From the Publisher ... I don’t think that the computer “meltdown” affected anyone’s address in our membership/subscription database, but just to be sure, please check your address label. As always, feel free to e-mail (plsBCBDXER@aol.com) or snailmail me any corrections, no matter how small, but remember that the USPS recognizes what’s in their database as “correct”, as far as addresses go.

Got test ideas? E-mail them to NRC’s CPC (Committee Programs Chairperson; used to be “Committee” but he does the work of several) Blaine Thompson at <cphred-d@well.com>. Stamps, suggestions for mailings, or even somewhere else.

As we move into the DX season, I might remind all contributors to DX columns to take note of how editors set up their columns and at least try to comply with their standards and formats, which for the last 15 years or so has NOT included cutting loggings into little ships of paper, hi! Point is that all contributors to DX columns to take note of how formats and standards change, and you should be aware of each editor’s requirements. A sort of unenforced rule is that a station should be reported only once and once only per DX season to both DDXD and IDXD unless something unusual would prompt you to report it again, like a format change and IDXD unless something unusual would prompt you to report it again, like a format change or change in power. Finally: want to see YOUR name in DXN every week? Report to the DX columns or write Dave Schmidt a Musing!

Lower Deck GTG ... Ray and Arlene Arruda’s annual Thanksgiving GTG will take place on Saturday, November 23, 2002 from noon until 5 in “The Lower Deck” at 47 Burt Street, Acushnet, MA. All DXers, hams, and anyone with a general interest in radio are welcome. They have limited space available for overnight accommodations. This is their 25th consecutive year for the event!

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From the pages of DX News...
50 years ago ... from the October 25, 1952 DXN: Roger Anderson, Arlington, VA reported hearing Madrid, Arganda (737) and La Caruña (701) from 1815-1900 off, along with Lisboa-II (665), Lisboa-I (719), and CSR2-Paredes (1034) until 1900 off, all on Oct. 16 and 19.
25 years ago ... from the October 31, 1977 DXN: Publisher Ted Fleishaker suggested that members become famous by reporting to the proper columns to see their names in print ... Don Kaskey, San Francisco, reported hearing China, either Hacbin or Fujien, with a strong signal atop a USSR station and HLKY on 10-9 at 1350; Randy Seaver, Chula Vista, CA reported the USSR station and a Japanese station on 840 most mornings from 1100-1200. Kaskey also reported H08-840 from Panama on 9-26.
30 years ago ... from the October 26, 1992 DXN: DXDXD-North was edited by Bill Hale; South by Duncan Shaw, and East by Dave Braun, and the columns featured such catches as KVGB-161977 Great Bear, KS as a spor. by three Manitobans DXers, Shawa Axford, Wayne McRae, and Larry Shevchuk, and KN5E-1510 Ontario, CA by John Wilkins in Colorado ... Jim Renfew’s IDXD included an Australian catch by George McLachlan and Dave McBride near Lewis, Manitoba; RPH-1620, on 9-28 and an Angolan catch by Jean Bournel at Cochran’s Pond, Newfoundland. EP de Hila, Lubango-1315 on 9-29.

DX Time Machine...

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There will be no AM Switch in the next issue as we make our final racing trip of 2002. AMS will return in #6 and will appear in every issue until February 2003.

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

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GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

Remember all the GY DX records are on line for those interested. (JTR-OK)

100 kHz

KUWF CO Pagosa Springs Art Blair Folsom, CA

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REPORTERS

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – 49-2200; RFB-45.
SC-IN Steve Chappell, McComb – Bearcat DX-1000; 3 terminated loops.
PC-VA Perry Crabill, Winchester - Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100’ wire.
Talk Radio, the newest radio station on the dial. (SC-IN)

1550 WITK PA Pittstown - 10/14 1819 - singing slogan and ID "good time oldies, WITK." Then "Born to be Wild". New! (JV-NY)

1550 WCLY NC Raleigh - 10/14 1844 - Gospel music, then, "15-50, WCLY ... we serve the total man. Visit us today on the World Wide Web at 1550wcly.com." Later overpowered by previously logged WKB8-VA signing off. (PC-VA)

1580 WZKY NC Albermarle - 10/4 2106 - song with lyrics "tossin' and turnin'", then singing "WZKY". ID. If this station was indeed operating on 12 watts, then it's my lowest powered night logging ever! (JV-NY)

1600 WKKX WV Wheeling - 10/10 1859 - alone on frequency with ESPN "Gameday" program, promo for coverage of tonight's National League Championships series game, 1900 top of hour ID. "The Ohio Valley's leader in sports, ESPN Radio 1600 WKKX Wheeling". (MKB-ON)

1630 KNAX TX Fort Worth and KCJJ IA Iowa City - 10/12 0158 - KNAX and KCJJ in each others' null with semi-nullable local WTCL. Box 20 to 40 over 59 at (1000 W). KCJJ into news at TOH, along with WTCL. KNAX with Spanish religious program. WTEL dominant on wire. (HN-GA)

1600 WKSH WI Sussex - 10/12 0135 - Still religious satellite-fed programming. Rumor that ABC bought the station to make it a Disney outlet for Milwaukee. 20 over 59, but audio low modulated. Poor. (HN-GA)

1630 KZNS IA Cedar Falls - 9/7 2218 - "you're listening to Blackhawk Hockey on KZNS." Then mention of Maple Lanes in Waterloo. Also heard "Waterloo Hockey on KZNS." Outstanding signal strength. (JV-NY)

