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From the Publisher ... Bruce Portzer, who found out from former NRC member Bart Cronin, recently learned of the death of long-time BCB DXer and former NRC/IRCA member Roy Millar of Marysville, Washington. Roy passed away in September from an apparent heart attack. He had been a DXer since at least the mid 1950's and had been a member of both the NRC and IRCA at various times. Roy had logged and verified all sorts of impressive DX, including some amazing Trans Atlantic catches during the low sunspot years of the mid-1960s.

For more memories of Roy, please see John Callarman's Musing on page 13.

Station Lists ... The new *Australian & New Zealand MW Guide* is now out via the Australian Radio DX Club. For those in Australia and New Zealand the price is AUS\$10-00; for those overseas, U\$10-00 via airmail. This includes the updater sheet in eight months. Contact: John Wright <<dxer@fl.net.au>> 15 Olive Cres - Peakhurst, NSW, 2210, Australia or phone +61 2 9533 6261.

Via NRC/DXCB member Rocco Cotroneo: "The DXCB (Dx Clube do Brasil) is proud to announce the release of the most detailed list of Brazilian Medium Wave stations ever issued. It took a year to put together information coming from the whole country, thanks to the help of dozens of radio listeners and friends. The list will be updated periodically. The DXCB thanks in advance whoever may provide news and corrections for future re-

leases. The entire file (in .pdf) can be freely downloaded at <http://www.ondascurtas.com/listasemissorasmw.php>."

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 70

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DX Time Machine

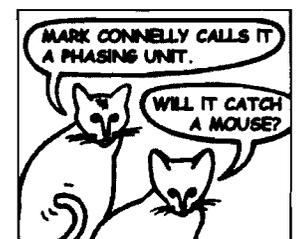
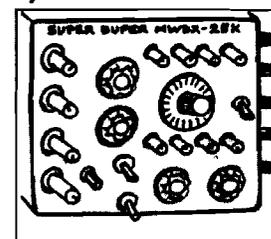
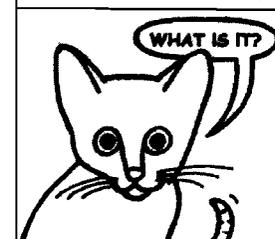
From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the February 28, 1953 DXN: Len Kruse, Dubuque, IA, submitted a "Condition of Frequencies" list, covering stations in the U. S., Canada, Cuba, and Mexico, that showed 15 frequencies clear at all times, while 21 were occupied by stations having no silent period. Stations on many frequencies observed Sunday or Monday morning silent periods.

25 years ago ... from the March 6, 1978 DXN: Tests of AM Stereo components and systems continued, with *Electronics* magazine reporting the Belar and Motorola performing best in AM stereo tests ... Dick Nelson, Simi Valley, CA, was looking for an Allied A-2515 receiver "for parts".

10 years ago ... from the March 1, 1993 DXN: Grant Manning reported that Sony SRF-A1 AM Stereo receivers might still have been available at \$89 from Craig Fox, WOLF Radio, Syracuse, NY ... Elliot R. Straus, Toms River, NJ, was using his "old TRF" to DX while his R390A was being worked on, logging 58 stations in one week and sending out 35 reports ... Mark Connelly, Arlington, MA, described the "worst snowstorm in our history" and listed stations forced off the air by the storm.

LOCO & NOVI: THE DX CATS by Bruce Conti



Domestic DX Digest

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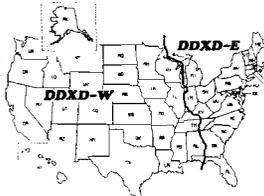
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DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- ☐ "I like the reports I'm reading in DX News of several people listening to the same frequency at about the same time. It shows interesting patterns. I've decided to try these challenges too, since I might even get a new station. Of course, I had to start with a frequency that has a local on it. But the next challenge may be better" - BK-CA; "Conditions are so-so here . . . not awesome like near the beginning of the month. SSS Feb 10 started out promising but didn't provide any great distances" - NK-IL;
- ☐ Kind of a thin turnout this time. However, we do have some dandy DX catches to report. Hope everyone isn't burned out already this DX Season.
- ☐ Deadlines are always Thursdays at 1800 Central DX Reporting Time. Be here!

REPORTERS

FA-ID **Frank Aden Boise** <N7sok@aol.com>
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 NK-IL **Neil Kazaros Barrington** R8A + Quantum Phaser/343 foot WSW BOG/317 foot West BOG <neilkaz@earthlink.net>
 JJR-WI **John J. Rieger South Milwaukee** Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp <http://DX-midAmerica.com, http://DXMW.com>
 MS-MB **Morris Sorensen Winnipeg** DX-392 barefoot <mosor@shaw.ca>
 JV-KY **John Vervoort Murray** Yacht Boy 400PE
 JW-CO **John Wilkins Wheat Ridge** Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop <peakbagger3@juno.com>
 Ed-TX **Editor North Richland Hills** DX-398 barefooted

AM 910

WJCW
INFORMATION RADIO

STATION NEWS & NOTES

- 1060 **KBGN ID Caldwell** - Currently not NSP (as it sometimes has been), has been signing off around 2100. (FA-ID)
- 1070 **KWEL TX Midland** - 2/8 0742 - NOS tunes, with call letter IDs after each song. Area ads. **Format change, Ex: SS.** (JW-CO)
- 1070 **WTSO WI Madison** - Now uses slogan: *The Game, ESPN Radio 1070*, ex: just *ESPN Radio 1070*. Format is (duh) ESPN Sports talk. The station also carries Milwaukee Bucks basketball, and splits University of Wisconsin Badger sports broadcasts with sister station WIBA 1310. (BD-WI)
- 1150 **KCUV CO Englewood** - Went silent on or about February 11 and will stay silent for a couple of months while KNRC, currently on 1510, moves their programming to 1150. What will happen to 1510 is anybody's guess. Thanks to **Pat Griffith** for info on this one. (JW-CO)
- 1150 **KCUV(non)CO Englewood** - 2/11 2330 - Station is dark tonight. The COO of KNRC informed me on 2/7 that KCUV would be going dark within the week in preparation for the move of KNRC from 1510 to 1150. Said 1150 would be dark for about two months. Also may be increasing day power to 10 kW per CP. No word yet on the future plans for 1510. (PG-CO)
- 1270 **KTFI ID Twin Falls** - Now sports format; ex: standards. (DXmidAmerica.com)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 1400 UNID ?? - 2/8 2000 - SS station here, IDing as *La Jota, El Fuerte*. Loops Southwest/Northeast. (JW-CO)
- 1550 UNID ?? - 2/11 0045-0105 - Suspect either KMRI or KXTO with country/gospel music cutting in/out in local KYCY's null. ToH ID smothered by KYCY. (DKK-CA)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

- 550 **KFYR ND Bismarck** - 2/9 0712 - Poor, and alone, with "K-Fire 5-50" and oldies. Mostly talk now . . . but nice to hear! (JJR-WI)
- 570 **CKSW SK Swift Current** - 2/8 0712 - Mention of *Southwest Country* and *ckswradio dot ca*. More C&W music followed, as well as call IDs and one *Country Music Radio* slogan. Fair for a while over KLIF. (JW-CO)
- 580 **CKY MB Winnipeg** - 2/9 0543 - Poor, in with an unID. KY58 and oldies. (JJR-WI)
- 600 **CKAT ON North Bay** - 2/9 0617 - Poor, in with an unID. Calls, and C&W. (JJR-WI)
- 790 **WTSK AL Tuscaloosa** - 2/3 1901 - With *Seven-ninety*, WTSK . . . (JV-KY)
- 840 **KMAX WA Colfax** - 2/7 2003 - With Palouse Country News under Belvedere, California TIS WPEX988. ID at 2006 and into *The Laura Ingram Talk Show*. (DKK-CA)

