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STATIC FROM HQ

No, your eyes are not playing tricks on you this week—the green pages are in honor of those of Irish descent and St. Patrick's Day on March 17th!!!

FLASH FLASH

Per a call from Chuck Hutton on 3/6 we are pleased to announce a source for inexpensive mechanical filters—while they last. Chuck reports that a club on the West Coast has bought up all the remaining Kokusai 455 khz. filters in existence. This is the mechanical filter originally sold through Lafayette Radio back in the early 1970's and used in the Jerry Starr modification of an HQ-180 at that time. They are identical to the earlier units except they are upper or lower sideband filters with an approximate 1 khz. offset. This means you would have to detune the receiver by the amount of the offset to allow a signal to fall within the passband of the receiver—NOT a major problem. Chuck called the supplier and ordered a quantity for himself and learned that of an original quantity of 350 filters, only 150 remain. The price per filter is only \$7.00 plus \$1.00 shipping. As the supply is going fast, it would be best to call first to determine availability, as they will be available on a first come-first served basis. If interested, call Bill Judge, (213) 845-6131 first, then mail your order to: Bill Judge, K6TVN, 2818 Joaquin Dr., Burbank, CA 91504. Thanks to Chuck for this timely tip!!

Gary has called to attention that the Pub session scheduled for the Sept. 14 issue of DX News will conflict with attendance at the NRC N.J. Convention over the Labor Day weekend. So that deadline date will be rescheduled to either one week earlier or later. Final decision will be made later this Spring.

CPC TESTS

Three tests remain as of press time—hopefully WGAR will be OFF as scheduled for the two 1220 Tests.

- 3/16 WRIB-1220 Providence, RI 0300-0330 ELT using 1000 watts non-directional Mon. with 5000 hz. tones and format similar to the recent WHJJ test. Both voice and code ID's will be used. Reports to: Craig Healy, Technical Department WRIB, 200 Water St., E. Providence, RI 02914. Arranged by Craig Healy/NRC.
- 3/16 WKBK-1220 Keene, NH still tentatively 0000-0030 ELT with format Mon. similar to WRIB above. Reports to: Lindsay Collins- CE, WKBK, 13 Lamson St., Keene, NH 03431. Arranged by Craig Healy/NRC.
- 3/23 WJCM-960 Sebring, FL 0230-0330 ELT using voice ID's, various tones Mon. and march music. NO code ID's. Reports to Jim Kowalski-Engineer, WJCM-AM 96, P.O. Box 1766, Sebring, FL 33870. NO phone calls please as Jim will be running this test all alone, but he will keep a detailed log of all music, tones and ID's for verifications. Arranged by Paul Kowalski/NRC.

THEY JOINED

Welcome to the following new members. Muse soon and introduce yourselves!!!

- Joseph J. Bruns, 1220 Stratford Lane, Hanover Park, IL 60103
- David A. Houde, P.O. Box 2757, Springfield, VA 22152
- Jerry K. Blake, 2015 Klug Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46818

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Remember, the March 23rd issue is the last of the weeklies. Contribute NOW!!

THE WORLD'S OLDEST AND LARGEST ALL MEDIUM-WAVE DX CLUB

DOMESTIC DX DIGEST

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Here is the NRC column which is about as exciting as a rock fight.... with real rocks! Remember, when sending your items in, please keep them on one side of the paper, type or neatly print, skip a line between items, ELT. Tips can not be returned. They are recycled by the great Elmo Wiffleweather. Elmo hasn't been feeling to well lately, though, some of Jerry Starr's tips gave him heart-burn! Here goes:

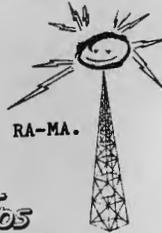
SPECIAL:

- 640 WHLO OH AKRON - Carriers the Enterprise Net. "Sportstalk" show on MM only, has Larry King the rest of the week. This replaces WAKR on the 2/2/81 King List, WAKR is back to music AN once again. (JS-OH)
- 1290 WWSA GA SAVANNAH - Per recent verie, Box 1247 is their new address, the rest stays the same, change log! (RA-MA)
- 1300 WXRL NY LANCASTER - Evidently now on fulltime, noted very strong 2/8 0055. (JB-NY)
- 1460 WCMB PA HARRISBURG - Now features a CW format, dropping Top 40. Remains NSP. (DS-DE)
- 1550 WQQM WI MADISON - Format: CW. (MK-WI)

DX TESTS:

- 1080 KPRX Tentative by JS-OH.
- 1260 WMUU Heard by NZ-NE, JS-OH.
- 1440 WGIG Heard by DS-DE, WPT-DC, CK-OH, TB-DC, NZ-NE, RA-MA. Not heard by MK-WI.

WJET RADIO



CKRB
1480 BEAUCHE

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1490

FREQ. CHECKS:

- 2nd Mon. . .KVSH-940 w/TT per list. (KO-IL)
- 4th Mon. . .WBCB-1490 w/TT. (RA-MA)
- 4th Tue. . .WKEN-1600 not heard. (DS-DE)
- 3rd Wed. . .WFLI-1070 w/mx, on 50 kw day power. (TB-DC)
- KKIT-1340 w/TT, voice ID's. (NZ-NE)

To give you a treat, the WCHE-1520 f/c was done on the 4th MM this month instead of the usual 4th Tuesday. WKBW was off then so the service who measures the frequency had no problems. We'll be back to the 4th Tues. AM in March.

WBCB

MIDDAY - MIDNIGHT:

- 540 KNOE LA MONROE - 2/8 1840 in good w/KWMT looped, wx, ID. (KO-IL)
- KNMX NM LAS VEGAS - 2/8 1945 weak w/SS, ID then s/off, my 3rd NM. (KO-IL) This guy must get out well! (DS)
- 570 WNAX SD YANKTON - 1/30 2305 fair/good w/little WIND splash w/local Ekb scores. (KO-IL)
- 610 CKTB ON ST. CATHERINES - 1838 good w/WTVN looped. (IH-MI)
- 640 WHLO OH AKRON - 2/1 2114 fair w/ID o/weak KPI/Cuban. (KO-IL)
- 680 WPTF NC RALEIGH - 2/8 1746-1805 MoR/Top 40 mx, "Total Radio 68" mentions, hope they verie! (TF-PA) Should. (DS)
- 690 KUSD SD VERMILLION - 2/23 1859 w/s/off, mention of FM and 1000 watts, u/or equal w/CBF. (IH-MI)
- KXXX KS COLBY - 2/19 1330 good w/service station ad then farm nx and prices. (RHP-CO)
- WVOK AL BIRMINGHAM - 2/1 1820-1830 u/CBF w/"AL Best County Mx" ID, s/off w/no SSB, poor-fair signal. (DC-ON)
- WTIX LA NEW ORLEANS - 2/1 1822 poor u/WVOK/CBF w/rock mx, ID. (DC)
- WAPE FL JACKSONVILLE - 2/8 1805-1820 noted w/new country format, ID's as "The Spirit of Country", veried on CMI (TF-PA) Better than the one I've got, a picture of the PD sitting in front of the station! (DS)
- 710 KEEL LA SHREVEPORT - 1/30 2353 in good w/rr, ID, nx on hour, no problem w/WGN. (KO-IL)
- 730 KWOA MN WORTHINGTON - 2/18 1844 poor at s/off w/CKAC/KSUD/KWRE and friends w/s/off, mentions owners, FM. (RL-KY)
- CHYR7 ON LEAMINGTON - 2/18 1818 fair w/Top 40 mx, local florist ad, ID as "CHYR." (WPT-DC)
- KWRE MO WARRENTON - 2/1 1813 CW mx, weather, ID. (BL-OH)
- WMTC KY VANCELEVE - 2/23 1806 w/nx, wx, then s/off at 1813, u/CHYR. (IH-MI)

- 730 WFMW KY MADISONVILLE - 2/23 1820 weak u/CHYR. NO ID noted but did hear Madisonville mentioned in ad. (IH-MI)
- CKDM MB DAUPHIN - 1/30 2353 in good w/rock mx, nx, ID on hour, no problem from WGN. (KO-IL)
- 740 WKIS FL ORLANDO - 2/18 1816 fair u/CBL w/wx for Central FL. (WPT)
- 810 CJVA NB CARAQUET - 2/10 2350 soft FF vocal noted followed by s/off at 0001 followed by Oh Canada! (DC-ON) So they're NOT AN! Then who has FF here MM's? (DS)
- 850 KOA CO DENVER - 2/7 2115 w/Denver vs. Golden State Game. (BL-OH) What game was that? Flashing? (DS)
- UNID 2/15 w/SS tele-talk, noted 1912, very strong. (IH-MI)
- KEYH TX HOUSTON - 2/15 1916 w/ID "KEYH Houston Texas signing off" then no sign of the UNID SS after that. Could KEYH be SS? (IH-MI) Do you often talk to yourself? (DS)
- 860 KONO TX SAN ANTONIO - 2/7 1825 w/Valentine promo, ID. (BL-OH)
- UNID 2/17 1758 & 2/18 1757, someone noted here playing taps, who might this be? (TB-DC) WTAP, who else! (DS)
- WOAY WV OAK HILL - 2/19 1800 s/off w/no SSB, mention of FM 94 for the best in country stereo. (TB-DC)
- 900 WLSI KY PIKEVILLE - 2/21 1800-1816 w/death notices then s/off. (IH)
- 920 CFLS PQ LEVIS - 2/21 1827 good w/FF ID, MoR mx in EE. (IH-MI)
- 930 WLBL WI ALBURDALE - 2/21 1830 w/ID only above others. (IH-MI)
- KROE WY SHERIDAN - 2/19 1925-1933 w/CW mx, into complete s/off w/no anthem, mentions 5000 watts daytime. (NZ-NE)
- 940 WKGM VA SMITHFIELD - 2/19 s/off 1745 w/no SSB, mentions of "The Best in Christian Music." (TB-DC)
- WINZ FL MIAMI - 2/11 1813 w/ID after wx then Top 40 mx, fair to good w/WWJ splash. (IH-MI)
- 960 KMA IA SHENANDOAH - 2/23 1826 w/sports nx, then Howard Cosell sports report. (IH-MI)
- 970 WDAY ND FARGO - 2/23 1838-1850+ great signal w/MOR mx, promo, no sign of semi-local WKHM, then gone to WWSW. (IH-MI)
- 1000 WVOV AL HUNTSVILLE - 2/16 1749-1801 ID'ing as "The Super Country Powerhouse of the Tennessee Valley," CW mx, ada. (TF-PA)
- WMUF TN PARIS - 2/10 1832 good in WCFL null w/rr, s/off, didn't give city. Isn't this illegal? (RL-KY) No, it's unlawful! Illegal is a sick bird! (DS)
- 1010 KLRA AR LITTLE ROCK - 2/7 1920 tentative w/CW mx, PSA for AR Bar Assoc. (BL-OH) 2/14 2253-2323 CW mx, PSA for Little Rock Police Dept., CBS nx, WINS nulled, reported. (TF-PA)
- KXEN MO ST. LOUIS - 2/10 1831 good w/ID then gospel show. (RL-KY)
- 1100 WLBG GA CARROLLTON - 2/20 1820 weak in WWWE null w/Bulletin Board items, station address then faded. (CK-OH)
- 1110 WTBQ NY WARWICK - 2/15 1730-1731 detailed s/off, no SSB, after WJAR pulled their plug for the day. (TF-PA)
- WZAM VA NORFOLK - 2/15 1732-1745 rock mx, ID's. S/off mentions K-94 FM and to write them a letter if you want them on at night, will a report do? (TF-PA) U/WJAR here all day. (DS)
- 1130 WNEW NY NEW YORK - 2/23 2231 u/KWKH w/lady DJ, ID, poor sig. (MK-WI)
- 1150 KIMM SD RAPID CITY - 2/23 1909-1914 ad then Paul Harvey's "Rest of the Story", s/off followed. (MK-WI)
- CKY MB BRANDON - 2/22 2110 fair-poor in noise w/wx, ID. (MK-WI)
- WIMA OH LIMA - 2/24 2250-2300 MOR mx, ID then female annc'r w/news, no sign of CKOC. (RN-IL)
- KWKY IA DES MOINES - 2/24 2310-2330 sports, wx then gospel mx, fair signal til tune out. (RN-IL)
- 1170 KVOO OK TULSA - 2/7 2102 CW mx u/WVVA. (BL-CH)
- KSTT IA DAVENPORT - 2/18 2134 unusually strong w/usual Top 40 mx, uncommon here. (KO-IL) To much UNcola! (DS)
- 1210 KGYN OK GUYMAN - 1855-1900 2/7 CW mx, UPI nx, failed to give legal ID on hour. No WCAU tonite! (BL-OH) (RPH)
- 1240 KRDO CO COLORADO SPRINGS - 2/19 1815-1845 noted w/rock mx, ID.
- 1250 CHWO ON OAKVILLE - 2/20 2220-2245 Bible pounder preacher then Oakville Braves hockey, mixing w/WTAE. (TF-PA) 2/18 1930 fair w/WTAE/WTMA w/ID saying they serve the large population in the Hamilton area, then FF stuff. (RL)
- 1300 WKXI MS JACKSON - 2/7 2000 soul mx w/legal ID on hour, calls self "13 Kixy", SBN news. (BL-OH)
- WCLG WV MORGANTOWN - 2/14 1800 good at s/off w/FM mention. (TW-ON)
- WQBK NY RENNSALAER - 2/15 1715 short appearance w/call and program notes, u/o WKCY. (TW-ON)
- 1360 KSCJ IA SIOUX CITY - 2/18 2310 good w/ID, ad, nx. (RPH-CO)
- WGFA IL WAUKEGAN - 2/1 1829 s/off w/FM mention. (BL-OH)
- WKAT FL MIAMI - 2/20 1835 nx on Ft. Lauderdale item, ad for Miami Car Dealer then jazz in WSAI null, no ID heard. (CK-OH)
- 1370 KEEN OR SAN JOSE - 2/18 2300 weak w/ID, UPI nx. (JW-OR)
- 1380 WYNK LA BATON ROUGE - 2/7 1823 doing a number of WQHK w/CW mx, ID, ads, PSA's. (BL-OH) OK....how about #7? (DS)

