

DX News

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KID-590 - 1655 S. Woodruff - Idaho Falls, ID 83404 will conduct a DX test between 2:00 and 3:00 am EDT Saturday, October 14. The test will include Morse code IDs, voice ID's, and big band music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Ben Reed, Operations Manager. Arranged by Don Davis & J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WDJL-1000 - 6420 Stringfield Road - Huntsville, AL 35806 will conduct a DX test between 2:00 and 2:30 am EDT on Monday, October 23. The test will include Morse code ID's test tones, and instrumental music at 10 kW. Note: WMVP-1000 in Chicago will be on their regular Monday-morning silent period at this time. Reception reports may be sent to: Mr. J. D. Stephens, Station Operator. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WAMR-1320 - c/o Asterisk Communications - 3357 SW 7th Street - Ocala, FL 34471 will conduct a DX test between 3:00 and 4:00 am EDT on Monday, October 23. The test will include Morse code IDs, test tones, and miscellaneous music. The first 30 minutes of the test will be run using a 5,000-watt directional day pattern. From 3:30-3:45 am a 1,000-watt nondirectional pattern will be used, and from 3:45-4:00 am WAMR will run the test at 5,000 Watts nondirectional. Reception reports may be sent to: Mr. Lee Freshwater, Director of Engineering. Arranged by Lee Freshwater and J.D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

KREW-1210 - Box 149 - Sunnyside, WA 98944 will conduct a DX test on Saturday morning, October 28, between 3:30 and 4:00 am EDT. The test will be run at 1000 watts and will include band music and Morse code ID's. KREW will respond to reception reports with a QSL prepared by the NRC. Please send reception reports to Mr. Don Bennett, c/o KREW. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

From the publisher ... We're back to the weeklies, again, and we're reminding editors and contribu-

tors to keep your DX contributions timely, as for the most part anything over a month old won't be used. For those who keep score, DXN included 936 pages in Volume 62, in 11 48-pagers and 19 24-pagers, and I can assure you that every single page was packed. Considering that we haven't raised dues in almost eight years, you're getting a bargain in spite of increased paper and production costs, and again we thank those who continue to purchase NRC products. And that's a lead-in for some of the new products, including the 16th edition of the *NRC AM Log* (see page 4) at the same price as last year's for members, and the revised antenna books (see page 7). And if you want to see what really went on at the convention, see page 9 for Ernie Wesolowski's video tape offer. Ernie donates \$5.00 from each tape sold back to the NRC, by the way.

Ron Musco and I again implore members to check the back page for the correct address, prices, etc. for renewals and other items. Most of the time, when we field complaints of slow response, we find that members have simply sent their renewal or other checks to the wrong address. And ... here's a test: If you send \$25 to one of us and say that you want to join up, what do you think you'll start getting in the mail? The answer is on the back page.

Welcome to these new members ... Robert C. Follett, Park City, UT; Melville Ackerman, Ocean Springs, MS; Alan Sykes, Griffin, GA; W. J. Brown, Thomaston, ME; Michael S. Boland, Great Falls, MT; Ned E. Duval, Jr., Houston, TX (rejoins after being hit by a truck; Ned, we're glad you've recovered enough to DX again!).

DX Time Machine

From the pages of *DX News*:
50 years ago ... from the October 8, 1945 DXN: Cpl. Bob Brown reported a verie from YV1RK-1250, Maracaibo, Venezuela, for a 1941 report; the verie was postmarked on Jan. 25, 1945 and had been held by the U. S. Censor.

25 years ago ... from the September 26, 1970 DXN: Membership passed the 500 mark, with a dozen members signing up for the new season ... awards at the convention included "Domestic DX'er of the year, Jerry Starr; International DX'er of the year, Alan Merriman; and CPC Member of the year, Dan Myers ... a record 70 DX'ers attended the New Jersey convention.

10 years ago ... from the October 7, 1985 DXN: John Malicky took over the Bandscan column ... Isaac Eaves, Crosby, TX reported that his 600-foot longwire was destroyed by Hurricane Alicia.

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AM Switch

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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

FLASH! FCC SCRAPS LIST OF EXPANDED BAND ALLOTMENTS! Just as we go to press we have learned that the FCC has rescinded The List. As the result of several petitions filed by unsuccessful applicants the FCC has admitted that there were errors in their engineering database and "improvement factors" used to generate the list of stations moving to the expanded band that was released earlier this year. They have also redefined the U. S.-Canadian border. Previously the border included some water boundaries. The Commission is changing this to define the border by land mass only. In addition the database may have "overprotected" some TIS stations. The result of this whole mess? The FCC will have to completely re-do the computer model with all these changes and generate a brand new list of stations who can apply for a CP to move to new frequencies between 1610 and 1700 kHz. Your old list? Well, you can keep it as a souvenir of FCC ineptness or toss it in the circular file. The new list could be significantly different. There is no word on how this will affect the WJDM-1530 entry you'll find below in Otherness so we have left this information intact. This last-minute news was received after this edition of AMS was completed.

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	Old call		New call
640	WISZ MI	Zeeland	WBYY
810	WBYY MI	Rockford	WISZ
1260	KFAS AZ	Casa Grande	KKER
1350	WDAR SC	Darlington	WDZS
1410	WQOR AL	Prattville	WVKK
1450	WKRI RI	Warwick	WHIM*

*Note: WHIM call and programming moved from 1110 kHz to 1450 kHz on 4 September. However, new programming called "Primo en Español" has appeared on 1110 kHz, and at the moment they are also using the call WHIM. Stay tuned.

APPLICATION FOR NEW STATION

1340 NV Elko: 1000/1000 U1

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

850	WREF CT	Ridgefield: day power to 10000 watts, add 500 watts nights, antenna to U2
860	KZTW OR	Fairview: night power to 5000 watts
880	WRFD OH	Columbus: day power to 23000 watts
1050	KBLE WA	Seattle: reduce night power to 440 watts
1270	KFCC TX	Bay City: powers to 2500/850, antenna to U1 city of license to Missouri City, TX (see AM Switch V-62 1-27 for background on this station)
1290	WBZT FL	West Palm Beach: powers to 10000/4900
1360	KGME AZ	Glendale: day power to 50000 watts

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

710	KFIA CA	Carmichael: powers to 25000/500, relocate transmitter site (they have already requested a modification of this CP to increase night power to 1000 watts)
990	KRMO MO	Monett: city of license to Cassville, MO
1060	WRHL IL	Rochelle: add 50 watts nights, antenna to U3 (modification issued to original CP which specified night power as 20 watts)
1060	KHYM TX	Gilmer: relocate transmitter site
1340	KVIV TX	El Paso: relocate transmitter site
1480	KKCQ MN	Fosston: reduce night power to 90 watts, antenna to U1
1600	WAQY MA	East Longmeadow: reduce day power to 2500 watts, relocate transmitter site

OTHERNESS

760 KFMB CA San Diego: 50000/5000 U2 CP is on

What a Time-saver - the County Cross Reference

A complete list of counties, parishes, and similar political divisions in the U. S. and Canada. Two lists are included: alpha by county, and by state. Compiled by Bill Hale and designed and produced by Wayne and Joan Helnen. \$4.95 for members, \$8.95, non-member. Order item CCR from the NRC Publications center; NY residents, please include sales tax.

- 840 KDBS OR Eugene: station is SILENT
 1070 WIWS WV Beckley: station is SILENT
 1090 WNVY FL Cantonment: station is SILENT
 1150 WJZS SC Orangeburg: station reported to be operating with reduced power (not specified) into a temporary long-wire antenna, more on this later.
 1260 KKER AZ Casa Grande: silent station is ON THE AIR
 1340 WWNH NH Madbury: this station (and FM affiliate WRUT 107.5) are announcing that their 1400 kHz station, WTIJ in Roxbury, NH is about to begin operations. The problem? WTIJ's CP and call were deleted and cancelled by the FCC in 1992. Furthermore, MSJ reports that it now appears that WWNH itself may be operating without authorization and that the FCC does not believe it to be operating. This could get pretty interesting.
 1410 WVKK AL Prattville: silent station is ON THE AIR
 1500 KJIM TX Sherman: silent station has entered an LMA with owners of KWSM-FM Sherman and may be ON THE AIR by the time this reaches you
 1510 KMRF MO Marshfield: CP for 1000 D3 is on (brand-new two-tower transmitter site is right on the south side of I-44; construction was still going on as we passed while on vacation)
 1530 WJDM NJ Elizabeth: FCC has issued STA (Special Temporary Authority) for WJDM to begin operations on their expanded band frequency of 1660 kHz. Since all expanded band CPs are being held up while the FCC deals with 16 petitions for reconsideration from unsuccessful applicants disputing the allotment procedures, this STA will probably assure WJDM the honor of being the first commercial operation in the expanded band. Owner John Quinn hopes to have the 1660 facility operating in October. According to WJDM there are already over 16 million radios in the NYC metro with coverage to 1700 kHz and more than 270 million nationwide. The decision on whether to simulcast on 1530 kHz or to convert the 1530 facilities to 1660 kHz has not yet been made.
 1570 WBUX PA Doylestown: silent station (previously reported) has asked FCC for permission to remain silent for six months to facilitate tower replacement.

