**From the Publisher**... Creations heard in Tulsa? It's true! See inside for details.

Don't forget to update your address before the December 5 DXN goes out, as it will cost your club 70 cents per card address to meet postal regulations. We have to print "Address Correction Requested" and pay for the corrections at least twice a year, and just to be sure we send out 50, 10, 30, and 30 with that imprint on them. And as always, replacement copies of mangled or dented DXN's are free.

**Cape Cod GTG** ... From former NBC member Chris Black, "Announcing a Cape Cod DX get-together Saturday, Nov 19th. Due to the cancellation this year of the well-known Ray Arruda event, we will be keeping the tradition of DX and fellowship alive. The address is Chris Black, 12 Cypress Point Way - S Yarmouth MA 02675, 508-394-0528, n1e@comcast.net. For those with 2-meter VHF, 146.955 (88.5) will be monitored for talk-in. Although we are not directly at the water, if conditions are decent, there should be a lot of good DX heard. We are shooting for a real hands-on, interactive event to bring your radios and anything you think will be of interest. There will be a couple of "guest" stations available with receive only and long wire antennas pointed to Europe. This will definitely be an "All Mode" event with an FM phaser demonstration by Keith McGrath and some innovative MW loop designs by Craig Healy to try. For those who want to stay over, I have numbers of some motels within five minutes driving. The lowest rate I found was $49 for your basic no-frills motel to $69 for a Quality Inn with an indoor pool, dining area, etc. That looked quite nice. If anyone has a specific accommodation request, please send me a note so I can look into it.

**DX Time Machine**

**From the pages of DX News**

50 years ago... from the November 5, 1955 DXN: It was announced that Jim O'Herin, Brooklyn, NY would be the new editor of the "Varie Signs" column. The rules were published for submitting items to the column, which was scheduled to appear once a month in DX News.

25 years ago... from the November 3, 1980 DXN: Earl Higgins won the first NBC Contest of the season, followed by Michael J. Novak, Robert Curtis, Bruce Conlin, and Paul Monroe.

10 years ago... from the October 30, 1995 DXN: Thirteen stations had already agreed to participate in CPC tests, including HU8-RIO, Quito, Ecuador, and Jim Brander, Rochester, NY received a 70% verifiably correct response rate from NW stations, 74% from SW stations, 80% from FM stations, and 85% from TV stations, including follow-up.

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**Station Test Calendar**

| WNAR  | PA 1620 daily 0300-0600 |

and I am looking forward to learning a lot and making new friends. Try to RSVP if possible by early to mid November so we can get a rough count and contact me with any questions.

**Welcome to these new members**... Thomas Goelker, Lancaster, OH; Lewis H. Draper, Stone Falls, SD; David Leng, Waterford, CT (requires...
CALL LETTER CHANGES

790 KBET NV Winchester KJUL
910 WSPA SC Spartanburg WOLI
970 KTOU WA Spokane KTTQ
1130 WQRS SC Camden WCAF [Note: there is a list of historic calls]
1200 NEW NY Highland WJGC
1230 KWAS MO Joplin KZYM
1450 NEW VA Charlottesville WVAX
1470 NVLY FL Dunedin WDRR [Finally, it's official!]
1550 KWWY CO Colorado Springs KKKK [ID it: KKKK 1380, Colorado Springs-Pueblo]

ON THE AIR

830 KMUL TX Farwell - CP to move here from 1380 is on the air. Facilitates are U1 1100/10.
850 WFDE MI Farmington Hills - Program Test Authority (PTA) granted for U4 5000/19000 from their new site on W62-35/683-23.
1130 KILJ IA Mount Pleasant - CP to add night service as U1 250-22 is on the air.
1170 WOYB NC Benson - CP for D1 6500/0 CH 1000 is on the air.
1170 KOWZ MN Weszcz - CP to decrease night power to become U3 2500/5 CH 1000 is on the air.

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1330 NEW AK Juneau - CP granted for U1 10000/3500.

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

920 WGKA GA Atlanta - CP granted to increase day power to become U1 14000/450.
960 WZRH NC Dallas - CP granted to increase day power to become U4 10000/500.
983 KKMS MN Eagan - CP granted for a power decrease to become U4 3800/5000 along with City of License change from Richfield.

