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## Ha Happy Anniversary IRCA!A!

### Presidential Memo

3/9/03

I was extremely pleased to hear from Reid that we had a large number of nominations for the upcoming IRCA Elections. That is a sign that the Club is strong. I was also gratified to be nominated again to serve as President or IRCA BOD. My sincere thanks to those who placed my name on the ballot. After two terms as IRCA President and two terms on the BOD, I have decided to skip this election.

EDXR, Awards, and the Reprint Service is enough for one person. Add to that the AMLOGBOOK Web site. It is also time for some "new blood" to get involved in the IRCA. I also have realized that in the past two seasons, I have spent less than 60 minutes DX'ing. I would like to remedy that. I want to publically thank those who have served with me the past 8 years... A special thanks to Ralph, Phil, Lynn, and Rich.

Their support and friendship has meant a great deal to me. I look forward to improving the Awards area, and getting the rest of the reprints available via CD AND DXing !!!!!!! 73's to you all

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### Nominations Are Open for the TVA and RHA awards for 2002-2003

*Reid Wheeler, ECC*

#### Ted Vasilopoulos Award (TVA)

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 following persons have won the TVA in the last five years and are ineligible this year: *Nancy Johnson, Ralph Sanserino, Lee Freshwater, Mike Sanburn, and John C Johnson.*

#### Ric Heald Award (RHA)

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 following persons have won the RHA in the last three years and are ineligible this year: *Rich Toebe, Lynn Hollerman, and Nancy Johnson.*

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All nominations, including a brief statement supporting the nomination, shall be sent to the respective winners of last year's awards:

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All nominations must be received by the above no later than **March 31, 2003.**

### DX Tests

**PLEASE NOTE:** Even if you don't hear a test, be sure to contact the station, and thank them for going to the trouble to run a test! Please remember, what's listed as being on, say, Monday morning "may" be what you think of as Sunday night!

**Thursday, March 20, 2003** -- 910 WEPG South Pittsburg, TN Midnight-1am LOCAL (CST) (0100-0200 EST) Test will consist of distinctive music and CW ID. WEPG will be at 5 kW non-directional. WEPG's phone number is 423-837-7577. Arranged by Phil Patton for DX-midAmerica. Reception reports may be sent to:



WEPG Radio  
105 Ash Ave  
South Pittsburg, TN 37380  
Attn: Phil Patton

Thanks to **John J. Rieger**, DX-midAmerica

John notes that WKWM and WEPG will use "Voice, music and the following digital modes: RTTY 45.45 baud at 170 Hz shift, BPSK31, MFSK, THROB, (1 kHz bandwidth, long interleave) and SSTV Scottie DX mode. Hopefully the other modes will be of interest to someone, if nothing else hearing a teletype style signal on the AM broadcast band will be good proof it was us! By the way, the center frequency for the teleprinter modes will be 1900 Hz."

### Web Sites for AM DX Stuff

We're looking at a number of regional radio sites this week...

If you are looking for radio news out of Utah, and especially Salt Lake City, then this site is for you... [SaltLakeRadio.com](http://SaltLakeRadio.com) and [UtahRadioNews.com](http://UtahRadioNews.com) have merged. There are lots of current news stories about the radio industry, station guides and links to articles in the local newspapers, including the "Radio Dial" column by Lynn Arave from the *Deseret News*. Have a look-see at <http://www.utahradionews.com/>

[RadioEmporium.net](http://RadioEmporium.net) bills itself as "The Southwest's #1 Radio Site"—it covers AZ, NM, NV, UT, CO, TX and OK. Call sign histories can be found here, as well as logos, news stories, forums, and other features. It's located at <http://radioemporium.net/>

<http://www.sdradio.net/> is the site to look to for **San Diego radio news** and information, and is kept current; the March 11 news begins with the story that KSDO-1130 is changing formats from News-talk to Spanish Christian "Radio Nueva Vida", and many comments about the Mighty 1090's debut.

**BenMac.com** is the source to go to for information on the media in Birmingham, Alabama... there are lists of stations (and links) and news articles featured, and links to radio articles from the Post-Herald, Birmingham's newspaper. There's a lot of material on advertising, complimenting radio industry news. Go to <http://www.benmac.com/bmc/>



If you have found an interesting website that revolves around AM medium wave radio, or complimentary facets of the hobby, be sure and let us know about it! --RT

## WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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- 620 KTAR AZ, Phoenix 3/3 0230 poor under KTLK with news and ad for "Help Wanted Phoenix dot com." (DP-OR)
- 630 KWRO OR, Coquille 3/2 2100 news, ADT and Ovaltine ads, gone at 2100. (AB-CA)
- 640 CFOB ON, Fort Francis2/23 2258 a surprise with KFI nulled with short, continuous tape loop. No sign of KGVW! Only heard one or twice before. Will soon move to FM. (LG-MT)
- 710 KMIA AZ, Black Canyon 3/3 0510 poor under KIRO. Several ID's heard plus slogan "La Consentida." (DP-OR)
- 730 KBSU ID, Boise 2/28 1955 jazz music, ID weather, ID as "Idaho's jazz station, KBSU Boise..." then lost under KULE. (NP-AB)
- KULE WA, Ephrata 2/28 2000 ID "Hot Talk 730, KULE, Ephrata-Moses Lake," into CBS news. (NP-AB)
- 770 KCBC CA, Riverbank 3/7 ended ministry program at 0959 and ID'd as "Your 50,000 watt family Christian station, AM 770, KCBC." Good signal, mixing with an unID (probably KATL or CHOR). (LG-MT)
- 800 CKOR BC, Penticton2/26 0900 was strong where CHAB usually is, ID followed program of "easy rock," then Community First News. (LG-MT)
- 980 KINS CA, Eureka 3/3 0943 good enough. Slipped in between KVLV talk with "KINS Eureka" and weather for the North Coast. (DP-OR)
- KVLV NV, Fallon 3/3 0936 fair but consistent. Several ID's and 4-5 ads for "Fallon Auto Mall" read live. My guess is the DJ owns the station and the Auto Mall. (DP-OR)
- 1010 KSIR CO, Brush 3/7 0806 fair with several ID's, weather for many Colorado towns, ag ads including "Seed Performance." (DP-OR)
- KGUY OR, Milwaukie 2/20 0800 was very strong with C&W and ID as "Classic hit country, KGUY." Kinda early for this daytimer to be on. (LG-MT)
- 1060 KBGN ID, Caldwell 3/3 0930 good "At AM 1060...broadcasting Good News, KBGN," music, then Bible study. (DP-OR)
- KKVV NV, Las Vegas 3/3 0927 fair & clear. Man with "On AM 1060...KKVV Las Vegas," amidst KBGN music. Religious. (DP-OR)
- 1090 XEPRS BCN, Rosarita Beach 3/4 0930 noted with new sports format, had been running loop tape up to last night, noted with Sporting News Radio network this morning. Signal seems a bit weaker than before which is fine with me, hi. (RW-CA)

