The WAAT-750 test scheduled for Saturday, December 18 was cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date. An ice storm went through the area on the 14th and damaged the antenna, according to Dave Schmidt.

WVNE-760 (52 Park View - Warwick, RI 02888) will conduct a DX test from 4:00 am - 5:00 am EST Monday, January 17, 2000. The test will include tones, voice IDs, and Morse code IDs. Power will be 25 kW directional daytime pattern. Reception reports may be sent to: Mr. Lincoln W. Hubbard (N1ATU) Chief Engineer. (Please note: Use this address for QSLs) <<wvne@aol.com>>) Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC. Also, the CE at WVNE is ALSO the CE at WARV-1590 in Warwick, RI and notes that WARV is now 24 hours, so that should make them a little easier to pick up.

KTNS-1090 - (40356 Oak Park Way - Oakhurst, CA 93612) will conduct a DX test from 12:00 am - 1:00 am EST Sunday, January 23, 2000. The test will consist of “Music of your life”. The test will be run at KTNS’s full daytime power of 1000 watts, and a non-directional antenna pattern will be used. Reception reports may be sent to: Mr. Larry W. Gamble, Manager <<ninkaas@sieratel.com>>. Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.

WMAL-630 (4400 Jenifer St. NW - Washington, DC 20015) will conduct a DX test from 1:00 am - 1:30 am EST Sunday, January 30, 2000. The test will consist of Morse code IDs inserted into regular programming at the top of the hour. According to CE John Butler, the station will be running “When Radio Was” at this time, an anthology of classic radio shows. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. John Butler; <<john.C.Butler@abc.com>>. Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.

WJIB address ... From Lynn Hollerman: “Concerning the WJIB-740 DX test on 12/20/99, I have received mail from the station owner alerting me to the fact that the address given for QSLs was out of date (2 years old), and mail sent there WILL NOT be forwarded. The CORRECT ADDRESS FOR QSLs is Mr. Bob Bittner Owner/Manager WJIB-AM 443 Concord Av - Cambridge, MA 02138. And please remember to include a SASE with your reception report.”

TV Station Guide ... The WTFFA TV Station Guide is ready for advance orders. From now to the last day of February anyone, member or non-member, can purchase one for $17.95. Any checks received on March 1 or later for $17.95 will not be honored. After that date the regular hobby and technical price for the guide is $19.95. The retail bookshelf price for the guide will be $23.95. Shipping date should be around March 1. All the info in this guide came from Doug Smith. The Guide runs around 180 pages and is designed to fit in the binder of your choice. Mail your checks to WTFFA - PO Box 501 - Somersville, CT 06072, and if you include your e-mail address, you will be notified when your check arrives.

IDSD Convention ... The 2000 IRCA Convention will be in Billings, Montana on August 25, 26, and 27, hosted by John and Nancy Johnson. The web site for complete information is <<http://pages.prodigy.net/johnjohnson/irca2000.htm>>. More details will follow for the non-computerized, we presume.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the December 31, 1949 DXN: Owen B. Roberts, Drawers, MA submitted a list of 136 stations from 54 countries in Europe and North Africa that he had heard between Dec. 16 and 24, stating that conditions then were as good as he had ever experienced.

25 years ago ... from the January 6, 1975 DXN: Ben Dangerfield reported receiving a confirmation card for his reception of 1016-Istanbul on September 12, which IDXX editor Alan Merriman noted was the first U. S. verle of this station, to his knowledge.

10 years ago ... from the January 1, 1990 DXN: Bill Swiger, Bridgeport, VA, reported hearing a strong signal on 1630 kHz from KSZX-AH, Norfolk, VA.
AM Switch

Jerry Starr
C/O WHOT Radio
4040 Simon Road
Youngstown, OH 44512-1320

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call  New call

570  WRDT  NC Raleigh  WDTF
590  WOW  NE Omaha  KOMJ
600  WKLW  KY Paintsville  WKYH
630  KXPL  WA Opportunity  KXLI
940  PQ  Montreal  CKNN
980  WLWX  GA Roseville  WUUS
1060  KCBN  TX Gilmer  KOFY
1290  WTMC  FL Ocala  WCFI
1400  WTRR  FL Sanford  WSDO
1640  KQYI  OR Lake Oswego  KPBC

APPLICATIONS / GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

None

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

None

OTHERNESS

1050  WPBS  GA Corryea: to 1040 kHz with 12000 (420 CH) D3
1060  KAHU  HI Hiller: 5000/5000 UI
1070  WIWS  WV Beckley: 10000 (7700 CH) D1
1320  WLOH  OH Lancaster: 500/16 UI, relocate transmitter site
1290  WRN  RI Providence: 5000/10000 U4

Wmi 460

50,000 watts in Stereo

OTHERWISE

560  CKJL  ON Kirkland Lake: CP to move to 101.5 FM is on
660  WORL  FL Altamonte Springs: new station is ON THE AIR
900  KREH  TX Pecan Grove: silent station is ON THE AIR (ex Oakdale, LA)
990  KTUB  TX Wichita Falls: station is SILENT to facilitate move to Farmersville, TX
1170  KOHO  HI Honolulu: silent station to return January 15
1180  R.Martl  FL Marathon: Martl has increased power to 10000 watts, not shown in FCC actions as this station is not licensed or regulated by the FCC
1220  KLZ  CO Denver: silent station (as KBNO) is ON THE AIR
1360  WNNJ  NJ Newton: CP for 2000/320 U4 from new transmitter site is on
1370  WLTU  IN Gary: station is SILENT pending sale
1550  WMDH  IN New Castle: CP to relocate transmitter is on
1560  CKJF  IA Iowa City: has returned to the air, had previously been moved to their 1630 kHz X-band facility, presently simulating for all their listeners with "old radios that won't tune up to 1630".

THANKS: Bill Hale, Ed Kresny, Phil Beersma, Shawn Axelrod, Sheldon Harvey & MSJ 73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foorman

County Cross Reference

Domestic DX Digest

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East: David Yocs DavidYocs@xcom.com

DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- The FIRST DDXD-West for the next thousand years. And you are here! Welcome. A request from ye editor . . . for those of you who send in your reports via e-mail, please arrange your individual loggings as you see them here in DX News. By this, I mean the order of the data should be: frequency; calls; state; city; date; time; what you heard; and your credit in the roll. It makes the cut-and-paste process a little more difficult. And DO NOT try to make your message appear like the column looks. Do not TAB TAB TAB or use numerous spaces to make the data line up. Just type the logging in the order as stated above. We keep getting the darnedest-looking reports! And please keep the abbreviations to those we all know! Your cooperation is appreciated.

- Gary Jackson called the 1690 in Roseville, California and was told that land had been bought and equipment is there, and they are planning to be on the air by March '00. Gary promises to keep us updated.

- We welcome Morris Sorensen back to the DDXD-West reporting area, as he has moved back to Manitoba from Ontario. Also, the red carpet is out for three new voices in the column this issue: Guy Kudlanymer of Thurston, Oregon; Blake Lawrence of San Francisco, California; and Dan Lester of Seymour, Wisconsin. Good to have you all in the DX Den. And Shawn provides us with weather commentary from the Frozen North: "Now that is a good week of DX . . . four new stations . . . Snow arrived at last. Dec 13 and today winter showed up at -18 C with -25 C for tonight . . . knew it wouldn't last."

- Terry Jones of Plankinton, South Dakota relays this newspaper report: "Sorenson Broadcasting, based in Sioux Falls, announced the sale of its 17 radio stations to Gold Circle Waitt Broadcasting, of Seymour, Wisconsin. The sale price: $18 million. The sale becomes effective Jan. 1, with the licenses changing hands later in the year. Radio stations being sold include: KCCR and KGNO in Mitchell, all South Dakota; KVFD and KUEL in Fort Dodge, Iowa; KXLO in Joliet, Illinois; and KUEC and KWIG in Red Wing, Minnesota."

- A valiant attempt to fill in all the frequencies, but we fell a few short. Keep those reports coming and maybe well do it by the end of this DX season. We've got three weeks worth of catching up to do . . . so let's do it!

Domestic DX Digest
STATION NEWS & NOTES

590 WDIZ FL Panama City - 12/29 1520 - Still carries NOS format, using The Breeze as a slogan on local breaks from the satellite feed. Is not Disney as indicated in the log. (GB-FL)

590 KOMJ NE Omaha - 12/14 2333 - Christmas music, frequent Magic 590 slogans, lotsa ads. Legal ID at 2359, then ABC News. Exc. WOW. (JJ-WI)


940 CINW QU Montreal - 12/12 0400 - Poor signal under CJGX, with announcements about coming on the air soon. New!! (SA-MB)

1120 WBZR FL Destin - 12/25 1900 - On past LSS with relay of WFSI-1340 Valparaiso-Niceville. Not uncommon weekends and holidays for them, and perhaps best chance to log this "daytime only." (GB-FL)

1340 KTIK ID Nampa - Has been making announcements that they are going to 1350 at 0600 MST Jan 1. (FA-ID)

1540 KXA WA Bellevue - 12/11 0100 - Noted relaying KSUH-1450 with Korean programming. However, they have different FSAs (2) in EE right after the 0100-3 station ID (also KWY2). As per call, this is on 0100-9007-7 days a week. (PT-WA)

1640 KPBC OR Lake Oswego - 12/11 2255 - Poor signal, under WSKH and KDAJ, with religious programming. New!! (SA-MB)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

521 UNID ?? - 12/14 0115 - Fair signal with Morse code. Is this the airport beacon in Missoula that was mentioned in the last issue? (AK-WA) [Maybe. It gets out pretty good. The code for INE is pretty basic (dot dot dash dash dot) and is sent slow. If you have a tape of it or, hear it again, you can verify!] - Ed.

1180 UNID ?? - 12/18 0019-0120 - Blake Lawrence reported KYET-Williams, AZ here with day power (on NRC AM news server - Ed.). I heard KOFI mixing it up with two other stations. One was never clear enough, but second was heard to say 9 Years Eve - it will be at 9 O'Clock at night all over the skies of the beautiful city of Williams and less than an hour later... for information, call eleven-eighty KYUT. Replay tape, the letters are quite clear. Does KYET use a different call in their promos? 12/20 0005-0106 - Try for better ID of stations on 1180 kHz. Could hear Sports Talk 2000 on KOFT and constant SS music, some with vocals, most slow (ballads?). No talk between music selections except SS talk at ToH. Does KYET run SS music Sunday nights? (BK-CA)

1240 UNID ?? - 12/13 2141 - Sounded like Right here on KPNQ, amid jumble. (PT-WA)

1510 UNID ?? - 12/27 1738-1745 sign-off or pattern change - With SS. Too early for KGLF-TX. Checked SS map. (EW-NE)

1540 UNID ?? - 12/28 1705 - Poor signal, with The Kayser program, under XKEL. (SA-MB)

1560 UNID ?? - 12/15 2100 - Newscast under KNZR. Complete dropout within a minute of tune-in. Very good level. Not much to choose from. (PT-WA)

1680 UNID ?? - 12/15 1745 - This is a test of the remote (something) information radio system located at 1680 on your AM dial. There will be more information following as the system goes on-line, soon. Again, this is only a test. (GK-OR)

Dx and EQUIPMENT TESTS

740 WJJB MA Cambridge - 12/20 0000-0020 - Nothing heard under KCB5. (FA-ID)

740 WJJB MA Cambridge - 12/20 0000-0020 - Nothing heard. (GB-FL)

1660 WMIB FL Marco - 11/28 0112 - Host Phil Beckman in the studio said he'd just taken a call from a listener 600 km north of Stockholm. Seemed pleased that the test was getting out as well as it was. (GB-FL)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

530 TIS/HAR CO Fort Collins - 12/13 2030 - Fair, in null of Colorado DoT TIS, with info from Fort Collins Office of Emergency Management. Six-minute loop tape comes with winter preparedness info, definitions of weather watches and warnings. New here, for Colorado #100! (JJ-WI)

1610 TIS/HAR CA Placerville - 12/7 0630 - Strong, with weather and chain controls (?) - Ed. (GJ-CA)

1630 TIS/HAR CA Los Angeles (Convention Center) - 12/7 0700 - Weak, with events at Convention Center and Staples Center. (GJ-CA)

1640 WPPD271 FL New Smyrna Beach - 12/16 2100 - New station with local tourist info. Man's voice with frequent mention of "New Smyrna Beach." Tough copy under KWSH. (GB-FL)

1670 WPNR210 CA Menlo Park - 12/10 0600 - Testing and asking for reception reports. You are listening to a test broadcast on 1670 kHz from the city of Menlo Park, California. Phone number is 650-858-3306. (GJ-CA)

1670 WXKT502 CA Menlo Park - 12/15 1730 - Y2K and other disaster-preparedness and traffic-related info. This is a message from the city of Menlo Park... We have done everything possible to assure we are ready... Mentioned phone number 858-2206 for more information. Near 100% readability on peaks, but long, deep fades. Calls could be WKFSC502 (?). (GK-OR)

[Editors note: Strange as it may seem, there are two 1670 TIS stations in Menlo Park, California. WPMWS20 and WPNR210 are the calls, and both have the same contact person, mailing address, and phone number (Jan Dolan, 70 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, 650-858-3306) according to the FCC database. Gary Jackson also got the same address from them, with a contact of Commander Dominic Peloso.)

1680 TIS/HAR CA Truckee - 12/14 0600 - Station at "North Star" testing for Information Radio Systems. This is a test of a remote test for a station that goes on-line soon. No ID, but contact is Bob Hamilton, NorthStar at Tahoe, PO Box 129, Truckee, CA 96161. (GJ-CA)

1680 WPPD481 CA Redwood City - Ready to go on the air... address is: San Mateo Radio Shop, Alm: Tony Yussen, 501 Willow Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063. (GJ-CA) [Phone number from the FCC's web site is 650-363-4455 - Ed.]

