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Publisher's Notes

This issue is SDXM only; next SDXM and a double HDXM are scheduled for August 23.

It looks like we're going to have a "seamless" transition for publishing *DX Monitor!* **Doug Pifer** of Albany, Oregon has stepped up to the challenge, and will assume the job of Editor in Chief and Publisher, pending approval by the Board of Directors. My last issue will be the double issue HDXM #35 and SDXM #35b on August 23. Doug will commence with the first issue of Volume 41 in September. The Publishing Schedule for the new volume will be released once we get approval.

New Members: **Robert Irvin** - Castle Rock, CO (S/HDXM) and **Joe Vega** - Rego Park, NY (S/HDXM). It's gratifying to see that people are interested in receiving the print as well as the soft version, which is why I, and Doug, took this job on. Welcome to both of you, and we look forward to hearing from you! --RT

GTG in British Columbia

Dan Sys's GTG will be held at 27423-32nd Avenue in the Aldergrove area of Langley, BC starting at noon on August 23. This is 35 miles southeast of Vancouver on the #1 Freeway and 4 miles north of the Lynden-Aldergrove border crossing on Highway #13. E-mail Dan at dsysca@yahoo.ca or phone him at (604) 856-2130 for more details. Guest of honor will be **Dario Monferini** from Italy.

Dan writes: *Hopefully the weather will cooperate so we can sit in the back yard and relate our radio experiences to each other while indulging in beverages and snacks. We'll pass the hat around for pizza later in the day.*

Madison, Wisconsin 10th Annual

The 10th Annual Madison Get-together for DXers and Radio Enthusiasts will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2003. This year's hosts are **Bill** and **Nina Dvorak**, and the event will take place at their home, 501 Algoma Street, Madison WI 53704-4812. Activities will begin at 1 PM and end when the last person leaves (come when you can and leave when you must).

What can you expect at this event? Good fellowship and lots of DX talk in an informal atmosphere. Please feel free to bring any equipment, QSL's, station souvenirs, log books or anything else that you would like to show to or share with the group. We encourage everyone to participate in a group photo, so bring along your camera.

Snacks and soft drinks will be provided at this event. If you prefer another beverage, please feel free to bring your own, and we will keep it cold for you. Dinner is planned at the Esquire Club at approximately 5 PM, and will regroup at Bill and Nina's afterward.

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If you do plan to attend, please notify him beforehand for planning purposes. He can provide directions by e-mail, or if you prefer, he will send you a map that includes a handy list of accommodations.

A word about the GTG: The Madison area DXers have held this event in late August every year since 1994. We have brought together an average of 17 DXers per year, and over the years five states and the District of Columbia have been represented at the Madison GTG. Last year we had a record 26 DXers attend. This is an all-band event, and draws a diverse group of hobbyists. Bill and Nina hope that you can come, and look forward to seeing you!

Spend Labor Day Weekend at the NRC Convention

John Callarman sends word that it will be held from August 29-31 at the Holiday Inn Select DFW Airport South, 4440 Airport Freeway, Irving, TX 75062. Call the hotel at 1-800-360-2242 or 972-399-1010. The hotel's website is:

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/HI/hd/dfwso?irs=y>

Room rates are \$69.00 single or double occupancy ONLY. Rate guaranteed Thursday August 28 through Monday, September 1, 2003. Please make reservations by August 15. The hotel is minutes from DFW airport and provides shuttle service to and from the airport.

Registration is \$45/member, \$70 member and spouse. Mail registration to:

Bill Hale
6124 Roaring Springs Drive
North Richland Hills, TX 76180-5552
Again, register by August 15.



Or, go to <http://www.nrcdxas.org> and click on "Convention." You can register using PayPal!

Auction items: If you have items to donate for the NRC auction, please send them to:

Wally Wawro
WFAA-TV
606 Young Street
Dallas, TX 75202

Mark on the package that it's for the NRC Auction and include a telephone number and/or e-mail address so I can let you know it arrived in good condition. Please, no junk. Questions? You can contact Wally at 214-977-6260, or e-mail wwawro@wfaa.com or nrc2003bigd@hotmail.com.

Web Sites for AM DX Stuff

In *Radio World Online*, Michael Hedges reports from WRC-03 in Geneva that DRM has arrived. **Digital Radio Mondiale** made their official debut during the radio conference on June 16. Digital shortwave, medium-wave/AM and long-wave broadcasts launched when DRM chairman Peter Senger cued engineers at nearby Mount Saleve in France.

Read about it at http://www.rwonline.com/reference-room/iboc/02_arw_drm.shtml.

Bruce Portzer writes: *You might want to check out this story on the CBC's web page. It's a feature they did a couple of years ago on one of their radio shows.*

http://radio.cbc.ca/programs/thismorning/lfnsound/sound_collectors/sound_collectors_12_1799.html

You can hear the whole show by clicking on the little speaker icon beneath the writeup. It's an interview with a man who DXed and taped AM stations in Greenland in the early 1950's. It includes recordings of KING Seattle and KFAB Omaha. The gentleman now lives in Victoria BC.