1390 KJAM SD MADISON - 2/22 1859 good signal at s/off w/FM ment. (MK)
 1400 KNND OR COTTAGE GROVE - 2/20 1458 fair w/ID, nx, 50's mx. (JW-OR)
 WKPT TN KINGSFORT - 2/15 1820 w/MOR mx, ID's, u/WMZK. (JH-MI)
 1410 WIZM WI LACROSSE - 2/18 2240 good w/ID, temp., rock mx. (RPH-CO)
 1420 WCOJ PA COATESVILLE - 2/15 1744 very strong w/promo for local church broadcast at 2100 that same eve. (JB-NY)
 1430 WVAM PA ALTOONA - 2/15 1741 good signal w/Sears ad. (JB-NY)
 1440 KXLL ND GRAND FORKS - 2/23 2350 w/ID then into rr. (MK-WI)
 1460 KYSN CO COLORADO SPRINGS - 2/19 1338 good w/rock, wx. (RPH-CO)
 1470 CHOW ON WELLAND - 2/19, 2/20 2130 mixing w/semi local WSNAN w/CW mx. WSNAN ran apology for interference from CHOW in talk show saying antenna problems at CHOW couldn't be corrected due to cold weather in Welland! (TF-PA) Must be cold all year there then, CHOW is a pest here! (DS)
 1480 WLEA NY HORNELL - 2/20 1740 female annc'r w/s/off into lengthy America the Beautiful. (TB-DC)
 1490 WBTA NY BATAVIA - 2/18 1730 good w/time check followed by AM/FM calls (WBTf Attica) then nx, sports. (TW-ON)
 WESB PA BRADFORD - 2/18 1715 fair signal warning of s/off for 2 hours, didn't give reason. (TW-ON) Time to turn on the street lights in Bradford! (DS)
 WJNL PA JOHNSTOWN - 2/18 1745 peaking o/mess w/tele-talk. (TW-ON)
 1500 WKER NJ POMPTON LAKES - 2/21 1730 s/off very strong w/no sign of WTOP. (JB-NY)
 WTOP DC WASHINGTON - 2/21 1730 very strong w/no sign-off and no sign of WKER! (JF-NJ)
 1550 WRHC FL CORAL GABLES - 2/7 1811 SS talk til s/off in both SS and accented EE. (BL-OH)
 WSAO MS SENATOBIA - 2/7 1840 nx, wx, ID. (BL-OH)
 WFFM PA BRADDOCK - 2/15 1802 good w/dual AM/FM ID then s/off. (JB)
 WYNA NC RALEIGH - 2/15 1752-1800 Old Time Gospel hymn sing, detailed s/off w/no SSB. (TF-PA)
 1570 WFLR NY DUNDREE - 2/16 1745-1747 detailed s/off w/mention of WFLR-FM 95.9, verie back in 5 days! (TF-PA)
 WPGM PA DANVILLE - 2/16 1745 s/off w/mention of FM, no SSB. (TF-PA)
 KMYZ OK PRYOR - 2/12 1900 good w/CW mx, s/off w/no SSB. (RL-KY)
 1580 WCRV NJ WASHINGTON - 2/1 1730 PSA for Phillipsburg Job Service, then s/off w/no SSB. (DC-ON)
 1590 WCCL MS JACKSON - 2/12 1902 fadey w/Dixie National Rodeo update, CW mx. (RL-KY) Real hot item, Rodeo news! (DS)
 1600 WNEU WV WHEELING - 2/2 1756-1759 rock mx then s/off, mention of leaving dial at 1600, poor u/CHNR. (DC-ON)

MIDNIGHT - MIDDAY:

560 KWTO MO SPRINGFIELD - 2/22 0535 ID noted then faded. (CK-OH) 2/22 0121-0126 w/Mac Davis, Merle Haggard mx, using slogan "Country 56 in the Ozarks," strong at times, a real surprise here. (JB-NY) Nice catch, Jerry. (DS)
 570 WNAX SD YANKTON - 2/22 0138-0203 w/station jingle, faded out, then back w/wx for the Dakotas. (CK-OH)
 630 CFBK ON HUNTSVILLE - 2/12 1134 finally heard rather weak in CFCO null. (JB-NY)
 KOH NV RENO - 2/16 0423 good signal on ET w/ID's, mx, wx, using 5000 watts non-DA. (RT-CA)
 760 KFMB CA SAN DIEGO - 2/16 0530 noted of this AM. (RT-CA)
 790 KEKA CA EUREKA - 2/17 0309 ET w/ID noted, u/KABC. (RT-CA)
 860 WLBG SC LAURENS - 2/15 0243 good on ET w/CW mx w/full ID noted, then OC, o/u HILR. (BHW-IL) (RT-CA)
 CFPR BC PRINCE RUPERT - 2/16 0401 good w/s/off w/GSTQ, KTRB off. 2/16 0406 after CFPR s/off, another GSTQ was noted but much weaker, LPRT? (RT-CA)
 UNID
 CBKF2 SK SASKATOON - 2/16 0748 on top w/FF program. (RT-CA)
 910 KNEF CA OAKLAND - 2/21 0145 fair w/CW mx, sports, among UNIDS. (JW)
 950 CFBK NE ST. JOHN - 2/22 0135 good signal w/no sign of usual pest WBen. (JB-NY) WBen was probably off that AM. (DS)
 970 WDAY ND FARGO - 2/15 0138 very good w/CW mx, ID, o/XEJ. Was looking for WFLA which didn't show. (BHW-IL)
 1000 WIQT NY HORSEHEADS - 2/23 0126-0130 ending ET w/OC, ID just before WCFL pulled their plug at 0130, very weak. (RA-MA)
 1050 CKAL BC VERNON - 2/20 0505 strong w/CW mx, wx, 'See-Cal' ID. (JW)
 1090 WFCV IN FT. WAYNE - 11/5 0730 heard at s/on, station was alone for 5 minutes! (RN-IL) Oh yeah? Where'd you hide this tip? On a slow boat to China? (DS)
 1110 WBT NC CHARLOTTE - 2/19 0230-0310 after years of trying due to sporadic KFAB SP's, a sure log on this one w/CW mx, truckers wx, w/CHQT/CKJD, and I believe a weak KRLA behind, but no sure ID. (NZ-NE)

1150 CKOC ON HAMILTON - 2/2 0036 w/rook mx, WIMA off. (BL-OH) 2/24 0135-0150 rock mx, way atop at this time. (RN-IL)
 WDEL DE WILMINGTON - 2/6 0157 overtook the CKOC/WJBO mess w/up-tempo MoR mx, jingle ID, new state for me. (BHW-IL)
 1180 VOA FL MARATHON KEY - 2/16 0630 fair w/Yankee Doodle theme, followed by SS talk. (RT-CA)
 1210 WKNX MI SAGINAW - 2/10 0740 wx w/Jon McMurray. (BL-OH)
 1220 CJOC AB LETHBRIDGE - 2/19 0057 local ad, ID'ed as "See-jock", weak w/UNID. (JW-OR)
 1240 WRTA PA ALTOONA - 2/21 0625 w/mention of WRTA Sports then quickly faded, still needed, will keep trying. (TF-PA)
 WSEW PA SELINGSGROVE - 2/21 0638 noted w/jingle ID. (TF-PA)
 WGVW NY GENEVA - 2/8 0100 good at s/off w/SSB. (JB-NY)
 UNID
 1250 WTMA SC CHARLESTON - 2/8 0109 fair signal mixing w/WTAB. (JB-NY)
 1290 KGVO MT MISSOULA - 2/20 0354 strong w/ID, CW mx, wx. (JW-OR)
 1310 WIBA WI MADISON - 2/9 0104 CBS nx then s/off. (BL-OH)
 1350 KRLC ID LEWISTON - 2/20 0331 fair w/rock mx, ID, ads. (JW-OR)
 1370 WTAB NC TABOR CITY - 2/12 0612 w/spot cluster, CW mx, no sign of the usual WSPD. (JS-OH)
 KSOP UT SALT LAKE CITY - 2/20 0228-0232 w/CW mx and one ID noted. Clear signal u/heavy UNID OC, lost to TT. Another new night operation on the air. (NZ-NE)
 1390 WVOV IL CHICAGO - 2/9 0109 unusually good signal w/ID noted as "1390 V-O-N." (JB-NY)
 1400 WPEC PA HARRISBURG - 2/21 0649-0656 ID's, nx by Candy somebody, rock mx. (TF-PA) No comment-hi! (DS)
 KART ID JEROME - 2/19 0114 local wx, ID, w/UNID's, female annc'r, "Super Country, KART." (JW-OR) (JB-NY)
 CKCB ON COLLINGWOOD - 2/8 0205 on top w/"The All Nite Music Party."
 KTFS TX TEXARKANA - 2/16 0208-0215 ET w/OC, pop mx, one ID. (NZ)
 1420 KUJ WA WALLA WALLA - 2/19 0123 fair w/jazz, PSA. (JW-OR)
 1440 WAJR WV MORGANTOWN - 2/23 0151 noted on ET "for equipment adjustment purposes only." (TB-DC)
 1450 WKAL NY ROME - 2/12 1141 weak, fading in CHUC null, local WWG-1460 was off the air til after 1300. (JB-NY)
 1460 WVOX NY CHARLESTON - 2/23 0100 good w/BBD mx, ID, time ckeck. (WPT)
 NY NEW ROCHELLE - 2/8 0624-0626 nx for West Chester county, ID, thru WCMB, another most wanted. (TF-PA)
 WOKO NY ALBANY - 2/15 0650-0705 church service, ID's as Albany's First Country station. (TF-PA)
 1470 CJVB BC VANCOUVER - 2/17 0331 fair w/s/off, w/UNID. (RT-CA)
 1510 KDKO CO LITTLETON - 2/16 0521 ID, time check, jazz mx, alone at tune in but later another u/, probably WLAC. (RT-CA)
 WINU IL HIGHLAND - 2/3 0103-0112 ET w/TT, Anne Murray mx then off w/ID. (NZ-NE)
 1520 KSIB IA CRESTON - 2/20 0123-0218 noted on ET w/TT and sweeps, several voice ID's given. (TB-DC) Nice one, Tom! (DS)
 WCHE PA WEST CHESTER - 2/23 0150-0432 ET w/various mx, many ID's, some TT, requesting calls and reception reports, WKBW off all morning, at times, like a local here! (RA-MA) 2/23 0215-0330 ET w/BBD mx, lots of ID's, etc. (TB-DC)
 1540 KXEL IA WATERLOO - 2/23 0059 noted w/s/off. (TB-DC)
 1550 WYNX GA SMYRNA - 2/23 0401 non-stop church mx, ID noted at 0401, didn't mention ET, is he fulltime now? (TB-DC) Yes! (DS)
 1570 WQTW PA LATROBE - 2/19 0058 noted on ET w/mx. (TB-DC)
 WYTI VA ROCKY MOUNT - 2/12 0630 w/clear ID after CW mx then into Mutual nx. (JS-OH) I thought Rocky Mount was Paul's brother? (DS)
 WGHG GA CLAYTON - 2/12 0559 very loud w/s/on, PSA power given as 286 watts, slight change from power listed in log. Smashed by local WTCL at 0600. (JS-OH)
 1580 KNIX AR TEMPE - 2/14 0334-0440 in/out weakly w/CW mx, MST time checks, new state for me. (DC-ON)
 WPGC MD MORNINGSIDE - 2/12 0701 smashing WJIK w/two-word s/on, "WPGC Morningside" then into RS. (JS-OH)
 WJIK NC CAMP LEJEUNE - 2/12 0700 over all w/s/on, mentioning 5000 watts critical-hours power. (JS-OH)
 1600 WPDC PA ELIZABETHTOWN - 2/7 0645 woman annc'r, CW mx, rarely heard here. (TF-PA) U/WKEN here days, Tony. (DS)

RAN-DUMBS:

JERRY STARR reports that he has contacted the late Joe Brauner's wife, Marty in regards to Joe's verification collection. Jerry is planning a trip to the land of the ground-hog and pick up the verifications, which will be on display at the NJ NRC CONVENTION along w/those from Norm Maguire. Should be a interesting exhibit of radio history!

1510 US VIRGIN ISLANDS reggae mx xlnt 2137.
 1510 WLAC Nashville nx, sports xlnt o/WITS.
 1510 WNLC New London Conn. ID, T40 song fair u/WITS 2128.
 1520 WKBW Buffalo T40 mx, ghost film spot, nx, wx xlnt 1145.
 1520 WRAI Hato Rey Puerto Rico xlnt 2138.
 1530 WCKY Cincinnati wx during nx xlnt 1140.
 1540 WKIE Richmond wx after nx fair 2106.
 1540 WPTR Albany spot for planetarium fairgood 2122.
 1540 BAHAMAS Nasaau start of religious pgm fair 1930.
 1555 CAYMAN ISLANDS calypso mx, wx xlnt 0219.
 1560 WRSJ Bayamon Puerto Rico restaurant spot, nx good-xlnt 2132.
 1570 CKLM Montreal T40 mx, FF good 0213.
 1580 CBJ Chicoutimi FF fair 1146.
 1580 WPGC Morningside-Md. s/off good 2215.
 1590 WQQW Waterbury Ct. spot, T40 fair 2043.
 1600 WLuz Bayamon Puerbo Rico SS xlnt 2210.
 1600 WRRL New York end of religious pgm, ID fair-good 0359.

And the start of a really huge column.....