1700 TIS/HAR CA Moffett Field (Mountain View) - Address for this is: Ames Research Center,Attention John Peterson, Mail Stop 158-2, Moffett Field, CA 94035. (GJ-CA) [For you TIS-chasers: A new "TIS type" station is testing 12/12 0725 on 1610 kHz from an unknown location in Hawaii. It is relaying Weather Station KBA-99 with the flood warnings due to the bad weather we have been having, heavy rains etc. Every 30 seconds a male voice interrupts the broadcast with Testing, one, two, three, four, five. If it is new, it would be Hawaii's second TIS type as there is one on 530 kHz at Hawaii Volcano National Park here on the Big Island which I hear regularly] [Relayed from am@nrcdxas.org from Chuck Boehnke in Kauai, Hawaii (15 miles south of Hilo)]

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ETL

550 KGME AZ Phoenix - 12/6 0859 - With legal ID, under KDAC. (IAB-CA) [These are correct calls, Art - Ed.]

560 KSFU CA San Francisco - 12/19 0230 - Fair-to-strong signal, mixing with KPQ-WA. Art Bell's Dreamland program with lots of station IDs and promos. Hot Talk 560, KSFU. (AK-WA)

560 WECB MN Duluth - 12/12 2257 Fair, with Art Bell, news, ID. Battling an unID station... probably WIND-IL. (MS-MB)

580 WIBK KS Topeka - 12/28 2013 - With Kansas State University women's basketball vs??? Difficult, even with KLJP-70 stalled as much as possible. (Ed-TX)
Years ago, I used to get Calgary on this channel. Kiwa, Southern Alberta’s Community Radio Station, with KCKY dropping to allotted night time power for a second consecutive day. CHRB is an unusual visitor to Arizona. (RD-AZ)

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Weak, under partially-nulled kW. Suppose power is down here (AZ-RD)

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1280 KBIDp CA Bakersfield - 12/29 2240 - With Anaheim Mighty Ducks hockey. It also could be KCKB, but KBID has had a habit of not dropping to its allotted 35 watts lately and they have been heard by several Phoenix area DXers. (RD-AZ)

1280 KSRO CA Santa Rosa - 12/13 0835 - News Talk 1350 KSRO ID, then into local weather. (AB-CA)

1280 KSROp CA Santa Rosa - 12/26 2209 - With San Francisco 49er football broadcast. (RD-AZ)

1280 KGHF CO Pueblo - 12/26 2205 - With Nat King Cole singing Tenderly. (RD-AZ)

1280 KRNT IA Des Moines - 12/12 2202 - Good, with CBS News, ads for History Channel and car insurance, ID. (MS-MB)

1280 KKKO WA Tacoma - 12/13 1958 - AM 1360 KKKO ID. Very strong. (AB-CA)

1280 KTMJ CA Salinas - 12/26 2203 - With “KGO” ToH ID and no KTMJ ID. Was carrying San Francisco 49er Football. 2205 again the “KGO” ID and weather. Back to football. It looks like KTMJ runs unattended during the game and just runs the KGO feed in its entirety. (RD-AZ)

1280 KVBL CA Visalia - 12/14 1928 - ID and song Cry Like A baby by the Box Tops. (AB-CA)

1280 KNND OR Cottage Grove - 12/18 0810 - Weak Signal, with country music and what sounded like a Satelite Magic: Call: Cottage Grove’s KNND. New. (AK-WA)

1280 WRMN IL Elgin - 12/27 0755 - Good. Never heard this loud! Sports, ID, local ads. (J-WI)

1280 KVSL AZ Show Low - 12/26 2157 - With Whitley Stiebler and Dreamland with break at 2157 and ID at 2200. Was in the thick of the way by the time the ID was given. (RD-AZ)

1280 WKEI IL Kewanee - 12/24 1852 - Poor. Faded up in mess with WKEI Stock Report. New. (J-RJ-IL)

1280 KYLS MO Fredricktown - 12/23 1839 - Poor, with 1450 KYLS The Fox & oldies into ads. (J-RJ-IL)

1280 KKCS CO Colorado Springs - 12/22 0448 - With repeat of the previous days Michael Reagan talk show. (RD-AZ)

1280 KRAK CA Sacramento - 12/8 1905 - After noting KMYC’s strength and after hearing KCTC and KVON at good levels, I went for this - and was rewarded with a strong set of call letters between C&W selections. (PT-WA)


1280 KORN SD Mitchell - 12/3 0809 - Man with legal ID. New state and best GY so far. (AB-CA)

1280 KOAC WA Forks - 12/3 0853 - Weather for “downtown” Forks. (AB-CA)

1280 KENS WA Toppenish - 12/16 0800 - Fair signal for a few seconds, and then gone. Spanish Ranchero music. ID in EE KENS Toppenish. New. (AK-WA)

1280 CFWB BC Campbell River - 12/11 0115 - Weak. under KRNR-OR, with oldies, ID, and mention of simulcast partner 1400 CFCP. New. (AK-WA)

1280 KSTP MN St. Paul - 12/26 2152 - With ads for Earth Share, and Nick Coleman on air from 1 - PM M-F and ID The Talk Station, AM 1500. KSTP. Unusually loud and clear signal. (RD-AZ)

1280 KFNN AZ Mesa - 12/5 0950 - With computer talk show and AM 15-10 KFNN clear ID. (BL-CA)

1280 KFNN AZ Mesa - 12/15 0914 - ID and traffic report. Huge signal, well over KGA. (AB-CA)

1280 KDKO CO Littleton - 12/22 0437 - With news and ads geared towards African Americans, then playing contemporary black music. (RD-AZ)

1280 KMPG CA Hollister - 12/5 1010 - Spanish, with spots for San Jose event. This is nearby, but difficult for me due to incoming KQJL spalier. KQJL not yet on at this time. tho. (BL-CA)

1280 KVTA CA Fort Hueneme - 12/26 2033 - With weather and ID, then into Beyond the Beltway. Lost signal. Lost signal at 2035 power drop and antenna switch. New. (RD-AZ)

1280 WRPM MS Poplarville - 12/8 1232 - With Christmas songs. (CG-LA)

1280 KGBT TX Harlingen - 12/11 2020 - Strong, with CS call-in program Hablando de Deportes. Quince Treinta La Primaera slogs, but no mention of 98.5 FM, so apparently not / at this time. Also mentioned <kgbt@compserv.com> for E-mail. (JW-CO)
wouldn't be whole different set of stations on the Superadio than on his Drake SW8 with the mega-950' longwire. cast band jamming from Cuba. Well, we haven't heard anything yet, but then (as of this writing) the combo of a GE Superadio and (new) Radio Shack loop has been a real DX asset here."

Joe hears a ber. But there are still lots of you who haven't contributed since the last century! We are forward to hearing from you.

850 WYDE AL Birmingham - 12/15 1719 - Caught in WJAC null with station promo: "Like no other station in Birmingham ... WYDE." promo for WYDE news line at 942.8, 8585, then lost to pest WJAC. (MB-ON) [Back to these calls, ex-WMKJ, and apparently no longer Radio Disney? - DY]

940 CINW PQ Montreal - 12/13 0240 - Running continuous promos for new news program, "Going live December 14 all news, this is 9-40 News" and "9-40 News Montreal." (DL-MD)

11/24 1507 - Poor on first day of new operation after a couple of weeks of loop tapes, mixing badly with possible WGMY and a One on One Sports station (which did not ID at 1600); EE ID at 1530 as "Metromedia ... CINW" spot after weather and before "9-40 News." (HF-MI)

+ 12/14 1721 - Began regular programming as announced, noted with "940 News traffic and weather together one the ones," "940 News headline sports" at 1745. Official calls are CINW, not CINW or CQRC, but it's a moot point as they will never use them. (MB-ON)

+ 12/23 0219 - Very nice here getting by WPTF-930 slop with "9-40 News," Montreal ads, talk about the Montreal guys arrested in the U.S. for smuggling in the bomb stuff. (DY-NY)

990 WLGZ NY Rochester - The umpteenth call format change for Rochester, NY-990. Noted Dec. 10, 0805-0839 w/mixture of soft oldies and MoR standards, IDs as "Legends 990 WLGZ," "WLGZ" jingles, calls from listeners on the "Legends Line" 222-2990, giving feedback on the new format. (MB-ON)

1280 WADO NY New York - 12/10 - Drive-by today revealed the main tower is completed; may be testing new power/pattern soon. I live 4 miles north, and hope they push all the extra wattage out to the Atlantic (BG-NL) [Then all our European friends will be complaining about the QRM to R. Tupi, Brazil, which is one of the more common TAs on the other side of the pond. - DY]

WBZ PA New Castle - 12/8 0100 - Signoff, giving hours as 0530-0100. Last heard as WSKT, but pest WADO stayed on. (SK-FA)

WKFD RI Wickford - 12/6 1530 - Poor with calls only under WFEA. I've been after this one for a long time. (JEK-MD) [Listed as silent as of 7/99 in the latest Log, apparently reactivated. - DY]

1320 WTRI MD Brunswick - Re PC-VA's report of this returning to the air: unless they were recently silent again, as far as I know they've been back on regular schedule since April. I heard them testing in the late morning/early afternoon on 4-23-24 and back with SS programming the following week. Their 9300 D3 coverage map shows a minor lobe to the northeast and a major one to the southwest. At 34 miles northeast of their site, they have a solid signal here; Perry's QTH is just within the 5 mV/m (primary) contour. (JEK-MD)

1390 WNJO OH Youngstown - 12/7 1600 - Dominating frequency with NOS tunes and top of hour ID: "You're listening to the music of your life on WNOJ Youngstown and WRTK Niles," into CNN News. QSL'd as WFMJ in 1978. WNJO called to belong to Niles on 1540. (MB-ON)

1400 WNTW VA Winchester - 12/4 1015 - Planning to switch to a Christian contemporary format the day after Christmas, until then playing only Christmas music. (PC-VA)

1440 WJL NY Niagara Falls - Is off the air because of a fire that destroyed much of their studio. Note not known long before they return. They were planning to move to a new facility in West Seneca, NY in a few weeks anyway, according to a news item I heard on WBN-930. (MB-ON)

1520 WKBZ MI Muskegon Heights - Goes to full 10 kW day power/pattern daily at 0600, even though LS here in December is 0815. (PLB-MI)

1560 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 12/2 1624 - Heard ID on KCJJ-1630 "1630 and 1560 KCJJ," so this is back with a 1630 simulcast. (SK-FA)

1590 WPSN PA Hershey - 12/15 0620 - Will be running special Ramadan program during the month of Ramadan last year. (MB-ON)

1600 WMHG MI Muskegon - Has not used night DA in months; operating 5 kW nights. (JEK-MD)

Back to these calls, ex-WMKJ, and apparently no longer Radio Disney? - DY]

DKX TESTS

740 WJIB MA Cambridge - 12/20 0000-0200 - Not heard except for weak open carrier and possibly a few bits of code. Unheard, needed on DX Test in 1994. (MB-ON)

650 WMIB FL Marco Island - 11/28 0000-0100 - Heard with oldies instead of the regular NOS with live DJ after every song saying "This is WMIB Marco Island, Florida."
I thought it was a preview of a new format, but they went back to satellite NOS the next night, so I didn’t report it. Then I read in DDXD-West that there was an NRC test at that time. Since it was only announced on the Internet, I didn’t know. (SK-PA) (Yes, they scheduled a test after DXN had gone to press -pl.)

UNID AND UNID HELP

660 UNID — 12/15 1625-1702 — Nonstop Southern gospel music, went over WQEW a few times, finally spoke at 1700 and was blown away by WFAN, then gone. Either WXIC or WCCR, WOR’s format is a mystery. (SK-PA)

690 UNID — 12/9 0128 — Male talk host asking callers if they could hear him, stated he was on 690 and 940, then 700 and 940, then 690 and 940. Gone abruptly at around 0132, before I could roll a tape, while speaking with an Arabic or east Indian caller. Not on 700 or 940. Strong with no fades or skywave. Mysterious, one of the strangest things I’ve heard on the radio. (TS-MI) [Maybe someone at CINF testing the transmitter, or a pirate getting a last chance to try the channel? — DY]

740 UNID — 12/14 1559 — Ad for business on Lowery Road near Route 352. (SK-PA)

880 KRVN NE Lexington — Carries the Denver Broncos football network, so this is probably JF-ON’s un-ID in no. 8. (GH-KS)

960 UNID — 12/3 1735 — Remote broadcast, announced // 93.5 (or 93.9) WMED-FM, but didn’t hear any AM call. (RJE-PA) [Probably WILF // WSBG 93.5, see last issue and below. — DY]

970 UNID — 12/5 1700 — Carolina Panthers, end of game, lost to WAMD, WISO, and WWJQ QRM. Barry Finkels’ Panthers list in Vol. 66, No. 30 doesn’t show a 970 affiliate. (JEK-MD) [Ofhannah, WJM4 sounds like a station that should carry them, though. — DY]

1230 UNID — 12/11 2105 — Break on Pittsburgh Penguins network. No 1230’s on their 1998 list, no PA stations needed on 1230. (SK-PA)

1290 UNID — 12/1 1925 — Old Dominion vs. N.C. State College basketball game heard. (WM-MD)

1300 UNID — 12/10 2145-2206 — St. Louis Blues hockey, also someone else with the Generals. (SK-PA)

1450 UNID — 12/5 2059 — Ad for Southeastern University, clear for a moment. (SK-PA)

1460 UNID — 12/9 1730 — Promo for UPN 16 News in mess. (WM-MD)

1500 UNID — 12/9 1558 — End of religious program saying the church is located off I-96. (SK-PA) [WLQY, I’d imagine, as I-96 runs through Detroit. — DY]

1560 UNID — 12/14 1708 — Talking about U.S. history in the period 1790-1810, quite strong with (I think) WQEW way under, but then when I checked back after 1715, only WQEW was there. (RJE-PA) [And it doesn’t sound like typical WQEW fare. — DY]

1570 UNID — 12/21 2120 — Poor, “AM 15-70 the Word” and “AM 15-70... southern gospel music,” ad for computer shop on Bardstown Road, in and out with EZL pop station, Kentucky? None of the 3 listed are close to Bardstown. (HF-MI)
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Waxler, Ohio, beginning its broadcast day. WIXC is owned and operated by … Communications Corporation and broadcasts on an assigned frequency of 660 kHz with a maximum power output of 1,000 watts.” Copied with nullled WFAN leaking through. (PC-VA)

670 WKFN TN Farragut - 12/15 1547 - End of interview, “on 670 WKFN, I want to thank …”

690 WJOX AL Birmingham - 12/15 1723 - Sports talk, Birmingham traffic report for “FOX Jet Patrol,” ID as “Hot as a locker room without the smell, Sports Radio 690 WJOX.” (SF-KY)

WOKV FL Jacksonville - 12/9 1650 - Florida political show, ad for Big Ten Heating and Cooling, “Jacksonville’s Lennox Dealer.” (SF-KY)

