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From the publisher... Still looking for a DDXD-East editor. And we're considering some revamping of an existing column and perhaps one or two monthbund ones, which would open things up for a non-weekly edition.

And... after sending out 40 CPC letters, Blaine Thompson is desperately looking for more stamps.
If you'd like to help out, send him some $5 for postage or books of 32 stamps at P.O. Box 15762, Fort Wayne, IN 46885-5762. You can also send suggestions for targets at <<phred@indy.net>>.

More about addresses... We've had a few requests from members to "customize" their mailing label addresses. We'd be happy to add your call ham call in the same line as your name, but postal regs and our CASS-certified mailing software dictate what goes into the next two lines of USA members, which is EXACTLY what the USPS requires to be there for the barcode at the top and for proper delivery. Bottom line is that if you want to pay more and receive poorer delivery service, I can do it for you in a separate print run, though.

World Of Radio And Continent Of Media Shortwave-only Schedule As of January 28, 2000...
Although shortwave enthusiasts may not ordinarily be interested in our monthly CONTEMPORARY OF MEDIA, covering primarily non-SW media in the Americas. We have some new times on WWCR, and the WBCQ time has shifted. RPM may revise its frequency schedule Feb 1.


For latest revisions in this version of the above schedule see <<http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/wormasww.html>>

For complete schedule of all our broadcasts, including local times, see <<http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/wormst.html>>

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News

50 years ago... from the Jan 28, 1950 DXN: "Several DX members reported receiving letters from KTIX-149 in Tucson, AZ, thanking them for their reports, but stating that "...inasmuch as we are programming ad-lib from 1 to 6 am 7 days a week, it would be impossible to visit the times set forth in your report." (What, no log of advertisers?)

25 years ago... from the January 27, 1975 DXN: "Glen Hauser, EN7, OK pulled in ZP19-645 Paraguay on 1-13, as did Jeff Falconer in Clinton, ONT on 1-29.

10 years ago... from the January 29, 1990 DXN: "Several editors had the flu bug, AM Switch was suffering from no FCC action; and IDX editor Chuck Hutton broke his hand, all resulting in NO columns from those sources this week."
AM Switch

Jerry Starr  w8jv@yahoo.com

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

580  KLBG  LA  Alexandria  KJMJ
610  WEZN  AL  Birmingham  WRJS
960  KLAD  OR  Klamath Falls  KQX
1060  KFNA  TX  El Paso  KFXL
1130  KCIB  NM  Milan  KQEO
1160  WWON  MI  Fenton  WCCX
1190  KHAD  MO  DeSoto  KCBW
1250  KALO  TX  Fort Worth  KDEP
1280  WSQV  PA  Berwick  WFRS
1450  WDYX  RI  West Warwick  WHRC
1470  WTBL  FL  Dunedin  WLUS
1520  KQEO  NM  Albuquerque  KTY

*Kalo applied for KDEI last year, but the change was never made, and time expired, so they are making application once again.

APPLICATIONS / GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

APPLICATIONS FOR EXISTING FACILITIES

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

580  KJMJ  CA  Fresno: 5000/5000 U3
690  WWJ  MI  Detroit: 1200/5000 U4 (CP modification)
1220  CJOY  AB  Lethbridge: to 106.7 FM
1250  WHNZ  FL  Tampa: 2500/5900 U4

OTHERWISE

700  CKRD  AB  Red Deer: CP for 105.5 FM is on, AM will go silent by spring
860  WWDB  PA  Philadelphia: has begun IDing as WTCL but as of our 1/26 check the FCC database still shows these calls with WTCI still assigned to 1160 in Red Springs, NC
1120  KCLE  TX  Cleburne: information in a trade publication that KCLE has moved to 1140 (see issue 15) was in error. KCLE remains on 1120 although the towers for the new transmitter are going up as this is written. The move to 1140 and the subsequent move of KJSA Mineral Wells, TX from 1140 to 1120 is slated for sometime in March, according to the KCLE owner, Mr. Moss.

THANKS: Bill Hale, Shawn Axelrod, Ed Krejny, Russ Edmunds and Wayne Hulmon
* and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

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Domestic DX Digest

West: Bill Hale  phantom2@enze.net
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East: David Yocis  DavidYocis@com
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MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- Remember to keep your reports short and to the point. Long, rambling episode accounts of your DX will be edited. If you don't hear something which positively identified the station as being reported, maybe it should go into the unidentified section.
- For those of you either not on the Internet, or who don't read the radio broadcasting newsgroup, there was a post from a <howler1@rochester.rr.com> saying that WHAM Rochester, NY is offering “high-quality, cotton/blend ash t-shirts” on which “station logos from the 30s, 40s and today are featured.” Sizes XXL only. They sell $15 each including postage and handling. Checks and money orders will be accepted. The address is: WHAM T-Shirt, c/o WHAM Radio, 207 Midtown Plaza, Rochester, NY 14604. “Allow 2-4 weeks for delivery.” My order is ‘in the mail’.
- Tim Hall comments: “I think all nulls on the Kiwa can be described as ‘delicate’, as the thing seems to need constant adjustment. I wonder how KTNS got away with testing before local midnight? I vaguely recall a special rule for that, but I can’t remember any details.”

REPORTERS

FA-ID  Frank Aden  Boise  FRG-7 4 foot box loop <N7sok@aol.com>
AB-CA  Art Blair  Folsom  NRD-515 + Kiwa Loop
PC-VA  Perry Crabill, W9HQQ  Winchester (unid help?)
RD-AZ  Ragman Dannekejold  Mesa GE Superadio III, Sony SRF-42; Kenwood R-1000 with Zepp antenna <ldwker@juno.com>
MH-CA  Michael Hawk  Sunnyvale Icon R-70 and Kiwa Loop <hawk@globalcenter.net>
TRH-CA  Tim Hall  Chula Vista  ICF-2010, Kiwa Loop <hallstn@networld.net>
GJ-CA  Gary Jackson  Sacramento  FRG-8800 + Kiwa Loop
FM-IL  Frank Merrill  Macomb  Kenwood R-1000 + various long wires headed East- Northeast, Southeast, West-Southwest and North
JJR-WI  John J. Rieger  South Milwaukee  Drake SW-2, Palomar loop <johnriege@webtv.net>
ES-AL  Ed Soule  Hampton Grove
PT-VA  Pete Taylor  Tacoma  Sony ICF-2010, Kiwa air core loop <taytac@worldnet.att.net>
JW-CA  John Wilkins  Wheat Ridge  Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop <peakbagger3@juno.com>
DZ-WI  Dan Ziolowski  Cudahy  SONY 2010 with Kiwa Filters, Drake R8 + Kiwa Loop <danziolowski@cs.com>
Ed-TX  Editor  North Richland Hills

STATION NEWS & NOTICES

870 WQRX  AL  Valley Head - has returned to the air (don’t know when, but it was on by 12/10). They have a new owner, Good News Network, Augusta, GA. The format is still religious, but they run a lot more programming and more inspirational (light contemporary and hymn type) music (as opposed to Southern gospel on the previous incarnation), with some programming especially the afternoon drive “Prime Time America” produced by Moody Bible Institute. They use SRN Network News at 5 minutes before hour. They may change their call letters but presently still use the old call at ToH. They run three IDs together back-to-back: WPWB Byron (GA)-WFMA Sparta (GA)-WQRX Valley Head (AL) but no mention of the states (the other two are FM’s). They follow that with a promo for the Good News Network and give the mailing address: PO Box 16520, Augusta GA 30919. This is followed by mention of one of their other network stations (different each hour). As far as I can tell, the rest are FMs, but this could be very confusing. During

K-NEWS

NEWSRADIO 1100 KZDZ
their music segments they run taped weather forecasts for coastal North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, but no mention of Alabama. This is [in] their only Alabama station, and although I have not heard any time checks if they did, it would probably be in EST even though Valley Head is on CST. There is no sign-off announcement, they just pull the plug after the regular ID (this month it is 5:00 CST, I don't know if it will be any different when it changes to quarter hour). Their old telephone number is disconnected but the network has an 800 number: 1-800-926-4669. My guess is all correspondence and communication goes through the network headquarter in Augusta. This might help to identify the station if someone hears a mysterious station on 870. (ES-AL)

1200 KOQIp CA 1200-1/22 1505 - C&W all day, with no ads, IDs, or talk of any kind. Presumed this based on strength and no fading. (MH-CA)

