Well, this is IT! DX News has gone weakly (or is it weekly?) At any rate, whichever you believe, we need your help as a contributor to keep DX News moving along on a weekly basis. We know you guys (and gals) are hearing those stations now that the static has cleared, so REPORT!! Speaking of reports, mail to both WYZE and WXAP in Atlanta has been returned to HQ as incorrectly addressed. If you get your report back on either test (WYZE was on and heard in Louisville) forward it to Chuck Hutton and he'll get it to the right place (at least we hope he will, hi!)

CPC TESTS

Oct. 24  KCTE-1140 Southwest City, Mo. 0630-0700 with 250w. Will use C&W instrumental music. V/S Don Williams, CE, KCTE, Box 258, Southwest City, Mo. 64863. Arr: Brett Hanavan.


Nov. 14  WCAZ-990 Carthage, Ill. 0115-0130 with 1000w. w/TT and vice IDs. Modification of regular frequency check. V/S to Station Manager, WCAZ, 84 S. Madison St., Carthage, Ill. 62321. Arr: John Kromka.

Nov. 14  KVNU-610 Logan, Utah 0300-0400 with 5000w. nondirectional. Tape is prerecorded and includes code IDs and tones. Voice IDs and music will also be played. V/S Bill Traue, Director of Engineering, KVNU Radio, P.O. Box 267, Logan, Utah 84321. Prepaid calls welcome at (801) 752-5141 or 753-1977. Bill Traue is an NRC member--thanks Bill and thanks to Ron Musco, who arranged the test.


Nov. 28  KLUC-1140 Las Vegas 0300-0900 Will use 10,000w. nondirectional. V/S Dave Anthony, Program Director, KLUC, Box 14805, Las Vegas, Nev. 89150. Arr: Ron Musco.

Dec. 5  WMTR-1250 Morristown, N.J. 0000-0300. Will possibly also run later. or Use 5000w. No pgm, other details yet, TBA. V/S CE, % WMTR. More details shortly. Arr: David Williams.

Dec. 19  KVNU-610, Logan, Utah. This test will run twice. See Nov. 14 for complete details as this time will be a rerun. Arr: Ron Musco.

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We've got a lot of material this month so let's get right to it...

OOPS........ (all from 'Eagle Eye' Lou Buehler)

590 KGMB-HI 930 KESE-ID 1140 WVRA-VA 1330 WPTO-MS
920 KXRY-IA 950 KMIX-MT 1310 WICH-CT 1500 WZLN-IL

NEW STATION APPLICATIONS:

910 HI-Kihei U? 5000/5000
1050 HI-Big Island D1 1000/2500
1170 HI-Elk Rapids D1 1000/
1190 MS Pearl D1 1000/
1270 VA Beauna Vista D1 1000/
1360 CO Vail D1 5000/5000

CALL LETTER APPLICATIONS:

1370 CP: WI Minoccoa seeks WFBZ
1140 WOYO-VA seeks WAOI
780 WAVA-VA seeks WABS
940 KHDZ-AZ " KMXG
990 WIGB-PA " WZDZ
1150 KQAM-TX " KFHM
1230 KALG-NM " WULU-U
1230 WMAA-NY " WWWG
1240 WGW-AL " WCWF

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

600 WSNY-FL ex WMRB
970 KNUV-NY ex KVEG
1010 WTVQ-WI ex WPTF
1050 WTVY-SC ex WJAL
1070 WGOO-NC ex WBPJ
1170 WJQW-MT Norfolk CP
1230 KQEP-UT ex KMOR
1260 WLEK-PA ex WYTN
1300 WRCQ-NY ex WQKW
1340 CDEO-ON ex CDEO (TK)
1400 KHEH-CA ex WCOX
1410 KBCO-OM Cuba CP

All of the FCC material I have on hand indicates that KHEX is the correct call for 1400 ex KXKX contrary to some other reports. Can some of our California members check this one out? Also, CKO is correct call for 1470 ex CFOX--I didn't leave out the 4th letter, hi.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

710 KFIA-CA CP: U3 1000/2500
960 WOGT-CA CP: U4 5000/5000
960 KLAD-OH CP: U2 1000/2500
1050 WSGF-PA CP: D3 1000/
1070 KWLX-TP CP: D1 2500/
1080 KYMO-OM CP: D1 500/
1090 WSGL-IA CP: D3 1000/
1250 WARE-MA CP: U4 5000/5000
1370 WMCZ-PA CP: D1 5000/

Latest FCC info on says 970 KXKX-OK CP application is for U4 2500/5000 not the U4 1000/1000 in AM Switch #3. Will check on this.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS GRANTED:

680 PA-Phoenixville D3 500
910 WLSN-CO CP: U2 5000/5000
920 KITH-WI CP: U2 1000/2500
1090 WBAF-GA CP: D1 1000/
1150 KXFL-CO CP: U2 5000/1000
1220 KFCZ-FL CP: D1 1000/
1330 WEBO-NY CP: D1 5000/
1370 WRMK-PA CP: D3 5000/

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS ON THE AIR:

800 KRUH-UT 1270 NWSJ-CT 1300 WERE-OH
970 ININ-GA 1270 NLDL-NE 1350 WWKJ-PA
1010 KCPM-CO 1140 WGLR-WI 1290 WWCL-CT
1010 WSBG-CA 1370 WWKE-PL 1410 WWME-WN
1240 KFAA-AZ 1390 KHEW-UT 1500 KCSG-AR
1250 WVWI-SD

GENERAL CHANGES:

620 WRJZ-TN Net: APR (RJ)
690 WLYT-PN Add: 400 Main St. ZIP: 19460 REL to 1000 then TLK to s/off
1150 VUBN-NY S/s PRIOR to 0445 (RJ)
1150 WDEL-DE S/s PRIOR to 0500 (RJ)
*990 WISO-PA ID:YNG as "Wizard 100" but still RR w/WIXQ ID on the hr. (DS)
1260 WLYK-PA ex WYTN is now all country (JR)
1300 WFRJ-MT S/M PRIOR to 0500 (RJ)
1300 WERF-NE WNS (RJ)
1390 CP: AR Searcy LOC: is now Bald Knob
1400 WREG-NC is now PoP
1420 WPOP-CF NET: M (RJ)
1420 WCQJ-PA 0445(705)-0005 (s/s occ. 0600) (RJ)
1460 KILO-VA is now SILENT but will return as KQ5A and C&W format (NV)
1460 WOKO-NE PRIOR to 0445 (RJ)
1470 WASC-KY will s/off 1800 (or earlier depending on legal s/off) until spring or summer of '78 when format will change. (TP)
1500 KGAR-VA now C&W (BH)
1590 KZOK-WA ex KXHJ is now AOR (BV)
1600 WYMN-MA S/s PRIOR to 0500 (RJ)

OWNERSHIP CHANGES:

Again, these are presented as possibilities for DX tests this season as well as for general information.

590 WLYA-VA 1280 KYSV-OH 1410 KRML-CA 1480 WQDC-NH
920 KELP-TX 1280 WAKK-ME 1420 WCHS-BC 1530 KTN-AR
930 WBCK-MI 1300 KACT-OR 1420 KTV-MA 1540 WWSC-LS
1080 WEPW-PA 1370 WICK-MT 1440 KBER-PA 1550 KCAN-TX
1100 WWRE-MA 1390 WCLI-OR 1440 WCDL-OR 1570 KBMR-AR
1290 WMCZ-MA 1400 KXRS-MA 1440 WACO-CH 1580 WHSP-XY
*1220 KFCO-CO
1230 WAUX-AL

A TRUE AM SWITCH!!!!!!

1380 KPOI-HI and 1040 KXYZ-WB have swapped frequencies according to the FCC.

OTHERWISE:

1060 WGTU-FM FCC accepted application amendment for an increase of daytime power to 5000 watts and the addition of 3000 watt nighttime array. WBZ, WJW and KYW all filed opposing petitions.

1310 WRX-TX Rumor has it in Dallas that this station will soon seek a call letter change. (RS) (Real pity, not many of the "old" 3-letter calls left-ed.)

1400 KDRG-MT hearing is upcoming to determine if control was transferred without FCC approval and if license renewal would serve the public interest.
Hi All,

According to the big calendar on the wall, we've hit the weekly season again! Neither ECR, nor his overworked Smith Corona is quite ready for the deluge yet, hi. Still, it does look like a good season coming up; I even did some DXing last SM, which must mean things are hopping, hi. PLEASE remember to send stuff to my new address (listed at the top of the column). I've been running home for mail fairly often, but I don't have the time to keep doing it, so stuff sent to the MP address may not be printed for a long time (like 1976, maybe). Also, as long as I'm trying to make things easy on myself, how about helping me out by listing the name of the city along with tips. Almost all reports have been easy to follow, but a few have come in without city names, which really makes it tough. When copying from a log, it's easy to write down cities, since you know where the stations you heard came from, but I haven't quite memorized the Log yet, and the result is having to spend a long time looking up the cities for each of 27 tips. No big thing, but every little bit helps, hi...

But enough of that. I'm feeling creative this week, and at the risk of angering the powers that be, I'm going to try a little format experiment. Specifically, I'm going to divide tips along geographic, and perhaps chronological, lines. I find it confusing to sift through piles of tips on stations which are next to impossible in this part of the country, looking for a tip which might be useful, and I wonder if others don't feel the same way. I think that I'll do about five columns in this format, which should be long enough for people to decide if they like it. Please send in comments and suggestions with tips. Though I am a power-crazed autocrat, I will make every effort to conform to the will of the majority. ECDX is your column, so please help to make it more useful by giving me some feedback. Thank you, ECR......

SUNSET to MIDNIGHT

Western U.S.

790 KXGR CA CLOVIS, 9/25 poor w/Beautiful mx, ID, PTA 2025. (Bma-CA)

Eastern U.S.

1040 WHO IA DES MOINES, 9/27 T-40 (that c&w??) 2115-2245. (Mt-MD)
1250 WPAB PA PITTSBURGH, 9/24 T-40 o/u prob WVEA, 2150- (Mt-MD)
1360 WAPD FL MIAMI, 9/21 top 2100 w/ID "WAP Talk Radio". (WJPA-PA)
1370 WWJS VA SOUTH HILL, 9/27 s/off wnts WSHY-FM 105.5 1930. (Mt-MD)
1390 WCSS SC HARTSVILLE, 9/24 1390-GSC ID 2051. (Mt-MD)
1400 KXEL IA KANSAS CITY, 9/25 w/ID WIPX's Rr 1900. (Mt-MD)
1500 KXAI AZ MESQUITE, 9/30 w/ID 2130, no SSB, after NPR net "All Things Considered" pm. (*-OH)
1580 KZIA NM ALBUQUERQUE, 9/30 w/off 2115 ments ABC/WBS nets, still 10/1 (*-OH)
1620 KLDR OK BLACKHILL, 10/1 s/off 1900, this, KXNS. KZIA sure signs of season's arrival. (*-OH)
1780 KNXZ AR ALEXANDRIA, 10/1 1900-1950. (*-OH)
1790 WSRP FL FT LAUDERDALE, 9/25 1110 spots, ID "S. FL's only" (Mt-MD)
1800 WHFY NC CLAYTON, 9/24 T-40, s/off 1930 to return 0600. (Mt-MD)
1830 WJSO TN JONESBORO, 9/27 s/off wnts Johnson City 1945. (Mt-MD)
1600 WRCG NC BURLINGTON, 9/24 ID, Am. Net. dx 1930. (Mt-MD)
1600 WAVE PA MARRIOTTSBURG, 9/27 ID into 1926. (Mt-MD)

