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STATIC FROM HQ

Was great once again to see everyone in St. Louis (or wherever it was they really had us staying!) and for those who didn't make it, you missed a good time, but we hope to see you next year in Los Angeles! On other matters, those who did not buy them at the auction, can still get a taped copy of the special report about WFAT/WCPR that was on National Public Radio awhile back. Carl Mann says he'll be glad to send you a dub of the tape he has, if you will send him a cassette or reel and return postage. The address is c/o KCRG, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401....Don Erickson has more info on the 1980 WRTVH inside...For those of you looking in this issue for a convention report--keep looking in your mailbox instead for the next issue (Oct. 8), as the report and a report of the business meeting will be in the next issue. Some Convention photos are inside, so look at them and laugh, hi! If you were in St. Wherever and have some photos you want included in the next issues, please send them to HQ immediately and we'll credit you! Finally, our best wishes to Norm Maguire who we understand is on the road to recovery from an emergency eye operation that canceled his plans to be in St. Louis! Now, on with the show...

CPC TESTS

Members getting DX News on Sat. may be able to use the first two tests, which arrived too late for last issue. Special thanks to Bruce Portzer for sending us the three IRCA tests! Also, we are searching for a CPC Chairman, to take over December 1st. If interested, contact HQ! Now the tests.

- 9/24 Mon. KSRA-960 Salmon, Idaho 0300-0330 ELT, 1 kw non-directional. Prepaid calls to 208/756-2216. No other details avail. Arr: McMillan/IRCA
- 9/24 Mon. KPRK-1340 Livingston, Mont. 0600-0700 ELT. Will use 1000 cycle tone, IDs every 5-10 minutes. Prepaid calls to 406/222-2841. Reports to: Kent L. Colby, Box 691, Livingston 59047. Arr: McMillan/IRCA
- 10/1 Mon. WFPA-1580 Patchogue, N.Y. 0100-0300 with 10 kw. Test to include music, tones, voice IDs, Prepaid calls to 516/475-1580. Reports to: Gene Healy, CE, WFPA, 45 Pennsylvania Ave., Medford, NY 11763. Arr: Steve Ehrbar and Ian Meyers/IRCA
- 12/2 Sun. WVLC-1170 Orleans, Mass. 0400-0530 ELT, 1 kw D-3. Will be NRC and PoP test during WWVA's silent period. More details later. Arr: Ernie Cooper/NRC

LOOK INSIDE

We end the year with another big issue. Look for the same next time as we start a new season off right!!!

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Well, they said it couldn't be done, but John Clements did it. Did what, you ask? Managed to get enough support for a west coast convention, which is our way of saying that we'll have to pull up the anchor on Noah's Ark and sail 'er west to Los Angeles, which will be the site of the 1980 NRC convention! For those of you interested in statistics, the last time NRC was out west was 1971, when we (or rather you guys) met in West Sacramento, California. Before that, we were in Eugene, Oregon in 1967, which means that a western convention is a rare bird, and we hope that many of you will take this rare opportunity and begin planning now to be with us.

Since NRC's largest single state membership is in California, with something over 75 members, the potential is there for us to have not only the first western convention in almost a decade, but the largest convention the club has ever had!

Though it is a bit early to forecast all of what we'll be doing, according to John Clements bid, convention activities will include tours of NBC, a Disneyland DXpedition (somehow that seems appropriate, huh!), and a special guest appearance by KGIL disc jockey Sweet Dick Whittington! It should be a great time, and even though Los Angeles is somewhat further west than we've been in years, we hope that you'll start saving the pennies now and join us. After all, there are even some possibilities that DXers in an area could get a group charter plane, or something like that, so call your friends and start planning!

For those who were wondering, the other bid for the 1980 convention came from Russ Edmunds, who sent in his bid for the 1980 meeting on tape. We hope that Russ and the rest of the folks up east will join us in LA and also that they'll bid again sometime. By the way, the final vote tally was 32-22, so we'll see you in Los Angeles next Labour Day!

Before we go on totally to next year, though, we do owe a special thanks to the folks who hosted this year's St. Louis convention--Lou Buehler and his family, especially his wife and son Mike, who deserves a real special NRC thanks and will get it when and if he remembers to send those photos he took of the girl lifeguard at the hotel pool to HQ, hi!

Also, there are some photos elsewhere in this week's DX News from the convention, but we hope to have more, along with a complete convention report in the next issue--watch for them! The only tip we will give you early is that a great time was had by all, and as usual Don Erickson was taken to K Mart for a suitcase!

LOOK OUT CALIFORNIA - HERE WE COME!!!!

DOMESTIC DX DIGEST

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Had a nice visit from Chris Hansen and Neil Kazaross the afternoon of 9/8. A hearty welcome goes out to Craig Cook, Ed Mitkus and J. Hunter. Deadlines are Saturdays. Now let's get to the business at hand.....

SPECIAL

- 540 WGTO FL CYPRESS GARDENS - 9/2 thru 9/4 on after SS & AN w/day pattern due to hurricane. (EM-FL) (KAZ-RI) (ERS-NJ) (RA-MA)
- 660 KCRO NE OMAHA - 9/1 EX-KOWH, Christian Radio in Omaha, apparently no more Black programming. (DB-IA)
- 710 WGBS FL MIAMI - 9/2-9/3 running thru evening and AN w/50KW day pattern due to David. (EM-FL) (RA-MA)
- 780 UNID -- ----- - 9/4 1955-2145 w/SOUL mx, hurricane info, barely audible most of time w/QRM from WBBM/SS station, maybe NC or ZBVI? (BC-RI)
- 920 WIRD NY LAKE PLACID - 8/16 0036 ET/TT w/WJAR off, ID testing for possible 24 hr. operation during Winter Olympics w/302W. (BC-RI)
- 1290 WCCC CT HARTFORD - 9/6 xlnt around 1400 w/WICE knocked out by Hurricane David. (KAZ-RI)
- 1370 KLBA IA ALBIA - 9/4 on the air w/OC, ID @ 1702 ments. ET, no RS date given. (DB-IA)
- 1540 WLIC TN ADAMSVILLE - 8/22 2045 very clear ID @ s/off, this is a new station now on the air. (SEM-TN)
- 1570 WYHI FL FERNANDINA - 9/3 2100 on after SS w/nx & emergency reports due to hurricane. (EM-FL)
- 1580 WGTW FL MT. DORA - 9/3 2100 also on late w/emergency broadcast mixing w/WSRF due to hurricane. (EM-FL)

SUNSET TO MIDNIGHT

- 750 WPDX WV CLARKSBURG - 8/15 2004 w/C&W mx, ID, temperature reading by male DJ, good signal. (WPT-DC)
- 730 WPIT PA PITTSBURGH - 8/15 good w/REL to 2015 s/off, new. (BC-RI) 8/23 2015 s/off noted u/CKAC, no SSB. (BR-NY) Out of order...sorry gang! (RA-MA)
- 790 WTAR VA NORFOLK - 9/7 1530-1535 heard in WEAN null w/nx. (KAZ-RI)
- 800 WCHA PA CHAMBERSBURG - 8/21 2005 fair u/CJBQ/CJAD w/nx, ID/mx jx, s/off 2015 w/no SSB. (BR-NY)
- 860 WTEL PA PHILADELPHIA - 8/15 w/SS show followed by 2000 s/off mixing w/CJBC, new. (BC-RI)
- 920 WMEL FL MELBOURNE - 9/3 2030 very weak w/T40 mx & hurricane update info. (EM-FL)
- 960 WHYI PA CARLISLE - 6/20 2046 s/off noted atop CKWS/WEAV/WELI. (BR-NY)
- 970 WCSH ME PORTLAND - 8/28 2004 fair o/WWDJ/WANV w/VID, mx. (BR-NY)
- 1050 WLYC PA WILLIAMSPORT - 6/15 2045 s/off u/WHN, no SSB. (BR-NY)
- WBRG VA LYNCHBURG - 6/15 2046 noted s/off right after WLYC. (BR)
- 1070 WKDR NY PLATTSBURGH - 7/20 2030 fair/good w/ID & ABC Nx program w/Frank Reynolds. (SM-MA)
- 1080 WVCG FL CORAL GABLES - 8/30 2000 heard w/BFL mx u/WTIC before pattern change. (KAZ-RI)
- 1110 WTBQ NY WARWICK - 8/21 2018 w/local spots, s/off @ 2030, fair w/WBT, new. (BC-RI)
- 1180 VOA FL MARATHON KEY - 8/30 1958 xlnt w/EE s/on w/IDs, "Yankee Doodle" etc. into SS program @ 2001. (KAZ-RI)
- 1220 CJSS ON CORNWALL - 8/22 2055 w/concert promo, phone 938-1220, then T40/Rock mx, good o/CKSM, new. (BC-RI)
- 1230 WBME ME BELFAST - 9/1 1930 w/"Radio 1-2-3" ID, good signal. Another try later that night attempted w/no success, guess they s/off as authorized by their "specified hours" certification. (BC-ME)
- WCMA MS CORINTH - 8/27 1818 in good w/mx & ID. (SEM-TN)
- WMNB MA NORTH ADAMS - 6/30 2300 fair w/ID & wx. (BR-NY)
- WTVV PA TITUSVILLE - 7/1 0000 poor @ s/off w/SSB. (BR-NY)
- WCBT NC ROANOKE RAPIDS - 8/20 2019 spot for Labor Day Auto Race in Richmond, VA, good, then QSB'd into GY slop. (WPT-DC)
- 1270 WLBR PA LEBANON - 8/15 1301 good w/ID, nx. (WS-NJ)

1300 WEZQ AL WINFIELD - 8/28 1959 strong "5000 watts, WEZQ, Winfield" ID, into mx. (SEM-TN)
 1320 WNAE PA WARREN - 6/15 good @ 2100 s/off w/FM promo. (BR-NY)
 1330 WFTP FL FT. PIERCE - 9/3 2130 w/500W & hurricane nx, weak, 1st time heard. (EM-FL)
 1340 CJLS NS YARMOUTH - 9/1 1905 w/ID after CBC nx & sx, xlint, surprised not to hear any ME GYers here. (BC-ME)
 1500 WBFN MS QUITMAN - 8/22 2032 clear signal w/political spot then ID. (SEM-TN)
 1510 WITS MA BOSTON - 9/1 noted w/xlint signal by day, but almost totally wiped out by Canada @ night. (BC-ME)
 WJIC NJ SALEM - 8/16 1814 fair w/mx, ID. (WS-NJ)
 1520 WTGR SC MYRTLE BEACH - 8/24 ID @ 1930, Pop mx, promos o/u WKBW, my best SSS catch this summer! (BC-RI)
 1530 WOBR NC WANCHESE - 9/3 1913 weak but steady w/ID, probably groundwave as I'm @ coastal QTH & WOBR gets to Cape Cod u/WDJZ. (KAZ-RI)
 1550 LPRT PQ ----- 9/1 one of the LPRTs here in FF 1907-1910 w/fair/poor signal in fades, looped NE so I suspect one of CBGA relays as NS loops NE. (KAZ-RI)
 1570 WPGM PA DANVILLE - 8/23 2010 s/off by OM w/ments. of 96.7 FM then choral SSB, fair/poor, #21 on 1570. (WPT-DC)
 1580 WYFA NY PATCHOGUE - 8/23 1938 in strong w/Suffolk Cty. wx. (BC-RI)
 WPGC MD MORNINGSIDE - 8/23 2000 s/off w/FM Stereo 95 ments. no SSB, new. (BC-RI) (BC-ME)
 1590 WQQW CT WATERBURY - 9/1 2200 w/"Q-Q Radio 16" ID u/WSMN, fair.

MIDNIGHT AT THE OASIS

570 WKBN OH YOUNGSTOWN - 8/30 0358 fair w/C&W mx, into local nx w/WIND splatter. (CC-WI)
 580 UNID -- ----- 8/13 OC/TT from 0215-0310+ who wuzit? (BR-NY)
 590 WKZO MI KALAMAZOO - 8/30 0115 s/off noted w/NA, good signal. (CC-WI)
 WRTH IL WOOD RIVER - 8/30 0359 w/MoR mx then PSA, good signal w/Cuban way under. (CC-WI)
 WOW NE OMAHA - very good 8/30 @ 0440 w/Rock & ID. (CC-WI)
 8/24 0125 strong w/mx, ID. (SEM-TN)
 610 WTVN OH COLUMBUS - 8/30 ending nx @ 0405 then ID/jx, then Disco mx, good signal. (CC-WI)
 WIOD FL MIAMI - 9/3 0030 way atop w/hurricane info. (KAZ-RI)
 710 UNID -- ----- 8/27 0207-0307 fair u/WOR w/TT/OC, no ID. (BR-NY)
 730 CHIR ON LEAMINGTON - 8/30 0121 fair/poor in fades w/ID, local wx, then Rock mx. (CC-WI)
 740 CBL ON TORONTO - 8/27 0104-0110 clear to s/off w/detailed wx rpts, program notes & ID. (SEM-TN)
 790 WTAR VA NORFOLK - 8/30 0445 fair/good w/slight WBBM splash w/jx, MoR mx. (CC-WI)
 850 WEAT FL WEST PALM BEACH - 9/3 noted w/phone in show because of hurricane David 0125 w/HJKC & WKIX. (KAZ-RI)
 860 UNID -- ----- 8/27 0435 good w/TT til 0545, no IDs. (BR-NY)
 920 CFLS PQ LEVIS - 8/16 0040 PFC w/good signal, WJAR off. (BC-RI)
 940 WYLD LA NEW ORLEANS - 8/30 0030 in good w/mx, then ID. (SEM-TN)
 960 WSBT IN SOUTH BEND - 8/30 0135 good w/contest promo, TC, ID. (CC-WI)
 990 WZED PA PHILADELPHIA - 7/29 0032 1/2 fair w/R&B mx, new. (SM-MA)
 KNIN TX WICHITA FALLS - 8/30 0106 strong w/TC/ID/mx. (SEM-TN)
 1050 WHN NY NEW YORK - 9/3 noted off in passing 0332 leaving OC & CHUM. (RA-MA)
 1060 WNOE LA NEW ORLEANS - 8/30 0140 heard very well in KYW null w/theatre promo, jx ID, Rock mx. (CC-WI)
 CJRP PQ QUEBEC - 7/29 0045 fair mixing w/KYW. (SM-MA)
 1070 CHOK ON SARNIA - 7/29 xlint w/mx, ID @ 0100. (SM-MA)
 1240 KAKK KS WICHITA - 8/27 0130 very good w/ID, mx. (SEM-TN)
 KVRG AR ARKADDELPHIA - 8/27 0805 very good w/end of ARN Nx, TC/ID. (SEM-TN)
 WMPA MS ABERDEEN - 8/27 0842 w/ID, spot for Western Auto. (SEM-TN)
 1260 WNDR NY SYRACUSE - 7/30 0212 fair/good w/mx, ID. (SM-MA)
 1270 WHBF IL ROCK ISLAND - 8/25 0207-0215 fair/good w/C&W mx, "Country Sunshine Radio WHBF" IDs. (JH-GA)
 1280 WGBF IN EVANSVILLE - 8/30 0145 w/mx & "Tri-State Wx, good signal even tho slight QRM from UNID SS station. (CC-WI) That UNID SS just may have been WADO New York City, Craig. (RA-MA)
 1290 WHIO OH DAYTON - 8/25 0208-0210 fair/poor w/ID then gone. (JH-GA)
 1310 WCAM NJ CAMDEN - 7/30 0232 caught very weak ID. (SM-MA)
 WTTL KY MADISONVILLE - 8/31 0301 a surprise, in fair w/nx, ID. (WS-NJ)
 1320 WILS MI LANSING - 8/30 ID @ 0200, CBS Nx, good signal. (CC-WI)

1330 WFBC SC GREENVILLE - 9/1 0200 good w/ID for #2 SC in two days. (WS-NJ)
 WASA MD HAVRE DE GRACE - 6/22 0005-0029 poor on ET/TT/IDs. (BR-NY)
 1340 WALL NY MIDDLETOWN - 8/13 0515 fair w/complete ID. (BR-NY)
 WXOR AL FLORENCE - 8/25 faded in @ 0243 w/ID after long period of monitoring. (JH-GA)
 1360 WSAI OH CINCINNATI - 8/30 0205 end of Mutual Nx, ID, C&W mx, fair w/fading @ times. (CC-WI)
 1380 WBNX NY NEW YORK - 7/23 0214 noted fair w/ID. (SM-MA)
 1390 WCSC SC CHARLESTON - 8/31 0149 good w/many IDs, mx, no sign of WFBL. (WS-NJ)
 WEAM VA ARLINGTON - 8/31 0200 w/ID & nx, no WFBL. (WS-NJ)
 1430 UNID -- ----- 8/27 0338-0349 good w/sweep tones o/WIRE/CKPH, no IDs. (BR-NY)
 1450 WFTR VA FRONT ROYAL - 6/20 0506 all alone w/ID briefly. (BR-NY)
 WSNO VT BARRE - 8/5 0255 heard briefly w/ID ments. in promo. (KAZ-RI)
 1460 WBRN MI BIG RAPIDS - 8/30 0610 fair/poor in strong KSO QRM w/Farm Nx, ID. (CC-WI)
 1470 WRGA GA ROME - 8/29 0751 good w/spot, ID & mx. (SEM-TN)
 1480 WABB AL MOBILE - 8/30 0717 in good w/mx, ID. (SEM-TN)
 1490 KBIX OK MUSKOGEE - 8/19 0059 s/off very clear w/IDs. (SEM-TN)
 WJNL PA JOHNSTOWN - 8/31 0231 good w/mx, ID in WBCB null. (WS-NJ)
 1500 WVSM AL RAINSVILLE - 8/24 0759 strong w/bank spot, ID. (SEM-TN)
 WDEE MI DETROIT - 8/30 0600 fair w/local spots, nx @ top of hr, then faded into mess. (CC-WI)
 UNID -- ----- 8/27 0411 weak but alone w/talk/some EZL, maybe WDEE? (BR-NY)
 1530 WMBT PA SHENANDOAH - 7/2 0053+ xlint on ET w/WCKY off, VIDs, TT/Pop mx. (BR-NY)
 1560 KDDA AR DUMAS - 8/25 0729 good w/mx/ID. (SEM-TN)
 WPAD KY PADUCAH - 8/30 0545 good @ s/on despite lightning/static crashes. (CC-WI)
 1570 CKLM PQ MONTREAL - 8/30 0505 w/FF annrcr playing US Rock mx, several jx, good signal w/faint SS station way under. (CC) 8/25 0301-0307 good in FF w/male annrcr, IDs in FF, CFOR QRM. (JH-GA)
 1580 WYFA NY PATCHOGUE - 8/13 0158-0205+ good on ET/TT/ID: "Where Your Friends Are, WYFA Patchogue." (BR-NY)
 1590 WETT MD OCEAN CITY - 8/25 0257-0259 very poor w/500W w/ments. of Oc an City, and gave address. (JH-GA) 7/30 0254 fair w/ID, but QSBing. (SM-MA)
 WCBG PA CHAMBERSBURG - 7/30 0257 poor but audible mixing with WETT. (SM-MA)

I got my bottle of "white-out" so I guess I'm ready to take on another season editing this column, hi! Reports have been of excellent quality. Please use ELT when reporting times in each item. A couple of veries fell out of the sky recently...WZZD-990 and much wanted WKGX-1080 NC. See you all next time. 73....

Ray

THE BIG 13

DB-IA	Doug Beard, Springville, IA	Transoceanic, RCA, LW
BC-RI	Bruce Conti, West West Warwick, RI	Heathkit SW-717, SM2
BC-ME	Camden, ME	Heathkit GR-151B Portable
CC-WI	Craig Cook, Milwaukee, WI	Rcvr? Antenna?
JH-GA	J. Hunter, Rossville, GA	TRF, 150' LW
KAZ-RI	Neil Kazaross, Narragansett, RI	HQ-180A, Sanserino Loop
SEM-TN	Sidney E. Marshall, Millington, TN	RF-2200, SM2
SM-MA	Steven Miller, Boston, MA	TRF
EM-FL	Ed Mitkus, Tampa, FL	TRF, ICF-5900
BR-NY	Bill Regan, Syracuse, NY	S40-B, LW
WS-NJ	Walt Sharp, Cinnaminson, NJ	TRF, Loop
ERS-NJ	Elliot R. Straus, West Orange, NJ	R-390A w/brand new set of tubes & dial lights
WPT-DC	William P. Townshend, Washington, DC	TRF
RA-MA	Raymond J. Johnson, Jr....	"Well now you can call me Ray, or you can call me J, or you can call me sonny, or you can call me junior....."

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- 535 GRENADA Radio Free Grenada very poor to poor with disco mx at 0107 on 8/17. (Stover)
- 540 MEXICO XEWA San Luis Potosi good with "La Hora Nacional" pgm 9/2 at 0420. (Maxwell)
- 540 VENEZUELA YVOV Villa del Rosario fair w/two Perija mentions 0715 8/30. (Kazaross)
- 546 ALGERIA Oran still on old channel, some AA violin mx heard-mostly just a het on powerhouse GFNB 550, 0441 8/17. 531 noted as just a carrier in storm QRN. (Connelly)
- 550 CUBA QCAN Pinar del Rio atop the jumble w/SS talk about Nicaragua //600, 0456 8/16. (Connelly)
- 555 ST. KITTS ZIZ Basseterre fair at 0014 with EE mx 9/5. (Stover) Noted w/strong carrier 0445 8/17. (Connelly)
- 575 COSTA RICA TIRN San Jose loud w/cl march mx 0458 8/16. (Connelly)
- 580 PUERTO RICO WKAQ San Juan well o/WTAG w/SS nx, ID "WKAQ Radio Reloj", then ads 0501 8/16. (Connelly)
- 580 VENEZUELA YWJH Maracaibo YWJH here w/lively mx and Maracaibo mentions u/WTAG 0320 9/4. This was soon lost to WKAQ which looped more easterly and had usual nx. (Kazaross)
- 590 CUBA QMKV San German loud o/WEEI w/man in SS; QMKV about 40 Hz off channel, yielding a bone rattling growl 0503 8/16. (Connelly)
- 600 COLOMBIA HJHJ Barranquilla noted w/R. Libertad o/another LA w/Cuba nulled; the Cuban, by the way, has found its way back on to 600, 0505 8/16. (Connelly)
- 610 TRINIDAD VPL6 Port of Spain fair w/accented EE talk 0010 8/31. (Kazaross)
- 612 MOROCCO Sebas-Aioun poor-fair w/chanting and big het on WIOD 0125 8/30. 621 het in too. (Kazaross) Poor w/AA chanting, chopped up by Nantucket Loran-C harmonic "ticks", 0453 8/17. (Connelly)
- 620 TAIWAN Voice of Asia heard to closing in Chinese at 1900. (Also on 5980 closing at same time. Is heard on 5980 with EE 1030-1110 when CC-EE language lessons start.) (Crawford)
- 620 UNID SS heard u/WVNJ in null of WPRO slop 0115 9/1. (Kazaross)
- 630 CUBA QMHQ Santa Clara steamrolling WPRO w/usual SS political rambling 0509 8/16. (Connelly)
- 640 CUBA/UNID QMQ in w/usual talk o/unid LA which played a lot of ragtime piano mx and had occasional SS announcements. The unid may have been Guatemala as it looped in the same direction as Cuba (thus ruling out YV and HJ); reception at 0515 8/16. (Con)
- 640 GUADELUPE Arnouville xlt on tape in FF way o/Surinam 0013 on 8/31, country #68. WPRO slop nulled. (Kazaross)
- 650 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIAT Santo Domingo good w/disco version of "Light My Fire" w/lots of "boop and beep" electronic sounds, then SS talk and R. Universal ID 0520 8/16. (Connelly)
- 666 PORTUGAL Lisboa poor in slop 0456 8/17. (Connelly)
- 670 CUBA QMKP San Pedro de Cacocum bombing in w/lush muzak-jazz, then woman in SS //690 0523 8/16. (Connelly)
- 670 VENEZUELA YVLL Caracas heard w/Rumbos de Venezuela ID, well behind the Cuban 0457 8/17. (Connelly)
- 680 PUERTO RICO WAPA San Juan (tentative) w/LA mx way u/WRKO looping PR 0610 9/3. (Kazaross)
- 690 CUBA QBC La Habana loud/totally dominant w/light jazz and SS talk //670 0523 8/16. (Connelly)

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MORE ON THE 1980 WRTVH

The \$11 pre-publication price for the WRTVH 1980 will expire on October 20. After that date, the price will be \$13. A number of copies of the 1979 edition of WRTVH are still available at \$14 postpaid. Any copies that remain after Nov. 1, 1979, will be closed out at \$9 each postpaid, first come, first served. All orders should contain a SASE for confirmation after shipment has been made and should be mailed to: Don Erickson, 6059 Essex St., Riverside, CA 92504. Delivery of the 1980 edition, to be air freighted from the London printers and re-shipped UPS from Riverside, CA, is expected between March and May 1980; all profits will be turned over to the Handicapped Aid Program.