1330 KOTOM CA 1330-1/21 0038 - Your Country 1330 and C&W; listed as SPT. (MH-CA)

1430 KQF CA 1430-1/21 0055 - NBC Sports By-Line and ID listed as SPT. (MH-CA) [I didn't know if it was an "NBC" any longer? - JIR-WD]

1570 CKTA AB 1570-1/18 2153 - 93.3 The Hawk ID. Not listed as FM in the log. (MH-CA) [I think it is next year, hi - Ed.]

1600 KUBA CA 1600-1/23 1945 - Mix of NOS and OLD music, and America's Best Music Song. Listed as C&W. (MH-CA)

1630 XEUT BN 1630-Tijusana - In my KJZ log in issue 67/14, GJ asked for an address for XEUT. See EDXO, issue 67/10. For the address as I copied it off the air. Nothing back yet for a November reception report sent to this address, however. (JW-CO)


1650 KBDJ CO 1650-1/22 1030 - With The Beat ID and religious music. In beautiful AM stereo, sounding spectacular. Heard on a Sony SRF-42. (RD-AZ)

1650 KBDJ CO 1650-1/24 0950-1000 - Very weak, with Christian music and what sounded like The Beat, KBX. Called station, and confirmed they are on the air. They said to send reports to Ted Nahal, 3131 S. Vaughan Way, Aurora, CO 80014-3510. (GJ-CO)

UNIDs and UNID Help

610 UNID ?? 610-1/6 1936 - Sounded like . . . The Lord, on Heaven 610, WATB. Assume most likely new calls in Birmingham, or is this Pennsacola? (FM-IL) [I dunna. My Log shows WATB to be assigned to 1420 in Decatur, Georgia. Maybe you heard "WAGG", the calls assigned to Birmingham. It's a 'sounds like' WATB - Ed.]

840 UNID ?? 840-1/9 1925 - The two alternating DTMP tones every 3 seconds reported by Michael Hawk [see issue 15 - Ed.] may be the signals sent when some sort of failure occurs on unattended satellite feeds. This sometimes happens on the local AM stations, and I have to call the FM DJ to do something about it. (PC-VA)

1380 UNID ?? 1380-1/15 2145 - Sounded like . . . back to basketball on 1380 WLNO. Heard on east longwire. (FM-IL) [Maybe "WNNO", Fort Wayne? - Ed.]

1500 UNID ?? 1500-1/8 0828 - Word of Life REL program just ending, with PC Box in Borger, TX mentioned. Heard again a few minutes later with GOS song. Suspect one of the Texans. Fair at best, over/under KOMH, in KSTP null. (JW-CO)

1510 UNID ?? 1510 - 1819 - Oldies station, atop WLAC, with Oldies 1510 during aurora reception, probably from E to S. No, not WLRB! (FM-IL)

1540 UNID ?? 1540-1/8 2206 - Strange one here - guy in Caribbean-speaking English mentioning Zed (?). AM 1540, and FM 101.3 after tourist ad (also in Caribbean's EE), then into SS phone talk! What is this? Sorely need ZNS, but I thought their FM is on 104.5, and not CHIN, who has FM on 100.7. (FM-IL)

1630 XEUT BN 1630-Tijuana - GT-FL's uniID in issue 67/14 sounds like this. The format, loop direction, and SS-language all fit. They usually sign off around 2130 ET. (JW-CO)

DX and Equipment Tests

1090 KTNs+ CA 1090 Oakhurst - 1/23 0000-0025 - Respectable signal poking through a delicate XEPRS null, with NOS music and occasional strings of very clear morsurce IDs. Also noted news or talk between 0000 and 0005 but that may have been someone else. Thanks to Lynn Hollerman for arranging this test! New, for California #280. (TRH-CA)

1680 WTIR FL Winter Garden - 1/24 2330 - This is a signal strength test . . . They ran ads for solar powered sundials. Then ID as WTIR, Travelers Information Radio. They said they were running a forty minute test. Then of course, 1-4 on the fours. My favorite part of the test! Ha ha. (RD-AZ)

650 CISL BC Richmond - 1/18 2331 - With OLD and Oldies 6-50, C-Isle IDs. (MH-CA)

710 KGNC TX Amarillo - 1/22 0929 - With Traffic call-in swap and sell show. (RD-AZ)

740 WIRJ TN Humboldt - 1/23 0700 - Fair, with legal ID by female, into urban oldies off the satellite. (JIR-WD)

790 KERR MT Pison - 1/22 1959 - C&W and ID at ToH. Was shooting for KOAL. (MH-CA)

790 KXXX KS Colby - 1/22 0936 - With ID K-tiple-X and a 100.3 FM ID that sounded like KQKS(?) - Then into C&W Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater. (RD-AZ)

800 KLDS CO Brighton - 1/22 0943 - Playing black gospel music. The name of the song was Faithful. In null of XEROK. (RD-AZ)

810 WTHY GA Hahira - [no date or time] - Solid Gospel 810, WTHV, Valdosta non-legal ID. I assume they use "Hahira" at the top-of-hour. On late? Listed daytime only. New. (FM-IL)

880 KRVN NE Lexington - 1/22 1950 - C&W, Central TC. This has been surprisingly hard to catch. (MH-CA)

890 WYAM AL Hartselle - 1800 - Atop, with four-city legal ID" WYAM Hartselle-Decatur- Athens-Huntsville. Not sure if they signed off then. (FM-IL)

920 WKRT NY Cortland - 1/9 2222 - Atop, with satellite oldies, call letters, and long-form FSA about Cortland TVCWA. Again on 1/10 at 0611 with 920 WRT and marveing at lack of winter so far. This time the oldies sounded live (non-satellite). (FM-IL)

940 KIXZ TX Amarillo - 1/22 0957 - With SID: Magic 940 and playing Deadman's Curve. (RD-AZ)

950 KKFN CO Denver - 1/23 2105 - With ads for US West and Tanner, Hunting Show. ID Sports Radio 950, The Fan. All sports, all the time. (RD-AZ)

960 KCTK AZ Phoenix - 1/23 1910 - Home Improvement USA talk program, with ads after every call! Occasional KCTK ID; AP News at 1900. Fair-to-good, with not much QRM. Ex-KPQX. (JW-CO)

970 KBBK ID Rupert - 1/23 1957 - Mexican songs; La Fantastica 9-70 slogan at 2000, followed by quick EE ID: KBBK Raperti, so still hasn't changed call letters to KFTA. Good on peaks. (JW-CO)

980 WONE OH Dayton - 1/21 1949 - Call ID to commercials. Nice peak. (DZ-WD)

980 WCUB WI Manitowoc - 1/19 1840 - Agricultural report . . . brought to you by an excavating company in Manitowoc. You're invited to join WCUB . . . giving phone number of 920-683-7700. (FM-IL)

1000 WDJL AL Huntsville - 1/8 1807 - With only a quick WDIL Huntsville before abrupt carrier cut, after wall-to-wall soul music oldies. Sounds like an "oops" to me (on too late). (FM-IL)

1040 WQBQ TN Powell - 1/8 1744 - With sign-off. Uses Goodnight, My Love (not the McGuire Sisters or jesus Jellybean version - not sure who) as their sign-off. (FM-IL)

1060 KGFX SD Pierre - 1/9 1824 - Right here on KGFX into sub-zero weather forecast, which faded into KYW. Very long sought for years! (FM-IL)

1070 CHOK ON Sarnia - 1/21 1958 - Call ID to commercials. Weak, but alone. (DZ-WI)

1100 KAGO OR Klamath Falls - 1/20 1000 - News talk 1150 KAGO ID into USA News. Co-channel QRM from KXTA. New, for Oregon #40. (AB-CA)

1170 WKLN FL St. Augustine Beach - 1/5 1827 - Inserted ID: . . . on AM 1170 WKLN during satellite NOS programming. New. (FM-IL)

1170 WLGO SC Lancaster - 1/18 1744 - The new 1170, WLGO after religion. On late? (FM-IL)

1180 WSAF GA Trion - 1/7 2000 - Lengthy ID and info, possibly a sign-off, giving a
1180 KOFI MT Kalispell - 1/22 1935 - Ads, weather, ID as News Talk Only, KOFI. (MH-CA)