- 1190 KVCU CO, Boulder 3/7 0901 very strong and dominant. New Age instrumental song ended, and young man ID'd as simply "KVCU Boulder." (LG-MT)
- 1230 KHDN MT, Hardin 3/6 was strong and in the clear at 1000 with NOS music and ID as "Big Sky Radio, KHDN." New. (LG-MT)
- ?KLAV?NV, Las Vegas 2/21 assumed the one with "What's goin' on, Vegas?" at 1000. (LG-MT)
- CJNL BC, Merritt 2/21 even with assumed KLAV with local ID at 1000. Rare. (LG-MT)
- 1290 KOWB WY, Laramie 3/7 0917 fair with sports, local news and mention of "Laramie Lumber." (DP-OR)
- 1350 KBID CA, Bakersfield 3/7 0856 Jim Croce song "I'll Have to Say I Love You in a Song." (AB-CA)
- 1360 KPXQ AZ, Glendale 3/7 0855 fair "Today's Christian talk, 1360 KPXQ Phoenix." (DP-OR)
- KFIV CA, Modesto 2/24 finally heard, on tip from Nigel Pimblett. Pretty much in the clear at 0959 with ID as "K-Five," asking for phone calls on talk show. ABC news began at 1000. (LG-MT)
- 1380 KTKZ CA, Sacramento 2/21 2000 was loud on the car radio with call ID, then local news. (LG-MT)
- 1400 KQMS CA, Redding 3/2 0300 "Your #1 source for news and information in ...county, this is newstalk 1400, Redding." (NP-AB)
- 1440 KUHL CA, Santa Maria 3/7 0905 KUHL ID, into local weather and news. (AB-CA)
- 1500 TIS WA, Fort Lewis 2/24 new TIS noted 1410 "Fort Lewis Command Information Radio." Typical military base traffic and security info. First noted while I was driving around Lakewood. Weak at home but in the clear. (PT-WA)
- 1550 KUAZ AZ, Tucson 3/5 0929 ID, local weather and time check. (AB-CA)
- 1560 KKAAs SD, Aberdeen 2/17 was even with KNZR 0759-0800 with news and ID. Assumed the strong one with "Inside Agriculture" at 0756 on 3/6, very strong. (LG-MT)
- 1570 KSXT CO, Loveland 2/28 1958 Fort Collins area ads, then ID as "1570 AM, KSXT, Loveland." (NP-AB)
- KNDY KS, Marysville 2/28 1959 came through nicely in moment of KSXT dead air with ID as "KNDY and KNDY-FM, Marysville, Kansas." (NP-AB)
- UNID
- 620 3/3 1253 religious programming, "Hour of Hope" with plenty of music. No ID heard at the top of the hour. Gone for good at 0130 and not heard at sunrise. (DP-OR)

Thanks to our reporters to this anniversary issue of DXM. Nancy 3/7 2100

## FALL 2002 VERSION! The IRCA Mexican Log 8<sup>th</sup> Edition



lists all AM stations in Mexico by frequency, including call letters, state, city, day/night power, slogans, schedule in UTC/GMT, formats, networks and notes. The call letter index gives call, frequency, city and state. The city index (listed by state, then city) includes frequency, call and day/night power. The log has been completely updated from the 2001 edition and carefully cross-checked by several IRCA members. **This is an indispensable reference for anyone who hears Mexican radio stations.** Size is 8 1/2" x 11" and three hole punched for easy binding. **Prices:** IRCA/NRC members - \$9.50 (US/Canada/Mexico/sea mail), \$10.50 (rest of the Americas airmail), \$11.00 (Europe/Asia airmail), \$11.50 (Australia/New Zealand airmail). Non-members: add \$2.50 to the above prices.

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## CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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### RIDING GAIN

- [EB-MO] **Eric Bueneman**, Hazelwood, MO  
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National NC-60 Special with inverted V indoor antenna. GE Superadio III.  
Radio Shack TM-152 AM Stereo tuner with Worcester Space Magnet 2.
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http://DXMW.com  
Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, GE Superadio III, Terk AM 1000 loop.
- [JcJ-MT] Your editor using the 1998 Mustang car radio.

### DOWN THE DIAL

- 640 WGST GA, Atlanta. 3-5 poor with two or three others. Not that common here.  
07:15 with spots, calls. [JJR-WI]
- 730 KKDA TX, Grand Prairie. 3-2. 07:00 with "Join me, Rose Johnson, and Roger E.  
Brown for the information you want on Soul 73 KKDA." [PAL-MN]
- 740 WJIG TN, Tullahoma. 3-1 poor. 04:28 with local spots, calls. 11W! Last logged  
as WCWY. [JJR-WI]
- 760 KMTL AR, Sherwood. 3-7 good. 07:15 with continuous Gospel music until 08:00  
ID "KMTL Sherwood, Little Rock, North Little Rock." New. [PAL-MN]
- 860 WAEC GA, Atlanta. 3-4 poor, steady. 06:00 with church announcements, 404  
area code, legal ID. Only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time heard. [JJR-WI]
- 890 KQLX ND, Lisbon. 3-7 fair. 08:13 with promo for radio auction and weather.  
08:15 spot for Dakota Electric Co-op and a car dealer. [PAL-MN]
- 970 WBLF PA, Bellefonte. 3-5 poor, barely in, over unID with SS. 07:00 with legal ID.  
Faded out seven minutes later. Rare here. [JJR-WI]
- 1140 KZMQ WY, Greybull. 3-6 excellent, alone. 19:20 with promo for something in  
Thermopolis and other local spots and promos with mention of the Big  
Horn Radio Network. "Real Country on KZMQ." [PAL-MN]
- 1150 KSEN MT, Shelby. 3-7 poor. 08:25 with spot for a restaurant on 9<sup>th</sup> Street in  
Shelby. More spots. [PAL-MN]
- 1260 KWSH OK, Wewoka. 3-1 good over KSGF in WSDZ null. 04:55 with local spot,  
"Best Country 12-60 KWSH" ID into country music. [EB-MO]
- 1330 KOVE WY, Lander. 3-6 fading in and out. 19:41 with country music. "AM 13-30  
KOVE" into more music. New. [PAL-MN]
- 1340 KCQL NM, Aztec. 3-5. 23:00 with legal ID into network news. [NJ-MT]  
KGFW NE, Kearney. 3-4. 07:00 with "13-40 KGFW Kearney" legal ID into CBS  
News. [PAL-MN]
- 1380 WLRM TN, Millington. 3-1. 05:13 with promo, "AM 13-80 WLRM" ID, and Urban  
Gospel music format. Last heard in 1984 as WMPS. [EB-MO]
- 1420 WIMS IN, Michigan City. 3-1 good to fair over WOC, WJVS with minor WRTH-  
1430 splash. 05:00 noted with legal ID that mentioned Valparaiso into  
CNN News. Last heard in Marietta, GA on a 1992 DX Test. [EB-MO]

