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Another volume is about to wrap up...this is the last SDXM of Volume 49. It's hard to believe that the AM DX season will soon be upon us. I'm sure some of us will be attending the upcoming NRC/WTFDA convention in West Virginia or the DX get-together in Wisconsin. If you're interested in hosting the 2013 IRCA Convention, please contact Lee Freshwater before October 31, 2012. Many of our members in the Midwest and East dealt with record-breaking heat during the last week of June and the first week of July; I spent most of that time indoors, DXing FM radio and TV (both analog and digital) and working some stations on the HF amateur radio bands. It makes one think about the upcoming DX season and cooler temperatures. IRCA is also proud to welcome George Wherry of Jeannette, PA, who has chosen the hardcopy DX Monitor. Stay cool out there.

NRC/WTFDA CONVENTION – BRIDGEPORT, WV

Bill and Brenda Swiger would like to extend an invitation to all club members to come to West Virginia the weekend of August 3rd, 4th and 5th for the NRC Convention. This year the Days Inn and Suites at 112 Tolley Drive, Bridgeport WV will be the host hotel. Rooms can be reserved by calling 304-842-7371 before July 20, 2012. The cost of each room is \$79.94, and this includes the tax. The rooms are double or king and the cost can be split between however many people are in the room. Be sure to tell them that you will be with the National Radio Club to get this rate. The Worldwide TV-FM DX Association will also be joining us. Registration will be \$45.00 for NRC members and \$25.00 for spouses or significant others. This will include the Saturday evening banquet and snacks and drinks for the hospitality room. We are hoping to have some tours scheduled and there is also a festival that weekend with food and music that we can carpool to. The Days Inn is right off the intersection of Interstate 79 and Route 50. There are shopping areas and restaurants within walking distance. The local airport is approximately 3 miles away with shuttle service. More information will follow with bus service, etc. Registration and items for the auction can be mailed to:

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If you have any questions or ideas please email me at ridgeradio@cebridge.net and I will try to answer them.

Hope to see you here in our beautiful "Almost Heaven" state of West Virginia.
 (From Ernie Wesolowski via Nancy Johnson and Phil Bytheway)

MADISON-MILWAUKEE DX GET-TOGETHER

Madison-Milwaukee DX GTG... The 19th annual Madison-Milwaukee Get-together for DXers and Radio Enthusiasts will be held on Saturday August 18, 2012, beginning at 1 PM CDT. This year's location is Madison, WI and your hosts are Bill and Nina Dvorak. For more information, please e-mail Bill at dxearak@aol.com (please include "Madison DX GTG" in the subject line), write him (3358 Ridgeway Ave Madison WI 53704) or if you prefer call (608-244-5497). (from Tim Noonan)

TENTATIVE DX TEST

Mark Heller at WGBW-1590 advises he'll be conducting another DX TEST this will be Sunday Morning July 15 (after Saturday night) from Midnight to 2 AM Central Daylight Time...This may be the last test for a while from WGBW-1590, as they have received their Construction Permit for 500 watts night operation. (Information from Wayne Heinen, NØPOH, via Phil Bytheway) (I still have my recording of the 2010 regular schedule reception of WGBW with Mark Heller reading the wx-EC)

CANADIAN RADIO NEWS

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For May 2012 (June 1 2012 – next update July 1 2012)

AM TO FM CONVERSIONS GRANTED

680 AB Edmonton CHFA Moving to 90.1 with 100,000 watts

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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WDXR DEADLINES: July 20, Aug. 10, Aug. 31, Sept. 21, Sept. 28 . Please use Eastern Time.