GRANTS TO PENDING FACILITIES

810 WEUS FL Okevista - New station, not yet on the air, originally had a CP for U4 10000/400, after which it was upgraded to U4 5000/400. This CP once again upgrades the day power to become U4 10000/400 from a new tower site at N28-34-18 W81-25-02.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

1070 KJAB IA Homestake - New station, not yet on the air, had a CP for U1 10000/5000, but this later action grants a license U1 5000/500. I find their new tower coordinates, N21-17-41 W187-51-49, to be none of the other stations: 690, 760, 1083, and 1210. Would this be the first cincoplian operation?

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

1490 CKDR-2 ON Sioux Lookout - Applies to move to 97.1 MHz with 40 Watts at 45.8 Metres. [This is a new tower site.]

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

660 KZTR AZ Window Rock KFLJ AZ Tucson
1440 KALL UT North Salt Lake KANN UT Ray
1498 KMBL AZ Black Canyon KNN NM Albuquerque
1498 KSPU UT South Salt Lake

HEAR AND THAR

Reported OFF the air: KZZB-990 Beaumont, Texas, WQMV-1060 Waverly, Tennessee, which is back playing oldies with AM 1060, Playing The Soundtrack Of Your Life songs. Back on KMHS-1430 Coos Bay, Oregon, which had been off since their tower fell down, but is back on the air with a temporary wire antenna. KMHS may be the only high school AM station which is run by student, WSMN-1590 Nashua, New Hampshire / WSMN-900.

THANKS TO Shawn Axelrod, Ferry Criswell, and Wayne Heinen for contributions.

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

TOTALS: 1230 1340 1430 1500 1650 1490 TOTAL

Steve Francis Alcoa, Tennessee
52 44 45 51 62 70 222
Domestic DX Digest

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East: Ginnie Lupi DDDD 517-934-9251
PO Box 3404- Clinton Park, New York 12065-0853

DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-br. ELT

DDXD-West
FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

Here is our twice-a-year reminder about Daylight Savings time and reporting your loggings in ELT. To alleviate any confusion, please note that the recent passage changes in DST are not effective until 2007. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday October 28 at 2 AM local time. At that hour, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) changes from Eastern Daylight to Eastern Standard Time. If your locality switches back to standard time on October 30, the time difference between your time and EDT remains the same. In those areas where standard time is observed all year long, the difference shrinks by one hour. All reports sent to DDXD must be made in ELT.

Here is a “flying riddle.” DXer A lives in an East Coast state and DXer B lives in a West Coast state of the United States. One night they are talking to each other on the phone. “What time is it there?” asks A, and B tells him the time. “Hammar,” says A. “It is the exact same time here.” How can this be? And just what does he have to do with the West Land anyway? The answer can be found at the end of this column.

73 Bill

Reporters

BW-OK Bruce Winkelman AASC, Tulsa, Ok. 39, Quantum phase: two 130-foot +/- wires.

CB-CA Craig Barnes, Wonder, IA. Drake 84A with 140-foot Koi, or Lowe HF 150 European loop with 70-foot N EWE.

G2-HL Greg Harris, Park Forest, IL. FCC, Quantum Loop or Grundig S330, internal ferrite loop.

JJ-WI John Riegner, South Milwaukee, WI. Icom IC-773, Vibra loop, MFI-5995 tuner-preamp, GE Superhead 3B, with York AM 1000 loop (for vertical gray能不能 tapping).

JY-VK John E. Verboett, Madisonville, VA. 430 P.E.

JW-CO John Williams, Wheat Ridge, CO. Drake 8-8, 4-foot box loop.

ET-MN Rick Turner, Menasha, WI. Y4B0PE with Select-A-Tenna 541 or Grundig S330 barefoot.

SA-MB Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg, MB. KCOM 9270, Drake 88, 4-foot un aligned loop box, Quantum 450 foot outdoor wire, 100 foot indoor wire, MFI 1026 phasing unit.


