CPC Tests Directory
4-29: WHDH-850 Boston, MA

From: JIM MULVEY
To: ALL
Subject: WHDH AM TEST FOR DXERS

WHDH radio in Boston, Massachusetts, USA on 850 kHz will conduct an on-air engineering test that will include many IDs for DXers, on April 29 at 0500-0530 UTC. (0100-0130 ELT)

The test will consist of CW on 1 and voice IDs, and discussion. At some time during the test, a 1K tone will be sent for one minute.

WHDH operates with 50,000 watts at 800 kHz with studios at 441 Stuart Street, Boston, MA 02116. Our transmitters are just west of the city in Newton, Mass.

WHDH regularly receives reports from Europe and North America. We encourage reception reports and offer a WHDH QSL card. Reports must include some details of program content. We also encourage an SASE or return postage be included.

* Origin: ANARC BBS-Assoc. of North American Radio Clubs [191346-1978 (280/3)]

The above DX TEST information was down loaded from the FIDO Shortwave Bulletin Board 3/31/90 by the National Radio Club CPC Machine. Our thanks to JIM MULVEY for passing it around!

From the convention host ... Pittsburgh’s John Maltese reminds us to start saving our nickels and dimes for the 1990 NRC Convention, from Friday, August 31, through Monday, September 3. You can send auction items directly to John at 905 Shadycrest Rd. - Pittsburgh, PA 15216-3023. John says the Steelers will be playing the Eagles Saturday night, also.

DXChange ...Ron Clark - 6065 Christopher Court - Walkertown, NC 27059 (919) 585-5411 is interested in purchasing an AM stereo tuner, preferably the Realistic Model 152 ... Hellige M High School - 950 South Higgins Ave. - Missoula, MT 59801 is offering for sale a National H90-500 solid state general coverage communications receiver (0-30 mHz) with a matching National LF-10 preselector, which has a built-in speaker.

Principal Jon E. Pimmel says that the receiver is electronically perfect and in very good condition. Also offered is a Palomar Engineering LF-1 Loop Amplifier with antenna for medium wave, in perfect condition. The H90-500 and preselector are offered at $400 plus shipping, the loop at $50 plus shipping, both for $500, shipping paid. Mr. Pimmel may be contacted by phone at (work) (406) 728-2402, home (406) 721-5551. Please mention the National Radio Club if you purchase these items.

From the editor ... This issue, also, is crammed with DX. Thanks to all who contributed, and to the editors whose columns are on hold for next time.

New Musings Editor needed ... Yes, Al Muir’s new job took him to Cairo, Egypt - just a little too far for him to continue serving as editor of Musings of the Members. So effectively immediately, his editorial position is open. Please send your letter of application, stating the equipment which you would like to test, and your type of DXing.

DX Time Machine
From the pages of DX News
Twenty-five years ago ... from the April 17, 1965 DXN: Veteran DXer James E. Hill - Toronto, ON reported adding 80 points to bring his total to the 2,800 mark ... Stan More - Bradford, MA, reported sending 330 used USA commemorative stamps to CSBH 1169 Porto, Portugal with a report and receiving a very friendly letter plus over 100 Portuguese stamps ... Ben Dungenfield - Chester, PA added country #68 with VOA 791 Thesalonika.

Ten years ago ... from the April 21, 1980 DXN: Leading the Contest with 34 points was Robert Kramer, 34 points, followed by Rick Carr, 31 and Ray Arruda, 33 ... Mark Connolly - Billerica, MA rated his best catches of the season as the Czech on 689 and the new Ireland on 612 ... Rich Kremel - Cincinnati, OH purchased Pat Hartlage’s HQ-180C ... Bill Bergdorfo’s “Fifty States from NYC” included recommendations for KG0J-990 for Kansas, KEX-190 for Oregon, KOH- 630 for Nevada, and a DX test from KFAR for Alaska.