- 700 VENEZUELA YVWH Maracaibo fair/fadey but totally dominant w/R. Popular ID 0050 8/17. (Connelly)
- 705 ST. VINCENT Kingstown presumed w/OC 0524 8/16 and 0503 8/17. (Con)
- 720 CUBA QMGN Colon totally atop w/SS vocal mx during short skip LA opening; WGN audible barely in null of Cuba along with Portugal 719 het 0533 8/16. (Connelly)
- 725 SURINAM SRS noted at 0125 in language, calypso type mx 9/6. (Stover) Paramaribo very good w/female vocal version of the Beatles' hit "Yesterday" 0053 8/17. (Connelly)
- 730 COLOMBIA HJCU Bogota noted w/R. Melodia ID and Bogota mention then SS ballad briefly surfacing o/a graveyard of at least 3 other SS LA's plus FF CKAC 0513 8/17. (Connelly)
- 730 MEXICO XEX Mexico DF strong w/"La Hora Nacional" 0420 9/2. (Maxwell)
- 740 COLOMBIA/UNID Valledupar HJNS surfaced o/ratpack w/R. Guatapuri and Todelar net ID's, after that another stn w/ID sounding like R. Nicaragua came to to the fore briefly 0520 8/17. (Connelly)
- 740 PUERTO RICO WIAC San Juan suspected here per loop w/SS talk on tape from 0755-0820 8/30. GAT-4 TC's. Possibly this was AN for hurricane warnings. MoR SS mx w/occasional US song. (Kaz)
- 750 VENEZUELA YVKS Caracas good w/R. Caracas ID, then Beatles oldie o/second LA and WSB 0540 8/16. Loud w/Donna Summer segued into another disco song, overdubbed Caracas ID given 0524 8/17. (Con) Booming in on 8/17 with SS news and ads for a bank and a local disco at 0102. (Stover)
- 760 COLOMBIA HJAJ Barranquilla clearly dominant w/ad for firm in Bogota, then LA disco mx 0541 8/16. (Connelly)
- 774 UNID TA (probably Spain) carrier w/SAH about equal in strength to TIV 775, 0530 8/17. (Connelly)
- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS Roadtown ZBV1 fair w/Cuba nulled; Wolfman Jack style announcer heard at 0039 8/17. (Connelly)
- 780 CUBA QMGN Camaguey killing WBBM, "Guantanamo" instrumental followed by woman in SS 0544 8/16. (Connelly)
- 782 PORTUGAL Porto poor w/YL in PP in WEAN null 2327 9/6. (Kazaross)
- 790 COLOMBIA/VENEZUELA two SS'ers, HJDC Medellin and YVCK Caracas were here somewhat separable by the loop, 0455-0502 9/3. (Kaz)
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES PJB loud/alone on channel w/man in SS 0108 8/17. (Connelly)
- 800 PANAMA (tentative) Chitre HO?? poor-fair w/LA mx 0605-0620 9/1. Terrible noise prevented ID but loop said Panama or HJ. (Kazaross)
- 810 BAHAMAS Freeport ZNS3 was very good M1 9/3 w/WGY off. R. Bahamas ID 0516. Catch this one early if you live in the NE 'cause WGY usually tests at 0530. (Kazaross)
- 819 MOROCCO Rabat very poor w/AA mx just barely making it thru het and WBAP 0602 8/28. This may s/on at 0600 today as was not noticed before 0600 when 864 was in. (Kazaross) Poor to fair in QRN w/AA chants, Andorra occasionally audible w/FF talk, 0535 8/17. (Connelly)
- 820 CUBA QMDT fair //670 Progresso 0140-0141 8/30. (Kazaross)
- 820 VENEZUELA YVSH Upata fair and separable by loop from HJED w/"en Upata" mention 0305 and "Amigos en Upata" 0308 9/1. (Kazaross)
- 825 COSTA RICA TIOS San Jose fair w/disco 0552 8/16. (Connelly)
- 828 MOROCCO Oujda crushing WNYC w/het, mx heard at 2320. FF at 2331. Lousy modulation on this one. Other usual lowband TA's were in but only 765 was good enough for audio, 9/6. (Kazaross)
- 840 HAITI 4VEH Cap Haitien nicely atop channel at 0025 in presumed Creole (sounded like FF but wasn't) on 9/5. (Stover)
- 840 VENEZUELA YVWY Barquisimeto must be the SS here w/Venezuela mention 0230 and 0251 9/1 w/HJBI partly nulled. No sign of Haiti due to David. (Kazaross)
- 854 PERU QAK4A Lima w/audio (finally) and mx garbled by WHDH OC 0440-0530 9/3. A weak 855 het was also noticed. Country #73. (Kazaross) There is (or was until recently) another LA on 854. Without an ID I would never count this-CH
- 860 BRAZIL Rio de Janeiro to good peaks, dominating the channel: US disco mx at 0555, several Mundial ID's by man in PP at 0600, more disco at 0602 8/16. (Connelly) ZYD68 poor w/Mundial ID in CJY null. 0558 8/28. This was better in early July. (Kazaross)
- 860 UNID looping Panama/Columbia w/lively LA mx 0605 9/3 w/Cuba, in severe QRN. Any ideas? (Kazaross) Yes, Panama and Colombia-CH
- 864 MOROCCO Khar-es-Souk weak w/AA mx 0550 8/28. (Kazaross)
- 870 ARGENTINA LRAL Buenos Aires-I thought I heard a R. Nacional ID 8/31 here during what appeared to be mx at 0034. By 0040 this was pretty well buried by YV.P and HJLA (both ID'ed), but I stayed on the frequency and at 0100 after a static crash I

(870, continued) caught four of what are supposedly the six LRA pips w/the last pip prolonged to clinch this catch. Country #69 logged thanks to WEOA being knocked off by Hurricane David. Much checking this and 1070 finally paid off. (Kazaross)

570 CUBA CUBE Sancti Spiritus noted //690 Progreso fair w/WL 0610 8/28. (Kazaross)

585 MONTERRAT ZJB Plymouth fair in some WCES slop w/Caribbean mx 0035 9/1. (Kazaross)

590 COLOMBIA HJGE Bogota good w/LV de Bogota ID, then romantic LA mx. Atop another LA and WLS 0607 8/16. (Connelly)

590 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HJJP Santo Domingo good w/RTVD ID o/YVLW 0031 8/31. (Kazaross)

595 HAITI 4VB Conaives fair w/Island mx 0033 8/31. (Kazaross)

900 BARBADOS Bridgetown good w/reggae mx and accented Q: anncr 0004-0008 when SS QRM showed up, 8/31. (Kazaross)

900 COLOMBIA HJCY Cali suspected here mentioning Colombia way u/CHL at 0408 9/4. (Kazaross)

900 VENEZUELA YVMD Maracaibo fair o/mess w/ID 0028 8/31. (Kazaross)

910 VENEZUELA YVRQ Maiquetia o/u domestics; brassy LA mx noted at 0605 8/16. (Connelly)

914 SURINAM Nieuw Hickerie good w/very strange mx 2340 8/30. (Kaz)

930 VENEZUELA YVLI Maracay suspected here w/lively LA mx 0157 8/31 u/WNEH and WPAE. (Kazaross)

940 CUBA Reloj outlet w/usual pgm o/HJGE and a mishmash of other LA's-low rumble present 0608 8/16. (Connelly)

940 MEXICO XEQ Mexico DF fair w/"La Hora" pgm 0420 9/2. (Maxwell)

940 PUERTO RICO WIPR San Juan suspected here poor-fair w/QRM w/cl mx 0820-0850 8/30. Noted again in mess next evening. Maybe this was AN for hurricane. (Kazaross)

950 MEXICO unid LA Hora pgm fading in and out. Any ideas on the stns? 0420 9/2. (Maxwell) XEYJ easily the most likely-CH

960 BERMUDA Hamilton fair to good in WELI null w/disc and T40 mxx, taped "Zed-F-B Music Radio Bermuda" ID at 2334 9/1 and logged for country #72. In mess w/YVSR and u/HJHN w/ID 0352 9/4. (Kazaross)

960 VENEZUELA YVSR San Cristobal fair w/San Cristobal, Venezuela mention 0404 shortly after HJHN s/off. This must be AN as I believe all of the new Mundial net is. (Kazaross)

963 TUNISIA Tunis w/good carrier and AA mx at poor level in slop at 0022 9/6. Newly acquired 2-multiplier helped a bit. (Kazaross)

970 UNID SS noticed in growl way u/two domestics 0026 8/31. I had no luck w/this one during the next days of AU cx. (Kazaross)

975 ECUADOR HCAW2 Guayaquil (tentative) weaker than 995 but along same bearing w/LA mx in slop 0205 9/4. (Kazaross)

980 MEXICO XETU R. Tampico heard to s/off at 0600 with a fair signal. S/off anncr had slogan, call and frequency given. Very little splash from the NZ'er on 980. Heard 7/9. (Crawford)

980 MEXICO unid "La Hora" pgm on top of channel, no ID hrd. 0420 on 9/2. (Maxwell)

995 ECUADOR HCEW2 Guayaquil noted in 3 kHz bandpass at 0202 9/4 during great HJ-HC cxx. (Kazaross)

1000 U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS WVWI St. Thomas in w/fair signal. I taped a spot for "The Top of the Reef" at 2318 9/1. (That's a famous night club in St. Thomas) Bfl cl mx was heard earlier Lost to YVNI and CFLP at 2320. Thanks to early September s/off of locals this frequency was open. Country #71. (Kazaross)

1010 COLOMBIA/VENEZUELA at 0129 9/4 a SS w/very lively mx was noticed here u/WINS GW (?? CH). This was not //4770 SW so not YVZE. At 0132 HJOP Barranquilla //960 faded up. I checked at 0355 and heard lively LA mx way u/a stronger WINS. At 0359 the YV anthem was heard so this must be YVPC Cagua unless somebody else is here. (Kazaross)

1020 VENEZUELA YVRS La Ascuncion in the clear w/equal strength KDKA nulled; Mundial Margarita ID, LA mx good at 0444 8/16. (Connelly)

1030 MEXICO XEQR Mexico DF w/"La Hora", strong and steady 0420 9/2. (Maxwell)

1035 PORTUGAL Porto Alto fair w/s/on taped 0556-0601 9/3 w/WBZ off. At 0600 4 pips then pause then 1 pip covered by Radiodifusao Portuguesa ID. (Kazaross)

1040 COLOMBIA HJAI Barranquilla atop jumble w/soft mx then CARACOL net ID 0436 8/16. (Connelly)

1050 MEXICO XEG Monterrey heard w/hymns, XEG ID, and EE preaching u/WHN; CHUM not noted, 0633 8/17. (Connelly) "La Hora" pgm with strong signal 0420 9/2, but audio is distorted and fuzzy; somebody should sell them a modulation meter. (Maxwell)

1050 UNID SS in WHN fade 0007 9/1. Any ideas-Caracas?? (Kazaross)

1060 COLOMBIA HJFJ Manizales heard during fair opening during KYW fade 0056 9/6 w/Transisoras Caldes ID. (Kazaross)

1060 CUBA CMKG Baracoa poor-fair (tentative) w/a speech 0102-0104 9/4. (Kazaross)

1062 AUSTRALIA 4TI Thursday Island (between Queensland and Papua New Guinea) heard at 1300 with news. Has a s/off time of 1400 and power of 2 kw. Not long on the air. Verified in a week from ABC in Queensland for first report they received. Is mixed here with HLKQ South Korea. (Crawford) Would this possibly count as a new country using the ARRL definitions? CH

1070 FRENCH GUYANA Cayenne noticed poor to fair w/QM in FF at 2313½ and by 2315 I had the tape running and a YL anncr was speaking in definite FF (I took FF in junior high). Faded u/an increasingly strong low het at 2318 9/3. Back again poorly from 2319-2321. This was in again though weak u/domestic QRM w/QM and YL just barely recognizable as FF at 2313 9/5. Country #74. (Kaz)

1070 PUERTO RICO WMA Arecibo fair w/"Radio Arecibo" ID and PR mention looping a bit west of French Guyana 2327-2328 9/3. (Kaz)

1070 VENEZUELA YVMA Maracaibo good w/R. Mundial Zulia ID o/u CBA OC and HJAG 1071 het 0426 8/16. (Connelly)

1071 COLOMBIA HJAG Barranquilla loud w/ID as R. Atlantico, then festive SS mx; whipping fierce het on 1070 0425 8/16. (Connelly)

1090 COLOMBIA HJBC Cucuta xint w/"Esta es La Voz de Cucuta, 1090 kHz, Cucuta, Colombia, CARACOL" 0252 9/4 o/2 SS'es. (Kazaross)

1090 VENEZUELA YVYZ Caracas good w/screaming "Exitos Mil Noventa" ID w/weak WBAL nulled 0053 8/30. (Kazaross)

1100 BRAZIL Sao Paulo ZYK64 fair to good w/definite PP looping east of Caribbean. 2326-2329 fade, then briefly at 2333 then mostly u/the HJ from 2336-2337. At 2340 the HJ took over the channel, 9/2. This was in again w/fair sigs 2320 9/5. Sao Paulo was mentioned at 2321½ soon before the HJ faded in. This is a wide open frequency at sunset as 9/5 was only semi-auroral. WRTH lists this as having different powers but I feel this is 50 kw since globo is much stronger. (Kazaross) 50 kw is correct-CH

1100 COLOMBIA HJCN or HJAT) R. Reloj ID good 0413 8/16. (Connelly)

1100 COLOMBIA HJAT Barranquilla good w/R. Reloj IB followed by a Barranquilla mention and "la hora official" 0418 8/28. (Kaz)

1100 COLOMBIA unid LA mx and ID's as R. Reloj. Mentioned Colombia on a newscast after WNEH s/off, 0420 9/2. (Maxwell)

1110 MEXICO XERED "La Hora" pgm after WBT s/off 0420 9/2. (Maxwell)

1110 VENEZUELA YVQT Carupano good w/many ID's 2345 8/31. Rumbos chimes also heard. (Kazaross) Likely the Venezuelan here w/Venezuelan NA at s/off heard u/WBT 0358 8/16. (Connelly)

1120 VENEZUELA YVZM Maturin suspected looping eastern Venezuela like YVOR 1180. I thought I caught "Estacion Felize" at 2355 8/31. At 0010 recheck this was somewhat separable from stronger YVIF by loop. HICN was off because of David. (Kazaross)

1130 COLOMBIA Em. Rio-Mar, Barranquilla at 0630 7/1 with Todelar and Rio-Mar ID's. KMKH faded over at times but for most part of twenty minutes it was in the clear. (Crawford) HJAC u/WNEH w/SS talk, several mentions of Barranquilla 0539 8/17. (Con)

1150 VENEZUELA YVMT Punto Fijo u/WHUE bfl mx 2358 8/31. This is sometimes heard in AU cx. Dominica was not heard, probably because of storm damage. (Kazaross) I was listening to the ham hurricane net on 14329 as David passed over Dominica. The prime minister said all radio was off the air-no towers survived-CH

1160 COLOMBIA HJBL Barranquilla dominant o/bad growl; SS ballad, Aeropuerto ID, then uptempo LA mx 0343 8/16. (Connelly)

1165 ANTIGUA St. John's CRL good w/EE preaching 0127 8/17. (Connelly) At 0040 with usual EE religious pgm, very good, a recheck at 0150 found it booming in, 9/5. (Stover)

1180 CUBA Isla de Pinos good w/WHA; nulled; usual Reloj pgm (SS talk o/clock ticks, TC and tone once a minute), 0403 8/16. (Connelly)

1180 VENEZUELA Maturin YVOR fair w/several "Maturin" SID's by YL 2342 8/31 before YVNI fade-in. There was no trace of HIBE or any other DR stations on this and several following nights due to the hurricane. (Kazaross)

1190 CUBA Yaguajayay C:?? briefly //1180 w/slow LA mx 0247 8/30. (Kaz)

1205 CAYMAN ISLANDS Georgetown poor to fair w/woman in EE o/feeble low pitched het (about 200 Hz), chewed up by WCAU slop 0321 8/16. (Connelly)

**1091 COLOMBIA L.V. de Monteria is back here as of 9/5 (CH)

- 1220 BRAZIL ZYJ458 Rio de Janeiro xInt w/PP taped 0015-0020 9/3. XInt again 2344 w/two Q: annrcs for a soccer match. Many "Globo" ID's and Brazil mention on tape 2358-2401 9/5. While this was in I noticed a SAH (about 100 per minute) on 1280 looping the same direction. I suspect this was from Tupi but I couldn't pull any audio (PP) out from under three domestics. Does this have an unfavorable DA like 1040? (Kazaross) No idea-CH
- 1220 CUBA GYGY Perico fair o/GY'ish LA mess w/ID after slow mx 0044 8/30 followed by Q: and YL annrcs. Typically sedate Cuban type SS. (Kazaross)
- 1220 MEXICO XEB Mexico DF, ID as Radio Cuatro and SS talk strong, like a local 0420 9/2. (Maxwell)
- 1240.4 VENEZUELA (tentative) YSCF Cariputo, this is listed here. I heard SS through the low het 0020 9/2. (Kazaross)
- 1250 COLOMBIA HJOK Barranquilla suspected here w/3 Todelar chimes (not Rumbos ding-dong) 0058 9/3. (Kazaross)
- 1250 COLOMBIA HJCA Bogota fair u/CBGA w/R. Capital en Bogota ID 0402 9/3. (Kazaross)
- 1250 VENEZUELA YVPZ Puerto Ordaz suspected here w/WBR. The typical Rumbos ding-dong chimes were heard 0350-0355 here and on 1180. I believe they use this ding-dong between mx items. (Kazaross)
- 1260 VENEZUELA Caracas YVRI fair in growl w/screaming R. Impacto ID during WEZE fade in semi-AU cx 0052 8/30. I strongly suspect this is everybody's unid noted last winter between 1260.5 and 1260.8. Format bearing are the same (very lively mx) and nothing is noted several hundred Hertz high anymore. (Kazaross)
- 1265 ST. KITTS R. Paradise loud w/fire and brimstone preacher 0254 8/16. (Connelly)
- 1270 COLOMBIA HJAJ weak w/R. Miramar ID 0315 w/GJG 8/31. Was better 0030 9/1 w/another non-Cuban SS underneath. (Kazaross)
- 1280 COLOMBIA HJKN Bogota at 0123 9/1 I heard "en Bogota, la hora, la hora" (the SS in New York was nulled). Somebody w/siren 3 times was heard underneath. I taped some "Musical" ID's here on 9/2 at 0006. Is this siren a Colombian network ID? (Kaz) I don't know. I heard this siren thing on a couple of freqs last year (including 1400) but no one has been able to tell me who it belongs to-CH
- 1280 VENEZUELA YVOF Trujillo likely the one here w/a sporting event (probably BB) like many other YV's at the time, 0122 9/6. This was lost to LJKN who ID'ed at 0124. Cx were not nearly as AU as the previous days. The strongest domestics on 1280 were looped. (Kazaross)
- 1300 COLOMBIA/VENEZUELA YVNS Maracaibo battling w/HJOG Cartagena in null of weak domestic w/radio theater 0338-0348 8/31. YVNS was mx, HJOG was lively mx and ID "LV de las Antillas". (Kazaross)
- 1305 SENEGAL poor-fair w/African mx and FF talk 0635-0640 in some slop. (Kazaross)
- 1310 COLOMBIA HJAK noted weakly u/domestics w/lively annct and Barranquilla mention 0148 9/2. ID as "LV de la Patria". (Kaz)
- 1310 COLOMBIA HJJZ Bogota fading o/HJAK w/Colombia mention and R. Vision ID 0225 9/4 during AU cx and the best cx to Colombia ever mentioned. (Kazaross)
- 1315 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIAV Bani noted in passing fair w/SS mx in 3 kHz bandpass 0244 8/31. (Kazaross)
- 1320 UNID SS in growl 0353 8/31, frequency is no good until semi-local WARA s/off at 0300. (Kazaross)
- 1330 UNID lively SS noted 2356 9/2. Any ideas? (Kazaross) LV de las Fuerzas Armadas, DR and R. Vigia, Colombia likely-CH
- 1332 ITALY Rome poor w/YL in II and then mx 0424 9/7. (Kazaross)
- 1332 UNID het and carrier fairly strong but I couldn't get audio 0410-0415 9/6. Likely Rome. (Kazaross)
- 1335 COLOMBIA Cartagena (or whoever is here-hi) fair-good w/little splash 0042-0044 9/3. (Kazaross)
- 1341 UNID het here 0430 8/28. (Kazaross)
- 1349 TAURITANIA Rouakchott w/strange mx in slop w/big het 0632 5/31. Still detectable at 0653. (Kazaross)
- 1350 VENEZUELA YVTG noticed here often and taped w/slow LA mostly vocal mx and R. Vision ID's. There's another SS under sometimes. ID 0058 9/3. (Kazaross) How did you know this is Cumerebo and not one of the other R. Visions on the freq-CH
- 1360 VENEZUELA YVTI Maracaibo fair in WDRG null w/"Catumbo" mention 0037 9/4, SS Mor mx. I suspect this is the one here w/lively mx 0403 8/31. I think they are Au. (Kazaross)