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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GE Superadio 2

- 620 KTLK OR, Portland 7/28 0245 good. Now fulltime oldies with "The first decade of rock and roll" and "AM 6-20 Golden Oldies on Super 62." (DP-OR)
+ Now fulltime oldies, after being oldies on the weekend since 7/4. "Super 62" they call themselves and running the first decade of rock 1955-1965. Noted 7/29 at 1923. Nice to have Rock back on AM and dropping the awful talk format they had. Talk is still on their sister station KEX. They are owned by Clear Channel. (PM-OR)
- 800 XEMMM BCN, Tijuana 7/27 WSPN sportsradio talking with Houston football coach, ID "X-E-M-M-M" in Spanish. (MS-CA)
- 1050 KCAA CA, Loma Linda 7/27 1300 ID "KCAA Loma Linda," USA network news, spot for Orkin. (MS-CA)
- 1170 ?KCBQ? CA, San Diego 7/6 0620 "Mike Gallagher Show." Probably KCBQ per station web site; show is syndicated by KCBQ's owner Salem Communications. Per reports at SDRadio.net, the station is trying to find a new tower site because its current site is going to become a Home Depot store next year. (5P-HI)
- 1230 KPRL CA, Paso Robles 7/27 0500 singing call letter jingle heard directly after KGEO legal ID. (MS-CA)
- 1300 KROP CA, Brawley 7/28 0000 coming out of Statler Brothers song, then legal ID. (MS-CA)
- KPTL NV, Carson City 7/27 2315 huge with "Kodachrome" by Paul Simon, on a Top of the Pops weekend. (MS-CA)
- KAPL OR, Phoenix 7/27 2330 good in KAZN null with religious song "I Love Your Word." (MS-CA)
- 1380 KSRV ON, Ontario 7/22 0610 fair under KTKZ, "Newstalk 1380," then info on class reunion. (DP-OR)
- 1390 KLGW UT, Logan 7/22 0550 fair with "You're listening to the home of America's best music, Memories 1390," Pro-Tonic ad. (DP-OR)
- 1500 KSTP MN, St. Paul 7/22 poor but readable call letters under KSJX, with George Noorey then ad for local diamond store, Twin Cities mentioned. (DP-OR)



If you have any ideas for the 2003-2004 IRCA contest be sure to let me know! Nancy 8/1 2100

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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DXing on vacation with Mustang car radio
Drake R8B, Kiwa loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

- 920 KWYS MT, West Yellowstone. 7-28. Noted while driving in the western part of Yellowstone National Park. KWYS on the air with oldies format. Good signal to nearly Canyon Village. [NJ-YNP]

25 YEARS AGO

August 5, 1978 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Greg Monti** of Bayville, NY said WYFA 1580 is now on the air ... **Bryan Lee** of Brooklyn, CT said it was sad that IRCA was driving away members because of the dues rate increase ... **Bill Coleman** of Rocky Mount, NC heard WKIE 1540 Richmond, VA testing ... **Albert S. Lobel** of San Diego, CA attended his first beverage party. He managed to get sick from warm root beer.

OPEN MIKE

Thanks to Nancy we have a column. This column was typed 8-2-03. 73, John

DX WORLDWIDE - WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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Greetings everyone. I hope you are having a good Summer. We have tips this time from **Nigel Pimblett** and **Dale Park**.

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 820 **MEXICO**, Mexicali XEMVS 7/19 1059, English language pop tunes from the 50s to 70s, slogan ID as "...Ocha Viente" then call ID. (NP-AB)
- 1530 **MEXICO**, Mexico City XEUR 7/19 0400 Came up over another SS language station with PSA, then call letter including 50,000 watt power, address, and mention of Radiorma. (NP-AB)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 738 **TAHITI**, Pape'te RFO 7/19 1140 Talk by man in FF. Too much 740 splatter to make out much. (NP-AB)
- 1370 **HAWAII**, Pearl City/Honolulu KJPN. After several frustrating months of research, phone calls and e mails, including one to a man who registered the domain name www.kjpn.net on 6/25 I finally got the address and phone number from G. Hochman at company hq in St. George, UT (That's right in Dixie land, Utah). The station is located at 875 Waimanu Street, Suite 605, Honolulu HI 96813. Phone (808) 593-0730. Call to number confirms it's KJPN. Station is located in the same building as UHF stations KWBN TV and KPXO TV. Also has an e mail

address info@kjpn.net, but mail seems to go to third party. (5P-HI) (*Thanks Dale for your hard work in getting this. Much appreciated. PM*)

- 1413 **UNID**, noted 6/27 1233 UTC suring pause in programming on KKEA-1420 with nortena or rancho music, wiped out at 1237 by KKEA resuming ESPN Radio feed, 2EA or !XO? Poor. (5P-HI)
- 1420 **HAWAII**, Honolulu KKEA. Noted 6/27 1135 UTC with dead air instead of usual ESPN Radio. This sometimes happens with KKEA, which is part of a group of five stations tended by one person overnights. No ID at 1159, into CNN Radio news. Then at 1207 a beep, then man saying "Good morning stations. This is CNN Radio in Atlanta with the 8:07 AM Eastern Time Feed. There are 25 cuts, beginning with Cut 97." Then pause, then feed of soundbites and features. Tuned out, then tuned back at 1237 to hear the resumption of ESPN radio, but again no station ID and ESPN SportsCentre at 1300 instead of CNN Radio News. (5P-HI)
- 1500 **HAWAII**, Honolulu, KUMU 7/19 1122. Alone on the freq with oldies music, ID as "Original Hits Koo-Moo, KUMU AM 1500" (NP-AB)

QSLS

- 640 **GUADELOUPE**, Partial data verie letter and stickers from G. Mokede in 154 days for an IRC. (NP-AB) (*Great QSL Nigel. PM*)
- 1130 **MEXICO**, Toluca, XETOL. Hard copy version of the date only verie letter I'd received earlier via e mail and a postcard of Mexico City in 95 days from Lic. Oscar M. Beltran, Director General, for \$1 U.S. (which was returned) (NP-AB)
- 1620 **US VIRGIN ISLANDS**, WDHP Verie letter and bumper sticker from Beverley Meyers, Operations Manager in 212d for \$1 US (NP-AB)