710 WDSM WI Superior - 12/18 1659 - Fair, CBS/WW1 NWI NFL, game coverage, ID at top of hour as “All Sports WDSM,” mainly over WOR. FF also heard, probably CKVM. New for W1 #32. (HF-MI)

CKVM PQ Ville Marie - 12/12 2252 - Tentative, occasionally atop but mixing badly with WOR, FF and instrumental pops to 2250, then FF spots and possible ID. One spot mentioned Montreal, does anyone know if they’re relaying a station there? Fair. (HF-MI)

720 WWII PA Shiremanstown - 12/9 0620 - Religious program in WGNN null. No ID, but several references to Pennsylvania sponsors. Supposed to be D1, and not to sign on before 0730. (PC-VA)

730 WFMW KY Maysville - 12/8 1900 - ID, C&W music. (BS-NJ)

WDOS NY Oneonta - 12/6 1634 - Winning fight with pest WPIT, local news, announcement “WODS time is 4:34, now back to the afternoon round-up.” (MB-ON)

WNAK PA Nanticoke - 12/7 0800 - Top of hour ID as “WNAK Nanticoke, Radio Northern Pennsylvania,” into schmaltzy version of “I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus,” then lost to CKAC, WPIT. (MB-ON)

WSCM SC Charleston - 12/8 1815 - Wiping out nulled CKAC/w/local news and weather, promo for Dr. Laura show, and numerous non-ID’s as “WSC” or “Newsradio 730 WSC” so you would think they have a hoary old 3-letter call! (MB-ON)

WBZS VA Alexandria - 12/12 1000 - Off the air, leaving WNAX with a good signal and NOS, tuning to 733 to avoid WWII-720 stop. (JEK-MD)

CKDM MB Dafoe - 12/6 1632 - ID, 12/7 0723 - Alone on frequency with ID at top of hour CKAC with C&W music, ID as “Today’s hot news, 1970 CKDM,” detailed weather for entire province of Manitoba, ad for Agri-Core agricultural center, and promo for a draw to win a John Deere tractor.QSLed in 1976; I don’t believe I’ve heard them since then. (MB-ON)

740 WNOP KY Newport - 12/9, 12/13 1650 - “According to the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, WGSM Radio ... broadcast day must end.” Announcer suggested listening to WHLI-1100 [mustn’t their broadcast day end too?], then signed off with choral version of SSB. (PC-VA)

WGSM NY Huntington - 12/13 1650 - “According to the regulations and rules of the Federal Communications Commission, WGSM Radio ... broadcast day must end.” Announcer suggested listening to WHLI-1100 [mustn’t their broadcast day end too?], then signed off with choral version of SSB. (PC-VA)

+ 12/14 1602 - Fair, many IIDs as “1100 and 7-40 WHLI,” “Standards of yesterday and today,” Bill Houston announce with EZL pop. Nat King Cole, Peggy Lee, etc. Spot for Gill David morning program, Lori Blanchard with traffic, Joe with Long Island weather, address, and phone as in NRC Log. Web site is www.whli.com and e-mail to info@whli.com. NY #42 here. I sent them an e-mail while listening, asking about WGSM/WHLI but no answer as of 12/16. (HF-MI)

WPAQ NC Mount Airy - 12/11 1658 - ID, real bluegrass music. (BS-NJ)

KRMG OK Tulsa - 12/11 1800 - ABC news, slogan “News Radio 7-40,” promos for storm closings, then Dr. Dean Edell. (BS-NJ)

KTRH TX Houston - 12/7 2300 - ID, news, weather, temperature in Houston. I was looking for KRGG and found this! (BS-NJ)

WIRJ TN Humboldt - 12/13 0100 - End of the Temptations “You’re My Everything,” ID for 740 AM WIRJ, then lost to KRMG. (SK-PA)

WMBG VA Williamsburg - 12/13 1700 - “Your Golden 30’s Station, WMBG 7-40 Williamsburg,” ad for Holiday Chevrolet in Williamsburg at 1705. Difficult copy. (PC-VA)

750 WAAT PA "NYN - 94.1 FM VNR - 1340 AM"

+ 12/16 0600 - Fair-poor but alone on frequency with ID at top of hour “Your memories station, WMBG 740 Williamsburg,” into MYL/NOS tunes. (MB-ON)

Olyphant - 12/13 1630 - Fair and alone on frequency, over WSJ with end of program. ID announcement reminding listeners to be sure to report hearing this program on WAAT AM 750.” PSA for glaucoma prevention from the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, into “WAAT’s Catholic Radio Afternoon” program sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal ofScranton, PA. (MB-ON)

WPDX WV Charleston - 12/15 0900 - Fair over nullled WSJ, top of hour ID: “Servng Harison County for over 50 years, this is AM 750 WPDX,” into USA Radio news. (MB-ON)

760 WWVE MA Leicester - 12/13 1615 - Fair-good in WJR null with program announcement, ad for a destination in midst of program “At this time WWVE Leicester must reduce power as required by the Federal Communications Commission.” (MB-ON)

WCHP NY Champaign - 12/3 1545 - Program ending with polka-style song in FF, then switched to WSS with screaming woman, under WJR. Tentative report verified by QSL on 12/11. (SK-PA)

790 WTSK AL Tuscaloosa - 12/11 0610-0645 - USC gospel programming with Brother Jay, ID, music. (GM-VA)

WSKO RI Providence - 12/3 1952 - Excellent // WEEI-850 with Celtics basketball, “AM 920, the Scole” slogan, legal ID at 2010. [Not AM 790] – (DY) Later CIGM QRM. (JEK-MD)

CIGM ON Sudbury - 12/13 1851 - Canadian sports news, then at 1856 “Prime Time Sports on the Telemedia Sports Network” and at 1900 “AM 750 CIGM, owned and operated by Telemedia Radio, Inc.” After weather, 30 minutes of continuous C&W music without commercials (PC-VA)

300 CJQB ON Belleville - 12/10 1720 - End of PSA’s, “That’s what’s happening in Springfield” (Belleville), C&W. Live DJ mentioned contrast “on 800 CJQB,” and an ad for a business in downtown Trenton at 1725. Over, under CKLW. (SK-PA)

810 WMJH MI Rockford - 12/9 1633 - End of Dan Rafter commentary, ID’d as being “on the songs you love, we play them all day on Magic 810, where the magic is the music.” Alone. (SK-PA)

830 WMMI MI Shepherd - 12/9 1715 - Tentative with end of SSB dominated by female voices, and an extra “Ah-ah” or similar after “home of the brave.” This is the only station that would sign off this early; WKTX would be 1745 and I’ve heard their signoff many times. Also there was a lot of uncommanid Western Ohio and Michigan stations coming in tonight. (SK-PA)

WXII NC Kernersville - 12/15 1659 - Four-city ID (Kernersville, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point), news simulcast with News Channel 12 at 1700, excellent signal but abruptly gone at 1700-40 power cut/pattern change. (SK-VA)

WKTX OH Cortland - 12/15 1650-1700 - Christmas music in SS, ID in 8th heard. (WM-MD)

840 WBYL AL Mobile - 12/8 1703 - “I’m Sandra … for WBHY AM,” tough under WHAS. (SK-PA)

WCTY SC Columbia - 12/1 1705 – Ad for Holiday Inn Express, mention of Port Jackson, SJD. (WM-MD)

KOA CO Denver - 12/13 0117 - Denver Broncos update, ad for Rocky’s Auto, ID “Sports Radio 850 KOA,” Donnie Star talk show giving number (303) 713-8385. Good signal, making its yearly appearance. (SK-PA)

880 KRVN NE Lexington - 12/18 1714 - Fair or better over, under WSJ, both kinds of music, Western and Country. “Blue” tunes, such as “Blue Shadows on the Trail” and two versions of “I’ll Have a Blue, Blue Christmas,” add for Willis Shoe & Boot in Grand Islands, Peerless Irrigation in Kearney & Louisville, ID 1730 as “KRVN Lexington, Nebraska,” giving CST/MST time checks and Nebraska news. (HF-MI)

890 WHNC NC Henderson - 12/14 1650 - Weather, gospel, ID assumed from hearing 919-599-xxxx phone number in local ad. Wiped out before 1700 ID time by CJDX.

WBAJ SC Blythewood - 12/8 1703-1710 - Good with various short KEL programs, one
on Christians and Christmas in India. Sign-off gave address twice: 241 River Chase Road, Lexington SC, but missed zip, maybe 29072? New. (JEK-MD)

900 WJLG GA Savannah - 12/17 0454 - Very good with UC gospel music, ID after every song as "WJL 900, the Life," omitting the "G." At 0500 ID as "You're walking in the Life, WJLG 900, the Life." Lost at 0809. (PC-MI)

WILC MD Laurel - 12/13 1731 - Fair in CHML null with news in SS, ID by woman in BE. "This is WILC AM 900, transmitting from Laurel, Maryland," then back to SS. (MB-ON)

WBRV NY Boonville - 12/13 1542-1559 - Part of ad "free removal of your old appliance," business with Adirondack in name, partial ID at 1559 "all your friends here at the Moose, 99.3 and 101.3 FM." Talking was tough under CHML, C&W was easy to hear. (SK-PA)

WCER OH Canton - 12/17 0100 - "Tell your family you're spending the holidays with WCER Canton." What an ID - and after hours, too! (SK-PA)

CHML ON Hamilton - 12/13 0110 - Art Bell program, sci-fi theme music spot "Classical Music on Space, the Imagination Station," ad for Mr. Rooster, "900 CHML weather and traffic on the nines," and "Homestown Radio 900 CHML," over SS stations as discussed the recent WTO conference in Seattle. Call from listener, and gave phone number 1-888-416-8333. Above and all alone on channel to 1700 (pattern change), then just OLD station (WAMD-MD) and someone with Carolina Panthers football. Finally got through on the 888 number, and learned that CBZ is not a CBC affiliate but does carry some CBC programming. (JEK-MD)

910 WYLI OH Marietta - 12/10 2120 - Male announcer through clutter with calls, then SID as "Sports Radio 9-10 WLTY." (PC-VA)

WJCW TN Johnson City - 12/10 1706 - Call letters only through evening QRM. (PC-VA)

CHRL PQ Broyhill - 12/15 2235 - Presumed with FF talk, under WBZA. (JEK-MD) + 12/9 2147 - Weak to fair, "News Talk Radio KARN," G. Gordon Liddy program. (JEK-MD)

WBA A IN West Lafayette - 12/15 2200 - All jazz format, heard end of program "920 AM WBAA West Lafayette . . . produced. Thanks for listening," This is on 24 hours. I was sure it was them, just couldn't get an ID before. (SK-PA)

KDH L MN Fairbault - 12/6 2208 - Break on "the network network," ad for steak house open at 9 a.m., ID "Your radio home of the Minnesota Vikings, on 920 KHDL." Strong in mix, I'll bet on day pattern. Only MN #8. (SK-PA) [Actually, I used to hear them regularly in Michigan in the early 80's, so their night pattern does send some signal your way - DY]

WMNI OH Columbus - 12/14 1733 - Surfaced over CKNX with local news, ID "All the news you need when you need it, on the new 920 WMNI." (MB-ON) + 12/16 2030 - Good with detailed sign-off and new calls confirmed, (PC-VA) + 12/20 1941 - Good with country bluegrass music, ad for local music store selling longwire (w/nulled. (JEK-MD)

WOKY WI Milwaukee - 12/18 2000 - ID at top of hour, heard in mix (WM-MD)

CJCH NS Halifax - 12/17 1950 - Fair to strong, all alone, with PQ at Halifax hooket, ad for First Choice Haircutters (HH-PH)

CKNX ON Wingham - 12/12 1805 - C&W, "One Big Country Family, CKNX." (DL-MD)

930 WDLX NC Washington - 12/10 1690 - Ad for Phonics Game, then "You are listening to News Talk 9-30 WDLX, serving eastern North Carolina since 1942." (PC-VA)

WMAC GA Macon - 12/10 0700 - Health commentary program, then "Your talk and information station, News-Talk 9-40 WMAC Macon." (PC-VA)

WGM Y MI South Haven - 12/4 2145 - Good with calls, nos (Andy Williams, Petrolia Clark) music, new. (MB-IN)

KVSH NE Valentine - 12/3 2133 - Presumed with several mentions of Valentine, new. (MB-IN)

WGOG GA Valdosta - 12/10 2042 - Fair with calls, mention of Georgia, AC music. #10 on 950 for me, new. (MB-IN)

WDIG OH Steubenville - 12/11 1919 - Live DJ ":/9 at WDIG," playing more mainstream UC music. More dominant WGOV plays rap, not UC oldies. (SK-PA)

WPEN PA Philadelphia - 12/10 1621 - Ad for Deko Furniture, then "WPEN is the place for . . . " disappearing. (PC-VA)

CFAM MB Altona - 12/20 1705 - Well over WWJ and other usual pests with PSA from Central Gas (subsidiary of Manitoba Hydro) for installing carbon monoxide detectors in the home, detailed weather for entire province of Manitoba, aids for Star Choice Digital Satellite Systems in the Altona Mall and C&W Electric in Altona. (MB-ON)

960 WRNS NC Winston-Salem - 12/1 1803 - C&W song heard, "Fine Country," "95.1" ID's, strong signal. (WM-MD)

WILT PA Mount Pocono - 12/4 0109 - With clear "93.5 WSBG" ID, it's my previous unit here. Not logged often, but recently. No mention of AM calls, AOR format and not REL. Again 12/5 1903 with FM ID. (JEK-MD) + 12/9 1853 - ID as "93.5 WSBG," no AM ID then or at 1900. (PC-VA) + 12/19 1745 - All alone with "93.5 WSBG" ID's, strong signal on a bad skip night. Dual "WSBG-WILT" ID at 1753. Pattern must be messed up, so you guys out west should try for this. (HH-PH)

970 WERH AL Hamilton - 12/8 1553 - Ad for Mars(?) Supermarket, event sponsored by the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce. C&W. Way down. (SK-PA)

WLKY KY Louisville - 12/9 1844 - ID "9-70 WLKY Radio," over others in flutter. (PC-VA)

WAMD MD Aberdeen - 12/5 1955 - Calls, oldies. Never heard on night pattern (at 48 miles) until often in the past week. (JEK-MD)

