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**FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

Those of you holding orders for the Bookstore and Goodie Factory, you may start ordering again. Phil should be ready to go once again by the time you get this. Just before starting work on this DXM, I bagged my 1,400<sup>th</sup> AM station: WINK 1200 Pine Island Center, FL (which is also my 30<sup>th</sup> Florida AM). Make sure you mark your calendars for the Learning and Sharing convention in the Twin Cities in August; information is noted below. I'm sure you've been wanting to do something new for IRCA; there are still a few openings left. Contact Lee Freshwater for details.

**LEARNING AND SHARING: 2013 - TWIN CITIES**

The **National Radio Club** and the **International Radio Club of America**, in conjunction with the **Minnesota DX Club** and

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the **Worldwide TV-FM DX Association**, take great pleasure in announcing their joint "DXer" convention will be held in Minneapolis, August 1<sup>st</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Your hosts: Mark Durenberger (NRC), Mike Sanburn/Phil Bytheway (IRCA).

Called **LEARNING AND SHARING: 2013**, the conference will combine formal tutorials and technical sessions, gab gatherings, a DXpedition and ideas on how to enhance radio listening. Show-and-tell, new antenna designs and DX stories will be combined with information on receiver improvements and propagation.

The highlight of the convention will be one of its venues: The Museum of Broadcasting. There we'll see first-hand more than a century's worth of communications artifacts, operate a live Spark-Gap transmitter, learn about the history behind our hobby and see how broadcasts were made from the Museum's vintage radio studio.

The combined auction is going to be a big one this year; the Museum and others will be auctioning some nice communications gear.

Optional tours during the three-day Convention include area radio stations and the Mall of America.

The hotel selected for the 2013 Convention is the Holiday Inn Bloomington South Airport Mall in Minneapolis. Reservation and Registration information will be published shortly.

**SAVE THE DATE...** the first weekend next August! Further information will follow. If you have questions please contact Host Mark Durenberger at [www.durenberger.com](http://www.durenberger.com).

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT (Lee J. Freshwater)**

Volunteers are needed for the following:

**AWARDS** : Not much to do here except for printing out the HEALD award every year. . No one has applied for the DX awards for many years.

**PUBLISHING** : Get address list from Lynn. Create labels and envelopes. Send (email) PDF file from the EIC to the printers, Pick up, Staple, Fold, stuff, then mail. It takes me about an hour to do the labels and envelopes. I usually do the envelopes on Wednesday morning before leaving for work. I pick up the DXM at the Printers on Wednesday night on my way to dinner. I staple, fold and mail on SATURDAY AM. It takes about an hour to fold and staple. It helps when you have a wife that assists you. You can set your own schedule as long as the issues go out on or before the masthead date. You will also need to send out sample issues as needed.

**E.D.X.R.** : Take email and mailed in DX reports and put in proper form for publication. Usually takes me about an hour to 90 minutes per issue.

**I will be giving up these duties at the end of VOLUME 50. If no one comes forward during VOLUME 50, these features WILL go away. I will NOT extend my club duties past VOL 50.**

**CANADIAN RADIO NEWS**

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For December 2012 (January 1 2013 – next update February 1 2013)

**PROPOSED AM TO FM CONVERSIONS**

750	QC	Weymontachie	CBFA-3	Move to 92.3 with 50 watts
830	AB	Wainwright	CKKY	Move to 101.9 with 50,000 watts (format will remain Country) (if approved Newcap will surrender a construction permit issued several years ago to relocate CKKY to 1080 AM)
1010	ON	Hornepayne	CBLH	Move to 92.3 with 50 watts
1230	YT	Mayo	CBDC	Move to 104.9 with 50 watts
1450	ON	Armstrong	CBOL	Move to 91.3 with 50 watts