1600 KWHN AR Fort Smith and WHKT VA Portsmouth - 10/12 0216 - KWJN and WHKT in each others' null. Both 20 over 59. KWJN with "Coast to Coast", WHKT dominant with Disney. (HN-GA)

1630 WCNZ FL Marco Island and WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 10/12 0226 - Sharing the channel, no nulls due to Florida and Michigan being opposed to each other. WCNZ with "all news all the time" format; WQSN with sports. Equal, 20 over 59 on loop, 10 over on wire. (HN-GA)

1670 WTDY WI Madision and WRNC GA Warner Robins - 10/12 0230 - Each only semi-nullable; WTDY with sports talk, WRNC with urban gospel music. WRNC more dominant. (HN-GA)

1680 WTRR FL Winter Garden and KRJO AL Monroe - 10/12 0235 - Florida travel radio with urban gospel music in background. On loop, each dominant in other's null. Both 20 over 59. (HN-GA)

1690 WPX MD Lexington Park - 10/12 0237 - "Newsradio 1690, WPX." Ads. CNN news. 20 over 59 on loop; better audio than on wire. All alone on frequency. (HN-GA)

1700 WEUV AL Huntsville - 10/12 0246 - On top most of the time on loop and wire. KTBD in background. 40 over 59 on top of 1700 slop. (HN-GA)
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Caribou, moose, wild turkeys, coyotes, and black bears, oh my! Maybe PBS should produce a television series about DXer encounters with nature!

Transatlantic DX

183 GERMANY Europe Number One, Felsberg OCT 14 0322-0325 - Fair with woman in French followed by female ballad. No medium-wave TA's noted at this time. [DeLorenzo-MA]

164 RRC France R. Monte Carlo, Romoules OCT 14 0328-0336 - Tentative; fair with news by man in French and fast-paced news format; 2001 European Medium Wave Guide lists sign-on time as 0400 - has this changed? Interference from aerobeacon CLB Carolina Beach, NC. [DeLorenzo-MA]

1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKR Doba OCT 15 2202-2227 - Loud and clear parallel to 9555 and 9870 with man in Arabic and brief bridge of piano music followed by long Arabic interview of woman by woman. No interference from domesticos on 1520 during auroral conditions. [DeLorenzo-MA]

Ben speaks: Got home from TA Land Sunday Oct. 13 but nothing so far this side of the ocean to get excited about. No TAs. Last night was quite auroral and some of the usual LAs were heard, the strongest being RCR Caracas on 750 and ZNS Nassau 1540. Had very little time to DX in either London, Paris or Rome as we were constantly on the go, and you know what I think about trying to DX in a hotel room. I did note a few things that may be of interest. In France, the former Radio Bleu stations do seem to be running talk and information stuff at night rather than pop music, but Paris-864 seems to be carrying separate programming and that is mostly pop music with singers. [See International News.] Paris does have two other AM locals but there's not much chance of them being picked up over here. The one on 585 features jazz and 738 has foreign languages. On to Rome. During all of our four-day stay I did not hear Rome-846. It was not on. And the Vatican station formerly on 526 is now on 585. This one put in a very good signal into our downtown hotel near the Vatican so I can presume its transmitter is located within the confines of Vatican City which are about 100 acres. The ones on 1530 and 1611 were much weaker so they are no doubt out in the Italian countryside.

1611 seems to sign off around 2130 GMT but of course they sign on at 0200 GMT. The others are 24 hours. And I also noted a station at 1260 in foreign languages which must be the 4th Vatican AM station. I had read that they were on only during the year 2000. I doubt if either 585 or 1260 could be picked up here, though it might be possible in Newfoundland. I noted that reception conditions in Paris were favoring signals from the south of Europe, like Spain, in the same way Cuba comes in here, because when I tried to get the football games on Sunday over AFN Stuttgart 873 what I got was mostly Zaragoza, Spain.

Pan-American DX

530 TURKS & CAICOS RVCXI North End OCT 5 0022 - Male Spanish religious music, loud signal. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 10 0214 - End of a religious song, then man preaching in Spanish. Fairly good signal, but with adjacent interference from a neighborhood computer that transmits interference on 528 kHz (approx.). [Chiochiu-QC]

535 GRENADA GBN St. George's - Seems to be off air, unheard lately (refer Connelly OCT 4 report). [Stromsted-MA]

540 MEXICO XEWA LV de la America Latina, San Luis Potosi OCT 5 1043 - ID as "W radio, 900," then American song, male Spanish chorus, guitar music, dominant signal. [Stromsted-MA]

555 ST. KITTS NEVIS R. ZIZ, Basseterre OCT 5 0524 - Calypso style music fast tempo, English lyrics, good signal. [Stromsted-MA]

640 CUBA R.Progreso, Santa Clara OCT 5 0022 - Tropical music, male Spanish. [Stromsted-MA]

640 ECUADOR HCXY R.Nacional, Quito OCT 10 0209 - Spanish talk by man, heard four mentions of Radio Nacional by this man; possible mention of Ecuador. Fair to poor signal, mixing with RFO. Taped. [Chiochiu-QC]

640 CUADELOUS-R. Pointe-a-Pitre OCT 5 0033 - French talk, loud. Spanish under. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 9 0207 - Tentative; long continuous panel discussion in French. Fade out at top of hour, discussion continued past 0310. Fair to good signal with excellent peaks. [Mohrmann-VT] OCT 10 0208 - Talk program in French Creole between two men about the public radio in France; poor to occasionally fair; over Venezuela, but in fight with Ecuador. Taped. [Chiochiu-QC]