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

4040 Simon Road
Youngstown, OH 44512-1320

AM Switch

e/o WIOI Radio

Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and NRC members

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call: New call: Old call: New call:
700 *New AL Dothan W2GCN 1190 KLMF IA Clinton KLMF
710 W2VT TN Smyrna W2KNN 1640 WSUY MR Murfreesboro W2KNN
770 KPBC TX Garland K2KNN 1660 W2MR AL Huntsville W2KNN
890 *New CA Rosamond K2W2M 1440 KSAM MR Bakersfield KSAM
910 KL8A TX Sherman K2QNN 1640 W2M8 TX Midland Heights W2M6
950 KL2W NY St. Louis Park K2D7C 1390 W2G2 NY Forest Hills W2G2
1070 W2BF WV Beckley K2W2M 1460 KSAM WV Summers K2W2
1230 W2DQ OH Cincinnati W2WQ

*Notes on calls: The FCC finally has decided on its policy in granting WJY to WTP8-1550 Parsons, TN. Should that call ever be assigned to an FM station in NY, a fact which we pointed out here in NERF at the time. We have to keep harping on the woefully inept record keeping going on at the FCC but this latest example really points out how really sloppy things are at the FCC. Despite the announcement over a year ago that they had hired a consultant to convert their call letter files over to a computer, they are STILL keeping the call records on index cards. And, this is the BASKET CASE INVENTORY for the whole country. What happened in the case above is simple. Somebody misplaced the index card for the existing WJY so it appeared that call was not assigned. Incidentally! We know NRC members who single-handedly keep up with all the calls into their home computers in less than a week. These are WRAL TAX DOLLARS AT WORK my friends. There is still no clarification on the recent grant of WJY to the new 1550 station in Santa Fe, NM. That call must still have much alive on 890 kHz in Laredo, TX.

APPLICATIONS: FOR NEW STATIONS

560 MI Birmingham: 15/39 UI (synchronous XW) which would relay WBNF during their schedule, then rebroadcast W2WQ (FM) at night.

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

New:

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES:

840 K2MM CA Gonzales: city of license to Del Rio, TX (power to 5000/2500 watts)
890 K2FRO TX Robinson: power to 2500/3000, antenna to WA (reapplication)
940 W2PB MI Providence: power to 10000 watts
1050 W2JW MA Amherst: power to 10000 watts (reapplication)
1240 W2JQO NS Marion: city of license to Meridian, MS (about 15 years ago this station moved from Meridian to Marion 1360 K2KHC CO Johnstown: night power to 500 watts (pending application)
1510 W2LW IL Lisle: power to 1000 watts
1590 W2PUL FL South Daytona: city of license to Port Orange, FL

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

780 CIFO BC Penticton: night power to 28000 watts (CP, still on 800 KHz)
840 W2BFV AL Mobile: recouple XW
870 K2PMM MN Park Rapids: recouple XW
1220 W2LLL IL Keno: day power to 5000 watts
1270 W2CCIL IN Bloomington: day power to 1000 watts
1450 CHIC CN Cobourg: changes in antenna system (increase height)

OTHERNESS

540 K2KZ CA Hesperia: another bit of creative application, K2KZ has let it be known that they will be rebroadcasting their programming on the subcarrier of K2KG (FM) Los Angeles. They will attempt to sell market subscribers converters at 1500 each to listeners. Add this to the AM daytimer in MI in this issue requesting an AM synchro that will carry a local FM station when they are not on the air and a recent application by an AM station for an FM translator and things are getting interesting!

560 CIQG NY Canton: station is silent

900 W2KVT OH Canton: station is silent

950 K2KAM NC Tijuanas: station is back on the AIR (San Diego metro)

980 K2MN MN Grants: station is now ex-1400 kHz (they were on 980 kHz many years ago before moving to 1400, must not have liked it here.

650 W2M8 MD Funkstown: new station will be ON THE AIR starting 4-30-90

1240 New NS Halifax: allocation for new station here has been DELETED

1320 W2TM DC Washington: station is silent for very brief period, is back ON THE AIR

1350 K2BE TX Kingsville: station is silent

1370 K2MOP MN South St. Paul: station is silent

1410 W2ML AL Mobile: station is silent

1520 W2KOF GA Easton: station is back ON THE AIR

1550 W2RZ SC Greenville: station is silent

1570 W2Y2G OH Warren: station is silent following a fire of "suspicious origin" that burned the old farmhouse where this station was located to the ground.

1580 W2BC IL Urbana: station is silent ON THE AIR

970 PA Ebensburg: station is silent ON THE AIR

THANKS to the following NRCers who sent in their OTHERNESS: JOHN BOWKER, BILL HARDY, BILL COoley, JACK WOODS and D. B. COOPER (Ernie's son??)

73 and Good DX, Jerry & BKF Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

Contests

George Sherman

104 Pinewood Circle
Apple Valley, MN 55612

Promotion of the DX hobby through competitive listening.

