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KSTN	CA	1420	Jan. 1	0300-??
WFIF	CT	1500	Jan. 9	0030-0045

From the Publisher ... A few curmudgeonly reminders this time around. Dave Schmidt reminds all that the deadline for Musings is Friday. All DX tests to be published in DXN must be scheduled through our CPC chairman, Blaine Thompson <<blaine@indy.net>>, and so we have at least three tests coming up in a month or so that he's working on now. Subscription renewals (and questions) should be directed in a timely manner to Ron Musco so that he can work out any problems in a timely manner. Checks sent to Topeka sit around for awhile until I go to the P. O. to pick them up and eventually forward them to Ron for disposition. And when all else fails, read the back page for directions! I seem to have caught some sort of infection this week, so if this issue seems a little perfunctory, so be it. As soon as I finish filling up the front page, I'm going back to bed!

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the November 26, 1949 DXN: Bernie Duffy, Staten Is., NY, wrote that at 2 am on Nov. 19, CHSJ-1150 was heard offering a 17-jewel wristwatch as a prize for the most-distant report.

25 years ago ... from the December 9, 1974 DXN: New members included Eric Fader, Bayside, NY; Mike Anderson, Louisville, KY; Doug Kowalski, West Allis, WI; Warren Powis, Wellington, New Zealand; Harley E. Steward, Erie, PA; Mike Ramirez, San Antonio, TX, and Frank Oswald, Princeton, NJ.

10 years ago ... from the November 27, 1989 DXN: An engineer for a station in New Mexico sent a whiney letter to Wayne Heinen after Wayne had sent him a standard CPC request for a test, saying "It is going to be very difficult to get these small market AM stations to pay an operator to come in at 4:30 in the morning to run an exercise for your club unless there is some clear benefit to the station ... Nevertheless I ... might push for some sort of presign-on broadcast if I could get, in return, some solid field strength readings ..."

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	Old call		New call
1200	WBZY PA	New Castle	WKST
1280	WKST PA	New Castle	WBZY

APPLICATIONS / GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

None

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1040 KCBR CO Monument: 15000 D1

OTHERNESS

630 CFCO ON Chatham: CP for 10000/6000U4 is on
900 KREH LA Oakdale: station is SILENT while moving to Pecan Grove, TX
920 KBAD NV Las Vegas: CP for U4 is on
1140 KSOO SD Sioux Falls: CP to relocate transmitter is on
1150 KSRB WA Seattle: CP for 10000/6000 U2 is on
1280 WBZY PA New Castle: CP for 1000/1000 U3 is on
1420 WKCW VA Warrenton: CP to relocate transmitter is on
1500 WDEB TN Jamestown: CP to relocate transmitter is on
1660 WWRU NJ Jersey City: CP to move here with 10000/9000 U2 is on

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DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- Shawn reflects on his trek to the DX Bus: "Wayne McRae and I made our way to our DX site and . . . the first DX'pedition of the season and the last one for this century is now come and gone. We managed to drive across the farm field for the first time in 6 years it was so dry. The usual walk of 1200 feet dragging toboggans of equipment was not bad this time. Thought we had it made until we got to the door of the bus. We have converted an old school bus to a DX listening post. The lock was broken, and when we opened the door it was obvious that someone had been there. We leave no radio equipment behind but do leave the wire sleeping bags, lanterns, heaters, dishes, etc. Every box had been gone through. The place took an hour to clean up. Only thing missing were half the stuff from the first-aid kit, flash lights and a big knife. My sleeping bag had been used (it is going to the cleaners) as was the wood stove, but no other damage. I suppose, all considered, we got off lucky as no real damage done. We took home the lanterns, sleeping bags, heaters, etc, so if they return they will have nothing to use. This is the first time in 10 years we ever had a problem, so I guess we were due. After cleaning up we put our some wires and settled into DXing. As you see some good stuff was heard, especially . . . 610 CHTM. Never though we would hear this one as it often fades out 25 or 30 miles out of Thompson on some days. Hope the season continues to be good . . . will go out again after Christmas and put on new lock on the bus. Such is the life of a DXer in the Great White North."
- Another 3-letter call bites the dust! And one of the rare 'W' calls west of the Mississippi, to boot. Ernie Wesolowski of Omaha sent a copy of an article from the 11/15/99 *Omaha World-Herald* that says: "Omaha radio station WOW (590 AM), which went on the air in 1923, will change its call letters to KOMJ beginning November 22. The station's musical format will switch from country to adult standards. WOW, which stands for the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Co., which launched the station, celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1998." Ernie adds: "Sad day in Omaha radio". On the 1620 Omaha call letter controversy . . . John Wilkins writes: "I think all the variations of the KAZP call are caused by the incredibly fast ToH ID, which has been interpreted differently by different DXers. Here's my "analysis": "KA" is being heard as K; "Z" is being heard as G, Z, B, who knows what else; "P" is being heard as P, B, etc.; "Bellevue" is being heard as "W". I, myself, first heard it as KAZW, and had my log already to send in to DDXD, but a further review of the tape showed the calls still KAZP. I think the "Bellevue" is the most confusing part of the ID - many are hearing it as a "W"."
- This week's "Believe it or Don't" comes from the FCC Database: There is an application in the database for a new station on 1180 in Havana, Florida (U2 1000/250). Havana is located about 15 miles northwest of Tallahassee . . . or about 450 miles north of . . . Marathon, Florida, home of the VOA-1180 station with their 50,000 Watts aimed at . . . Havana, Cuba. And . . . I've seen "talk" on the Internet that VOA-1180 has been granted a power increase to 100,000 Watts. If that's true, how long will it be until the FCC grants higher power to . . . say, the former 1-A clear channel stations?
- Somehow the old brain went dead while updating some Graveyarders back in Issue 4. The corrections appear at the end of this week's column. My apologies to all involved.

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STATION NEWS & NOTES

1140 KSFN NV North Las Vegas - 11/19 1850 - Oldies music. Legal ID at 1900:45 as *You're cruisin' on KSFN North Las Vegas, Infinity Radio's 1140 AM. Crusin' Oldies.* Good, with fading and QRM. Ex:SPT. [As well as a host of other formats, hi - Ed.] (JW-CO)
 1400 KKTL WY Casper - 11/11 0815 - Program note . . . *weekday mornings 6 to 10 here on Wyoming's all new K-Talk 1400 KKTL.* Also mentioned Bloomberg BLZ net. In and out of QRM for next 45 minutes. Legal ID at 0859:35, just partially readable. CBS News at 0900. New station, although there was a Casper station here in the past (KATI). (JW-CO)
 1470 KITO OK Vinita - 11/12 0726 - OLD music. Male announcer with call IDs, CST time checks. Listed as C&W. A new one here, for Oklahoma #48. (JW-CO)
 1470 KEAN TX Abilene - 11/17 1824 - C&W music. Cute slogans, e.g. *Walking softly and broadcasting with a Big Stick, K-105, Country's Number One Country.* Also KEAN call IDs, local spots. Ex: KBBA; ex:Tejano. (JW-CO)
 1550 KSFTp MO St. Joseph - 11/11 1945 - OLD music, St Jo ads. Good signal, but call elusive, heard on several occasions. Ex: NOS. Good, in partial null of local KADZ. (JW-CO)
 1620 KAZP NE Bellevue - 11/15 - Still using this call as of this date. No longer using KOIL/KAZP as KOIL-1180 is Radio Disney. 1620 ID given on the hour only after Omaha's ESPN 1620. Call read at 250 words per minute. (EW-NE) [Must sound like the car dealer's disclaimer we hear here - Ed.]

UNIDs and UNID HELP

970 UNID ?? - 11/12 0055 - *Fantastico nueve-setenta* heard briefly in the clear, but gone by ID time. I suspect Bakersfield. (PT-WA)
 1350KSRO?CASanta Rosa - 11/13 2053 - With *Stanford Cardinal* football. Can't think of who else could have Stanford football on 1350. (RD-AZ)
 1440 UNID ?? - 11/13 2039 - With sports talk. Loop at 090/270 azimuth and 45/225 elevation from Mesa. (RD-AZ)
 1550UNID ?? - 11/13 2009 - With religious music. Loop at 000/180 from Mesa, AZ. (RD-AZ)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

Still waiting . . .

KSTP AM 1500
News & Talk Radio

TIS & OTHER STUFF

530 WTO624 ND Devils Lake -11/13 1328 - Fair-to-good signal, with Highway Advisory Radio announcements for the Devils Lake area. This one stayed in all day, evening, and morning, becoming a pest. (MBDXP)
 1260 "KASR" AZ Tempe - Arizona State University free radiate station. ASU football being swamped by an XE. They run about 50 watts. (RD-AZ)
 1610 TIS ND Fargo - 11/14 0739 - Faded up briefly, with National Weather Service weather for North Dakota and Minnesota. Only TIS this frequency all trip . . . very

unusual. (MBDXP)
 1700 TIS/HAR CA Mountain View - 11/9-10 - New HAR, seemingly affiliated with Ames Research Center, noted at times between Greenbrae and the western end of the Richmond Bridge (Marin County). Asked for reports and gave phone number (650-604-1923) - I have left messages twice - and several E-mail addresses which driving precluded my copying. Weak level, subject to intermod images. (PT-CA)

WORKING OVERTIME?

550 KLLV CO Breen - 11/17 1950 - REL instrumental music. 2000 weather for *Northwest Plateau*. Short features; legal ID 2006 as *K-Love, KLLV Breen*. Good signal, over/under KGME. Listed as a *daytimer*. (JW-CO) [Yup. Should have closed down at 5:00 PM your time - Ed.]
 1130 KQNA AZ Prescott Valley - 11/18 2129 - ID: *World news, local talk - you're staying up to the minute by listening to NewsTalk 1130 AM KQNA Prescott Valley - Prescott, serving all of Yavapai County*, then CNN News. Fair in QRM. S'posed to be a *daytimer*. (JW-CO) [They should pull the plug at 5:30 PM your time during November - Ed.]
 1130 KTMR TX Edna - 11/18 2015 - SS REL music, with occasional promos for area (Houston) evangelical events. Frequent non-IDs as *Cadena Radiovision, Voz Evangelica de Houston*. Finally, a legal ID at 2101: *This is KLV 1480 AM Pasadena, Texas and KTMR 1130 AM Edna-Victoria, Texas*, then the same in SS. Listed as a *daytimer*. Was still there at 2200, 4 hours after Houston sunset. (JW-CO) [The computed sign-off time in Edna for November is 1730 CST - Ed.]
 1200 KYOO MO Bolivar - 11/18 1854 - Program note for *Swap Shop*, call ID in WOA1 null. Listed as *daytimer*; was 1 hour past Bolivar sunset. (JW-CO) ["I forgot". Again, hi - Ed.]