525 COSTA RICA R. Rumbo 2/18 1051 quiet LA mx, long annts between songs, TC's, "Rumbo en Costa Rica" ID's. (W-M)
 550 CUBA GMAN good o/CFNB w/R. Rebelde ID, SS talk about USSR 0447 2/24. Someone reported this in EE //600 recently but this has not been noted here. (Connelly) Yep, they are really here in EE at times but if there is any rhyme or reason to when I can't discern it-CH
 585 SPAIN Madrid fair w/man and woman in SS; bits of other audio (chanting?) way undrneath 0442 2/24. (Connelly)
 660 HONDURAS HRN 2/18 0200 frequent ID's as "HRN". Solid signal, long snct in SS concerning water pumps and insufficient water. HRN was in most of the evening. (W-M)
 700 GUATEMALA R. Mundial 2/18 0300 or thereabouts (I went for a game of pool while Dave logged this) ID, gave telephone #, LA pops and soft vocal mx. (M-W)
 711 FRANCE Rennes poor w/woman in FF through bad WOR slop 0449 2/24. (Connelly)
 745 UNID 2/18 0315 noted in passing with strong signal and LA mx. Presume to be the Ecuadorian but no attempt made to ID. Have noted stn on this freq before, sometimes with that distinct Ecuadorian mx, but never able to ID. (W-M)
 750 EL SALVADOR R. Nacional, heard man give ID then s/off with anthem at 0700. The 80 WRTH does not list any El Salvador stn on 750 but a R. Nacional on 760 so has it moved? (George) I have heard many El Salvador stns relaying Radio Nacional since their troubles started so it is hard to say who this is-CH
 750 NICARAGUA YNX putting in a local like signal with rock, plays, folk music 0300 2/22. (George)
 715 UNID there was someone here at 0400 with extremely loud het. Who might this be? (George) LV de Portoviejo is here but I wonder if they would ever put in an extremely loud het-CH
 756 WEST GERMANY Braunschweig poor w/man in GG 0455 2/24. (Con)
 760 GUATEMALA R. Super 0512 2/18, singing ID. (W-M)
 760 MEXICO XEABC 2/18 1305 ranchera mx, ID. (W-M)
 774 SPAIN synchros good w/SS talk, upbeat instrumental mx 0456 2/24. Feeble TIW-775 het occasionally present. (Connelly)
 834 BELIZE R. Belize 2/18 in all evening to the best level I have ever heard from this stn. Usual programming with local annts. (W-M)
 905 UNID 2/18 0415 LA mx but too poor to ID. Is there anyone else here but the Ecuadorian R. Espactaculo? (W-M) Radiopolis, El Salvador is here too-CH
 1005 UNID 2/18 0435 some LA mx and EE vocals. Weak signal and they never ID'ed so gave up after 15 minutes. (W-M) R. Colossal returned-CH
 1200 VENEZUELA/CUBA unid Venezuelan hrd with NA at 0500 2/14 o/u Cuba w/SS nx about workers. (Connelly)
 1206 FRANCE Bordeaux fair w/man in FF then into Muzak 0529 2/23. (Connelly)
 1210 CUBA Holguin CMKD o/u WCAU w/typical political nx in SS 0457 2/14. Cx slightly auroral on low end of the band at the time. (Connelly)
 1467 MONACO Monte Carlo good w/talk by man then music box IS at 0514; carrier off at 0515 2/24. (Connelly)

1503 POLAND Stargard poor to fair w/talk by man and woman, fast fading evident 0521 2/23. (Connelly)
 1506.9 UNID carrier, bits of mx 0520 2/23. (Connelly)
 1512 SAUDI ARABIA Jeddah poor w/bits of AA mx in bad slop from WITS 0312 2/23. (Connelly)
 1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba in w/massive signal, stronger than WKBW about 20% of the time; AA talk, single musical tone on the hour, mention of Arabiyah and Saudia, then male AA chant followed 0259-0303 2/23. This is the only Asian regularly heard on portable radios here. (Connelly)
 1530 VATICAN R. Vatican really bombing WCKY: Slavic talk by man and woman and numerous Vatican mentions atop channel 60% of the time 0514 2/23. (Connelly)
 1548 ENGLAND low key British EE talk by man then Slim Whitman record; local ID not heard. 0538 2/23. (Connelly)
 1554t GABON drum beating w/no voices or other instruments 0510 2/23. (Connelly) Frustrating-CH
 1557 FRANCE Nice poor to fair w/woman in FF, heavily slopped by WQXR 0345 2/23. (Connelly)
 1566 TUNISIA/SWITZERLAND Sfax stop w/putrageous 39+30 dB signal and AA chanting/drumming well atop presumed Sarnen w/Chuck Mangione type jazz 0508 2/23. (Connelly)
 1575 ITALY Genos very good despite CKLM pest; American and Italian pop mx, II talk by woman 0545 2/23. This is clearly the best II signal at this QTH because 846 suffers from WHDH QRM and 1332 gets blitzed by WDLW. (Connelly)
 1584 UNIDS strong carrier pile; besides hints of the usual Spaniards someone noted here w/AA talk-most of the time just a big jumble like a US graveyard channel 0505 2/23. (Connelly)
 1593 WEST GERMANY Langenberg fair w/pop/MoR mx at 0315 and loud w/man in GG 0502 2/23. (Connelly)
 And now the previously misplaced 800's section.....
 840 UNID but very interesting. Just tuned in to this one at 0400 in time to catch an ID and then tuned away as it faded. Started out with what I would describe as teletype or Morse code keying (the type of thing used to make newscasts sound more important than they really are) interspersed with what was definitely short bits of mx from Jaws. ID was R. Guayaquil according to the best LA DX'ers at the University of Manitoba DX club who listened to the tape. Could this be R. Costa Azul listed in the WRTH relaying Radio Guayaquil news? The bearing of this Beverage is in line with an Ecuadorian logging as all loggings run in a line through CA and Ecuador. None of the usual strong Colombians or Venezuelans hrd this night. (W-M)
 864 FRANCE Paris good w/AA mx 0459 2/24. (Connelly)
 882 GREAT BRITAIN Washford BBC good w/ 5 short pips, 1 long pip, then nx in EE 0500 2/24. (Connelly)
 890 HONDURAS R. Honduras 2/18 0255 heavily accented EE news, weather report for the Atlantic coast from the Honduran weather bureau. Told to tune in again at the same time for more news. Into SS at 0300 with "Radio Honduras presento" ID. Very good signal, in the clear. (W-M)

This lengthy thing came to you from.....

Mark Connelly-Billerica, Ma. HQ180A, SM2
 Charles George-Dallas, Texas RF2600, SM2
 Barry Wasylik & Dave McBride-Holland, Man. SPR4, 2000' 180° Beverage, 3000' 270° Beverage

And if you are looking for more IDXD it ain't there...



KJNP - STATION PROFILE

JERRY STARR

Don Nelson and his wife Gen moved from their native Minneapolis to Alaska in 1955 where they began their work as missionaries. Having been a flyer in the Army, Don soon found himself a bush pilot, flying endless hours over the wilderness to bring the word to the scattered villages.

In the early '60s Don discovered an easier way to spread his message: Radio! After getting a taste of broadcasting by buying a half hour of time on a Fairbanks station, the Nelsons decided to dedicate themselves to purchasing their own station. At first, negotiations were begun with KFRB but, despite a number of large donations from his followers, they couldn't raise the \$150,000 needed. The station was soon sold to another bidder.

Putting behind this first stumbling block, the Nelsons decided to build their own station from scratch. Since 57 acres of land was available as a donation in North Pole, it was decided this should be the location. North Pole is a small (population 265) village with a rather misleading name, in fact it's not even inside the Arctic Circle. North Pole is actually located about 25 miles southeast of Fairbanks on the Tanana River. As distances go in Alaska, it qualifies as a suburb.

As would continue to be the story, KJNP got off the ground with the help of people who donated their services. Cleveland, Ohio's Carl Smith, the "father of the directional antenna" offered to prepare the engineering and FCC application and was responsible for the choice of 1170 kHz. Nelson flew to Cleveland and, in just three weeks, the application was ready to be filed with the FCC. The date was January 26, 1966. The FCC granted the construction permit in only seven months.

Next came the problem of the necessary equipment. Finding that freight alone would cost over \$10,000, that famous Alaskan pioneer spirit took over again. Don decided to fly to the lower 48, buy a used truck and trailer and bring the equipment back himself. From Minneapolis where the truck was purchased, Don and a friend drove to Oklahoma City where the tower sections were loaded on the trailer, then off to Quincy, Illinois where, through a near miracle, all the transmitter equipment was stuffed into the small one-ton truck. The gross weight topped out at 22,000 pounds, truck, trailer and radio goodies. Then it was back to Minneapolis since they didn't have enough cash left for gas or insurance for the trip back. Again, generous donations were sought and found.

Anyone who has seen the Pan American Highway would shudder at the thought of two inexperienced truck drivers making the trip, but northward they went. There were the usual flat tires. The tired old truck broke down in the wilderness and parts were salvaged from wrecked cars along the road. Axle-deep mud bogged them down on many occasions but finally one afternoon the load arrived safe and sound at North Pole where volunteers had almost completed the log buildings that were to house the station. Their remaining cash was spent having the tower erected and finally at 6:00 AM on October 11, 1967 the button was pushed and the 10,000 watt KJNP was on the air, the call letters standing for King Jesus North Pole.

After several years it was determined that 10KW was not enough power, especially to reach the remote villages during the long hours of daylight in the Alaskan summer, so it was back to Carl Smith who prepared an application for 50,000 watts with a two-tower directional system protecting KVOO and WWVA. On March 28, 1969 this was granted. Having accumulated some working capital, Don ordered the second tower and had it erected. The transmitter was about to be ordered when vandals cut through three main guy wires and the new tower toppled into 425 feet and \$20,000 worth of scrap. For the Nelsons, it was back to square one, but not for long.

The City of Fairbanks began collecting donations and, when there was enough money to buy another tower, Don once again flew to Minneapolis, purchased another old truck, drove to Oklahoma City and picked up the tower, then on to Chicago to load the co-ax transmission line, and once again up the 2000 miles of mud and gravel road to North Pole. Volunteers assembled what could be done on the ground and a tower crew completed the high work. Now the only problem left was....the transmitter.

Well, you guessed it. It was back to the states where the Nelsons found another truck, this time in Seattle. A trailer was picked up in Chicago, then on to Quincy where the 50KW transmitter was loaded.

In the middle of Iowa the truck's transmission exploded. A dealer in Minneapolis offered to make the repairs so another truck was dispatched to tow the disabled rig back to the garage. Several friends donated the necessary \$500 for parts and once again it was off to the north.

Since winter had set in, mud was not a problem, it was snow, sleet and ice now. Nelson slept in the truck, nearly freezing several nights, making most of the trip in a blinding blizzard. In northern Canada Nelson was met by another station worker who had made the trip in his VW! Two-way radios were installed and the VW went on ahead to radio back warnings of what the road conditions were. Finally in the dead of winter and in the midst of a raging sleet storm, the truck arrived home to KJNP. Two engineers were flown in to supervise the installation, as a gift to the station; no charge.

Fittingly, it was on Christmas Day, 1970 at 12 noon that the 50,000 rig went on the air, broadcasting the message of Don's ministry in four languages-Athabaskan Indian, Inupiat Eskimo, Russian and English.

The story of KJNP is unique in broadcasting and certainly no station can be more proud of it's history. Around the small sod-roofed log buildings that are home for KJNP and it's staff, they're fond of calling it "The Miracle at North Pole"

Ireland's state-run radio keeps hold on listeners

The New York Times

DUBLIN — The American radio executive who reportedly remarked back in the 1950s that "radio is dead" must never have tuned into Irish radio.

Although most homes in Ireland have television sets, Radio Telefis Eireann, the state-owned radio and television company, still broadcasts seven hours of radio drama each week in addition to news programs and talk shows.

This includes the 15-year-old soap opera serial "Harbor Hotel," which is listened to by as many as a quarter of a million people. Equally popular is the evening serial "The Riordans," set in a farming community and adapted from an award-winning television series of the same name.

Also popular are a 75-minute Wednesday afternoon program that presents plays by well-known Irish authors or authors of Irish descent, such as Eugene O'Neill and Sean O'Casey; an hour-long dramatization of Thomas Hardy's "Mayor of Casterbridge" on Friday nights; a weekly play written in the Irish language; two weekly half-hour programs for children, and a Saturday night program of Irish ghost stories.

"Radio drama has had a recession,"

said Patrick J. O'Connor, who heads the radio drama department at RTE, as the station is known, "but it's coming back all over. I think people are tired of the obvious television programs that are written to a formula."

O'Connor says he could fill the airwaves with drama if the station had a second studio for his staff.

Ireland did not get its first television channel until 1961, but the country had an early claim on radio. In 1898, several years before he sent the first trans-Atlantic wireless message, Guglielmo Marconi set up a transmitter on Rathlin Island off County Antrim in Northern Ireland. The station, which provided Lloyd's of London with information on arriving ships, was the world's first commercial radio service. The same year Marconi fitted a tugboat in Kingstown, the present-day Dun Laoghaire, with a transmitter and in effect broadcast the annual Irish regatta.

Ireland's first radio station was set up in 1926 under the Department of Post and Telegraph and among the early broadcasts were live productions from the Abbey Theater. The fact that the station is government-financed accounts for some of its ability to do radio drama. It costs the station \$12,000 at most to do a major production.

Radio Free Europe office hit by bomb

MUNICH, West Germany (UPI) — A series of bomb blasts Saturday rocked the Munich office of the U.S.-funded Radio Free Europe, injuring seven people and causing heavy damage, police said.

The blasts cut off the station's scheduled newscasts, most of which are aimed at Eastern Europe, but regular transmission resumed shortly afterward, the station said.

"The explosions damaged a portion of the building and the blast was felt a considerable distance from the building," the station said. "It's a mess here."

Station officials said they had no idea who was responsible for the ground-floor blasts, which damaged the radio's Czech service, Radio Liberty, located in the building's basement.

The station, which is funded by the United States, employs over 300 people, most of them East European emigrants to the West.

Police released no immediate information on the condition of the seven people injured in the blast and did not identify them.

Cape Cod Times
via
Ernie Cooper

MUSINGS

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RICH IS RE-ORGANIZING

RICH LEVIN - 7311 Cross Creek Boulevard - Louisville, KY - 40228/502-239-5693
 ++++++ I used to think that I was an organized DXer, but of late I've begun to wonder. In the past couple of months I've done the following: I've logged Caribbean Radio Lighthouse-1165 twice, logged WMBC-1400 as WBBS, logged WAIT-820 as WMBI, and logged 4VEC-1035 as 4VEH. But worst of all, WBRT-1320, a station I probably heard (and tried to avoid, hi) a hundred times, I never logged! All of these have been corrected. Oh, well. TONY FITZHERBERT, my WPTV verie was back in about five months as compared to your ten. I believe the cause is an address change, because the old address is marked out on my QSL. It's strange, I'm getting back all the veries I sent for this Summer, and none (well, hardly any) I've sent for since Fall! Least expected was a v/q from KLRA from 8/80, the guy said he's sorry for the latestest! DX: 2/10-Much-wanted KXEN-1010 @ 6:31pm w/GOS singing show. WMUF-1000 @ 6:32 w/rr, s/ off. 2/12; KMYZ-1570 @ 7pm w/c/w mx, s/off. WCCL-1590 @ 7:02 w/Rodeo promo, c/w mx. ZNSI-1540 @ 9:23 // -810 w/Kenny Rogers song. 2/15; CMKD-1220 @ 7:04 pm w/Reloj stuff. 2/18; KWQA-730 @ 6:44 at s/off w/CKAC/KSUD/KWRE w/mention of ownership, FM. CHWO-1250 @ 7:30 w/ID in EE, then FF stuff. I believe this has been asked before, but has HJQZ-1580 had a power increase? Barranquilla to Louisville is a long shot for a kilowatt (hi!). My WRTH and VJ Guide are in, a couple of fine and helpful publications. V/q's in from WBAL-1090, KLRA-1010. 73's.