...and you thought there wouldn't be any good news today. The rescheduled 1977 YAD has been rescheduled for the weekend of November 4-5-6. As is custom, it will again be held at the home of Jerry Starr in Hubbard, Ohio, just a few blocks off the famed Interstate 80 and easy to get to from anywhere, except possibly Remulak. YAD (Youngstown Area DXers) is always free of charge and includes DX talk, card games, free beer and/or pop, falling downstairs, the Krejny Memorial Ditch-Jump, the first annual Cone Head Lookalike Contest, billiards and every year at least one joker actually continues nearly NSP until we sweep out the last bodies about 1800 on Sunday. Festivities for early arrivals begin around 6PM on Friday and there were a total of 9,341 broadcasting complaints from the public to the FCC during July 1977. Therefore, would be greatly appreciated if you could let us know ahead of time if you are going to YAD before and are not still in jail. Come spend the weekend in Hubbard, City of Lights, City of Magic, home of the World Team Yawning Festival. It would be appreciated if you could let us know ahead of time if you are actually going to YAD before and are not still in jail. Come spend the weekend in Hubbard, City of Lights, City of Magic, home of the World Team Yawning Festival. It would be appreciated if you could let us know ahead of time if you are actually going to YAD before and are not still in jail. Come spend the weekend in Hubbard, City of Lights, City of Magic, home of the World Team Yawning Festival. It would be appreciated if you could let us know ahead of time if you are actually going to YAD before and are not still in jail. Come spend the weekend in Hubbard, City of Lights, City of Magic, home of the World Team Yawning Festival. It would be appreciated if you could let us know ahead of time if you are actually going to YAD before and are not still in jail. Come spend the weekend in Hubbard, City of Lights, City of Magic, home of the World Team Yawning Festival. It would be appreciated if you could let us know ahead of time if you are actually going to YAD before and are not still in jail. Come spend the weekend in Hubbard, City of Lights, City of Magic, home of the World Team Yawning Festival. It would be appreciated if you could let us know ahead of time if you are actually going to YAD before and are not still in jail. Come spend the weekend in Hubbard, City of Lights, City of Magic, home of the World Team Yawning Festival. It would be appreciated if you could let us know ahead of time if you are actually going to YAD before and are not still in jail. Come spend the weekend in Hubbard, City of Lights, City of Magic, home of the World Team Yawning Festival. It would be appreciated if you could let us know ahead of time if you are actually going to YAD before and are not still in jail. Come spend the weekend in Hubbard,
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Times are GMT. For EIT subtract 4 hours. Deadlines are usually Tuesdays.

Deadlines Tuesday, phone 404-633-1198 with all that late important stuff.

Juergen Trombitzky sends along these LA changes called during some travelling:
Guatemala TGW on 550 per a Barlow Whaley XCR-3 not using... 1350

WVXO 1555 EMT, 1570 TGAX ID's as R. Continental; TOTL 940 and TOTL 1000 both

Both in the air, no time to check TGFR 1540. Costa Rica. Cucu noted

New on freq of 625, and likewise for R. Para TI 600. E. Salvador YSTTA 990

Notes and IDs as R. VE4, YABD ID's as R. 1510. New ID's. Panama 1210 HOP1 s/off at 0504. Colombia 1320 R. Regia belongs to

Todolar. Nicaragua 780 YMCN R. Cosmos ex R. America. YNO 800 s/off at

0000, 900 YMTX s/off 1100-0601. Mexico 600 XEZ show R. 600, 710 XERO now

R. Variedades, 760 XERA San Cristobal las Casas new stn. 1240 XEKC R. Fel-

hcidad brd, not listed in WPTF. 1270 XEAN ID's as R. XEAX and R. Fleta,

1400 XEUE s/off 0329, 1500 XEEN ID's as RH-1a tropical grande de Mexico.

Richard Clark of the Dominican Republic has more changes from the Carib-

bean. 850 HILR R. Clarin has a new tx in Santiago. 870 HIAB R. Isabel
del Torres ex 840, 1460 a new AFNKS outlet on Grand Turk. 1150 WCRD Cabo

Rojo Puerto Rico is on the air, 1550 HILC R. Maiba Santiago, D.R. ex 1560,

1080 WBOZ San German P.R. ID's as R. Voz. 1415 HIOS R. Marien, Dajabon,

D.R. on this freq. 1300 WISA ID's as R. WISA, ex R. Noroeste. 1260 WISO

170, ex Emisoras WISO. 840 R. Caribbean St. Lucia is on at night! 1526

HIPX R. Neyba, Neyba D.R. here ex 1580. 1520 a new WV R. Bonita, Lapa

Wapa in Miranda is quite strong till 12 midnight s/off, 1150 WV. R. Ideal is a
daytimer for Clark, QRM unknown.

From Sweden Calling DX'er's. USSR Lithuanian Radio in Vilnius broadcasts

In English daily 2230-2300 on 606, 1106, 1584, and 6100.

From the Dutch DX Club of Sweden another report of CX144 R. Rivera,

Uruguay on 1445. I haven't detected a trace of this from Georgia.

Via Arctic Radio Club... more reports of HCBJ2 R. El Mundo, Ecuador on

1224. This was detectable night before but I wasn't able to catch an ID

due to crashing. Obviously he noticed the carrier and kept it on.

