Due to the next DXN publication date of December 24, this most likely will be the last DXN nearly all members will receive before Christmas Day, so let me wish you and yours now a 40 db over S9 on the happiness scale this holiday season, no matter which holiday you celebrate.

Card shower for Ernie... From Ray Arruda: "I received word today from Ernie Cooper's long time friend, Bob Stenger, that Ernie is now in a nursing care facility. He can no longer walk, is confined to a wheelchair, but is still reasonably alert. A holiday or get-well card or note would certainly lift his spirits. The address is Ernest Cooper - Cape End Manor - 100 Alden Street, Room 301 - Provincetown, MA 02657." How about it, NRC members? My card to Ernie, who served this club as Musings editor for over 36 years, is going out today... how about yours?

Welcome to these new members... J. F. Vervoort, Jr., Brooklyn, NY; Nicholas A. Vaksvik, Los Altos, CA; William Lederer, CIEX, Inc., Lake Bluff, IL; Janice Laws, Dorval, Quebec; Michael Townbridge (rejoins), Catlett, VA; Charles F. Washburn, Perty, ME; John Mosman, Fitchburg, WI; Steven Wiseblood (rejoins), Santa Maria, CA; Terry Roh, Veneta, OR; Steve Byan, Littleton, MA; and Doug M. Sutton, Jr., Toccoa, GA.

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1490 KCFC CO Boulder: station is SILENT
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OTHERNESS

1020 WOQI PR Adjuntas: station is SILENT

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

580 CKY MB Winnipeg: to 99.1 FM
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860 KTRB CA
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870 KLSQ NV Laughlin: station is SILENT, moved to FM
660 WFJY
620 KZTY
850 CKMA
1270 CFSR BC Chilliwack: station is SILENT, moved to FM
1240 CKGO BC Hope: station is SILENT, moved to FM
1260 WNRK DE Newark: silent station is ON AIR using a 197-foot longwire located across the street from their former location, running 250 watts daytime only
1490 KTOB CA Petaluma: station is SILENT
1550 KXEX CA Fresno: station is SILENT

THANKS: Bill Hale, Dave Schmidt, Ed Krejny, Shawn Axelrod, Ron Gitchler, Mark Durenberger & MSJ

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

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Domestic DX Digest

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MEDIUM WAVE S. A. M. B L I N G S

- We've got a great turnout from all over this week. Good to have you guys on board the DDXD-West locomotive!! Lots of news, too.
- Comments from the crowd: "After a slow start on this SRS session, a new one w/1430-KTBZ!! Still, the DX is, to me, below September levels when the dials were packed, tho it is getting better! Will try tonight [2 Dec] on SSS. Overnight taping has resulted in zilch." And later: "First SSS session in a while due to work and lousy ex! To me, this is a well-needed improvement over the past few sessions." - JRR-WI: "In the DX News I received on Monday 12-3 I noted that someone logged KSKY-660 carrying Nebraska football. That is correct. KSKY carries Cornhusker football as the Dallas-Fort Worth Nebraska alumni group pays the station to carry the games...and they have done so for at least 5 years." - WW-TX

- One more Issue before our annual Christmas break (Just like the school kids). Keep that in mind when procrastinating whether to report now or later.

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STATION NEWS & NOTES

870 KAIM HI Honolulu - According to an article in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, KAIM will sign off the air permanently by the end of December. Salem Communications Corporation, which owns KAIM and a number of other radio properties plans to move the Christian format to KGU-760. KGU’s current talk for-
mat will be merged with KHNH's (also a Salem property) news format on 650 kHz. This will give Salem, who also owns KRI A in Glendale, California, to upgrade this station to 50 kW. KGU's new slogan will be "15 in Music. You West Coasters, who haven't logged KAIM, keep 'em quick!" [Posted on the NRC's AM@DXAS.org list serve by Patrick Martin, from a message from Doug Lamerson]

1050 WDZ IL Decatur - Eric Loy posted a note on the Illinois Radio Airwaves site (http://www.statesradio.com/index.html) stating that the new AM Log states that WDZ - 1050 in Decatur, IL is listed as a daytime, but has been licensed as an over night, radio station. Howcum?!! Another reader on the board posted this response: "The FCC created an opportunity for WDZ, and others to operate 24 hours at 500 watts, year around, since WDZ did not have the capability. When a new transmitter was installed, WDZ began the three step power decrease, and increase as well. (WDZ) has nighttime operation." Another response said: "The FCC gave WDZ a LOT of room to upgrade this station to 500 kW. However, "Legibility tests," each consisting in some aspect of DIA. (MB-DX)

1070 KFDI KS Wichita - 121/1 1400 - Lots of reports of KFDI changing to KFTH, but they are still KFDI. Never changed.

1090 KJCE TX Austin - 12/3 - Format now talk/sports as: The Juice 1370. Ex: Adult R&B. (www.100000watts.com)

1370 WQMS MS Quitman - 1271 - Now sports; ex: C&W. (www.100000watts.com)

1480 WTDA WI Madison - 14 October 2002 is the date planned for them to terminate broadcasting on this frequency. They are now 100% daytime watts. "Legibility tests," each consisting in some aspect of DIA. (MB-DX)

1550 WTUX WI Madison - 123 - Ex: WHIT. Drops sports for standards (Jones McYk). Slogan is: The Jux. Carries CNN News at 30 (Radio/DX Information from Wisconsin)

UNIDS and UNID HELP

620 UNID ?? - 11/26 0313-0330 - With syndicated C&W program. Suspect 'Truckin Bozo' on KDIB but no indication given by female announcer. Terrible KFRC-610 slop. (DKK-CA)

1420 UNID ?? - 12/3 0745-0810 - Someone with Money Line Radio Network in out thru QR. More out than in. ABC News atop at 0800 but dunno if the same station. Talk formats out here are KUJ and KTAN. Anyone know? (DKK-CA)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

