Bob Steele dies

Long Beach Island DXpedition

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Musings of the Members

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From the Publisher...

I'd simply like to wish you the happiest of holidays, un nuevo año prospero, et pax vobiscum. We'll be back with you in two weeks.

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago... from the December 20, 1952 DXN:

It was reported that WJZ-770 was trying to change call letters to WWBC, following WEAF's change to WNBC-660 and WABC's change to WCBS-880, and the ABC was trying to get the calls WABC and WMNY for their Los Angeles and San Francisco stations.

25 years ago... from the December 30, 1977 DXN:

Six Musings of the Members were only a small part of this 64-page issue of DXN, which included various nostalgic features.

10 years ago... from the December 21, 1992 DXN:

Included in this DXN were 24 Musings, including a first-time Muse from Mike Sanburn, Bellflower, CA, and the first Musings in over 30 years from Carl Mann, Omaha, NE; he mentioned that he was News Director at KESY1420/104.5.

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What is being said: “Recent comments on IBOC make me wonder whether we’ll have a hobby in a few years. Somebody was bamboozled!” - JRR-WI. “Conditions really are spotty around here. Hard to complain, the weather has been so pleasant and 15 degrees above normal for this time of year but AM radio sure is taking a beating.” - DKK-CA.

Some first-time-DX-in-this-column adorns our last edition before the Holidays. See if you can pick it out, hi. Keep up the DXING effort, folks. And remember to report what you hear to your favorite DX column. Don’t forget the DDJD-West Challenge! This Challenge is to DX stations with an X (XEs are acceptable, but be reasonable), an M, an A, or an S in the call letters. For the January 10 deadline, it’s 1230 kHz. For the next week, January 17th, let’s hear your DX on one of my favorite frequencies… 1160 kHz. Keep those dials a-spinnin’, and let’s hear from you!

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous 2003. It’s not too late to tell Santa you that new piece of listening apparatus. See you next year (remember we are into a two-week break).

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Ed-TX Editor North Richland Hills DX-398

STATION NEWS & NOTES

770 KNWX WA Seattle - is slated to move calls and format to 1210 on 1/6/03, now home to KBGS. 770 will get new calls and all-satellite format. (100000 watts)

1210 KBGS WA Austin - will take the KNWX calls (770) and business/talk format on 1/6/03; ex oldies. (100000 watts)

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UNIDS and UNID HELP

640 UNID ?? - 12/3 0146-0151 - SS music station behind, and overtaking KFI for about one minute. Any ideas? (RA-NV1) [XEHHI - Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua, perhaps? - Ed.]

1030 UNID ?? - 12/7 0810 - EZL music under WUFL. (SA-MB)

1170 UNID ?? - 12/1 0815 - Spanish speaking man and lively accordion music. Heard a possible ID of Musica Popular?? - (SA-MB)

1250 UNID ?? - every night 11/28 through 12/11 - CBS News sounder heard under WEMP - speech never intelligible under the interference. WGL and KCN/Z have both been logged here previously. (DS-TN)

1550 ZKRR TX Canyon - Kevin Redding's UNID here with Fox Sports News is most likely this. They're listed as Fox Sports, they get out well to the numbers and #104.

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

1470 WLCR KY Shepardsville - 12/1 0300 - Fair-to-poor signal, mixing with WMBD, KWSL and KLB, with Morse Code ID's as WLCR KY USA at 0301, 0303, and 0309. NEW! (SA-MB)

TIS & ODITIES

530 WPUJ624 CO on 1-25 near Mead, CO exit - 12/10 0820 - A 49-second loop tape with phone numbers and website to go to for current road conditions. Fair, in null of local TIS WPLX824. Thanks to Chris Knight for tip. A new one, Colorado #104. (JW-CO) [I'm sure everyone heading down the road jumps right on the cell phone or internet to check on road conditions, making that much more fun, hi - Ed.]

1670.12 TALKING HOUSE CO Probably in Wheat Ridge - 12/11 0825 - Gal on 90-second loop tape describing the house, giving address and agent's phone number. Only partially readable with 1670 hot and local KDDZ-1690 hash. Guess I'll have to go out and scour the neighborhood for exact location. Colorado #105. (JW-CO)

PRESUMED

1250 KKKH KS Kansas City - most nights 11/28 through 12/11 - Someone with Mexican music under WEMP. Never heard any talk or ID. (DS-TN)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

530 CIAO ON Brampton - 12/10 2035 - Good, with Polish language religious program. Mention of Katolick Program Kanady. You are listening to CIAO AM 530 English language ID at 2100. In RVC and local TIS nulls. (CR-IL)

570 WNAX SD Yankton - 12/7 1707 - Strong, with Bill O'Reilly show. (TT-IL)

570 CKGL ON Kitchener - 12/12 2000 - Fair through local CKY splitter, with OHA hockey, Kitchener Rangers vs. Windsor Spitfires. Ad for Nickelson's Realty. NEW! (MS-MB)

600 WREC TN Memphis - 12/8 2125 - Talk on medical topics with call ID and Memphis ads. Weak in loop null of sports broadcast. (JTR-OK)

620 WKVB PA Irwin - 12/11 0809 - Fair-to-poor, in mix, with call ID, mentions of Pittsburgh. New here. (EL-IL) [And I believe a first-time mention in this column - Ed.]

