**CPC Test Schedule**

WAMS - 1380....DE .... Feb. 21 ....0000-0200
WILM - 1450....DE .... Feb. 21 ....0100-0300

**DX News**

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Funkenhauser, Guelph, Ontario; Charles J. Diegel KCD0AUQ, Nora Springs, IA; Benson Voss, Seattle, WA; Jennifer P. Weinbrum, Denver, CO; Eric Delmar, Santa Fe, NM; Chet C. Copeland (rejoins), Washington, DC; Phil Sullivan, Acton, MA (rejoins).

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**DX Time Machine**

50 years ago ... from the January 31, 1948 DXN: A letter from YSO-870, San Salvador, confirmed that they would broadcast a DX program on Feb. 4, playing dance music with English announcements after each selection; reception reports were solicited ... from Feb. 7, 1948: Ray Edge, Executive Secretary, reported the receipt of a sample copy of a new log book, the "World Radio Handbook for Listeners", from Copenhagen, Denmark, containing data on SW stations worldwide, and UW and BCI stations in Europe, the Near East, and North Africa; the price was $1.00.

25 years ago ... from the February 7, 1973 DXN: Father Jack Peza presented the second part of his "Beginner's Guide to the Ionosphere" ... CPC Chairman Jerry Star complained that it was difficult to recruit CPCers and called for more volunteers to help.

10 years ago ... from the February 1, 1988 DXN: Bill Swiger offered five miles of 2-conductor, 16-gauge copper-coated steel, insulated wire on a wooden spool in "DXchange", and Bill Hale was looking for programs for his Commodore 64 ... Ray Moore, WAlpolo, MA reported that the Vatican on 1611 "boomed" in on 1611 at 0329.

New mailing woes... The new wrinkle now, it seems, is that if you put a hold on your mail, the USPS will not continue the hold after 30 days, and so we're starting to get copies of DXN returned with the dreaded yellow "Return to Sender" label on them with the added notation: "Temporarily Away...". We're not going to continue to send out DXN... and have them returned, costing the club double postage, so the first time I get your DXN back with the "Temporarily Away" sticker on it, your subscription goes on hold until you return and let me know you're back. And I hope all is well with the members who have been "Temporarily Away", some since October, apparently, as they've never let me know that they are safe and sound back home.

And ... any Canadian member by now hasn't received all DXN's held during the recent strike should let me know so that I can resend them.

DXChange... Randy Davis - 1905 Blackiston Mill Rd. - Clarksville, IN 47129-9004, 812-945-8070, has a Superadio III for sale at $50.00.

Welcome to these new members... Robert Hlavak, Kaneohe, HI (rejoins); Steven Wiles, Thousand Oaks, CA; Richard Kowalczyk, Toronto, Ontario (rejoins); Lyle Stanton, Brooklyn, NY; Werner
AM Switch

Jerry Starr
c/o WHOT Radio
404 Simon Road
Youngstown, OH 44512-1320

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

LETTER CHANGES
None

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS
None

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS
1620 CA Auburn: 10000/1000 U1
1620 IN South Bend: 10000/1000 U1
1560 MO Farmington: 10000/1000 U1
1660 MI Kalamazoo: 10000/1000 U1
1680 NJ Princeton: 10000/1000 U1

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES
None

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES
900 KREH LA Oakdale: 2500/10 U4, city of license to Pecan Grove, TX (corrects power listed as 250/10 in Issue 14)
1220 WQSA FL Sarasota: 1000/141 US, relocate transmitter

OTHERNESS
1060 KTOZ MO Springfield: silent station is ON THE AIR at reduced power with temporary antenna (tower was not toppled by vandals as first reported, a truck hit the guy wires and brought it down)
1190 WANN MD Annapolis: silent station has been testing on the air and is expected to return soon
1250 WKNX MI Frankenhurst: CP for 1000 D1 from new transmitter site is on
1670 "New" WI Madison: new X-Band station is scheduled to begin testing 2/1 and has a target date of 2/15 to begin regular programming, nothing yet on the call letters for this new station

THANKS: Ed Krejny, Al Merriman, Wayne Heinen and Les Johnson

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

Domestic DX Digest

West: Bill Hale phusto2@earth.net
6124 Hanging Springs Drive - North Richland Hills, TX 76180-5592

East: David Yocie DavidYocie@aol.com
97 Clinton Ave. - South Nyack, NY 10960-4603

DX Catches in the U.S. and Canada, with 24-br. ELT

DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

For those of you new to the hobby, Universal Radio has a book called Discover DXing! which covers the AM, FM and TV aspects of our favorite pastime. I emphasize the word "new", as it's written for the beginner. Write them at Universal Radio Research, 6830 Americana Parkway, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 or check your favorite book store.

New reporter Don Moore of Davenport, Iowa has an interesting unID needing your input.

The onslaught on the Graveyard lists continues. See later. As Kent Winnrich reported last issue, the new 1670 in Madison, Wisconsin is preparing to begin testing. But... the tests have been delayed until March. To stay posted on that development, check in to http://www.execcom.com/~kwin/radio.html. And... Patrick Griffith points us the Radio Aahs web site, wherein they are saying "Good-bye". If you hear any new formats on the former Aahs stations, be sure to report it.

Thanks to Thomas Reiser and J.D. Stephens for the CPC donation, tips, and "want lists". And to Shawn Axelrod for Canadian help.

