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Don't forget to vote... details in the last issue. This time, we welcome **Aaron Perna** - Glendale, AZ this time!!! This is the last "every other week" HDXM, from now on HDXM will be monthly (SDXM will be every other week).

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HQ NOTES

The **2005 IRCA/DecalcoMania** convention will be held on Thu. Aug. 25 through Sat. Aug 27, 2005 at the Days Inn, 1111 S. Harbor Blvd. Anaheim CA 92805 (1 block North of Disneyland) www.the.daysinn.com/anaheim04986. Phone number for reservations is 714-533-8830 (request the special \$49 room rate.) Registration fee (not including banquet) is \$25 payable to Mike Sanburn, PO Box 1256, Bellflower CA 90707-1256 - mikesanburn@hotmail.com. Activities will include station tours, business meeting, auction, and banquet -view menu at www.jagerhaus.net. Should have lots of stickers and airchecks. Looking forward to seeing everybody.

Here's the list of websites for sites in the area of this year's convention:
www.disneyland.com,
www.downtowndisney.com, www.knotts.com,
www.universalsstudioshollywood.com,
www.sixflags.com, www.movielandwaxmuseum.com,
www.seaworld.com, www.medievaltimes.com,
www.catalinaexpress.com, www.irvinmuseum.org,
www.visitorangecounty.net, www.planesoffame.org.

DX Tests - Les Rayburn - les@highnoonfilm.com (times are Eastern)

The 2004-2005 DX Season saw a sharp increase in the number of DX Tests and just when you think that we've seen the last of the tests until next season---another test or two pops up!

This time we were blessed with two DX Tests, both well heard. Here are the reported results:

WLLL 930khz Lynchburg, VA Test Results

Jim Renfrew in Byron, NY was among the first to report successfully hearing the test, despite a very strong WBEN. Ron Gitschier logged the test in Palm Coast, FL, as did Bill Dvorak in Madison, WI, Gerry Bishop in Niceville, FL, Mark Hardester of Jacksonville, NC, and Dave Pyatt in Burlington, Ontario. Willis in Old Fort, TN not only logged the test, but called the station at the announced number to speak with the owner! Also hearing the test were Les Rayburn of Helena, AL, Bruce Winkelman in Tulsa, OK, Adam Myrow of Memphis, TN, and Saul Chernos of Toronto who logged the test on a car radio! Steve Francis of Alcoa, TN heard the test which included "In the Mood" as clucked by chickens! (Surely the most unusual test material ever!) Others having success with logging the test include Blaine Thompson of Fort Wayne, IN, Bill Bergadano of New Jersey, Juan Gualdaj of Ft. Pierce, FL, Neil Kazaross in Barrington, IL, Park Barton of Fosters, AL, and Scott Fybush in Rochester, NY. Also logging the test in NY was Art Hubert of Ithaca. Duane Whittingham heard the test on a car radio in Murfreesboro, TN, and it was also a successful test for Curt Deegan of Boca Raton, FL. Patrick Martin proved again that he can hear every test ran by bagging this one from his home in Seaside, OR. Greg Myers of Largo, FL heard the test, as did Brett Saylor of Central PA, and Mike Brooker of Toronto noted that the Morse Code ID's were among the fastest speed that he had ever heard during a test. New England was represented by Phil Greenspan of Marshfield, MA who heard Morse ID's at 0016. Patrick Griffith of Westminster, Colorado heard weak code and is awaiting verification from WLLL before claiming victory. Russ Edmunds of Blue Bell, PA heard the test for a new one there, while Barry McLarnon continued his success in Ottawa, Ontario.

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Not everyone was so lucky, failing to hear the test included Ken Baird on the "other side of the pond".

WIMA 1150khz Lima, OH Test Results

Again Jim Renfrew was the first to report success from his QTH in Byron, NY. Rick Shaffan in Sparta, NJ heard the test, as did Les Rayburn in Helena, AL, Bill Dvorak of Madison, WI, Steve Francis of Alcoa, TN, and John Hunter of Rossville, GA. Mark Hardester heard Morse ID's at his home in Jacksonville, NC as did Wade Smith of Chipman, New Brunswick. Adam Myrow heard the sweep tones cut through the noise at his home in Memphis (Those NRC sweep tones really are great!). Also finding success were Tom Dimeo of Harrisburg, PA, Patrick Martin in Seaside, OR, and Park Barton of Fosters, AL. Brett Saylor reported easy copy of the test in Central PA, as did Fred Vobbe of Lima, OH who arranged the test for the NRC (Thanks Fred!). Rick Turner of Bemidji, MN logged the test using only a Radio Shack 12-888 and a Select-A-Tenna. Tom Jasinski of Shorewood, IL logged them, as did Bruce Winkelman of Tulsa, OK, Lee Freshwater in Ocala, FL, Russ Edmunds of Blue Bell, PA.

Those who tried but failed for the test included Kevin in Gilbert, AZ, Patrick Griffith of Westminster, CO who battled KSAL in Kansas, and Phil Bytheway also was disappointed in Seattle. Curt Deegan in Boca Raton also missed the test, possibly due to the confusion caused by Daylight Savings Time.

This "mini-test" lasting only five minutes was nearly as successful as some of the much longer tests of the past, and may be the wave of future. Heard in 14 states and Canada this test would have to be considered a huge success!

Check out this great looking summary page of the recent DX test by WIMA. Wish all engineers were this excited about DX Tests! <http://www.1150wima.com/test/2005listener.html>

Again the sincere thanks of all of in the hobby to the stations involved in running the tests! Les Rayburn, N1LF, IRCA CPC Chairman

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CALL CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
630	KPTT	Reno, NV	KPLY
1220	WHK	Cleveland, OH	WHKZ
1290	KZBN	Santa Barbara, CA	KRNP
1310	KXTN	San Antonio, TX	KAHL
1330	KSNA	Redding, CA	KJPR
1330	WYSN	Johnstown, PA	WBHV
1420	WRMR	Cleveland, OH	WHK
1440	WVMG	Macon, GA	WDXQ (station is silent-ye ed)
1480	KHCK	Dallas, TX	KNIT
1490	WSP0	Johnstown, PA	WPRR
1600	KANM	Albuquerque, NM	KRKE
1640	KFNY	Enid, OK	KFXV
1700	KTBK	Sherman, TX	KKLF

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
580	KTMT	Ashland, OR	sports	regional Mexican "R. Lazer"
585	KJAL	Tafuna, American Samoa	new	cont. Christian
600	WCVP	Murphy, NC	country	talk "Big 6 Radio"
640	KTIB	Thibodaux, LA	news/talk	religious teaching
730	WJMT	Merrill, WI	talk	Jones classic hit country
910	KXEM	Frisco, TX	regional Mexican	talk
930	WSEV	Sevierville, TN	adult contemporary	ESPN sports
950	KMER	Kemmerer, WY	silent	oldies // "K-95 FM"
960	WCHQ	Quebradillas, PR	silent	Spanish CHR //WVOZ-FM
970	WNNR	Jacksonville, FL	sports	Spanish
990	WXCT	Southington, CT	talk	Spanish
1030	WUFL	Sterling Heights, MI	religious teaching	cont. Christian
1060	KTNS	Oakhurst, CA	Jones adult stds	Jones soft AC
1100	KQNM	Milan, NM	talk	silent
1110	KA0I	Kihei, HI	news/talk	talk
1130	WYXE	Gallatin, TN	silent	SS cont. Christian "R. Vida"
1150	KCCT	Corpus Christi, TX	oldies	nx/talk "Air America 1150"
1190	KFXR	Dallas, TX	Fox sports	unknown "Mighty 1190"

