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## DX Test ...

WYST-1010, Baltimore, Md will conduct a DX TEST on Monday November 6, 1989 from 0330 to 0400 ELT. During the test period WYST will raise power from night time 28 watts to 1000 watts non-directional. This equipment test will use Oldies music from WYST's normal format with frequent announcements identifying this as a test broadcast. Please send all reports including return postage to Mr Dan O'Neill, Program Director, WYST-AM, 1111 Park Ave. "The Penthouse", Baltimore, MD 21201. Test arranged by Bob Harrison and the Colorado CPC Machine for the NRC.

## From the editor ...

Welcome, all, to Volume 57, #1, of DXN and another season of BCB DX. Why not make a resolve right now to send in sometime this year at least one contribution to a column, or a clipping, or a listing for DXChange, or even that article you've been meaning to write? If nothing else, send Wayne and Jeff stamps so that more tests like the one above can continue to be listed. I can assure you, after surveying my overflowing input baskets on my desk, that contributions to DXN are up ... why not join the rest of the club members with yours?

One of my (continuing) resolutions is to improve DXN, both in the quality of its offerings and its appearance. If you'd like to see more, or less, of what we've featured in the past, please let me know. For example, I receive more pro and con comments about clippings than any other item, even I use them primarily as a low priority filler. What types of clippings do you want to see? And I've had a few comments about highly technical articles, especially those containing large amounts of mathematical equations. Do you want to see all the equations, or should they be reserved for NRC Reprints for those that need them, leaving room

in DXN for more text? How do you feel about occasional radio-related cartoons and humor? Should I strive for more consistent text appearance in DXN, or are you satisfied with different type faces and dot-matrix submissions? I'd like to know!

*It's a girl!* Congratulations to Bill and Nancy Hardy, whose little harmonic, Melanie Joy, arrived at 3:42 pm (Bill duly notes "PDT") September 22, at nine pounds even. Mother, daughter, and father are doing fine. So it's back to early a. m. feedings and DX, eh?

*DXChange ...* Fritz Mellberg would like to trade his clean ICOM R71A for a well-kept R70 and \$300 cash. The R71A has the narrow FL-44 PBT filter and notch in AM mod, plus manuals and boxes. Also for sale is a Sony ICF-2010 at \$225, or trade for another portable. Contact Fritz at 1505 Central - Hawarden, IA 51023, or call (712) 552-2458 evenings except Tuesdays ... LeRoy Johnson - 2400 James - Topeka, KS 66614, (913) 272-6612, who was one of the visitors to the convention, is offering Supreme Publications yearly radio schematics from 1926-1960, including all types of chassis, as a package for \$150 ... Isaac Eaves has thousands of electronic magazines and books for sale, some dating to the 1920's, and he'll send a list for an SASE - 18503 Canyon Cove Drive - Crosby, TX 77532.

## DX Time Machine

### From the pages of DX News

**Twenty-five years ago ...** From September 19, 1964: Many members offered Ray Edge congrats for a job well done after he stepped down as publisher and Dick Cooper replaced him, with this issue ... Sheldon Miller, Miami Beach, FL typed up a Musing during Hurricane Cleo, noting that the roar of the 85-mph wind made DX'ing impossible ... and Allen Nissen, Ft. Lee, NJ, inquired if anyone was missing a pair of pants, found in the hotel at the Buffalo Convention.

**Ten years ago ...** From October 8, 1979 ... Coming from Louisville and guest editor Dick Truax, column editors included John D. Bowler, Ray Arruda, Chuck Hutton, John Kromka, John Callarman, Bill Hale, and Ernest R. Cooper, with the 16-pagemembership list typed by Pat Hartlage.

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# AM Switch

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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and NRC members

## CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call:	New call:	Old call:	New call:
690 WAPE FL Jacksonville	WKRF*	1300 KSWN NE McCook	KBRL*
730 KBOY OR Medford	KKVC	1330 WDLW MA Waltham	WAFN
970 KVIM CA Coachella	KCLB	1340 WYOM PA Wilkes-Barre	WBCR
1050 WTPQ CA Conyers	WPKB*	KTPO TX San Angelo	KOJO
1170 WKPE MA Orleans	WIXT	1410 WATD MA Brockton	WMSX
1190 W000 FL Royal Palm Beach	W000	1450 WSPB FL Sarasota	WQLL
1230 WFNS CT Manchester	WLVH	1550 WTPP TN Parsons	WKYJ
WIGW NH Berlin	WMOU		

Notes on calls: WAPE-690 call change to WKRF is correct as first reported here. The FCC sent out a release changing the call to WKRF as reported last issue but this turned out to be another of those famous and frequent FCC typos. Call is WKRF as noted above. WTPQ-1050 change to WPKB is being made by prospective new owners, application to do so was made once before but time ran out, thus this new application for the same change. We're unsure about the fate of KBRL-1560 Imperial, NE as we have seen no call change there that would release KBRL for KSWN-1300. More on this later I assume.

## APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

## GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

840 CA Yountville: 2500/250 U4

## APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

630 KHDL WA	Opportunity: to 840 kHz with 50000/250 U1
1200 KOQI CA	Soquel: powers to 50000/11500
1360 WGNH GA	Lawrenceville: to 610 kHz with 1500 D1
1400 WSJM MI	St. Joseph: to 1310 kHz with 5000/500 U4
1570 WKOL NY	Amsterdam: to Ballston Spa, NY (this in conjunction with the application by the owners of WCSS-1490, also in Amsterdam, to buy WKOL. The move to Ballston Spa would satisfy the FCC's regulations concerning co-location of facilities)

## GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

630 KIAM AK	Nenana: night power to 2200 watts, increase tower height
1410 KRML CA	Carmel: powers to 2500/2000, antenna to U4, relocate XR
1580 WJIK NC	Camp Lejeune: relocate XR (unclear if this is for 1580 kHz or the CP to move to 830 kHz)

## OTHERNESS

The FCC has begun cleaning house for some of the long-standing unbuilt CPs for new stations and long silent facilities. The following have been DELETED and can be crossed off your Log:

720 WGNZ VA	Tuckahoe
840 KUIP NV	Gardnersville
1040 WKAO SC	Hanahan
1200 KRDE CA	Pismo Beach
1340 KJLY OR	Klamath Falls
1520 WKRE VA	Jamesville

Now that we are back to the weekly schedule once again AM Switch will appear to be smaller but the information flow to you will be much quicker.