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ELT

550 KGME AZ Phoenix - 11/17 1947 - Local sports talk, sponsored by a BBQ joint; traffic, program notes. Good signal on peaks, with KLZ-560 slop. (JW-CO)
 610 CHTM MB Thompson - 11/13 2030 - Fair signal, with *Flin Flon Bombers* hockey and lots of local ads. FINALLY, AFTER 13 YEARS!!!! NEW!!! (MBDXP)
 620 KRDY CO Grand Junction - 11/20 0219 - Fair signal, with slight fading, making the 200 mile trip to the far side of the Continental Divide with only 79 watts and a short (65.8 degree) tower. Radio Disney format. (PG-CO)
 650 KSTE CA Rancho Cordova - 11/19 2250 - With ID: *You're listening to the Dr. Laura station, talk radio 650, the new KSTE*. (RD-AZ)
 660 KTNN AZ Window Rock - 11/19 2253 - With *Phoenix Suns* basketball in Navajo. Female announcer at the mike. Numerous ads in EE. (RD-AZ)
 670 WMAQ IL Chicago - 11/4-5 0000 - With ID, under KBOI tones and late CBS News. My 3rd new 670 logging in a month! (PT-WA)
 680 KKGR MT East Helena - 10/30 2100 - With C&W music up to sign-off. KNBR nulled (PT-WA)
 680 KOMW WA Omak - 10/30 - Heard right after KKGR's sign-off, with *Weekends in the Northwest* and sign-off at a casual 2118. Carrier stayed on at least 'til 2124 tune-out. (PT-WA)
 690 CBKF1 SK Gravelbourg - [no date or time] - Noted // to CBKF2 860 with flute music and FF. Originally when I heard the music at a good level on 860, I thought it was CFPR so checked here to see if it was // CBU. Surprise! New. (PT-WA)
 720 WGN IL Chicago - 11/5 0122 - ID through KIRO slop and KDWN. After hearing WBBM, WLS & WMAQ, I thought I'd give it a try and it was there. (PT-WA)
 750 CJVR SK Melfort - 11/10 2332-2338 - C&W music. When you count on community information, count on CJVR. New - KOAL unusually weak this evening. (RR-UT)
 800 CKDR ON Dryden - 11/13 1320 - Fair signal, in CKJS null, with oldies and AC music. (MBDXP)
 820 WBAP TX Fort Worth - 11/5 0106 - Not overpowering, but ID noted under KGNW (PT-WA)
 830 KPLS CA Orange - 11/10 0040 - Very good level, with *Catholic Family Radio* phone call-in show while driving near San Rafael. In the clear. (PT-CA)

830	CKKY	AB	Wainwright - 11/2 0616 - With Heart of the Country C&W music, overpowering KIRO image. (PT-WA)
840	KXNT	NV	North Las Vegas - 11/13 2018 - Fair signal, with talk program and clear ID. (MBDXP)
850	WYDEP	AL	Birmingham - 11/20 0738 - Not far under KOA (with story about some group in Boulder wanting a sporting goods store to stop selling bullets) with <i>Radio Disney</i> . This was supposed to go to REL programming, but maybe the Disney contract has a way to run? [Ed.TX]
890	WLS	IL	Chicago - 11/4 2335 - Call letter mention and talk the next 25 minutes. With KDXU talk mostly looped and some CJDC music. New. (PT-WA)
910	CKDQ	AB	Drumheller - 10/31 1915 - Strong, with <i>Rodeo Roundup</i> (Professional Bull Riders interviews); 11/1 1931 - With <i>Heart of the Country</i> C&W music; and again 11/4 0935 with news and Q91 promo. (PT-WA)
930	KRKY	CO	Granby - 11/10 2357-0006 - C&W music. Top of hour ID: <i>This is High Country, Country, AM 930, KRKY Granby-Winter Park</i> . ABC News and PSA for Colorado State Patrol. Weak, in KSEI null. (RR-UT)
930	KSEI	ID	Pocatello - 11/15 0100 - With ToH legal ID and One on One Sports. (RD-AZ)
960	KMA	IA	Shenandoah - 11/18 0859 - Power Ball numbers and legal ID: <i>You're listening to Regional Radio, KMA 960 Shenandoah, Iowa</i> . Fair, at best, in QRM. (JW-CO)
990	CBW	MB	Winnipeg - 11/4 2305 - With <i>CBC Radio 1</i> and Manitoba weather. No XET and thru KOMO slop. What a difference a week makes. (PT-WA)
1030	KCTA	TX	Corpus Christi - 11/15 - With ad for an ice cream parlor, then <u>Skate Land</u> and legal ID at 0800. (RD-AZ)
1090	KNZR	CA	Fortuna - 11/15 0601 - With ID that was hard to follow in SS. It was clear, just poorly delivered. Was at AM sign-off and into SS programming. (RD-AZ)
1130	CKWX	BC	Vancouver - 11/15 0114 - Sports news, then ID <i>All news all the time, because news can happen any time. This is Vancouver's news station 1130 CKWX</i> . (RD-AZ)
1180	KYET	AZ	Williams - 11/3 0558 - Talk America Radio Network, then World Web Radio News on the hour. (GH-KS)
1180	KYET	AZ	Williams - 11/19 0059 - Out of Talk America Network with ID <i>This is Power 11-80, KYET</i> and into World Wide Web News Network. During breaks, network announcer IDed as AP News. Excellent signal, with slight fading. Signal was so good I wondered if they were on day power. (PG-CO)
1180	KLAY	EA	Lakewood - 11/12 0921 - Fair, under dominant KERI, with talk program and ID. (AB-CA)
1230	KFUN	NM	Las Vegas - 11/8 0158 - Country music and 0200 legal ID. Fair, over others on frequency. (NJ-MT)
1230	KZZR	OR	Burns - 10/31 0100 - With its annual visit with C&W music, ID, news. (PT-WA)
1230	KWUN	UT	Murray - 11/13 0758 - PSA for a church function in Salt Lake City and ID. Overpowered by KWG at 0800. (AB-CA)
1270	KTFI	ID	Twin Falls - 10/31 0202 - <i>Your Community Station</i> ID and CBS News (everything was running late). Rare, thru CHWK and KPLY. (PT-WA)
1290	KWFSt	TX	Wichita Falls - 11/13 2105 - With <i>Texas vs Texas Tech</i> football. Copier company ad with 691-6166 phone, ad mentioning Wichita Falls. If these guys are the one, they are doing a whale of a job with that 73 watts of night time power. (RD-AZ)
1340	KVRH	CO	Salida - 11/12 2030 - Gal with station phone number. Called, and the person who answered confirmed that it was her and what I heard was pre-recorded. She told me she was from Boston, New York and we both had a chuckle when I told her I was from Boston, Massachusetts. (AB-CA)
1340	KTIK	ID	Nampa - 11/12 2055 - Mention of a sporting event at the Bank of America Center in Boise. (AB-CA) [So, they are STILL on 1340 - Ed.]
1340	KGFW	NE	Kearney - 11/11 1914 - Fair, with <i>For local opinion, for stimulating listening, Talk of the Town, weekdays 9-11 on KGFW</i> , into local ad. (NJ-MT)
1360	KUIK	OR	Hillsboro - 11/12 1953 - <i>You are listening to</i> (missed it) on KUIK. ID, fair, under KFIV and KPOP. Conditions here at LSS better than local mornings. (AB-CA)
1370	KUND	ND	Grand Forks - 11/14 0848 - Good signal, with BBD music and non-ID as <i>Northern Lights Public Radio</i> . (MBDXP)

1370	KFRO	TX	Longview - 11/20 0715 - With Longview mentions, <i>Magic 1370</i> slogans, and unID AC music. Rare. [Ed.-TX]
1390	KLGN	UT	Logan - 11/18 0140 - Weak-to-fair signal. NOS music with <i>Memories 1390</i> , KLGNE. KSLM-OR was very weak, so this was easy to grab. New. (AK-WA)
1400	KVTO	CA	Berkeley - 11/19 0200 - Top of the hour ID was all I could get out of this catch, then it was gone. <i>KVTO Berkeley, San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose</i> . (Maybe they could add one more city to their ID). New here. (AK-WA)
1400	KRLN	CO	Canon City - 11/11 2305 - Good, with station contest rules with calls mentioned several times, 2306 into <i>Jim Bohannon Show</i> . (NJ-MT)
1400	KFTM	CO	Fort Morgan - 11/12 2300 - Good, with ID by woman and into CBS News. (NJ-MT)
1400	KWUF	CO	Pagosa Springs - 11/11 - Up for 2300 ID: <i>KWUF Radio(?) 1400 Pagosa Springs</i> . (NJ-MT)
1400	KSHP	NV	Las Vegas - 11/10 2158 - Good, with end of sports program, and legal ID at 2200. (NJ-MT)
1410	KCAL	CA	Redlands - 11/10 2028 - Assumed, with <i>Radio Tri-Color</i> slogan and ballads. Fair-to-good, until covered by KERN at 2031. (AB-CA)
1430	KEZW	CO	Aurora - 11/14 2151 - <i>Be a friend, tell someone you know about KEZW</i> . Heard in KLO null. (RR-UT)
1450	KWBE	NE	Beatrice - 11/8 1858 - Local ads and weather, 1900 ID . . . <i>Newsradio 1450, KWBE</i> . . . time check, and into Ai news. (NJ-MT)
1450	KLMX	NM	Clayton - 11/9 1759 - Male announcer with ID: . . . <i>Colorful Crossroads Country, 1450 KLMX in Clayton, New Mexico</i> . . . and into ABC News. A newbie, for New Mexico #60, and was my 2nd Closest Unheard station! (JW-CO)
1460	KLTC	ND	Dickinson - 11/14 2205 - Get real with Real Country, 1460, KLTC. Came in strong for a few seconds then faded into jumble - new one for me. (RR-UT)
1460	KKTK	TX	Waco - 11/3 1959 - Legal ID: <i>Good Time Oldies KKTK 1460 AM, Waco - Bellmead - Clifton</i> , then more music on <i>Dave's Diner</i> . Fair on peaks, mixing with several others. (JW-CO)
1470	KUTY	CA	Palmdale - 11/12 0927 - Suddenly appeared, presumably at sunrise powerup. Latin music, <i>La Zeta</i> slogans; mentioned <www.kuty.com>. KEZZ nowhere to be found. (JW-CO)
1470	KRAK	CA	Sacramento - 11/12 0940 - Sacramento ads, weather, call ID. New catch, for California #99. Three new stations on 1470 in 2 hours! (JW-CO)
1470	WMBD	IL	Peoria - 11/12 0749 - Guy says <i>It is 6:49 at NewsRadio 1470 WMBD</i> and continues chatting. Briefly fair, mixing with several. New, for Illinois #30. (JW-CO)
1490	KWAB	CO	Boulder - 11/7 1936 - Quick ID and faded out. (NJ-MT)
1510	KJQI	CA	San Rafael - 11/11 2000 - <i>The Joy of San Francisco</i> ID amid NOS selections. Good level, with no KGA. (PT-WA)
1510	KDKO	CO	Littleton - 11/14 2300 - ID: <i>KDKO Littleton-Denver</i> followed by Gospel music program. Good signal in KGA null. (RR-UT)
1520	KRHW	MO	Sikeston - 11/13 1710 - Fair signal, with NOS music and clear ID. NEW! (MBDXP)
1530	KQQA	TX	Creedmore - 11/3 1900 - Legal ID: <i>KQQA Creedmore, La Zeta de Austin, 1530 AM, La Mejor de . . .</i> , then Tex-Mex music; local spots, frequent <i>La Zeta</i> slogans. Very good signal, must have still been on day power. New here, for Texas #148. (JW-CO)
1550	KMRI	UT	West Valley City - 11/13 1750 - Good signal over usual North Dakota pest, with religious music and clear ID. (MBDXP)
1560	KABI	KS	Abilene - 11/9 2159 - Briefly fair, with 100 watt ID: <i>It's 9:00. This is Dickinson County's news, sports and information station, KABI Abilene</i> and quickly lost. (JW-CO)
1580	KFDK	AR	Van Buren - 11/13 1950 - Fair signal, with ESPN sports and ID. (MBDXP)
1630	KCJJ	IA	Iowa City - 11/20 0152 - ID: <i>Eastern Iowa's 16-30, KCJJ</i> and into 90s AC music. Excellent signal, with slight fading. (PG-CO)
1660	KXOL	UT	Brigham City - 11/20 0159 - ID with mention of Brigham City, Layton, Ogden, Salt Lake City and <i>America's First National Broadcasting Company</i> followed by NBC tones!?!? Usual, local quality signal with no fading. (PG-CO)
1680	WTIR	FL	Winter Garden - 11/18 0326 - <i>Announcing a full power test. Talking about the upcoming traffic reports, 1-4 on the 4s</i> . Good signal. (RD-AZ)