640 VENEZUELA YVQO Union Radio, Puerto la Cruz OCT 10 0206 - News in Spanish; poor in mess with others. [Chiochiu-QC]

660 CUBA R. Rebelde, various sites OCT 5 0022 - Partial 710, Spanish talk, under WAFN. [Stromsted-MA]

660 CUBA R. Rebelde, Arroyo Arenas OCT 5 0022 - Partial 1180, 5025, etc., same program. Over under WSC. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 9 0045 - Spanish talk parallel 5025 mixing with WSCR. [Mohrmann-VT]

660 VENEZUELA YVLL RÃ¼mbes, Caracas OCT 5 0310 - Male Spanish newscast, three or four bells between items, alone on channel. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 9 0220 - Latin American pops, 0230 time check and ID. Mixing with presumed WSCR. [Mohrmann-VT]

700 JAMAICA R.JR Montego Bay OCT 4 0236 - Two ladies in discussion. Good signal with heterodyne. 4 OCT 5 0831 - Advert with American corporate investor saying, "Jamaica is a country we feel very comfortable doing business," then Kingston news items. [Stromsted-MA]

700 unID OCT 4 0238 - Salas tropical music, off-frequency yet clear on lower sideband. 699.65 TVRQR? (refer Connelly and NF expeditions.) [Stromsted-MA]

710 CUBA R. Rebelde, La Julia and others OCT 10 - Rooster crowing, Spanish talk, over under WOR, parallel 670, 5025. etc. [Stromsted-MA]

710 JAMAICA R.JR Innswood OCT 5 0342 - Over Venezuela, Caribbean music, male English announcer, parallel 550 (under domestics) and 700. [Stromsted-MA]

730 MEXICO XEX La Nueva X, Mexico OCT 11 1034 - Presented with Spanish vocal, Mexican music, over under KCAK, good. [Stromsted-MA]

750 VENEZUELA YVKS Radio Caracas Radio, Caracas OCT 9 0039 - Spanish talk, 0057 ID. "Informe RCR," fair signal good peaks. [Mohrmann-VT] OCT 10 0249 - Spanish talk program; weak fadey signal with WSF even weaker underneath. [Chiochiu-QC]


760 CUBA CMCD R.Replay, Las Mercedes OCT 1 0905 - News, with clock ticks and RR code, loud. [Stromsted-MA]

760 VENEZUELA YVKK R.Nacional, Valencia OCT 6 0028 - Male Spanish over WABC. [Stromsted-MA]

760 VENEZUELA unID OCT 9 0014 - Venezuelan national anthem sung accapela under WABC. YVKK R.Nacional? [Mohrmann-VT]

780 VENEZUELA YVMN R.Coro, Coro OCT 5 0137 - Alone on channel, excellent signal. [Stromsted-MA]

800 MEXICO XEZK Zaragoza, COAH 7 0400 Song just ending, then censored ID: "Radio... frecuencia en AM... 900 kilohertz... transmitiendo desde Zaragoza, Coahula, Mexico. XEZK, La Travesia (7) de Coahula, Localizacion Zaragoza 505 Sur Altos, Apartado[sic] Postal 26450, de Organizacion Radiofonica del Norte." Unbridged Spanish dictionary shows various meanings for "travesia," the most likely here being "livelihood." It could also mean "naughty!" The 26450 is actually the Código Postal (Zip Code), not "Apartado Postal" (PO Box). After
ID, a male announcer mentioned something about La Hora Nacional and then repeated the studio address. I’m reasonably sure I copied it correctly.

Music at 0403 and soon faded under XEROK. I was hearing three Spanish stations on 800 and monitored for over two hours before XEZR cooperated with an ID. Generally under XEROK; very rough copy in null of local KLCD. New, here, XE #188. [Wilkins-CO]

ST. KITTS & NEVIS Trinity Broadcast Network, Charlestown Oct 5 0041 - Religious program, “Transmitting in the Spanish language on 250 stations around the world...for the Word of God,” then translated into Spanish. Good signal, dominant on channel. [Stromstedt-MA]

unID - Jamming interference, blanket channel. [Stromstedt-MA]

MEXICO XEVL Culiacan, SIN OCT 7 0236 - Local ads; canned ID at the odd time of 0328 giving call, address (per WRTH), power (5000 watts), slogan (“La Grande de Sinaloa”) and “Grupo ACIR.” Then a PSA, an ad, and a fade...Generally fair - no sign of pest KEKX lately. [Wilkins-CO]

HAITI 4VEH Cap Haitien OCT 6 0028 - Tentative; news items, male French, good signal. [Stromstedt-MA]

MEXICO XEW Mexico OCT 6 0300 - Spanish talk parallel 540. + OCT 10 0859 - Male Spanish announcer with news items parallel 540, both signals with severe echo. [Stromstedt-MA]

HAIERT R.Cap Haitien, Cap Haitien OCT 5 0311 - “Radio Cap Haitien,” male French news, musical signals, religious talk, good signal over domestics. + OCT 6 0332 - Male French vocal, Caribbean music in mix. [Stromstedt-MA]

MEXICO XEQ Enamorado 940, Mexico OCT 5 1025 - “Enamorado 940” male Spanish ID, station plugs till 1027; loud! CINW fadeout. [Stromstedt-MA]

COLOMBIA H1AQ Cartagena OCT 9 0031 - Sports broadcast parallel 760, excellent signal on top. [Mohrmann-VT]