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- 590 KTHO CA, South Lake Tahoe 12/30 1905 KTHO ID and Safeway ad. Poor, mixing with KTIE and 580 KIDO slop. (AB-ID)
  - 600 KOGO CA, San Diego 1/3 2246 "Newsradio KO-GO, Home of the Aztecs, "Newsradio 600" at 2250. (AB-ID)
  - 690 CBKF-1 SK, Gravelbourg 1/3 1823 dialog betwixt two women, jazzy vocal music in French at 824. Keen! (AB-ID)
  - 730 KINF ID, Boise is now ESPN. (AB-ID)
  - 760 KFMB CA, San Diego 12/19 0005 Gary Macnamara show, fair in & out of the muck on Collins 51S1 and E/W wire. (GH-OR)
  - KKZN CO, Thornton 1/1 1845 program "Where Justice is Served." "AM 760 Colorado's Progressive Talk" slogan at 1849. (AB-ID)
  - 790 KJRB WA, Spokane 12/19 0030 faint ID out in the mix. Very weak but up from time to time on Collins 51S1 and E/W wire. (GH-OR)
  - 800 CKOR BC, Pentiction 1/2 2046 brief weather and "EZ Rock." (AB-ID)
  - 860 CBKF-2 SK, Saskatoon 1/3 1840 woman with traffic report for Saskatoon in French, slight KPAM QRM. (AB-ID)
  - 870 KSWB OR, Seaside 12/19 0120 in strong like a local, one unID underneath from time to time. On Collins 51S1 and E/W wire. (GH-OR)
  - 890 KDXU UT, St. George 12/31 2200 "On Southern Utah's news authority, Newstalk 8-90, KDXU." (RB-AZ)
  - 900 CKBI SK, Prince Albert 12/19 2320 C&W with short choppy fades. Alone and weak with a little slop from semi-local 910, on TMC with E/W wire. (GH-OR)
  - 920 KXLY WA, Spokane 12/14 0100 ID and ABC news. Fair but choppy & trading places with KSHO from time to time, on R-390A with N/S wire. (GH-OR)
  - 930 KBAI WA, Bellingham 12/20 0100 faint ID and some talk under CJCA. Thought I heard KTKN in there earlier. Very weak on TMC with E/W wire. (GH-OR)
  - 940 KFIG CA, Fresno 1/1 1957 with "ESPN Radio KFIG Fresno." (BB-AZ)
  - 990 KRKS CO, Denver 12/28 2102 with "KRKS" then into "Family Life." (BB-AZ)
  - 1000 KKIM NM, Albuquerque 12/30 2300 with "KKIM AM 1000 Albuquerque's Christian talk." (BB-AZ)
  - 1050 CJNB SK, North Battleford 1/3 2212 C&W music, CJNB ID at 2215. (AB-ID)
  - 1130 CKWX BC, Vancouver 1/3 2224 news, "News 1130" at 2225. (AB-ID)
  - 1230 KKPC CO, Pueblo 12/31 1905 with "Colorado Public Radio." (BB-AZ)
  - KORT ID, Grangeville 1/1 2059 with "KORT." (BB-AZ)

- KFUN NM, Las Vegas 1/2 1859 with "You're listening to KFUN Las Vegas." (BB-AZ)  
 KBCQ NM, Roswell 12/29 1859 with "KBCQ Roswell, New Mexico." (BB-AZ)  
 1270 KIML WY, Gillette 12/29 0800 KIML ID and Fox news. Fair with 1260 KTRP slop. (AB-ID)  
 1300 XEP CH, Ciudad Juarez 12/31 2145 male with local spot in Spanish for Bank of Mexico, female announcer in Spanish with slogan "with Radio Thirteen," wishing listeners Happy New Year ("muy feliz ano Nuevo"). Outstanding and with no co-channel. With strong showing local evenings from KROP (Brawley, CA), haven't heard this one as much of late. (RB-AZ)  
 1350 KTIK ID, Nampa now carries CBS Sports. (AB-ID)  
 1360 KBUY NM, Ruidoso 12/30 1951 with weather report and at 1952 "1360 KBUY." (BB-AZ)  
 KRKK WY, Rock Springs 12/30 1931 with weather for SW Wyoming then "KRKK." (BB-AZ)  
 1510 KCKK CO, Littleton 12/29 0827 with "AM 1510 and 93.7 FM Mile High Sports." (BB-AZ)  
 1570 KCVR CA, Lodi 12/23 0000 female gave ID in English then back to Spanish vocal music. Fair to good and alone on R-390A with E/W wire. (GH-OR)  
 1590 KVGB KS, Great Bend 12/31 1945 with "KVGB." (BB-AZ)  
 1600 KAHZ CA, Pomona 1/1 1200 long monologue in Chinese by woman, to long dip in signal at, of course, the ToH. Presumed based on known info. Very good signal here in late morning locally. (RB-AZ)  
 KEPN CO, Lakewood 1/2 1830 promo for the Dan Patrick show, ads, and FSR with NFL stuff. (AB-ID)  
 1620 KSMH CA, West Sacramento 1/1 1040 spot for "Ignacius Books," "Catholic Answers Minute." Long, deep fades. (RB-AZ)  
 1650 KFOX CA, Torrance 1/1 1300 female with long talk in Korean. Long slow fades very late in local morning. Fair-poor, and gone shortly after the hour. (RB-AZ)  
 1670 KNRO CA, Redding 12/31 1930 good, with sports updates. (RB-AZ)  
 1660 KXOL UT, Brigham City 12/31 1250 Catholic mass in Spanish, sounded like mention of "Radio Catolica Mundiale" at ToH. (RB-AZ)  
 1700 XEPE BCN, Tecate 12/31 0740 sports talk re: NFL football and "Bloody Monday." Very good with a few slow, deep fades. (RB-AZ)