1700 KTBK TX Denison -11/13 1748 - Good signal, with *Mustang* football and 13-10 *The Ticket* ID. (MBDXP)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates record held by DXer from North America

1240 kHz:					Miles
WMFG	MI	Hibbing	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township, PA	934
WOBT	WI	Rhineland	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township	729

1340 kHz:					Miles
WKOZ	MS	Kosciusko	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township, PA	900

1490 kHz:					Miles
WUBR	MI	Whitehall	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township, PA	535

(The following records revert back to original DXers.)

WABJ	MI	Adrian	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg, MB	*829
WICY	NY	Malone	Charles Reh	Leamington, ON	446
KRNR	OR	Roseburg	Tim Hall	Lone Pine, CA	*537
CFPS	ON	Port Elgin	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg, MB	825

Totals:		1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	Total
Steve Kennedy	Coal Township, PA	42	33	50	47	42	49	263

Remember, a complete list of the Graveyard records are online at <http://www.angelfire.com/bx2/phantom2/index>

Deadlines are Tuesdays through December 7, then December 21 (a week early because of holiday travel plans), then resuming weekly from January 4.

This just in from Sheldon Harvey (CIDX) in Greenfield Park PQ via Glenn Hauser's Shortwave DX Report 99/56 via Hard-Core DX: Thanks to a tip from Ricky Leong of Brossard, Quebec. A promotional loop tape is appearing now (3 PM EST, 2000 UTC) on 940 kHz promoting the new CKNN 940News. The continuous tape is announcing 940 as the future home of MetroMedia's 940 News, CKNN. They are announcing a start date of December 14. They are also announcing that they will be using 50,000 watts, the most power allowed by law. They are also indicating that they will have an affiliation with CNN News, with Wolf Blitzer of CNN Washington, doing a promo for 940 News. Lots of other details as to what we will be hearing on the station. Both 940 and 690 kHz were testing earlier today with classical music feeds over both frequencies. It appears that MetroMedia is using the old CBM 940 and CBF 690 kHz transmitter site in Brossard/Laprairie, Quebec. Presumably, 690 kHz will have a similar format in French, but it has not been confirmed at this time as to whether or not the Info 690 service will begin on the same date. More as it develops.

Steve Kennedy is getting ready for the millennial events of 12/31: "Every year for the last five years there's been a C&W station operating all night on 1100. Its been under WTAM and I've not been able to ID it. I'm mentioning this now so people can listen for it. A few stations have changed formats, so they may have something else or nothing at all; the station I suspect (WMYQ) is now listed with OLD and as silent! I'll be listening for it before the KSTN test."

(Note: Dave's column arrived corrupted via the I-net, and I had to "canopener" it open with Word 5.1, which I highly recommend if all else fails, and it did this time. Nevertheless, some odd characters may not have been removed, and some formatting may have been lost. Blame cyberspace and the publisher if anything looks odd this week! -pls.)

STATION NEWS

740	WIRJ	TN	Humboldt	11/12 1830-1850 Fair with UC:OLD format, Groovin Oldies, IRJ slogan. New format, ex-NWS/TLK/SPT. (JF-ON) + 11/14 0700 Faded up out of the noise with top of hour ID by woman, Brick House by the Commodores followed, but this may have been a second station. (NjW-ON)
990	WDEO	MI	Ypsilanti	11/13 1659 Good with ID 990 WDEO and 1090 WCAR, Catholic Family Radio, ex-WWCM. (JF-ON)
1010	WCST	WV	Berkeley Springs	10/12 Not heard in late afternoon, although only about 35



miles from here, so I called the station. They said they are daytime only and sign off at 1530, and that the antenna and ground bed need replacing, so actual power is less than the rated 250 watts. This is the lowest-powered daytimer in West Virginia. Then 11/15 1455 heard with C&W, ABC news on the hour, frequent IDs for WDHC 93.5. At 1529, WDHC, WCST 1010. "Radio station WCST in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, now concludes another day of broadcast activities. WCST is owned by the Capital Broadcasting Company and operates on a frequency of 1010 kHz as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission. We invite you to tune to WDHC-FM at 93.5 on your FM dial for music, news, and entertainment." Relayed FM news until cutting carrier at 1531. (PC-VA)

1280 WADO NY New York I drove to, and stopped at, the WADO tower site on 11/13. Two new self supporting, base insulated towers have been built in back of the remaining smaller tower from the original array. New concrete pilings were observed near the location of where the old Blaw-Knox tower used to be. Looks like a guyed tower will be added to the new system. Nighttime monitoring on Long Island on 11/11 revealed a weaker than usual signal so probably non-DA for the time being with perhaps reduced power. Site also observed by Paul Mount. (BG-NJ)

DX TESTS

560	KMON	MT	Great Falls	11/7 Various Not heard at checks 0100, 0200, 0300, 0400. (SK-PA) Not heard. (DT*ON)
	WGAI	NC	Elizabeth City	11/7 0100-0130 Not heard but unneeded, heard on 1996 test. (MB-ON) Heard at end of test, code, jingle, message about the stations future. Poor to fair, just over an oldies station. (SK-PA) Heard legal ID on the hour, mention of National Radio Club, code in various forms. Main QRM from WFIL, some WQAM and possible CJKL with oldies, sent a report. (JEK-MD)

UNID AND UNID HELP

660	UNID	—	—	11/8 1911 C&W station under WFAN, female DJ at 1911. This channel is the most sensitive to TV interference; trying to null WFAN gets a horrendous squeal. (SK-PA)
1060	UNID	—	—	11/12 2010 High school basketball game briefly over KYW, one team was the Indians. (WM-MD)
1260	UNID	—	—	11/15 1657 Muzak-type music for 3-4 minutes, unclear ID at 1659 sounded like W-MS, AM 12—, and W—, then ABC news, similar span of Muzak 1706 and on. Conditions favored southern Virginia, eastern North Carolina at the time. (RJE-PA) [How about WHYM-SC // WOLS-1230? DY]
1370	UNID	—	—	11/10 1917 Briefly over mess with Power 1370 slogan, UC music. (JF-ON)
1430	UNID	—	—	11/5 1755+ - Mexican/ranchero music, never pulled out an ID. Mostly over WNSW. CHKT Toronto? (JEK-MD) [I think CHKT is pretty exclusively Chinese. DY]
1430	UNID	—	—	11/9 1600 Atop mess with BBC News into program about China on the PRI Radio Network. WPNI ex WTTT? (JF-ON) [Probably. DY]
1530	UNID	—	—	11/17 0630 Sign-on with classical trumpet SSB, immediately followed by light classical orchestral music, but within minutes buried by Bridgeport's SS. My best guess is that it's my intended target, WVBF. (RJE-PA)
1550	UNID	—	—	11/12 0756 Fair-poor in fight with near-local CBE with SS news, ad or promo for CNN Espaool network, no EE ID at top of hour. (MB*MI) [WAZX? DY]
1570	UNID	—	—	11/15 1900-1905 IDs as The best in southern gospel music and AM 1570. (WM-MD)
1640	UNID	—	—	11/8 1937+ - Call-in talk show in FF, Paris-type music in the background and tones resembling R. Relej! Most QRM from presumed WKSH with REL, no sign of usual WRR833 HAR in Allentown PA. The SW8 is not suspect to SW birdies. Quebec on the X-band? (JEK-MD) [I don't think so, but there is a FF pirate in Boston. DY]

LOGGINGS

- 540 WLUX NY Islip 11/5 1818 Good for a few minutes, not often heard on night power. Gave web address (www.wlux.com) promo, got a nice color coverage map from it. (JEK-MD)
- 560 WQAM FL Miami 11/9 1900 Sports Radio 560, ID. (WM-MD)
- 570 WNAX SD Yankton 11/10 2300-2330 Loud in CKGL null with rosary, ID 2330 said that Rosary is given each weeknight at same time, into C&W music. (JF-ON)
- 590 WOW NE Omaha 11/4 2135 C&W music, time check. (WM-MD)
- 620 WKNI AL Lexington 11/5 1735 Fair, male-female news talk-type program with calls from listeners, faded to WHEN by 1741. First new log on 620 in many years. (JEK-MD)
- WKHB PA Irwin 11/11 1113 Program on homeopathy and alternative medicine and anti-vaccination, ID 1200 620 WKHB Greenburg-Pittsburgh. (PC-VA)
- 660 WBHR MN Sauk Rapids 11/11 2332 Fair with WFAN phased, Radio Disney stuff, weather report saying 31 degrees in Sauk Rapids on Radio Disney, ex-WVAL. (JF-ON)
- 670 WIEZ PA Lewistown 11/13 1548 Fair way over WMAQ on my new EWE antenna with Nittany Lions post-game show. (JF-ON)
- 680 WJIE KY Newburgh 11/11 1731 ID "You're listening to the new WJIE Louisville," followed by a religious message, apparently a new format. (RCP-IN)
- WPTF NC Raleigh 11/11 1705 Fair-good with CBS news, ID as 680 WPTF, CBS in Raleigh-Durham, into state and local news. (MB*MI)
- 690 WOKV FL Jacksonville 11/9 0645 Blasting in after power, pattern change, WPHE signing on late again (at 0700). (RJE-PA)
- KGGF KS Coffeyville 11/12 2003-2027 Fair at times with unID SS LA station, with women's basketball game, Lady Lions vs. Coffeyville Red Ravens, new. (JF-ON)
- + 11/12 2100 Very good with calls, mention of Coffeyville, new. (MB-IN)
- 730 WFMC NC Golsboro 10/30 2225 Gospel music, man reading liner When you feel praise coming on O WFMC, another liner by a woman mentioned they were 24 hours. (NjW-ON)
- WDOS NY Oneonta 11/11 0650 Local spots, C&W, ID at top of hour, fighting it out with KCAC. (NjW-ON)
- WSCC SC Charleston 11/9 0558 Out of Art Bell, with a spot for a local dealer, top of the hour ID and local news, News Radio 73 WSC. (NjW-ON)
- 740 WGSM NY Huntington 11/5 1700 Fair over nothing in particular with dual ID 1100 WHLI Hempstead and 740 WGSM Huntington, into AP news. QSLed on equipment test in 1978. (MB-ON)
- + 11/10 0600 Appeared out of the mud with 1100, 740 WHLI ID, news for Long Island, music by Frank Sinatra. QRM'ed by a Solid Gospel station and a second station with Groovin' Oldies. (NjW-ON) [The former is WBUB-SC, and the latter is WIRJ-TN, as above. DY]
- WVCH PA Chester 11/10 0715 Fair with tail end of Focus on the Family program, PSA by Tom Hanks for a national World War II memorial, ID as "You're hearing the Christian station, 740 WVCH." (MB-ON)
- + 11/13 0720 Various soft Christian tunes with male announcer, spot for Family Christian Stores on Baltimore Pike, ID at 0730 mentioned serving the Philadelphia area. (NjW-ON)
- 750 WAAT PA Olyphant 11/11 1700 Religious talk, ID, talk continued well past normal LSS time, in and out with WPDx, WSB. (RJE-PA)
- 760 WLCC FL Brandon 11/9 1745 Legal ID in EE between ad block, SS music. Excellent signal. (JEK-MD)
- 770 WYRV VA Cedar Bluff 11/13 1646 ID WYRV given at 1650, badly mixing with another unID gospel station. (RCP-IN)
- 780 WWOL NC Forest City 11/11 1715-1725 Fair in WBBM null with long list of obituaries and funeral announcements, read with funeral organ music in the background. Sponsored by Mack Mahans Funeral Home in Rutherfordton. (MB*MI)
- 830 WXII NC Eden 11/11 1712 Fair-good with traffic report for Winston-Salem area, talk about safe cell phone use by North Carolina motorists. (MB*MI)
- WEEU PA Reading Various Has poor signal under 820 slop days, nights about equal with WXII. WCCO isn't a factor since the LW doesn't favor that direction.