73 and Good DX, *Jerry & BKF* Jerry Starr & Buffalo k. Foonman

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**Love 82**  
WGGM-AM

# Station Address Changes

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Supplied by NRC members and other sources

530 CPYZ ON TORONTO-LESTER B. PEARSON INT'L AIRPORT	P.O. BOX 6003 TORONTO A.M.F., ON L5P 1B5	
580 WCHS WV CHARLESTON	BOX 1153 25324	GHD-WV
790 WLSV NY WELLSVILLE	P.O. BOX 409 14895-0409	JW-CO
800 WLDL CT DANBURY	Zip Code Change Only - 06810	GHD-WV
800 WJPM SC GREEN	Zip Code Change Only - 29652	BH-NJ
850 WEAT FL WEST PALM BEACH	2406 SOUTH CONGRESS	JW-CO
970 WCHN NY NORWICH	P.O. BOX 552 13815-0552	SW-ENG
980 WKLY GA HARTWELL	BOX 666 30643	BH-NJ
990 WLDX AL FAYETTE	BOX 189 35585	JW-CO
1010 WPKY AL DORA	add HWY. 78 36843	JW-CO
1040 WUBB TN POWELL	1114 W. CLINCH AVENUE, SUITE 1-A KNOXVILLE, TN 37916	JW-CO
1040 WAPN WV GREEN VALLEY	P.O. BOX 6350, BLUEFIELD, VA 24701	GHD-WV
1110 WNPJ PA NORRISTOWN	2311 OLD ARCH ROAD 19401	BH-NJ
1110 CKTY ON SARNIA	1415 LONDON ROAD N7S 1P6	BW-MI
1140 WIXC AL HAZEL GREEN	11808 MEMORIAL PKWY., HUNTSVILLE, AL 35803	JW-CO
1190 CDMR ON MISSISSAUGA	490 MYECROFT ROAD, OAKVILLE, ON L6K 2H1	GHD-WV
1200 WKIT ME BREWER	417 WILSON STREET, BANGOR, ME 04412	SW-ENG
1230 WAIM SC ANDERSON	BOX 650, OLD WILLIAMSON ROAD 29622	DL-
1230 WODE SC COLUMBIA	BOX 50568, 1717 GERVIS STREET 29250	DL-
1230 WGLS SC FLORENCE	151 SOUTH DRAGON STREET 29501	DL-
1240 WLEO SC LORIS	BOX 578, HWY. 701 SOUTH 29569	DL-
1240 WROK SC NEWBERRY	BOX 753, 3000 HAZEL STREET 29108	DL-
1240 WDXY SC SUMTER	BOX 1269, 51 COMMERCE STREET 29150	DL-
1290 WKY NC HICKORY	Zip Code Change Only - 28793	JW-CO
1310 WDKD SC KINGSTREE	BOX 1125 29556	JW-CO
1320 WLEE VA RICHMOND	3977 DEEP ROCK ROAD 23233	GHD-WV
1340 WNNH CT NEW HAVEN	129 COLLEGE STREET 06510	BH-NJ
1340 W6AU GA ATHENS	Zip Code Change Only - 30610-4799	JW-CO
1340 W6BQ GA AUGUSTA	Zip Code Change Only - 30913-2066	JW-CO
1340 WRAM PA READING	1265 PERKIDOMEN AVENUE 19602	BH-NJ
1340 W0KE SC CHARLESTON	BOX 30547, 1715 SAM RITTENBURG BLVD. 29407	DL-
1340 WRHI SC ROCK HILL	BOX 307, 142 N. CONFEDERATE AVE. 29731	DL-
1340 W85C SC SUMTER	BOX 1468, 201 OSWEGO ROAD 29150	DL-
1360 WZPD AL JASPER	BOX 622 35501	JW-CO
1360 WGNM GA LAWRENCEVILLE	BOX 246 30246	JW-CO
1360 WNDW OH CONNEAUT	239 BROAD STREET	GHD-WV
1390 K0JJ IA DES MOINES	Zip Code Change Only - 50312	JW-CO
1390 WLAN PA LANCASTER	Zip Code Change Only - 17603	BH-NJ
1400 WFTL FL FORT LAUDERDALE	2100 NW 21st AVENUE	SW-ENG
1400 WDCS SC COLUMBIA	BOX 748, 2440 MILLWOOD AVENUE 29202	DL-
1400 WGTN SC GEORGETOWN	BOX 1400, 216 SOUTH FRASER STREET 29442	DL-
1400 WKDY SC SPARTANBURG	BOX 5035, 304 GARNER STREET 29304	DL-
1400 W0BG WV CLARKSBURG	P.O. BOX 726 26302-0726	GHD-WV
1400 WRON WV RONCEVERT	Correct spelling of city.	GHD-WV
1450 W0VG GA MILLEDGEVILLE	BOX 519 31061	JW-CO
1450 W0XH SC GOOSE CREEK	1 CARRIAGE LANE, CHARLESTON, SC 29402	DL-
1450 WCRS SC GREENWOOD	BOX 1247, 637 EAST DRUST STREET 29648	DL-
1450 WHSC SC HARTSVILLE	BOX 940, 1430 SOUTH 5th STREET 29550	DL-
1450 W0LTP WV PARKERSBURG	Add BELPRE, OH to address.	GHD-WV
1460 WVOX NY NEW ROCHELLE	ONE BROADCAST FORUM 10801	BH-NJ
1470 WRGA GA ROME	BOX 1187 30161	JW-CO
1480 WABB AL MOBILE	BOX 2148 36652	JW-CO
1480 WZJY SC MOUNT PLEASANT	BOX 12039, CHARLESTON, SC 29412	JW-CO
1490 KCUZ AZ SAFFORD	BOX 1130 85548-1330	JW-CO
1490 WMLG GA MONROE	BOX 1154 30655	JW-CO
1490 W0UP MS TUPELO	BOX 2439 38803	JW-CO
1490 WAGP SC BEAUFORT	BOX 1477, 806 MONSON STREET 29901	DL-
1490 W0CD SC CHESTER	BOX 746, 165 HARRIS STREET 29706	DL-
1490 W0NI SC HARTSVILLE	403 WEST LINCOLN STREET 29550	DL-
1490 KMDW TX AUSTIN	P.O. BOX 162727 78716	SW-ENG
1490 W0CS WV FAIRMONT	Zip Code Change Only - 26544	JW-CO
1550 WCCZ FL NEW SMYRNA BEACH	109 CANAL STREET 32069	BH-NJ
1560 W0GM TN NASHVILLE	BOX 12040 37212	JW-CO
1600 W0FIS SC FOUNTAIN INN	BOX 156 29644	JW-CO