650 KGAB WY Orchard Valley - 12/6 1730 - Fair, with ID, in mix with WS8 semi-nulled. Ad for the Wyoming Bar Association. (TT-IL)

670 KBOI ID Boise - 12/4 1816-1821 - Talk show discussing soda bottles and cans refund in Oregon, traffic and weather read by Bob Peters. Call ID. Unknown REL station in background [that would have been KLT-F CO - Ed.]. Fair, in and out. (RA-NV)

680 KNBR CA San Francisco - 12/6 0115-0102 - Weak, in KFQF null, with sports summary. 49ers and Raiders mentions, eventual KNBR mention heard in promo. Not new, but not a regular either. (WW-TX)

690 KGGF KS Coffeyville - 12/12 0749 - Fair, with calls noted in passing. (JTR-WI)

710 KNUS CO Denver - 12/8 0807 - With ID, in a quiet moment in the KUET programming. Into the Jerry Baker (JGarden) Show. Rare. (KR-AZ)

730 WJMT WI Merrill - 12/12 0745 - Fair at power up, with station promo. Quickly faded. (JTR-WI)

900 KFAL MO Fulton - 12/9 0744 - Poor, with calls into ads. Alone. (JTR-WI)

910 KLCN AR Blytheville - 12/6 0047-0105 - Weak, with small-locale KXED null. Christmas music, liner mentioning holidays and then [we're] 910, KLCN. Reported by several on the AM list of being on at full power the evening before. (WW-TX)

910 KBIM NM Roswell - 12/11 2030 - Strange Nation talk show, call ID and Voice of Southeastern New Mexico. Weak signal that soon faded. (JTR-OK)

910 WJCR TN Johnson City - 12/4 0655 - Poor, with calls heard in passing. (JTR-WI)

910 KAFF AZ Flagstaff - 12/8 0141 - Very good signal. C&W and frequent IDs. All IDs include KAFF (pronounced like calf) Country Classics slogan. Sure didn't sound like only 31 Watts. (PG-CO)

910 WTAD IL Quincy - 12/9 0756 - Poor, but alone, with temperature and calls. Rare! (JTR-WI)

910 KSND SD Aberdeen - 12/11 2259 - Poor, with sports talk and ID as Clear Channel KSN D Aberdeen. (MS-MB)

940 WYLD LA New Orleans - 12/10 0650 - Weak and fading with QRM. Gospel music with call ID. (JTR-OK)

940 CJGA SC Yorkton - 12/9 0719 - Fair @ 20/9, with concert info on GX 94. Alone! (JTR-WI)

950 KXJR AR Forest City - 12/6 1700 - Good, with ID into Paul Harvey. (TT-IL)

950 KXJK AR Forest City - 12/12 0700 - Star Spangled Banner, call ID and local news. Faded shortly afterward. New here. (JTR-OK)

960 WHAK MI Rogers City - 12/10 0735 - Poor, with AM 960 WHAK. Popped in/out. Rare! (JTR-WI)

960 CFFX ON Kingston - 12/10 0733 - Fair, way over WSBT, with ads, sports, and weather. Oldies 960. (JTR-WI)

960 KEYQ CA Fresno - 12/5 1900 - With ID which included a number of stations on the Nueve Vida Network, including KLTX-1390 Long Beach, KeyZ-1240 San Bernardino, KEYQ-980 Fresno, and KGZ0-FM (forgot frequency). This was my closest unheard since I logged Oakhurst earlier this fall. (DKA-CA)

980 KVLV NV Fallon - 12/10 0725 - Briefly faded with call ID, then lost under KMBZ. New here. (JTR-OK)

990 NOTHING submitted for the 990 challenge this week.

1010 CBR AB Calgary - 12/8 0800 - With You're listening to CBC Calgary, giving no calls, and into news, weather and sports. Faded out at 0805. In null of local KXEM prior to going to day power and pattern. Very rare. Canada is very difficult from here. (KR-AZ)

1150 KRMS MO Osage Beach - 12/9 0736 - Poor, with local ads. Quickly replaced by WGHJ. (JTR-WI)

1160 WAMB TN Donelson - 12/10 0712 - Poor, over WYLL with TC and calls into ads. Been a while. (JTR-WI)

1250 WZOB AL Fort Payne - 11/30 2100 - Poor, with WZOB Fort Payne ID. Very weak in mess. (DS-TN)

1250 KLH AR Little Rock - 12/5 2040 - UC gospel music, ads for Little Rock area. Faded into noise level. (JTR-OK)

1250 WSPL IL Streator - 12/10 0600 - Fair, with That's the weather forecast here on WSPL, into ABC News. New. (DS-TN)

1250 WLCK KY Scottsville - 11/30 0900 - Poor, with ... station WLCK, Scottsville. (DS-TN)


1250 WEMP WI Milwaukee - 12/8 1900 - At least four full IDs in 20 seconds. Night regular and a big pest, but very good at IDing. (DS-TN)

1250 KWYR SD Winner - 12/6 1935 - Good, with ID: KWYR Country 1260. (TT-IL)

1270 WLKJ TN Newport - 12/10 0707 - Poor, over WKBF, with weather, a jingle, and oldies. (JTR-WI)

1280 WGBF IN Evansville 12/5 2110 - Weak, with sports and call ID, under WDOT. (JTR-OK)
John Vewoort, Brooklyn, NY

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WEEKLY FREQUENCY CHALLENGE – 1250 kHz

WGL IN Fort Wayne – 12/6 1749 – Popped up briefly with “WGL Five O’Clock News Hour” and “a look at what’s going on for the weekend,” over unID ESPN Radio with WKBR nulled out. On 12/9 1700 – “Talk Radio WGL Fort Wayne” into CBS news. New! (BC-NH)

+ 12/9 1714 - ID, temperature, station promo, ID. New por BC-NH tip! (RJE-PA)

WRAY IN Princeton – 12/4 1700 – “On 1250 WRAY AM” ID faded up from noise. (RR-NC)

WARE MA Ware – 12/1 1730 – On top with Beverly Hills Cop theme, then man with “WARE”; Rocky Squirrel saying “Now here’s something we hope you’ll really like”, man again w/“AM 12-50” then into “The Future’s So Bright I Gotta Wear Shades.” This station seems to have a very short playlist as I keep hearing the same things: Billy Idol “Eyes Without a Face”, Blondie’s “Man Wear Shades.” This station seems to have a very short playlist as I keep hearing the same things: Billy Idol “Eyes Without a Face”, Blondie’s “Man Wear Shades.”