- (JEK-MD)
- 850 KOA CO Denver 11/9 0620 Talk, ID, spot referencing Broncos, another ID. Actually atop WRMR, WEEL, not heard in 20+ years! (RJE-PA)
- WJAC PA Johnstown 11/7 1200 This one (/ / 990) mixed with WYLF-NY now seems to be the dominant one daytimes since WEEU moved to 830. Another one in there with a strong het, possibly WTAR or WEEI off frequency. (JEK-MD)
- 870 WFLO VA Farmville 11/5 1635 Local news from Virginia News Network, weather, temperature check, into talk. (WM-MD)
- 890 WEEZ MS Laurel 11/12 1739 Tentative with gospel group wiping out WLS, in briefly. (RCP-IN)
- 900 WFRO OH Fremont 11/11 1603 Good over CHML with local news, announcement WFRO news time is 4:03, PSA for St. Anns Church Monte Carlo night. (MB*MI)
- 910 WABI ME Bangor 11/5 1722 Good with calls, NOS format. (JEK-MD)
- 940 WGMY MI South Haven 11/4 1756 Fair with BBD-NOS music, ID as "Southwest Michigan's station for music and memories, AM 940 WGMY," PSA for winter courses at Western Michigan University. Last heard in 1979 as WJOR. (MB-ON)
- WADV PA Lebanon 11/9 1705 USA Radio news, ID, Solid gospel. (WM-MD)
- 950 WROL MA Boston 11/9 2030 Legal ID with several others in MA and WLOB-1310-ME, good with some R. Reloj QRM. (JEK-MD)
- 960 CFFX ON Kingston 11/9 2025 Break in Toronto NHL game, ads for Ontario electrical workers union and Arm & Hammer deodorant, local promo for OLD format, but call sounded like CF?O. Mention of Lakes(?) Radio Network [maybe Leafs, as in Toronto Maple Leafs? DY], WFR buried. (JEK-MD)
- 970 WATH OH Athens 11/11 1630 Ohio area news, at 1634: The station that's first with the news, 970 WATH, fading in and out. (PC-VA)
- WJMX SC Florence 11/12 1714 ID while passing through on bandscan, briefly in with what sounded like local Florence news. Poor in the mess, first time heard. (RCP-IN)
- 1010 WGUN GA Atlanta 11/15 1708 One of two competing stations with religious programs, mixing with CFRB and nulled WINS, ID 1728: "You are listening to Power 1010, WGUN-AM Atlanta." (PC-VA)
- WINS NY New York 11/11 1744 Fair-good over CFRB, which I had expected would dominate here, with usual all-news format. (MB*MI)
- WSFC NC Albemarle 11/15 1700 This is the Albemarle Radio News and 1010 WSPC Albemarle, over and under CFRB and others, WINS nulled. (PC-VA)
- CFRB ON Toronto 11/4 2115 Talk show, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1020 WJEP GA Ochlocknee 11/15 1725-1730 Country gospel music in KDKA null, WJEP is owned and operated by Lifetime Communications, station address, sign-off. (WM-MD)
- 1050 WTKA MI Ann Arbor 11/6 2010 Tentative with college hockey, Michigan vs. Ohio State, some strong shots through a horrid WEVD. Presumed this because they kept saying "Wolverines for Michigan", but the other team was always Ohio State. (SK-PA)
- 1060 WPHC TN Waverly 11/4 2055 High school basketball game in KYW null, mention of Waverly. (WM-MD)
- 1080 WWNL PA Pittsburgh 11/12 1650 New call ex-WPGR, religious talk show over, under nulled WTIC, at 1658: "When you write, be sure to mention that you listened on New Life Radio 1080 AM, WWNL." Made sign-off announcement, then closed with woman singing final phrase of the SSB. (PC-VA)
- + 11/12 2100 Alone on frequency with ID WWNL, AM 1080, Pittsburgh, New Life Radio, ex-WEEP, WPGR. (JF-ON) [So much for the sign-off announcement. DY]
- 1090 WMTY SC Greenwood 11/5 1703 In briefly with calls, local news, WBAL and WKTE QRM. Logged only once before, in 1988, on and about the same date and time. (JEK-MD) [It's the 11-year sunspot cycle! DY]
- 1110 KFAB NE Omaha 11/10 0704 Morning drive time program, "This is the KFAB Good Morning Show", great signal way over usual WBT. (RCP-IN)
- 1130 WYXE TN Gallatin 11/13 1820-1830 Good over WDFN with classic C&W, ID. New. (JF-ON)
- 1140 WAWK IN Kendallville 11/5 1710 ID in mess, black oldies music. (WM-MD)

1150 KASM MN Albany 11/7 1939-2002 Good in CKOC phase null with polkas, ID, into rosary. New. (JF-ON)

WEAQ WI Chippewa Falls 11/7 1943 Faded up over KASM into NOS music, ex-WAVY. (JF-ON)

1160 WTEL NC Red Springs 11/12 0340 Black gospel music, African-American male saying WTEL Radio and ?, faded up briefly in mess, KSL and WSCR and others there too. First time heard. (RCP-IN)

1170 KVOO OK Tulsa 11/11 1804 Fair-poor in WWVA null, ID as "It's 5:04 on KVOO afternoon news," report on Veterans Day observances in Oklahoma. (MB*MI)

1250 WARE MA Ware 11/9 1949 Poor-fair with "Your hometown station, WARE", 60's oldies. (JEK-MD)

WIPS NY Ticonderoga 11/9 1655 Even with WEAE, current rock, local ads, business, promo for Lake Placid Goodwill Games, weather, ID. Been after this for years; first time ever. (RJE-PA)

WPEL PA Montrose 11/11 1644 Full sign-off briefly over WEAE, WTMA, WLEM mess. Another target station down! (RJE-PA)

1260 WNRK DE Newark 11/13 1913-1920 Alone on channel during auroral conditions, with oldies and Oldies Radio slogans. (JF-ON)

+ 11/15 1658 Oldies, ID over, under several others. One of my closest unheards at this location until now. (RJE-PA)

WNSS NY Syracuse 11/15 1650 ID in news, in mess. Rare here. (RJE-PA)

1270 WTSN NH Dover 11/9 1943 Ad for Italian restaurant, The station you can count on, WTSN, resumed Bruce Williams talk show. (JEK-MD)

WMPM NC Smithfield 11/15 1635 News, nearly every story including Johnston County or Goldsboro. (RJE-PA)

WTJZ VA Newport News 11/15 1645 Weather for Norfolk under WMPM, WHEO. (RJE-PA)

WHEO VA Stuart 11/15 1640 Local ad, weather, ID even with WMPM. (RJE-PA)

1280 WEIM MA Fitchburg 11/12 0655 Obituaries apparently for anybody who had ever lived there and who had died in the last month. A full 10 minutes or more, briefly atop WADO. (RJE-PA)

WYAL NC Scotland Neck 11/15 0650 GOS, ID up and over WADO. (RJE-PA)

WYVE VA Wytheville 11/15 0653 Local ad, ID, in and out with WYAL. (RJE-PA)

1290 WKNE NH Keene 11/8 1855 Poor under WNBF, calls and program promo. (JEK-MD)

1300 WJFK MD Baltimore 11/7 1600 Gave WLIF ID into CBS news. Back to those calls, or relaying FM? (JF-ON) [Relaying FM no doubt; I've heard a WJFK call on this since 11/7. DY]

1310 WADB NJ Asbury Park 11/8 1908 Calls between NOS songs, old WJLK. Extremely rare to hear this station. WSSJ QRM. (JEK-MD)

1360 WZPQ AL Jasper 11/14 1833 Presumed the one with Auburn Tigers vs. Georgia football on the Auburn network, only 1360 station listed at Auburns web site. (NjW-ON)

WNJC NJ Vineland 11/14 1851 With Sounds of India program featuring Hindi film music. This one had me fooled. Runs to 2000 Saturdays, then gospel programming follows. (NjW-ON)

1370 WTAB NC Tabor City 11/5 1750 Good, WTAB Sports logo, promo for upcoming Maryland-N. C. State football game. Used to be a semi-local when DXing in NC. (JEK-MD)

1380 WMJR KY Winchester 11/15 2000 Religious music, Eternal Word Network and Global Catholic Network. (WM-MD)

1390 WRIG WI Schofield 11/7 1621 Good with Your central Wisconsin memories station, The Big Rig, into NOS music. Nice pipeline into Wisconsin and Minnesota at this time. (JF-ON)

1400 WLTN NH Littleton 11/9 1916- Strong with calls between oldies. Recent new log, now heard twice this year. (JEK-MD)

1410 WLTV AL Mobile 11/13 2040 "Have a blessed evening from the station that blesses you the most, Victory 14-10 W L V V," good signal, black gospel format. (RJ-NC)

WHTG NJ Eatontown 11/15 0640 Contest promo, SID. Not heard before at this location. (RJE-PA)