1290 AM 104FM  
**why**

# Domestic DX Digest - East

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*DX Catches in the Eastern U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT*

## MEDIUM WAVE rAmblings

■ Volume 57, Issue 1 is here!! It's the Club's New Year's, so to speak. And that's time to do your New Year's DX Resolution: participate! Whether it's in a Huse, reporting your DX to the appropriate Digest column, sending in a BandScan, or whatever. Become a part of the NRC. Do it today!

■ A new abbreviation has been coined, thanks to **Charles Reh**. We will now use **PSRA** for Pre-Sunrise Authority, so as not to confuse PSA with Public Service Announcement.

■ A word about the brevity of this week's column. Well, two words, actually. One, the "season" hasn't started yet. And two, I was unexpectedly called out of town for business on September 19th, so this had to be typed up early. All DX reported here will definitely be printed in the next issue.

## SPECIAL

- 930 KRIA TX SAN ANTONIO - 9/17 **back on with Kool Gold** satellite-delivered format; slogan: *Cool Gold 930-AM*; have **never** heard a legal ID out of them yet (Ed.-TX)
- 980 WLMX GA ROSSVILLE - xln1 with AC, *Light Mix 105* non-IDs; **simulcasts WLMX-FM 105.5** Rossville, GA; ex:WGVV (EB-GA1)
- 1200 WMXA IL CHICAGO - 8/19 1200 XLNT with OC & ID; **still not on RS yet**; what's the story on this one?; they've been testing for 6 months, always with OC (RK-IL)
- 1360 WWBZ NJ VINELAND - 8/25 0827 silent stn, **hrd back on the air**; way over WEBB with PSA→SID→slogan: *WWBZ, Talk radio for Gloucester County→Paul Harvey* (CC-MD)
- 1560 WSLA LA SLIDELL - 9/11 0220 with *Sports Final* from the *American Radio Network*; still going @ 0330 with sports talk; **apparently now NSP**; we just got rid of WPAD on MMS & now another one goes AN; sometimes you just can't win (CR-ON)
- 1570 CHLO ON ST THOMAS - **has dropped MoYL** for ROK OLD & calls itself *Good Time Hits, CHLO*; still has REL from 1900-2300; also, does not carry Blue Jays BB as someone reported a few issues back; CFOR is the Jays stn on 1570 (CR-ON)

## UNIDs AND UNIDs IDd

- 860 UNID ?? - 8/25 0759 with SS pgmmg; hrd several times that week; WBGR, perhaps, but neither Log nor *Baltimore Sun* lists then as having any SS (CC-MD)
- 1050 UNID ?? - 8/25 0814 with C&W mx # *FM-100, WC? K X?*, mixing with WNTR; 'CKX can't be the CL, as they are on 106.3 (CC-MD)
- 1320 WCVG KY COVINGTON - probably my UNID of 8/16 (Issue 30); noted 9/6 0640 with BRN programming; **this one used to be all-Elvis** (CR-ON)

## DX/EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 1440 WEZJ KY WILLIAMSBURG - 9/5 0530 (tune-in) good with 1khz TT; gave IDs every 2 minutes over the tone: *This is WEZJ, Williamsburg KY, conducting on-the-air frequency tests*; unn (CR-ON)

## TIS & OTHER

- 530 TIS IL JOLIET - 8/17 1020 with long tape loop about the Illinois-Michigan Canal; mixing with 2 others (RK-IL)
- TIS IL LEMONT - 8/17 1100 good, above Joliet & Morris TISers with similar, but different looped tape about IL-MI Canal (RK-IL)
- TIS IL MORRIS - 8/17 1138 poor, over/under Joliet TIS with similar, but not matching tape loop, approx 1.5-2 min about the IL-MI Canal; these 3 make 530 sound like a Gyer, with the Dan Ryan Expressway TIS stn in very weakly (RK-IL)

KNJX865 MD GRAYSONVILLE, EASTON, SALISBURY (downtown) & Jct US 50 & US 13 - *Reach the Beach* TISs, all giving same message; hrd while passing thru (CC-MD)

530 and 1610 TIS per John Wilkins :  
KIE718 and all Smoky Mt. stns. NAT'L PARK SERVICE, GREAT SMOKY MT. N.P.  
RADIO SHOP, GATLINBURG, TN 37738

Sugar Loaf Mt., MD NAT'L WX R., METEOROLOGIST-IN-CHARGE  
WX SERVICE HOMECAST OFFICE, ROOM 302  
WORLD WX BLDG., WASHINGTON, DC 20233  
(This address might be for other WX stns. as well.)

KNJX865 Long Hill/Orioles MD MARYLAND HWY. ADMINISTRATION  
BOX 3347, L'VALE, MD 21502

### HELP DEPARTMENT:

Per letter from Bob Harrison, series from following stns. were returned by P.O. Anyone have current address for:

790 CKSD ON SUDBURY  
1330 WHAZ NY TROY

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# Frequency Deviations

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*Observations of measured frequency deviations and associated activities*

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In mid-August I took along my specially calibrated, peaked, TRF 12-655 (my regular monitoring receiver) on a trip from southeastern Missouri northward to St. Louis, thence eastward to Bellaire, Ohio (just south of, and across the river from, Wheeling, West Virginia).

Apparent frequency deviations had been moderate and slightly increasing for several days before the trip, and existing pretty well all across the dial to various extents. They were still at about the same level upon my return a week later.