REPORTERS

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CB-CO Craig Barnes Wheat Ridge Drake BB, Sony IC-F2010
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DM-IA Don Moore Davenport <moore@acc.mcrest.edu>
KO-IL Ken Onyschuk Joliet GE Superadio II + Selle-A-Tenna
JR-OK John Reed, KASQEP Ponca City Sylvia R1414/URR + noise reduced wire, Palomar loop, MFJ-1025 phaser <fred@poncaicity.net>


Ed-TX Editor North Richland Hills

SPECIAL

930 WAUR IL Sandwich - OFF THE AIR from 1/18. Heard Sports Fan Radio Network programming around 0100, but no IDs. Later in daylight from 10 AM to 3 PM, when WAUR suddenly returned. Heard fair-to-poor signals from WBCK-MI and WTAD-IL. Good to hear them again. (KO-IL)

1360 KHNC CO Johnstown - 1/20 - Noted back on the air. (CB-CO)

1370 KTLS OK Holdenville - 1/23 - Now these calls, ex: KKNQ, and format to oldies. Oldies, 1980s.

1380 KBWJ TX Beaumont - Changed to these calls 1/12. Ex: KJUS. (CK-INet)

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DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

570 WHNZ- FL Pinellas 1/24 2000 - DX test; no sign of it here, even with KFXD nulled. Just KVI (FA-ID)

1160 Caltrans CA Unknown - 24 hours - Giving road conditions on Highways 50 and 80 into the mountains. Location unknown... will call Caltrans to find out. (GJ-CA)

1640 WPLR660 TX Dallas/Fort Worth Int'l 1/28 - First noticed this and 1680 sister station using these calls. This coincides with Bill Harms Tet list. I always suspected something was amiss here as American Airlines flies a lot of Boeing 767's, thus the old call of WCO-572. So log these two for a couple of call changes!! (Ed-TX)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

600 WKXL KY Paintsville - 1/17 0639 - With GCS and ID as Solid gospel 600, WLKW, then more GOS. (LB-MO)

740 CBX AB Edmonton - 1/18 0730-0800 - Carrying Radio Australia program. ID at 00 as CBC Radio, CBX. (GJ-CA)

750 CKGB ON Timmins - 1/16 0703 - Weak, fluttery signal, drifting in over WSB for awhile, with weather... minus 23 in Timmins. For KGB, I'm ???, SID and... for the next half hour on CKGB Country Club Birthday Bash with your happy wishes on the air... (etc). SID and C&W music. (LB-MO)

980 KOKA LA Shreveport - 1/25 0742 - Call ID with ads. Fading with QRM from KMBZ. (JR-OK)

1030 KBUF KS Holcomb - 1/6 0002 - With CL ID and C&W music format. With KTWO phased. (CB-CO)

1050 WLIP WI Kenosha - 1/22 0750 - NOS music, call ID in phase null of XEG, then faded. (JR-OK)

1170 WWVA WV Wheeling - 1/22 0749 - Fading with strong QRM from KVQO, ads for Wheeling businesses. New here, first logging from WV. (JR-OK)

1360 KPOP CA San Diego - 1/5 0305 - With 1360, San Diego's K-Pop and NOS music. (CB-CO)

1440 WROK IL Rockford - 1/14 0400 - With CL ID and Joey Allen report on insurance fraud and Oprah comments on beef, legislation to ban malicious remarks on food. Ad for Reading Genius speed reading. New, for IL 17. (CB-CO)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

590 KAQQ WA Spokane - 1/10 0908 - With QT-39, KAQQ, with music you love. NOS music. (CB-CO)

940 WMIX IL Mount Vernon - 1/19 1400 - Nice signal on groundwave in WAUR absence, with MBS News and Bush Limbaugh. No sign of regular WFAQ. (KO-IL)

1080 KYMN MN Northfield - 1/24 0806 - Northfield local news in phase null of strong KRLD. New here. (JR-OK)

1170 WPLX TN Germantown - 1/17 0839 - Weak, getting beat up by KVQO. ID: Listen to Don ??? and Big Band Johnson, Sunday at noon on ?? 1170 WPLX. NOS music. (LB-MO)

1190 KMYL AZ Tolleson - 1/11 1059 - With The Music of Your Life, KMYL 1190, Tolleson and NOS music. Needed the call change. (CB-CO)

1220 KZEE TX Weatherford - 1/23 0100 - Ad for Mexican restaurant in Weatherford and oldies. Splatter from WDBZ, a local station, makes reception difficult. (JR-OK)

1240 KCLV NM Clovis - 0944 - Out of the mud, with CL ID and local announcements. Not heard in a while. (CB-CO)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

590 KLBJ TX Austin - 1/16 1930 - With talk show and News Radio 590, KLBJ. (LB-MO)

770 KATL MT Miles City - 1/16 2217 - Fair, on peaks, with CL ID and oldies. (CB-CO)

810 WAPB TN Murffreesboro - 1/22 1745 - With ID, at pause during satellite standards. Tough skywave signal in WGY null during Tom Levkas. Still wanting WDDD, WWWW & Watts (KO-IL)


980 KRTX TX Rosenberg-Richmond - 1/16 2207 - With La mejor musica, cada hora, KRTX Richmond-Rosenberg, Tejays y 100.7 FM. SS ballads. News, for TX 112. (CB-CO)

990 KZZB TX Beaumont - 1/16 2040 - Weak, on fades, with CL ID and REL programming. New. (CB-CO)

1020 KJKJ MN Fergus Falls - 1/24 2131 - Oldies with call ID. Heard during fade of KDKA. (JR-OK)

1070 KJMJ MN Fergus Falls - 1/24 2131 - Oldies with call ID. Heard during fade of KDKA. (RB-CA)

1080 KYMN MN Northfield - 1/12 0006 - Northfield local news in phase null of strong KRLD. New here. (JR-OK)

1100 KNZZ CO Grand Junction - 1/12 2055 - Call-in talk with ID: News talk 1100 KNZZ. (JR-OK)

1180 KYET AZ Williams - 1/11 1943 - Strong, with legal ID and slogan The oldies sound great every time you tune your radio to 1020, KJ-Oldies. News, for MN 227. (CB-CO)

1220 KTLV OK Midwest City - 1/16 1905 - With female speaker delivering prayer and CL ID in part of prayer. New. (CB-CO)

1240 KELK NV Elko - 1/5 1901 - Out of the mud, with CL ID and oldies. (CB-CO)

1250 KZDC TX San Antonio - 1/16 1959 - Fair, on peaks, with KZDC, San Antonio in TX, then programming and ID in SS. Esta es Radio ???, en San Antonio. Several further mentions of San Antonio. My Log indicates "AOR." Is this a format change, or evening program?? New. (CB-CO)

1270 KTRT OK Claremore - 1/16 2240 - In briefly, with KTRT Claremore by female announcer. New, for OK #34. (CB-CO)

1330 KFHS KS Wichita - 1/18 1852 - Weak, in the mess, with talk program with an astroglover/psychic giving readings/advice to callers. Talk Radio KFJ slogan. At 1859 KFJ News Update with Kansas news followed at 1900 by CBX News. (LB-MO)
GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

Indicates record-holder from North America

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Ernie Wesołowski Omaha, NE 471 263 658 323 492 269 706

DDXD-East

Deadlines for DDXD-East are on Tuesdays.