Thank you to our reporters for this issue! Nancy 11/4 2100

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### DOWN THE DIAL

- 529 LYQ TN, Manchester. 1-1 loud. 01:28 LYQ Morse code ID. 50W beacon. [POB-IN]  
 600 KTBB TX, Tyler. 12-30 dominant over WMT. 02:31 with "Texas Overnight" on the Texas State Network. [GH-OK]  
 WSJS NC, Winston-Salem. 1-3 fair over Cuban, KFNS-590 mostly just an open carrier. 01:42 with "The Triad's news leader, news-talk 6-hundred WSJS" ID into Dr. Joy Browne program. [EB-MO]  
 750 WNDZ IN, Portage. 12-28. 09:21 with Ukrainian programming. [GH-OK]  
 800 KREI MO, Farmington. 12-29 fair, no sign of WKZI nor CKLW. 15:04 with ABC News, local spots, "Super talk 8-hundred KREI" ID. [EB-MO]  
 890 KJME CO, Fountain. 1-3 fair to poor through WLS. 02:10 with Adult Standards format, "AM 8-90 KJME, your place for beautiful sounds" ID, local spots, CO #20. [EB-MO]  
 920 KDHL MN, Faribault. 12-31 good over KARN in WGNU null. 21:35 with country format, "The Mighty 9-20" slogan. [EB-MO]  
 950 WORD SC, Spartanburg. 12-31 fair to poor mixing with Cuban, WWJ. 21:52 with weather, "Fox News Radio 9-50, 13-30, and 106-point-3" slogan. Local spots. [EB-MO]  
 960 WABG MS, Greenwood. 12-28 good over KZIM, KMA. 04:40 with "9-60 WABG, we're building a radio station for you in the Mississippi Delta" ID into Blues music. [EB-MO]  
 980 WRNE FL, Gulf Breeze. 1-3 good to fair mixing with KSGM, KMBZ, WYFN. 03:16 with local spots, "9-80 WRNE" ID into Urban Adult Contemporary format. [EB-MO]  
 1230 WFXN IL, Moline. 12-28 fair to poor over several others. 17:32 with local spot, "Fox Sports Radio 12-30" slogan and mentions of the Quad Cities. [EB-MO]