WH-CO Wayne Heinen, Aurora, CO. Drake RBB, Super Phase, E/W Flag, N/S Flag, modified NRC Antennza multiloop.

Ed-West Your editor, Madison. Drake RBB, Quantum VX3 Pre-loop.

Station News

840 KXNT NV North Las Vegas, NV. A new year ago when DXers from the Midwest and East began widely hearing this station, there has been speculation that it is having antenna pattern problems. DXer Tim Noonan, Oak Creek, WI recently received a QSL from the station, v/s Tracy Teegarden, CE which sheds some light on the problem. Part of the QSL states: “KXNT is operating on special temporary authority at a power reduction of approximately 33% because of power distribution towers built in the field of the antennas array.” What has probably happened is that these towers have in effect become part of the array, and in the process the masts have been altered or disappeared. The power reduction is intended to reduce interference until the towers can be deumed. Thanks to Tim for passing this along, and to Doug Smith for interpreting the situation for me. (Ed-WL)

1420 KJCK KS Junction City, 10/17 0000. “The Talk of KC, KJCK 1420 Junction City” is ABC news. New slogan for your log, (WH-CO)

1450 KKAN KS Phillipsburg, 10/12 2159. Rough copy but pulled out ID at 2159. “You’re lis-
KROI OK Dallas 10/18 2220. "Sportsradio Twelfte Fifty WSSP Milwaukee." Poor to fair signal (J-V-KY).

KRRV TX Crockett 10/19 0900. "Timeless Classics... KIVY." End of Arne Murray show at 0900 and mixing with AM IDs to Coast to Coast AM. Log lists as 275 watts peak power, 1260 kHz. 14, TX, 17, J-V-KY.


KGLO IA Mason City 10/15 0700. Popped up over KROP with ToH ID. Fair (WEST-CO).

KOLT NE Scottsbluff 10/15 0800. "Power up with Goshen County (WY) promo and Wyomingaska weather for AM 1320 KOLT." Fair (W-V-KY).

KLBO TX Monahans 10/15 2200. Out of oldies with AM "Radio Texas, AM 1300 KLBO" and CNN News.


change here, last heard as KQIL a few years ago. (JW- CO).

KWYO WY Sheridan 10/17 1900. Fair with full ID to ABC news, over semi-local KXK (WEST-CO).

WHK OH Cleveland 10/15 0700. Poor but clear and steady, with PFA legal ID. SRN news. Rare (JR-WI).


KPUR TX Amarillo 10/16 0358. "ESPN 1440 Amarillo KPUR." mixed with KMA. (WEST-CO).

KRDZ CO Way 10/18 0800. Rare SRK appearance, with legal ID. "O dis for Colorado's Eastern Plains, KRDZ Wray" to ABC News. (WEST-CO).


KNX TX Dallas 10/12 2221. Southern Gospel tunes, many dot com atid legal ID at 2239-54 "1400 KNX Dallas Fort Worth Southern Gospel 480 KNXT," SRN News was new at 2300. Fair at best, ex-KICK. (JW-CO).

KOKC OK Oklahoma City 10/15 0100. "Sports 1520 KOKC." by a male announcer. Listenable, but in my opinion not as strong as they should have been. QRM from two midday stations. (EJ-HL).

KXTD OK Wagoner 10/18 0205. SS ID. "KXTD Wagoner La Que Superer." Dominant with WCKY undercard. (WEST-CO).

KGAL DR Lebanon 10/19 0459. ID heard, fairly poor at 0459-54. "This is Newstalk 1580 KGAL, Lebanon's only..." and faded into the noise. A log listing just six seconds, but a new one here. OR 115. (JW-CO).


KCRG IA Cedar Rapids 10/15 0300. Dominant with local KKCR nulled most of the morning. "ESPN 1600 KCRG Cedar Rapids." (WEST-CO).

WMWR GA Dry Branch 10/19 0030. "Clean Rock relying on Newy's Sixteen-seventy WMW." Mainly on top of the frequency. (J-V-KY).