WNOE-AM Keep It Country Stereo 1060

540 WPDIS548 CO Denver - 125/5 0045 - TIS station at Denver International Airport noted running an impromptu DX test for the past several days. Alternating between three different "legibility test" messages and a 2.45 long selection of Mozart music with an ID between each that mentions they are licensed for 10 watts. ID ends with the phrase "we are testing". Thanks to John Wilkins for the tip on this. Very unusual to hear music on a TIS. This station has been dark for over a year. (PG-CC)

540 WPDIS548 CO Denver Int'l Airport - 12/2 0918 - Back in action again after being silent for a couple of years. Noted with classical music and IDs as Denver International Airport Radio WPDIS548, the same call they previously used. Also had three "legibility tests," each consisting of some aspect of DIA. (JW-DC)

1610 WQFM988ND Devils Lake - 12/1 1616 - HAR station with new call sign. With info on the roads and lake conditions. (MB-DX)
then another Talk 980 K-USA ID. Continued with news. Whazzup???. (DKK-CA)

990  WCAZ IL Carbondale - 122-1 0817 - Poor, though clear, with echoes, sports, calls. (JRR-WI)

990  KRMO MO Cassville - 122-1 1750 - Fair, with . . . seeing the Ozarks since 1950, this is KRMO . . . Alone and NEW! (JRR-WI)

1000 KOMO WA Seattle - 12/1 0319 - With Art Bell. This is the first time I heard them in a real long time. (KR-AZ)

1020  KDKA PA Pittsburgh - 11/28 2000 - I was on the phone to Powell Way III and he had his radio tuned into KDKA. I had mine tuned to KINE. Roswell, NM could hear something under KINF but didn’t know what it was. As I listened while talking to Powell, I asked him to put the radio near the phone he was using because it sounded very much like what was under KINE. It was KDKA. There was a reporter doing the weather named Frizzell [?]? and they were talking about illegal immigrants possibly being terrorists. It was a heck of a surprise for me. (KR-AZ) [DXING by phone, new. eh? - Ed.]

1030  WCTS MN Maplewood - 11/29 0859-0907 - Musical recording, VID, SRN News, Minnesota and Wisconsin news read by Steve Davis, and weather. Fair signal in tune, but gradually overpowered by KTWO. Verified via e-mail by Station Manager Dennis Whitehead. (BM-SD)

1030 KCTA TX Corpus Christi - 12/2 0657 - Fair, - WBZ nulled - with ID. REL. (JRR-WI)

1100 KFXF CA San Francisco - 12/1 0300 - ToTID after a program called Reasons to Believe, a kind of religieu-scientific thing. They have a website www.reasons.org. KFXF is a rare catch for me. KFNX was off the air with a SP. (KR-AZ)

1130 KFAN MN Minneapolis - 11/30 0832-0836 - Two guys discussing Vikings/Steelers game to be played on Sunday at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. Play-by-play will be broadcast on KFAN. Fair signal at tune in, but gradually faded. Verified via e-mail by Senior Chief Engineer Aaron White. He told me about this website, which has a great photo of their 9 towers taken from a hot air balloon: geocities.com/aaron_white/doug.html. (BM-SD)

1140 KSOO SD Sioux Falls - 12/2 1733 - Fair, with Eleven, four, Oh, KSOO in station promo. (BM-SD)

1150 KXTA CA Los Angeles - 11/26 0046 - Krispy Kreme ad. Kim Daniels show discussing Rams-Buccaneers game. QRM from a Ssr, plus others. (RA-NV)

1170 WWVA WV Wheeling - 11/29 2014 - Coming out of preacher program with legal ID. This is WWVA, Wheeling West Virginia. In your correspondence with these ministries, be sure to mention WWVA, Wheeling, West Virginia. Spot for a “one-of-a-kind” Christmas tree with 100 bulbs, autographed by various stars of Jamboree USA and Capitol Music Hall. WAY atop frequency when I null KVOO (180 miles away) but not from a station several hundred miles distant. (RS-MO)

1200 WCBB MI Taylor - 12/6 2050 - Good-to-excellent, with WOAI nulled, with contempor¬ary gospel/Christian music, promo for Mildred Caddis (sp?) in the morning . . . the voice of Detroit, WCBB AM. New log for me; wonder if they forgot to turn on Xmitter? Listed as 25kW/500W. (RS-MO)

1280 WWTC MN Minneapolis - 12/6 0857-0901 - End of Savage Nation program, traffic report, weather report, VID and Fox News. They call themselves AM 1280 the Patriot, news/talk around the clock. Good signal over usual Denver station. Another attempt to verify is being made. (BM-SD)

1300 KTWK CO Colorado Springs - 12/2 0550 - ID, and playing We Need a Little Christmas. New. (KR-AZ)

1310 WDDO TN Chattanooga - 12/2 0651 - Fair - no usual WBIA. Southern Gospel Hour on WDDO, ad. weather. (JRR-WI)

1340 KCBL CA Fresno - 11/30 0143-0206 - Popped out of jumble with . . . all sports 13-40 KCBL. (RK-CA)

1350 KBID CA Bakersfield - 11/27 1945 - Overscoring KSRO with Christmas carols and ID. (DKK-CA)

1390 WTJS TN Jackson - 12/3 0130 - Fair and steady, above the clutter, with Music of Your Life, Johnn...
nitely the Lubavitchers. http://www.therebbe.org has much information about Moshiach (presumably pronounced the same way); see also http://chabad.org/moshiach/index.html. Probably a re-broadcast of a program intended for legitimate radio stations; at the end of the loop at 2210, there was mention of how you could hear this on WWMI (something teens forty (13407 13407 16407). Since this log, I’ve heard the station during the daytime. They’re audible pretty much all day from my location in Monmouth County, New Jersey, which leads me to believe that the station in New York City, or at least in the NYC metro area. The Lubavitchers have their headquarters in Brooklyn, and probably their largest community there, too.” (RB-NJ)

