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LOOKING FOR A MUSE EDITOR

MUSE EDITOR - ISSUE 10 SHALL BE THE LAST TIME WE SEE MUSINGS SECTION IN THIS MAGAZINE...UNLESS ONE OF YOU STEP FORWARD. SO FAR OF THOSE THAT HAVE VOLUNTEERED, ONLY ONE CAN DO IT PART OF A YEAR, THE OTHER ONLY A SECTION OF THE MUSES. SO MEMBERS ITS UP TO YOU. IF YOU CAN SPARE ABOUT AN HOUR A DAY YOU CAN TYPE UP THE MUSES AND BECOME PART OF THE NRC VIP !! BY THE WAY, YOU MUST HAVE A PICA TYPEWRITER. PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP.

FROM THE MAILBAG - VIA TOM GRUIS, COMES WORD THAT KMA-960 IS ON A NEW DIRECTIONAL PATTERN AS OF 11/15 AND THEY ARE REQUESTING RECEPTION REPORTS.

FROM THE PHONE - VIA JOHN RIEGER AND THE 10CM MANUAL ON THE 10-R/0 RADIO, THE PROBLEMS SECTION OF THAT ARTICLE LAST WEEK HAS BEEN CURED. IT HELPS TO READ THE MANUAL.

***** CJEM-570 0000-0700 ELT CHRISTMAS AM AND NEW YEAR'S AM WILL BROADCAST IN FF AND EE WITH MENTIONS OF NRC.WILL USE DAY POWER, // WITH CKMV-1490 AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM US IF YOU HEAR THEM. WATCH! ADDRESS: EDMUNSTON RADIO LIMITED, P.O.Box 217, MADAWASKA, ME 04756 OR EDMUNSTON RADIO LIMITED, P.O.Box 188, 174 CHURCH ST., EDMUNSTON, NB E3V 3G7 BOTH c/o LEVIE J. THERIAULT, MANAGER. *****

CPC TESTS (TIMES ARE E.L.T.)

12/12 WJEJ-1240 HAGERSTOWN, MD 0115-0145 ELT SOME TONE, USING 1000w, SUN. REPORTS TO: LOUIS SCALLY, CE, WJEJ RADIO, Box 399, HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740 ARRANGED BY BOB BINAU FOR THE NRC.

12/13 KCEE-790 TUCSON, AZ 0300-0500 ELT w/5 KHz CODE IDs, VIOS, TT FROM 10KHz TO 10KHz, WILL BE 5Kw TOWARD THE EAST. KABC IS SCHEDULED FOR TX MAINT. THAT MORNING SO WILL PROBABLY BE OFF THE AIR. REPORTS TO: BILL CROGHAN, CE, KCEE, 2100 N. SILVER BELL Rd, TUCSON, AZ 85745 REPORTS REQUIRED TO GET VERIE, PREPAID CALLS ONLY TO 602-623-7556 ARRANGED FOR IRCA BY PHIL BYTHEWAY.

1/16/83 WBZT-1130 WAYNESBORO, PA 0100-0130 ELT MOSTLY TONES, THIS TO BE THE SUN ANNUAL POP TEST. REPORTS TO: LOUIS SCALLY, CE, WBZT-RADIO, Box 309, WAYNESBORO, PA 17268 ARRANGED BY BOB BINAU FOR NRC.

***** FLASH ALERT SERVICE *****

GOT A CPC TEST BACK AND YOU KNOW IT WONT GET TO HQ IN TIME TO BE PUBLISHED FOR ALL TO SEE??? THEN PHONE OR WRITE TO KEN CHATTERTON. SAYS KEN "GET NOTICE TO ME BY WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR A TEST COMING UP THAT FOLLOWING MONDAY."

IF YOU PHONE: 315-387-3583 BEST TIMES TO CALL 7-11:30PM OR 6-7:30AM.

IF BY MAIL: WRITE TO KEN AT RFD #2, Box 44, MANNSVILLE, NY 13661 DO NOT USE THE PUBLICATION CENTER ADDRESS.

IF YOU WANT TO BE A RECEIVER OF THE SERVICE MAIL KEN, 2 TO 5 ADDRESSED POST CARDS. AND INDICATE IF NRC OR IRCA OR BOTH.

LOOK INSIDE:

- 2....AM SWITCH
- 3....DDXD
- 8....IDXD
- 10....HAM OPR LIST
- 11....The Log Book
- 14....1st 30 COUNTRIES
- 19....MUSINGS
- 24....YOUR NAME

GOT YOUR 1983 NRC DX CALENDAR YET ??

THE YEAR IS ALMOST OVER NOT MUCH TIME LEFT. ORDER YOURS FOR \$4 FROM HQ TODAY!

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JERRY STARR
C/O WSRD RADIO
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CALL LETTER APPLICATIONS:

| Present call: | Seeks: | Old call: | New call: |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 680 WWLF St. Petersburg, FL | WLFW | 880 *New Gonzales, CA | KKMC |
| 1510 WITS Boston, MA | WMRE | 1140 KLDY Liberty, MO | KKCI |
| 1600 WKXQ Reidsville, NC | WRNC | 1240 WLCO Eustis, FL | WEUS |
| WDHB Harriman, TN | WHBT | 1270 *New Marysville, OH | WUCO |
| | | 1420 KLUF Lufkin, TX | KLNX |

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW FACILITIES:

- 830 Cortland, OH seeks 1000 D1 (suburban Youngstown)
- 1030 Vernon Hills, IL 500 D1
- 1040 Monument, CO 5000 D1
- 1160 Virginia City, NV 10000 D1
- 1460 Mount Holly, NJ 5000 D1 (deleted facility)

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES: NONE

GRANTS TO NEW FACILITIES:

- 1530 Babson Park, FL granted 500 D1 (QTH: Alternate 27 South, 33827) granted to Webber College as non-commercial, educational

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES: NONE

OTHERNESS: New KKNX-1400 address: 1027 11th Street, Huntsville, TX 77340

Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman (who'd you expect? Wes Boyd maybe????)

Jerry & B.K.F.

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HELLO GROUP!
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STATIC FROM HQ

SOME MORE STUFF FROM US HERE.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF ARTICLES AND MORE SUPPORT TO THE COLUMNS. THE DDXD 10XD COULD STILL USE SOME MORE SUPPORT!!! LOTS MORE !! THE 10XA, GYDXA, AND DDXA ARE ALL BUT NON-SUPPORTED. WHY NOT TAKE A FEW MINUTES TODAY AND PULL OUT THE LAST COUPLE THREE ISSUES OR SO AND SEE WHAT IT TAKES TO GET INVOLVED WITH THIS CLUB. IT ISNT HARD, AND IT ISNT COMPLICATED. THIS MAGAZINE IS SUPPORTED AND HELD TOGETHER BY YOU, ME, US.

PIRATES - WE SHALL TAKE ON WHAT IS HEARD TYPE MATERIAL RELATED TO PIRATES, BUT ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN THE WAY OF ADVERTISING THEM!!! WHAT IS HEARD ON THE RADIO AND REPORTED IS ONE THING, TO ADVERTISE FOR AN ILLEGAL NON-LICENSED STATION IS ANOTHER.

Mike Sue

CHICAGO GTG - DEC 26-28 AND DEC 30- JAN 3. ROBERT KRAMER MC
Last week we mentioned the location and those tidbits now this week comes the movie list:

| TIME | TITLE | FEATURING | YEAR |
|-------|------------------------|-----------------|------|
| 12:05 | A Hash House Fraud | Keystone Cops | 1915 |
| 12:15 | Fatty's Tintype Tangle | Fatty Arbuckle | 1915 |
| 12:35 | The Cannon Ball | Chester Conklin | 1915 |
| 12:55 | The Eyes have it | Bon Turpin | 1928 |
| 1:15 | The General | Buster Keaton | 1926 |
| 3:15 | A Dog's Life | Charlie Chaplin | 1918 |
| 3:45 | The Pool Shark | W.C. Fields | 1915 |
| 3:55 | The Adventurer | Charlie Chaplin | 1917 |
| 4:15 | One A.M. | Charlie Chaplin | 1916 |
| 4:35 | The Pawn Shop | Charlie Chaplin | 1916 |

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DOMESTIC DX DIGEST

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You'll have to bear with me with this column...see, I was out late last night and I must not have been feeling well and I had a lot of medicine! For some strange reason, the typewriter seems louder than usual! Anywho, when sending your items in, please keep them on one side of the paper, type or neatly write, EST, skip a line between items, all the crazy stuff. And now the column which matches the excitement of a trip to Trenton, NJ!

SPECIAL:

- 1110 CHPR ON HAWKESBURY - 11/6 1633-1713 noted back on the air w/French, slogan "Radio Hawkesbury." Many ads for radio as a good advertising medium. S/off 1713. (RUGG-PQ)
- 1150 WJOK MD GAITHERSBURG - 11/4 1500 noted testing w/OC, w/ID's given on the hour, sometimes on the half-hour. (TB-VA)
- 1170 CPML ON CORNWALL - 11/6 1630-1709 noted back on the air w/French programming, quite a bit of English music. S/off 1709 w/Oh Canada. Not twinning w/CHPR. Ex-CPIX. (RUGG-PQ)
- 1310 WXMC NJ PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS - 11/4 1625 noted w/MYL type and beautiful music, w/slogan, "On a clear day you can hear WXMC." Promo for Sat. High School football game, talk show. (SH-NJ) 11/8 noted w/EZL, grab-bag format, ID's as Morris County's Radio Station, sounds automated, ex-WBIO. (TF-PA) Guess they're off when it rains, eh? (DS)
- 1350 WRZY PE COCOA - 11/9 0100 atop w/full ID, Top 40 music, ex WCWR. (DS)
- 1510 WJRP ?? ?? - 10/25 1932-1951 thru WLAC w/Pop music, ads, ID's as "1510 AM, WJRP (not entirely sure of last letter). Weather, w/temp. for what sounded to be "Downtown Charlton" and at "the Lake." Nothing like this listed. (KG-PA)
- 1530 WDJZ CT BRIDGEPORT - 11/8 noted w/old rock, seems to have dropped it's enjoyable NOS-BED-EZL personality format. (TF-PA)
- 1560 KTYE TX W. LAKE HILLS - This new CP is now on the air w/MYL to serve the Austin, Texas area. They are U-4, 2500 watts NSP. Went on full power 9/27. (AB-TX)

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NEW STZ

MIDDAY - MIDNITE:

- 550 WHLM PA BLOOMSBURG - 11/9 1631 fair w/ID. (WFT-DC)
- 580 WCHS WV CHARLESTON - 10/25 2231-2237 poor w/ID, MoR music, local weather, "Radio 58." (DEM-IL)
- WELO MS TUPELO - 10/25 2212-2220 barely readable w/CW music, ID, very weak signal. (DEM-IL) Thereb a difference? (DS)
- 590 WQW NE OMAHA - 10/25 2125-2200 fair w/"59 Country" ID's, CW music, ads, weather, ID's as only AM STEREO station in NE. (DEM-IL)
- 610 WSGN AL BIRMINGHAM - 10/25 2037-2059 poor in partial WDAF null w/ID, temp. check, MoR music, RKO news, ads, jingle. (DEM-IL) All at once? (DS)
- 620 KWFT TX WICHITA FALLS - 10/22 2325-2333 fair in WTMJ null w/mention of sponsors at end of local football game, weather, promo for Misery Theatre, CW/MoR music. (DEM-IL)
- 680 CFTR ON TORONTO - 10/28 1823 weather, ID, Top 40/rock music. (HAC-PA)
- WCNN GA N. ATLANTA - 10/23 1858 o/all w/PSA, ID as "the News Authority", into CNN news on hour. Paded into WPTF at switch to night pattern and power. (KG-PA)
- 690 WVOX AL BIRMINGHAM - 11/9 1723 good w/tail end of CW song, ID. (WFT)
- 730 WRMR VA ALEXANDRIA - 11/2 1650-1700 alone on freq. w/strong signal, MYL and clustered ads, s/off w/no SSB. (KG-PA)
- 790 WTAR VA NORFOLK - 11/7 2118 poor-fair w/WGY splash w/call in talk show. (DLS-NY)
- 800 CJAD PQ MONTREAL - 11/13 1755 good in CKLW null w/sports, ad, weather, rarely heard. (DS-DE) Then again, he rarely listens at sunset, afraid of getting DX BUGS! (DS)
- 810 WQIZ SC ST. GEORGE - 11/9 1645 good w/religious program, ID. (WFT-DC)
- 850 WIVK TN KNOXVILLE - 11/7 1715-1725 ID "AM 85, WIVK", CW music, (RH-NJ) good at times in narrow angle of SM2, no sign of usual WXIX.
- 940 WFNC NC FAYETTEVILLE - 11/7 1700-1703 CBS news, ad, local towns of Irwin and Harnett County mentioned. (RH-NJ)
- WCPC MS HOUSTON - 11/7 1800-1804 in well for second straight week, news, weather then gone at un-announced pattern change. (RH-NJ) Yeah, shows you how good conditions are! (DS)
- 990 KWAM TN MEMPHIS - 11/7 1800 very strong w/WZZD null w/s/off w/preacher, no SSB. (DS-DE) 11/7 1745-1800 F and B preacher, quick s/off w/mention of 10000 watts, all in null of WZZD. (TF-PA) Gee, Tony, it didn't sound that quick-hi! (DS)

WJAC
INC

990 WZZD PA PHILADELPHIA - 11/7 1830-1915 standard religious programs, frequently covered by BBC type program from Radio Free Grenada. (RH-NJ)

1000 WTAK AL HUNTSVILLE - 11/7 1727-1735 oldies, ABC news, good signal, ads, frequent mentions of Huntsville, call sounded like WGAK, WVOV listed in my book. Help, Dave! (RH-NJ)
WTAK...try that...in the meantime, order a new NRC log and use your "other" log as liner in your bird cage! (DS)

1010 WMEY VA MARION - 11/3 1700 noted w/s/off. (BS-OH)

1030 WBDX TN WHITE BLUFF - 10/25 1900 good thru WEEZ w/news, weather, CW music until taken o/by WBZ at 1912. (KG-PA)

1050 WWIC AL SCOTTSBORO - 11/5 1745 noted w/s/off. (BS-OH)

WJSE FL CRESTVIEW - 11/5 1745 noted w/s/off w/WWIC. (BS-OH)

1070 WIBC IN INDIANAPOLIS - 11/7 1636 car ad amid jumble, ID. (RH-NJ)

WFLI TN LOOKOUT MTN. - 11/7 1738-1740 clear as a bell, item for church, ads, then religious music. (RH-NJ)

1110 WNAR PA NORRISTOWN - 11/7 1510-1517 good w/MYL type music, promo for Amos N' Andy every Sunday at 4. (RH-NJ) TF sez he'll miss it when he moves to CT! (DS)

1140 WASG AL ATMORE - 11/2 1744 very detailed s/off, mentioned owned by "AL Native American Betg.", 500 foot tower, 0600 s/on, in nicely after WIXE s/off. (KVJ-GA)

1150 WAYY WI CHIPPEWA FALLS - 10/29 1912-1930 on top w/BFL music, "Your Wayy" ID's, local ads. No data s/off 1930 w/no SSB. (KG-PA)

1190 WREM FL PINE CASTLE - 11/5 1728 weak w/weather. (BS-OH)

1230 WMFR NC HIGH POINT - 10/27 1835 good in WEEK null w/news features from Ae network, the Triad (Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem) weather, A golden oldie, varied 1/9/37! (KG-PA)
Yeah, 1 day and 14 years before I made the scene-hi! (DS)

WFVA VA FREDERICKSBURG - 10/29 1820-1830 in WEEK null w/ads, MoR music, w/female anc'r, traces of WITH w/MYL. (KG-PA)

1240 WIBU WI POYNETTE - 10/29 1952 weak w/ID. (BS-OH)

1250 WGHG NC FARMVILLE - 10/30 1851-1909 o/WPVA w/CW music, boyish-sounding DJ. (BH-NJ) I'd say he'd have a problem if he sounded like a goat, wouldn't you? (DS)

WTMA SC CHARLESTON - 11/7 1849 atop w/"Mighty TMA" IDs, oldies. (RH)

1260 WJJJ VA CHRISTIANSBURG - 10/30 1829-1845 female DJ w/Top 40 music, ID's, "Triple J" and "1260 J", s/off w/mention of PSA. (BH)

1290 WNPB NY BINGHAMTON - 10/20 1716-1724 fair w/fenancial news and "Whaler's outlook," sports program. (BH-NJ)

1300 WGVV NY ST. ALBANS - 11/3 1400 w/WERE nulled. (BS-OH)

WQBK NY RENSSELAER - 10/20 1713 poor, noted briefly w/ID. (BH-NJ)

UNID 10/20 1802-1809 good signal w/AP network news, political ad, (John J. Elliot for DA), mentioned "You're listening to candlelight and silver on radio 13, music for your dining." BFL music then faded. (BH-NJ)

1310 WICH CT NORWICH - 10/20 1915 Top 40 music, promo for Larry King. (BH)

CHGB PQ LAFOGATIERE - 11/13 1720 briefly atop WSSJ w/French talk. (DS)

1320 WATR CT WATERBURY - 10/20 1922-1937 "Waterbury's first station", female anc'r w/Top 40 music, FM style. (BH-NJ)

1330 WEAW IL EVANSTON - 10/30 1900-1915 on top w/"Contemporary Christian Music" w/frequent ID's, s/off w/no SSB. (KG-PA)

1370 WLTC NC GASTONIA - 11/6 1705-1715 preacher, detailed s/off w/5000 Country-wide Watts! (TF-PA) Wake me up when it's over....(D)

1380 WNSI FL ST. PETERSBURG - 11/6 1655-1704 Univ. of FL football, ID for FM 104, AM 1380. (TF-PA)

CKPC ON BRANTFORD - 10/20 1815 on top w/weather, ID, into "Speaking of Sports" program. (KG-PA)

WNVR CT NAUGATUOK - 10/19 2129-2201 o/WBNX w/Top 40 music and "Greater Waterbury's favorite radio station" slogan. (BH-NJ)

1390 WCSC SC CHARLESTON - 11/6 1645 good w/rock music, ads. (TF-PA)

CHOO ON AJAX - 11/6 1730 heard. (TF-PA)

1420 WKSJ TN PULASKI - 11/3 1852 first time heard at nite here w/hospital report, ads, mentions of Giles county. (KVJ-GA)

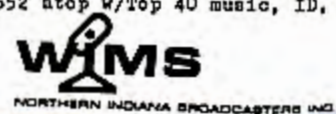
1430 WDIG VA CLINCH - 10/31 1800 s/off w/female anc'r, not heard since DX TEST a few years back. (KVJ-GA)

1460 WBET MA BROCKTON - 10/28 1855-1910 way o/all w/Pop music, ID, ABC info. news, local news, weather, back to Pop music. (KG-PA)
11/7 1650 atop w/weather, lost to WBNA. (TF-PA)

WCEI MD EASTON - 10/22 1941 rose atop WQMB w/political ad, perfect ID, big band music til fading at 1944, talk about luck. (KG-PA) Yes....let's talk about it-hi! (DS)

WAKS NC FUQUAY-VARINA - 11/7 1704-1713 rock and CW music, ID's, lost to WRAD. (TF-PA) MTA opening a branch office there soon!(DS)

WMBA PA AMBRIDGE - 11/7 1652 atop w/Top 40 music, ID, lost to WBUC. (TF-PA)



1460 WRAD VA RADFORD - 11/7 1713-1715 briefly atop w/ID, lost to WCMB at pattern change. (TF-PA) Small town outside Phila. (5)

WBUC WV BUCKHANNON - 11/7 1653 preaching, detailed s/off. (TF-PA)

1470 WWHY WV HUNTINGTON - 10/26 1830 good in WSAW null w/local news, weather, ads, ID. (KG-PA)

1490 WAEX WV PRINCETON - 11/1 2250 o/post WABJ w/ID. (BS-OH)

1550 KQWB ND WEST FARGO - 10/30 1831-1835 poor w/news, college football scores, ID, ad, Sat. nite football. (DLM-IL)

WSAO MS SENATOETA - 10/30 1819-1830 very poor w/sports, CW music, weather, complete s/off w/SSB. (DLM-IL)

1580 WJIK NC CAMP LEJUNE - 11/7 1650-1656 religious music, ads for Jacksonville area, fine signal. (RH-NJ) That's fine! (DS)

MIDNITE - MIDDAY:

560 WQAM FL MIAMI - 10/23 0315-0325 strong in WFIL's null w/CW music, ads, weather, ID's as "WQAM Country." (KG-PA)

620 WDNC NC DURHAM - 10/25 0600-0606 on top w/CBS news followed by NC news. (KG-PA)

WRJZ TN KNOXVILLE - 11/5 0614 poor, u/WVMT w/ID. (DLS-NY)

WVMT VT BURLINGTON - 11/5 0618 good w/ID and comments on VT and Burlington area. (DLS-NY)

630 WMAL DC WASHINGTON - 11/8 0605 poor w/others w/news, ID. (DLS-NY)

CFBK ON HUNTSVILLE - 11/8 0607 poor u/WMAL and others w/sports news, weather. (DLS-NY)

680 CFTR ON TORONTO - 11/8 0602 very good w/news, weather, ID, rock mx.

710 WOR NY NEW YORK - 11/8 0105 noted off this AM, OC returned 0159.

WGBS FL MIAMI - 11/8 0145-0207 very strong w/MoR music, female anc'r, ads, promo's, "GBS" ID's. Alone til WOR OC popped on 0159 but still very good w/WOR on. Day pattern ET. (DS-DE)

760 WCPS NC TARBORO - 11/4 0703 w/ID, long sought. (BS-OH)

790 WMC TN MEMPHIS - 10/23 0012-0020 poor w/CW music, ads, weather. (DLM)

WAEB PA ALLENTOWN - 11/1 0255 w/usual Top 40 music, putting loud birdies on WABC-770 and 810, noted many times in AM and PM thereafter. (KG-PA) Just on their nite-site? I had a similar problem w/WCHE until I rebuilt our limiter and it cleared it up. WILM-1450 does it also here. Has something to do with the phone company audio lines. (DS)

850 WEAT FL WEST PALM BEACH - 11/1 0325 on top w/CNN news, local news 0328-0330, ID's as "News 85." No call change yet. (KG-PA)

860 WEVA VA EMPORIA - 11/7 0001-0005 ET w/ID noted at end. (BS-OH) P/c!

910 KGLC OK MIAMI - 10/23 0050-0100 poor w/CW music and full s/off, welcomes comments and letters on station, PO box #1846, no SSB. (DLM-IL)

