows" with the ballad station.

**Randy Stewart - Springfield MO - jrs555t@smsu.edu

Here in Springfield MO I too heard WTIC signing off at 0135 EST, preceded by local weather & sports... until then there were just snatches of English talk, mostly overwhelmed by the Spanish "romantica" music. By the way, the female voice between songs was saying "Amigo (amigas?) DE LA MADRUGADA" (i.e. Friend in the early morning), which sounds to me like Radio Cadena Habana (unneeded here). After KRLD's open carrier came back on at 0150 EST it was more difficult to pick out much in the way of details under it, but I didn't hear ANY IDs at the top of the hour (figures, doesn't it?) They (the "Amiga" station) were basically dominant here the whole time, and pretty much unnullable for some reason. Was also battling some slop from WDIA-1070 and HUGE slop from KAAY-1090. Best reception usually in lower-sideband mode, or in AM de-tuned down to about 1078.5 or so. (Yaesu FRG-100 with 15" amplified Sanserino box loop). First-EVER logging of WTIC (or Connecticut period!) here-- will send taped report. There were occasional bits of Spanish talk (couldn't make out if it was religious or not) and English talk as well, but nothing I could ID. Still, the morning was worth losing

some sleep over just to get WTIC!

**Bruce Conti - Nashua NH - BACONTI@aol.com

1080 WTIC CT Hartford - 3/18 0100 - Jingle ID, infomercial for GHR-15 growth hormone releaser, at 0130 news followed by sign off with announcement of radio experiment coordinated with KRLD and the NRC, good signal but with deep fades under WVCG and Cuba at times.

1080 WVCG FL Coral Gables - 3/18 0200 - Good; religious talk in Spanish, ID in Spanish and English, over R.Cadena Habana-Cuba with WTIC off.

1080 KRLD TX Dallas - 3/18 0204 - Faded up with traffic, weather, help wanted ad, promo for health info on KRLD.com, and Bruce Williams, briefly over WVCG with WTIC off.

The religious talk in Spanish was definitely from WVCG Coral Gables, heard here with an ID in Spanish and English at the top of the hour. The nostalgic romantic ballads were from Radio Cadena Habana, Cuba, the station with the "Amigo" announcement. KRLD appeared here after the top of the hour, later with Bruce Williams. Before WTIC signed on, a weak signal from Radio Barcelona, Venezuela was heard. The two widely heard Spanish stations (WVCG and Cuba) were dominant here.

Sample reception of WTIC, R.Cadena Habana, WVCG, and KRLD on 1080 will be in the DX Digest report on the next issue of the DXAS audio magazine. I'll also have sample reception of John Bowker's favorite frequency, Cuban jammer reception on 820 and 1140, plus info from WWV and WWVH.

**Glenn Hauser - Enid OK - ghauser@hotmail.com

** U S A [non]. I monitored the KRLD silent period on 1080, March 18 at 0600 UT with my TRF in bed. KRLD said nothing about a special silent period for DXers, just that it would be back on the air shortly. Only heard two Spanish speaking stations when they faded up, but never any IDs, more often from the SE, presumably Cuba's R. Cadena Habana, which was playing romantic music, such as Bésame Mucho at 0615 and around 0605 gave EST TC, so not Venezuela. Name of the program mentioned almost every break was "Amigos de la Madrugada", including 0615, 0620. Took turns with a station from the SW, presumably Mexican, with more upbeat tropical music, such as at 0617 Como se mueve esta morena. Mostly the two stations took turns fading up, but easily separable when both were in. Same pattern as I dozed, but by 0654 KRLD carrier was back on, and joined CBS news in progress at 0701. Only traces of other signals were heard, possibly WTIC before 0630. BTW, KRLD's show before s/off about lost records was somewhat interesting.

**Barry McLarnon VE3JF - bm@lynx.ve3jf.ampr.org

0134: WTIC carrier off after announcement from CE. All that remained was some romantic SS music of unknown origin, probably Cuba.

0159: Weak music in unknown language, then at 0200 heard an ID from WNWJ. Back to music, then KRLD chimed in around 0201 with news, slowly building in strength over WNWJ. Dominant with excellent signal at 0205-0207, with traffic reports, ads, program promos, several IDs, into Bruce Williams.