I noted in an article in The Economist last week that an enormous number of radio stations have changed ownership in the last year since the passage of the Communications Reform Act last year. No doubt this explains the rash of station address changes that have been showing up here of late.

Perry Crabill writes from Winchester, VA that the December 1997 issue of The Loudown, the monthly newsletter of the Longwave Club of America, has an alphabetical list of LF-MF beacon operators by call signs, giving locations and QSL addresses. The beacons heard by JA-NY in no. 13 are "PX" (1636.2 kHz) in Berlin, MD, and "MPK" (1642 kHz) in Chittenango, NY. Thanks, Perry!

STATION NEWS

820 WXEY MD Frederick - 1/25 0227 - ESPN sports, ID "WXEG Frederick," fair in CHAM null. Call change? (GM-PQ)
920 WMTT NJ Trenton - Report to address in Log returned. New address? (SK-PA)
960 CFFX ON Kingston - 1/26 1800 - Noted back on the air after ice storm silence. (AR-NY)
990 CJAD PQ Montreal - According to the Montreal newspaper La Presse, CJAD will begin broadcasting via the facilities of CKGM-990 from 0000 on 1/26. CJAD lost their four towers in the big ice storm, and had been broadcasting on 1410 since then, but didn't have enough power to reach their listeners on the West Island. CJAD's program director Steve Kowch hopes to get back on 800 around mid-April. The two stations came to this agreement to better serve the EE-speaking community. CKGM mentioned that during this silent period, they will re-evaluate their programming, and promised they would be back. In the meantime, CJAD is also still operating on 1410. These are not co-owned stations but competitive broadcasters. (DF-PQ and GM-PQ)
1040 WHR NJ Flemington - 1/8 1500 - New station on the air, no ads heard. DJ mentioned seven towers in a row. Gave phone numbers as follows: office (908) 996-0172, studio line (908) 996-1017, fax (908) 996-7827, and Web site at www.flemington.net/wjr. (PT-NJ)
1110 WSPW NY Seneca Falls - 1/26 1500 - Noted while driving through with C&W music, ID as "Classic Country, 1110 AM WSPW." (AR’NY)
1340 WCDI KY Ashland - Correction: This, and not Ashland OH, is what I heard and reported last week. (SK-PA)
1440 WJAB ME Westbrook - 1/25 2200 - ID is "W’JAB." (PG-MA)
1450 WJNT FL Tallahassee - Non-QSL letters say they are not on 24 hours per day. (DT-JAM)
1480 WFTO VA Salem - New address is: 504 23rd Street NW, Roanoke VA 24017-5414. (SK-PA)
1550 WKQV PA Pittston - 1/21 1200 - Drops the WARM-590 simulcast, now all One on One. ID only as "This is The Studium, sports radio 1530, all sports, all the time." The FM here was recently sold and split off from simulcast, and apparently the AM was too. (SK-PA)
1680 WAOC MI Flint - 1/16 2330 - Here with distorted audio / FM. Not on 1570; and on 1/19 both 1570 and 1680 were silent. Per phone call to station, they have no plans to move to the X-band. With the 2010 before me tuned to a silent 1570, I was told that the 1570 transmitter was indeed on the air and that "there must be something wrong with (my) radio." There isn't. (TS-MI)

KADS

R. O. BOX 949
ELK CITY, OKLAHOMA

UNID and UNID HELP

580 UNID - 1/26 0640 - COS under WHP with music, talk. WSKS or WTLB? (RJE-PA)
690 UNID - 1/19 0400-0415 - Sports Fan Radio mixing with WTXT and SS station, no sign of CBE. Never IDed. Didn't sound like often heard WJOX, fair signal. Maybe KGGE? (MD-NY) [Or WOKV? Or maybe WJOX, they're listed in the Log as being on the Fan network. - DY]
UNID - 1/19 1740 - Non-sports teletalk over, under WJOX with phone number 693-694. Nothing in Log to match. (RJE-PA)
720 UNID PA Shiremanstown - LW's unid with "The Rock" ID's in no. 13 is this one. New slogan, same format. (SK-PA)
820 UNID - 1/17 1845 - Caught end of SSB and sign-off by male in opera style; can't be too many sounding like this. Maybe WWSI or WWAM? (SK-PA)
1050 UNID - 1/23 2310 - Jim Bohannon show, quick local ID that sounds for all the world like "News-Talk 870 WHCL." [I have no listing for a / Any ideas? (PT-NJ) [No, but WYED carries Bohannon. - DY]
1340 UNID - 1/20 1959 - Ad for Red Tag Sales at Carpet Mart on Main Street, and PSA for National Guard. Have heard same ad last several nights. Carpet Mart is based out of Reading, PA, so most likely WRAW. (SK-PA)
1430 UNID - 1/26 0010 - Joel Vincent show, United Broadcasting Com pany, national weather, UPI news. Good. (GM-PQ)
1460 UNID - 1/15 2100 - SS station, mention of Washington. New format for WKEV? Very energetic music and speaking. (SK-PA) [With the demise of Radio Aahs, could well be. - DY]
1470 WTTT MD Westminster - Could be JR-NY's unid in no. 13; calls are similar and they have One on One Sports. (SK-PA)
1550 UNID - 1/5 1445-1500 - NO6 / WSAM; music barely audible under CBE's talk. Never heard anything under CBE in the daytime before. (TS-MI)

LOGGINGS: 0000-0800

590 WOW NE Omaha - 1/16 0245-0250 - After suspecting for a long time that this was the unid C&W station mixing with WARM, WEZE, and others, heard them peaking long enough tonight with "Country delights on WOW." Fair signal. State #36 at this location. (MD-NY)
1110

WTLA
1/22 0344 - "Right here on WZZZ," jingle, Christian music, good.

1020

KGIL
1/26 0550-0655 - Dominating KDCA with "KJ Oldies AM 1020" slogans, OLD music, legal ID at 0600 into ABC news,

1110

KAAB
1/15 0015 - ID: heard under WBT, (WM-CT)

1160

WYNS
1/27 0757 - C&W music, "WINS Country" ID, fair in mess...