950 WHVW NY HYDE PARK - 10/21 0625-0635 strong in WPEN null w/farm news, ads, local news and weather. (KG-PA)

970 WANV VA WAYNESBORO - 10/26 0630 on top w/news by female anc'r, ID, into pop music and ads. (KG-PA)

1050 WLIP WI KENOSHA - 11/4 0825 alone w/WPAG nulled w/ID. (BS-OH)

1230 WKBO PA HARRISBURG - 10/30 0714-0720 u/WEEZ w/shouting DJ w/"WKBO" and "KBO" ID's. (BH-NJ)

1240 WIST NC CHARLOTTE - 11/2 0014 in w/ID w/jumble. (BS-OH)

1250 WNTT TN TAZEWELL - 10/28 0600 s/on, CW tune, then into sports and weather by female anc'r. (KG-PA)

WGHG NC FARMVILLE - 10/29 0559 s/on, NC network news, CW music, ads, PSAs, weather, ID's as "Big Country WGHG." w/WTAE/WPRZ until 0658. (KG-PA)

1260 WBBG OH CLEVELAND - 11/3 0044 good w/ID, big band music. (WPT-DC)

1290 WBNF NY BINGHAMTON - 11/6 0536 rock music, ID's, in alone, hope they varie! (TF-PA) Like snow in Mexico City! (DS)

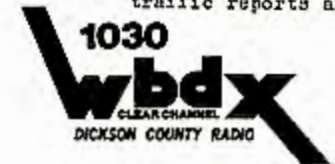
WQIN PA LYKENS - 10/30 0618-0630 fair w/Top 40 music, sports and "Song of Inspiration." (BH-NJ)

1320 WJAS PA PITTSBURGH - 10/30 0200-0209 very poor w/ID, news, old pop music, local ads. (DLM-IL)

1340 WYCB DC WASHINGTON - 11/1 0501 s/on by female anc'r w/mention of 24 hour programming, followed by a gospel music program. Change NRC log for MM SP to end at 0500. (KG-PA)

WTRN PA TYRONE - 11/1 0531 noted w/s/on, change log for SP to end at 0530. (KG-PA)

1350 WNLK CT NORWALK - 10/27 0715-0725 on top w/Pop music, weather, ads, traffic reports and many ID's. (KG-PA)



1370 WRXK NY ROCHESTER - 11/1 0210 w/call-in talk show and promo for Talk Radio, ID's as Talk Radio (ex-WSAY). (KG-PA)
Does talk differ from say? Well....

WZYQ MD FREDERICK - 11/7 0640 music, PSA's, jokes. (TF-PA)
10/31 0600-0615 thru WDRC splash (minimum due to talk on Sunday AM) w/WFBA. "For Your Health" PSA program then Dr. Demonto, ID's as Z-104, simulcast w/FM. Often heard SM and at sunset. (WIZ-CT) Writing a new log?

WELV NY ELLENVILLE - 10/31 0610 noted w/WZYQ w/female anc'r giving intros to BFL music, sounded like 500 watt PSA. (WIZ-CT)

1410 WLAQ GA ROME - 11/8 0546 ID, Kenny Rogers record, lost to WING.(TF)

WING OH DAYTON - 11/8 0534 Rock music w/IDs w/WPOP. (TF-PA)

1440 WGYL SC GREENVILLE - 11/8 0252 topped channel w/BFL music, ID but faded quickly. (DS-DE)

1450 WNAB CT BRIDGEPORT - 11/4 0610 briefly topped freq. but faded to WLEG. (BS-OS)

WQOK SC MYRTLE BEACH - 11/8 0250 briefly noted w/Top 40 music, ID, feed from "Star Station" network. (DS-DE)

1460 WFDQ FL JACKSONVILLE - 10/23 0120 on top w/soul music, ID's. (KG-PA)

1480 WRDW GA AUGUSTA - 11/8 0124 evidently switching between nite/day patterns, popping atop freq. w/soul music, ID's, very strong on day pattern. (DS-DE)

WAME NC CHARLOTTE - 11/8 0124-0145 betwixt WRDW/WJIT/WSAR w/religious music, many ID's w/mention of "Sunshine Radio." (DS-DE)

1490 WWIL NC WILMINGTON - 11/8 0300 atop w/ID, B/Sol format. (DS-DE)

1500 WLQV MI DETROIT - 11/8 0045 good w/religious program, ID. (WPT-DC)

WDBB TN JAMESTOWN - 10/31 0645 s/on w/Dixie and Rooster crows!(KJVJ)

1560 WTRQ NC WARSAW - 10/31 0620-0632 dominating freq. this AM w/uptems thousand ads for the "IGA Stores in Eastern NC." (KJVJ-GA)

1570 WKXS KY VANCEBURG - 10/31 0600 this w/short s/on w/FM mention, slipped in just before local WSSA blaster ont! (KVVJ-GA) Gee, never heard of a s/on w/dynamite! (DS)

1580 WLIM NY PATCOGUE - 10/31 0602 xint w/s/on w/SSB, "Welcome to Long Island Music..." was surprised until I realized this was unn. WYFA (ex) from past DX TEST. (KVVJ-GA) Surprise, the new house you bought is full of LIGHT DIMMERS-hi! (DS)

1590 WASY ME GORHAM - 11/6 all night oldies, ex-WDCI, WSMN was off 0230-0252 when he returned w/King. (STAN-MA)

1600 WIXY MA E. LONGMEADOW - 11/6 0648-0650 atop w/CW music, ads, hope they answer this time. (TF-PA)

WMCN NY ONEIDA - 11/6 0640 promo for high school football, scores, ads. I'll save postage on this one, they have 3 of my stamps. (TF-PA)

WLVG NY SAG HARBOR - 11/6 0620-0640 rock music, Mutual and local news, Community notes, 6th attempt at a report sent. (TF-PA)
Took about 4 tries here, v/s Paul Sidney, GM is still good! Send them a couple of free ride passes-hi!

PIRATE INFO.:

1610.5 -- NY 10/30 2000-2015+ strong but fading signal w/rebroadcast of WCBS-880 w/news. Noticeable weak after 2015 but still putting a 500 hertz het on the Caribbean Beacon. (KG-PA)

1613 "KN" NY NEW YORK - 10/31 0109-0120+ new pirate w/telephone calls, impersonations of Nixon, Carter, Ford, occasional music, gave phone # 212-283-9977. (KG-PA) 11/6 0000-0030+ noted w/above info., calls from Paul Mount and Vince Pinto, etc. (HAC-PA) 11/6, 11/7 fair w/above mentioned stuff, many phone calls. (PRM-NJ) 10/31, 11/1, 11/7 noted at various times w/good audio, believe Manhattan location. (VJP-NY) 11/3 0025 someone here w/s/off, SSB noted. (BS-OH)

1614 UNID 9/3 "Pirate Radio Central" taking calls at 212-352-9906. (BS-OH) 11/2 0001-0708 noted w/s/off, ID/music. (VJP-NY)

1616 KPRC ?? - 11/5 2200-2300 s/off w/wide variety of music, took phone calls (mine at 2240), one from Wilm, location given as "160 miles from NYC", somewhere near Harrisburg? (PRM-NJ) No, not w/a 212-779-9906 phone #. (DS) How 'bout Hubbard, OH? 10/23 0008 noted w/music, power listed as 2.8 kw, has verified! (BS-OH) 10/11, 10/16, 10/17, 11/6, 11/7, 11/8 various times, said would QSL -- NO FURTHER INFO. AGED

1620 "JZ" NEW YORK - 11/8 0058-0107 "Jazz Radio in NYC, JZ" then s/off. (PRM-NJ)

We'll include the "PIRATE" info as it warrants, we'd also appreciate any from the west coast, etc. Sounds like these kids from NYC found some new toys!

600 KHZ

wkzi



RANDUMBS:

Last week, I received a nice letter, pen, bumper stickers, and business card from the GM of CJEM-570 and CKMV-1470, with an invite to tune in their AN Christmas and New Years program this year. Both stations are "twinned" and run AN w/DAY power/patterns these two days only. Last year they really boomed in on 570 here, so if you need one or both, give them a try. It's all in French but they send a nice v/l in English.

For all our now reporters, thanks for taking time to send in your tips. Please keep in mind that we try to stay away from the "clear" channel stuff since they are so widely heard and just about always there. This would be something like KMOX, WMAQ, WCCO, etc. Something like WBAL or WBT are common in the east but rare in the midwest. So keep it in mind next time you send your contributions in. Thanks!

OUR SWINGIN' 17 THIS WEEK:

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| RUGG-PQ | Andy Rugg, Ile Des Soeurs, PQ | TRF |
| PRX-NJ | Paul Mount, Teaneck, NJ | Superadio, TRF |
| VJP-NY | Vince Pinto, Suffern, NY | R7A, ICR70, Whip, Loop |
| WPT-DC | Bill Townsend, Wash., DC | ICP-55W |
| RH-NJ | Rich Harrison (NYC), Ocean Grove, NJ | Grundig 3400, SM2 |
| TF-PA | Tony Fitzherbert, Ghaiffont, PA | Superadio |
| DLS-NY | Dave Spraker, Schenectady, NY | FRG7, Superadio, SM2, LW |
| BS-OH | Bill Shaffer, Toledo, OH | FRG7700, RF2200, LW, Loop |
| HAG-PA | Henry Cotterill, Milford, PA | Grundig 1000, DX60, LW |
| AB-TX | Artie Bigley, Houston, TX | |
| STAN-MA | Stan Morris, Bradford, MA | C |
| WIZ-CT | The Wizard of Poquonock | J |
| DLM-IL | Don Marsh, Chicago, IL | V |
| KG-PA | Karmit Geary, Walnutport, PA | A |
| TB-VA | Tim Braun, Falls Church, VA | HQ180A |
| KVJ-GA | Karl Jeter, Decatur, GA | HQ180, LW |
| BH-NJ | Bob Harrison, Union, NJ | R7, MW1 Loop |
| DS-DE | Contributors Name Misplaced! | HQ180, SM2, LW |
| | | HQ143 9/3, Loop |
| | | Superadio |
| | | HQ180A, Superadio, Loop, LW |

Next week, we will dedicate this column to the inventor of WHITE OUT!

73's - Good DX!

Alaskan clear channel concerns

Breakdown of clears has presented few problems between U.S. and Canadian broadcasters, but some in Alaska are wary of interference



The U.S.'s brewing radio war with Cuba makes for sore headlines. But it's hardly the norm in an area of international relations where mutual self-interest imposes a degree of civility on negotiators that assures they will escape the attention of all but those most intimately involved. Take the ongoing talks with Canada over a new AM relationship.

While attention has been focused on the Reagan administration's efforts to win congressional approval of a station to broadcast to Cuba—a move American broadcasters fear would intensify the degree of Cuban-caused interference they already suffer—U.S.-Canadian talks over the new AM treaty and over each country's use of the other's clear channels have gone virtually unnoticed.

But not entirely unnoticed. Alaskan broadcasters are keeping an eye on developments and, by their letters, to the FCC, have let it be known they are uneasy. They are concerned about Canadian proposals to locate new AM stations on what are now U.S. clears. The 25 U.S. and seven Canadian clears will become available for occupancy by the other country when Canada makes good its plan to abrogate the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement, which bars use of the other country's clear channels within 650 miles of the border.

The treaty being negotiated would replace NARBA, and would be used to fill in the agreement governing use of the AM band that Western Hemisphere countries concluded in Rio de Janeiro, in December.