0229: WTIC carrier popped up, followed by another announcement from CE, mentioning an "AM propagation experiment" in cooperation with the NRC, and requesting reception reports. KRLD still audible way underneath.

Nothing new for the log, but it was interesting nonetheless. I'm surprised that nobody else has mentioned hearing WNWJ. They are not uncommon here in the evenings, burbling under WTIC.

****Robert Foxworth - rfoxworl@tampabay.rr.com**

Just got back home, so I can post, have read the postings so far. You all have got it sorted out well. Although I had pieces of KRLD pretty clear around 2100 EST Saturday, they were well under Cuba and WVCG at 0100, I did hear a faint KRLD ID. Cuba and WVCG took turns here in Tampa going from inaudible to loud. Cuban // pgm on 1090 and 1100 hrd as well, the 1090 was very faint under KAAAY, and the 1100 fair to good and did not fade when the 1080 did, but smothered by raspy het on 1100.

WVCG was hrd with promo for a place in Hialeah (FL.) at 0102 or so. So I knew it was them, did not catch other IDs from them. I hrd the songs such as Besame Mucho very clearly at 0115, amigos de la madrugada is correct, as spoken by lady. They had some really nice ballads, a pleasure as it was so strong.

My questions - at 0125 trace of man in EE, if this was WTIC it is my only logging of them. And at 0127 hrd ad in EE mention "stamina", "30 days" and "800-569-9766" when Cuba faded. Was this WTIC??

Third SS occasionally, weak, this may be Venezuela as rptd by others. Never anywhere as good as the others.

At 0202 ad with Mariette Hartley, probably KRLD back on but did not hear them come on. At 0205 definitely 3 SS speakers here, and did get KRLD ID and into Williams so I quit then. KRLD was always poor at best here.

Receiver RS DX-390 with RS small loop inductively coupled. DXed from Pat's house as it is too noisy at home with computers on, etc. Tampa, FL.

Any help on the ad at 0127?? (but it's not enough for me to send a report to anyone on it)

I am surprised that WTIC is so difficult here. I get WBZ on occasion, WCBS often (at varying levels) and WTOP is frequently hrd here. I may in fact be the most distant person to hear anything from WTIC this morning? But this freq is normally so crowded here, I never thought I'd get anything from them.

****Rick Kenneally - Wilton, CT - woodlandview@yahoo.com**

Definitely WTIC running an infomercial about human growth hormone (you might have heard several HCG mentions). Call the 800 number and try it free for 30 days.

Just to be certain, the "amigos de la madrugada" program you mentioned was Cuba, not WVCG, correct? That agrees with Bruce Conti.

****Pete Taylor - Tacoma WA - taytac@worldnet.att.net**

KYCW-1090 had local basketball (rather than music) so I was able to tune into 1080. KOTK Portland was on top; country music from presumed KVNI was under. That's all, folks...

****Mark Connelly - MA - MarkWA1ION@excite.com**

WVCG-1080 Coral Gables, FL - MAR 18 - This was the dominant station here during the WTIC silent period (1:35 - 2:30 a.m. EST / 0635-0730 UTC). The programming was Spanish talk including some religious references (hallelujah, etc.). There were one or two other Spanish stations on channel at various times, but at the top of the hour (2 a.m. EST) - when it mattered - WVCG dominated with local names, addresses, and telephone numbers then an ID first in Spanish then clearly in English as "WVCG, Coral Gables, Florida". I used the Drake R8A at the home QTH with two different antennas, a sloper and a broadband loop. Slop from 1070 and 1090 was less severe on the sloper, so this was the preferred antenna even though its feedpoint and part of its lower end were covered with snow.

****Nial Kazaross - neilkaz@interaccess.com**

I'm quite surprised that more DXers didn't report WNWI as well. Their strongish (even nulled 20+ dB) presence here and the fact the I cleaned up on this channel before they went nights caused me to get some needed sleep.

****Scott D Fybush - Rochester NY - fybush@world.std.com**

I stayed up...and loved Jeff Hugabone's plug for the DX hobby just before taking WTIC silent. I've been on the phone with Jeff quite a bit over the last few weeks, and I have to say this guy is truly a friend to the hobby. When I talked to him Friday afternoon, he was worried that he wouldn't get any DX reports. "Just wait, you'll be amazed," was my response to him, and if everyone we've heard from on the reflector sends him a report, he will truly be pleased.