+ 12/7 0002 – “This is Homtown Radio, Ware, WARE AM 1250". At 10:23, “Homtown Radio has a new format and three new account execs...” (MH-MA)

+ 12/6 1843 – Call letter ID and Rocket J. Squirrel saying, “Here’s something you’ll really like!” into Bay City Rollers “Saturday Night,” continued to fade in at times with late oldies over WEAE with WKBR nulled out. (BC-NH)

+ 12/10 0645 – Promo to advertise on WARE. Phone number with 413 area code. (PG-MA)

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Panasonic R-2200, RF48-45.

SC-IN Steve Chappell, McCombville - Beetar DX-1000; 3 terminated loops.

SC-ON Saul Chernos, Burnt River – Sangane AT5909 portable with 1000-foot 14-gauge longwire pointed ne-sw. Realistic TRF655 with Radio Shack loop.


MC-NJ Mike Clancy, Jersey City – Optimus 12-603A and car radio.

BC-NH Bruce Contil, Nashua - R8B, MDX-5, 30/75/50-ft east/west Double-Eave antenna.

PC-VA Perry Crabill, Winchester – Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100’ wire.

RJE-PA Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell - Hammarlund HQ-150 w/ 4’ amplified aircove loop.

JE-ON Jeff Falzone, Clinton - AOR AR7000+, pair of 130’ EWE antennas, MFJ-1026 phase box, etc.

PG-MA Phil Greenspan, Marshfield - Superadio III with Select-A-Tenna.

MH-NJ Mic Healey, Swansea - Superadio III, Benmar Navigator 555A Direction Finder.

DH-NJ David Hochfelder, Brunswick - Sony ICF-100 with Quantum Loop.

RWK-CT Rick Kenneally, Wilton - Drake R8B, Sony 2010, Quantum Phaser & QX Loop, lots of wire.

DL-ML Dave Larrabee, Columbia - Icom 8500 on random wire or loop.

DL*DM Dave Larrabee, Columbia - Ten-Tec RX340 on a long wire operating unattended gathering 4 minute audio samples at the top of each hour.

WM-MD William McGuire, Cheverly - DX-398.

JR-NY Jim Renfrew, Byron - Drake R8, 1000’ west, 100’ mww, 100’ sw, Quantum Phaser.

RR-NC Rick Robinson, Hendersonville – Sony 7600 and Radio Shack loop.

JF-ON Joe Rocchino, Cuddy - Realistic DX-370 and Optimus SuperRadio Clone, RS Loop Antenna.

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1410 UNID __ __ __ - 12/2 2215 – Two stations broadcasting Jets-Raiders Monday night football game, one with Jets announcers (WPOP) and the other with CBS/ Westwood One. At 2240 the Jim Bohannon show faded in and competed with the two game broadcasts, talking about the Supreme Court and quotas. It disappeared about 8 minutes later. Reception fair to poor with everyone fading in and out. (MC-NJ)

1650 UNID __ __ __ - 11/19 1504 – CBS news story about man who was bitten by a rattlesnake he was trying to kiss. Followed by local news about a leaking ammonia tank and a PETA protest. Signal was fluttery and faded quickly. (MC-NY)

1660 KQWBp ND West Fargo - 11/19 1907 – “Daydream Believer” by Ann Murray followed by “Star 1660” and male voice saying “your station for the best music.” Signal was fluttery and then faded. (MC-NY) (Editor’s note: 1 searched on line for “Star 1660” and this is what came up. Mike sent this logging as an UNID. – GL)

1690 UNID __ __ __ - 12/7 1825 – Under WPTX with woman giving weather for downtown Chicago. TIS or HAR? (NJW-MD)

STATION LOGGINGS

590 CJCW NB Sussex - 11/24 2243 – “Back to Back CJCW” ID. Heard under VOCM with WEZE off with technical problems. Weak but clear. (PG-MA)


510 CKRS QC Jonquiere - 11/24 2246 - French, // with talk show on 610 CHNC. Male host. Mention of Montreal. (PG-MA)


620 WZON ME Bangor - 12/7 0105 - Very weak: “It’s the power in Power Play on the Sports Zone WZON” hockey game promo with T-shirt giveaway contest info and Under VOCM. ID “VOCM” with WEZE off with technical problems. Very strong. (PG-MA)

WKHB PA Irwin - 12/7 0701 - Weak: “We offer a variety of music here on WHB.” (SC-IN)

WWNR WV Beckley - 12/7 1800 - Good: “News Talk 620 WWNR Beckley, now CBS News covers the world.” (SC-IN)

630 CFCY PE Charlottetown - 11/25 2115 - Country and Western Music. ID “CFCY”. No WPRO heard. (PG-MA)

640 CBOF ON Fort Frances - 12/7 0613 - Running tape loop telling listeners to go to their new FM on 93.1. In mess with Cuban, CMFN. (NJW-MI)

710 WELC KY Williamsburg - 12/6 1705 – in WOR null with funeral announcements, water advisory for Whitley County, commercials for Clayton Mobile Homes, and Murray Towing Service in Jellico TN, country-gospel music and ID at 1219. (NJW-MI)

720 WGSE GA Hogansville – 12/6 1721 – Under WGN with Atlanta traffic report, ID and spot for Weber Eye Group (NJW-MI)

730 WOHS NC Shelby - 12/3 2121 - Weak: Local ads such as “Griffin Drug Center” and “704” area code. Also “Downtown Kings Mountain” and “in Shelby.” (SC-IN)

780 WPTN TN Cookeville – 12/6 1728 – in WBBM null with oldie “Sugar Shank” and signoff announcement at 1730. Another station with basketball was also audible (NJW-MI)

790 WETB TN Johnson City – 12/6 1735 – Mixing with WSGW and WNIS with man reading the local forecast verrrrry slowlywww. Gave ID and time after at 1727. (NJW-MD)

800 WKBC NC North Wilkesboro – 12/4 1938 - C & W song “Next Big Thing”, female voiced ID. New. (WM-MD)

810 WGY NY Schenectady – 11/22 1330 - Rush’s show went to local station at bottom of hour. Temperature was 41 degrees, then two ads: NY Lottery and WOFY Food Drive. Announcer then gave weather forecast (1-3 inches of snow). Good signal surprised me in rainy weather on 1-90 east of the Delaware Water Gap in New Jersey. (MC-NJ)