At St. Louis, only two of my regular thirteen monitoring frequencies showed any deviation at all, and only very small, 1 to 1½ khz.

At Indianapolis, only one showed a deviation, similarly small, but on a different frequency than either of those in St. Louis.

At Huber Heights, Ohio (north of Dayton), apparent deviations were again similar to, but not as great as, deviations in Missouri.

At Bellaire, apparent deviations were very close in intensity to those in Missouri, but a slightly different "pattern" across the dial was evident. For example, 1490 and 750 seem to be most strongly affected in Missouri, but 1020 was most affected in Bellaire.

Frequency checks at the rate of four per day there showed the same type of fluctuations from time to time as in Missouri. Since that area is subject to occasional minor tremors, I assume there are faults there.

In my opinion, these findings support the theory that these deviations are noticeable on or near faults that are under some stress most of the time, and are likely areas for tremors.

The St. Louis and Indianapolis results indicate that my receiver's special dial's readings are about as accurate as possible with this type radio - and within one khz. at worst. (It was calibrated by wrapping it in foil, grounding the foil, and feeding in the signal by a wire from a V.F.O. with a digital frequency counter attached.)

## WTOP NEWSRADIO 15

WXM42 MD SUGARLOAF MTN - 8/18 1342 relay of Hagerstown NOAA; must have cable antenna buried, as was hrd for several miles on I-70 (CC-MD)  
 1610 TIS VA CHINCOTEAGUE - 8/25 0821 with general tourist info; very good audio for about 25 miles away; CLs, if any, not given (CC-VA)

### STEREO LIGHTS LIT

570 WKYX KY PADUCAH - Now C-Quam (EB-KY)  
 690 WVOK AL BIRMINGHAM - Now C-Quam (EB-GA)  
 730 WFMW KY MADISONVILLE - Now C-Quam (EB-KY)  
 810 WDDD IL JOHNSTON CITY - Now C-Quam (EB-IL)  
 820 WAPO TN JASPER - now on with ContChr, in C-Quam (EB-TN)  
 830 KBOA MO KENNETT - Now C-Quam (EB-KY)  
 1310 WTTL KY MADISONVILLE - Now C-Quam (EB-KY)  
 1550 KAPE MO CAPE GIRARDEAU - Now C-Quam (EB-KY)

### MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

630 WEJL PA SCRANTON - 9/5 0606 with local nx read by female & PSA for The Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution→WEJL Wx followed by last half of *You Don't Know Me* by Jerry Vale which probably means they went to a satellite feed (or maybe they can take Jerry only in small doses); good with CFCC nulled; been after this one for 25 years (CR-ON)  
 1140 WLOD TN LOUDON - 8/31 0630 on top with sign-on @ WWVA LSR; began sked with *The Overnight Report* with Les Hall; no PSRA listed in Log but per annct, uses 500w 'til LSR (CR-ON)  
 1240 WSBC IL CHICAGO - 9/3 0100 XLNT with sign-off (RK-IL)  
 WEDC IL CHICAGO - 9/3 0100 XLNT with sign-on just after WSBC sign-off (RK-IL)  
 1320 KRLW AR WALNUT RIDGE - 9/2 0700 good with sign-on (RK-IL)  
 1330 WSSY IL EVANSTON - 9/3 0208 good with sign-off (RK-IL)  
 1360 WGFA IL WATSEKA - 9/2 0700 alone with sign-on (RK-IL)  
 WLCM SC LANCASTER - 9/2 0600 poor in mess with sign-on (RK-IL)  
 1390 WAJD FL GAINESVILLE - 9/3 0215 good, but fadey over WZKw with hard ROK, 1390 Gator Rock non-IDs, legal ID @ 0257; change from C&W (EB-GA)  
 1440 WWGT ME WESTBROOK - 9/11 0342 good with CHR & non-ID as Portland's Power Station, G-98; missed legal ID @ 0400 when another FM clone WHHY-AL (Y-102) faded up; WWGT back on top for 0500 'ID:Broadcasting live from one of America's greatest cities, Portland's 12-in-a-row Power Station, G-98; no CLs or city of license given; a perfect example of how not to make a legal ID (CR-ON)  
 1560 WY2Q KY HAZARD - 9/14 0652 fair over WCNW @ a fading WQXR; had obit report followed by an ad for *1st Federal Savings & Loan of Mountain Hazard*→WY2Q wx forecast; my 4500th catch (CR-ON)  
 1570 WOBS IN NEW ALBANY - 9/5 0204 good→poor over others with MBS Nx, USFDA PSA, Talknet promo with The new WOBS non-ID & The Talk of Metro Louisville slogan in promo→Talknet; now all-talk, change from REL (EB-GA)  
 1580 KOKB OK BLACKWELL - 8/31 0700 with non-ID:Your hometown stn, AM-1580, KOKB; mixing with a very weak WBBE & an unID Ucer calling itself AM stereo, Z-16; no sign of usual powerhouse WPGC; fdoes KOKB have a PSRA or do they use their 40w nite power 'til LSR? (CR-ON)

### MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT

770 WEW MO ST LOUIS - 8/31 2053 good over WVNN/WABC with BBD, male DJ mentg Lee Coffee & Buddy Moreno's airshifts, sign-off with Kate Smith's *God Bless America*; St. Louis #8 (EB-GA)  
 960 WRFC GA ATHENS 9/6 1518 good over WERC with slight WNIV-970 splash with CHR, CLs & sports show promo (EB-GA)  
 1460 WKRP IN NORTH VERNON - 9/5 2006 atop mess with end of SNN Nx & annct:Stay on top of the world with nx from the Satellite News Network here on Jennings County's WKRP→C&W mx (CR-ON)  
 1470 WBFC KY STANTON - 9/4 1947 fair with tail-end of sign-off with WOHO nulled; apparently does not use PSSA or nite power (CR-ON)  
 1550 WAAJ AL HUNTSVILLE - 9/11 2030 fair with CBE nulled with ID:There's more gospel music on WAAJ, AM 1550, Huntsville-Decatur, your southern gospel connection; was mixing with WBSC-SC, which is now SMN OLD, ex:GOS (CR-ON)