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- 890 KDXU UT, St. George 7/2 0834 update on western wildfires, to local spots. Really good. (RB-AZ)
 - 1070 KNX CA, Los Angeles 6/22 2300 ID into news. Very weak, shaky at local sunset, but built in strength quickly and near local sounding. (RB-AZ)
 - 1110 KFAB NE, Omaha 6/21 2355 what sounded like Michael Savage, with usual fare for him. Good legal ToH ID. (RB-AZ)
 - 1140 KYDZ NV, Las Vegas 6/20 0920 Radio Disney, but not of that actual network. Really rolling in today with near local quality. "Kids Radio." (RB-AZ)
 - CHRB AB, High River 7/5 0657 country music to announcer "Alberta's Community Radio station" and "AM 11-40 CHRB, High River Alberta" to ToH, and more country. This was two for the price of one...another male announcer suddenly came totally over CHRB with legal ID for KLTT, Commerce (Denver), CO, into religious lecture. (RB-AZ)
 - 1200 KPSF CA, Cathedral City 7/1 2234 Jill on Money program, "Money Radio 1200" slogan, local ads mixed in, 0000 ToH ID & NBC news, mixing with KYAA. New. (MF-CA)
 - 1250 KHIL AZ, Willcox 6/20 2110 "K-Hill," to country music, fair on the peaks. (RB-AZ)
 - KNEU UT, Roosevelt 6/30 0730 local spots, mentions "doo-SHAYne county, to ID by male "Real country on AM 12-50, KNEU." (RB-AZ)
 - 1300 KROP CA, Brawley 7/2 0855 agriculture report to local spots "Ironwood Steakhouse ...Sidewinders Grill." Very good, almost local sounding at the moment. (RB-AZ)
 - 1330 KGAK NM, Gallup 6/24 0908 tom-toms, chanting. Very strong. Occasionally dropping out to reveal Tucson, then back up. This is often as reliable station from "The Rez" as KTNN, when the cx are right. (RB-AZ)
 - 1350 KABQ NM, Albuquerque 6/29 0100 breaking from "Mike Malloy" to spots, good legal ID and to NBC news. Had been dominating freq. for 45 minutes, alone and very solid signal. Dropped out suddenly at conclusion of newscast. (RB-AZ)
 - 1380 KLPZ AZ, Parker 6/28 0906 ID and local weather by male, spots for "American Air Conditioning" and "Horizon Community Bank" at 0910. Very, very good, with rising sun here. Although an intra-state log, this is 120 miles at 2.5kw. (RB-AZ)
 - KTKZ CA, Sacramento political talk and ID coming thru the mumble. Have been hearing this regularly over the past two weeks, covering the usual (KHEY El Paso), sometimes alone and strong, never able to get good ID until now. (RB-AZ)
 - KHEY TX, El Paso 6/20 0900 "sports radio, AM 13-80 KHEY." (RB-AZ)
 - KFNZ UT, Salt Lake City 6/21 0818 "ESPN 13-20" slogan. (RB-AZ)
 - 1450 KNOT AZ, Prescott 6/23 0900 clear ID up out of "the mumble rumble" to News Headlines and back to the mumble. (RB-AZ)
 - KVML CA, Sonora 7/4 2256-2304 heard Laura Ingraham in & out, ToH ID "This is Tuolumne's news station AM 14-50 KVNL Sonora," into ABC news, then local news. Mixing with KVEN. New. (MF-CA)
 - 1520 KOKC OK, Oklahoma City 6/20 2150 fair with political flapping, mentions "Fast & Furious." (RB-AZ)
 - 1540 KMPC CA, Los Angeles 6/21 2300 Korean language before ToH, then change and male in English "50 thousand watts, maximum power... Radio Korea...AM 15-40, KMPC Los

- Angeles."Trading off all evening with local Latino station, but excellent at ToH for ID. (RB-AZ)
- 1550 KIVA **NM**, Albuquerque 6/21 0830 refs, New Mexico slogan that sounded like "rock talk"(?), clear AM 15-50 KIVA. (RB-AZ)

Thanks to Rick and Martin for our column this time. Nancy 7/6 2100

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 1190 KQQZ MO, University City. 6-14 usually atop mess. 05:20 with "Minute of Silence" odd feature telling listeners that they would have a minute of silence (dead air) to remember the dead. Told listeners that didn't like it to tune away and never come back. Country music. [TK-MO]
- 1210 KGYN OK, Guymon. 6-14 booming in at times over WPHT. 04:35 with "U.S. Country 12-10 KGYN" and local spots. Weather into country music. "The AG news you need and today's best country all day, we're U.S. Country 12-10 KGYN." [TK-MO]
- 1260 WWMK OH, Cleveland. TENTATIVE. 6-14 good and usually atop mess. 05:03 with lots of "Radio Disney" IDs. [TK-MO]
- 1380 WKJG IN, Fort Wayne. 7-4 good. 03:31 with "Your number one sports, ESPN Fort Wayne" into baseball talk. [POB-IN]
- 1460 WBNS OH, Columbus. 7-4 fair. 03:37 ESPN programming, spots. [POB-IN]