The Famous, but modest, 910 kHz Challenge

- 910 **KNEW CA Oakland** - 2/8 0049-0107 - VID: . . . *news nine-ten KNEW*. This is a local station and I have trouble completely phasing them out. Can hear another station behind but not enough to be sure it's SS. Their music sounds Mexican (KOXR?). (BK-CA)
- 910 **WFVR GA Valdosta** - 2/9 2049 - Poor, in with Florida tourist info. Alone. (JJR-WI)
- 970 **KESP CA Modesto** - 2/7 0856 - ESPN programming; legal ID at 0859:54: *KESP Modesto-Stockton, ESPN Radio 970* and back to ESPN. Briefly fair over QRM. Last heard as KHYY several years ago; never heard as KASP. (JW-CO)
- 970 **WATH OH Athens** - 2/8 1848 - Poor, with ads, weather and calls into ESPN fare. Rare! (JJR-WI)
- 980 **KMBZ MO Kansas City** - 2/5 1626 - *If it's important to you, we're talking about it, <unintelligible>, Nine-eighty KMBZ.* (JV-KY)
- 1050 **CJNB SK North Battleford** - 2/8 0756 - Local hockey results; then NHL and NBA scores; ID at 0800: *This is 1050 CJNB, 1240 CJNS, Rawlco Radio*, followed by news with **Andrew Walker**. Good for a while but soon lost to KNML. (JW-CO)
- 1060 **KDUS AZ Tempe** - 2/7 2200 - Dominant after KBGN signs off, running FOX Sports Net. (FA-ID)
- 1130 **KWKH LA Shreveport** - 2/14 0024 - Fox Sports with local ads for **South Park Mall** and **Classic Solutions** computer store. (PG-CO)
- 1130 **CKWX BC Vancouver** - 2/14 0005 - *News 1130 time 9:05*, then into ad for **Imagine Wire-less**. (PG-CO)
- 1140 **WRVA VA Richmond** - 1/31 2104 - Good, with Richmond mention, 1140 WRVA ID with promo for news coverage. Rare here, especially after sunset. No sign of usual KSOO or CHR. (MS-MB)
- 1150 **KSAL KS Salina** - 2/11 2359 - Dominant on the channel here as expected with KCUV dark. Sports/talk program interrupted by EAS tones at 2352 but no EAS announcement, ToH was *Your information authority, News Radio 1150, KSAL, Salina*, and into ABC Network News. (PG-CO)
- 1150 **KIMM SD Rapid City** - 2/11 1841 - C&W tunes, ads, call letter IDs and *Classic Country kim* slogans. Fair-to-good, in null of KSAL with local KCUV silent. A new one here - this one was my closest unheard station on a non-GY frequency! South Dakota #31. (JW-CO) [And a new GY record - Ed.]
- 1160 **KENS TX San Antonio** - 2/12 1906-1908 - Good, over/under phased local WYLL, with news, traffic etc. *Kens News Radio 1160 ID.* (NK-IL)
- 1240 **KSUE CA Susanville** - 2/13 0959 - Barely over jumble with . . . *38 degrees at the KSUE-AM studios. Good morning, seven o'clock*, then ABC News. New here, and 1st California GY logging!! (JW-CO)
- 1270 **KBZZ NV Sparks** - 2/8 1859 - Legal ID: *From the . . . hotel in downtown Reno, this is 1270 The Buzz, KBZZ Sparks-Reno* and into CBS News, I think (mixing with others). Needed for a call change here. (JW-CO)
- 1310 **KEZM LA Sulphur** - 2/12 2313 - Fair peaks occasionally noted, over/under KZIP/

- KTCK with bits of WIBA and KRBI. Houston Rockets basketball noted earlier and finally an ID in break in post game show. Good channel here with WIBA nicely null of the side. New! (NK-IL)
- 1350 KBRX NE O'Neill - 2/10 1901 - Poor-to-fair, with calls heard twice in what sounded like sign-off under KRNT, with KGHF showing up afterwards. Oldies heard earlier was likely KBRX. New. (NK-IL)
- 1360 KUIK OR Hillsboro - 2/12 0110 - Atop briefly carrying high school basketball game: Blencoe vs Iesuit. Over three or four other stations. ID and ads at first quarter break(?). Perhaps a recreation. If not they were playing pretty late (10:10pm local time). (DKK-CA)
- 1400 KWUF CO Pagosa Springs - 2/8 1959 - Arose from the jumble with nice ID: *The Wolf, KWUF AM 1400 Pagosa Springs*, then CNN News at 2000. Mixing with unID SS station *La Jota*, and others. First time heard this season. (JW-CO)
- 1420 KTJS OK Hobart - 2/10 2314 - Poor-to-fair, atop WOC/mess, with IDs after classic country into weather. One of many nice distant stations showing up on 1420. (NK-IL)
- 1420 KLFbt TX Lubbock - 2/10 2010 - Poor-to-fair, over/under mess in good conditions, suspected with SS religious music and later at 2025 with sedate SS male announcer. I called the station and their programming is mostly Catholic SS religion and they do play some SS religious music. They ID with their call letters. I'll keep after this one. (NK-IL)
- 1420 KGNB TX New Braunfels - 2/10 2022 - Poor-to-fair through mess, with Texas-accented gal twice mentioning . . . *come see KGNB live* . . . and a mention of something in San Antonio. This is a great freq on the WSW BOG which doesn't have an overpowering signal from WOC. New! (NK-IL)
- 1430 KJAY CA Sacramento - 2/7 - Dominant until about 2100 then gone, running Chinese and lots of ads for Sacramento area. (FA-ID)
- 1430 WXNT IN Indianapolis - 1/31 2148 - Fair, with talk about high school basketball. ID as 1430 WXNT. NEW! (MS-MB)
- 1430 WION MI Ionia - 2/12 0857 - Fair, with weather for lower Michigan plus Upper Peninsula and parts of Ohio. ID as 1430 WION Ionia. NEW! (MS-MB)
- 1460 KKPR NE Kearney - 2/10 1839 - Excellent, crushing KXNO, with huge signal with ID after NOS into brief local news. (NK-IL)
- 1500 KMXO TX Merkel - 2/10 1928:30 - Fair-to-good, after two EE religious gospel-type songs (mostly SS religion is what I hear from them), then announcement in SS: *El Gran Mandamiento Mil Quienentos AM . . . terminado . . . transmission . . .* into some closing SS religious song and then a second sign-off announcement at 1931 and gone. 1500 is very wide open here most nights on any antennas not pointing near KSTP. KMXO also noted February 4 and some other nights and had an ad mentioning something going on in Merkel, Texas. (NK-IL)
- 1510 KNNS KS Larned - 2/12 0903 - Poor-to-fair, with clustered local ads, mentions of several cities in Kansas and talk about cold weather. NEW! (MS-MB)
- 1530 KQQA TX Creedmore - 2/10 2002 - Good, and commonly cheats in early evenings with day facilities. Lively SS music and ID as *La Mexicana Quince Trenta AM . . . Puro Raza*, over/under endlessly cheating KCLR with no trace of WSAI for several minutes. (NK-IL)
- 1570 WCRL AL Oneonta - 2/3 1836 - *Oldies Fifteen-seventy*, WCRL. (JV-KY)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

indicates record held from Alaska or Hawaii

* indicates record held by DXER from North America (excluding Alaska)

1240 kHz:

KSUE	CA	Susanville	John Wilkins	Wheat Ridge, CO	Miles *822
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Remember all the GY DX records are on line at: www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html
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DDXD-East

Great work on the 910 kHz Challenge! On to our "Stations with K Calls" invitational! Upcoming

challenges are as follows: **630 kHz** – February 12 – 25; **1480 kHz** – February 26 – March 19; **960 kHz** – March 20 – April 1; and **1370 kHz** – April 2 – April 15.

