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No new members this time. DXM deadline Monday @ 6 PM.

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2016 IRCA-NRC-WTFDA-DecalcoMania CONVENTION NEWS

The IRCA will join the members of the NRC, WTFDA, and DecalcoMania on September 9-11 2016 in Kansas City MO and other DXers in AM, FM or TV. It will be held at the Hyatt Place Kansas City Airport, 7600 NW 97TH Terrace.

Information on registration will be made available starting in January. Rates are \$99.00 per night for 1 to 3 persons per room plus taxes and fees. Plan to arrive on Thursday for 3 nights and ends on Sunday noon. Free airport transfers and breakfast each morning. Registration: \$55 per person which includes a free Friday evening pizza party and Saturday evening banquet. Checks made payable to NATIONAL RADIO CLUB and sent to ERNEST J WESOLOWSKI, 13312 Westwood Lane, Omaha NE 68144-3543. Please mention which clubs you belong to for club treasury info. Dale Hamm W5LN and Ernie are your host. 73's neerniew@yahoo.com

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS/TALKS: SHARING YOUR IDEAS

Have you had some fun DX experiences you'd like to share with the rest of the club members? Ideas for new techniques or antenna-design? Thoughts about ways to make the hobby even better?

The Kansas City joint DX Convention will be a good place to do that. We're thinking about restructuring our "tech talks" programs, to include less-formal presentations with the longer 'papers.'

If you don't have enough for a full-blown talk, we'd still like to hear your ideas, so consider this your first opportunity to express your interest in doing so. Regardless of the length of your comments, we can support your presentation with full audio and video playback as well as slide projection. Please let me know if you have some DX-related ideas you'd like to contribute! Mark Durenberger – Mark4@durenberger.com



ELECTION RESULTS – Nick Hall-Patch – 1538 Amphion St – Victoria BC Canada V8R 4Z6 E-mail: nhp@ieee.org

It was a close vote, and the turnout was much appreciated.

The members have decided to give Kansas City the nod for the club's 2016 convention. The final results were:

Kansas City 19

San Jose 18

Several members also wrote in saying that because they couldn't attend a convention this year, that they chose not to send in a ballot, but appreciated the opportunity enough to let us know.

Again, thanks to all who submitted their choice. Nick Hall-Patch, IRCA Elections Chair



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WDXR DEADLINES: Nov 20, Nov 27, Dec 4, Dec 11, Dec 18, Dec 25, Jan 1, Jan 8 and Jan 15. Please use Eastern Local Time.

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Icom IC-R75, 75' N-S longwire ********

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

1270 KVMI CA, Tulare EX-KJUG 11/11 alone on 1270 2335 with Christmas music and numerous "My 97.5" slogans. Station is airing Christmas music until December 26th when whey will change formats. (JCJ-AZ)

+Heard 11/13 at 0812 with "My 97-5" then Christmas music, was KJUG. (BB-AZ) *****

550 KCRS TX, Midland heard 11/12 at 0800 with "KCRS Midland-Odessa." (BB-AZ)

KTSA

- TX, San Antonio heard 11/12 at 0756 with "KTSA News Talk." (BB-AZ) ND, Jamestown heard 11/8 at 2056 with "KSJB" way under KIGO and KCOL. (BB-AZ) 600 KSJB
- KGNC TX, Amarillo heard 11/10 at 0807 with "KGNC news time 7:07." (BB-AZ) 710

810 KGO CA. San Francisco 11/7 0900 ID and newscast at ToH, very good at past local sunrise here on Hammarlund H-120X and Terk loop. (RB-AZ)

MO, Kansas City heard 11/10 at 0752 with "WHB Kansas City" way under KGO. (BB-AZ) WHB