MEXICO XEOY R.Mil, Mexico OCT 5 1040 - Parallel XEOL 6010 (over jumble), romantic music, over WMVP Chicago with sports scores. Good signal. + OCT 10 0829-0834 - Female Spanish vocal over another Spanish station, parallel XEOI 6010 (severe het). [Stromstedt-MA] OCT 16 0502 - Poor with canned ID and Radio Mil tag. Mentioned “bands of 49 metros,” too. [Wilkins-CO]

MEXICO XEYC Cd. Juarez, CHIH OCT 6 0200 - Canned ID by a man, “Está Ud. escuchando Radio Formula Juarez XEYC con 1030 kHz de amplitud modulada con 5 mil watios de potencia transmitiendo para Cd. Juarez-Cd. Paso desde sus estudios en Jose Buronda 1178 en Cd. Juarez.” Then a PSA and faded under KTWO. Heard many times before with Formula programming but usually buried under KTWO. Finally got an ID for XE #187. [Wilkins-CO]

MEXICO XEEP R.Educacion, Mexico OCT 7 0740 - Traditional Mexican Indian (?) music, over UNWE, 6015 (good signal parallel XEPF 6185 (6184.85). + OCT 10 0846 - Female Spanish vocal with guitar over/under KYW, parallel 6185 (good signal-in-clear). [Stromstedt-MA]

VENEZUELA YVQI R.Barcelona, Barcelona OCT 7 0107 - Weak Latin American pop's, 0111 canned ID. In the mix. [Mohrmann-VT]

MEXICO XEPRS Rosarita, BCN OCT 7 1321 - Simple call/city ID, then “Diez Noventa AM, La Radio que Habla” and into the syndicated program “Laboratorios Mayo,” which is exactly like Laboratorios Camacho, i.e. ranchera tunes, ads for miracle drugs and vitamins, etc. Generally poor here, with local KMXA unexpectedly off. [Wilkins-CO]

VENEZUELA YVQI R.Caracas OCT 8 2347-0002 - Very loud with two men in Spanish and lively Spanish vocal music. ID at 002. “En Radio Caracapo...ocho y dos minutos, hora de Venezuela.” A second Latin American noted underneath but no trace of WBT in auroral conditions. + OCT 15 2254-2259 - Loud and clear with lively Spanish vocals and R.Carpiano IDs. Once again, no WBT in auroral conditions. [Delorenzo-MA]


MEXICO XEPOM Puebla, PUE OCT 17 0247 - Fair at best in KMXU null with lite vocals and romantic ID at 002, partially readable, with call, phone, address, and mentioning Grupo ACR. [Wilkins-CO]

COLOMBIA Ecos del Palmer, Bogota Oct 11 0400 - Good to excellent, armchair at times. Playing lively Spanish music; several ID's as “Ecos de Palmar.” A surprise outage of WWKB left this dominant on channel, with a religious Spanish station underneath and slightly off frequency or drifting. Off at 0500 with national anthem. New. [Hochfelder-NJ]

unID OCT 11 0500 - Good after Ecos del Palmer signoff at 0500; fair before. Signal seemed slightly off frequency or drifting. Male announcer with religious talk in Spanish; lots of...
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San Jose Sharks 2002/3 Dan Rusansky, Pete Stemkowski San Jose Mercury News Oct 06, 2002 (via Bob Karchevsky) 950 KAIH-CA 1340 KATA-CA 1400 KVBL-CA 1670 KNRO-CA 970 KESP-CA 1460 KCB-CA 1270 KXBX-CA 1380 KTOM-CA 1490 KRRX-CA 98.5 KJFX-CA 1460 KCRQ-CA 1660 KITQ-CA 3 = Announcers from a previous season 4 = flagship station a = San Jose Sharks not flagship stations but are near the flagship

Most of us DXers like to keep track of the stations we hear. How do we do that and what we keep track of varies by individual. This time we'll hear from some DXers about their record-keeping methods.

RECORD KEEPING

Bruce Winkelman <bdwink@cox.net> Spent the past few evenings cleaning up my Tulsa logs, both computer-based and paper logs. I feel I finally have an accurate log as far as total stations, states and provinces heard. Found a couple of "new" stations in the logging notes as well.

I keep a chronological log, a separate "by frequency" log and a "by state" log on paper for domestic (US and Canada), a separate paper log for Mexicans and other international stations heard as well as a MS Works database that includes all of the above. I was able to "clean-up" both the computer log as well as the paper logs by comparing the two with logging notes and making the necessary changes/ deletions/additions as appropriate.

The effort got me to wondering what kind of record-keeping techniques and methods other BCB DXers use. I'd like to hear from those on the list that would care to share their methods of record keeping.

Harry Heims <ak6c@earthlink.net> I'm very old school. My logs are bound notebooks and kept in longhand, with all my DX for a given day listed in the time order I heard it. They're more diaries than logs, with notes about reception conditions, equipment used, interference, and reception details for those rare occasions when I send a report. Since I don't keep track of being able to retrieve such data quickly, but I enjoy being able to write something like "ZOWIE!!!" with several underlines next to DX I really enjoyed catching; it makes the record more personal and brings back a lot of memories of what I heard. Frankly, I enjoy looking through my old logs more than QSLs. While I have all of my California logs since moving here in 1987, most of my east coast logs (including my South Carolina logs from the 1960s and 1970s) got lost in transit when I moved. I really wish I still had them just so I could remember what a frequency check sounded like!

On the other hand, I use Log Windows for all my ham radio contacts for DXCC, etc.

Russ Edmunds <wb2qh@nrcdxas.org> I use Lotus123 spreadsheets. This permits me to sort or retrieve easily. It also permits me to maintain the log sorted differently on different sheets within one file, as well as to maintain totals on still another. My current version has the day-to-day log on one sheet, the cumulative log of stations not heard before on another, and a frequency-sorted list of the same on the next. I then have an additional sheet for totals.