- 1490 WZOE IL, Princeton. 3-6 poor. 05:00 with legal ID into CBS News. [JJR-WI]  
1510 KFNN AZ, Mesa. 3-8 good, alone. 09:00 legal ID. [JcJ-MT]  
1540 KXPA WA, Bellevue. 2-25 weak with KXEL nulled. 22:00 ID "KXPA Bellevue,  
Seattle." [NJ-MT]  
1560 KABI KS, Abilene. 2-24 fair with KNZR nulled. 21:00 with "You're listening to  
Abilene's news, sports, and information station KABI Abilene." [NJ-MT]

### 25 YEARS AGO

March 11, 1978 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Jerry Robertson** of Crosswell, MI said CKLW, CBEF, and CHYR were all off the air due to the January 26<sup>th</sup> blizzard ... **Susan Sirulnick** of Teaneck, NJ told about attending **Paul Mount's** get-together ... **Scott Metzger** of Tylertown, MS received a verie from the daughter of the chief engineer of WFRO ... **Larry V. Flegle** of Sheffield, AL received a verie card from CHML.

### OPEN MIKE

Happy Anniversary, IRCA! This column was typed 3-8-03. 73, John

## EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

Editor: Lee J. Freshwater – 414 SE 3rd St. – Ocala, FL 34471

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Deadlines are : Sunday 8 AM

- (WB-FL) Walt Breville STARS OF THE WEEK  
P. O. Box 6194 Nalcrest, FL 33856  
Grundig Sat 700 w/ int antenna
- (HN-GA) Herb Newberry 405 JH Whittaker Rd, Newborn, GA 30056-3033  
Kenwood R-5000, Quan Loop , 300' I.w.

### LOGGINGS

- 560 AL WOOF Dothan 2/24 0742 "Sporting News Radio". Local ads "5-60 WOOF  
Radio.." New (HN-GA)
- 620 TN WRJZ Knoxville 2/24 0748 Local rel pgm. No sign of WTRP/WDAE  
Good on wire. New (HN-GA)
- 670 AL WYLS York 2/24 0800 s/on full stn details. In background of WMTY  
with VL:OLD MX (HN-GA)
- 680 NC WRGC Sylvia 2/23 2230 NOS Music, local ads, local DJ May have been  
on Day power. New (HN-GA)
- 720 FL WRZN Hernando 2/24 1750 ID "WRZN Hernando-Ocala" "Sunshine 7-  
20" Sat fed NOS. WGSE in background (HN-GA)
- 780 NC WWOL Forest City 2/24 1800 Legal ID at TOH into USA News. WBBM in  
background. WWOL dominant (HN-GA)
- 810 NY WGY Schenectady 3-4 0610 In strong with News & ID (WB-FL)
- 860 TN WTZX Sparta 2/24 0814 "The best Oldies on WTZX" WAEC  
unusually absent. Dominant signal "Feel Good Radio (HN-GA)
- 930 AL WJBY Rainbow City 2/24 0823 Choral music u/ WFXJ, "The Fox"  
"WJBY" hrd between songs. WFXJ Dominant (HN-GA)
- 950 TN WAKM Franklin 2/24 0825 Local news. WGTA mixing in. Occasional  
fades. (HN-GA)
- 970 GA WVOP Vidalia 2/24 1813 "Oldies 97" local mentions. Faded out at  
1816, power cut. New (HN-GA)
- 1070 IN WIBC Indianapolis 3-4 0604 Very good atop channel w/ "36 degrees in  
Indianapolis, WIBC News-time 6:04" (WB-FL)

1080 KY WKJK Louisville 2/24 0836 Local news/sports/traffic. Sports from KY News Net. Call in talk. No sign of WFTD Minor fades (HN-GA)  
 1330 GA WGTJ Murrayville 2/29 1314 S. GSPL, local anncr New (HN-GA)  
 1360 SC WELP Easley 2/29 1330 Hrd "WELP" in noisy background. Also S GSPL mx. Poor New (HN-HA)  
 1390 AL WHMA Anniston 2/24 1827 Singing jingle call letters, Local PSA's, weather. Good, New (HN-GA)  
 1500 GA WDPC Dallas 2/29 1351 "Southern Gospel on WDPC" in WDEN null. S7 in background noise. (HN-GA)  
 GA WDEN Macon 2/29 1351 Dominant with new format ESPN Sports No longer C&W (HN-GA)  
 1530 GA WTTI Dalton 2/29 1355 S. GSPL. Ex-silent (HN-GA)  
 1700 TX KTBK Sherman 2/24 0855 CNN News from KBGG In background. KTBK with local talk. KTBK dominant // 1310 (HN-GA)

That's a wrap for this week. Nice to see someone DXing after a couple of weeks with no submissions..... Fresh 3/09/03 0800

### DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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### PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 760 **MEXICO**, Mexico DF, XEABC 3/3 at 1201 poor u/KFMB. Possibly two SS stations on this freq. Listened from 0400 and heard mention of "Cali". At 1200, power increased and heard "ABC Radio presenta...." Then mention of school time for kids followed by kids chanting a song. (DP-OR) (*Good catch Doug. This one is not reported often this far North.PM*)
- 830 **MEXICO**, Mexico DF, XEITE was weak but all alone u/AU cx 2/3 at 0358 with mention of Distrito Federal and ID as Radio Capital. Another weak ID at 0359 2/4. I assume it was the same station 2/5 at 0402, much stronger but no ID, with rel. pgm "La Voz de la Liberacion" from a church in the Colonia Roma in D.F. New. (LG-MT)
- 1130 **MEXICO**, Toluca, Mex. XETOL had a fine signal at 1301 2/4. All alone u/AU cx. Man said "La mas ???, Radio Lobo, 1130 AM, cubriendo todo el ??? de Toluca con 10000 watts... Grupo ACIR". (LG-MT)
- 1170 **MEXICO**, Puebla, Pue. XECD was weak but by itself 2/9 0355 with call ID. Usually I hear XEUVA here, have only heard XECD once or twice before. (LG-MT)

### VERIFICATIONS

- 900 **ALASKA**, Fort Yukon, KZPA rec. nice QSL card and letter with tourist info in 150d from taped report. QSL card signed by Roberta Thomas, Station Manager and letter signed by Shirley Thomas, Office Personnel. Power 5 kW. Address: PO Box 50, Fort Yukon AK 99740. AK QSL #53.

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 I've recently taken early retirement and moved back home to NE Oregon. I ran the Reprints Service for 12 years, but resigned from that when I retired. I don't do a lot of BCB listening; LF is my primary radio interest--hunting beacons. From my old N. Calif. home the Far East Russian LWBC's were easy morning copy; here in NE Oregon, they're not quite as strong, but often audible on good mornings. 153, 180, 189 and sometimes 279 are the main freqs I hear them on, all simulcasting the same program. (A semi-local NDB on 280 usually wipes out hearing 279.) Tropical Band and SW are other more casual interests. My main radio is an AR7030; I have various antennas--active whip, homebrew K9AY, 1000' E/W wire, 800' N/S wire--both unterminated. Building and experimenting with various radios, preamps and other accessories continue as a major interest for the past 25 years.

Nick Hall-Patch, 1538 Amphion St., Victoria, BC Canada V8R 4Z6 ([nhp@ieee.org](mailto:nhp@ieee.org))  
 I suspect that it's several years since I sent in a forum for the anniversary edition, so this qualifies as a major achievement, as I seem to be behind in everything else. This includes the new DXer's Technical Guide, which is taking form much more slowly than I would like. I have asked for suggestions about the new Guide, but have received no response; this might be your last chance to shape the future in DXing technical advice, as I must really knuckle down and complete this. Unfortunately, can't say there have been major achievements in DX for the past year. A TA opening in late September, and that has been about it. Any other TA's were heard in Massachusetts where I was working for eight weeks towards the end of the year, and yes, you really can hear Saudi Arabia-1521 on a car radio on Cape Cod, but you have to choose your time and location. TPs have been limited to carriers and snippets of audio through much of the winter. Otherwise, things go on much as before. Still working as an electronics technologist at an oceanographic research institution, still married to DX tolerant Susan, but the daughters who occasionally went on DXpeditions to Jordan River have grown up and happily non-DX at other locations. (why should they? At one point, one was in Japan and another in Colombia, and I wasn't hearing anything from either location at home). Congratulations to IRCA on another good year, and thanks to those who have been keeping things running so smoothly and professionally.

Patrick Martin, Seaside OR KAVT Reception Manager  
 Happy Anniversary everyone. I am 54 (March 4th) and I have owned my Locksmith business for the past 24 years. My father started it in 1967. I have DXed since 1962 and have collected QSLs since 1965. I have heard and QSL'd about 90 countries with 2841 MW QSLs. I started DXing in Seward AK. In 1967 we moved back to the Oregon coast. I mainly DX Asia and the Pacific which I love. Living a mile from the ocean helps. Using phased EWE antennas work very well for me. I also have 1500' running East and 400' running to the NW. Some of my highlights include logging and QSLing Shillong India on 864 khz (100 KW) in 1992, Nepal in 1993 on 792 & 576 kHz, and then Bangladesh on 558 kHz in 1994. One of my favorite areas to DX is the Philippines. To date I have heard about 40 with 21 QSL'd. I also love hearing and QSLing Australians & New Zealand's with 329 QSLs from there. Lots

of fun with Asia & the Pacific. I have been an IRCA member since the late 60's, with a short gap in the middle 70s. I have been editing the DXWW-West column since 1980 and have enjoyed being on the IRCA BOD. Long live the IRCA!

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Well, guess it's about time to wish IRCA Happy Anniversary! I just rejoined recently after about a year's absence, and glad to be back. I'm now doing the BI column again, keep me busy and send me your tips! Getting used to the So. CA. life now, been down here about 3 months, and I like the East San Gabriel valley where I'm residing now. When my family sells their house and moves down from San Jose sometime in May-June timeframe, we're looking to purchase a place in Rancho Cucamonga right now. The San Jose job market was totally dead, got a good job down here now, so I can concentrate on DX'ing again! I can null on most of the L.A. stations here, except for KFI and KNX, they're a bit too strong, and KTNQ. KALI-900 is my closest local here, about 4 miles south of me. Been meeting with Mike Sanburn and Steve Jarvis on a regular basis, hope to see them (and everyone else!) at this year's IRCA convention in Portland, ME. Gary Larson has also been a good friend and calls regularly. Wanted to meet him at airport last Sunday in Burbank but guess we got crossed up. Again, happy anniversary.

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Well guys and gals, it's been awhile. I was one of the original members, going back to the infamous Denver NRC/NRCI convention, but kind of faded away due to the old mantra of school, family and work. I am very pleased and surprised that my piece on QSLing stations is still be used by the club. I hope it has helped someone along the way. As life has settled down, I've been able to get back into DXing and playing with the radio on a more consistent basis, so I rejoined less than a year ago. My main interests are, in very rough order, amateur radio, BCB DXing and SW DXing, but the first two often change places due to whims and propagation. I finally moved to a hill top location (pretty close anyway) and am scared to death I'm going to get caught up in FM or TV DXing. Geez, I'm trying to simplify my life, not complicate it. The main radio is a Kenwood TS-930S which is a transceiver, but does a very respectable job on the broadcast band. The antenna typically used for BCB is an 80' inverted vee, but there are times when my six element beam is equal to or better than the vee. Most of my listening is done during the SRS and SSS hours. Comparing Dan Kaskey's San Francisco bandscan with my results here about 100 miles north has been a lot of fun. BTW, does anybody remember Ric Heald's address when he lived in Santa Rosa? Best wishes to all and its good to be back.