- 1250 KBRF MN, Fergus Falls. 12-28 fair over WSSP, KYYS. 22:33 with recap of area high school basketball tournaments and high school hockey scores. [EB-MO]  
 1270 WKBF IL, Rock Island. 1-2 fair over digital hash from WSDZ-1260. 16:55 with Mariachi music, "This is WKBF 12-70 AM Rock Island" ID in English, "La Que Manda" slogan in Spanish. [EB-MO]  
 1340 WLOK TN, Memphis. 1-2 good to poor through other stations. 21:18 with Urban Gospel format. "13-40 WLOK" ID and local spots. [EB-MO]  
 1370 WSPD OH, Toledo. 12-28 good over KDTH, minimal ACI from KXFN-1380. 16:44 with talk program, mention of Area Code 419 phone numbers. [EB-MO]  
 1400 WJZM TN, Clarksville. 1-1 fair to poor mixing with several others. 17:20 with "WJZM radio, Clarksville, Tennessee" legal ID. Faded into mess. [EB-MO]  
 1480 WBBP TN, Memphis. 1-1 fair to poor through WJBM. 16:58 with local spots, legal ID into Urban Gospel music. [EB-MO]  
 1550 WDLR OH, Delaware. 12-31 good over WPFC, KAPE, KESJ. 20:38 with local spots, "The Buckeye Sportsman" promo, "True Oldies 12-70" and "QT 12-70" slogans, weather forecast, mention of central Ohio. Now simulcasts WQTT 1270 in Marysville which is a change from Regional Mexican. [EB-MO]  
 1560 WNWN MI, Portage. 12-28 good over KGOW, ACI from WBGZ-1570. 16:50 noted with Urban AC format, "Classic Soul on 95-5" slogan. [EB-MO]  
 1580 WLIJ TN, Shelbyville. 12-28 good. 18:48 with a Shop and Swap program. [POB-IN]

### 25 YEARS AGO

January 9, 1988 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Karl Forth** of Chicago, IL reported WCZE-820 lost one of its towers from the December 15<sup>th</sup> strong winds and snow storm ... **Steve Mittman** of San Pedro, CA while in downtown LA found a wooden sign "Stockton's new 50,000 watt station KTRB" that has been whitewashed, but still readable ... **Frank Aden** of Boise, ID obtained a box of KBOI contest folders and KBOI stickers and was offering them for trading.

### OPEN MIKE

2013 is here. We noticed in Nancy's WDXR from 25 years ago she mentioned it cost 22 cents postage to mail a report. This column was typed 1-5-13. 73, John

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 Winradio G33DDC SDR rx with Eavesdropper 43 foot multiband antenna running E to W.  
 (RW-MD) Robert Wien Bowie, MD  
 C-Crane Radio / Select A Tenna

### LOGGINGS

- 540 MD WGOP Pocomoke City 1/3 2225 Fairly decent signal on top of unid SS (Monterrey Mexico)? with nostalgia mx, "540 AM WGOP" ID, not bad for a few hundred watts night power 150 miles from me. (RW-MD)  
 550 NY WGR Buffalo 1/3 2230 Strong on top with "55 WGR" ID, sports talk. (RW-MD)  
 920 ON CKNX Wingham 1/3 2215 Fair in the mess with "AM 920 CKNX" ID, C&W (RW-MD)  
 1260 NY WSKO Syracuse 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WPHB, WNXT, R. Disney and CBC. WSKO with Yahoo Sports. 0800 "WSKO Syracuse the voice of the central New York sports fan. 'The Score' 12-60." into "Yahoo Sports Minute". (KK-VA)  
 OH WNXT Portsmouth 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WSKO, WPHB, R. Disney and CBC. Typical Fox Sports programming. 0713 "...nobody gives you sports... AM 12-60 WNXT". (KK-VA)  
 PA WPHB Philipsburg 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WSKO, WNXT, R. Disney and CBC. WPHB with C&W songs. 0712 ET jingle "WPHB in Philipsburg". (KK-VA)  
 1270 MI WXYT Detroit 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WHLD, WLBR, WLIK, ESPN and singing. 0659 "The next generation of talk. News talk radio 12-70 WXYT.". (KK-VA)  
 NY WHLD Niagara Falls 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WXYT, WLBR, WLIK, ESPN and singing. WHLD with oldies. 0727 "You got 'Swing 12-70'" (KK-VA)  
 TN WLIK Newport 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WHLD, WLBR, WXYT, ESPN and singing. WLBI with oldies. 0723 "Your favorites.", "WLIK Newport.". (KK-VA)  
 1280 NY WHTK Rochester 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WADO, WHVR, singing, Gospel singing and ESPN. Typical Fox Sport programming. 0745 "The home of Fox Sport radio. Sport 12-80 WHTK.". 0750 "Sports done right. 12-80 WHTK.". (KK-VA)  
 1290 NH WKBK Keene 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WHIO, CFRW and music. 0737 "This is news talk 12-90 WKBK.". (KK-VA)