Answer to the Riddle

DXers: A lives in Florida, an East Coast state. DXers B lives in Oregon, a West Coast state. DXers A lives in the panhandle part of Florida west of the Apalachicola River in the Central Time Zone. DXers B lives in Melheur County, the only part of CR, CA or WA at the Mountain Time Zone. It is Sunday, October 30, 2005, and it is some time between 2 and 3 AM ELT. The Central Time Zone has flipped to CST while the Mountain Time Zone will remain on MDT until the top of the hour. So, for one brief hour a year, the time is the same for DXers A and B. What does this have to do with the West Coast? Both DXers are Westlanders, and both faithfully report their loggings to DXDB-W using ELT?

DDX-East

DDX-East Submission Guidelines

- The deadline for column submissions is 9:00 AM the Wednesday before Paul's deadline.
- Please follow the format you see in the printed columns. I cannot stress this strongly enough. The format is: RE: CALL STATE/TROV CITY - date-time - programming, (YOUR INITIALS-STATE/760).
- Those submitting in MS should ask for a template, which will help you with your formatting.
- These proofread and correct your logs before you send them to me. I am often trying to beat the clock in submitting the column to Paul and need to be able to trust what you send me.
- Please make sure handwritten logs are legible. I reserve the right to reject anything I can't read.
- If you don't report hearing a clear call ID or local identifying information, your log will be placed in the UNID/PRESUMED area of the column. Quoted what you heard.
- Please do not report a station more than once per season. If you're a station DXer, please consider
only reporting stations that are new to you.
• Readers are very interested in reception quality. Include it in your logs!
• A station has to be at least 50 miles away from your listening location to be considered DX.

JLE-NY
Jerry Bend, Rochester – Ham Call: N53LD; W40X5A, 2 foot loop.

MKB-OH
Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig VE-4000; Panasonic SF-33.

MD-MA
Marc DeLorenzo, So Dennis – JRC JR-525; receive reduced wires, Mini DXP-3 phasing unit.

DG-PA
Dave Gardiner, Oreland – Stuck 1999 Dodge Neon radio.

KHF-PA
Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre – Zenith Trans Oceanic; Kiwa Packet; Loop, Bose Wave Radio.

DP-RI
Dale Park, Honolulu – Station News.

JR-NY
Jim Refring, Byron – Drake 66B, 1000; 110 wires, Quantum Phaser.

ET-NB
Brent Taylor, Dausalton – Icon R75 (Siwa mode), NE Pournant, NE sloper, Quantum Phaser.

WSYR NY Syracuse – Adds Jones Radio Network’s “Ed Schultz Show” 10/10 per program, weekdays at 1:00-2:00. Station slogans is “Newsradio 5-70.” (DP-HI)

WDOD TN Chattanooga – Per The Chattanooga newspaper, station switched from adult standards to liberal talk 10/3 featuring Arnie America radio plus Jones Radio’s Bill Press and Stephanie Miller. Station will continue to air Vanderbilt U. sports and lookouts baseball. Station slogan is “The Voice, Modern Talk for Modern Times.” (DP-HI)

WAF Philadelphia – Per Philadelphia Inquirer, station dropped Arnie America Radio’s Al Franken and Randi Rhodes 10/1 and went back to all-talk block. Station features Ben Smith and Tavis Smiley. (DP-HI)

WVAA Burlington – Adds Air America Radio 10/3 per website. (DP-HI)

WSVA VA Harrisonburg – 10/16 1000 – Good ad channel with local weather forecast and ID. “This is News Radio 550 W5A Harrisonburg” followed by All-News. (MD-MA)

WIOZ NC Peachtree – 10/6 0100 – Fair under WSVA with ID: “It’s one o’clock and time for the news on WIOZ-AV in Pinehurst.” (MD-MA)

WACE MA Chicopee – 10/19 1725 – Strong over CRAC saying “more fine programming ahead on WACE – Chicopee-Springfield” then news. (JLBNY)

WNAM PA Altoona – 10/15 1945 – Strong over CRAC with ID and playing “big band classics”. This one had to be still using their 1kw daytime power and not their 12kw night power. (JLBNY)

WWDE PA Philadelphia – 10/16 1800 – Strong signal over CJBC saying “the Delaware Valley’s only money talk station is WWDE-Philadelphia.” (JLBNY)