Doug Pifer, 3410 Marion St. SE, Albany, OR 97322 KE6GMM

For the re-intro, I'll try to stick to the facts. I am 44 and have been married for 20 years now and have three teenagers. My wife, Nancy, is just about done with her Doctorate of Pharmacy and spends her week as a student at the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) in Portland and comes home on weekends. I'm retired from the postal service and Air Force reserves and my current employment is simply to control things around the household. There is always something going on here with lots of kids and all the associated benefits. Ha Ha. Although, these days, my legs restrict a lot I can do, I still have several other hobbies which include: astronomy, gardening, ghost/mining town exploring, carpentry, photography, screen-printing (again) and collecting. Mostly, old radios, postcards, bottles, or? NASCAR is consuming even more of my time this year too. I've been DXing since the late 70's, mostly from Southern California. DX was good down there, with many TP's, Latins, including South America and a fair amount of DX from the East coast. All enjoyable. About a year ago, I started to listen more often and send in reports. My totals from Albany are about 460, which I know is a measly amount, but I have heard almost all I probably can to the West of me! The IRCA DX Contest this year has been enjoyable. I think it is a perfect way to re-generate interest in DXing and freshen up some of those old loggings. Thanks to Nancy for managing it! Input to the Columns has been great lately. I spoke too soon in my last forum. Good work! 73's to all, Doug

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Happy anniversary, IRCA! By way of re-introduction, I am age 58, single, a DXer since 1960, and work as a consulting utility forester. I joined the IRCA near its second anniversary and have been a member ever since; member of the Longwave Club since 1981. Receivers in use: a modified Yaesu FRG-7 (general coverage plus LW through a converter) and a WWII surplus Bendix MN-26C (150 to 1600 khz). Antennas in use: R. West loop, a homemade 10-meter ground plane, and 300 feet of longwire strung around the periphery of my lot. At various times I tune LW beacons, 10-meter ham beacons, MW, SWBC, and utilities. I have verified all states (44 on MW), all provinces except the new territory of Nunavut (9 on MW), and 81 countries (56 on MW). I recently set a personal-best record by hearing a 0.1-watt 10-meter beacon from West Virginia which is 22,590 miles per watt! Other interests include long distance bicycle touring, photography, and personal computers. I wrote the GCD program for MS-DOS (and DOS mode of Windows-98 and below) that computes great circle distances and bearings and includes a huge database of transmitter coordinates. GCD has been well received by users and is still available w/full registration for just \$20. 73 and good DX to all.

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For IRCA's anniversary issue I will un-hibernate (for a short time only). I just turned 69 last month so I'm an old goat (or so it says here). I first joined IRCA in 1966 so I missed all the flack between clubs in 64. At the time, I was the Sales Director for the El Rancho Hotel in West Sacramento CA so I started shopping around for nearby members. First out of his hole was Bob Pietsch who was cribbing figures down in Marin County at the time. After a few drinks at the 'Gay Nineties Bar' at the Ranch we were inspired to inaugurate ERBA. El Rancho Bar Assn. We quickly inducted nearby members Dave Prather (Woodland) & Gene Mattocks (Marysville). Labor day of 1966 found Gene, Clarence Freeman & I headed for Eugene OR for the NRC convention. Memorable events there were (1) all the drinks in the bar tasted like salt water (2) Everyone decided to use our room as the beer room. Bathtub was full of beer & ice. (3) Heated discussions between Gordon Nelson & Ron Schatz that drew huge crowds. A major step upward was made in the fall of 1967 (I think) when I hosted 36 other dxers from Northern Calif. (mostly) at the El Rancho. This was a pretty successful event, larger than many future conventions. We had a pool tournament & a bowling tournament. Both will live on in total infamy. The sight of Ron Schatz missing the set-up he was shooting at and pocketing both the 8 ball & the cue ball will stay with me to my grave. Ron was pretty gutsy...He had just broke his leg or something as he hobbled around all weekend on crutches. Many new members to ERBA were made that weekend. Core additions such as Mike Northam & Randy Seaver were added there & Ed Krejny called from Cleveland OH to complain I hadn't invited him. Many strange, weird events happened for the next 5 years. Not the least was the night at Sams Hideaway in Portland where Schatz & I sang 'The Star Spangled Banner' at closing time, much to the amazement of all those still standing. There was a blackboard (big fad at the time) in the men's room that when I availed myself of the facilities in the heat of the action had in BIG BIG LETTERS "Don Kaskey is the victim of a midwestern background". No one ever did fess up to that truism. IRCA Conventions were more or less attended in Hollywood, Vancouver & San Diego (that I can remember)..all with great stories.. Strangely enough the period 1966-69 was one of my best dx periods. Eventually most of us wandered off and got married over the years...Moving to S.F. in 1973 the up period was 1976-78 when I logged a couple zillion Asians, but gradually dx has worsened to where it takes lots of will power to fight thru the QRN in the city. Besides conditions are very bad the past several years. An attempt at meeting revivals was made last June when 8 of us from the general area gathered here in S.F. one afternoon. I plan on hosting another GTG this June and hope more in the area will plan to be there.....73 don

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[2/28] Wanted to wish IRCA Happy Birthday and hope that it will continue for many years. Am employed in security at night and single. I've been a member for 15 or 18 years or near

that. Good to see Rob't Wien is doing well in Azusa. I'm always looking forward to the next DXM. More Spanish is appearing here but not AM – it's on 93.5 FM (3-1-03 first day test). Was KFSG Christian talk/music (ex-96.3, yet another SS). KFSG was call years ago on 1150 here. Jim Hilliker would have more details on LA history. Presently the number here is 845-5800. Hope all are having a good dx season. 73

Larry Godwin, 2390 Clydes Dale Lane, Missoula, Montana 59804 - lbg@selway.umt.edu Greetings, and Happy Anniversary, IRCA! I'm proud and happy to be a member of this fine, democratic club. I'm 60 and have DXed most years since I started in 1956 or 1957 while I was in high school in Amarillo, TX. I live with my tolerant wife Cathy and our ten-year-old daughter Jenny. I've arranged my schedule so I DX at 0600, 0700, 0800 and 2100 MST most days, and hear a few interesting catches almost every week. The AM band gets more cluttered all the time, but it's amazing I'm able to log a new station or two each month. I've heard 1049 stations from Missoula, including 94 Mexicans. I don't count call changes since, to me, operationally the station has remained the same. I'm essentially retired, but opened a manuscript preparation and copyediting business last fall. If anyone has a version of MS-Word for DOS or Win 3.1, please let me know. Many thanks to our faithful publisher and editors; to our hard-working officers, committee chairs, and feature-writers; and to the diligent reporters who keep the DX Monitor at its current high standard. 73.