1210	KQEQ	Fowler, CA	regional Mexican	ethnic
1230	WODI	Brookneal, VA	oldies	black gospel
1230	KERV	Kerrville, TX	adult standards	ABC soft AC Memories
1250	KNWH	Twentynine Palms, CA	silent	talk //KNWQ
1260	KSML	Diboll, TX	regional Mexican	ESPN sports
1260	WAMS	Newark, DE	silent	ABC Rejoice black gospel
1260	WTBZ	Grafton, WV	talk	adult contemporary
1270	WKBF	Rock Island, IL	classic country	talk "Progressive Talk 1270"
1280	WYAL	Scotland Neck, NC	silent	black gospel
1290	WIRL	Peoria, IL	Fox sports	classic country
1310	KACE	Birch Tree, MO	unknown	oldies
1320	WTOW	Washington, NC	cont. Christian	southern gospel
1340	WBRK	Pittsfield, MA	adult standards	adult contemporary
1350	WKCU	Corinth, MS	silent	Salem cont. Christian
1360	KAHS	El Dorado, KS	adult standards	regional Mexican
1360	KMNY	Hurst, TX	Spanish CHR	business news
1390	WLAN	Lancaster, PA	Fox sports	adult standards
1390	WRSC	State College, PA	silent	news/talk "Newstalk 1390"
1400	WHGM	Savannah, GA	R&B oldies	black gospel
1440	KRDZ	Wray, CO	Jones oldies	Jones classic hits
1440	WGLD	Red Lion, PA	religious teaching	silent
1440	WNFL	Green Bay, WI	talk	Fox sports
1450	KHIT	Reno, NV	Jones MOYL	Jones adult standards
1450	WATA	Boone, NC	adult contemporary	talk
1450	KIKR	Beaumont, TX	black gospel	ESPN sports
1450	KMBL	Junction, TX	ABC Memories C&W	ABC Memories soft AC
1490	KRIB	Mason City, IA	Jones classic C&W	classic C&W
1490	WPRR	Johnstown, PA	WSPO, ESPN sports	ESPN sports
1490	WUSS	Pleasantville, NJ	sports	oldies //WTKU-FM
1510	KBED	Nederland, TX	sports	blk gospel "The Light 1510"
1520	KOLM	Rochester, MN	talk, ESPN sports	ESPN sports
1530	KCLR	Ralls, TX	silent	SS cont. Christian
1560	WRIN	Rensselaer, IN	talk	Jones adult stds.
1560	WRSJ	Bayamon, PR	silent	Spanish CHR //WVOZ-FM
1570	WBGZ	Alton, IL	news/talk	talk
1570	WVQJ	Fernandina Beach, FL	Spanish CHR	regional Mexican
1580	WAMW	Washington, IN	cont. Christian	ABC Stardust adult stds.
1580	WEAM	Columbus, GA	black gospel	ESPN sports
1580	WXRA	Georgetown, KY	sports	Spanish news
1590	KZRA	Springdale, AR	ranchero	regional Mexican
1590	WZRZ	Jackson, MS	black gospel	urban AC //WRM-FM
1600	KOKE	Pflugersville, TX	Spanish	talk
1600	KUSH	Cushing, OK	traditional country	talk
1640	KFXV	Enis, OK	all comedy radio	Fox sports
1650	KBIV	El Paso, TX	rptd. silent	still on air with C&W
1650	KHRO	El Paso, TX	rptd. silent	modern rock "Hero Rock 1650 AM" (can anyone confirm which format is correct?-ye ed.)

1700	KKLF	Sherman, TX	sports	talk //KLIF-570
1700	XEPE	Tijuana, Mexico	Spanish	reg. Mexican //XHBC-FM

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

620	WGCV	Cayce, SC	1000/126 ND to 2500/126 ND2
830	KMUL	Farwell, TX	1000/148 ND to 1000/10 DA-D
1000	WJDL	Huntsville, AL	10000 DA-D to 1100 ND-D
1030	WNOW	Mint Hill, NC	10000 ND-D to 9000 DA-D
1220	WZBK	Keene, NH	1000/146 ND to ND2
1390	WEED	Rocky Mount, NC	5000/2500 DA-N to 5000/30 ND2
1410	KRIL	Odessa, TX	1000/1000 DA-N to 900/235 ND2
1410	WQBQ	Leesburg, FL	1000/90 ND to 1000/90 DA-D
1420	WKCW	Warrenton, VA	10000/17 to 5000/17
1450	WLAY	Muscle Shoals, AL	ND to ND2
1470	KVLH	Pauls Valley, OK	1000/63 DA-2 to 890/35 DA2
1530	KZNX	Creedmore, TX	add 12 w. nights

FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS

620	WTRP	La Grange, GA	1000/124 ND to 2500/127 ND2
690	WOKV	Jacksonville, FL	50000/1000 to 50000/25000
790	WRMS	Beardstown, IL	500/59 DA-2 to 500/55 DA2
800	KPDQ	Portland, OR	1000/500 to 1000/600

810	WEUS	Orlovista, FL	1000/400 DA-2 to 5000/400 DA-2 (new CP)
830	KMUL	Mulshoe, TX	1000/148 ND to 50000/10 DA2
920	WGKA	Atlanta, GA	5000/1000 ND to 14000/4900 ND2
950	WCTN	Potomac, MD	2500/47 DA-1 to 2200/43 DA2
1010	WOLB	Baltimore, MD	1000/26 ND to 1000/30 ND2
1050	WBRG	Lynchburg, VA	1000/97 ND to 4000/980 ND2
1090	WILD	Boston, MA	5000 ND-D to 4800 ND-2
1150	KWKY	Des Moines, IA	1000/1000 DA-2 to 2500/1000 DA-2
1160	KNEI	Waukon, IA	1000 to 880/26
1210	KZTS	Sunnyside, WA	10000/1000 ND to 700/700 ND2
1230	WAUD	Auburn, AL	ND to ND2
1240	WNSG	Nashville, TX	ND to ND2
1300	KAZN	Pasadena, CA	5000/1000 DA-2 to 23000/4200 DA-2
1330	WPJS	Conway, SC	5000/500 to 3200/23
1350	WBLT	Bedford, VA	1000 ND-D to 5000/47 ND2
1370	KWTL	Grand Forks, ND	ND to ND2
1410	KWYO	Sheridan, WY	5000/500 ND to 5000/350 ND2
1440	WBLA	Elizabethtown, NC	ND to ND2
1440	WFNY	Gloversville, NY	800/500 DA-2 to 3600 DAN
1490	WOLF	Syracuse, NY	ND to ND3
1520	WDMN	Rossford, OH	1000/1000 DA-2 to 500/400 DA2
1540	KMPC	Los Angeles, CA	50000/1000 DA-2 to 50000/3700 DA-2
1570	WSCO	Appleton, WI	1000/331 ND to 2400/246 DA-D

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS

540	WLIE	Islip, NY	2500/220 DA-2 to 4300/175 DA-D
570	WMAM	Marinette, WI	250/100 to 197/78
600	WSNL	Flint, MI	1000/500 to 440/250
730	WLTV	Charleston, SC	5200/103 to 5200/83
810	WDMP	Dodgeville, WI	250 to 250/10
890	KQLX	Lisbon, ND	1000-D to 1800-D
950	WPEN	Philadelphia, PA	5000/5000 to 5000/21000
1150	KSVE	El Paso, TX	ND to ND2
1170	WRPM	Poplarville, MS	10000 ND-D to 5000 DA-2
1410	WRMN	Elgin, IL	1000/500 to 1000/1500

ADDITIONAL NOTES: (CONTRIBUTOR IN PARANTHESES)

PUBLIC LISTINGS:

Air America adds two big Texas markets, arriving on KXEB 910 Frisco/Dallas TX and KOKE 1600 Pflugerville/Austin TX today (3/13-ye ed). KOKE flips from Spanish news/sports, while KXEB flips from regional Mexican.

KACE 1310 Birch Tree MO returns to the air with oldies.

KAHL 1310 San Antonio TX flips from Tejano to talk/adult standards.

KAHS 1360 El Dorado KS flips from standards "Sunny 1360" to regional Mexican "La Ley."

KBIS 1150 Dallas TX has been testing on its new frequency, 1160. Expect a string of format flips there, with KFXX 1190 Dallas TX dropping Fox Sports as it enters an LMA with KBIS owner First Broadcasting. (Fox Sports moves to KFCD 990 Farmersville, at least part-time.)

KHRO 1650 El Paso TX returns to the air Friday as modern rock "1650 AM Hero Rocks." (can anyone confirm?-ye ed.)

KMNY 1360 Hurst/Dallas-Fort Worth TX will flip to brokered business talk 6 AM-6 PM beginning 4/1. (KMNY recently swapped calls with KAHZ 1600 Pomona CA.)