WLTP OH Marlita – 12/27 0700 – Very unusual. WAFL, pent with local weather, slogan “the Valley’s official weather station, talk radio WLTP”, into “The Valley’s morning news” local news. (“Just the valley” – they never said which.) (MBK-ON)

CFAM CA Altona – 10/6 0135 – classical music through WWJ with WROG phased, weather and ID at 10:35, final on their website. (JLBNY)

WATH OH Athens – 10/14 1938 – Good signal with local spots and WATHingle during break in pre game show of a local high school football game. (JLBNY)

WCHN NY Norwich – 10/6 0143 – In Cazenovia with the forgettable 970-WCHN slogan between musical selections “Will you love me tomorrow” and “28 Miles”. (JLBNY)

KOMO WA Seattle – 10/6 0156 – WMVP underlying antenna work, first noted around 1040, flip-flopping between no signal and open carrier. Finally matched fragments of English under XGY with KOMO’s delayed web audio. And then 0156 the on-air signal was steady enough, with “shaping” to catch multiple KOMO IDs and time checks. Last heard 2/12/79, but it wasn’t QSLing at the time, so this is a fresh opportunity to track. (JLBNY)

KZNN CO Grand Junction – 10/15 0150 – This one has taken a lot of work to ID, due to WTSAM’s of course. I have previously heard this with the same programs listed on KZNN’s web site but finally a clear call letter ID during the Laura Ingram call-in show. KZNN 840, however, is still being heard without any ID yet. (JLBNY)

KFAB NE Omaha – 10/9 2355 – Well under WBT, both carrying the Matt Drudge program, KFAB’s audio: 3 seconds behind WBT. “KFAB Omaha” ID at 2400. (MD-MA)

KHTK CA Sacramento – 10/15 0208 – weak English talk under WWVA, finally got a clear KHTK ID at 0228. Talk seemed to be sports-orientd. New and a rare California station. (CHRB)

CHRAB AB High River – 10/6 0038 – Good in WWVA phase null with country and western music and line: “Mike In The Morning on Southern Alberta’s community radio station, AM-1140.” (MD-MA)

WWMR NJ Bridgewater Township – 10/16 1750 – Very good for a while. ID as, “Classic Oldies AM 1250 and AM 170 WMTT”. (HHJ-PA)


WGFB NV Evansville – 10/14 2235 – High school football, local ads, and ID. (JLBNY)

WJRA WI Madison – 10/8 1800 – over nulled CJW with ad for SBC Internet, “WIBA news time is 689” into talk about Wisconsin’s Smoke-Free Dining Act and local anti-smoking laws. (MBK-ON)

WFRH WI Wisconsin Rapids – 10/14 1916 – high school football coverage, lots of IDs. (JLBNY)

WMID NJ Atlantic City – 10/13 0030 – Very clear above the mess with ID and oldies, proclaiming “we play all the classic oldies the other stations forgot.” (JLBNY)

WWXI NY Rochester – 10/14 2220 – with segment of what seemed to be a panel discussion on Rochester’s wayos. Tapping the frequency at times, almost local-like. (DG-PA)

CKLJ ON Kingston – 10/6 1852 – Fair with ID and “All Time Favorites” slogan. Song “Make Someone Happy” by Jimmy Durante. (HJH-PA)

WKPAP PA Allentown – 10/16 1755 – Good with local spots and “oldies 1470-WKAP” slogan. (JLBNY)

WLIJ TN Shelbyville – 10/9 450 – over WPQG with high school football program, local weather: “57 degrees at WLIJ radio park right now” into twangy C&W version of “Casey Jones”. (MBK-ON)

WAUB NY Auburn – 10/8 0420 – Fair, in jambe that included WAKR and WARV, with news into Finger Lakes weather @ 0408, and full ID, “WAUB, a member of the Finger Lakes News Network.” Into a reinder to support the station’s advertisers in the market area. New. (ET-NB)
FRANCE France Info, Marseille (43°15'05"N 5°18'06"E) OCT 13 0:26 - Good; jazz instrumental parallel 126 kHz and 1377 kHz. [Conti-ME]