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Happy anniversary to the IRCA! March 8th Bob Wien, Gary Larson, and I had a get together discussing radio and other essentials. I'm listening to some great oldies on KHPY-1670. Per Dave Gordon, KSDO -1130 will be switching formats to Spanish religion. Some of us toured and photographed their studios at our 1998 San Diego get together. XEPRS is now sports in English. Apparently in our 50th state, KAIM-870 is returning to the air. I want to remind everybody that you're all invited to the 2003 IRCA convention which I'm hosting on June 27-29 in Portland Maine. Details are available on the IRCA website and in recent issues of DX Monitor. We have a couple of guest speakers lined up and things are falling into place nicely. I hope everybody is getting the DX they deserve. 73 MS KG6LJU

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It's the anniversary issue, so time for my annual re-intro. I'm married to CDXR editor John, who I met through IRCA 32 years ago. My two children are Billy (16) and Melanie (13). I still work fulltime at our Billings OfficeMax store. Other hobbies include genealogy and collecting Beanie Babies. When time permits I enjoy visiting and hiking in Yellowstone National Park which is a four hour drive from Billings. In 1969 I began DX'ing from Fredonia, NY, and joined IRCA in 1971. I'm a domestic DX'er and spend most of my DX time on the graveyard frequencies. From my three DX locations (Fredonia, NY, Aberdeen, WA and Billings, MT) I've heard a total of 2414 stations (some duplicates). During the past year, my old Yaesu FRG-7 was replaced with a new Drake R8B. It's a great receiver, and I really enjoy DX'ing with it. I would like to thank all the people who make IRCA the club that it is today. There are many people who donate hours of work, both behind the scenes, and those names are visible each issue in the bulletin. Also, thank you to all who take the time to report to the various columns, as without you there would be no bulletin at all. Happy Anniversary, IRCA

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Happy Anniversary, IRCA! Once again it is time for all of us to send in our forum reports to celebrate another IRCA anniversary. Another year has passed, and the IRCA continues to grow. I am a Charter Member of the club. I've been with the IRCA since the beginning in 1964. I've seen many changes over the years. We have a wonderful, professionally published, "DX Monitor" delivered to members in print and via e-mail. We continue to evolve on the internet too. This is all possible because of our great membership. I'm married to Nancy, your WDXR editor. Nancy and I have known each other for 32 years now. I edit your CDXR column and currently serve on the Board Of Directors. I work for KTVQ channel

2 here in Billings, Montana. May 8th marks my 31st anniversary with KTVQ. It was KOOK-TV when I started, and there have been many changes over the years in the TV industry. This year we are starting to convert to channel 10 as KTVQ-DT with our digital broadcasting. Other hobbies include genealogy, TV DX, and collections of all kinds including over 45 years of TV Guide magazines, old radio station music surveys, Coke-A-Cola and The Three Stooges items, even Ford Mustangs! Nancy has her 1995 and I have a 1998. Speaking of radio station music surveys, if you have any you don't want, send them to me, I'll refund the postage. It's great to see the IRCA going strong for another year. Happy Anniversary! 73, John.

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Happy Anniversary IRCA! Brief re-intro: I'm 44, married to Nina, and I publish what you hold in your hands, or see on the screen, since September 2001. Nina is supportive; she often helps with envelope stuffing or going to the print shop. I've been a member of IRCA since 1979, and I'm a former member of the Board of Directors. IRCA's Slogans List has been my other club project, since 1981, first as part of the IRCA Almanac, then later as a stand-alone publication. A new edition is slowly in the works, and hope to have it ready by this summer. My work keeps me pretty busy, so I don't DX as much as I'd like, and I miss the DXpeditions we used to have. Interference around our home limits DX possibilities but I enjoy what I do hear. The ionosphere provides surprises even still, and on "cheapie" portables to boot! Through it all, IRCA is there. And long may it continue! 73.

## EASTERN DX FORUM

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Spoke with Gary Richards, Chief Engineer of WJLD,1400khz in Birmingham yesterday afternoon. Mr. Richards was very friendly, and spoke for almost a half hour. According to Mr. Richards, WJLD was the first "non-testing" station in the US to broadcast IBOC transmissions. They installed their system in late November of 2002, with about three days of testing in mid-December to verify correct audio processing, and antenna tuning. He explained that currently the system does not transmit IBOC mode, and has no plans to do so for several months. He stated that the station was looking into a turn-key system that would provide text based programming, and also since receivers were not yet available, they had decided not to transmit IBOC until later this year. But the station is able to transmit this mode just by throwing a switch. The transmitter is a modern, solid state device...and was already transmitting AM-Stereo so the conversion for them was painless. Mr. Richards seemed quite impressed with IBOC, and seemed dismayed that anyone would have objections to it. He stated that the station owners planned to file a request with the FCC to allow 24 hour operation of the IBOC system. His reasoning was that GY stations already had to accept any interference caused by other stations, so allowing GY stations to operate IBOC at night would have no real impact on other stations. Can you imagine what a GY frequency would sound like at night if even half the stations on frequency transmitted IBOC? Ouch! Mr. Richards further explained that they had rushed to be on the air by December of 202, as all licensing fees for the IBOC system were being waived for any station that could meet the end of the year deadline. He promised to keep my number handy, and call me to let me know when they started transmitting IBOC full time. He expected that to be sometime late this year. 73

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Happy birthday, IRCA! I have neglected the annual anniversary issue forum in recent years, and this year I decided I would be sure to write in with the traditional reintroduction. I'm 42 and married to Jill; we have two sons: Chris is 6 and Paul is 4. Born and raised in