KNWH 1250 Twentynine Palms CA returns to the air as "K-NEWS," simulcasting news/talk KNWQ 1140 Palm Springs CA.

KQHN 1510 Nederland/Beaumont TX drops ESPN sports and flips to black gospel as "The Light 1510," changing calls to KBED; KIKR 1450 Beaumont TX drops black gospel "The Light 1450" and flips to ESPN sports as "ESPN 1450." Meanwhile, silent KBED 107.9 Oil City/Shreveport LA changes calls to KQHN.

KRKE 1100 Milan NM changes calls to KQNM and goes silent; KANM 1600 Albuquerque NM takes the KRKE calls.

KSML 1260 Diboll TX flips from regional Mexican "La Maquina Musical" to ESPN sports.

KSNA 1330 Shasta Lake CA changes calls to KJPR (station is not on air yet-ye ed).

KSQR 1240 Sacramento CA returns to its former calls, KSAC.

KTBK 1700 Sherman TX flips from a simulcast of sports KTCK 1310 Dallas TX to a simulcast of talk KLIF 570 Dallas TX.

KTMT 580 Ashland OR drops ESPN sports for regional Mexican "Radio Lazer."

KVDL 1150 Quanaah TX changes calls to KREL.

KXTN 1310 San Antonio TX changes calls to KAHL.

KYTC 102.7 Northwood/Mason City IA drops oldies for classic country as "Eagle Country," swapping formats with KRIB 1490 Mason City IA, which flips from classic country to oldies.

WANR 1570 Warren OH adds Air America progressive talk.

WBPA 1460 Elkhorn City KY changes calls to WEKB.
 WCHQ 960 Quebradillas PR and WRSJ 1560 Bayamon PR have returned to the air, simulcasting Spanish top 40 "Mix 107" WVOZ-FM 107.7 Bayamon PR.
 WEAM 1580 Columbus GA breaks from its black gospel simulcast with WEAM-FM 100.7 Buena Vista/Columbus GA and flips to ESPN sports "the Zone."
 WILT 960 Mount Pocono PA changes calls to WPLY, parking the former 100.3 Media/Philadelphia calls.
 WIRL 1290 Peoria IL flips from sports to classic country.
 WJMT 730 Merrill/Wausau WI flips from talk to classic country "Patriot Country."
 WKBF 1270 Rock Island (Quad Cities) IL drops classic country for progressive talk as "Progressive Talk 1270."
 WKCU 1350 Corinth MS returns to the air with contemporary Christian.
 WLAN 1390 Lancaster PA drops sports "Ticket" for standards.
 WNFL 1440 Green Bay WI flips from talk to Fox sports today (3/12-ye ed.).
 WRTM-FM 100.5 Port Gibson/Jackson MS flips from R&B "Rhythm 100.5" to adult R&B "Smooth 100-dot-5." It's now being simulcast on WZRX 1590 Jackson MS, formerly black gospel "Gospel 1590."
 WSPO 1490 Johnstown PA takes new calls WPRR (parked there after a long career in Altoona at what's now WWOT 100.1); WYSN 1330 Somerset PA takes new calls.
 WTKO 1470 Ithaca NY requests new calls WNYX.
 WXRA 1580 Georgetown/Lexington KY flips from Fox sports to Spanish news/talk/regional Mexican "La Pantera."

CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

Dennis Gibson sends along the following (re KUNX and KRNP call changes):
 100000 watts.com shows KUNX's slogan is "Asi se habla" (Asi is spoken). KXME also uses that slogan so KUNX must be simulcast with them. 1290 is still ID'ing as "KZBN Santa Barbara". The call letter change to KRNP was effective as of March 24.
 1400 Santa Paula is KUNX. A local call letter change; KZBN is now KRNP (Radio News-Press; the name of our awful local paper that bought it from Bob Newhart). However at 5:00 PM yesterday the TOH ID was still KZBN. The FCC web site and all of the other databases I use show them as KRNP. (DG1-CA)

Ye editor sends along the following (supplemented by info from Dave Gordon, Pat Martin, and Dennis Gibson):
 "Dr." Don Rose, one of the top-rated morning radio disk jockeys in the Bay Area in the 1970s and 1980s at KFRC-AM, died in his sleep at his Concord home Wednesday, after months of fighting pneumonia. He was 70. "If you didn't listen to Dr. Don, you were out of it," said Dave Sholin, who was his last program director at KFRC, before Rose left in 1988. "You'd go to school and you wouldn't know what was going on. It was a must-listen." A master of one-liners and wild sound effects, Rose was a pioneer in radio on both coasts, after starting his career broadcasting in the fly-over zone in between. He broadcast in the golden age of Top 40 radio. "He was a guy who played songs like 'Rock Around the Clock' when they were new," said Sholin. "And he loved them all." He won Disk Jockey of the Year at Philadelphia's WFIL-AM and again at KFRC-AM. "I would guess an entire generation of people who grew up wanting to be disc jockeys wanted to be Don Rose," said Mike Amatori, a producer and sound effects master at KGO-AM in San Francisco. "He's been ripped off by everyone, and he was probably as big a talent in the '70s and '80s as Don Sherwood was in the '50s and '60s." According to the Web site, www.BroadcastLegends.com, Rose majored in accounting at the University of Nebraska, before landing radio jobs in Omaha, San Antonio, and Kearney, Nebraska -- getting fired from all of them. At KMT-AM in Fort Dodge, Iowa, his luck changed. He met his wife of 45 years, Kae, and landed a morning show, where his one-liners drew a following ("Did you wake up grouchy, or is she still in bed?"). That led him to bigger and bigger markets: Duluth, Minn., Atlanta, Ga. and then, six years in Philadelphia ("I spent some of my finest days in Philly," quotes Broadcast Legends. "Vacations . . . weekends . . . sick leave.") His next stop was his biggest: the country's fourth largest radio market in San Francisco, where he surprised some skeptics. "A lot of naysayers thought the Bay Area was too hip and the corny stuff would never work," said Sholin. "Guess again. It's called human nature. People love to laugh. But when there was something serious, he stopped and poured his heart out." He had the top-rated music morning show in the market for 10 years. After retiring from KFRC, Rose joined his son, Jay, who was chief engineer at KKIS-FM, and then moved over to KIOI-FM, where just two months into a new morning show, he had a heart attack on air and stopped working. "He was a genius," said KABL-FM deejay Jim Lange. "One of his things was the utilization of what we call drops, voices he could talk to when there was no one else in the studio. He did it all himself. He had a huge collection of sound bites and cabinets of old jokes. He was terribly entertaining and sweet." Wrote former Sharks' color man, Chris Collins: "The guy exuded greatness, style and grace. I cannot think of where I would be today without that guy in my life in my developing professional radio years." Rose helped raise more than \$10 million for the March of Dimes Superwalks and was master of ceremonies at a host of golf tournaments, including his own, for Special Olympics. "In a business with so many big egos, you couldn't have found anyone as nice," says Sholin, a friend as well as a co-worker. Sholin said he spoke with Rose last week, and the retired deejay was complaining about his long bout of pneumonia. He is survived by his wife, five children and 13 grandchildren. (RW-CA/DG1-CA/DG2-CA/PM-OR)

Frank Aden passes along the following info:
 KDJQ-890 ID. Is now testing! (FA-ID)

Nancy Johnson sends along the following (re call change of KKWY-1630 WY):
 I checked for the official ID at 5pm MST and heard "We love our country, KWY." So, it appears they are still KKWY. (NJ-MT)

Dave Gordon sends along the following (re KFRC-610 San Francisco):
 KFRC-AM was sold to Family Radio, the KEAR-FM people. (DG2-CA)

Jim Hilliker sends along the following (re KMNY-1600 call change to KAHZ):
 I read that the calls took effect April 1. I think this is from David Eduardo:
 "Jim. I am sure you recall that KMNY were the calls selected by Buzz Schwartz for his business talk format some 15 years ago. The format was changed to Chinese when MULTICULTURAL brokered the station from BUSINESSRADIO PARTNERS LP, however the calls were retained. Multicultural decided to flip Spanish Top 40 KAHZ-A/DALLAS to Business News 6a-6p weekdays, and supported that decision by swapping the KAHZ calls that had resided on the Dallas station with the more appropriate KMNY-A calls that we had here. This swap happened APRIL 1, when our 1600 AM became KAHZ." (JH-CA)
 (continued next issue-pb)