**WGN
Radio
720
Chicago**

THANKS:

Dave Schmidt, Al Hemmalin, Phil Boersma, Ed Krejny, Wayne Heinen (GREAT Convention Wayne!!) Al Merriman and MSJ

73 and Good DX,

Denny & BKF

Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman



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(Division line is
 between East and
 Central time zones)



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MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- * **Mike Hardester** relays an Internet message from **Jeff Miller** of the Tampa area that an outfit called **Kintronic Lab Inc.**, 144 Pleasant Grove Rd., Bluff City, Tennessee, has applied for an experimental AM on 1680 kHz, with 400 watts. Mike doesn't have any other information, but believes this is a broadcast-equipment manufacturer. [Two other "expanded-band" items are in SPECIAL, below.] Welcome back to the NRC and this column, **Chris Knight** of Northglenn, Colorado. **Ron Donath** of Las Vegas says he has accumulated a small amount of antenna clamps/hardware, plus small variable capacitors from AM-FM radios, and a few electronic texts from the 40s and 50s. If anyone is interested in acquiring any of these items, let me know and I'll put **Ron** in contact with you. He also needs **Radio West's** phone number. Seems he's tried the number listed in NRC publications and got some poor soul who's getting a lot of errand calls.
- * A tip of the DDXD-West turban goes to **Joan and Wayne Heinen** for their exemplary labors in pulling off the 1995 NRC Convention. Planes, trains and automobiles were the modes of conveyance for getting attendees to Aurora, and every effort was well worth it. An excellent turnout filled meeting and banquet rooms. Many new, as well as old, acquaintances were made. And the main topic of discussion was, what else, radio! On to ??? in '96. (Knoxville - pls.)
- * After leaving Denver, I ventured east for a couple of weeks of needed vacation. This explains why many E-Mail messages and a few phone calls went unanswered. We're now back on line and ready for your reports, by all methods.
- * Since we are on a weekly schedule for the next 13 weeks, deadlines for DDXD-W are as follows: normal mail, Saturdays; E-Mail, Sunday noon. Yes, most messages do make it almost instantaneously, but don't wait until the last second to post those E-Mail reports. I have noted some take up to 5-6 hours, and more, to appear in my "mailbox". Sometimes the gateways and hubs are down for various reasons, and that causes delays. Just like a mail truck getting a flat tire, hi. So take that into consideration when reporting. And, if it's really important, the phone number here is 208-888-7398. Call before 10 PM Mountain Time week nights, and at a reasonable time weekends or you'll just get the dreaded "machine". I'm looking forward to a great '95-'96 season, and your reports will make it that much better!!

REPORTERS

- CK-CO **Chris Knight** (cgknight@ix.netcom.com) Northglenn GE Superadio III
 PB-WA **Phil Bytheway** Seattle
 DS-TN **Doug Smith** Pleasant View
 RD-NV **Ron Donath** Las Vegas GE Superadio II + Select-A-Tenna
 RD-xx **Ron Donath** location listed Radio Shack Optimus + CB whip
 MS-CO **Mike Sanburn** (Bellflower, CA) DXing from Aurora Superadio II, Nissan Caradio, Aiwa JS 415
 JC-HI **Jim Clar** (Rochester, NY) DXing from the "Big Island" RF-B45 (report forwarded by Dave Braun)
- [Internet items are provided for informational purposes. The editor does not claim validity]
 Ed-WY Editor I-80 Green River Delco AM\$/FM\$ ETR

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SPECIAL

- 1490 **KBKS** CO Boulder - Is still off, leaving 1490 wide open. (CK-CO)
 1660 **WJDM** NJ Elizabeth - The September 6th issue of **Radio World** magazine reports that the first station to broadcast in the expanded AM band will be WJDM. WJDM currently transmits on 1530 khz from Elizabeth NJ with 500 watts



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daytime only. This station was chosen first because it is the largest city in the US without nighttime service. Transmissions should start in October on 1660 kHz. The article did not mention the power. It will be interesting to see what kind of DX reports will result. (Internet via PB-WA) But wait . . . per "Inside Radio" (9/6/95): The FCC is scrapping the entire allocation plan for 1610-1700 kHz and is starting from scratch. (Internet via DS-TN)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 530 WNFCS10 CO Aurora - 9/4 0000 - Local TIS operated by Colorado D.O.T. (MS-CO)
- 530/1610 TIS WY Rock Springs/Green River - 9/1 1000 - Long tape loop about the Flaming Gorge National Recreation area. 530 kHz on the west end, 1610 on the east. Identical tape, but not //. Never caught calls, but am sure were announced. [Ed.-WY]
- 890 WNE689 CO Denver - 9/2 1730 - Loop message broadcasting from Coors Field, home of the Rockies. (MS-CO) [Yup, I noted this too, after seeing signs on I-25 driving into Denver. And the Rockies were outta town that weekend - Ed.]
- 1610 WNSV510 CO Georgetown - 8/27 1400 - Good signal, with announcement of a 20-minute delay Monday thru Friday at the Eisenhower Tunnel on I-70. Colorado Department of Transportation. (RD-CO)
- KOP728 UT Thompson - 8/27 1545 - Poor, with BLM and Forest Service announcement of activities in Southeastern Utah. (RD-UT)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- 760 KGU HI Honolulu - 7/27 0330 - Fair-to-goof, with fading. Promos for CBS Radio Sports, Talk Radio 76, KGU ID + jingle into Bruce Williams show, station promos and program note for Moving Body program heard Mondays at 2 on KGU. (JC-HI)
- 850 KHLO HI Hilo - 7/29 0330 - Fair-to-good, with C&W music, as for Pescatori's Italian Restaurant, IDs and slogan: Today's Hottest Country Music, AM 850 KHLO. Live ads from 5th annual Hawaiian Builder and Contractor Expo at local hotel. (JC-HI)
- 900 KNUI HI Kahului - 7/26 0210 - Good, with QRN, with Pop vocals, KNUI-AM/FM ID and slogan: Where you always hear what you want . . . , TCs and FM-99, Island Favorites jingle. (JC-HI)
- 930 KSEI ID Pocatello - 9/4 0228 - With ID: AM 930 Talkradio KSEI. (MS-CO)
- 980 KUPI ID Ammon - 9/4 0035 - PSA for Idaho National Guard. ID: Kewpie 98. (MS-CO)
- KMBZ MO Kansas City - 9/4 0051 - ID: Back home where it belongs, the Kansas City Royals on KMBZ. (MS-CO)
- 1080 KWAI HI Honolulu - 8/1 0222 - Fair, with KWAI 1080 AM, the Talk of the Town. ID/slogan into The Gem Show jewelry call-in program, ad for Carats and Karats jewelers on King Street. (JC-HI)
- 1110 KAOI HI Kahului - 7/27 0347 - Good, with KKON Kealakekua and KAOI Wailuku ID, PSAs for FEMA, the National Guard, and National Cultural Alliance into business update and music report to AP Network News at 0400. (JC-HI)
- 1260 KWYR SD Winner - 9/4 0400 - Huge signal, with C&W music and ID: Country's Best, KWYR Winner. ABC Info News. (MS-CO)
- 1270 CHAT AB Medicine Hat - 9/4 0430 - ID: 1270 Chat followed by song Tennessee River. (MS-CO)
- 1420 KCCN HI Honolulu - 7/27 0230 - Very good, with Rainbow Radio, 1420 on your dial, KCCN . . . Station Aloha into Hawaiian music, ad for Benny Hana Restaurants and numerous station promos. (JC-HI)
- 1430 KLO UT Ogden - 9/7 0200 - With ID KLO Ogden. ABC News and another ID as AM 1430, KLO. Slogan Unforgettable Music. (RD-NV)
- 1490 KWAC CA Bakersfield - 9/5 0500 - Accidentally caught ID in EE. (RD-NV)
- 1580 KCWW AZ Tempe - 9/4 0510 - ID: KCW and song If the Devil Danced in Empty Pockets. (MS-CO)
- 1590 KLLL TX Lubbock - 9/4 0453 - CDT TC, ID, announcing C&W music. Caught legal ID at 0454. (MS-CO)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 550 KMVI HI Wailuku - 7/28 1230 - Good, with Maui Radio 55, KMVI ID, morning show with local news, weather, sports. TCs, talk about crash of fire department rescue helicopter on Oahu, promo for KMVI Money Machine. (JC-HI)

- 830 KHVH HI Honolulu - 7/26 1243 - Very good, with morning show with local and national news, weather and traffic, into Hawaii Business Report, ads for Executive Center, Bishop Street Condos and Hawaii Light Inc photo services. (JC-HI)
- 920 KLMR CO Lamar - 9/3 1130 - ID: You've been listening to Country Crossroads on KLMR, Lamar. (MS-CO)
- 1470 KKTY WY Douglas - 9/1 0915 - With OLD, KKTY ID after song. KRKI co-channel QRM. (CK-CO)
- 1490 KRTN NM Raton - 9/1 0905 - End of ABC News, current temp 51 degrees, ads. This is KRTN Raton, school lunch menus for Des Moines and Cimarron schools. (CK-CO)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 730 KLOE KS Goodland - 9/3 1800 - Rockies baseball and ID: Your station for talk in Western Kansas, KLOE Goodland. (MS-CO)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates North American record

1490 kHz:

WGCH	CT	Greenwich	Joe Kureth	Uniontown, MD	2 0 7
WMGW	PA	Meadville	Joe Kureth	Uniontown	*213
CKBM	PQ	Montmagny	Joe Kureth	Uniontown	606
CJMC		Ste-Anne-des-Monts	Joe Kureth	Uniontown	*839



The following GY records have been purged (due to non-renewal) and are up for grabs. Check your logbooks and if you have logged any of these and think they may be a distance record, send them in. I figure the mileage, but be sure to indicate your location when logged.

1340 kHz:

WALL	NY	Middletown
WTWN	VT	St. Johnsbury
WJMA	VA	Orange
CKMG	PQ	Maniwaki

1400 kHz:

WALE	MA	Fall River
WLLH	MA	Lowell
WDOT	VT	Burlington
WRON	WV	Ronceverte
CKSJ	PQ	St. Jovite

1450 kHz:

WLAY	AL	Muscle Shoals
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1490 kHz:

WFKY	KY	Frankfort
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See You Next Week!!!

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

/ / :parallel to :00: on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band BRN:Business Radio Net C&W:country & western CCR:contemporary Christian radio CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL:call letter EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel IRN:Interstate Radio Net LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NBA:National Basketball Assn NFL: National Football League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier POL: political PRI: Public Radio International PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference QRN:natural interference QTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International

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DDXD-E NEWS AND VIEWS

Welcome to Volume 63!

In August WNWR was interrupting their *Deutsche Welle* broadcast around 0645 and announcing that due to FCC regulations the program would not be heard in September, and they would be beginning their broadcast day with *Radio France International*. In response to a question from C.R. Bernth, this would correspond with their September sign-on time. But WNWR is shown as U4? Do they not use the nighttime authorization?