LIBYA Voice of Africa, Tripoli (32°50'00"N 13°00'00"E) OCT 14 23:50 - Excellent; Arabic vocal with strings; then a man in Arabic. [Conti-ME]

SPAIN Cadice Valeria OCT 21 07:50 - Good over whole Kornik reception; telephone talk in Spanish. [Conti-NH]

SPAIN RNE synch OCT 21 03:15 - Good over whole of suburbale hit; in-studio discussion in Spanish. [Conti-NH]

NORWAY NRK in Swedish (59°25'00"N 05°26'00"E) OCT 13 09:12 - Big signal. Soft pop songs; woman in Norwegian. When this station is coming in well you just know TA conditions are better than average. [Danger-j-d-Pa] OCT 12 09:34 - Excellent; Willy Nelson "The Road Agains"; woman and man in Norwegian. [Conti-ME] OCT 21 01:24 - Excellent; telephone talk with woman host in distinctive Norwegian. [Conti-NH]

IRAN Radio Tirgan, Teheran OCT 16 23:24 - Good over whole of suburbale hit; in-studio discussion in Persian. [Conti-ME]

ROMANIA Romania Actualitati. Galati (43°25'00"N 27°55'00"E) OCT 13 21:45 - Pressed; woman in Italian program; 0030 news; under what was later determined to be KVOS. [Conti-ME]

FRANCE France Info, Ville (50°33'00"N 02°59'00"E) OCT 13 21:35 - Excellent; adult contemporary vocal parallel 126 kHz. [Conti-NH]

FRANCE France Info synch OCT 14 22:20 - Good; news; talk in French parallel 1377 kHz. [Conti-ME]

SPAIN RNE synch OCT 14 23:10 - Good; talk parallel 1107 kHz. [Conti-ME]

GERMANY Deutschlandsfunk. Heusweiler (49°21'00"N 06°55'00"E) OCT 13 22:20 - Good; lounge-style jazz vocal. [Conti-ME]

DJIBOUTI Sawa. Arta (13°31'00"N 42°56'00"E) OCT 13 22:06 - Good; Middle Eastern pop vocal. [Conti-ME]

LIBYA Radio Jamahiriya, Voice of Africa, Misurata (32°46'00"N 15°05'00"E) OCT 13 00:00 - Good; man in Arabic parallel 675 kHz. [Conti-ME]

FRANCE France Info synch OCT 13 21:50 - Good; news; talk in French parallel 1575 kHz. [Conti-ME]

untitled OCT 14 23:25 - Fair, pop music nos; parallel 864 France Bleu or any freqs. At 2:24; "Theme from Shaft" not heard. France Info or France Bleu. [Conti-ME]

IRAN Radio Vahdat, Teheran (52°58'00"N 50°53'00"E) OCT 13 10:25 - Good; woman in Arabic parallel 1169 kHz; also good. [Conti-ME] OCT 21 00:00 - Good; Korean and men in Arabic; loud against phase-mismatched 1500 WTOP. [Conti-NH]

SPAIN RNE Fintra and La Linea de Concepcion OCT 14 21:45 - Good; woman and man in Spanish. [Conti-ME] OCT 13 00:30 - Good; phase-mismatched 1075 kHz. [Conti-ME]

BELGIUM Radio Vlaanderen Bruxelles. Wolvem (50°59'00"N 04°13'00"E) OCT 14 23:20 - Good; disc jocks including Bill Summers "Take that to the bank." Carrying DAB Klassiek at this time. [Conti-ME]

SAUDI ARABIA BBC Arabic Duba (27°29'00"N 35°45'00"E) OCT 13 20:00 - Good; news/talk in Arabic with flute instrumental barometer parallel 5955 kHz and 8970 kHz; loud against 1900 WIZZ and WTHE. Still daylight here! [Conti-ME]

untitled OCT 14 23:24 - Weak but steady hit against WYEF and WCKY; strongest on east wave. [Conti-ME]