Ecuatoriana was heard on 1443 by two different DX'er's. MCDY4 R. Iris was

heard 3380 at 0315. Uruguayan sked for R. Carve 850 is 0930-0500, and

they are using 60 kw. Peru 900 OHAX R. El Sol has increased power to

20 kw. St. Lucia R. Jumbo is using its old freq of 1150 for a relay tx of

10 kw. St. Vincent 1450 R. Antilles Montserrat has a relay tx of 10 kw on this

freq. Algeria 570 Bechar is carrying 'Voice of the Free Sahara' from 2300-

2400, 1010 and 2200. There are 2 tx's, one carrying Arabic and the other the

FPT third net. West Germany R. Bremen will change to 935 on October 3. This

applies to the tx's on 1079 and 1358. Libya Tripoli is on 1406, ex 1445. Libya

Nigerias with NBO-3 and ID's is on 1458 and s/off is 2300. More reports of

the new tx on 1215. S/off is 2100 at the moment. Address is Box 572, Om-

durman. 800 kw is being used as the power supply will not accomadate the

full 1500 kw at the moment. Tunisias new tx in Monastir is on 1488, power

8-10 kw.

News from the New Zealand Radio DX League reports of Cairo on 1495.

Please give notes (to get em, see Dave Williams' logging below). Morocco

noted 935 so apparently wandering or people aren't being careful reading

the dial. Qatar 995 noted in RB. Libya a new tx in Durah is on 1061

but no power given.

From the World Radio TV Handbook Newsletter... 1440 R. Cayaceno power

1 kw. 1410 R. Sol power is 3 kw, both in Dominican republic. Nicaragua

1080 %TB R. Santa Barbara 1310 power 1 kw, R. Sincelejo 1460 is 1.5 kw, 1470 R. Rodadero power is 2.5. R. Cana is now

on 1520 ex 1540 and 1505.

Central U.S.

1450 WYCF PL Panama City, 10/1, drug spot, DJ pg "Spotlight Name", WFKL w/7 Fair signal. (CT TX)

Eastern U.S.

660 XFMK AK Fairbanks, 10/7, big carrier faded up into rr over-

riding rough WWXJ spik, sparse IDs in til 0140+. (ECR-CA)

650 XEYJ AK Nome, 10/7 presumed the stn w/rgs u/KGA making wful

550 URY 0450-0500, 10/7 (ECR-CA)

CKDAB AB Red Deer, 10/7 sneaking an ID thru the hash 0412. (ECR-CA)

APRS AK Adak Island, 10/7 doing noticeable things to WLS by 0700,

kept improving, still gd at 0850, out. Mostly rr. APRS ID's scarce. Maybe a pwr increase here; much better than ever before. A few cycles low on 890, which makes for easy BPO ID (ECR-CA)

WIND PL Chicago, 9/8 gd w/7ik 0120-0130. (JR-MJ)

WDFL PL Jacksonville, 9/4 ET 0115 testing 50kw XR. Good. (HJW-PA)

WESB PL Eideburg, 9/4 0435 w/MBS tkm pgm o/WGNW/WZAR. (DW-JN)

KENO PL San Antonio, 9/2 0214341774 one w/7rr. mnts KFYM-

92. Poor. (DW-JN)

FNTK PL Canton, 9/2 0614 w/several IDs thru mes. (HJW-PA)

FMTV PL Pidgote, 9/4 0320 thru WNM/CWR. (HJW-PA)

AFSUSUPL (ex KDFW/KNW) now using new call, dropped

fx at NIS folded, now NSF c/w, uses the awful slogan "Be a KUFF Buff!". (*OH) Enough to make you sick, yes...

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, assumed the FP o/ WGAQ 0304-0320. (*OH)

Date:? EOR

CQPV PL Doral, 10/3 way atop w/FF 0120-0140. (*OH)

WQDD PL Fairfield, 10/3 atop w/7-40 0135-0150+ using "Dependable

WQDD" between tapes. (*OH)

WYAE PL Pittsfield, noted using new FM call, WXXXX, in AM Th 10/3.

WZLK PL Asbury Park, 10/3 atop w/nx 0301, into nx 0305, announcing NSF w/FF

UNIM PL 10/3, wv SSB here 0300 w/ZKLL. (*OH)

WDBY PL Flattsburg, 9/15 gd 0130 w/nx. Also several others.

On high pwr for some reason? (HJW-PA)

WRUM PL并购, 9/15 tent 0159 w/FF. Is this their sked? (HJW-PA)

WMBQ PL Homestead, 9/6 0512 w/T-40, ON ancr o/WORC. (DW-JN)

WIZZ PL Bakersfield, 9/8 0112 w/cw, good w/WIRC. (DW-JN)

WQEB PL Elgin, 9/9 0209 w/cw, wks. ads 0210. (DW-JN)

WPRL PL Indianapolis, 9/7 gd w/FF, w/nx 0345-0350. CBS nx. (JR)

WFKE PL Waukegan, 9/13 gd o/CWRF w/cw nx 0145 followed by c/w.

After 7,1 on KS 0201 wv cw mixing w/CFW, c/w also. (JR)

local dots, IDA krd. (HJW-PA)

CGCN CO Ottawa, fr w/7rr 02:05-0230 9/11. (JR-MJ)

WWBD CO Era, 9/11 gd w/pup 0130-0145. (JR-MJ)

WJAR CO Providence, again once seems NSF; gives AM-FM (96) ID on AN

WXJK CO Columbus, 9/26 STT 0304-0400 ID and off. (*OH)

WAOX CO St. Petersburg, 10/3 loud w/EZ/QC 0230-0300 ID+. (*OH)

KSKQ CO Allentown, 9/6 0631 during 5/mm. (JR)

WZTV CO Honeysuckle, 9/5 0309 o/ness w/7 FSS (DJW-CA)

Those Responsible:

WG Charlie George Dallas, TX

WAF Bill Harang San Jose, CA

WAD Nancy Hayes Gouldsboro, PA

JRA Jerry Robinson Crowell, MI

JRE Jerome Starr Hubbard, OH

MT Dave Williams Bel Air, MD

ECR Emic Winterhouse Menlo Park, CA
Australia

G.M. Hood, GM, 1457 Romania Constanta

changes among the low powered New

talk, R.N.Z. QSL,

it would seem to be soon as the FCC has given approval.