SPECIAL

- 560 WHND MI Monroe - As of 8/19 has dropped Spanish 1200-1800 on weekends. Saturday has already been sold to another ethnic program followed by a psychic show, but Sunday from 1300-1700 they air Detroit in the '60's which is a collection of airchecks from 30-35 years ago. This is a real treat for us in the area as such legendary Motown rockers as CKLW, WXYZ, WKNR and WJBK are once again brought to life. I've even heard out of town checks from CHUM and CHLO from the days when it was on 680. Since this program is being used as filler until the time is resold, it could be gone either partially or in total on short notice. So get it while you can. (JL-OH)
- 1460 WRTN? NY New Rochelle - 9/13 1645 - Listening on car radio heard "WRTN" ID with several mentions of Westchester County. Has there been a call change at WVOX? I am quite sure their FM has changed to WRTN and both play NOS. (CRB-NY)



UNID AND UNID HELP

- 1020 UNID 9/8 1933 - Powerhouse signal with religious call-in show giving 800 number, local number for Baltimore area and toll number for out of country callers. Way over KDKA most of the time. (JR-NJ) (I would guess Caribbean Christian Radio, Turks & Caicos, with a paid program - db)

0000 to 0800 ELT

- 630 WVVW WV St. Mary's - 8/29 0618 - Up briefly with an ID, WMAL nulled. WV #63. (JEK-MD)
- 850 KOA CO Denver - 9/8 0617 - "Home of the Rockies and Broncos" with news. (CRB-NY)
- 910 WRKL NY New City - 9/12 0716 - "Rockland's news leader" with sports rundown. (CRB-NY)
- 980 WWRC DC Washington - 8/13 0230 - "Talk Radio WRC AM 980". (CRB-NY)
- 1140 WCJW NY Warsaw - 7/31 0643 - "CJ Country" playing *Elvis*. (CRB-NY)
- 1290 CJBK ON London - 9/13 0010 - Good Time Oldies, woman taking call-in requests, played a record by *LuLu*. (CRB-NY)

0800 to 1600 ELT

- 900 WURD PA Philadelphia - 9/1 1300 - Gospel programming with some local ads. (CRB-NY)

1600 TO 2400 ELT

- 610 WIOD FL Miami - 9/12 2054 - Ads for TV 33, *The Weather Channel* and *America On Line*, into talk. (CRB-NY)
- 630 CHLT PQ Sherbrooke - 9/12 2100 - FF play-by-play of *Expos* baseball. (CRB-NY)
- 730 CKAC PQ Montreal - 9/2 2200 - FF popular music. (WM-MD)
- 790 WSVG VA Mt. Jackson - 9/5 1956 - CW music and "Classic Country 96.9" ID. (JR-NJ)
- 820 WQSI MD Frederick - 9/6 1922 - CW music and "82 Q" or "Great Country 82 Q" IDs. (JR-NJ)
- 920 WMEL FL Melbourne - 9/12 2243 - "Sports Fan Radio Network, home of the Jacksonville Jaguars", "Talk 920 WMEL" with sports chatter. (CRB-NY)
- WBAA IN West Lafayette - 8/31 2035 - Classical music, then jazz. (WM-MD)
- 940 WINE CT Brookfield - 9/12 1754 - "The new WINE", apparent format change to CW. (CRB-NY)
- WMIX IL Mt. Vernon - 8/29 2150 - *Cardinals vs. Reds* baseball over CBM. (WM-MD)

- 960 WRNS NC Kinston - 9/2 1941 - CW music and "FM 95.1" ID. (JR-NJ)
- 1110 CKTY ON Sarnia - 9/6 1943 - Good signal with "Today's hot new country on 1110 CKTY" ID. (JR-NJ)
- 1250 CHWO ON Oakville - 9/10 2357 - End of Golden Age of Radio tape replay into *Jack Cole* jazz show. (CRB-NY)
- 1360 CJVL PQ Ste-Marie-de-Beauce - 9/12 2000 - "Radio Beauce" with some kind of new age/folk music into news in FF. (CRB-NY)
- 1400 WTCY PA Harrisburg - 9/7 1950 - Surfaced briefly with promo for *Boyz II Men* concert at the *York Theater* and a couple of "1400, The Touch" IDs. (JR-NJ)
- 1530 WLSP MI Lapeer - 8/26 2030 - Sports program under WSAL. "News Sports Leader" and "American Sports Radio" slogans. Brief sign-off at 2057. First time heard since '69. At first thought I had a new one but just a call change. (JEK-MD)

REPORTERS

- CRB-NY C.R. Bernth, Eastport, NY: DX380, Select-a-tenna
- JEK-MD Joe Kureth, Uniontown, MD: DX-375, Superadio III with longwire
- JL-OH Jeffrey Less, Toledo, OH: Panasonic RF5000A
- WM-MD William McGuire, Cheverly, MD: Realistic DX-380
- JR-NJ Jeff H. Ross, Flemington, NJ: R8, 135' wire, loop

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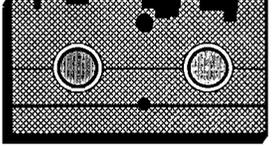


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It's a new season for most of us this month (except for those year-round die-hards - you know who you are!), and the 63rd year of the National Radio Club is underway. Once again, we are striving to receive DX reports from as many states and provinces as possible during the coming year. We're off to a great start, because first-time reporter Mark Burns is from Indiana, a state which we didn't hear from last year! With Hoosier hospitality in IDXD how can anything go wrong?

Deadlines are weekly now, Saturdays for US postal delivery, Sundays for e-mail. All reports are printed, some may be held over until the following week if received after the deadline.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

549 ALGERIA Les Trembles, SEP 1 0447 - AA violins & vocal; fair. [Connelly-MA] SEP 11 0135 - Woman in AA, high pitch voice, talking with a man. // to 576 and 891. [Dangerfield-PA]

558 SPAIN, AUG 30 0406 - fast SS talk; in slop. [Connelly-MA]

576 ALGERIA Bechar, SEP 11 0150 - Barely readable woman in AA on talk program. Was // to 549 and 891. [Dangerfield-PA]

585 SPAIN Madrid, AUG 30 0408 - woman in SS; poor to fair with WBNW phased. SEP 3 0246 - SS talk; poor in WBNW slop. [Connelly-MA] SEP 1 0038 - SS teletalk; poor to fair in QRN. [Connelly*R-MA]

594 unID (MOROCCO or SAUDI ARABIA), SEP 1 0037 - AA-sounding vocal music; slopped. [Connelly*R-MA]

594 SAUDI ARABIA?, SEP 8 0238 - Possible music, weak audio but strong carrier, other Saudis in at this time, but are they on then? [Braun-DE]

603 SPAIN Sevilla/Palencia, SEP 1 0036 - SS talk & teletalk that sounded // 621. [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 3 0245 - SS teletalk; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]

612 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, SEP 1 0034 - AA male vocal, then talk at low modulation level on good carrier; over others. [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 19 0258 - Clear through WIP splatter with Moroccan music, man singing. [Dangerfield-PA]

621 CANARY ISLANDS Santa Cruz de Tenerife, AUG 30 0410 - news by man in SS; fair on peaks. SEP 4 0606 - SS news, still fair to good at this late time. [Connelly-MA] SEP 1 0035 - fast SS talk by woman; fair. This was better about an hour earlier (ripping up WZON on car radio). [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 8 0241 - Female vocal, good signal, // 684. [Braun-DE] SEP 11 0130 - Clear with men in SS talk program. Steady signal. [Dangerfield-PA]

639 CZECH REPUBLIC Praha - Liblice (t), SEP 5 0201 - Slavic-sounding news by woman; mixed with others, poor. [Connelly-MA]

675 FRANCE Marseille, SEP 1 0145 - Fair with woman in FF, and Lopik did not seem to be in the background. [Dangerfield-PA]

675 HOLLAND Lopik, SEP 13 0355 - Good signal with rock-pop music, and was being hetted on low side - about 674 - by an UNID station that looped TA, although CA LA was possible. [Dangerfield-PA]

684 SPAIN RNE-1 Sevilla, SEP 8 0247 - SS talk by woman, // 621. [Braun-DE]

693 UNITED KINGDOM synchronos., SEP 1 0048 - EE news & discussion about VE Day and VJ Day; atop Azores/Spain, SAH about 6 Hz. [Connelly*R-MA]

702 MOROCCO/SPAIN, SEP 1 0031 - apparent AA or Berber a cappella vocal, mixed with SS talk; messy. [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 6 2340 - Fair with Berber music and man in AA or Berber. [Dangerfield-PA]

711 MOROCCO Laayoune, SEP 13 2333 - Good with Moroccan string music and chanting, but tough next to WOR. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 19 0050 - Clearest yet for this one with man and woman talking in AA. [Dangerfield-PA]

729 SPAIN Oviedo et al., SEP 3 0248 - bits of SS in CKAC slop. [Connelly*R-MA]

738 SPAIN Barcelona, AUG 30 0414 - SS teletalk show; excellent. [Connelly-MA] SEP 1 0027 - man & woman in SS, then music dubbed over taped phone conversation as promo.; excellent.