1190 WHYI AL Moulton - 1/8 1751 - Detailed weather, with lots of northern Alabama town mentions: Continuous Country 103.1 FM WXKI. (FM-IL)

1190 WQJL FL Pine Castle - 1/8 0656 - As we begin our daily broadcast, I wanna welcome everybody to WQJL. They had already begun playing music, black/soul, with a Jamaican-sounding announcer. (FM-IL)

1190 WLIB NY New York - 1/3 (no time) - With Wake up, New York! This is WLIB, 1190, your — (no station. Finally, after years of trying. (FM-IL)

1210 KUNF UT Washington - 1/22 1006 - With ID, then playing Herb Alpert's A Taste of Honey, and Ray Stevens' Everything is Beautiful. A huge local-like signal. (RD-AZ)

1220 WSBB FL New Smyrna Beach - 1/6 1900 (during deep aurora) - With This is AM 1230 WSBB, New Smyrna Beach-Daytona Beach, and at 1915 It's one great song after another on AM 1230, WSBB. NOS format. Mostly stop rollie past 2000! New. (FM-IL)

1230 KTRF MN Thief River Falls - 1/18 1728 - Surprisingly atop, with AM 1230. KTRF. Good afternoon . . . after CBS promo, then Thief River Falls event promo. Thief River Falls is near Crookston. Hi. (FM-IL)

1230 KLLK CA Williams - 1/23 0255 - With slogans News Talk 1250 and Voice of the Redwood Empire. (MH-CA)

1230 KKXJ CA Lakeport - 1/19 1714 - Andrews Sisters singing Rum and Coca-Cola, followed by Bye-Bye Blues by Les Paul and Mary Ford. Ads to 1722, then KKXJ AM 1270 ID, then Perry Como with Magic Moments. (AB-CA)

1230 KXXP ST Thousand Palms - 1/8 0927 - With 1-on-1 Sports. Sports Radio slogan at 0946. Looped N/S . . . a definite maybe. (AB-CA)

1280 WSVE FL Jacksonville - 1/6 1900 (in deep aurora) - You're listening to gospel music at its best, on WSVE, 1280 AM, in Jacksonville. Technically, not a legal ID - isn't city-of-license supposed to follow the call letters immediately? [Yup, but I think if they include the frequency, it's OK?] - Ed] Very soft-EZ listening gospel style. (FM-IL)

1280 WBIG IL Aurora - 1/11 1933 - Noted with SS programming, Naperville ad. Believe this to be one of a part-time format. I had hoped for WADO. (FM-IL)

1280 KIT WA Yakima - 1/8 0599 - This is KIT Yakima followed by ads and Paul Harvey at 1000. (AB-CA)

1280 KPAY CA Chico - 1/23 0305 - Noted with ABC News and NewsTalk 1290 slogan. (MH-CA)

1300 KPTL NV Carson City - 1/14 0921 - Old music, PST TCS, events calendar, call ID. A newbie, for Nevada #18. The first new log of the 21st Century! (JW-CO)

1300 KKOL WA Seattle - 1/19 0859 - Legal ID, ad for Greyhound Bus news at 0900. (AB-CA)

1310 KNOX ND Grand Forks - 1/19 1903 - Call ID, Central time check to news. Fair peak, then into the mush. (DZ-WI)

1310 KXXR WA Prosser - 1/19 1103 - CNN News, KXXR ID at 1105. Tuned to 1308 kHz to avoid KCTC on 1302. New. (AB-CA)

1330 KLBS CA Los Banos - 1/14 0901 - SSB, followed by gal with EE sign-on. Then PP anthem (A Portuguesa) at 0803, followed by man in PP: A partir de este momento . . . and into PP music. Fair, with occasional good peak. No sign of usual KGAK. (JW-CO)

1330 KRFO MN Owatonna - 1/19 1849 - Weather forecast (not a pretty picture here!) With Eleven degrees here Owatonna, on KRFO. New. (FM-IL)

1340 KNSP MN Staples - 1/19 1850 - With farm and stock market info (including a long report on the Carpgill Corporation to 1855. Report was prepared by . . . the Farm Director for KWAD-KNSP. New! Didn't check to see if they were ID'd / 920. (FM-IL)

1450 KNOT AZ Prescott - 1/23 2046 - With NOS, playing Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe then Old Cape Cod. Unusual here at night. (RD-AZ)


1520 KVKCA CA Fort Hueneeme - 1/22 2034 - With ID and Beyond the Beltway. Unusual in that only during this Sunday night program do I hear them over master blaster KOMA. (RD-AZ)

1530 KSMM MN Shakopee - 1/20 0952 - Final traffic report, time check, events calendar, call
CKX SK Regina – 1/20 0734 – Tuned in during morning news program, “You are listening to the morning edition on CBC-1,” presently it is minus 29 degrees in Regina. Very impressive signal with no sign of fading. (RCP-IN)

550 WDNJ GA Gainesville – 1/14 1730 – “WDUN VIP listener’s card” promo, good over WSVA. Last heard as WGGA. (JEK-MD)

840 VIOZ NC Pinehurst – 1/12 2000 – “Music of your life, WIOZ” ID, into ABC news, about even with WGR. New and much wanted. (JEK-MD)


590 WKZO MI Kalamazoo – 1/19 1657 – Very impressive signal thank to my new Kiwa loop; usually it’s a very weak daytime under WWLK. Since getting the Kiwa I’m hearing a lot I never heard before. (RCP-IN)

640 WWZJ NJ Mount Holly – 1/18 0723 – Radio Disney format, neck and neck with WFNQ. (RJ-NC)

650 CFYI ON Toronto – 1/22 1230 – Fair, steady signal, but buried in CFQO-630 splash, ID “You’re listening to … on Talk 640, CFYI.” New. (TS-MI)

700 WWTL MD Walkersville – 1/18 1745 – Tentative with A/A, Middle Eastern music, at times very strong, covering up the Big One (WWL). Eventually lost to resurgent WLW and slop from 710 local. Also heard 1645-1710, with music and discussions on the Middle East peace process and the negotiations at Shepardon, WV. Can anyone confirm this station? (RJ-NC) [WWTTL is mostly A/A, as far as I know – DY]

750 WMTC KY Vanceboro – 1/18 1955 – All over CKAC with end of local news, into sign-off announcement mentioning “during the month of January WMTC-AM broadcasts from 7:35 in the morning until 5:30 p.m., and on Sundays from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.” (MB-ON)

790 WJMT WI Merrill – 1/14 0717 – “AM 730 WMJT” with music by Eric Carmen and Neil Diamond, local spots for Cosmo Theatre and Weaver & Sons Plumbing. Fighting it out with C&W from CKDM. Last heard when I QSL’ed them in 1990. (NJ-OW-ON)


770 WSGM NY Huntington – 1/23 2350-2356 – Fair with a few good peaks, over two unit’s, with BRB/NOlis music, one break with mention of 740 and 1100 daytime frequency, web site of www.whli.com, one more song, followed by EAN activation tones, then gone. New. (TS-OMI)

800 WLWL NC Rockingham – 1/18 0655 – “You heard it right here on Big Wave Radio, WLWL 7- Rocking,” then played “Night and Day,” very appropriate for a station operating prior to its LSR. (PC-VA)


850 KTVI NE West Point – 1/19 1726 – Local news, mention of Woodburn County, local weather forecast for Fremont, Columbus, and northeastern Nebraska, wind advisory very cold with a low of 10 above. Briefly with a great signal in

880 WKNJ NY New City – 1/12 0600 – Poor but atop din, sign-on with mention of PSRA, day, and night powers (the latter is still 73 watts, so 800 watt CP is not yet). Surprised at this on as NY PSRA’s are very rare here, PA is usually my limit 910 #31. (SF-TN)

910 WKURL NY Buffalo – 1/17 1740 – Sports, weather, local ad, “Country 920,” ID. (WM-MD)

940 WGRP PA Greenville – 1/20 1200-1215 – Weak but alone, promo for “Sunday Night Soundtrack,” request show on sister FM 107, then muddy AM-FM ID at top of hour, followed by local and regional newscasts with several Greensville and Pennsylvania stories. New. (TS-MI)
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SC Rock Hill

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MI Walled Lake

OH Cincinnati

MI Midland

NH Exeter

CT Bloomfield

NY Oneida

CO Denver

\-\11952 - NFC playoff game, Tampa Bay vs. Washington, on Westwood One, "The Bob." (WM-MD)