Eric Conchie of Tweed, Ontario writes: "am pretty sure that Leslie Wood's UNID on 960 in Issue #18 is CFFX 960 from Kingston, ON. They are about 40 miles or so southeast of me (making them almost impossible to null out), the format fits, and the ID "Fun Oldies" is how they ID. This is the station that I usually listen to when I have the radio on when I'm not DXing."

REPORTERS

- MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto - Panasonic RF-2200; Grundig YB-400PE.
 BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft east/west Double-Ewe antenna.
 PC-VA Perry Crabill, Winchester - Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100' wire.
 MD-MA Marc DeLorenzo, Marstons Mills - JRC NRD-525, noise-reduced slopers, Mini-DXP3 phasing unit.
 RJE-PA Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell - Hammarlund HQ-150 w/ 4' amplified air core loop.
 RJE*PA Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell - Car radio and whip.
 JF-ON Jeff Falconer, Clinton - AOR AR7030+, pair of 130' EWE antennas, MFJ-1026 phase box, etc.
 EG-PA Eldon Geiman, Greencastle- Grundig Satellit 800, 300 foot longwire.
 DH-NJ Dave Hochfelder, New Brunswick - Sony ICF-2010 with Quantum QX Pro.
 KVJ-GA Karl V. Jeter, Lawrenceville - HQ-150, 12-655 TRF, Quantum Loop, KIWA MW Loop.
 PM-MA Paul McDonough, Medford - R8 and Quantum Loop.
 BDM-ON Barry McLarnon, Ottawa - NRD-525, 1 m air-core loop, 40 m inverted-vee, MFJ-1026.
 RR-NC Rick Robinson, Hendersonville - Sony 7600 and Radio Shack loop
 NJW-ON Niel Wolfish, Burnt River - AOR-7030+ with Saul Chernos' 2 longwire antennas.
 NJW*ON Niel Wolfish, Toronto - SONY ICF-2010 and Quantum Loop.

FREQUENCY CHALLENGE – 910 kHz

- 910 KLCN AR Blytheville – 2/5 0000 – almost pest-like dominant with top of hour ID: "Classic country 910 AM KLCN Blytheville" into *I Fall to Pieces* by Patsy Cline. (MKB-ON)
- + 2/5 0200 - C&W, frequent IDs, such as "Arkansas' oldest radio station, Classic Country 910 AM, KLCN Blytheville", clearly on day power, dominating the channel. (BDM-ON)
 - + 2/5 0631 - strong with classic C&W music, ID "The way radio used to be, 'Classic Country', 910 AM, KLCN". (JF-ON)
 - + 2/5 2150 – CW oldies, "The Best Classic Country, 9-10 AM KLCN." Much too strong for their listed 85 watt nighttime power. (RR-NC)
 - + 2/5 2200 – presumed with Classic Country Music. Good nighttime signal. First time heard here. (EG-PA)
 - + 2/7 0557 – C&W. Good signal if only using PSRA, but suspect day power. "Playing the songs you know, by the artists you know, and it's OK to sing along." My third Arkansas station. (PC-VA)
- WLAT CT New Britain – 2/5 1725 - Spanish talk, "La Mega". (RJE-PA)
- + 2/7 0705 - Good; "Nuestra frecuencia 910 AM estereo... WLAT New Britain-Hartford, la Mega," ads in Spanish and English, tropical music. (BC-NH)
 - + 2/11 0705 - Fading way up over WABI with SS phone-in show, talking about Puerto Rico. Common here, but IDs are rare. (BDM-ON)
- WFVR GA Valdosta – 2/5 0624 - poor with tourist info including promo for "The Welcome To Florida Center", plug for WTIR-1680, ID only as "Travel Information Radio". (JF-ON)
- + 2/5 2042— Florida tourist information "Florida Tourist Information Radio on 16-80 and 9-10." "Florida Vacation Radio, Valdosta GA" was the closest I heard to a legal WFVR ID. (RR-NC)
 - + 2/5 2106 – presumed with road conditions along I-75, particularly for Lake City, mentions of Florida Department of Transportation. (MKB-ON)
 - + 2/6 0636 - Travel info, with mentions of I-75 and Lake City, Florida, poor in mix with KLCN and others. New. (BDM-ON)
 - + 2/6 2100 - Florida Vacation Radio Network. Commercials for many vacation spots in Florida. (EG-PA)
 - + 2/7 1930 - With usual tape loop about tourist attractions in Florida. Again 2/10 1940 with actual ID using calls, then back to usual announcements. (RJE-

- PA)
 + 2/8 2215 - Traveler's Information Radio, Florida Dept. of Transportation tips, Florida travel news, dominant signal on 910 here. (KVJ-GA)
 + 2/9 1835 - "Florida Vacation Radio" with plug for a Best Western Hotel. (NJW-ON)
- WSUI IA Iowa City - 2/8 1830-1901 - good at times with a radio drama, way down for top of hour ID (of course) "...WSUI, Iowa City - Cedar Rapids...." into NPR News. (JF-ON)
 + 2/12 0635 - presumed with end of PRI news and typical PRI promo, then into the mud. WSUI is my best guess, but the "Station Locator" on the PRI website is under re-construction and the 2001 NRC Log I keep in the car doesn't show PRI for them. (RJE*PA)
- WABI ME Bangor - 2/6 0530 - Art Garfunkel tune, then "WABI news and weather update", into CNN news, good, dominant. (BDM-ON)
 + 2/9 1630 - ID "9-10 AM WABL." Kenny Roger's "Crazy". Giving away two DVDs, call 1-800-896-1669. CNN News at TOH. (PM-MA)
 + 2/11 0405 - Fair; CNN news, "Only WABI plays your kind of music," and nostalgia. (BC-NH)
 + 2/11 0633 - State and local news items, ID, weather, UNID big band song with male vocal, then Robert Goulet's "On A Clear Day" and another ID atop all else. (RJE-PA)
- WFDF MI Flint - 2/5 1043 - fair with promo for a Valentine's Day celebration at the Genesee Valley Center sponsored by Radio Disney. My daytime 910 local. (JF-ON)
- WSTK NC Jacksonville - 2/6 1915 - Atop frequency with NC State vs. Wake Forest Basketball. Listed on network on website. Last heard as WLAS. (RJE-PA)
 + 2/7 2020 - Fair; basketball play-by-play, ad for business copier company in Greenville, Kitty Hawk, and New Bern, "Jacksonville high school basketball on ESPN Radio 910 WSTK Jacksonville-Camp Lejeune." New. (BC-NH)
 + 2/7 2310-2315 - Fair battling WABI and WLAT with hockey game and "WSTK Jacksonville" ID during break at 2315. (MD-MA)
- WBRJ OH Marietta - 2/6 0400 - "Great sports and great talk all day, on Sports 910, WBRJ Marietta-Parkersburg". (BDM-ON)
 + 2/7 2240 - Promo for Jim Rome program. ID as "Sports 910 WBRJ". Even strength with WSBA-York. (NJW-ON)
 + 2/8 0100 - over nothing in particular with Geico insurance ad, top of hour ID: "great sports and great talk all day on Sports 910 WBRJ, Marietta-Parkersburg" into Fox sports. (MKB-ON)
 + 2/8 0641 - poor with Fox Sports stuff, frequent "Sports 910, WBRJ" mentions. (JF-ON)
- WPFB OH Middletown - 2/11 0600 - "In continuous operation since 1947, this is 910 WPFB, Middletown-Kettering", then subsiding into the mess. (BDM-ON)
- WAVL PA Apollo - 2/7 0801 - "The all-new Praise 910", up-tempo Christian music. Often dominant here after sunrise. (BDM-ON)
 + 2/8 1745 - Poor; faded up over WLAT with light Christian vocals, *Praise 910* ID, then lost to WLAT and an unID ESPN station. (BC-NH)
 + 2/8 1910 - alone with contemporary Christian music, jingle ID "Praise 910 WAVL". (JF-ON)
- WGBI PA Scranton - 2/7 1804 - Ending news, PA state promo, then "WILK Northeast PA's Newsradio" and into Bill O'Reilly. (RJE-PA)
 + 2/7 2000 - Talk, WILK network IDs, with WGBI ID added at TOH. Frequently heard here at night. (BDM-ON)
 + 2/7 2100 - Fair; faded up with *The Savage Nation* talk, "WILK Wilkes Barre, WGBI Scranton, WOGY West Hazleton" into *Newsradio WILK* jingle and ABC news. (BC-NH)
- WSBA PA York - 2/5 1700 - ID into AP news - my usual dominant. (RJE-PA)
 + 2/8 1300 - presumed with Rush Limbaugh program, 1-800-282-2882. (EG-PA)
 + 2/11 0731 - Talk about a dog show, then "coming up on York's morning news in the next half hour... WSBA newstime is 7:31", fair over UNID station with music, probably WAVL. (BDM-ON)