WJMX SC Florence - 12/15 1705 - End of ABC news, then TV-13 local weather. ID as "WJMX News-Talk 790." Into Andy Thomas local talk show. (SK-FY)

CBZ NB Fredericton - 12/6 1655-1700 - Presumed with CBC Cross Country Checkup program, followed by CBC speech, then back to CBC. (MB-IN) + Presumed with CBC Cross Country Checkup program, then longwire (w/nulled. (JEK-MD)

WEIS AL Centre - 12/8 1844 - "Good morning, your country favorites are on the way from WEIS." Supposed to be 30 watts. (PC-VA) [But then again, they thought it was morning. If you can't distinguish day from night, no wonder you get the power fooled up. - DJY]

WNTY CT Southington - 12/7 1943-2002 - Presumed with pop Latin music, all in SS, patterns. (MB-OH) + 12/16 1930 - Noted SS in fight with w/nulled CBW, heard several "Radio Mundo" or "Radio Mundial" slogans. Stuck with them in the hope that this might be Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, or even just another Castro-baster, until hearing EE jingle "AM 990 WNTY" at 2000. Not needed; QS/Led in 1978. (MB-OH)

1000 WMUF TN Paris - 12/9 1734 - "Remember our name, WMUF," under poorly nulled WMVP. (PC-VA)

1010 WIOJ FL Jacksonville Beach - 12/15 2130 - Poor, calls and OLD music, way over WINS, CFRB. (JEK-MD)


1030 WQSE TN White Bluff - 12/14 2155-2203 - High school boys basketball game, Dixon County vs. Waverly Central Tigers, last score was 29-26 with Waverly leading, Tape of 8 minutes sent to station. Signal good to poor, under and over with WBZ, two male announcers. (RM-IN)

1070 KNX CA Los Angeles - 12/20 0429-0452 - Loud on peak over the jumble, with top stories at 0430, "KNX news time 1:31." First time heard since the 70's (and I had a longwave then). (PUBL-MI)

1080 WKGX NC Lenoir - 11/29 1730 - C&W sounding music, ad for local music store selling bluegrass records, weather, temperature, time check, mention of Lenoir, back to music. Poor-fair in WTIC null. Again 12/16 1755 with country bluegrass music under, over WTIC, aids for local stores. (WM-MD)

1090 WQNL PA Pittsburgh - 12/4 1700 - Good with detailed sign-off and new calls confirmed, WTIC null. (JEK-MD)

1090 KAAY AR Little Rock - 12/9 1641 - Severe thunderstorm warning for Saline and Grant Counties, "This is AM 1090 KAAY," and "Instant information on the Arkansas
here rather than WRIV, but I don’t think there is a White Plains Book Store in White Plains – at least I’ve never seen it. – [DY]

1410 WBZA \ NY \ South Glens Falls – 12/4 1839-1900 – Network talk show, “1410 WBZA” ID, from WRLM, poor. (DT-ON)

1420 CKSL \ ON \ London – 12/12 2000 – “AM 1410 CKSL, where we play the hits of yesterday and today,” then smothered by One on One Sports. If I hadn’t heard the NOS, I’d have thought they were top 40/AC. (SK-PA)

1420 WVJS \ KY \ Owensboro – 12/4 2106-2121 – OLD pop music, “1420 WVJS” ID, QRM from WACK, poor. (DT-ON)

1420 WHOK \ OH \ Cleveland – 12/6 2125 – Presumed with REL program, mention of Summit County. It’s the only one that fits. (JEK-MD)

1430 WSNW \ NJ \ Newark – 12/15 1930 – Promo for upcoming Perry Como Christmas special, “Sunny 1430.” (RJ-NC)

1440 WJLL \ NY \ Niagara Falls – 12/12 1922 – Song “Wayward Wind,” PSA for holiday season, mention of U.S. Postal Service, time check, traffic report, ID. (WM-MD)

1450 WSGO \ NY \ Oswego – 12/2 1640 – BBD instrumental, ad for Syracuse Agway (RJE-PA)

1450 WHIS \ WV \ Bluefield – 12/2 2300 – Caught ID in pause from unID SPT talk station. Seldom heard, though night patterns favor this direction. (JEK-MD)

1450 WCRS \ SC \ Greenwood – 12/11 2226 – Presumed with ad for bank in Spartanburg, popping up in the jumble. (SK-PA)

1450 WCIM \ VA \ Highland Springs – 12/12 1859 – Presumed with ad or promo for something in Richmond, in jumble. (SK-PA)

1460 WZNZ \ FL \ Jacksonville – 12/1 1902 – Intro to talk show, ID. (WM-MD)

1460 WGNX \ NY \ Albany – 12/4 2304 –Poor with multi-city ID, C&W format mention, rare here. (JEK-MD)

1460 WKWL \ PA \ Harrisburg – 12/9 1723 – Ad for furniture store in Harrisburg, song “Battle of New Orleans,” weather forecast. (WM-MD)

1470 WMHD \ IL \ Peoria – 12/4 1814-1850 – Network post-game sports talk show, CBS news, ID as “News 1410 WHMD,” weather, poor. (DT-ON)

1470 WKTQ \ KY \ Paducah – 12/9 1745 – “Oldies 1470,” ID. (WM-MD)

1470 WQXL \ SC \ Columbia – 12/9 1705 – Traffic report with mention of Columbia, “The Voice of the Bible.” (WM-MD)

1470 WHRD \ WV \ Huntington – 12/7 1714 – Sign-off (despite Log listing as U1) with “At this time AM 14-70 WHRD, Huntington ends another broadcast day.” (PC-VA)

1480 WADR \ NY \ Rensselaer – 12/23 2130 – Christmas music, ID’s “This is 1480 WADR, WLPQ 15-50,” NOS. (DL-PA)

1480 WTOY \ VA \ Salem – 12/20 1938 – Pretty good signal for 20 watts night power, “14-80, a W, a T, an O, and a Y.” (PC-VA)

1490 WCDY \ NY \ Sidney – 12/13 2005 – ID “Your… station, AM 1490 WCDY,” popping up in the jumble. Station # 1500. (SK-PA) [Congrats! – DY]

1490 WMRN \ OH \ Marion – 12/16 2056 – In and out with mention, “Kids say the darnest things... Saturday from 9 to 10.” (HJJH-PA)

1490 WALEY \ WV \ Princeton – 12/8 2230 – Promo “Hear Paul Harvey Monday through Friday on WALEY AM 1490,” popped up in jumble. (SK-PA)

1500 WDDZ \ IL \ Zion – 12/2 1644 – Presumed with Radio Disney playing that horrible record that uses the music track of Buffalo Springfield’s “For What It’s Worth,” under WTOP. (SK-PA)

1500 WMJL \ KY \ Marion – 12/11 1640 – Message for Kentucky Bluegrass Association in Frankfort, mention of Kentucky network, call letters, C&W. KSTP was alone for 10 minutes, then WMJL came in equal to or under them, and then WTOP returned 1644. (SK-PA)

1550 WZDK \ CT \ Bloomfield – 12/16 0625 – Radio Disney // WQEW-1500, heard ID as “Radio Disney 1550” but no calls. (RJE-PA)

1570 WWWW \ GA \ Atlanta – 12/7 1650 – UC music, “Your WWWW,” in a big mix. (SK-PA)

1570 WILQ \ FL \ Fort Myers – 12/17 2201 – ID “Your full-service local information source, AM 15-70 WILQ, Fort Myers,” followed by news. Peaked momentarily above the crud. (PC-VA)

WXLN \ IN \ New Albany – 12/17 2033 – Basketball game between Jeffersonville and Silver Creek, with Jeffersonville leading 51-23, “WXLN AM 15-70” during time out. Faded up over jumble, then back down. (PC-VA)

WVPL \ TN \ Tuscumbia – 12/18 1503 – Ex-WKDB, USA Radio news, followed by alternative medicine program. ID 1531 “WVPL Tuscumbia” and “Catholic Family Radio.” Appears to be a new format, related to call letter change? (PC-VA) [I think they were WVPL when they were “Nasty 15-70” sports, not – [DY]

1580 WISN \ WI \ Milwaukee – 12/18 0534 – ID “AM 15-70 WISN Warren,” mixed in with others. (PC-VA)

1580 WSWV \ VA \ Pennington Gap – 12/15 0700 – ID, way under WISP, into news (RJE-PA)

1580 WJVA \ IN \ South Bend – 12/21 2113 – Fox, mix of Christmas and C&W music, “AM 15-80 – country WJVA.” (HH-MI)

1590 WSMO \ NC \ Camp Lejeune – 12/8 1640 – ID in talk segment. (RJE-PA)

1590 WYKQ \ OH \ Columbus – 12/3 1745 – Promo and ID. (RJE-PA)

1590 WBLN \ KY \ Lebanon – 12/17 1650 – Promo “One timeless song after another, and the latest news from 24-hour Newswatch, along with the Mutual Network. The station of your life is 15-90, WLBN.” Atop the evening chatter long enough for easy ID. (PC-VA) [Guess nobody told them that the Mutual Network has gone by the way of all flesh. – [DY]

1600 WSMN \ NH \ Nashua – 12/16 1635 – Weather, local ad, ID. (RJE-PA)

1600 WHFY \ NC \ Clayton – 12/15 1646 – Hymn, then promo for broadcast birthday greetings, ID, more REL music. Last heard in 1972 (RJE-PA)

1600 WCBG \ PA \ Chambersburg – 12/17 0630 – Weather, ID. First time at this location. (RJE-PA)

1600 WSCM \ CA \ Camden – 12/9 1710 – Atop with two local ads, traffic, and a partial ID before WAKR came back. New. (RJE-PA)

1600 WOKB \ FL \ Winter Garden – 12/23 0029 – Caught “WOKB Winter Garden-Orlando” ID, weak in a real jumble.

1600 WINX \ MD \ Rockville – 12/12 1020+ – Off! WPDC-PA good and unidentified with R. Unica programming. Very frustrating as I listened for many hours without a local ID or mention. (JEK-MD)

1600 WMCR \ NY \ Setauket – 12/9 1440 – Atop with “MCR Radio wishes you Happy Holidays,” then holiday music. Rare, and very early, no sign of usual WWRW, WPDC, WHOL mix. (RJE-PA)

1600 WTTF \ OH \ Tiffany – 12/16 1650 – Briefly atop with weather, ID. New. (RJE-PA)

1600 WJSA \ PA \ Jersey Shore – 12/17 1625 – Ad for Montoursville merchant, promo. (RJE-PA)

1600 WFIS \ SC \ Fountain Inn – 12/10 1800 – Atlanta Hawks vs. New Jersey Nets NBA game, numerous ads for local businesses in Laurens, S.C. Quite strong. (RJ-NC)

1630 KCJJ \ IA \ Iowa City – 12/16 1830 – Local news, weather forecast, ID. (WM-MD)

1650 WHKT \ VA \ Portsmouth – 12/8 2015 – Charlotte vs. Hampton Roads Admirals minor league hockey game. (WM-MD)

830 TIS \ GA \ Atlanta – According to the local newspaper, “Park Radio 830 AM” is now operating at Hartfield Atlanta International Airport, with a signal range of 2 miles. (TP-CA)

1610 TIS \ GA \ Watkinsville – 12/16 0640 – First noted at this time with woman giving “information for December 16” and “Mars Hill Road will have one lane traffic,” but no other location clues, Causeway Infor Radio was co-channel at the time. Again 12/17 1730 with woman, except did copy phone number (706) 769-3975 twice each pass, which turned out to be Oconee County Emergency Management in Watkinsville. Poor-feats peaks through Tarpin Springs. Nothing about this one in FCC online TIS database. (DC-FL)

1610 WPLS727 \ MI \ Port Huron – QSL received. (GHD-WV)

1640 WXNY474OH \ OH \ Dublin – QSL received. (GHD-WV)

1640 TIS \ FL \ Unknown – 12/12 0120 – Relaying NOAA Weather Melbourne, poor to fair but readable on top of pile. A commercial station or a TIS? (DC-FL)
with nonstop relay of Melbourne (FL) NOAA Weather Radio (WX70 162.55 MHz), which I believe is also still relayed via Orlando (KHE63 162.475 MHz), clear but weak. Is this a new interior central or central-East Coast Florida TFS? Frequency is blocked daytime locally by nearby 820 kHz MW harmonic. (TFL-L)"

UNDID MA? Boston? – 12/13 1750 – Briefly good with poorly accented FE, some WKSH QRM. If this is the Boston pirate, does anyone in the area have any info like "call letters," station slogan, or actual location? (JEK-MD)

1660 WDCX OH Cincinnati – 12/16 1545 – ID "You are listening to WDCX, located at 460 W Crescent Villa Rd. In Cincinnati, Ohio, operated by USA Digital Radio, and owned by Ulron Corporation" in a long tape loop, with test tones, snippets of records, part of a stage play. I’m sending a report; hopefully I’ll have details on this, or someone else will. (SK-PA) [Probably a transmitter testing facility – DY]

OFF THE INTERNET
Sheldon Harvey of CIDL sends this information on the latest 690/940 situation:

"I took a look at the webpages of 940 News and Info 690, our two new all-news radio stations in Montreal. The "Under Construction" panels are gone and some information, albeit limited, is now available on the pages.

"First the two URLs: "940 News http://www.940news.com; "Info 690: http://www.info690.com"

"The information on both sites is very basic. Each page has a link to the other station. One interesting piece of information appearing on both pages is the notation that they are broadcasting on the two most powerful AM frequencies in Canada. I think a few other stations across the country might have something to say about that!

"On the 940 News site, there are links to CNN Radio and to Bloomberg News. On the Info 690 site, there is just one link. That is to AFP-Agence France Presse, which further down on the page is noted as being the station’s source of international news.

"Of particular interest on the Info 690 site is the mention that LCN will be available on the station from 10 PM to 5 AM Eastern, Monday to Friday, and from 10 PM to 6 AM on Saturday and Sunday. LCN is the all-news French language cable TV service of the TVA television network in Montreal. This confirms rumors which were circulating that the LCN network audio feed might replace Info 690 programming during the overnight period.

"The launch of the two all-news stations went on as planned on Tuesday morning, December 14, at 11 AM Eastern, with really little fanfare. 940 News was a little bit more ambitious than Info 690 with their introductory kick-off. Both stations now seem to have settled down into the half-hour news wheel format. "A lot of self promotion was done on the first day of broadcasting, with the story of the start up of the stations appearing in most of the hourly newscasts.