That agreement does not provide for clear channels; stations are classified according to power and use.

U.S. and Canadian officials, who have held a series of negotiating sessions since early in the year, will meet again today (Oct. 18), in Washington. Wilson LaFollette, chief of the FCC's technical and information branch, who is participating in the talks, last week said both sides are "optimistic" that work on the new treaty and on resolving the incompatibilities on the clear channels can be concluded in "the first half of 1983."

The Alaskan concerns—which have not yet been echoed by broadcasters in the lower 48—involves the close to 200 assignments on U.S. clears that Canada is seeking. Tom Busch, of KNOW-NM Nome, Alaska, last week said Alaskans fear some of those assignments would result in interference to their stations, particularly in rural areas. He expressed surprise that the clear channel talks had appeared to stir comparatively little interest among clear channel stations in the continental U.S. He noted that generally clear channel stations had been quick to oppose the introduction of outlets on their frequencies thousands of miles away, in Alaska.

LaFollette attempted to ease concerns. "We have pointed out these matters to Canada," he said. "And those concerns are being taken care of." He noted that Canada has concerns of its own. "They have a few proposals for stations in remote areas where they are concerned about in-

terference from stations in the lower 48." LaFollette said, adding, "When these needs arise, negotiations proceed to try to make sure each side gets extended coverage. Alaskans' concerns are being worked into the bilateral discussions."

Americans are showing considerable interest in the clears of both countries. Some 150 "filings of interest" were submitted in response to a commission request for information on the number of applications that might be filed for assignments on Canadian clears in the U.S. And more than 300 applications have been filed for assignments on the U.S. clears.

Sorting out incompatibilities among proposals for stations on each other's clears is not the only alackons matter confronting the U.S. and Canadian negotiators. The U.S. is seeking to include in the bilateral agreement provisions that would permit increases in power for Class IV stations and for extending the hours of daytimers. Under one U.S. proposal, Class IV's could operate with up to 1 kw, instead of at the present limit of 250 w. And under a second proposal, which would be in line with a pending FCC rulemaking, daytimers would operate post-sunset. The proposal also would liberalize existing authority to operate pre-sunrise.

The U.S. will take up a number of the same issues when negotiations begin with Mexico on Nov. 15 to update, in light of the Rio agreement, the 1967 bilateral agreement that governs the two countries' employment of the AM band. □

INTERNATIONAL DX DIGEST

Times are GMT. For ELT subtract 5 hours. Deadlines are usually Monday.

CHUCK HUTTON
1035 LATHAM ROAD
DECATUR, GA 30033
(404) 633-1198
BEFORE 2300 ELT

- 580c JAMAICA with speeches by prime Minister Seaga and other officials and comments in between by woman announcer. No ID heard so not logged, 0505-0520 11/8. (Renfrew) Fair w/re-ligious p.m. ID and time check 0915 11/9. (Waterman)
- 580 ECUADOR Guayaquil HOPG2 0047 10/27. (Shaffer) Did you hear an ID? Local ads? Programing material? CH
- 580 PUERTO RICO San Juan WKAQ surfaced w/sung ID's 0946 11/9. (Waterman) 0905 11/7 Puerto Risco nx, ID as Radio Reloj. (Stephan) Noted in passing 0610 10/27. (Renfrew)
- 63L CUBA R. Rebelde CM?? listened from 0515 to 0602 11/10; male announcer, EZL SS vocals except one pop EE EZL vocal. Rebelde ID and woman with nx at 0555. Mx continued after 0600. The whole thing was exactly like "Encuentro con la Musica" on Progreso except for the Rebelde ID. If 640 is Guannabacoa then maybe this is at the east end of Cuba?? Fair sig. Started listening for it at 0035 11/11...not a peep! (Frodge)
- 640 GUADALUPE FP announcer gave frequencies prior to s/off under Cuban station. Difficult to hear but "La Marseillaise" and solo guitar indicated this was Guadelupe 0230 10/26. Report sent with musical notation for the guitar (key of G, repeated three times). Heard the next night at same time w/Venezuelan baseball game, but not since. (Renfrew)
- 660 MEXICO XERPX 0415 11/8 way u/WNEC w/children singing, //730, 900, 940. (Waterman)
- 690 ANGUILLA The Valley 0450 11/6 EE religion. (Shaffer)
- 710 VENEZUELA YVXY R. Capital 1cc burying WOR w/ads, talk, stn promos featuring heavy metal guitar 2327-2334 11/5. (DeL'zo)
- 750 VENEZUELA R. Caracas heard with what I believe was their National anthem 0500 11/3, which is now legally required of all Venezuelan stations at this time. This would be a good rendition to record for comparison with other potential TV DX. (Renfrew) Or you could write to the helpful IDXD editor who provides a tape of Latin American anthems-helpful IDXD editor.
- 750 VENEZUELA R. Caracas 0120-0125 11/7 SS talk by man, probably commercial ads and short excerpts from American rock songs. Clear ID's, good in WSB null. (Spraker)
- 765 SENEGAL Dakar L&C w/man in vernacular 2352 11/5 to 0002 11/6, WABC no problem; good w/African vocal and drums 2155-2157 11/7. (DeLorenzo)
- 780 VENEZUELA YVOD San Cristobal, Ecos del Torbes dominating the frequency with LA vocals 0953 11/9. (Waterman)
- 810 BAHAMAS ZNS3 Freeport surely the source of gospel mx and man in EE w/heavy Caribbean accent here w/WSY off 0525-0600 11/8. Only QRM was from PJB-800 splsh! (DeLorenzo)
- 825 ST. LUTTS Basseterre 0220-0225 11/7 playing request mx-religious in nature. Birthday greetings to individuals and time checks fair in WGY's slot. (Spraker)
- 830 VENEZUELA San Antonio de los Altos 0820 11/7 R. Sensacion in loud and clear after every song. Seems like all those South American stations are commercial free. (Stephan)
- 850 COLOMBIA tuned into a call-in show which ID'ed in RF, SS and EE at 0755 11/1. No domestic stations audible. Before each ID the announcer called out "CQ, CQ, CQ". Seems rather unusual. (Renfrew)
- 860 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIUA R. Clarin good w/sports interview in EE (later translated into SS) 2319 11/8. (Waterman)
- 860 NICARAGUA Managua YNAV 0024 11/5 ID, Cuban null. (Shaffer)
- 900 MEXICO XEW ID'ed at 0530 11/4 as "La Voz de la America Latina, escuche XEW, la gran estacion". News next with rapid code between each item then a talk show, well o/CHML. (Renfrew)
- 905 ECUADOR Guayaquil HCB02 0154 10/27 ID, fair strength. (Shaffer)
- 919a COLOMBIA Em. Fuentes first noted w/loud hot below 920, faded but then back at 0600 w/ID. A second ID at 0617 was followed by a song about Cartagena. (Renfrew)

- 945 ECUADOR Guayaquil HCB02 0156 10/27, ID with weak signal. (Shaffer) Hadn't heard this one for a while here, guess Honduras-944 must not be a problem for you-CH
- 995 PERU Lima OB4XJ 0123 10/27 many mentions of Lima. (Shaffer)
- 1020 ECUADOR Guayaquil HCEW2 0125 10/27 ID, fair strength. (Shaffer)
- VENEZUELA La Asuncion 0710 11/7 "Mundial Radio" in SS by familiar DJ. Where is KRKA? (Stephan) Still in Pittsburgh I believe...CH
- 1030 CUBA La Palma R. Guama u/WSB w/mx, talk by woman //990, 1000, 1010 0418 11/8. (Waterman)
- 1035 HAITI Port-au-Prince LVEC 2306 11/5 strong signal with EE religion. (Shaffer) Location is Cap Haitien-CH
- 1040 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC R. Central HION with solid signal during geomagnetic storm 0235-0315 11/1. Music w/frequent ID's, call letters given at 0300. Heard over another SS unid; no sign of WHO. (Renfrew)
- 1050 COLOMBIA Medellin HJDR 2335 11/5 ID, fair signal. (Shaffer)
- 1100 COLOMBIA R. Reloj, "La cadena Caracol de Colombia" 0200 10/28. Several geographical clues that this was Barranquilla outlet but no solid evidence. (Renfrew)
- 1110 VENEZUELA Cerupano 1000 11/7 just popped in loud and clear at 1000. Buried by EE stn at 0507. That makes 5 Venezuelans in two weeks. Seems like all there is on the dial these days in SS. (Stephan)
- 1180 CUBA CMOD R. Reloj Nueva Gernoa good o/u WSEAM w/all nx in SS 0458 11/8. (DeLorenzo)
- 1200 VENEZUELA YVOZ R. Tiempo L&C o/WOAI w/lively LA dance mx 0429-0438 11/8. (DeLorenzo)
- 1205 CAYMAN ISLANDS R. Cayman, George Town fair w/local nx and ID in EE //1555 from 2314-2318 11/7. (DeLorenzo)
- 1210 VENEZUELA YVEN R. Coro, Coro good o/u WCAU w/lively SS vocals 0421-0427 11/8. (DeLorenzo)
- 1241 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC my report a couple of weeks ago of R. Barahona was incorrect. Barahona was on 1240, LV de la Libertad on 1241. I hadn't yet realized at that time that conditions were good enough to allow a Dominican Republic stn to come through on a graveyard! (Waterman)
- 1430 UNID at 0500 10/28 I caught the tail end of a s/off which proclaimed "territorio libre de America". Cuba has been reported here. Not heard since. Best DX under GJCL usually is WENE. (Renfrew)
- 1550 COLOMBIA LV Portena, Barranquilla, clear ID on an empty channel 0620 11/1. (Renfrew)
- 1555 CAYMAN ISLANDS R. Cayman, Georgetown good w/EBC World Service news followed by local nx 2301-2311 11/7. (DeLorenzo)
- 1580 ANTIGUA VOA 0345 10/28 in/out with GJF in Quebec, but this one dominated the freq. Jazz mx pgn at 0415. (Stephan)
- 1580 COLOMBIA R. Principe, Barranquilla-since 1550 was strong I decided to see what might be under XERPX only to find this one on top all alone. Theme from Twilight Zone with ID at 0700 11/1. (Renfrew)

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| Marc DeLorenzo-Sudbury, Ma. | HQ100, SM2, LW |
| Harold Frodge-Midland, MI. | DX302, 185' LW |
| Jim Renfrew-Rochester, NY | DX150A, LW |
| Bill Shaffer-Toldeo, Ohio | FRG7700, LW, Sanserino loop |
| Dave Spreker-Schenectady, NY | FRG7, Superradio, SM2, LW |
| Paul Stephan-Greenwich, Ct. | DX302, LW |
| Sharon Waterman-Southwick, Ma. | HA600A, LW |

Not a whole lot shaking it seems. Tried to listen a few nights ago and noticed a tremendous aurora commencing about 9 PM so maybe you guys will have a little more LA DX next time. The only new thing I noticed was a powerful now Cuban on 1310; this is the guy that I mentioned a few issues ago as testing early in the AM. Generally on top of the channel so far. Still no trace of the new Turks and Caicos stuff on 1030 or 1570. Ditto the 1000 KW Venezuelan on 1240 which has been reported once from England and is on the air per Venezuelan authorities. Hope I have better luck hearing the North Dakota thing on 1200 KHz.....