840 KTIC NE, West Point heard 11/7 at 0736 with weather report then at 0737 "KTIC." (BB-AZ)

	KFLP	TX, Floydada heard 11/10 at 0746 with "KFLP 900 The Farm Station, ag news all day." (BB-AZ)
	KXLY	WA, Spokane heard 11/11 at 2158 with "Newstalk KXLY." (BB-AZ)
950	KAHI	CA, Auburn heard 11/12 at 1905 with "Foothills Radio K-High." (BB-AZ)
	KDCE	NM, Espanola heard 11/12 0914 with "New Mexico's KDCE" in English then back into Spanish. (BB-AZ)
960	KNEB	NE, Scottsbluff heard 11/11 at 0800 with "KNEB" then news. (BB-AZ)
	KGKL	TX, San Angelo heard 11/11 at 0732 with "KGKL." (BB-AZ)
980	KFWB	CA, Los Angeles 11/11 2155 break from Mavs vs Clippers NBA hoops, "The Beast 9-80." Very good on Panasonic RF-2200 – double checked
1050	KTOT	with Radio Shack SW-2000629. (RB-AZ)
1050	KTCT	CA, San Mateo 11/9 mixing with XED 2325 with Westwood One Monday Night Football broadcast. Numerous local breaks and "KNBR 1050"
1010	000	slogans. New. (JCJ-AZ)
	CBR	AB, Calgary heard 11/9 at 0835 with weather report and traffic at 0837. (BB-AZ)
	KDIS	CA, Pasadena 11/7 0950 kiddie pops very strong on Panasonic RF-2200. (RB-AZ)
1120	KANN	UT, Roy 11/7 0945 very good, man with religious lecture, "KANN, Roy-Ogden-Salt Lake City" ID by man at ToH. Very strong, semi-nulled
1100		sounding on Panasonic RF-2200. Still audible, but poor, at 0840/1540 recheck. (RB-AZ)
	KWKH	LA, Shreveport 11/8 2247 male "On 11-30, The Tiger," to ESPN radio. Good over a mumble-rumble, on Hammarlund with Terk loop. (RB-AZ)
1210	KQEQ	CA, Fowler 11/9 strong, alone at 0757 with Spanish language programming, "KQEQ 1210 AM" in English followed by station address, etc. in
	KUAT	Spanish. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
	KHAT	WY, Laramie 11/8 mixing with KRSV. No sign of KGYN or KHKR, 2333 out of country music with Laramie and Cheyenne weather, numerous
	KRSV	"Buckin' 92" slogans, 0001 "KHAT Laramie, K222BL 92.3" ID. New station for me. (JCJ-AZ) WY, Afton 11/8 mixing with KHAT. No sign of KGYN or KHKR 2323 with "on KSRV" into country music, 0000 "KSRV 1210 and 98.7 FM Afton,
	NNOV	
1040	KSLV	WY." New station for me. (JCJ-AZ) CO. Monte Vista 11/8 surfaced in mess on 1240 0100 with "Classic Country KSLV Monte Vista." New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
	KHIL	AZ, Willcox 11/9 0853 woman announcer with listing of FM //s and "12-50 AM," "K-Hill Country." K-Hill broke from country format to try some other
1200	NHIL	formats and has returned to country. Very strong with local sunrise at 5kw, 220 miles, on Hammarlund and Terk Advantage loop. (RB-AZ)
1060	KPOW	WY, Powell heard 11/9 at 1933 with "Your Home Town Radio Station KPOW." (BB-AZ)
	KFLC	TX , Benbrook 11/12 mixing with KDJI, 0803 with Spanish programming, ID in English "KFLC Benbrook, Dallas, Fort Worth." (JCJ-AZ)
	KRLC	ID , Lewiston heard 11/11 at 1919 with "KRLC 1350" then into country music. (BB-AZ)
	KOTA	SD, Rapid City heard 11/11 at 1900 with "KOTA 1380 Rapid City." (BB-AZ)
	KZNT	CO , Colorado Springs 11/7 0915 program on "retirement" and money, sounding near local with strong signals until :25 when level went down.
1400		Signal back up for Salem network news and "AM 14-60 The Answer," local spots and references to Colorado Springs. Caught on random
		bandscan with Panasonic RF-2200. (RB-AZ)
1540	KXEL	IA, Waterloo Heard 11/9 at 2157 with "News Talk KXEL." (BB-AZ)
1340		+11/11 weak, but alone 0005 with "News Talk 1540 KXEL' and First Alert Forecast Iowa weather into Jim Bohannon Show. New logging for me.
		(JCJ-AZ)
1590	KLIV	CA, San Jose 11/8 weak but alone 1049 out of PSA with "1590 KLIV time now 7:49." New logging. (JCJ-AZ)
	KGST	CA, Fresho 11/10 0000 talk show (sounded like Glen Beck) strong and then faded during ToH. A collision of 3 stations, and a male "KGST,
1000	1.001	Fresho!" over the mess. The Beck reset wasn't coming from KGST. (RB-AZ)
	KIVA	NM, Albuquerque 11/9 0953 string of local spots and "Right here on Fox News ABQ," very good on Hammarlund and Terk Advantage loop.
1650	KBJD	CO, Denver 11/7 0844 bilingual religious program. Very good on Hammarlund HQ-120X and Terk Advantage loop. (RB-AZ)
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 1690 KFSG
 CA, Roseville 11/8 1030 Spanish language ballads, male vocalists, ID on the hour. Fair/good and steady on Hammarlund HQ-120X with Terk Advantage loop. Finally gone at 0930. (RB-AZ)