This can also be done in Excel or any other spreadsheet programs. I started mine in Lotus over 14 years ago for the current location and later converted the prior locations. I keep it in Lotus primarily because the same file in Excel consumes 3 to 4 times as much space for little added benefit. If, for some reason, I want to use more than 3 sort keys at a time, I can always load the Lotus file into Excel and do that.

David Hochfelder <dohochfelder@rci.rutgers.edu> My record-keeping system isn't very sophisticated or detailed. I keep a current bandscan log, listing my recordings by frequency, in an Excel file. I print it out, about 15 pages, and add to it in longhand. When that gets too messy and cluttered, I print out an updated version. I have columns noting whether the station is confirmed (that is, call or city ID), the NRC Log really helps here) or tentative/probable, date and time of first logging, day and night powers, and comments about the programming and reception. In the past year or so I've gotten into the habit of printing out my submissions to DX News, which give a fuller description of new loggings. Taken together, those serve as my chronological log. I keep all this in a three-ring binder. I tried to keep a running log, using an ARRL ham logbook, but I found that I was writing stuff down on scraps of paper anyway, so why bother.

For shortwave listening, I don't keep a log. I have a 24-hour listing of English-language broadcasts and have files of the seasonal schedules of the major broadcasters, taken mainly from postings to Glenn Hauser's website, so if there's something I want to listen to I tune to it. If I want to send a reception report, I take notes on signal quality and program content, then type up the reception report within a couple days. On the rare occasions when I listen on the tropical bands, the Blue pages of Passport to World Band Radio come in handy.

For my ham activity, I keep an accurate log of all my contacts, including station worked, time/date, etc.
frequency, signal reports, other op’s name and location, and any other pertinent information. It’s no longer a legal requirement to do so, but it’s handy to refer back to it when someone’s callsign sounds familiar.

Kevin Reddington <cmfmds@fasq.com>: I am not surprised that our methods are very close to the same. My logs are in engineers notebooks and are written. All kinds of stuff are in these books and its not formal. There is the usual freq, time, signal strength, radio used and all that stuff but there are comments on weather, and even the programming.

However, for ease of searching for things, I also enter the straightforward stuff into an Excel file. I keep a separate file on the Mac I’ve been keeping off the HP Palmtop and onto a Toshiba Pocket PC. Alas, the new Windows-based Pocket PC software is bloated, a bit buggy, and just plain harder to manipulate than the HP software was. So this process is taking some time. It is amazing how often we advance technology without actually improving the tools.

Recently (as I mentioned in another email) I’ve been migrating off the HP Palmtop and onto a Toshiba Pocket PC. Alas, the new Windows-based Pocket PC software is bloated, a bit buggy, and just plain harder to manipulate than the HP software was. So this process is taking some time. It is amazing how often we advance technology without actually improving the tools.

Rick Kenneally <woodlandview@yahoo.com>: I certainly put more work into my record keeping than is necessary, but then that is part of the hobby for me. My profession is in banking and financial systems, but it’s been many years since I actually did any programming at work. So to feed my need to code I tinker a bit at home, and building/upgrading my BCB logging system is one way to get a fix.

Until recently I logged all catches (including sufficient description for submission to the club bulletin) on a home-grown database on an HP20LX Palmtop. This I periodically transfer to my home computer where I have an MS Access database that generates:

- DDDX/IDDX/EDXR submissions formatted for each bulletin;
- a frequency listing of what’s been heard. This I print out and paste to the wall of my shack, and I carry a printed copy in the car to have handy while reviewing tapes during my commute;
- my printed chronological log (which I will embellish with commentary and an occasional radio station logo graphic pulled off the web). I place any veries and other memorabilia in the ring binder next to the log pages of the particular receptions. So my log becomes a kind of scrapbook of DXing.

Note, I will relog (and re-tape) call changes and unusual receptions of stations I’ve already heard, but these don’t count as new in my totals.

Overkill for recording DX? Absolutely. But it helps keep me just a bit current with some technical tools. I’d love to put the logs and recordings up on a website some day, but the work involved would put an end to actual DX for a very long time.

Bruce Conti <BACONTI@aol.com>: I haven’t kept a formal log in ages. I save back issues of DX News and QSLs as an informal log, and more recently assembled logs which are posted on my web site. (I still need to post a transatlantic log.) After some 25+ years of MW DXing, like many in this hobby I’ve developed a “photographic” memory and know what stations I’ve received before and when I’ve got a new catch. I guess DX News and the QSL collection serve as my only official document.

Mike Brooker <aum108@idirect.com>: For many years I kept my log records on scrap paper or in a spiral-bound notebook. In 1998 I transferred all my paper records to MS Works (a simplified version of Excel for home use). I’ve entered loggings by ascending order of frequency, but I can sort them by state or province, or whether or not they’ve qsl’d. I have two Works spreadsheets, one for BCB and one for SW.

Les Rayburn <les@highnoonfilm.com>: Having only been in the hobby for about a year, I’ve used an Excel based log exclusively. The log contains entries for each “channel”, call letters, location, time and date of logging, power, propagation notes, and even calculates the distance to the transmitter. The other neat feature I use is the “hyperlink” option to link the entry to a recording of the station ID. Making it easy to review those rare catches.

I can certainly recommend this approach, but I’m sure paper logs work just as well.