- + 2/11 0843 - local York ads, promo mentioning York County library, followed by "connect to WSBA910.com for more information on York County events." (RR-NC)
- WTMZ SC Dorchester Heights - 2/6 1735 - With segued 1950's and 60's pop, mostly national ads, and muddy choral 'ID's', finally with a real ID. Atop 2/7 1935 ending CNN news, then a choral call ID. (RJE-PA)
 + 2/6 2253 - Standards, several IDs including a program promo, "Charlie Lindsey, here weekdays mornings between 6 and 9, here on WTMZ", good, nearly alone with some auroral enhancement. New. (BDM-ON)
 + 2/10 2223 - Charleston ads, "email us at feedback@wtmz.com". Promo for "News Radio 12-80 WTMA" their sister station. (RR-NC)
- WSPA SC Spartanburg - 2/8 0900 - Show featuring the top 10 news radio stories of the week. "SC's first AM radio station, WSPA Spartanburg." WSPA and WJCW are the daytime dominant stations here on 910. (RR-NC)
 + 2/8 2256 - ESPN Sports programming, ad for "Midsouth Tire", dual ID with WYRD-1330. (KVJ-GA)
- WMRB TN Columbia - 2/11 0841 - "WMRB" ID out of noise. (RR-NC)
- WJCW TN Johnson City - 2/10 0855 - Morning show, "The Two Air-bags", Dual ID: "AM-910 WJCW and 1320 WKIN", into CBS News. (KVJ-GA)
- WICW + 2/8 0850 - "Back to the Garden Line on WJCW, Johnson City, Bristol, Kingsport". One of 2 dominant daytime stations here on 910. (RR-NC)
- WEPC TN South Pittsburg - 2/6 0700 - Sign/on with SSB, ID, poor in mess. New. (BDM-ON)
 + 2/8 0905 - end of ABC News, local ads, then a "Trading Post"-type program. (KVJ-GA)
 + 2/8 2045 - presumed with country music followed by this announcement "undoubtedly the most Country Radio Station in America." (EG-PA)
 + 2/9 0151 - Old C&W, old country rock, frequent full ID's @ 0151, 0206, 0216. Unneeded and not surprisingly, cheating. (RJE-PA)
- WNHV VT White River Junction - 2/11 0100 - ESPN stuff, IDs for WNHV and WTSV-1230. Often a pest here at night, as they seldom, if ever, go off day power. (BDM-ON)
- WRNL VA Richmond - 2/8 0759 - Richmond ads, "9-10 AM WRNL Richmond, Virginia." (RR-NC)
 + 2/10 1740 - Fair; "This is Sportsradio 910" IDs and local sports talk at 345-0910, over WLAT with adjacent local 900 WOTW Nashua nulled. (BC-NH)
 + 2/11 0800 - "Richmond's only sports station... Sportsradio 910, WRNL-AM, Richmond, Virginia", into Fox Sports Update, good over a couple of others. (BDM-ON)
- STATION NEWS
- 780 WIIN MS Ridgeland - 1/15 1800 - Heard with *new all-blues format*; promos such as "Blues 780, Sunup to Sundown, Jackson's Blues station..." by deep-voiced male. (KVJ-GA)
- 1210 WDGR GA Dahlonega is apparently SILENT again...has not been heard for at least a week now. (KVJ-GA)
- UNID AND PRESUMED
- 1000 UNID — — - 2/8 1116 - Eastern European (Slavic?) programming heard under WMVP-Chicago. (NJW-ON)
- UNID — — - 2/9 1714 - Station under WMVP with Mike Gallagher Show. Probably WCCD-Parma, although their website doesn't show them carrying the show at this time. (NJW-ON)
- 1050 CHUMp ON Toronto - 2/9 0107 - Presumed with Oldies well under WEVD. (RJE-PA)
- 1560 UNID — — - 2/9 1747 - over top of WQEW with Marvin Gaye tune, male announcer mentioned "Solid Gold Sunday" and also a woman with ID as "15-60 The? ". My guess would be WNNW in Portgace MI who are "The Touch." (NJW-ON)
- STATION LOGGINGS
- 540 CBT NF Great Falls - 2/8 1737-1740 - Well atop channel with CBC program on World

Music. (MD-MA)

580 WTAG MA Worcester - 2/12 0030 - over CJCL-590 slop with "news-talk 580 WTAG" ID, promo for the first annual Worcester wine and cheese festival. (MKB-ON)

720 CHTN PE Charlotetown - 2/8 1202 - strong with back to back Beatle songs, call ID. This one is present most winter days on the east wire. (JF-ON)

780 CFDR NS Dartmouth - 2/8 1212 - good over WTME with classic C&W and "Classic Country 780 Kicks" slogans between songs. (JF-ON)

WTME ME Rumford - 2/8 1215 - mixing with CFDR with ad for steakhouse in Auburn into "WCNM Sports on AM 780 and 1240". In again 2-9 1145 with scores from the NHL. (JF-ON)

790 WXXA KY Louisville - 2/8 1454 - Fox Sports programming. ID at 1500 as "WXXA Louisville is extra sports 790". Mixing with CIGM-Sudbury. (NJW-ON)

870 WMTL KY Leitchfield - 1/28 0730 - Sign-on, into Kentucky AG NET agricultural news, then bluegrass music; "Bluegrass AM-870". (KVJ-GA)

WPWT TN Colonial Heights - 1/28 0745 - "Power Talk 870" with local political talk show; "Common Sense" with Paul Jacobs, local ads. (KVJ-GA)

940 WNRG VA Grundy - 2/5 0818 - News/Weather, ad for Grundy National Bank. (KVJ-GA)

950 WCTN MD Potomac - 2/4 2100 - over WWJ with top of hour ID: "praising the name of our Lord with the sound of our voice, this is WCTN", into SRN news. (MKB-ON)

WWJK SC Moncks Corner - 2/5 0752 - "The All-New Talk radio 950-WJK" with Imus in the Morning, Traffic Report for Charleston. (KVJ-GA)

WROL MA Boston - 2/8 1620 - poor in mess with WWJ phased with ad for Irish store in Adams. (JF-ON)

960 CHNS NS Halifax - 2/8 0433 - Under semi-local CFFX with various "Oldies 96 CHNS" IDs heard. (NJW-ON)

970 WBGG PA Pittsburgh - 2/7 2205 - Promo for Pitt Panthers basketball. ID as "Pittsburgh's Fox Sports 970". Over top of WNED-Buffalo. (NJW-ON)

990 WEIS AL Centre - 2/5 0637 - mixing with CBW with the "Wise Weather Forecast", birthday announcements, classic C&W music. (JF-ON)

1000 WMUF TN Paris - 1/28 0801 - local ads, "AM-1000 WMUF -The Best Country" into country music. (KVJ-GA)

WKMK FL Blountstown - 1/28 0838 - ads for Appalachee Restaurant and a local handyman, "More of your favorites on WPHK 102.7", country music. (KVJ-GA)

WSPC NC Albemarle - 1/31 0732 - "1010 AM WSPC", local ads, "Birthday Club." (KVJ-GA)