DX IS AN AVALANCHE AT AMARANTH

MORRIS SORESENSEN - General Delivery - Amaranth, MB - ROB OHO Feb. 15, 1981
 ++++++Time for Muse #2 from Amaranth. I've been unable to find permanent accomodation here & I'm living in a room in a small hotel. That isn't as bad as it sounds DX-wise as few rooms have TV, and the TVI here is considerably less than it was in my previous apartments in Winnipeg & Leaf Rapids. I don't have my main receivers - my HQ-150 and my RF-2800 up here yet but I'm using only my TRF with no external antenna I've heard 139 statilins in 26 states, six provinces and Mexico in less than three weeks of DXing. Some catches since my last Muse include: 2/2; CFUN-1410 @ 11:27pm; CHQM-1320 @ 11:28pm; 2/3; KGBX-1260 @ 12:08am; KOZE-1300 @ 12:19; XEW-900 @ 12:27; CKCK-620 @ 12:33; XEWA-540 o/CBK @ 1:07am; CBOF-1250 u/semi-local CHSM @ 11:38pm; KRGJ-1430 @ 11:41pm. 2/5- KTLK-1280 @ 11:50PM. 2/7- KKO-1390 @ 11:56pm. 2/8- KMA-960 @ 12:01am; KRNT-1350 @ 12:14; CFRN-1260 @ 1am; KCSB-1-860 Ste. Rose du Lac, MB (40w semi-local) @ 12 noon. 2/9- CKKR-1330 @ 7:48pm; CJOK-1230 @ 7:55pm; CJSL-1280 @ 9pm; CJME-1300 also @ 9pm; CJAR-1240, an old friend from Up-North @ 10pm; CHAT-1270 @ 10:05; CJVR-1420 @ 10:06; CKBI-900 @ 10:23pm; WEBC-560 @ 10:27; CFQC-600 @ 10:31; CKRM-980 @ 10:43; CJYR-970 @ 10:45pm; CHAB-800 @ 10:50; KOZY-1320 @ 10:57; KKBJ-1360 @ 11pm; WQHK-1380 @ 11:01; WHLB-1400 @ 11:03; CBJ-1580 @ 11:09pm. 2/10-CFOK-1370 @ 12:07am; KGCC-1480 w/Larry King @ 12:32; KIDN-1350 @ 12:36am; KRWB-1410 @ 10:42pm; KDLR-1240 @ 10:58pm; CHPC-1230 and her "Northern Friend" @ 10:59pm; 2/11- CJWW-1370 @ 12:28am. 2/12- KGFY-1060 @ 11:25pm; CKOC-1150 @ 11:51; WNAX-570 @ 11:59pm. 2/13- KLO-1430 @ 11:42pm; KTLG-1460 @ 10:50pm. 2/14- WDSM-710 @ 2am; KIRO-710 @ 2:08; KGA-1510 @ 8:20am. 2/15- CKTA-1570 @ 12:32am; KIMN-950 @ 12:58; WAYL-980 @ 1; KRKE-590 a surprise @ 1:10am; KCSJ-590 @ 1:26am; KCCR-1240 @ 1:35am s/off; KLLZ-560 @ 1:52am; KTOQ-1340 @ 2:05am. My first Amaranth QSL just arrived from KVGB-1590. Kirkland Lake QSLs have come from R. Paradise, St. Kitts-825 (BCB country #16 QSLed), CISV-1530 & WHJJ-920 (thanks CRAIG HEALY!) 73.

FEBRUARY IS STATIC-RIDDEN

EL MITKUS - 8001 Landmark Circle - Tampa, FL - 33615 813-884-1854 Eves & week-
 ++++++ Time to chip in my 2¢ worth! Many thanks to TONY FITZHERBERT for his nice letter, and to TIM DAVISSON, also to GEORGE GREENE for phone calls! Anyone who wants a Tampa Bay aircheck tape, please write! DX here has been poor, due to a few cold fronts bearing T-storms and showers. Much needed rain, however! I've managed to log TICA-525, Costa Rica for my only newie in the last two weeks. Ernie, when you visited Busch Gardens, did you go on the rides? (Heavens NO! -ERC) I still enjoy the headphones and static of MW DX-ing, but I now also enjoy making new friends through the Club. I welcome letters, caeds, phone calls, etc. 73s to all!

THE ABOVE THREE, AND THE NEXT SEVEN MUSINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN IN LAST WEEK'S DX NEWS, HAD THEY BEEN SENT TO DAVE YOCIS. THEY WERE RECEIVED IN PROVINCETOWN TOO LATE TO BE FORWARDED TO DAVE, HENCE, HAD TO BE HELD BACK FOR THIS ISSUE. DON'T PASS OVER THE FILLERS AT THE BOTTOM AND TOP OF SOME MUSINGS PAGES - AT TIMES THEY DO CONTAIN INFORMATION OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO YOU!

THE WMUU-TEST WAS HEARD, BUT FOR TUGGLE 'T'WAS A STRUGGLE

MIKE TUGGLE - 909 Moores Mill Road - Bel Air, MD - 21014 2/19/81
 ++++++ Important correction to PETER HUNN's recent Mothball Memory, Part II of "Hartford's 1410." WPOP's studio/transmitter must surely be located in Newington, CT - not VT! To have the studio/XR of this second echelon superpest residing in the most needed and wanted state of VT, only to have the license located elsewhere would be most distressing indeed! (I reserve "first echelon" designation for the likes of "KB" & "BZ"). (Mike doesn't type - C and V are of course, next to one another on the typewriter keyboard, and this was ERC's error! -ERC) Once again, as we head into the latter half of the month, SSS DX CX seem to have died off - much as they did in January. The first halves of these months seem to be best for SSS stuff since s/off times are set back into darkness. Of course, in the Fall it's the other way around - last halves seem to be the best. Anyway, the first part of February was one of the best I can remember. Beaucoup new loggings which have already been reported to DDXD. A few stragglers to report: 2/14- WPTN-1270 FL in @ 8:50-8:53pm w/c/w & "TNT" IDs, and being given a hard time by WLIK-TN who was running U. Tenn.-Vanderbilt game. I never thought I'd hear WLIK QRMing anyone! (Incidentally the Night Pattern Book map location for WLIK is way off base - Newport is over on the East fringe of Tennessee, about 40 miles due E of Knoxville). MM 2/16- WMUU-1260-TEST in very weakly 1-2am; I could just make out the repeated format REL mx/one/announcement and a couple mentions of Greenville SC, but not much else. I hope WGIG-1440 decides to show this coming MM. Thanks to JERRY STARR via DAVE SCHMIDT's column for the WNOP ID of my recent 740 unID jazz station. I guess I should have been a little more ambitious and searched the NRC Domestic Log format column to see that this was the likely one. 73's, all.

OF INTEREST TO READERS OF RADIO

PETER HUNN - 649 South Henderson Road - D-514 - King of Prussia, PA - 19406
 ++++++ As the warmer weather approaches, and some DXers take a time out from the dials, a trip to the "Radio & TV" section of the local library may prove interesting. Look for a book by John Dunning, entitled: TUNE IN YESTERDAY. In this fascinating volume, the author sets out to identify and describe (usually a paragraph or two) every network radio program from 1926 to 1976. Many libraries have the NEW YORK TIMES on microfilm. A real radio history buff can spend hours discovering programming facts (name of show, length of program, day/time of broadcast, etc.) in the Sunday edition, Radio Section. Sometimes libraries have a small selection of actual old-time radio programs on cassettes. The combination of books and tapes can really bring this type of radio history to life! It may be interesting to note that the term "old-time radio" may be a bit misleading, as some dramatic radio shows (i.e. Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar) were regular network offerings up until the Fall of 1962! (Mutual's short-lived radio dramas/comedies closed up shop a few months ago, leaving CBS' MYSTERY THEATRE as one of a few such programs on the air). It would be interesting to learn if many NRC members are interested in "Old-Time" style radio. Maybe we could establish a tape trading network. (Does anyone have any info on an ABC radio program from 1953-54 called STARR OF SPACE?) Perhaps with the increasing use of communications satellites, program diversity and audience fractionalization, these shows may be heard again.

860's WHERE THE ACTION IS

NIEL WOLFISH - 15 Donwoods Grove - Toronto, ON - M4N 2X4 Feb. 17, '81
 ++++++ I probably should dedicate this Muse to the illustrious frequency of 860, because all the action this week was on 860. First on 2/9, CBH was heard from 5:20 to 5:34am (when local CJBC turned on their TTs) with the usual CBC type of programming. Then on 2/14, I noticed someone in SS on 1550, so I thought 860 would be worth a try. I was rewarded with a pair of "Ocho Cinquantas", namely PJC-2 in Willemstad who signed off with an SID at 2:01am, and XEUN, R. Universidad who didn't sign off, but also were throwing in similar IDs. One distinguishable ID came at 1:55am. 2/15, at 2:40am, the Late Show on Ch. 4 ended, & I turned on the FRG-7 for a quick listen. I decided to see if XEUN was in on 860, and lo and behold I heard C&W mx instead! Before I could get a tape ready, WLBG (Laurens, SC) had already IDed & signed off. That was #760 heard. Then came MM 2/16...I listened a bit, but fell asleep listening to R. Reloj (Colombia) on 1100. When I woke up, the WMUU-1260-TEST was already gone, so I turned off the radio, and turned in. Nice to see another T.O. member (CHRIS THOMPSON) in the NRC. Bye for now.

PHILOSOPHY ON MUSING

HARRISON PIERCE REED III - 54 1/2 Milton Avenue - Amsterdam, NY - 12010
 ++++++ I hate to get serious, but many comments appear in these pages, & especially in the Musings. A few weeks back, a younger member enthusiastically told us all about getting Arizona (was it?) on 1400 kc/s. (Seemed unlikely, I've never done it...but I've been surprised enough in life to learn that ANYTHING IS possible in this hobby, given the right CX). Some of my best DX landmarks were achieved under poor CX, with even more modest equipment than I possess now. If any person puffs himself up beyond his accomplishments in these pages, he adequately embarrasses himself, without digs &

(H.P.Reed, con'd) cuts from others! You know, to the "novice" (and WHO, really, is qualified to designate another as that?), these pages seem awesome. They did to me in 1963, when I first saw a bulletin. I was intimidated from joining the NRC for years, just because I could not see myself as standing next to those who had logged over 1,000 (& more) stations. So I shied away, wishing I had the nerve to join. I finally did so in 1979, & still made mistakes, even though I had been DXing nearly 20 years. I still make a fool of myself (read IDXD, Vol. 48, #16). But I take a SHOT at it, anyway, & I report what I hear, even if I lack the finesse of older members! Our young colleague who claims to have heard a GY from across the country may actually HAVE heard it, or may have THOUGHT he heard it, or may be trying to "measure up" somehow, to what he sees as the "rest" of us who out-shine him. Be that as it may, I think the editorial slam in another Muse against him was uncalled for! No one but he knows just what he has heard, & he is entitled to handle his hobby in any way that he chooses. And he can say what he chooses in these pages - we ALL do that! "THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THIS COLUMN ARE THOSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THOSE OF THE EDITORS, PUBLISHERS OR N.R.C." it says right at the start. Hey guys and ladies, we ALL get upset at times, & we all see & hear things, the truthfulness of which perhaps we doubt just a bit, but how many of us have been excited in younger years about a "catch" that proved to later be merely mistaken identity (it happened to me; you?). I have logged over 1,000 now, not counting log & frequency changes, & all on a pocket portable. Anyone wish to doubt me? Feel free. I only recently passed the 1,000 mark, but it is a milestone (regardless how humble to some) for me. And that is the point: for ME. I am fond of NRC & I think COURTESY & FAIR PLAY should stand forward. I do not blame the member who doubted to the point of irritation the Arizona GY account. But I question the judgement in voicing his distrust. After all, we are a "fraternity" of sorts. We like to see participation, don't we? If we jump on every utterance from a newer member which causes us question, then how can we expect such a one to Muse again, or even to continue membership after the first year? So I hope the newer member Muses again, & I hope we ALL (including myself) can remember that this Club is not only a collective, it is the personal possession of each of us individually. Let's not allow our personal reactions to spoil it for another - and each man brag as he chooses. Let's take shots at Larry King, the FCC, radio stations which consider us as pests to be ignored, & suchlike, & not poke points at each other. If we're going to be friendly, let's be that, and not critical or mean...and that's my response to that! 73's.

AND A HEARTY WELCOME TO A NEW ONTARIO MEMBER!