970 Australia 5DN N.

letter and

UNID a vy weak sig here 0400 8/29 and occasional nites since; also

Morocco on for Ramadan-CH

be zither mx. Only a

QRM to hold on. (Wilkinson) Chinese Service in

USSR location unknown-man and

AUSTRALIA

that the 730 outlet

had a weak sig on 281 at the same time. Can European

guitar mx in well at 0432 9/18. (Connelly)

911

accounting for low level? Freq definite. (Foxworth) Sebaa Aioun

1301-1305

letter from E. Cameron, CE, 1259

and in the 0430-0530 period on 9/13 and was definitely on 612.0. (Wilkinson)

1014.

Iman

foreign service in fair in CC 1328

strongest

the same evening with clear but weak

This oeriod. (Wilkinson) Khabarovsk in

1015

and then faded out. (Wilkinson) Lumiere at good

w/woman

agu

w/Fleetwood

moaning, atop other stns 2351 9/18. (Tomer) heard quite well between 1200-1325 on

together 1405 1014: this unid Chinese

VOR

AUS:

PORTUGAL Lisboa fair to good o/SAH, PF talk by man, WKK huckshot

nulled 0100 9/18. (Connelly)

USSR Komsomol'sha-Amur good carrier but no audio 1333 10/5. (Tomer)

PORTUGAL Norte fair to pop/rock vocals 2335 10/4. (Connelly) 

Venezuela Porlamar YVOE loud and clearly dominant; R. Vision ID, ad in SS for business in Policama 0029 9/18. (Connelly)

SURINAM Paramaribo laud/voice 0210 10/5. (Connelly)

Spain stations good in SW talk 1335-1337 9/18. (Connelly)

VENEZUELA answering EBC's musing, yes, R. Maracaibo has been off

AN sked since August; easily verified by checking their /SW on 488/. We are actually trying to hear a Peruvian on the same spot, which I did. Proves the value of awareness of SWC developments as well as BCO. Believe Maracaibo must s/off at the normal hour of 0357, too early for me to check due to work skew. (Foxworth) Fine in this case but there are many, many SW stns with /SW on// that do not operate on identical skeds. Also, many countries will change around the 5W hours but leave MW the same-CH.

AUSTRALIA NS Toowomba good fm 1243-1259 9/29 with discussion of Australia and some of its problems by two men. (Wilkinson)

PORTUGAL Lisboa loud (S-9+) w/ci mx, modulation level low but sig

was so strong that the low audio was not a problem. Noted 2355 on

10/4. (Connelly)

GENF'ly Dakar blasting in, armchair copy on Realistic TRP. AA vocales interpersed w/talk, possibly explaining verses of the songs, at 1340 9/27. Fair W/AA talk 2325 9/6. (Tomer) Thought to be on

off at 0557 9/17 preparatory to s/on but no further audio. (Allen)

JAPAN Akita JOUB in s/w sig wipung out KXX 1320 10/5. (Tomer)

SPAIN Caceres fair w/man in SS 0435 9/18. (Connelly)

PORTUGAL (interative) mx at hole weak level 2357 9/14. Miramaz has

become irregular here-sked or power change perhaps? (Connelly)

NORTH KOREA lovation unsk, KCBS outlet in w/good sig-orchestra and

KXX 1320 10/5. (Tomer)

ANDORRA Rae Vieja fair w/PP x/fast SAH 0503 10/2. (Connelly)

MOROCCO Rabat to good peaks w/AA violin mx 2354 10/4. (Connelly)

USSR Spask Dalny fair w/RR talk 1302 10/3. (Connelly)

AUSTRALIA 4K Rockhampton heard w/operative arras 1327-1332 9/28. (Williams)

ITALY Roma fair w/light cl mx and Muzak, WDDH milled 0212 9/18. Up to good peak w/vocal mx 0212. (Connelly)

NORTH KOREA Location unknown, fair w/KTAC w/F in KK 1410 10/2. Taken through BCB. (Tomer)

NORTH KOREA new freq was noted w/R. Pyongyang ppg // to 655 at 1305 9/20; then heard relaying KCRS(-?) ppg // 785 1415 10/5. (Tomer)

CHINA/JAPAN mixing together 1405 10/4; this unid Chinese stn has really been overpowering JOGD lately. (Tomer)

AUSTRALIA General 63-133 heard strong and clear on 9/30 from 1245-

1257. For 50 kw 5AN's signal is much weaker than 2NB's. (Wilkinson)

CHINA location unknown, fair w/woman in CC 1440 9/28; // 4915 SW. SOUTH KOREA Busan HLEK in good w/'HLEK'- // 1440 9/28, then KK

(Tomer, last two)

FIJI A. Fiji 1145-1320 tuneout. R. Fiji National PGM on all night w/election results. A few polls South Sea islands and Hindustani. Reports of elections results in English, Fijian, and Hindustani; readable 99% of the time. Very few fades. An unexpected surprise; net on 890 and a little sloop from 900 out but a bad signal. All taped with several good clear ID's. Report sent. (Williams)
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A QUALITATIVE REVIEW OF THE FRG-7

by Glenn Hauser

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(Note: This is a slightly adapted version of a series appearing in July, August and September 1977 issues of the "Short Waves" column in the Sunday Denver Post)

Japan's shortwave listening boom has spurred the development of many new low-priced DXers, and one also marks the impact in this country of Yaesu's FRG-7. After using it as our primary receiver for some nine months, here is our qualitative review.