14 YOUR 1ST-30 COUNTRIES IN ENGLISH

with comments on 20 in the Western Hemisphere (also included: a brief look at Pan-American DX possibilities in other languages). BY MARK CONNELLY

This article is an updated version of a previous article entitled "THE FIRST 20 MW COUNTRIES IN ENGLISH." This article is primarily intended for the Eastern US DXer. For the sake of brevity, the common DX bulletin abbreviation EE for English-language, will be used.

As one's first 30 countries in EE may contain Transatlantic DX as well as Pan-American stations and because the earlier article concentrated on the western hemisphere only, this article will be divided into 3 sections: (1) a "hit parade" style list, in order of approximate reception ease, of all 30 countries, (2) an alphabetical list of 20 Pan-American countries audible in EE (excluding USA & Canada) with information which may help in logging them. Note that section (2) is in the format of the previous article. Transatlantic DX is discussed in a companion article "Your First 40 Transatlantic Countries (And Then Some)" Section (3) of this article is a brief synopsis of Pan-American countries other than those listed in section (2). Most of the countries in the Section (3) listing are not commonly heard in EE.

Section (1) - Your First 30 MW Countries in English - in approximate order of ease of hearing each country's EE stations, based upon receptions from the Boston and Cape Cod areas. The first frequency listed is considered the easiest one.

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| 1. USA (many) | 16. Albania (1395- see note 1) |
| 2. Canada (many) | 17. Dominica (595) |
| 3. Netherlands Antilles (800) | 18. St. Vincent (705) |
| 4. St. Kitts (825, 555) | 19. Montserrat (885) |
| 5. Cayman Islands (1555, 1205) | 20. Jamaica (720, 700, 770) |
| 6. Belize (834) | 21. Barbados (900, 790) |
| 7. Antigua (1610) | 22. Iceland (567, 612, 1188) |
| 8. British Virgin Islands (780) | 23. Mexico (1570) |
| 9. Anguilla (1610) | 24. W. Germany (873) (1197-see note 1) |
| 10. Cuba (see section (2) listing) | 25. Bermuda (960) |
| 11. Haiti (1035) | 26. Trinidad & Tobago (730, 610) |
| 12. Monaco (1467- see note 1) | 27. Luxembourg (1440- see note 1) |
| 13. UK (882, 909, 693, 1053, 1089, 1215) | 28. Guyana (740) |
| 14. Bahamas (1540, 870) | 29. N. Iceland (1341) |
| 15. Grenada (535, 990) | 30. US Virgin Islands (1000, 970) |

NOTES

- Station listed uses several languages in addition to EE; consult World Radio TV Handbook (WRTVH) for schedule.
- Other possible Trans-atlantic EE targets; Vatican-1530, Sweden-1179, Italy-846, USSR-1143, 1386, and several African countries may be received in EE, along with other languages.

Section (2) - 20 Pan-American Countries (excluding the US/Canada) audible in English: an alphabetical list with reception details.

ANGUILLA The Caribbean Deacon, with religious programming on 1610, is heard most nights. The signal isn't always strong, but that's not important as it is on a clear channel. Only those with strong 1600 locals will have trouble with this one. Note that it has a listed silent period of 0500-0900. Parallel 690 is seldom heard. Anguilla-1505 is occasionally heard, but the signal tends to be poor.

ANTIQUA Three stations make Antigua easy: ZDK on 1100 with Caribbean & US soul music and locally-accented talk, Caribbean Radio Lighthouse- 1165 with religion (both of the local & US-produced varieties), and the Voice of America station on 1580 (with EE programming similar to that of VOA's shortwave outlets). ZDK is best just after the sunset sign-off(s/off) of WHL1 and before WWVE and/or HJAT fade-ins; if it's "short-skip auroral" ZDK may dominate throughout the evening to 0504 s/off (0204 Sunday). Caribbean Radio Lighthouse 1165 is heard from sunset (at transmitter or receiver, whichever is later) until s/off, usually around 0215. Reception is better earlier in the evening before WWVA stop gets too heavy; of course if it's auroral, you don't have to worry about WWVA (unless you live near Wheeling). The VOA station on 1580 may be heard under CBJ on normal nights; if it's auroral, CBJ is attenuated severely, leaving VOA more or less in the clear with perhaps HJQ2/WSAF/WCLS/XEDM in the background. VOA operates from 0000 to 0400. There's also an Antigua Station on 620; it is seldom heard.

BAHAMAS ZHS-1 on 1540 is heard regularly mixed with WPTR from southward-facing coastal areas, especially in WPTR's null (from LI southward). It can be heard best (alone on channel) with WPTR & KXEL attenuated by aurora. Programming

is usually light pop music & alot of local advertising. Religious programs have occasionally been noted. ZHS-3 on 810, featuring Black-oriented pop music, is heard best with CJVA/WCV "aurora'ed out". Short-skip auroral conditions are best in terms of preventing powerhouse HJCY (R. Sulatenza) from totally bulldozing ZHS-3 out of the picture. ZHS-2 is occasionally logged in the northeastern states during aurora with 1240 skip domestics knocked out & 1240 groundwave stations (WOCB et al) off or nulled. All three Bahamas stations operate a 24-hour schedule.

BARBADOS CBC (Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation) on 900 is heard well during aurora from coastal areas just after sunset has occurred at both ends of the path. YVHD (R. Nara) & other South Americans may also be present; hopefully, the aurora has cleaned away normal pests CKTS/CHML/CJBR. Accented announcements and a variety of generally mellow Caribbean & US/UK pop melodies may be heard. S/off occurs at 0600, s/on at 0930. The new Barbados outlet on 790 presently operates a brief schedule, reported to be 2100 s/on to 0300 s/off. Your best shot at this one would be right after sunset from a coastal location on an auroral night. The ideal site would be at least 50 miles over land from the closest groundwave 790 domestic. The bearing to that 790 groundwave (be it WEAN, WTAR, CFNW, or someone else) should be at a right angle to the bearing to Barbados, so that looping techniques can be successful. By mid-evening, after 0100, the Cuban on 790 can definitely be a pest. Most reports of Barbados- 790 mention talk as the principal programming.

BELIZE Belize City on 834 is one of the easier late-evening Pan-American splits; programs include local news and advertising and a wide variety of pop music including reggae, soul, mainstream US/UK top 40, and country-western. Some programming is in Spanish. Nominal s/off is at 0500 but all-night programming occurs with a considerable degree of regularity. Best reception time is after 0200.

BERMUDA ZFB on 960 occasionally makes it through tremendous levels of domestic and foreign QRM. A "short-skip auroral" night is best, reducing CHNS/WFGL/WELL/WSBY et al to groundwaves whilst not producing a situation which would allow HJHM to roll over the channel as it often does. Under such conditions, Bermuda would be noted with pop/soul music and local announcements possibly mixed with WIFF and domestic groundwaves. ZFB's main problem is that it is using a dreadfully inefficient 50-foot tower as its antenna. Other Bermuda outlets on 1230 and 1340 are generally logged only by those near southward-facing beaches in areas such as Nantucket or Nova Scotia, far to the east of the heaviest concentrations of US local 'graveyard' stations.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS ZBVI on 780 is good from just after sunset has occurred at both ends of the signal path. It is in the clear from when WABS (VA) goes off to when WBBM and/or Latin American (YVOD, HJZC et al) start to become bothersome. There have been some recent managerial problems at ZBVI causing interruptions in programming; one involved a dispute over whether to hire new DJ's to present a US-style adult-contemporary format instead of the well-known reggae & soul programming more appropriate for a Caribbean station. ZBVI packs a potent signal to coastal New Jersey, Long Island, & Cape Cod; inland reception occurs, but with much less regularity than at the shore. S/on time is 1000; s/off time is listed as 0200 (Mon.-Thurs.), 0400 (Fri./Sat.), 0100 (Sun.).

CAYMAN ISLANDS Radio Cayman is most easily heard on 1555 (unless WQXR is in your backyard). Laid-back adult-contemporary sooze-music and low-key announcing styles are featured. For reasons I don't quite fathom, they run a weaker parallel transmitter on 1205 (as if 1555, which booms into the USA, is incapable of covering the Cayman Islands). 1205 is heard fairly often by US DXers though not as well as 1555. Best 1205 reception is during auroral conditions when WCAU skip stop & the France-1206 QRM are removed from the 'playing field' around 1205. The two R. Cayman outlets s/off at 0430 (except 0330 Sunday).

CUBA This country poses a distinct problem to the writer of any DX article: whatever is written will probably be obsolete by the time it goes to print. Cuba is possibly the easiest country to hear aside from Canada & the US; that's based on their numerous Spanish-language outlets (considered pests, rather than DX, by many of us). I'm tentatively ranking Cuba #10 in terms of EE programming (see Section 1); this is based on a 1-year average of different manifestations of EE programming. Some months no EE broadcasts were logged; in other months, several powerhouse channels were noted with EE broadcasts to the USA. Some channels used in recent times include 550, 660, 1040 (very briefly), & 1160. No one expects relations between Cuba & the US to improve to the point that Cuba wouldn't want to broadcast EE propaganda to Americans and generally foul up the band with totally unnecessary superpowered Spanish-language domestic service stations.

16) **DOMINICA** Roseau on 595 with Caribbean & US/UK pop music and locally-accented announcers is heard most nights before 0230 s/off. As with many Caribbean stations, open carrier is usually left on after programming s/off. Such open carriers may be used by DXers as propagation beacons, even if they are of little other use. A 1210 outlet occasionally heard is more often in French than in EE: 1210 relays St. Lucia -840. Dominica has religious station on 1060 which is seldom heard in the US.

GRENADA Two stations, 535 & 990, represent Grenada. The 990 station is good during auroral conditions at coastal sites about an hour after receiving site sunset; under such conditions, a mix with YVFA/H3DBB/WH00 can be expected. If conditions aren't auroral, CBY/W22D/WH0X/WNYR may interfere. Look for Caribbean music (steel drums, calypso, reggae, ska, dub) and lively accented talk. The station on 535 is generally fair to good, although seldom super-strong. Like 990, best reception of 535 is shortly after both ends of the signal path have entered darkness. 535's programming is rather mellow with softer music & talk. In the past, occasional religious programs were broadcast, although that might not continue as the present Grenada government is pro-Castro. 535 has s/off at 0400.

GUYANA The Guyana Broadcasting Corporation outlet on 760, formerly known as Radio Demerara, is occasionally loggable just after sunset during auroral conditions - at least from southward-facing coastal areas. If Surinam on 725 is 'blowing the house down', then Guyana should have a good chance of being heard. EE programming includes reggae & US/UK pop music as well as long, drawn-out announcements of local matters: one somewhat morbid program noted is what amounts to an obituary column of the airwaves. If listening to death notices isn't your 'thing', tune out for a few minutes & then come back. You may be surprised to hear Hindu or Islamic music - yes, this is still Guyana. Guyana, like Surinam & Trinidad, has a sizeable population of immigrants from India, Indonesia, and other far-flung former colonies of Britain & Holland. Guyana is also supposed to have a 10kw station on 705. Nobody in the US has definitely logged Guyana-705; St. Vincent ties down that channel. Action Radio-560 gets logged about once a year, usually from Long Island. In ME, NH, MA, HB, & the western NS coastal regions, WGAN overwhelms 560, unfortunately. In CT & western MA, WHYH chops things up & in the NJ/Delmarva peninsula/eastern PA areas, WFIL pretty much demolishes Guyana. The 560 outlet is supposed to be parallel to elusive 705. The WRTVH lists 0817 s/on & 0200 s/off for 760 and its shortwave parallels on 3265 & 5980 Khz. 560 & 705 have 0755 s/on and 0315 s/off; 5950Khz. is on the air from 1100 to 0315 with programs parallel to 560 & 705.