### REPORTERS:

EB-GA ERIC BUENEMAN//Woodstock, GA//TM-152, SM-2  
 EB-GA1 ERIC BUENEMAN//near Ringwood, GA//Mopar AM#/FM# caradio



EB-TN ERIC BUENEMAN//on I-24 near South Pittsburg, TN//Mopar as above  
 EB-KY ERIC BUENEMAN//on I-24 in Western KY//samo-samo  
 EB-IL ERIC BUENEMAN//on I-57 in Southern IL//again  
 CC-MD1 CHRIS CUOMO//vac in Ocean City, MD//84 Delco caradio  
 CC-MD2 CHRIS CUOMO//vac in Salisbury, MD//same equipment  
 RK-IL ROBERT KRAMER//Chicago, IL//R-1000, HQ-129X + RW Loop, Kowalski Loop  
 CR-ON CHARLES REM//Leamington, ON//R-39A, S-40A, Sanserino loop, 40" phased loop, Realistic TR-3000 open reel

### SOME ABBREVIATIONS & SPECIAL SYMBOLS USED IN DDXD-E

TT:test tones O:open carrier TC:time check RS:regular schedule QRM:interference QTH:location SID:singing ID CID:code ID jx:jingle mx:music nx:news wx:weather HS:high school FB:football BB:baseball HKY:hockey BKB:basketball :00: on the hour LSR:local sunrise SRS:sunrise skip LSS:local sunset SSS:sunset skip SSB:Star Spangled Banner PSA:Public Service Announcement PSRA:Pre Sunrise Authority PSSA: Post Sunset Authority ||parallel with →:to or into #:stereo SS:Spanish FF:French EE:English POL:political GOS:gospel REL:religious or religious AC:adult contemporary BDB:big band OLD:oldies ROK:rock 'n' roll CHR:contemporary hit radio ContChr:contemporary Christian C&W:country & western EZ:easy listening UC:urban contemporary AP:Associated Press Radio UPI:United Press International MBS:Mutual Broadcasting System USRN:United Stns Radio Net NPR: National Public Radio MRN: Motor Racing Net MCRN:Music Country Radio Net IRN:Interstate Radio Net

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## Domestic DX Digest - West

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

Welcome all to my inaugural column. Most standard NRC abbreviations will be used. Please try to keep your DX loggings fairly current. Deadline will be the Saturday preceding Paul's deadline in Topeka. Next deadline will be October 7.

### SPECIAL



840 KWPN West Point, NE  
 Per station 5kw CP is on (TRH-CA)  
 1140 KLUC N. Las Vegas, NV  
 9/6-2210 Id'ing as KLUC-98.5 so is //FM at least part of the time. (Call change appears to be in effect-wh) (Ex- KRSR) (JR-CA)  
 1210 KBSG Auburn, WA  
 9/2 0152 mostly atop w/oldies, lady DJ "K-best 97.3 KBSG" several spots, whispered "KBSG, Auburn" between spots! Wx after spots, "KBSG-FM, Tacoma-Seattle, and the new 1210 AM" back to oldies. (Ex- KASY) (BH-WA)  
 1390 KJME Denver, CO  
 City of license is Denver until such time as the 5000/500 U2 permit is used. New call took effect in July. Programming is S:MEX. Currently operating 0800-0200. Night power is 138 watts. Info per Announcer Ambres Neidig. Neidig also has a contract to purchase the station from its current owner. (Ex- KDZR) (WWH-CO)  
 1540 KLAU Capitola, CA  
 9/9 2153 Good w/ Giants BB, "Kool Gold" promo's, local ads and ID. (Ex- KNZS) (TRH-SDB)

### Midnight to Noon

540 KDFT Ferris, TX  
 9/10 0805 fair w/local ad. Antenna pattern is in the shape of an arrowhead with the tip at Oklahoma City. Puts a decent amount of signal to North & West. Current schedule is 0700-2100, will apply to raise night power to 300 watts (U4) and add another tower. Early s/off time is due to overwhelming XEWA QRM inside their main coverage area (TRH-SDB)  
 590 KAQQ Spokane, WA  
 9/3 0400 In all night with long music sets and "KAQQ, the new Q-97" slogan Although Bonita is closer to local KKLQ-600, KKLQ is easier to null here. (TRH-CA1)  
 630 KSLR San Antonio, TX  
 9/10 0329. On top of channel w/Contemporary Christian mx, jingles. Slogan is "San Antonio's Christian radio, Sonlight Radio 63, KSLR. Very rare here ,KHOW may well have been off.(per KHOW they were ON!-wh)(TRH-SDB)  
 800 KNKK Brigham City, UT  
 8/24, 0510-0520, w/C&W Mx & "Kay-Nack" ID's Mixed w/XEROK, XEMMM of was off. Nite power 30 watts (JR-CA)

- 1010 KZRC Milwaukie, OR  
9/10 1101 ID with weird voice between hard rock songs, "Z-ROCK, KZRC, Milwaukie-Portland" Fair but alone power line static made for hard copy (BHB-WA)
- 1130 WISN Milwaukee, WI  
9/17 0734 Good signal w/ no sign of KWKH ending Sx w/"Talk Radio WISN" ID. Unn but long time no hear. (WWH-CO)
- 1140 KCMJ Palm Springs, CA  
9/20 0443 good to strong. "1140, KCMJ. With more of your favorites in a row". CA#57. (JT-CO)
- 1140 WSAO Senatobia, MS  
9/20 0700 fair with s/on at 0700. "WSAO News". MS#4 (JT-CO)
- 1150 KAGO Klamath Falls, OR  
9/20 0759 poor w/full data s/on for OR#6. KJIM s/on at 0800 prevented any further listening. (JT-CO)
- 1150 CKX Brandon, MB  
9-13 0711 Fair w/KJIM OC with Old Rock Mx and local ads. (WWH-CO)
- 1180 WJNT Pearl, MS  
9/20 0700 "This is News Talk WJNT, Pearl" followed by CBS Nx fair w/KKAR nulled (WWH-CO)
- 1220 CJRB Bossvian, MN  
9/18 0712 Atop channel w/ light C&W music CJRB, Radio Southern Manitoba ID's. (WWH-CO)
- 1250 KIKC Forsyth, MT  
9/17 0800 Unique s/on. They just turned the XMTR on in the middle of the intro to Mutual News! (WWH-CO)
- 1340 KIKO Miami, AZ  
9/10 0516 Tape delayed AZ State FB. Included KTAR promo's & ID's. Cut off when KTAR went TALK and s/off by man w/SSB 0549 (TRH-SDB)
- 1370 KXTL Butte, MT  
9/10 0012 Strong on NE wire with MT FB, No sign of pests XEHF/XEHG (TRH-SDB)
- 1560 KTXZ West Lake Hills, TX  
9/10 0410 Good, w/WQXR & Unid. Bilingual format SS/EE CHR. ID's "Musica Tejana, KTXZ" and "KTXZ News, Sports, Weather, plus the POWER—you're listening to KTXZ, Austin's original Tejano music Station". New (TRH-SDB)
- 1560 WHEZ Portage, MI  
9/10 0636-0642 Great signal w/Transtar oldies, ID's, promo's and local ads Wx for Kalamazoo. Presumed on PSA, New MI #2. (TRH-CA)
- 1610 KOD773 Olympic Nat'l Park, Port Angeles  
9/2 0250-0322 poor to nil w/ long deep fades, occ bits of audio, only other TIS heard was occ Chief Joseph Dam. 2 minute message on park facilities by lady, followed by 40 sec. Wx and road update by man, this could be mistaken for 2 separate TIS's. Man's msg ends with clear "KOD773" calls. New, Station #1000! (Congrats!- wh) (BH-WA)