[Connelly*R-MA] SEP 19 0500 - Good het against CBL, but pips and a woman's "Radio Nacional de España" ID popped through during CBL voice break. News heard with man's voice deep under CBL after this. First TA of the year, Spain #10 (hurray, first double digit TA country). Hets also noted on 621, 684, 891 and 1089. [Renfrew-NY]

747 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, AUG 30 0415 - man & woman in SS; good on peaks. [Connelly-MA]

747 NETHERLANDS Flevoland, SEP 1 0053 - spooky music with interspersed DD dialogue (probably a radio drama); HUGE signal. [Connelly*R-MA]

756 GERMANY Braunschweig/Ravensburg, SEP 1 0025 - classical music; excellent. [Connelly*R-MA]

756 SPAIN Bilbao, SEP 13 0335 - Good with woman in SS. No sign of the German at that time. [Dangerfield-PA]

765 SWITZERLAND RSR Sottens, AUG 27 0220 - Excellent, classical music. [Conti-MA] SEP 1 0025 - classical music; fair. [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 3 0243 - classical violin music; excellent. [Connelly-MA]

774 SPAIN RNE1, AUG 30 0417 - man in SS; fair through CFDR & WABC slop. [Connelly-MA]

792 SPAIN Sevilla, AUG 30 0418 - man & woman in SS; to good peaks. [Connelly-MA] SEP 4 0345 - Very clear with man in SS, maybe a talk program. [Dangerfield-PA]

819 EGYPT Batra, SEP 5 0135 - General Program excellent with AA male Koranic chant // 12050. [Connelly-MA]

819 unID, SEP 4 0601 - het persisting at this late time, likely Morocco. [Connelly-MA]

837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, AUG 30 0419 - man & woman in SS; very good. [Connelly-MA] SEP 1 0021 - SS talk, was NOT // 855; good over others. [Connelly*R-MA]

837 CANARY I. COPE Las Palmas, SEP 5 2335 - Very strong with man in SS, and SEP 6 2330 - Ads and COPE ID at 2335 followed by jazzy string music. The Canary Islands are usually at their best in late summer and early fall - and early evening. [Dangerfield-PA]

837 AZORES Barossa, SEP 4 0600 - bits of PP talk; briefly over Canary Islands. [Connelly-MA]

846 ITALY Rome, AUG 30 0420 - classical music; poor. [Connelly-MA] SEP 1 0023 - opera; poor in WEEL slop. [Connelly*R-MA]

855 SPAIN Murcia et al., AUG 30 0421 - SS talk by 2 announcers; excellent. [Connelly-MA] SEP 1 0020 - SS telephone interview; good. [Connelly*R-MA]

864 EGYPT Santah, SEP 1 0019 - AA group a cappella vocal; excellent. [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 5 0220 - AA male vocal (Holy Koran service // 9756.4); to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]

882 UNITED KINGDOM synchronos., SEP 1 0101 - woman in EE with news about Bosnia, // 693; good over other station. [Connelly*R-MA]

891 ALGERIA Algiers, AUG 30 0428 - instrumental music; very good. [Connelly-MA] SEP 1 0016 - rock-influenced AA music with flutes & drums, then woman in AA; excellent, S9+50; like a local. [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 1 0145 - Good with woman in AA-high pitched voice and // to 549 and 576. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 9 0005 - Music audible in 890 slop, nothing else. [Braun-DE]

909 UNITED KINGDOM synchronos., SEP 1 0102 - news by woman in EE, // 693, 882; fair to good. [Connelly*R-MA]

927 TURKEY Izmir, SEP 20 0410 to 0430 - Good with Turkish music, fem vocals & fem announcer but man speaking at 0425. Was // to 1017 and I checked this back and forth to be sure. [Dangerfield-PA]

954 SPAIN Madrid, SEP 1 0014 - SS teletalk with man & woman; good. [Connelly*R-MA]

954 CZECH REPUBLIC / SPAIN, SEP 3 0250 - man & woman in Slavic language over/under man in SS; SAH about 3 Hz. [Connelly-MA]

963 PORTUGAL Seixal, SEP 4 0552 - PP talk by man & woman; poor. [Connelly-MA]

999 SPAIN Madrid, SEP 1 0013 - SS teletalk; fair. SEP 1 0104 - SS news by woman; loud, stronger than 1000 kHz domestics! [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 4 0118 - Good with a rock sort of pop music. [Dangerfield-PA]

1008 CANARY ISLANDS / SPAIN, SEP 3 0251 - SS talk by man; over others with WINS phased. [Connelly-MA]

1017 GERMANY Rheinsender, SEP 1 0012 - classical music, then man in GG; very good. [Connelly*R-MA]

1017 TURKEY Mundanya (t), SEP 1 0157 - Middle Eastern music mixed with Germany. [Connelly*R-MA]

1017 TURKEY Mundanya [Istanbul], SEP 20 0332 to 0430 - Very good with Turkish orchestra, man with news at 0400, then more music with fem singer and fem announcer. Man again at 0425. Was // to 927. Another station here but not sure if Germany or Spain. The music was familiar as was in Turkey 6 years ago. [Dangerfield-PA]

1017 SPAIN Granada/Burgos, SEP 4 0524 - SS male talk, folk guitar; good over others. [Connelly-MA]

- 1026 SPAIN SER stations, SEP 13 0230 - Suddenly in strong with woman in SS but did a quick fade. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1044 SPAIN San Sebastian, SEP 4 0525 - news by man & woman in SS; excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO Sebaa Aioun, SEP 12 2350 - Good with Berber or maybe just Moroccan music, but I don't think this station is // to 1053 as may have been reported by others. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1053 UNITED KINGDOM, TalkRadio UK synchros., SEP 1 0111 - EE sportstalk, over SS & AA stations. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1062 DENMARK Kalundborg, SEP 3 0252 - open carrier, strong. SEP 5 0408 - news in Danish by man; excellent, 20 dB better than KYW-1060! [Connelly-MA]
- 1089 ENGLAND TalkRadio UK, AUG 26 2350 - Fair/good, promos and ads, then "You're on TalkRadio UK" and caller from Liverpool. [Conti-MA] AUG 30 0435 - EE talk about aliens; good. [Connelly-MA] SEP 1 0010 - man & woman in EE; over unID station, 4 Hz SAH. [Connelly*R-MA] + adverts for life insurance, long distance telephone service; followed by talk about tennis. [Connelly-MA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM/ALBANIA (?), SEP 3 0253 - TalkRadio in EE over second station with eastern European sounding talk; both stations were stronger than WBAL - 1090. [Connelly-MA]
- 1098 SLOVAKIA Nitra, SEP 1 0113 - light orchestral music; way over others. [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 5 0152 - Very strong with orchestra playing Maria Elena. News in Slovak at 0200. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1107 EGYPT Batrah, SEP 1 0009 - AA female vocal; fair to good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN, SEP 4 0528 - SS talk; in slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1107 UNID SEP 10 12:11 - Spanish, male talk, possibly news. Gone at 12:20, nothing that sounded like an ID. [McLachlan-MB] (If you could have IDed this one, George, you'd have won the annual IDXD Double Dip Award for anyone first reporting a TA and TP! - Jim)
- 1125 CROATIA Deanovic, SEP 12 0230 - Fair with religious or folk music by orchestra and woman's choir. Was // to 1134 [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1134 CROATIA Zadar, SEP 1 0200 - light music, then Slavic language news by man; tough with WBBR slop. [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 12 0230 - Strong and clear with religious or folk music by orchestra and fem chorus. // to a weaker 1125. Is being heard almost nightly over any Spanish stations. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1143 SPAIN/others, SEP 1 0207 - SS news // 1152, in mix with 2 others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1152 SPAIN, SEP 1 0207 - news by man in SS; mixing with at least 2 others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1161 unID, SEP 1 0227 - fat het, little audio. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1179 SWEDEN/SPAIN-CANARIES, SEP 1 0226 - music mixed with SS talk; messy. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1188 HUNGARY Szombathely (t), SEP 1 0223 - test with several audio tones // 1251. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1197 UNITED KINGDOM, SEP 1 0222 - Virgin Radio // 1215 with "I'm on Fire" by Bruce Springsteen; very briefly over 3 to 4 station mess. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1206 POLAND Lublin et al., SEP 1 0220 - Polish talk; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE Bordeaux, SEP 4 0521 - tropical jazz instrumental, then FF female vocal; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 ENGLAND Virgin Radio, SEP 1 0216-0220 - Virgin Radio excellent with "Love Will Tear Us Apart" by Joy Division, EE talk, "A Girl Like You" by Edwyn Collins, then "I'm on Fire" by Bruce Springsteen. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1215 SPAIN, SEP 1 0217 - SS talk briefly popped up over Virgin Radio. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1224 unID, SEP 1 0218 - bits of music, possibly // UK - 1215. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA Tripoli, SEP 1 0005 - violins, AA talk by man; good, over others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1251 HUNGARY Marcali (t), SEP 1 0223 - over/under Libya; test with several audio tones // 1188. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1259 unID, SEP 1 0211 - weak het on WEZE. Azores still here? [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1269 GERMANY Neumunster, SEP 1 0152 - classical music // 756, 1422; fair through CJB/WTSN slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1287 CZECH REP/SLOVAKIA various. AUG 31 0310 - Good signal with woman speaking Czech or Slovak. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1314 SPAIN, AUG 30 0453 - bits of SS talk; in CKEC slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1314 NORWAY Kvitsoy, SEP 1 0004 - man in Norwegian, then soul vocal. SEP 1 0134 - pop-rock music; in like a ton of bricks, 15 dB better than 1310 & 1320. Weak 1313 het (Angola) present. [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 1 0350 - Armchair reception with man in NN and pop songs by fem singer. Not heard well since. This station seems to boom in every few weeks and then disappear. [Dangerfield-PA] SEP 3 0259 - song with fiddle (sounded like "Jig of