830 WCRN MA Worcester - 12/6 0405 - Good: Out of AP Network News, “Now we take you back to the music on Swing 830 WCRN,” then “Taking A Chance On Love”. (SC-IN)

840 WHAS KY Louisville - 11/19 1518 – host apologizing for being a bad paperboy in Miner’s (?) Lake. Announced that the station had tickets for a Rick Petino luncheon and mentioned “84 WHAS”. Traffic report. (MC-NY)

860 KKOW KS Pittsburg - 12/6 1754 - Under CJBC with a woman reading the news and a commercial for a Kansas credit union. ID at top-of-the-hour. (NJW-MD)

910 KLCN AR Blytheville – 12/5 0335 - Playing Christmas music with numerous taped (carted) IDs. Also promo for Delta Festival of Lights. Still audible as late as 0654 in my car and heard again the following morning with the same stuff. No doubt running all night on day power. (NJW-ON)

+ 12/6 0706 - over usual sunrise pest WAVL with choral version of O Come All Ye Faithful (one of the few Christmas songs I like, but only when sung in Latin ). ID as “season’s greetings from your official Blytheville Christmas station, 910 KLCN.” (MBK-ON)

WFVR GA Validosta - 12/8 1917 - weak but briefly alone with driving tips from the Florida DOT mentioning “Florida Vacation Radio, AM 910”. Ex-WGAF for me. (NJW-ON)

1020 WRHB FL Kendall – 12/6 0005 - fair under KDKA. I’d been hearing French under KDKA for the past couple nights and came out here trying to hear an ID. Finally rewarded with “Radio Carnivale” slogan ID just after top of hour. Seems to be a Spanish talker down in there too. New. (DH-NJ)


1110 WBT NC Charlotte – 12/4 2215 – Meteorologist Eric Thomas talking about freezing rain and sleet storm in area: “don’t be too surprised if you wake up to no electricity, no heat, no school… when was the last time you heard about an ice jam in Charlotte… 129,000 power outages.” At 2228 announcers witnessed power transformer outside station window catching fire! Good reception with some fading. (MC-NJ)

1230 WAMM VA Woodstock – 12/4 0600 – Male announcer speaking, “You’re listening to AM 1230 WAMM in Woodstock, Virginia…It’s time for World and National News from the Associated Press.” Underneath semi-local WBPV Beaver Falls, PA. (JJ-P-A)

1240 WCEM MD Cambridge – 12/4 1730 – “Delmarva’s ESPN.” New. (SC-ON)


1300 WYXT MI Detroit – 12/8 0300 – Buried in co-channel, but on the hour: “twelve seventy, WYXT Detroit.” (DL-MD)

1320 WUCI OH Marysville – 12/8 0400 – “Your are tuned to … twelve seventy, WUCO Marysville … in heavy co-channel.” (DL-MD)

1390 WDZY VA Colonial Heights - 12/6 1658 - Disney program, nice ID just before top of hour, strong. (JR-NY)

1390 WHKY NC Hickory - 12/6 1705 - ID after breaking from news. New. (JR-NY)

1330 WOBL OH Oberlin - 12/11 0001 – “Real Country 1320” ID, calls. (JR-NY)

1330 WJSS MD Havre de Grace – 12/4 1700 – ID, mention of station being multicultural, into SSB. … if you’re listening on FM, (MKB-ON)

1370 WGHN MI Grand Haven - 12/4 0700 – Very weak: “This is WGHN and WGHN FM Grand Haven.” (SC-IN)

1390 WVMR WV Frost – 12/9 1700 – over WSPD with sign off announcement by woman, mentioning “WVMR is a service of the Pocahontas Communications Cooperative…if you’re listening on FM, WVMR’s programs will continue”, no SSB. (MBK-ON)

1410 WLTC NC Gastonia – 12/9 1705 – fighting off WSPD with “Spirit Flows” gospel pro-

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CKPC  ON  Bradford - 11/20 1551 - "Proud Mary" and "One More Chance" followed by "...3:57 - information you need." Then "lady" by Styx and at 1430 this is Bradford CKPC, 10 degrees at four o'clock." Signal fair with some interference. (MC-NY)

WKJV  NC  Asheville - 12/9 1708 - over nulled CKPC with North Carolina News Network state news read by woman, lead item about weather-related deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning, ad for Asheville Tribune. (MKB-ON)

WRIV  NY  Riverhead - 12/3 2210 - "1390 WRIV hometown station" and into a version (possibly not Cat Stevens) of "Morning Has Broken." New. (SC-ON)

WNIO  OH  Youngstown - 12/7 1723 - "Thirteen ninety, WNIO" called fades up. May have been a high school basketball game. (DL-MD)

WSTC  CT  Stamford - 12/3 1638 - Calls in mix of stations. New. (SC-ON)

WDOE  NY  Dunkirk - 11/20 1545 - "Wind Beneath My Wings" followed by "isn't that great more music from your hometown station, 1410 WDOE." PAs for American Education Week and Salvation Army. (MC-NY)

WRMN  IL  Elgin - 12/3 0200 - "WRMN/W??? Elgin" dual ID, USA news. New. (JR-NY)

1420  WJVS  KY  Owensboro - 12/13 0130 - 1490/1420 dual ID during NOS program break. (JR-NS)

1430  WXNT  IN  Indianapolis - 12/3 1000 - "News Talk 1430 WXNT", CBS news. New with these calls. (JR-NY)

1450  WSWS  NY  Glens Falls - 11/25 2059 - "WSWS Glens Falls" out of graveyard jumble; mixing with semi-local WCTC. New! (IV-NY)

1460  KXNO  IA Des Moines - 12/12 0105 - Fox sports, local IDs. (JR-NY)


1480  WSDK  NJ  Spring Lake - 12/11 0405 - With news and then local weather and full ID "14-80 WSDK." Then into ad for the Boys and Girls Club, followed by a few more ads and then back to talk. (BT-NB)