\-1/4 0721 - Fair with "News Radio 1200 WKST" ID, into report on local high school basketball. QSL'd as WIBZ; first time heard since the call/ frequency swap with 1280. (MB-ON)

1/18 1005 - SS format, EE ID "This is 12-20 AM, WREV Reidsville, North Carolina." (RC-NC)

1/13 2137 - Tentative with end of basketball game, John F. Kennedy defeated Petersburg. Up and down in the following hour. (SK-PA)

1/14 1950 - Good with calls, local ads, mention of Winner, C&W music. (MB-MD)

Hanover - 1/21 17810 - Ad for osteoporosis prevention, promo for local event, ID. (WM-MD)

1/22 1800 - Fair with gospel song, top of hour ID: "The Light, AM 1310 WTLC Indianapolis." QSL'ed as WTUX in 1990. (MB-ON)

1/12 2101 - ID in University of North Carolina halftime report, weak but little signal fading. Heard only twice before, in 1960 and 1983. (JEK-MD)

1/10 1025 - "Straight talk with... on 13-40 WRHL," call-in show with female talk psychologist (Dr. Laura? Toni Grant?), copied through open WPOL carrier. (R-NC)

1/14 2100 - With WRBP running OC, partial ID heard "Radio 1440 WPG... Portland," just as quickly blown out by WRBP's return. (SK-PA)

1/12 1245-1300 - Good, not much WHLS splash, sponsored remote hosted by Deano Day and Jimmy James from Lincoln Park Jewelers, several "Oldies 1460" liners. Legal ID at 1300: "Detroit's only local station, WJON Walled Lake-Detroit." (TS-MD)

1/20 2250 - Presumed with black DJ with mention of Cincinnati, in the mess. (WM-MD)

1/22 1232-1235 - Fair and alone with no splash, not bad for daytime on graveyard frequency at almost 100 miles. BB/DOS "Stardust" format with Joe Laxina, "Mid-Michigan Happenings." PSA break at 1232 "Brought to you by WMXP and WMRX." (TS-MI)

1/14 1607 - Tentative with end of Paul Harvey and fading. Dr. Laura when it came back. Lost to WNWR at 1601. (SK-PA)

1/21 1720 - Mentions of "serving the community" and "AM 1550, Radio Disney." (WM-MD)

1/17 2030 - GOS music, "Solid gospel AM 1570." (WM-MD)

1/18 050 - Craig Worthy(?) interviewing Dr. Amy Neuberger on her book "Looking Good at Any Age." Frequent references to "Mystic 1580," song "You're So Beautiful" (Joe Cocker). Legal ID: "WSRF, Fort Lauderdale, Miami, and all of south Florida." (RJ-NC)


1/07 042 - Calls only after Garth Brooks, through lots of clutter. (PC-VA)

1/13 019 - Weak under KDKNZ with... 1650 the Beat, my name is Michael Storm. Thanks for tuned in and be sure to tell all your friends about Colorado's home for today's Christian music, 1650 the Beat." Tuned in 1/25 0100 to try to tape a better ID, but WHKT had gone 24 hours by then. (SF-TN)
BALKANS: Since the end of the Kosovo war monitoring local radio stations is still difficult.

CANAL ZONE (former): Radio Canal Zone seems to be now regularly on 198 kHz (0800-1700 PM). List new reporter Doug Pifer! Not many reports this time, so I'll include some additional

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was upgraded to 100 kHz. (The Florence DX Newsletter, Italy)

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Windom via Paul Ormandy

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PAN-AMERICAN DX

590 CUBA R. Musical Nacional, JAN 22 2345-2356 - fair, one UNID underneath; classical music and "Tutu" by Miles Davis; several Cuba mentions and one "Radio Musical Nacional" ID. SS talk, days of the week, "horas" (hours), "mañana." Then a short march, different from R. Havana's short wave TOH music. Was that the Cuban national anthem? Never heard a Cuban sign off before. New [Sanders-MJ] (see Int 1 News item below - Jim)

MEXICO XEDE, Saltillo COAH, JAN 24 0845 - Long periods of lively SS music. ID at 0856. Except for the actual call, everything else about the station was mentioned about-5 times consecutively. About equal with WGN. KDWN off. (Pifer-OR)

VENEZUELA R. Caracas Radio, JAN 28 2303 - baseball game. [Renfrew-NY]

MEXICO UNID, JAN 22 0030 - SS ID as "Super...8-50", and sign-off at 0300 with XE anthem. Under XEUS [Hawk-CA]

MEXICO XEUS Hermosillo SON, JAN 22 0300 - Radio Universidad, full top of hour ID [Hawk-CA]

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STATION NEWS

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Wave outlets of Serbian Radio seem to have suffered heavy damage as they are only on the air rather irregularly on 684 kHz (Belgrade) and 1107/1269 (Novi Sad). Shortwave frequencies of Radio Yugoslavia are again active from Belgrade (East Bosnia). In the meantime many MW frequencies are used by Radio Free Europe and the VOA to Serbia and Kosovo: 1197 and 1593 kHz to talk, days of the week, "horas" (hours), "mañana." Then a short march, different from R. Havana's short wave TOH music. Was that the Cuban national anthem? Never heard a Cuban sign off before. New [Sanders-MJ] (see Int 1 News item below - Jim)

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was upgraded to 100 kHz, fed into a 425 foot tower beaming SSW towards South and Central America. The station is housed in the old US Coast Guard tower station building.

ing. The US Coast Guard left in 1980. The station is fully automated. All programs are produced in Patterson and satellite fed to the transmitter on South Caicos. During the third sale of this station the name was changed to Radio Vision Cristiana. This station is manned by a sole employee who maintains the transmitter, answers the phone and replies to reception reports. The Caribbean Cristian Radio (1020 kHz) transmitter is owned by West Indies Broadcasting Ltd., a locally registered Turks and Caicos company with shares held by an Amsterdam-based company. The old 10 kW Continental transmitter has had out of service for several months. The government leases their 5 kW FM transmitter to relay Radio Turks and Caicos, the local national station. R. Turks and Caicos used to operate on 1460 kHz, but ceased about five years ago due to severe roof damage to the studio/transmitter building. They do not have planes of returning to MW. There are approximately six low power FM stations in the islands. Three religious stations relaying the Moody Network and WVCR. One of these stations received funds from the USA and three broadcasting a combination of local music programmes and US pop music programmes received via satellite. If you have any problems getting QSL's from any of the MW stations, please let me know and I will check it for you." [T&C resident James Miller via Paul Ormandy <paulorm@es.co.nz> via hard-core-dx in ARC JAN 17]

ZAMBIA: A new 300 kW medium wave transmitter has been installed at Kabwe and is awaiting a frequency allocation. [BE via MV EKO in Medium Wave News, JAN 2000]

QUERIES, UNIDS, ETC

The 1080 logging of XEDT, Cud. Cuahutemoc, Chihuahua, quite likely did have some German language programming. There is a large German speaking Menenite colony in that area. They apparently mowed from the US and Germany years ago and are primarily engaged in agriculture. They also have a large cheese making operation that is deservedly famous throughout Mexico. Re. the time zone issue: In April 1998 Chihuahua state officials were announcing they would not change to daylight time in the Spring of 1998 and in the fall the time would revert to Mountain time in order to stay in sync with El Paso, TX. Thus, in April 1998 when El Paso went to daylight time Chihuahua state "caught up" and both areas "fell back" in the fall. Part of the reasoning was that 1.5 million residents of Cd. Juarez were always an hour ahead of El Paso and that much of Chihuahua's economic interests with the maquiladora plants and trade was with the USA via El Paso. The entire state of Chihuahua was to be on MT (standard or daylight) after the switch. The Juarez stations were giving CT before the switch and essentially MDT after the switch in April 1998. Maybe those of you who can regularly hear Chihuahua stations could check what time they give to see if the state continues to be on MT. [Cronin]

I've just noted Richard Wood's urban of November 1 on 1476 kHz. This will be Auckland 1476 where we have had BBC World Service relayed for several years - the 2000 WRTW is up to date on this, unfortunately the New Zealand listings that Paul Ormandy and I contributed to 1999 WRTW were mishandled at the editing stage so the 1999 WRTW was identical to the 1998 version as far as NZ medium wave and FM listings were concerned.) The 1476 transmitter is the old 5kw land-based unit of Radio Hauraki (now on 99.0FM). The 2 mast antenna is built within the boundaries of the Auckland City Sewerage Treatment Plant. Great to have quality BBC programming available locally 24 hours a day in Auckland! Operator is the Auckland Radio Trust which relies on limited advertising (2 minute insert made by computerised system that compresses 60 minutes of BBC programming into 58 minutes, with no discernable effect on listening) and audience donations. In a recent appeal for donations, the Trust recently said that it costs NZ$100,000 to operate (that's US$50,000, we are prepared). Of which the commercial sponsors contribute 68 percent. [Clark-NZ]

Terry - Have checked 1170 a few times to see what XE's are coming thru here, but not much luck. KV0O is massive here and I can not null them completely, although I can get a decent attenuation.