- Life" by Kate Bush), then man in Norwegian. SEP 5 0405 - classical music; excellent, over Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 1325 MOROCCO Safi, AUG 31 2358 - mellow pop vocal; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1341 NORTHERN IRELAND Lisnagarvey, SEP 1 0125 - EE talk; poor. [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 3 0300 - fair w EE news by woman. [Connelly-MA]
- 1349 MAURITANIA R.Mauritanie, Nouakchott, AUG 28 0030 - Fair to poor, Arabic music, believed to have signed off at 0100 when het against WOYK-1350 abruptly disappeared. [Conti-NH] AUG 31 2357 - woman in AA; fair to good, over CKAD/WOYK/WSVY slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1377 UKRAINE synchros., SEP 1 0135 - classical music, then Slavic talk; fair. Other station under, maybe Portugal. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1395 ALBANIA Filake, SEP 5 0357 - talk in unID language, then religious music; carrier dropped off at 0359. Signal poor to fair. [Connelly-MA] SEP 13 0350 - Very good with man in Albanian. No sign of any new Dutch station. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1404 unID, AUG 31 2348 - het, Ukraine? [Connelly*R-MA] 1413 SPAIN, SEP 1 0138 - SS talk in growl/jumble. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1422 ALGERIA Algiers, AUG 31 2347 - AA vocal at about 20% modulation level; on huge carrier, atop Germany - SAH about 4 Hz. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1422 GERMANY Heusweiler, SEP 1 0149 - classical music; very good/dominant. [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 20 0401 - Good signal with woman giving news in GG. This station has become the easiest German to log and is often heard around 0400. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1467 FRANCE Roumoules, SEP 5 0402 - man in GG; to good peak. [Connelly-MA] SEP 13 0406 - Strong with man giving religious talk in GG. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba, SEP 3 0303 - male AA Koranic vocal; excellent on phased wires, sloped by WWKB on borrowed Kiwa loop. [Connelly-MA] SEP 16 0230 - Duba noted big het on KOMA/WWKB at 0230 and had some audio peaking around 0308-0312 with typical Koranic chanting [Kazaross-IL]
- 1521 SPAIN Manresa, SEP 5 0354 - excited SS talk occasionally surfacing over WWKB slop & bits of fading Saudi. [Connelly-MA]
- 1530 SAO TOME, VOA, SEP 3 0306-0312 - VOA African Service news // 7405; mixed with Vatican & remnants of nulled WSAI. It cut through best when there was a speech followed by loud applause. Bits of Sheryl Crow song noted at 0312; by this time signal was under WSAI & Vatican. SEP 5 0348 - VOA environmental news in 'special' (slow) EE // 7405; very good (!) over/under WSAI. [Connelly-MA]
- 1530 VATICAN, SEP 3 0314 - Slavic-sounding talk by woman; briefly over WSAI & VOA Sao Tome. [Connelly-MA] SEP 11 0430 - Good behind WSAI with woman in language per their schedule. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1537.8 unID, SEP 1 0142 - het, possibly the anti-Iraqi clandestine that Burnell has been hearing. A het was also noted on 1539. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1539 UNID SEP 16 0345 - Man in SS and I think maybe Melilla, Spanish enclave in Morocco but can't be sure as yet. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1544 ALGERIA (or Morocco), R.Nacional, AUG 31 2342 - AA speech by man; huge, S9+50 ! [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1548 UNITED KINGDOM, AUG 30 0500 - news by woman in EE; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA] SEP 1 0145 - bits of EE talk in mix of several stations; tough with slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1557 FRANCE Nice, SEP 4 0522 - FF female vocal // 1206; poor. [Connelly-MA] SEP 20 0435 - Clear atop frequency with semi-classic music and choir. Malta apparently the one below, but usually Malta is dominant at this time in AA. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1563.08 unID, SEP 4 0537 - PP or FF teletalk; poor. Is Covilha, Portugal still drifting near this frequency? WQEW was off at the time. [Connelly-MA]
- 1575 SPAIN SER Cordoba/Pamplona, SEP 3 0420 - SS talk under open carrier. [Connelly-MA] 1584 SPAIN SER synchros, AUG 30 0457 - woman in SS, bits of techno-rock instrumental were blended in for emphasis; fair through CBJ slop. SEP 3 0420 - fast SS talk by man; good. SEP 4 0544 - excited SS talk; to strong peaks, but very jumpy. [Connelly-MA]
- 1593 GERMANY Holzkirchen, SEP 13 0407 - Fair with man in Slavic so I guess this station is still going strong. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1602 SPAIN R.Vitoria, Vitoria, AUG 27 0100 - Good, "grupos importantes de los Estados Unidos" oldies music, "Radio Euskadi y Radio Vitoria" ID and "servicios Informativos" news. Echo (especially noticeable in time beeps at the top of the hour) indicates more than one Vitoria network station on this frequency. WRTH lists only one, with the remainder as SER network stations. SEP 1 0147 - SER SS news; in WUNR slop. [Connelly*R-MA] SEP 5 0058 - man & woman in SS; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 1608a unID, SEP 3 0410 - RTTY signal, probably of European origin. [Connelly-MA]

- 1611 VATICAN, SEP 3 0316 - woman talking in unID language; fair. SEP 3 0419 - talk, Ave Maria on organ, Vatican IS; good. [Connelly-MA] SEP 16 0349 - was hetting 1610 weak TIS's and sufaced at 0349 with their familar IS and into talk and church music in lang that sound Slavic. Weakly audible but IS clear on fade up. [Kazaross-IL]
- 1615 UNITED KINGDOM, SEP 3 0415 - "GCC1" CW ID; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1619 NETHERLANDS Scheveningen, SEP 3 0416 - "PCH" CW ID, then 8 data bursts; good. [Connelly-MA]

Ben speaks: "Since my Sept 1 report got swallowed up somewhere I am trying it again. We are leaving next week for the British Isles on a trip that will take us to Scotland, Wales, England and the Isle of Man. Our host and hostess on the Isle of Man will be a vicar and his wife whom we met in Mallorca. He does some programs on Manx Radio. The DX from there should be quite interesting and you will be hearing about it. Well, this looks like it will be a good season and while I haven't heard anything out of the ordinary yet I have been picking up 60 to 70 TA frequencies a night, many of them with decent audio and multiple signals."

TRANS-PACIFIC DX

- 234 RUSSIA Arman FE, SEP 18 1238 - Fair with classical instrumental music, // 279. [Woods-OR]
- 243 RUSSIA Razdolnoye FE, SEP 18 1240 - Poor with vocal music, woman speaking RR. [Woods-OR]
- 279 RUSSIA Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk FE, DEP 18 1237-1259 - Good with classical music // 234, later pop music. Left the air at 1259 with no announcement. [Woods-OR] (Don't they know they have listeners in Oregon hanging on every word? - Jim)
- 567 JAPAN JOIK Sapporo, SEP 11 1328 - Fair with Asian language lesson. [Woods-OR]
- 576 AUSTRALIA 2RN Sydney, SEP 11 1344 - Fair to poor with woman speaking EE, semi-classical music. [Woods-OR]
- 594 JAPAN JOAK Tokyo, SEP 5 1352 - Fair with woman speaking JJ. [Woods-OR]
- 657 NORTH KOREA Kangmam, SEP 8 1325 - Fair to good with choral martial music. [Woods-OR]
- 693 JAPAN JOAB Tokyo, SEP 6 1323 - Fair with advanced level EE lesson // 774. [Woods-OR]
- 702 AUSTRALIA 2BL Sydney, SEP 11 1350-1356 - Fair to good with call-in talk show, mentioned Darwin and Queensland, talk about divorce rate. [Woods-OR]
- 747 JAPAN JOIB Sapporo, SEP 8 1327 - Fair with EE lesson // 774. [Woods-OR]
- 774 JAPAN JOUB Akita, SEP 6 1359 - Good with EE lesson ending with "see uou tomorrow" // 747, 693. SEP 12 1312 - Good with EE lesson - talk about conflicting policies in US, such as price supports for the tobacco industry along with no smoking laws. [Woods-OR]
- 850 HAWAII KHLO Hilo, SEP 15 1120 - Good with C&W, ID, KOA in background. [Woods-OR]
- 855 AUSTRALIA 4QS/4QO Maryborough/Edsvold, SEP 11 1353 - Poor with Humperdink music. [Woods-OR]
- 873 JAPAN JOGB Kumamoto, SEP 18 1306 - Poor with Asian language lesson // 774. [Woods-OR]
- 954 JAPAN JOKR Tokyo, SEP 6 1316 - Fair with man, woman, fast JJ talk, a commercial station. [Woods-OR]
- 1134 JAPAN JOQR Tokyo, SEP 18 1313 - Fair with woman speaking JJ, instrumental music; commercial station. [Woods-OR]
- 1206 AUSTRALIA UNID SEP 10 11:57 - Male EE vocal replaced at about 12:01 (possibly another sation fading up?) by "News Across Australia" with international and national news and sports. Ad for someone who "won't knowingly be undersold on furniture ...", then music after 12:05. [McLachlan- MB] (I think George is using UTC time for this and the next logging - Jim)
- 1548 AUSTRALIA probably 4QD Emerald, SEP 10, 12:20 - Sports with male and female announcers, details of Brisbane Bronco's game. Noted again after 12:20 with talk regarding science, the universe and god. "?? minutes past ten o'clock (on the?) Sunday night (show?)" announcement at about 10:25. [McLachlan-MB]
- 1566 SOUTH KOREA HLAZ Cheju, SEP 18 1329 - Good with man speaking KK. [Woods-OR]

George speaks: "Started tuning just before 12:00 and found 36 hets on non- North American frequencies, 15 with audio of some sort, but they were all but gone by just after 12:30. Should have started tuning earlier I guess."

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 540 USA - Be careful of this one. WLIX has religious talks in SS during the evening hours. [Dangerfield-PA]

- 540 MEXICO XEWA, SEP 16 0614 - Heard under CBEF with "La Voz de La América Latina" and "W" IDs. [Renfrew-NY]
- 595 DOMINICA, DBS Hillsborough, SEP 1 0036 - accented EE teletalk; fair on peaks, some 594 QRM. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 630 PUERTO RICO, WSKN San Juan, sep 10 0344-0400 - Strong on peaks with SS talk, either phone-in program or interview, male host, many mentions of Puerto Rico, dominant in WMAL null, then lost for a while under CHLT, clear "SKN" at 0400. Only second time heard, first time since call change. [Braun-DE]
- 733.9a unID, SEP 1 0028 - weak carrier. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 770 MEXICO, XEQRV Cd. Cardel VER, SEP 17, 0445-0558 - Good, steady signal in RCN null during WABC silent period, with accordion music and vocals. Unlike XEIH which features laser bursts between songs, this one had a horse neighing! Between songs, the male announcer gave an "Erray Vay" ID. It took about an hour to realize that this was "RV", not "RC", during the 0556 sign-off announcement when the full XEQRV call letters were heard, "Buenas noches ... Veracruz", then national anthem. New! My Radio West loop seemed to die when I replaced the battery just before the sign-off (I think that in my haste the 9 volt battery touched the wrong wires - I hadn't turned it off first!), but I quickly switched to the old SM-1 loop in time for the ID. [Renfrew-NY]
- 840 CUBA CMW, SEP 18 0241 - Heard with usual soft music and "W" IDs. [Renfrew-NY]
- 885 MONTSERRAT, ZJB Plymouth, SEP 1 0017 - female pop vocal surfacing over T- storm QRN & WCBS slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 895 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, Charlestown, SEP 1 0015 - soca music; very good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1000 MEXICO R. Mil, Mexico DF, SEP 18 0508 - Famous whistle sound effect cut through WMVP. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1020 TURKS & CAICOS CCR, SEP 2 0230 - Good with syndicated programming by David Paul, ad for program "At The End Time Gospel Tabernacle in Jasper Alabama", ID as "This is the Superpower 1020 Caribbean Christian Radio", more syndicated programming by Brother David Terrell. Not audible on beverage, KDKA nulled on Quantum Loop. [Burns-IN]
- 1120 UNID, SEP 6 0220 - SS music, talk by man between songs, possible "Cadena" mention at one point, probably Cuba. [Braun-DE]
- 1610 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, SEP 17 0420 - Heard with "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" instrumental. I'd wondered if they had been hit by one of the hurricanes. [Renfrew-NY]

Bruce speaks (should have been in the last edition): "Comments: Mark Connelly's exploration of coastal locations north of Boston has resulted in a new site perfect for mini-DXpeditions; the Parker River NWR. Lots of birds, not many bugs on the night of AUG 27 when Tom Beaton and I visited the site. The reservation mainly consists of salt marsh, with a path leading out to Nelson Island, directly east of the end of the access road. Antenna wires were run in parallel along the path. Beverage-length wires could possibly extend north, east, and south, although hip-boots are recommended for stepping off the Nelson Island path. It might be easier to traverse the salt marsh in winter if it freezes. This will definitely be a primary location for future DXpeditions."