25 YEARS AGO

July 18, 1987 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Niel Wolfish** of Toronto, ON was back home for the summer and working for a law firm ... **Karl V. Jeter** of Stone Mountain, GA mentioned his logging of KELO 1320 was the highlight of the previous DX season ... **Rick Evans** of North Wales, PA said he has accepted a job in Wisconsin and starts there on July 20th.

OPEN MIKE

Not often a station will tell listeners to tune away and not come back. (See KQQZ above). Start saving your money for Billings '14. Room rates will be well over \$100.00 for the Billings Convention celebrating IRCA's 50 years. (Sleazy motel room rates here are currently \$99.99). This column was typed 7-7-12. 73, John

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 180 **RUSSIA**, R Rossii. 1135-1140 6/26. Fair with man in RR and woman speaking every now and then. (DV-WA)
 + Poor at 1150 6/27. (DV-WA)
 + 1157 7/8. Fair with man in RR. (DV-WA)
- 279 **RUSSIA**, R Rossii. 1159 7/8. Poor. (DV-WA)
- 738 **TAHITI?** 1158 6/26. Bits of weak audio. Woman in FF? At 1200 UTC. Best on HPAW antenna. (DV-WA)
 + 1207-1211 7/3. Weak to fair at times with talk in FF. A lot of splatter from KCBS. (DV-WA)
 + 1226-1227 7/4. Weak signal with man in FF. (DV-WA)
 + 1215 7/8. Weak at times with woman in FF. Fair at 1221 with woman in FF. Matched RFO live-feed. (DV-WA)
- 1161 **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington? 1227-1220 7/7. Fair at times with Island music. Deep fade out at 1217. Found live stream at 1219, but signal was gone. Feed matched type music being played on station. First time audio on this channel, het heard often to this channel. (DV-WA)
UnID. Just a level 3 het at 1217 7/8. (DV-WA)
- 1215 **UnID**. Weak audio at 1206 6/26 with man in EE? Poor signal at 1210. (DV-WA)

- 1503 **AUSTRALIA?** Unknown station heard at 1223 and 1231 7/7 in weak with man speaking EE. (DV-WA)
NEW ZEALAND? 1211 6/26. Fair signal at times with two men in DU accented EE. Best on SW ewe. (DV-WA)
UnID. 1215-1224 7/4. DU accented man talking, poor signal. Some domestic splatter. Still around at 1236 with music. (DV-WA)
 + DU? Het seemed close to audio at 1231 7/8. (DV-WA)
- 1566 **AUSTRALIA?** 3NE? 1235 7/7. Weak signal with music and man in EE. Music at 1238. (DV-WA)
- 1584 **AUSTRALIA?** 4CC? 1219 6/26. Fair signal at times with man in EE and music. Two songs played back to back. DJ talking and then onto US oldies song "Just One Look" Doris Troy. Best on sky wire loop. Still around at 1231 with fading fair signal with woman singing, followed by US song "Much Too Little Too Late" before fading out at 1240 utc. Checked the 4CC website and it's listed as Classic Rock. Could not get the live stream to play. (DV-WA) (Great catch Dennis. I logged this one only once and they did QSL my report back in the 90s. But often a lp DU station can really skip. PM)
- 1656 **AUSTRALIA?** 1240-1245 7/7. Weak signal with woman speaker in Asian language. "Voice of Australian Chinese" listed in PALs at 400 watts. Faded out a 1246. (DV-WA)
- 1701 **UnID**. Decent het at 1251 7/7, but Mexican station on 1700 too strong. (DV-WA)
 + **DU?** Decent level, but Mexican station XEKT is very strong on 1700 7/8. (DV-WA)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 1650 **MÉXICO**, XEARZ. I asked Julián Santiago Díez de Bonilla, DF, about the new x-bander on 1650 in the DF, is it still operating? Apparently never has made it to the USA. He replied June 4: "XEARZ 1650 was on the air for three days from May 1 and then went off the air. It has not been possible to obtain any info about this." (GH-OK) (GH's translation for WORLD OF RADIO 1620, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSLs

- 1215 **RUSSIA**, Kaliningrad (European Russia), rec very nice full detail QSL card in 5 months (150d) for CD report. V/S Unreadable, but TX site is listed as Bolshokovo and prog was VoR in RR. Address: Kaliningrad Regional Centre, 184, Sovetsky prt, Kaliningrad 236023, Russia. I am very pleased with this one. Last month Moldova 1413. Thanks to Bruce Portzer on the info. MW QSL 3031. (PM-OR)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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*** TRANSATLANTIC LOGS ***

- 549 **ALGERIA** - Jil FM , Les Trembles 00:09 UTC June 13 two men in Arabic talk, music. [AW-BH]
- 603 **FRANCE** - France Info, Tramoyes 00:09 UTC June 13 French talk by man. [AW-BH]
- 657 **SPAIN** - R. Nacional, Madrid 23:56 UTC June 12 Spanish talk by man // 558. [AW-BH]
- 666 **GREECE** - ERA 5 Filia 00:24 UTC June 18 Greek vocals, talk (Strong) // Webstream. [AW-BH]
- 666 **PORTUGAL** - Antena 1, various 1:05 UTC June 12 Portuguese talk // 720. [AW-BH]
- 675 **NETHERLANDS** - R. Maria , Lopik 1:07 UTC June 12 prayer in Dutch. [AW-BH]
- 684 **SPAIN** - R. Nacional, Sevilla 00:12 UTC June 13 man in Spanish, ID (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 693 **ENGLAND** - BBC 5 Live, Droitwich 00:13 UTC June 13 talk about Syrian situation. [AW-BH]
- 765 **IRAN** - IRIB 1 Chahbahar 00:29 UTC June 14 Chants. [AW-BH]
- 774 **EGYPT** 1:32 UTC June 11 Chants // 819. [AW-BH]
- 774 **IRAN** - IRIB 1 Arak 00:51 UTC June 15 Orchestral music // 765, 936, 1026. [AW-BH]
- 774 **SPAIN** - R. Nacional, various 00:14 UTC June 13 Spanish talk & music, ID. [AW-BH]
- 819 **SPAIN** - R. Euskadi, San Sebastian 00:14 UTC June 13 Basque / Spanish talk. [AW-BH]
- 837 **FRANCE** - France Info, Nancy - Nomeny 00:38 UTC June 14 French talk. [AW-BH]