The "FRG-7" has continuous coverage from 500 kHz to 30 MHz, in 1000-kHz-wide bands on the Wadley Loop principle. It will actually tune as low as 300 kHz with somewhat reduced sensitivity, and as high as 31 MHz with full sensitivity.

For general listening, and some DX listening applications, it's easy to select a wide band, and some UK listeners apply this for English language DX. It's easy to select, it's an excellent receiver. We'll cover both its good points and its drawbacks. According to accompanying literature, it's unavoidable that the scale is not completely linear. Parallax is considerable, making head angle another critical factor in reading frequencies. But the hairline can be slid to accommodate both variations.

The "USB" and "LSB" markings make it appear the FRG-7 can select either lower or upper sideband, but this is not the case. The settings are simply a beat frequency oscillator, fix-tuned to an audio frequency. The fix-tuning is one selectivity means you will receive both sides of an independent-or double-sideband signal. But you can zero-beat a given signal, switch back to AM and find the station exactly in

A fourth setting of the same switch active a noise limiter, which has very little effect; nor does it cause enough audio distortion to make using it objectionable. Sensitivity is excellent throughout the tuning range. It can pull in weak stations very well, providing there is no interference problem. But this sensitivity advantage is diminished by another factor, selectivity—really broader than necessary for general listening. Even when tuned very carefully to the center of a channel, if there are equal gain at 5 kHz and/or below, a slight 5 kHz heterodyne can be heard.

And when trying to hear a weak station 5 kHz from a strong one, or between two strong ones—let alone closer separations—the FRG-7 allows the strong signals to mask the wanted signals, no matter how carefully tuned. The 'skirts' are not steep enough.

A three-position audio filter, labeled "Tone," is nice to have but only superficially useful. The 'low' position is for audio quality, but necessarily also sacrifices full audio quality. With a strong signal, the FRG-7 provides excellent audio fidelity, proving that shortwave need not be a lo-fi medium. The built-in speaker is front-mounted, and there are provisions for external speaker. The presence of some position improves intelligibility. The presence of some position improves intelligibility. They are also a good feature, especially in connection with A.M. stations. The 'low' position really cuts the background hiss on SSB.

Some US. suppliers of the FRG-7 offer a ceramic filter selectivity modification, which might be worth for the cost for those who want each signal to stand out sharply from neighboring ones. I'm wishing mine had this; on the other hand, it would be even better to be able to switch between the two options.

A major advantage of the FRG-7 is that it overloads easily, especially in the evenings when there are super-strong signals in the 6 and 9 MHz bands. This means that there is cross-modulation of one station's audio on another's; spurious signals appear at the wrong frequencies; and the presence of a strong signal desensitizes the receiver to weaker signals too close to it.

The "super"-position gain control, there is a three-position attenuation switch with somewhat confusing labeling. The "middle" position is full gain, where it should be. The reason to switch to the "low" position, which attenuates somewhat; or the 'local' position, which attenuates the most.

The 'birdie'-carriers generated internally because of receiver design—are quite present, but they become obvious only in the relatively vacant higher MHz, especially when tuned with the BFO on. Fortunately, they're easy to tell from genuine signals, since the birdies are unmodulated and most jump wildly to another frequency with a touch of the MHz dial.

All controls are conveniently on the front panel. The dial lights can be turned off the conserve battery power. The light behind the band selector is not as bad as some other receivers. With BFO off, the 'birdie' is fix-tuned, and calibration is not precise, it is difficult to measure frequencies closer than 5 kHz. Thus one cannot necessarily pre-tune to a given frequency, as one can with those 10 MHz-wide receivers with 5 kHz steps. This may be one reason why some stations are heard which are not present at all others. One is likely to be 'open' at a given time. Or, the mediumwave band can be used as a frequency reference, especially at night.

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CONY TCP 5900 W - ANOTHER VIEW

Member Perry Farrell of Gilfer Associates, Inc. wrote us expressing interest in the report by Dan Phillips on the Sony ICF-5900 W which appeared in the Oct. 10th DX News. In his experience, Perry has noted several deficiencies in that receiver. His lo-Seection ladder filter, providing an improved input sensitivity, is reasonably well constructed and has surprisingly good FM band sensitivity. However, in the model we imported and subsequent models we found that the soft nylon gears on the main tuning dial began showing wear and there in now substantial backlash on all of these receivers after a year or so of use.

The crystal calibrator in the 5900 uses a very cheap crystal and there are almost invariably off-frequency. It is rare that a calibrator in these units is within 15 kHz or 15 MHz of the signal input from the i-f. This is a small, handy receiver for the very casual listener, but not anything worthy of note for the most-serious SWL.

Lastly, the medium-wave band on the 5900 is badly overloaded in many places. I am reported by the FCC that '900 is the most common frequency used by these receivers on the AM band. 15 kHz or 15 MHz may change his mind about the 5900.