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| Dave Thrall, Fortville, IN | 1755 | 790 | 23 | 1 | 57 | 1
| Dave Johnson, Gainesville, FL | 1335 | 670 | 0 | 3 | 39 | 0
| Nancy Hardy, Aberdeen, WA | 1017 | 907 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0
| Bill Hardy, 685 | 620 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0
| Delia Park, NC Honolulu, HI | 514 | 294 | 13 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0
| Mike Hogan, Burnsville, MN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

K9UG REPORT OF NEW STATIONS: W2MW-850 Eden, NC 2E-2I; K2A (now K24YG)-760 KS 10-1A
K2A-1660 KS 12-14
SECOND REPORT OF NEW STATIONS: K2SY-760 KS 12-14

RETURNED TO AIR: APRIL 30: months silent: W2JQ-1550 TD 15-15
A+ total points B+ state & province calls C+ overseas & off the hook; D= most likely station; E= other new logs; F= first report of new station G= 2nd and 3rd in return
ANYONE in the San Antonio area is welcome to attend the next meeting of the Knobusters, May 11 from 2 to 4 PM at the Indian Hills Mobile Home Park, 7500 Goliad, San Antonio. I hope you know that the meeting has changed its public notice here for your Cat's sake, but will leave the info in sufficient time to allow for the publishing schedule.


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Domestic DX Digest - West

Wayne Heinens
4131 S. Andres Way
Aurora, CO 80014
(303) 699-8335 (prepaid only)

DX TESTS
1250 KLKX CA Willie
3/12 0400 to 0500 Zarr to poor w/KKFX Voice & Code ID's. (RO-AK Not Heard) (0F-HI)

1450 W2AP Ft. Defiance Springs
3/17 H3E Three week code. ID's on DX TEST. No other details heard, proving the value of code ID's & when in these tests Fl. 12. (0W-CU)

SPECIAL & FORMAT INFO!
390 KSUB UT Cedar City
3/2 1040 960 w/C&W format (WF-AZ2)

600 KCLZ AZ Flagstaff
3/20 1545 to 3/22 1445. Not heard from Grand Canyon to Sedona. Station SILENT. (WF-AZ2)

610 KXKZ CO Vail
3/22 1530 Fair daytime signal w/KKX-600 stop. Still "Tourist Information Radio" format w/area events, millions of spots. Legal ID 1600. (Ex-KSPN) (0W-CO) 3/26 w/High Country Wk & "Kay-Ski" slogans (CU-CO)

750 KCCB AZ Tuscon
3/18 Noted w/Old / KKF40 92.9 assumed still KCB! (WF-AZ2)

920 KOKR NV Las Vegas
3/21 1740 Noted w/MyLish Mix. Format chg (WF-AZ2)

930 KQTH CA Los Angeles
3/16 2020 Rock Mix w/"K-Earth FM & AM" slogan Not using KKJF and not SS Yet. (WF-AZ2)

1250 KPMX AZ Phoenix
3/14 0730 Noted w/TALKNET (takes over from "KYD") The New Mix 1200 had Gordon Elliot w/ABC Talk radio as has ABC at different times than KKJI. No More. (KAMJ 101.5 (WF-AZ2)

1500 KXAM AZ Mesa
3/17 1600 Mix no longer. FM. KJZZ's most Scottsdale/Phoenix and Sun City mix (WF-AZ2) (Ex-KZP2) 3/17 0920 Fair w/NOS "AM 13-10, KXAM. Playing all local s from memory lave" (TH-CA)

1450 KNOT AZ Prescott
3/20 0525 and 0619 Noted w/C&W Mix 1/08.3 "Mile High Country" on/KFSG (WF-AZ2)

1550 KMJK WA Vancouver
3/27 0740 Good w/KKUJ, lcl ads, Promo as "Magic 106 FM", AC. 0600 "KMKX, AM 1350, Vancouver, KMKX FM 106.7, Lake Oswego Portland". Tried 3/18 w/ success. They have stayed born. (Ex-KVAN) (BI-WA)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

740 KTRH TX Houston
3/19 0420 Noted w/KING's or KCB's from KMDO Null (WF-AZ2)

790 KCON HI Honolulu
3/13 0950 HC, 0959 s/s Don auv "KCON Broadcasting from the historic Kona Coast" then s/s (Ex- KOAS-FM. 1000 ABC X from 1053 TD as KRON-AM & KOAS-FM to OLD Unistar Radio Net. (0P-HI)