1200

WTIA
1/21 0138 - Weak ID "WTIA 1200 AM, WSGO 1400 AM" in jumble, much stronger at 0143 with "Enjoy Phil... and the World Wide Web, your County Station." Format is light rock. Lots of up and down fades. (SK-PA)

1250

CHWO
1/27 0020 - Comedy, BBD music, ads for Etobicoke, CHWO ID.

1260

WFZE
1/27 0026 - Radio Disney, for circus. "Yellow Sub marine" and "Race Diary AM 1260." Fair-good. (RCP-CT)

1280

WHTK
1/27 0055 - "Talk Radio 1280 WHTK," ESPN news, fair, good with CFMM off. (GM-PO)

1320

WATR
1/25 0750 - ID: by man into network news, poor with WWBN behind. (OZ-CT)

1340

WNBH
1/22 0225 - ID: "Real Country WNBH," atop big jumble. Still hanging in at 0306. (SK-PA)

1350

WRNY
1/26 0032 - OLD // WADR-1480, poor. I guess this station does know it has 57 watts at night (see WADR-1200 and WUTQ-1550 logos below). (GM-PO)

1380

CGLC
1/23 0302-0307 - Broadcast News into "CGLC Weather Center" forecast and old Fleetwood Mac song. Weak, but steady and clear. (MJW-CT)

1420

WBVM
1/26 0007 - "WBVM Accu-Weather," good. (GM-PO)

1430

WGDC
1/22 0000 - ID: "AM 1430 WDIC, with your brand of country," Ad-shifted max. (SK-PA)

1450

WTBO
1/18 0411 - Canned ID "The radio station Cumber land depends on, WTBO." Hung in strong, atop for 3 songs. Still strong at tune-out. (SK-PA)

1480

WADR
1/26 0031 - OLD // WUTQ-1550, good. Another one that is certainly not 19 watts. (GM-PO)
The text appears to be a log of radio station programs and broadcasts, including music, news, and sports. The locations and times mentioned suggest it was a record of a radio scavenger hunt or a similar activity, where listeners follow a series of radio stations and note their programs or specific on-air events. The text is detailed and structured, typical of a log or diary entry.
"Talking House" promising new real-estate sales tool

By Jennifer Rower
Tribune-Star

Thank in modern technology, people can shop for clothes, jewelry and even cars without leaving their homes. And now it's possible to shop for a house the same true for buying your car, thanks to talking houses.

"Yes, talking houses. The next time you're looking at homes for sale in the Wabash Valley, you may come across a sign like the one that says, 'This is how you can buy your car for $10,000 in the Wabash Valley.'

"This gives people an easy opportunity to find out about a home in a more subtle fashion," says David Boeblinger of Trisho, a real estate agent. "They can find out about a home without making a sales pitch.

"Instead of calling a real estate agent when you'd like to know more about a house on the market or simply to check it out, you can call 1-800-1017 AM and listen to the home as it's sold itself."

A typical message would go like this: "Hi, I'm the talking house at 123 Main Street on Terra Haute. I have three bedrooms, two baths, and a fireplace.

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Indianapolis Tribune-Star
-Via Mark Burns

Radio station is a dream-come-true

Charlie Heck was single when he began building a country radio station in Sugarcreek, Ohio. Now he's married and a father of three.

Heck says the station has been a dream come true, and he's glad he made the investment.

"We've had our ups and downs," he said. "But overall, it's been a rewarding experience.

"We've learned a lot from our listeners, offering to help.

"We've worked hard to make the station successful, and it shows. We've had some rough times, but we've kept going.

Heck's dream has turned into a reality, and he's grateful for the support of his listeners and the community.

"You can never have enough listeners," he said. "But we've been lucky enough to have ours.

"We're proud of what we've accomplished, and we look forward to the future.

"We've learned a lot from our listeners, offering to help."
Music Store in Schnecktady: "Over, under a religious station with woman talking about seeing balls of light in the sky — KXEL or CHIN? (SK-PA) [KXEL tends to have more Art Bell-ish religious shows. — DY]


1560 WRHC Fl Coral Gables - 1/20 2045-2128 - I never thought I'd hear someone blowing out WQEW at night! Playing SS ballads, ID 2128 in EE "WQHC Coral Gables-Miami." Has to be on day power. (SK-PA) + 1/27 2000 - ID very weak under WQEW. (WM-MD)

1570 WSWV VA Pennington Gap - 1/15 2117 - Out of the mix for ID only (imagine that) "WSWV-FM... all day at work on 105.5." Poor in a real mess. (PT-NJ)

1640 KXBT CA Valles - 1/29 2012 - Finally, Pop music and ads with ID "1640 KXBT Solid Gold" up briefly, then phone number 800-7-MOTOWN (maybe GO or GOLD?), fighting with DFW TS. Poor with occasional fade-ups. (BS-PA)

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

1610 HAR MA Cape Cod - 1/25 1754 - Men giving directions to somewhere, mentioning Route 28, South Chatham (so I assume MA), a bridge, etc., and "it's four miles to the terminal." (DP-PQ) [This would be at the entrance to Cape Cod. - DY]

HAR NC — - 1/29 1953 - Continuous talk by man, with mentions of "proceeded north about 1.5 miles," "turn left at Iron Road," also Exit 170, Route 147, Greensboro, and Raleigh. Up briefly from the slop, heard on both SS-IR and R-70. (BS-PA)

1620 Pirate - — - 1/17 2516-2211 - Tuned in to hear 50's song by the Coasters just finishing, followed by Isley Brothers song "Nobody Can Do The Twist Like I Can Do," followed by DJ saying, "Oh the X, let's keep rockin, man. Just remember on 1620, if it don't rock it, we don't stork it." Followed by two more songs after which the DJ wished everyone a good evening, "1620 the Big X leaves the air, be cool." Very good signal to 2211 sign-off, little fading and some noise present. Anybody know where this is coming from? (RCP-IN) + 1/24 0654-0728 - Weak signal, 60's and 70's oldies, BTO "Takin Care of Business" at 0658 and Deep Purple's "Smoke on the Water" at 0727. Mixing with Niagara Falls and Schenandoah Valley (VA) TIS'es. Not WCTD-RX or "Valley Radio" in NJ. Any ideas? (JA-NY)