1010 KXEN MO Festus-St. Louis - 2/5 0700 - Full ID (almost like a sign-on announcement) mentioning 50,000 watts and disclaimer about programming, "KXEN 1010 AM", then religious program. (KVJ-GA)

1050 WPLC MD Silver Spring - 2/9 0110 - Mexican music, SS announcer, "R. Capital" occasional local mentions. Last heard as WGAY. (RJE-PA)

1060 WKNG GA Tallapoosa - 2/8 1749 - fair on west wire with C&W music, ID "King Country, WKNG". (JF-ON)

1070 WFLI TN Lookout Mountain - 2/8 1775 - With screaming preacher who sounded a lot like James Brown! (the "Godfather of Soul") No ID heard, but he gave the phone number of 821-3555, which matches up with info in the NRC AM Radio Log. Over top of WIBC-Indianapolis and CHOK-Sarnia. (NJW-ON)

1110 WBCA AL Bay Minette - 2/4 2000 - Country music, ID "You are listening to the Boss, WYDH FM 105.9 and WBCA AM-1110 Bay Minette-Mobile"; ad for Faulkner Community College. (KVJ-GA)

WUHN MA Pittsfield - 2/8 1643 - alone with ID "For the best music there's only one choice, WUHN" into C&W music. (JF-ON)

1120 WKQW PA Oil City - 2/4 1900 - "The Big Talker, Oil City's 1120, KQW", CNN News, then Laura Ingraham Show, fair in KMOX null; was this on past sign-off? (KVJ-GA)

1130 KWKH LA Shreveport - 2/9 0200 - good to dominant. Carrying Fox Sports and Truckin' Bozo: local ads at 0130 and full ID at top of hour. I can normally hear this under WBBR, but hadn't ID'd it till tonight. WEVD/WBBR coordinated outage. New. (DH-NJ)

1210 KGYN OK Guymon - 2/5 0817 - "KGYN Newstime in 7:17", sports. (KVJ-GA)

WDAO OH Dayton - 2/8 1730 - weak with UC music, "1210 WDAO" male/female talk. (KVJ-GA)

WNMA FL Miami Springs - 2/8 1800 - "Radio Unica" English ID "WNMA Miami Springs" with female voice into news. (KVJ-GA)

1220 WFAX VA Falls Church - 2/7 0830 - "Inspirational Radio", program "Faith Seminar of the Air" begins. (KVJ-GA)

WJAX FL Jacksonville - 2/7 1700 - Easy-Listening music noted, ID, then CNN News. (KVJ-GA)

WCHV VA Charlottesville - 2/4 1658 - good with quick call ID into "Channel 29 Date-line News" from WVIR TV. (JF-ON)

WWRC DC Washington - 2/4 1700 - just audible way under WCHV with ID "This is 'WRC Radio', WWRC, Washington, a Clear Channel radio station". Ex WWDC for me. (JF-ON)

WNDE IN Indianapolis - 2/8 1245 - Fox sports stuff and a promo for Jim Rome show. Mixing with WPNW-Holland. No sign of WNSS-Syracuse at this hour. (NJW-ON)

WPNW MI Zeeland - 2/8 1245 - Religious music, IDs by woman. Mixing with WNDE-Indianapolis. Ex-WWJQ. (NJW-ON)

1280 WLCG GA Macon - 2/3 1755 - on top with PSAs for Girl Guides and American Breast Cancer Association, ID "The Light", AM 1280 WLCG, Macon and AM 1670, Warner Robins". Ex WIBB for me. (JF-ON)

1310 WDOC TN Chattanooga - 2/3 1800 - alone with U of T Women's Basketball (Lady Mocs vs Charleston Cougars), frequent "You're listening to Lady Mocs basketball on 'Unforgettable 1310', WDOC" mentions. (JF-ON)

WORC MA Worcester - 2/11 0629 - Mention of Worcester, then "... those of you who are listening to WORC..." Heard under C&W from unidentified C&W station before disappearing. (PC-VA)

1350 WRWH GA Cleveland - 2/4 1747 - faded up with ID "Your favorite country music on 'Hometown Radio', WRWH" into the "Hometown Radio Forecast". (JF-ON)

WGPC VA Portsmouth - 2/4 1749 - poor with ad for an attorney in Virginia Beach, promo for an upcoming gospel concert in Hampton Roads featuring Martin Culpepper. (JF-ON)

1360 WBLC TN Lenoir City - 2/4 1800 - fair with end of the "Old Trailblazer" REL program, promo for "Boy Scouts Week", garbled ID. (JF-ON)

WWWJ VA Galax - 2/4 1800 - heard later while listening to tape way under WBLC with ID "AM 1360, WWWJ, Galax, Virginia". Ex WB0B for me. (JF-ON)

WDRC CT Hartford - 2/11 0602 - CNN Radio News, then road conditions report for Hartford area, along with weather. News; comment about Governor Rowland and Connecticut's budget problems. Faded down into morning mish-mash. (PC-VA)

1390 WHMA AL Anniston - 2/4 1816 - alone with ID "WHMA, the talk station" into news from UNID channel 24 TV. (JF-ON)

1470 WWNN FL Pompano Beach - 2/6 1808 - weak but alone in very noisy auroral conditions with weather from "The South Florida Weather Center" into a live call in financial program (call studio at 888-721-0074) with several callers from Boca Raton, promo for financial seminar in Boca Raton. New! (JF-ON)

WLMC SC Georgetown - 2/6 1848 - poor with promo for "Black History Week on WLMC", church announcements mentioning the ? Baptist Church in Georgetown at 546-9270. Believe this one has been silent for a while. New! (JF-ON)

WHRD WV Huntington - 2/9 0911 - ID by man as "14-70 WHRD", into Carly Simon oldie. Mixing with WTKO-Ithaca. (NJW*ON)

WBTX VA Broadway - 2/10 0447 - Dominating 1470 with religious music up to 0500. No ID at 0500 aside from one for their FM "WLTK Light 103". No doubt they were cheating - sure didn't sound like 36 watts to me! (Was also audible during the daytime on 2/8/2003 @ 1124 ELT with southern gospel music and a mention of Sunshine Ministries) (NJW*ON)

1500 WBZI OH Xenia - 2/8 0821 - poor in WTOP/WLQV mess with GOS/Bluegrass music, "WBZI Saturday Morning ??? Party". Rare here. (JF-ON)

WSEM GA Donalsonville - 2/9 1831 - Underneath WTOP and WLQV with mention of a country music trivia contest, dual IDs for WBBK (1260) and WSEM and

- with Tri-State weather forecast. (NJW-ON)
- 1520 **WTRI MD** Brunswick - 2/11 0000 - good to excellent. Programming in an Asian language. ID'd as "KFOX Torrance." On day facilities. New. (DH-NJ)
- 1550 **WMRE WV** Charles Town - 2/8 1055 - Nostalgia music followed by top-of-the hour ID as "Memories 1550 WMRE Charles Town-Martinsburg-Winchester". Fair with a religious station underneath. (NJW-ON)
- 1560 **WTNS OH** Coshocton - 2/9 1719 - Over top of WQEW with sign-off announcement, including Star Spangled Banner (NJW-ON)
- 1570 **WTLK NC** Taylorsville - 2/2 1843 - On top 1570 with University of North Carolina Tar Heels basketball (vs. Wake Forest). (NJW*ON)
- WSWV VA** Pennington Gap - 2/8 1150 - Female announcer with local obituaries and ID as "Southern Gospel WSWV". (NJW-ON)
- WNSH MA** Beverly - 2/9 1328 - With oldies including Nick Gilder's "Hot Child In The City" and several IDs. Underneath WFLR-Dundee NY. (NJW-ON)
- WNST MD** Towson - 2/9 1636 - On top with Loyola College Greyhounds basketball (vs. the Marist Red Foxes). (NJW-ON)
- WFSR FL** Fernandina Beach - 2/9 1733 - On top of frequency with preacher and "Rejoice 1570 WFSR" ID. (NJW-ON)
- 1660 **KQWB ND** West Fargo - 2/9 0908 - Music by Otis Redding and "Star 16-60" IDs. Over top of WQSN-Kalamazoo with no sign of WWRU. (NJW-ON)

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Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELT, subtract 5 hrs.