There is usually SS in their semi-null, but have not ID'd it yet. The usual XE's here are XEIB and XEYH (now XEFEM, presumably). Will continue to monitor. I could use FEM for a call change. [Wilkins-CO]

David Crawford, Gainesville, FL had a definite mention of Coatzacoalcos a week or so ago. Since my rough DFTF the week before placed it between south of Mexico City to the Yucatan, and since "Hit" (XEFEM "Hit 11-70" supposed slogan) sounds semi sort-of kinda, I suspect that it is them (call letters change notwithstanding). Also, Crawford confirmed the references to "Los Tigres del Norte" is actually a mid-evening program name. He also had them closing, as I consistently have, with the NA at 0600 (matches WRTW closing for XEFEM). So, suspect it's XEFEM in Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz. Either I have missed the correct call letters, or they have changed. [Kruker-FL]
WEB INFO

Henrik Kleemetz and Jay Novello are pleased to announce the Latin American Music styles web page, located at <http://havana.iwsp.com/radio/lamusic/>. [Novello in Frekvensnytt 1-00] Want to send a reception report to Radio Rebelde via e-mail? Use http://www.nrc.cuba.web cu where there is a part dedicated to DX’ers. [hard-core-dx in Medium Wave News JAN 2000] The Mexican gov’t URL’s for licensed AM and FM stations are finally back up, and nicely redesigned in that you click on the estadio for an alpha-by-city listing. This will be useful for Dxing. (As of today, the TV link remains dead.). <http://www.sct.gob.mx/satetalit/am/> <http://www.sct.gob.mx/satetalit/fm/>. [Krueger-FL]

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Target DX

This week we take a look at various members’ comments on how they began their DXing careers and learned about the NRC.

Walter Breville <walterb@gte.net>: Ragnar Danneskjold and Russ Edmunds both recently declared their fondness for firebottle radios. I do too! Ever since 1950-51 when I was 11-12 years old looking at the miniature towers with orange lights inside the family’s Philco console radio & believing that they caused a magic spell to bring in the radio waves by aying the transmitting towers with their red lights. I won out that 1940 vintage console by the time I was 18, then really got into DXing in the late 50s/early 60s using a Zenith model B615 table radio (6 tubes & 6 x 9 inch speaker) logging about 300 stations in 35 states, though I didn’t know the existence of DX clubs until 1964, when I discovered NRC. Got into antique radios in a big way about 10 years ago. Had to get rid of a number of sets when I moved from St. Louis to central Missouri (also 1964) then perhaps a Philco 70 cathode-ray (1931) which I’ve had since 1970, just acquired a Groan 640 console (1930, oldest set here is a Brunswick5K (same as Radiola 18 only in fancier table cabinet) c.1928. A Newcomb AV-750 8 tube AM/FM set c.1950’s/60’s is a real performer both DX & audio-wise, found at a Branson MO flea market for $38...sells school fine AVG sets like this then get rid of them for a song when they have to find ways to spend more money to “upgrade” so keep your eye out for things like this. Another of my treasures is a Zenith 1000-D Transcontinental, first of the transistorized TQ’s c.1958, still working. Plastic table sets with 6 tubes are worth looking for, still cheap among other old radios.

John D. Bowker <ww2wen@juno.com>: Walter Breville, Interesting story about your start in dxing. Question: How did you learn about the NRC? We’re always interested in learning how to strengthen the recruiting.

Ragnar Danneskjold <ldwsxer@juno.com>: Walter, Let us know what you hear on those old rigs and send in some logs. I would be very interested in seeing how those old rigs work.

Pete Kemp <kemm@bethel.k12.ct.us>: "...both recently declared their fondness for firebottle radios. I do too!" Reminds me of an old ham bumper sticker: REAL radios glow in the dark!

Walter Breville: John Bowker asked: "How did I learn about the NRC?" From about 1956 to 1963 I was very interested in BCB DX wondering if any clubs existed, took me 7 years of searching as well as wondering to find out! That’s how well the DX clubs were hidden in those years, at least in the St. Louis area. Finally I saw articles on DX listening giving addresses of NRC, NNR, & other clubs in Popular Electronics & Electronics Illustrated magazines in late ’63 & early ’64. I don’t think these magazines are around anymore, here in the Lakes Wauke area I don’t see magazines on newstands like Monitoring Times is that and Communications World still around.

John D. Bowker: I’ll let others advise on Communications World. I have not seen it in years, but Monitoring Times is available on “Books-A-Million” type magazine racks. Thanks for the input, Walter. We can see how important Bruce Conti’s work is in Pop Conn!

Doug Smith <w9wil@southbend.net>: MT is definitely still around, and I do see it on newstands from time to time. I learned of the NRC completely by chance. I was at the WISC-TV Christmas party, at a country club on a hill above the place where DX News was printed at the time. (didn’t know that) I’d just bought a second-hand ICF-2010 and was discussing it with another engineer. The husband of one of our commercial writers (unfortunately I’ve long since forgotten his name), sitting at the next table, overheard the discussion & introduced himself to the NRC...

John Callahan <callahan@register-news.com>: How I learned about NRC. I thought I and fellow seventh-graders Bob Weiss, Mac Friedman and Wayne Yunker had invented the hobby of BCB DX (we didn’t call it DX, it was “radio fishing”) back in the fall of 1947. It wasn’t until I ran across Radio and Television News in 1950 and learned of SWBC DX’ing that I knew others were doing the same thing, but I couldn’t conceive of medium wave stations sending QSL cards. Then in 1956, when I was at KCOV-1240 (now KFLY), we got a taped reception report from Roy Millar and, after I verified it, Roy 1-arranged a DX test and 2- introduced me to NRC (so he’s to blame for all of this.) On that DX test, by the way, in fall of 1956, we got two verifiable reports from New Zealand and good copies as far east as Oklahoma City. We also got two phonies reports from people who, it turned out, were notorious for same.

Russ Edmunds <wb2bh@hotmail.com>: I, too, thought that I was the only one who DX’ed AM
until I actually met someone else my age who did. Ultimately, I wrote to the old "Radio-TV Experimenter" magazine asking if there were others. Almost as soon as it hit print, I had a letter from then NRC'er Pete Rizzo and a phone call from almost-neighboring, and then-and-again-now NRC'er Ron Schiller, whereupon I joined.  

David Hogg <dhogg999@aol.com>: Here in Houston TX there is not much publicity about BCB clubs — in fact none that I can think of. I have been a SWL listener and also BCB DXer for 40 plus years and only learned about NRC several years ago (’96 I think) when I was in my local electronics parts outlet and picked up a copy of a magazine I did not normally see on the stand — it was POPULAR COMM — I flipped it open and saw something about the NRC and I thought that it was a brand new club and I read more details. I joined shortly after and also found info on the IRAA. A tip up of my hat to POP COMM. 

Russ Edmunds: Nor is there in most places (publicity about BCB clubs). And it is quite difficult for a free-lancer or other non-columnist to get anything into the few commercial publications that there are either because of perceived lack of interest, or because of the "...but we just ran one of those last year..." syndrome. And, unless the target audience actually reads those magazines completely every month, many go more 'misses' than 'hits' unless BCB could be mentioned regularly in a regular column, as it was during parts of the 1950's and 1960's in US magazines, and during the late 1960's and early-1970's by the WRTH people, who have now completely priced themselves out of the novice or unaffiliated DX'er market. 

Ragnar Danneskjold: I learned of NRC after being on FidoNet a long time ago. I joined IRAA first because of its reputation as a western DXers club. I left IRAA because of their reputation with other call. He showed me a NRC bulletin and I was so impressed with it that I joined the club immediately.