- 846 **IRAN** - IRIB Sarasaye 00:32 UTC June 15 Farsi talk by woman, String music, chants // 666, 765. [AW-BH]
- 846 **IRELAND** - R. North, Cardonagh 00:10 UTC June 14 Jingle ID, Country songs. [AW-BH]
- 855 **ROMANIA** - Romania Actualitati, various 1:28 UTC June 12 Romanian talk, Santana song //1179, 1530. [AW-BH]
- 900 **IRAN** - IRIB 1 Tehran 00:53 UTC June 14 Chants, Farsi talk. [AW-BH]
- 909 **ENGLAND** - BBC 5 Live, Moorside Edge 1:02 UTC June 11 BBC News (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 918 **IRAN** - IRIB1 Jiroft 00:40 UTC June 14 Chants // 936 (mixing with Spain). [AW-BH]
- 936 **SPAIN** - R. Nacional, various 2:00 UTC June 12 Political talk in Spanish , ID. [AW-BH]
- 954 **QATAR** - QBS Al Arish 00:23 UTC June 11 Arabic talk (good). [AW-BH]
- 1008 **NETHERLANDS** - GrootNieuws Radio, Zeewolde 00:16 UTC June 15 Dutch religious talk, music (Good). [AW-BH]
- 1008 **SPAIN** - SER various 23:51 UTC June 12 "Police - Every Breath You Take" // 1044. [AW-BH]
- 1035 **PORTUGAL** - Star FM, Belmonte 00:37 UTC June 17 Moody Blues song, ID in Portuguese. [AW-BH]
- 1170 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** - R. Sawa, Al-Dhabbiya 00:12 UTC June 15 Arabic pop music, ID (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1071 **IRAN** - IRIB Qom 1:04 UTC June 11 Farsi talk, Chants (mixing with Syria). [AW-BH]
- 1071 **SYRIA** - Al Nur Radio, Tartus 1:04 UTC June 11 news in Arabic, ment. of Syria (mixing with Iran). [AW-BH]
- 1089 **ENGLAND** - Talksport Radio, Brookman's Park 00:12 UTC June 15 Football talk , ID. [AW-BH]
- 1125 **BELGIUM** - RTBF Vivacite' Houdeng 1:32 UTC June 11 French talk, Jungle ID , Earth, Wind & Fire song. [AW-BH]
- 1134 **IRAN** - IRIB1 Bojnord 00:42 UTC June 14 Middle Eastern music, Farsi talk. [AW-BH]
- 1188 **IRAN** - R. Payam, Tehran 00:14 UTC June 11 music , Farsi talk. [AW-BH]
- 1242 **FRANCE** - France Info, Marseille - Cabries- Realtor 00:10 UTC June 15 man in French talk (Good). [AW-BH]
- 1251 **IRAN** - IRIB Sari , 00:00 UTC June 11 Farsi talk // 1026, 1467. [AW-BH]
- 1251 **NETHERLANDS** - Radio 5 Nostalgia, Hulsberg 00:02 UTC June 11, Jingle ID, Adult Standards, oldies , Dutch talk // Webstream. [AW-BH]
- 1260 **ENGLAND** - Absolute Radio, various 00:21 UTC June 16 promos, music, ID. [AW-BH]
- 1296 **ENGLAND** - Radio XL 1296 AM , Langley Mill 00:25 UTC June 16 ID, Rainbow Casino Ad. [AW-BH]
- 1296 **SUDAN** - Sudan National BC, Reiba 00:35 UTC June 13 Arabic talk, ment. Sudan (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1323 **IRAN** - IRIB1 Jolfa 00:46 UTC June 15 Middle East music & chants. [AW-BH]
- 1332 **ENGLAND** - Gold Digital 1332 AM, Gunthorpe 00:23 UTC June 17 Mama Cass Elliott song & oldies // 1323. [AW-BH]
- 1332 **IRAN** - Tehran Radio, Tehran 00:46 UTC June 15 Farsi talk. [AW-BH]
- 1368 **ISRAEL** - Galei Zahal, various 00:00 UTC June 13 Jewish talk , ment. Israel. [AW-BH]
- 1386 **SPAIN** - Euskadi Irratia, Bilbao 00:02 UTC June 13 talk in Basque, ID (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1413 **ENGLAND** - BBC Gloucestershire various 2:23 UTC June 11 BBC ID, talk about Olympics (mixing with Spain). [AW-BH]
- 1413 **SPAIN** - R. Nacional, Jaen 00:09 UTC June 15 man in Spanish talking about William Shakespeare (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1422 **GERMANY** - Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler 1:13 UTC June 11 Classical music (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1431 **DJIBOUTI** - R. Sawa, Arta 00:08 UTC June 13 pop music, Arabic talk, ID (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1449 **LIBYA** - Voice of Free Libya Meserata 00:07 UTC June 15 Arabic Speech addressing audience (Very Strong) but mixing with Saudi Arabia. [AW-BH]
- 1449 **SAUDI ARABIA** - BSKSA General Programme 00:03 UTC June 17 Arabic talk // 1440, 1467, 1521 ** NEW ** . [AW-BH]
- 1503 **IRAN** - IRIB1 Bushehr 00:07 UTC June 15 Chants & music, Farsi talk. [AW-BH]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** - BSKSA Duba 00:06 UTC June 15 Arabic talk & Chants (Very Strong) // 1440, 1449, 1467. [AW-BH]
- 1539 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** - VOA Aap Ki Duniya, Al- Dhabbiya 00:12 UTC June 11 Urdu talk, VOA ID. [AW-BH]
- 1566 **ENGLAND** - BBC Bristol, Taunton 00:19 UTC June 11 discussion on Euro bailouts (Strong) // 1548. [AW-BH]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** - R. Farda, Al - Dhabbiya 00:48 UTC June 15 Arabic pop music, ID. [AW-BH]