Ernest H. Cooper
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MUSINGS

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I took advantage of WPDE's three day absence from 9/10 (and their misfortune) only mildly but the one station I got was WVQ in Newark, Ohio which is one of my nearest unhears but has since left that category. I logged on 9/12 through a lot of QRM, especially regular interference. This was one of five so far in September which makes my second best month in '77. The others were: WMY-1340 on 9/10 & 1313 m/s after a noisy radio 900 game, and three new ones yesterday, 9/17! Nearly 106 of '77's loudest stations in one day so far! (Only 22/2345 V4/SK & TX & a spot for some North Texax and then into CO). Rare is nice when WVQ is an 800er from 8 to 800. Then @ 740, KEBX-1480 in CA was heard w/o on announcement which I occasionally missed. Finally on 9/17 my annoyance on 50 kHz studios on Key 2728 106th Street.
A few hours later, I caught a twin-Rangers SB game on 1320, into an ad for a lumber store in Grand Rapids, MI - the locals KSX on 1320 - at least they're new on that frequency. MI. I never did get them on 9/14. But listeners might want to watch for them one. Well, happy hunting on the dial this new season. I really enjoyed staying at Ted Pileen's house following the INCA Convention - but please, Ted - next time turn up the heat! (In AUGUST - 87)

Louis Burbage - 254 Marlke Drive - St. Charles, IL - 63001
Hello everybody - I figured it was about time for a Musings. I had a great time at the Convention. Congratulations and thanks are in order for the LINCOLN people for a job well done. I met a lot of new people and also many that I had not seen for the first time last year at Louisville. All in all it was very enjoyable. You should have seen my wife's face when I came home to tell her that I had been on a flying trip to Chicago and was gone for several days. She was so excited she actually bought me a new pair of shoes! (I think she probably thought it was all over.)

Most of the DX was easy to pick up the code on 50 kHz. I think this is the first time we have had DX on our 50 kHz band.

Some of the DX was very strong, but the others were very weak. My equipment is a Hallicrafters S-76 w/ Davis amplifier loop, 15 1100counter, and a Radio Shack cassette, which I consider an ideal first receiver for American and accompanying FM tuners. Such as the Space Magnet. They are experimenting with a direct frequency readout modification, and should there be sufficient demand, the manufacturer might be interested in producing a model.

I have noticed several deficiencies in the 5900. It is certainly sensitive and like all Japanese portables, tuned. But without modification it may dissapoint serious DX listeners chasing DX. Some of these deficiencies are:

1. The others are very sensitive and tuned to an extent.
2. The tuning is not always accurate.
3. The tuning is not always linear.
4. The tuning is not always stable.
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Gilfer Associates, Inc. P.O. Box 239, 52 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, N.J. 07650 offers a substitute for amateur filters in favor of an improved input sensitivity. The price is reasonable and applies to rigs sold by Gilfer only, unless special arrangements can be made.

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I have a...ntonville, It was Thursday 9/15 about 4am YOU WHVR-1280 I wished that I had a precise measuring device for frequency measurement. I...on my tower. I have tried netted WCQ) blastlng Xloomington, Musings and our first stop was Japan 9/16 WPCF-1430 Panama City topping 1430 W/WKW &re.. This is being sold. The language in Taiwan is Mandarin, and the music more Chinese than anywhere else in this part of the world. Just about the only ES was APT-1570, where I was able to keep in touch with friends before the Golden Days of Radio. We flew to Hong Kong from there, from which I will begin my next Musings.

Mike Nepple - Box 7 - Houston, MS - 38651

I have 250 up so far for one of my Beverages I am trying to build. I have a gain of 1800 for my antenna. If anybody knows anything about antennas, what direction should a 1800 terminated longwire receive? Whenever you do not terminate a Beverage, is it...base. You don't know what kind of clay we have down here. I might put a vertical outside of the tower, I don't know what I will do. There are two stations below 59 that I have heard...as the antennas (the frequency is on the average about 34 feet lower (about 30 minutes behind) for holes for the concrete base. You don't know what kind of clay we have down here. I might put a vertical outside of the tower, I don't know what I will do.

Ron B. Schellen - 7567 La Balsa Drive - Dallas, TX - 75248

Varies at 2.149 with these added: EIM-910 v/c, WWNU-1510 w/c, KOAM-1070 v/f, KZIA-1510 w/c, KMCL-1310 v/f, KZTK-1530 w/f, KMCL-1510 v/c, WOJ-1280 w/t. I have...XFR-390 1905 w/c. WOJ-1280 between 1300-1400 in DX. Today we have overhead loop EIML-1510 v/f and DX. I have...up and down a couple of times and am about 35 minutes behind. I have heard one station be...are read just like the classified ads and much-read comics of the news- paper. What do you do when you get your DX IMS, look for your friends' latest catches and try to compete with them? At least I do. At work, the fellows read it as much as I do.

Wayne Heim - The Pike's Peak Dive - 429 East Carmillo Street - Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Many thanks to Don Erickson for helping me get to LINCOLN 77. Hats off to Tank, Reemer, Dabelstein, Landsdale & Wesolowski, for one good time. I was very disappointed to learn that the old AMARITA was sold and that most of the radio amateurs here are now stuck in the unamusing...May now be sold with regional storms and static as of 9/28, tonight, which proved fairly relay. Nice to see old friend Onuk Reeder at LINCOLN, one of the last of the Old Boys. The ham radio station in Denver, is still plagued with...on the sale of Colorado Cool-Aid. I believe a strong word should be said about Starr - I'm not sure exactly what strong word though. All in all, a sincere thanks to the Missouri ham radio scene: K3WJ-1900 is being sold, KSET-1530 is now "dixie" and KECQ-1420 is Mutual with extended DX on the weekend. Main format is (hold on while I check JAC's article) yes folks, NOR. I guess, I end on the happy note - the season is coming. O 0 regular soon.