Thank you to our Arizona reporters this week! - Nancy 11/13 2100

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[MB-T	[X]	<i>I</i> like Beu, Austin TX mbeau@swbell.net
-		Drake R8B. Terminated Delta Antenna northeast. Mini-Flag Antenna southeast
[TMJ-	IL] 1	Tom Jasinski, Shorewood IL amdxer@core.com
-		Drake R8A and Quantum Loop, YB400, 2007 Hyuandi Accent car radio
[SP-W		Sheryl Paszkiewicz. Manitowoc WI spaszdxer@comcast.net
		Grundig Satellit 750 with stock loop
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	WLA	
/30	KLOI KQP	
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	WHC	
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	KAR	
	WKY	
	KIXV	
	KXJł	
000	10.01	"Hometown Radio Nine-50 KXJK" ID, PSA, "KXJK" jingle into Adult Contemporary format. [EB-MO]
970	KJLT	
070	1001	1830. [EB-MO]
990	CBW	
1010		
	WJX	
1030		
	WBZ	
	WUF	
1070	KHM	
1090	WBA	
1200	KYO	O MO, Bolivar. 11/7 fair signal over WRTO, WOAI; ACI from KQQZ 1190. 1748 noted with local spots. [EB-MO]
1210	KGY	N OK, Guymon. 11/12. 07:17 with country music. "Ag news you can count on, KGYN." [SP-WI]
1240	WIBU	
		promo. [EB-MO]