Milwaukee, I first encountered the radio hobby in 1968 through a hi-fi my parents owned that had a shortwave band. That only lasted for a couple years, though, as other interests took over. Then, in May of 1973 (the "World DX Friendship Year") a friend came over after school one day and we tuned around the AM dial on a portable radio, and I've been hooked ever since. Thus, this spring marks 30 years of continuous interest in the DX hobby for me. I joined the IRCA in 1974, after having received a sample bulletin in the mail. I've never known why it was sent to me, but I've guessed that someone found my address in a station's reception report file. In those days I was writing for veries from stations like WHO (my first AM QSL) and WWL. I am still interested in shortwave and, while I enjoy FM and TV DXing, I am "semiretired" from those bands as long as I live where I do now, close to the local transmitters. We moved to Madison in 1989, and I started over my AM station count then; I had 964 from Milwaukee, and stand at 942 in Madison. I logged 40 states from Milwaukee and have 42 here, for a career total of 43, and have verified all 43 of them. In 1998 I started my radio web site, called "Radio/DX Information from Wisconsin," and have built it up into something I'm really proud of. Please have a look: <[www.angelfire.com/wi/dxing](http://www.angelfire.com/wi/dxing)>. I also have a serious interest in classical music, and hold a Ph.D. in musicology, which I completed in 1996 at UW-Madison. It isn't easy to find work in that field, and I have been lucky in recent years to have part-time work teaching music history at UW-Milwaukee, to which I commute three days a week. In closing, I think Rich Toebe and all the editors are doing an outstanding job with DX Monitor, and ever since that sample bulletin in the '70s, the IRCA has been "my" club for AM DXing. May the IRCA continue to thrive through many more anniversaries! 73, Tim

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Happy birthday IRCA! This is quite an anniversary. This year marks 21 years since I joined the IRCA. Now I can legally drink while DXing! I am still the casual DXer I always have been. I'm 49 years old and manage the Graphic Arts Department at CBS TV in New York City. In the past three years I have opened a new door in my life of DXing. Some people know me as Karl and some people know me as N2KZ. You'll find me most often on 80 or 40 meter CW communicating with my vintage tube or QRP gear. I have become quite a devotee of Morse Code and even teach the skill at a local ham club and over-the-air. The lessons I learned through the IRCA created a fine preamble to my life as a telegrapher. The characteristics of BCB DX propagation are remarkably alike on the "low bands" I acquaint. You would love 80 and 160 meters! I am fascinated just how far I can be heard with a handful of watts. I have reached Antarctica and worked New Zealand sending code while driving in my car! I have had code conversations with stations running as little as 200 milliwatts! As for good old AM radio, I love the new KB 1520 from Buffalo, New York bringing back the music of my high school days and legends like Jackson Armstrong. I'm also a big fan of the overnight show on WBZ 1030 Boston hosted by an old friend Steve LeVielle. We used to work together at ABC Radio 20 years ago. I never miss the Jamboree USA broadcast over WWVA 1170 Wheeling, West Virginia each Saturday night. I've been listening to the Jamboree since I was a little kid in the late 1950s when I was beginning to DX with my little two transistor radio. Although it's on shortwave, Friday nights from 8 to 9 PM Eastern you'll find me listening (and often participating in) Allan Weiner Worldwide over WBCQ Monticello, Maine on 7415. My favorite rigs are my All-American five tube radios, my R-390A and my GE Superadios. I have always tried to achieve miracles with simple rigs that I have worked on. No fancy, new and expensive stuff here! I now live on a piece of property that actually allows me enough room to roll out 1000 feet of wire, so I hear some interesting stuff. I have this wire coupled to a 30 dollar Sony cassette radio in my bathroom and you wouldn't believe what I can hear while shaving every morning! A crazy way to work SRS, but lots of fun! I use this antenna for many other rigs, too! I have also experimented with Lower and Medfer part 15 transmitter beacons and some fairly sophisticated crystal radios. The IRCA remains my favorite place to learn and talk about medium wave and all it holds for us. Very good memories and very good friends. Here's to many more decades of DX fun! 73 de N2KZ Karl Zuk

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Greetings again IRCAn and happy anniversary! I've been a club member since 1971 and am 52. I've worked for the City of Sylvania, Ohio as a police dispatcher for over the past 25 years. Retirement doesn't look so far away these days! I've been married to my wonderful Jeanette for over 10 years now and that seems like it just happened yesterday. She puts up with me, my crazy love for this hobby and my radio interests. That makes her pretty special and a real treasure I must say. Speaking of things radio, you probably noted that I spearheaded a petition campaign here to try to get WCWA-1230's Adult Standards format back on the radio here in Toledo. Here are the latest developments at this time. We have acquired over 1700 signatures to this point and have had meetings with the two major broadcast firms, Cumulus Broadcasting and Clear Channel, inc. to get their side of the story in this effort we've undertaken. Our group of interested citizens to get this back on the air now has a name and acronym -- CORRAL, the Coalition of Radio's Really Avid (Loyal) Listeners, whose mission it is to "Lasso Us some Good Music Back On The Air". I am the Chairman of this grassroots organization and so far we've put together a network of about 20 people, both regular listeners and businessmen/advertisers to help in this cause. So far, our signatures have been acquired from 62 communities in and around Toledo within WCWA's coverage area plus another 16 from communities outside of the "SEAWAY" coverage area, which includes 6 states and 2 countries -- one signer was an exchange student from Moscow, Russia who is living with a family here in the States. So far we have been turned down by Clear Channel with regard to them either restoring WCWA as it was or in putting their format on any other Toledo station they own. Their GM did apologize to me about making the change, which was based solely on station profitability and not because of failed ratings or poor listenership. In fact, WCWA actually lost listeners going from a 2.2 share before the Nov. 1, 2002 change to a 1.4 share afterward which actually reflects a 0.6 share for the time rated after November 1st since the rating book was split between the two formats, Adult Standards and now Talk. Despite this the GM states that WCWA is billing more and as a result more profitable, which means how many are listening is not as important as advertising sales. Cumulus' GM also was only lukewarm about the possibility of putting the format on WTOD-1560 which would be a logical choice for this since they are // to WKKO-FM 99.9. WKKO is the #1 station in the market with a 15.5 share, nearing doubling its competition. WTOD only gets a 0.3 share. While it would seem logical for them to do something with WTOD, this would involve a capital investment into new studios, transmitting towers and grounding site since the station has been basically a WKKO clone the past 10 years. The main concern is that Cumulus won't make this investment and is satisfied to keep WTOD as it is. Their GM didn't envision this or any other change happening soon if ever. Still our campaign is going to continue and I'll keep you updated. 73s for now. P.S. CORRAL also has a PO Box now and we can be reached there at PO Box 118096, Toledo, Ohio 43611 if you have any comments about our campaign or ideas you'd like to share.