Once WTIC went off, I was hearing the same two SS signals, presumably Cuba and WVCG, that everyone else has been reporting. I have to go back and listen to the tape again for the 0200 top-hour; I didn't pick out anything "live" that resembled an ID.

The big surprise to me was how good the KRLD signal was here in Rochester. Assuming KRLD was using its directional night signal when it returned to the air, I suspect it would be a regular catch here if I had something effective to get a better null on WTIC (right now I'm using an RBA and a vintage McKay-Dymek DA5 amplified ferrite rod). I was able to null KRLD completely with just the DA5 and picked out Cuba several more times in the half-hour before WTIC came back on -- and even under WTIC during quiet spots I could still pick out bits of audio that I now know must be KRLD.

I'm writing an article for "Radio World" (an industry trade paper) about the silent period, and I'd love to hear from any DXers out there who wouldn't mind being quoted about how important it is to our hobby to get cooperation like this from station engineers. Thanks!

Forgot to mention...for those not as close to WTIC (or those who went to bed early), I'll be posting audio of the sign-off later tonight (Sunday/Monday) in the "NorthEast Radio Watch" column on my Web site, <<http://www.fybush.com>>. Enjoy...

****John Sampson - jsampson@qwest.net**

As with Kevin, KSCO, Santa Cruz, dominated 1080 here in Sun City West (about 20 miles northwest of Phoenix). There was an UNIDED SS under them most of the time (and equal to them some of the time) that was playing only mx while I was listening. John Sampson

Nigel Pimblett - Medicine Hat AB - ntp@shockware.com

My results on listening to the 1080 event last night:

pre 0100 EST KRLD and KOTK were jointly dominating the channel.

0100 - When KRLD went off, KOTK dominated alone for a while, but then would fade out every so often, allowing me to hear country music from CKSA, a talk station in English, and a Spanish language music station. For a change I had a reverse Murphy's Law experience, and KOTK faded just prior to 0130. Heard a WTIC ID at 0129, then they were nicely in the clear just after 0130 for the few words by the the Chief Engineer and an ID prior to going off.

Nothing else new noted prior to KRLD returning, as KOTK dominated for the most part. Never did ID the Spanish station, but was delighted to get WTIC, as that's a new state for me.

****Dave Marthouse - dmart@lynchburg.net**

I stayed up to catch the WTIC silent period from my listening post in Brookneal Virginia 30 miles south of Lynchburg. The equipment used was a stock Sony 2010. WTIC was the dominant signal till they

signed off. It was great to hear their engineer mention the NRC and long distance am radio listeners. After TIC dumped their carrier I heard the spanish language stations from FLA and Cuba fighting it out on frequency. KRLA came up at 0703UTC with CBS news and lots of station promos. Then it was the Bruce Williams show. The KRLA signal was strong and dominated the frequency for about 10 minutes. After that it was just a jumble of signals with slop from WBAL on 1090. I wish I had a directional antenna system to try to null the noise out. All in all it was fun and the first time I was able to hear KRLA. I hope that silent periods can be arranged in the future with other 50,000 blowtorches. This experiment reminded me of those great Monday mornings in the 60's and 70's when lots of the big signals signed off for maintenance. My thanks to the engineers at WTIC and KRLA who were kind enough to coordinate this fun and interesting experiment.

****Bob Klingler - New Cumberland PA - Rklingler97@aol.com**

Hi all, this may be a day late and a dollar short but haaaaaa. Got home Saturday night (or should I say Sunday morning) about 2:00 AM after spending a night out with my lovely wife and checked 1080 for the non- test. There was no WTIC but a decent signal from KRLD. Heard a commercial for what I believe was some kind of medical practice or something and the Nolan Ryan Center. Mentioned a Dr. Kim Cooper. Then another spot giving a web address as KRLD.com. That was followed by the soothing voice of Bruce Williams show. So, Texas made it into Pennsylvania. Like I said earlier, the signal was fair. I had heard them before last summer when I was out in Minnesota but it was good getting them here! I sure hope that maybe more stations will notify when they will be going off.