"Again, the official call letters of the two stations are CINW 940 News, and CINF Info 690. The simulcasts are appearing on 600 and 850 kHz, the former CIQC and CKVL stations. Metromedia CMR, owners of the stations, have received authorization from the CRTC to simulcast for a period of up to six months. Whether they will do so remains to be seen.

"On a final note, I received a few phone calls from some people who thought they were hearing other stations coming in behind the signals of the two services. Actually what is happening is that the stations have decided to employ sound effects behind several of the featured items on the station. At times there are what sound to be newswire type sounds in the background. At other times, there are sounds of people talking, plus other background sounds and effects. I assume to create the image of a "busy" place. Interesting, but somewhat annoying after some time. [Sounds like the traditional sounds of WINS in New York! DY]

And, as usual, from Scott Fybush, information from his wonderful weekly e-mail newsletter: "NorthEast Radio Watch," used by permission:

"Just as it did in Dallas and Denver this fall, Crawford Broadcasting has dropped the religious format from WDCX (990) in Rochester, replacing it with a locally-generated (or, in any event, very slickly voice-tracked) standards format as "Legends 990," WGLZ(AM), complete with FAMs jingles. For those keeping score, this is callsign number six (WNYR, WEZO, WRWM, WCMC, WDCX, WGLZ) and format number eight for 990 in the twenty years it’s been on that frequency.

"Not only was WEHH (1590 Elmira Heights-Horseheads [NY-DY]) still silent, there was a mound of filth dirt where its own flag once stood on Latta Brook Road in sight of Route 17. NEW wonders whether WEHH will eventually return as a diplex on co-owned WLEM (1410)’s nearby towers.

"We stop in Schenectady to note the sale of Off-Track Betting’s AM station, WVKZ (1240). Ernie Anastos’ company is paying $137,000 for the graveyarder, which will drop its sports programming (including horse-racing!) to simulcast the adult standards of Anastos’ WUAM (900 Saratoga Springs) as the ‘Moon.”

"A last-minute message from Sheldon Harvey up in Montreal informs us that 690 is dipping off the CIQC (600) site, while English sister “940 News” (whose calls will in fact be CIWN, not the previously-announced CKNN) is dipping off French-language CKVL (850)’s towers a few miles to the east. Simulcasts will reportedly continue on 850 and 600 for up to six months.”

ADDRESS UPDATES

770 WEW MO St. Louis – Mailing address is invalid. (SK-PA)

940 CINW PQ Montreal – Temporary address is 89 St. Charles N., Longueil PQ 1H4 1C5, Canada. Phone is (905) 686-6786 and CE is Robert Ashby. (DT’ON)

1240 WEBJ AL Brewton – Mailing address is invalid. (SK-PA)

1380 WMJR KY Winchester – Does anyone have a correct address for this station? (GHD-WV)

1450 WFFY NY Rome – Mailing address is invalid. (SK-PA)

1510 WJKN MI Jackson – Address is 1092 Jackson Crossing, Jackson MI 49202. Tom Krawczak of the station called me on the telephone and interviewed me on air concerning his hearing this station. (GHD-WV)

REPORTERS

PLB-MI Phil Boersma Spring Lake – Realistic 14-795

MB-ON Mike Brooker Toronto – Panasonic RF-2200, RFB-45

MB-IN Mark Burnis Terre Haute – RS, Kiwa loop, 80’ LW

PC-MI Peter Campbell Ann Arbor – Radio Shack Optimus

PC-VA Perry Crawford Winchester – RS, Kiwa loop, 100’ RW

DC-FL David Crawford Gainesville – Leggins sent via TLK-FL

GHD-WV Harvey DeLeureure Hendricks –

RJE-PA Russ Edmunds Blue Bell – Car radio and whip

SF-KY Steve Forrest Somerset – ICF-1010, Radio Shack loop

HI-MI Harold Froodge Midland – RS71A, 85/170 RW’s, 100’ broomstick coil

HHJ-PA Harry Hayes Wilkes-Barre –Trans-Oceanic, Kiwa pocket loop

BG-NJ Bob Galenstein Maywood – Drake RBB, Kiwa Loop

GH-KS Gary L. Houdek Munden – UnID help

RJ-NC Russ Johnson Lexington – CC Radio, 160m inverted “vee”

SC-Town Shippee Stephen Kennedy Coal Township – Superadio III

JEK-MD Joe Kenthe Uniontown – 5W8, 950’ NE LW

JEK-MD Same location, but on the Superadio III, RS loop

TLK-FI Terry Krueger Clearwater –

DL-MD Dave Larabee Columbia – RS8590, LW’s

WM-MD William McGuire Cheverly – DX830

RM-IN Richard J. Miller Mishawaka – DS-392, Terk AM Advantage antenna

GM-VA Greg Myers Richmond –

TP-GA Ted Powers Columbus – Local news

TS-MI Tom Sanders Lexington – ICF-890

BS-NJ Bob Smolarek High Bridge – Superadio I

DT-ON Don Treford Scarborough – TY-305, wire over outdoor balcony

LVH-NC Loyd Van Horn Brasstown – R72, 175’ LW WNW-ES, Autek QFI-A filter

DNY-DY David Yocis New York – RS71A, random wire

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXO


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**Please note** my new e-mail address: <renfrew@localnet.com>. The old address is no longer working.

Reporters! Please follow the exact format that you see below. Making modifications requires a lot of extra time on my part that I would rather use to be with my family, to save the world, and/or to DX with!

Not much time to research items from other publications. This is the deadline week that I would most like to skip altogether because of Advent/Christmas responsibilities at church.

Nothing like DXing to enrich one's life. Radio has encouraged my interest in languages over the years, so when I paid for an oil change at the corner gas station, I said "tessekurr edeheb" (thank you) to the Turkish man who ran the place. Their jaws came close to hitting the floor. Who knows, when I finally hear that Turkish station on 1062 kHz, maybe I'll have some friends to help me write the letter!

I hope all have a happy, safe, peaceful holiday and New Year. /Jim

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530 UNID, DEC 11 0259 - Still a semi-regular here. Noted with SS male singing, poor in RVG null. [Thomas-FL]
535 GRENNADA, St. George's, DEC 11 0127 - Soft-spoken women in EE at poor/fair level. [Thomas-FL] DEC 13 0004 - Very good with US preacher talking about family arguments. [Connelly*O-MA]
540 NICARAGUA, Managua, DEC 7 2300 - YNOW noted in passing with ID as "R. Nicaragua" (not Nicaragua). Poor under WQTM & WDAK. [Thomas-FL]
550 JAMAICA, Montego Bay, DEC 8 0033 - Fair with nice reggae. [Thomas-FL]
555 VENEZUELA, Miranda, YVKE, Caracas, DEC 13 0003 - MUNDIAL ID; slightly over other Latin Americans. [Connelly*O-MA]
560 ST. Kitts & Nevis ZIZ, Basseterre, DEC 12 2327 - "Oh Holy Night" sung by a male vocalist in a black gospel style; excellent. [Connelly*O-MA]
565 UNID, DEC 10 0145 - There's someone else here with ZIZ and causing a SAH. Canvas detectable in ZIZ null and roughly looped CenAm/northern SAM. Absolutely no hope for audio. [Thomas-FL]
570 UNID, DEC 12 0133 - Fair carrier with weak acoustic guitar. Garble from 570 masked anything useful. [Thomas-FL]
575 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC R. Cristal, HIMS, Santo Domingo, DEC 13 0006 - R. Cristal mention; under Reloj-Cuba. [Connelly*O-MA]
580 COLOMBIA DEC 12 2359 - "R. Monteria" mentions and an HJ call, not sure if the actual ID of this station or a different network affiliate (with this one probably the listed HJHP Cali). [Connelly*O-MA]
585 JAMAICA, Galina, DEC 8 0010 - RJR atop with news about firefighters. [Thomas-FL]
590 UNID, DEC 10 0158 - Someone betting the crowd on 580. [Thomas-FL]
595 CUBA R. Rebelde, CMKV, Urbano Noris, DEC 12 2322 - SS talk // 710) about "Guananamo... provincia oriental"; huge. [Connelly*O-MA]
600 COLOMBIA DEC 12 2319 - Phone-in SS talkshow with local mentions, then announcer used expression "Y2K" and laughed; way over CFCY & WPKO. [Connelly*O-MA]
605 COLOMBIA R.CN Antena Dos, HIJKM, Bogota, DEC 13 0008 - SS talk about Colombian 'Toleria', then R.CN Antena Dos ID; loud. [Connelly*O-MA]
610 UNID, DEC 10 0223 - The only time I've heard this one. Male shouting in SS, then a heartfelt ballad. Quickly good; hatchy DF says deep CenAm/northern SAM. [Thomas-FL]
615 CUBA R. Progreso, CMHG, Santa Clara, DEC 12 2316 - almost operatic SS male vocal // 890, over WPAN. DEC 13 0100 - // 890 with Strauss Waltz; huge, totally dominant. [Connelly*O-MA]
620 CUBA R. Rebelde, CMQ, Arroyo Arenas, DEC 12 2331 - dominant with SS talk about events in Cuba. [Connelly*O-MA]
625 PUERTO RICO WSKN, San Juan, DEC 12 2319 - Phone-in SS talkshow with local mentions, then announcer used expression "Y2K" and laughed; way over CFCY & WPKO. [Connelly*O-MA]
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640 PUERTO RICO WAPA, San Juan, DEC 12 2311 - SS baseball coverage with mentions of Puerto Rican cities including Caguas; stop WRKO. [Connelly*O-MA]
645 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, DEC 12 2332 - EE preaching // 6090) about the need to spread the word of God; loud. Montreal not noted (though audible a couple of hours later on the car radio on Route 6). [Connelly*O-MA]
650 COLOMBIA R. Net, HJCC, Cali, DEC 13 0013 // 810 with SS sports; dominant over Jamaica. [Connelly*O-MA]
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710 JAMAICA, Kingston, DEC 10 0239 - One of the less frequent Jamaicans here. JMC fair under Cuba with phone-in show. [Thomas-FL]
715 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, Port of Spain, DEC 9 0335 - Popped on top for about 5 minutes with distinctive island music and accented EE female. No ID heard, but DF agrees. [Thomas-FL]
720 CUBA R. Rebelde, CMQ, Arroyo Arenas, DEC 12 2331 - dominant with SS talk about events in Cuba. [Connelly*O-MA]
725 MEXICO XEX-730 has also been noted blasting in at 1200 UTC with the Mexican national anthem. It wasn't
INTERNATIONAL NEWS
SWEDEN: The SAQ-Grimeton, Sweden station, which periodically activates on 17.2 kHz, will be going on the air for two special transmissions to mark the New Year. January 1, 2000 at 1200 UTC, and January 2, 2000 at 0600 UTC. For complete details of these broadcasts and the station itself, please check out their webpage: http://www.telemuseum.se/grimeton/newyear.html. [Sheldon Harvey, QV, in Medium Wave Circle e-mail list]

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@Mark Connelly, DX'ing from South Orleans MA; Drake RSA, 30-mile wire (running east), MFI-1024 active whip, Superphaser-1 phasing unit.
@Ragnar Damm, No JID's here NAC.
@Steve Francis, Alcoa TN.
@Gerry Thomas, Pensacola, FL; R-8/Quantum Loop/Quantum Phaser.
@John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO; Drake R-8, 4-foot Box Loop.

K-State station marks 75 years
By Matt Moline; Special to The Topeka Capital-Journal

MANHATTAN — Not many Kansans would consider a pair of ordinary-looking windmill towers as worthy candidates for the prestigious National Register of Historic Places.

But to broadcasting pioneers at Kansas State University's radio station KSKU, the towers are priceless antiques - the original antennas for the state's first public radio outlet, which went on the air 75 years ago in December.

The two towers officially were declared national landmarks on Aug. 27, 1983, thanks to timely intervention by a group of station staffers, including former manager Ralph Titus, who lives in Manhattan.

Although Titus acknowledges the 140-foot twin spires would have been barely tall enough to catch enough wind to pump water in a thunderstorm, the antenna-topped towers managed to blanket the state - and much of the nation - with loud-and-clear educational radio programs for more than two decades, beginning Dec. 1, 1924.

"A lot of people on campus at the time thought they were ugly and wanted to get rid of them," Titus said Sunday. "They're not pretty, but they are of great historic interest."

Replaced by a 425-foot-tall transmitter completed in 1947 at the north edge of campus, the vintage towers stand near Nichols Hall, site of the original studios of the station, initially known by the call letters, KSAC - short for Kansas State Agricultural College. The call letters were changed in 1984 to reflect the school's shift to a broad-based academic curriculum.

"Besides the fact that the first towers were built by an Illinois windmill company," Titus said, "the first transmitter itself was picked up from a Navy surplus sale."

Because KSKU's original broadcast frequency was known as a clear-channel assignment, the station's signal could be received by listeners from coast-to-coast, enabling the school's research and extension service to enroll more than 11,000 long-distance learners in home economics and animal husbandry classes during 1925, according to Titus.

A irport management and local officials now have the right to demand the state have truly become a college of the air, as it was promoted at the time," Titus said, "with a campus that was said to extend from California to New York, and from Texas to Canada." In 1932, the station set another broadcasting milestone, one that enabled county extension agents across the state to show illustrated filmstrip presentations in community schoolhouses, while simultaneously piping in an audio track broadcast over the air from Manhattan.

"We've heard a lot of stories that a lot of these one-room schoolhouses didn't have electricity at the time," Titus said. "But somebody would usually drive up a car equipped with a generator to a window, and run an electrical cord inside so everybody could hear and see the program."

Current manager Larry Jackson expects to begin transmitting a digital signal sometime after the year 2005, while also returning to a full-time broadcasting format. Since 1929, KSKU has shared the 581 AM frequency with WIBW in Topeka.

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DXing 'smart', with shared tips and requests by NRC members

Perry Crabill <pcrabill@visualink.com>: Here are my comments about counting stations: I keep my all-time log in a GWBASIC computer program I wrote myself. It has a separate sequential file for each channel, 530-1700 kHz, and I add each station as I log it for the first time. Another program is arranged to access these files for a master print-out, which I do from time to time, and this provides a station count. I avoid counting a call letter change as a new station by editing the file, adding an asterisk as a suffix to the station's old call, and the program doesn't include such calls in the overall count.