DAVID CLARKE - R.R. #5 - Bowmanville, ON - LIC 3K6 Feb. 2, '81 Times EST.
 ++++++ Hello gang! I rejoined NRC a few months ago, and, after reading several interesting Musings from Ontario DXers MIKE CSORRAY, TIM KERFOOT, and now Manitob-ite MORRIS SORENSSEN, I figure it's time to tell what another Ontario DXer is hearing! I've been DXing since 1974, & presently use a TRF (655) for BC8 DX. Some good CX of late, bringing these newies: 1/13- WTRY-980 NY w/rock & 98-T-R Y IDs; CBD-1110 NB @ 11:06pm w/CBC Radio N.B. IDs, w/WBT nulled; and for Province #9 CBK-540 Sask. w/CBC WX & s/off @ 2:05am. On MM 1/19 CKAR-1550 off for rare SP, & KRNT-1350 IA, a surprise, "The People's Choice" ID; good Western CX continued with KKH1-1550 Cal. @ 1:55am w/ID, TC in PST, into cl mx. 1/24 brought WJMO-1490 OH w/promo, ID, & rr. MM 1/26 saw my first TEST logging of year in WSWW, w/nice CIDs & TTs - station #400 here! 1/28 had WDLW-1330 Mass. topping frequency w/F DJ, C&W mx. On to 2/1, with good SSS skip CX bringing three new catches: WCRV-1580 NJ 5:19-5:30pm s/off w/no SSB; then I tuned down to catch WVOK-690 ALA w/C&W mx, s/off @ 6:30pm, leaving WTIK-690 LA w/rr format, ad for Super Dome - a satisfying session. Finally, on the way home from work tonight, I put on my MARK CONNELLY mask (hi!) and logged WNEU-1600, W.Va. w/rock, 6pm s/off on car rx. Totals are now at 405 heard, 264 verified, provinces 9/8, states 37/36. The following veries have trickled in lately: v/l: WXOL-1450 ILL., WJET-1400 Pa.; WJBT-1590 N.Y.; WPAD-1560 Ky.; WEVA-860 Va.; WDAF-610 Mo.; CJNH-1240 Ont.; CHRL-910 P.Q.; WCPC-1450 N.J.; WPGC-1580 Md.; WBCB-1490 Pa.; WSER-1550 Md.; CKBB-950 P.Q.; WLP-630 Ky.; (CE sez first report from Canada); WPHM-1380 Mich.; WKBO-1230 Pa.; WKNY-1490 N.Y.; WEYY-1580-Ala.; WFBZ-1300 Md.; WSN0-1450 for Vt. #1; WIS-560 S.C. & a nice v/l from Steve Apel for WSSJ-1310, N.J. V/q's: CJCH-920 N.S.; KVOO-1170 Okla.; CBZ-970 N.B.; WMAJ-1450 Pa.; WMKR-1550 Wis., WDAD-1450 Pa.; WIFE-1310 Ind.; WJLK-1310 N.J.; KCRB-930 Ont.; & CKRB-1460 P.Q. Well, that's it for this time, more as it happens - keep up the good work ERC; it's appreciated here. Happy Groundhog Day! 73.

TIM HAS A NICE NEW RECEIVER

RAY T. DAVISSON - Box 255 - Cuyahoga Falls, OH - 44222
 ++++++ 2/18 - I lucked out. Here at work the ham radio club is disbanding & has sold me an old Hammarlund HQ-140-XA. It needs some work as there's a defective "stand-by-transmit" switch, but otherwise with the addition of about \$25 of new tubes, it's a very good DX machine. It runs circles around my 1975-vintage SPR-4; less overloading on locals, splash from locals affects it to a much lesser degree, & the features are much better suited to BC8 DXing

(Tim Davison, con'd.) than the Drake. Veries: v/l's from WGIG-1440 per r/c; CFOS-560 Ont. WCUE, I have now heard, is going "big bands, and music of the 30's-thru-70's." Also, they will change calls to WQ--??...so if anybody needs a verie or any other promo material, gather it now. WCUE (and sister WKDD-FM) does verify. Write CE, Henry Neiderkofler. Anybody...does WHIS-1440 W.Va. verify? They didn't in the early 70's. 73. (They did in 1934, Tim! -ERC)

AND WELCOME NOW TO A NEW MEMBER IN SUDSVILLE!

THOMAS STEELE - 2963 North Fratney Street - Milwaukee, WI - 53212 2/19/81
 ++++++ STE-38-38133211 (What is that, Thomas?? -ERC) Greetings, fellow DXers. I've never Mused before, so I'll introduce myself to all of you. I'm 29 years old, married, and have a daughter one week old. I've been DXing MW since 1967. At current, total logged, 1,257 stations, 37 countries and 49 states. I still need Alaska. I just might have to move there to hear them, however, hi. My equipment at present is a modified Panasonic RF-2200 (a great portable). Also I use an "automatic radio" #RCD-3349 car radio with power pac for indoor use. This unit has digital readout on AM & FM. It's quite sensitive & accurate. One drawback however, readout rounds off every 10 kc/s. Still, the price was right, \$99.95 new. My antennas consist of 1) Space Magnet likeness (homemade) without RF amplifier and 2), (my own design) air core circular loop. It measures 13" in diameter and 40" long. Specs include: two windings, primary tuned, 40 turns #18 GU wire about 1" apart with a center tap. This is coupled to a double gang variable capacitor. Secondary is five turns wrapped over primary 8" apart. This hooks to the radio. The core is cardboard 1/2" thick, 13" diameter and 40" long. It can be obtained from an empty barrel in which wire is shipped. It's the supporting core inside the barrel. How it works - great. It has good nulls and excellent gain. It outperforms my previous bulky 4' box loop. The wife likes it too, it's smaller. In the past longwire (Beverage) antennas were used on DX trips with friends. Their performance cannot be equalled with any other antenna in my opinion. I'm sure many of you will agree. The wife and I moved recently into a new apartment. After settling in I flipped on the RF-2200 expecting to hear clean Wintertime DX. Instead to my disappointment across the entire band, click, click, click - erratic, like a Geiger counter, 24 hours a day, only in the house. Twenty feet outside the door, it was gone. Upon investigation I narrowed it to the basement. It turned out to be the gas-fired home heating unit. It has electric spark ignition, 10,000 volts or so. An excessive amount of dust accumulated on the transformer and igniter wire, causing it to arc to ground. Simple cleaning of unit cured the problem. I thought I'd passthis one along. Well anyway, I must be moving on, fatherhood calls. Good DX to all of you and keep Musing. It's my favorite DX reading. Good luck in '81 and God Bless all of you.

+++++ AND NOW, TO THIS WEEK'S MUSINGS ++++++

MARC CATCHES US UP ON HIS SEASON'S DX

MARC DeLORENZO - 102 Goodman's Hill Road - Sudbury, MA - 01776
 ++++++ Greetings. Firstly, I would like to enthusiastically endorse the GE Superadio. In terms of sensitivity & selectivity, I find it to be essentially equal to the TRF. And because of its superior audio quality, I find it to be the finest portable RX available today. For any Massachusetts DXers looking for a bargain, this RX is available for under \$50 at SPAG's in Route 9 in Shrewsbury. End of commercial, & on to DX. Going back to 11/12: WPCP-940 Miss. good o/CBM w/ads & rock mx 5:17-5:21pm; WCSC-1390 SC fair w/ID o/u WEAM 5:25. 11/19- WABS-780 Va. L&C w/Christian program 4:04pm; WHNC-890 N.C. good w/T-40 mx, ads, 4:09-4:13; WPKX-730 Va. "The new pick country" good, atop w/SX, C&W mx 4:39-4:46; WYVA-1550 WV good, atop w/T-40 4:58-4:59 s/off. 11/24- WKIS-740 Fla. fair w/tele-talk, WX 3:56-3:58am; KOA-850 Colo. fair w/tele-talk, IDs 4:24-4:27 o/u WKIX w/WHDE silent; WINGZ-940 Fla. fair-good w/ads o/u Cuban, 4:43. 12/1- KKA-1560 SD fair w/C&W, female LJ 2:55-3am alone on channel. 12/15- WEEL-1310 Va. good, atop w/ID @ 3:30am; CBNN-740 Nfld. fair o/u YVNC @ 4:30am s/on, then into WX. 1/26- CIYQ-680 Nfld. good relaying CJYQ(930) w/ID, NX @ 1:30am o/u CFTR w/WRKO off; WSWU-1590 Wisc. fair on TEST w/TT, CIDs, u/WAKR 1:44-1:52; WPIC-790 Pa. L&C, alone on TEST w/TT, CIDs, VIDS & T-40 mx, 3am. 2/1- WKBA-1550 Va. L&C o/CBE w/preacher 5:54-6pm s/off. 2/5- WTGR-1520 SC good, atop w/ads 5:49-5:54pm. I called the station & played my tape back to the CE. He was impressed with the signal but couldn't really understand why anyone would want to listen to his station, hi. Next was WARR-1520 N.C. good, topping WTGR w/ID, soul mx, 5:55pm; WRBY-1530 N.C. xInt, atop w/NX 5:57-6pm s/off; WRHC-1550 Fla. good w/NX in SS 6:01pm. 2/6- WOBR-1530 N.C. fair, atop w/promo @ 5:30pm, then lost w/WRBX; WYTI-1570 Va. good o/u CKLM w/WX, many ads 5:57-5:59 s/off; WBSC-1550 S.C. L&C w/ads o/WRHC @ 6:01pm. 2/15- Again, WPCP-940 Miss. fair-good o/u CBM w/ads 6:46-6:48pm. Total heard is now at 1,459 - all heard from Eastern Mass. New phone number here is 617-443-9472, 5-11pm. Bye. PS- I really like the copy produced by your new typewriter. It is a 100% improvement! (Thank you, Marc! -ERC)

WHAT D'YA SAY - LET'S HAVE SOME B-I-G MUSINGS SECTIONS AS WE WIND DOWN ANOTHER EXCITING DX SEASON! WHAT DID Y-O-U HEAR THIS WINTER, YOU OF THE SILENT MAJORITY? DID YOU DX AT ALL? TELL US - ADD SOMETHING TO YOUR CLUB! MUSE!!! -ERC

THE END OF 1980

PAUL MOUNT - 471 Emerson Avenue - Teaneck, NJ - 07666
 ++++++ Hello again, Neil Diamond, picking up from last month: MM 12/15, Lite Beer from Miller spot on 540, WX & ID W--K into Korgis record (T-40), tentative WDAK which is needed here, time, 1:26am. NB/UUP beacon mix 1:30. 550 Cuban strong o/unID EE MoR, probably WGR 1:34. 620, an SS & others there. I have heard Nicaragua here twice. Opening notes say "code on 750-60?" and as we return to find WABC off @ 1:40, we hear SS talk on 760, QRM'd by instrumentals & second SS. Announcer says "R. Reloj", there's a beep, then "RR" in Morse Code - this assumed CMCD Habana per IDXD reports. Oh, I got a definite ID @ 2, OK. SS on 770 also. Disgusted to hear KXEL & WCKY on past 2. Semi-local WCTC-1450 NJ 2:15; I rarely hear him past SSS. AU CX - we went to 1230 & like in Ohio WSOK-GA logged w/mx of & talk re Ramsey Lewis & other artists 2:18, signal fair, slight QRM, lots of QRN-bursts all morning all over. WPCE & WOWI simulcast on 1400, Black M announcer & fair signal - not logged in years when 'twas WWO. WJLK-1310 being a pain 2:28 to a station running AT-40 up to #5 at that point. No highly-recommended IRCA Almanac handy to the typer to give clue as to who that was. CHWO-1250 w/jx 2:30, ID something like "CHWO in Houlton". TTer on 1190, maybe local WLIB. WHN off, just KYW/CHUM left. Not much else and so to bed. During the week, NRC Regional Daytimers Contest, nothing too spectacular: 12/17 SSS WOSC-1300 s/off; later WNAE/WGSA/WBFD all PA noted at various s/off times. I went crazy 12/20 at Korvette's going-out-of-business sale, 13 LPs for \$13; all the radios w/TV bands were long gone (as you'd expect at 70% off, hi). Up non-DXing 12/22, 550 Cuban very strong 12:30. 620 had sweep tones, WCBS on TT/ET/OC 1:55. C-Day 12/25, the 1330 in NYC had a Brahms piece on that was stuck for about five minutes (!) before corrected. Nice (till the bill came) chat w/PHIL BOERSSMA TONIGHT. WWRL w/AP NX, seemed stronger on night pattern this time. 12/27- Visit to ROBERT KRAMER's GTG, meeting MIKE JEZIORSKI and talking to SRS, MaS, RSK, FWMJr, & also KDF & GCG the next time. MM 2/29 was supposed to be asleep but the thought of completely ignoring a MM when up at 1 couldn't be done so I tuned around as I lay. Strong rock on 910 seemed out of the ordinary so I quick called RAY AR-RUDA w/tip if he hasn't figured out from DDXD who it was. Also newie WMBT-1530 Shenendoah w/ET-mx & jx 1:52-2:27 off.

ROB TOOK A WHIRLWIND DRIVE TO NEW MEXICO

ROB HARRINGTON - 3181 South York Street - Englewood, CO - 80110/303-781-1185
 ++++++ Hello from cold snowy Englewood. Last 10pm-1am EST weekend my friend from Pueblo west, CHRIS KNIGHT, & I took our first trip to New Mexico. We are now known as the Colorado Crazy's, that nickname was given to us by IRCA's Ric Heald, after three phone calls to him during the trip to report to him. We were visiting radio stations on this trip, we took pictures, and spoke to the DJs and engineers of the stations. In 3 1/2 days we drove 1,185 miles. We did visit the following stations in NM & CO: KKIT-1340 KDCE-970 KFUN-1230 KAPE-820 KTRC-1400 KVSP-1260 KHTN-1490 KKIM-1000 KRZY-1450 (-***) KOB-770 KRKE-610 KORT-1240 KGIW-1450 KSLV-1250 KWRE-1340 & KRLN-1400. I talked to the DJ of KRZY. He told me they were going to switch to a new frequency and go to 50,000/1,000 day/night. He said it was going to be 1490 kc/s. The DJ said it would be in April when they switch to 1490 w/50/1kw. I was a little shocked when he said 1490, I said to him that's the same frequency as KRTN? He said yes. A few days later on Tuesday afternoon, I phoned KRZY in ALBQ, the gal who I spoke to told me that it has not been approved yet & she thought it would probably be 1090, not 1490. I gave her eight questions that I want answered by the CE of GM within the next seven days for the three BCB clubs. As soon as I get the reply, I will be sending copies of it to IRCA NRC & GWDXA HQ. Chris & I are planning another trip to New Mexico and also to Arizona. Cities we will visit are: Albq, Roswell, Ruidoso, Alamogordo, Clovis, Santa Rosa, Tucumcari, Las Cruces, Deming, Central, Truth or Consequences, Silver City, Tombstone, Sierra Vista, Tucson, Phoenix, Flagstaff, Gallup, Aztec, Farmington, Durango, Pogos Springs, Dedel Norte, & Pueblo. We are planning this trip for June 10-20, 1981. Well, that's all from one of the Colorado Crazy's.