**** Steve Francis - Alcoa TN - Amdxmail@aol.com**

Satellite nostalgia WKJK Louisville KY ruled the roost per usual. WTIC in their null with fine signal at their 1:35 EST sign-off. WVCG Coral Gables doing OK in WKJK's fades with religion in Spanish; my tape reveals a weak English legal ID for WVCG 23 seconds before WKJK's CBS news sounder at 2. Presumed Cuban station heard seldom and weakly with Spanish ballads. KRLD loud at 2:01 with legal ID by woman over CBS news (causing a slight echo with WKJK).

Teletalk in English was heard briefly at one point around 1:40, with both of the Infinity stations off. Others' postings eliminate that format from every fulltimer in the Eastern half of the continent, could the fulltime CP for WRYT in Edwardsville IL be on?

****David Hochfelder - hochfeld@rci.rutgers.edu**

Heard with a Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa Pocket Loop Antenna, from New Brunswick, NJ.

I started listening just before 0130, and heard WTIC sign off right at 0135, with Jeff Hugabone giving a great plug for AM DXing and the NRC. Afterward, two Spanish language stations were audible, one religious with frequent and tedious "Hallajeuja"s and the other with an easy-listening format. A few weeks ago, I tentatively ID the easy-listening one as Cuba but would like a more positive confirmation. I thought I heard a slogan something like "Amigas de la Habana," but I really don't know Spanish. Thanks to the ever-common top-of-the-hour fade or KRLD firing up right then, I couldn't understand a top-of-the-hour ID, although neither station's ID sounded English, if there in fact was a TOH ID.

Just after 0200 KRLD came in loud and clear, armchair copy, in the middle of CBS news, then local news at 0204 (weather, 49 deg. F, traffic report at 0205 [D-FW must have a lot of traffic for a report at 1:00 AM!]), 0206 ad for Transamerica, then Bruce Williams call-in

show, with some woman calling in about a relative's will. Either due to fading or work on the transmitter, KRLD's armchair copy deteriorated after 0212, briefly came back at 0215, but tough copy till WTIC's sign-on at 0230.

Mark Mohrmann - Coventry VT - mohrmannm@mail.lsc.vsc.edu

NRD 535D, V-Beam 140m @ 180 degrees

1080 WTIC Hartford, CT, 18 Mar, 0633 +25dB over signal with sign-off announcement. (Mohrmann VT)

1080 WVCG(p) Coral Gables, FL, 18 Mar 0635-0701 Spanish religious program, fair to good signal, but faded at TOH. No ID heard but partial phone number heard matches the stations listed number.

1080 Unidentified, 18 Mar, 0635-0701, mostly LA ballads under and occasionally equal to (p)WVCG.

1080 KRLD Dallas, Tx, 18 Mar, 0701, back on abruptly with CBS network news. Then into "KRLD Local News". Fair signal but covering the other to Spanish stations.

Mickey Delmage - Sherwood Park AB - cidxqsl@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

I tried here to null out CKSA but Murphy said locals will be strong tonight!!! There was something under CSKA at 1:00 EST but could not ID them.. One thing for sure, and I am not sure if it was propagation or they actually came back on but at 0730 UTC (2:30EST) KRLD was in strong as usual, not noted at 0600 UTC. Anyway no new one here and CT remains a dream for us out west.

Using a Racal RA17C with the box loop.

**Glenn Hauser - Enid OK - ghauser@hotmail.com

I've yet to see anyone but myself report the Spanish station from the SW during the 1080 experiment (or it could be NE, but that seems unlikely). Did not get an ID or any info besides musical format, so may never know for sure, but searching the SCT listings, I find only a few Mexicans on 1080 in the western part of the country (tried Coahuila, Durango, Nayarit, and all states west and north), and the first one is surely the most likely -- being on 1080 in a state neighboring TX would not seem a good idea:

XEDT 1080 Ciudad Cuauhtemoc Chih / R Divertida 1 kw nd

XEPAB 1080 La Paz BCS / R Celebridad 0.5/0.25

XEDY 1080 Ciudad Morelos BCN 1.5/0.25

The first two are also mentioned in Fred Cantu's incomplete listings.