Bruce Conti in Nashua, New Hampshire also heard them: “11/29 2250 – Good; Hebrew vocals, then a Jewish educational program, over an UNID utility station. Jim Renfrew reported this as “Lubavitcher Radio” via dxftp@ncxvas.org, but no location given.” (BC-NH)

As did Jim Renfrew: “11/29 2222 - first noted thanks to a tip in DX Listening Digest e-mail, seems to be in regularly (not only on Friday or Saturday night), running after 0300 on 12/3; Jewish Lubavitcher religious teaching and music. Strong interference from UNID signal, so best in LSB.” (JR-NY)

REPORTERS
RA-MA Ray Arruda, Acushnet - Drake R8A, 80M dipole.
RB-NJ Ralph Brandi, Tinton Falls - AOR AR-7030+1, 250 foot longwire.
MKB-MI Mike Brooker, Ann Arbor - Panasonic RF-2220; RF-94.
MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto - Panasonic RF-2220; RF-94.
SC-IN Steve Chappell, McCordsville - Bearcat DX-1000; 3 terminated loops.
MC-NJ Mike Clancy, Jersey City – Optimus 12-603A.
BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua - Hammarlund HQ-180, 300 foot longwire pointed East phased with a 200 foot wire pointed Northeast and MFJ-1026 unit through a Quantum QX Loop and then phased against a Kiwa loop in a second MFJ-1025.
JT-ON - Jeff Falconer, Clinton - Drake R8-B, pair of terminated 135’ wires, MFJ-1026 phaser, etc.
RK-PA Robert Klinger, New Cumberland - 1991 Chevy Cavalier and matching antenna!
RCF-INC Robert C. Pote, Greenwood - Drake R8A receiver and Kiwa loop.
JR-NY Jim Renfrew, Byron - Drake R8, longwires, Quantum Phaser, DXP-4 Phaser.
AR-ON Andy Rogg, Comwall - 1996 Buick car radio.

DX TEST
1620 WPIR268 MA Leominster - 12/02 0003 - tentative with several sweep tones and bits of Morse Code IDs heard during the day. (FJ-ON)
+ 12/02 0000 - Fair; Morse code and varying tones heard through WNN and over WTAW, no CW or voice received. (BC-NH)
+ 12/02 0000 - Test not noted here with just WNN and weak UNID. (RA-MA)
+ 12/02 - Not heard - WNN too strong. (AR-ON)
+ 12/02 0000 - My chances of hearing this would be slim and none. Nonetheless, checked occasionally during this time, but no code IDs or tones heard. Frequency dominated by WNN. (MKB-ON)

770 RADIO K

WENCP NC UNID, UNID HELP, PRESUMED AND CORRECTIONS
Fayetteville - 11/10 1750 North Carolina State vs. Florida State football game.
Ad for Outback Steakhouse. Also ad for Peanut Farmers of North Carolina. Signal good/fair. Faded when 3rd quarter ended. No ID. (MC-NJ)
- 11/28 0302 - Fair with WJR in cardboard null: “This is ARAK” and then in to a language not EE. (SC-IN)
1090 KAAYp AR Little Rock - suspected here at 0630 as religion was heard through the bottom of the hour. Reference made to the Bible Radio Hour. (FV-OH)
1370 WVLp WV Moundsville - 11/22 0045 - ESPN program. (JR-NY)

STATION LOGGING
540 WFLF FL Pine Hills - 11/30 0130 - Fair; “Rush noon to three” promo, local golf tournament ad, and Coast to Coast AM with Art Bell over WDMV. (BC-NH)
560 WFRB MD Frostburg - 11/23 1620 - Pittsburgh Penguins promo and the weather on

WTRO. (RKS-NJ)

580 WIBW KS Topeka - 11/27 0406 - Very weak with station promo and CLAs. (SC-IN)
590 WLVA VA Lynchburg - 11/29 2135 - Ricky Nelson’s “Little Fool” into ID: “You’ve followed The River 590 WLVA” and then the Drifters “Up on the Roof.” (SC-IN)

KBHS AR Hot Springs - 11/30 0700 - Weak; ID: “This is the Mighty 590; the legendary KBHS Hot Springs”. Country. (SC-IN)

WLVA VA Lynchburg - 11/30 2150 - Fair; “You have 25 minutes of your favorites coming your way next on The River,” local ad, “Lynchburg’s old station, 97 The River,” even signal with WEZE. (BC-NH)
+ 11/8 2344 - “Always a mix of your favorites, 590 The River” followed by “Do You Know the Way to San Jose” and “Yes Indeed.” ID: “you have 25 minutes of your favorites... 590 The River, WLVA.” Signal fair with fading and interference. (MC-NJ)

WKZO MI Kalamazoo - 11/23 1700 - The WKZO meteorologist Bob Larson with the WKZO weather report followed by a station slogan “When you need to know, WKZO”. With CBS News at the top of the hour. Many “WKZO nighttime” IDs heard. Fair signal dueling it out with WVLK. (RCP-IN)

650 WGCC NY Batavia - 10/31 1740 - weak signal with rock/rap turns out to be flea-powered college station seven miles away; // 90.7 FM. They were shocked that I followed them at night, and (of course) the announcer knew nothing about the AM operation. The engineer happened to be there when I called, and he said they are running 7 watts. The next day they were in the clear during the daylight hours. (JR-NY)

660 KTNN AZ Window Rock - 12/3 1900 - Very weak with upbeat country song into ID: “KTNN AM 660 Window Rock.” // Then CNN. Mexicans usually take over after KSKY goes nighttime but got lucky this evening. (SC-IN)