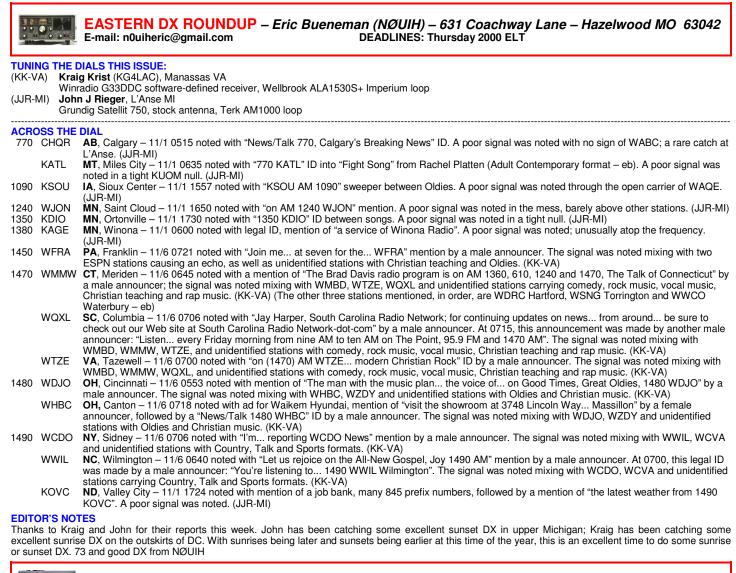
- 1270 KFLC TX, Benbrook. 11/5 fair to poor signal, mixing with WKBF. 1739 noted with tornado warning message mentioning Decatur and several Texas counties in English before returning to a talk program in Spanish. [EB-MO]
- WLIK TN, Newport. 11/11 07:30 with sports, calls, oldies format. [SP-WI]
- NC, Hickory. 11/11. 07:37 with Veterans Day program, mention "serving you for 75 years, WHKY." [SP-WI] 1290 WHKY
- WTJK 1380
- IL, South Beloit, 11/12. 07:30 with weather for Beloit area. This used to be common here, now rare. [SP-WI] TN, Madison. 11/10 fair signal through KZQZ open carrier; a minute of silence for those who came before us. 1702 noted with NPR News. KZQZ 1430 WPLN returned to programming at 1703. [EB-MO]
- 1440 WHDM TN, McKenzie. 11/7 fair to poor signal, mixing with KTUV; ACI from KZQZ 1430. 2056 noted with Oldies format, "One great song after another, 98point-9 and 14-40 WHDM" ID. [EB-MO]
- 1470 WFBC KY, Stanton. 11/10, good on peaks with Gospel programming. At 00:33 ID "You are listening to WMTC 99.9 and WFBC 14-70 and Thank You for Your Support for Mountain Gospel....", into weather from Mountain Gospel Center. Listed in new NRC log as U1 2500W / 25W, and most certainly running day power at night. [TMJ-IL]
- MN, Saint Paul. 11/6 local-like signal. 1617 noted with local spots, "ESPN 15-hundred" ID in promo into sports talk. [EB-MO] MS, Biloxi. 11/8. 23:30 with ESPN, "1640 the Champ" slogan, promos. [SP-WI] 1500 KSTP
- 1640 WTNI

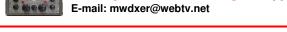
50 - 25 YEARS AGO

50 Years Ago November 17 1964 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... KFI 640 was reported to have a Monday Morning 0300 sign off. // 25 Years Ago November 18 1989 issue of "DX Monitor" ... one WDXR tip was KFIY 1270 Tulare CA changed to KJUG (see this week's WDXR for KJUG changing calls) ... Tom Laskowski of South Bend IN logged WWCA-1270 as his 1000th station.

OPEN MIKE

CDXR welcomes Mike Beu, KD5DSQ, of Austin, Texas. Mike uses a Drake R8B with a Terminated Delta Antenna (17 foot apex and 28 foot base) northeast, and a Mini-Flag Antenna (7 foot by 15 foot) southeast. It will be interesting to see Mike's DX from Austin. Eric Bueneman mentioned logging WSAU was his first new 550 logging in over 20 years. This column was typed 11-13-15. 73, John





Deadline Monday 1201 PM PLT. All times UTC/GMT.