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 OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1600 KOPT OR, Eugene 4/7 2146 now on 1600, ex-1450 with "Progressive Talk 1600," Air American promos, mentioning now on 1600. I did not see this posted anywhere. (PM-OR)
- 1650 KHRO TX, El Paso ex-KBIV 4/2 2000 with C&W oldies and new calls. (BN-NM)

- 660 KTNN AZ, Window Rock 3/20 0005 ad for J.B. Hunt Transport and CNN news. Fair to poor in tight CFFR null. Heard regularly at night. (GH-OR)
- 830 KNCO CA, Grass Valley 3/21 0030 Art Bell show into CNN news and community calendar. Fair to good signal on Drake with RS loop. (GH-OR)
- 870 WWL LA, New Orleans 3/22 0000 ID into news, really weak sputtering in the static, soon lost to unID Spanish. Last heard 12/03. Hammarlund on N-S wire. (GH-OR)
- 990 KRKS CO, Denver 4/6 in with no QRM. Religious show ended, then ID "Denver's Christian station, KRKS." (LG-MT)
- 1050 CJNB SK, North Battleford 3/22 2350 C&W with weak ID's in the slop. Last heard back in Oct. 03. Drake with Sanserino loop. (GH-OR)
- 1120 KANN UT, Roy 3/30 0137 religious music program, ID at top of the hour "KANN Roy." Fair signal in KPMW null. (MF-CA)
- 1140 KNWQ CA, Palm Springs 3/23 2034 "E. Valley 970, W. Valley 1140 K-News, the desert's choice." (BN-NM)
- 1150 CKFR BC, Kelowna 3/26 0100 oldies into ABC news with fair signal and legal ID. Drake with Radio Shack loop. (GH-OR)
- 1190 KFXR TX, Dallas 4/3 0225 "Tell a friend that the Mighty 1190 is back" then call ID from sports. (BN-NM)

- 1200 KYAA CA, Soquel 3/27 0000 legal ID into ABC news. Fair to poor and drifts with R390A on E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1220 KHTS CA, Canyon Country 4/7 2306 ads for Granger, Farmer John, and Right Stuff, into MLB Los Angeles Dodgers vs San Francisco Giants. (AB-CA)
- 1240 KSMA CA, Santa Maria 3/29 0000 SID, time check into news, "Newstalk 12-40 KSMA Santa Maria," Lars Larsen program, 0100 ABC news and into Coast to Coast. Dominant with KJOP in and out. (MF-CA)
- KQEN OR, Roseburg 4/1 0100 very weak with ID and news in a three way jumble with unID's. Seldom heard. (GH-OR)
- 1340 KIKO AZ, Miami 3/4 rose up from the jumble at 0800 with simple ID, then ABC news. New. (LG-MT)
- KTPI CA, Mojave 4/3 1715 in all afternoon in KIST null with NOS music, "Magic 13-40 AM" slogan, poor in KIST null. (MF-CA)
- KACH ID, Preston 4/6 strong at 0800 with C&W, then ID as "KACH. Preston, Richmond, Swan Lake." (LG-MT)
- KTCR WA, Kennewick 4/6 on top at 0800 with ID "KTCR, Kennewick, Richland, Pasco." (LG-0MT)
- 1400 KVSF NM, Santa Fe now American Air net which was on 1260, from sports. (BN-NM)
- CIOR BC, Princeton 3/29 1000 had EZ-listening song, then ID that mentioned CKOR, CJOR and CIOR. Weak signal. (LG-MT)
- 1450 KWFN AZ, Tucson 3/28 0115 "Good times Great Oldies" and Tucson ads. (BN-NM)
- 1460 KABL CA, Salinas 3/28 0420 briefly over XECB/KENO with quick "Cable" ID, then the sound of the infamous cable car bell, into Frank Sinatra song. Finally nabbed this thing, ex-KION. They must put a pretty hefty null towards XECB/KENO (and towards me!). (RW-CA)
- 1550 KKAD WA, Vancouver 4/7 2258 ads for Health Net, into PCL baseball. Gone at 2300. (AB-CA)
- 1650 KCNZ IA, Cedar Falls 3/23 0230 call ID and Coast to Coast talk. (BN-NM)

DX TEST

- 930 *WLLL* VA, Lynchburg 4/2 0021 heard weakly with Morse code loop. I am very pleased with another W call. Not often a new VA station either. Reported. (PM-OR)

HELP WITH AN UNID

- 1400 UNID Robert Wien's unID from No. 25 is KUNX Santa Paula, CA. Found the information on TvRadio World.com. Says it relays KMXE-830. (MF-CA)

UNID

- 1400 UNID 3/28 0425 got a little more on my unID Spanish on 1400. Heard them say "Radio Catorce" (Radio 14), suspect Ensenada or Phoenix. Any one of these use this ID? (RW-CA)

Thanks to our reporters this week. Remember to check deadline dates at the beginning of the column!
Nancy 4/8 2100

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 840 KXNT NV, Las Vegas. 4-6 weak, occasional readable signal. WHAS off the air preparing for their new digital signal. 00:15 to 02:15 with talk, CBS News, several "8-40 KXNT" slogans. KXNT is unneeded for log, but would be nice for a verie. Also noted a Latin coming in. Discovered by accident during routine band scan. [TMJ-IL]
- 1280 KPTQ WA, Spokane. 4-1 strong with KBNO nulled. 21:00 with ID into CNN News. EX-KAQQ. [NJ-MT]
- 1380 KSRV OR, Ontario. 4-5 excellent, on top 1380. 23:01 ID "KSRV Ontario, Fayette. The Treasure Valley AG Authority. 13-80 The Cruise" into ABC News. [NJ-MT]

DX TESTS

- 1150 WIMA OH, Lima. 4-4 DX Test poor to fair. Considerable CKOC interference. 02:00-02:06 and 03:00-03:06 with DX Test. Voice ID's, sweep tone and steady tone, code ID. Unneeded for log, WIMA is a regular here. [TMJ-IL]

25 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1980 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Bill Wurtzel** of New York, NY told about a visit from **Paul Mount** to see Bill's new Zenith Transoceanic receiver. KFI 640 an easy log with the receiver ... **Pat Martin** of Seaside, OR received a verie from 4BK 1296 Brisbane ... **Bill Harms** of Provo, UT mentioned the recent snowstorm and the groundwave propagation improvement as a result.

OPEN MIKE

It looks like the season is coming to an end. This column was typed 4-12-05. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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LOGGINGS