SEEN ON THE PORTLAND SCENE

ROD O'CONNOR - USCG Group - 259 High Street - South Portland, ME - 03106 2/22
 ++++++ Here is a short Muse, but with a couple of recent changes in the Portland, Maine, radio scene. First - ex-WCSH-970 is now WYNZ with "MYL". They also switched from NBC to CBS, effective 2/14. The owner swears it will be a success. WLOB-1310 back on with a gospel music format, giving Portland two GOS stations. WLOB is off nightly from midnight to 6am. WJBQ-1440 plans to go all-news soon, but no date has been announced. Until then they simulcast their "FM-98" sister. I will be going down to Virginia again week of 3/9 for a Navy school. If time permits, I'd like to try to get to WVAB again, and see if I can get the latest on their situation, if they haven't come back on yet. Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all. (Ah yes; remember our 3/17/80 DX NEWS, all printed in pale green? -ERC)

THE "WELL-DRESSED LOOK" IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE "IN" THING IN '81! LET'S MAKE SURE THAT MUSINGS IS WELL-DRESSED WITH LOTS OF FINE DX REPORTS FROM OUR GANG. PLEASE DOUBLE SPACE, AND REMEMBER THE MONDAY DEADLINES AND "ABOUT" 30 LINES!

MIKE CSORBAY - R.R. #1 - Canfield, ON - NOA 1CO
 ++++++ Hello again, everyone. To start off, a big thanks to MIKE KNITTER and BILL BERGADANO for the TESTS that were arranged for 1/26 - I heard WENN-1320 & WSWW-1590, with a tentative log on WAVU-630. WSWW has since verified, with a short v/l in 20 days. Now for my February DX, which has been very good, since I have had limited time to DX. 2/3 is right up there in my books as being one of my best SSS sessions. First off, I logged KXYM-1060 TX @ 6:45 s/off, just about a minute after WNOE switched to low power. I travelled on to 1330, and logged my first new state in a long time, with KFH-kS in very good in WRIE null. This was from 6:50 to 7, by the way. I then travelled to 1580 and heard unnl KLTR-OK in w/excellent signal, 7:03-7:06. Then, my pride and joy logging, KPIC-1580 CO, 7:22 till 7:25 s/off, fair signal, but good modulation, report sent FOR SURE! 2/5 brought similar CX, w/KTIA-1540 TX in w/s/off for 50kw @ 7:15pm, into programs w/l kw, & ZNSI, also 1540, off and on between 7:16 & 8pm, when I left to watch a hockey game. 2/8 brought WAMB-1170 TN @ 5:13pm, & WLOR-730 GA, 6:25 till 6:30 s/off. 2/9 brought WADM-1540 IN @ 6:16 s/off, very good for a 250 watt, and WMOA-1490 OH @ 6:36 w/quick ID & mentions of businesses in Marietta. 2/10 brought WAMY-1580 MS, w/Mutual SX from 6:26 till 6:30 s/off. 2/12 brought WTAI-1560 FL from 6:13 till 6:16 s/off, w/C&W mx. 2/13 brought WSJC-810 MS from 6:35 to 6:45pm, & WCLS-1580 GA from 7:21 till 7:32pm w/REL mx, "Voice of Prophecy" program @ 7:31, #25 for 1580. 2/14 gave me WSLI-930 MS, in very good from 6:54pm till pattern change @ 7. Dead until 2/17, when I finally logged WHOT-1330 OH (hello, JERRY STARR!) w/good mx by J. Geils Band @ 6:04pm, in WRIE null for about a minute. 2/18 brought GY #104, WNET-1490 PA, in @ 5:22pm w/mentions of Wellsboro & several businesses in that town. Finally (sr far, anyway) 2/19 brought WGBI-910 PA, from 7:06 till 7:10pm w/end of CBS NX, into C&W mx, & SID @ 7:10. That gives me 17 new so far, in 19 days, and 719 total heard, with one month to go for two years at the dials. Coming up next will be a Southern Ontario (Canfield) daytime bandscan. 73&s de MC.

TRY FOR WHTT-1260 SOON

DAVID F. GLEASON - Box 450550 - Miami, FL - 33145 305-382-0782
 ++++++ Hi. I have a DX opportunity to report, but it is one of the more unpleasant items I have ever reported. WHTT-1260 "Radio Hit" in Miami is operating with an STA of 1kw, non-DA. This is in place of the DA-2 normally used, which sends most of the signal East over the Atlantic. On Feb. 9, at 3am someone broke down a concrete wall and entered the transmitter building and set a fire which reached 1,800 degrees. The entire phasor for the five tower array melted into nothing, as did all the insides of the one-year-old Collins 5kw Power Rock transmitter. All the audio processing and test gear was lost as well, and we were off the air for 2 1/2 days while a new XR was flown in and installed in a temporary building. You might try for WHTT under these different conditions over the next 60 days. I have noted a lot of comment about stations' modulation, and would like to comment. Overmodulation is illegal in the U.S. and, more significant, causes carrier suppression when negative peaks exceed 100%. Positive peaks may not exceed 125% (although there is no such thing as positive "overmodulation" in the technical sense). Stations, particularly those with low power, severe nulls in a directional system or in high noise areas, try to get the most out of their signal by modulating it to the legal and technical maximum. If the U.S. had gone to a system 50 years ago of fewer stations at high power levels, this would not be necessary. However, with co and adjacent channel interference, urban sprawl, and low power levels required by crowded frequencies, there is no way that a station can afford to do anything less. Sideband splatter is often caused by the high frequency energy which newer DA systems and new transmitters can now accommodate...and is an effort to improve the dismal quality of the AM medium in the past. Best 73.

A COUPLE OF VERIES STRAGGLE IN

STAN MORSS - Route 3 - Bradford, MA - 01830
 ++++++ Nice v/l from WWSA with two CMs & info on equipment - a very friendly station - I sent a cassette report - maybe it helped. WSSJ-1310 is still at 6th & Market, v/l a bit indefinite; fancy letterhead. Says new equipment is going in and they should get out better.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT FLUORESCENT QRN?

LEXINGTON E. SMITH - 55 East End Avenue - #4-G - New York, NY - 10028
 ++++++ Any NRC hams up Cape Cod way on the 40 meter ham band? (MARK CONNELLY?? -ERC) I can reach the Cape easily on 40 from NYC. Anyone know of a filter for cutting fluorescent QRN? It's fierce here in my apartment. Any help would be appreciated. I like the new type in Musings!

ONE HUNDRED MILES FROM THOMASTON

M. T. STUTTERHEIM - (no address given)
 ++++++ Your mystery "pirate" on 1610-1612-1616 is in Thomaston, CT w/a power of 2 watts. They gave their phone number on the air 1/3 & answered as "Radio 1610". They said mine was the second DX call that night. I heard them once or twice since, but not recently - they were very weak here, about 100 miles away. 73s. (My 1610 UNID is NOT a pirate - tis a TIS, ERC)

FEELS CONVENTION ATTENDANCES WILL BE LOW

WALT BREVILLE - 9127 Coral Drive - St. Louis, MO - 63123
 ++++++ This year marks 17 years since I first joined NRC. It really makes me reeling, realizing that some of our members were born since 1964. I'm still single (always been), occupation is expeditor of communications, & I belong to seven radio clubs now, & also DX FM, TV, & SWBC. Here you have almost to be an SWL to hear what foreign stations sound like. After reading IDXD for years, I have become convinced that the St. Louis area is absolutely the worst location in North America for AM ECB foreign DXing. TA signals may have a bit harder time making it to Kansas City or Omaha, but here we have NSP disco-ing KATZ-1600 blocking out the German powerhouse on 1593. Areas N of here seem to have an easier time getting TA's, including even the Seattle area, apparently due to better magnetic conditions. On the local scene, KSD-550 has switched from new-stalk to modern country, leaving KMOX the only area station with any kind of talk format. KMOX dominates the ratings with its SX coverage & several talk shows. My pet peeve is long sportscasts on KYOK-630 & BKB games pre-empting the music on WIEV-1260. Both stations are good adult-contemporary music, especially KYOK w/a good mix of oldies, current T-40, & some disco & semi-hard rock thrown in. I'm one of many listeners who tunes in for music & a bit of NX & WX, & doesn't give a hoot about sports. Latest DX: WSEV-930 Tenn. @ 6:50am SM 2/15, WOFE-580 Tenn. 7:10am w/GOS mx 2/15. MM 2/16 found KSD-550 off as usual. Voice of Cuba-550 was in w/fair signal in EE asking for reception reports @ 3:57am. On 2/20, WEKG-810 KY good @ 7am s/on. I'm predicting a light turnout for the NRC, IRCA, WTFDA, ANARC etc. conventions next Summer. Economic conditions & travel expenses are rising faster than general inflation and will result in turnouts about 50-60% of what clubs had for their best years. In other words expect maybe 20 25 for IRCA & 40-45 for NRC's conventions next Summer. This isn't bad entirely. I have found that smaller conventions are more enjoyable than the 70-plus bolckbusters & believe those lucky enough to go this year will really enjoy themselves, & drink in lots of magic enchanted atmosphere of wiggling VU meters, blinking LED's, liquid spirits, and fellowship. 73's.

RAYMOND REMEMBERS WQPC-1610

RAYMOND J. NEMEC - 1424 Heatherton Drive - Naperville, IL - 60540 Feb. 25, '81
 ++++++ Add my name to those who have purchased a Sony S5W AM-FM portable radio. I bought mine at Hinsdale Camera, 49 S. Washington, Hinsdale, IL. The price, \$59.95, wasn't too far off from what ED SMITH paid. I am mentioning the store in case any of the Chicago area DXers want to check it out. I still prefer my Sony six band TFM-8000W but am impressed with the smaller S5W. The first night I had it, KFI-640 seemed to come in like a local. The signal was almost as strong as WSM-650. I am impressed with the separation between stations. I like it a lot better than the TRF I have...but then it cost more. MARK STRICKERT asked about WQPC in the 2/23 Musings. This brought back many memories of my tuning in 1610 and hearing not only WQPC but police stations all over the country. WQPC was owned by the Illinois State Police as their Chicago facility. It operated on 1610 with 1,000w. I remember listening to it in 1941 & 1942. The state had a network of stations on this frequency. I could hear WQPP, Pontiac; WQPM Macomb, WQPD, Duquoin; WQPG, Sterling; & WQPS, Springfield. There were others in Peoria, Effingham (WQPF), etc. which I also heard. The stations broadcast regular police information and always clearly gave their call letters. In 1941, operating on 1610 with 1,000w non-directional, these stations really got out. I also remember listening to WPDC at 1712 kHz, Chicago Police Dept.'s station. Somewhere shortly after 1941 I think all these stations moved to the FM band. I have another hobby, that being a baseball historian. I have been trying to compile averages for old minor leagues that did not publish averages...& I like to compile the lifetime records of ball players, such as "Crazy Snake" Calbert. Regards.

WHAT'S NEW? NOTHING!

GARY ATKINS - 2200 West Burnett Avenue - Louisville, KY - 40210 2/26/81
 ++++++ No new DX to report for '81 but here is what was heard after my last Musing in December: 11/24- WCUB-980 w/TEST @ 1:40. 11/29- WBDY-1190 @ 5:10pm, WFTO-1330 @ 5:20, WEZQ-1300 @ 5:25, & KNED-1150 @ 6:50pm. 12/15- WSWW-1590 w/XR test @ 1:03am sounding more like a TEST than did WAWA-1590 who was on w/a sked CPC TEST. It was rather difficult distinguishing between the two as both were in at about equal levels. While on vacation in Illinois last week I had a short but enjoyable visit with ERIC LOY in Mahomet. Dense fog most of the week precluded an evening visit so I drove over to Mahomet on a Saturday afternoon following my trip to Champaign for the U. of Ill. vs. Mich. State BKB game. I now have my vacation scheduled to coincide with the NRC bash in New Jersey over Labor Day weekend. If you think the time isn't slipping up on you, just consider that you'll only be getting about EIGHT more DX NEWSes in the mail between now and Convention Time! On the local radio scene, our two graveyards WXVW-1450 & WINN-1240 have both changed formats. WXVW from BFL to "Music of Your Life" & WINN from C&W to the very similar-to-MXL "Music of America." The only difference I can see in the two is that the latter plays more 60's and 70's music. So long for now.

NEXT ISSUE IS THE LAST OF THE WEEKLIES!

KWIP-1460 HAS RETURNED

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 ++++++ KWIP-1460, ex-KROW, went back on the air 2/13 after being dark for four months or so, with gala opening ceremonies featuring Oregon's governor and a multitude of political and radio celebrities, friends of co-owner and ex-KEX PD, NRC'er ERIC NORBERG. Their signal is much improved, as it was discovered while rebuilding the studios and renovating facilities that when the station was originally constructed in the 1950's, the ground system had been installed perfectly -- up to, but not including, soldering the radials onto the antenna bus. Their 5kw sounds like 5kw now! It still took six days to log them here, and even then I needed to call a friend who is NxD there & have him play the station over the phone to confirm, as KEEB-1450, a local, has a 450' tower new last Summer, that provides a clean signal for 1440-1460 and slops 1420-1480 on its 1kw daytime. KWIP was one of several new loggings since last I wrote - the rundown: no listening of noted all through December, though I did make it to the Seattle and San Francisco areas that month and noted station info en route. January brought all of one newie, long-wanted XERH-1500, easy from the Midwest but for some reason never heard here before, 1/13 @ 3:40am EST. I still haven't heard KROQ-1500, even more frustrating. None of the DX TESTS was heard, mostly because they were too far East, until KRFX-1080, L&C 2/9 2:02-2:30 w/music, IDs, and occasional tones u/ KJWJ/KRLD. Many many thanks to NEIL ZANK for this one; I spent several days in Price last August w/a certain ladyfriend, just before KRFX signed on. I tried to contact the owners with no success, and had despaired of hearing them here. After 15 days no verie for one of my now-rare reports (I called, too). I also wanted and finally logged on 1080, KVNI, ex-1240, 2/5 @ 7:37pm and noted other days lately before LSS w/AC format. I suspect they've been here often but I hadn't tried or found only KSCP u/KWJJ. My closest "very rare" station on anything other than a GY frequency, KGRL-940, noted 2/17 9:14 w/Central Oregon WX, made rare by 10,000' mountains between Eugene (sea level) and Bend (3,000') at a distance of only 100 miles. A friend says the KLVJ-1090 CP for a religious station in Umatilla, OE, is on the air, instantly doubling my needed AM stations in the state from one to two - I cannot get this one thru XEPRS/KING for the life of me. (Other needed is KWVR-1340, located deep in an Eastern Oregon canyon and something I don't expect to hear in my lifetime.) The local 1320 wants to come back on the air as KQDQ by late March. KBDP-1280 & KISD-860 at least, in Oregon, have picked up the RKO Network, & KASH-1600, with their new "16K" soft rock/country format, has dropped "The Source." More later.