- 1365 HONDURAS HRTR Danli noticed fair w/SS mx 0053 9/2. (Kazaross)
- 1370 COLOMBIA HJBO Barranquilla heard w/R. Piloto ID u/WFEA fade in auroral cx. Time was 0238 1/2 w/lively annrc. (Kazaross)
- 1375 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON good w/violin mx 0040-0045 9/6 then it faded some, shortly after 0145 recheck a strong OC was noted; this was cut at 0201. I feel the OC was from a stronger xmtr they were testing. I will ask this stn what's up. (Kazaross) They are scheduled for a more powerful xmtr soon-CH
- 1377 FRANCE Lille poor-fair at s/on 0500 8/28 w/"Ici Radio France" by YL and into mx by Q:. Soon faded. (Kazaross) Fair w/OC 0341 8/17. (Connelly)
- 1380 VENEZUELA YVJD Puerto Cabello poor w/"Ondas del Mar" ID heard above growl. The AU zapped WBNX, 0256 9/2. (Kazaross)
- 1385 HAITI 4VARH Port-de-Paix in w/mx in slop 0134 9/2. (Kazaross)
- 1390 VENEZUELA YVZA poor w/ID u/WPLM: bfl mx 2354 9/1. (Kazaross)
- 1400 MEXICO XETO Radiorama heard 0745 with mx pgm and many Radiorama ID's. Some days it is mixed with Universal in Colombia. (Crawford)
- 1404 GUINEA Conakry here (not 1403); potent w/instrumental guitar mx reminiscent of Segovia 0248 8/16. (Connelly) In briefly at 0045 at fair level with vernacular talks by Q: and YL, overtaken by QRM at 0050 8/18. (Stover) Apparently off the air 9/11-not heard at all from 0330-0625. France was left but the signal was absolutely lousy. (Hutton)
- 1410 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIAE Santo Domingo (tentative) per loop w/slow LA ballad type mx (mostly vocal) like often hrd on HICN 1120. This was way u/WPOP's Radio Theater 0215-0235 8/30. (Kaz)
- 1410 UNID SS w/lively mx 0052 9/4. (Kazaross)
- 1420 COLOMBIA HJAP Cartagena (tentative) I think this is the SS here 0625 8/31 u/WBSM. Sirens were heard. YVZO is not AN? (Kazaross)
- 1420 VENEZUELA YVZO Maracaibo fair in growl in WBSM null w/full ID 2348 9/1. (Kazaross)
- 1425 UNID but Thule, Greenland suspected; carrier and bits of talk resembling a US BB game, very poor in storm QRN bursts 0242 8/16. Lost to noise by 0243-carrier only discernable w/BFO. Looped N-S axis w/MW1 loop. (Connelly)
- 1430 CUBA Moron QM?? suspected here 0040 9/2 w/not lively type Cuban annrc. (Kazaross) Heard with LV de Cuba and Radio Habana ID's 0730 on 7/17...Good signal. (Crawford)
- 1430 UNID SS noted way u/domestics 0130 9/6. (Kazaross)
- 1440 UNID SS noticed way u/WFTQ in growl 0105 9/2. (Kazaross)
- 1455 UNID carrier detected very weakly here 0207. 100 watt Haitian is the only thing listed here. A beverage would have done the job. This shows how good the cx was. 9/2. (Kazaross)
- 1460 COLOMBIA Radio Marino heard 0515 with fair signal and some splash from the NZ'er on 1458. Big RCN ID at 0545 and some Marino ID's at times. Heard 7/1. (Crawford)
- 1460 UNID SS here 0225 8/31 and a few more times during next AU days. (Kazaross)
- 1461.7 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIAE San Cristobal is supposed to be the one here w/raucous het and SS mx and talk thru slop 0210-0215 8/31. Frequency is approximate as measured w/vernier. (Kazaross)
- 1467 MONACO Monte Carlo fair w/OC and occasional TT'ing prior to normal programming 0418 8/17. (Connelly)
- 1470 UNID SS noticed in growl 0208 8/31. (Kazaross)
- 1493 UNID TA carrier noted 0549 9/10. I hung around but it didn't. (CH) Oops, Morocco and Ivory Coast are both still here-CH
- 1500 UNID SS audio thru loud growl w/WTOP 0120 9/2, I think this may be the YV. It loops YV or HI and the growl disappears about 0400. Any ideas here? (Kazaross) R. Tigre, Colombia most often heard-CH
- 1505 ANGUILLA The Valley taped w/an unbelievably loud signal 0057-0102 9/2 when it faded into some slop. (Kazaross)
- 1512 UNID carrier and het on 1510 here 0435 8/28. Is Belgium on w/400 kw yet? (Kazaross) Check recent ID's, I mentioned somewhere the operational date for Belgium-CH
- 1520 PUERTO RICO WRAI San Juan good from 2340-2350 9/3. No ID but this looped same as other PR's. (Kazaross)
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA really good het against WCBW and decent audio detectable on peaks, first noticed 0025 8/13, obviously on late sked for Ramadan. Was definitely able to parallel piercing flute mx at 0052 against SW 15060 which is listed in NASWA as a Domestic Service relay. However the audio between 1521 and 15060 while definitely established as identical, varied from

- (1521, continued) from 1 to 2 seconds out of sync with 1521 ahead, so probably playing tapes at each site (much too big a delay for satellite link). At 0208 the SW carrier was off but 1521 remains as het against WKBW. Peak reception of MW occurred around 0130 and no other easterly signals were heard with just 1539 and 1593 BFO'able. Hoped for Sharjah on 1575 but not even a BFO, id on at all. (Foxworth) I remember from somewhere that Sharjah 1575 was supposed to go off the air earlier this year-CH
- 1521 UNID and a really interesting one. Wicked het on 1520 first noticed around 0520 9/11; pops pierced through at times. Way too late for the Czech or Arab. I wonder who in the world this was.... (Hutton)
- 1525 COSTA RICA TIJJC Turrialba presumed at poor to fair level w/man and woman in SS, slopped by WKBW 0235 8/16. (Connelly) Suspected here w/weak audio in WKBW slop looping CA 0307 9/2. (Kazaross)
- 1530 PUERTO RICO WUPR Utuado very good w/several ID's and Popeye The Sailor Man jingle 0010-0015 9/4. ID sounds like Rad-yoo-BURR; during AU and fantastic cx. (Kazaross)
- 1548 UNID noted w/soft orchestral mx thru CBE slop 0358-0359 when WPTX cranked up its modulation after its 0355 mx, thus wiping it out before 0400 ID 8/30. (Kazaross)
- 1554 GABON Libreville noted 0425 9/1 w/carrier and garbled audio heard a few minutes later in heavy splash. 1493, 1305, 1349 were in later. Country #70. (Kazaross) I'd be very hesitant to ever log any station on the basis of its supposed presence on a frequency plus garbled audio-CH
- 1555 CAYMAN ISLANDS GeorgeTown xlt w/EE religious discussion pgm about the Bahai Faith; an address in Illinois was given for further information 0227 8/16. (Connelly)
- 1557 MALTA Cyclops fair w/clear Deutsche Welle IS's alternating w/mushy audio anncts 0358-then time tone at 0400 followed by man in AA on 8/17. (Connelly) Raising the roof and keeping neighbors awake with tremendous signal 0411 9/11 during AA pgm. (Hutton)
- 1566 TUNISIA Sfaxx poor w/apparent female chanting in heavy CISM Slop 0450 8/16. (Connelly) The leading TA on the band 9/11 from 0415 tune-in until faded out at LSR. Last year they were not signing on until 0430. This has been the loudest TA here since coming on the air; not as reliable as Guinea however. (CH)
- 1575 ITALY very nice with light mx pgm 9/11 around 0445 and in well until LSR fade. Spain conspicuous by its absence. (CH)
- 1577.6 CUBA Cadena Agramonte outlet apparently the stn here poor to fair w/festive LA mx 0231 8/16. (Connelly) Yep it's them-CH
- 1578 PORTUGAL the best of the rest after Europe had mostly faded out 0613 9/11. Not a bad signal at all with man in non-atop PP talk, destroying 1580 with the het. (CH)
- 1584 UNID carrier detected weakly 0505. I heard the Spanish IS here at 0600 last winter so this is probably not from Spain. Much better cx will be required to get audio out of this, 8/28. (Kazaross)
- 1584 A MILLION UNIDS noted here 9/11 from 0502 until I finally gave up and out at 0633. Shortly after 0500 three carriers were noted-2 right on the channel and one measured on 1584.034 and drifting around some. One of the 2 on channel faded up several times in the next half hour producing audio which I think tapes will confirm is AA. Naturally no good AA prospects listed. Both of the other 2 stns seemed to be SS-one certainly was and probably the other also but chasing the carriers with a multiplier for exalted carrier reception created some confusion. At 0600 these three were joined by a hatful of others, with the resultant mess being penetrated by a couple of "LV de..." ID's which will probably yield absolutely nothing, plus a set of six identical pips. Oh well.... (CH)
- 1593 WEST GERMANY Langenberg occasionally fair/good strength w/man in SS but badly garbled by severe auroral flutter-fading 0409 8/17. (Connelly)
- 1602 UNID het and carrier 0400 9/6. Usual highbanders in but none were even fair. (Kazaross)
- Out of Order Section
- 1160 COLOMBIA HJAZ Monteria xlt w/"LV de Sinu" ID 0510 8/28. (Kaz)
- 1562 PORTUGAL doang fair-poor 9/11 at 0604 w/pam in PF. Modulation not up to par. Poor RDP is having their troubles....(CH)

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HAWAII 8-50

THE BIG ISLAND WELCOME STATION

ON THE TRAIL OF DAVID

César Objio

While some of you were at the St. Louis Convention, we in the Dominican Republic had to withstand the tremendous force of Hurricane David. We worked till Thursday noon in order to be prepared for the announced arrival of David Friday morning. Dominican stations were already part of a network under the direction of Civil Defense in order to keep the people informed of the situation. I preferred to listen to Puerto Rico's stations as they were ahead of us in the hurricane path. During Thursday afternoon WKJB-710-Mayagüez was the only P.R. station heard on the air as they were operating with their own generators. All electricity was cut off in P.R. in order to avoid more casualties. 930-Montserrat, was not heard in the afternoon. During the evening WKJB-710 was QRned by Caracas station R. Capital, on the same frequency. Santo Domingo stations started to s/off and on Thursday evening only RTVD-620, R. Guarachita-690, R. Clarín-860 and R. Continental-890 were on the air. Then I heard R. Guayana-1590 on the air in the evening with news about the damage of the hurricane in their area. I kept tuned to them for the postiton of the hurricane. I went to bed around midnight.

Early Friday morning I tuned again to WKJB-710 for more news. New P.R. station on the air was WPAB-550-Ponce with news and announcing also to be on the air with their own generators as still there was no electricity in the island. Electricity was cut off at about noon and only RTVD-620 and R. Clarín-860 were on the air, at this time the hurricane was announced to be about only 100 kms south of Santo Domingo. When the strongest force of Hurricane David was hitting the capital from 3 to 5 p.m. in the afternoon RTVD-620 antenna tower could not withstand the mighty force of gales at 240 kms an hour and fell down. Their transmitter went off and only R. Clarín-860 remained on the air. At this time I think Hurricane David was entering the island some 40 kms S.W. of Santo Domingo. I lost track of the hurricane as P.R. stations did not give any position as there was no immediate danger for their island and Dominican stations did not mention it. Violent gusts of wind hit the city for some two hours, meanwhile R. Clarín kept repeating the same warnings all the time. The darkest night fell over the city as there was no electric light anywhere and a curfew was decreed by the President to avoid disorders. P.R. stations 550 and 710 were still on the air, then Venezuelan and Colombian stations were heard easily as no other local stations were on the air. As there was no electricity, candles, flashlights and gas lanterns were used instead. Rain was still falling on the roof so I went to bed early this time.

Saturday morning brought the clear light of disaster. Trees, telephone and electric wires as well as big transformers were all over the streets and roofs and the city was half-destroyed. The Voice of America on short waves provided the first news of the hurricane in the morning program and the position was out in the sea but on the northern side of the island. So the hurricane had crossed the Dominican Republic right through. Still 550-WPAB-Once, 710-WKJB-Mayagüez and new 580-WKAQ-San Juan were heard. R. Clarín-860 was still the only Santo Domingo station on the air; later on RTVD-620 was heard but weaker than usual as they seemed to be operating with a transmitter of lower power and a different antenna. R. Santa María-590-La Vega and Radiolandia-1160-Santiago were new stations heard. Saturday afternoon added in Santo Domingo Onda Musical-1150, all of them with their own generators. AM stations with their antenna towers destroyed were 790-La Voz del Trópico, 830-HIJB both AM and FM, 1180-R. Mil, 690-R. Guarachita, 650-R. Universal, 1220-HIN. Other FM station antenna towers destroyed were R. HIGO, R. Cima and HILX as well as some others. Also TV towers destroyed were Rahintel-Ch. 7, Telesistema Ch. 11, Teleinde Ch. 13, Colorvisión Ch. 9, the highest TV antenna in Santo Domingo as it was situated on top of a 12-story building named "La Torre" (The Tower). Rahintel Ch. 7 studio-transmitter link tower situated at their studios also came down. The only antenna tower still standing after the hurricane was the newest, Tele Antillas Ch. 2. They were to be on the air September 3, then September 10, now we don't know when. On tests two weeks before the hurricane they had the best signal I had ever watched on TV in Santo Domingo. The above is only part of the damages known, not everything is described here. But the radio brought the news of still a new hurricane in the Eastern Carribean: Frederick.

During the following week everybody started to clean up the streets, picking up trees branches, wires, etc. Electricity was still off in about 90% of the capital and almost 100% of the rest of the country. In the meantime "Civil Defense Network" was kept in operation with only RTVD-620, still weak and R. Clarín-860. Then something happened that aroused public indignation. After the RTVD transmitter was put back on the air during the hurricane, Telecomunicaciones ordered R. Clarín off the air because they had failed to pay some dues for the relays installed at Alto Bandera high on the mountains. President



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In a recent Musing, I commented that WQII has instituted a policy of not answering the majority of DX reports. Of course, this remark generated a number of responses from NRC members, questioning my logic and sanity. In the process of analyzing the subject, I decided that a number of points generally ignored by DXers should be brought into open discussion as part of the current questioning of the rate of verification returns.

With few exceptions, the radio stations in the Western Hemisphere are private, commercial enterprises. Their goal is to sell advertising and make a profit. In the United States, radio stations in all except the largest markets are small businesses. The average local McDonalds has a greater sales volume than the average local radio station. And a significantly high percentage of all U.S. radio stations are unprofitable or very marginally viable.

In a recent issue of Business Week, an analysis was made of the cost of the business letter (and a verification is a business letter). Counting supplies, filing, secretarial and management time, and corresponding overhead, the average letter costs in excess of \$10 to send.

Many of the less successful stations simply do not have the manpower to answer reception reports. Others, in a better financial environment, may correctly assume that the results of answering reports do not justify the related expenses. In either case, the end result is a station which does not verify.

Further, in an age where radio is a highly local medium (as opposed to the pre-television era when radio was a simultaneous, national medium), the value of a DX report to a station lies exclusively in its novelty. Now, I can get pretty wrapped up in a discussion of WQII's signal over the western section of Bayamón. But I (and this is still a DXer speaking) can not become excited over some guy's report from Norway. The report is of no practical value.

These are some of the facts. My own feeling is that the age of the Medium Wave verification is ending. The thrill of a distant reception is not shared by DXer and station alike. The "tape verification" is a good alternative, if proof of reception is required or desired. The basic fact is that the verification in written form from the station will become an increasingly hard item to secure in the future.

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Guzmán ordered the station to be back on the air, payment or not, as they were only helping and advising the citizens to take care with proper instructions. As time passed every started to complain and ask the Civil Defense Network to end as the emergency was already over, but the government wouldn't hear the requests and complaints have increased. As of this date, Sept. 9, the Network is still on with stations RTVD-620, HIZ-730, R. Clarín-860 and La Voz de las Fuerzas Armadas-980. News is scarce and you have to read papers in order to be informed. Only messages from persons to relatives are aired and some obituaries are mentioned as well as government decrees and most of the time orchestra music is heard.

Note from HQ: We are very pleased to learn that César is safe. The death and destruction caused by Hurricane David was great in the Dominican Republic. We wish the Dominican people well as they struggle to overcome adversity.

DOMESTIC DX ACHIEVEMENTS

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YR	NAME AND GENERAL AREA	HEARD			*TAPED*			VERIFIED		
		TDH	SH	PH	TDT	ST	PT	TDV	SV	PV
70	KARL FORTH, vic Chicago, Ill.	1771	48+	10	1077	48+	10	1088	48+	10
62	RUSSELL J. EDMUNDS, nc N.J.	1461	47+	9	763	41+	8	260	42+	6
73	WAYNE D. MURPHY, Louisville, Kentucky	1417	47+	7	740	45+	6	7	7	0
39	DENNIS PIMPER, ne Nebr & nr S.L.C., Utah	1914	47	7	651	40	5	400	45	6
68	DENNIS PIMPER, nr Salt Lake City, Utah	1375	45	7	651	40	5	400	45	6
78	RICHARD W. KENNEALLY, Cincinnati, Ohio	581	38+	5	572	38+	5	2	2	0
69	BILL WHITACRE, Lansing, Michigan	800	49	7	500E	49	6	250	49	7
70	LOU BUEHLER, nr Saint Louis, Missouri	589	40+	5	478	38+	5	54	26	1
75	THOMAS H. BULL, Washington, D.C.	764	43+	6	460	43+	6	39	23	0
57	CARL MANN, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	450E	45	7	410E	45	7	-	-	-
57	ROBERT FOXWORTH, vic New York City	1000E	49+	10	400E	44+	9	270E	48+	7
61	JOSEPH FELA, c N.J.	1861	49+	10	400E	40+E	7E	1045E	48+	9
74	ROGER A. MORBY, vic Albany, N.Y.	716	38+	8	320E	32+	8	21	14	1
75	PAUL SWEARINGEN, se Kansas	582	40+	6	280	36	3	-	-	-
70	HARRY J. HAYES, ne Pa.	950	41+	6	275E	35E	4	60E	23	2
64	BRUCE PORTZER, Seattle, Washington	1233	44	7	256	41	7	471	40	7
73	BRETT HANAVAN, vic San Diego, Calif.	663	39	5	221	29	4	99	33	2
74	BOB WALKER, nr Louisville, Kentucky	503	35+	6	218	31	4	168	33	4
30	FRANK WHEELER, nw Pa.	2694	50+	9	212	33+	3	1636	50+	9
69	BOB KARCHEVSKI, nr San Francisco, Calif.	249	36	5	197	35	5	198	36	5
73	PAUL R. MOUNT, ne N.J.	486	36+	7	188	26+	5	223	33+	6
72	DICK TRUAX, Louisville, Kentucky	935	46+	6	120	35+	5	20	17	3
73	MIKE ANDERSON, Louisville, Kentucky	600	38+	5	120	29+	2	33	22	1
74	SHARON WATERMAN, w Mass.	721	39+	8	114	33+	4	198	39+	8
59	LINDA BRODSKY, vic New York City	374	35+	7	108	26+	6	43	26+	3
62	GARY ATKINS, Louisville, Kentucky	1360	49+	7	102	36	1	260	41+	4
72	ERIC FADER, New York City	800E	38+	9	100E	23+	4	20E	7	2
62	RON MUSCO, vic Hartford, Conn.	1110	46+	9	95	28	3	987	46+	9
78	PAUL R. MOUNT, se Ohio	383	36+	3	59	25	1	2	2	0
62	JERRY BOND, Rochester, N.Y.	785	43+	8	50E	10E	2	0	0	0
60	ANDY RUGG, Montreal, P.Q.	1323	47+	10	41	17	3	1302	47+	10
72	MARK STRICKERT, Chicago, Ill.	337	35+	5	40E	10E	3	35	17	2
66	GARY SIEGEL, Toledo, Ohio	2250	49+	10	35	15	6	4	3	0
76	DAVE KORINEK, nr San Diego, Calif.	385	38+	5	30E	20E	3	230	34+E	5
63	ED GEHRINGER, West Lafayette, Ind.	300E	36	7	30E	10E	5E	1	1	0
--	DAVE YOCIS, Bridgeport, Conn.	428	38+	8	22	6	0	5	5	0
76	BRIAN BURSACK, Columbus, Ohio	219	33+	5	19	15	2	6	6	0
75	TEX STOUT, vic Louisville, Kentucky	477	32+	4	15E	?	?	9	7	0
66	KEN ONYSCHUK, ne Ill.	669	43+	5	15E	12E	0	16	13	0
75	STEPHEN PONDER, Fort Worth, Texas	396	35	4	10E	4E	4E	386	35	4
76	DON DAVIS, Macon, Ga.	580	39+	3	10E	4	1	410	35+	2
75	MICHAEL GOOD, Boston, Mass.	334	33+	8	6	3	1	8	5	0
70	GEORGE KESTEVEN, Calgary, Alberta	212	33	6	4	2	2	151	30	6
69	RICHARD ALLEN, nc Oklahoma	350	38	7	3	2	1	41	13	7
75	JOHN CLEMMER, Peoria, Ill.	334	36	2	1	1	0	3	3	0
26	JOE BRAUNER, wc Pa.	5519	50+	10	-	-	-	3659	50+	9
32	ERNEST R. COOPER, tip of Cape Cod, Mass.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3601	48+	10
23	GENE ALLEN, vic San Francisco, Calif.	3013	49	8	-	-	-	2509	49	8
24	STEVE BEZILLA, c Pa.	3000E	48	8	-	-	-	50E	45E	4
35	NORMAN MAGUIRE, Albuquerque, N.M. & Conn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2702	50+	10
50	ED KREJNY, vic Cleveland, Ohio	2456	49+	10	-	-	-	2141	49+	10
58	BILL COLEMAN, e N.C.	2105	46	12	-	-	-	456	46	12
58	ERNIE J. WESOLOWSKI, e Nebr.	2050	49+	9	-	-	-	1950	49+	9
58	WARREN BROWN, se R.I.	2000E	47	-	-	-	-	1500E	49	-
70	STEPHEN FRANCIS, e Tenn.	1942	46+	7	-	-	-	36	35+	0
45	KEN CHATTERTON, n New York	1845	50+	10	-	-	-	1101	50+	10
31	PETER CLARIUS, nr Elizabeth, N.J.	1819	48	10	-	-	-	1441	48	10
47	PETER TAYLOR, San Francisco, Calif.	1700E	50+	10	-	-	-	946	50+	10
76	JOHN KROMKA, vic New York City	1256	44	9	-	-	-	84	37	3
67	RICH EDDIE, St. Louis, Missouri	1253	49+	6	-	-	-	1008	49+	5
21	ROSS HANSCH, s Wisc.	1247	50	10	-	-	-	75	40	1
69	KARL JETER, Atlanta, Ga.	1231	40+	5	-	-	-	830	40+	5
63	RAY ARRUDA, nr Boston, Mass.	1183	47	9	-	-	-	675	47	9
64	ELLIOT STRAUS, vic New York City	1126	44+	9	-	-	-	565	40	8
61	NEIL G. ZANK, Lincoln, Nebraska	1100	46	9	-	-	-	535	45	9