- 560 TN WNSR Brentwood 3/30 1907 Sports news and ads for sportsbars and golf courses. Good signal at times (5 over S9) into deep fades. "...Sports Radio 560, WNSR". (IEN-GA)
- 590 PA WMBS Uniontown 04/01 2253 Twilight Time and other classics. Semi-dominant signal in a sea of others, mixed w/ The Dave Ramsey Show on WV/LK in Lexington, KY. "The Music of Your Life...WMBS". (IEN-GA)
- 740 ON CHWO Toronto 04/02 2032 Big Band, Swing and Jazz! Good signal that would slowly fade almost under KRMG in Tulsa, OK & then rise again "...your favorites, AM 740, Toronto". (IEN-GA)
- 880 NE KRVN Lexington 03/18 1940 Farm news, nice sig o/ WCBS. (CJG-KY)
- WI WMEQ Menomonie 04/01 2044 Dr. Laura. Clear ID Weak but audible with WCBS nulled. (CJG-KY)
- 900 KY WLSI Pikeville 04/04 0115 Country music. Decent, semi-dominant signal in a mix of others. "900, WLSI, Pikeville". (IEN-GA)
- 930 VA WLLL Lynchburg 04/01 1926 Gsp! music, clear ID. Occ Very loud. (CJG-KY)
- 1010 MO KXEN St. Louis 03/20 2030 Clear ID. Religious programming. (CJG-KY)
- 1090 FL WNVY Cantonment 03/31 1930 NWS flood warnings intermixed with black gospel music, then BOH ID. (CJG-KY)
- 1110 NE KFAB Omaha 04/01 1955 Nebraska Univ. baseball game. Clear ID. Very nice signal. (CJG-KY)
- 1150 AL WJRD Tuscaloosa 4/03 2000 ID after Oldies. This is a call change I had missed!! (LF-FL)
- DE WDEL Wilmington 04/04 0158 Art Bell on Coast to Coast AM and an ad for a 5K Race along the Delaware River in downtown Wilmington. Weak signal mixed with a few others. "WDEL... 5K for The United Way". (IEN-GA)
- GA WJEM Valdosta 11/05 0600 Poor with TOH ID. (LF-FL)
- NC WGBR Goldsboro 4/05 0159 Poor with local Wx "...on WGBR", then local PSA; TOH ID into CNN News. NEW. (LF-FL)
- OH WCUE Cuyahoga 4/04 0000 Very poor and out of the mud for a second with "W...e Cuyahoga..." with WJBO Batron Rogue. NEW! (LF-FL)
- TN WCRK Morristown 4/4 0153-0200 with two distinct IDs, weather report, non distinct easy listening music selection. Poor, but copyable with WDEL slightly phased. (MH-NC)
- TN WCRK Morristown 4/03 2300 In with Tenn. woman's basketball, ID. (LF-FL)
- TN WGOW Chattanooga 4/03 2200 TOH ID. Poor. (LF-FL)
- 1230 NC WFAY Fayetteville 3/25 0500 Up out of the mix with TOH ID as "ESPN Radio WFAY Fayetteville". Poor; NEW!! (LF-FL)
- SC WOIC Columbia 04/01 1730 Ad for Plex Indoor Sports in Columbia and Love Chevrolet. Dominant signal in a mix of others. "1230, WOIC Bluegrass and Classic Country". (IEN-GA)

1250 PA WEAE Pittsburgh 04/06 0000 TOH ID and then the sports news of the day. Decent signal on top of a few others with slight fading. "This is WEAE, Pittsburgh's ESPN Radio 1250". (IEN-GA)

1290 GA WCHK Canton 04/07 1420 Bluegrass music. Decent, steady signal with Rush Limbaugh buried way underneath. "The New WCHK, The Best Columbia". (IEN-GA)

VA WDZY Colonial Heights 04/01 1930 Radio Disney. (CJG-KY)

1300 TN WNQM Nashville 04/06 2300 Spanish music and TOH ID. News in SS. Good signal with brief fades. "AM 1300, WNQM, Nashville, Tennessee Radio Vida". (IEN-GA)

1470 OH WLQR Toledo 03/21 2000 Detroit Tigers Spring BB. (CJG-KY)

1540 SC WTBI Pickens 04/01 0800 Religious programming & then TOH ID. Good signal with slight fading. "AM 1540, WTBI, Pickens". (IEN-GA)

1580 FL WTCL Chattahoochee 3/30 2000 Gospel music. Good signal in the mix with slight fading. "...AM 1580, WTCL, Chattahoochee". (IEN-GA)

1590 AL WVNA Tusculumbia 3/28/05 18:30. (KW-KY)

IL WAIK Galesburg 3/31/05 19:01 Oldies. (KW-KY)

IN WNTS Beech Grove 4/1/05 06:20 GOS MX. (KW-KY)

MI WTVB Coldwater 3/18/05 17:15 HS Basketball. (KW-KY)

OH WAKR Akron 3/18/05 17:28 Akrons News Authority. (KW-KY)

1600 SC WFIS Fountain Inn 04/06 2305 Atlanta Braves Baseball... The 10th Inning Show & Neal Boortz Promo at 2309. Weak signal with heavy fades. "...Atlanta Braves Baseball on WFIS" & "Neal Boortz on AM 1600 WFIS." (IEN-GA)

1620 IN WHLY South Bend 04/06 2327 Oldies buried in the mix & 1/4 Drop, "WHLY, AM 1620". (IEN-GA)

1700 TX KKLf Sherman 04/01 0745 Traffic report for the Dallas area. Good signal with slight fading. "TalkRadio KKLf". (IEN-GA)

DX TESTS

930 VA WLLL Lynchburg 4/2 0000-0038 In with fair/good signal in Eastern NC with code, tones, and moderate QRM from a chicken farm. (MH-NC)

1150 OH WIMA Lima 04/04 0200 DX Test with Morse Code, Sweep Tones and mentions of station conducting a DX Test. Weak signal mixed with a few others. However, the Morse Code and Sweep Tones came through the mix quite nice. "WIMA, Lima". (IEN-GA)

OH WIMAT Lima 4/4 0200-0205 Tentatively the one with weak signal, varying pitch tone and code at a speed a bit too fast to copy. QRM from WDEL (usually dominant here), and WCRK (that QRM I'll take any day, hi!). (MH-NC)

OH WIMA Lima 4/4 0200-0205 and again 0300-0305 In with both tests. Sweep tones, morse code "WIMA" repeated 3 times. Mixing with WJBO Baton Rouge, LA. No audio heard. Sent MP3 file to WIMA and received a nice email QSL back in 10 hours (QSL-#9.) These short tests might be what we need to attract more tests... GREAT idea. Thanks to all those involved. Because of this test, I was able to log three new stations!! (LF-FL)

UN - IDEN

1080 ?? ???? 4/2 0040 Checking the frequency after a report of WTIC being off, noted station with "Phil Hendrie Show." Found him located on 1080 at KSCO in Santa Cruz, and WKJK in Louisville, KY. WKJK listed as carrying the show live at this time. Presumptive log and will keep checking. (MH-NC)

Well, I totally FORGOT about the WLLL test. It should have been easily logged here, based on the reports I saw. I really like the idea of stations doing 5 minute tests. Might be a good way to get more tests scheduled. Stations are more likely to give 5 minutes of time rather than 30. I am off next Friday (4-15) to Las Vegas for the annual NAB Convention. Then back in FL for a week before going to New York City to see CBS and WOR's Tom Ray. Penny is going along as well. We plan to do some sightseeing and see some friends of ours who are appearing "Off Broadway". Then it's back for a week before going to Dayton for the Ham Radio Convention.... It's the busiest time of the year for me. Hope I can keep up. That is it for this week. Thanks to you all 4/09 0900

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Greetings and welcome to another DXWW-West. Some Latins, an Alaskan, and even some LW TA's. So away we go.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

On April 2, Steve Ratzlaff from Elgin OR reported. "For the past 30 minutes, TA LWBC has been exceptional here in NE Oregon. 162 France 0454 UTC, S5 level, armchair copy. 189 Iceland 0455

UTC S3 level, playing rock and roll, 198 England 0456 UTC poor, man and woman talking, 216 Monte Carlo/France 0502 UTC, poor man and woman talking (new station for me). No hets on AMBC." (Great going Steve. PM)

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

530 **TURKS AND CAICOS**, RVC 3/27 0008 with SS ID giving AM & FM outlets and into preaching. (KR-AZ)

540 **MEXICO**, SLP XEWA 3/27 0012 playing ranchera style mx. (KR-AZ)

540 **MEXICO**, Nuevo Casas Grandes, CH XETX 3/27 0013 Playing Nortena with slogan "La Ranchera de Paquime." (KR-AZ)

670 **MEXICO**, Naco SO XESOS 3/27 1015 announcing what was its normal TOH ID and using the slogan "Radio Uno" Not bad during the day for 225 miles. (KR-AZ)

760 **MEXICO**, Nogales, SO XENY 3/27 1030 playing ballads and using the slogan "Radio Heny" Good signal for the daytime. (KR-AZ)

860 **MEXICO**, Tijuana, BC XEMO 0435 UTC 4/10, quite weak normally under the mess, but grew stronger with XE mx and talk. (DKK-CA)

1170t **MEXICO**, Hermosillo, SO XEFEM 4/5 0423 with SS songs and "Radio Felicidad Once Setenta(?)" slogan counting as tentative until I hear call and city ID, fading in and out. (MF-CA)

1400 **UNID** 3/28 0425, got a little more on my unid 1400, hrd them say "Radio Catorce" (Radio 14) suspecting Ensenada. Anyone else use this ID like Indio or Phoenix? (RW-CA)