730 WYFN MI East Lansing - 11/27, 1743 - good with ad for Sample Cadillac at 5901 South Pennsylvania Ave. in Lansing, phone number 517-393-5600. (MKB-MI)

760 KTKR TX San Antonio - 11/28 0400 - Very weak signal with sports format: “Sports Radio The Ticket 760 KTKR.” (SC-IN)

810 WMGC TN Murfreesboro - 11/23 2139 - “Sabrosita” jingle finally ID’d. (RKS-NJ)

910 WEPG TN South Pittsburg - 11/29 1735 - Christmas music, call letters, local ads. (JR-NY)

980 WONE OH Dayton - 11/30 0703 - over CPTL with local weather, “right now it’s 55 degrees at AM 980 WONE” into news of the death of George Harrison. (MKB-MI)

990 CBW MB Winnipeg - 11/29 0705 - good with CBC Manitoba news item about the Winnipeg fire department’s fire prevention program targeting young children. (MKB-MI)

1000 CKWB NS Bridgewater - 11/27 0155 - Good; “93-one FM, 94.5 FM, one thousand AM, this is the south shore superstation CKBW” and C&W music, no mention of UNID. (MKB-MI)

1070 WCSB SC Sans Souci - 12/2 2255 - fair to good; dominant at peaks but with slow deep fades. Carrying ESPN; gave call letter ID and local weather at 2305. Dropped off just before midnight. I previously reported this on the NCR reflector as possibly WTSO, Madison, WI. (DH-NJ)

1080 WKGX NC Lenoir - 11/27 1750 - Station slogan heard “Now from the WKGX Weather Center” followed by a local weather report “presently 61 degrees at the studio”. Then into a blue grass song “Man of Constant Sorrow”. That was the theme song from the movie “Oh Brother Where Art Thou”. Fair signal at times but tough with side splash from local WIBC. (RCP-IN)

1090 WHGG TN Kingsport - 11/23 1910 - Barry Farber; then WHGG ID & 1910. (RKS-NJ)

1110 WUNN MI Mason - 11/27 1700 - end of gospel program, ID as “Thanks for remembering Family Life Radio in southeast Michigan, WUNN” into SRN news. (MKB-MI)

1120 WKRA MS Holly Springs - 11/25 2201 - preacher at 2150, IDs at 2159 and 2201. (JR-NY)

1140 WLDN TN Loudon - 11/27 1255 - Male voice said “Goodtime Oodles on 1140 and 98.3” followed by oldies song “This Could Be The Morning After” by UNID female and “Shotgun” by Junior Walker heard briefly in the mix with WKBK and WVAR. (RCP-IN)
There hasn't been much time for DX'ing during the past week because I've been replaying all of my tapes from Newfoundland in preparing a written report of the various stations heard. That major task is now done! I'm also planning to stretch out some new wire this week, in several new directions.

Big news from Norway, check it out below!

MEXICO XEPX Nuevas Casas Grande, CHIH, DEC 2 0630 - Very loud and alone with SS music, laughing. Quick "NotUno" mention. [Kenneally-CT]

MEXICO XEER Radio Centro, Mexico DF, DEC 2 0450 - Fair; salsa and English pop music parallel 890, in WCBS null. [Conti-NH]

MEXICO La Superestacion, Los Mochis SIN, DEC 6 0127 - many north of the border pop songs, finally an ID at 0127 as "La Superestacion", then seemed to disappear, but at 0157 the Mexican National Anthem was heard (UTC-7 midnight would be correct for Sinaloa). After 0200 I noted CJLQ instead. [Renfrew-NY]

NEVIS (t) VON, Charlestown, DEC 07 0130 - briefly strong carrier and a strong dance-music beat, but otherwise weak audio. Definitely pop music, but that's all I can say. Anyway, it faded quickly. [Stewart-MO] NOV 29 0146 - Huge signal, all alone with time check, "RCN" mentions, accordion music, with CJBC nulled [Kenneally-CT]

CUBA Radio Reloj, NOV 7 2355 - Only hear "RR". Very poor but new! [Frodge-MI]

CUBA R. Enciclopedia, La Fe DEC 6 0730 - Piano instrumentalos, "Transmite CMBQ Radio Enciclopedia, desde la ciudad Habana, Cuba," a good signal but extremely distorted audio. [Conti-NH]

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PANAMA R. Reforma, Chitre DEC 5 0145 - "AM Radio Reforma" ID with UTC-5 time check, Radio Reforma and musica panamana mentions, accordion music, with CJBC nullled out and Radio Clarin-Dominican Republic popping in and out. [Conti-NH] DEC 5 0598 - Thanks to Bruce Co to the tip on this one. Heard underneath R. Clarin, but with much clearer audio. Spot for show or something called "Radio Pachiki (Tachiki)?" en Chitre by man, then woman talking, then church bells chimes, then man w/... "...R. Reforma... desde la ciudad de Chitre... en Panama... una Feliz Navidad...". CJBC completely missing, though it was totally dominant an hour earlier. New country. [Kenneally-CT] (Good going, guys, Panama is rare. I heard them here and on 770 many years ago. Jim)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, R. Clarin, HILR, Santo Domingo, NOV 20 0204 - Presumed this ID on top (and on 770) w/ man announcing what sounded like a horse race - built steadily over a period of time to a big climax. Mentions of Santo Domingo. [Kenneally-CT] DEC 1 0200 - Good; merengue music, "en Radio Clarin" and "la noche en Clarin" IDs. [Conti-NH]

HONDURAS HRIS(?) San Pedro Sula, DEC 4 0231-45 - Caught nice fade up in jumble of SS stations, "Radio San Pedro" and mentions of San Pedro Sula. New country and station #1000!!!