I learned about the NRC through Frank Merrill and Gary Siegel in the late 60's when I lived in Toledo. Prior to that, I thought I was the only one that ever listened to out of town stations. John Sampson says he was an IRAA member, also WPE1CBV from Popular Electronics! Those were the days. They actually had AM stations that went off the air at dark, midnight and Sunday/Monday over-night, what's an X-band? 

Bruce Conti <BACONTII@aol.com>: How I got started... Like many, I first learned about the NRC through a national magazine; Elementary Electronics, Popular Electronic, or the like. Before that, I didn't even know that AM radio stations verified reception reports. I used to write to radio stations that I had heard, requesting souvenirs such as bumper stickers and ad cards. That was back in the mid 70s. It's great to see that new and renewing NRC members are learning about the NRC through a variety of sources, including the website, novice stand magazines, and through sharing with other clubs. We've come a long way since the "cold war" era between clubs.

Paul Swearingen: "I should point out that the reason the NRC folded was that the newspaper went out of business!" Someone else probably knows more about what happened to the NRC, after it folded, but many of NRC's members regrouped and formed ADX, the Association of DX Reporters, which published in Baltimore. However, it folded, too around 5-6 years ago, and the club sent the NRC a printout of their members' mailing labels. A few of their members, including their president, subsequently joined the NRC, but I imagine most of them were AM DX'ers and joined other clubs for their specialty DX spectrum.

Randi Stewart <cj555@email.msux.edu>: I originally got into BCB DX (and learned about the NRC around the same time) from the SWL columns of magazines, like Popular Electronics & Electronics Illustrated. Several have mentioned the old "Communications World" semi-annual put out by Elementary magazine in the 70s. Anybody remember the annual Popular Electronics Communications Handbook? Same sort of deal—introductory articles by the likes of Harry Helms, Glenn Hauser, and of course Hank Bennett on various aspects of the hobby. No doubt NRC (and IRAA) were mentioned in one of the above on more than one occasion. The REAL reason I got into BCB DX was that the SW bands on my cheap Nipponese 6-band portable (Taylor was the brand name) were terribly out of alignment, and I discovered the radio's ferrite bar antenna was in the carrying handle (great increase in signal strength on AM when grasping the handle!). I first joined the NRC in 1971.

Paul Swearingen: "We've come a long way since the "cold war" era between clubs... and may none of us ever start up any kind of conflict, other than the mild rivalry that exists now, between ANY clubs! Perhaps in this era of instant communication, via the medium of the Internet, misunderstandings may be worked out quickly and satisfactorily and not linger to fester for years and years. I personally have worked behind the scenes to promote cooperative agreements with other clubs, and I'm satisfied that, for the most part, things have been perking right along for several years now, and no one in any of the broadcast band clubs (AM and FM) that I am aware of has any kind of an ax to grind."

John R Tudenham <jotud@juno.com>: "...Monitoring Times is that and Communications World still around?" MT is definitely still around, and I do see it on newsstands from time to time. I learned about the NRC in late 1958 from a ham friend of mine, Ross Harp in Amarillo TX. We went on to help host the 1961 NRC convention in Amarillo, have been a member most of the years since. Fred Vobbe <fredv@nudcxs.org>: I learned about the NRC through Frank Merrill and Gary Siegel in the late 60's when I lived in Toledo. Prior to that, I thought I was the only one that ever listened to out of town stations.

John R Tudenham: "but I'm wondering if any others were a member of the Newark News Radio Club. When they folded, they mentioned the NRC, and as Paul Swearingen said, the rest is history." A ham friend of mine in Amarillo TX "Phil Patterson" was a NRC member in the late 40s, you may remember him.

Pete Taylor <ctayac@worldnet.att.net>: I started DXing when I was 9 or 10. Somehow or other I came across a White's Radio Log and that really set me off! When I was in prep school in Chattanooga, I was hungry for stations in WY, MT and ID and wrote several of them to find out when they did their weekly equipment tests, including KTFI-1270 Twin Falls. CE Marvin Hartley wrote back and mentioned the NRC, and after a follow-up letter requesting same, gave me their address. After that, I wrote Ray Edge, who sent me one in a plain unmarked brown envelope... (only kidding) Now I have tried desperately to use restraint, but when the Editorial Heavy of a Major Market Newspaper writes a dreadful poem not only for his helpless readers but which foists on innocent bystander DXers as well, you just can't let it slip by. I hereby refer to one of This Ferson's comments during a recent commercial and it's from "The nation needs a respite from all this time talk. Let me start it from my end." Some people have said all along that...oh never mind, you finish it off!"
stayed afloat for a while after the demise of the paper. A number of the problems typical to old-line band clubs finally did them in.

Tell me, has honoring 54th year of NNRC

Paul Swearingen or Dave Schmidt would

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phone Labs in Murray Hill

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John D. Bowker: Very good, Paul S.

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was in business by then and maybe both clubs were members

Paul Swearingen or Dave Schmidt would know."... only after I dug out my

old ANARC bulletin. The oldest one (July, 1981, Vol. 17, No. 7) does list the NNRC in a "DX Calendar" listing - "General Membership Meet-

honor ing 54th year of NNRC ... etc. I'll let y'all do the math on that.

(hi, I'm an English teacher!) Also mentioned was Larry

Brookwell, who was one of my favorite DX denizens; he was the sole

prorietor of the International DXers' Club of San Diego, and one of the most interesting characters I've
ever run across in the DX world. I won't try to cough up all the memories, but he operated the club

from his wheelchair, in a trailer, and published one of the most comprehensive and valuable DX equip-

ment guides ever. You've been reminiscing about NNRC, to which I never belong; so maybe it's only

fair to drop a west-coast club into the bucket of memories, right?

Bob Smolarek <radiobob89@ptd.net>: I saw it mentioned in Communications World. Sent for a sample
copy in 1982 and was fascinated and joined up. Went to the Enfield CT convention and met Mr. Mount,

Harrison, Greene, Fela, Schmidt, Bowker, Musco, Whatmough, Dangerfield, Merrill, Vobbe, Cooper,

Arruda, Welsowski plus one fellow I don't want to mention, hi! I regret very much that I didn't join

earlier, I saw mention of the club in the early 70's but didn't follow up. Well better late than never!

John D. Bowker: Very good, Paul S.

Thank you for the research on NNRC in ANARC. Over and out.

Chris Knight <cswrdj@juno.com>: Through ICARC's Western DX Forum in 1977, I found out about the

ICARC from HCJB in Quito, Ecuador which was mentioned just after a report from SFEEDX by John Thome.

I mention the report because it quoted the "DX Party Line" hosted by Gary Howard. John T. mentioned that he

heard YNX-750 from Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin which inspired me to "check it out". The

frequency of HJCQ was 9545KHz back then. Now, HJCQ is on 9745 and 12015KHz. DX Party Line still airs,

but not that often (or often enough) anymore.

Deane D McIntyre <dmcintyr@calgary.ca>: When I started to DX the medium wave band in the

winter of 1969-1970 was far as I knew I was the only DX'er in the world, and had no idea that anyone

else had such an "odd" interest. In 1972 I got a d cheap three band Candle AM/SW/FM radio (which I

am listening to as I type this) which introduced me to shortwave DX, programs devoted to DXing,

and the existence of DX clubs. Eventually I found out about the NRC, on HCJB's DX party line, and

(about buying my first GE Superadio in 1966) joining the club. When I began Dozing, I lived in the

Toronto area, and after trying for six years finally logged the west coast (KFI=640) in the fall of 1976, on

the Candle. I challenge one today to log KFI from the Toronto area with a 50 kW local on 640... in those
days the dominant station on 640 was CMQ, Havana.