1590 **UNID** 3/27 1245, Unid SS on top of mess w/list of stations on network, mentioned XEOJ 1400. Faded out by 1246. Any ideas on network I had? (RW-CA)

1700 **MEXICO**, Tecate BC, XEPE hrd 4/7 and 4/8 around 0500 with relay of XEPRS 1090 with Padres baseball. (MF-CA)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

639 **FIJI**, fair with Island mx and a man in Fijian at 0815 4/9. (PM-OR)

774 **AUSTRALIA**, Melbourne 3L0, good with ABC News at 0900 4/9. (PM-OR)

890 **ALASKA**, Homer KBBI IDed as one with Billboard top hits program popping up and down between 0530-0630 UTC 4/3. Sneaking thru nulled KDXU and KLFF. Nice signal at times. Gave call letters at TOH 0600. First Alaskan hrd since 1989 when the last I hrd KBBI. Nice! Thanks to Michael Hawkins in Stockton for the tip. (DKK-CA) (Good catch, Don. PM)

VERIFICATIONS

1450 **MEXICO**, Los Mochis, SIN XECU La Rancherita, nice letter and OIR Mochis station information sheet from Ing. Gamalieu Robles C in 39 days for SS report with \$1, 2 local postcards, CD of what I hrd and an old NRC SS DX pamphlet. Address: Hidalgo #755 PTE, CP 81200, Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico. 10 KW. (MF-CA) (Good going, as XE QSLs are hard to get these days. PM)

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DXpedition Report - OBX-DX II (cont)

March 3-5, 2005

Bodie Island, North Carolina

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Antennas: Beverages, Northeast @ 500', East @ 500', Southeast @ 1000'

Receivers: NRD-525, NRD-535, pair of Ten Tec 320s

Appendix

COMMENTARY ON PROPAGATION: OBX DXII

Advances in technology and the quantum improvements in communication between radio enthusiasts have combined to allow us some comparisons between reception conditions on the Outer

Banks and those elsewhere during our three day expedition. Our experience on the Banks could be characterized as follows:

Time/Date	L Wave	M Wave	S Wave
2300-0500 UTC March 3-4	Excellent	Good	Excellent
2300-0500 UTC March 4-5	Excellent	Fair	Excellent
2300-0100 UTC March 5-6	Poor	Very Poor	Poor

The relationship between reception conditions and the Sun-Earth electromagnetic environment is highly complex and a continual source of speculation, discussion and too little research for the past century. Probably the only generally agreed statement concerning these interactions at the frequencies we address are that successful long distance reception, particularly on routes which approach the polar auroral rings, are *somewhat dependant on experiencing a period of quiet "space weather" conditions*. In these discussions, "quiet conditions" are usually equated to Planetary K indices of zero to two for some hours or days. There has also been a long-held view that there is often a *heightened period of trans-equatorial reception that occurs in the first hours of a transition from "quiet" conditions to a much more disturbed ionosphere*.

Solar and Geomagnetic Data: Feb 28 thru March 09, 2005

Date	Solar flux	Sunspot number		Planetary A index			K indices (3-hour intervals)		Min-max solar wind speed (km/sec)	Number of flares (events)		
		ST AR	SE C	STAR	SE C	Daily low-high	Planetary	Boulder		C	M	X
20050309	99.9	60	77	19.9	20	12-32	34433344	34433444	593-778	2		
20050308	93.5	57	52	26.5	26	12-56	45533334	45433334	622-845			
20050307	87.0	47	43	42.3	42	22-94	55644454	54644444	580-817			
20050306	83.6	28	22	35.5	36	15-48	53543545	44543534	364-708			
20050305	81.2	18	22	9.6	10	4-18	13222233	13322223	352-422	1		
20050304	78.9	12	13	2.9	3	2-5	10001110	10101111	360-465			
20050303	77.0	11	24	4.0	4	0-6	11011221	11112112	452-582			
20050302	74.6	11	11	11.9	12	4-15	33333311	33333311	564-749			
20050301	73.7	11	11	11.5	11	5-22	21332224	22332313	577-732			
20050228	75.0	0	11	12.5	12	4-22	13333314	13333313	559-712			

As can be seen in these data, our experience on the Outer Banks equates quite well with the traditional wisdom concerning distant reception. The sudden shift in conditions at about 2100-2400 UT on March 6 was almost certainly due to matter impacting the ionosphere from a C-class solar flare. Given that the relationship between measured ionospheric conditions and successful distance reception is so complex, it is unusual to see so perfect a fit.

During these same three days, three radio enthusiasts were monitoring Trans-Pacific medium wave signals in the Pacific Northwest of North America; also, several British medium wave enthusiasts were monitoring Trans-Atlantic signals during the period.

Examining the British experience on March 4-6 first: The British had been experiencing good to excellent receiving conditions for 10 days or more prior to our DXpedition. Though these varied somewhat, day to day, they were generally all a significant improvement on the band conditions experienced at mid-winter. March 1st and 2nd seemed to be better than the morning of March 3rd (18 hours before we began to listen on the Outer Banks.) March 4th saw a return to good conditions. Martin Hall, using a similar receiver and antenna set-up to our own, but located on the west coast of Scotland, noted March 5th as "Some strong signals coming in from Florida and Newfoundland at the start of listening at 0600, but only a few logs of interest. Unstable [reception conditions] with stations up and down in strength...." Martin formally logged only two stations in Miami, FL, one each in the Bahamas, Cuba and New Jersey. This experience corresponds nicely to our second evening of listening which was characterized as "a pale reflection of the previous night."

Martin's comments reporting his session of March 6 are very interesting:

"Jan Alvestad writes: 'Early on March 6 it is obvious that more significant effects from CH149 [the solar flare] have arrived'.

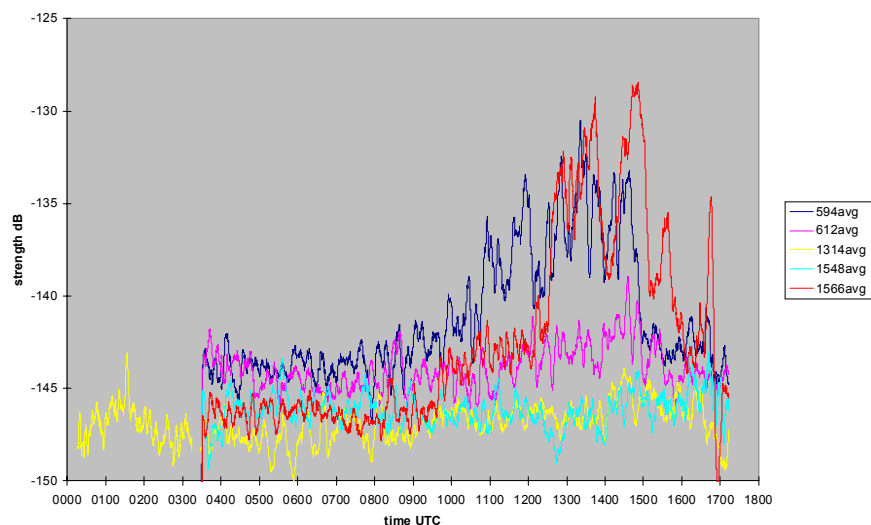
"Yup, obvious here in Clashmore [Scotland, Martin Hall's location] too, with propagation having moved south; several South American and only a few North American stations audible at start of listening at 0600. By 0645 nearly every 10 kHz channel was occupied a Brazilian or other stations from the southern half of South America, but this was the peak, and stations became weaker thereafter; by 0835 only a few were left, along with half a dozen Newfoundland stations and a handful from the Caribbean. Quite a bit of static noise noticeable today."

Martin went on to report a Brazilian station, an Uruguayan, a Chilean and three stations from the Argentine, almost certainly a reception via a classic trans-equatorial enhancement at the onset of an ionospheric storm. His loggings were from around 0600 on Sunday morning, some 5 hours after we noted near "wipeout" conditions on the Outer Banks. Had there not been severe thunderstorms in our area and record cold that evening, would we have noted similarly enhanced reception to our South??? There were certainly no signals coming from Africa (on 9 kHz. splits.) as we tuned across the dial. We only noted a weak het on 1215 (presumed Virgin Radio in Britain) and on 1314 (presumed Norway.) Possibly the northerly reception had been wiped out but the southerly enhancement had not yet begun, when we abandoned the Outer Banks DX site at 0130 on March 6th. We certainly know where the thunderstorms were located that Martin heard so clearly in Scotland.... Just to our South!