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		TDH	SH	PH	TDV	SV	PV	TDV	SV	PV
77	JOHN HOOGERHEIDE, Louisville, Kentucky	1083	42	4				671	42	4
62	MARC DeLORENZO, Cape Cod, Mass.	1033	46	9				378	46	9
38	ROGER A. ANDERSON, metro Washington, DC	----	48+	9				1017	48+	9
74	RICK CARR, Ill. and Texas combined	991	43+	6				774	43+	5
69	ROB KEENEY, nr Kansas City, Mo.	990	49	8				419	49	8
63	CHUCK HUTTON, Atlanta, Ga.	949	46	6				0	0	0
64	KELLY ANDREWS, N.C. & Va. combined	925E	45+	7				692	44+	7
54	JOHN SAMPSON, Omaha, Nebr.	-	-	-				912	45+	6
64	GREG HARDISON, Atlanta, Georgia	900E	36	6				42	19	5
65	WAYNE HEINEN, Colorado Springs, Colo.	885	49	8				724	49	8
--	MIKE HEPPE, Houston, Mississippi	850	48	6				45	-	-
72	JIM HOPKINS, s N.J.	850E	44+	7				455E	43	7
73	DAN LUTZ, vic Lexington, Kentucky	827	39	4				-	-	-
48	JOHN W. HOOGERHEIDE, vic Louisville, Ky	815	33	5				478	33	5
57	ART FREGEAU, Northford, Conn.	803	45+	11				214	41+	7
32	MORTON D. MEEHAN, se Calif.							800E		
69	JIM WALLACE, Columbus, Ohio	795	41+	7				137	36+	3
60	GEORGE GREENE, Akron, Ohio	743	45+	7				119	29	3
--	FRANK S. JOHNSON, Belfast, Maine	714	48	10				127	28	9
60	BILL HARDY, coastal Washington	687	38	5				3	3	0
75	BRUCE WINKELMAN, Greensboro, N.C.	686	40+	4				0	0	0
64	JOHN HATHAWAY, c Illinois	666	42	5				309	40	5
76	ROBERT WIEN, vic San Francisco, Calif.	666	40	6				349	38	6
73	LYNN BURKE, tidewater Virginia	650	36+	6				18	7	1
69	NANCY HARDY, coastal Washington	626	39	5				2	2	0
75	DAN GRADIN, vic Portland, Oregon	589	39	6				16	15	1
70	WELDON T. CHILDERS, nw Alabama	587	32+	3				0	0	0
78	MIKE DEITZ, tidewater Virginia	528	37	2				-	-	-
73	PHILIP BOERSMA, w Michigan	520	41	6				50	24	3
77	BRYAN LEE, Brooklyn, Conn.	516	36	7				49	21	3
75	RANDY TOMER, nw Calif.	500E	-	-				20E	-	-
68	JOHN SAMPSON, Winston-Salem, N.C.	-	-	-				450	30+	1
73	MARTY WRIGHT, Springfield, Ill.	437	41+	5				406	41+	5
78	BOB JINKERSON, JR., vic St. Louis, Mo.	366	33	2				9	8	1
60	JOHN SAMPSON, Hutchinson, Minn.	-	-	-				336	42	6
75	GARY HOUDEK, nc Kansas	270	33	3				20	16	1
66	JOHN SAMPSON, vic San Jose, Calif.	-	-	-				258	17	3
77	KURT BROWN, Bloomington, Ill.	249	39+	3				148	38+	3
58	WILLIAM WURTZEL, New York City, N.Y.	236	30	5				126	22+	4
77	CHARLES MCHARG, vic Seattle, Wash.	199	24	4				4	3	0
62	IRA GREEN, Cincinnati, Ohio	193	34+	4				2	2	0
65	JOHN SAMPSON, New Providence, N.J.	-	-	-				181	33+	6
75	RONALD F. KISER, vic Los Angeles, Calif.	160E	29	6				45	27	5
78	STEVEN MILLER, Boston, Mass.	149	26	6				-	-	-
77	DONALD WOODS, vic Los Angeles, Calif.	139	21	1				0	-	-
72	WARREN GREENBERG, vic Boston, Mass.	125E	27+	6				99	26+	6
74	JACK WOODS, w Oregon	112	24	4				25	18	-
55	G. HARLEY DeLEURERE, Tucker County, W.V.	-	48+	10				-	48+	10

YR STARTED - Year Started TDH - Total Domestic Heard SH - States Heard
 PH - Provinces Heard TDT - Total Domestic Taped ST - States Taped PT - Provinces
 Taped TDV - Total Domestic Verified SV - States Verified PV - Provinces Verified

+ indicates that, in addition to the number of states listed, District of Columbia has been heard, taped, or verified. vic - vicinity nr - near c - central
 n - northern s - southern e - eastern w - western ne/nw/se/sw - northeastern,
 etc. nc - north central nr/vic/metro were used somewhat interchangeably

This edition of DDXA is dedicated to Paul R. Mount whose encouragement prompted its typing despite rather dismal show of interest and whose suggestion of arrangement by taped totals was used. What do you think of using two-letter state abbreviations to permit re-arranging format somewhat? If there are no objections or the majority concurs, this will be done and there will be two one-digit columns to indicate the total number of locations from which DXing has been done and the number of those locations represented by that line's entry. You may send combined totals for all locations or you may break out each & every location as done by John Sampson. E is used to represent any Estimated figure. - is used if information is not available or if a count is not kept. 0 is used to represent zero. Please send all updates for the next listing by October 1, 1979. DDXA reporting form available for self-addressed envelope. Thanks to all those who did contribute information.

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TERMINATOR TRANSIT MECHANIX

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Part III - The Theory Behind TXM

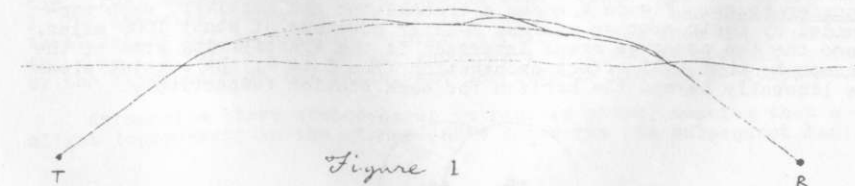
Terminator Transit Mechanix (TXM) is the study of how sunrise and sunset affect ionospheric radio propagation. The information derived from the study can be of invaluable aid to the DX'er, who can use it to predict the exact times of station fade-ups and fade-outs, calculate the location in range of unknown or clandestine signals, and (hopefully) predict long-term fading on inter-continental signal paths (TA's, TP's, etc.). TXM calculations are very simple; and anyone with a world globe, this series of articles, and some common sense can perform them quickly and accurately. Only range calculations require a strip-chart recorder, such as the rustrak-88 or Heathkit IR-18M, the rest do not. § TXM should not be confused nor identified with E-20, an attempt back in 1965 by another DX'er to predict dawn fade-out times of trans-Atlantic signals; they are not the same thing. The two will be compared in a future article.

The above paragraph rightfully belongs in Part I of this series, where we introduced TXM and its parameters but failed to define it - at least not to the satisfaction of the "reprints" editor. Now that we finally know what TXM is, we can go on.

The purpose of this article is to introduce the propagation theory that explains how TXM works. Standard magneto-ionic propagation theory, the one that radio amateurs and SWL's take as gospel, apparently only works for frequencies above 1500 kHz. MW DX'ers have long held the subconscious suspicion that MW propagation does not exactly behave according to the "books", but they just couldn't put a handle on it. Now the matter is settled, thanks to the chart recorder: It now seems that there are two separate mechanisms which operate to return skywave signals, one above - one below 1500kHz, with some overlapping in the transition area that proves them to be truly separate and not just different views of the same thing. Both, however, are magneto-ionic in physiology and operate by refraction, not reflection.

Standard magneto-ionic theory, for frequencies between 1.5 and 30 MHz, states that solar ultraviolet radiation ionizes the upper atmosphere by breaking up gas molecules into electrons and positive ions, thus forming a plasma. The ions, being far too heavy to have any appreciable effect on radio signals, are ignored by radio-physicists, who consider only the free electrons, measured in terms of electron density (N). These electrons align themselves with the incoming wavefront as well as with the earth's magnetic field. In this environment the electrons circle, spin, and spiral at the signal frequency, thereby acting as infinitesimal antennas that retransmit the signal. The net effect is that the signal energy vector is directed away from ionospheric regions of higher electron densities. If the density gradient is large enough, the signal will be returned to earth. As the electrons easily align themselves with the signal wavefront due to their low mass, the signal energy follows a parabolic curve through the ionosphere.

We should be cautious here in stating that theorists use so-called "Chapman layers", or an ideally smooth, regular model of the ionosphere for their explanations. Such perfect ionospheres are never found in the real world, so parabolic signal paths are far from geometrically perfect. Normally the path is split into several wandering sections paralleling the ideal route, the major cause of the rapid fading typical of short-wave reception (Figure 1).



In the lower regions of the ionosphere, the density of air molecules is so great that the electrons have little room to maneuver. As the signal frequency is lowered, they must "dance" about a larger area in order to keep in step with it. Soon they wind up knocking against adjacent molecules, losing their energy in the process. This is the non-deviative absorption that precludes daytime skywave propagation of signals below 6MHz under normal conditions. At higher frequencies the electrons require less room to dance about, so less "accidents" occur, and those signals get through.

Non-deviative absorption occurs in the D and E regions of the lower ionosphere. While the D region effectively exists only in daylight, the E layer continues on after dark. For this reason, "textbook" propagation rarely occurs on MW frequencies!

If that propagation mechanism were the only one available, BCB DX would resemble FM and TV DX; there would be no skywave reception except for rare "openings" on the higher end of the band, and WDR-1593 would be more widely and commonly heard than PJR-800!

To introduce the mechanism that makes skywave propagation possible on MW and LW frequencies, as well as to lend it some credibility, we can compare sunset fade-ups of two stations, one on MW, the other in the 60-meter SW band.

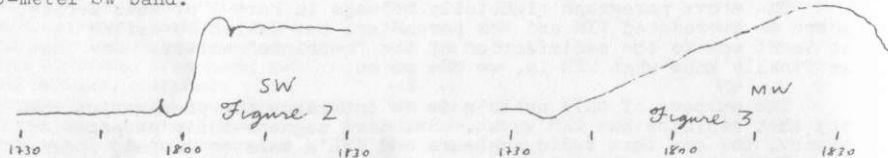


Figure 2 is the 60-meter fade-up. Note the shape of the curve as well as the time required for the signal increase. The MW fade-up (Figure 3) demonstrates a far different curve; the process taking at least six times as long! Fade-up charts of stations in the 1600-kHz area often show both curves superimposed on each other.

This new mechanism is identical in function to standard magneto-ionic theory, except that the positive molecular ions, rather than the free electrons, are the signal carriers. The major behavioral difference, except for the reversal of polarities and spin directions, is that these ions are worlds heavier than electrons, so they are subject to "dynamo" winds as well as other grossly physical effects, in addition to being far too sluggish to respond well to the earth's magnetic field and the signal wavefront. The inability of these heavy ions (protons, helium nuclei, etc.) to align with the wavefront means that they dance, like the gorilla, anyway they want to. The overall result is chaos, each ion refracting the signal in its own way. The signal winds up not following a parabolic curve but diffused all over the sky!

As we understand it, NASA scientists are also "on" to this new theory; they are calling it "ionospheric transfer propagation", and they are supposed to have a paper out on it soon. The term is preferred to "diffusive refraction", which is really a phenomena of higher frequencies. "Transfer" is an appropriate term, since traditional "ray tracing" is worthless where diffusion is involved; i.e., there can be no clear signal path to follow when the ionosphere "mixes it up" beyond recognition before sending it back to earth. The transmitted signal is simply "delivered" to the ionosphere, which then "transfers" the batch to the receiver. In more realistic terms, the transmitter "lights up" the ionospheric ceiling, and any receiver that can "see" it will receive the signal.

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Again, ray tracing is useless with form of ionospheric propagation. What we use instead is a concept borrowed from Fresnel, which we call transfer zones. Figure 4 shows a transmitter and receiver, each surrounded by their average maximum E-layer coverage of about 1000 miles. Where the two coverage areas intersect is the transferring area of the ionosphere that will effect propagation from T to R; the outside areas are literally beyond the horizon for each station respectively.

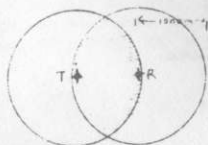


Figure 4

The ionospheric transfer zone should not be regarded as a uniform mirror; due to the fact that the transfer process involves an infinite number of signal paths of widely divergent lengths, not all of the signal arrives at the same phase and strength at the receiver. As portions of the return are out of phase with other portions, the maximum potential signal strength is not realized. The average received signal is only 70.71% of this potential maximum, the so-called "rms" value.

The geometry of the transfer structure causes the transfer zone to be proportioned into concentric interference zones, analogous to Fresnel zones, each succeeding zone returning signal that is out of phase with the two adjacent to it (Figure 5). The central positive zone, which we shall call the primary transfer zone (PTZ), is responsible for returning about 2/3'rds of the total signal. Of course, the maximum extension of the zones is limited by the mutual ionospheric horizon.

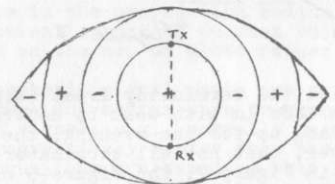


Figure 5

As Figure 5 suggests, the diameter of the PTZ is the signal path distance between transmitter and receiver; the width of the outer conoids is 29.29% of the PTZ diameter. This and other empirical information indicates that the ionospheric transfer zone is a complex tri-dimensional structure whose mathematical solution requires the factorial summation of multiple integrals, a subject that, mercifully, we will not go into this time!

Now that we have defined the transfer zone let us see what happens when it is eclipsed, or slowly covered up or exposed by the advancing D region at the time of terminator transit: Figure 6 shows a transfer area marked off by lines representing the sunset terminator at different stages of passage across it. Next to it is the corresponding curve that results from this eclipse. The signal path is in an E-W orientation.

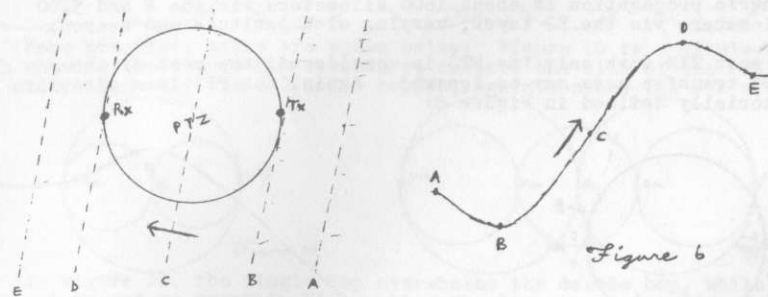


Figure 6

At "A" the terminator has reached the second (negative) transfer zone just outside the PTZ; some reception, normally weak, may occur at this point. § The terminator reaches the perimeter of the PTZ at "B"; the weak signal disappears as positive and negative signal energy cancels out. § As the terminator arrives half-way through the PTZ ("C") the signal level shows a corresponding semi-linear increase in strength. § The opposite border of the PTZ is reached at "D", and the signal level rounds off as negative energy is reintroduced from the 2'nd transfer zone. § At "E" the mutual ionospheric horizon is normally reached by the terminator on E-W paths, and the fade-in process is complete.

At sunrise these events occur in reverse order, meaning that a slight improvement in the signal ("D") forewarns its subsequent demise.

Referring back to Figure 5, note that the ionospheric transfer area normally has the shape of an eye. In our previous example of an east-west terminator crossing, we eclipsed the area broadside; the resulting fade-up curve (Figure 6) turned out to be rather simple, since most of the outer interference zones were hit at once during the crossing. What happens, however, when the terminator crosses the transfer area lengthwise, as when sunset occurs at both the transmitter and receiver at the same time? In that case each of the outer zones will be eclipsed one at a time - first negative, then positive, then negative, etc. The fade-up curve for such a north-south path would reflect this, as shown in Figure 7:



Figure 7

Such signals that parallel the terminator front (e.g., N-S paths in March and September) often fade in with weak to moderate signals twice before "officially" fading up for the evening, the reverse occurring at dawn. Note, however, that not all terminator-parallel signal paths yield the curve in Figure 7; the Figure-6 curve will often appear in its place, especially in tropical areas.

Our model of an ionospheric transfer area was necessarily extremely simplified. The real transfer area is a tri-dimensional structure with complex vertical, as well as horizontal, interference zones. I, myself, do not have a good comprehension of it. Possible clues to its nature may be gleaned from the following TXM theorems:

- 1) The equivalent height of the E layer is that where sunrise or sunset respectively leads or lags ground sunrise or sunset by one PTZ radius.
- 2) The equivalent height of the F2 layer (ditto) by one PTZ diameter.
- 3) The diameter of the PTZ at 5 MHz is exactly one-half that at MW frequencies.
- 4) The maximum distance permitting predominantly single-hop ionospheric propagation is about 1600 kilometers via the E and 3200 kilometers via the F2 layer, varying with latitude and season.

For most TXM work only the PTZ is considered; the rest of the eye-shaped transfer area may be ignored. Again, the PTZ is a circular area pictorially defined in Figure 8:

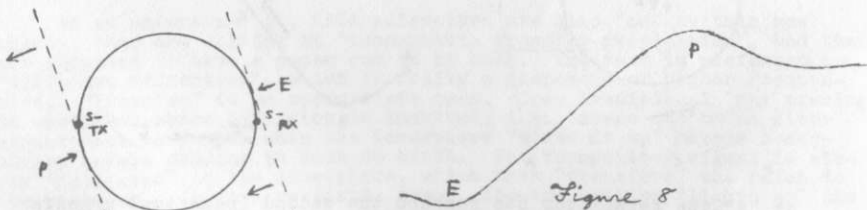


Figure 8

(From here on we will be using the parametric symbols previously given in Part I of this series on TXM; please review them if necessary). Time E, the most important temporal parameter in TXM, occurs when the terminator first contacts the PTZ at sunset or last touches it at sunrise - or - this is when the signal starts to fade up at sunset and finishes fading out at sunrise. Time F is the same thing, but the F2 layer is the propagation medium. When the terminator reaches the opposite side of the PTZ, that's time P - or - the end of the evening fade-up or the start of the dawn fade-out.

It is obvious from what we have seen so far that we must view MW signal paths from a new perspective. Many are in the habit of assuming that a sky-wave signal travels from transmitter to receiver bouncing off a small spot in the ionosphere at the half-way point.

While this assumption is rejected by standard magneto-ionic theory, let alone TXM, DX'ers with insufficient knowledge of propagation continue to hold this oversimplified view of things, some even going so far as to come up with "TXM" formulas of their own using this inaccurate premise (For an example cf. How to Listen to the World - 7'th Edition, page 111). This is not to say that such systems won't work part of the time, since temporal parameter E does give a powerful impression that there could easily be a midway "reflection point" in operation, but the phenomena of parameters F and P make no sense without the PTZ concept. Besides, anyone who has ever flown an airline at dawn or dusk knows that sunrise and sunset do not occur in the ionosphere and on the ground at the same time; that alone kills the "half-way" theory.

Nor do radio signals travel in narrow pencil-like beams, even in a parabolic curve. Diagrammes such as the one back in Figure 1 represent vectors or the center of the signal path, not the path itself. Transfer theory assumes that the entire sky within the aforementioned eye-shaped enclosure is the propagation medium for most signals below 1500 kHz. For practical purposes, we must think in terms of PTZ's, visualising circles on the map or globe rather than straight lines.

Practical ionospheric signal paths are seldom of the simple textbook variety; on long- and medium-wave frequencies they are quite complex: A single-hop signal; e.g., normally consists of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc., hops, each progressively weaker than the preceding one. The famous Austin-Cohen equations are based on this fact. For low-number hops the secondary paths are relatively too weak to be considered most of the time, but trans-oceanic paths are a different case, as we shall see.

Our empirical evidence indicates that multi-hop signal paths may be represented by PTZ's placed end-to-end on a great-circle route (Figure 9). According to the rules of TXM, reception should not occur unless all of the PTZ's are in complete or partial darkness, meaning that time E will not occur until the terminator has reached the eastern edge of the most westerly PTZ on the path. For trans-Atlantic signals reception is generally terminated once the PTZ touching the transmitter is completely in sunlight at local dawn.

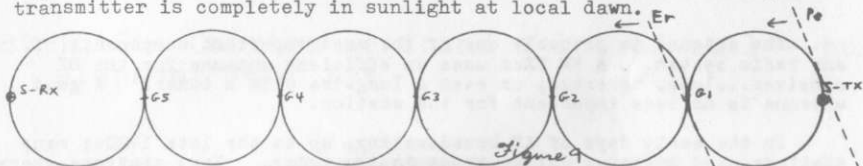


Figure 9

More practical paths are shown below: Figure 10 is a single-hop path showing the double-hop secondary; compare the size of the PTZ's for each. Figure 11 is a 2 and 3 hopper; again compare the PTZ's.

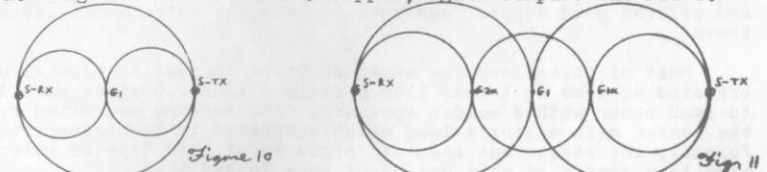


Figure 10

Fig 11

In Figure 10, the single hop overwhelms the double hop, while the contrast is not so great in Figure 11. Now let us examine Figure 12, a 5 and 6 hopper typical of trans-oceanic paths:

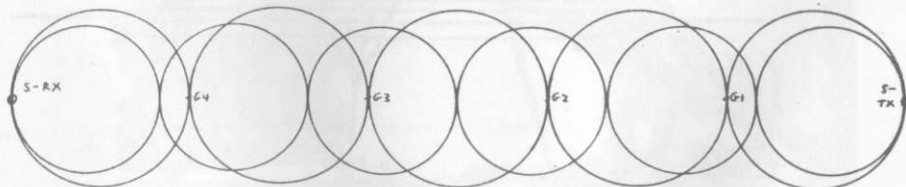


Figure 12

Figure 12 indicates how differences in the number of hops may become confused as the number of hops increase on long signal paths. Not

only are signal strengths almost equal, but accurate strip-charting is a must. On the longest possible paths, of the antipodal variety, temporal parameters 14E and 15E may only lie about three minutes apart on the chart! Fortunately (?) long hauls like that are seldom experienced these days in North America!

Another case involves north-south multi-hop paths: What happens when all or most of the PTZ's are eclipsed simultaneously? Frankly, these complex terminator-parallel paths are too rare to worry about. While the calculation of temporal parameter P becomes difficult, parameter E is figured as usual - the most westerly PTZ at dusk and the most easterly at dawn.