1490  WMRR  OH  Marion - 12/3 0300 - In heavy co-channel, "The News is next. This is WMRR, Marion Ohio." (DL-MD)

1500  WFIF  CT  Milford - 12/7 1601 - poor in mess with "WFIF Weather Update" followed by ID "Life Changing Radio, WFIF" into GOS music. Rare. (JR-ON)

1520  WTHE  NY  Mineola - 12/7 1658 - fair over WWKB with ID "New York's first gospel station, WTIE" into GOS music. This one gets out pretty good. (JR-NY)

1540  WJRI  OH  Chardon - 12/8 0724 - Sporting News Radio stuff, commercial for Geauga County Festival of Lights and Mangia Mangia restaurant in Newbury. (NJ-MI)

1570  WPTW  OH  Piqua - 12/7 1956 - ID. "Miami County's Voice for sports. 1570 WPTW". Another liner mentioned they were running 24 hours a day. (NJ-MI)
ing the their phone number a few seconds later as 1-973-881-1130. [Chiochiu-QC]

GRENADA GBC St George’s NOV 28 0152 - Calypso music, deep base, male vocal, weak signal but clear. + DEC 6 0649 - Trace of audio, male English talk, poor signal. [Stromsted-MA]

ST. KITTS & NEVIS R. Ziz, Basseterre NOV 28 0153 - Male Caribbean English accented, into Caribbean music, female caller, talk host chat, more music, female vocal then DJ in/out of music and call-ins. Loud signal. + DEC 6 0649 - Sermon in English, prayer, “Father, we pray.” Poor to fair signal. [Stromsted-MA]

PUERTO RICO WKAQ R. Reily, San Juan DEC 6 2353-2354 - Good well atop channel with discussion between two men in Spanish and long string of advertisements. IDed with both slogan and “WKQQ” jingle. [DeLorenzo-MA]

CUBA R. Rebela, Urbanbo Noris DEC 7 0121 - Presumed; man in Spanish way under WICC and growl. [Chiochiu-QC]

MEXICO XENK México DF DEC 2 0833 - Spanish talk show atop into ad break, finishing with very clear “XENK” call ID, gone to WTMJ soon after. New here. [Loy-IL]

VENEZUELA YVQO Unión Radio, Puerto La Cruz NOV 28 0205 - Baseball game in progress, by play mentioned Caracas and Maracaibo. Dominant signal. [Stromsted-MA]

COLOMBIA HJKH RRC Antena Dos, Bogotá DEC 7 0052 - Very strong, mixing with semi-trained WSB, heard a man with a strong voice mentioning Bogotá. The strongest I’ve heard them. [Chiochiu-QC]

CUBA R. Progreso, Santa Clara DEC 8 0000-0010+ Fair in mix with WFAN New York and an unID Mexican station, anthem and female making speech, parallel 640. First time here. [Loy-IL]

VENEZUELA YVKS RCR Caracas DEC 7 0139 - Man and woman atop WSB, and at 0314 poor to somewhat fair, mixing with WSB. [Chiochiu-QC]

COLOMBIA HJAI RRC Barranquilla DEC 7 0128 - Weak talk, signal but clear. [Stromsted-MA]

VENEZUELA YVMX Maracaibo DEC 8 0040+ Rose above graveyard-like mass of Spanish stations in KDKA null with “Radio Calendario” ID out of break. New here. [Loy-IL]

Erik speaks again: GBC Grenada 53+ on air but signal frequently weak at threshold level but sometimes quite strong peaks. Easy DX listening with limited noise as winter conditions. Also constructing a third long wire beam east to capture possible African DX.

Bob Steele speaks: Slightly above average conditions to Latin America produced a solid log of Colombia’s 650 among others. Another Colombian, the one on 760, is much stronger since a week suggesting a back to normal power (they were very difficult to hear during most of this fall).

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International News
COSTA RICA 530 TIX R.Sinfonía, Cartago, ex-R.Rumbo. They relay 90.3 FM. According to a telephone interview, they replaced all programming of R.Rumbo with R.Sinfonía from mid-February and April and they operate from 1000 to 0060. [Petrovsky Hitahrara, RNM, who visited San Jose 12-15 October 2002, via DEC ARC LA InfoDesk]

CUBA: 2540.00, R.Relo, Camaguey (harmonic 2 x 1270) NOV 28 0321 - Weak talk and “RR” code ID. [Mark Mohrmann-VT, DEC 2 DX Listening Digest]

ECUADOR: HC3B is preparing to test DRM digital radio broadcasting, first on AM and then shortwave. [From various sources, including Cumbre DX, DX Listening Digest, and ARCA LA InfoDesk]

FRANCE: The Tdf transmitter at Antibus Plateaux Fleurius (aka the Nice site), currently carrying France Info on 1557 kHz, is to be taken out of service within a few weeks. As soon as the new aerial is erected near Fontbonne (a site that Tdf took over two years ago from the now defunct R.Monte Carlo), Antibus will cease transmissions and will be dismantled after 67 years of service. Antibus Plateaux Fleurius started broadcasting in 1935, carrying R.Méditerranée. During WW2 it was leased to R.Monte Carlo until that station had a transmitter of its own at Fontbonne, on the slopes of Mont Agel. [Kémy Friess, MWC e-mail news 27.11.2002]

This interesting and would make 1560 a little bit easier hit! [Barry Davies, MWC e-mail news 28.11.2002] No, it won’t. Fontbonne will take over from Antibus on 1557 kHz as soon as the new mast is operating. There might be some delay in getting those frequencies, MWC e-mail news 28.11.2002] [All via DEC ARC LA InfoDesk] The real question: Will the new Fontbonne antenna signal reach the US as well as the old Nice site?