910 KYTJ AZ Phoenix
3/14 0410 Noted w/Tom Snyder Show on ABC(!) Talk Radio. Takes over from KTAR (WF-AZ2)

930 KADF AZ Flagstaff
3/21 1115 / 92.9 FM w/C&W (WF-AZ2)

930 KRCY CO Granby
3/20 0800 Lcl spot, "The Voice of the Rockies, KRCY-KRKKM" No PSA listed possibly 121 w night power. Previously had 0 SOA sig only. (TH-CA)

WMSO
AM 640

970 KFCR MT Billings
3/19 0729 Good w/C&W. & into KCTR. LX. Last bird as KQOK. Nancy bird then later as KQBT. KQBT called. (1W-HA)

970 KFCR MT Billings
3/20 0702 Poor/Fair w/KEL, WA ID as Cat Country KCTR & C&W Mix MT 1/11 (TH-CA)

990 KXKZ CA Pismo
3/19 0740 Good Ac w/"Kiss FM is KQKS, FM 92.1 Walnut Creek and KXKA, AM 900. Pismo Beach" (BI-HA)

1010 CBR AB Calgary
3/17 0730 "CB CANADA" followed by full data s/n. Excellent (2W-A)

1200 CBR AB Calgary
3/17 0630 on. with strong w/electic mix. Mentioned had been. FM time 0000, regular s on 0700. See JSS-WA logging ed (BI-HA)

1900 KDIN TX Independence
3/30 0529 Legal ID: This is Radio 105.0 KDIN, KDIN FM in Independence, Kansas" followed by USA Radio or NNC X, QRN KSJG/CBS/KJW, KS 580 (0W-CO)

2000 KCHI MO Chillicothe
3/30 0529 Caught the end of s/off owned by Livingston BC. "Stay tuned Sixth and everyday for the latest News, Weather, Sports and your favorite music from yesterday and today" and off No SRO MO #3 (0W-CO)

1100 KYJE CO Grand Junction
3/19 0419Noted w/EZL / 92.3 FM (WF-AZ2)

1100 KXHJ CA Los Angeles
3/30 0543 Spot for "Ring Emperor..." "02.7 'Kiss' FM" Rock Mix w/male DJ Fair to Poor CA #9 (0W-CO)

1700 KOHO HI Honolulu
3/19 0525 JF AC Mix w/Female DJ 0540 EE/s off gone at 0541 (1W-HI)

1710 (KQ) CA San Diego
3/19 Rare SF w/OC KVOO & KLCX in well. (TH-CA)

1900 CPSL SK Weyburn
3/24 0206 Totally Dominant. SIN Xw w/C&W "Star Country Net", Lcl Xs Xa 0215 & 0211. Usual dominat KJLA & KRDS way under (0W-CO)

2100 KQOO HI Honolulu
3/19 0815 HI E/Zl Female w/EE/s on man w/JF/s on, Kirk Bear Spot. EE/JD Female of w/JF phoning. (1W-CA)

2130 KQES TX Fort Worth
3/18 0947 Fair to Good w/lcl ads "The Fabulous". My Djiana left due to power failure. (TH-CA)

2200 KZIP TX Amarillo
3/11 0755/0729 Fair w/KXAM. "Los Pianos del Notte" Nortena Mix, lcl ads & ID's 7X83 (TH-CA)

2250 KUTR UT Salt Lake City
3/18 0522 fair to good w/CHAM nullled. Nat'l ads, lcl w/Satellite Xs. Net 0532 KUTR ID and gone. (BI-HA)

3160 KEZY WI Williston
3/11 0810 Space mentioning Williston. Area birds, dels, church announcements 0915 0928 Fair to Poor w/KLFP etc (0W-CO)

1600 KRVZ AZ Springfield
3/16 0000 Just appeared w/ID: "Am 14 Hundred KRVZ, Springfield-Eggs, Arizona" apparently to SNO ID to KXU. Lck to KTUS. Legal ID, & KRON nowhere. (TH-CA)

1400 KFSS MA Las Vegas
3/21 0204 Noted w/C&W Mix / (KFMS 101.9 Slagon to "KFM" (WF-AZ2)

1500 KFXR OR Oregon City
3/18 0459 Very good gr w/KOMA. Ending interview w/Moore Crue - KFXR Promo ID for Oregon City and Portland. Call # 81 on the s/n. (BI-HA)