HAITI 4VEC on 1035 provides religious programming in EE. It is heard well from just after sunset to 2400 s/off. Several Haitian stations other than 1035 can be heard, these are mostly in French.

JAMAICA J.B.C. on 700 & 720 are heard most often. Reggae, calypso, & American soul/disco records are played; DJ's often have thick Caribbean accents. Less frequently heard Jamaicans are on 550, 560, 580, 620, & 770. 750 is reported off. Most stations operate throughout the night. Jamaicans are most reliably heard after 0400, when many co-channel Venezuelan stations s/off for the evening.

MEXICO XERF-1570 is the only EE Mexican station heard regularly in the north-eastern states. Religious programs and/or country-western are offered, although at present the station is not operating during the early morning (east coast time) hours most conducive to good propagation from Mexico. An all-night C&W show for truckers is in the planning stages; once that comes on, XERF will once again become a common catch in MA, especially on auroral mornings with superpet CKLM knocked out. XERF has an interesting history including all sorts of fast-back-type 'doctors' & 'preachers' selling everything from snake oil to prayer cloths to plastic religious articles that glowed in the dark. Several other Mexican stations make it to the northeastern US, but these are in Spanish (e.g. 940, 730, 900, 8940). Best reception is from 0500 to east coast dawn. XEC on 1050 has run EE in the past, I'm not sure about the current format as WHN/CHUM usually tie up that channel.

MONTSERAT ZJB Plymouth on 885 runs EE programming, often featuring relays of BBC news on the hour. Music played encompasses Caribbean reggae/calypso & US pop hits, both new & old. A lot of mellow soul is played (e.g. Dionne Warwick, Stylistics). In New England, the signal is best as soon as darkness has commenced on both ends of the signal path. At that time, WCOS's sloop is primarily from its groundwave component, which can be easily looped or phased. WLS sloop is not a problem until later in the evening; on auroral nights WLS is never a problem. 885, therefore, may be completely in the clear right up to 0200 s/off on an auroral night. ZJB's signal is seldom in the 'juggernaut' strength category, but it's widely heard. Montserrat's Radio Antilles outlets are on 740 (audible in FF mixed with YVNC, with CBMM/CBL lost to aurora) & on

930 (mostly in EE & hardly ever heard in the US).

17) **NETHERLANDS ANTILLES** PJB Bonaire on 800 (Trans World Radio) is one of the easiest Caribbean stations to hear - even listeners quite close to Windsor/Detroit's CKLW-800 have gotten it. The format is religious & programming is in several different languages. EE broadcasts are from 0230 to 0600 (except 0500 Monday). "Caribbean Night Call" is a popular mail-bag type program on PJB late in the evening.

ST. KITTS Basseterre on 825 (Radio Paradise) is very strong throughout the evening to 0400 s/off. There's no serious QRM to 825 in the east, except within a couple of miles of WNYC-830. Programming is religious, with many syndicated shows of US origin. DXers far to the west may get 825 better between s/on (0200 except 0745 Sunday) and transmitter site dawn. Z1Z-555 isn't quite as strong as 825, but it's heard fairly often at locations without serious 550 & 560 local pests. Caribbean-accented EE with international pop hits & Caribbean music is the format. As with many other stations on former British territory in the Caribbean, Z1Z often relays BBC news, Z1Z-555 s/off is at 0300 but it usually leaves its transmitter on (running open carrier) to combat the effects of the warm, humid air on equipment. S/on of regular programming is at 1000.

ST. VINCENT Kingstown on 705 is a good split channel to check just after the signal path enters darkness. On non-auroral evenings, especially at inland sites where 705 is apt to be weak, WOR & WLW skip sloop will QRM St. Vincent later into the evening as darkness spreads westward. 705's programming features Caribbean-accented EE, mellow Caribbean calypso music & some US/UK pop music. Audio level tends to be low; the DXer should try to loop out as much WOR sloop as possible. 705 has a listed s/off of 0300 followed (usually) by unmodulated (open) carrier until s/on at 1000. St. Vincent also has a seldom-heard station on 1450 which runs French-language programming.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO Two stations represent these islands: 610 & 730. Both require auroral conditions to clear domestic pests away from their channels. Unless properly-directed Beverages are available, a receiving location within 20 miles/32km. of the ocean on the bearing towards Trinidad & Tobago is virtually essential. Local announcements (including interesting local advertising, on-the-air lottery drawings, etc.) often in thickly-accented EE. Characterize these stations. Programming which serves the East Indian Hindu & Islamic immigrant communities has sometimes been heard on 730. Both stations should be audible from just after sunset to 0400 s/off and then from 0230 to the first appearance of sunrise along the signal path. Chances of hearing Trinidad & Tobago are good if (1) domestics are weakened by aurora (2) Barbados & Grenada are good & (3) Surinam-725 is like a local.

Section (3) - *A brief synopsis of Pan-American DX countries, aside from the US, Canada, and those listed in Section (2).*

The 1979 Kazaross-Connelly-Delorenzo "DXING LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN" Article (available as NRC & IRCA reprints) is slightly outdated, but still of general use. Important differences are that Cuba's stations have done numerous shuffles of frequencies, locations, & powers; they are continuing to do so. St. Kitts, formerly on 1265 is now on 825. Anguilla has gotten much easier to hear thanks to the new outlet on 1610. The Costa Rican splits are gone, making that country considerably harder to hear in the northeastern states. There are no easily-heard Puerto Rican EE stations since WH0A-870 went all-Spanish. Brazil is actively expanding its number of stations; continuing power increases and additional facilities may make Brazil an easier catch. Argentina-870 is being logged more regularly. Turks & Caicos is now being logged, during auroral conditions, on 1460. The Cuban shuffle has made some channels easier for stations from other Latin American countries (Jamaica on 720, Venezuela/Columbia-750, etc.); other channels (e.g. 790) are now more difficult to DX due to new Cuban QRM. The continuing expansion of no-silent-period broadcasting within the US and Canada and the breakdown of clear channels will, of course, have a negative impact on all types of international DX.

For the sake of brevity, the list to follow only gives countries & frequencies of 'best bet' Pan-American DX stations. The list is in alphabetical order of countries. The US, Canada, & the 20 countries of Section (2) are not listed. For information about slogans, schedules, & best reception times, consult IRCA Foreign Log #9, the WRTVH, recent DX bulletins, the aforementioned "DXing Latin America & the Caribbean" article, lists of Pan-American split channels compiled by Chuck Hutton, and lists of Cubans compiled by Ron Schatz. Remember that the slogan, rather than the call, is considered the ID on most Latin American Stations. In the following list, the language used by the stations listed is Spanish, except those marked PP (Portuguese), FF (French), EE (English) or DD (Dutch).

Likely to be heard:

Argentina 870, 950, 1030
Brazil (PP) 860, 1000, 1100, 1120, 1220
Colombia, many, 700, 730, 760, 810, 820, 890, 960, 1040, 1070, 1100, 1160
...
Venezuela, many, 540, 640, 670, 710, 720, 740, 750, 830, 910, 950, 1000, 1020, 1070, 1110, 1200 are some of the best.

The following are considered very unlikely to be heard:

Bolivia 1020, others
Chile 1140, 1180, others
Falkland Islands (EE) 536
Martinique (FF) 1310 (if back on the air)
Uruguay 850, others

NOTE: Easily-heard St. Pierre & Miquelon- 1375 is not considered as a Pan-American country for this article: DX columns treat it as a TA, much as Alaska is considered a TP.

Any article written about Pan-American DX is doomed to quick obsolescence. Now high-powered stations, many of them religious outlets with EE programming, are being planned off the Caribbean. When one of these stations takes to the air, a formerly rare country can become commonplace in very short order. The instability of Cuban broadcasting requires daily monitoring from south Florida to keep up to date. Active participation in the club's international columns is the best way to keep abreast of developments.

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STEVE FEELS THE SATURATION POINT IS HERE

STEVE KENNEDY - Box 231 - Immokalee, FL - 33934
..... (.C.L.I.) There are stations which can afford to give away money in contests, actively participate in community affairs, and donate sweat and effort toward that cause without it causing serious problems. Often times, all a small station can do is run PSA spots, and maybe run a couple of programs on a 'sustaining' basis to at least try to do something for the public. Now, I am going to direct a comment to the broadcasting community. I cannot see any justification for an increase in the number of stations operating full time. The available amount of ad dollars is not enough to permit stations to run full time. It seems that every small 'town' which is in reality a part of a larger metro area has on file a CP for another station. I think the breakdown of the clear channels was one of the worst mistakes made by the FCC next to deregulation. If I could buy a radio station, I would want a small daytimer. A daytimer is the most profitable as small stations go. I do believe that the U.S. AM (and FM) radio scene has just about come to the saturation point. With the proliferation of FM music stations, many AMers are having a hard time trying to compete. With any decent common home or car radio, I can find at least a dozen rockers, c/w, half a dozen REL, Oldies, and NX/TLK stations on AM or FM. The only way a lot of stations are going to survive is to offer a format not featured on any other station. This is why WKEM-1490 is SS - Immokalee is 70% Mexican-American. And we could no longer survive as a C&W station with six others quite audible - competition. Broadcasting is tough business to be in. Some people move all the time, many have had marital problems because of it, often the pay is low. But, if JERRY STARR, myself, & a few others in this Club can survive as many years as we have in broadcasting, there must be something good about the business. It is a way of life! That's my 2¢ worth. Sorry if I went over 30, but I too had to put my comments in on this. Next Muse, some DX heard, at last. 73.

TONY'S IN THE TWILIGHT OF HIS PENNSYLVANIA DXING

TONY FITZHERBERT - 116 Devon Road - Chalfont, PA - 18914 11/8/82
..... Hi - I'm just back from contract signing on the hoise up in Fairfield. I noted a new one on the way - WMCB-1310 ex-WB10, in Parsippany-Troy Hills, NJ, IDs as "Morris County's Radio Station", format is EZL: Sinatra, w/NX spots, sounds automated. Studios & offices & four-tower array are along I-80, near the I-287 cutoff, W of Paterson. Also noted on this trip was WJZ has dropped its BBD/NOS/EZL for Oldies from the 60's & 70's - a good station down the tube! And they were the founders of the MIX format. On the way back, CHRIS LUCAS joined us in the car from Norwalk to the Tappan Zee Bridge, via WGCH-1490. DX in the last days here is great! Here it is: 11/6- 5:36am, WNEP-1290 all alone until 6am, when WCCL s/on, dominating 1290 - over to 1600 for WLNG, 6:20-6:40, mixing w/WMCR - but lost to WIXY 16 at 6:48am. Reports off for verie attempts (again!!) from WLNG, WNEP, WIXY! Then for SSS, a local-sounding WCSC-1390 @ 4:45pm, WNSI-1380 @ 4:55, with U. of Florida FB, lost by 5:05 to WENX. 1370 brought in needed WLTC @ 5:06-5:15 s/off, after fire-n-brimstone preacher! Sun, evening 11/7 @ 1460 fleets! At 4:50pm, WBST started the parade, lost to WMB @ 4:42, then WBUL 4:53 to detailed s/off @ 5 - good signal, for this needed station. Then at 5:04pm, WAKS to 5:13, drat, lost just before s/off! Then WRAD 5:14-5:16, not enough for a report. Not much else until 5:45pm when a loud preacher w/WZZD-990 gave me 15 minutes of KWAM, never heard by me before. Up early this AM 11/8, fooling with the dial on 1410, heard WING @ 5:38am, and lost to WPOP, but at 5:46, I got three minutes of WLAQ, but nothing good for a report. Eight reports out this week, five to new stations, three more attempts to notorious non-verifiers! Veries back from WCMC-1230 w/v/q; my report, noted, from WBNR-1260, v/f from WADS-690 w/CM, v/q from WAIT-820. Good DX to all!