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I took the Wife Col. back to the Cleveland Clinic for a follow-up and she is much improved. Last spring, I was her wheelchair power so I had no time or inclination to do much of anything else. Even forgot to take radio batteries! All I heard was CKLW-800, CHWO-740 and the 1610 HAR. She graduated to a walker and then a cane. So this time I had plenty of batts (larger diameter pill bottles are good for AAs) and a list of interesting (to me) Canadian stations across the lake. HA - fat lot of good it did me! My old Sony ICF-7600 travel radio did not have a good flight in the baggage. Still worked some, but much diminished on MW/SW. Reduced to listening mostly to FM. I did check out WRMR-1420 AND wbkc-1460, Both affiliated with WCLV-104.9, the classical station. Also found the 1610 HAR had moved to I-90 and the 1620 airport TIS was running a test tape. Well, I had thought the Sony was getting a little flakey and bought a Grundig YB400 from the Shack. Should have taken it instead! If she has to go back I will and hope it is rugged enough for travel. You all have a good Summer and check your local station for a DX Test. Col. DX.

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I was up in Kalamazoo over the weekend of 7/19-20. While coming back on the 20th, I made a stop at the east edge of Battle Creek and found out that there were severe storm warnings right then. I tuned in to WBCK-930 and found them giving the times the storm was to hit certain locations and I was only running ten minutes ahead on the path the storm was taking. I was dropping down I-69 anyway which took me south of the storm, but apparently it was a bad one. I was surprised to hear WBCK IDing as News-Talk radio. Otherwise I didn't have the radio on up there. Neither did I the next weekend when I was up east of Grand Rapids. My 40th high school reunion the first trip and an old company reunion the second weekend. A couple of weeks ago, I had a need at work to find out where a couple of area codes were located. I got on the Internet and found a decent website. www.cs.ucsd.edu/users/bsy/area.html. It not only gives the state but which area code it was split off from. A bonus -- the timezone offset from UTC. It also gives which area codes were split from it and overlays. One might get a headache from trying to read it all at one time, hi, but it could be real handy. I understand what Col. Watts is going thru as my wife was diagnosed this spring with congestive heart failure and with a flairup of rheumatoid arthritis. I don't recommend either one, but definitely not the two put together... 73.

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My deadline is the last Monday of the month.

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- 540 WDMV Choppy Layton; 1637 Dunn Swamp Rd, Pocomoke City MD 21851; LQ*; 295; DH
- 770 KTTH John W Price, Asst of VP Engineering; Entercom, 1820 Eastlake Ave E, Seattle WA 98102-3711; F; 6f; PM
- 1210 KNWX John W Price, Asst of VP Engineering; Entercom, 1820 Eastlake Ave E, Seattle WA 98102-3711; F; 6f; PM
- 1460 KUTI [Illegible], OpsMgr; 4010 Summitview Ave, Yakima WA 98908; F; 20ff; PM
- 1640 KDZR Tom White, CE; 3030 SW Moody Ave, Portland OR 97201; L; 13; PM
- 1680 KTFH Monte Passmore, CE; 2815 Second Ave, #550, Seattle WA 98121; Lbc; 7; PM

WHAT was received: L = Letter with personalized statement; F = Form letter; Q = QSL card, commercially printed; C = Postcard or similar card supplied by station; P = Prepared card or form supplied by DXer; R = DXer's report returned with statement; cf = Certificate; E = Verification by e-mail; fx = Verification by FAX; M = Coverage map; B = Bumper or other sticker; bc = Business card; + = Extra goodies

WHEN the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f = Follow-up, by mail, FAX, e-mail, or visit; n = Return postage not used; r = Return postage returned

NOTES: * [For this column] = See comment below

Dave indicates that neither the letter nor the circa 1960's card from WDMV specifically confirm any details of his reception; signer indicated that the General Manager of WDMV, WBEY-FM, and WKHW-FM is Mike Powell and that all three stations are located at the address above. This column was prepared on 7/28/03. 73, SSH.

DX WORLDWIDE - II

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ASIA & THE PACIFIC

AFGHANISTAN: Two 400 kw xrs installed by the BBG are operating in Afghanistan, giving the country nationwide, medium-wave (AM) radio service for the first time. One will be used by R Afghanistan, the country's national BCer, on 1107. The BBG's Voice of America and R Free Afghanistan will use the other xr for Dari and Pashto programs 24 hours a day on 1296. The AM xrs, which cost about \$10.5 million, are located at a site outside Kabul. (BBG press release May 22 via DXLD) The IBB Kabul xr on 1296 is 400 kW and is a solid state Harris. It consists of a pair of DX 200 power blocks combined. (via WB/Arctic)

AUSTRALIA: Victoria's first Aboriginal radio station went on the air after four test broadcasts and seven years of campaigning for a permanent license. 3KND's (Kool 'n Deadly) program manager, Vicki Armstrong, said the station would showcase the diversity of the indigenous population, with programs for punk rockers, gay men, sports fans, elders, gastronomes and recovering drug addicts. 3KND-1503 will broadcast seven days a week, 24 hours a day, from studios in Preston. (web via Matt Francis, ARDXC via DXLD)

X Band: Heart n Soul Productions Ltd, 5 Phoenix Street, Castle Hill 2154. Trading name is also a BCB callsign, 2ME. They currently own 57 licenses in the extended AM band, and as such, are the largest single owner of such licenses in Australia. Recently granted an Australia-wide content license by the ABA to be used in conjunction with the expanded AM band transmitters. 2ME Sydney 1638 broadcasts in Arabic and English, as a bilingual station targeting Arabic people in NSW. The program is networked to 3ME Melbourne 1647. In 1999 there were plans to extend this to Adelaide. 2ME Address: Suite 6, 5 Macquarie Street, Parramatta 2150.