OFF 1570 to 1160, CHAOS ON 1470, & A BERMUDA TRIP

TONY FITZGERBERT - 116 Devon Road - Chalfont, PA - 18914 2/23/81
 ++++++ Hi. My local WBUX-1570 has filed for 1160, DA, 1kw, so that they may go full time - so there is another clear gone. However I like their programming and will be glad to hear them at night. Veries back from WFIR, WINY, WKXW, WLIK, CKPC, delightful letter from WILH, whose CE said that their furthestmost report came in 12/80 from West Germany - not bad for 1230! WJSA, (cordial letter), WBEC, WAPE, WFLR, & nice v/l from Broadcasting Intern at WCBM. For the last two nights, WSAW-1470's signal has been decimated by CHOW-1470, Welland. Seems they have gone to 10kw, there's a leak, and they are drowning WSAW in some sections of Bethlehem & Allentown. WSAW's Night Talk Show host noted that WSAW called CHOW's management and was told that two engineers had been brought from Toronto to fix the situation but could not work because of very cold temperatures. Meanwhile, we have two CWM stations here on 1470 - I hope that CHOW veries for me. Ann & I are planning to go to Bermuda for a five-day vacation on 4/21. With all else to do and see, I hope to do a daytime bandscan and visit a radio station or two. I still must get some time to do a WLAM capsule history - downstream. We plan a camping trip this Summer Upstate, and over Labor Day to attend the Convention - I hope there's a few things for spouses to do while we enjoy our hobby. Finally, Ernie, thanks for typing my scratchings - I greatly appreciate it. I do not have time any more in the office. And BILL HARDY's comments were appropriate if I were a struggling broadcaster & I picked up DX NEWS and saw my electronic white elephant dubbed a "pest", I'd probably be soured on DXers. Good DX!!

HOW ABOUT CARPOOLING TO THE CONVENTION?

EVAN RUDOWSKI - 257-43 149 Road - Rosedale, NY - 11422 2/24/81
 ++++++ Hello all! It's way past due for a Musing. Not much DX to report - a good logging on WBRX-1530 u/WCKY @ s/off, & WGTO on 1/21 shortly after sunset blasting through with lots of ads & local NX with a news tips phone number. It took me a while to get them - on the night I got my TRF I turned it on, heard WGTO blasting through & said "Wow - this is a good BX!" & turned it off. After that they were gone without a trace until 1/21. Thanks to MARTIN WISHNEWITZ for his call. He agrees with my carpool idea so again if anyone in the L.I. area wants to drive to the Convention he has at least two people who want to carpool. It's a good idea for people from other areas as well. With a few people in the car sharing gas & tolls, the cost gets pretty cheap. Of course, Labor Day is far away, but the earlier we all start planning, the better a time we'll all have. Anyhow, it's time to say 73's and to you all some good DX. (Do you mean WBUX-1530, rather than WBRX?? -ERC)

A BANDSCAN IN HIS BASTIAN

CHRIS THOMPSON - #1908 25 Bay Mills Boulevard - Scarborough, ON - MIT 3P4
 ++++++ What a pleasure it was to have Dr. /416-298-4123
 TOM WILLIAMSON call up from Guelph and introduce himself, shortly after my first Muse appeared - Dr. Williamson & I share a 'problem' - living in a ferro-concrete apartment building. I'd be happy to hear from any other NRCers in Southern Ontario, so call or write, guys! As promised, a daytime Toronto bandscan from my ferro-concrete castle, using a McKay-Dymek DA100D and the Kenwood R-1000: 550-WGR, 560-CFOS, 570-CHYM, 590-CKEY, 610-CKTB, 620-WHEN, 630-CFCO, 680-CFTR, 710-CJRN, 740-CBL, 760-WJR, 790-CHIC, 800-CJBQ, 810-WGY, 860-CJBC, 900-CHML, 910-CKLY, 920-CKNX, 930-WBEN, 950-CKBB, 970-WEBR, 990-WNYR, 1010-CFBE, 1050-CHUM, 1070-CHOK, 1080-WUFO, 1090-CKKW, 1110-CKJD, 1120-WWOL, 1150-CKOC, 1180-WHAM, 1190-CJMR, 1220-CHSC, 1230-WECK, 1250-CHWO, 1280-CJJD, 1300-WXRL, 1320-CFGM, 1340-WLVL, 1350-CKAR, 1370-WSAY, 1410-WDOE, 1420-CKPT, 1430-CKPH, 1440-WJUL, 1460-CJOY, 1470-CHOW, 1480-CKAN, 1520-WKBW, 1540-CHIN, 1570-CFOR, 1590-WJBT. I'd be interested to hear how we compare with other daytime local bandscans. A curious phenomenon - though I've got the output of the DA100D connected to the high impedance MW input of the R-1,000, reception is best with the DA100's attenuation switch at 50 ohms OdB attenuation, not at 500 ohms OdB att. as one would expect. Anyone have an explanation? I need the help of a DXer near Marmora, Ont. to help an older hand-capped gentleman when he moves to his new home there in April. He needs someone to strong up a longwire antenna to listen to his favourite SW stations - could anyone out there help? Please write or call me - you'd make a very special friend very happy. Thanks. An afterthought - I need to obtain mint U.S. postage - if anyone would like to exchange, I am nearby a Canadian P.O. philatelic counter and can get any denominations, blocks, sheets, etc., probably faster than if you ordered through the Philatelic Office. Let me know what kind of exchange you'd like. Please note that the address in my previous Muse was incorrect - should have read Apt. 1908 (not 908). (Sorry, Chris-ERC)

ANOTHER ONTARIO DAY BANDSCAN

BRAD CHAPPELL - 510 Barton Street - Stoney Creek, ON
 ++++++ I noted with interest the Muse from BILL HARDY in #16 of this volume. I agree about moving on into the 1980's and not dwelling on past conditions. Our hobby is not dying - it is getting more difficult and more challenging. I mean, I wouldn't want only several hundred 5kw stations only available on the continent. However I still consider certain stations as "superpests"; yet knowing that they are DX to others. Since daytime bandscans are fads lately, I've decided to throw in a Stoney Creek special. By the way, Stoney Creek is eight miles due E from Hamilton, or 35 miles SSW from TORONTO. The stations underlined are locals. 540-CBEF, 550-WGR, 560-CFOS, 570-CHYM/WKBN, 580-CKKW, 590-CKEY, 610-CKTB, 630-CFCO, 640-WHLO, 680-CFTR, 710-CJRN/CHYR, 740-CBL, 760-WJR, 790-CKMW, 800-CKLW/CJBQ, 810-WGY/WEDO, 860-CJBC, 900-CHML, 930-WBEN, 950-CKBB/WBBF, 960-CFTJ, 970-WEBR, 980-CFPL, 990-WNYR, 1010-CFBE, 1050-CHUM, 1070-CHOK, 1080-WUFO, 1090-CKKW, 1100-WWWE, 1110-CKJD, 1120-WWOL, 1130-WCAR, 1150-CKOC, 1180-WHAM, 1190-CJMR, 1220-CHSC/WGAR, 1230-WECK, 1250-CHWO, 1260-WLKK, 1270-WHLD, 1280-CJJD, 1300-WXRL, 1320-CFGM, 1330-WRIE, 1340-CKDE/WLVL, 1350-CKAR, 1370-WSAY, 1380-CKPC, 1390-CHOO, 1400-WYSL/WJET, 1410-WDOE, 1430-CKPH, 1440-WJUL, 1450-CHUC/WWVG, 1460-CJOY, 1470-CHOW, 1490-CKAN, 1510-CKOT, 1520-WKBW, 1530-WHYP, 1540-CHIN, 1550-CBE, 1570-CFOR, 1590-WJBT, 1600-CJNR.

AND, AS LONG AS WE'RE DOING BANDSCANS ---

NORM MEINHOLZ - 4429 Garfoot Road - Cross Plains, WI - 53528 Feb. 22, 1981
 ++++++ Well here I am in the twin cities of Champaign-Urbana, Ill. working for the Anthropology Dep't. here at the U. of Illinois. I moved from Madison, Wis. 1/26 and those approximately 300 miles S have made for a few noticeable changes in DX CX. First, Canadian stations aren't regulars as they are in Madison and secondly, SS stations are much more prevalent and easier to copy. I've heard the VOA on 1180 here for the first time ever. Of Wis. stations, only WTMJ is a daytime regular though WTSO-1070 & WIBA-1310 occasionally are heard nights. On the Enterprise Radio Network WNDE-1260 is usually u/WIBV till 1am ELT but doesn't seem to carry the talk show after that time, just my luck! I scanned the daytime band one day; results: 540-KWMT f, 550-KSD-g, 560-WINDVg, 580-WILEx, 600-WMTg, 620-WPMJg, 630-KCOKvg, 640-WOIF, 670-WMAQex, 690-KSTLg, 700-WLVg, 720-WGNex, 730-KHREG, 740-WVLNex, 760-WJRG, 770-WEJex, 780-WBEMex, 790-WAKVg, 800-WKZTex, 810-WAII, 820-WAITex, 840-WHASg, 890-WLSex, 940-WMIXg, 950-WXLMf, 970-WMAyf, 980-WITYg, 1000-WCFLex, 1020-WPEOg, 1040-WHOOp, 1050-WDZex, 1060-WMCLf, 1070-WIBGex, 1080-WNWIP, 1090-WCRAex, 1110-WMBIP, 1120-KMOXvg, 1130-WWCMg, 1140-WPELEX, 1150-WGGH, 1160-WJJDex, 1170-WLBH, 1180-WLDSex, 1190-WOWOg, 1210-WILVg, 1220-WLPOvg, 1230-WJBC o/WBOW, 1240-WTAX-g, 1250-WIZZf, 1260-WIBVp, o/WNDEp, 1270-WEICvg, 1280-WGBFp o/WMROp, 1290-WIRVg, 1300-WAACp, 1310-WIFEvg, 1320-WKANG, 1340-WSOyg, 1360-EGFAex, 1370-WTTSg, 1400-WDWSv/ex, 1410-WIBSg, (??-ERC), 1430-WIREf, 1440-WRBAex, 1450-WASKp, 1460-WRTLv/ex, 1470-WMBDg, 1490-WDANvg, 1500-WPMBf o/WBRIp, 1520-WHOWvg, 1550-WCVLP, 1560-WHSYf, 1580-WCCRv/ex, 1590-WNTSp. If this warm weather continues I'll be moving down to Columbia, Ill. in a month or so to work on archaeological sites in the Hwy. 270 bypass project corridor around East St. Louis, IL. I'll write again as my travels through archaeology continues. Till then, 73 from the "Inland Empire".

ON RICHARD T. PISTEK

TERRY A. KLASEK - 9720 Vickie Place - St. Louis, MO - 63136 /314-868-7274
 ++++++ I must say that I was very shocked (new phone number) to read in DX NEWS that RICHARD PISTEK had passed away. As he was younger than I it hurt me even more. RICHARD PISTEK was my best friend in DXing, and three times in 1980 he drove 300+ miles to St. Louis to attend my SLIDX meetings! We corresponded regularly, and at times he seemed distracted. In early October he purchased a gun, and had it hidden in his room. He was very despondent about losing his mother in 1979, and that many stations were not answering his reports. There were many other things that deepened his depression. On December 17, alone in the house, he put the gun to his heart and pulled the trigger. To him that was the only way to escape his problems. I for one will miss RICHARD PISTEK very much. I sent sympathy cards to his father for SLIDX, and myself. I told him to throw away none of his QSLs, etc. As he had over 1,200 BCB stations verified I hoped to get them to send his cards and letters to NRC HQ at my expense. I was surprised and deeply honoured to receive a letter from Richard's uncle telling me that his father has given me everything of Richard's that is radio-related, i.e. all radios, QSLs, bulletins, pennants, etc. As you read this I am in possession of all these after traveling to Chicago to accept them. What am I to do with two shocks in one? I am open to ideas on how to distribute his BCB QSLs. I wish to place them in one spot! Everything will be displayed at the ECCA '81 convention here in St. Louis July 4-5, 1981. I ask you for ideas and suggestions. You may also phone (but no collect!) Best of DX to all, and say a prayer for RICHARD PISTEK.

WL1B-1190 HAS A NEW FORMAT - A FIRST!

BOB FOXWORTH - GPO - Box A-866 - New York, NY - 10116 Mailed 2/25
 ++++++ News of a format change - WL1B-1190 reported in the papers to have begun, on 2/23, a format of "All Black news, information, and talk". Station GM & Pres. Percy Sutton (the former Manhattan Borough President) said he believes this is the only station in the nation with such a format. Slogan "Your Black NX & Information Station." Other news - WTHE-1520 is applying for a CP to move their XR site to the East end of Mineola, having bought a parcel of land from the Village. They will increase separation from my shack from 3,000' to 5,250' but I don't know if they will have a more efficient antenna, so the effect on me remains to be seen. Could mean some early morning ETs from them in the future. Anyone need 'em? I heard DAVE SCHMIDT ETing on WCHE -1520 MM the 23rd, just had to call up. I promised him a copy of the tape and if he answers it will be my second BCB QSL this year. Yes, CKBM came through with a reply so my QSLs are running 100% for the season. Other DX on 2/23, CFDR-680 stop the frequency at 2:05am w/3am TC, WX for Halifax-Dartmouth, so definitely not a mis-ID for CFTR. I had CFDR taped on 790 but did not get a taped 680 ID. Also CHRC-800 atop in FF and the WVFC-1530 f/c from 2:30 to 2:40 about even with WCKY, thanks to Dave's tip over the phone. How about that guy? Hears that WKBW was off the air and hops out of bed, drives a half hour to put the station on the air for an ET, got several calls, too. Of course, I was trying for KAGY, Dave... A bothersome development recently in Broadcasting magazine's station changes section, listing applications for change in frequency without specifying the frequency sought. WGHY-1220 and a PA. station want fulltime on new frequencies but it wasn't shown. (Probably 640 & 1200, which soon will sound like 1340 does now). (The PA is WBUX-1570 asking for 1160 - see Tony Fitzherbert's Musing, this issue -ERC) Nine kHz spacing is interesting, with all sorts of opposition developing, and urging in the U.S. that the decision on whether to implement it be put back, perhaps as late as 1985. 73.