David Hopson: Yes, Callman. You are shall be dwmsbms from my older memory cells with talk of TX

Panhandle - Amarillo etc etc In 1960 or '61 (maybe '62) - I worked my way thru college by working late night - morning shift at the transmitter site of KDZJ for a short while. I can still remember the smell of "cats" inside the facilities which was located in a remote field outside the city. I also worked transmitter for KBUY "Town & Country" (Amarillo) which has long since changed call signs. I was raised 50 miles outside of Amarillo in Borger and was CE for 2 years for a tiny 500 watt station in Borger (next to Phillips TX) - KBBJ at 1600 - long since silent. KBUY was 100% automated at night. - Everyone went home and I locked the doors and did my college home work until the "silence sensing" tape recorders and Seburg carousels (spelling ??) picked the wrong 45 rpm record &introduced it as something wrong. - After synchronizing the correct record to pre-recorded tape announcements I was back to studies. (or sleep) until 5 in the AM - when I then drove 50 miles back to Borger and to a full day at local Jr. College - which was just the road from the KBBB station. I was the only engineer employed at KBBB for that semester and I checked in after each class and did whatever minor maintenance was required until about 8 each evening when I drove back to Amarillo to work automated station at KBUY - got off from KBUY at 5 AM and drove back to Borger to start the day at the Jr. College. - If you follow this routine thru I didn't allow any sleep time. - I started carrying alarm clock for the 5 AM 50 mile drive back to Borger each morning - and sometimes had to pull over on the highway to sleep 30 minutes - especially after I drove into bar ditch and scared myself to death. Yes - you made me remember the "Good old days" - I don't really know how I did it.

John R. Tudumen: Hello David I should remember you. The name is familiar but can't quite place you.

I worked part time at KDZJ (was KLYN) from 1957-1966 when I moved to Tulia, did transmitter watch and a little midnight DJ work in 1965-1966 using the name of John Roberts. I also worked at KFYA (now KFUPR) 1440 for a while in early 60's Bill Denny was chief there. Jerry Hickman the chief engineer and Dick Satter (a good friend of mine) was the NRC that was here. Yes I remember the cats well ,one got in out phasing unit one time and was fried .(someone left the cover up). I remember Town and Country 1010 KBUY well. They had great ratings for awhile almost caught up with us. I guess you were not an NRC member at the time or you would have attended our 60th convention.

David Hogg: John Tudumen - Do you remember a KBUY salesman = Ford Robertson or another KIDZ DJ named Dean Robertson?? John — are you still in the radio business at this time?? If so - where?? I went on to Texas Tech - Lubbock - got a EE degree and worked at NASA JSC for the next 30 years. After we finished the Moon mission I retired in 1995 and have my own solid state electronic design company (small) here in Houston. It is really pleasant to conjure up memories of those old radio days. - Also I have the chance to visit the "old ones" in Houston. What do you make me remember the - "Good old days" — I don't really know how I did it.

John D. Bowker: Sony John Tudemen... my affiliation with the NNRC started in the early 50's.

Tell me, has WIPC moved its towers in the last 4-5 years? The last time I drove by them about 4 years

ago, there was a FOR SALE sign on the lawn where their studio building and transmitter was. and

then, last week, I thought I was on the same road and there was no sign of the station. What can you tell me?

Russ Edmunds: As I recall, having lived in the area continuously during that period, the NNRC

stayed aloof for a while after the demise of the paper. A number of the problems typical to old-line all-

band clubs finally did them in - competition from single-band clubs and consequent financial

problems. There were also some problems with the folks who were running the club and producing the

bulletin not being able to continue for some reason I cannot recall which contributed.

I recall hearing the ANARC was in business by then and maybe both clubs were members

Paul Swearingen or Dave Schmidt would know."... only after I dug out my

old ANARC bulletin. The oldest one (July, 1981, Vol. 17, No. 7) does list the NNRC in a "DX Calendar" listing - "General Membership Meet-

honor ing 54th year of NNRC ... etc. I'll let y'all do the math on that.

(hi, I'm an English teacher!) Also mentioned was Larry

Brookwell, who was one of my favorite DX denizens; he was the sole

prorietor of the International DXers' Club of San Diego, and one of the most interesting characters I've
ever run across in the DX world. I won't try to cough up all the memories, but he operated the club

from his wheelchair, in a trailer, and published one of the most comprehensive and valuable DX equip-

ment guides ever. You've been reminiscing about NNRC, to which I never belong; so maybe it's only

fair to drop a west-coast club into the bucket of memories, right?

Bob Smolarek <radiobob89@ptd.net>: I saw it mentioned in Communications World. Sent for a sample
copy in 1982 and was fascinated and joined up. Went to the Enfield CT convention and met Mr. Mount,

Harrison, Greene, Fela, Schmidt, Bowker, Musco, Whatmough, Dangerfield, Merrill, Vobbe, Cooper,

Arruda, Welsowski plus one fellow I don't want to mention, hi! I regret very much that I didn't join

earlier, I saw mention of the club in the early 70's but didn't follow up. Well better late than never!

John D. Bowker: Very good, Paul S.

Thank you for the research on NNRC in ANARC. Over and out.
Jack Hathaway (whose first assignment after the Tegucigalpa embassy was Amarillo ABF) and, later, KIXZ's chief engineer, Jerry Hickman. It was from Amarillo in 1958 that Larry Godwin discovered the summer sunrise DX syndrome when, on relatively quiet days, Aussies and Zedders could be heard after Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, Cleveland, etc. faded out on various clear channel frequencies, even with the sun up. The channels were really clear back then... unduplicated on the West Coast and the Mountain States. I'd like to try DX'ing splits in the summer at sunrise from the Panhandle. Loops. When I was in Houston in 1966, Jack Keene built me a two-foot passive loop, tightly-wound with hook-up wire, that worked well. (Bolivia on 680 the best catch; Algiers on 890 S9+ from summer sunrise DX syndrome when, on relatively quiet days, I'd hoped I'd never have to hear or see that name again!!)

Peo: "I was an NNR member, also WPE1CBV from Popular Electronics. Was there ever a list of all the WPE call signs? I had one a long time ago, and it would be fun to see if it still exists.

Pete Kemp: Believe it or not, there was a WPE Club started way back. It was called the Great Circle Shortwave Society. The Secretary of the group was Richard Arland, WPE7BYR. The publication was called, simply enough, The WPE Call Letter. This group tried to create a master list and was a lot of fun. The group folded in 1988. I can't believe I even found the folder with this information in my files.

Russ Edmunds: "I'd be satisfied if I could duplicate the efficiency of the nelson loop. I still have one, built for the Mountain States. I'd like to try DX'ing splits in the summer at sunrise from the Panhandle. Loops.

John Tudenham: "It was from Amarillo in 1958 that Larry Godwin discovered the summer sunrise DX syndrome..." Not only that, Larry also was the first to discover that it was easy to hear Chile under those same conditions and I recall his reports of CB-76 in the clear (very late winter sunrise in South America, what we now know as classic Greyline). Remember, Vobbe, the first to discover it was easy to hear Chile under those same conditions when their licensed powers were 50 watts or less. And it is the frequency of that third frequency, a major component of the second harmonic of the frequency being heard, that determines the nature of the occurrence, and, in many cases, the regularity of occurrence which dictates to me that something other than skip is at work here. Now I'll climb down off my soapbox, hi.

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Fred Vobbe: "This group tried to create a master list and was a lot of fun. The group folded in 1988. I can't believe I even found the folder with this information in my files. I was just curious if there was a list, as I was wondering if my call was in the list.

Steve Edmunds: My WPE call was WPE5DWS. I have a huge stack of Popular Electronics from as far back as 1954. I would gladly let them go to any one who wanted them. Price can be talked about of line. They contain many WPE calls and would be helpful in making a list of WPE calls.

Patrick Martin <cwmdxer@webtv.net>: My WPE call is KLP7E3W. I got it is AK in the mid 60's. I sine have mine framed on the wall.

And we also have the conclusion of the talk on how stations operate.

Perry Crabbil: This business of night power violation works two ways. First, if it's a distant station, it lets the DX'er hear a station that he might otherwise not hear. On the other hand, if it's a local or near local, it blocks reception of other stations you might expect to hear if the offender were truly using his assigned night power. Of course, in either case it's a rules violation. Here are some of the stations I probably wouldn't have heard if they were really running the lower night power: WTK-790, AL (36 watts); WEIS-990, AL (50 watts); WPNC-1470, NC (61 watts); WYOY-1480, VA (20 watts).

Russ Edmunds: I think nearly all of us could put together similar lists. And, this illustrates another point - I wish I had a buck for every time I've seen in Musings or DXDX a DX'er noted that there's no way the station heard was operating at its (fill-in-the-blank) power of (fill-in-the-blank) watts. I've been watching a large percentage of the stations approved for these ridiculously small powers by the FCC in the first place (which was as misguided as can be) are running higher powers simply because they've realized just how few square yards they can cover with 9 or 17 or 23 watts at night!! I know that the vast majority of stations have increased power at night to make up for their night time losses for at least some period after sunset have licensed power under 100 watts.