Transatlantic DX

- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS** RNE-1 Santa Cruz de Tenerife FEB 7 0010-0030 - Good in auroral conditions with news and features program in Spanish. Definitely not Spain as the Quantum Loop indicated the signal was coming from well south of due east. Also no trace of commonly heard Spaniards on 585, 738, or 774. No problem from domestics on 620. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** Bordeaux FEB 8 0438-0448 - Steady signal with discussion between two men in French. [DeLorenzo-MA]

Pan-American DX

- 550 **COLOMBIA** HJHF R.Diff. Nacional, Marinilla FEB 5 0400 - Tentative; good to dominant at times. Playing light ballads/love songs. Top of hour mention of Colombia and ID'd with mentions of "melodia." Auroral conditions. Previously logged as presumed Venezuela. [Hochfelder-NJ]
- 570 **MEXICO** XEBJB Monterrey, NL FEB 9 0145 - Playing ranchera by Los Tigres del Norte, with a woman giving R.Alegria slogan. Nueva, primera vez. #709. [Redding-AZ]
- 580 **JAMAICA** RJR Baileys Vale FEB 6 0600 - Fair. Reggae-sounding music and announcer with accented English; clearly parallel to 720, but much better on 580. Spanish underneath, but unsure who. Also thought I heard "WIBW," but not enough for a logging. Auroral conditions. New. [Hochfelder-NJ]
- 590 **MEXICO** XEPH México, DF FEB 10 1046-1120 - News commentary, national anthem at 1058, full ID at 1059 mentioning "Estadio 590 XEPH" and "25 mil watts potencia." News, sports and commercials. Very good signal until 1120. [Myers-FL]
- 600 **NICARAGUA** YNLD La Nueva Radio, Managua FEB 14 1029-1040 - Presumed; out of commercial for musical artist, into program with woman host. Mentions of Managua. Very good with a couple of other Spanish stations. [Myers-FL]
- 630 **HONDURAS** HRLD R.America, La Ceiba FEB 14 1055-1101 - News with several mentions of "Radio America." "Noticias del Radio America" at 1101. Strong and alone. [Myers-FL]
- 630 **MEXICO** XEFX Guaymas, Sonora FEB 9 0705 - With the Mexican national anthem and full top of the hour ID. Nueva, primera vez. #710. [Redding-AZ]
- 650 **HONDURAS** R.Católica Olancho, Olancho FEB 14 1046-1054 - Christian song then ID or promo by man and children with "Radio Católica" mention by child and more music, before losing out to WSB. [Myers-FL]

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- 730 **COLOMBIA** HJCU Melodia, Bogotá FEB 4 1051-1054 - Loud way over CKAC and WJTO with news in Spanish, music bridges between items, and "Melodia" IDs. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 770 **VENEZUELA** YVKK R.Nacional, Valencia FEB 1 0414-0430 - Burying WABC with news in Spanish, music bridges between items, IDs as "Radio Nacional de Venezuela," or, more frequently, "RN" (Air-ay Enn-ay). [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 880 **MEXICO** XEEM Río Verde, SLP FEB 11 1310 - Heard here with oddly timed national anthem (I believe this is a legit late sign-on). Followed by ID and then several references to station as EM and La M. Noted here as an unID with national anthem at 1314 several days ago; also as an unID at 1251 last year. Glad to finally nail this one with the help of Wiseblood's 2002 logging. [Bryant-OK]
- 910 **VENEZUELA** YVRQ Caracas FEB 7 0207 - Presumed with impassioned political speech or rally, sounding almost Fidel-like, but mentioned "la maquinaria de democracia" (the machinery of democracy), which kinda rules out Cuba. Faded out by 0215. [Brooker-ON] FEB 9 2310 - Good; AM Center time check, tropical music, then announcement of AM Center affiliates including Caracas and Zulia, while battling splash from nearby local 900 WOTW Nashua. [Conti-NH] The Ginnie Lupi Frequency of the Week.
- 940 **MEXICO** XEYJ Nueva Rosita, COAH FEB 8 1225 - Heard mixing with XEQ, to finally dominate at 1230. Romantica plus lots of morning talk. Full ID twice at 1230. Good at times. New for me. [Bryant-OK]
- 940 **PUERTO RICO** WIPR San Juan FEB 8 2258 - Loud and clear burying CINW with a Spanish ballad, ID "Esta es WIPR AM en San Juan" at 2300, and into apparent radio drama in Spanish. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1090 **MEXICO** XEAU Monterrey, NL FEB 7 1150 - Multiple mentions of Monterrey, heavy use of Que Buena slogan and orchestral national anthem at 1156. Did not hear call letters following anthem, so presumed. Fair signal. [Bryant-OK]
- 1100 **CUBA** R.Cadena Habana FEB 10 0637 - Strong; tropical music with female announcer, parallel 1080 and 1120 (both good). [Beu-TX]
- 1140 **MEXICO** XEMR Monterrey, NL FEB 5 1201 - Began obligatory national anthem at 1200, followed by usual sign-on routine. Good level. [Bryant-OK]
- 1140 **VENEZUELA** LV de la Caribe, Porlamar FEB 6 0400 - Tentative; good to dominant at times. Coca Cola ad just before top of hour, then 15 minutes of talk, possibly news, then back to light/romantic music. Shortly before 0500, religious talk with frequent mentions of "amen" and "nombre de Dios." Auroral conditions. New. [Hochfelder-NJ]
- 1280 **BERMUDA** VSB2 Hamilton FEB 5 2200 - Vocal, choral, and pipe organ Christian music, "This is the Bible Broadcasting Network. Thanks for listening to... WYFG... South Carolina." Listed as an affiliate under United Kingdom on the Bible Broadcasting Network web site. [Conti-NH] On many shore outings, I've heard the Bermuda station running BBN material. I think that a US FM call does sometimes get mentioned. [Connelly-MA] Scott Fybus of NorthEast Radio Watch at fybus.com says WYFG is a hub for the satellite network.
- 1300 **MEXICO** XEP Cd. Juárez, CHIH FEB 5 1158 - Noted with Radio Trece slogan several times lately, with a good but interfered signal. Never logged here before. A new antenna? [Bryant-OK]

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International News

- IRAQ: A new clandestine radio service to Iraq has been observed on 1584 kHz. The station broadcasts in Arabic and identifies as Radio Tikrit, referring to the town of Tikrit (located some 170 kilometers north of Baghdad), where Iraqi president Saddam Hussein was born and where a



large part of the ruling elite hails from. Although logged only on 1584 kHz, Radio Tikrit was initially heard announcing the frequency of 1557 kHz, which has later been corrected. Radio Tikrit broadcasts at 1900-2100 UTC (2200-2400 Baghdad time), dominating the frequency even in parts of Europe.

In the beginning the station broadcast popular Arabic music and only brief announcements. Pro-Iraqi news, press reviews and commentary have been added later, but unlike on Iraqi Radio, the national anthem is not played. According to an unconfirmed report, the voice of one of the announcers had been recognized as the same one as heard on US run Information Radio broadcasting to Iraq, suggesting that also the programming of Radio Tikrit would be produced by the 4th Psychological Operations Group at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. However, the program content is radically different, and is supportive of the current Iraqi regime. Radio Tikrit was presumably first logged by Björn Fransson in Sweden on February 3. A sample station identification is available in the audio section and logs in the DXing.info Community Asia Forum. [Feb 6, DXing.info]

73 and Good DX!