WING OH Dayton 11/10 1600 Dominant atop WLSH, WPOP with sports phone-in. Not a regular, and very early. (RJE-PA)

1420 WLNA NY Peekskill 11/9 1706 Hudson Valley weather, SID, NOS instrumental music, good. (JEK-MD)

1430 WWLO FL Gainesville 11/13 2015 Basketball game in progress (one of the teams was the Saints), station promos for Florida State sports shows, very weak, with super-pest WLXN-1440 making its presence known. (RJ-NC)

1440 WJJL NY Niagara Falls 11/9 1957 Briefly with calls, local ad, OLD format, calls again 2002. First time with night power; used to log them at sign-off when they were a daytimer in the 60s, surprised to hear them on my current antenna. (JEK-MD)

1450 CHUC ON Port Hope 11/12 0604 Fair with local news and Northumberland County weather. (MB*MI)

1460 WBET MA Brockton 11/9 2111-2149 OLD, ID right here on WBET, poor with WMBA QRM. (DT*ON)

WMBA PA Ambridge 11/9 2111-2149 News, talk, poor with QRM. (DT*ON)

WTMB WI Tomah 11/7 1632 Good with CJOY phased, ID into NOS music. New and much wanted. (JF-ON)

1470 WLQR OH Toledo 11/7 2039-2053 Local football play-by-play, poor in WPAO QRM. (DT*ON)

WPAO PA Farrell 11/7 2045-2057 Pop religious music, ID 1470 WPAO, poor. (DT*ON)

1480 WSAR MA Fall River 11/6 2101-2200 Football game, mention of Fall River, poor. (DT*ON)

WDAS PA Philadelphia 11/9 1735 Ad for Christian book store, promo for local gospel event, ID. (WM-MD)

1490 WBVM VA Hampton 11/7 2201 Just the ID over the jumble, new. (JF-ON)

1540 WDCD NY Albany 11/4 2134-2204 Religious talk show, poor under CHIN. (DT*ON)

1570 WCLE TN Cleveland 11/13 1632 ID, ad string with Dish Network, etc., poor while in. (RCP-IN)

1580 WAMY MS Amory 11/13 1933 ID This is Talk Radio WWZQ 1240, ad for Select-a-Tenna! // WWZQ. (RJ-NC)

WLIJ TN Shelbyville 11/11 1745 Good over jumble on car radio with Swap Shop type program. (JF-ON)

1590 WHPY NC Clayton 10/31 1656 Gospel music, ID 1700 "As a beacon to all, this is WHPY Clayton, North Carolina 1590." (NjW-ON)

WAKR OH Akron 11/15 2025 Sports talk show, You're listening to Browns talk on the Cleveland Browns radio network. (WM-MD)

WARV RI Warwick 11/1 2028-2100 Ethnic talk show, PP or II, "You are listening to WARV" in EE, poor with WAKR QRM. (DT*ON)

1600 WEUP AL Huntsville 11/13 1923 University of Alabama-Huntsville Chargers hockey game vs. Niagara on Magic 16 WEUP. (RJ-NC)

1620 KAZP NE Bellevue 11/1 2004-2022 ESPN sports talk, ID Omaha ESPN 1620, poor with QRM from WJVA. (DT*ON)

1650 KCNZ IA Cedar Falls 11/8 1935 Good, KCNZ Mortgage program and Chris Champ sports program promo, in and out with WHKT. (JEK-MD)

1670 WRNC GA Warner Robins 11/9 1725 C&W music, Real Country. (WM-MD)

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

1640 HAR PA Various 11/12 The off-frequency problem here has been fixed; jets are now gone. (RJE-PA)

WNOO TN Chattanooga 11/11 1355-1410 Good but scratchy, spur heard here for several years is still on, with blood and guts gospel (Can I get an amen?), Heritage Radio 12-60 WNOO, heard within about 15 miles of Chattanooga. WNOO-1260 was // and solid. (HF*TN)

INTERNET UPDATES

News from Scott Fybush's Northeast Radio Watch, used by permission: WARE-MA-1250 switched to SS Mega Broadcasting on Sunday night 11/14.

ADDRESS UPDATES

1470 WWBG NC Greensboro 4405 Providence Lane, Winston-Salem NC 27106. (SK-PA)

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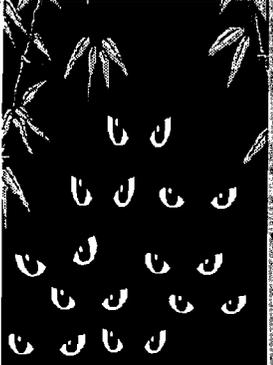
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PLEASE NOTE my new e-mail address: <renfrew@localnet.com>. The old delphi address will be working until the end of November, but please use the new address from now on.

Russ Edmunds' recent comments about call letters on Cuban stations elicited interesting responses from Terry Krueger and Paul Zecchino. *Jim*

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 530 TURKS & CAICOS IS. R. Visión Cristiana, NOV 10 2353 - blasting in as usual with ID and where to send mail, other stations, and who to send the money to. [Danneskjold-AZ]
- 540 MEXICO XEWA Monterrey, NL, NOV 10 2356 with SS sports talk program. [Danneskjold-AZ]
- 540 MEXICO XEBACH Tijuana, BCN, NOV 10 2357 with stereo classical chamber music. [Danneskjold-AZ]
- 580 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC R Monte Cristi, NOV 3 0226-0406 and NOV 4 0237+ - live beisbol coverage, with references to "Caribe" and "Dominicana" often. One team was "Los Tigres" and one player (Willy Orteña—sp?) was mentioned frequently. At the game conclusion, the announcer referenced four (uncopiable) stations in the game network coverage, into a series of looping classical songs. At 0359, man with canned ID "— frecuencia modulada... Radio Monte Cristi" then into merengue and SS rock vocals. Rechecked around 0400, with another canned ID at 0405 mentioning "— F-M, en Radio Monte Cristi." Heard again on Nov. 4 with "En frecuencia modulada, Radio Monte Cristi" at 0237 and into merengue and bachata vocals. Initially thought this might have been a Colombian or Cuban prior to the ID's, but not parallel 4955 R Dif. Nacional (listed as inactive on 580, formerly relaying 570 and 4955; or Rebelde, respectively). Pretty consistently strong signal, and the first Dominican MW log in a long time here. [Krueger-FL] (Heard several times here, still waiting for a QSL! - Jim)
- 580.8 UNIDENTIFIED NOV 3 0224+ - presumably a CAm or northwest SAm, but virtually no audio making it through. Didn't note the exact time, but believe it was gone within the 0430-0500 range. [Krueger-FL]
- 660 MEXICO La Candela, Mexico City, NOV 13 0620 - poor, but hanging in for much of an hour, heard one "Radio Candela" ID during brief break in WFAN's sports program. [Renfrew-NY]
- 690 MEXICO Ondas del Lago, Mexico City DF, NOV 13 0158 - noted with slogan in mess. [Renfrew-NY]
- 700 COLOMBIA R. Net, Cali, NOV 13 0506 - Strong signal in WLW null, with an ad featuring Roy Orbison's "Pretty Woman". [Renfrew-NY]
- 800 CUBA R Progreso, unID location NOV 8 1524-1545 - noted while at Mullet Key (a few miles south of my home) with very good signal, parallel 640, etc. This 800 kHz Progreso frequency is listed as 1 kW from Manzanillo, Granma, (SE Cuba), but for me to hear this daytime and at this level would certainly indicate a western Cuba location (or at least a second Progreso site). [Krueger-FL]
- 820 CUBA R Ciudad de la Habana, Santa Catalina, Ciudad Habana NOV 7 1208-1233 - a rare chance to copy this one here, thanks to WZTM, Largo being off briefly this morning. Apparently caught the sign-on—possibly relaying a national network prior to—as tune-in to SS woman, into EZL instrumental music, then audio potted down and into instrumental national anthem from 1210. Then, "En el aire... R Ciudad de la Habana... 820 A-M... Vedado..." and man and woman with local events-of-the-day for Ciudad and Pinar del Rio. Excellent [Krueger-FL]
- 895 ST.KITTS & NEVIS VON (possibly), NOV 12 0038 - presumed source of rather weak het, but no audio seemed to surface over the 890/900 splatter. [Stewart-MO]
- 900 MEXICO XEW Mexico City, NOV 11 0130-0230 - very nice, steady signal with no fades; Mexican ranchera music and romantic pop vocals. No sign of regular CHML. [Sanders - MI]
- 1000 COLOMBIA RCN Cartagena, NOV 12 0059 - "En R-C-N, la radio de Colombia, Momento Deportivo"—sponsored by Bancolombia among others. Usual powerhouse signal here, while neither 760 or 770 was audible. [Stewart-MO]
- 1009.8 unID NOV 12 0105 - loud het on 1010 that seemed to be E-W (got a dandy null on it pointing

- the loop straight N-S). No audio distinguishable... may well be an off-freq domestic. [Stewart-MO]
- 1100.8 UNIDENTIFIED, NOV 10 0210-0215 - presumably Connelly's unID, but zero audio making it through here. [Krueger-FL]
- 1140 CUBA unidentified NOV 7, 0150-0312* - first noted this before sunset the day before, not sure if a transmitter gone amok or an intentional jammer meant for WQBA-Miami. (Until the late 80's, there was a continuous jammer on approximately 1142-1143 kHz, targeted against WQBA's then largely anti-Castro SP format.) This buzzing thing sounds almost the same as the old jammer, but it could simply be an errant transmitter. Abruptly off 0312, leaving a fairly strong R Enciclopedia, Loma de la Cruz, Habana with woman announcer, EZL music, // 960. Also, someone else briefly surfacing with definite Cuban flute/male vocals guarachate-type song (is R Bayamo from easter Media Luna, Granma still active on 1140?). Checking today, November 7 mid-morning, unfortunately no trace of this buzzing blob. NOV 9 0232-0237* - the big buzzing blob here again, abruptly off 0237. [Krueger-FL]
- 1270 CUBA R Caribe, Nueva Gerona, Isla de Juventud NOV 3 1459-1515 and NOV 4 0210-0237 - Of late, running exceptionally overdriven/overmodulated powerhouse signal. Tune-in to Cuban pop vocals, woman at 1505 "R Caribe, 1270 A-M y — (ninety-something?) frecuencia modulada." Recheck 0210 on the 4th, also with the same overmodulated signal. The "FM" reference is interesting, as I do not have an FM channel for Caribe documented on my survey. [Krueger-FL]
- 1630 MEXICO XEUT R. Universidad, NOV 4 1100 - Testing with carrier only (no audio), 40-60+ on S-meter in Sacramento. Stronger than local X-banders in Auburn and Vallejo. I assume power is 10,000 watts or higher. [Jackson-CA]

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- CUBA A recent e-mail inquiry to Prof. Arnaldo Coro of RHC's "DXer's Unlimited" regarding some FM information brought the below reply: "FM is developing here nicely and more stations are on the air now, a few of them "split" the audio feeds, like CMHW DOBLEVE in Santa Clara. I understand that they have a different program on their FM stereo frequency during the baseball season that goes from the end of November to May 20th, so the 840 kHz frequency is on AM with the nightly baseball and the FM has a musical show on the air." [via Krueger-FL]
- ECUADOR / COLOMBIA / VENEZUELA: Björn Malm reports from Quito with some off-frequency loggings: 580.02 R. Uno, ECU; 959.96 R. Cosmopolita, ECU, 970.02 R. Imperios, Ibarra EQU; 1000.1 R. Táchira VEN, 1009.76 Todelar COL; 1030.01 Antena 2 COL; 1040.1 LV de Armenia COL; 1040.02 Colmundo Radio COL; 1040.02 LV del Valle EQU; 1040.16 R. Mil 40, COL; 1059.96 RCN COL; 1119.88 Nueva Estación Intercontinental EQU; 1380.03 RCN COL; 1399.94 Antena 2 COL; 1419.98 R. Bahái EQU, 1449.92 R. Sensación EQU; 1580.11 R. Orellana ECU. [B. Malm in Distance OCT 31]

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CUBA, CONTINUED: "Trying to DX Cuba", by Terry L. Krueger

I read with interest Russell Edmunds' IDXD query in Vol. 67, No. 7 regarding possible Cuba lists as well as call letter reportings to IDXD. I would like to elaborate with what are solely my opinions and observations, and welcome your thoughts to me at tocobagadx@earthlink.net.