IRAQ: Republic of Iraq Radio, Baghdad, Arabic songs, ID’s, and news on 846 and 908.94 kHz. [Dave Kenny and Alan Pennington, Sheigra DXpedition Report, MWC DEC Medium Wave News]

IRELAND: From Radiowaves NATIONAL; An Irish program on Radio 4 for mid-91.

They relay 90.3 FM. According to a tele-

report, MWC DEC Medium Wave News]

In the early 80’s, his share of the Hartford area morning radio market was between 35 percent and 40 percent.

People who never knew Steele personally addressed him by name as an old friend.

He commented on the local news, after he had been in radio for four decades. “After 40 years at 50,000 watts, you can’t not be recognized,” he said. But it was more than that. To a large percentage of people in central Connecticut, he was a friend. He was the person who got people out of bed in the morning with his frequent announcements of the time, and who then shared his own morning, confessed his weight and elicted chuckles, or groans, with his jokes - which he so obviously relished himself.

Steele might chide a person for making an error in grammar, or pronunciation, but his humor was gentle. It didn’t hurt anyone, and perhaps this was part of the secret of his longevity in the radio business.

Some examples:
“Where I live in Wethersfield, we have a scientist-who’s active in genetics. He crossed a praying mantis with a termite. Got a bug that says grace before eating your house.”

In 1978, Steele was given a roast. “I trained for it for several weeks by attending a lot of warm-up banquets,” he said.

What did the “L” in Robert L. Steele stand for? “Elmer,” he would say.

Steele was hired by WTIC, the biggest radio station in town, at $35 a week. On Oct. 1, 1936, he reported to work at the radio station, and started a long career.

His 50th anniversary with the radio station was marked with a book titled “Bob Steele’s 50th Anniversary: An Amateurnote Memory.”

In the book published by Spoonwood Press Ltd., authors Jan Moscowitz and Jane Gillard of the Storrs section of Mansfield collected fan letters, famous one-liners and background information including photographs and some of Steele’s own cartoons.

Long Beach Island, New Jersey
DXpedition 2002
edited by Rick Keneally

Rick:

It started back in March when Dave Hochfelder suggested that a bunch of Northern New Jersey DXers should get together on Long Beach Island (LBI) for a DXpedition. Though not in NJ, I asked to join the fun if/when such an event took place.

In October, Bob Galerstein got the whole thing moving by inviting interested DXers to his house for a DXpedition planning barbeque. Bob then researched possible DX locations and accommodations, and selected the Drifting Sands Motel in Shipbottom as the official LBI DX Inn. We originally planned for November 9, but I had to cancel that date due to personal issues. The group was very supportive and accommodating, and rescheduled to November 23. The final attendee list was Bob Galerstein, Russ Edmunds, David Hochfelder and myself.

As the date approached, weather began to look like a problem for the target weekend as a Nor'easter was blowing thru. Rain and high winds were forecasted. And a day before the expedition, the driver's side window on my car failed and dropped open. I feared it would be a cold, wet drive to New Jersey. Fortunately the rain subsided, and liberal amounts of duct tape kept the window closed.

I got up early on Saturday and drove to Long Beach Island, logging TIS stations all the way. When I arrived at the DX Inn, residual winds left over from the storm were whipping thru. Not relishing a night of DXing wearing prescription sunglasses, I retraced 1400' of Beverage. I would have to bury the wire across the paths.

I stumbled on the wire as a fellow DXer was wrestling with the problem. As the wire stretched on towards the east, I saw the DXer struggling. I offered to help. The DXer was getting nowhere, and his frustration was evident. I asked him what he was doing wrong. He showed me the wire and I explained my strategy. I told him to stretch the wire and then tie it down with a rock. He agreed, and we were on our way.

I was able to stretch the wire as far as I could and then tie it down with a rock. The DXer was able to continue with his DXing, and we both had a successful night.

The next day, after Rick and Russ brought in the wires, Dave and I ventured out to retrieve the Ero wire ground rod. After burying the wire and digging with a fervor that would have made a child jealous, the rod wouldn't move. Even with Rick and Russ coming over to try. So, Dave went to his car and came back with what he uses for an emergency snow shovel. This was not a full-fledged snow shovel, rather, it looked more like a glorified beach shovel for a kid. After digging about five feet down, the rod rotated, but still could not be liberated from the sand. We concluded that it must have latched onto some piece of driftwood, so Rick and Dave proceeded to hammer it further into the ground.

Dave's comment of the weekend, something on the order of, "Wait till someone next summer runs onto some piece of driftwood, so Rick and Dave proceeded to hammer it further into the ground.

Finally, a big thanks to Bob for arranging the affair.

Bob:

After reading about the many DX-peditions in DX News, I've long coveted the opportunity to experience a beverage on the beach. Such lines as Mark Connelly's "a salad bar of South Americans" from Newfoundland or Bruce Conti's "VOA-Kuwait S-30 and obliterating the domestic" had me longing for what we finally did the third weekend in November. While our one day LBI experience was more an appetizer than a Newfoundland main course, the DX palate has been whetted for future radio trips to LBI.

I'm quite familiar with LBI, having done the summertime bachelor thing with my buddies. (Still do.) This past August and September, I scouted a few hotels, and found what, ergonomically, was the best motel on LBI for stringing beverages. Our DX Inn was just off the causeway, and the oceanfront DX room had a balcony that overlooked a sand dune. Very easy access to the beach. Rick, Dave and Russ all arrived early Saturday afternoon and did the "fun" part of setting up both wires. I would have liked to experience setting up a beverage (really guys!), but work commitments, and the subsequent traffic out of Manhattan, prevented me from getting there till 6pm.

I work as an anchor for one of the NYC radio stations, and subsequently told the guys that I hope I wasn't splattering over some early TA as it arrived. But it didn't. I had to worry. As soon as I walked in the door, Russ blurted out, "The TA signals are dead." Mind you, these were Russ' first words before "hello;" we last saw each other at Bob Foxworth's 1976 BBQ. Ab, the priorities of DXers. Within five minutes my Drake was hooked up, and my first team DX experience was an immediate frenzy of such things as "Caribbean accent on 810!" All four of us would tune there and figure out that ZNS-3 was parallel to 1540, both blasting in. It is certainly a different DX strata to have Jamaica 700 and 720 go from "pest" to "pain" status within an hour. All the while, it was a pleasure learning little tips and tricks for an extensive DX knowledge of the rest of the team.