Finally, there are those paths that lie near the poles: How does one consider Murmansk-657 in December when the sun never rises? This special case will be covered in a future article.

This presentation of ionospheric transfer propagation theory brings us to Part IV of this TXM series, which will show how to calculate temporal parameters Er, Es, and Pe, extremely useful devices for anyone who works sunrise and sunset skip (SRS and SSS) as well as early-morning TA's and TP's. Please review and know Part I and especially Part II (Tracking the Terminator) as a prerequisite, also have a world globe and kilometrage (mileage) tape at hand. Part IV-A, entitled TXM vs. E20, will appear subsequently.

Comments and questions re this series of articles on TXM are requested and should be posted to the author's current address.

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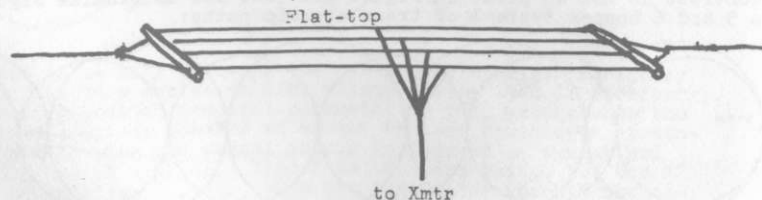
ANTENNAS FOR A.M. BROADCASTING

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The antenna is probably one of the most important components of any radio system. A MW DXer uses an efficient antenna for the DX receiver...loop, beverage, or even a longwire with a tuner. A good antenna is no less important for the station.

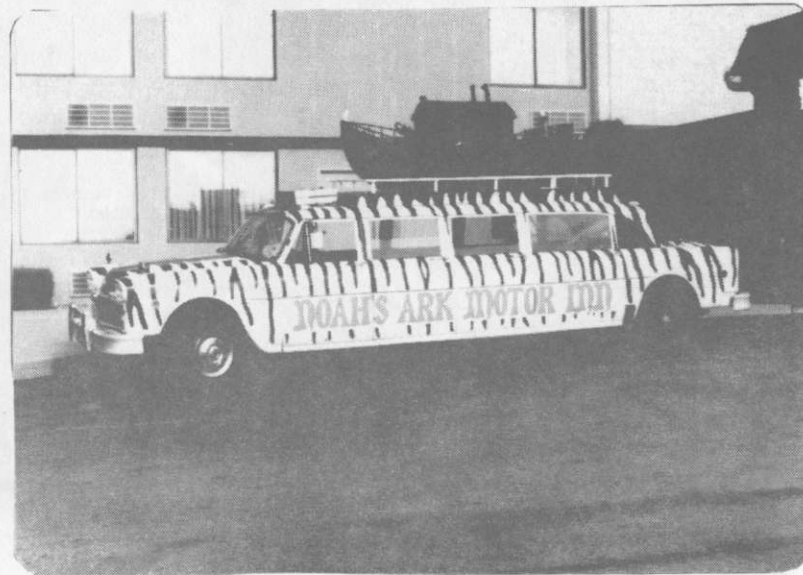
In the early days of AM broadcasting, up to the late 1920s; many stations used antennas unlike those in use today. Most stations were using transmitter powers of 100-200 watts...even the big city stations. Often the antenna was a simple wire strung between 2 masts on top of the building where the station was located. Almost anything that was tall and offered good support was used to hang the antenna on...even a water tower!

Most of these longwire antennas were in reality several wires erected so that it looked like a clothes line...6 wires parallel to each other with a wooden spreader. The antenna was often fed at the center with a single lead which connected to the transmitter. Possibly the reader has seen old pictures of this type of antenna; here is a sketch of what one might have looked like.



The horizontal parallel wires tended to act as a capacitor, which helped to 'load' the antenna for a better match into the Xmmitter. How well did this type of antenna work? For skywave radiation it worked pretty good, but it was a poor antenna for groundwave reception. It would not radiate a decent signal to overcome dead spots from large buildings and overhead utility wires. More on Pg. 27.

- A. Our airport arrivals may have thought they had too many in-flight drinks when greeted by the motel courtesy car!



- B. In St. Charles we found a lot of bull---bull elephant that is!



- C. Our Sat. tour group prepares to enter a college FM station.



- D. As always the motel pool was a popular attraction. Don Erickson has a ball!



- E. Lou Buehler starts the banquet off.



- F. A break in the auction action--part of the group is out seeking relief from Bavarian Club!



- G. Chuck Rader's annual convention pose. Mike Buehler "aims" back.



- D H. Bill Block read DX News while Bruce Portzer posed for Ted.



The early engineers of most of these small stations were great experimenters; and often tried almost everything to get a strong signal out to listeners...even using railroad tracks as a ground! In fact, by 1922 or 23, many stations installed an additional wire which ran below the radiating antenna called a counter-poise which was actually part of the ground circuit of the transmitter-antenna. The counterpoise wire helped improve the efficiency of the antenna, but until someone finally put in a radial ground which really made a big difference.

The first real significant improvement in AM antennas was in the late 20s, sometime about the time of the start of the Depression, when the idea came of using a vertical tower. Some of the earliest vertical antennas were tall wooden masts with a simple wire ran up the tower! These early antennas resembled oil derricks!

As the years of the Depression wore on into the Administration of FDR, steel towers were built. Probably one of the most famous is the 331 foot monster built for WLW. Those of us in the MW DX hobby who have a QSL from the mid-60s of WLW, can see the Blaw-Knox tower with it's famous diamond shape and the letters W-L-W across it's 40 foot wide middle! This huge affair weighs over 200 tons with all the weight supported on a glass insulator which is 6 feet high!

Almost every L-A clear channel station had a tall half-wave tower to put out a powerful groundwave signal. It should be interesting to note that a tall tower radiates a better groundwave signal than a short one of quarter wave. But a quarter wave has a higher angle of departure for a better skywave. No wonder class IV graveyard stations are heard so well!

Almost all modern AM stations use a vertical antenna. There are a few left who erected a vertical tower on top of a building many years ago. This type of antenna is not efficient, but because of economic reasons it's the only thing which could be put up. The reason for poor efficiency is a lack of a good ground system.

Let us look into modern AM antennas now, and see how much a good antenna can affect a station's coverage. A large majority of most stations use quarter-wave or half-wave towers. There are a few which employ five-eighths-wave (.625) heights.

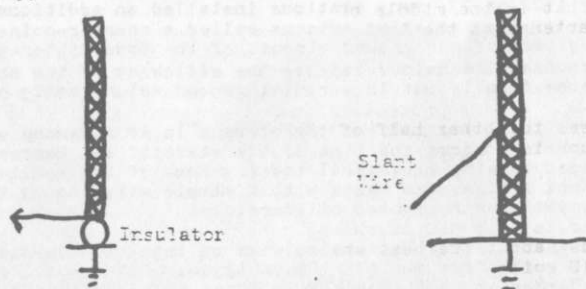
The actual height of an AM tower is dictated the class of station which will use it. For example, a 1 KW class IV graveyard station is required to have a minimum signal of 150 mv/m at 1 mile. FCC rules permit class IVs to use 150' towers as minimum heights to meet this requirement. At 1230 Khz, a 190' tower would be needed to have a .25-wave antenna. However, a .25-wave antenna is quite efficient - about 182 mv/m at 1 mile with 1 KW of power. This is actually more signal that is needed to satisfy the 150 mv/m requirement. The FCC intentionally imposed the shorter antenna requirement to restrict the groundwave coverage of class IVs. So in reality, most class IV stations are using antennas shorter than .25 wave to permit more class IVs to be allocated to the graveyard channels. An interesting fact is in areas where class IVs are close spaced; many will use the short stick and actually radiate a potent skywave signal. There are several IVs built many years ago which use .5 antenna height which can really get out. A fine example is WSPB-1450 in Sarasota, Fla which has a 285 foot tower...not quite .5 wave...but still radiates an excellent signal.

Class III stations must have a minimum of 175 mv/m at 1 mile, and usually employ .25 wave towers in smaller stations, or if a directional array is used. .25-wave towers require less space to erect, and much easier to phase properly with spacing of .5 to .25-wave. Some N.D. class IIIs use .5-wave towers.

Like class III stations, class II stations generally are mixed with tower heights. A number of daytime-only class II-Ds use .25 wave towers...especially when on a low dial position. Some mid-dial II-Ds use .5-wave towers, but a majority of them use .25-wave setups.

The largest users of the tall .5 wave and a few use .625 wavers are the class 1-As and 1-Bs. The .625 wave tower is the most efficient vertical antenna design. When coupled with an excellent ground system, this is the best single element antenna which could be employed at an AM transmitter. The power lobe of a .625-wave antenna is kept close to ground level...and will produce a very potent ground wave. At 540 Khz, a .625-wave tower is 1082.5 feet tall!

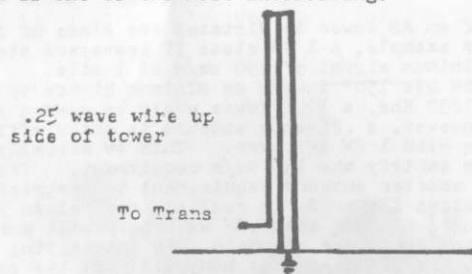
Antennas for AM broadcasting come in several designs. The 2 most popular types are insulated base-fed series fed towers; and the grounded shunt fed types. See sketch below.



The insulated base-fed series fed tower is the most common type in use. The antenna impedance or resistance will vary from anywhere from a low 20 ohms to as high as 80-90 ohms. Most are simple to match to a coaxial 50 ohm line, by using a simple L or T tuner at the tower base. This type of tower is RF hot at the base with high current.

The shunt type is usually a grounded type of tower often used when the station has both AM and FM facilities at the same site, and wish to use the same tower for both stations. It has a high impedance, and the transmitter is connected via a 'slant-wire' which is connected about .25 or up to .35 the height of the tower. The slant wire may be connected to a tuner...or in some instances directly to the transmitter tank circuit. This type of antenna takes more care in design than the simple base fed tower because the feed point for the slant wire is quite critical; and is often a 'cut-and-try' proposition. There are few slant-wire systems being erected today. It is used in cases when more common series fed towers are impractical.

There are a few other interesting antenna designs which are used in AM stations. One of the most unusual is the 'voltage fed monopole'...which is one of the most interesting.



The Voltage Fed Monopole is a simple grounded quarter-wave tower with a wire which runs to the top and is connected to the tower. The parallel wire is usually a cable which is insulated from the tower itself with standoff insulators. Although only .25 wave high...this antenna acts like a .5 wave antenna.

(this is somewhat exaggerated to show detail. In reality, top-hat is usually 6' in diameter in most tower installations.)



Some AM towers have a small metal projection at the top which looks like an old wagon wheel. This is a capacity hat which is sometimes used to make the tower act like it was taller. Some AM-FM towers use a capacity hat in the middle of the tower to keep it out of the RF field of the FM antenna at the top.

Finally, an important consideration for any AM broadcast tower is its ground system. Not only does the ground drain off static from lightning, and offers protection from a direct strike. But the ground offers the other half of the antenna circuit for the transmitter. A good ground is so important, that without it, the signal of the station may be reduced back to nearly half of what could be expected with a good ground. Most AM antennas use about 120 quarter-wave radials, spaced about every 3° like the spokes of a wheel, with the tower in the center. If the tower is erected on swampy-marshy land, the ground connection could be just about the best which could be had. This is what is done when WOR-710 built its new plant several years ago in the marshlands of the New Jersey shore across from NYC.

The ultimate AM site is directly on top of sea-water. The European 'pop' pirates of the mid '60s really knew what sea water could do with an AM signal. A 10 KW rig in the middle of the English Channel could get out as well as a 100 KW rig on land! Salt water is the best propagator of AM groundwave signals.

WRHC-1550 Miami has its AM transmitter offshore about 3 miles from the studio. It has one of the most potent ground wave signals of any station on the high end of the dial. WQAM-560 Miami has only a quarter-wave antenna at the water's edge on Biscayne Bay...but its groundwave is heard clearly all the way to Cape Hatteras, NC! WWL-870 booms into the writer's home at midday...thanks to the Gulf of Mexico. Until Radio Guama took over 1030, KCTA was heard daily at noon in Sarasota, Fla.

If the reader is interested in more information about AM antennas and AM station signal strength; it is recommended to study the charts and graphs in the FCC rules pertaining to AM stations. There are instructions included to permit the reader to use the charts for signal prediction for almost any type of antenna used in AM radio.

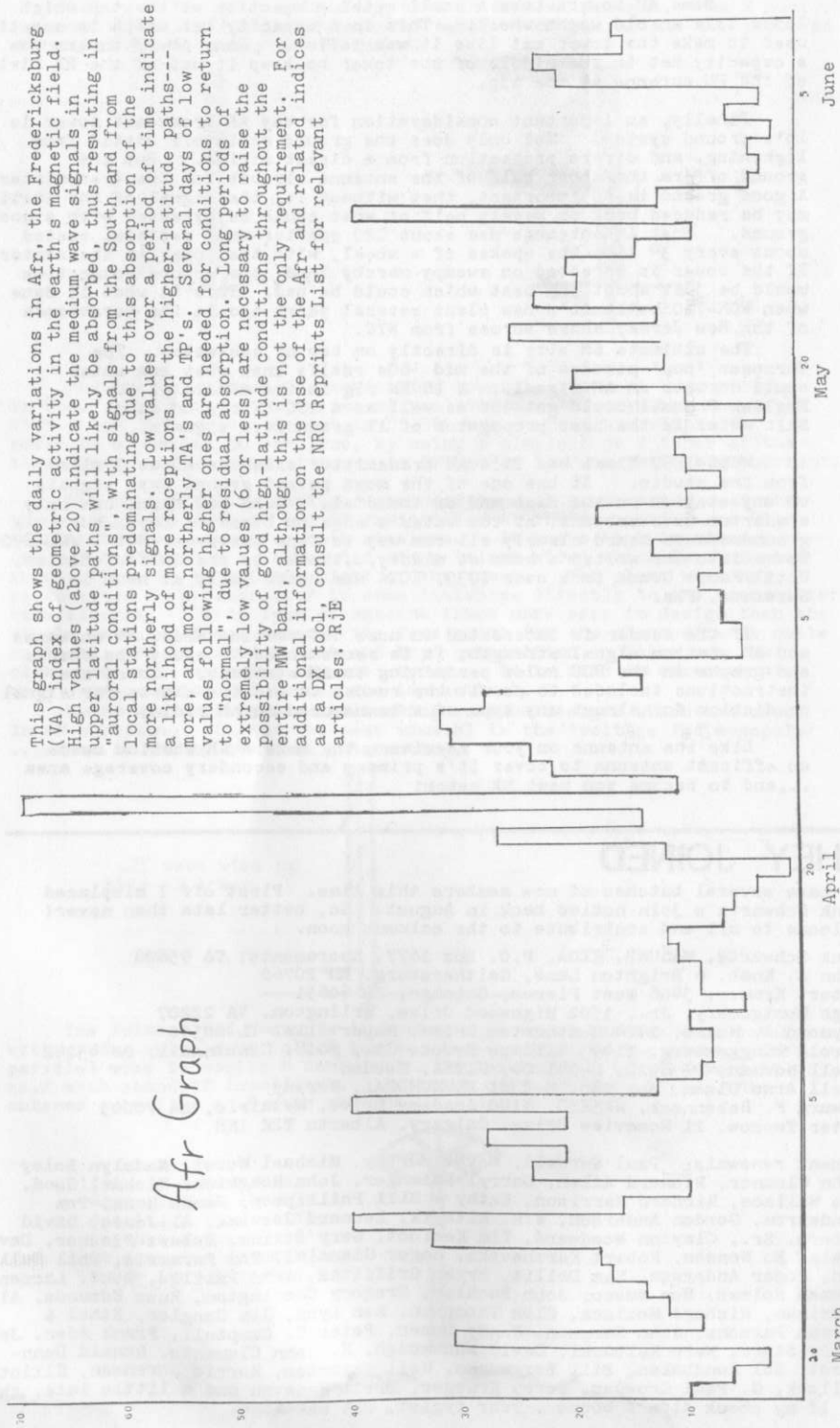
Like the antenna on your receiver, the modern AM station needs an efficient antenna to cover its primary and secondary coverage area...and to become your next DX catch!

THEY JOINED

We have several batches of new members this time. First off I misplaced Hank Schwartz's join notice back in August. So, better late than never! Welcome to all and contribute to the columns soon.

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In the August, 1979 QST, an article titled "Propagation-- Past and Prospects" discusses at length the expected effects of the Solar Sunspot Cycle 21 as it approaches it's peak, particularly the effects on high-frequency transmissions. However, several tables and graphs contained in the article are of interest to MW DXers. One such graph includes a prediction that the Cycle 21 peak will occur apparently in Nov. 1979.

A more general overview of the sunspot cycle appeared in the July 19, 1979 issue of Electronics magazine. Note that the predicted peak is given as March 1980. The article follows.

Several articles appeared in DX News last volume year. Refer to issues 15, 25 and 26. The articles were "Comparative Measurements of Geomagnetic Indices", "Review of Solar Activity for the DXer" and "Sunspot Cycle 21" respectively. The first two are available through the NRC reprints service. These articles, with several others available as reprints will give the novice DXer a good background in propagation and the Sunspot Cycle effects. References are Vol. 45.

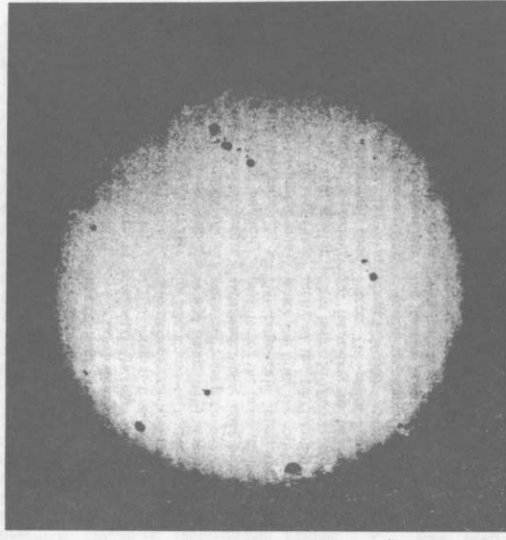
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Communications

World waits for sunspots

Major disruptions, particularly in 3-to-30-MHz band, are expected next year, with satellites also affected

by Harvey J. Hindin, Communications & Microwave Editor



Blackened out. Dark areas on the sun, or sunspots, wipe out much radio communication in the 3-to-30-MHz range. The upcoming intense period of sunspots should peak early in 1980.

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The sunspots are coming, and for users of a good portion of the civilian, commercial, and military radio bands that means communicating in another way or learning to work with different frequencies.

Actually, there are always sunspots, and they intensify periodically. The profound influence these dark areas in the sun's photosphere have on the earth's communication systems makes it significant that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts major disruptions in early 1980. The activity, most of it in the 3-to-30-megahertz range, is expected to peak in March.

The disruptions in communications will benefit some and hinder others. The more than 350,000 amateur radio operators in the U.S., for example, will be able to make extremely consistent, long-distance contact frequently and with relatively low power, says H. H. Sargent III of NOAA's Space Environment Laboratory in Boulder, Colo. But operators confined by law to specific frequencies may find them more heavily congested than usual. Such

reduced efficiency often accompanies increased solar activity, he adds.

Worse yet, if the cycle, the 21st since 1755, is as severe as Sargent and his colleagues—using a sophisticated statistical procedure called multiple regression analysis—predict, then related geophysical disturbances such as solar flares and ionospheric storms will occur. These will disrupt radio communications in both the 3-to-30- and 30-to-300-MHz bands for periods of time ranging from minutes to days.

Second worst. If the prediction is accurate, the 1979-80 cycle will be equal to the second most severe cycle observed over the past century. This disturbance, the 18th since 1755, occurred in 1947. Because of their serious effects many investigators have studied all available records of sunspot cycles, which average around 11 years each, in an effort to predict the impact of the phenomenon. However, the predictions by no means agree, and the lack of a reliable, long-term data base using modern measurement technology contributes to the disparity.

The present sunspot disturbance is in part responsible for the untimely demise of the Skylab satellite, as it caused molecules in the earth's atmosphere to rise, creating increased drag on the spacecraft. If opinions on the severity of sunspot activity had not varied so widely, it might have been possible to pinpoint Skylab's reentry more accurately. As it was, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's estimates suggested less disruption than those made by the NOAA group.

Sargent's estimate is based on the work of a Russian physicist, A. I. Ohl, who predicts an extremely severe cycle ahead. Sargent's colleague, Joseph Hirman, thinks that Ohl's method of calculation should be taken seriously because it takes new factors into consideration, relying "not only on past sunspot cycles, but adding magnetic disturbances on earth caused by sunspots as a source of additional information. Statistically, this is very important because it takes into account something besides the sunspots themselves." □

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1. Only current NRC members may participate.
2. That member submitting the most distant logging of each station on any of the graveyard frequencies will be listed as the current record-holder.
3. Only those stations operating (or have operated) on the commonly referred to "graveyard channels" will be listed. These frequencies are: 1230; 1240; 1340; 1400; 1450; 1490 khz.
4. Power limitations are 1000/250 watts.
5. The stations may be located anywhere in the world, so long as they meet the requirements set forth in rules 3 and 4.
6. Your DX location must be in the United States, a U.S. Possession, Canada, Mexico, The Bahamas, The West Indies, Cuba, or on a ship or boat registered to one of these, operating in the territorial waters of same. All U.S. Navy and Coast Guard vessels are accepted no matter where they are.
7. Loggings before January 1, 1960 will be listed separately. When reporting, please specify whether loggings were achieved before, on or after Jan 1, 1960. If this information is not included, the data will automatically be placed in the listings for Jan 1, 1960 or after.
8. The Graveyard DX Achievements column is scheduled to be published in the first issue each month. Therefore, new data must be received by your editor two weeks in advance so the column can be typed, mailed and received by LPC for the publishing session.

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FOOTBALL STATION LIST

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Format change for this column: At the request of NRC HQ, we will be using an "abbreviated" format for sports network listings henceforth. The city of license will be omitted but the two-letter state/province abbreviations will be used; on each frequency, the stations are listed in NRC Log order so that you may look up the cities if you wish. This is the same format I used in the "IRCA Almanac," so it should be less confusing. Besides, it takes up only $\frac{1}{2}$ the space. Abbreviations and symbols used throughout these lists:

- * Daytime-only station
- ** "Limited Time" station
- & Daytime station with CP to go fulltime soon
- # Specified Hours station
- % Share Time station
- + AM-FM simulcast of games
- The flagship station is underlined.
- Footnotes for each team are explained at the end of that team's listing.
- Any other symbols will be explained along the way!

NATIONAL NETWORK COVERAGE:

CBS Radio. All regular-season NFL games that are not played on Sunday afternoon will be carried on the CBS Radio Network. This includes 16 Monday-night games (9/3 thru 12/17, at 2100 ELT), four other nighttime games (three on Thursdays 9/6 10/25 & 11/29, plus Sun. 10/14), and three daytime doubleheaders (Thanksgiving Day 11/22 and Saturdays 12/8 & 12/15). Jack Buck and Hank Stram will do all the Monday and Thursday night games, plus half of each doubleheader. Don Klein and Jim Kelly will do the Sun. nite 10/14 game. Lindsey Nelson and Jim Kelly will do the other half of the doubleheaders.