First, regarding Cuba station call letters, one must remember that the ITU-assigned calls frequently differ from the ones the (Cuban) ICRT assigns. Also, since a large number of the stations in question are networks (designated National or Provincial), I personally think it is rarely of any significance to list ITU and/or ICRT calls when submitting a log for publication. What is more important is the actual location (more on this later). I occasionally hear call letters (a centrally-designated one, that is) used by some National and Provincial networks, such as Radio Trinchera Anti-Imperialista CMKS and a few others. Locals do indeed tend to use their calls more often, however, even this can be misleading. Take for example Radio Jaruco, (Jaruco, Habana) supposedly classified as a local, but traced by my monitoring on two frequencies, 1330 as well as 1390 kHz. They are in parallel, and occasionally use the CMBT

ID along with the station slogan. So, like the Network and Provincial "announced" calls, they can ultimately be considered homogenized into the slogan. By the way, the best time to try for any possible calls are during sign-on and sign-off announcements, as well as at the beginning of special events such network relays of Fidel speeches or sporting events. And Fidel speeches are grand times to do a top-to-bottom bandscan (OK, you may not know what station you are hearing, but at least you'll know it's a Cuban!).

Now, onto the topic of lists. For several years, I have been unhappy with the sparse published listings. Remember that Ron Schatz passed away in July, 1987. That means the last list of his, which some are still referencing, is almost 13 years old! Believe me, there have been many changes since then, and his list is now sorely outdated. To compound things, the Cuba sections of the 1998 and 1997 World Radio TV Handbook are the most abysmal lists ever published. So, nearly three years ago, I began compiling a Cuba MW, FM and domestic shortwave broadcast list titled "The Cuba Broadcasting Guide." The skeleton of this list began with the data from the 1997 WRTH—seemingly reasonably accurate, if you are to believe most of the city locations correlate to the frequencies—and some earlier editions. The list has since been greatly enhanced with extensive personal monitoring observations, mostly from my home (where many if not most stations on the western half of the island are audible during local daytime), from sporadic trips to the Florida Keys, and less often from a couple of Florida barrier island locations on the southwest coast of Florida. Even Cuban FM is possible from my central Florida location—albeit rare—with 96.7 MHz Rebelde heard on tropo as recently as this year (and an easy catch in the Florida Keys). Also, I include information culled from DX'er friends, published IDXD logs, and from meager direct contacts in Cuba. The result is, I feel, the best list available. So, where is this list? Well, I have twice contacted the WRTH to inquire whether they would replace their useless information with my list. I have also proposed that I would submit annual updates/corrections to this section. Twice I have not received any reply from the current editors of the WRTH. As for my list, it unfortunately remains purely a "personal" working list only. Since I have extracted information from past WRTH's, I cannot consider circulating it due to unquestionably valid WRTH copyrights on the old information contained within. So, if the upcoming Y2K edition of the WRTH's Cuba list is as lame as it has been for the past two, feel free to let them know you would like to see my list in its place.

As for other lists, the only things I can suggest are 1) the FCC's online domestic AM by-frequency database at <http://www.fcc.gov/mmb/asd/amq.html>, which includes apparent DF'ed locations and ITU-registered call letters (but no slogans). And 2) the "Inventory of Cuban AM Broadcast Stations (535-1605 kHz)" issued March, 1996 by the FCC. This list is also rather cumbersome from a DX'er's standpoint. It consists of four columns: FREQ/LATITUDE/LONGITUDE/ESTIMATED POWER. No slogans or call letters are included, plus this data is now almost four years old. My friend David Crawford actually obtained a copy of this list—via the Freedom Of information Act, after a couple of tries—and passed it along to me.

About my monitoring: When I monitor Cubans, it is generally with dipoles or the Scotka loop. In the Florida Keys, its restricted to a portable and the car radio. This means I can usually only get a very rough approximation as to the location. If I really try (rarely!), I might get a little closer with a map and compass comparison on the daytime waterpath peaks. That said, two useful maps are "KUBA - CUBA" (1:1,250,000 scale) published by Kartografiai Vallalat, Budapest, Hungary, ISBN 963-351-239-5 CM (my copy is the 1988/1989 edition—I do not know if they still publish this map). The other nice map is the aero sectional chart CJ-26 "World Aeronautical Chart" (scale 1:1,000,000), issued by the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center, US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA. If you know a pilot, he or she can tell you where to purchase these sectionals, or go to www.sportys.com to order a copy. I suspect there are other detailed maps beside these two. There are also a lot of cheesy "tourista" maps out there, commonly found at the major book chains, which are not worth the paper they are printed on.

My Spanish is mediocre at best (good enough to order fine foods and cafe con leches when in the Calle Ocho district of Miami!). Despite this, I have been keenly interested in all things Cuban for years and have followed through with a fairly nice Cuba book and CD music collection. There is a great mystique to one of the last bastions of true communism left on this planet, an island that happens to be just across the Straits of Florida.

When Fidel's era finally concludes, all of the above will no doubt be a trivial issue. I suspect existing transmitters and networks will once again become commercial and these listings will be easily referenced. The US sphere of influence will return and, sadly, there will be a McDonalds on the Malecon for already-fat tourists to visit.

CUBA, CONTINUED

The 880 and 660 Progreso outlets are back on the air, having been off for a while. The 830 Reloj outlet heard by NRC members has been monitored here in Englewood FL, bearings and time of reception hint at a transmitter site in the Oriente province, perhaps near Holguin. The 1100 station reported

by Christos Rigas may well be Cadena Habana, simulcasting on 1120. [Paul V. Zecchino-FL, edited for brevity]

STEVE AT SHEIGRA

I was at Sheigra for the first week of Nov with Clive Rooms & John Williams. Conditions were mixed but there were two days of excellent DX - probably amongst some of the top days ever noted at Sheigra. On these days we were DXing for 13+ hours out of 24! 0630-1200UTC = North America (mid west to West Coast); 1100-1330 Alaska; 1200 lunch!; 1315-1700 Far East Asia; 1900 nap; 2030-0100 North America (East Coast across to California) 0100-0600 sleep but tape recorders left running! Somewhere in the region of a dozen UK firsts were heard in the week including an interesting batch from Washington State, USA. So what were my personal best catches? Probably KCCF 1550kHz Ferndale WA, KKSX 1520kHz Oregon City OR and KTFI 1270kHz Twin Falls ID. I won't pre-empt Clive Rooms' full report which will appear in the next MWN. However, we have so many tapes in need of further analysis that I suspect a follow up report will be needed in the following month. [Steve Whitt, via *Medium Wave News* e-mail] And Steve follows up with a few specific reports:

Iceland: 189, 207 & 738 RUV observed in //. No sign of 666kHz from Iceland (666 from Germany heard instead) 1530 US Navy station was better than usual signal with mix of local and networked programming.

Ireland: 845.97 Radio North is still active here (Only other pirate audible was 981 R Star Country)

Iran: 1404 Voice of Islamic Republic of Iran English at 1930UTC announces service is intended for Azerbaijan (// 9022kHz)

Isle of Man: 1368 Manx Radio using slogan "Kick-FM" in addition to Manx Radio (noted 2203 UTC 30/10/99 etc)

Libya: 711 & 1251kHz (// 15415) Voice of Africa has English 5-10minutes news at approximately 2040 UTC (exact start time and duration varies night to night). Audio is distorted on both MW and SW so is probably leaving the studio already distorted.

St Pierre et Miquelon: 1375 now has good level of modulation enabling good reception for first time in some years. Before 2400 it has substantial local programming though at times it relays France Inter (// 162kHz) with, for example, French sports results. Local ID and time checks and news noted at 2200.

Taiwan: 1206 R Tapei International heard in English at 1500 (5/11/99) on this unlisted channel. Even in full English programme schedule announced at 1500 there is no mention of 1206kHz and there is no mention of a 1500 UTC English broadcast. Prior to 1500 1206kHz was carrying a Chinese programme.

USA: No discrepancies observed against latest NRC AM Log 20th Edition which seems to be accurate and up to date (We knew that! -pls)

Venezuela: 1140 Porlamar ID as "Porlamar, La Voz del Caribe" NEW NAME? 1290 YVLF R Puerto Cabello announces 24 hr operation, heard at 0700 UTC (WRTH '99 says 0400 sign-off)

Unidentified off channel stations: 217.7 at 2310 30/10/99 (216kHz silent); 740.0 at 1543 6/11/99 (perhaps Cambodia); 778.5 at 2230 2/11/99; 898.3 at 1540 6/11/99; 1080.7 at 1543 6/11/99; Arabic style audio just detected; 1449.5 at 1515 4/11/99; 1634.2 at 1631 3/11/99 (very strong audio with ID in unknown Asian language - maybe North Korea) Any ideas? [Steve Whitt-UK]

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Ragnar Danneskjold <lwdxer@juno.com>: Ok guys, the Radio Shack knockoff of the GE SRIII is on sale for \$39.99, down from its lofty perch of \$59.99. If you can pinch the pennies, this might be the time.

Ragnar Danneskjold: Thanks to Andy Ooms I got invited to the Arizona Antique Radio Club flea market and auction. I picked up a 1946 Sonora RDU 209. Its a beautifully restored unit. Three tones to the wood veneer and a perfect dial face. It sounds magnificent and has tremendous volume. What it is not is an All-American Five. There are six tubes in there. Most of them, well, 4 of the 6 have been replaced with metal case tubes. Only two glass bottles to see glowing orange. Now with the little homebrewed 1 tube regen I have two firebottle radios. I hope to be sending in reports of some DX soon on it.

Ragnar Danneskjold: I found a Radio Shack TRF that is in nice shape. I almost didn't pick it up until I looked more closely at it. It is not a 12-655 like the one I already had, it is a 12-656A. It does not seem to be as nice as the 12-655 but it does receive well. The difference appears to be that the colors are different and the 12-656A does not have the twin sliders for volume and tone. The 12-656A has a volume slider and a high/low switch. I paid the princely sum of \$4 for it and it seems to be working rather well.