KUWAIT Radio Kwaita Kuwait City (28°10'00"N 47°32'00"E) OCT 13 22:24 - Urban contemporary and Middle Eastern vocals; just barely over uniden UK signals. [Conti-ME]

FRANCE France Info, Fothanchere, France (59°58'00"N 01°55'00"E) OCT 13 04:00 - Good; woman with all-news in French parallel 1377 kHz. [Conti-ME] OCT 13 04:25 - CBM R. Bonner splatter + 20 dB. [Conti-ME]

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES R. Firda Al Dhiyaba (24°47'00"N 41°14'00"E) OCT 22:35 - Loud and clear straight of the east wave; Middle Eastern pop music. OCT 21 00:00 - Continued excellent reception. [Conti-ME]

CEuta Radio D. Ceuta (25°53'00"N 05°17'00"W) OCT 14 21:20 - Tracing pieces with SER, now on top with Middle East influenced Flamenco-style vocal. [Conti-ME]

SPAIN SER synchrom OCT 14 21:15 - Good over R. Doble; talk parallel 1625 kHz. [Conti-ME]

Jim speaks: In addition to the stations noted above, I also heard 171, 183, 185, 216, and 234 kHz. There was also a slight hint [maybe wishful thinking] of audio on 261 kHz.

Ralph speaks: Logs are my first in probably 12 years for NRC. I had a couple of years around 1994-95 when we were able to hear "MDX" with my then new Drake 8B and silve ricki, but when I moved from there when I was living back then, I found myself in a series of locations that were terrible for medium wave DXing, even if one of them was excellent for shortwave. Ten years later, I find myself having sought the house I lived in in 1994 and finally thank my new shack set up and the Kiva connected. Haven't heard nearly as much as I did ten years ago, but I'm just getting started at this again. I've enjoyed reading the column over the years. Hopefully this is just the first of many contributions.

Ben speaks: My how nice it is to have such consistent reception of TAs as there has been here the last several days. My daily count of frequencies heard (which does not include now many on a frequency) beginning OCT 1 was 59, 69, 52, and 32. Just think how many more frequencies and stations would be heard from 20 and more years ago before so many European stations closed down.

And now the status of remaining stations like the Danish and Spain's RNE is doubtful. Monday Oct 13/14 was particularly interesting. When NCR. San Francisco posted a leged of MDX in Am Shfield, England on 52 meters, I had the QSO after it too. No, I didn't log that station but I heard a mix of UK stations so there was that possibility. I then decided to check 855 to see if RNE Spain was coming in but found instead a man in another language with many mentions of Bucharest - obviously Romania. Many more from all parts of Europe as well as Northern Africa that night. The next night the trend was to North Africa with 1738 Maritona better than usual with late night Europan programing. 1134 Croatia as usual has been the stronest TA but Oct 12/13 1134 Norway gave it a run for the money. 1062 Denmark was also heard from. LA activity just as nint.
From the Broadcast Test Coordinator

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Challenges we face this year come in the form of providing Morse Code ID's, Sweep tones, and other test materials. In some cases, we have also taken on the responsibility of printing and sending out QSL cards. Our efforts are now directed at making the tests as easy as possible for stations, requiring minimal effort on their part.

This past DX season saw 15 DX tests conducted, including an international test by CCR 1020 kHz in Grand Turk, which was heard well on the East Coast, and one night saw four stations testing on the same frequency! A very long-distance test by KEVA 1240 kHz was heard across the country, despite the conditions... this frequency, which speaks to what a difference Morse Code can make it pulling a station out of the noise.

But challenges also face us, with many tests this year coming on short notice, making it very difficult for members without access to a test to participate. To combat this problem, the BTC also operates a "push notification" system where test questions are e-mailed to members who request short-term notification, but only three members have availed themselves of this service.

It seems clear that we will have to continue to adapt to changes in the broadcasting industry that make it more difficult to schedule tests. More and more tests will be conducted on short notice, making it essential that DXers use all the available resources, especially e-mail lists to stay informed. Some stations also cited legal concerns, wanting to avoid even the appearance of causing interference to other stations by conducting tests at daytime power levels, despite our pointing out that such tests are legal.