1550 KPMC CA Bakersfield
3/14 0221 Noted w/CNN sxs, "All News Radio in the San Joaquin Valley" No More C&W (WF-AZ3)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

570 KNTV/PDCO Denver
3/19 2035 Female w/Stapleton Int'l Airport Info, Monroe Code ID's. Tape Loop (CI-CO)

590 KS CO Aurora
3/26 0330 Cherry Creek State Recreation Area Tips. Cm w/various Park Info CO 875. (CI-CO)

650 KUUY WY Cheyenne
3/26 1937 "Cheyenne's choice for fun, KUUY" s/s from KHOW-630. WY21 (CI-CO)

830 KUJO WY Evansville
3/26 2200 "This is Gospel Radio, KUJO, Evansville-Casper" and CBM Xa Xy #22

940 KBRE UT Cedar City
3/20 1634 Noted w/C&W Mix (WF-AZ2)
IN THE BEGINNING

BY JOHN D. BONKER

Here is part of the final list of U.S. broadcast stations published by the Federal Radio Commission just before the FCC took over in 1934. "S" means shared; "SH" means specified hours; "o" is daylight; "u" is unlimited time; and "T" shows transmitter location.

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Broughthuntothou...

Mark Connelly - Salisbury Beach, Md. 37 m. NE and SE wires phased with Mars. 

Mark Holbrook - Dunkirk, Md. 200 w. 90° Ww.
Cuba hosted a rolling blast of AM interference at the U.S. last week in an unsuccessful effort to ward off the first on-air battle of the U.S.-government's TV Martí, which took place Tuesday (2/27).

"It certainly appears to be a warning that the government-sponsored radio station of TV Martí goes up," said NAB spokesman Bruce Womack. "The United States Information Agency, is designed to-been U.S. television signals into Cuba via a balloon-mounted transmitter floating over the Florida Keys.

Radio stations and the NAB reported heavy Cuban jamming last week. Friday night (2/23) was cited as a particularly active period. WABF/Des Moines (Iowa) was found the few Cuban broadcasts alternating at various WABF beats from the 900s.

Meanwhile, the stepped-up Cuban interference came just days after the Soviet Union agreed to stop broadcasting Radio Moscow from Cuba to the U.S. frequency.
Musings of the Mourners

Thoughts from NBC members - the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, or the Public Relations Board.

As AI Muck is now half a world away, in Cairo, Egypt, please allow me, AI paper and broadcast editor of this column, to bring you a report of the frozen fingers of Paul Swearingen, YFL, the postmark on the last letter I received from him was too bright red to turn into a postmark, so no Musings sent after this date may make a round trip via AP New York to their proper destination. And now, as I see a huge pile of untyped Musings before me, I say: On with it!

Temporary Editor: Paul Swearingen. 2840 SE Illinois Ave.

Editor: Times are Local. P.O. Box 1276, Belle, CT 06903.