The DX highlight was the armchair reception, for quite a while, of Radio Reforma from Panama. When the clear ID was heard, we collectively cheered. Except Russ. His reasoning, more or less, "You've already logged 100 countries....." (Sorry Russ, couldn't resist relaying that one.)

Another thing I remember reading in Mark Connelly's extensive Newbie reviews was his description of some "succulent" seafood dish at a local restaurant. Somehow, the LBI pizza was not the gourmet equivalent, but to starving DXers eating over their radios, it hit the spot. As did Dave's DAB beer.

Unfortunately, because of poor propagation conditions and poor grounding on the north longwave, only TA we heard was Mauritania on 783. The south wire, pointed to Mexico and Central America, worked great though. The Cubans on 660 and 710 were sometimes stronger than the New York locals on the same channels. The Bahamas on 810 and 1540 were very good copy, and the Jamicans on 700 and 720 were quite good also. The highlight of the evening for all of us was R. Reforma, Panama, on 860. I was very impressed with the directionality of the longwire, so I'll have to win the lottery and buy a huge tract of land.

We all turned in around 1:00 AM, and Bob and I slept till about 9:30, when Russ called us to get up to remove the last ground rod from the end of the north wire. Rick and Russ had been up for awhile and were pretty perky, but I need a couple cups of coffee to feel human. So a very groggy Bob and I went out to retrieve the ground rod. We dug and dug and dug, but it didn't budge. I went to get a plastic shovel my wife keeps in the car for snow removal, and we dug and dug some more. By this time, Russ and Rick came out to see what the holdup was. So there was now four of us tugging at the rod, and a few passers-by came over to ask us what we were doing. We wound up deciding that removing it was impossible, or at least very tiring, so we pounded it down about three feet below the surface and filled in the hole. The copper rod will no doubt be spectacular "DX" for some poor beachcomber with metal detector!
prospects, a number of unusual Southeastern domestic and Latin stations were heard. This was also
my first chance to work with one of Rick’s Sony 700’s, and it is a very impressive receiver. Although
I had brought along my backup Hammarlund HQ-150 and 2-foot loop, these were little used, as they
were set up in my room for demo - there wasn’t enough room to pack those into the radio room. As it
happened I really was glad to have the 200’s instructive digital tuning capabilities. As a small
reality of the trip - the power switch on the 150 gave out Sunday morning, so I’ll have to replace it.

Had we had a few hundred feet of untrafficked beach to lay out a mini-BOG toward eastern South
America, I believe we would have heard some Brazilians, and certainly more Venezuelans, however
with the ‘South’ wire running at about 220 degrees, that wasn’t to be. I had almost forgotten the extra
enjoyment the hobby brings when DXing with a group! I’m already awaiting the next trip, hopefully
with better conditions, a Brazilian wire, and perhaps more hands on deck as well.

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- **11/23 1930** - WABC, New York
- **11/23 2030** - WFLD, Chicago
- **11/23 2100** - WBBM, Chicago
- **11/23 2130** - WOR, New York
- **11/23 2200** - WABC, New York
- **11/23 2230** - WINS, New York
- **11/23 2300** - WFLD, Chicago
- **11/23 2330** - WBBM, Chicago
- **11/23 2400** - WOR, New York
**U.S. radio station bucks the trend by playing only local music**

from the Canadian Press, via Brian Smith and Perry Crabill

RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP) — The compact disc comes to Steve Bass on a kind of musical underground railroad, slipped under the door of his radio station or passed from a friend to a friend.

Bass is more than happy to air the tracks. It's the mission of WBZB-AM -- perhaps alone in the country -- to play nothing but local music. Radio consultants say they know of no other station foolhardy enough to try it.

As station owner, Bass just wishes that groups like Bandway, the Belmont Playboys, Bigan Mother Nature, Bluebelle and Celtic Jam would include a phone number or address where they can be reached.

"We can't find these guys," reads WBZB's Web site beside each band's name and a picture of their CD. "Can someone help us? They gave us a great CD and disappeared."

"We have a lot of stuff that's really good music, but it was slipped under the door," said Bass, who's also general manager of the 1,000-watt station with offices in the small town of Garner, near Raleigh.

"We get a lot of a friend of a friend asked me to give this this frequency, as the 1680 station in Princeton kills it.


1190 WQO256 NY Queens - 11/23 0830 - Queens construction info, similar to the 1640 station in the Bronx. Also carried very well into New Jersey.


1700 KNAAS85 NY Jamaica, Queens - 11/23 0832 - Second KNAAS85 at JFK (according to FCC database), but carrying special info about holiday travel. No calls given.

If we like it, it goes on the air.

There are two restrictions on the music WBZB plays: It's got to be local (and that's loosely defined, with South Carolina and Virginia bands making their way onto the airwaves); and it's got to pass the taste test of WBZB employees, which basically means someone at the station likes the music.

"It's hard to judge what's going to get on the air and what's not," said Ben Alexander, WBZB's station manager. "The employees sit around and listen to CDs. If we like it, it sounds like quality music, then it goes on the air. There's nothing else influencing it."