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

UnID. Just into audio at 1447 11/15 with talk by man. Was DU, and checking webstreams RNZ was playing music, while ABC had talk, so am presuming 567 the latter, though too weak to confirm //. (NP-AB)

all times UTC

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST – Patrick Martin – PO Box 843 – Seaside OR 97138

- 693 UnID. 12-1300 hours 11/11 and marginal to weak audio. (BR-AZ)
- FRENCH POLYNESIA, Papeete, Radio Premère Polynésie. Fair signal with music program at 1348 11/9. (NP-AB) 738
- 747 UnID. 12-1300 hours 11/11 marginal to weak audio. (BR-AZ)

- 774 JAPAN, JOUB, Akita, NHK2. I did a long SDR recording overnight and on first check, there was occasional weak audio from 774-JOUB during the 12-1300 hours 11/11 (local sunrise just before 14UT). (BR-AZ)
- 972
- 1035
- +Had fair audio (language lessons) at 1340 11/15. (bp-WA) **REP KOREA**, HLCA, Dangjin. Had weak audio (talk) at 1309 11/15. (bp-WA) **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington, Newstalk ZB. Popped up a couple of times with audio, the best being at 1406 11/9 with talk by a man. (NP-AB) **AUSTRALIA**, 4BC, Brisbane. Weak, but talk by a man at 1412 11/15 lined up with webstream. Got a bit better later, and stayed in audio until 1445 or so. 1116 (NP-AB)
- 1575 THAILAND, Ban Phachi, VOA. Fair to good signal from 1350 11/9 with talks by man and woman in SE Asian language. (NP-AB)
- +The winner once more. Fair, with talk by a woman in SE Asian language noted at 1423 11/15, with English language ID between languages at 1430. (NP-AB)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

MÉXICO, XEBCS, La Paz, BCS. 11/11 strong and alone on 1050. 1258 with ID. 1303 Mexican National Anthem. 1305 ID and mention of La Paz, BCS. 1050 (JcJ-AZ)