Greetings all, while there has been considerable talk about the quality of AM receivers in these pages in the past, I note with interest, in a recent copy of Radio World, a mention of the National Association of Broadcasters' Receiver Evaluation Task and the Electronics Industries Association joint proposal for the certification mark of "quality AM receiver." It is hoped that this will provide consumer with a guideline when selecting an AM receiver. Exact specifications have yet to be completely worked out. The article, by John Graske, pointed out that AM5 stereos were the first to be included in this certification scheme. Over the past 20 years receiver manufacturers have put so much emphasis on their FM sound that it would be nice to revolutionize and centralization on the AM side. I am not holding my breath on this one. Under the industry finds it to be a positive marketing move, I doubt it will carry any weight with them, as the majority of consumers today are far more concerned about their FM receivers. The Voice of America has alleviated its new broadcast studio to the memory of John Houseman, its longtime director. The popular transaction was being helped to develop the VOA under the Roosevelt administration - KHNN-1340, in Kansas City, is simulcasting the 6 and 6 pm newscasts from CBS and is the new morning news anchor on KFWB in LA. Dick Benbow, the late afternoon anchor, recently related a story of how, once on the air, he was identifiedically Chicago's 300,000-watt giant being WBCF and received a few phone calls in the mail. WKSU in Cleveland will be sold to Cox Enterprises, pending the usual approvals. Frank Hadden and Jackson Weaver, of Washington, DC's WHOA, were the featured speakers at an informal anniversary on the air... KLAS in Las Vegas, purchased by NBC, was granted a permit to build a 500,000-watt station in North Las Vegas, which will be the first or second independent station to begin construction. The NBC conglomerate is the official "station of the official station of the Boston Marathon..." WLAB-800 has added two new on-air personalities, Al Warren in the mid-morning slot and Al Swift in the afternoon drive position. Our TV cousins at Television Marti, which began operations on 27 March 15:13 am, began to experience some transient troubles, as 2:30 am ad 1374 pm, but have not deterred the recipients of this column from their jamming efforts. AMs in Florida are now being interferred with, as reports indicate that many Cuban listeners have been able to hear American stations. According to the New York Times, an executive of the Miami Herald, would like to point out that "Red" Barber is still doing his commentaries on the Friday instalment of NPR's Morning Edition. A well-respected sportsman for decades, Red Barber will always have a special place in the hearts of big Apple sports fans... Buddy Blanacana and Frank White have joined NBC's Sports team in Kansas City... Who is the most-listened-to radio personality in the nation? According to RADAR's latest survey, Paul Harvey continues his long reign, holding down the top 3 spot. Wow, he has been doing that for longer than the Apollo 11 mission, I guess, I should never have been able to get away with the "first landing on the moon". One of NBC's Senior Radio Networks took 1968's big hit top 14 spot and NBC's has 14 spots in the top 20. Some highlights: WMCT-1060, IL, in 1970 with farm c/o store ad for a new one, though with KFWY to contend with. 2-10-10, the 8th anniversary of WCBS in Chicago, was also signed by the St. Louis Cardinals for the 1970 season. 1010 WBBM, SC, which I had previously logged in Dallas but never hear, then at 1951 WQCS-1430 tilton GA was on the channel all along with KFWY format. A really unexpected and pleasant surprise was 107-1968 WBBM radio show for another addition to my 1290 log. In 1924 I noted never have heard WCBS at 1290, when in mix of rock and roll music. D WBBM's, a station I am not sure of the frequency, was repeated on times over the usual London, ON on 1290 was a station with KBC. The exciting turn to be uncensored WKBW Manchester, KY. Interesting to hear this. What's the forgetting of the outside world. About this evening is that it wasn't aural at all, just "gangster" signals from the SN. Finally, on 2-27 logged WSKW-1160 Skowhegan ME for the first time at 2132 with a little bit of "FTR" originating from the Augusta Civic Center. You won't believe how many years I tried in vain to hear this on 1250. Just like Jee been trying to listen to the WRGC-1310 in the NY session last night, 3-17, revealed WESB-1310 Ridolf-PA in and of out the evening with NBC in and "Your Information Station" slogan removed. From 1210-1215, CBS announced a jingle for WJFO-1210 Cleveland Heights, OH at 1938 but then they went right into TalkInto with Bruce Williams which sort of conflicts with the NBC listing of this station as a Black- format station. I will wait for a better reception of this before I add it. That is, if I ever pick it up again. 1490 seems to be a station rather than 1450, my other clear 1450 has been plagued for years and years by an annoying grumbling. I wonder how far this gets out and among other DXers? I can't tell you how many times I've tried to get into 1140 DX but it isn't far from my area. 1440 is DXable however but NBC is somewhat of a problem when the skip isn't that strong. 1340 is DXable but 1340 DX now goes off shortly after midnight. Problem is, so do DZ, if you know what I mean. Talk about mid-life crisis for the DXer. That's all for now.
more than 30 years, and you can say the younger generation from 1950 and all through the 1960’s would not have been able to tolerate it. My home state of Alabama is included in this bit of radio history for the benefit of present-day listeners whose first memory is as the big Chicago fortress of rock ‘n roll. I gave up active DXing in 1952, to pass on to other, after all, I’m not a list collector as such. I’ve always thought that low WENR and WLS retained their separate identities, but eventually WENR dropped from the scene, leaving WLS as the survivor. Issues of Rader across the midwest during the 1960’s were always a light in the darkness. Does any other oldtimer DX hear some of these from 1960 and 50 years ago? Radios were a coming, and that, of course, was a good time. I attended the public library as a child, but never got to that point. As far as I am aware, the public library was a good point for me. I know of a few examples where the stations in the Savannah area need to be more informed. It’s not likely that any of the other stations I mentioned at the beginning of this message will ever follow WREX’s example. The reason why some of the stations here won’t change their formats is because they fear that the listners don’t like hearing the same familiar music. WLS heard a half-hour ago or don’t enjoy these talk-radio shows that blur about other people’s personal matters or events. If any of you Musks out there were to send me a message, I would be more informed. Then I would like to hear from you. Whether it’s Paul, Pete, John, or someone else, I would appreciate the personal letter. I would appreciate that very much. That’s all for now. Until next time, much, Shalom.