### Noon to Midnight

- 790 KUTA Blanding, UT  
9/9 2352 tentative with Utah State Aggies o/u KABC on NE wire. No ID but suspect KUTA now using nite power. (TRH-SDB)
- 1140 KCMJ Palm Springs, CA  
9/6 2210 w/ Dodgers BB, mixing w/KLUC-98.5 (JR-CA)
- 1230 KAMJ Phoenix, AZ  
9/9 2329 Fair in mess with promo's for Notre Dame FB & AZ Wildcats FB. Back into Padres BB, frequent use of "Sports Radio 12-30" slogan (TRH-SDB)
- 1240 KYOR Globe, AZ  
9/9 2258-2356 Fair, thru semi-local KSON w/AZ Wildcats FB, local ads & ID's Noted later w/NBC News, New. (TRH-SDB)
- 1260 KSNO Aspen, CO  
9/9 2146 Fair to Good w/ light mx s/off by man o/KGIL/XEMW. Plug for K-SNOW-FM with "the Breeze" format on 103.9. Either on too late, or has 1/2hr PSSA. New. (TRH-SDB)
- 1320 KAWC Yuma, AZ  
9/9 2338 Fair w/local KGMG toward the end of their 2 hr PSSA. Think the last 1/2hr is only 62.5w (TRH-SDB)
- 1480 KRRU Pueblo, CO  
9/9 2204-2206 Fair w/REL prg 2206 s/off by man. 1hr after Pueblo sunset apparently 1hr PSSA. New, been trying for this for years. (TRH-SDB) (Tim, My closest unheard local!-wh)

### Unid's

- 590 UNID  
9/10 0730 Good w/TNN satellite C&W. No ID's for over 1hr. WOW is TNN but this lasted well past LSR in Omaha. KSUB-UT maybe? (TRH-CA1)
- 890 UNID  
9/10 0730-0750 Strong on East wire. Southern Gospel pgm. Suspect WQIS-MS. Possibly Unn KBYE-OK, seemed too "Southern" for them. (TRH-SDB)
- 1450 KNLC(?)  
9/7 Unid w/"KNLC, Mile High Country" and possible s/off @ 0300 (JR-CA)

**WDIA**  
AM 1070

1560 UNID

9/10 0343-0406 Poor w/WQXR on East wire. Sportstalk w/800#. Net Nx on the hour, faded up for female "via satellite, this is the NEWS CO(?) radio network..." Best guess WSLA.. Anyone else with added nite operation? (TRH-SDB)

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## NRC Ham List

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*A listing of radio amateurs interested in exchanging information on BCB DX'ing*

Well another NRC HAM LIST hits the fan. Here is the latest list.

If you are not on the list, and you are a license amateur radio operator, please send in the following information. You may photostat this page and send this to me, or print the information on a postcard. If you are a computer hacker you can also send this information to me at Fido 234/16 (FidoNet) attn: Fred Vobbe.

Name:

Call Sign:

Class Of License:

Normal Band Of Operation:

**KODY-AM 1240**

**NORTH PLATTE BROADCASTING, INC.**  
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(Maximum of 30 characters)

I will send this information to Paul Swearingen when we have enough updates to warrant a change in the list. Please remember to print clearly, and stroke those zeros so I don't publish Whiskey Oscar One Delta in place of Whiskey Zero India Delta.

If you are in the Lima, Ohio, area I usually monitor 28.320 USB when I am in the shop. Send information to the following address.

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R.G.	Abshier	WA9ZYG	A
Michael	Addy	N8GDC	T
Doug	Allen	W2CRS	A 160-2, 440, 1296 SSB/CW
Thomas	Arey	WB2GHA	G 80-10 & 2mtrs
Charles	Bartlett	WB2BQY	G
Steve	Bauer	KCOHF	E 75, 40, 10, 2 & 440
John	Bowker	WA2WEN	A 80-10 SSB
Todd	Brandenburg	KAOKAN	E 40, 20, 2
Ken F.	Burnes	WB6UWX	
Louis	Cable Jr.	KA1DIG	
Alex	Calabrese	WA2ADS	
Leslie	Carpenter	W7EII	T
Bill	Coleman Jr.	KA4DAP	T 80-40 CW
Mark	Connelly	WA1TON	E 75 AM/SSB & 146.445 FM
Kent	Crawford	W9OEM	A
Carl	Dabelstein	KOSBV	A 80-10 CW