*** PAN-AMERICAN LOGS ***

- 690 **unID** 7:12 UTC June 14 Portuguese talk, vocals (tentative Brazil ?) definitively not Spanish. [AW-BH]

- 1350 **unID** 7:28 UTC June 11 Spanish vocals. [AW-BH]
- 1630 **unID** 2:20 UTC June 12 Spanish talk (several mentions of Argentina). [AW-BH]
- 1640 **unID** 1:26 UTC June 12 Spanish talk, tropical music selections (Dominican Republic ?). [AW-BH]

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SPORTCHANNELS IRCA

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Since I have not received much information on radio stations carrying minor league baseball, here's the information I do have for the minors, starting with the Class AAA Pacific Coast League.

ALBUQUERQUE ISOTOPES

Affiliated with the Los Angeles Dodgers

610 KNML Albuquerque, NM

COLORADO SPRINGS SKY SOX

Affiliated with the Colorado Rockies

1300 KCSF Colorado Springs, CO

IOWA CUBS

Affiliated with the Chicago Cubs

940 KPSZ Des Moines, IA

OMAHA STORM CHASERS

Affiliated with the Kansas City Royals

1180 KZOT Bellevue, NE

And for Class AA:

ERIE SEAWOLVES (Eastern League)

Affiliated with the Detroit Tigers

1330 WFNN Erie, PA

SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS

(Texas League)

Affiliated with the St. Louis Cardinals

98.7 KWTO-FM Springfield, MO

Next up: the National League East and the American League East. 73.

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It's amazing how time flies; by the time you read this, I will be at the above QTH for 20 years. On June 29, 1992, I once again became a resident of Hazelwood. I spent four years DXing from two locations on the Cobb-Cherokee County line in Georgia. This area, located 25 miles northwest of Atlanta and 75 miles southeast of Chattanooga, TN, as I remember, was one of the prime DX locations in metro Atlanta. When I was in Woodstock (on the Cherokee County side) from August 1988 to June 1991, the only Atlanta stations to have clear or dominant signals at night were WKHX (now WDWD) 590, WGST 640, WSB 750 and WAFS (now WGKA) 920, although I was able to put tight nulls on all of them at night. On one night, I even put a tight null on WSB one hour after sunset to pull in KJEL Lebanon, MO (now KBNN). On the other side of the county line, where I lived from June 1991 to June 1992, one other Atlanta signal was dominant: WAOK 1380. WGOW 1150 was the best signal from Chattanooga at all hours. When I was in metro Atlanta, I heard KUSA 550 (now KTRS), WKLL 590 (now KFNS), KXOK 630 (now KJSL), KSTL 690, WEW 770, KF00 850, KMOX 1120, WIBV 1260 (now WSDZ), KGLD 1380 (now KXFN) and WILWRTH 1430 (now KZQZ) from metro Atlanta. On the flip side, since I returned to St. Louis, I've heard ex-locals WGST 640, WCNN 680, WSB 750, WQXI 790, WAFS 920 (now WGKA), WNIV 970, WGUN 1010, WFTD 1080, WGKA 1190 (now WAFS), WTJH 1260, WAOK 1380, WYZE 1480, WYNX/WAZX 1550, WSSA 1570 (now WIGO) and WAOS 1600. I also logged several AM stations in Georgia that were nighttime regulars in the St. Louis area, such as WKBF 1270 Rock Island, IL and WMBD 1470 Peoria, IL. I've logged numerous regulars from my metro Atlanta days since I returned to St. Louis. The ground conductivity value was far worse in Atlanta than in St. Louis. Most of the Atlanta area has a ground conductivity value of 1 (very poor), while Cobb County had a ground conductivity value of 2 (poor). The ground conductivity value played a role in the move of WDWD 590's transmitter from the west side of Atlanta to Austell. By contrast, the ground conductivity value in most of the St. Louis metro area is 15 (very good), although it goes down to an 8 (good) in Warren County. The Cobb-Cherokee County line area was great for FM and TV DXing; one such opening came in November 1988, when I was hearing FMs from Louisiana one night (98.1 in Baton Rouge was in for 23 hours straight), and the