- 1300 NY WXRL Lancaster 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WGDJ, oldies, ESPN, Spanish, other singing and preaching. WXRL with C&W songs. 0752 "You are listening to greater Buffalo's only locally owned and family operated country music station, WXRL." into "Classic Country Today". (KK-VA)
- NY WGDJ Rensselaer 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WXRL, oldies, ESPN, Spanish, other singing and preaching. 0630 "News talk 13 hundred. Bob Vandenberg mornings... Fred Dicker at 10. The home of Sienna Saints basketball. Stimulating local talk.". (KK-VA)
- 1330 OH WFIN Findlay 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WEBO, WBTM, religious talk, Spanish, French and other singing. 0569 "...champion 13-30 WFIN.". 0700 "This is your news, sports and weather authority. 13-30 WFIN.". (KK-VA)
- NY WEBO Owego 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WFIN, WBTM, religious talk, Spanish, French and other singing. 0738 "Broadcasting from the heart of our community. 55 years and we're just getting warmed up. This is news radio WEBO.". (KK-VA)
- 1580 ON CKDO Oshawa 1/3 2205 Good signal on top of jumble with oldies, CKDO ID just after TOH. (RW-MD)
- 1610 MD WGPS Bowie 1/3 2240 Usual good signal at my house with Highway 50 traffic info, mixes with CHHA in other parts of Bowie. (RW-MD)
- 1630 IA KCJJ Iowa City 1/3 2200 Nicely on top of frequency with clear "KCJJ Iowa City 1630 AM" ID. We have a TIS at FedEx Field but it was buried way underneath them. Nice to hear a "K" out here... (RW-MD)
- MD WNVY Landover (Fedex Field) 1/3 2245 Very weak u/KCJJ with weather info for Landover area, I'm about 6 miles from their xmtr. (RW-MD)
- UN-IDEN**
- 1260 ?? ???? 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WSKO, WPHB, R. Disney and WNXT. 0732 "CBC News" into "BBC World Service". (KK-VA)

Best to all..... fresh 1-05 1000

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#### PAN AMERICAN DX

- 640 **MÉXICO** 0642 12/10 "40 Principales 99.3" and time check for 11:42. Therefore, per Cantú: 640 XEHHI Los 40 Principales + FM 99.3 Hidalgo del Parral, Chih 10,000/1,000. I couldn't help but notice the entry right below it showing another 640 is now 50/25 kW! As yet unheard: 640 XENQ NQ + FM 90.1 Tulancingo, Hgo. 50,000/25,000. Must be a recent upgrade; new WRTH 2013 still lists XENQ at only 10 kW, "La Superestación". Why beef this up instead of just completing the migration to FM only? (GH-OK)
- 780 **MÉXICO** 0109 12/8 dominant signal is news in Spanish, WBBM completely nulled, and this one peaks slightly west of due south. Ciudad Victoria mentioned several times; 0111 "la primera pausa de la hora" and jingle I could not understand. Pause-announcements include a meeting this week in Toluca about labor law; promo for "La Hora Nacional" Sunday at 10 P.M., "México unido en una sola señal", ie: "every radio station is obliged to carry this weekly government hour", then a minute or more of just instrumental music. 0114, plugging contact methods for the show, phone report from Ciudad Victoria. Obviously, this is from Tamaulipas, where Ciudad Victoria is the state capital, but there are two 780 stations in the state: XEMTS in Tampico, "Formula NotiGape," and XESFT in San Fernando, "La Triple T". Cantú's link shows a link to both group sites, neither of which mentions a station on 780! XESFT is more often heard, but I'm leaning to XEMTS based on the emphasis on news. OTOH, XESFT is slightly further west than XEMTS which is close to due south from here. Low rumbling audio het growing from something else, as the het with WBBM is subaudible. (GH-OK)
- 1030 **MÉXICO** 0610 12/13 live talk show mentions "en Chihuahua" matter-of-factly, and so likely but not certainly: 1030 XEYC Radio Fórmula, Ciudad Juarez, Chih. 5,000/500 as in Cantú; WSW direction is right. (GH-OK)
- 1040 **MÉXICO** 0657 12/12 romantic music in Spanish from SW/NE at first dominating WHO, but that soon faded up making 3.5 Hz SAH. With WHO nulled, at 0659 UTC for 12:01, no ID into choral Mexican NA; 0702 some ID but losing out to QRM. Then heard the Mexican NA again, must be from another station in the same zone. 0704 after that, a full ID with H's in the calls. From Cantú, there are only two in the UT -7 zone: 1040 XEHES "Romantica" + FM 94.1 Chihuahua, Chih. 5,000/250 and 1040 XEGYS "La Primera" Guaymas, Son. 5,000/250. (GH-OK)
- 1260 **MÉXICO** XEL Mexico, DF 0921 12/28 noted with local ads, Adult Contemporary music, "XEL" ID in Spanish. Fair to poor signal in WSDZ null. #10 from Mexico City. (EB-MO)