STATION NEWS

- GERMANY: 531 MDR Info Leipzig has reduced power to 20 kW (ex 100). Agreement with the Swiss authorities. [Horst Rauch via BE in ARC SEP 1, 1995] 261 Radioropa Info is now using this transmitter again 04-21 UTC. On shortwave they will try to move to 5950 kHz to avoid QRM. [BE in ARC SEP 1, 1995]
- NETHERLANDS: Veronica News Radio started test transmissions on 1395 kHz on SEP 16. On the 17th they started asking for listeners reports to be sent to: Postbus 22400, 1202CA Hilversum, Holland. Their slogan (translated) is: "VNR Veronica News Radio, objective, independent & trustworthy". Tests seem to be during daylight hours at the moment but the signal is widely heard in the UK. [Steve Whitt, Medium Wave News SEP 17 e-mail]
- PORTUGAL: "Sometime ago I received an e-mail from a Portuguese correspondent who tells me that Radio Comercial radically reduced power due to budget cuts. That could explain why the formerly common 1035 and 1062 kHz signals are so poorly heard nowadays. He wasn't a radio type, and didn't make the message all that clear, but that's the gist of what was written." [Funkenhauer-ON]

SOLAR NEWS

"It seems that Sunspot Cycle #22 will only be 9.7 - 10.3 years long and that is shorter than normal. It is anticipated that the end of #22 will happen during the end of 1996. Already the first signs of #23 have been noted which means that the change is 12-20 months away." [BE on Media Network in ARC SEP 1, 1995]

MARCONI ALIVE!

That got your attention! Well, if Elvis is alive and aliens are circling the earth in UFO's why can't Marconi be out there somewhere too? His ethereal presence will be sought in October when a group of DX'ers from the NRC and Ontario DX association will be active in Newfoundland during the week of OCT 8-15. Please make every effort to tune in during this time in order to correlate loggings and propagation conditions. By the way, though I've never been one of his fans, Elvis once saved my life. I was confronted by a British member of the Hells Angels late one night in a lonely British train station, in Liverpool I think it was. Somehow we found some very shaky common ground in talking about Elvis ... and I'm still here to tell about it!



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- @George McLachlan, near Lewis MB; HF-1000 (on battery power via an inverter), newly repaired beverage aimed at Australia.
- @Jim Renfrew, Rochester NY; HQ-180 and Radio West Loop.
- @Steve Whitt, Medium Wave News, UK.
- Jack Woods, Waldport OR; Lowe Europa with ALN-1 100 foot loop aligned east/west.

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Changes in programming status; reported by listeners

The big change here is that WINE-940 up in Brookfield has gone to an automated country format, to be the fourth AM station in the Metro New York area to do so. And, on our annual hiking trip to Coos County, NH, we found a new country FM station, WXLQ - 106.1, "White Mountains Country" on the air in Berlin, sharing WMOU-1240's tower and simulcasting WMOU during AM drive. Otherwise, WMOU is still automated and satellite - fed oldies.

Dave Whatmough visited for the day in early August, and he got the tour of area radio stations. It was great to have you here, Dave! Glad we could augment your bumpersticker and stationery collections. Here is a dial scan of what stations we visited.

- 600 WICC Bridgeport - Full service AC, brokered talk, syndicated talk, brokered block programming on weekends.
- 960 WELI New Haven - Local and syndicated talk, four in line towers are behind the studios which also house WKCI-101.3 and the automated WAVZ-1300.
- 990 WNTY Southington - Adult contemporary, ethnic on weekends, could not find the XR site.
- 1220 WXCT Hamden - All Spanish, in two story house on end of country road, two towers are in brush grown pasture behind studios.
- 1240 WWCO Waterbury - All talk, 517 foot high antenna dominates Waterbury skyline.
- 1300 WAVZ New Haven - PRN Talk, two towers are in New Haven's landfill.
- 1320 WATR Waterbury - Full service news and talk, shares studio with WWYZ-92.5 country music. Station is celebrating its 60th Anniversary.
- 1340 WNHC New Haven - Black - oriented talk, urban contemporary, and urban oldies.

- 1380 WFLK Naugatuck - Automated Portuguese and Spanish, // WDJZ-1530 Shack housing studio rivals quarters of WIMG-1300, Trenton as America's most decrepit broadcasting facility. It is a shack in back of a sand pit, at the base of the station's three towers.
- 1450 WCUM Bridgeport - Spanish, 265 foot tower is a repository for numerous other antennas, they make money by renting space on their tower!
- 1470 WMMW Meridan - Automated, satellite-fed adult standards, five towers are the nearest thing we have to Ontario's antenna farms, hope it made you feel at home, Dave!
- 1500 WFIF Milford - Paid religion, very nice people here, including a CE who shares our interest.
- 1530 WDJZ Bridgeport - Automated Portuguese and Spanish // WFLK.
- 1590 WQQW Waterbury - Silent, two short towers share WWCO site, but the CE of WATR notes that this one will be back on the air soon!!!

And here are format changes from the rest of the country, mostly from *M Street Journal*.

- 540 KIEZ CA Carmel Valley - SMN Adult Standards.
- 580 WOFE TN Rockwood - PRN Talk.
- 620 WXLX NJ Newark - Regional Mexican.
- 620 KAAM TX Plano - Adult standards, KFWT, Wichata Falls is silent and 62i has moved to Plano.
- 650 KYAK AK Anchorage - CSN Childrens. (In Alaska!!!).
- 680 WOGO WI Hallie - MSG Christian Country.
- 700 WGZS AL Dotham - New station, southern gospel.
- 710 WREM ME Monticello - Rock, "Rock 71".
- 740 WMSP AL Montgomery - All sports.
- 760 KTKR TX San Antonio - Sports "The Ticket".
- 820 CHAM ON Hamilton - Religion nights from 1900 to 2200, otherwise still country music.
- 850 WYLT NC Raleigh - Talk and news "Buzz".
- 930 KZTA WA Yakima - JSN Z Regional Mexican // FM.
- 1010 WITL MI Lansing - Classic country.
- 1070 KMOM MN Monticello - Talk.
- 1080 KVNI ID Coeur d'Alene - SMN Adult Contemporary.
- 1080 WHKW KY Louisville - Country music // FM, and talk.
- 1140 WKWM MI Kentwood - SMN Urban Contemporary.
- 1160 WERD GA East Point - Urban contemporary days, rap nights.
- 1190 KBCC CO Boulder - Talk "K-How To" ("K-How Two" -pls)
- 1230 KKPC CO Pueblo - Prime Sports.
- 1230 WHIR KY Danville - Talk.
- 1240 KKLK CA San Bernadino - Christian Talk.
- 1250 KHOT CA Madero - Regional Mexican 2100-0900, motivational talk 0900 2100. (Wish I could hear them here - TF).
- 1260 WNOO TN Chattanooga - Urban adult contemporary.
- 1280 KSOK KS Arkansas City - SMN Real Country.
- 1290 KOUU ID Pocatello - SMN Real Country.
- 1290 KWFS TX Wichita Falls - SMN Oldies.
- 1320 KOLT NC Scottsbluff - SMN Z Spanish.
- 1330 WASA MD Havre de Grace - Standards // WWLW.
- 1330 WYPC OH Wellston - Adult standards.
- 1330 WETZ WV New Martindale - Talk.
- 1340 WOOW NC Greenville - Black gospel.
- 1360 KZIQ CA Ridgcrest - MSG Christian Country.
- 1380 KMJI CA Sacramento - To be talk and sports.
- 1380 WGUS NC North Augusta - Classic hits // FM.
- 1380 WIZO TN Franklin - Oldies, talk 0900-1530.
- 1400 KBZZ CO La Junta - Talk.
- 1420 KRSR OR Coos Bay - Prime Sports.
- 1430 KJAY CA Sacramento - Religion and talk.
- 1450 KBFJ ID Bonners Ferry - Talk and SMN Country Music.
- 1450 WELY MN Ely - Variety // FM.



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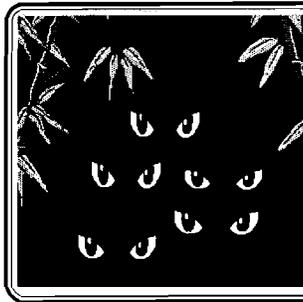
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1490 KXLQ IA	Indianola	- News, talk, sports, 5 networks.
1490 WFKY KY	Frankfort	- SMN Oldies.
1490 WWIL NC	Wilmington	- Southern gospel begins in October.
1500 KRIG OK	Pawhuska	- SMN Real Country//FM.
1510 WPBI AR	Greenwood	- Prime Sports.
1530 KWTR TX	Creedmore	- All weather, owner is Lower Colorado Water Authority.
1550 WJIL IL	Jacksonville	- Talk.
1570 KMYZ OK	Prior	- CSN Childrens.
1580 WGAL OR	Lebanon	- Talk.
1600 KEED OR	Eugene	- Christian Country.

The second part of the annual railroad trip was a short journey to Philly, Baltimore, and Washington to see the new Metro additions and other commuter railroad lines. Here is a current dial scan for the metropolitan Washington area.