Wayne Heinen <Nrclog@aol.com>: For \$4, that's not bad. The 12-656 and 12-656A used different filters in the IF section along with some other minor cost cuts. The performance however was much below the 12-655 units... I have two that I have to do repairs on. One has a broken tuning cord and the other bad sliders... They're worth my time and effort to fix as they've put many a catch in the log book.

Ragnar Danneskjold: Hi Wayne, I know that it was worth \$4. It had 4 new "C" cell alkalines in it. :-) I found it at the junk store. It is in nearly pristine shape. 655's or 656's. I have the repair manual for the 655. I wonder how the little rigs would act if the band was tweaked to get the X-Band? They seem like the poor man's DX machines of the late 60's and early 70's. I have no idea if that time frame is correct, but that'd be my guess. When were those rigs sold? I am going to a BA auction tomorrow AM. Who knows what I might end up with...

David Hogg <NEMCO99@aol.com>: Ragnar — Where in the world do you find these bargains?? Here in Houston the humidity is so bad that anything not in an air conditioned environment is ruined fairly quickly. I seem to remember you have a number of working radios now. I don't know what type work you do - but - maybe you find the radios through your work ??

Ragnar Danneskjold: My wife used to take me to junk stores. I would sit in the car and play with the car radio while she piddled around. She kept telling me to go in and look around because there were radios in there. Then one day she came in and said there is a 1956 Zenith Royal 94 AM/FM/SW set in there and it works for \$7. I went in there and it was working. Since then, I go in with her. "Here in Houston the humidity is so bad that anything not in air conditioned environment is ruined fairly quickly." You have to remember that AZ is the desert and today the humidity was about 9%. I have family in Houston [I am from Dallas] and I know what you mean about the humidity. "I seem to remember you have a number of working radios now." 200+. 95% of the time they work when I get them. The non workers, I fix. I have only one radio to repair. It's an old Valiant transistor. It's dripping with chrome and it is a beautiful little rig. It has a shorted AF xformer and I will replace that little unit if I can find a good replacement. "I don't know what type work you do - but - maybe you find the radios through your work??" I am a test engineer. I test software for very close tolerance machine tools. We are talking angstrom thickness. I don't see too many radios at work, computers and more computers. I think I am going to open a radio museum when I get to be an old f@t.

My wife is always cursing herself for telling me about the radios in the junk stores. Tomorrow though, I am going to a Boatanchor Auction. I don't have any BA's. My rigs are all transistor or IC from 1955 to present.

Robert Foxworth: The Ragman finds them at his thrift shop locally. He can't hear enough signals from Mexico, hi without having many radios playing at once, I believe.

David Hogg: Ragnar - My present job keeps me tied down to one location. I retired from NASA JSC here in Houston and now have my own company (small) that designs and manufactures solid state chase control units to make light bulbs animate and move around signs and other things. Several of the

casino sign builders use our controllers. I need to close shop early some day and check out some of these re-sale shops. When my son was a young non-driving teenager he liked to go to all the local garage sales and I drove him around a little bit and really got in to it with him. — but that was some time ago — he's 30 now. Good Luck to you on your Quest.

Steve Francis <Amdxmail@aol.com>

Wow! I hit the Knoxville junkshops about three times a month, and 98% of what I see is either car radios, clock radios, or boom boxes. If I ever found something with a tuned RF stage, I'd be dancing in the street. I did pay three dollars once for a Sounddesign DW-2184 10 transistor AM-FM. Mostly a sentimental purchase since the size and grey leather design were very similar to my TRF 12-675. Works OK, too.

Ragnar Danneskjold: "The Ragman finds them at his thrift shop locally. He can't hear enough signals from Mexico, hi without having many radios playing at once, I believe." Mexico is not a problem. I live 200 miles north of the border. Yo estoy el rey del radio Mexicano! I probably have something screwed up there, but you get the drift...If you want to hear Norteña, Ranchera, Tejano, Mariachi or any other flavor of Mexican music, this is the place. What amazes me is how many stations only play American rock music. There are quite a number of them in Baja and around Puerto Peñasco in Sonora.

Ragnar Danneskjold: "Wow! I hit the Knoxville junkshops about three times a month and 98% of what I see is either car radios, clock radios, or boom boxes. If I ever found something with a tuned RF stage, I'd be dancing in the street." You have to remember Phoenix and local environs are the equivalent of the old elephant graveyard. All the old folks come down here to keep warm until they pass on to other things. When they go, the nice radios they had end up at the junk store. I have quite a collection of DX radios collected in this manner.

Paul Swearingen: "They seem like the poor man's DX machines of the late 60's and early 70's. I have no idea if that time frame is correct, but that'd be my guess. When were those rigs sold?" About 1978-82. The 12-655 went for \$29.95.

Wayne Heinen: Mine are 655's one with all the Radio West modifications, larger ferrite tunable antenna and narrower filters... Stock from RS units were \$29.95 is I remember right... "I am going to a BA auction tomorrow AM. Who knows what I might end up with..." Funny you should mention that for today's activity. I'm driving down to Buena Vista today. Was offered a free Hammarlund HQ-129X is I wished to come get it. Sold my last one 15 years ago.

Ragnar Danneskjold: At that price, and for the performance, I'd bet many a report was sent to DXN from those little rigs. One last question, who made them for RS?

Russ Edmunds: I think that just like the archaeological ruins of the Southwest, the climate is such that everything is preserved there, evn TRF's, ,grin.

Russ Edmunds: I had a TRF 12-655 around 1970-72 or so.... perhaps earlier.

Ragnar Danneskjold: I kind of figured it for that era because of the type of design and materials used.

David Hogg: Would this situation also hold true for the Florida environment — with all the older people going there to retire — and leaving their radios and etc behind — eventually going to 2nd hand type stores. Maybe a quick check through Florida retirement towns might prove fruitful also.

John Sampson: Bought one around 1979 from someone in the NRC (Chuck Hutton, I believe) who was modifying them to make them a bit more selective. Still have it; it's a good radio!

Bill Fairbanks <BILLFAIRBANKS@worldnet.att.net>: Don't seem to see much 'estate sale' radio gear down here in the Ft. Lauderdale, Miami area. At least not in the thrift stores, etc...I have long suspected that with so many condos, zero-lot-line housing and antenna restrictions that this isn't exactly prime Ham Radio and SWL'ing country!!

From receivers to reel-to-reel tapes:

Frederick R. Vobbe <fredv@nrcdxas.org>: I know that some of us still use reel to reel tape for archiving DX and recording station. I just received information that Fair Radio has Ampex 407 on 10" reels for \$7.50 each. They are from a classical music station, and may have programming on them, but are pretty clean. Ampex 407 is 1.5 mil which means you get about 1 hour of play at 7.5ips, 2 hour at 3.75 ips. Fair radio can be reached at 419-227-6573 or fax 227-1313. If you buy, be

sure to mention the National Radio Club.

Russ Edmunds <wb2bjh@hotmail.com>: But how many of us can use 10" reels. I know I can't and couldn't even unload easily from one to move it onto 7"...

Frederick R. Vobbe: I know 3 others in this group that can do reels! As far as winding to 7" reels, if you can find the blank 7" reels and boxes, what I did from 1968 to 1977 (before I got my first 10" reel machine), was to build an adapter out of a piece of plywood with a 3" hub for the reel, and just wind the tape on the 7" reel in FF. Yeah, it's a kludge... but you did what you could with what you had. Hell, Russ, buy some tape, stop by my place on the way back with some 7" reels, and we'll wind them while

downing a few drinks. <grin>

Paul Swearingen <PlsBCBDEX@aol.com>: Actually, it's not too tricky, as long as the reels have the 1/4 inch hole. You can set up a jig and then do a rewind onto the 7" reel. I've done it. Of course, now I wonder why!

Chet Copeland <CHETCOP@webtv.net>: To my surprise, while scanning the AM band last night, I discovered a show about shortwave listening in progress on Raleigh (N.C.)'s talker, WPTF (680). <http://www.wptf.com/>.

Turns out that it's a regular show aired on the third Monday of every odd numbered month (which means it won't happen again until Jan.!) on Tom Kearney's nightly "Open Line", 10-11PM ET. Tom has a regular co-presenter these nights (I didn't catch his name) and the two talked about what they've been listening to in the two month period since the last show. They had air checks on catches from Vietnam, Radio St. Helena, etc. There was some basic info for beginners (No. Carolina's own Grove was recommended, of course), some talk about single side band, and tips on when to listen to programs on Radio Australia, etc. In addition, there were several callers. I don't recall any clubs or sw periodicals or shows like World Of Radio mentioned, but I assume that happens other months. Great to have run across this; I can't think of any other regular (non internet) local show about shortwave I've been ever able to hear from D.C. (Sure it's elementary, but it gets the word out!)

Larry Van Horn <larry@grove-ent.com>: This is a neat neat program and the program hosts are absolute delights, I have been on there twice as a guest. So you never know who is going to be on this program.

Bob Carter <KC4QLP@aol.com>: Who supplies this program. Sounds like perhaps a neat addition to some programming here...

No more time for this issue — but there's more ready for next time, including some college networks from Blaine Thompson.

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Your successes in obtaining QSL's and other station items

It seems that hurricanes and travel dictate when I get these columns together. Polly and I are off to Chile to offer workshops at a Christian Writer's Conference and travel a bit through the Andes. We'll miss Turkey Day, but I guess we can handle it. Now, on with this one before the plane leaves:

CANADA

ALBERTA, CFFR, 660, Calgary, letter in 396 days. V/s Ken Cook, CE. (Kennedy—PA)
ONTARIO, CKPT, 1420, Peterborough, QSL card in 25 days. (Kennedy—PA)
ONTARIO, CKTB, 610, St. Catharines, letter in 14 days. V/s Jamie O'Brien, AGM. (Kennedy—PA)
ONTARIO, CJTN, 1270, Trenton, envelope, stickers, Blue Jays schedule. V/s Matt Goodman, Announcer. (Kennedy—PA)
QUEBEC, CBF, 690, Montreal, letter in 45 days. V/s Danielle Thibeault. This report was for their last day on the air. (Kennedy—PA)

USA

ALABAMA, WONG, 1450, Anniston, letter. V/s J.J. Durk, GM. (Kennedy—PA)
ALABAMA, WDLK, 1450, Dadeville, report denied, written on scrap of paper in 15 days. V/s Christ Weber of WZLM-FM. (Kennedy—PA)
ALASKA, KFQD, 750, Anchorage, card in 12 days after f/up. V/s Roy Robinson, GM. (Rooms—UK)
CALIFORNIA, KSMH, 1620, Auburn, p/d form letter in 31 days for f/up. V/S Tricia Lemmon, Development Mgr. (Wilkins—CO)
COLORADO, KVCU, 1190, Boulder, ppd/card, sticker in 6 days. V/S Stacey Thompson, GM. (Wilkins—CO)
COLORADO, KWAB, 1490, Boulder, p/d letter in 18 days. V/S Tony Kindelspire, Ops Mgr. (Wilkins—CO)
COLORADO, KEXX, 1280, Denver, "Confirmed as stated above" penned on report in 4 days for f/up. V/S Bill Harris, DoE. (Wilkins—CO)
COLORADO, KVOB, 1280, Denver, see KEXX. (Wilkins—CO)
COLORADO, KPKE, 1490, Gunnison, ppd/card, key ring in 54 days for f/up. V/S John H. Rees, Owner. (Wilkins—CO)
CONNECTICUT, WCTE, 1170, Vernon, letter, guide, station info, pamphlet, network list in 17 days. V/s Mark Nichols. (Kennedy—PA)
GEORGIA, WCGA, 1100, Woodbine, tentative report denied in 16 days. V/s Wesley Cos. (Kennedy—