ODDS & ENDS

Grayland Report

Bruce Portzer, DXing at Grayland WA, Winradio Excalibur, DKAZ antenna

- 570 HAWAII, KUAI, Eleele. 0918 10/10, good long string of local ads very dominant jingle ID then country song.
- 590 HAWAII, KSSK, Honolulu. 1403 10/10, good dominant w/adcon, "Heart Songs" slogan, legal AM/FM ID then faded u/KUGN.
- 594
- JAPAN, JOAK, Tokyo. 1300 10/11, good pips then NHK mentioned & news by man. TUVALU. 0700 BBC news (BBC mention 0703; 30) 0709 woman with news in English, 0728 anmts, 0730 drum roll, what sounded like news In Tuvaluan, 621 0734 Tuvalu mentioned a few times.
- 621
- JAPAN, NHK. 1300 10/11, weak time pips. JAPAN, JOIP, Oita. 1221 10/11, fair lively program //594. 639
- 650 HAWAII, KPHP, Honolulu. 0647 10/10, good, Filipino pop tunes, string of local ads in English and Tagalog, "Pinoy Power" slogan strong and way atop mainland stations.
- HAWAII, KPUA, Hilo. 0857 10/10, good legal ID ads CBS news o/KBOI. 670
- JAPAN, JOAB, Tokyo. 1358 10/11, loud English lesson briefly stronger than 690 domestics. 693
- 702
- AUSTRALIA, 28L, Sydney. 1400 10/11, fair, pips, ABC news theme, then woman with news. JAPAN, JOCK, Nagoya. 1356 10/11, good, lively discussion by men and woman, much laughter, sounded like a fun party. About as strong as 730 729 domestics.
- 740 HAWAII, KCIK, Maui. 0800 10/10, good Immaculate Heart Radio relay legal ID.
- JAPAN, JOUB, Akita. 1253 10/11, strong male monologue local quality better than 770/780 domestics. AUSTRALIA, 4RN, Brisbane. 1347 10/10, good jazz program ABC news 1400. AUSTRALIA, 3GI, Sale. 1342 10/10, fair Sat Night Country pgm playing Eagles "Desperado". JAPAN, JOBB, Osaka. 1317 10/10, good English lesson about Volkswagen scandal. HAWAII, KHVH, Honolulu. 0900 10/10, legal ID, Fox News much KSWB-840 splatter. 774
- 792
- 828
- 828
- 830
- 855
- AUSTRALIA. 1400 10/10, weak ABC news. JAPAN, JOHR. 1400 10/11, fair woman with JOHR ID then 2+1 pips. 864
- 873
- UnID. 1300 10/10, weak DU 6 pips mixing w/JOGB pips. AUSTRALIA? 4BH?? 1400 10/10, weak possible id then song. 1416 "882 AM" ID also mentioned "magic" then song. 882
- 891
- AUSTRALIA, 4TAB, Townsville. 1427 10/10, good horse racing results dominant. AUSTRALIA, 5AN, Adelaide. 1435 10/10, good ending weather, ABC Local Radio ID, then Saturday Night Country program mixing w/4TAB and JOHK. HAWAII, KMVI, Maui. 1400 10/10, loud local PSAs and ID, ESPN program. 891
- 900
- 909
- JAPAN, JOCB, Nagoya. 1418 10/11, fair woman //774. JAPAN, JOEF. 1400 10/11, "YBC Yamagata Hoso" ID tone + chimes. 918
- UnID. 1400 10/11, 3+1 pips. 927
- JAPAN, JONF, Kobayashi. 1300 10/11, fair woman w/call ID electronic cuckoo at ToH. JAPAN, NHK. 1226 10/11, fair giggly teenager show. REP KOREA, HLCA, Seoul. 1411 10/10, fair Korean woman. AUSTRALIA, 2NM. 1439 10/10, 70s rock 981 2NM ID. 936
- 963
- 972
- 981
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- MICRONESIA? 0900 10/10, Christian music then maybe ID. 999
- TONGA, Nuku'alofa, Radio Tonga. 0555 10/10, News? By woman in presumed Tongan. 1017
- JAPAN. 1400 10/11, weak pips then flute music and woman //774 mixing w/Tonga. 1017
- AUSTRALIA. 1401 10/10, tone at ToH then news not //1035. PHILIPPINES. 1413 10/11, Tagalog talk + cw song. 1026
- 1026
- NEW ZEALAND, Wellington, News talk ZB. 1400 10/10, Local ads ID news. JAPAN, NHK. 1414 10/11, English lesson. CHINA. 1400 10/10, weak CRI Fanfare Chinese/Japanese IDs. JAPAN, Nagoya. 1400 10/10, time tone Japanese talk CBC IDs. REP KOREA, jammer. 1140 10/11, loud. 1035
- 1035
- 1044
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- 1062 PHILIPPINES. 1357 10/10, Filipino male 1414 phone talk.
- 1062 AUSTRALIA, 4TI, Thursday Island. 1400 10/10, Country music program ABC news.
- 1071 JAPAN, JOFK, Hiroshima. 1400 10/10, NHK pips news by man.
- UnID. 1436 10/10, Chinese? Talk. 1098
- 1098
- JAPAN. 1422 10/10, lively program in Japanese. AUSTRALIA, 4BC, Brisbane. 1422 10/10, several ads promos loud. UNID. 1417 10/11, DU talk. 1116
- 1143
- UnID. 1423 10/10, 2 talk shows DU. 1152 1152
- 1161
- JAPAN, NHK. 1431 10/11, English lesson. AUSTRALIA, 7FG, Fingal. 1400 10/10, ABC news. NEW ZEALAND? 1402 10/11, island music faded up briefly likely the NZ Maori station. 1161
- 1188 JAPAN. 1400 10/10, man Japanese news
- PHILIPPINES. 1347 10/11, Lady in Tagalog 1215
- 1224
- 1260
- 1278
- 1314
- PHILIPPINES. 1347 10/11, Lady in Tagalog.
 JAPAN. 1400 10/10, pips and Japanese talk.
 JAPAN, Sendai. 1447 10/10, Japanese talk.
 UnID. 1401 10/10, English news faded up briefly.
 UnID. 1332 10/10, Christian music, probably DWXI.
 JAPAN? 1400 10/10, 2+1 or part NHK pips then weak woman.
 JAPAN, JOER, Hiroshima. 1449 10/10, song //1332. 1323
- 1350
- 1431
- UnID. 1400 10/10, 3+1 pips. JAPAN, JOWF, Sapporo. 1448 10/10, woman in Japanese. JAPAN, NHK. 1449 10/11, English lesson. 1440
- 1467
- NEW ZEALAND, Auckland. 1400 10/10, Fox Sports relay, NHK pips + UnID, 6 short pips in background. PHILIPPINES. 1444 10/10, Filipino talk. JAPAN, NHK. 1446 10/11, English lesson. 1503
- 1512 1521