Call as in WRT. [Loy-IL]

VENEZUELA Enlace 960, YYYE, Valle de la Pascua, NOV 9 0057 - Good but off frequency a bit low w/ clear ID: "Desde Valle de la Pascua... transmite Enlace 8-60". Frequency a morass of hets w/R. Clarin & another LA in the mix. New. [Kenneally-CT]

CUBA R. Reloj, Sanct Spiritus, DEC 1 0240 - RR code IDs through an unknown Latin American station with sports commentary and WWL. [Conti-NH]

CUBA R. Progreso, Pinar del Rio, DEC 1 0245 - Fair; salsa and English pop music parallel 990, in WCBS null. [Conti-NH]

MEXICO XEEO Matamoros, DEC 4 0350 - Lively Mexican music often over WGN. [DX-MB]

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, R. Clarin, HILR, Santo Domingo, NOV 20 0204 - Presumed this ID on top (and on 770) w/ man announcing what sounded like a horse race - built steadily over a period of time to a big climax. Mentions of Santo Domingo. [Kenneally-CT] DEC 1 0200 - Good; merengue music, "en Radio Clarin" and "la noche en Clarin" IDs. [Conti-NH]

HONDURAS HRIS(?) San Pedro Sula, DEC 4 0231-45 - Caught nice fade up in jumble of SS stations, "Radio San Pedro" and mentions of San Pedro Sula. New country and station #1000!!!

Call as in WRT. [Loy-IL]

VENEZUELA Enlace 960, YYYE, Valle de la Pascua, NOV 9 0057 - Good but off frequency a bit low w/ clear ID: "Desde Valle de la Pascua... transmite Enlace 8-60". Frequency a morass of hets w/R. Clarin & another LA in the mix. New. [Kenneally-CT]

CUBA R. Reloj, Sanct Spiritus, DEC 1 0240 - RR code IDs through an unknown Latin American station with sports commentary and WWL. [Conti-NH]

CUBA R. Progreso, Pinar del Rio, DEC 1 0245 - Fair; salsa and English pop music parallel 990, in WCBS null. [Conti-NH]

MEXICO La Superestacion, Los Mochis SIN, DEC 6 0127 - many north of the border pop songs, finally an ID at 0127 as "La Superestacion", then seemed to disappear, but at 0157 the Mexican National Anthem was heard (UTC-7 midnight would be correct for Sinaloa). After 0200 I noted CJLQ instead. [Renfrew-NY]

NEVIS (t) VON, Charlestown, DEC 07 0130 - briefly strong carrier and a strong dance-music beat, but otherwise weak audio. Definitely pop music, but that's all I can say. Anyway, it faded quickly. [Stewart-MO] NOV 29 0143 - Weak with woman speaking in accented EE in what sounded like a commercial. Couldn't get any other audio. Haven't ever been able to get an ID on this one. [Renfrew-NY]

CUBA R. Progreso, Cacocum, NOV 29 0150 - Mixing with XEW and another SS station - to monster R. Progreso signal on 890. [Kenneally-CT]

CUBA (s7), DEC 4 0753 - Reloj outlet here mixing with my Personal UNID nighttime. Thought this might be Colombia, but finally caught a multiple ID here with several regional stations including a "Radio Republica". Station plays many different kinds of music, most breaks feature time, then mention of "conservatorio nacional". [Loy-IL] (What time zone in the time check? YVRQ is one of the most regular stations here - Jim)

CUBA R. Reloj, Guanitamo NOV 27 0645 - Syncopated clock, minute markers, and RR code IDs loud through WELL. [Conti-NH]

MEXICO XEO Matamoros, DEC 4 0350 - A lot but weak, political talk about Monterrey, full call id after a few minutes. [Loy-IL]

COLOMBIA RCN Cartagena, NOV 27 0705 - Fair; "noticias RCN" and "noticias mundiales RCN" IDs. [Conti-NH] NOV 29 0146 - Huge signal, all alone with time check, "RCN" mentions, and what sounded like a commercial repeating the word "chocolate" several times. [Kenneally-CT] NOV 9 0044-0055 - man and woman in SS, news and commentary "de Cartagena". Sev- eral RCN stations, "Radio de Colombia" & "Cartagena" spots, ad for Corona (Mexican beer?) and Rojo Cafe. Good well over WMVY up also. [Frodge-MI]

UNID, NOV 9 0109-0123A - "Radio Diez Veinte", "Radio ?isma"; Live LA vocals; Fair/buried but KDKA also weak. [Frodge-MI]

MEXICO XEQR Radio Centro, Mexico DF, NOV 9 0123-0157 - man and woman in SS with all check, salsa music. [Conti-NH]
talk about Mexico. no music. Finally “Radio Centro” promo at 0156. Poor, mixing with "WBZ News Radio 10-30 Boston" and unID Gospel station. Mexico #17. [Froedge-MJ]

1040 MEXICO XEGYS, Guaymas, SIN, DEC 1 1025 - using slogan “Super Banda” but wasn’t playing banda; they were playing disco beat groupera. Could there be a format change along with a new slogan? [Riedling-AZ]

1050 CUBA, Victoria, Las Tunas, NOV 28 0500 - Clear Radio Victoria ID backed with flute music, then classical piano under WEDV. [Conti-NH]

1070 COLOMBIA, R. Santa Fe, HJCC, Bogota, NOV 29 0759 - Weak in LA/Canadian mix w/man talking, then women (sounded like commercial) then recorded ID by man “...en R. Santa Fe. ..New, [Krennally-CJ-CT]

1070 COLOMBIA, Emisora Atlantico, Barranquilla, DEC 4 1000 - Fair as song ended, then brief talk by soft-voiced man, then jingle “Emisora Atlantico”. Also presumed earlier with Barranquilla mentions. R. Santa Fe & Mundial Zulia in mix. New. [Krennally-CT]