More on DXing in cars:

John D. Bowker <cwa2wen@juno.com>: Ragnar, I'm going to have to buy you a genuine Radio Shack cassette recorder ($29.95) that fits on the car seat next to you. I will then buy you about 30 feet of speaker wire and put a 1/8 inch plug on one end, and then (here's the tricky part) solder the other ends onto the terminals of the rear speakers in your Buick. It will run out of the trunk, into the back door and across the back floor to the recorder that's up on the seat next to you. Guaranteed no one will notice...especially when you're alone in the car. The plug connects into the "Aux" input of the recorder. Sound crazy? Uh-uh. I have been doing that for 25 years and many of the IDs on the Travellog come from such a hook-up in my cars and motorhome. I am careful to keep the C Cells in that recorder reasonably fresh or you get awful bass distortion. About 10 hours of recording is max. Seriously, you'd be stunned at how clean a recording you can get that way. I'll also have to buy you a cassette too...I guess. Doesn't work well without one. Problems with this? Two: 1) The trunk mechanism doesn't understand about light-weight wires and tends to snap them unless they are dressed properly around the springs and counterweights. 2) Indexing the cassette. You wind up with a C-90, or whatever, loaded with all these IDs and you have no way of telling about the radio dial setting at the time a couple of weeks ago when you made the recording. We solved this by carrying a lap-top with us but that's beyond the scope of this course. PS: OH! I forgot the most important part. When you're done recording the cassette, you send it to John Bowker. And he is most grateful.

Ragnar Danneskjold: John, Are you sure your name isn't Santa Claus? You know what, I never thought of doing that. I am sure it would work very well. Sometimes I wonder how smart I really am. I know it would work but never ever thought of it. My next question though, is won't the audio in the tape recorder overload with that much signal as comes out of the back of the car? "Guaranteed no one will notice...especially when you're alone in the car. The plug connects into the "Aux" input of the recorder." Who cares who notices. I already know that I am eaten up with the DX bug. Everyone else knows that I am eaten up with the DX bug too. "Sound crazy? Uh-uh. I have been doing that for 25 years and many of the IDs on the Travellog come from such a hook-up in my cars and motorhome." I was kind of wondering how you got all the IDs. I was thinking that you would be crazy to try to stop at 5 minutes to the hour and start recording outside the car. "I'll also have to buy you a cassette too...I guess. Doesn't work well without one." You really are Santa Claus. I might try that setup with me. One of the stations. 1) The trunk mechanism doesn't understand about light-weight wires and tends to snap them unless they are dressed properly around the springs and counterweights. 2) Indexing the cassette. You wind up with a C-90, or whatever, loaded with all these IDs and you have no way of telling about the radio dial setting at the time a couple of weeks ago when you made the recording.

Russ Edmunds: With all of the DXing I do in the car, and all of the talking about it I've done here recently, I never thought of such a thing, either!! Of course the car has a cassette "player" built into it, but it won't record, obviously. I'll have to look into that!

Blake Lawrence <blake@deejay.com>: This week within two days I received two eBay purchases: A Drake R8 and a Kiwa Loop. Merry Christmas to me. These are the toys I always wanted when I DXed the first time around, in the early 70s. I can only imagine what I could've heard then, with a cleaner band, fewer 24/7 schedules, more local IDs, etc. Can't wait to haul the R8 to the seacoast and throw out (and throw back) a beverage or two.

Russ Edmunds: Not to mention that you had a much better location then in terms of QRM from other stations, etc...

Blake Lawrence: One local station vs. dozens...the middle of Colorado vs. the middle of a large city...I think I see your point, hi.

Bill FA1RJAN<worldnet.att.net>: Blake, Congratulations on your acquisitions. It is rare that both were on eBay at about the same time...the Kiwa Loop is especially difficult to find. I thoroughly enjoy my R8-B and Kiwa Loop set up and nothing works better with the possible exception of an R-390A and Kiwa Loop. I use both but the bells and whistles on the R8 series of receivers are hard to beat. Have fun with your new toys.

Blake Lawrence: The R8 was on eBay 3 weeks before I saw the Kiwa Loop. I suggest to anyone to log on to Ebay often and search for the particular product you want...if it's not there today, it may be there tonight! The Kiwa Loop was put up for sale by someone who ordered one from two places at the same time, knowing that it'd take a while to get it. When one arrived, he forgot to cancel the order for the second one, and when it arrived, he put it on eBay without even opening the box! I ended up paying about what I would have for the Kiwa direct from Yakima, but I only had to wait a week for it to arrive. I got lucky with that, but karma paid me back this week with a pretty severe hard disk crash. C'est la vie.

John Sanders <jmtresearch@yahoo.com>: Dear NRC members, Hi my name is John Sanders. I have a question: I having a problem on getting Latin American stations from the following countries: Colombia, Venezuela, Cuba. Can someone please help me? Thanks.

Paul W. Smith, W4KNX <sunray2@gte.net>: Hi John, where are you located? I wish I had your problem <grin> Where I live in Florida, every other AM frequency is Cuban. They broadcast with Ungodly high powers aimed at the US. If you let us know what part of the country you are in, we might be able to help.

Ragnar Danneskjold: Yes, you can have all the Latinos I hear here in AZ. Where are you so we can try to help you.

Paul Swearingen <pslbcBXCXER@aol.com>: John: We need to know your location before we can give you any meaningful help. However, here in Topena, the dominant station at night at 1000 (with the Chicago and Oklahoma City stations nullled) is the one in Cartagena, Colombia. It really gets out most of the year.

Randy Stewart <rcs5558@mail.smus.edu>: Absolutely the same situation in Springfield MO—RCN Cartagena on 1000 is a "pest" many nights. Its 10kW on the northern coast of Colombia seems to get out better than, for instance, RCN's network flagship station in Bogota on 770, which runs a whopping 100 kW. Paul didn't mention Venezuelans, but they tend to be as difficult for me here in southern Missouri as some of the Colombians are easy. (The best bets for Venezuela here are R. Rumbos 670, which came sometimes be heard underneath the Cuban blowish—er, blowtorch—also a 100kW station on 720 whose slogan I can't remember at the moment, and Ecos del Torres on 780.) And yes, we do need to know your location before we can give you specific targets to shoot for—your local stations, which U.S. or Canadian stations tend to dominate on various frequencies, etc. Your ability to log any AM-band DX is highly dependent on your location and the local interference situation with which you live. The same Venezuelans that are rare or nonexistent for me are logged easily all up and down the east coast, for instance. Here in the Flairies, we merely have to null out the Chicago and Kansas City clears on 670, 710 and 890 to hear the Cubans loud'n'clear on those frequencies. But again, the "best bets" for Cuba vary from region to region.

Ragnar Danneskjold: Here in AZ we get to hear R. Mil stations from Mexico.

Russ Edmunds: Does anyone have any suggestions as to how best to handle bringing two or more longwires into a house at the same point, and to be able to select among them, and yet to minimize interaction between either the ends of the wires themselves, or their lead-ins. I'm not planning to phase anything at this point. I have tried, in past installations, to use shielded lead-in, with the shield grounded,
but that's tended to either do nothing or add to the problems, although part of that could be due to mismatches due to the type of cable used. Ideally, I'd like to be able to do 3 or 4 wires, all coming to roughly the same point outside. Is there some kind of a shielded switcher I could use (either inside, or, if weatherproof, outside where the wires would first come near one another)? Thanks!

Fred Vobbe <fredv@uohn.net>: What I did was to run the antennas into some relays. What happens is that only the antenna which is selected will energize, else it's at ground. When I'm at home, I turn the power, even the antenna that is selected will de-energize and ground. Everything in the shack goes through a "patch bay" so I can pull off the termination/ground and put the antenna into a specific receiver.

Russ Edmunds: I don't know how I would do that - relays don't seem to be something I've ever played with. Any kind of a relay? How do they become energized - simply by being connected to the radio?

Fred Vobbe: I use the open frame style, although you can use just about any SPDT relay. The antenna comes into the wiper of the relay. In the position where the relay is "relaxed", that contact is fed to ground, (or in my case to a patch which allows me to use it separately). This makes every antenna at ground when not in use. When the relay is activated, it pulls down the wiper to another contact, and interrupts the one it was normally on. This breaks the ground, and switches the antenna to a common "bus". A single RG-58 loop from each "make" contact of each relay. When an antenna is selected, the contact closure routes the antenna to the bus, and then to the antenna input of the radio. Each relay is controlled by a single rotary switch. This way it's impossible to bring on more than one relay at a time. Voltage is routed through the switch and then from the switch contact to each relay. The switch sits next to it. "rigs" and the relays are near the floor with than antenna feeds. Relays are all low voltage, (+12DC). For you purists, the antennas are matches for different bands, and my 80/40 meter dipole is a flat 1:1.0 on CW portions, dito the A3S tribander, the folded dipoles, and the offset dipole. Relays are P&B model PR11A which I got over at Fair Radio for $1.25 each. Do you think this would be a good article for the NRC page at http://www.nrrcxes.org/articles?

Russ Edmunds: Yup! And/or in DXN. And I had you followed in your explanation until you got to that word "except" (that one causes more problems! <grin>) and started talking about the patch. Years and years ago, back in my pre-NRC days (pre-1963, would you believe?) I used a rotary switch (likely not a shielded one) to switch between 3 longwires erected in a triangle, and even to somehow (I forget the details) use all 3 at once as a single longwire. The I used another rotary switch to switch whatever I selected with the first one between 2 different antenna tuners. This crazy setup (and I also forget what I used to do with this thing) actually produced some directional effects, too, compared to the N-S leg.

Fred Vobbe: I was tempted to leave that out, but I do use the patch at times, especially if I need some test bench stuff, and need to lock the WWV receiver to a counter or spectrum. I just put the receiver up on the shelf and run a small cable down to A4, which is my folded dipole for E/W and it works perfectly. I work on something over the holiday. If I make the web page, then all the things are there for Paul and DXN. The page will have the text, the pictures, and all the schematics & art. I imagine you could do something as well with that setup.

We'll have more on this subject next time.

Chet Copeland <CHETCOP@webtv.net>: John Figliozzi posted this at swprograms@topica.com listserv. I posted a version to the AMDX list earlier from the St Louis paper, but it was maybe too long to get on our 'roundup' version? Let's see if this makes it. The URL is: http://www.nypostonline.com/entertainment/19312.htm: The "On Radio" column written by John Mainelli tells about a new report that says that the average number of people listening to [commercial] radio has dropped 12% in the last decade—an unprecedented 3% drop in the last year—and the pace is picking up speed. The author of the report, Jim Duncan of Duncan's American Radio is quoted at a Paine-Webber Media Conference held this week in New York as saying, "I don't think the industry is going to do anything about it until advertisers revolt."

And so far, there's no sign of that. The story says, "Even advertisers whose commercials are running in breaks as long as 10 minutes—and up to 16 minutes in the top-rated Howard Stern show—seem not to complain." The two reasons cited in the article for the audience decline are: (1) commercial clutter, and (2) it [commercial radio] keeps pounding out the same old, same old. "Darin Yelin of TD Advertising is quoted as saying, "Music programming has become dull and boring and a lot of stations are playing the same music." (Duhl/ JAF) Duncan also comments on "independent programming", in recent years, and warned that (quoting the article, not Duncan) "today's revenue-crazed radio giants are facing imminent threats from satellite radio as well as proposals to allow new low-power FM stations in several cities. "The article closes by stating that "old fashioned radio is far from its death throes" because "radio and broadcast TV are still the primary media for advertising." (The folks at Sirius Satellite Radio and XM Radio must love reading this! I'll think I'll send a few more dollars to our local NPR station. JF).

Bob Smolarek <radiobob@ptd.net>: That's nothing new about the plethora of ads on the radio. I remember in the '60's stations would play a song and then an ad or two, then another song, back to an ad. They made big deals about Twin-Spin! You remember the jingles, WABC Twin Spin! And playing the same songs over and over, that has always been the case. I remember being sick in bed around 1974 and listening to the radio all day long and after two days being totally tired of all the songs. I remember listening to talk WWDB 96.5 a few years ago and they had tons of commercials. It's nothing new for sure. It shows that radio is healthy.

Joseph <jotud@juno.com>: It basically breaks down to advertising means money. The more ads the more money. I guess you could say it the American way!!

John R. Tudenham <jotud@juno.com>: I don't believe that advertisers are getting their money's worth in today's commercial radio, especially on music stations. They run long blocks of commercials and most people I know riding in a car just change stations as many have similar formats. These music only stations seem to enjoy good ratings but provide little other service to the public. If I were an advertiser I would probably run a station that had good local news coverage, or talk station, sports, etc. In this small market we have 9 local stations owned by two companies.

Rick Lewis <ricklew@primenet.com>: Joseph, The only problem is that like anything else, too much can be worse than not enough. As listeners drown in a sea of ads, individual advertisements lose their effectiveness. Better to charge a bit more and carry fewer ads, but that doesn't seem to apply anymore.

Doug Smith <9w9sw@belksweth.net>: Yep. That, and as stations keep dropping information and useful announcements & simply play the music, they become little better than a jukebox. Problem is, "NO" radio station, no matter how well programmed, can be a better jukebox than your cassette player!

The chances that a significant proportion of your town's listeners exactly share your musical tastes are absolutely zero. Stations have to realize that while their competition for advertising money are TV, computer and the internet, their competition for listeners is all of the above, at all — it's tapes & CDs! Digital will do nothing to fix that; CDs have been digital for years (though most buy them only because they're convenient & durable) and can offer all the text information digital radio can. Radio will have a future ONLY if it learns to offer what tapes & CDs can't. That being timely information — both national and local. Rick Lewis says, "As old fashioned radio is far from its death throes because "radio and broadcast TV are still the primary media for advertising", that's correct as far as income is concerned. But I've noticed when I was in broadcasting and looked at ratings based upon audience at a given time that we were lucky if there were more than 20 percent of the people called listening to any radio station at all. If those figures from 20 years ago still hold, my challenge would be to try to attract some of the 80 percent that aren't listening! I recall one survey period when WOAI had 20 percent of the nighttime audience
More from this discussion next time. Now some antenna and receiver talk...

Michael NIXTV <thousandislands@medianaie.net>: Hi, all...just wondering if anybody uses the Terk antenna for dx. I'm trying to decide between it and the lower-priced Radio Shack model. Any thoughts?