Elio	DiFranco	KA8UFL		
Tom	Dimeo	K3DOL	A	80-40 CW & SSB
Sheldon	Dunham Jr.	W4OEL	E	
Albert	Earnhardt	WB4AFR	E	160-40 CW & SSB
Russell	Edmunds	WB2BJH	T	2 SSB & FM
Jeff	Falconer	VE3LSK	G	160-10 CW
Robert	Galerstein	WB2VGD	A	40-10 CW & SSB
Peter	George	KA1NRJ	N	
Peter	Giberti	KW1H		
George	Green	K8NDY	T	
Dr. Tom	Gruis	KOHTF	E	160 6 2 220
William	Hartlage	WD4JLT	N	
James	Headlee	KJ4B	E	
Craig	Healy	NG1U	E	160-10 SSB & 2mtr
James	Hill	W61VW	A	
Stanley	Horne	KA2WZM		
Dan	Hromadka	WA5TLR	T	
Charles	Hutton	WD4ELR	A	160-10 CW & SSB
Glenn	Jacobs	K3WEI	G	
Dave	Johnson	WA4NID	A	20, 15, 12, & 10 SSB
Steve	Johnson	K3LXN		
Peter	Kemp	KZ1Z	E	80-10 & VHF (all modes)
David	Kennedy	K4HZF	G	
Ed	Kowalski	K3PRE	T	2 mtr & 6 SSB
Marc	Kulbacki	VE3GIX		
Jim	Long	WB9VKA		
Tom	Lykins	WD4RWU	G	40/80 SSB Net mngr
Gilbert	Marazzini	IK2HKS		
Al	Mariani	AH6DO	A	
Bill	Marvin	KB9IV	A	
Alan	Mayer	WD9IRV	A	80-10 SSB & 2 FM
Harry L.	Mayo	WB2EDS		
Steve	McDonald	VE7SL		
Bob	McPherson	KC4ADQ		
Alan	Merriman	K4GLU	E	20 CW
Randy	Miltier	N6HMO	A	10-40 CW/SSB/Packet & 2 M
Gary	Mitchell	KH8AC	G	160-40 CW
Paul	Mount	WA2QBO	N	
Al	Muick	N5HZG/DJ		
Kurt	Nelson	WB3LJA	T	6 CW AM SSB FM
Ken	Noffsinger	AE8T	E	
Dennis	O'Brien	WB6CBJ		
Dan	Phillips	N4NU	E	160-2 mtrs
Stephen	Ponder	KA5UOR	N	
Al	Resnick	K3PXR	A	160-40 12 & 2mtr
John	Ridge	WA2GWO	G	
John	Rose II	N8JQ	E	
Jeff	Ross	K2OD		
Andrew	Rugg	VE2AQP	B	80-10 CW
Glenn	Russ	K4DTT		
Paul	Sawyer	W1MFE	G	
William	Shaheen	N1CQ		
John	Shields	W3OKP	A	80-15
Dr. Lynn	Simons	AA4LH	A	
Chet	Smith	WB2LUQ		
Winston	Smith	6Y5WS		
Douglas	Smith	9W1I		
Marc	Snyder	WA30KW	G	10 SSB & Packet
Erwin	Sparks	N1ES	E	2 mtr
Charles	Spellman	WA2WKW	E	80-40 CW & AM
Bonnie	Starr	KB8HDM	N	
Jerry	Starr	N8IRL	A	160-10 AM SSB CW & 2 FM
Robert	Stonier	N2CJS	G	2 mtrs
Howard	Swertfager	WA2ORX	E	
Charles	Taylor	WD9INP	T	
Wayne	Thompson	KB4JJD		
Bill	Thompson	KA2ABB	N	
Al	Tobia	KB6KAX	G	160-10 SSB/CW/AM/FM & 2 m
John	Topel	W900		
Dick	Truax	K8GVU	A	160-10 & 2 mtr CW & SSB
John	Tudenham	WOJRP	A	
Daniel	Viens	WB1CSV	N	
Fred	Vobbe	KB8BMQ	N	80-15 CW & 10 SSB
John	Vodenik	WB9AUJ/8		
Robert	Walker	K8BVQB	T	2 mtrs (147.17 -)
Tandy	Way	K4YSN	E	
Larry	Weil	KA1BCP	A	20 & 15 SSB
Wai Kuen	Yung	KA1MIN		



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# International DX Digest

## Chuck Hutton

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

Howdy there everyone. Just got back from three weeks in Belize, Guatemala and Mexico. Did a few hours of DXing one day in Belize and noted a new English station HRFL 1470 in French Harbor, Roatan Island. Apparently all religious.