**Stewart, Randy - Springfield MO - jrs555t@smsu.edu

Glenn, no dice here on the Mexicans. Here in southern Missouri the Cuban was dominant most of the time (and damn near unnullable for whatever reason)... plus all the slop from KAAV on 1090 (and some moderate crud from WDIA Memphis on 1070)... I'm thankful to have heard anything at all on 1080! There was at least one other SS station in there, but really couldn't get a bead on its direction-- it could've been an XE, or it could've been Miami. Like you say, we'll never know... Ben Dangerfield brought up a good point as well: even when the two dominant U.S. stations on 1080 had a concurrent silent period, the frequency was still crawling with enough signals to make it difficult to ID anything with certainty... and never mind the RADEX listings in the 1930s. The frequency wouldn't have been busy like that even in the late <1960s> and early <'70s>, when <I> started DXing. Even as recently as 30 years ago, silent periods really MEANT something in terms of quieter band conditions. Still, it was a marvelous, worthwhile "propagation experiment" as WTIC's engineer calls it, and here's hoping we can convince more stations to do the same... or at the very least, give

the DX community a "heads up!" when they're planning to be off for maintenance!

Mark Connelly - {The following is an excerpt from some recent correspondence with Gerry Thomas of RadioPlus Electronics.}

Life goes on, as they say, and I expect my radio involvements to get back on track even though I won't have all those Cape Cod weekend trips to juice up the logbook. Local outings are still on hold: in the northern and western suburbs of Boston we got slammed with 2 feet of snow earlier this week (on top of as much as a foot of existing cover). My home QTH set-up is passable for European DX, mediocre to Africa, but poor to South America and the Caribbean (I guess because of hills in that direction). I really am looking forward to the after-work beach DX outings, but those look like a distant-future thing if you took a peek out the window here right now.

The loop experiments at East Harwich did produce some interesting results. Mainly I was looking at both absolute weak signal audibility (signal to amp. Noise ratio) and raw S-meter readings. The former is of prime concern with a good communications receiver; the latter is more important with cheaper receivers (especially portables) where the receiver's own lack of sensitivity is the biggest problem. I did give a bit of attention to ease of nulling, and achievable null depth.

I have some additional tests that I want to do before publishing the article. One problem I ran across was, even near midday, really weak high band stations (above 1300 kHz) exhibited some skip-related strength variation over time. That's what you get from trying to do these types of tests during the winter. In any event, the high-band usable sensitivity differences aren't as great as the low-band differences.

So what happened in Loop Tests, Part 1? Generally the "old Quantum" had about 6-10 dB higher S-meter reading for a given head than the "new Quantum" in non-regeneration mode. I guess the new Quantum with your transformer update would perform about the same as the old Quantum I have. That being said, the old Quantum had a noisefloor of S9 on the R8A set to PREAMP ON, versus a noisefloor of S8 for the new Quantum. The usable sensitivity, therefore, was no different for a given head with either base. The Kiwa Loop produced about an S4 noisefloor (amp. noise) when peaked on a no-signal frequency. The signal output of the Kiwa was lower by something like 10-15 dB versus the Quantum (normal head, old base) and more like 25 dB less versus the Quantum with the larger head (the one you'd sent me a long time ago, presumably the same one you're providing with your longwave-capable QX+). Large head versus smaller head on a given Quantum base gave about 16 dB of gain on the low end of the dial (530) and about 8 dB of improvement up around 1600 kHz. That's usable gain, as the amplifier noisefloor is the same with either head.

On both the "new Quantum" and the Kiwa, regeneration increased output by as much as 15 dB before received audio got excessively muddy. Amp. noise also goes up during regeneration, so weak signal sensitivity really doesn't change much. Using single sideband and passband tuning on receive lets you squeeze a little more out of the regen. before audio quality goes into the dumper (or before oscillation breaks out). Actually, from my experiences, regeneration has the greatest benefit when the receiver isn't, by itself, up to snuff for split DXing ... e.g. Sangean portables, car radios, etc. Only once in a while will regeneration improve reception on a receiver that already has a good choice of IF

bandwidths, PBT, etc.