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Holiday greetings DXers! Hope the past year found some logging gems make it into your shack. By the time you read this I will be among those on a fixed income enjoying a week that consists of 6 Saturdays and a Sunday. I am retiring at years' end after 35 years of being a police dispatcher for the City of Sylvania here in Ohio. Kind of hard to believe this much time has gone by. I am the last member of the department who still had ties to the Blizzard of '78 which provided me with my first overtime opportunity. Contrast that to the mainly snowless situation we've seen in much of the nation so far. Toledo is in the midst of its longest snowless stretch in weather recorded history dating back to 1870, now approaching 300 days! I like it, hi! Another thing I like that I feel is a great idea is the multi-club convention being planned for August in Minnesota. Given the aging DXer population, the difficulty in finding hosts for the many varied clubs, and the inability of many to travel affordably to multiple convention sites, this seems a very logical overdue approach. It also gives those with myriad DXing interests a chance to share ideas and compare notes and DXing techniques. This is, after all, what the convention experience is supposed to be about, anyway. It also gives everyone a chance to meet more members of the other clubs, which, in turn, can promote more friendships. It's a win-win the w2ay I see it. Jeannette and I are planning to be on hand in Minneapolis as well as catch the Madison-Milwaukee GTG later on in August. We are studying an extended trip beyond in conjunction with these two DX gathering opportunities. Did anyone notice recently that the National Association of Broadcasters was seeking input on how to increase listenership on the AM band? It's almost amusing that the NAB would put this out there after they've spent the past 30 years doing everything they could to chase listeners off the AM dial by 1) eliminating most music formats, 2) encourage listeners to switch to FM, 3) allowing way too many stations to remain on the air at night, creating copious QRM, 4) tossing HD-IBOC onto a band that cannot sustain it creating a white out blur and finally 5) awful programming, but they who am I to try to tell the NAB how badly they've blown it. Fact is, the broadcast companies are run by people who have no clue and have lost tons of money, are going broke, and laying off their best talent and numerous other employees. What a mess and they are seeking input on how to fix a situation they created, wow. One of my best DX efforts in 2012 occurred on March 12th when major auroral conditions opened a pipeline into Florida. Among the best received was WIWA-1160, WKIQ-1240, WWFL-1340 as well as unneeded WMMB-1240 whom I was able to tape multi-minutes of with full programming details and lds enough that I was able to coax a QSL out of them based on what content I was able to provide them. It was a nice time for local WCWA-1230 not to have their IBOC on, beautiful. Recently local WLQR-1470 had their satellite programming drop out for several overnight hours and, as a result, I was able to bag WBFC Stanton, KY and WCLA Claxton, GA through their4 empty air, thank you. Speaking of Minnesota, I was able to add a couple from the Gopher state this year: KLFJ-1410 & WMIN-1010. The recently upgraded WYHM-580 in Rockwood, TN was able to top semi-local CKWW back on 11/3, they went their full 5kw day7 pattern just before our local sunrise; they were a much wanted. Best from out west in 2012, the KRPI-1550 test and CKST from BC climbing over WHO on 1040 back in February. Here's hoping your Christmas was merry and 2013 a winner in all aspects, DX wise too! 73s.