Pete Taylor <ptdx@att.net>: You asked for it so here goes. For my DX file, I use PFS software on an Apple //. I will eventually convert it to FileMaker Pro on my Mac. However, it will all have to be retyped since I know of no software which will bridge that gap. (I, however, have the hardware, Pete, and probably the software. Get in touch with me; that goes for anyone else who still has records from Apple //c/III’s or old Macs -pl.)

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CALLS

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REPORT # (as in T-493 for a Tacoma report)
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COUNTRY
STATE
CITY
DATE VERIE REC'D
TYPE OF VERIE
VERIE SIGNER
LISTENING SITE COORDINATES
STATION XR COORDINATES
DISTANCE (derived elsewhere and typed in)
MISC

Printouts can be based on any of the above. Basically I use these:

1) STATE-BY-STATE, PROV-BY-PROV for US & CANADA
2) COUNTRY BY COUNTRY under CONTINENT for everything else
3) MASTER FILE OF ALL INFO BY REPORT # (I have sent reports based on reception from many locations)
4) YEAR BY YEAR TOTALS

On another file on the Mac I keep a running file on a yearly basis primarily to see which stations haven’t responded with veries. In reality, I now send very few reports; I tape IDs instead.

I keep a separate file on the Apple // for beacon stations. It is similar to the above except that I don’t send reports. This one also includes mile-per-watt statistics (derived by the software) and the actual digits of each beacon’s letters. This is because I am so lousy at reading code. When I revisit a place, this comes in handy.

On another file on the Apple // but using Word Juggler I keep an ongoing file of everything I hear heard - AM, FM, TV, LW, SW. I don’t keep it updated too often, however. Then once in a while I’ll make a copy of the full US and Canadian station list from Lee Freshwater’s site and load that onto my PDA to have handy during commutes.

Benjamin Dangerfield <ben-dangerfield@worldnet.att.net>: The only permanent records I keep are my foreign veries by stations, countries and continents, and this is primarily for Paul’s IDXA. I also have a record of my U.S. and Canadian veries, not that many, which also ties into my IDXA totals. My veries are in an album and a country file folder. I don’t try to keep any kind of log on stations heard, but I make day-to-day notes in a 6 by 9 Bipover pad, and I have all of these pads back to around 1988. A single pad lasts me from 2 to 4 years depending on reception conditions but I write small and neatly as Bruce has noticed. For each day I show sunrise and sunset times, weather for the day, and noise levels.

In this I am mainly interested in TA and LA activity. I indicate TAs by circling the frequency and showing lines under the circles as to signal strength. The frequencies of LAs and domestics are shown in a square box. To back up my loggings I list some program details and station names. And any logging worth reporting to IDDX is circled in red for fast reference. I also show the exact time that each frequency was heard, for reports to IDDX or verie requests. But for the last several years my only verie requests have been to new countries.

WORKED ALL STATES?

And from how we keep our records we’ll go on to seeing what some have accomplished:

Frank Doosey KB2LBM <Frank.Doosey@MHzSE.com>: Just curious...in the ham world there is was an award for working all 50 states. I know the NRC doesn’t dole out the awards like the ARRL does, but has anyone on list actually logged all 50 states, preferably from one location?

If so, stand up and take a bow. I’d wager if anybody did it it was the same person in the midwest as they are separated from the NYC, Chicago and west coast bowtwisters.

Paul LaFreniere <mailto:plafren@boreal.org>: I’d love to take a bow, but unfortunately I only qualify on the DXing from one location stipulation. I’m stuck at 45. Still need FL, ME, DE, NJ and AK. But this is the only location I have ever DXed from, and I am still trying.

Frank Doosey KB2LBM: Take a bow anyway...45 is mighty impressive. I’m surprised you haven’t...
heard FL yet...there ought to be a few which make it up to you. Delaware is tough (so is Maine). I've only heard one station from each and I live in NJ. Apart from Alaska, you got a legit shot at nailing the transmitters on a given island. That's it. (There are 13 provinces/l6 territories and I only accounted for 12. Thanks to Eric Floden for pointing out to me I left out one, and that's it. (There are 13 provinces and 16 territories.)

Russ Edmunds <vedb2h@nrdxas.org>: People have, although I'd suspect most of them did it some time back. I'm sure there are a couple on this list. And, NRC did have an award program, although I seem to recall that there wasn't much interest. I'm sure Paul will add to the discussion if that's still active.

Adam Rivers <redsoxdsxer417@hotmail.com>: How many states do some of you others have? I have 31.

David Gleason <david@davidgleason.com>: 50 from Cleveland in the 60's.

Frank Doosy KB2LM: I suppose it would have been nice of me to mention that...I've heard 37 states plus DC. In Canada, I haven't logged: BC, Saskatchewan, Newfoundland, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories. (And Nunavut — almost forgot!)

Bob Klinger <rklinger97aoil.com>: From New Cumberland, PA. I am holding at 33.

Bruce Conti <BACONTIL@aoil.com>: 37 states, 7 provinces.

Randy Stewart <rjst555@msu.edu>: Logged: 42 states, 6 provinces for me, all from Springfield MO since 1969. States still needed: Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, New Hampshire, Oregon, Rhode Island and Vermont.


Wally Wawro <WWawro@wwaa.com>: 28 states, 4 provinces.

Chris Rigas <crigas@birinc.com>: States Heard: 45 (need: AK, HI, ID, ME, NM).

Provinces are: 6 logged and 6 LISTED as needed.