Gene Martin - 330 East Avengers Avenue - Denver, CO 80210 - I am making deals with the WLCX radio for the next 15 years, and I know you need to correct what I said sbout it. It was not 1972, when I first logged W9XM, but on March 27, 1928. The notation in my logbook reads, “W9XM, Gassners Grove, IL, 283 grams.” I have since learned that the transmitter was a WLCX. One of the transmitters of WLCX-WBNC. WBNB of that date was the first real radio station, and as it passed through the realm of gone and forgotten radio stations. Major frequency relocations have occurred in many of the stations. However, WLS was shifted from 1040 to 870 and assigned to divide time with a 5 kW WLS. I don’t know exactly how long that lasted, but, three years later, the October 1931 Rader shows both stations using 5000 watts, undoubtedly sharing the same transmitter. Rader says WENR was owned by the National Broad- casting Co. (NBC) and later Broadcasting Co. Those call letters, WLS, have their own meaning, “World’s Largest Store”, refeence A Sears, Roebuck and Co., the founder of WLS in the early 1920’s. That word, “international” in the name of the 1931 owner of WLS also deserves comment inasmuch as the station always had in years a strong identity as a farm station. WLS was at the Midwest farmer, featuring lots of country music. The country flavor in WLS programming hung for on.
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Peter Clarus - 1583 Castleton Ave. - State Island, NY 10305-1312 - My log is now up to 2873 with whom I have been talking on the WCN/WMC and WVK. Last Wednesday morning March 21 I was interviewed on WPAB via a telephone dial with Bill Mack, known as the "Midnight Cowboy." Now to bring radio on Staten Island up to date, for the first time since 1924 there is no AM on S. I. WBBR left the airwaves in 1957 when they sold out to the owners of WHPF, Hartford, CT which was owned by Telecommunications and it became WPFO. They kept it for about a year but the schedule was so few hours that it was a financial disaster. Towards the end of 1958 it was sold to WJZ who decided it was a fad and became a religious station again (it had been one under the Watchtower Bible Society from 1924-1957). WPFO shared with WEDV was also in a bad way money-wise, and their transmitter was always breaking down, so they junked it and leased WPFO's when it was WEDV's time to operate. Eventually WEDV was sold to Salem Media in the early 1990s and now studios are at 128 Suyama Ave. on S. I. About a half-mile from 1111 Woodward Road, the location of the old WBBR and later WPFO. This meant there were two religious stations on S.I. Sharing the same studio. WNYM took many sponsors away from WPFO that they finally sold out to WNYM in 1981, and when this happened everything moved back to 1111 Woodward Road in the original WBBR complex. Salem Media had its studios on WMCA-570 and sold WNYM in 1983 in the beginning of 1989 to something called Radio Vistanas, a Hispanic outfit out of Miami, which eventually sold everything (20 acres) of property from Salem Media, which eventually sold everything (20 acres) of property to a developer and the tower came down as well as the studio building. EPA put them on notice that their driveway and transmitter and towers are up in the Meadowland Swamps. They announce as "New York" on the hour but Paterson, NJ is mentioned a lot, so evidently there is where they are now.