Radio Luz - Hispanic Christian Programming Targets Spanish-Speaking Audience

By Richard Vara, Houston Chronicle Religion Editor

via Stephen Ponder

Radio disc jockey and promoter Alex Mejia used to mix with pop singer Marc Anthony, salsa singer Oscar D'Leon and sultry Hispanic TV personality/model Sofia Vergara.

Now the Rev. Alex Mejia mingles with Roberto Orellana, Rene Gonzalez and Julissa, popular Hispanic gospel singers. Instead of chasing women on weekends, Mejia chases souls for Jesus Christ on Houston streets and at flea markets.

Mejia, 41, is the founder of Radio Luz which produces Christian programming in Spanish for two area radio stations.

"I was really something until Jesus Christ came into my life and made a whole change and switched me into a different person," said Mejia, who came to the United States from civil-war-wracked El Salvador in 1982.

Before Radio Luz (Radio Light), Mejia was the founder of Radio Kafe, producing programming that focused on salsa and merengue music. He created Kafe in 1994 after losing his DJ job when the AM station where he worked was sold.

At that time Mejia was a well-known night club DJ and had broadened his popularity on the radio airwaves. He promoted concerts and programs featuring top Hispanic singers and groups.

"I was really an expert on Hispanic music, all kinds of Hispanic music, oldies, whatever," Mejia said at his modest Radio Luz studio in southwest Houston.

His musical memory bank was so extensive that he won \$6,000 in 1993 on Sabado Gigante, the popular Hispanic TV variety show hosted by Don Francisco. Mejia bested DJs from Mexico and Miami in a name-that-tune competition.

"When you are on radio, it is easy money," Mejia said of his previous lifestyle. "You are always spending money. That was the first time I had some savings in my account."

"He was vain," said Lisa Mejia, his wife of five years. "He thought he deserved everything because he had a good job and made good money."

The world began to change for Mejia on Aug. 16, 1997. It was 3:30 p.m. when a group of gospel singers entered the Salvadoran restaurant where he was eating. One of the singers, a girl, came over to Mejia and asked if she could pray with him. "I said, 'Sure, no problem.'"

She held his hand. "Lord, get rid of my sins, and please put my name in the book of heaven. Amen," the girl prayed.

"It was something amazing," Mejia said. There was no clap of thunder or lightning bolt, but Mejia began a gradual spiritual transformation. "I thought Christians were stupid," Mejia said of his earlier beliefs. "I didn't believe. I thought man wrote the Bible and they could prove anything they wanted (quoting the text). "He gave up his "womanizer" ways. He began to focus on Lisa, whom he had known for several years. Together they gave up patronizing nightclubs, movies and restaurants, activities that were filling the emptiness in his life.

He also began focusing on the Christian radio programming he had created in 1996 for KILE (1560-AM). "Back then I was not thinking about ministry," Mejia said. "I was thinking about business."

Dan Cocozza, manager of KILE and KFCC (1270-AM), had approached Mejia for program-



The Rev. Alex Mejia, at rear, founder and operator of Radio Luz, hosts a morning call-in show with Pastor Asael Medrano.

ming.

"Nobody was doing Spanish Christian at the time," Cocozza said. Radio Luz still broadcasts over both stations.

Mejia also began looking for a church home. He recalled meeting the Rev. Antonio Romero years earlier and how Romero said he could pray for him. He's now a member of Romero's Baptist church, Iglesia Macedonia, in southwest Houston. Wanting to do more, Mejia created a street ministry called Revolucion Evangelistica de Dios (Evangelical Revolution of God).

"We go to flea markets, we go to the streets," said Mejia, who was ordained two years ago. Mejia and his volunteers approach men and women and ask to pray for them, the same approach that transformed him.

In addition to music and talk programs, Radio Luz broadcasts worship services of several Hispanic evangelical churches such as Centro Cristiano Evangelico, Pacto Eterno, Iglesia Emmanuel and Iglesia Ebenezer.

Most of the churches are small, Cocozza said, resulting in a small revenue stream.

"It is a real labor of love," Cocozza said.

The radio format relies on volunteers like Asael Medrano and former volunteer Francisco Salmeron, who have joined Mejia in his radio ministry.

"A friend of mine called me about the radio station when it first went on the air," Salmeron said. "I tuned in and I liked it." He began driving out-of-town gospel singers to their hotel rooms and concerts. He is now an announcer and producer, one of three employees of Radio Luz.

Medrano said he prayed for a Christian radio station in 1997. "I prayed, and two weeks later I found this station," said Medrano, who co-hosts a morning talk show with Mejia. The program draws enormous response from Hispanics throughout the city, said Medrano, a former radio news reporter in El Salvador.

Medrano said he counted more than 120 calls to the program one morning, although only a smaller number actually got on the air.

"Our main goal is to let people know there is

someone they can look to, and that is Jesus Christ, so they can be changed in his image," Salmeron said.

Radio Luz began partnering with Gulf Meadows Church in southeast Houston four months ago to hold weekly concerts and services on Monday nights. A concert this week featuring Rene Gonzalez of Puerto Rico attracted more than 1,000 people, the average crowd for the weekly event.

"I thank God for Radio Luz and Alex," said Pedro Jimenez, who heads Hispanic ministry for Gulf Meadows. "In promoting their events here at Gulf Meadows, it has been a blessing to our ministry and our church."

Elias Ayala, a construction worker and member of Centro Evangelico Cristiano, has attended every Monday night since the events began.

"I like the music and especially the talk show," Ayala, 22, said referring to the radio program. "I think it is one of the best ministries we have at this time."

Mejia is praying about Radio Luz's future. He wants the radio ministry to expand to seven days a week, 24 hours a day, but that means a radio station with a fulltime frequency in Houston. KILE is licensed to operate only 6 a.m.-5 p.m. KFCC is a 24-hour station but is heard primarily from Bay City to Victoria.

"We have worked with him on that to try and find a signal that we can give him 24 hours a day," Cocozza said. "Right now the market is such that there is nothing out there that will cover Houston 24 hours."

"God will give it to us," Mejia said.

"There is evidently a real trick to (popular Hispanic Christian programming)," Cocozza said. "If there is anyone who knows how to do it, it is Alex Mejia."

As for the young gospel singer who startled his life with her simple prayer, Mejia said he would like to see her again.

"She would be 19 or 20 years old," he said.

"Never again did I see her. God has a purpose no one understands."

For additional information about Radio Luz, visit www.radiocristiana.com.

Musings

of the Members

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IRCA's *Soft DX Monitor* today (Feb. 12) brings the sad and unwelcome news that long-time DX'er and NRC'er Roy H. Millar died last September in Maryville, Washington. Roy introduced me to the NRC back in February of 1956 after he had sent a taped reception report for KCOV-1240, Corvallis, Oregon, where I was working at the time. I confirmed the report, wrote that I was a DX'er myself, and Roy followed up by arranging a DX Test from our station. It was back in the days when 1240 was relatively clear on Monday mornings — the closest all-nighter was in Chicago — and I got two solid reception reports from New Zealand, a good one from Buddy Giles in Oklahoma City, and several from California including as far south as Jim Critchett in San Diego. Roy was my first NRC contact and

remained a good friend through the years. He was very supportive when I went into the Army in the summer of 1956, and when I was stationed in Germany, I was able to pick up for him a beautiful, table model Grundig Majestic radio, one of the early radios to use a small ferrite loopstick, and it was for a time Roy's main rig. I visited Roy in the summer of 1958 as part of a West Coast bus trip I took from the Panhandle of Texas to celebrate my discharge from the Army. Roy's hospitality was much appreciated. Roy was a pioneer in the use of preset tape recorders for DX purposes, primarily because his wife put her foot down in no uncertain terms on his getting up in the early morning hours to tune the radio. Back before cassette recorders, he connected as many as three reel-to-reel units on three different radios with Torque industrial timers to record DX on as many as three different frequencies. Roy and Ted Vasilopolous, who considered himself a DX purist, locked horns over the new technique, in a sometimes rancorous Musings debate. Vasilopolous referred to Millar as "The Sleeping DX'er of Issaquah." In the early to mid '60s, when I was recording a five-minute weekly segment on BCB DX for Errol Urbelis' DX program on WNYW, the old Radio New York Worldwide on shortwave, Roy was one of my regular reporters. One gorgeous tape he sent was for reception he'd recorded in Washington State of Tallinn, Estonia, on 1034 khz. Aussies, Zedders and Japanese were commonplace for Roy, without benefit of split frequencies or a DXpedition site ... but with the benefit of a much more vacant dial than we have today. Roy also got involved in SWBC DX briefly in the late '50s, when I edited a Universal Radio DX Club shortwave column, and I introduced him to that club. I checked the Social Security Death Index for specific dates and found Roy was born May 21, 1923, and died September 21, 2002. I trust Roy today is where no domestic station broadcasts between midnight and 6 a.m. where all the foreign stations are on split frequencies, where sunrise and sunset sign-ons and sign-offs abound, and where his loved ones allow him to DX live and thus not be limited to three frequencies a morning.