Peter Campbell <peter@acota.org>: Recently the National Radio Club's DX NEWS printed an evaluation of the CCRadio that was extremely positive. It made me want to go out and buy one! However, there have been numerous posts made to various internet newsgroups that have been very critical of this radio. If there are any other owners of this radio, their comments about it would be helpful before I pull out my VISA card.

Eric Finley <eric_f@FlenSch.cc.org>: I have a CCRadio purchased last December. I find it performs very well indeed on MW (don't use it for much else). In fact when compared to my Sangean 909, it is FAR better.

Russ Edmunds: There have been numerous comments both here and in DXN prior to this, both pro and con. I have not seen the unit, but I have read all of the comments. The comments have been very mixed. This can lead me to conclude one of two things: either the unit-to-unit quality is extremely variable or a large number of DX'ers tuning out or testing the machines are coming to very differing conclusions based on similar facts. Clearly, if I were assured that the first was true, I would avoid it. But, since I cannot be sure that the first is "not" true, I would still be extremely hesitant to buy at this time until this sorts itself out. The other receivers mentioned in the latest review have been around longer, and have track records which speak for themselves, either positively or negatively. If I were in your situation, I would wait it out if I could, and, if I were really anxious to buy something now, I'd buy one of the other receivers which have proven to be good.

Charles C. Boehanke <kaleo@juno.com>: A couple of months ago a friend of mine brought a CCRadio around for me to check out. We only used it in the daytime but I was very impressed with its ability to hear weak signals on MW and the good selectivity it displayed. I listened to AM for about 10 kw at 18 miles, 10 kw at 15 miles, 5 kw and 1 kw at 8 miles. Every station in Hawaii was received at varying levels and everyone was good enough to ID if not actually enjoy programming. Some are close to 300 miles over mountains from my location. All testing was done outside the house (metal roof) and was directly compared to my Sony ICF-S55W which I consider to be the best mediumwave portable ever. All in all the CCRadio performed well and was basically about as good as the Sony's, a surprise to me! We just used the built in antennas for our testing. However, the Sony's FM was superior to the CCRadio although we did not play with the FM that much. For mediumwave DXing I'd say the CCRadio is an excellent choice for a portable. It is NOT a communications receiver and shouldn't be considered in the same category. I don't know what the CCRadio's battery life would be but I would imagine the digital circuitry would tend to eat batteries faster than the Sony's strictly analog inards. I have had excellent battery life with the Sony being well over 40 hours with Alkalines. I think the CCRadio is an excellent portable radio! The only real fault I would have is that it seems a little overpriced at $169.

Bill Fairbanks <BILLFAIRBANKS@worldnet.att.net>: This discussion has been 'brewing' since the radio first hit the market; fueled no doubt by CC's outrageous advertising claims. The consensus seems to be that it's a pretty good radio for the money; everybody loves the digital readout and the bells & whistles that the SuperRadio III doesn't have. However, there is a substantial crowd that believes that the level of performance varies widely between units...a common fault with the SuperRadio III and other lower priced radios, I might add. Several 'poster's have claimed to have purchased more than one radio (SuperRadio III and CC) before they got one that they were happy with. That's not too good in my book but probably no worse than the quality of some of Radio Shack's gear. After all, these are far from 'high-end' receivers. In any event, I would go ahead and buy one assuming that you have the right to return it if your not satisfied with the performance.

Mauno Ritola <ritola@opinet.fi>: "Compared to a new... AOR 7030+, there it is better on 2/3 of the MW frequencies!" If you find this portable radio better than AOR 7030+ there must be something wrong with your AOR.

Paul Swedergren: From the feedback I've received, CCRadio pretty much unconditionally guarantees the radio to satisfy and has been quick to respond to complaints. When you consider that the company pretty much has put their reputation on the line with their advertising claims (admittedly hyped) and the performance of this radio, consumers should expect no less. As I stated in the original review in DXN, if you already have all the features in your present receivers, you may not "need" to purchase a CCRadio unless you want all these features in one package.

Blake Lawrence <blake@deejay.com>: I've been searching the net and have found many sources of Beverage antenna info. Several people reading this post have probably seen many of them. Can anyone save me some time and point me toward the single, best, most complete how-to?

Neil Kazarsor <neil@earlaccess.com>: I have been using them in a variety of QTH's for BCB DXing for almost 25 years and will be happy to share my experiences with you. Basically you string as much wire as possible in a straight line with great directivity once you get out to a couple wavelengths long. 1 km in Newfoundland simply works wonders for Brazilians even on the high end of the band where it is over 5 wavelengths long. At the risk of offending others I must say that there is a tremendous amount of misleading info in BCB DX literature about Beverages and some of it is simply BS when compared to actual usage. However, there is some decent info out there as well. I'd suggest using two Bev's and phasing them to reduce QRM from pests and get good DX roll in.

Ragnar Danneskjold: Run a wire at least 1000 feet long but shorter than about 3000 feet. It is best to have it above the ground but it is not necessary. Pound a ground rod into moist soil. If you are in the desert, bring a few gallons of water or drive the rod into the river bed. Connect the wire to the rod using about a 600 ohm resistor. Play with the value until you get the best result. I have had every thing from 480 ohms to 770 ohms work best. 600 would give you in the ball park 99% of the time. Connect it to your rig on the other end. The end furthest from the rig is your antenna... that is the end you connect to your rig. I have found that for me, just running a long wire of 1000 feet or more is fairly directional even without the rod. I lay the wire right on the desert floor and it works about as good as anything.

Russ Edmunds: Check the most recent issue of DXN for the NRC Catalog. There are many publications there which should be all you should need!

Joseph Dube <dube@webtv.net>: If you already have a good rig, there are a few fellows who were interested in Beverage antennas. I've included a few sites where the subject is covered pretty well. Enjoy!

1) Baby beverage antenna for everybody — on Nordic Shortwave Center http://www.nordicdx.com/antenna/wire/babybev.html
2) W3LP on Beverages http://www.contesting.com/km9p/w3lpl.html

And one more request for information...

Mauno Ritola: The latest Adventist World Radio schedule lists their affiliate stations in Latin America, but no frequencies are given. What's my question is: does anyone know the frequency and power of R. 77K...? I saw a report of a "R..." on 910 AM and I...
We have a short one this time, but of good quality. I look for a good turn out in the new year/century/millennium. Best wishes and here we go....

Canada

Manitoba, CBW, 990, Winnipeg, partial detail card in 31 days for mint stamp (used). (Walker—MI)
Ontario, CFCO, 630, Chatham, no detail confirmation letter, bumper sticker in 1 week for mint stamp (used). V/s George Brooks, Program Director. (Walker—MI)
Saskatchewan, CJX, 940, Yorkton, f/d card and ‘thank you’ card in 22 days for mint stamp (used). V/s Bryan Moseau (VDRP), Engineer. (Walker—MI) USA
Arizona, KPXQ, 1360, Glendale, “Thanks” scrawled on KCTX / KPXQ card, and ballpark pen in 17 days. V/s “Angela”. (Wilkins—CO)
Colorado, KLIV, 550, Breen f/d letter in 9 days. V/s Sharon Harper, Sec’y. (Wilkins—CO)
Kansas, KOFO, 1220, Ottawa, f/d letter in 9 days. V/s Bradley A. Howard, GM. (Wilkins—CO)
Indiana, WFRN, 1450, Fort Wayne, 4 letter days out. V/s Brian J. Thumus, PD. (Kenny—PA)
Indiana, WTRC, 1340, Elkhart, letter, business card in 11 days. V/s Allen Strike, PD. (Kenny—PA)
Iowa, KXTK, 940, Des Moines, letter in 254 days. V/s Calvin Bierman, Production Director. (Kenny—PA)
Massachusetts, WBZ, 1030, Boston, f/d card in 20 days for mint stamp. (Walker—MI)
Michigan, WJDA, 1300, Quincy, letter, station postcard in 10 days. V/s James D. Asher, Pres. (Kenny—PA)
Michigan, WQSN, 1660, Kalamazoo full detail letter in 1 week for mint stamp (used). V/s Ken Lamphere, Operations Manager. (Walker—MI)
New Mexico, KLMD, 1450, Clayton, f/d letter in 14 days. V/s D. Ray Blakeley (Wilkins—CO)
New York, WCHP, 760, Champlain, letter in 7 days. V/s Brand B. Lloyd, PD. (Kenny—PA)
New York, WCJW, 1140, Warsaw, letter in 6 days. V/s Lloyd Lowe, Pres/GM. (Kenny—PA)
New York, WSGM, 740, Huntington, verification note written on station stationery, original report returned, in 11 days for mint stamp (used). V/s Laura E. Dobslaw. (Walker—MI)
Ohio, WDAY, 970, Fargo Partial detail letter in 8 days for mint stamp (used). V/s Wayne Miller, Program Director. (Walker—MI)
Ohio, WDMX, 1150, Lima, n/d letter, station history, football broadcast schedule, magnet and coverage map in 14 days for mint stamp. V/s Dave Ryan, Program Director. (Walker—MI)
Ohio, WMRK, 850, Cleveland, no letter detail in 12 days for mint stamp (used). V/s “WRMR Engineering Staff”. (Walker—MI)
Pennsylvania, KYW, 1060, Philadelphia, f/d card in 12 days for mint stamp. (Walker—MI)
Pennsylvania, WCCS, 1160, Homer City, n/d letter, bumper sticker in 7 days for mint stamp. V/s Kellie Sue Erwin, Office Manager. (Walker—MI)
Pennsylvania, WESB, 1490, Bradford, letter in 6 days. V/s Donald Freedeen, GM. (Kenny—PA)
Tennessee, WRJ, 740, Humboldt, verification note on original report, noted they were heard in New York, WQSN in the “frequency check” days, in 6 days for mint stamp (used). V/s Bill Carter. Note: This is the ‘Groovin’ Oldies’ station (satellite fed) everyone hears at night, but they don’t run an ID at the top of the hour window! (Walker—MI)
Hooper was highest an Saturday mornings, when he programmed the Top 24 juke box titles, culled from Cash Box, and lowest on Thursday nights, when he auditioned new, unfamiliar sides. The Todd Storz format was nothing more nor less than 'Your Lucky Strike Hit Parade rockin' round the clock.'

While Stewart was experimenting with his closed music list at KOWH in Omaha, Leeds, who had served his musical apprenticeship with several Brill Building publishers and at WNEW (assisting Al Titterling in the music library while helping perform the Art Ford and Rayburn and Finch shows) was a junior executive at General Artists Corp.

"In 1956," says Leeds, "I heard about an opening at KOWH. Bill Stewart interviewed me at the MGM label in New York. Along with a half dozen other hopefuls I was shipped to Omaha and put through a 'crash' program." Out of that group Leeds was the only one selected for a position in the Todd Storz operations. He was dispatched to WKB (Karasu City, Mo.) where, for several months, he worked under Bud Armstrong. "But I was itching to get back to New York, and I heard that WINS was looking for a program director."

Days of WINS and Roses

"Their format was neither fish nor fowl ... no ratings to speak of. They had sports with Bill Stern and Frankie Fratelli. I was playing jukebox music, and I was interviewed by Fearn and chosen in July, 1957, to revamp the operation. It emerged as a loose Top 40: about 60 titles including new sides and standards with meaning -a 'Pick Hit of the Week,' and 'Album of the Week.' Murry the K (Kashin) joined us and along with Alan Freed and Jack Lacy and a lot of wild ideas, we were #1 within six months. And we stayed there."

"I wish I could say I was responsible for the success of Alan Freed. But he was the King, bar none - the guy who took 'race' music out of the ghetto and christened it rock and roll, and he died for her to destroy the payola investigations of the late '50s."

The Probe

When the payola scandal hit the front pages with Freed, Peter Tripp, and Leeds as its major New York targets, WINS president Elroy McCaw came away from his meeting with Freed and suggested he take an extended cruise to the Caribbean.

Meld told him, "I wouldn't take a trip across the Hudson--it only prove my guilt." But McCaw finally prevailed upon him to accept a new position, as general manager of KDAY in Los Angeles.

The trial in Criminal Court was based on New York's antiquated commercial bribery law: the state would have to prove that the employee accepted gratuities without the knowledge of his employer. But when Leeds, his lawyer established, had asked for the management for a raise, he was told, "Go to your record company friends for the money." In September of 1962, the state prosecutor moved for a dismissal and all charges against Leeds were dropped.

"The people I took money from," Leeds attests, "were those I made arrangements with ... I was hired as a 'consultant' by a number of top labels. I had meetings with them in their offices, listening to masters, helping produce the Art Ford and Jack Lacy shows. And I paid taxes on that money--in fact the station's accountant handled my returns. It's laughable. People are under the impression that there were hundreds of thousands involved. The highest figure for any one year didn't exceed $10,000. I never solicited. Men would come to me and put records on my desk with $500 bills attached. I never accepted these records and we didn't play them."

Probe Refugees

"Alan Freed was a 'consultant' also," says Leeds, "but he was involved with copyrights--not just cash. Alan was incensed when the investigations began. We tried joking but still it was all downhill after that."

"He abused his body. He didn't seem to care anymore. He started living in the past, never quite adjusting to the fact that he was no longer the Great Pied Piper."

Performer-music historian Ian Whitcomb in his newly published book, After the Bell: (Top Music From Rag to Rock) affirms, "Freed lived for rock'n roll and he died for her too--destroyed by the payola investigations of the late '50s."

At KDAY, a "daytime" station, Leeds enlisted a whole-all star cast of probe refugees. Freed, Tom Clay from Detroit, Jay Michaels from Pittsburgh, Peter Tripp from New York. "Even though we made a lot of noise in the short time we were on the air, we had two strikes against us. In
the winter months we'd be off the air at 4:30 p.m. while the rest of the stations were raising hell."

Leeds' next assignment next assignment was KBLA, a "50-watt teapot station in the San Fernando Valley." Bill "Roscoe" Mercer and Humble Harve (Miller) were imported from the East. "But," Leeds maintains, "the station couldn't be heard beyond Magnolia Boulevard." Leeds quit KBLA in 1965, sold commercial packages for a couple of years, then rejoined radio with KLAC as both assistant program director and program director for sister station KMET-FM.

**Broken Bones**

In October 1970, while driving on the Ventura Freeway, Leeds swerved his car to avoid hitting a station wagon loaded with youngsters. "I later discovered that I had shaved off 110 feet of fencing. Every bone on the left side of my body was broken. I had a brain concussion and suffered loss of memory." Doctors spent nine months piecing him together.