CBS will also cover all post-season playoffs, including the Super Bowl and Pro Bowl. Buck/Stram and Nelson/Kelly will be the announcer crews. Brent Musburger will do a half-time show on all CBS games.

Mutual Radio. Sunday afternoon games, 9/2 thru 12/16. If Mutual repeats its 1978 coverage, games will start at 1600 ELT each Sunday.

ATLANTA FALCONS Bob Neal, Harmon Wages

630 WNEG-GA*	1240 WBHB-GA	1400 WJHO-AL	1520 WXPQ-GA*
650 WSM--TN	WDUN-GA	1410 WLAQ-GA	1530 WTTI-GA**
710 WUFF-GA*	1250 WYTH-GA*	1420 WRGG-GA	WTHO-GA*
910 WGAF-GA	1260 WCRT-AL*	WPEH-GA*	1560 WLEJ-GA*
920 WGST-GA	1290 WTOG-GA+	1450 WBHF-GA	1590 WALG-GA
930 WJAX-FL	1300 WLOW-SC**	WKEU-GA	(plus 8 FM's)
WSOC-NC	1340 WGAU-GA+	WVVG-GA	
940 WMAZ-GA+	1360 WAZA-GA&	1490 WMOG-GA	
1130 WMGA-GA	1370 WLOP-GA*	WSYL-GA	
1230 WAYX-GA	1380 WGUS-SC*	WMRB-SC	
	1390 WISK-GA*	WDXB-TN	

Baltimore Colts ... no 1979 info available yet

BUFFALO BILLS Van Miller, Stan Barron

930 WBEH-NY	1240 WJTN-NY	1450 WHDL-NY	1590 WWBK-NY ¹
950 WBBF-NY	1320 WHHO-NY*	1560 WWBK-NY*1	WGGG-NY*
1230 WENY-NY	1410 WDOE-NY		

1. WWBK, Brockport NY, is currently daytime-only on 1560 kHz, but has a permit to go fulltime on 1590 kHz soon.

CHICAGO BEARS Joe McConnell, Brad Palmer, Virg Carter

780 WBBM-IL (no regional network)

Cincinnati Bengals ... WLM-700 will be flagship; no other info yet

CLEVELAND BROWNS Gib Shanley, Jim Mueller

1420 WHK--OH (plus a regional network to be announced later)

Dallas Cowboys ... KRDL-1080 plus the Mutual Southwest Radio Network; station lineup to be announced later

DENVER BRONCOS Bob Martin, Larry Zimmer

550 KRAI-CO	1230 KBRR-CO	1340 KSID-NE	1410 KCOL-CO
580 KUBC-CO	KBCR-CO	1360 KRKK-WY	KAHL-NE
610 KRKE-NM	KSTC-CO	1390 KENN-NM	1450 KGIW-CO
850 KOA--CO	1240 KRDO-CO	1400 KRNL-CO	1490 KGUC-CO#
920 KLMR-CO	KFBC-WY	KPTM-CO	KGOS-WY
1030 KTWO-WY	KEVA-WY	KBZZ-CO	1550 KRGO-UT
1060 KLMO-CO*	1290 KOWB-WY	KTRC-NM	(plus 4 FM's)
1100 KREX-CO	1310 KFKA-CO*		

Detroit Lions ... no 1979 info available yet

Green Bay Packers ... WTMJ-620 will be flagship; no other info yet

While I've got a little room, I'll toss out the usual caution: Sometimes stations drop off the net, or join up late, between the time this is printed and the time the season actually starts. So, please don't assume that you are hearing the stations listed --- stay tuned for a firm station ID.

HOUSTON OILERS Ron Stone, Ron Franklin

Table listing Houston Oilers radio stations and frequencies. Includes stations like KPET-TX, KRMG-OK, KTRH-TX, etc.

Kansas City Chiefs ... KCMO-810 will be flagship; no other info yet

Table listing Los Angeles Rams radio stations and frequencies. Includes stations like 570 (Note 1), 710 KMPC-CA, etc.

- 1. The pre-season game 8/18 was heard in Los Angeles over KLAC-570 rather than KMPC-710, because KMPC needed to carry live Angels baseball.
2. Formerly KGEE, Bakersfield CA.
3. Formerly KFV, Arroyo Grande CA.
4. KOWN-1450 is on both the Los Angeles and San Diego NFL networks.

Miami Dolphins ... WIOD-610 will be flagship; no other info yet
Minnesota Vikings ... no 1979 info available yet

Table listing New England Patriots and New Orleans Saints radio stations and frequencies. Includes stations like 1030 WBZ--MA, 710 WKRG-AL, etc.

Plus a mystery: "WVIL, Hernando MS." I can't find any station in Hernando MS, old or new, AM or FM!! Help!!

Table listing New York Giants, New York Jets, Oakland Raiders, and Philadelphia Eagles radio stations and frequencies. Includes stations like 1130 WNEW-NY, 880 WCBZ-NY, etc.

1. WASA-1330 and WCTR-1530 are also on the Washington NFL network.

Table listing Pittsburgh Steelers radio stations and frequencies. Includes stations like 850 WJAC-PA, 860 WOAY-WV, etc.

St. Louis Cardinals ... no 1979 info available yet. Maybe some of you at the CONVENTION can come up with a listing for us!!

Table listing San Diego Chargers radio stations and frequencies. Includes stations like 620 KTAR-AZ, 1130 KSDO-CA, etc.

1. KOWN-1450 is also on the Los Angeles NFL network.

Table listing San Francisco 49ers radio stations and frequencies. Includes stations like 560 KSFO-CA, 580 KMJ--CA, etc.

Table listing Seattle Seahawks radio stations and frequencies. Includes stations like 560 KVOK-AK, 590 KUGN-OR, etc.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers ... no 1979 info available yet
WASHINGTON REDSKINS Frank Herzog, Sam Huff

Table listing Washington Redskins radio stations and frequencies. Includes stations like 540 WETC-NC*, 550 WSVA-VA, etc.

1. WASA-1330 and WCTR-1530 are also on the Philadelphia NFL network.

And now, something new

1979 COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Yes, Louisville HQ suggested that we list college football coverage this year. We don't have much on hand so far, but we'll give you what we have:

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE FOOTBALL: The entire 63-game SWC schedule will be covered by the Mutual Southwest Radio Network. The 23 largest markets in Texas will get four simultaneous feeds to allow all games to be covered. Elsewhere in Texas, and in the rest of its coverage area, Mutual Southwest feeds a "game of the week." Some 200 AM and FM stations carried at least one SWC football schedule in 1978. SWC announcers in 1979 include Glenn Brown, Bill Burnett, Bob Dahlgren, Jack Dale, Frank Fallon, Steve Fallon, Stan McKenzie, Bill Mercer, Bob Nash, Brad Sham, Dave South, and Dave Woodman. The nine teams in the Southwest Conference are these:

- Arkansas Razorbacks
Baylor Bears
Houston Cougars
Rice Owls
Southern Methodist Mustangs
Texas Longhorns
Texas A&M Aggies
Texas Christian Horned Frogs
Texas Tech Red Raiders

1. In Arkansas, KAAV-1090 and the Arkansas Radio Network have rights to the Razorbacks. Mutual Southwest has rights outside Arkansas.

NOTRE DAME & NCAA WILDCARDS: The Mutual Network will carry all Notre Dame games this year, plus eight major intersectional contests.

Arizona State Sun Devils Tom Dillon. 960 KARZ-AZ (and a network).
California Golden Bears 810 KGO--CA

Table listing Colorado Buffaloes and New Mexico State Aggies radio stations and frequencies. Includes stations like 550 KRAI-CO, 580 KUBC-CO, etc.

Feed A: David Glass, Russell Letz
570 KGRT-NM** 1350 KABQ-NM (perhaps others as well?)
Feed B: Jack Nixon, road games only. 1450 KOBE-NM

Texas-El Paso Miners Gary Gallup. 690 KHEY-TX
UCLA Bruins
710 KMPC-CA 1010 KCMJ-CA (and others)
(actual network is probably very similar to the Los Angeles NFL network)

Well, it's a start. All you have to do is read your newspaper (sports page and ads), check with your nearby colleges, and make notes as you tune around on Saturdays. The info we need is as follows (if you can get it all):

- 1. Name of the school & team
2. Flagship station
3. Play-by-play announcers
4. When the contract expires (if known)
5. List of the stations on the regional network (FM too; I send on to WTFDA)
Send directly to Bill Hardy, or mention it in a Musing. This info is being shared with IRCA & GWDXA too, to make this list as big as possible. Thanks!

MUSINGS

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual members, and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers or NRC.

THE EARLY'S VACATION TRIP - PART II

BILL HAPPEY - 2301 Pacific Avenue - Aberdeen, Washington - 98520

8/15/79

Last issue, I was describing some of the rare & exotic stations Nancy & I managed to hear, L&C of course, on our car radio while vacationing in Montana recently. I'll continue this time with our return trip. 8/2 we went to Grand Teton National Park, & noticed a TIS station on 1610 at the South entrance. However, it's oriented to Northbound travelers from Jackson & isn't ever mentioned on Southbound signs. It's the only TIS in that park, contrasting with 18 low-power TIS outlets in Yellowstone Park to the N. KSGT-1340, Jackson, gave a 4pm ID as "Jackscr Hole", but all the hourly IDs 5-6pm were "Jackson, Wyoming." The town is known by both names so I guess KSGT switches back & forth. Automated format seems to use two pop songs (after a few years old) to one c/w song. We stayed in Yellowstone Park again that night. 8/3, heading into Idaho via West Yellowstone, Montana, home of much-wanted KWYS-920, we listened to their c/w format and APR NX on the hour. KIGG-1400 St. Anthony Idaho now has Mutual & is still c/w, while KRXX-1230 Rupert is now Ae & is either POP or T-40. KERV-750 Soda Springs has UPI NX. We spent the night in Pocatello, where KFSU-1390 has "U-13" & "The Adult AM" slcggas & AFR NX. 8/4, heading W via Boise, getting into more familiar stations, although seldom-heard KYNE-740 seems to have changed format to a mixture of jazz & cl & had a syndicated opera broadcast most of this Saturday afternoon! KSPD-790 is now EZL with a pop-religious number occasionally. They tape-delay Mutual's "Information" feed at 5:55 for playback just past the hour, & calls itself "The Sound of the New Life." The last notes from Idaho were for KWEL-1260 Weiser, whose regular format seems to be MOR & Mutual NX, but Sat. 6-9pm ELT they had SS programs, then early s/off without NA, 9pm. If you're trying for KWEL at sunset, forget it, hi. The SS show was back SM also by 11:45am. We camped near Ontario, Ore. just one mile from the MLT/PLT dividing line. 8/5- KRKH-1490, Baker, Ore. has late s/on Sundays, llam ELT, & very low-key mx (Mancini, etc.) while KLEB-1450 LaGrande was doing T-40 hits. On to Yakima, where KVMG-930 (ex-KQOT) is "very good music", "Center Aisle 93", Mutual net, MOR or standards format. 8/6- Mt. Ranier again, & 8/7 home. I hope you found this vacation narrative interesting - 'twas fun! 73 & good DX!

EIGHTY-EIGHT PERCENT RETURN ON TP VERIES!

BANK WILKINSON - 5028 Maiden Lane - Santa Rosa, California - 95405

8/23/79

Veries received since last musing are: 3WV, 2XP, 1XA, VQO (Solomon Islands for country #76), 2RY, 2ZD, "B. Singapore" (for country #76), 2YA, "R. Fiji" on 558 & 711 kHz. 2CF, 6WA, & 2FC. I submitted 51 reception reports last season & received 45 veries (so far) for an 88% reply percentage. To me this means that MW Foreign DX & veries are not dead. I've got to admit that I spent a lot of time at the dials last season but none of the above would have been possible without the fine performance of the Hammarlund SP-600 and the fine Sanserine Loop that Ralph made for me about eight to nine years ago. The past months of July & August were quite good for "Down-Under" DX on seven to eight occasions. The mornings of July 29th, August 4, 5, 6 were especially good. There must be other NRC West Coast DXers - other than RANDY TOMER and BRIAN VEENON - who are hearing these TP stations. I would like to see more contributors on this phase of DX in DX NEWS. And speaking of contributors, I often wonder why more NRC members don't contribute to NCRN MAGUIRE's column. Write to Norm & let him know you are interested.

HE'S NOW WORKING AT WFDI-1580

WALT F. SHAFF - 1301 Morgan Avenue - Cinnaminson, New Jersey - 08077 609-829-5248 8/22/79

Hi gang! Long time, no Muse. Oh well, I keep putting it off, but here I am. Remember me? I used to work at WTM-920, but that was a while back. I'm now at WFDI-1580 & WDR-104.5 in Hammonton, N.J. I talked to one of our part time engineers & he said the furthest report he remembers is from Iowa, when someone forgot to sign off the AM station at sunset. I'll be talking to him more about possibly setting up a TEST in the upcoming season. As for now, reports can be sent to the station in care of me, as I will assume the position of verification signer. I hope to see some distant reports, so get listening! If you want a faster reply, you can write to me at my home address, please enclose return postage as radio is a terrible paying business, hi. Also note my correct phone number above. In the April 2 issue it was incorrect. On to DX, I turned the rig on a few times over the Summer, so here goes: 6/18- WFLI-1070 Term. testing @ 2:13am, WIEC-1070 Ind. w/mx & IF @ 12:16am, WPDX-750 W.Va. @ 3:55am, WCHS-580 W.Va. @ 4:18am. 8/15- WPTF-680 N.C. @ 1:55am, WLEB-1270 Pa. @ 1:01pm. Excellent CX on the morning of 8/15, as I also caught KOA-850 on WJW for a good recording & enough details for a report. I got a reply in eight days, now that's service! I've been trying for them for over a year to get enough for a verie. Also on 8/15, some time around 3am, I heard some sudic u/WSM-650, it lasted a couple of minutes, then was gone. I won't even try to guess who this was, knowing what stations are supposed to be there. 3/16- WJIC-1510 N.J. @ 8:11pm. 8/17- WAMD-970 N.J. @ 8am, WHYL-950 Pa. @ 6:19, WVLV-940 Pa. @ 6:23am. That's all for now, listen to 1580! 73 & good DX.

WANTS TO ORGANISE DX-PEDITION

MARK CONNELLY - 30 William Road - Billerica, Massachusetts - 01821

8/23/79

I hope all had a good Summer. Now, a new DX season is upon us. It's about time for some East Coast DXpedition activity. This desire is spurred on by accounts of RICK KENNELLY's successes on his recent Florida TRF LA DXpedition & by the TP party held by BRUCE PORTZER and others in the Pacific Northwest. Not since the New Hampshire Beverage days of Gordon Nelson has there been any serious DXpeditioning in the Northeast having the logging of overseas stations the major thrust of operations. I'd be willing to get involved in such an endeavor, provided that it is held within a reasonable distance of my home. This would include Me., N.H., Mass., R.I., Conn., L.I. & (maybe) Eastern N.J. The site chosen should be a coastal one with water to the NE, E, & SE for European, African, & Eastern South American reception. There should be sufficient land to permit erection of at least one beverage 1200' or longer to be pointed 60° E of N to haul in TA's; a second beverage or IW could be used for LA's. The ideal site would be a beach cottage: the "TA-bev" would be strung from the cottage to the edge of the water. The location chosen should be reasonably free from strong local stations, powerline noise, & TVI. If someone can come up with a suitable site, I can offer the following: R390A/URR, Realistic TRF, MW-1 & SM-2 loops, beverage wire, phasing unit for two-wire operation, tape recording gear, tapes, reference books, maps, headphones, and other accessories. If a cottage is not available, a well-equipped van would be used to house the operation. A good DXpedition would consist of four to six experienced DXers operating three or more stations: one receiver (R390A or HQ180A) coupled to a TA beverage (or phased beverage array), a second receiver on an LA beverage, and a third receiver on a loop for general purpose bandscanning. Sunset would be the most active time. A fourth station (TRF or car RX) could be pressed into service if a really ripping Aurora developed & LA's covered the dial. During such an AU, the TA position would be used for catching rare africans of the type heard by Mike Dum in Nova Scotia a few seasons back. Come on, EC DXers - let's try to get something together this Winter in the DXpedition dept.

NEW ADDRESS MEANS BETTER DX

JOHN BUEHLER - 1716 Heatherdowns Boulevard - Toledo, Ohio - 43614 419-382-0883 8/20/79

This is my first Muse since issue 46/15. Please note the new address and telephone number. Equipment here includes a Radio West modified FRG-7, Sanserine Loop/SM-2 and cassette deck. Although my DX time has been reduced temporarily since 4/10/79, I plan to continue contributing regularly after the ST. LOUIS Convention. I am looking forward to some SSS DX now that I have my own home. No more apartment-type TVII! My new location has caused me to sacrifice 1500-1600 kHz until one mile distant WTOD signs off. On the other hand my equipment is performing better than it did at the west side location. Much deeper mulls are possible on locals WSPD, WCWA, WGOR & WOHQ. Summer activities and QRN have limited news to WFMJ-1390 & WEGN-1340. Both were logged and taped 8/20/79. Present totals are 608 heard, 41 states, six provinces, ten countries. I was able to double my total heard from 1/1/79 by regularly DXing MMs and listening for the sked f/c per the list published in the 46/11 issue. I am going to Fremont, Ohio tomorrow on business, and am planning my first approach to their WFDH-900 about a possible TEST. This will be my first attempt at arranging a TEST, so I'm not promising anything. I am presently listening to the CBS Radio Mystery Theatre on WTAR-790. This is one of my favorite network programs. The fading and static enhance the program's already great production. The commercials are as much a pain-in-the-ear as television, however. I'll have met many of you by the time this is published. I'm looking forward to that. Until next time. (Where WERE you, John? -ERC)

DXING NOT EVEN FAIR AT THE FAIR

GUY KUDLMEYER - 1314 #1 City View - Eugene, Oregon - 97404

DXing has been slow here, but improving steadily as the sun goes down earlier & earlier each day. No new stations from this location yet, though, due to an increase in T-storms & certain noises that seem to be generated by my neighbors in this apartment complex. Fortunately, these noises seem to subside with sundown, so all is not lost. On 8/17 (my 23rd birthday!) my girlfriend & I took a weekend trip to Eastern/Central Oregon (E of the Cascade Mountains) to check out the Crook County Fair in Prineville. (That's another one of my hobbies - visiting neighboring country fairs during the Summer). Prineville happens to be a small cattle town of 6000 people, & is the largest town in Crook County. I enjoyed myself so much that I decided to go back the following weekend. This time we left at 5:00 on Friday after work, & stayed at the L-Bancho Motel in Redmond. I took along my TRF, & my Select-a-Tenna, with the intention of DXing in this cattle town that was 125 miles E of, & over, a range of mountains from my home. However, several factors came into play that I had not counted on: Our room was located right on Hwy. 97, which is the main artery into and out of town. The traffic noise was not conducive to excellent DXing. Secondly, our room was right under a metal carport - again, not conducive to good DXing. Finally, and most importantly, the fluorescent lights were no more than 10' from our room & we all know what that does to DX. Consequently, my DX consisted of a catch of KODL-1440 in The Dalles during sunrise on the following day. Everything else I heard was the same stuff I already logged from Eugene. I am looking forward to my next visit to Central Oregon, & this time I will definitely get a room away from carparks & fluorescent lights. As a matter of fact, I am listening to KRCC in Prineville as I type this, trying to get the WX for the weekend. The only other downer of that particular weekend was paying \$1.06 for gas in Portland - it's only 91.9 here in Eugene. (I went to Portland after going to Prineville in order to attend a party, & to DX from another location. However, after a couple of six-packs of "The Bull" all I could say was "DXing? What's that?") I hope to have more substantial DX information next time. Till then, 73.

LOGS SOME AMERICAN DAVID DX AFTER CONVENTION

MARK STRICKERT - 5900 North Washtenaw - Chicago, Illinois - 60659
Fresh back from excursions to Peoria and St. LOUIS, settling back into the same old routine called employment. Both conventions were great! Only disappointment at ST. LOUIS was no tour of U.S. Tape and Label Corp., makers of so many of the radio (and TV) station stickers these days. A really big thrill was hearing my old second-favorite station in Miami, WGBS-710 (WIOD was #1) on emergency 50kw ND due to Hurricane David, at the Noah's Ark parking lot and at WALT BREVILLE's nice retreat place 45 miles due W of the arch. It even came in on my "splatterbox" portable stereo! This on 9/2 from 11pm until past 3am. Back in Chi-town late on 9/3, I heard WGTO-540, WAPE-690 ("Great Ape") and WKBX-630 in Savannah, Ga. all on emergency also. I stopped at several stations along the way - KSD-550, where RICHARD PISTEK, KEN ONYSCHUK & family, & I got stickers from the TV station; WCVS-1450, dropping in on News Director MARTY WRIGHT for a while; WPRC-1370, probably the worst-sounding automated station I've ever heard, and whose AM station goes off @ 7pm in September (1 1/2 hours before local sunset), and the FM off @ 10pm - now THAT's small market radio! As BILL HALE mentions in his 9/3 Muse, WCFB-1000 is now News-Talk, using "Mutual 'CFL' and "Life-style Radio" (sic), an CMGN-720 was doing a number on WGN down in St. Louis, but not here (at least for the moment). The city of Angels (Ciudad de Angeles? Buzzzz) will be the next victim of the relentless NRC Convention assault. I don't know if I can make it yet, but I still have 50 weeks to scrape together the cash. I preferred that pick over North Jersey only slightly, mostly because I've not been that far down the West Coast before. As usual, I will have my mind made up by Aug. 31. 73's & CUNI4. (Better get your mind mad up before that, Mark, 'cuz the Convention will start on Aug. 30 - buzzzt! -ERC)

GRADUATED FROM S.I.U.

KARL FORTH - 2714 North LeClaire - Chicago, Illinois - 60639
Greetings! Almost no DX since January due to my last semester at SIU & graduation in May, and subsequent move from Villa Park. Right now I'm working in a factory from 4pm to 2am and looking for a job "in my field." The HQ-160 was in the shop for most of July (one less thing to move, hi) but the repairsmen, both old Navy hands familiar with Hammarhunds, were unable to correct the problems because they said the proper adjustments could not be made without a functioning S-meter, which they also couldn't fix. Any information on where I might be able to find an S-meter that would work in the HQ-160 would be appreciated, I've tried several that should have worked but didn't. Even with the problems, the HQ-160 still works well enough to use for the upcoming season, which will be my first full season since 1976-77. This location is about 15 miles from the old Villa Park place, which means less problems from the West suburban transmitters of WBBM, WMAQ, WCFB, WGN and WAIT but heavier QRM from WUON, WJEC & WSEC. WSEC's XR is only four blocks away but they are only on for one hour during the night. On the local front new WXOL-1450 came on in August, sharing time with WMT until the other new station comes on. WXOL's format consists of mostly blues and soul, and is of course licensed to Cicero. Back with some DX next time. 73.