Don Trelford

It has been some time since my last muse, so had better catch up. Regarding DXers aging, I guess I am in that category, 77 years old, which leads me to what CESAR OBIJO said, and how to interest young people in the hobby. Unfortunately, I feel it will never be a highly popular hobby. Young people, on the average just want to hear the music, or whatever, and what they like about the station they are listening to, except where it is on the radio dial. Perhaps guest lectures at schools, and for those students who show a real interest, an invite for a DX session at the DXers house (shack). I know one thing, it takes a great deal of patience to wade through an hour of talk to get an ID (and when it does come the station fades). Any more ideas? 73

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Very early in my hobby of DXing the BCB I learned the truism that call signs for stations in the eastern US began with W, and those out west began with K. There were some exceptions, such as KDKA and KQV in Pittsburgh, PA, and KYW in Philadelphia. Actually, I'm old enough to remember when KYW was moved from Chicago to Philadelphia some time in the thirties. I recently became interested in checking some Midwest cities to see if any of them had a mixture of K and W calls. This is not a comprehensive list, but here are some that I have found: For instance, Ft. Worth has six stations with K calls and only one with a W call, WBAP. Oklahoma City's one W station is WKY; the other four stations have K calls. St. Louis, on the other hand, has WEW, WMEM, and WRTH, along with six K stations. Minneapolis also has three W stations: WCCO, WMNN, and WWTC and four K calls. In Kansas City, MO, we have WHB and WDAF in the company of four stations beginning with K. Ames, Iowa has WOI and only one K counterpart; also in Iowa we have Des Moines with WHO and five K companions. Memphis is an interesting case; it has only one K station, KWAM, but eight W calls. Is any of this important? Not really, but I thought it might make an interesting Musing. What does it mean, if anything? Perhaps it tells us that the FCC and the FRC, its predecessor, have had trouble maintaining a uniform and consistent call letter assignment policy. Even so, I haven't found any West Coast stations with W calls.

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Hello to everyone from a "newbie" DXer! I have been DXing for over a year now and would like to write about my experiences. I am 28 years old and I live in a small village 15 miles southwest of Pittsburgh. I've been married for three years, and Misty is very supportive of my hobby even though we are both products of a FM generation. Reading the *DX News* is a humbling experience. The dedication NRC members put into this hobby and the results they achieve amaze me. My jaw drops to the floor each time I read the IDXD loggings. I still can't fathom how anyone is able to receive AM signals from thousands and thousands of miles away. I feel as if some members of this club have "magic"



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Drake R8B's specifically outfitted by the CIA so they could listen to radio stations across the globe. Or perhaps they pour an enchanted potion into their Sony 2010 and exotic catches fly out. I have since put these conspiracy theories aside because I learned radio DXing is just like any other venture. You have to work hard to be successful and outstanding achievement does not come to you overnight. DX can come to you by using countless varieties of equipment and strategies and just like anyone, I still need to find the tips and tricks that work best for me.

Am I bitter? Of course not. I achieved a lot this DXing season. Misty bought me a DX-398 for Christmas so now I enjoy a good radio. I need to DX five frequencies (1240, 1400, 1490, 1570, 1610) in order to have logged every frequency. I even got my first taste of international DX hearing Radio Educación in Mexico over KYW on 1060. I was completely bewildered trying to ID the station because the program content was unlike anything most people hear on the radio. It was a thrilling experience. These events made me realize it is best to enjoy DXing one day at a time. Back in November I was pessimistic about the hobby. The controversy surrounding IBOC made me wonder how much longer we would have an AM hobby to pursue. In addition, this is not a hobby that receives much attention - especially among people my age. Both of these topics have been discussed in detail in the past weeks. Now I feel at peace with these issues. The most important thing to me is I love sitting down with the radio and finding out what I can pick up. I feel the issues surrounding me will work themselves out and the way I can best preserve this hobby for the future is by doing what I love. I enjoyed MUSINGS very much and hope to do so again. Good DX everyone! (And welcome to the NRC, Joe, we'll be glad to hear from you with your DX doings!-DWS)

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Hello to all! Hope the season is treating all very well. Reintro: (A little late): I'm 56 years old and have been an NRC member on and off (mostly on!) since JERRY BOND mentioned it to me in 1964. I'm not very active now, but do have the Superadio II and III along with a CC Radio as receivers. I'm currently working all over the country doing delivery work, so no real "base" even though I just inherited my dad's place in Milford, PA and also have my GA home. WSAI-1530 switched to an Oldies format on 1/6, local programming complete with the old jingles, really sounds good! Mentioned 1/23 that WWKB-1520 will switch to same type format on 1/27. Maybe a trend? Hope so! It would be welcomed here. Guess that it for now, good DX to all! (And I drive right past Milford when I have to go to Middletown, NY for my work, Bill; maybe one of these days I'll make the turn in and stop by! Good hearing from you Bill-DWS)

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Since there has been some discussions lately in DX NEWS about weather and signal strengths on the AM band, I thought I'd chime in. I have noticed that AM signals (meaning groundwave, not skywave) during the day are about 1 to as much as 3 db better in the winter than in the summer. Everything from the Chicago clears to stations out of Grand Rapids (30 miles distant) and Kalamazoo (about 50 miles away) are stronger here when the temperatures are cold and there is snow on the ground than during the hot, humid days of summer. I don't know why this is, but it does occur. Ground conductivity in this part of MI is kind of weird, anyway. For about 30 miles inland from lake Michigan, we have very sandy soil, giving a very low (2 mmho) level on conductivity (a Mho is the unit of conductivity, it is 'ohm', the unit of resistance, spelled backwards!). Going further inland, the soil is more loamy, giving a conductivity of 8 mmhos. This can be seen in the coverages of non directional stations in Grand Rapids, such as WFWR-1570 and WYGR-1530. To the east, their signals extend about 25% further than they do to the west of the city, due to the lousy ground conductivity toward the lake. I have a map from the old WKJR-1520 showing that stations coverage compared to other regional stations on 1520 at the time (1970). WKJR's 10000 watt directional, confined to the lousy conductivity of the lake Michigan shoreline (beaming N and S from Muskegon) covers about the same area, square miles wise, as 250 watt WYNZ-1520 Ypsilanti. The difference: Ypsilanti is in a conductivity zone of 8-15 mmhos, while WKJR is on soil with 2 mmhos. Interestingly, neither of these stations operate now. WKJR became WKBZ in the 1990's, which is now defunct. WYNZ became WYFC, which moved to 990 with better facilities in the mid 80's and is now WDEO. 73

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We have on hand for next week, Musings from Herbert Newberry, Ken Onyschuk, George Holland and John Vervoort and YOU, if you send your report along to us! Emailers, it'd be great if you could please put "Musing" in the subject line of your Email report, saves a lot of time when you're in the delete modd of getting rid of the junk mail. I recently installed a new transmitter at WDLA-1270 and would be interested in knowing how far this is going now. That's it, 73

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