Owner Sid Mehri is also the owner of Hygrade Properties Pty Ltd whose frequencies are actually used to carry the 2ME and 3ME program. Heart n Soul Productions is also the operator of a second format brand, known as Radio 16 NTC, the Country Music Network. The ID is `The best mix in the country on Radio 16 NTC`. Radio 16 NTC is currently broadcasting on 1611 Tamworth, 1620 Armidale and New England, 1629 Bathurst and 1701 Sydney. Address: 5 Macquarie Street, Parramatta 2150. T: 02 9899 9633 (Tim Gaynor MWOZ via May NZ DX Times via DXLD)

Current measured freqs for Aussie X-banders:

1638 2ME Sydney - 1637.99 (only 10hz off)

1665 Sydney - 1664.99 (only 10hz off)

1674 Emu Plains - 1673.91 (old time music)

1683 Greek (not sure of location) - 1683.23

1701 Brisbane (Hindi)- 1701.15

(Geoff Wolfe, Cooma, NSW Australia)

CHINA: Harris has delivered two 600 kW units to China. No other details available. (via WB) Alan Davis reports from Kolkata: Going back to those new-ish Chinese high- and super-power transmitters, I would suggest that there are at least 2 of them on each of the 'new' CNR frequencies, as below (1134 and 1377, tentatively from Lhasa, were not audible in early year 2000 from here, but are now very strong, so both appear to be new arrivals).

1134: At this location there are at least 2 txs audible carrying CNR-1 at night with echo effect characteristic of Chinese MW txs sharing same channel and programming but with different delays in the audio feeds. One is very strong, sometimes dominating over the AIR 1000 kW station located a few 10s of km from here, and I would guess Lhasa as possible site. WRTH lists Lhasa on this freq but with Xizang PBS Ch (maybe they have listed the right location and frequency but wrong network?). (Alan Davis in Kolkata, 1 July)

In daytime, very weak carriers are just about detectable here on 1134 and 1377 both with roughly the same bearing as 594 Lhasa, but direction finding from hotel rooms can be misleading. On 1134 at night, the strong CNR-1's audio is slightly behind that of the weaker co-channel CNR-1 transmitter(s). (Alan Davis in Guwahati, 6 July)

Late at night I'm hearing CNR-1 on 1116 from around 1600 & CNR-2 on 1260 from around 1355. Not sure if these are new unlisted frequencies or relays via known local stations, but if so, most likely Sichuan and the Tibet local respectively. (Alan Davis in Guwahati, 6 July)

1377: In Calcutta, dominant signal is strong Xizang PBS Chinese sce //5935 7170 etc. I suspect location is Lhasa, and bearing seems to be same as Tibetan-language sce on 594. The CNR-1 station audible in Indonesia and elsewhere in SE Asia must be from a different site. Henan Province was mentioned in a QSL from CNR. (Alan Davis in Kolkata, 1 July)

Now in Guwahati, Assam. Here the CNR-1 signal on 1377 is audible at night under Tibet-Ch and is in the clear for a few minutes after Tibet signs off at 1730, so there are definitely two or more txs on the channel. (Alan Davis in Guwahati, 6 July)

1593: Weak CNR-1 just audible in Calcutta under AIR Bhopal. In SE Asia, the signal is much stronger, with early fade in at Surabaya around 1115, same time as Taiwan txs on 1521, 1539 and 1557, suggesting site in SE China (maybe Fujian/Zhejiang/Jiangxi area). But Scandinavian DXers also report CNR-1 with propagation characteristics suggesting Xinjiang or nearby as probable location of 'their' CNR-1 signal. (Alan Davis in Kolkata, 1 July)(Arctic)

LAOS: 702, Vientiane City Radio (Sathaani Witthayu Krajaisiang Nakhong Luang Wiengchan, or however you want to spell it, sometimes the 'Krajaisiang' is dropped in IDs) now operates 2330-1000 (announced and observed). The Vientiane City Radio station is located in the compound of the Department of Information and Culture of Vientiane Prefecture in Manthatulath Road, Ban Xieng Yuen, Vientiane. Inside the compound is a building marked in Lao 'Vientiane City Radio Broadcasting and Television Station'. Hard to believe that TV and radio studios can both be squeezed into the tiny building, but there is a tall lattice tower there with what appear to be 8 vertically polarized vertically stacked dipoles for Band II. The MW transmitter must be located elsewhere. 1030 is now inactive, although it's still announced by the foreign language services. I'm not sure about Pakse 1370. I'd expect the carrier at least to be audible after dark, but there's not a trace here. Possibly it's changed frequency (All items: Alan Davies in Vientiane, via ARC)

TAIWAN: 837 Sheng Li chih Sheng is now 24 h (weekdays only).