570 WTEM MD	Bethesda	- All sports.
630 WMAL DC	Washington	- News, talk, and sports.
730 WBZS VA	Alexandria	- Business news.
780 WABS VA	Alexandria	- Contemporary Christian, paid religion.
820 WQSI MD	Frederick	- Country music, "82-Q".
900 WILC MD	Laurel	- Latin contemporary.
930 WFMD MD	Frederick	- Full service adult contemporary.
950 WCTN MD	Cabin John	- Contemporary Christian.
980 WWRC DC	Washington	- All talk, transmitter (two self supported towers and one huge tower with spreader atop) is next to the West Hyattsville Metro Station.
1030 WNTL MD	Indian Head	- International, and ethnic programming.
1050 WKDL MD	Silver Spring	- Childrens' programming, occasionally simulcasts 1460 and 1570, Towson, MD.
1120 WUST DC	Washington	- Ethnic, all brokered.
1150 WMET MD	Gaithersburg	- Business news,
1220 WFAX VA	Fairfax	- All religion.
1260 KWDC DC	Washington	- Nostalgia, adult standards.
1310 WDCT VA	Fairfax	- Religion, news, and talk.
1340 WYCB DC	Washington	- Black gospel.
1390 WMZQ VA	Arlington	- Country music//FM.
1450 WOL DC	Washington	- Black talk, urban contemporary, rooftop antenna is three blocks from Union Station.
1460 WKDV VA	Manassas	- Childrens programming, // 1050 and 1570.
1480 WPWC VA	Dumfries-Triangle	- Live assisted classic country.
1500 WTOP DC	Washington	- All news, CBS, three tower array is in Wheaton.
1540 WMDO MD	Wheaton	- Full service Spanish programming.
1580 WPGC MD	Morningside	- Hip-hop, rap.
1600 WINX MD	Rockville	- Oldies, studios are in an old house in downtown Rockville, three tower array is just west of town along the Metro Red line.

And that is it for now. Good DX to all, as a new season begins....get your contributions in to YOUR formats column.



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Well, well - another year older - another great convention - and another major head cold! I had a GREAT time in Aurora, and a great flight to Denver and back, plus the 9 passenger 'puddle jumper' from Logan Airport to Provincetown. And thereby hangs a tale. About half-way between Boston and Denver, it suddenly dawned on me I did not have the name of the hotel where the convention was being held - and I couldn't remember it, either! I could see myself getting into the airport and phoning hotel after hotel til I found the right one - but I had a better idea by calling home and had Bob look it up in *DX News!* Then, it took me about 45 minutes to find my way out of that new Denver Airport. I got several conflicting bits of information from various people in the terminal, and finally found myself having to take a train 2 stops from Terminal B to the Main Terminal. I was directed to the taxi stand, and only after arriving at the hotel did I learn there's a shuttle service to the various hotels in the area from the airport - \$9. This, after spending \$36 on a cab! That was the 1st taxi I had ever saw which had a credit card machine in it! I thought I'd meet a lot of our W Coast members but only 2 showed up! Then, on my return trip, I was informed at Logan Airport that Cape Air would be delayed of up to 4 hours due to a plane crash landing in Provincetown! Then, somebody called Bob up at our home and told him that the plane from Boston that I was on had burst into flames upon landing and that everyone on board was either seriously injured - or dead! How do such exaggerations materialize? The accident was by a 4 passenger private plane and the lone occupant was uninjured; he had a wheel come off while landing and damaged the left wing - no fuel spillage, no fire! The delay was only 50 minutes. It was quite a 4-day period! So, we start the new DX season with 4484 veries and now I'm aiming at 4500. Only 1 new logging to report, WMIM-1590, long silent, is back on and all nighting and is dominant here. The report has been out a month or so with no reply. Thanks to STAN MORSS for the tip, and thanks to JOE FELA for the several calls he made during the summer to alert me to FM E-Skip openings. It was not a productive year here for FM, and now, my NAD-722PE amplifier has blown a

gasket and is in the repair show. Have a great new DX season, everybody, and I suggest you write in to MUSINGS and keep Dave's finegrs working! Forward - March!

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Between 7/24 and 8/4, the wife and I decided to spend 10 days in the Island of Kauai which is the most W island of Hawaii. On this trip, I decided to take along a new Sony ICF-5W7600G with the sync detector. The first 5 days were spent in the Hanalei Bay area which is in the N part of the island. The resort where we stayed was free electrical noise which is common in such places. At this location, I assumed that if any DXing was done, it would come from the W coast, W Canada, far E AK due to some mountains blocking the S, ie: Tahiti, New Zealand and Australia. The other 5 days were spent at the Poipu Beach area, which is on the S side of the island. Here are some of my findings: In Hanalei Bay, the following were received on a regular basis at night: KABL-960, KIQI-1010, KFAX-1100, KNX-1070, KGO-810, KNBR-680, KFI-640, KEX-1190, all heard at various times and at various levels. Lots of hets on the split channels were noted between 11PM and 6AM local time, with 7/30 noting hets on 612, 621, 639, 738, 747, 792, 819, 828, 882, 972, 1008, 1098, 1143, 1242, 1332, 1341, 1467 and 1548. Noted a Far E Russian on LW on 180 and 189. The in Poupi area, (??-pls) Tahiti-738 was noted with French programming at 10PM. Also noted Tauranga-1008 between 4-5AM; sounded like a phone in program in English. On 7/31, noted Melbourne-774 with ABC news at 4AM, very weak. Heard a station on 810 several times but very weak, it wasn't KGO, but seemed to be 2 stations, one in English, the other in Spanish but could never get an ID. The English station sounded either like a New Zealand or Australian type accent. All of the stations mentioned were received on the mentioned Sony portable with its built in antenna. It seems to me if a person with a communications receiver, loop antenna and beverages could indeed get great DX on the island, lots of clear channels on the dial as local stations are few. 73's

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This MUSE will be more of an intro rather than a re-intro. I've never written before although I've been a member for many years. I am 79 and retired from banking. My 1st verie was from WRAX-Philadelphia, for reception dated 1/1/31, but I got right into distance with my 2nd, KMCS-1120, 500 watts in Inglewood, CA. My 883rd verie was YVMF-1120 Maracaibo, Ven. My 884th and last was XEDM-1580 Hermosillo, MX 11/52. For various reasons, I've not verified any stations in the last 43 years, but I still frequently punch up a set of test frequencies to see if the Caribbean and /or Venezuela and Columbia are coming in (533, 650, 700, 750). YVKS-750 Caracas is frequently heard on the car radio. My DXing hit a road block in 1952 when I traded my HWQ129X for a Hallicrafters that had a FM band. What a mistake! I was comptroller of Rural Radio Network, an upstate NY FM network and felt I needed an FM receiver. While with RRN, I had a Dixieland jazz show every Thursday night, taped the previous Sunday afternoon (how do you do yours, ERC?) The network played classical the rest of the time, relayed a lot of WQXR. I always read all the MUSINGS and wish there were more! I also enjoy JIM RENFREW's section. I envy MARK CONNELLY's location and equipment. I remember with great nostalgia the days when most of the E time zone stations signed off by 1AM, and after 2AM, there was Denver, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Spokane, Portland, San Francisco and LA, oh boy! Oh well, enough from this old timer. To paraphrase JOHN MALICKY (and probably others), more IF it happens! 73 (Welcome to the fold, George, regardless if you've been in for a while or a week, always glad to get reports, from yesterday or today! Check in again soon-DWS)

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A reintro is in order. I haven't done much listening in the last 2 years, so I haven't appeared in MUSINGS. I'm going on 70 and have logged over 4500 stations in 80 countries from 2 locations, Kost, MN and Wayland, MA. A brief trip to England this spring where I could hear 20 countries at night on my pocket Aiwa T-50, it brought back memories of the quiet sun years of the mid 60's where one

could often hear dozens of countries at night on small, unsophisticated radios with reasonable selectivity (not today's hi-fi models). I just completed a trip to the midwest and made a brief stop to talk to the R L Drake people in Miamisburg, OH. I got a chance to listen to a new R8A with its many improvements, and also to a relatively new SW8. Their production plant in Franklin can turn out about 100 units a month, but there is already a 2 month waiting list for the R8A. Does anyone out there have any real experience with the SW8? Its specs look almost as good as the R8 for \$400 less. My wife says I can buy either one if I get rid of my R390, R392, HQ180, HC-SX100 and NC125! Something from each of the world's best hollow-state manufacturers. They all work well, except the R390, which has lost its sensitivity. My only solid state is the trusty Radio Shack 655 which outperforms many more expensive models. I'll be back soon! 73 (Thanks, Curtis, we'll look forward to your reports!-DWS)

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It's time for a reintro! I believe the last one was in 1985! I'm 50 years old, single and an NRCer since 1961. I got into the radio game in 1957 as a SWL and drifted into BCB DXing in 1960. In 1967, I got my ham ticket. Between 1960 and 74, I DXed from Pointe Claire, PQ, in the W end of Montreal. My main radio was an RCA AR88D, a 14 tube war surplus set. Other sets included a Howard 430, an NC109 and grandmother's old Philco console. In the early 60's, I DXed the BCB obsessively. The best period was the winters of '63-'65 with 40 new TA and many LA's and other goodies. By 65, I diverted more energy into university studies, BCB DXing became and on/off pursuit. I graduated from McGill in 1967 and passed my "CA" exams in 1969. My career has been in professional accounting and business planning. In the early 1970's, I briefly lived in Toronto but returned to Montreal in 1971 to work in industry. I got back into BCB DX for a while and had logged over 1500 when the Pointe Claire era ended in 74. That year, the AR88D broke down for good, my career was taking off and BCB DX ground to a halt. I moved to an apartment in Nuns' Island, close to downtown Montreal. Between 1977 and '85, a Radio Shack 'TRF' performed very well for me despite the limits of apartment DXing. In 1986, I had a rebirth of serious BCB DXing thanks to BILL GRANT and GEORGE HAKIEL, I was the proud owner of both an R390A and HQ180AC. I rounded out my shack with a Superadio II and a Radio West Loop. Outside, I improvised a 125 ft. LW in

the large courtyard behind my apartment. In the winter, it was snowed in and few people went there. I strung the antenna through the trees in November and took it down at Easter. Nobody noticed it during 6 years of great service on both SW and AM. This setup put me back in business for serious TA DXing during the peak years of 86-87 and good domestic DX after that. In 1991, a corporate restructuring moved me to Cornwall, where I have DXed modestly. I may have more time to DX in the coming season. Last winter, another restructuring eliminated my job. I am still looking for another, likely in another town. There is a chance of staying here as self-employed or free-lance. I have improvised a LW for BCB DX this coming winter. Current totals are about 1775 logged with 1695 verified from 71 countries. Its been a long time since I had any official club duties, my last contributions were in 1983 with the French report package and the 50th anniversary book. Long before that, I hosted the 1966 convention in Montreal, the only one ever in Canada. I also arranged a handful of CPC Tests in 1963-65. Between 1963 and 68, I was the BCB editor of the old Canadian DX club (CDXC) now defunct. The social side of the NRC brings out a great camaraderie for our unique hobby. Over the years, I have enjoyed attending several of RAY ARRUDA's 'Lower Deck' gatherings in Acushnet as well as 14 official NRC conventions. For various reasons, the most enjoyable conventions for me were Amarillo-1961 (hi Larry!), Montreal-1966, Boston-1968, Pittsburgh-1990 and Nashua-1994. Good DX and 73!