During this same time period, Walt Salmaniw and Nick Hall-Patch were monitoring Trans-Pacific medium wave conditions from Victoria, British Columbia and Guy Atkins was at the dials in suburban Seattle, WA. They too had experienced quite good reception conditions for the ten days or so prior to the DXpedition, especially on March 1st. Guy Atkins also reported especially good reception conditions on March 4th, about 6 to 8 hours after we experienced our best reception on the OBX; though Walt experienced more mediocre conditions that morning. On March 5th they reported good-but-not-great conditions. March 6th was reported as very poor, with no southerly enhancement noted. These conditions parallel those experienced a continent away on the Outer Banks quite closely.

For a number of years, Nick Hall-Patch has maintained an automated propagation monitoring program. Daily, his equipment follows the signal strength of two MW signals from Japan/Korea (594 and 1566 kHz.) and two from Australia (612 and 1548 kHz.) The program also tracks 1314 kHz, largely to record the very rare trans-polar propagation of NRK, Kitsvov, Norway. Nick has allowed us to reproduce his grafts for the three days in question. The charts for March 4th and March 5th are quite similar, so the former was eliminated for brevity. As you can see, on March 5th, both of the Japan/Korea signals were quite active from transmitter sunset until well after 1445 UT sunrise at the receiver. Signals with a strength of just above -140 dB deliver audio, so this morning was quite listenable to East Asia. March 6th shows quite a different pattern, with 594-Japan (dark blue) being almost completely suppressed and 1566-Korea (red) delivering audio only briefly just before dawn at the receiver. Note also that 612-Australia shows some elevation of activity on March 6th, so some small amount of southerly enhancement may have been present.

Mar 5/05 with loops



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A belated Happy Anniversary to IRCA. I have been a DXer since the late 1960's starting out in Spokane, Washington. I remember well listening to KNX, KFI, KGO, etc on a five-tube radio my parents had in the kitchen. The idea of hearing a station from a "long distance" like that fascinated me. Sometime later, my parents gave me a clock radio for Christmas, and I received WCCO on it. Wow, a station from all the way across the country. I also DXed in Utah, Korea, Germany, and now in Maryland. Some of my fondest memories include DXing on beverage antennas out in the middle of the Utah deserts and hearing Chicago all day long as well as a fair signal from WLW one time at high noon. I have tried to re-construct my totals, but it has been difficult because many of my log books (as well as other personal stuff) ended up missing in our moves. As far as I can determine, I have 1320 stations heard here in Maryland from 43 states, and numerous countries. I also collect QSLs and have several hundred from MW stations from all over the world. Recently, I started recording all of my DX receptions and have about 800 different station IDs of stations heard here in Maryland, plus uncounted hundreds of stations from my other DX locations. I was saddened to hear about Don Erickson's passing. I know that many people in the club have had some unresolved issues with Don. Even so, Don was an important part of the club and many of us, including me, owe him for introducing the club. I met him at the 1978 IRCA convention hosted by Bill Block. Don had an enthusiasm about IRCA that was catching. I would like to remember him for the positive things he did for the club in its formative years. de wjh

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Greetings, despite the misprint in my January Forum, I assure everyone that I have not moved to Burbank, hi. DX has been a bit light for me this past season mostly due to QRN and TVI. But I still listen whenever possible. Keeping busy with all aspects of radio. In January Bob Wien and I both won new Yaesu ham transceivers at a local amateur radio club banquet. Bob and I both visited the studios of KCAA-1050 at the Carousel Mall in San Bernardino recently. I'll be trying to set up a tour of their facility for our upcoming IRCA convention the last weekend in August. Everybody is invited but I do suggest you get your room reservations made soon! Hotel phone number is 714-533-8830. I've been writing to stations for goodies and I'll be increasing those efforts as spring and summer arrive. I request any station items that members can donate to the promo table or the auction: stickers, magnets, key rings, hats, t-shirts, books, etc. Mail them to me or better yet, bring them in person.. All proceeds from auction will benefit the IRCA. I've been receiving letters and e-mails from people planning on attending. Just got a registration from Dave Gordon. More info to appear soon.... I'm going to try to log the new KUTR station on 820 out of Utah. Previously heard those calls on 1320. I'm also fascinated by the new 1400 station in Parowan.... Local 1600 in Pomona, CA is now KAHZ simulating KAZN-1300. I photographed the towers of former KAHZ-1310 in Dallas when I was there in 2003 for NRC convention. 73

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Although it's quite a bit late, I'd like to wish IRCA a very Happy Anniversary. I'm a late joiner to IRCA, joining the club in 1994. I served as DXM Publisher from 1999 to 2001, and have served in various editorial positions with IRCA, NRC and WTFDA in the past. Although I never got to meet Don Erickson in person, I've read of his DXploits in the bulletins in the past. Like Don, I've had my disagreements with radio clubs, but most of them have been over free speech issues. It appears that some clubs just won't accept criticism, no matter how harsh it is. I'm especially a harsh critic of corporate radio, which I had been denied employment in numerous times for no reason. I didn't get really involved in DXing until 1982, when I joined my first clubs (ASWLC and NRC). It was through the pages of the latter club's bulletin that I met the first local DXer, Terry Klasek. He ran the St. Louis International DXers (SLIDX) at the time; he's revived SLIDX as an E-mail group on Yahoo! Groups. Klasek introduced me to Rich Eddie (God rest his merry soul), Bob Flick (who designed a series of loop antennas for AM BCB, shortwave and longwave DX during the 1980s), and Rick Overmann, among others. I also met Richard Wood and Dale Park when they passed through St. Louis in the mid 1980s. It was a shock when Terry Klasek informed me of the passing of Rich Eddie. It made me glad I didn't make the same mistake Rich did of marrying a manipulative woman. When I was in Georgia from 1988 to 1992, I also met up with television DXer John Broomall and BCB DXer Bill Alisaukas. Chuck Hutton lived in Atlanta for a time during the 1980s, too. It was when I returned to Missouri in 1992 that I started meeting more and more of my fellow DXers: John Tudenham, Gil Morgan, Ernie Wesolowski, John Callarman, Frank Merrill, Walt Breville...the list goes on and on. I had the pleasure of meeting a good number of my fellow IRCAners at the 2001 St. Louis convention, especially Ralph Sanserino, Phil Bytheway and Bob Wien. Starting out as a SWBC DXer in 1981, I soon added AM, FM and TV to my pursuits. In recent years, I've also been DXing the NOAA Weather Radio and the low-band VHF public service bands. In 1992, I became an Amateur Radio operator (I still hold a Technician Class ticket); primarily working the locals and DX on the 144-148 MHz (two meter) Amateur Radio band. In addition to IRCA, I'm a member of WTFDA and NASWA, as well as the

ARRL, the St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club (St. Louis, MO) and the Lewis and Clark Radio Club (Godfrey, IL). In addition, I'm a trained severe weather spotter with St. Louis County Skywarn, a volunteer unit which helps out St. Louis County Police with severe weather observations, as well as my involvement with the St. Louis County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). I have been in broadcasting on both the commercial and non-commercial level for the better part of two decades now, having worked commercially at WGNU 920 Granite City, IL (1996-97) and WFUN-FM 95.5 Bethalto, IL (1997-99). I'm presently the Tuesday through Friday morning DJ and Public Service director at WSIE 88.7 Edwardsville, IL; I've been at the station since the spring of 2000. I gave up on the commercial end of the business in the spring of 2001, due mostly to the consolidation of radio station ownership in far fewer hands and the focus on patronage and cronyism as broadcast employment policy; the value of my 20 years' hard work in radio is absolutely zilch to corporate broadcasters nowadays. I also stopped sending for AM, FM and TV QSLs in 2000 because of not only the expense, but also because of ownership consolidation. I now only send out for QSLs to shortwave stations. As of April 4, 2005, I have 908 AM radio stations logged, plus 790 FM stations, 459 TV stations and 64 NOAA Weather Radio stations. Two goals will be within reach now: 800 FM stations and 1,000 AM stations. It'll be tougher to get to 500 on the TV station count and 100 on the NOAA Weather Radio log. 73 and good DX from Eric (N0UIH).