1690 HAR NC — - 1/28 0630 - North Carolina DOT heard at this time with talk by man, mentions of "1-95," "Highway Advisory Radio," "1690 AM," "road construction," and possible call WP---, then synthy sized female with music, ID "I Can Do," followed by DJ saying "finishing, followed by songs after which the DJ wished everyone a good evening, remember on 1620, - 1/24 0654-0728 - Weak signal, 60's and 70's oldies, BTO "Takin Care of Business" at 0658 and Deep Purple's "Smoke on the Water" at 0727. Mixing with Niagara Falls and Schenandoah Valley (VA) TIS'es. Not WCTD-RX or "Valley Radio" in NJ. Any ideas? (JA-NY)

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NSA-OH

John Arthur Belfast NY - Yann SF-767, 170 LW

PLB-MI

Phil Boersma Spring Lake MI - Realistic 14-785

MB-IN

Mark Burns Terre Haute IN - RBA, Kiwa loop, 80 LW

MD-NY

Michael Diers Huntington NY - WFIL, Kiwa loop

RJE-PA

Russ Edmunds Blue Bell PA - Car radio and whip

FG-MA

Phil Greenspan Marshfield MA - Superadio III

SK-PA

Steve Kennedy Coal Township PA - Superadio III

WM-MD

William McGuire Cheverly MD - DX-380

GM-PQ

Gilles Michaud St. Laurent PQ - ICF-650, 1/27 2518 - 1/25 2330 - Kiwa filters, SM-3, box loop

DP-PQ

Denis Picard Throes Rivieres Ouest PQ - R-5000, Kiwa loop, 145' attic wire

RCP-IN

Robert Pote Greenwood IN - RBA, Quantum loop, Superadio III

AR*NY

Andy Rugg Cornwall ON - On the road with car radio

TS-MI

Tom Sanders Davison MI - Sony 1010

BS-PA

Brett Saylor State College PA - R-390A, R-70, 150 LW, SR3

PT-NJ

Paul Thomas Salem NJ - RBA, MFJ-026, 100' wires, 1 loop, active vertical

DT-JAM

Don Treford St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica - R-2000, LW

MJW-CT

Marty Waters Wallingford CT - Superadio III

MJW*CT

Dxing in Middletown CT - Car radio

DZ-NY

Dan Ziolekowski Hamburg NY - 2010, Kiwa filters, Kiwa pocket loop

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Finally catching up with everything, I think. Getting more familiar with my new (my wife's old) computer, learning how to access e-mail with my wife's new computer. This week I'm trying to see if accents make it to Paul through the Internet. (Perfectly!-Jas)

My apologies to those reporters (Forth-IL) whose print loggins were misplaced during all of the computer commotion of the last two weeks.

We have had lots of new reporters in recent weeks, just the way we like it in the National Radio Club. Deadlines here are Sundays, but stuff arriving later sometimes gets in; what doesn't is held till the next week.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

162 FRANCE France-Inter, Allouis JAN 24 2355 - Good; French rap music, France-Inter ID into news. (Jas-NY)

189 ICELAND Rikisutvarpid JAN 25 0020 - Good; man in Icelandic, blues/rock music. (Conti-MA)

198 ENGLAND BBC Radio 4, JAN 25 0025 - Good; Radio 4 ID, local news, sports, and weather. (Conti-MA) JAN 25 0500 - Fair; BBC World Service Newday. (Conti-NH)

567 IRELAND, DEC 28 0327 - with man and woman speaking in EE, sounded like a sports report at 0333, several female reporters, possibly with news, later heard speech, and man and woman conversation. Tune-out 0345, then noted woman announced at 0402, no ID heard, tentative. (Forth-IL)

612 MOROCCO, RTM Sebaa-Aiouen JAN 18 0020 - Fair; man and woman in Arabic, string music. / 207, (Conti-MA)

693 AZOBES, RDP Tercena JAN 17 2345 - Fair; classic rock/oldies music over RNE-Spain, / 837, (Conti-NH)

738 SPAIN, RNE1 Barcelona JAN 17 2330 - Talk, 729. (Conti-MA)

747 SPAIN, RNE1 Barcelona JAN 17 2300 - Talk, about "equipo español" and World Cup, 1/129 & 774. (Conti-NH)

761 SPAIN, RNE1 Barcelona JAN 16 2300 - Poor-fair with man speaking, then sounded like a sing-along at 0504, couldn't find language, audio gone but carrier Still here 0515. (Forth-IL) Dutch can sound very similar to EE, but hard to understand — Jim

765 SENEGAL, RDS Dakar JAN 25 0630 - Tentative; man in monotonous French, audio similar to that typical of regular receptions during local sunset. (Conti-NH)

855 SPAIN, RNE1 Barcelona DEC 27 0419 - Good for a few minutes with man in SS, guitar music, one of the strongest TAs during this time and the 1996 opening. (Forth-IL)

945 FRANCE Toulouse JAN 25 0610 - Poor; man in French and nostalgia, assumed to be R.Blue, but potential 1206 and 1377 paralelles weren't coming in at the time. (Conti-NH)

1062 DENMARK DR Kalundborg, DEC 28 0414-0429 - Good with man in Danish, tape of man in EE talking about band's new album, and couple of EE pop tunes from that album. (DeLorenzo-MA) JAN 25 0605 - Good; man in Danish and European rock music. (Conti-NH)

1098 ENGLAND Talk Radio synchros, DEC 28 0500-0503 - Fair with news by man and woman speaking in EE through WEAL sidebar. (DeLorenzo-MA)

1099 UNID, DEC 27 0425 - just barely with audio, sounded like man and woman speaking, maybe EE, but couldn't ID. Also heard 12/28 0255. (Forth-IL)

1134 UNID, DEC 27 0220-0500 - in and out, strong audio at times with instrumental music, best 0400 with man speaking, then instrumental version of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Also at 0500 with time pits and man speaking. In again 12/28 with variety of music, best at 0127 with "Battles Hymn of the Republic". Overall, this was probably stronger than Norway 1514. (Forth-IL) Music variety and pops-sounds like Croatia - Jim

1152 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros JAN 24 2320 - Fair; woman in Spanish and music / 1125. (Conti-NH)