**MORRIS SORENSON - 29 JANET BLVD
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I hope this makes it for the reintroduction issue. I've been a DXer since the mid '60's, mainly on AM, although I pursue FM loggings in the summer and dabble in other bands as well. I joined the NRC in 1966 when I was a high school student living in the tiny hamlet of Emsdale, about 155 miles N of Toronto and with a few brief lapses (notably while attending Seneca College in the early 80's), I've been a member ever since. My best years for DXing were probably 71-80 while I lived in various locations in N MB. Up there I logged many Europeans, AFRTS-1425 Thule, Greenland and 3 stations from the NWT. I lived in Scarborough, an E suburb of Toronto, since 1990. Until recently, I was the domestic

broadcast (AM-FM-TV) editor for the ON DX Association. My equipment consists of a Hammarlund HQ150, a Panasonic RF-B65, and a GE Superadio II with SM2 Spacemagnet and McKay-Dymek DA9 ferrite loop antennas. Other interests besides DXing include blues music, local history, nature hiking and photography. 73

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Every year I hope to be more involved with the club, rather than just being a lurker. Often attending the convention gets me in the right frame of mind; though I didn't attend this year, here's a MUSING for the reintroduction issue anyway. I'm in my 21st year of continuous NRC membership, pretty amazing since I'm still 29 years old and holding! Was also in the JRCA from 73-82 and even served on their BoD many moons ago. It seems that I did about 75% of my DXing and 99% of my station verifying during my high school years in Teaneck, which is probably just as well given the lower response rates I'm hearing about these days, plus I did try to verify all my locals and some of them have changed calls since then (missed out on the ones that went off, like WPOW-1330 and WAWZ-1380). These days when I DX, its more of the FM-DX approach, listen long enough to get an ID and then move on to the next frequency rather than listen for 15 minutes 'to get enough for a report'. Have also DXed from NYC in '77-78, Nelsonville, OH from '78-80, then from greater Monmouth since 1990. Technically, my totals started over as it was a 43 mile move, but I haven't actually entered my AM DX into the stations-heard log yet. What's kept me interested all these years despite never getting that multi-hundred-dollar communications receiver is all the radio-related hobbies. In the 70's, the big collecting item was music surveys, in the 80's it evolved into bumper and window stickers. These days, I'm more involved with aircheck tapes than anything else in the radio related hobbies. That in mind, let me say that I'm interested in recordings of Top 40 stations that you made yourself, especially from 1969-1974, the first 6 years I listened to music on the radio, and before I got suitable recording equipment myself.

Am much less interested in airchecks you got from someone else because most of them have already 'made the rounds'. Another interest that has evolved is trying to keep up with the status of stations either licensed to, or with tower sites in NJ, both AM and FM. I've made 4 trips to the FCC Mass Media reading room in Washington, useful for details behind

'requests extension of time (3rd), engineering studies made for new stations and station histories in their files. As an example of the latter, in June, I researched WMCA back to 12/21/31 (share time with WPCH-570). I try to share the station status with you via MUSINGS that are probably too infrequent. Do keep me in mind as a resource for NJ station status/information. This year I'm also compiling a list of Email address information of club members or postal mail as appropriate. 73 (Thanks for the call, Paul, you can see your report made it on time-DWS)

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Greetings from the Ocean State! I'm 41, married, a DJ/engineer since the 70's. Big news here in this 1st MUSE is WHIM-1110 going Spanish and eventually cutting back to daytime-only operation. The WHIM call and CW format are now on WKRI-1450. WALE-990 has its CP to increase its night power from 500 to 5000 watts, WKFD-1370 is expected to return to the air soon with a new owner and format. I'm using a GE Superadio III and a JVC R-S11 for receivers along with a 4 1/2' homebuilt spiral loop. Notable here is the night signal of Radio Vision Cristiana-532, it's local-like some nights.

Anguilla-690/1610 is another regular, 690 wipes out CBF on a good night, but 1510 is a brawl of TIS interference and Vatican-1611 hets. WLIX-540 is readable under local WPNW-550 once in a while, and was in the clear with its 218 watt night power before WPNW came on. BOB BITTNER's WJIB-740 is a day regular; what a treat this station is! Hats off to Bob for showing that good local AM radio can survive and do well. That's it for now, hope everyone has a great season! (Thanks for your report and welcome to the NRC and MUSINGS, David, we'll look forward to your future reports and radio doings!-DWS)

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If you have a special project that needs to get done, now is the time to do it, before it's too late, so the saying goes. In April '94, fellow NRCer KEN ROMSTADT gave me a mint condition 1951 Zenith Transoceanic SW to repair. He told me he was in no hurry for it as he understood my situation of having to run a part-time TV repair shop. And besides, he had plenty of good modern DX receivers with which to pursue the hobby. Still a Transoceanic in running condition would make a great conversation piece. Anyone who has read the recent issues of *Monitoring Times*

and *Radio World* can attest to this. Nevertheless, it got put on the back burner until I could get around to it. On 8/11, Ken's widow Cheryl called to inform me that he had died Monday 8/7 from a heart attack just a few months short of his 40th birthday. She was preparing to settle the estate and wanted the radio back. Right then and there I realized not only had I lost a friend, but the radio I had promised to fix was still unrepaired. I felt doubly bad having to send it back. Ken was an all-around DXer, and his activities covered all bands. I would say that his personal best was during the Gulf War when he notified local WTOL-TV Ch. 11 that he had received broadcasts from Iraqi radio saying US bombing had begun. That landed him a spot in their 11PM newscast where he got to show his receiving set-up and discuss the benefits of shortwave radio during such events. I often kidded him afterward about having to go through his agent before I could talk to him. Great friends and good company are hard to come by, Ken was both. He will be missed very much by all DXers in NW OH and SE MI. 73s

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Normally when I send in to these columns, I have good news to report with new loggings or some local change on the radio scene in the Toledo area. This time however is different. Perhaps by the time you read this you will have learned of the sad news involving the passing of one of the DX fields most accomplished DXers. On 8/7, very good friend and spirited DXer KEN ROMSTADT of Ottawa Lake, MI (suburban Toledo, Ken was a native Toledoan having grown up in my neighborhood in the Point Place section of Toledo) died of natural causes at the age of 39. He leaves behind wife Cheryl and son Kevin along with a host of memories that we as DXers shared. I knew Ken for some 35 years, even before either of us got into the DX hobby. When I got interested in the hobby in the mid '60's, Ken became interested soon after and took the hobby up seriously after 1970. While I may have been the catalyst for getting him started in DXing, he took the hobby to very accomplished heights. Many of you may have not been familiar with Ken (although some of you met him at the 1971 IRCA, 1974 NRC and 1984 IRCA Toledo conventions) he did have a way of carving out friendships in the hobby while not being widely traveled. It was through Ken that my own DX horizons and some of my best friendships developed in the hobby were forged and expanded. Had it not been for Ken, I might not have heard or known about the DX clubs such as IRCA, NRC and

WTFDA. Some of my earliest introductions to other DX'ers such as DAN MYERS, FRANK MERRILL, GEORGE GREENE among others were through Ken, so many like Dan, Frank and George have proven to be lasting friendships that I owe quite a debt to him that can never be repaid but through these pages you will come to know Kenny a little better than you might have. Ken was not a bragger when it came to DX or in life. He went about his business as best as he could. While we were competitors on the DX field, we were also friends as I mentioned and often exchanged notes on catches, tips, and conditions. We both greatly expanded each others logs, interest in the hobby and in a myriad of other non DX-related areas. I considered Ken to be my key eyes and ears in the W end of Lucas County (he lived just yards over the OH line in MI), and I'm sure he saw me the same way in the E portion of Toledo's county. While I haven't been able to assemble Ken's final DX totals, I can pass along that by my best estimate he had heard over 2500 AMers, over 500 FMers, and saw about 500 TV's. On AM, he easily had me beat in countries with some 70 heard. I will as time goes by submit some of his best catches to these pages to give each of you a picture of just how good a DXer Ken was. And for as good a DXer he was, he was an even better person. He will sorely be missed here. On a happy side note, perhaps my best TV catch Ch. 3 from Venezuela being IDed as such, goes to his credit, he first suggested that was who we were seeing and on video tape stop action later I was able to confirm his suspicions. It was this ability that made him so valuable to

me DX-wise. The fact that I know so many of you and appear in these pages to share his accomplishments with you is to his credit also and stands as a testimonial to him. Ken, we'll all miss you.

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So far, no applications have been submitted for an ANARC representative from the NRC for the recently announced open positions. It'd be nice to have another NRCer to represent the AM side of the fence in this organization. You may want to put Friday and Saturday nights on your list of nights to hit the dial, as now through Thanksgiving, your likely to hear high school football all over the dial. It's just amazing that all these stations just show up on local high school football nights and can't be heard any other time! On 9/8, I counted at least 11 stations with football that I normally never hear at all!

JOHN ARTHUR, editor of the VERIED RESPONSE column in the ACE magazine, recently gave one tip in a write up of things to do to get ready for the season, to take down the longwire, check the connections and polish the wire so the signals will have a chance to just slide in! Wonder if he knew about the Antenna Wax we tried selling a few years ago? That's it.....YOUR reports are welcomed to the column, please keep them radio/DX related and send them along! Support your club and help keep the NRC #1!

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