Rick Davis - R2 Box 64 - Oakland, IA 51561 -(712) 483-2230 after 2130 CDT - Greetings from Iowa, where you don't like the weather today, wait 'til tomorrow! - it's change! After recording-setting highs swarmed over the midlands on 5-12, we got our first dose of severe weather the next day as tornadoes and severe storms galore rampaged across Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri. Now, this morning (3-19) I have looked out my window and have been greeted by "3 degrees of snow" and 4-5 degrees of snowfall. Anyway, on to things of more interest - like DX get-togethers. The CTG here on March 3 was a lot of fun, despite the disappointing low turnout. Those attending were current NERCs Ernie Wendosky, Neil Zank, Dan Barek, and Mark Strickert, former NERC member Murray C. Mann, OmaDX DXer Carl Chadwick, and Tim Kiffler, an IRBC member from Columbia, MO. Murray is now the afternoon DJ and CE for KOM-103.7 in Omaha, and since KOM's transmitter is only 3 miles NE of The Farm, he felt obliged to give us a tour. However, Murray got a big shock when he discovered that his key to the building at the site wouldn't work! Obviously, KOM had changed the lock without telling him. So we went to KOM's BQ to my car, where we listened to tapes of early and current DX, including a frequency check cassette that was kindly provided by Skip Dabeleben (who called during the CTG) and an ID/aircheck tape made by myself over the course of the last 2 years from various locations. After eating pizza around 1800, Ernie proposed in a biocassette, and we all sat down to enjoy memories of NRC, IRC, and AARC conventions from the past 30 years. Everyone except Mur left around 2130. After doing airchecks of local FM ers on Sunday, morning of 3-20, I left around 1015, and got into my car around 1115. I arrived in beach just before I presented myself with the prize for most distant traveler. Thank you go to Roger Winzer and Eric Buseman, both of whom also called during the CTG. I will meet many DXers (and others) when I attend this year's NRC gig in February of 2001. My trip was a lot of fun, and I look forward to the next DX Ping-in event.

Wayne McCrane - 100 Donegal Bay - Winnipeg, MB R2N 2XW - Well, as the DX season winds down I thought I would send in a short note describing the latest DX pedition Wayne McCrane and I undertook to a short DX pedition to a couple of spots in Manitoba with our传 twice. Our DXpedition in the first DXpedition in February, but at 25 degrees C it was a bit chilly. We used the stove and 2 propane heaters to keep the trailer warm enough so that the Rig 70s would work. We sat in our parkas and sleeping bags to DX all night. The antenna we used was a 1,200 foot logperiod that we strung out along the road and rig about 400 feet above the ground. Using you ISA 18Xers don't get a good chance to put out antennas on frozen lakes at temperatures -25 with a stiff wind blowing, do you? (And we hope we NEVER get the chance, hi-hihihihi! Anyway, anybody who enjoys DX peditions like the CM1 DXpedition was well in under left, the same morning. That's all for now.

Jim Roggentine - 313 K Woodrow Road, #205 - Bolingbrook, IL 60449 - Since it has been a few good DXpeditions for me, for some time since my last logging, I thought that I'd better get another one started. DXpeditions in recent months I have put some time into flying the DX net, and spending most of my spare time at the Chicago Library, searching mags of Chicago newspapers, in order to get more about Chicago radiostations. In the last 20 months a new station on the radio section once a week (like TV sections in today's papers), and boy they do have a lot of information. Some of the frequency info will be sent on to Bob Harris for his frequency history of Chicago that he is in the process of working on. One of the surprises was to see television listings for Chicago. Tonight (October 10, 1938 Chicago Daily News) about radio stations was easy to research up to about 1930 or so, but after that information was spotty and incomplete. One of the things I have found is that the early DX history buffs is what happened to WAW (now WHIP-1520 prior to 1971) in Hammond, Ind. Chicago. All listings and mention of the station stop at 940: no one else was mentioned in 1930. I am still trying to find some information on the little "Lake" wno, as we knew it possible. Anyway, with all of these new ones, our totals will go up to 1700, and Wayne is well on his way to 600 heard (from WV to WBBR and Arrows (It is about 50 miles air from Winnipeg to the North). Well, that is all from here. Just thought you might like to know that we can DXpeditions up here in the winter. Besides, I cannot remember any DXpedition that lost an antenna to a snow bow, can anybody else? Hey, maybe others can write in and let us know about their "winter DXpeditions." Could be fun. And some of the DXpedition events later in the year. Wayne and me up here in the Great White North.

Paul Sweartinger - Tired Fingers USA - I already chronicled how the San Bernardino sheriff's deputies had several California DXers and me at gunpoint in the Mojave Desert several years ago while they searched our vehicles for miniature airplane for imported drugs. How we were able to know that abandoned airstrip over the next hill was being used by 2-3 other for a couple of weeks, we were in trouble. Someone had better volunteer to take over this column pronto - I can't afford the limousine. Sorry for having to cut FM and TV DX and non-DX from a column of 800 words to 500 words, but certain catches to Eric Buseman for his FM DXD column. No DX to report from here, and probably none forthcoming until after school lets out June 2. Would like to take some DXpeditions this summer, though.