Recovered now, but no longer in broadcasting, Leeds expresses a desire to return to radio. "It can be the most exciting medium in the world. But there are too many pirates borrowing other's formulas. In the late '50s, program directors would come to New York and tape WINS for 24 to 48 hours straight. Our slogan, 'The Station That Other Stations Listen To,' may have been corny, but it was true. There was something happening there every day. We were willing to experiment, grabbing at ideas that were fresh, timely, exciting. Some, after 15 years, are still being aired."

Perhaps its most memorable ID was a solemn, stentorian-toned pronouncement--"We are the only station in the world that can make this statement... You are tuned to 10-10, WINS, New York."

**New station to offer training for disabled**

**By Robert Feder, Chicago Sun-times Columnist**

The first radio station in the country operated entirely for the training of the disabled soon will sign on in Chicago.

A Chicago-based investment group announced plans in October to buy west suburban WAUR-AM (930) for $4.4 million from Catholic Radio Network for conversion to a sports/talk outlet operated by the Radio Center for People with Disabilities.

Brad Saul, a 26-year broadcast veteran and executive director of the nonprofit center, said the station was an outgrowth of his own battle with multiple sclerosis.

"My hope is that we can help people learn a career where they can contribute, get off welfare and become productive, tax-paying citizens," he said. (820)

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Perry Crabb W3HQQ • 225 Milam Drive • Winchester, VA 22602 • <crabill@visualink.com> It's been a long time since I've sent in a musing, despite being an NRC member for years. Up until a couple of years ago, the closest DXing was in the LW aeronautical band and 190-230 kHz, beginning in January 1990. I had logged 1,250 beacons, many of which were only 25 watts; some of these were as far west as New Mexico, Colorado, and Montana. I also logged quite a few Caribbean and South American beacons too. My best DX was Easter Island and French Oceania, with powers of 1 KW; both of these were over 5,000 miles. I finally gave the long waves up because of serious local noise problems, and began building up my BCB log, which also started in 1990. I'm now up to 550 identified stations. Incidentally, I don't bother with QSLs. I have been using a Drake R-8 since January, 1992. Before that I used a Kenwood R-3000 bought in March 1989, but didn't keep formal logs. Earlier receivers were an Icom R-71A bought in March 1986, a Kenwood R-2000 dating back to July, 1983, and a Kenwood R-1000 bought in 1982. Neither the R-1000 or R-2000 were too satisfactory for BCB or other serious DXing because of intermod problems. I got rid of the R-1000, but use the R-2000 in my bedroom. The Drake R-8 has been very satisfactory, although the AM synchro feature doesn't have a very good lock. I find that the R-8 works much better using USB or LSB for exalted carrier reception with the 2.3 kHz filter. Being able to select sidebands also helps minimizing slop from strong or poorly modulated adjacent channel stations. I found a two-foot home-brew square loop very helpful when I tried it out, and finally graduated to the Kiwa loop, whose tilt feature comes in handy for better nulling. My ope antenna is 1000' long, but less than 30' above ground. My QTH is in southwestern Virginia, about 70 miles from Washington, DC. Our AM locals are WNTW-610 and WJUNC-1400. I do a lot of my DXing around the morning and evening drive-time hours, and find them very productive. I also spend some time later in the evening mining crowded channels for occasional fades with fairly good luck.

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Greetings everyone from Brasstown, again. Been away for a while from the hobby, but am proud to be back. Here is a quick reintro/update: 20 years old, been DXing since the womb (Larry and Gayle Van Horn of MT are my parents), began AM DX in 1993 from New Orleans. KMOX-1120 was my first catch and have been hooked ever since. I am now attending Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC majoring in journalism and have 3 semester left. Here at the DX ranch in B-Town, I am using an ICOM R-72 with 175' longwave oriented WNWS-ESE, with plans on adding some more longwires soon. Was in NRC from around 93-96 but then senior year in high school and hitting the work force after graduation and attending community college took all my time. I was working at a local newspaper as Sports Editor and worked many 18 hour days into the wee hours of the morning. But just recently caught the DX bug and have been hitting the radio hard. Good catches include recent WBBW-1200, Blue Bell, PA 19422 and CRHR-3 in Honduras (Per tip from mom, another good thing about having 3 Diners in the house) and of course my favorite catch of CHER in High River, Alberta (see my DDXDE log this issue). Now up to 642 in B-Town (that is with 2 years off since 93') and 733 lifetime. Good to be back and looking forward to sharing many more wonderful times at the radio with all fellow NRC members! 73's! ---

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Hello, all. This has been one of my better seasons in several years. As usual, most of it is done in the car and at SSS and SRS. And I've recorded an almost even split between new calls and new stations heard, which is an improvement also. Lately, I've been hanging out on 1590 and 1600 as there seem to be the two frequencies here where there is the greatest likelihood of multiple stations bubbling up to the top of the heap over time, as well as the best concentration of potential new ones to be heard within a reasonable estimate. I'd already beaten 730 and 1250 to death earlier in the season, hi. Of course, with spending lots of time on stations where stations pop rapidly up and then back down, I've got a number of unIDs. These, along with the ID ed loggings sent to DDXDE. Getting to the theme of the time here, I'd have to classify my best DX catches a bit. My best domestic non-graveyard was KSVC-980, Richfield, UT, received from Parsippany, NJ on 12/6/71. That was one taped and verified. I grade this better than KRKO-1380-WA, owing to KRKO being heard on almost a clear channel. My best graveyarder is...
to call, but probably a three-way tie between WMFM-1450, Daytime Beach FL [12/21/70, verified 12/21/70], KJZ-1450, Fond du Lac, WI [1/19/76, taped Jan WPFA-1400, Fort Payne, AL [2/12/73, taped Jan. All are in the vicinity of 900-1100 miles. WMFM & WPFA were heard in Parsippany also, while KJZ was from Kinnelon, about 8 miles to the north. I don’t think I’d even try to guess at my best foreign catch - I don’t think I could. Most of my better ones were TA’s, and most were also heard by several others within a few years of when I heard them, if not on the same days, as happened on many occasions. Lots of times, these involved simultaneous DX’ing while on the telephone, and not always locally, hi. Some- day, I hope I’ll be able to engage in some serious foreign DX again, but it may never be possible from this QTH due to all sorts of electrical noise. I do hope, though, to be able to lug some decent equipment (at a minimum a loop, hi) up to the family’s summer cottage in Maine — that ought to do it! 73’s

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Been a few years since I’ve checked in, so I’ll combine two of Dave’s topics - re-intro and best catch/verie. Age is 41, been with the NRC continuously since 1974, the same year I got my novice ham license. I’ve been in the sports broadcasting business since 1981, currently announcing for two teams in the area in one capacity or another, along with doing radio/TV spots. On to more important stuff! Back in the fall of 1975, there were great conditions from the northwest to the east. In Jerry Starr’s DDX column, he included such stations as KUHH-U and KDHH-U. On the evening of 10/31 that year, around 2:00am, I “stumbled” onto 1260 and lucked into receiving CFRN from Edmonton. Incrid- ebly, it was topping the channel at times for about 20 minutes. About one month later, a beautiful picture QSL card was received. Had I been a little more DX savvy back then, I would have tried for such goodies as CBX-740 (received the same night by Bob Foxworth, who lived just a few miles away from me) and my still most wanted catch, CBU. Too much static at the current DX shack prevented me from taking advantage of CBU’s absence. One of my most interesting QSL’s was delivered here about two years ago from KATZ-1600, for a reception going back to 1976! These days, I only QSL “K” stations, new countries and DX Tests. When recently reorganizing my records, I found the reception details for KATZ (local WWRL was off the air - the good old days!). At the same time, “Continued DX’er” reported a verie signer from KATZ. Off went a letter, and two weeks later came the confirmation, with the Engineering Manager saying he showed the report to current employees who were at the station back then. They confirmed it. Now, I’m trying the same thing with ZNS-1 for a 1973 reception. This time, I sent a cassette recording of a clear ID from September 10th of that year (Remember when WPTT and KXEL would sign off Monday mornings, leaving ZNS-1 in the clear?) Still awaiting a response. My other QSL holdout is KRMK, last picked up five years ago. Two letters with no response. Anyone have luck with a verie signer on this one? Speaking of remember when - remember when KSL-1160 was arm chair copy many nights after the former WJDL would sign off? This at least the mid-seventies...Recently added a Drake R8B to the shack. It’s everything advertised but beware of quality control problems! The first one shipped had a mis-calibrated meter and passband. That was returned, and the replacement had major component failure! After speaking with a technician at the place where I purchased it, I wound up with another one - and that one is not that bad. The worst thing was when I placed an order for a spare SWR meter, and was sent the wrong model, it was a deal with was very helpful and cooperative - no problem there - but this was sloppy quality control by Drake...Just realigned and put a new battery in my original DX receiver, a Wave store GR-78. Works fine, except the meter died. It’s the same black faced, vertical, 5 scale meter that was used in one of the Heath QRH rigs - I believe it was the HW-7. Anyone know where I can get a spare? 73’s

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Aloha from my DXing location back in Paradise Park, near Kaa’au, SE of Hilo near the eastern tip of the Hawaiian Islands. I am pleased to be active again in DXing and the NRC membership after a hiatus of about 7 years. To reintroduce myself, I was born in Dundee Scotland and began DXing in Newcastle upon Tyne, NE England, in 1957. Best catches from there were WOAI, KSL, a hundred Brazilians, many US greasepads, Vietnam, Okinawa, Goa (Port. India), Japan and S Africa. I emigrated to the US in 1963 and Dxed the E Coast, Midwest, Southern and Hawaiian locations, including here in Paradise Park in an off-power location with several beverages on which I caught 13 European countries, Paraguay, Surinam, Chile (RNCL Punta Arenas-890 the best) and N Americas as far as CJB-1580 and CBA-1070. From 1988-93, I taught English in Abha, SW Saudi Arabia, from which I caught 10 or more on occasion, Mozambique, Ghana, and-or other African DX stations. There are still quite a few QSLs with modest antennas on my apartment balcony because it was politically unwise to conduct a DXpedition in the desert. Back in Hawaii since 1983, I moved later to work in Kailua Kona, where the economy is stronger than in the DX paradise of the E side of the Big Island. I still work there (I own Richard’s Fruitstand at the Kailua Kona Farmers Market, and work there Wednesday through Sunday). In Kona, the many HI stations dominate the dial and US mainland stations are weaker. But in Kaa’au, most HI stations can be nudged or eliminated with beverages or a loop while N American stations are brightly audible on virtually every frequency throughout the hours of darkness and with winter now beginning, N CA, W OR, WA and BC continue audible half an hour after local dawn, this makes it harder to hear other continents. But since moving back to Paradise Park (this time, unfortunately, on power, with increased power line noise) I have also enjoyed good reception of Europe (BBC-1295) and the authorized TV stations in the Middle East (Arabia-1521, India-1566, BBC-1410 and others). A delightful surprise upon reactivating was to find the X-Band in use. WTIR-1680 is audible dusk to FL dawn and it is nice to have an E coast state in nightly as a beacon to conditions. Since reactivating, I haven’t heard the more northerly easterners which used to be regulars such as WMPT-1210, KYW-1060, WHAM-1130, WCBS-880, WQEX-1560 and WBZ-1030, but perseverance and extending my beverages should bring these back in. On the other hand, WLW-700 and WHAS-840 seem even better than when I was. I was sorry to read (DXN V67#2, DDXQ-W) that PAT ROBERSON on his vacation in HI heard only one mainland station, KPNW-1120. He must have been in an extremely poor noise location. It is often my lowest mainlander, with KMOX under it. I’ve heard about 15 Mexicans since reactivating, also Cuba-890 and others. Turks-550 is all a powerhouse. The X-Band has been introduced in Australia too. He very careful back in, as I haven’t heard a single Aussie X-Bander in English, only AR & GK. 73 (And a welcome back to you, Dr. Wood; nice to have you back in ‘the fold’ and hope you’ll check in oft). 73’s

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Been a long time since I’ve appeared in these pages so I thought it was time for a reintro. I’m 50 and single and spent 19 years on the air at WECO-940/101.3 Wartburg, TN. I began DXing casually in the late 60’s. I became a serious DXer in ’70 and joined the NRC in ’82. I drifted away from the hobby in the late 80’s, but after losing my mother this August, I’ve decided to get back to the hobby to fill the void in my life. In my earlier days, I used a variety of consumer portables. First DX-worthy receiver was a Superadio which unfortunately was stolen, just after I had replaced the batteries. That was soon followed by Radio Shack Quantum Loop in ’76. The Quantum Loop was added in ’78 with the addition of a 500 watt signal from WHAM-1600. This was to be my DXing rig, with the Quantum Loop in, as I haven’t heard a single mainlander, with KMOX under it. I’ve heard about 15 Mexicans since reactivating, also Cuba-890 and others. Turks-550 is all a powerhouse. The X-Band has been introduced in Australia too. He very careful back in, as I haven’t heard a single Aussie X-Bander in English, only AR & GK. 73 (And a welcome back to you, Dr. Wood; nice to have you back in ‘the fold’ and hope you’ll check in oft). 73’s

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I had to cancel the WAAT test for 12/18 due to a lot of damage that was sustained from a ice storm on 12/15 in the area of their transmitter. Their 1600 watts is fed into a unipole system (a set of 3 wires mounted on the outside of the tower with insulated bars, the tower itself is grounded), and a combination of wind and ice made the wires get grounded against the tower, which the transmitter did not like...it is harder to do than the FCC paperwork! So it’s going to take a bit of work to get these back up. It’s not even the worst of DX, they do have a significance to me. WNST-1600 heard this guy running a test and decided to send him a report. It was my first report sent and my first verie received. WHYI-1190, I wasn’t even DXing when I bagged this one. I was trying to hear Fort Wayne Komets hockey on WOWO and this guy was eating him alive. He was operating under emergency authorization because of flooding in the area and this daytimer was the only station in the county. Was interested in his broadcast since Moulton is not that far from Tuscaloosa who was born and raised. That brings us to WVNA-1590. Somehow I was able to hear my old hometown local here in E TN on a couple of occasions. Sent a report and got a nice verie signed by the DJ and traffic director who had been with the station since it signed on in ‘55 and whom I knew. One of my standout log in my WKYK-940, the first CFX test I logged and arranged! Running long so I’ve got outa here, until later, 73’s (And also glad to have you back in the fold) with us Tom, hope you’ll check in oft- DXW