PA)

GEORGIA, WJLG, 900, Savannah, verified report in 14 days. (Kennedy—PA)
 GEORGIA, WMLF, 1270, Columbus, confirmed on Sunny 100 business card in 15 days. V/s Alan Quinn, PD. (Kennedy—PA)
 GEORGIA, WRNC, 1670, Warner Robins, p/d form letter in 7 days for f/up. V/S Richard W. Hamilton, Xmtr Eng. (Wilkins—CO)
 INDIANA, WHBU, 1240, Anderson, verified on back of business card in 14 days. V/s Doug Edge, Mgr. (Kennedy—PA)
 INDIANA, WJVA, 1620, South Bend, form letter in 62 days. V/s Rebecca Dobsden. (Kennedy—PA)
 IOWA, KRNT, 1350, Des Moines, p/d card in 10 days after second f/up. V/s Joe Farrington, CE. (Rooms—UK)
 IOWA, KXTK, 940, Des Moines, f/d letter in 27 days on 4th f/up, V/s Calvin Bierman, AM Production Director. (Wilkins—CO)
 IOWA, KCJJ, 1630, Iowa City, f/d E-mail in 18 hours for f/up to Snail Mails. From Tom Suter, Sales Mgr. (Wilkins—CO)
 KENTUCKY, WIEL, 1400, Elizabethtown, letter, rate card in 12 days. V/s Ross Becker, Pres/GM. (Kennedy—PA)
 MASSACHUSETTES, WHMP, 1400, Northampton, letter, calendar in 18 days. V/s Ted Baker, PD. (Kennedy—PA)
 MICHIGAN, WQSN, 1660, Kalamazoo, f/d ppd/card in 11 days after 2nd f/up. V/s William J. Wertz. (Rooms—UK)
 MICHIGAN, WSGW, 790, Saginaw, letter in 28 days. V/s Geary Murrill, CE. (Kennedy—PA)
 NEBRASKA, KAZP, 1620, Bellevue, f/d letter in 14 days for f/up. V/S Stephen D. Claasen, DoE. (Wilkins—CO)
 NEBRASKA, KAZP, 1620, Bellevue, confirmation in KOIL envelope in 41 days. V/s Stephen Claasen, Dir. Eng. (Kennedy—PA)
 NEBRASKA, WOW, 590, Omaha, verified on back of report in 8 days. V/s Trish Matthews, PD. (Kennedy—PA)
 NEW JERSEY, WGYM, 1490, Pleasantville, confirmation, Phillies schedule in 6 days. V/s Loryn Deene, GM. (Kennedy—PA)
 NEW MEXICO, KDZZ, 1580, Albuquerque, ppd/card in 58 days for f/up. V/S illegible ("Eng.") (Wilkins—CO)
 NEW MEXICO, KNML, 1050, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, verie in 10 days. V/s Mike Langner, CE. (Kennedy—PA)
 NEW YORK, WANT, 1240, Watertown, letter, sticker in 6 days. V/s David Munce, GM. (Kennedy—PA)
 NEW YORK, WHCU, 870, Ithaca, verie in 89 days. V/s Jason Gorodetz, CE. (Kennedy—PA)
 NEW YORK, WLVL, 1340, Lockport, letter, program. guide in 14 days. V/s Gary Heidenfeldt, CE. (Kennedy—PA)
 NEW YORK, WNRS, 1420, Herkimer, letter in 23 days. V/s Mindy Berstein, GM. (Kennedy—PA)
 NORTH CAROLINA, WEGO, 1410, Concord, letter and business card in 8 days. V/s Bob Brown, GM. (Kennedy—PA)
 NORTH CAROLINA, WGFY, 1480, Charlotte, verie in 24 days. V/s Steve DeLoy, CE. (Kennedy—PA)
 OHIO, WMNI, 920, Columbus, QSL card in 6 days. (Kennedy—PA)
 OHIO, WFIN, 1330, Findlay, form letter QSL in 12 days. V/s D. Read, ENG. (Kennedy—PA)
 PENNSYLVANIA, WEJL, 630, Scranton, letter in 8 days. V/s Michael Neff, PD. (Kennedy—PA)
 PENNSYLVANIA, WILT, 960, Mount Pocono, verie in 9 days. (Kennedy—PA)
 PENNSYLVANIA, WPEL, 1250, Montrose, letter in 18 days. V/s Larry Sowder, GM. (Kennedy—PA)
 PENNSYLVANIA, WRKK, 1200, Hughesville, verie in 3 days. (Kennedy—PA)
 PENNSYLVANIA, WWCH, 1300, Clarion, postcard in 9 days. V/s Bill Hearst. (Kennedy—PA)
 RHODE ISLAND, WPMZ, 1110, East Providence, letter in 6 days. V/s Tony Mendez, Dir. of Sales. (Kennedy—PA)
 SOUTH CAROLINA, WTMA, 1250, Charleston, verie and business card in 16 days. V/s Bruce Roberts, CE. (Kennedy—PA)
 SOUTH CAROLINA, WQSC, 1340, Charleston, letter in 12 days. V/s Craig Shear, PD. (Kennedy—PA)
 SOUTH DAKOTA, KSDR, 1480, Watertown, verie, business card in 13 days. V/s Bob Fachn, Pres/GM. (Kennedy—PA)
 TENNESSEE, WATX, 1590, Algood, verie and Braves schedule in 8 days. V/s Scott Stevens, PD. (Kennedy—PA)
 TENNESSEE, WDBL, 1590, Springfield, letter in 19 days. V/s Connie Ward, GM. (Kennedy—PA)
 TEXAS, KTBK, 1700, Sherman, QWSL letter with photo of xmtr site in 72 days. V/s Hubert Beavers. (Kennedy—PA)
 VERMONT, WJOY, 1230, Burlington, letter in 10 days. V/s Dennis Snyder, CE. (Kennedy—PA)
 VIRGINIA, WHAP, 1340, Hopewell, letter in 15 days. V/s Steve Mullen, News, PD. (Kennedy—PA)
 VIRGINIA, WMVA, 1450, Martinsville, letter in 18 days. V/s Tim Walker, ENG. (Kennedy—PA)
 VIRGINIA, WNMA, 730, Gretna, report denied in 8 days. V/s Lyle Mulky, Mgr. (Kennedy—PA)
 VIRGINIA, WPIN, 810, Dublin, letter in 11 days. V/s Eddie Baker. (Kennedy—PA)

VIRGINIA, WPRZ, 1250, Warrenton, letter, map in 429 days. V/s Sally Buchanan, GM. (Kennedy—PA)

WISCONSIN, WGEE, 1360, Green Bay, letter, station history, map in 19 days. V/s D.E. Wright, GM. (Kennedy—PA)
 WISCONSIN, WGEZ, 1490, Beloit, letter, card in 13 days. V/s Rick West, PD. (Kennedy—PA)
 WYOMING, KUGR, 1490, Green River, f/d letter, sticker in 6 days for f/up. V/S Mary M. Kelly. (Wilkins—CO)

MEXICO

COAHUILA, XESAL, 1220, Saltillo, p/d letter in 32 days for f/up. V/S Ing. Oziel Montanez Gonzalez, Director. Address is Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro, Buenavista, Saltillo, C.P. 25315, MEXICO. (Wilkins—CO)

NUEVO LEON, XEJB, 570, Monterrey, ppd/card, n/d letter in 31 days for f/up. V/S Pedro Gonzalez Cavazos. 70th XE stn verified on MW. [Congratulations John, good work. -Ken]. Wilkins—CO)

OTHERWISE

CUBA, Radio Progreso, 890, Santiago, letter in 310 days. V/s Reina Capero Montenegro, P.R. (Kennedy—PA)

CUBA, Radio Progreso, 640, Guenabacos, English letter in 265 days. V/s Reina Capero Montenegro. (Kennedy—PA)

YUGOSLAVIA, NATO Radio, 1270, n/d letter in 20 days. V/s Michael S. Hackman. The letter said, "I can confirm that they originated from our aircraft flying over the Balkan area. Due to operational considerations, I am unable to provide specific orbit, altitude or transmission information." (Rooms—UK)

Our thanks this month to Steve Kennedy, Coal Township, Pennsylvania (welcome to the column, Steve), Clive Rooms, Luton, England, John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

Musings

of the Members

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Here's a long overdue reintro. I'm single, almost 61, now retired from the Postal Service and living permanently in central FL. I've been with the NRC almost entirely since I first joined in 1964. Spent most of my life in the St. Louis area before moving here last year. I like FL very much except that its not a very nice DX location for the AM BCB unless you know Spanish; IDXD is helping me get a handle on who some of my pests are as well as non-pests and find myself enjoying some of the Cuban music. Got my first computer last winter and really had a time with it. A combination of faulty software that came with it and this old dog not learning new tricks too well really kept me in a tizzy, now I'm enjoying Internet browsing and E-Mailing but it has to go back to the shop to get the printer to work. If you are still deciding to get a computer, I'd say skip it, the risk is high that you'll have serious problems with it, a 15-20% chance according to Consumers Reports, a high risk for something costing between 1 and 2 kilobucks! *DX News* continues to be interesting reading, would be even more so if more of you would send MUSINGS to Dave! (Thanks for the plug Walt!-DWS)

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Greetings from Yankee Land, home to baseballs 25th World Championship team! What a year it was for the Bronx Bombers and the Mets too! Well, I haven't been doing any DXing so far this season but will in November when things heat up (or rather conditions cool down!). I did some DXing about a month ago when I took a trip to CO and Las Vegas. I went via AMTRAK and had a chance to listen during my train ride, but the interference from the train hampered my efforts on AM but seemingly didn't affect FM reception. No distant DX could be had but it was great hearing WOWO, WSBT, WHO, KIOA & KFAB during the morning or the middle of the afternoon, as I was travelling through middle America. During my stay in Denver, I listened to KOA "All News All Sports" daily as you might figure. But at night, it was a thrill to hear KFI, KTWO, KFAB, KKO, KVOO and a number of Mexicans which I didn't have the patience nor any logbook with me to identify them, all coming in with nice signals. In Vegas, I only DXed during the day, but all I could get was locals such as KVED, KXMT & KENO. Nothing from nearby AZ or UT. Is there something to desert conditions or nearby mountain areas blocking reception? Well, I'm looking to a great DX year, its great seeing more and more X-banders taking the airwaves, 73's to all!