1026 Chung Hua BC is reactivated.

1071 Tien Sheng BC is now 24 h (weekdays only).

1350 Chung Hua BC is reactivated. (All T. Gima in ABI May issue via Y. Kato, via Arctic)

EUROPE, AFRICA, & The MIDDLE EAST

GAMBIA: Former offshore station Radio Syd (now land-based in Banjul on 909) is off the air. The aerial mast collapsed in a storm last year and the station will be off the air until it can get planning permission for a new mast further inland (Chris King, Banjul, Offshore Echoes, May, via Medium Wave Report, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

KUWAIT: New schedule for the 150 kW tx on 1593 (beam 5 degrees) from 24 June: 1300-0600 (ex 24h Radio Farda). 2200-0100 VOA English, 0100-0600 R.Free Iraq (RL) in Arabic. 1300-1400 VOA Kurdish, 1400-1600 R.Free Iraq (RL) in Arabic, 1600-1700 VOA Kurdish, 1700-2000 VOA Farsi, 2000-2200 R.Farda in Farsi. (IBB online via Bernd Trutenau MWDX)

MADEIRA: I could not ascertain when this happened, but Estação Rádio da Madeira, Funchal, 1485 1kW, is no more, and this is true for both outlets, i.e. VHF-FM & MW

(confirms earlier note in MV-Eko -oa) So still on "business" is just PEF-Posto Emissor do Funchal, Funchal 1530 10 kW & Santana 1017 1 kW (northern coast), which is the PEF outlet I usually receive with a slightly stronger signal than //1530 due to its location, but unlike Funchal 1530, Santana gets adjacent QRM from Spain on both sides of the channel. Also active of course are the several RDP Madeira outlets: 531 10 kW in the island of Porto Santo and 603 10 kW Pico do Areeiro, 1125 1 kW Ponta do Pargo & 1332 1 kW Senhora do Monte, all 3 in the island of Madeira itself. Still a final note re. RDP Madeira local prgrs which are broadcast as follows (this applies to RDP Antena 1 only) M-F 0700-2000, Sat 0800-1800 & Sun 0900-1800 local POR Summer time, i.e. UTC+1 h; RDP Madeira e-mail addr. Is rdpmadeira@rdp.pt (Carlos Gonçalves, 3 June-2003, via Ydun's MW News via DXLD)

NETHERLANDS: Radio London today carried out a test transmission on 1008 from Flevoland in the Netherlands. Using 400 kilowatts of transmitter power. We received over 300 reports by e-mail and telephone (mail reports will be delayed, of course). Reports were received from as far away as Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Belgium and France. Plus the Netherlands, of course. Closer to home from Northern Ireland, Scotland and England. These tests and your reception reports will greatly assist us in improving the signal into the UK. From your reports we can now prepare a contour map and compare this with the aerial pattern diagrams we currently have from the transmitter site to confirm and highlight existing black spots in the signal. Early indications show that our signal was good in the East, North and South but the Midlands and West London need to be improved upon. Our engineers will now look at various options available to us. These are likely to include a combination of better processing, higher transmitter modulation and power (note that the channel is cleared for 1000 kilowatts) plus a detailed study of the antenna patterns, which could include a directional beam to the UK. We are hoping to have the engineers report by the end of the first week of August. This report, once implemented will then form the basis of our plans to provide Radio London with the best possible signal into the UK, which is our prime target area. Again, a big thank you for sending us your reception report and various other comments, which are greatly appreciated. (via HCDX)

ROMANIA: Harris has delivered a 400 kW rig to Romania [the first one for Timishoara site 630]. Harris is also in the process of finishing an order for Romania that consisted of 6 x 400 kW MW rigs, a 200 kW LW rig [supposed to be located at Brasov Bod site 153] and a stand alone 200 kW rig on 909. (Arctic)

SAUDI ARABIA: Culture and Information Minister Dr. Fouad Al-Farsy signed a SR80 million contract to set up a new radio transmission station in Dammam. According to a report in Al-Riyadh, the project, which is scheduled for completion in 30 months, will have three types of broadcasts each on medium wave and FM to cover Dammam city and the neighboring areas. (www.arabnews.com via Steve Whitt, mwc)

SWITZERLAND: 531 Beromünster is normally broadcasting with 600 kW, but on May 8th lightning destroyed the supply cable. The current power is 180 kW and will remain so until the end of September. Information from Stephan Widmer, Distribution Manager Radio, SRG SSR, Bern. (Bengt Ericson, Arctic)



MW531

UKRAINE: Changes in MW bcng of the Ukrainian National Radio from June 20. 648 (150 kW, Oktiabrsk, the Crimea) reactivated: 0230-2200 UR-1 Radio Krym (regional); 1242 (50 kW, Oktiabrsk, the Crimea) reactivated: 0230-2200 UR-3; 2200-0000 & 0100-0230 UR-2. Tx on 1278 (1 kW, Sevastopol, the Crimea) and 1584 (1 kW, Simferopol, the Crimea) have been off the air. (Alexander Yegorov, BC-DX June 27) 648, Radio Krym, 1510-1600 news in Russian first, then I moved away for a while (20 minutes), and after my return, 1532 and up to the end, broadcast was in Tatar. By the way, Radio Krym transmits Crimean Republic National Anthem at 0345, when its first broadcast starts. (open_dx - Vladimir Titarev, Kremenchuk, Ukraine)

THE AMERICAS

COSTA RICA: Information from Tetsuya Hirahara, Radio Nuevo Mundo, visiting San José 18-19.3.2003: 780 TIRA R América, San José website: www.radioamerica780am.com ; 980 TIRI R Favorita, San José, correct QTH, 1120 Tl.. Unión Radio, San José, ex R Reloj/Opine FM. 24h (Tetsuya Hirahara via Arctic)