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First, my apologies to Les for running his report late. I found it while I was checking my e-mail for reports for this special edition of the column as well as cleaning out an overly-cluttered mailbox. Also, while typing the report from Gary, I remembered the phone call I received a couple of weeks ago. I was trying to get ready for work--almost had a foot out the door even--when the phone rang. I answered it and a woman said she was from an organization which apparently did market research for radio stations. I don't remember the exact words or even the name of the firm. I was in a hurry, running late, and I automatically told her that I am on Indiana's no call list and hung up on her. After I pulled out of the driveway, I realized that perhaps it would have been better if I had talked with her. After all, WMYS did the same thing to us here that WCWA did in Toledo. At least, WSAI-1530 in Cincinnati went to a 1960's oldies format. While not great, it's better than nothing. It's the format I normally listen to while driving to work, although sometimes I switch over to the smooth jazz on 100.9. It's amazing, tho, how some songs will bring back memories of when I was young and didn't have all the responsibilities and problems I now

have. Like a lot of others who were beginning to DX when I did, back in the late 50's and early 60's (let's face it, during the middle third of the LAST CENTURY), a lot of my loggings were from equipment tests, frequency checks and DX Tests. I think, tho, that a lot of the memories of great catches are of those heard during regular schedule, whether it was something overnight or during sunrise or sunset skip. And, after all these years in the clubs, sometimes I will think of guys I met years ago, perhaps 30 or more years ago, and wonder what has happened with them. The names coming to my mind right now are Ed Krejny of Middleburg Hts, Ohio. George Sherman of Minneapolis, and Alan Merriman of New Jersey. A couple of years, while I was at work talking with a guy calling in from northern California, I made a mention of the ERBA group in West Sacramento. To my surprise, it turned out to be an actual bar in town there with a reputation. He hadn't heard of ERBA but he wasn't surprised to hear about it. Ah, the memories from radio and I never even worked in that industry. I have enough from my own experiences in the transportation field where I have no trouble talking with strangers who know some of the people I have crossed paths with, perhaps, decades ago. I suspect radio is the same way for people who have spent their life there. 73.

Anniversary Special: How I got started.....

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Since it's the IRCA's anniversary coming up I thought what better time to review the events that led me into this hobby of mine. We step back to the year of 1959 and living on a farm near Chatham, Ontario, I was intrigued by what was in a box located in the attic of the farm garage. Bringing it down, I discovered strange looking coils with wire and other radio components. In one corner was an old cigar box, and opening it up I realized it was an early crystal set. Realizing that I had the potential to be a radio listener and tune into distant planets (hey, what kid didn't watch Buck Rogers on TV?) I managed to raise the funds and order a complete crystal set from Florida for the grand cost of a \$1.00. Putting it together and stringing up a 120 foot long wire, I tuned into my first station-- it was WJR from Detroit. That night I listened to Tiger Baseball with Ernie Harwell while drifting off to sleep. After this I managed to obtain a 1N34A diode and built a super set, and was able to tune into WGN Boston and WSM down in Southern States. Remember back in 1959, the local 630 CFCC Chatham signed off at midnight and came back on at 6:00AM so the opportunity was there to listen and log the medium wave all night, which was not uncommon for me to do. To find out what station I was hearing, I brought my first Radio TV Experimenter and found the old White's Radio log in the back. With that, I was able to locate and identify the stations... Medium Wave listening took me through to about 1965 with an old RCA A-25 but I didn't start to collect QSL's till about 1966 from medium wave stations. It was short wave listening that got me hooked into QSL'ing. Attending a Technical school in Chatham, my major was electronics (1965), what else? The teacher had a National NC-190 and explained to me what QSL's were... well, I was hooked. I sent out my first short wave report to KGEI on December 19<sup>th</sup> 1965. The very first QSL was from HCJB in January of 1966, and the rest is history.

Over the years I have had many different types of communications radios but the one's which stand out where a Hammurlund HQ-129X, Collins R-388/URR-51J3 and that old RCA A-25 which started it all!

I was asked what is my best QSL...well that's difficult... but I would say the very first one that I ever got from the first station that I sent a report to. That would be KGEI, Voice of Friendship from San Francisco. My best medium wave was from 2AM 1620 Sydney Australia with 400 watts, and ZBM1 1235 Hamilton Bermuda heard way back in 1969 with 1000 watts. To date, for short wave, my country total is 249 heard and 245 verified. 1300 stations heard and 1125 verified. For medium wave, my main target is now the x-banders, of which I have 38 heard and 36 verified. I gave up trying to get all the States verified but

did manage to get 36 with 7 of the 10 Canadian provinces verified. In my Tape Library I have over 300 tapes which deal primarily with DX catches which I have heard.

I could go on... but that would take a whole novel. Through the years, I have met many interesting people, have listened to historical events as they happened live, while having some humorous times (such as the Vietnam affair). Hosted some famous DX Get-togethers (Kusalik's Kapers in Ontario) and have attended conventions (Winterfest and NU conventions). But least of all it's my wife who has had to put up with me, (all of 32 years of marriage). I wonder sometimes how she has been able to cope with all the late night listening or the early morning alarm clocks going off at 3:00 AM!

Special thanks to the IRCA Club Officers for the excellent publication and for a brief trip down memory lane for this anniversary special..... Edward Kusalik VE6EFK Coaldale, Alberta, Canada

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The 2003 International Radio Club of America Convention will be held on June 27-29<sup>th</sup> at the **Best Western Merry Manor Inn**, at 700 Main Street, South Portland, Maine 04106. Phone Number for Reservations is **207-774-6151**. Mention the Convention Rate of \$69 per night. This rate is good for however many nights you stay during or beyond the convention. The hotel is located near shopping, restaurants, radio stations, tourist attractions, the Portland Jetport, Greyhound Bus Station, Amtrak, and much more. The hotel compensates the cost of the shuttle or taxi ride from the airport. Nearby food establishments include Tony Roma's and Governors next door. Registration fee for the convention is \$35 payable to the host, Mike Sanburn (KG6LJU). His address is P.O. Box 1256, Bellflower California 90707-1256. We will be officailly welcoming the radio club "Decalcomania" as well. Their website is [www.anarc.org/decal/](http://www.anarc.org/decal/)

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Local radio stations include WGAN-560, WZAN-970, WLOB-1310 & WBAE-1490.

On the agenda are activities including station tours, the Business Meeting, prize drawings, a guest speaker, and the Saturday night Banquet and the Auction!

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