1170 MEXICO XEMDA Monclova, COAH Nov 25 0400 with PSA from El Remolino, Guadalajara, Mexico. [Conti-CJ]

1180 MEXICO XECF Los Mochis, SIN Nov 24 0303 with ad cluster, including area concerts, grocery store and furniture deals, followed by 1 or 2 more PSAs; 0403 sung ID as “En la mera mera de tu radio, es la XEMDA”. Soft vocal music followed; signal up and down in KVNO null with more music and requests. [Wilkins-CO]"
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DX’er’s Notebook  
Shared tips, topics, and Internet info

We’ve had a lot of information about some specific receivers the past couple of months, and those discussions included mentions of various other receivers there were questions about. This time I’m going to include various bits of information on a number of receivers, along with some follow-up on the

RFB-45

Jim <cj1yyg@aol.com>: Mike, how would you rate the RFB-45 as an AM DX machine on a scale of 1-10? Also the same for FM? I see them on ebay sometimes and the price seems fairly reasonable.

Mike Brooker <auml08@direct.com>: The RFB-45 is a good entry-level receiver, and you certainly can’t beat the price (I got mine for about $125 in 1993), but a serious DXer would soon get frustrated with its limitations. I would also recommend it as a compact travel portable, if you don’t want to schlep around your main radio. Notwithstanding that I have gotten some good sunshine and sunset skip on it over the years, it’s not really a serious AM DX machine like Sony’s ICF-2010 or even my trusty 1978 Panasonic RP-2200. Overall, I would give it a 7 out of 10. Can’t say much about the FM, as my FM DXing experience is next to zero. The only FM broadcaster I listen to here in Toronto is CILQ-107.1 in the mornings, i.e. the CKTC- bowlderized version of Howard Stern.

I would be very careful about buying a used radio on eBay. I’ve seen so many e-mails from people asking for help as it is. By all means, have a look at the Drake specs and of course they are very good and yes the specs that Yaesu lists on the FT-840 experience is next to zero. The only FM broadcaster I listen to here in Toronto is CILQ-107.1 in the mornings, i.e. the CKTC-bowlderized version of Howard Stern.

Drake R8/KENWOOD R-1000

Patrick Martin <mw.dxer@webtv.net>: I have been doing a bit of DXing with the Kenwood R-1000 the past couple of months with the TP’s coming in. I have found in the AM mode, anything the R-8 does not hear just as well, maybe a bit better at times. I made several of the mods on the R-1000 so I can use the Murata 2.7 kHz filter in AM. Does anyone know what the shape factor of the 2.3 kHz filter in the R8 is compared to the 2.7 in the Kenwood R-1000? It would be interesting to compare the two. They seem pretty close, except the 2.7 on the Kenwood is not quite as muffled. I don’t think the 4 kHz difference would make that much difference.

At first I did not think the R-1000 did as good of a job as the R-8, But I had used the R-8 for so long I did not check out the R-1000 all that much. I find if you tune about a 1 kHz off, per the digital readout on the R-1000, the signal is there pretty decent. I found JOOR-1179 holds its own next to 1180 very nicely in the mornings.

Anyway, the R-1000 makes a good back up receiver for the R8. If I could make one change to the R-1000 I would add a paraband tuning, but that would not be easy.

Willi Passmann <djdjez@compuserve.de>: Hi Patrick, if (the Murata filter) is satisfactory, I should have the data, just tell me the exact name.

Bruce Conti <BACONTI@aol.com>: I’m late entering this conversation, and this might have already been covered, but the Drake R88 2.3 kHz filter shape factor calculations to less than 1.96 based on published specs of 2.3 kHz at -6 dB.
I thought the audio was slightly distorted possibly due to the speaker size or bandwidth filter. Unfortunately on Tuesday night, I could not get the radio to power up. I checked the batteries and AC adapter to no avail. The light switch worked along with the key lock. I had the timer set for 5:30 a.m. and wouldn’t you know it, the radio came to life this morning. I could not shut it off or cancel the timer. I will return the set on my next day off. I am a little disappointed.

WallyWawro: <cwawro@wvaa.com>: I’m very impressed with the DX-398. My 2010 may be a bit tired since it’s 14 years old but I still consider it a benchmark. The DX-398 reminds me that good radio receivers are still being built.

Kevin Redding: <amfmtvdx@qwest.net>: I love my DX-398. Its not as good as the 2010 but its really good.

Thomas Giella, KN4LF: <kn4lf@tampabay.rr.com>: Can I change the pre-programmed shortwave broadcaster memories in the receivers 28 pages? The manual says no which I suspect may be incorrect. I hope this helps. I have programmed entire pages to my liking. For example, I have a page for VOA frequencies heard afternoons and another page for BBC frequencies heard after during the evening.

Kevin Giella: <amfmtvdx@qwest.net>: This procedure works, thanks!

Eric Floden: <Eric_Fladen@pch.gc.ca>: Actually, I think you can skip a step — tune to the frequency you wish saved; press M; then the preset #; and HOLD IT UNTIL IT REGISTERS (a few seconds)

WALKMAN (walkmen...?)

Eric Floden: <Eric_Fladen@pch.gc.ca>: Is there a good walkman-size set with killer AM-reception? I ask as I was out for a run in Canmore (Alberta) on the weekend, and at 70 miles away from Calgary, I could not raise any of the AM stations well enough to listen as I ran. For me, its better than the legendary Sony SRF-M30. I recommend it wholeheartedly I think it is more selective than the SRF-M35.

Bob McCoy: <nol@alltel.net>: The responses to the Walkman question have been interesting. If one can get aboard an old SRF-M30 Sony, I recommend it wholeheartedly. I think it is more selective than the later M35. It is almost my sole AMBCB DX tool. It would be interesting to try the Sangean.