JAPAN, NHK. 1400 10/11, weak time pips.

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November 15 2015 Contest Standings

1. 2.	John C Johnson Greg Hall		-	Russell Nelson Dennis Vroom		Nancy Johnson Tim Noonan	96 71		John Tudenham Vigel Pimblett	46 8
w	elcome to the new	2015-2016 IBCA co	nte	est everyone. If your	would like to joir	ntest rules can be fo	und is the Augu	ist 2	2 2015 issue of DXM	This month we

Welcome to the new 2015-2016 IRCA contest everyone. If you would like to join, contest rules can be found is the August 22 2015 issue of DXM. This month we have quite the race going for third place! 73 – Nancy

SPECIAL FEATURE

Northeast Blackout Radio Reminiscences, 50 years later

From: Mark Connelly, WA1ION

This is being written on the 50th anniversary of the Great Northeast Blackout of 1965. Power went out in large parts of New York, New England, and some other adjacent states and Canadian provinces.

The evening of November 9 1965 was going on pretty much like any other after-school night. At my family home in Arlington MA we had just finished supper. It was a chilly night outside and I went in the living room to do a little radio listening on a Realistic TRF portable (http://www.radioshackcatalogs.com/ html/1964/h080.html) that had good sensitivity to pick up the many AM music stations from around the northeastern United States and adjacent parts of Canada.

A bit after 5 pm I was listening to WNJR on 1430, a black R&B station skipping in from Newark NJ (after local WHIL Medford had done its sunset sign-off). The song "Two is a Couple (Three is a Crowd)" by Ike & Tina Turner (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GUA5IaDhOw) was playing. At 5:17 pm the lights dimmed, blinked off, blinked on, and then quickly went off to stay off for quite a while. The radio became the only link to the outside world that ran on battery power, so its role became much more important than usual functions as a source of music and long-distance hobby listening ("DXing").

I was a junior in high school at the time and was developing an avid interest in electronics. I was already building the occasional project and logging many broadcasts from around the world. A couple of my friends (Phil [later N1PZU] and Dick [WA1FAE/later KB1DN]) chatted with me on CB channel 11 from time to time on 100 milliwatt walkie talkies (http://www.radioshackcatalogs.com/html/1965-a/h003.html or similar) including, I think, during the blackout. In less than two years I would be a licensed radio amateur (now WA1ION).

The world of 1965 was one that had recent memories of the Cuban Missile Crisis and JFK assassination. The Vietnam War was starting to ramp up and civil rights struggles rocked many cities. Late that summer, folk protest music was making resurgence with Bob Dylan's songs and "Eve of Destruction" by Barry McGuire (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntLsElbW9Xo). Such music had been earlier in vogue around '62 and '63 but was sidetracked a while by the British Invasion juggernaut. Cold War hysteria was never much below the surface in the autumn of 1965. The massive popularity of James Bond spy movies and of TV shows such as "Man from U.N.C.L.E." and "The Avengers" had a lot of appeal to young people. Sci-fi was also big. Space exploration and science had a certain amount of a "cool" factor; kids interested in it weren't necessarily thought of as geeks and nerds. Boston's Route 128 technology belt was growing by leaps and bounds as government and private money poured into aerospace, defence, computer, and telecommunications advances. Proximity to world-class universities spurred much of the activity.