EL SALVADOR: Information from Tetsuya Hirahara, Radio Nuevo Mundo, visiting El Salvador 25.2-8.3 2003: 780 YSKL R Cadena YSKL, San Miguel, ex 760 950 YSHG R Cristo Te Llama, QTH: Barrio El Calvario, 4 Av. Sur N° 303, San Miguel. (The same address as for R Chaparristique, 1130) 1260 YSAA R Abba "La Voz de la Iglesia de Dios", San Salvador, ex R América 1270 YSQZ R W "La Voz de la Verdad en Oriente", San Miguel, ex R Mía 1300 YSKG R Llanera "La Campechana", San Miguel 1330 YSHQ R Cristo Te Llama, San Salvador, e-mail: cristotellama@navegante.sv 1370 YSKO L Lluvia de Bendición "La Voz del Evangelio en Oriente", San Miguel, ex La Voz de la Amistad. Schedule: 1100-0300. (Tetsuya Hirahara, via Arctic)

MÉXICO: XELT Radio María México, México's first solidly Catholic station, has begun operations over leased XELT 920 AM in Guadalajara, Jalisco. The 24-hour operation makes use of XELT's 10,000 watts day and 250 watts night, directional antenna. It is owned by Radio Tapatía S.A. de C.V. México prohibits churches and religious groups from owning radio stations, although it does license stations to schools and universities operated by the Catholic Church. XHMER Estéreo Mendel 103.7 FM in Aguascalientes and XHUIA 90.9 FM in Mexico City are examples. For that reason, Radio María México, a group of enthusiastic laymen in Guadalajara, have had to lease a local station. Address for Radio María: Radio María México, Avenida Cruz del Sur 3195, 3° piso, Lomas de la Victoria, 44580 Tlaquepaque, Jalisco, México. E-mail: director.mex@radiomaria.org or administration.mex@radiomaria.org. No website. 24 hrs. (CRU via Arctic)

PERÚ: The official Peruvian frequency list has a 0.5 kW station on 1605 [!] located at Paucarpata, Arequipa, with OAU60 as the call sign. The registered company name is Empresa Radiodifusora Flor de los Andes SCRL. There is no indication of a station slogan such as Radio Sabor, which is the one Bjorn Malm, Alfredo Canote and Cesar Perez Dioses have reported hearing on 1610. On a surprisingly clear recording made on 1610 by Hasse Mattisson at the end of May, there are lots of Peruvian "vernacular" music and some anncts in Spanish and Quechua, none of which appear to contain an ID. The exact location per the Peruvian list is given as Falda del Cerro Nueva Alborada, Paucarpata, Arequipa. (Henrik Klemetz, HCDX) 1166.4 R. Nuevo Amanecer is the AM outlet of R Nuevo Amanecer on 4650 . The AM outlet broadcasts 1030-2300 actually using 0.75 kW. Maximum power is 1.5 kW. Nominal frequency is 1180 . Studio address: Jirón Grau 501, Celendín, Provincia de Celendín, Departamento de Cajamarca. (TIN in Relámpago DX via RNM, via Arctic)

Sunrise/Sunset Maps

12 maps showing 15 minute sunset and sunrise times for the US and 12 maps showing hourly sunset and sunrise times for the World. Explanation includes use of the maps and examples of DX made possible by knowledge of SR/SS times.

Prices: IRCA/NRC members - \$2.25 (US/Canada/Mexico/sea mail), \$2.75 (rest of the Americas airmail), \$3.00 (Europe/Asia airmail), \$3.50 (Australia/New Zealand airmail). Non-members: add \$1.00 to the above prices.

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IRCA Convention Report

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Our 40th annual IRCA convention was held as planned at the Best Western hotel in South Portland, Maine. The town was very picturesque with plenty to do and see. No sooner than I opened our meeting room, every bit of table space was covered with bumper stickers, catalogs, and other promotional goodies. A 4-hour sticker trading session took place between some of the dedicated decalomania members. Our first scheduled event was the studio tour of nearby WGAN 560, WZAN 970, WBAE 1490, WPOR-FM, WYNZ-FM WMGX-FM. We were split into two groups and shown the entire operation. The program director joined in and gave us some technical 'shop talk'. Many

took photographs of the station. After we were given some magnets and notepads, we said goodbye and headed off to the 1490 tower site across the street from the University of Southern Maine. The building that once housed WPOR on Baxter Street was now empty. The AM station is now known as "The Bay" playing the music-of-your-life nostalgia format with hosts Gary Owens, Johnny Magnus, and Wink Martindale. L. A. types will remember these guys from the old KMPC-710... We wondered just how much RF went into the Arby's Roast Beef stand next door. An impending thunderstorm never really materialized outside of loud static crashes on the Broadcast Band. Some of us went on to take a photo opportunity at the dual towers of WZAN-970 just south of our hotel location. We had time to

take in some of the many fine local eateries. Our next scheduled event that evening featured our first guest speaker, an editor in Pop Comm magazine, DX News, and DX Audio Service, Mr. **Bruce Conti**. He gave us a thorough presentation on phasing techniques for BCB DX. For the second half of his presentation, we moved outside to the forested rear area of the hotel. Moving amongst the mosquitoes and fireflies we strung out two Beverage antennas at a right angle and connected them through a phasing unit to Bruce's Drake R-8. We quickly discovered that the conditions of this early summer night were very auroral with strong Venezuelan stations noted on 550, 750, and 760. Turks and Caicos 530



Bruce Conti demonstrating phasing techniques

and Cuba 670 were also pouring in. A couple of Euro hets were even noted, and some picked up the Montreal X-bander on 1610 through the local Maine turnpike TIS. Nearby stations on 1490 and 560 were completely nulled revealing the DX to be had underneath. Many thanks to Bruce for putting on the demonstration!