Patrick Griffith, N8NKK/ W9EHHV <AMDXer@webtv.net>: I just checked pricegrabber.com and found that the SRF-M35 is selling for $29.00 to $34.95. That certainly seems reasonable. Is the AM side in stereo Kevin?

Eric Floden: <Eric_Fladen@pch.gc.ca>: Date: Saturday, October 20, 2001 12:03 AM

I ordered my mini-receiver last Friday, and it arrived (regular shipping) from C.Crane one week later. Wow! I am very impressed. At sunset, it was pulling in very clear signals from Calgary 1010, 1060, and 960; Vernon-940, and others. Conditions seem to be good tonight, so we’ll see how it performs over a bit of time.

Selectivity seems good, with CBU-690 wiping out most of the adjacent channels, but KBOI-670 and KIRO-710 coming in with no slop — ditto for the other powerhouses here on 730 & 1130.

One feature it has that I wish others have is that the 19 presets can be mixed in however you want, from the 3 bands (AM, TV 2-13, FM).

Kevin Redding: <amfmtvdx@qwest.net>: Date: Saturday, October 20, 2001 12:13 AM

Hey Eric! I would never steer you wrong. I love that radio. Its the best pocket radio I have ever had. Its better than the legendary Sony SRF-M40W and the Sony SRF-M35 both arc hot little radios. The Sangean DT-200W though is by far the best. You can’t go wrong with it. FM is ok but AM is REAL nice for small radios. Its still better than a lot of larger radios.

You will like it more as time passes. Don’t try to DX FM with it because it ain’t gonna happen. I like the TV it won’t TV DX but I get Tucson 125 miles away.

It’s worth the money. Its even better than the DT-300WV with the WX band. My friend has one of those and he likes it but its not as good on AM as the DT-200W. I have had mine for about 2 years and it still kicks @$$. I think the thing is smokin for a small radio. It will not do what the CCRadio will do but it does a lot for what it is.

TEN-TEC RX-350

Tom Dimeo: <tdimeo@earthlink.net>: Has anyone heard how the new Ten-Tec RX-350 receiver might stack up against the Drake 88B on the AM broadcast band?

Bruce Conti: <BACONTI@aol.com>: A cursory comparison of published specs indicates that the Drake 88B is a better receiver for down in the dirt DXing. Sensitivity, image rejection, IF rejection, and dynamic range look better on the Drake. However the Ten-Tec RX-350 comes with more bells and whistles, definitely representing advancements in DSP technology at a lower price. Some of the interesting features include spectrum analyzer display, 34 filter bandwidths, a wired remote control, and upgradable flashrom via Internet file downloads. Chassis dimensions are roughly the same as the Drake. Compare specs at the Universal Radio web site; www.universal-radio.com.

GRUNDIG 800

Rich Harrison: <r2000harrison@aol.com>: I read (Harry Helms)’ review of the CC Radio in the October 22, 2001 issue of DX News. (The) comment about the 20% return rate on Grundig 800’s prompts this note. My return rate on 800’s is 100%. Last January, I got my first one from Grundig Direct, their Lextronix outlet in the Bay area. The shortwave performance was fine, FM pretty good, but interference, sensitivity and selectivity to my 1981 vintage Grundig 3400. The AM portion showed good sensitivity and selectivity, but the internal noise level progressively increased over four weeks time to the point that it became virtually useless. I called Lextronix, shipped the radio to Drake in Ohio, with a list of problems. It came back two weeks later with no improvement at all.

So I called Lextronix again and arranged for a second radio, under the condition that I could get a refund if I was not satisfied. The second one was no better than the first, high AM noise level from the get go, despite the fact that Lextronix promised to thoroughly check it out. I then called and asked for a refund, which I got upon the return of the second unit.

The high return rate was visible from the “Return Authorization Numbers” assigned to each of my transactions. Quality control is indeed an issue, as I have seen reports from various quarters showing serious defects, including poor assembly, inoperative switches, mechanical failures as well as atro-"
CC RADIO DISPLAY FIX
by Gerry Thomas

I’ve had the CCRadio for two years now and have been very pleased with its performance. It sees several hours of use every day in my shop as I listen to a down-state sports radio station and has served me without fail. However, about six months ago I noticed that some of the segments on the display began disappearing or appearing where they didn’t belong. At first, I was able to correct the problem by removing all power to the radio for a day or two, then pressing the reset button on the bottom of the cabinet. As time passed, however, the “power down” time required for this technique to properly glued on the display circuit board. I tore into the radio and corrected the problem with the procedure detailed in this brief article.

The fix is actually very simple. The hardest part is accessing the display connector which is hidden behind the RF shield on the display board. Nonetheless, I had the fix done in about 15 minutes and it should be within the capabilities of just about any DXer.

What you’ll need:
1. Phillips head screwdriver
2. Small wattage soldering iron and solder
3. De-soldering pump, bulb, or wick
4. Duct tape

The Fix:

1. Lay the radio face down on a flat, non-scratchy surface and remove the six screws holding the back of the cabinet.
2. Gently rotate the top of the cabinet toward you, being careful not to tug on the wires connected to it. The wires are long enough so that you should be able to get the back of the cabinet out of the way.
3. Looking down into the guts of the radio, locate the two screws holding the nearest circuit board and remove the screws. (Note: Some CCRadios may also have a small value capacitor soldered between a ground point on this circuit board and the speaker; if yours has this capacitor, desolder the capacitor from the circuit board, making a mental note of its solder point so that you can re-solder it upon re-assembly.
4. Remove the volume control knob (it pulls straight off) and gently maneuver the board up and towards you (don’t forget about the volume control shaft) being very careful not to stress any of the connecting wires. There’s enough slack in the wires so that you should be able to position this board upright and out of your way.
You should now be looking down into the radio at the display board and it should look something like this:

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DX'ing 'smart', with shared tips and requests by NRC members

Beginning last DX season, this column listed a number of Internet Websites which were valuable to DXers. Owing to the volatility of Internet Websites generally, we created a list of sites which can be periodically updated and included as a part of Target DX. Each address listed has been recently checked out to ensure that the degree possible that addresses are current and that only active sites are included. The following list is not a complete listing of all potentially useful sites, but rather contains those which have been determined to be either the most useful and/or of the widest interest based on comments in DX News and also on the listserver. This listing is valid as of 11/26/01.