ENJOYED CONVENTION & GOT HOME MONDAY NIGHT

KEN ONYSCHUK - 239 Fir - Park Forest, Illinois - 60468 9/4/79 (my birthday!)
Thanks to all for a great time in ST. LOUIS. My family had a good time, & my wife is even looking forward to 1980 in LOS ANGELES. I hope my children caused no problems, but they will stay home next year. It was a pleasure to meet jolly ERNEST BOSS COOPER. He's a great guy & I loved those fancy T-shirts he wore. Anyway, we left St. Louis at 2 & got home at 10:20pm - the long way. We stopped in Springfield for some ice cream and at Lanphier Field, where the Triple-A Redbirds play BB. Nice to see a paved parking lot there. I heard the 4:55pm NR with MARTY WRIGHT on WCVS, about the same time MARK STRICKERT and RICHARD PISTEK were there. I hope Marty's back gets better and gets more air personnel there. Then on to Lincoln & WPRC-1370. I had a brief talk with announcer Carol Beth Crane, just four days on the job. She said WPRC was "We Play Records Constantly" though it's changed to c/w now. She's from Caldwell, Idaho, also home of WLS' Larry Lujack. We got an ashtray & letterhead before we left for Clinton & HOW, on 1520 kc/s. It's in a mini-mansion-like building three miles S of town. I got to talk to Jerry Krueger, who's from Madison, Wis. & got a few souvenirs & left. We gassed up at a Derby Service station for 91.9¢ regular and then non-stop home, 7:30-10:20pm. All the locals were carrying Monday night FB and WITY & WKAN were nowhere on the BX, so I got the Superadio out to listen to FM. I heard an unusual broadcast on WPEO-FM of the National Sweetheart Beauty Pageant from Hoopston, Ill. during their Labor Day festivities, Miss Texas won. Enough for that. Ironically enough, when I got home Monday night, there was the current DX NEWS in the mail! Otherwise, current WMT-1450's sked for September is Mon-Fri 2-11pm, Sat. 2-9:30pm, & 2-5pm Sunday, all EST. They go off permanently on Oct. 1, then WCEV goes on. Per a phone call, the WMPF-1470 sale is pending for only \$1,305. It's the only cheapo Black station near me. Again thanks, especially to LOU BUEHLER, RICH EDDIE, WALT BREVILLE, & ERNIE COOPER for a wonderful time. I hope to see many others next year if I can. 73s.

WE WELCOME A NEW YOUNG MEMBER INTO THE N.R.C. FAMILY

TONY SHORT - 1041 Elmendorf - Lexington, Kentucky - 40502 9/1/79
Hello everybody! I just recently joined the NRC. I am 13 years old & have been DXing since the middle of Jan. '79. My radio is a TEF with an external antenna. I have verified 244 stations & have 29 states as of 9/1/79. Could someone please write to me & explain the codes (Domestic DX Digest & Musings). Well, that's all for now. Good DXing. (Your New Member Kit will explain all, Tony! -ERC)

SUMMER DX IS GOOD IN THE OCEAN STATE

BRUCE A. CONTI - 39 Bayberry Drive - West Warwick, Rhode Island - 02893 8/28/79
The first annual RIAD (Rhode Island Area DXers) GTG was held at my home in West Warwick on August 11. R.I. DXers CLAY ADAMSON, CRAIG HEALY, & Mickey Theroux, along with Connecticut's BRYAN LEE were here for plenty of DX chatter. R.I.'s NEIL KAZAROSS and BURTON ZACHS couldn't make it. Neil was at a backgammon tourney, & Burton was on his way to New Orleans. SSS DX has continued to be the stronghold of the Summer season. 8/15 DX: WTEL-860 becomes a new logging w/an 8pm s/off after an SS program which included SS versions of popular American disco mx. WFIT-730 was caught w/an 8:15 s/off after a religious program from Cal. WHOA-870 Puerto Rico was found overpowering in WWL's mill @ 10:30pm w/an FM style EZL format in EE, a report was sent. 8/16- Via a tip from WJAR engineer CRAIG HEALY, I caught WTRD-920 Lake Placid, N.Y. at the tail end of a test @ 12:36am w/WJAR off the air. WIRD wants to broadcast 24 hours during the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid w/302 watts, & was testing in cooperation with WJAR. CFLS-920 was also caught bombing in that morning, or at least that's the way I heard the FFC calls. DAVE SCHMIDT reported hearing CFLS on 920 in DXXD of 1/15/79. However, WILLIAM TOWNSEND said he heard CFLS on 1240 in the more recent DXXD of 8/11/79. What is this? (I don't like to "take sides" Bruce, but CFLS has been on 920, ex-1240, for more than a year -ERC) 8/21- WUPE-1110 is back now that the WHIM s/off is earlier in the evening; "Radio One" WUPE was heard w/EZL format before 8pm s/off. Then it was W3FW-1110 on the channel until 8:15pm s/off. WTBQ-1110 became a newie for the log with late s/off @ 8:30 w/America, the Beautiful." Warwick, N.Y. meets Warwick, R.I., hi! Then it was WBT thereafter, & a report was sent to WTEQ. 8/22- CJSS-1220 was finally logged @ 9pm w/r/r, o/GKSM, w/WGAR nulled. In trying some GY DX, WWOV "Supermusic C-0" was the best catch on 1240. An unid-1240 was heard w/an ID @ 9:30pm broadcasting a game from the Yankee BB net, maybe WWWW. 8/23- WLLM-1570 was making it through WPEP's mill @ 7:30pm. WYFA-1580 was in strong w/Suffolk Co. WK @ 7:38pm. Local WARY-1590 s/off was noted @ 7:45pm. WPGC-1580 was a newie w/s/off @ 8 w/an invitation to continue listening on WPGC-FM-Stereo 95, no SSB. WMLB-1550 s/off was caught by the tail @ 8:01. Regular WXVA-1550 was then heard w/WX. 8/24- The best logging so far this Summer was WTGR-1520 S.C. "on the waterpath" @ 7:30pm w/a pre-recorded ID. WKBW started taking over before the WTGR s/off @ 8; a report was mailed. A nice verie came in from WHOA-870. Elsewhere in radio activity: Rumors still fly that WJAR-920 is thinking about selling their station & buying WRIM-FM. If so, then WHIM-1110 wants to buy WJAR & sell their station to a minority group. Meanwhile, the WICE-1290 ratings continue to slide downward w/their new c/w format. The owner has given up after spending over \$100,000 in an advertising campaign, & WICE is once again up for sale. 73s.

BILL'S GETTING SOME GOOD SUMMER DX, TOO

BILL HEGAN - 110 Craddock Street - Syracuse, New York - 13207 8/16/79
DX has been fair considering how much I've been doing. The last verification I received was WKOK-1070 on 5/28. But I have just sent out reports to WHK-1420 & WGNT-930. My loggings are up to 661 and states varied hold at 42. The latest loggings are: WLIC-1050 Pa. 5/15 @ 8:45pm s/off w/mentions without SSB. WASA-1330 Md. 5/22 @ 12:29am w/ET/TT/ID with good signal. WMNB-1230 Mass. fair w/ID following mx @ 11pm on 6/30. WMBT-1530 Pa. 7/2 @ 12:53am w/ET/ID/TT/mx. This station had a great signal, seeing that WCKY was off. MM 8/13 brought only one new logging, WYFA-1580 Patchogue, N.Y. from 1:58-2:05am w/mx/VID/JX. I now have received 19 on 1580. 1550 is the leader with 22. The most veries for a frequency is eight on 1070 kc/s. For JOHN CLEMMER, I'm still in the process of getting bumper stickers and charts from the locals. One more note from 8/13 MM, WABC was off from 1:30-4:30 and there was no trace of KOB, but there was an SS station on the frequency and plenty of bleedover from WBBM & WJR. 73's & good DX.

AND MORE GOOD SUMMERTIME DX

BOB LOWEN - 2146 Sunnybrook Court - Oakville, Ontario - L6L 1P4 8/26/79
As of August 17th I've finally reached the 100 verie hurdle, with current total 109 - now I will try for 150 by year-end. A few good catches lately: 7/2- WCTW-1550 heard @ 10:20pm u/CBE with faint signal and mention of "Winner's Circle". 7/10- WOOD-1300 u/WERE @ 10:21pm w/ID & rr mx, & CJBK & WNEF fighting it out on 1290 in spite of severe interference from local CJJD-1280. 7/26- WMBD-1470 a surprise catch u/CHOW & WOHO @ 10:02pm w/ID. 8/11- Unexpected WICC-600 received for the first time @ 9:32pm with a fair, interference-free signal mentioning "WICC, Conn's first music station". 8/12- WMB5-590 snared @ 9:48pm in CKEY null with fair signal. 8/25- KSCJ-1350, another goodie and Iowa #4, heard @ 10:12pm with regional weathercast. I finally received a verie from WNBC this week for a March '78 report with no f/up. Other veries from WLAC, WHHH, WOHO, CBJ (2), and numerous regional stations. By the way, does anyone have WJJD's new address, as my report to NRC Log address was returned. A note from CFOR-1570 says that they're going to 5,000w nighttime very soon. I've got a pile of window stickers from CHUM-1050 which I'll really send as long as the supply lasts for a stamped self-addressed envelope. 73s.

LA DX FAIR BUT VERIES ARE BARE

RAY CRAWFORD - 57 Newbie Street - Invercargill, New Zealand 8/28/79
I haven't been hearing much from stateside but hopefully things will improve as our Summer comes around. LAs have been fair only this Winter w/a few new ones being heard. The frequency changes have given us a lot more 'clear' channels but CX haven't been as good as a few years ago when some very good signals from SA & CA were heard. A look at the reply rates for Latins over the last five years shows 49% average on SW & on CB the first two years showed 50% but it dropped off to 38%, 28%, & to 22% so far this year. They are a challenge if nothing else.

THERE'S A NEWIE IN TENNESSEE ON 1540

SIDNEY E. MARSHALL - 7224 Pam Drive - Millington, Tennessee - 38053

Muse #2 and it might get to be a habit! (We hope so! -ERC) CX have been a little on the rough side during August, but I did manage to log 35 additional stations during this period. Several of these were GYers, i.e.: WCMA, KVRC, KAKE, WMPA, and KBY. This now gives me a total of 39 GYers logged in the past four months, the time I got back into the DX nobby. The bulk of my catches during the past month have been either the SRS or SSS period of the day with CX being best at these times. A new Tennessee station is now on the air as I heard WLIC-1540, s/off @ 8:45pm on 8/22. Jackson, Miss., WYIG, is now using their new WCCL call sign as I heard them at 10pm on 9/1. In addition to my DX interest I'm also an old-time radio fan and do quite a bit of reading on this subject. If anyone knows where I might purchase a copy of "The Great Radio Heroes" by Jim Harmon, I would appreciate their writing to me. That's it for now, so 73s & good DXing.

ASKS ABOUT 'OLDIES' FORMATS ON CLEARS

MALCOLM MAXWELL - 1041 Tulin Street - Apt. A - Atlanta, Georgia

I've been working on a special list of clear channel stations that play oldies at night. The list is small so far, but it keeps growing. If anybody has any more to add, I'd like to hear them; but here goes, all times EDT. WNOE-1060 from 3 to 7am weekdays, WBT-1110 Sundays from 8 to 11:30pm, WLAC-1510 Sundays from 10pm to midnight. Also, but not as good program-wise or sound-wise is the Rodger Show on KB3-1050 @ 3am! (Yes, I listen those hours). Also it is planned that every Friday at 2:30 on XEKF-1570 will be oldies for one hour. Changing subjects, WHII, Bay Springs, Miss. has been conducting TTs on 1570 from about 1:30 on on Thursday nights, usually the third or fourth week in the month. Has the CPC learned of this? Has anyone found a solution to the problem of grounded metal siding on a house? It seems to be a great shield for my loop antenna, no noise, no signals. One more item: Let's have the next edition of the Domestic Log list station phone numbers - it's an easy way to get a QSL, and if the DJ can hear himself in the background, he will believe you. 73's till next time.

F/UPS PRODUCE SEVERAL RARE VARIES

KARL JETER - 3590-C Clubhouse Circle East - Decatur, Georgia - 30032

8/21/79

By the time this Muse sees print, the ST. LOUIS bash will be history. Since I will most likely be unable to attend, I hope everyone has a good time there. And to the guys putting on this event, good luck - you'll need it (I should know, hi!) While this Summer has not been totally DX-less, considerably less has been heard than in past Summers. More time has been spent trying to work on verifying old hold-outs from the past season, with very good results. Here is a listing of the hold-outs I've succeeded in verifying this Summer, listed from longest time (approximately) to shortest: (All are v/PP/C's) - nine months: WNPO -1390 (two tapes); seven months: CKKW-1090 (1); KMZK-1540 (1); KSOH-1050 (10); WARB-730 (1); WOR1-1550 (1); six months: WCCF-1580 (1); WSKT-1580 (1). Five months: KWOC-930 (1); WSBP-1580 (1); WSHF-1290 (1); WVOH-920 (1). Other varies received this Summer are: WAJF-1490 v/1, WESY-1580 v/PP/c & WBBA-1580, v/1. Now on to some skippy DX from Down South-way: Way back on 7/7, WBBA-1580 Pittsfield, Ill. heard fair-poor @ 9:29 s/off time. Then on 7/9, unn (except for a report) WAJF-1490 bombing in nicely @ 8:49pm w/rr; WESY-1580 heard again w/s/off @ 9:15pm, & a new report sent to them. On to 7/23 for next DX, between 9:33-10pm I heard FF & mx on 1580, so a tentative report w/tape to CBJ (best Summer catch, ni). During the CBJ reception, someone on @ 9:54pm w/illegal TT & OC, but no ID, match. Most recent DX, 8/21 while home sick: I heard WRWH for first time on RS @ 8am, w/children's health PSA, ID, & state NX. On the local scene, no sign of the 1050 in Coryers, Ga. yet, & WRNG was heard several nights ago on RS, so must be 24 hours mw. I enjoyed the frequent visits of one WAYNE MURPHY during the Summer, who was here for several weeks on business. 73s for now.

WGBS-710, AURORA, AND DAVID

GLENN HAUSER - University Radio WUOT - Knoxville, Tennessee - 37916

Due to approaching Hurricane David, WGBS, Miami Fla. 5Qkw station normally with deep null inland, was operating with daytime facilities AN 3/9; daytime pattern is also directional, and judging from strength here, favors this direction. WGBS is ordinarily inaudible, or just barely u/WOR which dominates this channel, but this night, no sign of WOR, which was probably attenuated by somewhat Auroral CX. While I happen to like OR, it would be nice if just ONE Florida station had the clear-channel coverage clout of many, many NE & Mid-Western stations, at times other than emergencies. WGBS had hourly checks on the position of David, and the customary evacuation and emergency announcements, mixed in with inane music and DJ chatter which I will charitably ascribe to a deliberate tactic to minimize panic. WGBS was heard Sept. 3 midnight to 6:15am EDT. Next night apparently back to DA-N pattern.

ENJOYED THE CONVENTION IN SPITE OF DAVID

RONALD F. SCHATZ - 5651 S.W. 2nd Court (106) - Margate, Florida - 33068

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After nearly cancelling out at the last moment due to the impending disaster from Hurricane David, I attended the NRC Convention in St. Charles, Mo. & was glad I did. The '79 convention must go down as one of the best, with an easy schedule, excellent cuisine at the restaurant & banquet, & a fruitful beverage party. The SLAD (?) crew has much to be proud of for this one! Well, they had me down on the programme twice for technical sessions, & would you believe, some actually attended. I hope the presentations were OK; I was exhausted to the bone throughout the weekend due to rushing & lack of sleep, so I had to strain to keep my eyes & mouth open for it. Be it known to all those present that I owe the NRC

(Scots, con'd.) \$355 for a mint-condition Collins 6LJ-4 successfully bid for at the auction. The "J-4" worked mediocre on the "By-the-Way" antenna, much better on the "Radio West", hi. New faces not seen in years - Dr. RICHARD WOOD & MIKE NORTHAM. DX at WALT BREVILLE's glamorous estate: Ecuador on 735 & 995, not bad. QRM from WGBS-710 & WGTO-540 on daytime rigs for hurricane coverage, apparently quite a thrill to the attendees - and an informative relief to me, wondering what I'd be coming back to. As it turned out, South Florida was hardly scathed, & my personal property received no damage whatsoever. I still can't reach Santo Domingo by phone to find out how César & family are doing; let's pray he's OK. I don't know if I'll make it to L.A. next year; it's too early yet. More definite is Cuba this December; a party of four NRCers so far is joining me (seven days at a beach-side villa, all meals included, RT air from Miami is \$299 - dates 12/24-31, '79. Panamá & San Andrés next Summer. WUEB-1470 is now fulltime as of 9/1; it's only three miles from me, dammit! Thanks, LOUIS BRUEHLER & son, for over-accommodating me at the Convention, where many friendly faces were seen. Man, speaking of first impressions, BRUCE PORTIZER is something else! And a friendly group out of Chicago, where I haven't been in 12 years? Well, now that I've got a new rig, it looks like I'll have to get active again. 73 de KFS.

DOING VERY VERIE WELL

STEPHEN H. PONDER - Box 1712 - Matthews, North Carolina - 28105

8/27/79

Greetings to all again from sunny and humid Metrolina! Not too much to say DX-wise since all my time has been devoted to keeping a youth program alive during the Summer at the church. It's tough to find quality time to hit the dials when you take all the time to do things with the kids, hi. Anyway, to the DX: Veries received include: WESC-1300, WEMT-1320, WQOK-1440, WCGC-1270, WORD-910, WKEC-810, WLEB-860, WGAC-580, WRKB-1460, WESC-660, WLON-1050, WMOX-1010, KLIC-1230 (from a Louisiana holdout of almost a year), WYNK-1380 (from a Louisiana holdout of over two years), KFNW-1600, WYDE-850, WOKK-910, WTAR-790 and WCOG-1320. All of those except WESC WEMT WRKB WYDE WTAR & WCOG were PP/c's. My W.C. totals thus far (after approximately six months) are 84 heard, 70 verified, bringing my all-locations total to 572 heard and 513 verified. That's an 89.7% ratio, which is pretty good, I guess. Oh well, I guess that's all for now - good DX and 73.

DXING HURRICANE DAVID

ED MITKUS - 8001 Landmark Circle - Tampa, Florida -

9/4/79

Since this is my first Mising since joining in June, a little bit is in order. I'm 22, work at Steak and Ale, and a part-time college student. I have been ECB DXing since 1973. On Sun. Sept. 2, Hurricane David was bearing down on Miami. WGTO and WGBS kept their day patterns and powers on all night, (5Qkw). WGBS was coming in at local strength 200 miles away. WGTO played three hours of the American Country Countdown till midnight. On Monday, 9/3, the storm was on the mid East Coast. WGTO, Cypress Gardens, and many coastal stations (see log) remained on the air. WMBL Melbourne used emergency power. I greeted JEFF LOCKWOOD at the airport, fresh from the Convention! He was kind enough to bring back a bag of goodies, and three hours of tape. Jeff indicated that WGBS was coming in in ST. LOUIS at local strength. The storm made DXing miserable 9/3, due to the squalls. 73 de EHM. (We hereby welcome Ed into the NRC fold and hope he'll Muse regularly! -ERC)

HAS A BRAND NEW RECEIVER

TOM MAKI - 4105 Gladstone Street - Duluth, Minnesota - 55804

Greetings from the head of the Great Lakes! I spent a lot of time on the golf course this Summer, but not playing golf. I got a Summer job as a "sand trap technician." I saved up and bought a Sony ICF-6700W. What a difference compared to my old Hallicrafters SX-28 receiver! Digital readout on the Sony is about 1 kHz off on the ECB, whereas the SX-28 was 10 or 20 kHz off. The Sony also only takes up 1/4 of the space of the Hallicrafters. Sensitivity of the Sony is good on the ECB and great on SW. Selectivity on the ECB is slightly better than the SX-28 was. Veries total now stands at 29. 8/13- I heard two new states w/KOMO-1000 for Wash. and KDJM-610 in Havre, Mont. for my 32nd state logged. As for STEVEN PARADIES' search for WJN's address, I received a v/q from them last month with address listed as Suite 700, 3 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

DX IS GOOD IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

ERIAN VERNON - General Delivery - Elsa, Yukon Territory

8/12/79

According to "Broadcaster" magazine Canada will ask for expansion of the MW broadcast band from 525-1705 kHz. It is not in favour of 9 kHz channel spacing. This apparently would mean either rebuilding or modifications to existing directional antenna arrays at substantial cost, and may also affect AM stereo. These views will be put forward at the WARC Conference on Sept. 12th. The U.S. apparently wants expansion from 525 to 1805 kHz "with some gaps at the top end". Neither country proposes broadcast stations on LF, a very short sighted view in my opinion. B.N.V. "Broadcast News Report" network type news service is catching on in B.C. during the early mornings hours - stations: CFGP-1050, CBST-1070, CJIB-940, WECQ-920 & net, CEFG-550 & net, have been noted carrying it between 5:00 & 5:04:20 8/5; this service has no breaks for PSA's or commercials when carried live. TP DX has been great here since mid-July. Last year at this time I didn't hear a thing from Down Under. All for now, good DX.

UP-COMING MUSINGS DEADLINES ARE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6; MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, and then weekly, every Monday. Please double space, and please tell us what DX you've been hearing and how well. We need support for these early issues of Volume 47, so please don't let us down. All Musings received will be used, and we look forward to reading your DX doings. -ERC

DAVID DX'S DAVID

DAVE FOX - 333 Douglass Street - Reading, Pennsylvania - 19601

9/5/79

DX interest was reawakened here by the possibilities caused by Hurricane David. Several South Florida stations were noted on MM 9/3. Most obvious was WGTQ-540 booming in w/c/w mx & hurricane info from 12:05-12:15. WGBS-710 was heard mixing with WOR & they may have been on daytime pattern at 12:20 when noted with WX info. WQAM was noted on after 1 a.m. s/off time. WINZ-940 & WKAR-1360 were both on regular schedule, but with much hurricane talk. Only other logging was um WVAM-1430 on with loud Tting and ID @ 1:27. On 9/3 during the evening hours several more Florida stations were noted. WFIV-1080 was heard poor to fair mixing with WTIC & an unID Latin. Mary Fla. net WX reports were heard and school closings in Osceola County. WGTW-1580 was doing likewise for Lake County. Also heard with Fla. Net WX reports & c/w mx was WYHI-1570. This was the roughest copy through CKLM/CFOR. WGTQ-540 was noted on for the second night in a row. All the above loggings were made between 8 & 10:30pm EDT. Only new logging in the group is WYHI-1570 (1,200th call logged). Summer veries were nonexistent as reports to WPNC-1470, WEST-1280 & WMBE-1380 went unanswered. Total verified remains at 785. Tape recorder is in the shop for repair and it is strange to DX again with a pad and pencil! Years ago it seemed so easy. Rains from Hurricane David have reached SE Pa. this evening and forecast called for anywhere from three to six inches or rain in this area. Hurricane Agnes of 1972 is still in the minds of many around here and I, for one, am rooting for my namesake to take a hike real quick. I hope ST. LOUIS was a success and more importantly that we are in for a good DX season. 73a. PS- 9/5- 8:30-9:30pm. Weak signals heard from WXYT-1420 w/c/w mx and gospel mx with emergency programming as a result of the flood threat in the Roanoke Valley.