John Cleeney - 2937 West Gilbert - Peoria, IL - 61604

On 9/17 I had a real nice time visiting with two other DXers, Rick Carr & Kurt Brown of Eleanor. We had a good time talking over the phone several times before. The three of us met at Rick's house and spent the afternoon talking, looking at their DX logs, and other such important things, later. In the season we hope to go on a Dipsea to Lake Tahoe. A big city park about ten miles outside of town. There is a little city park there, and I hope to set up an antenna on one of the Beverage antennas and hear some interesting DX. I am sure it is a peak of a deal when the closest DXers to you are 40 miles away. In other things, DX is improving and I'm looking forward to the DX season approaching. I hope to do a lot of DXing, but school will probably keep me from it. At least I have a month off around Christmas and I plan to do a lot of DXing then. I hope everybody Muses and supports the Club. Good DX & 73s.

Rick Briggs - 327 Monfort Avenue - Apt. - Ashville, NC - 28801

I am due for a Muse - in fact, long overdue. Things are looking up for this season as an 1800 was purchased over the Summer. If the thunderstorms would subside, DX might be good. See: DX Log, page 11 (Vol. 1) for DX data and...ernation. I have 73s from the Blue Ridge.

Mickey Theor - 41 Mill Street - West Warwick, RI - 02893

I am...WCSU-1250 w/t. Since then I've stepped up from a clock radio to a stereo. Last week I made 3...for the Summer in 1975. In between are 403 stations from nine countries, 32 states, (30 verified), and five provinces. My totals stand at 450. I seem to be doing...is being sold. When I try for Florida DXing. For more information, my only R/ is a Panasonic that cost me $200 seven years ago, but which, on occasion, has been strong enough to bring in TA's here in Philadelphia. In Tokyo reception was hampered by the construcion of the luxurious Okura Hotel, our headquarters for three days, so I heard little beyond the five or six locals by day and others by night. I was able to make...in English, and that the NHK 2 group has ER language lessons in the early evening (which would be early AM in the USA). At Hakone, near Mount Fuji, we stayed at a small resort hotel, and the ham radio station is on the roof. The operators, I was told, would bring a radio out the window while trying to improve reception during the cocktail hour, but luckily, it landed on a ledge a few feet down, and my wife recovered it for me while I mixed another drink). At Kyoto there are about three locals plus several others in Osaka and Kobe, and at night KFA-1000, Kobe, was quite good. On the semi-local is WCM-500 Kobe, which I heard as "the bright spot on your dial", in ER. Throughout Japan, we were able to keep in touch with home through ER-310 Tokyo, but outside the country, this station was not heard at all. The DXers' Group was...for one of my DX IMS, look for your friends' latest catches and try to compete with them? At least I do. At work, the fellows read it as much as I do.

Renee C. Brookes - 105 Bayside Lane - Brandon, FL - 33008

Eric's plans for reports has got me writing again. After 30 years of DXing and just starting to try to put on new band, it seems funny writing to the DXers. I have about 120 replies out of 175 letters so far nothing spectacular. The BC bands are so good that all I have to send for a DX is a call sign to get a new band, and then the call sign to the back of the QSL back on the dial. The (SM-2) that is - ERC. I also plan a 1,200 ER Beverage this October. I sure enjoyed LINCOLN. You guys did a fantastic job and it was great meeting all of you. That Coors also was fresh, and Lo Huene was good, too. I have heard...for one of my DX IMS, look for your friends' latest catches and try to compete with them? At least I do. At work, the fellows read it as much as I do.
Hello to all,

This is my first chance to write since we got back from our trip to Europe. I apologize for the delay in getting the news out. There has been a lot of excitement and activity in the DX world since we were gone.

Firstly, I want to mention our trip to Europe. It was a wonderful experience, and we had a great time visiting all the countries we visited. We started our trip in England, then moved on to France, Belgium, and Germany. We also took a side trip to Switzerland and Austria. The weather was mostly sunny and warm, which was perfect for our outdoor activities.

In England, we visited London, Edinburgh, and Bath. We saw the Tower of London, the British Museum, and the Royal Albert Hall. In France, we visited Paris, Lyon, and Nice. We saw the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum, and the Notre-Dame Cathedral. In Germany, we visited Berlin, Munich, and Frankfurt. We saw the Brandenburg Gate, the Colosseum, and the Neuschwanstein Castle.

We also had the opportunity to meet many DXers during our trip, and we exchanged QSL cards and photos. It was great to see the DXers' enthusiasm and dedication to DXing.

Back home, the DX world is continuing to evolve. There have been some new DXpeditions and contests recently. One notable DXpedition to mention is the AF1Q DXpedition to the Azores, which was a success. The DXpedition was well-organized and the operators had a great time.

In the future, I hope to see more DXpeditions and contests. DXing is a fun and rewarding hobby. I look forward to hearing from all of you and seeing your QSL cards in the mail.

Take care and DXing in peace.

FRANK
Another work from the Fan of the Phantom Port of the Airlines

Good evening, everyone.

I think I've been too long
We've got to catch up on things.

For those of you who are new,
I'll be skipping over a few
I hope you can appreciate this.

Goodbye to summer static
DXing can be fun.

No more will there be 'T-Stones'
(At least until next year's)
New ones for those who are

So beat the old rig
And blow the dust off it
I wish you all good luck.

Signed by the Phantom Porte

The daytime list went like this:

KVR-240, WSO Harrisburg, PA w/ID over to WNSY at 1138, no signal previously. Frequency may have been off. In coming in above, only one

KYE-200, WSR Hudson, OH w/s/off at 1140. Likely a good signal. Saw some DX, hi.

To get an idea of how the DX has been.

Good news for those Daters.

The day before.

The season has begun
The Dx bug, fueled by the convention

Kids

Last time in "We Get Letters" I mentioned the ANARC "Directory of DX Club Publications" available to members from ANARC for a large size envelope ($10) with 240 paged affidavit. No address was given - it's Association of North American Radio Clubs, 257 North Madison Ave., Pasadena, CA 91104. Sorry for the omission.