Our Saturday afternoon business meeting conducted by Phil Bytheway dealt with pressing issues dealing with DX Monitor publication. Reports were read concerning CPC program, finances, publicity, etc. This year's awards were announced. Congratulations to TVA winner **Rich Toebe** for the fine job he has done publishing the DX Monitor, and to RHA winner **Phil Bytheway** for all of his tireless efforts. Next on the agenda was our banquet, consisting of prime rib, salad, carrots, and cheesecake for desert. Our second guest speaker, Mr. Bob Bittner, owner/manager of WJIB-740/WJTO-730, spoke about his feeling regarding the recent Senate Bill allowing even greater multiple ownership of stations in a market and the lack of public service in radio today. Finally as always came our annual auction featuring loads of "stuff". Bidding was fast and furious. We grossed \$381 for the club selling items such as a Hallicrafters communications receiver, tape recorder, coffee mugs, airchecks, T-shirts, books, CDs, and the always popular antenna weenie. Thanks to **Steve Jarvis** and **Bob Wien** for their help with the Maine event, and thanks to everybody who participated. I hope to host one again in a couple of years in Southern California. 73



Bob Bittner of WJIB/WJTO

In attendance:
John Adams, OR
Dan Benard, NH
Bob Bittner, MA (guest speaker)
Phil Bytheway, WA
Bruce Conti, NH (guest speaker)
Dave Gordon, CA
Steve Howe, VT
Dave Jones, TN
Curtis McMenamain, CA
Paul Mount-Richards, NJ
Nigel Pimblett, AB
Jim Reardon, MA
Mike Sanburn, CA (host)
Brent Taylor, NB
Ernie Wesolowski, NE
Bob Wien, CA



Phil Bytheway (L) and Mike Sanburn (R) conducting the IRCA Auction after the banquet





The official Group Photo

Preliminary IRCA Convention Report

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A similar report and photos will be published in the October edition of Popular Communications magazine. Photos are not the ones you see here. --RT

The 2003 IRCA Convention got underway Friday afternoon in the hazy, hot, and humid weather with a tour of Saga Communications' Portland Radio Group; 560 WGAN (news/talk), 970 WZAN (talk/sports), 1490 WBAE (Music of Your Life), 93.1 WMGX (Hot AC), 100.9 WYNZ (oldies), and 101.9 WPOR (country). We were split into two groups for the tour. I was in the group led by Sara Dobbins, Promotions/Marketing Director, and 93.1 "MGX Scene" personality.



We were introduced to "RJ" Rick Jordan, WPOR Program Director, as he was on the air at Today's Country 101.9 WPOR-FM. RJ explained how music files are "sound coded" so that the entire on-air music selection process is done by computer. For example, a Garth Brooks selection might be coded Garth, male, hat (he wears a cowboy hat), twang. Once the ratio of male to female artists, twang, classic, modern, hat and hatless, etc. is entered, the computer determines the rotation, and the songs are all in order and ready to play by touch screen. RJ was

familiar with AM and FM DXing. He played two old WPOR AM jingles for us, resurrected for introducing classic country oldies. RJ told us about the recent upgrade to "Omni 06" processing in the air chain, and the installation of a new digital workstation in one of the

production studios - the Pro Tools Control 24, featuring digital plug-ins modeling classic analog compressors. Select one of the old compressors, and its front panel would pop up on the screen.

Sara moved us along to see the automated 970 WZAN studio; basically a walk-in closet studio/control room where the syndicated talk and news programs are broadcast on auto-pilot. Then we visited the more elaborate and spacious 560 WGAN studio, the local news flagship of the radio group. Chief Engineer Andy Armstrong wasn't in, so we only got a quick peek at "the racks" of equipment in the air chain between the studios and transmitter links. RJ and Sara indicated that Armstrong would be the person to contact about scheduling DX tests. After collecting souvenir fridge magnets and notepads, some of us departed for a quick photo shoot at the WBAE / WPOR antenna a short distance down the highway from the Portland Radio Group studio and office building.

Next on the agenda was dinner. **Phil Bytheway**, **Paul Mount**, and I checked out the Outback Steakhouse in South Portland, the only one in the entire state of Maine according to Phil.

The next scheduled event was a phasing presentation and demo. I fielded all sorts of questions about antennas, receivers, and phasing, while talking about phasing basics supplemented by various overhead projector graphics. Then we went outside to the woods in back of the convention hotel where two approximately 500-ft long wires were rolled out to the east and south. The MWDX-5 LC-tank passive phasing unit was demonstrated with a Drake R8B receiver. Probably most impressive was the ability to null out 1490 WBAE despite the transmitter site located only four miles or so down the road. We could clearly hear two unidentified stations on 1490, one in Spanish, with WBAE nulled out. Tuning in 750 RCR Venezuela and 760 RCN Colombia was a piece of cake. 1110 Venezuela was also strong although subdued by a WCEC open carrier. Reception conditions were definitely different than what had been typical over the past few weeks.