As I listened to the radio that November evening, it quickly became apparent that this blackout was not one of the usual ones just affecting our street and maybe, at most, a couple of others nearby – your typical branch-lands-on-wire or car-hits-pole scenario.

Reports came in not only from nearby Boston but also Providence, New York, Albany, and quite a few other locales with stations that I could receive on the transistor radio.

There was a pervasive uneasiness out there and various theories running from Russian sabotage to domestic loonies/criminals to UFO's abounded.

The AM dial was an interesting mix of absent usual signals – gone with the loss of power – and other stations which had managed, thanks to generator availability, to come back on. Leading local Top 40 station WMEX 1510 lost power at the Boston studio but managed to get a generator going at the transmitter site, then located in North Quincy MA. An improvised broadcast got going when some of the staff arrived there from Boston, 6 miles to the north. But either the voltage level or AC frequency of the generator was a bit off as records being played lurched along between too slow and too fast. I remember "Let's Hang On" by the Four Seasons (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8782Klj_rKw) playing in a most discordant manner. Aware of the problem, the people at the transmitter quit music for a while and just talked.

Houses started getting chilly as many furnaces wouldn't fire up without electricity. Fortunately the power did come back and a more normal pace of life returned. There is an online article written by a New York City broadcast professional that gives a good insight of how various stations responded to the blackout: http://nrcdxas.org/articles/blkout1.html. Some other links:

Dan Ingram on WABC New York: http://www.mediafire.com/download/c2020agx6j38m3b/WABC+1965+Blackout-1.mp3 Action at WDRC Hartford CT: https://www.facebook.com/groups/transmittersites/permalink/969803296414651/ NBC TV news coverage: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o47VVM5riaQ

Boston Globe 50th anniversary articles: https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2015/11/08/the-day-massachusetts-went-dark-fifty-years-

later/EjabrHTQkJpRFn4eYuThcN/story.html and http://www.boston.com/news/history/2015/11/09/remembering-the-day-boston-went-dark-yearsago/X4Be7F3fiGx3mw3QbFC5tK/story.html?s_campaign=bcom%3Asocialflow%3Afacebook

How I Got Started in Radio and Electronics: http://www.qsl.net/wa1ion/wa1ion_history.htm

Besides songs mentioned in the narrative above, some of the other big hits I remember on Top 40 radio around then include:

Look Through Any Window (Hollies) their greatest: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3B2 OTRpPd4

Turn, Turn (Byrds) taken from the Bible and huge follow-up to Dylan-written "Mr. Tambourine Man" of the early summer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKP4cfU28vM

Something About You (Four Tops) soul classic: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6P-v5RD02g

Rescue Me (Fontella Bass) another soul classic: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9mp3s2gpy8 Five O'clock World (Vogues) working man's anthem: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQ9Nm_c3GVY Get Off My Cloud (Rolling Stones) Stones string of successes continues: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIhPRuAve8k

Mystic Eyes (Them) featuring Van Morrison: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Bo3IwYZIkw

I'm a Man (Yardbirds) rocked-up blues: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAdCePtwoW4 Liar Liar (Castaways) garage monster: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EpP9DPZ0Xo

Sounds of Silence (Simon & Garfunkel) title cut from an outstanding album: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fWyzwo1xg0

Once a week, WBZ's Jefferson Kaye brought us to an alternate universe of folk music and, occasionally, blues. Here are two of the more important tunes Once a week, wb2's denerson kaye brought as to an anomalian spinning in late 1965: children of Darkness (Richard & Mimi Farina): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWPjWh_EwBo Shake Your Money Maker (Paul Butterfield Blues Band): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1L2vJ0U4Bc Posted to the IRCA eGroup by Mark Connelly 11/9 – pb.

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