1179 SVEREN R,Sweden, Solveborg JAN 24 2030 - Fair; end of Russian program, then ID "Radio Sweden, Stockholm... on medium wave 1179 and on FM to greater Stockholm" and Spectrum On the Arts program in English. (Conti-MA)
1314 NORWAY Kvitoy, 12/27 in most of the evening with man speaking. US standards, heard as late as 0600. Also noted carrier as early as 2200 the following afternoon, which is very unusual for a TA in this location. [Forth-IL]

1386 RUSSIA, VOR Kaliningrad JAN 24 2255 - Good; United Christian Broadcasters program of Christian folk music in English, "2 minutes before 11": UTC time check and UK phone number. [Conti-MA]

1395 NETHERLANDS Talk Radio, Lopik JAN 24 2215 - Fair; discussion/interview in Dutch. [Conti-MA]

1467 FRANCE TWR Romoules JAN 24 2110 - Good; Arabic program with discussion and light music. [Conti-MA]

1521 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKA Duba JAN 24 2005 - Fair; man in Arabic / 9555, 9870, & 11935. [Conti-MA]

1611 NORWAY, LGB TLX Rogaland JAN 24 2135 - Fair; code IDs and data through Falmouth TIS. [Conti-MA]

PAN-AMERICAN DX

730 MEXICO XEPQ Melchor Munozz COAH, JAN 7 0201 - Ads. seeming to mention "La Siete Treinta" slogans, male announcer with dedications, CST time checks. Announcer once mentioned "La Siete Treinta, con cinco mil wats de potencia." XEPQ has supposedly moved here from 710 kHz. Signal was mixing with XEK, KDKD and CCKM. [Wilkins-CO]

1000 MEXICO XEFV Cd. Juarez CHIH, DEC 23 0900 - nice ID: "En Juárez-El Paso, La Rancherita," then "Estás escuchando XEFV, La Rancherita, en el mil de su radio, con mil wats de potencia ranchera..." into music. [Wilkins-CO]

1100 MEXICO XENAS Navajoa SON, JAN 2 0140 - Occasional traces of audio. I hope others were listening DEC 26-29 for I'm sure many exotic

1560 MEXICO XEFV Cd. Juarez CHIH, JAN 1 0042 - SS language religious programs with an occasional EE Southern Gospel tune thrown in; ads for religious events and programs, call IDs. New slogan is apparently "La Nueva Radio Viva" to match their format. City of license has supposedly changed to Zaragoza, but do not know if this has taken place yet. [Wilkins-CO]

1658 COLOMBIA Mercaderes, JAN 25 0542 UTC - slow CW ID "MER E", with another unintelligible CW ID underneath [Saylor-PA]

TRANS-PACIFIC DX

774 JAPAN JOUB Akita, DEC 27 1118-1202 - Best Japanese reception in over 50 years of foreign MW DXing on the East Coast. Mostly man speaking in JJ 1145-1200. By 1200 was considerably weaker but still strong enough to tape the NHK time pips on the hour followed by few words by a woman, then a brief musical interlude and then a man speaking. JJ carriers also noted on 928, 759 and 603 this morning. As is typical when the JJ stations are coming in there was not a single DU carrier. JOUB also produced audio DEC 28 1155 and DEC 29 1127-1156. DF perfect for Japan on all signals. I was really nervous on the 27th as it was so weak, considering we had just spent 10 days there, no QSL. [Passmann-GERMANY, via Hard-Core-DX]

1053 UNID, DEC 29 1207-1212 - Very interesting strong carrier here after JOUB faded out this date. Probably could have pulled audio from this one if tuned earlier. Definite DF for Far East. [MOO-FL] (My book shows China, India, Philippines, Malaysia - Jim)

RAY speaks: This has been the worst TP season in years. Prior to recent Japanese invasion the last decent audio from 1098 Majuro, Marshall Islands on AUG 13 when I got a nice tape of island catches were available. It will be interesting to see if the West Coasters logged a bunch of TAs's. (TA signals were heard in the northwest and in Honduras during this same period - Jim)

STATION NEWS

NETHERLANDS: 1224 Q-Radio: Letter in English without details signed by Peter Jansen, Director. Address: Postbox 151, 7200 AD Zutphen, Holland, email: q-radio@tip.nl. After 10 days for a report on Jan. 15. Transmission, 1 IRC. They are broadcasting with 50 kW (25 kW during nighttime) from the vessel "Communicator" in the Iljsselva. 828 Arrow Classic Rock, Station info and stickers after 10 days, no QSL. [Passmann-GERMANY, via Hard-Core-DX]

NETHERLANDS (more): I just read on the Dutch teletext service that the local authorities in Apeldoorn did NOT approve the building plans of KPN for their 4 towers. These towers should act as antenna's for future-plan radio station "Radio Delta" on 717 kHz. Earlier, the Dutch minister Jorritsma said due to the strong limitations with respect to environment regulations it would be very difficult to get a license to rise up these towers anyway. She also said that she must approve a broadcast-license, so KPN will launch another plan in near future. [sources: NOS Teletext & BCDX via Robert van Houten via Hard-Core-DX]

PHILIPPINES: VOA's one megawatt Por transmitter in the Philippines was testing on a new frequency - 1710 kHz - from 6th-14th December at 1600-1700 and 1800-1900 UTC. Programming were be instrumental music, not regular VOA programming. The usual 1143 kHz channel apparently suffers interference from Taiwan in the target area so VOA are looking for a new channel. Certainly worth trying for in Europe at this time of year. [VOA Communications World via Dave Kenny in MedIDX]

UKRAINE: 1373.44, JAN 15 2125 - I've an unidentified station, never heard before. Non-stop instrumental music (modern piano mx, some jazz-fusion mx) from tune-in at 2125 UTC; short announcement business at 2155, maybe in some east-european language; abruptly off at 2158 after some sort of formal announcement. Good signal, 9-10+ on peaks, some fading; low modulation with background rumbling. Somewhere from former Yugoslavia? [Fabrizio Magrone, Italy via Hard-Core-DX] I'm not sure on this one, but the Ukraine has had a notorious drifter that has moved up and down from its nominal 1377 over the years. [Connelly-MA] Maybe it's worth of mention that not only Ukrainians but also many Russians are drifting incoherently in the wildest places on AM band. Sometimes in evenings in Europe one can find numerous split frequencies with a decent signal. 1040 - where it may be - comes to my mind first. [Jan Lehtinen, Lahti, Finland] Indeed Mark was right. Yesterday evening and this evening I've an Ukrainian station with the Promin program wandering in the 1373.44 - 1373.90 kHz range with good signals, making reception of St. Pierre & Miquelon next to impossible. Let's hope it will go back to where it belongs, just after our trans-Atlantic friends have logged it. Thank you Mark for your tip! [Fabrizio Magrone, Forli, Italy]