FCC Info:
US Broadcast Station Mailing Address Query: http://www.fcc.gov/mmbs/asd/seacali.html
FCC General Menu – Table of Contents: http://www.fcc.gov/cdbspubacc/prod/cdbs_pa.htm
FCC Index of Call Sign Changes (biweekly in .pdf format): http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Call_Sign_Changes/

U.S. / Canada Station Info:
Elliott Broadcast Services Radio Station Info Page: http://www.elliottbroadcast.com
Radioio (Pro Sports Networks): http://www.geocities.com/bausman/radioino
Arbitron Station Information Profiles: http://www.arbitron.com/radio_stations/home.htm
ANDY RUGG - 375 IVAN CRESCENT - CARNWALL, ON K6H 7C7

It has been over 40 years since I joined the NRC, sent my first Musing to ERNIE COOPER and attended the convention at Amherst; how times flies! Since my last Musing in the spring, I have DXed sporadically and reported the results to DXDD-East. The new season started early, when I was driving home from the golf course around sunset. On 9/1, WACK-1420 prevailed over the interference on the car radio, the first time ever heard in these parts. Then on 9/9, I reported WWZN-1510 for a call change. On 9/14, I was tuning for WBRR-1130 and stumbled across WBNW-1120 for another new one. The last one on the car radio was a really good one for me. Driving home from a "radio in Montreal" banquet, I had WTAW-1620 booming in after 10PM. It’s my first new one from Texas since the KETX-1440 Test in 1967! I sent reports to the latter three stations and they all promptly answered. My last catch was on 12/21. I took a report on a call change, WDOS-1260, done by someone who has been in and out for the last 5 years from CHWQ-740, WBNW-1120, WFAU-1280, WAMN-1240, WWZN-1510, WTAW-1620, WTEL-1630 and KQWB-1660. My current total is 178 verify from 1872 loggings, for a 95% return. 73 & Seasons Greetings to all you DXers. (Keep an eye on the mailbox Andy, a real package will be out this weekend for you!-DWS)

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Hello all! Thanks to the members in MUSINGS with the kind comments about the NRC/DXAS Pittsburgh 2001 convention. I had a great time hosting and enjoying the convention. (I wish you could have been there, Dave!) Speaking of which, 2001 begins my 21st year in the NRC. My first convention was the DXTEST-2001 Convention in Pittsburgh through our member Mike Richart while he performed his DX show. After tuning for a classic WCHE-1520 DX TEST in February 1981. (Ah yes, John, I can see that little RCA transmitter glowing!-DWS) 20+ years later, I’ve attended 19 conventions (all but Colorado Springs in 1984) and hope to be at NRC 2002 wherever it might be, but wish my convention roommate CHRIS CUOMO all the best if he can secure Birmingham. As for 2001, I already missed 2 members who signed up but could not make it, MIKE SANBURN and CARY SIMPSON (WTRN). This n’t... Friday 11/2 marked the 81st anniversary of KDKA-1020 as the National Geographic Channel aired a 10 minute story and update on the KDKA Museum project and interviewed William Heitka Regan during their regular show 7-8PM. My Friend Ron was able to tape it for me as I was in the hospital! As member CURT WHITE knew, from my illness 8 years ago. I have lost friends in my NRC life, including Bill Blackbourn (K55Y) who passed away Monday 10/29. 6 days in the hospital, rehab to follow. Returning to Rich Harris, he presented a great slide show at the convention as did ERNIE WESOLOWSKI, who videotaped the convention, great job ERNIE. On Friday Sept. 21st, KDKA and morning personality John Cigna held his 18th spaghetti breakfast in Market Square, downtown Pittsburgh, as it was really amusing! It was also my first attendance, but I had to leave early for work 5 miles away! As for Mr. Cigna, those at the convention knew there was an announcement on KDKA on 9/6 concerning John. The news was that KDKA TV Weatherman Larry Richard will replace John beginning January 2002, but Mr. Cigna will still fill in various mornings. I was able to hear 3 code IDs from the WODI-1220 and DAVE MARKTHOUSE amongst the din at his local frequency (Thanks Dave!) Memory Musings? I have one to share from Sept. 1988 after the NRC Milwaukee convention. During a visit to WMA-1460, which was then in Ambridge, PA, they asked me to return in 2 weeks for a one-hour talk show with new KDKA host Mike Romigh. Mike and I discussed the hobby of DXing and the NRC. We received ONE phone call the whole hour; talk about filling time with a lot of hot air! 73’s all and HAPPY HOLIDAYS! (My apologies for the delay in getting this ‘in the fold’; your envelope got put in the wrong place on the desk, it went in the BILLS- DWS)

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In one of the many DX TESTS I ran from Delaware over the years, I did one or two from WKEN-1600 Dover, DE. It was run in the standard manner, with the siren-type tone I liked to use (the generator for that was STOLEN!) and when I sent the information on the test to the club, I invited phone calls. The test was widely heard, I received about 15 phone calls between 2 & 4 AM! The next time I was there, I hesitated to do a Program Director, who did a talk show, about the number of calls received. He gets all long in the face, saying he only got 8 phone calls all week on his regular talk show that was on between 1 and 3 DAILY! Thanks for your continued support to the club, but we invite more to check in! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!