John R. Tudenham <jotud@juno.com>: "I think nearly all of us could put together similar lists." KQXY 150 just advertised 100 watts.

John R. Tudenham: One problem if you are in an area near several local stations you will get a beat between two frequencies producing a third. I am only 2 or 5 miles from several local AM stations. On 1670 I hear a combination of WMBH 1450 and KQXY 1500. Also I heard on 1340 which QRMs semi local KSEE. This is a beat of 110 khz. Also on 1150 I hear a mix of KFSB 1310 and KWAS 1280 an 80 khz beat. The same is heard up west in the Panhandle. In the day, two of these stations cut power at night and nighttime QRM usually over rides these signals.

Fred Vobbe: "Failure to switch to night facilities is MUC, MUCH more common. There's an economic reason for this: failure to switch to night facilities actually increases revenues/profits. (even if you get caught, the fines are unlikely to exceed the added revenue...)" I have to agree, Doug. At least the three stations in my immediate area that do this are all doing it to "provide coverage". Even when notified that it's against the law, they are very indignant about anyone saying anything to them about it. Still, I love what one friend in NY told me about notifying his local station. The board op on the FM station said, "we have an AM!"

Patrick Martin <cwmdxer@webtv.net>: This thing about not being able to hear a station because of directional pattern or low power is crazy anyway. Here in the NW I have heard QSL'd many low power and highly directional stations that null this area throughout the years. Skip is using beverages, almost anything is possible.

Russ Edmunds <cb2bjb@hotmail.com>: The obvious question here is, how do you *know* that at what power or pattern these stations were operating? They clearly aren't going to admit it in the verie.

And, I think, we all can say that we have logged some stations in those catego-ries - Canadian LPRT's for example can be assumed to be the 40 watts or whatever. Although I also believe, based on my years of DX'ing, that the concept of skip on MW is overstated anyway, I agree that it does exist. But I remain unconvinced that skip is responsible for the number of stations popping through (or even dominating) on crowded frequencies on a regular ba- sis. When their license states 40 watts of night power, does the frequency of occurrence, and, in many cases, the regularity of occurrence which dictates to me that something other than skip is at work here. Now I'll climb down off my soapbox, hi.

Bob Ulm <bobulm@netcom3.com>: No issue as important as the revenue increase that can/might come with a failure to reduce power or change pattern at local sunset, is another issue. The unattended guys who use Gurrer's or some other box to do it automatically because they don't have anyone in the building. We all know that anything technical can break down, or more likely is improperly pro-grammed.

John R. Tudenham: "The board op on the FM station said, "we have an AM!" A lot of board ops on FM stations are also suppose to take care of the AM station sometimes they forget it exists. At one time KTSB 1310 here use to run sports talk and sign off at mid night, usually about 10 minutes later, or when he remembered he would slow down the big switch in the middle of a word with no sign off id. Things like this cause AM to lose more listeners, this is disgusting.

Patrick Martin: Well, in some cases you know what the power and directional pattern are. In the case of a 1 watt TIS in San Diego on 1700, a 2 watt carrier current with a wire out the window antenna-1620, WWRL-1600, WXT-C-1390, etc.

Steve Francis <pds@acol.com>: "The unattended guys who use Gurrer's or some other box to do it automatically because they don't have anyone in the building. We all know that anything technical can break down, or more likely is improperly programmed." My local WGAP-1400/95.7 burned to the ground in mid-1998 when a lightning bolt hit the studio around 9pm and nobody was there to know about it. They run the "Real Country" satellite feed except during morning drive. I did 6pm to sign-off (remember those)! at WGAP in 1980-1982 and can vouch that it would have been a simple enough matter to grab the announcer's microphone and say "this is the Fire Department. The owners had to sell the licenses to the "big boys" (South Central Broadcasting in Indiana) in order to stave off bankruptcy. South Central immediately made 95.7 part of their multi-station operation atop Sharps Ridge in Knoxville, and sold the 1400 license. So firing the announcing staff isn't always the cost-cutting solution it seems!

Robert Foxworth <foxworth1@tampabay.rr.com>: "I don't feel that hearing a station that is operating on day power after hours in cheating, as hearing a station on the internet and QSL'ing them as if you heard them over the air! Those are two different issues. Hearing a station operating on day power is a legal DX catch, but the other is cheating." I thought that hearing a station on day power, during hours when propagation is...
active, is the desired and ideal definition of a "DX TEST"!!! Of course we now have the case where a "DX test" usually is nothing more than a 24-hour station, remaining on night facilities as always, which promises to perhaps have the announcer mention a DX club once or twice. Which I reply, "why bother?" because it is never going to be no greater than the so-called "DX Test" than it would be the other 364 days when they are running the same facilities. "I don't feel we DXers should have to ride hard on stations either. A lot of the time it doesn't do a whole lot of good either."

Of course, none of us has to do any of this. DXers and hams can't force compliance. But if the stations ignore complaints because they don't want to change how they do things, and the FCC ignores complaints from DXers, where does it go from there?

Ron Gitscher: Hello Lisa, I've subscribed to this fascinating list for a couple of months and have enjoyed everyone's posts immensely. Unfortunately, I'm in the Navy and will be sailing out on a six-month drug-interdiction cruise in the Caribbean and Western Pacific from Guatemala to Ecuador. Will visit Guantamano Bay Cuba, Bonita (look at PFI-8007) Cartagena Colombia, Monte, Ecuador, and of course the Panama Canal. Will keep a log of DX on AM and CM along the way, trying to hear as much as the USA can. I'm open to any tips, must-sees, stations to look up, etc. I'm aboard the USS Doyle, FFG-39 out of Mayport, FL. I hear the electrical division. Thanks everyone for the company. I have an email address if anyone wants to ask about stations down there, feel free to drop me a line on the high seas. ve=salts@qpphul.navymil and in the subject block use EM1 Gitscher... Take care...

Next time we'll hear some more on various antennas. If you have any comments you would like to add to these proceedings, please send them either to me or Dave Schmidt for "Musings".

Musings of the Members

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I enjoyed the reprints and best catch descriptions in DXN several weeks ago, so here's a long-overdue response. I'm 44, managing editor of a furniture trade magazine. I've been at this address since August when I bought a condo on the far Northwest Side. Radio-wise, it seems pretty good here (this is a four-unit building). There is some electrical noise, but it can be nulled. I'm very close to the old location for WEDC at 5475 N. Milwaukee Ave. They moved their studios (with WCFL-1470) up the street to a hard-to-find address at 5625 N. Milwaukee. The transmitter is down at the WSBC/WWRT FM site at 5493 W. Belmont, a few blocks from where I lived from 1979 to 1991. I've been DXing since December 1970. WWL-870 is number one in the logbook. At year-end I added up the BC, totals, the first time in quite a while. I've heard 2725 AM stations, with 1282 verified and 1662 taped from 49 states (need Alaska) and 10 provinces. I've also heard 44 countries on MW. Primary receiver for the past five years has been a Drake R8 with a spiral loop I built more than 20 years ago. I'd like to get a smaller loop, but wouldn't want one that wouldn't overload from the many powerful signals in this area. I also have a much-loved Hammarlund HQ-160 and an Icom IC-70, both in need of service. Other interests include travel, long road trips, reading, maps, drawing, painting, sports, and music. I'm also interested in shortwave DXing, but haven't heard much of interest for a couple of years. In the "best-catch" Musings, several people mentioned receiving Alberta stations, and reminded me that I remember specific days and openings rather than individual stations. Like the April 1972 morning when I heard four Alberta stations in the space of two hours: CFRN-1250, CAGC-960, CHAF-1270 and CJAC-930. I had never heard an Alberta station on that occasion. Sometimes it's more fun to reminisce than to turn on the radio!

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The banquet will be at the Old Country Buffet. This will be an all-you-can-eat buffet featuring their regular Saturday night menu of (subject to change) Carved Ham, Carved Roast Beef, Fried Chicken, Baked Chicken, BBQ Ribs, Spaghetti, Penne, Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Corn on the Cob, Chicken and Dumplings, Macaroni and Cheese, French Fries, a complete salad bar, and a complete dessert bar.

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