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Wally Wawro <WWawro@wwaa.com>: The only two central time zone states I haven't heard are the Dakotas. 15 states out of 17. For what it's worth it's an excellent one and one that should be updated annually.
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Your successes in obtaining QSL's and other station items

530 WPKW677 Federal Way WA, WA DOT TIS, f/d letter in 90 days. V/s Frederick W. Baker, Sr., Telecommunications Specialist. (Martin—OR)

580 KIDO Boise ID, prepared card in 4 days. V/s Lee Erickson, DoE. (Martin—OR)

590 WIBW Topeka KS, p/d letter in 22 days. V/s Ed O'Donnel, DM/CE. (Griffith—CO)

630 KFXD Boise ID, prepared card in 8 days. V/s Lee Erickson, DoE. (Martin—OR)

710 KXMR Bismarck ND, letter, highway map of ND, t-shirt in 23 days for tape. V/s Holly Weber, Business Mgr. (Martin—OR)

730 CKDM Dauphin MB, p/d letter, 2 stickers, business card in 45 days. V/s Cory Lafontaine, Promotions and Production Mgr. (Griffith—CO)

750 CKJH Melfort SK, f/d letter in 18 days. V/s Bayne Opseth (VESBKO). CE. (Wilkins—CO)

1010 WIOJ Jacksonville Beach FL, f/d letter in 1 month. V/s Marion R. Luther, GM. (Myers—FL)

1080 CMCH Havana CUBA, Radio Cadena Habana, n/d e-mail in 8 hours. V/s Editora. (Myers—FL)

1190 KFXR Dallas TX, folding QSL card, t-shirt, stickers, key chain openers, business card via FedEx Overnight in 150 days. V/s Eric Landrum, Events Coordinator. Also, 2nd QSL, sticker in 170 days after a follow-up. V/s Louis Sutton, DoE. (Martin—OR)

1210 CMHT Sancti Spiritus CUBA, Radio Sancti Spiritus, n/d e-mail in 10 hours for a 10-minute follow-up. V/s Carlos Rafael Dauguez. B. (Myers—FL)

1240 KTQE Thermopolis WY, n/d letter, copy of station log, copy of my report, 3 different business cards in 5 days. V/s Joyce Howe, Office Mgr. (Wilkins—CO)

1280 KAAQ Spokane WA, prepared card in 6 days. V/s Barry Watkins, PD. (Martin—OR)

1410 KOOQ N. Platte NE, f/d letter in 7 days. V/s Chuck Schwartz, GM. (Griffith—CO)

1430 WTMN Gainesville FL, p/d letter in 14 letters after a follow-up. V/s Jay Anderson, PD. (Myers—FL)

1460 KION Salinas CA, f/d letter, coverage map in 17 days for tape. V/s Jim Hilliker, News Writer. (Martin—OR)

1650 WPUIJ289 Kent WA, WA DOT TIS, 2nd letter, this from City of Kent. V/s John Rostad, Signal Operation Engr. (Martin—OR)

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Computer QRMI

from Ken Grant, via Joe Robinson's column "Helping Hand", in ODXA's Listening In, September, 2002

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Publisher's note: ODXA's Joe Robinson was kind enough to let us reprint a portion of his September, 2002 column, dealing with a query from Russ Kiehne. ODXA's Ken Grant writes, "Russ Kiehne's problem with his brother's computer wiping out AM reception struck a familiar chord. "When my son came back from university, I noticed the same thing. As a matter of fact, AM reception in my car was wiped out as soon as I drove on to the driveway! A bit of detective work soon narrowed it down to his computer. It was feeding wide-band hash back into the AC power lines, even when it was supposedly switched off! The AC lines were radiating this noise all over the house and out into the garage."

"All modern computers use switching power supplies and they all are supposed to incorporate filters to prevent the inevitable switcher hash from being fed back to the AC line. Supplies that carry proper CSA, IC and FCC labels of certification should have these components installed right inside the power supply module. When I opened up my son's computer, I noticed no labelling other than the manufacturer's name and model number. I opened up the power supply module and discovered that the filtering components had never been installed. The pads and silkscreening indicating their intended positions on the circuit board were there, but that part of the circuit had been jumpered out! Also, the power supply is constantly on, even though the rest of the computer may be shut down. Mystery solved."

"I had to threaten the dealer with action from both CSA and Industry Canada before he agreed to install a brand new power supply. Before accepting it, I made him show me the certification labels. The computer is now perfectly clean."

"Russ, remember this: some manufacturers and dealers will use the cheapest components and circuitry that they think they can get away with, but the law is on your side. Keeping you happy (and quiet) is definitely in their best interests."

"Adds Joe Robinson, "I hope that more people will not fear speaking up on behalf of their own concerns ... many companies and vendors will truly help the customer if they are asked."

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Musings of the Members

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An impromptu event 10/11 and 12 taught me how much fun tower hunting could be. The occasion was the visit by master tower hunters SCOTT FYBUSH of Rochester and GARRETT WOLLMAN of Dallas. Fellow 2003 NRC Convention host WALLY WALROO loaded his van with ice chests full of soft liquid refreshment and Scott and Garrett added mucho camera and tape equipment to the load. I took off from Krum about 7 a.m. Friday to make connections with the trio and to go along for the ride. I didn't get back to Krum until just before midnight. For the AM-FM-TV DX'er who enjoys seeing the sites from where the signals come, the Dallas-Fort Worth area seems to be Nirvana! On Cedar Hill southwest of Dallas stands what Scott and Garrett believe to be the most spectacular collection of tall towers ever to be assembled in the United States. Wally pulled some strings to get us through the electronic gates of the reclusive WD-1190, which is surrounded by the ice bridge under the WFBA tower, thanks to our host, Don Guemmer. Maintenance technician for the Spirit of Texas, we took many still and video shots of a veritable forest of steel. Some of Scott's photos, we know, will enrich his 2003 tower calendar.