Both engineers and management are less likely to be amateur radio operators or even radio hobbyists themselves, making them less sympathetic to our requests. To combat these problems, we've taken several steps:

1. Our broadcast test coordinator has spoken at two meetings of the Society of Broadcast Engineers, playing clips of rare DX tests, expounding the hobby, and asking for future tests. As a result of these meetings we already have commitments for two new tests in the coming season. We've encouraged other members to reach out to their local chapters as well and have offered to supply materials for their use.

2. We have begun a "mini-test" format, basically a commercial that can be inserted into the station's overnight inventory that would run Morse Code ID's and sweep tones near the top of the hour. Some stations have expressed interest in this format, since it does not require engineering support nor does it affect their commitment to overnight programming. Members in both clubs are now encouraged to exploit their own contacts with local engineers and station managers to request tests. We supply guidance and advice and will interface directly where needed. These types of contacts have thus far proved invaluable.

3. BTC has continued its print publications and e-mail lists about the need to treat stations with greater respect, not endlessly pester QSL's, reporting "cheaters" to the POC, or other actions that may negatively impact the image of the hobby. We encourage DXers to use the community's resources to adapt to the changing nature of broadcasting and strive to create a positive image with stations.

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Here is the NRC column which matches the excitement of an R505/1 U connector (anyone know what it is?)! When sending long distance, please keep them radio and DX-related; that's all we ask, such a deal! And here we go:

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I agree with you...many more of us should submit Musings to keep this column afloat. After 6 years of year-round resident in central FL, I moved back to the St. Louis area early this year. Got tired of coping with hurricanes after 3 long trips running away from them, wending through FL. I had a home left to return to. Luckily my house in FL sustained no damage then my nerves did. Westmont is 40 miles/64 km west of the gateway Arch. I bought a new townhouse separated from the neighbor's unit, except for the garages. The downside is no outside antennas allowed, which I can sneak a teen wire to a young tree 80 feet from my DX den window). However, I have very little or no electrical noise. Since I'm close to the line, AM dial tuning can be unplug and turn off stuff like the TV, powered subwoofer and compact fluorescent bulbs. I am retired after 31 years now. My neighbors aren't around much, and I get very little electrical noise from them. Living in FL was the second time in my life lived in a part of the USA far from NRC; the first was during my Air Force hitch in Watertown, NY in 1963-64. It is good to be back in the Midwest with its many Spanish and other language stations cluttering up the dial, it was returning to St. Louis from northern NY where there were many French Canadian stations on the dial. Downside is far more crowded graveyard channels than in FL. Since my new home is only 10 miles from my former Wright City home, I can resume adding to the tape from that one but the Alton one, 26 miles from where I grew up and started DXing in the 50's. Discovered and first joined the NRC in 1964. Radio here includes a Grundig 90 portable, a Kenwood R100, A GE superadio purchased in 1958 plus 19 others more than 25 years old including a circa 1935 Grundig 7 tube turn-tune set that works very nice. Great hearing from you again, Wait, let us know of your DX when you get the 'invisible' wire up! -DWS

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Time's all local for Musings so neglect double-spaced only.

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A couple of folks and I have crossed the desk here and it appears that some are interested in the theme-type Musings we run from time to time. So we're open to suggestions from you of what may be a good theme subject for the column. Best catches? Tricks you've used for hearing stations? Recording what you've heard? Let us know and share with your fellow members. One of my latest projects is the restoration of the console used on WSBA-910 for its heyday. The console had been in storage for well over 20 years but, amazingly, it was clean inside and not in bad condition. It's an RCA R435, full of tubes!

I'm using Ebay lately. I've noticed that a lot of tube receivers are being listed, such as HQ-180's and R90's, and going in the $275-$300 range, which isn't bad (they were double that last year). Just be careful on shipping. That's the kick when buying that way as it can get expensive. Has anyone bought a receiver from Ebay and had good luck with it? It appears that the PFHEF (Friday Night High School Football Fan) used by some stations has fallen off somewhat, but a few still pop up from time to time. Have you had any luck hearing them and/or collecting a verification from them? We look forward to hearing from you and keeping the column alive!