For example, where 640 kHz had been dominated by Radio Guadeloupe, only Cuba was present. Transatlantic DX was difficult. The A index was up, with auroral conditions indicated by the absence of WWV on 5000 kHz with the Venezuela time station alone on the frequency. There was some audio detected from 891 Algeria during local sunset, but



The banquet photo (all convention photos courtesy **Robert Wien**)

otherwise only hets detected. Although some hets at the low end such as 549, 612, and 621 kHz were strong, once the domestics were nulled, what remained of the transatlantic signals was buried in local thunderstorm noise as a cold front was passing through the region.

Host **Mike Sanburn** had a transmitter hunt scheduled for Saturday, followed by the business meeting, banquet with guest speaker Bob Bitner of WJIB and WJTO, and the auction. Plenty of bumperstickers were on display and being traded among the Decalomania group. Thanks to Mike for the opportunity to meet some IRCA members for the first time and demonstrate some east coast DXing. It was some fun!

Sports on Radio

Art Blair, Folsom CA

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS RADIO NETWORK

Radio Team: Mitch Holthus, Len Dawson, Bob Gretz, and Bill Grigsby.

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| 580 WIBW Topeka, KS | 1550 KAPE Cape Girardeau, MO |
| 590 KOMJ Omaha, NE | 1550 KKLE Winfield, KS |
| 620 KMNS Sioux City, IA | 1600 KMDO Fort Scott, KS |
| 680 KFEQ St. Joseph, MO | 1600 KNCY Nebraska City, NE |
| 690 KGGF Coffeyville, KS | 92.1 KSDL Sedalia, MO |
| 870 KAAN Bethany, MO | 92.5 KQMA Phillipsburg, KS |
| 910 KINA Salina, KS | 93.5 KLKC Parsons, KS |
| 930 WTAD Quincy, IL | 94.5 KRXL Kirksville, MO |
| 990 KRMO Cassville, MO | 94.5 WIBW Topeka, KS |
| 1130 KLEY Wellington, KS | 95.1 KAMS Mammoth Spring, AR |
| 1150 KRMS Osage Beach, MO | 95.3 KDKD Clinton, MO |
| 1150 KWKY Des Moines, IA | 95.5 KAAN Bethany, MO |
| 1190 KREB Bentonville, AR | 96.3 KRZZ Derby, KS |
| 1220 KJAN Atlantic, IA | 96.7 KCMQ Columbia, MO |
| 1230 KLWT Lebanon, MO | 96.7 KGTR Larned, KS (CP 98.9)? |
| 1230 KTNC Falls City, NE | 96.9 KFIX Plainville, KS |
| 1240 KFOR Lincoln, NE | 97.3 KKJQ Garden City, KS |
| 1290 KALM Thayer, MO | 97.3 KXUS Springfield, MO |
| 1290 KWLS Pratt, KS | 100.9 KCLY Clay Center, KS |
| 1300 KMMO Marshall, MO | 101.1 KCFX Harrisonville, MO (Flagship) |
| 1320 KLWN Lawrence, KS | 101.1 KFNF Oberlin, KS |
| 1340 KSEK Pittsburg, KS | 101.5 KSLS Liberal, KS |
| 1350 KMAN Manhattan, KS | 101.7 KVOE Emporia, KS |
| 1400 KWON Bartlesville, OK | 102.9 KMMO Marshall, MO |
| 1420 KJCK Junction City, KS | 103.1 KNCY Auburn, NE |
| 1430 KTBZ Tulsa, OK | 103.9 KOMB Fort Scott, KS |
| 1450 KOKO Warrensburg, MO | 104.3 KVGB Great Bend, KS |
| 1450 KWBW Hutchinson, KS | 105.3 KJML Columbus, KS |
| 1490 KKAN Phillipsburg, KS | 105.5 KKOY Chanute, KS |
| 1490 KTTR Rolla, MO | 107.7 KSYZ Grand Island, NE |
| 1540 KLKC Parsons, KS | |

DETROIT LIONS RADIO

Broadcast team: Mark Champion and Jim Brandstaffer.

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| 580 WTCM Traverse City, MI | 930 WBCK Battle Creek, MI |
| 590 WJMS Ironwood, MI | 940 WGMY South Haven, MI |
| 590 WJMS Kalamazoo, MI | 940 WIDG St. Ignace, MI |
| 750 WWKK Petoskey, MI | 950 WWJ Detroit, MI (Flagship station) |
| 830 WMMI Shepherd, MI | 1100 WJML Petoskey, MI |

- 1270 WXYT Detroit, MI (Flagship stn)
- 1300 WOOD Grand Rapids, MI
- 1320 WDMJ Marquette, MI
- 1330 WTRX Flint, MI
- 1340 WCSR Hillsdale, MI
- 1380 WPHM Port Huron, MI
- 1400 WCCY Houghton, MI
- 1400 WRCC Battle Creek, MI
- 1400 WSJM St. Joseph, MI
- 1450 WHTC Holland, MI
- 1450 WIBM Jackson, MI
- 1450 WNBV Newberry, MI
- 1460 WBRN Big Rapids, MI

- 1470 WLQR Toledo, OH
- 1530 WLSP Lapeer, MI
- 1590 WTVB Coldwater, MI
- 1600 WAAM Ann Arbor, MI
- 92.1 WCSR Hillsdale, MI
- 92.7 WQTX Charlotte, MI
- 100.9 WYLZ Pinconning, MI
- 101.1 WUPY Ontonagon, MI
- 103.1 WQUS Lapeer, MI (?)
- 104.5 WILZ Saginaw, MI
- 104.7 WKJC Tawas City, MI
- 104.7 WYKX Escanaba, MI

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