This station has been heard even around 1370 kHz making reception of NA on this frequency difficult. Furthermore, Ukrainian radio has not been 24 hours since last summer. That is why many frequencies are now free for long-distance reception during European nights. Last August I heard the Thai station on 1377 kHz after the s-off of the Ukrainian tx on 1377 kHz. BTW, it seems that Ukraine has serious technical and energy troubles. Many transmitters are drifting & night time services closed etc. Possibly the night service was cut not only because of economical reasons but also because of energy shortage caused by troubles at Chernobyl where one reactor is still in use? [Jorma Mantyla, Kangasala, Finland] (above messages via Hard-Core-DX)

ROMANIA: For several days I have noticed a Romanian station drifted down from 1593. On Jan. 18th at 1740 UTC it was on 1592.3 with popular music program and ID's sounding like Radio Targu Mures. Only parallel I found was possibly on 1197 but can't tell for sure. Could this be because of energy shortage caused by troubles at Chernobyl where one reactor is still in use? [Jorma Mantyla, Kangasala, Finland] Above messages via Hard-Core-DX

17 CONTRIBUTORS (@ via e-mail)

Brute Conti, Nashua NH: R8A, MWDX-5, 30-m wire, 30-m east sloper, and Parker River NWR, Rowley, MA; R8A, DCP-2, RL-1 with Quantum loophead, 100-m wire. [bconte@aol.com]
Marc DeLorenzo, Auburndale MA; IRC NRD 525, Quantum Loop. [Marc DeLorenzo, Auburndale MA; IRC NRD 525, Quantum Loop]
John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO; Drake R8, 4 foot Loop.

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Here is the first Formats column of 1998. Bill Alisandras (hope I spelled your name correctly, Bill, as your handwriting was slightly better than is mine!) (his "Alisauskas" pars) of Georgia, wrote that WFFI-1330, Carrollton, GA, is now "News-Talk 1330". It carries the UPI Network and CBS News on the hour, with, according to M Street Journal, a call change to WBTB. He also sent some radio listings from newspapers in the Carolinas and Baltimore, which for which I thank him. This column tends not to use newspaper listings in that it has been found that the information often is out of date, or is inaccurate. This column needs your reports of what you have heard in your home area.

Ken Evans, in West Virginia, wrote that WTA-E-1250. Pittsburgh, has gone to an all sports talk format, that some of the displaced WTA-E talk show hosts have landed work at WQV-WA-1170, which has dropped its longtime country music format for news and talk. Robert Pote has written that WSYW-810 (250 watts, with downtown rooftop antenna in Indianapolis) has dropped the music with live DJ's.

Locally, WMMM-1260, Westport, returned to the air at 0600 on January 5, 1998. Now owned by Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, it airs NPR feed and other talk and features. SHU also owns WSHU-91.1, with NPR programming and classical music. On a New Year's trip to Boston, I noted that WSOO-1470, Marlborough, has gone to a full service combination of locally produced programming, targeted to Boston's western suburbs "Metro West". WNRB-1510, Boston sports at the dozens of colleges in the area at low cost radio. Here are the latest format changes, mostly from directional stations have staked their lives on either satellite provided sports talk or children's programming, neither of which involves a sales staff or on air staff (or good ratings!), and a contract engineer can be called to patch up problems with the antenna system. Thus, one is looking preparing this column, a trend I have seen developing is that many major market highly highly.

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Format changes are reported by listeners.
ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE
540 WDAK-GA 1300 WXXM-AL 92.7 WCRC-AL 99.3 WMFC-AL
610 WZZK-AL 1330 WPNF-AL WEEY-AL 100.1 WDXX-AL
630 WAVU-AL WCVF-FL WCQG-AL 100.3 WYNA-AL
860 WAMF-FL 1340 WVEF-AL WIZK-MS 100.9 WCJM-GA
570 WQRX-AL 1350 WQAD-AL 94.1 WZBO-AL 101.1 WFHM-AL
920 WRJD-AL 1400 WYAV-AL 95.3 WFFN-AL 101.9 WSGC-TN
950 WNNZ-AL 1420 WACT-AL 95.5 WJBD-AL 102.3 WAMI-AL
580 WKLJ-FL 1420 WTXW-AL 95.9 WIXN-AL 102.5 WISP-MS
990 WLDX-AL 1450 WDNQ-AL 96.1 WFMQ-AL 103.1 WKJI-FL
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1230 WBBR-AL 1490 WBBB-AL 97.7 WEZZ-AL 105.3 WRTX-AL
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1270 WGV-FL 1570 WCRL-AL 97.9 WDMT-AL 106.3 WKNU-AL
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DUKE BLUE DEVILS
590 WCAB-NC 1000 WIOO-PA 1240 WJNC-NC 1450 WGNC-NC
620 WDCN-NC* 1050 WLOM-NC 1250 WBM1-NC 1540 WTXY-NC
730 WOBC-NC 1080 KASH-AK 1280 WNAS-NC 1590 WCSI-NC
850 WRBZ-N 1090 WBZ-N 1340 WJRI-NC 1450 MGNC-NC
900 WAYN-NC 1200 WSMN-NC 1380 WTB-NC 96.7 WKRX-NC
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FLORIDA GATORS
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790 WAXY-L 1250 WQHL-FL 1480 WODX-FL 103.7 WRUP-FL
830 WNZS-FL 1260 WYHD-FL 1490 WXQ-FL 104.9 WAZ-FL
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900 WMOF-FL 1340 WDSR-FL WMVR-FL
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980 WTOT-FL 1380 WEFL-FL 94.3 WNB-FL
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680 WCNN-GA* 1430 WCHS-CA 98.7 WSK-CA
730 WOHJ-CA 1250 WYTH-CA WDAJ-CA 99.1 WBAW-CA
740 WBAW-CA 1270 WXXG-CA 1450 WKU-CA 95.5 WDMM-CA
800 WJAT-CA WTGMQ-GA WSV-CA 101.1 WJTA-CA
850 WPBB-GA WJFC-GA WGCN-CA 102.1 WKJU-CA
860 WJMB-CA 1400 WMTM-CA WCUS-CA 102.3 WQK-CA
900 WEG-CA WNEA-GA 1490 WMOC-CA WKRZ-CA
940 WMAZ-CA 1340 WAGA-GA WCHM-CA 102.9 WMJE-GA