ANY EASTERNERS HEAR WEST COAST DX THIS SEASON?

RAY T. DAVISSON - Box 255 - Cuyahoga Falls, OH - 44222
 ++++++ 2/25- CKTB-610 St. Catharines, Ont. has apparently changed their day pattern...because they are in there daily u/WTVN. I called WTVN, & they are still N-DA days. I'd never heard CKTB previously. No answer from them yet for my report last month. Veries: v/1- WGFT, CFOS. DX: 2/6- WAGL-1560, S.C. @ s/off 6:15pm. 2/15- WJPA-1450 Washington, PA on top briefly at 10:01am. 2/20- WQIZ-810 S.C. dominant @ 7:30am w/GOS & religious music/items, mentioning "Gospel Train"...many phone calls taken on the air; WADC-1350 W.Va. @ 9:14am logged "new" calls (new for me, hi!) Ohio totals: 1289 heard, 492 verified. Oh, I noted WGTG-1440 TEST 2/23...weak, and a lot of QRM from others on the channel...but in there. Can anybody tell me a frequency (clear channel usually) ECers at night can hear SS that IS NOT Cuban or Mexican??? Fairly regular reception. Not too many Muses or DDXD contributors have mentioned West Coast reception this season. Has this been a somewhat "dead" season for us ECers towards the WC? Any Seattle-area DXers out there who could aircheck KTAC-850 Tacoma for me? Cassette or reel OK. Drop a letter or card please and I can do the same for this area. 73! (How about 770 or 810, Tim?? -ERC)

THE NEXT FEW UP-COMING DEADLINE DATES FOR MUSINGS ARE MONDAYS, MARCH 23rd, APRIL 6th and 27th. LET'S SEE SOME MORE CONTRIBUTORS! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN HEARING? PLEASE LET US KNOW! PLEASE DOUBLE SPACE AND TRY TO HOLD TO 30 LINES. C'MON - JOIN THE LIVING N.R.C. AND BE A PART OF THINGS! YOU'LL LIKE IT!

HE HAS SPURS THAT JINGLE, JANGLE, JINGLE

BILL TOWNSEND - 4500 Connecticut Avenue NW #901 - Washington, DC - 20008
***** Whenever I DX on 690, especially in midday, I get a WGM5-570 spur, thanks to WMAL-630. Let WGM5=570, WMAL=630, & spur (WGM5)=690. Now WMAL - WGM5 * 60 & spur - WMAL * 60. This plays havoc with midday DXing, especially when I'm going for a midday catch of CBF-690. I get WNNT Warsaw VA mixed in with an UNID (probably WYIS Phoenixville PA) & the spur. Even 35km from WMAL & WGM5 (at lunch break at work), the spur, although weak, is still noticeable. When I had the five-tube RCA Victor table model set in my high school days, I got images, harmonics, and spurs galore! The image suppression & %s! Looking over my 1949-vintage DX log, I logged the following images, etc. WTOP-1500 on 522, 592, 1260 & 1660; WKBW-1520 on 530; WCKY-1530 on 633; WOL-1450 on 540; WOOK-1590 (now defunct) on 685 & 1310; WINX-1340 (now on 1600; it's been on the air 40 years starting out in 1940 on 1310); on 1430; WWDG-1260 on 1430 & 1500; WARL-780 (now WABS) on 1560 (that's the second harmonic); WPDW-1700 (approximate frequency of the Washington Metropolitan Police Dep't.) on 525 & 980 and WWV on 1020 & 1610. The police calls came in thick & heavy (mostly from out-of-town police stations) at the minimum capacitance (high frequency) end of the BCB (1610-1720 kHz). I even got WLWO-6040 Cincinnati (one of the Grosley Corp's SW outlets IN THE 49 METER BAND) on 1510, which is the fourth sub-harmonic. On some of the cheaper pocket sets such as an old Motorola (1962) and a more recent Sony AM-FM 3F-70W set I was even pulling in Radio Moscow at the high frequency end. So much for images, harmonics, and spurs. Temperature was at 76°F/24°C last Wednesday afternoon (2/18) six days after 16°F/-9°C. Barometer was at its all-time high (31.06 in., 1052 MB) on Black Friday (2/13). I even walked under a ladder on a jinx day, hi. '73's and good DX de Bill T.

REMEMBER'S CHICAGO'S WORD & BROOKLYN'S WBBR

HARRISON PIERCE REED III - 54 1/2 Milton Avenue - Amsterdam, NY - 12010
***** (forwarded by DAVE YOCIS). Greetings from Amsterdam! (I hope that clears it up for CHUCK HUTTON, who thinks I live "somewhere in N.Y."). Amsterdam lies in & over & on both sides of the Mohawk Valley, about 3/4 of the way down toward Schenectady from Utica (have it so far, folks?) It's kind of a nice little halfway forgotten industrial city, with nice neighborhoods, hardworking people, happy & well-mannered children, & rents that are straight out of the past. Kirk Douglas (among others) hails originally from here. In my last Muse I gave a "mothball" bandscan I had done around 1961 or so from midwestern Mass. Does anyone remember during that time when WBZ used to announce itself as "WBZ & WBZA, Boston & Springfield"? How about WICC, boasting XRs in Fairfield, & on Long Island Sound? (Two XRs for a 1,000/250w station??). In matters of curiosity, I noted in the Rader Log that WORD-Chicago & WBBR-Brooklyn were listed as belonging to Jehovah's Witnesses. That must have been editorializing on the part of the person who quoted the log, as that was impossible in 1929. The International Bible Students, who called their publication & broadcast service, "The People's Pulpit Ass'n" & published under the name of "Watch Tower" as they do today, did not adopt the name of Jehovah's Witnesses (Isaiah 43: 10,12) until the early 30's. Incidentally, does anyone have the inside-story on just what became of WBBR & WORD, & why Jehovah's Witnesses are no longer broadcasting over their own facilities? I can only guess that the FCC made some sort of ruling with which they, in good conscience, could never comply...but does anyone know for a positive fact? (Jehovah's Witnesses sold WBBR-1330 for cash to another religious group who ran it as the present WPOW -ERC). I have been monitoring 1610 lately (following the instructions of ERC) & I have been hearing some things beneath the noise, & the occasional splatter from 1600. But one thing just above 1610 (perhaps 1613) keeps surfacing: it is a code-beacon of some sort: RAB in MC, then a long tone, then the same code repeated, & on like that forever. Does anyone know what I'm hearing? (Yup, "RAB" an airport beacon in Guatemala City -DY). It appears to het with what must be "tissies" on 1610, w/a 3 kc/s tone (which led me to conclude it was 1613, hi). For the fans of Brooklyn pirates, WCPB, WFAT, WGOR, WFSR et al (one operation in many guises, actually) (I doubt that - some '78 reports show one s/on while another s/off on slightly different frequency - DY). Did anyone catch their TV interview a year or two ago? And this AM the ET award goes out to WIQT in Horseheads, NY, for just clobbering WCFL & leaving Larry King "speechless" hi. The test ran till 1am from at least 12:30 w/Lovin' Spoonful oldies, & announcements that were almost pirate-sounding, w/whistling into the mike & occasional acoustical feedback; very entertaining! It bombed in here like 50kw & effectively eliminated WCFL. Take That, Larry King!

DAN'S IN WKAQ-LAND!

DAN BARTEK - vacationing in San Juan, Puerto Rico
***** I'm here in San Juan recuperating (still alive! -hi) -more details later (yuk). I hope you are all safe. I have TRF & recorder. I will try to see who can be heard - all you married guys - It's still cold, so snuggle with the wife tonight - you single guys - if you can't be happy - be careful. '73.

THE NEXT MUSINGS DEADLINE IS NEXT MONDAY, MARCH 23rd. PLEASE DOUBLE SPACE US A MUSING, AND TRY TO STICK TO 30 LINES (OR LESS!) OF DX NEWS TYPE. MUSE! LIVE!

ENJOYED FINE VISITS FROM RAY & FRANK

ERNIE COOPER - "THE VILLAGE IDIOT" - 5 Anthony St. - Provincetown, MA - 02657
***** I had much-enjoyed and appreciated visits from two fine NRCers on Wed. 2/18 - FRANK MERRILL & RAY ARRUDA, each coming that day without the knowledge the other was also coming! I enjoyed the surprised look on Ray's face when Frank suddenly emerged from the guest room at 1:15pm! Yoiks, Larry's network is getting mighty mighty! These are all "gnu": WKSN-1340, WRCG-1420, WSTV-1340, KAGT-1340, WGST-920, WSIB-1490, WINK-1240, WGAN-560, KROX-1260, WSBA-910, WMAJ-1450, WLAN-1390, & WSAI-1360! WSB has dropped him, with WGST picking him up - he lost 45,000 watts in the transaction, hi. Flash: WCMB-1460 is now "Greatest Country in the World"! DX: 2/19- Tters today on 1310 (& several AMs since) & 1240. 2/20- Today, a Tter on 1370 1:35-2:05 & on, but gone at 2:42 recheck. WJLK-1310 in there w/the Tter today, "All Music All the Time" say they. 2/21- AU a bit, & WLQY-1320 o/u WVOJ, still w/MYL @ 12:56am. An SS backgrounded L.Link on 1350 this ayem, unID. TTs on 1460 @ 2:15-3:02+; & 1490, 2:48-2:54. SM 2/22- Unn WWHO-1320 testing @ 12:59, counting 1,2,3,4, etc. I noted the Cubans on 580-590-600 all w/EZL mx & SS announcements today, along w/a Tter on 580 @ 1:55. I heard Radio Free Europe was bombed today (so was I, hi). MM 2/23, a nothing morn - WKBW was off, & I see I missed DAVE SCHMIDT's impromptu WCHE TEST. A Tter on 1320 @ 1:49-2:38+, no IDs heard. Who has one of those "Meet the Press" type PSA shows on 1340 @ 2-2:25am MMs? It held on top & almost alone till the guy said "We have only about three minutes left" - Murphy musta heard him, 'cuz then they faded down, and out. On 1300, a community-calendar type of thing @ 2:41, is WKBW now on fulltime? 2/24- Tter on 1250 @ 1:26, & those 580-590-600 Cubans all //. At SSS, a c/w station u/WLIB & their new all-Black news format @ 5:24-5:45pm fade. Who is this? 2/25- UnID Tter this AM on 1270, 1:17+, & 1490 @ 2:07+. 2/26- Correct WWSA's box number in your NRC Logs - 'tis Box 1247, Savannah 31402, per nice v/l in today, w/AM & FM CMs. Slow, mournful mx on 990 @ 12:58 - did somebody die at WNOX, hi? The tizzle on 1610 slipped me one clue word today, "visitors". 2/27- WKBW heard s/off "for technical adjustments" @ 2am. WHUE-1150 now calls its BFL stuff "Music of the Stars". I wonder what they call it in the daytime? 2/28- WJLK/WSSJ, two NJs, playing tag today on 1310, while 1450 was dominated by WTSB-VT @ 2:27. SM 3/1- WWVA stayed on this first SM. Lotsa Tters today between 1 & 3 - on 1460, 1310, 1270, & 1280. I caught no IDs, of course. MM 3/2- TT ending @ 1:01 on 1470; 1:02 on 1390, unn WFMJ testing from YAD-Land. I tried hard for WCWA-1230, no go though, but I did hear two FCCs, one s/off @ 2:01-2:04 w/female FF vocal of Brahms' Lullaby. WCAU was off RS & testing. Unn WFR4-1450 barely made it through the 1450 crowd on TEST. WLQV-1500 was AN today u/XERH w/REL, & an unID Tter u/WENE on 1430 3:04-3:13. Then back to 1230 still looking for WCWA, this time WJNO-FL was a-rollin' in like Flynn w/WINF, & mentioning WTTB-1490. Thassit- C U N 7.

RAY HEARD DAVE SCHMIDT'S WCHE TEST

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***** New England weather continues on its "roller coaster" pattern as I compose this Musing on the eve of 2/25 during a snow squall! I spent a fine day on 2/18 motoring through Cape Cod in 60 degree sunshine to visit with ERC and I'm happy to report that he is "fit as a fiddle"! (And as old as a Stradivarius! -ERC) FRANK MERRILL was also visiting too. DX on MM 2/23: Fourth MM f/c's from WBCB-1490 & WVFC-1530 were noted with good signals at times indicated in f/c list. WGIG-1440-TEST barely made it u/WFTQ/CFGO 12:48 -1:08 w/C&W mx, IDs and some TT, mentioning phone number & address. WIQT-1000 weak u/WCFL 1:26-1:30 w/ET/OC, IDs just before they pulled the plug in Chicago. WKBW-1520 was off all morning and DAVE SCHMIDT broke away from another lost weekend at the type-flier to run a fine test at WCHE-1520 that was doing quite well here at times from 1:50 to 4:32! Verles are back from WDW-990, WAMB-1170, WWSA-1290 (a long holdout that finally sent nice v/l & AM & FM CMs), and WSSJ-1310. '73.

WGTR-1060 WILL SOON BE FULLTIME & AN

STAN MORSS - Route 3 - Bradford, MA - 01830
***** 6pm ID from WGTR-1060, on Storm Watch - said 24 hours a day soon, & a poor signal here - barely equal to CJRP at strongest point; off before 9 PM. Broadcasting says WHUE-1150 will change to WSNY.

SPRING AND SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR MUSINGS

Table with 2 columns: MASTHEAD DATES and DEADLINE DATES. Rows include APRIL 6, APRIL 20, MAY 11, JUNE 8, JULY 6, AUGUST 10, SEPTEMBER 14, and SEPTEMBER 28.

* - Probably in Provincetown, but either COULD be done by DAVE YOCIS as ERC's Jury Duty consisted of one day - 2/23 - AS THE CASE WAS SETTLED OUT OF COURT, BUT - ERC has to report back for further Jury Duty "some time in April" - so DAVE YOCIS (and ERC as well) is standing by awaiting further word from Hyannis!