next night, FM stations from St. Louis, southeast MO, southern IL, western KY and southwest IN. I have also logged several Atlanta FM and analog TV stations since returning to the St. Louis area. An example of the phrase "saving the best for last" came on a late spring evening, just a few weeks before I returned to the St. Louis area. DXer Bill Alisuskas in Douglasville called me on the phone with a hot TV DX tip: he was pulling in KGAN on VHF-TV channel 2 from Cedar Rapids, IA with local WSB-TV nulled. I not only log that station, but also KFYP-TV on VHF channel 5 from Bismarck, ND, with local WAGA nulled. I also discovered an excellent DX spot: the top of Kennesaw Mountain, at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Cobb County. Although height doesn't affect AM signals as much as FM and TV, I did pull in WSML 1200 Graham, NC in broad daylight on one of my last trips there. I took a portable TV to the top, and pulled in every TV station in Chattanooga with just a simple whip. One of the most memorable verifications I got while in Atlanta came from WKLL 590 (now KFNS) Wood River, IL. The interesting part of my hearing WKLL 590 was in the verification that was signed by their then-CE, Bob Hoffman. WKLL was operating 250 ND following a fire that damaged their four-tower array in Cottage Hills, IL (they are usually 1 kW DA-2). WKHX was on open carrier the night I pulled in WKLL. He also signed my verification for KEZK 102.5, which was then 590's FM sister station. Two people I worked with at Roswell Street Baptist Church signed my verifications since I returned to St. Louis: my boss at WFTD, Rocky Payne, signed the verification for my reception of WFTD 1080 on January 4, 1993. I taught Rocky the art of QSLing! Bob Lipscomb (K4RKP), who worked the cameras with the church's television ministry and whose daughter was one of my co-workers at WFTD, signed my verification for WAFS 920 (also from 1993). I have worked at another 920 since I returned to St. Louis...a brief stint at WGNU in 1996-97 when the late Chuck Norman owned the station. The station is now owned by the same group that owns KXEN 1010. I even kept my WDX Monitoring Service and CRB Research monitor calls while living there. My WDX call, KDXØSTL, was issued on July 30, 1982. My CRB Research monitor call, KMOØCN, was issued on October 17, 1984. One of the biggest changes that has taken place since my return to St. Louis is that I got my Amateur Radio license. Originally licensed as a Technician in 1992, I upgraded to General Class in June of 2007. On May 22, 2012, I passed the exam to upgrade to Extra Class. In 20 years of DXing from my present location, I've put 1,319 AM stations in my logbook. The top ten states in my logbook are: Illinois (108), Missouri (93), Texas (87), Tennessee (85), Alabama (63), Georgia (52), Wisconsin (49), Iowa (46), Kentucky (44) and Arkansas (43). 73.

GEOMAGNETIC INDICES

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Geomagnetic Summary June 1 2012 through June 30 2012

Tabulated from email status daily.

Date	Flux	A	K	Space Wx					
6/ 1	129	6	2	no storms	16	135	19	6	moderate, G2, S1
2	129	9	4	no storms	17	124	39	4	moderate, G2
3	129	19	1	minor, G1, R1	18	118	15	1	minor, G1
4	128	16	3	no storms	19	110	3	1	no storms
5	139	17	3	no storms	20	104	4	1	no storms
6	140	17	3	minor, R1	21	98	3	1	no storms
7	128	8	2	no storms	22	88	5	1	no storms
8	124	8	2	no storms	23	84	4	1	no storms
9	128	8	2	minor, R1	24	85	5	1	no storms
10	128	6	3	minor, R1	25	89	9	2	no storms
11	134	14	5	minor, G1	26	99	8	2	no storms
12	141	13	1	minor	27	106	6	2	no storms
13	143	6	1	minor, R1	28	120	6	1	no storms
14	149	4	0	minor, R1	/29	117	5	3	minor, R1
15	145	4	1	no storms	6/30	124	22	4	minor, R1

Sx – Solar Radiation Storm Level
Gx – Geomagnetic Storm Level
Rx – Radio Blackouts Level

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