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Stricter NRC rules to come
SEE PAGE 2 - ABOUT PIRATES! (Headline in Cape Cod Times)

20 CARY SIMPSON - 601 Fifth Street - Tyrone, PA - 16686
 Who would be broadcasting obituaries on 580 between 9:30 & 10 p.m.? On 11/5/82 I heard this, a very guttural, deep accent. Signal was barely above QRM, & disappeared. Later, in same direction, general music of some undistinguishing type. It sounded like a Caribbean island, but who? (Jamaica, methinks -ERC) At the same time, Belize-834 was in well, Antigua-1610, many stations on U.S. clears, such as 640, 660, 720, 760, 780 (three or four stations), 830, but surprisingly, the middle & upper ends of the dial were quister. Can someone explain that? Attention JERRY STARR: My most-wanted has been WHOT-1330. On the morning of 10/16, I finally picked it up. The last time I got WHOT was 16 years earlier while up in the middle of the night, giving our brand new son a bottle! He is now a part-time DJ on the local station! New topic: CJSE-540 is in like a local on most nights, much stronger than the 50kw clears in Toronto & Montreal. Why can't I pick up WNYR-990? Must be at just the wrong distance for a skip, and too weak for groundwave. WNOX always covers everything on 990. At night, WRO-1440, whose DA is in this direction, is like a local, stronger than WVAH-1430, just 12 miles away. I too have noted WYXX-1550, Smyrna, GA. They say, "The Southeast's most powerful Christian station" and it sounds like it. Many years ago WBSG-1550 used to come in well in the NE, no more. I wish some member would write a simple explanation of the ideal skip distance for each month of the year - what distance is the ideal for skips in deep winter, in February, etc. This way, we could know what stations to be alerted for in each month. 73's. PS: Our son Ted visited a family in England this Summer, & made a cassette of the AM band including quite a lengthy part on the BBC Roadshow, a longtime remote from bechias & resprts. If anyone would like a copy of this, send a cassette. I can also include a copy of an article on Roadshow from UK radio magazine.

WATCH FOR A FEBRUARY TEST FROM WDLG-1430

HENRY A. COTTERILL - R.D. #1 - Box 391 - Milford, PA - 18337 717-296-6083 11/7
 Hello there everyone! First I'd like to once again thank BOB HARRISON for sending me WABC Music Power Survey Sheets (1969-1971). This time I tell you more about myself; I'm 13 years old & I work at the local radio station on weekends - WDLG-1490 & WDLG-FM-96.7, engineering Port Jervis H.S. FB games. Next year is their 30th anniversary (1953-1983). Also CE Henry Sperr has told me that there might be a Pop test in mid-February, with 1kw, so stay tuned. The equipment that I use is an old RCA five-tube table radio with built-in loop, a Radio Shack DX-60 & a Grundig Concert Boy 1000, and a 75' LW. My latest DX has been a pirate station in Manhattan at 1620. They call themselves KW Radio & they take phone calls at 212-283-9977. First night I tuned in I heard pirate DXer Vince Pinto call in, and he was talking to a Nixon impressionist, then about 20 minutes later I heard PAUL MOUNT call in. The station really is a "comedy shop". I'm looking forward to the NRC Convention in HARTFORD, & are you ready for a call letter meaning? WTIC-1080 just happens to use the Traveler's WX Service and in the same town is the Travelers Insurance Companies. Maybe at one time they owned WTIC. (Verily, they did! -ERC) (Still do, no?? -ERC) Last week I had a nice talk on the phone with JOHN BRANDEL in Newburgh. We were talking about equipment, prices, styles, etc. & I received a catalog in the mail yesterday from Competitive Camors Corp. They have the Sony ICF-S5W for \$34.95 believe it or not. Their address is 157 West 30 Street, New York, NY 10001, ask for Catalog #19 & that's it from the music-radio monitor! 73's.

BRIAN ALSO CLEANED UP ON AN AURORA

BRIAN PITMAN - 835 Milford Drive #102 - Kingston, ON
 Greetings from the birthplace of hockey. CKWS-960 & 96.3 will soon be in their new studio on Counter Street, & I'll forward their address. CKLC-1380 was heard with the station owner thanking listeners & sponsors for their patronage over the years & saying that on Fri. Oct. 8 @ 3pm "CKLC will become a thing of the past." This caused a bit of a stir around town. It turned out to be a clever promotional gimmick for an oldies weekend to celebrate their 29th anniversary. Drats! I have joined the CPC & will start as soon as I hear from NEIL ZANK. (Let's see, one letter each from 700 members.. humm.) Reception this last week of October has been very good, adding 14 to the log. I think we're in for a good season. 10/23- YVRS-1020 w/ID @ 3:30am. HION-1040 heard @ 5 w/R. Central, & @ 6 YNS-655 popped up w/ID & mx, then faded quickly. SS also heard on 630 1050 1010 that morn. HK 10/25- Umm XKOW-860 KS was testing 1115-1130, & WOPF-560 AL was testing w/cl mx & ID @ 3:36. Tues. 10/26 netted four stations, HJAC-1130 @ 2:45am, CHJQ-1200 10:33pm, HJCK-700 @ 11pm, & seconds later HJBU-680. Sses also on 1310 1340 that evening & a YV on 1150 Tues. AM probably YVMM. Wed. 10/27 I almost ignored WYNN-1340 VT as a call change for St. Johnsbury when heard @ 6105am w/NX; that VJ Guide has got to go! 6:41, WAGR-580 NC in w/C&W & local ads. Thu. 10/28 WDRV-550 NC in at 6:45am, w/e strong signal folo @ 6:59 by WCAB-590 NC. These were preceded by an UNID on 730 @ 6:17pm sounding like WNNX & called itself W-mix or W-max, pop mx including Stevia Mix etc. & ad for Goodyear store in Chatham. I wish my tape recorder was on. MM 11/1- YVMJ-580 @ 12:53 w/quiet SS mx & Hora de Venezuela ID & @ 1:12 YVQX-920. The WRTH has proved an invaluable aid for SA DX, almost as important as speaking the language which I don't. 73's.

TOM CONNATSER - Route 9 - Box 78 - Sevierville, TN - 37862 11/5/82
 Greetings from the Smokies. We started the week off great w/ WX in the low 80's but daily T-storms, things have now cleared up but cooled off considerably. Unfortunately CX have been rotten all week & the DX has been non-entant. No veries have come my way lately, either. I did take a couple of reports last night on WCHS & WIBC. The next project here is to try my hand at some CPC work. I received the information yesterday from NEIL ZANK & have a few stations in mind to contact about a possible TEST. Stay tuned for details, but don't hold your breath! One correction to make on the last AMS, WJRB-1430 TN is listed as seeking WJKZ; in fact, they are now using the new call WKKZ, & seems to ID as "KZ Country". The FCC might have confused the issue since WKKZ's owner Mack Sanders had also applied to change the call of WYSE-FM Clinton TN to WNKX. That change is also in effect, & the station IDs as "Kicks 95" and is operated entirely separately from WNOX. Thanks to ROBERT KRAMER for getting the address of WBDX-TN, & to KEN ONYSCHUK for answering my question on WJJD's current night power. WJJD & WBDX are just two of a group of stations who haven't bothered to answer my reports this year. I hope as a side effect of our public relations effort, stations will become more cooperative with us. I am aware that radio stations do not exist for the purpose of answering DX mail, but surely, it can't take so much time to respond to a few requests for a verie that stations should automatically put us off. The use of station-prepared QSL cards which need be only filled out and mailed can't be THAT much trouble. Even returning our reports with an OK and the CE's initials on it is better than nothing! The growing number of reluctant & non-verifiers is making this hobby somewhat frustrating, although I, for one, intend to remain a member & continue to try to pry those veries out of stations. Here's a thought for these stations: it takes us longer to hear your station and write our report to you than it takes you to read our report and issue the verie, & we have other things, including jobs, to do. With that off my chest, I'll go on SP for another week & hope CX get better, & the DX starts rolling in. 73's & C U N 7.

STICKERS AND THINGS

TERRY KLAZEK - 9720 Vickie Place - St. Louis, MO - 63136 314-868-7274 ppd
 Hello gang! Once again Terrie is Musing to all members whether they want me to or not, hi! Promo Trading has been hectic here. Over 1,000 new stix have been acquired in trades and about 400 more added from the stations themselves! Recently MARK STRICKERT sent 200 stix, GEORGE WALTON sent 250, FRANK MERRILL sent seven T-shirts, RICH EDDIE sent 300 stickers! Plus stickers from NIEL WOLFISH, JERRY BOND, GEORGE GREENE, PAUL MOUNT, TONY CLARK, KONSTANTINE RYCHALSKY, & TOM CONNATSER. I wish to thank all these great people who helped my promo collection grow this year, & I hope I sent them equally good stuff in return! I now need more stuff! I desperately need the following: plastic cards, buttons, key chains, paper club cards, pens, pencils, & badges! If any DXer sends me one of every different item he can from this list I will send you the same type items, stickers, CMs in equal number! Since attending the great Convention in Louisville I find I have made a number of new friends, & my correspondence has grown considerably! It is really great to see how friendly everybody is at the Conventions, unlike some other clubs! I do plan to stay a member of NRC for a very long time, even if it gets to \$50 per year! That is not loyalty friends, but rather it is INSANITY! I already have plenty of stuff for the NRC auction that I know WOLF J. FLYWHEEL will love to auction off in '83, & I will have even more for it by Summer '83. I hope everybody donates something to the auction to help OUR CLUB! Remember if you donate something very few people will be donating things for our 50th anniversary Auction. Make this the best Convention and Auction yet. Send Junque to RON MUSCO now! Or start getting things together to send this Spring or Summer! Good DX to all & 73's - C U N 7.

HEARS MID-AMERICA IN MID-PACIFIC

ROD O'CONNOR - c/o USCGC Mallow (WLB-396) - F.P.O., San Francisco, CA 96672
 (Homeport: Honolulu - 6 Nov. 1982) Aloha DXers - After a six-week trip to the South Pacific, the Mallow has returned "home" to Honolulu. For once I managed to get in some DX - first off, my catch of the year - while visiting Apia, Western Samoa, I stayed at famous Aggie Grey's Hotel & @ 11:45pm Samoa Time (6:45am EDT) 21/22 Oct. I started checking out the AM dial on my Panasonic RP888. After receiving mostly Australian & N.Z. stations, I came upon a ysther strong, but deep-fading U.S.-sounding station on 1110 kHz. An ad for "World Radio" was heard, folo by a detailed WX forecast for Nebraska & Iowa, & then an ID - KPAB! I was quite surprised, or shocked, to be hearing such a distant station coming in so strong, despite the deep fading. This was one instance where I paid to "hang in there" thru the fading. As I got the ID, the signal peaked, almost to local quality. After logging KPAB, I tried for other mainland stations, but none approached the strength of KPAB. Only other one heard with some sort of ID was "91-KW" 910 - any ideas? I'm guessing KNEW - no? Normally I don't send reports, but one has gone to KPAB. The airline distance is 5,000 miles. I'll report on a visit to WVUV-648 next. Musing. Happy Thanksgiving!