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Gary, congratulations on your retirement. You mentioned in your letter with this report that you are working with kids who weren't born when you started working there. I am working with a kid who is younger than my grandson. A couple of thoughts came to me while typing up Gary's comments. (he doesn't e-mail them but rather mails them so I can keep my typing skills up to par, hi.) One thought is that the broadcasting industry is reflective of the American system in general. That is, various segments are becoming more widely owned and investor owned so that management is more and more aware of the stockholders looking over their shoulder demanding a short-term financial return on their investments. How does it get done? Partly by adding more stores and by wringing out as much expense from the system. Secondly, by offering what your competitors are offering. Ever wonder why almost every drug store now has a drive-thru window?? That's why the radio stations all need IBOC or the same format. Try to explain to the stockholders why you don't have a sports format or a news format in a city when the station which has it has the top-rated station in the market. I do understand why most stations want to be full-time. It's like giving away your audience each night to someone else when you have to sign off at dusk. That thought came to me over the past several days as I put his Forum aside instead of typing it. This one came to me as I was typing it. My background is the trucking industry. The early history of trucking back in the 1920's, 30's and 40's were of men who owned one truck and were hauling freight between a couple of points. Eventually, they added a few more trucks (and a larger area) and had perhaps 20 to 50 of them. As they grew older, their children came into the business as well and took over the companies as the parents retired or died off. The grandchildren, however, were not so interested in the trucking business and went about their own ways. The result was that the companies either were sold off to another company or shut down completely. Yes, new companies came along and started up but not as many as those who left the industry. Newspapers are another industry which went the same way. Both have shrunk to a degree nobody would have imagined only 20 years ago. One of the reasons is that the passions of the individual owners is gone. AM radio is on the edge of this now as

well, I think, if it hasn't already fallen over the edge. The first radio stations were smaller ones and mostly one person operations. Then the local newspapers got into the business but it was still fairly local operations. Yes, bigger stations in the bigger cities but many of the smaller towns had their own stations who thought local -- and that was the key to an industry which was growing. But the second generation and even more the third generation of the original owners have gotten out of the business leaving it to the big chains. As a result, the local aspect of the business is gone and so is the interest of the listeners as well as the loyalty of the listener -- and of the station to the listener. It's no longer my station. It's a station and, because of that, the owners are having to keep switching formats trying to attract more listeners who don't really see a good reason to stay around long. I don't have an answer on how to fix the problem because it's a reflection of society in general. It's Wal-Mart, Target and Kohl's slugging it out, except it's radio instead of general merchandise. Banks seem to be doing the opposite with a lot of community banks starting up and surviving. Again, it's that local emphasis. As a side note, I understand that Swing 1270 in Buffalo, NY is changing from big band type format to all sports now because of a corporate decision as opposed to a local decision on it. 73.

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## Geomagnetic Summary December 1 2012 through December 31 2012

Tabulated from email status daily.

Date	Flux	A	K	Space Wx					
12/ 1	102	4	2	no storms	12/17	120	5	2	no storms
2	x	x	x	x	18	116	6	1	no storms
3	97	3	1	no storms	19	113	4	1	no storms
4	96	6	1	no storms	20	114	7	2	no storms
5	96	2	1	no storms	21	115	4	0	no storms
6	97	1	1	no storms	22	115	2	0	no storms
7	97	1	0	no storms	23	114	2	0	no storms
8	101	1	0	no storms	24	114	2	2	no storms
9	101	1	1	no storms	25	113	3	0	no storms
10	104	3	1	no storms	26	113	3	0	no storms
11	104	2	1	no storms	27	110	3	0	no storms
12	112	2	0	no storms	28	106	2	1	no storms
13	112	2	1	no storms	29	109	2	0	no storms
14	119	3	1	no storms	30	107	4	2	no storms
15	122	7	2	no storms	12/31	114	1	1	no storms
12/16	120	5	1	no storms					

Sx – Solar Radiation Storm Level

Gx – Geomagnetic Storm Level

Rx – Radio Blackouts Level

## ARRL Hamfest Calendar

As you may know (and I can say this from experience-EIC), a Hamfest is a great place to find good deals on new and used receivers, wires and cables for antenna projects, and other hobby-related needs. The American Radio Relay League has a Web page to help you find a Hamfest near your home QTH or while you're traveling to other parts of the country. You can search by Zip Code, select from Hamfests within 25, 50, 100 and 250 miles of your home QTH, as well as city and state. (Searching by ARRL division and section is only for the Ham-savvy, hi.) To find a Hamfest in near your home QTH, visit <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar> and plug in your location or Zip Code. You'll be able to find upcoming Hamfests in your local area.

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