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904 WFM-CA 1230 WCLO-WI 1430 WLQ-CA
1050 WSGC-WI 1400 WJRA-WI 102.3 WJQ-WI
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930 WHON-IN 1450 WAG3-IN 92.1 WSC5-IN 102.3 WSBK-IN
960 WSBT-IN 1450 WAOV-IN 94.3 WREB-IN 102.7 WFBK-IN
980 WITY-L 1460 WKAM-IN 95.7 WLRX-IN 104.7 WITZ-IN
1230 WJBO-IN 1540 WLOI-IN 96.3 WJAA-IN 105.5 WQRC-IN
1240 WWHU-IN 1560 WRIN-IN 96.5 WAZY-IN 107.1 WBLN-IN
1260 WNDY-IN 1590 WPCO-IN 96.7 WLOI-IN 107.3 WQZQ-IN
1270 WORX-IN 1340 WBIW-IN 97.7 WLQI-IN 107.9 WAMW-IN
1340 VQH-QH 1560 WDM-CA 98.3 WZZY-CA 108.1 WAG-CA
1390 WHWD-IN 1993 WJC-CA

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES
540 WCTH-VA 1240 WTON-VA 1360 WBOB-VA 95.3 WBX-VA
610 WSLC-VA WKOY-VA WHBG-VA 96.7 WMJA-VA
620 WWNR-WV 1260 WCHV-VA 1380 WLVR-VA 98.3 WLQ-VA
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1280 VXCF-VA 1350 WSN-VA 105.3 WJDK-VA
1380 WBP-VA 105.3 WJDK-VA
1390 WQAC-VA 107.9 WPTG-VA

* Regional station
** WOWO carries selected Purdue games, and then only when Indiana University is idle.
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Here are some hockey updates from Bob Galerstein and Bob Karchevski (via e-mail).

NHL
Anahiem Mighty Ducks
AHL: Hartford Wolfpack
IHL: Phoenix Roadrunners went out of business after last season.

And from a local Pittsburgh newspaper in the Chicago Public Library:

NHL: Pittsburgh Penguins
102.5 WDVE-PA and Fox Sports Pittsburgh Radio Network

I still need many NBA and NHL lists; please send me any you have.

Live From the Space Bedroom

It's 3 AM in the morning and dawn is purpling the sky over the Sonora desert. It's time for Buck Buetbee to get his daily commute to the studios of KBUX (FM) in quartzsite, Arizona. Buck throws the covers, stops in the bathroom to brush his teeth and then walks into the space bedroom of his house.

Home is over there.

In our continuing search for America's smallest commercially licensed radio station, we may have a winner in KBUX. While the size of this tiny station is impressive, it is also almost unnoticeable in what some might consider an age of impersonalization. The Buetbees and his wife Maude are KBUX. The studio and transmitter are in their space bedroom.

There are no employees, and the Buetbees are about as far from you as you can get from another owner. Because at least use of them is always at the station. Buck chose a piece of equipment, and his voice you hear between songs, is a voice-over guy who悖s in the trucks via IEDY. KBUX is as personal as it gets.

Great Idea

The Buetbees were running a trailer park in Quartzsite when Buck became frustrated that he could barely pick up any music and tuned in to a k-boomin' station. "I figured, why not start my own station?" he said. And that's how the station started on the paperback," he said. What was Buck's previous broadcasting experience? "I used to do a lock-in, and I once changed the lock after a radio station in Rochester, N.Y. That's good enough for the FCC, so by 1988 Buck had his license. But that didn't have any money to build his Class A FM station in what most of us would consider a remote location.

Lacking the funds for even a k-boomin' transmitter, Buck popped for a 190 W mono AU, which has since replaced with as equally powerful but unnoticeably.

Transmitter. Antenna towers are also expensive, so Buck came up with a less costly alternative. "I located an 80-foot wooden pole, stuck a feet in it and got a four-foot Comap antenna on it, giving me an effective radiated power of 200 watts," Buck said. He wasn't going to be able to afford an antenna or a fancy antenna, system, so he came up with a solution that probably wouldn't have occurred to most experienced broadcast engineers.

"I heard about those Microtropic 100-foot logger tape machines that could run 14 hours non-stop on a single 10-inch reel. So I bought a couple of those, used, of course," Buck's entire on-air music library is on three of these 14-hour tape machines which run on a 1.78 IVP. "I had this engineer from Palos Springs stop by one day and he was amazed at how good the sound was, considering the small size of the tapes," said Buck, adding that the engineer he said never had any thought of doing such a thing. Probably not.

Great idea: Buck's audio chain consists of a Ramos tape console, a double-station Collins cart playback machine, an IFC microcassette, a couple of Technics turntables, and some consumer-grade CD players and cassette decks. Production is done on the audience side of the on-air board.

All sets in the space bedroom, along with the transmitter. Buck pops in once or twice an hour, stops the tape, and, for example, tiny song, drops in some spots, maybe even keeps the weather, sorts the Microtropic, and goes about his business. Just before bedtime, Buck makes sure his got the right tape on the Microtropic to overnight, and then he sorts the log. After midnight, KBUX keeps cranking out what may be the oldest tune on the radio anywhere.

What might you hear in the average KBUX quarter hour?

You might hear a country and western, then a folk, and then a classical piece, a big band thing, some organ music, all in a row, anything except rock," said Buck, who assembled the formats from his personal collection of some 3,000 records. "People tell me that they've never heard a format like this and they really like it. We get lots of folks who come in Quartzsite every winter in their campers and they always say how good they are that we're still on the air.

In addition to being good, they should be unusual, considering Buck's sales figures. Buck is the station's only real salesperson and he charges a very good one. KBUX grosses $7,000 in 1994. Did he turn a profit? Not really. I used the money for my own living expenses. I don't have any costs that are specific to the radio station, just the music licensing fees.

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