But Cedar Hill isn't the only unique antenna site in the area. KEOM in Mesquite, on Dallas' east side, has its million-dollar-plus-tower on the south end of a modern high school football field that would be the pride of many small colleges across the country. On the tower at two levels are buildings housing various kinds of communications equipment. We did not ride the elevator up the tower, though. For the taxpayers of the Mesquite Independent School District, Dr. James C. Griffin, the district's director of radio told us that lease payments from tower users more than carry the cost of the tower. KEOM, at 61 kw, on 88.7, is almost certainly the most powerful high school station in America. The studio site was worth the visit, too.

Another studio site worth the visit was KFYK-1570, located in the northwest corner of a small strip mall in the east Dallas suburb of Terrell. KFYK is truly a Mom and Pop operation, but when the four of us walked through the door a little after 5:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon, Pop was gone and silver-haired, diminutive Mom, left alone to operate the station, seemed a bit intimidated. But she did allow us to take some pictures and almost missed the 6 p.m. TOH! station break, which she rushed back into the control room to give, live. One of the most spectacular tower sites in America is KFXR-1190's nighttime facility where neighbors have slowly encroached on the ten towers, lined up in two straight rows of five towers each. Unlike some of the sites we visited, the KFXR sight was well-manicured and Scott and Garrett were happy to note that all ten tower identification numbers were posted on the gate to the facility, as required by the FCC. None of the neighbors complained as we drove into a couple of cul-de-sacs looking for the perfect picture. Some of the AM tower sites presented some problems viz. a viz getting close enough to get a good picture but far enough away to get the entire tower and whatever building might have been there. It's surprising how many wilderness areas remain in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The KAMA-770 three-tower site does not qualify as a wilderness area, though it might have been when the towers were first put up a dozen or so years ago. Now, homes have crept ever closer to the tower site and a large church has been built on an adjacent property. Wally, Scott and Garrett pondered how much QRMI the church's sound system might suffer from the proximity to a 10 kw transmitter during Sunday morning services. Hopefully, our sunset pictures from the east side of...
A major highlight of the Friday afternoon session came when we met with 10,000 watts com founder CHIP KELLY, of Plano, Texas, at the KRLD transmitter site. It was the first head-to-head meeting for Chip and Scott, his successor running the building, though of course there’s been a lot of e-mail and phone confabs between the two. Chip has not lost interest in the radio scene, and will continue to work with Scott on maintaining what I consider to be the most informative free internet site covering broadcast facilities that’s currently available. Saturday morning, Scott and Garrett were left to their own devices to find Fort Worth area AM tower sites to put out, after lunch at Joe T. Garcia’s, the latest venue near the Fort Worth stockyards, they met me at Denton for a little rural tower hunting.

We had only three hours left before separate dinner commitments, but we did see the three-tower site for Denton-1440, unkempt, unpainted and still with a KDNT sign along the fence-line. (No sense painting it if they’re going to move the transmitter to University City, moving my closest local to an easily nullible location.) We drove north of Krum, after lunch at Joe T. Garcia’s, the latest venue near the Fort Worth stockyards, they met me at Denton for a little rural tower hunting. We drove north of Krum, after lunch at Joe T. Garcia’s, and the latest venue near the Fort Worth stockyards, they met me at Denton for a little rural tower hunting.

...and after the first day or so reportedly due to some issues the with IBOC transmitter. But they were expected to resume soon. Still, the above MUSE from Dave brings to light that my first spoken words on radio started in 1967 at WNEW, which was Fantastic Broadcasting and is Motorola’s (and, no, I am not an employee) proposed Symphony chipset for the radio receivers that would use digital audio processing to clean-up analog signals. Theoretically, this would work a lot like digital audio processing already used successfully on some high-end shortwave receivers. If it includes synchronous detection, it could mean new life for AM - not just for the casual listener, but for the serious hobbyist as well. All this, with no new investment for the broadcaster, unlike with IBOC. You can’t ignore the fact that the IBOC story as more tests are conducted. Perhaps the NRC can offer formal comment to the FCC as the Commission considers permanent standards for digital radio broadcasting. After all, we - as a group - are a very interested party. And I would love to hear DAVE SCHMIDT’s thoughts on both IBOC digital and Motorola’s Symphony chipset. Meanwhile, the wholesale rush toward digital broadcasting continues in the U.S. The problem is, digital radio may not be the cure-all many make it out to be. As BOB HARRISON mused in a recent issue of DX News, the programming board on most radio stations these days is enough to turn many listeners and hobbyists away. And, indeed, industry surveys indicate overall listenerhip continues to decline with each passing year. Certainly we are on the cusp of very big, very fundamental, technical change in radio broadcasting. That change could herald a new period of vibrancy and health for our hobby. Or it could, in a worst-case scenario, literally mean the end of DXing on medium wave, at least in the U.S. This is an issue that all individual NRC members should monitor carefully and the organization itself might be well advised to formally involve itself.

Steve Bino - 71 Picket Place - Freehold NJ 07728 - sbribi@yahoo.com or sbribi@tempmail.com -Greetings all. It’s been a nearly year since my last MUSE. I’ve been an NRC member for about 10 years. I am a long-time broadcaster (radio and TV) and currently work as a Multimedia editor at Bloomberg Financial News. Since I usually do a lot of DXing in my car, the purchase of a new radio that came with the car was quite deaf on medium wave. I'm guessing the unit's sensitivity was in...