STILL ANOTHER NERCR LOGS WGTQ-540

HARRY J. HAYES - Star Route - Box 226c - Gouldsboro, Pennsylvania - 18424

EDT

Time for an introductory Musings from a long silent one. I am 26, single, and work for a printing outfit in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. called Llewellyn Brother, Inc. as an artist, designer, paste-up person or whatever else they desire to call me. I am looking forward to another season of sunset DXing. It seems that Fall is the best time for SSSing so that is why such silence the second part of last season. CX were just terrible in my opinion. Only DX was my hearing WGTQ-540 Cyprus Gardens Fla. on emergency on the evening of 9/2 with Hurricane David advisories. I do n't intend to really start productive DXing until October when most of the FM DX will be out of the way and CX improve. I will be concentrating on the upper regionals at sunset (1250-1480) and 1590-1600. The expected sunspot Auroras should really make for some once-in-a-lifetime catches on these channels. 73a.

LOGS STRONG ARAB ON 1566

CURTIS D. KNGEKRG - 80 Concord Road - Wayland, Massachusetts - 01778

It's been too long since I graced these pages. Besides, Ernie needs a mailboxfull when he returns from the Convention, hi! I hope you all had a good time at ST. LOUIS. The last entry in my log was five months ago, 3/26, when KDA-850 was in clearly at 12:10am. Since then I've done everything except DX. April saw me in Washington, May in Tennessee, June in Ohio, July in Wisconsin, and August at home! Then I warmed up the set and immediately got a goodie. 8/4- A⁺ 12:08am I started down the dial and stopped when I hit 1566 and heard the chants of Ramadan blasting in at a volume level I haven't heard on a TA in about four seasons. It lasted for about 15 minutes and then just dropped off like a power cut. I can only assume that it was the Tunisian checking out their superpower job. A slight signal on 1567, but nothing else noted. Last night, 8/26 (actually this morning) at just after midnight, PHN, the local (?) pirate was blasting in on 1620. Then I tuned down, and there was the AA singing and wailing again, but not at the same volume level. However this time 1557 had a stronger signal which appeared to be Indian or other Asian singing (not AA). Anyone know what type of programming France has on at that hour? Oddly, my best reception on both frequencies came with my loop directed slightly W of N, hardly a TA direction, yet there is little doubt they were TAs. Cayman-1555 showed proper directivity, but was much weaker than either 1557 or 1566. 73.

AND WE WELCOME ANOTHER NEW MEMBER WHO IS A HAM

BILL SMITH - 145 Deryl Street - Eunice, Louisiana - 70535

8/22/79

I have just joined NRC, receiving the New Member Guide, the 8/13 issue of DX NEWS, & the publications Antenna Reference Manual and Receiver Reference Manual. Now I've been around this radio world for three decades, 25 of those years as a ham, but seldom have I seen a collection of more worthwhile information than that which NRC filled my mailbox. The New Member Guide is excellent as I will admit to a limited knowledge of MW BCE DXing, although I have 87 countries worked on 160 meters. And the article by CHUCK HUTTON on usable receiver sensitivity, 8/13 DX NEWS, is one of the finest I have read anywhere including the so-called professional journals of which I receive many each month in my communications profession. The receiver and antenna reference manuals belong in any radio buff's library as they are top-notch. I congratulate the NRC staff and contributing members for excellence and trust that somehow I too may make a contribution to the NRC. (Thank you, Bill! -ERC)

NOTE FROM HQ: Thanks to John Clements who, at St. Louis, donated a new typewriter to ERC. We in Louisville will get it serviced and cleaned up and send it on to Ernie as soon as possible. So we can look forward to more readable Musings in the near future.

DX IN ITALY IS MOSTLY ON THE FM BAND

DARIO MONFERTINI - Via Davanzati 8 - 20156 Milano, Italy

8/22/79

I have found an incredible number of letters to reply and even 12 cassettes taped by Scandinavian DXers with some Italian FM stations which thanks to E-skip reflection was able to arrive 2,500 or 3,000 Km up to North. So I have been really busy and haven't to forget I am also the official compiler of the list of the Italian Broadcasting private stations which is edited by Millecanalo Review, and first week of August I have been occupied to control the list which will be printed out in next Music/HI-Fi/Broadcasting exhibition which will be here in Milano from 9/6-10. You see, I have always something to do extra after my eight working hours, hi! The DX condition has become really so bad I have turned out to let for one year period NRC - I hope you may understand the reason is only this and not surely the prices or others. I naturally am interested to know what happened during and after the '79 Convention. Concerning ERC's 612 kHz unID station heard on May 19, I am not sure but may be really the super-power from Saudi Arabia, believe me if I say the other two from Saudi Arabia over 900 & 1521 kHz arrive here in Italy at darkness or afternoon, like two locals! And the one over 900 kHz is right on the channel of RAI Milano and you hear music Arabic in the background at evening! Terrific! So I repeat, may be 612 is Saudi Arabia. Some DX changes has come out in these months, for example, now Tirana-1395 s/off @ 23.55 GMT (instead of 23.25 GMT). Another change, 1415 kHz super power from Alger, new channel for Sahara Territory people in Arabic, late as 00.00 GMT. (7pm, EST -ERC). If you have any kind of unID stations please let me know - I will try of my best to help you to clear it, I am of the opinion a real DXer is not only the one who is able to DX 250 watts TA reception, but the one who helps the others to get a QSL or to identify a local station, but tell me, how many "DXers" have done this service? I have had many contacts with Scandinavian DXers, they threat to me many cassettes with taped on tracks of Italian FM stations. You may imagine how it should be exciting for them to get such information being they don't talk or understand a word of Italian language, yet in 1978 I was able to help three Scandinavian DXers to get some replies from Italian FM stations. Some Spanish have changed again changes, among them: R. Huesca-1359, local ID & s/off @ 23.30 GMT. R. Juventud de Barcelona-1394 (ex-1413) ID & s/off @ 00.00 GMT (Tirana is s/off @ 23.55). So over 1413 kHz now only one station Spanish after 23.00 GMT, La Voz del Guadalquivir, Sevilla. Now I am at 960 verified stations (AM,SW,FM), 105 from Italy, 108 from Spain. Super 73's & up up up with QSLs. (We hope you'll soon rejoin us, Dario - we will miss your great reports! -ERC)

WHO/WHAT IS/WAS CAPTAIN GLOTZ, ASKS DAVE

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8/24/79

It's about time for the annual re-intro: I'm 17, fresh at MSU, DXer since 1976 & NRC'er for a little over a year. After a year in NRC, I've figured out all the oldtimers' lines about "Hefty Blooper", etc., but I'm still in the dark about Captain Glotz. What is the meaning behind this phrase, anyway? The season is about to start in full swing as a couple TA hats were noted a couple of days ago, plus remarkably little static last night. Still, not much new as everything is falling into the "UnID TM", "Rare but Unn", or "Why Didn't I Hear Them Before?" categories. Recent DX: 8/19- Slightly AU at SSS; who hats 1070 on the low side? MM 8/20- WQXR-1560 s/on @ 5:30, not 6, per s/off announcement. RJ's very loud, blasting domestics into oblivion. Example: HJH-1040 better than WBE or WBN. Newsies: CMKJ-730, CMJG-1270, WONE-980, WKIK-850 ET. 8/23- SSS, WUST-1120 s/off noted. WVAM-1430, WNNJ-1360 new. 8/24 AM: Who dominates 1310 w/REL after midnight? I can never ID this ras-cal. NPOC-520 beacon loud. I have a sneaky suspicion that this is a U.S., not Canadian, station, because it lacks the eight-second tone (I think it's called a range signal, but I'm not sure) between IDs. Also the fur-letter N-call indicates U.S. Loop would tend to agree, though S. Ontario loops same as most of the upper Great Lakes. UnID SS on 540 announcing "R. Presentia", sounds like a Nicaraguan revolutionary station using Corporacion's XR. Can anyone confirm? UnID-1610 blocking TIS, OC & rr mx, no IDs, loops NYC so it's probably the WCBX bootlegger. Totals now 652/41d/8/47. 73's.

ED'S GETTING A FEW NEW ONES TOO

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9/4/79

Not much of importance to report this time. I have been putting in the hours at the NC-173 but without great results. Latest loggings are: 8/21- WNNJ-1000 @ 8pm s/off. 8/27- WBNX-1380 w/good signal @ 2:30am w/funeral home ad (I've been dying to log this one), WQSC-1390 testing w/very good signal @ 2:35am, CJMS-1280 in FF @ 3:15, WLEZ-620 in wall @ 3:20am. 8/31- WEAP-820 w/c/w behind WGY splatter @ 3am, CKGM-980 in/out @ 3:15. 9/2- WPLM-1390, I believe, sounded like that ID @ 7:30pm. 9/3- CJCE-1270 w/MoR, w/WSPR SP @ 4:50am and finally CHH-1260 poor w/SX @ 5am. I hope to have more reports in the next issue.

MISSED ST. LOUIS BUT MADE FLORIDA

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I was the dummie who forgot to put his name & address on the Musings in the August issue of DX NEWS. Forgetfulness is bad enough, but when you start forgetting who you are, watch out, hi! I couldn't make NRC-ST. LOUIS due to work commitments, but I did make IRCA-Peorla the preceding weekend. It was nice seeing everybody again, including Louisville's own WOLF J. FLYWHHEL & GARY ATKINS. Station tours were interesting, too. Sorry I had to miss ST. LOUIS, one of these years I'll make an NRC Convention, hi! Well, with Winter approaching, keep the tubes in your RX warm, it may be all you have for heat. 73s.

REMEMBER, MONDAY OCTOBER 8 IS A POSTAL HOLIDAY SO THE NEXT DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6!

URGES ALL TO SUPPORT NRC COLUMNS

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Hello everyone! How's DX? Before I go into the results of my "AN" 7/22 to early 7/23 MM, I'd like to say welcome back to the Editor of this fine publication, TED (Wolf J.) FLEISCHAKER. Glad to have you back as editor, and it's great to see your name on the cover of DX NEWS again! Now as I promised, the results of my all-night 7/22 to early 7/23 DXing session. Here it is - the only DX heard on those above dates is another new one from "The Big Apple" WBNX-1390 @ 2:14 MM. I didn't touch the dial again until 7/29. The results from that day and the 30th of July are situated somewhere in "Rocket Ray's" excellent DXKD column this issue. Although the Holiday season is off for some months now, I thought I'd take a look at and let you fellas in on what I expect to have from "St. Nick" come Christmas. The list goes as follows: A brand new DXing receiver, a new set of communications headphones, shotgun loop for TRF, a renewal in membership in the NRC and rejoin IRCA, both excellent MW clubs. Questions: First, does anyone know the address of the IRCA's San Francisco Publishing Staff's address? (It's now published in Seattle, Steven - I don't have the address on hand - KRC) I must know a week before 12/15/79. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you. If you know write me at 368 Quincy Street, Boston, Mass. 02125. Once again thank you. Second, why won't some of you silent members contribute to my at present favorite column, RAY ABRUDA's Domestic DX Digest? I ask this question because after I joined the NRC, and after I received my second issue, Vol. 46 #10 I noted that NRC Member HARRY D. VIRTUE from Bermuda has never sent in a contribution to any of the columns of DX NEWS. I apologize for using Mr. Virtue's name to stress my point. PLEASE! Support the NRC & contribute to various columns and remember your support and contributions benefit all in the club as well as yourself, and future newcomers to the Club. Watch for the editors' deadlines each issue. Support the "Living NRC." Thank you for reading - see you next issue.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS & THE GOOD NEW DAYS

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Thoughts at large after 23 years of membership in the National Radio Club. Greatest thrill: Logging KWFB-980 and KFI-640 from Tennessee in 1959. Previously I had thought such was impossible. Best DX Morning: Logging several TAs from South Alabama on a January morning in 1964. Most Unusual Quote: While trying to dig out an ID from a difficult TA, fellow NRC'er ALEX BOWAB said, "You don't mind if I turn to KXRF and listen to Wolfman Jack, do you?" Wonder what ever happened to: LEN KENSE, EV JOHNSON, & SID ROSENBAUM. Most distant Summer catch: KWIP-1580 on ET in August from South Alabama. Weirdest catch: WVOX-1460 s/on @ 6:30am (complete daylight) in Summer of 1966 from Alabama. Most unusual DX location: PARK BARTON's Troy, Ala. shack above the corpses in a funeral home. MOST infamous verbi: Nibi-Nibi, heard at NRC Convention in Indianapolis in 1982. Notes: It is possible to connect an SM-1 to Superadio of GE without any internal connections. Just connect regular broadcast band loop, the same kind as an antenna in a \$2.99 K-Mart special, to output of SM-1. Then place this new loop beside antenna (internal) on Superadio. Then turn SM-1. Amplified loop works fine using this system. This method is especially useful when you want to use an SM-1 with a "cheapsie" radio. Dream of the future: Discovery of the Super Loop. A super loop will be able to receive stations in one direction only. It will work like LSCA without the need for weird resistors. How to do it? I don't know, but I have wondered what would happen if toroids were used in place of ferrite bar in SM-1. FET-alternath etc! Any experimenters out there? Latest DX: Sept. 3 - WGBS AN for Hurricane Davis. WQBX-710 heard at 7:30am from near Rickman, Tenn. Sept. 4 - WLSC-1570 at 9:31-9:50pm for Hurricane David. WCCL-1590 Jackson, Miss. @ 10:05pm, for call change. 73's.

SOME GOOD CATCHES THIS SUMMER

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A few new ones trickled in over the Spring and Summer: MM 5/21- HJAZ-1160 Aning with fair signal & "La Voz de Sim" IDs. 6/14- WHAL-1400 Tenn. good @ 1am s/off-SSB. 6/20- WYDK-1480 N.C. fair @ 6am s/on. MM 7/2- WBIP-1400 Miss. fair at 12 s/off-SSB. MM 7/30- The new WACQ-1130 Ala. good at 8:45 s/on-SSB. 7/31- HJN-1530 fair/poor w/R. Accion IDs @ 1:10am; WCKY was off almost every night that week. 8/2- New semi-local WREA-1520 conducting daytime ETs w/oldies & IDs every 15 minutes. MM 8/20- With local WNOX-990 off for a rare SP, two new ones were bagged on 980: WITY Ill. very poor @ 1am s/off; CKGM Montreal weak @ 3:30 w/woman reading headlines, then into rr, severe WONE/EMEZ QRM on both of these. CKGM's the 75th Canadian here after a year of being stuck at 74. 8/28- Long-sought WDOX-1580 Ill. topping the frequency @ 8:45 s/off w/plug for FM. That's #60 here on the legendary 1580, no call changes. Still needed are WCNG, KWNT, KDOM, KWEND, KGAF, KYLU, KBYP & WTYZ, the last-named embarrassment due to local WSET being in the same s/on s/off zones for all 12 months of the year. Somebody at the Convention said WTYZ has already made the move to 1490 - good riddance, hi. I had a good time in ST. LOUIS, a big thanks to all who made it possible. I especially enjoyed the verbi collections of JOHN CALLAWAN and RICHARD WOOD, plus KRC's Missouri/Arkansas/Oklahoma portion. Ernie, why don't you rent your own small plane some year and bring your entire collection, hi? Local WBIR-1240 has been Aning the past few MMs, so all five Knoxville fulltimers are NSP - at least there's nothing more to fear now, hi. The TESTs from WRTL-1460, WVLC-1170 and unnn WWVQ-1430 were tried and unheard, since they weren't on. Enough of this, 73, good DX in '79-'80.

YES, NEXT YEAR IT WILL BE LOS ANGELES FOR THE NRC CONVENTION! LET'S SEE A LOT OF THE GUYS FROM THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY OUT THERE - YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE IT A REALLY EXCITING VACATION AND CONVENTION COMBO! MAKE THOSE LONG RANGE PLANS NOW! FUN FOR ALL!

MOTHBALL MEMORIES

CHAPTER CXVII - "MY FIRST PIRATE VERIFICATION"

-by ERIC FADES

In 1972, when I was 12 years old and in the eighth grade, a friend of mine by the name of William ---- decided that he'd like to have his own radio station. He built WA8S from a kit, which came with a little wire antenna and cost about \$20. Bill lived in a private house in Auburndale, about two or three miles from my apartment in Bayside. These were my pre-DX club days, and we were both a little naive.

One Winter day after school, at about 4pm, Bill fired up his gear for a DX test using, I think, a six-foot whip antenna outside his window. After the "test period", I called him on the phone and said, "I tuned to 1620, but all I could hear was some guy talking French, and some weird song that sounded like Gordon Lightfoot." (I don't think it occurred to me that there shouldn't have been anyone speaking French, or anything else, above 1600, especially in mid-afternoon). So, of course Bill starts yelling into the phone, "Holy (bleep)!! That wasn't French, that was me! I was trying to sound laidback! And I played "If You Could Read My Mind"! I can't believe you heard me!" And, at two or three miles, I was more than a little surprised myself, especially since Bill had once tested and lost the signal after about two blocks!

Now, we began to half-worry that WA8S would cause noticeable interference. We often joked about the FCC who, we imagined, had portable direction-finding equipment resembling bazookas. For example, maybe late one night Bill would sleepily look out of his window, while on the air, to give a weather report: "Well, it's about 25 degrees at WA8S, your Auburndale Radio Service - it's snowing lightly - there's an FCC man pointing a bazooka at my window - The FCC! OMIGOD!" and he would rush to disconnect and hide all his quasi-sophisticated equipment.

Bill fantasized community-wide fame, FCC notoriety and a busy request line. But alas, something in the set soon came loose, and he didn't know how to go about finding and fixing it. This was a frustrating turn of events. The inactivity bothered us until, one dg, someone calculated that powerful WA8S had been shooting all of six milliwatts into that whip antenna. The transmitter was subsequently shelved.

NEXT ISSUE: STEVE KEMP - AND THEN - STEVE PENDER.

WE NEED MORE CONTRIBUTIONS TO "MOTHBALL MEMORIES" BOYS! WHAT SAY? PLEASE DOUBLE SPACE!

GET THOSE GRAVEYARD DX ACHIEVEMENTS DATA IN!

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9/6/79

Here's hoping everyone who attended, had a good time in ST. LOUIS. I'm sorry not to have been able to attend. I did, however, make it up to Peoria for the Friday night of IRCA's bash. I met several NRCers there, and as far as I could tell, everyone was having a good time. Thanks to JOHN CLEMMER for a good conversation. I am looking forward to hearing about the ST. LOUIS affair in DX NEWS. A couple of DX notes: 9/5- I heard WOOD-1300 with some kind of call-in contest, at 8:40pm CDT, easy adult contemporary mx. I also heard KWFT-620 fading in/out at about 9pm; a good ID on the hour. If anyone has access to AUTOVON and would like to chew the fat sometime, call me at 862-2883. Or if anyone has access to a PLATO terminal and would like to leave a message, my group is SPTEACH. Response to the new format of GYDX has been good so far with LARGE amounts of data from CARL DARLSTEIN, GENE ALLEN and expected soon from NORM MAGUIRE. Remember, please include the mileages. Good DX!

INSTALLS A SELF-ADJUSTING I.F. NOISE LIMITER

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Hello everyone! I really enjoyed the August 13 issue of DX NEWS & the article on "Noise Levels and Useable Receiver Sensitivity" by CHUCK HUTTON. Also a thanks to BILL WURTZEL for his warning to DXers who may get those strange phone calls. One worthwhile thing I have accomplished this Summer was to install one of the self adjusting IF noise limiter circuits in my HQ-200. It works well (much better than the audio noise limiter that was originally in the receiver). I'll have to try one in the TRF now. Has anyone else tried this type of noise limiter? It's the same circuit as in the Radio Amateur's Handbook. Here's wishing everyone the best of DX for the coming season. 73.

STILL TRYING WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS

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AM verbi remain at 4,020, and FM is up to a big 12! As Lawrence Walk might express it, had he attended the ST. LOUIS Convention, "wumerful, wumerful, wumerful!" If you weren't there, ha ha ha and phooey on you, hi. We all had fun! DX: 8/11- Phillis EB noted on unnn WBCB-1490 @ 1:08. TT-1450, 12:58-1:04-plus, but gone by 1:10. SM 8/12- WIMS-1010 off this morning, & WBT-1110's disco show to 2am is either off or finishes earlier as they were off @ 1:20, & every SM since. MM 8/13- WYFA-1580, another ET today, hi, WTTI! At last, a new one, in CKO-1470 all-NX, apparently WSAN is now off MMs. I heard "Evecelv Franklin" on KXQ-1050 this AM, or should it be GEX, hi. UNID TT-1190, 2:11-2:17. 8/16- A weak signal on 1610, but the audio just wouldn't make it, 2am. The 600 Cuban is back on target now, annihilating poor WICC. UNID SS-675 @ 1:56 w/WRKO's 50kw on MM 8/20- WMCS-1400 heard @ 1:06am w/f announcer. Unnn WJLK-1310 strong @ 1:23, w/rr. WNBC & WCBS were off. I heard WTAR-790 at 2am w/TLK, this is generally not heard here at all on night pattern, but is in u/WEAN all day. Unnn WZAT-850 "All Star Country Radio" @ 2:52. 8/21- UNID TTR on 1560 1:22-1:24 - oops- my error- 'twas WTAI, unnn. Pirate PRN infesting 1610 this AM w/mx. Unnn TGVE-1570 was in w/CKLM off @ 1:47 with lovely marimba mx, o/KXRF. Unnn WMBT-1530 on ET w/ID @ 2:49 & off, u/WCKY. Thanks to these NRC gents for their appreciated phone calls: GARY LOWEGREN, BILL COLEMAN, PETE KEMP, STAN MORSS, RAY MOORE, & TOM FARMERIE. S.O.S.: Who had FF talk, disco, & then MoR male vocals on 1550 Tues. AM 9/11 @ 1:33-2am? A real mystery!

VERIE SIGNERS

Table of Verie Signers on page 46, listing call signs, names, and frequencies. Includes entries for Harry C. Stutzman, Robert J. Kucera, Phillip Manion, etc.

That's it for this time, and please don't forget that your recent verie signers are very important to other DXers. Send them in with your Musings, double spaced, with frequencies and types of veries, and positions of the verie signers. There HAVE to be more of you seeking verifications than this! Please send 'em in!

VERIE SIGNERS

Table of Verie Signers on page 47, listing call signs, names, and frequencies. Includes entries for Gary Houdek, Bob Loewen, Wayne Heinen, etc.

We would like to remind those of you who are verifying your catches to send in the names of your recent verie signers. This is an important column for those among us who still believe that verifying our catches is half the fun of the DX hobby. Send YOURS in!

We have more on hand, and as soon as we have a pageful, we'll have them here for you.