22) BRENT TAYLOR - CFMB Radio - Box 217 - Fredericton, NB - E3B 4Z4
..... Hi once Home: 506-472-0041. Work: 506-455-5501.
again, everybody. Time to skip over another BRENT TAYLOR Muse, hi. Actually things haven't been going too badly here lately. The new cable TV program, "DX Magazine" is doing well. I taped another two shows about a week ago. So far there is a little response. A few letters dribble in about the show asking what it's all about. One fellow said he had been DXing for decades but never knew anyone else did. I promptly gave him the address of the NRC Publishing Centre, hi. Maybe Fredericton will become Canada's DX Capital. I hope so. I am trying a new thing on the programme: I have prepared what I call the "Fredericton List". It's a compilation by frequency of all MW stations normally heard here by myself. Sort of like a mini-WRTM or Domestic Log. I make it available thru the TV Show free of charge to anybody who wants some sort of guide to start them off. I sure wish I had one in Montreal when I started DX-ing ten years ago. That was before I found Communications World on a local newsstand. No such magazine is available here any more. I think this type of list can be a great help to budding DXers all over. All it would take would be one DXer in each region to prepare the list and then make it available somehow through a TV Show like I do or through PSA's at local radio stations. Even a small newspaper ad might do the trick. It's a great way to promote the Club. It lets prospective DXers start on the hobby right away. As soon as I can get a few more copies of the list (seven pages), run off, I am going to send one to JOHN CALLAHAN for his criticisms. As you know JOHN is heavily into celebrating NRC's 50th Anniversary by promoting the Club as such as possible. I trust he will be able to give me a few pointers as to how to improve the next edition of the "Fredericton List". I urge all to get in touch with JOHN as I have, and then do your part to help the NRC. I see I'm near my 30-line limit. This was going to be a short Muse, hi. Maybe next time I'll have some good DX to report. If I can get enough members in this area maybe we can all van-pool to HARTFORD in '83. CUL. 73.

MOUNT & GREENE RUN A BIG DX MACHINE

PAUL R. MOUNT - 471 Emerson Avenue - Teaneck, NJ - 07666 9211.11
..... C.L.I. This would have made a rare photograph - GEORGE GREENE & me sitting down at a receiver, DXing the AM band. Eight years of friendship that originated from being in the same Club that promoted that very interest, but never a sit-down-to-AM-DX session before. It was ME at the Louisville Beverage Antenna site, on an R-390A-URR. Notes: WKY-930 OK w/ID between a Berry Kenilow record & "Make the World Go Away" 3:17pm. UNID-940 running some kind of teletalk & pop mx, 52° there @ 3:18. WREC-600 TN IDed 3:31, while across the 'room' they IDed KOGO-600 CA. One had EZL, one AdC. UNID T-40-990 w/CDT TCs 3:22-3:35. UNID TTer-1140, SS-1180. KGI-810 CA w/Nighttime Network & "KGO listens to you", promo @ 3:46. Last, both sets of DXers were listening to 1230 w/possibly the "Jerry's Kids" teletalk, giving the phone number 547-2355. CDT TCs. An ID was W-L-, we started looking up wild possibilities in AL, & WI, but it turned out to be someone in IN; I left before it was IDed. Then I drove around Louisville & Shively, and by the airport till past sunrise. Monday I packed & left quickly, and made my plane back to Newark (EWR) by only five minutes. My suitcase was so heavy from stuff bought at the auction that I couldn't walk more than 100' without switching arms! Still to come, the NEADKO/NY/CT trip, the Baltimore trip, and some listening above 1600 on AM. Is there a way to check the printed quality of the inside back cover before it is sent out? It has looked shabby in some recent issues. Also one issue had three of the same page in it, w/IDXD, & Musings from CONNATSER & HAUSER. 73.

NOVEMBER IS BETTER THAN WAS OCTOBER

KARL V. JETER - 3590-C Clubhouse Circle East - Decatur, GA - 30032
..... The 11th month seems to be shipping up better, DX-wise, after a "verie" bad month of October! Oct's only reply was a nice v/1 from WBDX-1030. But so far, three this month: v/1's from WASG-1140 - WHUB-1400; a v/PP/c from WXVI-1600 after a long wait. If all goes well, we will be in our new house by Spring; right now we are just awaiting mortgage approval so that construction will start. We will be located not far from our present location, about five miles further East, near Stone Mountain, GA. It promises to be a good DX locale with more distance from the strong locals, and as it is a semi-rural area, maybe room for a nice long beverage, perhaps? Hi. No, DXing had nothing to do with our new home, altho I did turn down the standard al minum siding in favor of costlier wood. Speaking of DX, has anyone noticed WHOG-1570 staying on nightly 30 minutes past their LSS? They've been noted several times w/s/off @ about 6:02pm. Then KMAR-1570 blasts in until their 6:15 s/off. Between all this, on 11/5, I managed a lox on KLLA-1570 w/s/off 6:12pm w/SSB. Back on 11/2, nice copy on WASG-1140 w/s/off, mentioned 10,000W & their tower height (500'). They had a great signal once WIXE was gone, just prior to WASG's 5:45 s/off. Way back on 10/31, an SRS session brought WLIH-1590 w/s/on 6:02am - I thought I had something until I realized it was ex-WYFA, heard on a DX TEST a few years back. Same AM, 1560 was overrun by WTRQ, that notorious non-verifier (NNV-ERC) w/at least six ads for IDA food store in a ten-minute period! This from 6:20-6:30 am. Just for the heck of it, a report w/a PP/c was sent. That's about all

(KARL JETER, con'd.) the DX around here. By the way, if anyone is waiting for a verie from KHAD-1190 De Soto, MO, better send a f/up, PP/c. Per a phone call to the SK, he requests them! Hopefully more DX to report next time! 73.

YO-HO-HO AND A BUNCH OF PIRATES

VINCENT J. PINTO - 2 Fairview Terrace - Airmont Acres - Suffern, NY - 10901
..... As Winter and its low levels of low frequency noise draw near I am spending less time listening on MW/SW, & more time experimenting down on LW. I have been doing well at logging AM pirates lately - several have been on enough that I think they should start worrying about being traced, KW & WART. Speaking of tracing, I find that peaking or nulling any but the nearest of MW stations at night (on loops) is vexing. I can't get a real null on many of the powerful AM stations 20-32 miles away. And as for pirates, forget it. With their lower power and poor antennas, I've never gotten a real null at night yet. Except PRN, which does null to ME sometimes, very shallow, tho. I decided WFUN is in Brooklyn because they say Manhattan, yet all have Brooklyn accents, etc. DX NEWS 11/1, BOB SMOLAREK asks about an UNID pirate, 1610. Probably KW radio, NYC area. Usually found from 1611 to 1616 kHz. They've only been on a few months. They've been known to use WNYX & WRKS FMs as program filler, often on weeknights. No QSLs. Re ERC's question, same letter, WRNO is a La. SW station. I logged VOA in EE on 1580 @ 0001 GMT 11/8 (7:01am EST 11/7 -ERC) CF: (?? -ERC) MARK STRICKERT letter 11/1 issue. I never heard of KBNZ pirate on SW - check out GLEN HAUSER's LW column in Prendix. It has excellent pirate & UNID section, or write to me. I bought a Icom-IC-R70 last week as my R7A needed warranty work. I love its microprocessor functions & memory options. I don't love receiver section as much as my R7A. However, IC-R70 is half the price, so I can't compare. Definitely outstrips the Pross & Kenwoods tho, basically a good buy. I will do a review of R70 if and when I get time. I got my first pirate v/q "WART"-1620, Staten Island postmark. No one else has verified him yet. 73. (PLEASE double space, Vincent??? -ERC)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER; DOWN MEXICO WAY

RONALD F. SCHATZ - 250 West Sample Road - Pompano Beach, FL - 33064 11/15/82
..... (Via telephone) Greetings! 1-305-785-2720
By the time this is read, WSUA-1260, R. Suave, ex-WHTT, should be on the air with smooth & easy SS mx. I'm just back from Mexico City - AM dial: XERPM-660 "6-60", "La Tropical de Oro". XEMP-710 "R. 7-10", "En sonido de la musica" w/ "The Hills are Alive with the Sound of Music" in the background. XEDF-970 "R. Fantastica". XERED-1110 "La Red" (network) "La Red de Recuerdos" for Agustin Lara fans. XESM-1470 "R. Cañon". XESAJ-1560 "La Consentida La Consentida" (to the tune of Guadalajara Guadalajara. R. VIP was kicked to the FM band on 88.1. Local WGBS-710 is indeed in stereo using the Kahn/Hazeltine system, by far the worst of the five contending stereo systems. Latest Cuban change is R. Surcos from 1190 to 1440. The press distorts reality like a fun house mirror. It is reasonably safe to visit El Salvador & Broadcasting Magazine is seldom right about this whole Cuban interference mess. My comments, FCC #182187 are now an NRC reprint. I now have my Cuban list on computer; latest copy free for a legal-sized SASE. 73 de RFS. (Please double space, Ron-Ell)

DULLSVILLE

BINVEST COOPER - 5 Anthony Street - Provincetown, MA - 02657 617-487-9337 11/16
..... Another week with no veries, and no new ones. Yet, CX seem fairly good, but as has been the case for several Autumns now, there's virtually no sign of any TA's. I've been DXing though, and on Tues. 11/9 I actually tried SSS, and heard WAMB-1170 really sockin' it to WWVA; they were on top, @ 5:36pm, in fact. I'm amazed they're not required to use lower critical hours power! 11/10 - I noted WLW is carrying Sally Dull; 'twould seem this famous radio station could do better than that! That mystery station on 1315a was in again around 1:20am, that lingo sounds like FF to me, but accented. I then took more copy on WASY-1590, ex-WDCI, ME, & sent a report. Thu. 11/11 - Local WEAN-790 now seems to have its own AN-TLK show, noted @ 1:14am. Unn CPCY-630 was putting out a fine signal this morning, almost equalling WPRO. While mentioning Providence stations, WICE-1290 definitely is AN-6 now in foreign lingo. Sat. 11/13 - Local WPLM s/off @ 12:58am w/Lord's Prayer (1390). On 1310, WSSJ was strong @ 1am. An PFC on 540 s/off @ 1:17am, likely CBEP. SM 11/14 - I tuned around for two hours without hearing anything to write about here! MM 11/15 - Unn WILI dominated 1400 @ 1am as they went into ABC NX. WASY-1590 was AN, so mark them down as NSP. At 1:38, somebody was Tting on 1390, but I did not ID him. For you B/S fans, WPTQ-1440 was promoting theirs @ 2am; they've dropped rr and are now more EZL-like, a fine improvement! The REL on 960 to 2 am. turned out to be only WELI-CT. Unn WVCG-1080 was testing @ 2:09, really wrecking WTIC, & I called PAUL MOUNT to alert him to this one, but they went right off so 'twas to no avail, other than pleasant conversation. I noted on the GYs, local WOCB-1240 AMing; WRD topping 1340 @ 2:51, & WIIN doing likewise on 1450 @ 3, going from Olivia Newton John into NK. While I have space, is anybody interested in Scouting out there? B.S.A., that is. If so, please write. Also, anybody interested in turtles? I'm in the market for a NEW RX - no frills necessary like digital readout, just comparable w/the HQ-180. CUN7.