So who's better, Kiwa or Quantum? A good sensitivity test is Turks and Caicos on 530 kHz at a distance of about 1400 miles on pure midday groundwave. At south-facing beaches in Dennisport, etc. it is strong enough to be a hair over the noise floor on my Ford Taurus car radio (and easily copyable there on the Drake R8A with any good loop, a 100' wire, or an MFJ-1024 active whip). At the E. Harwich house with something like 3-4 miles of sandy pinelands on the bearing to T&C-530 before hitting the water, the signal level is about 6-10 dB weaker than at the beach sites. The car radio doesn't receive the 530 groundwave at the house. It's still easily heard on a 100' sloper to the Drake R8A. Using the normal Quantum head (with either base) produced a signal that was barely over the amplifier noise threshold. The Kiwa Loop produced a cleaner (though "S-meter weaker") signal, perhaps an S-unit over its S4 noise deck. The winner turned out to be the Quantum (again, either base) with the larger ferrite head. It had a narrow, but noticeable, hearability edge over the Kiwa on the Turks & Caicos - 530 signal there. Weak signals higher in the band were pretty much a dead heat between the "big head" Quantum and the Kiwa in terms of usable signal-to-noise. With cheapo portables, the Quantum would be preferable because of higher "S-meter output". On a good radio like a Drake or AOR, it wouldn't matter. The normal head Quantum lagged some, thereby validating a "size does matter" principle. With really weak signals, amplifier gain cannot make up for lack of ferrite, even with the best noise-figure FET's you can find. It should be stated that, especially at night, over 95% of what you can hear with a Kiwa or large-head Quantum can also be heard with a Quantum having the standard size head.

I think that the large-head version of the Quantum Loop may come fairly close to the performance of the old Gordon Nelson NRC 6 ft. FET Altazimuth Loop in terms of digging out the weak ones. You'd have to be way out in the middle of nowhere to see much difference. The 100' sloper at E. Harwich, when fed through an MWT-3 regenerative preselector (gain about 40 dB), could still pull up a couple of signals none of the loops could find, but you're talking about 1/10 of 1% of anything of interest unless you're DXing from Antarctica or somewhere comparably remote.

Nulling is best with the Kiwa, second best with a normal head Quantum, and third with the large head Quantum. In all cases, if there's something on a channel at a right angle to a dominant and within 30-40 dB of its strength, it can be made audible without much difficulty with any of these loops.

I did notice some of the hand capacitance effect you'd mentioned. Instead of causing imprecise peaking, the main thing it did was to couple in some "hand signal" to make a tight null less deep (if I was peaking a subdominant's signal). A bit irritating, but not a big deal.

On other antenna matters, I've been following the pennant and flag discussions (on the Topband, Pennant / Flag, and NRC reflectors) by hobby luminaries such as Kazaross, Rauch (W8JI), Griggs (K1ZM), Cunningham (K6SE), and Breed (K9AY). Good info. for the upcoming outdoor antenna experimentation season.

Gerry Thomas replies:

Of immediate importance is that fact that I have made a couple of fairly important changes to the QX Loop. The first is the substitution of an all-nylon shaft/screw on the VC. I had been having problems finding an adhesive that could adhere nylon and brass so I started using a steel screw. This resulted in hand capacitance while tuning and required gripping the tuning knob by

the skirt to avoid the hand capacitance. I'm now machining the nylon spacer so that it is "keyed" to the VC shaft. This allows me to go back to the nylon screw and all hand capacitance is gone. The second important change is the switch from the broad-band output transformer that I had been using and the incorporation in the QX of the autotransformer that I use in the QX Pro. Instead of the 16:1 step-down, its now closer to 50-90:1. This results in about a 6-10 dB gain in output across the band. All QX's sold within the last month or so have these mods as will all future QX's.

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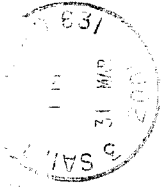
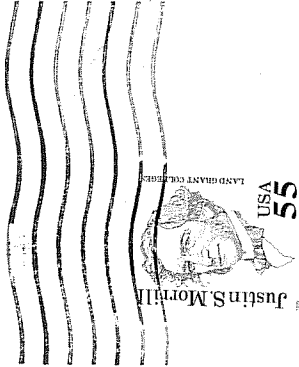
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