Krystal Ely, of Goldsboro, N.C., sings at radio station WBZB-AM. That means heavy metal, country, jazz and R&B all can get airtime, in a lineup the station calls "genre hopping." The station gets about 20 CD submissions a week, of which about 95 percent get at least one track aired, most get two or three tracks. For a musician, little is more fulfilling than hearing your song on the radio, said Rod Abernethy, a guitarist for Aagrogance, which ruled the North Carolina rock scene in the 1970s and early '80s. "It's one of the best things a band or musician can have, to
have his music played on the radio – other than playing in clubs,” said Abernethy, who dropped off some Arrogance CDs at the station this summer. WBZB went on the air July 15, a year and a half after the Federal Communications Commission approved its license. Per that license, it broadcasts only from sunup to sundown. Its signal is so weak the station can be picked up in the car only in a small area because power lines interfere with it. It can only be heard in parts of Raleigh, but it broadcasts on the Web, and Abernethy said he has e-mails from listeners in Holland and New Zealand as well as sites closer to home. Musician Mojo Collins of Wilmington wrote: “Rock on, brothers. It’s so cool to have someone like you doing this for indie acts.” Bass has filed a petition with the FCC to move the station to the band between 1610 and 1710 AM, which would shift it to 10,000 watts in the daytime and allow it to broadcast 24 hours a day.

Radio dominated by big corporations

WBZB is the antithesis of a national trend toward radio homogenization, including syndicated disc jockeys and sound-alike formats that let marketers promise businesses that their ad will air like you doing this for

"Sussudio."

Local artists pay tribute to WBZB. The reason for the sound-alike formats is the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which deregulated station ownership. Before that, ownership was capped at 40 stations nationally and four in any market, two AM and two FM. Now, San Antonio-based Clear Channel, the industry leader, owns 1,200 stations across the country.

Even though Arbitron ratings show listeners tuning in less since the change – an average of 23 hours per week with the radio in 1993 compared to 20.5 hours in 2001 – one radio consultant ranks WBZB’s chances of survival at "one in a billion."

A low wattage station on the AM band has enough handicaps. In addition, few people are interested in unknown, unfamiliar, local music, said Jon Coleman, president of Coleman Research, a radio-program consulting company based outside Raleigh.

"If you want to know if they’re going to make it, I guess it depends on your definition of making it,” he said. "In terms of typical radio success of garnering an audience from a ratings standpoint, I’d say there’s no prayer. Maybe there’s some economic viability in some other way, but I’d say that’s pretty slim.”

The station isn’t paying its bills yet, said Alexander, the station manager, but it’s getting closer. Besides, ‘we’re having fun,” he said.

We’re a lot more than a radio station

Bass has no patience for naysayers, mainly because he views the radio station as merely the jumping-off point in his grand plan to turn Raleigh into a music mecca like Seattle or Austin, Texas. The station hopes to expand into Web commerce, and employees have discussed making custom CDs. Alexander said there are plans to open a store stocked with CDs and T-shirts.

“We’re a lot more than a radio station trying to sell ads and survive,” Bass said.

The promotion of bands and clubs is "our ace in the hole to help us last longer than the average radio property,” Bass said. "And you have to start somewhere."

He got his start when the owner of a license for an AM station outside of Raleigh retired and agreed to sell the license to Bass. Bass owns a studio as well as a company that sells audio equipment, BME (Bass Music Enterprises), and works with several area bands.

"All of these people we had been doing business with all these years, they never had a voice or any input in a radio station that played their material,” he said.

Abernethy called the station a gift for local musicians. Asked to describe his reaction to hearing his music on the radio, he covers the phone and yells to his teenage daughter, Sara, for the name of a movie, then comes back to the phone.

"Do you remember that scene in ‘That Thing You Do’ where The Wonders hear their song on the radio and they’re running up and down the street, screaming, shouting?” he asked. "That’s what it’s like.”

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Hello to all in the NRC. It was very sad to hear about the demise of KKSU-580. Through lots of spleter from KOMJ-590, I was able to listen to some of KKSU’s final broadcast on the afternoon of November 27th, most of which chronicled the history of KKSU and its predecessor, KSAC. Very fascinating, but perhaps sadder still is WNAV-570’s decision to drop C&W music from its programming, during the weekday afternoons and evenings, opting to go with talk programs from Clark Howard, Bill O’Reilly, Art Bell, and the like. Just what we need in the Midwest, yet another station with an expansive daytime signal that has to go and drop music. Fortunately, KWMT-540 has the good sense to stay with C&W, and their Saturday morning C&W oldies program, where they “go back and play it like it was”, is especially enjoyed by Ernie W. and myself. We’ve noticed here in recent months that WDFA-410’s daytime signal hasn’t been as strong as usual. As it once was, we’re thinking that WDFA may be having transmitter problems. It’s been a very active 2002 for me at the dials. My total heard here on Feb. 5th was 426. On August 20th, it stood at 556. As of today (Dec.11th), it sits at 711, with no stopping in sight before the end of the season in March. Just want to close by wishing all of you the very happiest of holiday seasons. 73 from Big Red Country.

CRAIG HEALY - Providence, RI
A while ago Dave asked about the VCR DX Recorder. That started as an April Fuel piece by someone else. As I read it, I thought that it might actually work. By amplifying the antenna signal to a half volt or so, and adding a 1.6 MHz AC signal to serve as a sync signal, it did work when applied to the video input. It was possible to record a fair bit of the AM band for later playback. Due to the noise of the recorder, weak signal wasn’t practical. The recorded signal also wasn’t very stable in frequency. USB or LSB mode wasn’t possible. It was, however, useable over about a quarter of the AM band. Maybe the newer VCRs would have better results. Up until recently I had sent a twice daily WWV report to the am@nrcdx.org list server. Unfortunately, the list-owner wrongly added my ISP as a spammer and unilaterally blocked all my posts, so no more WWV report. Fred tried, but was unable to fix it. Since I was blocked from the list I put the report temporarily at: http://www.wrib.com/www.htm and is updated hourly. Before the first of January, the report will be available to a list: Soon you will be able to subscribe to a new list at am@am-dx.com and get the same WWV information with the Trends history. I hope to add other useful info to the list, and an associated web site. I’ll announce when it’s operational. Best Holiday Season to all, and good listening! (Note from the publisher: according to Fred, the ISP problem was with Craig’s ISP, which is why Fred couldn’t “fix” it. pls.)

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We have on hand a response to Cesar’s report a few issues back from GORDON ANDERSON that we’ll feature in the next issue of Musings, in 2 weeks! Happy Holidays to all.

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