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First I would like to thank the person who nominated me for the Board of Directors. I was very surprised since I haven't been a member that long. I missed the re-intro in the Anniversary Issue so I thought I would do that now. I'm 48 years old and married to Wendy for almost 15 years. We have 2 grown daughters and our older daughter and her husband gave us a grandson last year. I've been DXing since 1972, mostly on Shortwave and AM. From 1972 to 1984 I listened in Michigan where I grew up. Then I moved to CA and listened on and off until about 1991. I jumped back in the hobby at the end of 2003, mostly concentrating on AM listening. I'm an electrical engineer in the semiconductor industry, working in Failure Analysis. My other hobbies are long distance running, genealogy and restoring my 68 Camaro. This past week I hit a small milestone, my 100th station verified. I'm still trying to average 2 reports a week and at this rate I have over a years worth of stations to write to for the first time. Follow up reports have been productive with almost one third of my veries after second and third tries (emails and letters). Don't give up after the initial report. On the local radio scene XEPE-1700 is using the slogan La Pantera with a cat growl. They are also relaying XEPRS with Padres baseball, heard on 4/6 and 4/7. 73's Martin (Hey Martin, where in Michigan are you from? I grew up in Kalamazoo--rce)

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Clear Channel and WHAS-840 have a new broadcast deal with University of Louisville (Courier-Journal, 3/30). When WHAS is carrying University of Kentucky sports and U of L has a game too, U of L will be on 790. There will be a conflict 10-12 times a year. WXXA-700 will be "Cardinalized" with new call letters and U of L programming will be greatly increased. The U of L sports network will also be expanded, both in and out of state. Finally got my trees trimmed and wire antenna back up but no other news. Col. DX (The Col. Sent along a news clipping with the stations in the University of Louisville network. The AM stations listed are WCKY-1530, WNDE-1269, WXRA-1580, WFKY-1490, WKQE-910, WHAS-840, WYMC-1430, WKYX-570, WKYH-600 and WZZB-1390--rce)

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There was a large measure of shock and dismay when I heard from DX friend John Clemmer that fellow DX friend Don Erickson had perished horribly in a fire at his home in Riverside, CA recently. Seems oftentimes you hear of these things on the news but fortunately it doesn't involve someone you know; sadly, however, this time was not one of those. I'm sure many fellow IRCAners are aware of how for so many years Don was the publisher of the DX Monitor. Somewhere, I still have some of those old colorful paged bulletins. (Mine are in the garage--rce) John and I talked much about the tragic nature of his passing but we also spoke about what we remembered about Don. I think everyone who knew Don has an interesting Don Erickson story, so let me tell mine. I first met Don at the IRCA convention Toledo hosted in 1971. It was exciting to host this event. One of the first DXers I met outside of the small group of TOADS (Toledo, Ohio Area DXers) as we were referred to then, was Don. He was very friendly and most of all very interesting to talk to...very intelligent. One thing I noticed when we had our auction was that Don was a very prolific bidder. His bids would oftentimes be met with numerous buzzing sounds and sounder jingles of K-D-E-E (that came to be his assigned call both signifying his very western home and his initials which he used just as prolifically in the bulletin). Don had a way of bidding and winning some of the most useless junk that nobody else really wanted. When asked why he would take the "crap", it was always something like "I'll find some use for it--which, of course, there wouldn't be--but I always felt it was just because of his intense desire to help the club out financially. Don was like that. He was one of the best punsters I think I'd ever come across. He could spin humor from most any type of reference, but that was just his way. Some might call him eccentric. I find that anytime you are dealing with someone of such superior intellect that eccentricity is part of their personality, so it was with Don. I remember one of the first times I spoke with Frank Merrill about Don and he said to me--sometime you'll have to go visit "Toyland"--which was Don's house. He told me that Don had voluminous amounts of papers and magazines stacked all over the place. Well in 1983, John Clemmer, Marv Shults and I went on a West Coast trip. Among our stops was a visit to 'KEE'. It was amazing staying there for an overnight. Walking among the catacombs of piled up papers to the ceiling was an experience; finding a place to lie down and sleep

safely was even more so. You couldn't help but think that even the slightest tremor would send an avalanche of printed matter onto your person, which could happen easily in quake prone Southern California. One thing that stands out was that Don was a gracious host. He also came to my rescue with a pair of his own glasses when mine got knocked off my face by a wave while wading in the Pacific Ocean off Huntington Beach, his prescription was remarkably close to mine. Without his help, Southern Cal would have been a myopic blur until I could get a replacement set of glasses. He took a sinking feeling and made it all better--see it did help that he collected things! One of the last times I saw Don was at the 1984 IRCA convention. I know over the years he's had some nagging health problems. Still I'd always hoped I'd get to see him again and yuk up old times. You hate to see a life end this way, but the hope is Don is in a better place, and somewhere I'm sure he's still collecting things...I just wish he'd thrown some things away. Gladly it was our friendship that was not one of those things. I'll miss you Don aka KDEE! 73s all.

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I had forgotten I saw Don for the last time at the 1984 Toledo convention (unless he made it to Milwaukee in 1988 which is the last convention I've made it to), but I knew I had met him at the 1966 IRCA Milwaukee convention plus the 1971 Toledo and 1973 Hammond ones. I will always picture a relatively young Don, although he had to have been at least 55 when he went. In the same way, I can't picture Ernie Cooper being in his 80's when he passed on, even though he was knocking on the door of 70 when I last saw him in Milwaukee in 1988. I well remember the \$100 monthly phone bills I ran up back in 1971 just talking with Don. I was telling my wife the other night that Don had told me how to subscribe to the Wall Street Journal for free, although he also told me it would only last a couple of months until they caught up with me. The conventions this summer intrigue me. I would like to be at the one in LA, if only to say I had been in the LA area once--I also have a nephew doing some teaching at UCLA while working on a doctorate. However, the NRC convention is more attractive in that it's only about five miles from where I worked from 1978 to 1987. As near as I can tell, that company is now out of business. It's only 25 miles from my older sister who is having some health problems so I would have two reasons to go. Finances will probably be the determining factor. After typing that last sentence, I started mentally listing the various conventions I have been to. Besides the above, I was at the 1974 Seattle and 1976 San Francisco ones plus the 1976 Louisville convention. I keep thinking there was another one in Louisville I was at but I can't remember when it was. I was also at the 1986 Wilmington, Delaware right outside of New Castle. That was the one where we had to shut down the meeting room at midnight because two pilots had rented the last room in the place and it was next door to the meeting room. Oh, there was also the 1982 Quad Cities convention. I left there and went on to a conference in Springfield, Missouri the next day. The Quad Cities one was the first one I attended after I had stopped smoking in late 1980. I can remember Charley Keleher commenting that I wasn't smoking. Before that, I usually stood in the back of the room during the auctions and smoking a cigar. I must have stunk half of the group into wanting to be out of the room hi.... My Dad was at the Hammond 1973 and Louisville 1976 conventions with me. The BoD candidates look interesting this time. Still haven't decided which way to go on that. 73.

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Hi everyone and welcome to another edition of "Website Wanderings." If anyone comes across a radio related website kindly forward it to me at: DXRADIO@webtv.net. ~ I will be most grateful.

This edition of 'Website Wanderings' features some links on AM (or MW), FM and TV DXing.

From Universal Radio we have two sites:

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2. www.dxing.com/tvfmidx.htm. Explains sporadic-E and tropospheric ducting propagation conditions that are suited to DXing the lower TV band (channels 2-6) and the FM spectrum.

National Radio Data is a subscription-based providing nationwide scanner frequencies, trunked frequencies, ham radio and mass media for DXing. But there are also many resources for AM and FM listening. Find it at: www.nationalradiodata.com/index.html

The Electronics Hobby Page has a huge list of links for MW, FM and TV hobbyists. Find it at: <http://www.mindspring.com/~brucecc/dx.htm>

I hope you enjoy this edition's selections. With that I will bid you good health and good DX until the next issue of the 'Monitor' and say: "73 de DX de NY" ~ Ray

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