- 153 ALGERIA 5/21 0407 talk by man in AA, fair. (Connelly)  
162 FRANCE AlLouis 5/21 0405 man and woman in FF, fair to good. (Connelly)  
216t MONACO 8/14 0337 man in FF, mixed w/"CLB" beacon. (Connelly)  
531 ALGERIA Ain Beida 7/26 0316 AA talk by man, poor; slopped by Grenada 535 ! (Connelly)  
535 GRENADA Morne Rouge 7/26 0315 xltnt w/organ jazz instrumental "Baby It's Cold Outside", a ondition which never exists in Grenada. (Connelly)  
549 ALGERIA Les Trembles/Oran 7/26 0310 bits of AA chanting. 8/14 0329 good w/male AA chant. (Connelly)  
555 ST. KITTS Basserterre ZIZ 7/26 0318 Afro-Caribbean mx, fair to good. (Connelly)  
576 ALGERIA Bechar 7/26 0319 bits of female AA chant in slop. (Connelly)  
640 CUBA 7/26 0322 R. Progreso ID, dominating channel. (Connelly)  
670 USA WWFE just a quick note to say that they are taking Rebel on and staying on thru the night. Freq a mess. Watch for Latin EZL format and occasional Radio Novella IDs w/call only so far. (Scotka)  
700 JAMAICA Montego Bay 7/26 0443 good w/reggae show o/WLW. (Con)  
720 VENEZUELA Porlamar YVQL 7/26 0225 "Musical Oriente" slogan o/CHTN (Connelly)  
740 PUERTO RICO WIAC San Juan heard with EE language hurricane Hugo report, concluding with "we resume normal broadcast operations" then "Doble U...un senal de Puerto Rico...740 kilohercios." A program of lighter (non-salsa) music followed, which was quickly covered for good by Radio Progreso. 0731-0740 9/18. (Renfrew)  
800 MEXICO XEROK Ciudad Juarez with SS mx and ads, Los Angeles address, no ID, 0920-1000 8/24, local XEMMM off. (Renfrew)  
825 ST. KITTS Basserterre 8/21 0139 Paradise xltnt with country gospel group vocal. (Connelly)  
855 SPAIN Murcia 7/27 0340 poor w/SS talk (WHDH phased). (Connelly)  
891 ALGERIA Algiers 7/27 0337 xltnt w/male a-capella AA chant. 8/21 0141 noted w/AA talk. (Connelly)  
895 NEVIS 8/21 0115 good w/"Glory Of Love", brief tlk, then "These Dreams". (Connelly)  
950 MEXICO XEKAM Tijuana, new calls with EE Business Talk programs. (Renfrew)  
1040 MEXICO XEHFF ??? with music and frequent call letter IDs, seemed to power cut after 0330 8/21. Do you have this listed anywhere? It's not in the 89 WRTH. (Renfrew) Or my 87 WRTH - CH  
1165 ANTIGUA St. John's 8/21 0120 preaching, good. (Connelly)  
1197t MOROCCO 8/21 0237 het, audio fragments. (Connelly)  
1300 MEXICO XEXW Nogales with call letter ID. (Renfrew)  
1310 CUBA Dobleve 9/3 1800+ weak signal, had more problems with WLQY on 1320 than WAUC co-channel. Pgm of Latin tunes, SS male anncr. // 840 which is a much easier daytime ctach. Likely this is still Sagua La Grande though power may be enhanced over 1/10/89 NRC Cuban MW list. (Scotka)  
1400 MEXICO XEPF Ensenada with call letter ID 0245 8/21. (Renfrew)  
1580 CUBA R. Reloj 9/3 0530+ good sig over Agramonte w/typical pips and tc's. Appears to DF within 60 miles of Havana. CMHP likely still at Santa Cruz del Sur. (Scotka)  
1580 CUBA CMHP this never-reported 250 watter, long listed as part of the Cadena Agramonte net, has switched to Reloj Nacional or is at least relaying the service in the early morning hours. Heard several AM's in late August and early September during the 0500-0700 period way under WVKO's r&b and WBBE's Stardust feed with usual clock ticks and code "RR" at the top of the minute // 590, 760, etc. 1580 #66 here but the first new one in eight years. (Francis)  
Mark Connelly - W. Yarmouth, MA ICF2010, 2 37 m. phased wires  
Steve Francis - Alcoa, TN TRF  
Jim Renfrew - San Diego, CA ICF2010  
Jim Renfrew(1) - Rochester, NY HQ150, SM1  
Russell Scotka - somewhere, FL HQ180A, Q Multiplier, Kowalski loop, R'

# Topeka DXCon draws 33 from across land, sea ... and time

## Radio buff has volumes of memories

By PHIL ANDERSON  
Capital-Journal staff writer

Radio captured the imagination of Arthur L. Robb when he was 13 years old.

"I used to listen to radio stations from coast to coast, from Florida to California," Robb said. "I lost a lot of sleep."

In his younger days, between the ages of 13 and 31, Robb spent nights listening to the radio.

Robb, who's 78, said he can stay up late listening to the radio now, but he no longer has the desire.

"I've got the time," he said. "I could afford to do it. But it's not good for your sleep pattern."

Although Robb doesn't stay up nights listening to distant AM radio stations as he once did, radio still intrigues him.

He came to Topeka this weekend to attend the annual conference of the National Radio Club at the Ramada Inn Downtown. The 33 delegates at the convention share a love for listening to long-distance radio stations.

The conference came as a surprise to Robb, who said he thought DXing — or long-distance radio listening — was a lost art until he read a recent Capital-Journal article about the annual convention.

The event began Friday and will conclude today. "I didn't even know anybody DXed anymore," Robb said. "I thought it was a forgotten thing."

Robb, who lives in Pittsburg with his wife, Alberta, said he stopped listening to long-distance radio stations at age 31, when he entered the Air Force in World War II. He saw action as a bomb-site technician in North Africa and southern Italy.

When he arrived back in Topeka after the war, he never picked up his radio to tune in to far-away stations.

"I never resumed it," he said. "I just assumed the whole thing had died."

Being at the annual radio club convention was like "turning the calendar back many, many years," he said.

This was not the first long-distance radio convention Robb had attended.

"One little thing that motivated me to come was the fact that 54 years ago, on a Labor Day weekend, I went to a similar DXers convention in St. Catharine's, Ontario," Robb said.

For his trip to St. Catharine's, Robb was awarded "Most Distant Visitor." He still has the card he received for that honor.

He also has many radio bulletins, most of them in mint condition, which he brought to the convention in Topeka. Radio bulletins are listings of radio stations in the United States.

Robb brought his Crosley Pup radio, which he bought in 1925 for about \$10, to the convention. The radio,



—Staff/Paul Beaver

Arthur L. Robb, Pittsburg, who is attending the National Radio Club's convention this weekend at the Ramada Inn Downtown, brought with him radio station bulletins, verification certificates and his 1925 Crosley Pup radio and headset.

nearly square in size and weighing about a pound, enabled Robb to listen to distant radio stations.

Before that radio, Robb said he had a crystal set that picked up local stations.

Robb still hasn't forgotten the first moment he listened to a radio. He said the first station he heard was KFKU-AM, from the University of Kansas in Lawrence. "It was thrilling," he said. "You'd hear music and talk coming from way down the river."

Robb later heard stations from much farther away than Lawrence.

"One night," he said, "I picked up WLS in Chicago for a short time. I wanted to hear more stations, and that

**The Topeka Capital Journal  
—via Paul Swearingen**



**Western Imperial** Operations Manager/Chief Engineer Ed O'Donnell recites the history of WIBW-580 after the Saturday night banquet at the NRC Topeka DXCon **Baloney Works?** September 2.

Both the *Topeka Capital-Journal* and the *Metro News* provided excellent coverage of the convention, drawing a dozen or so interested hobbyists from the Topeka area to the Ramada. KTOP-1490 also aired a 5-minute interview with Paul Swearingen two weeks before the convention plus numerous 30-second PSA's touting DX'ing and the NRC. And many local stations and companies, plus other companies nationwide provided handouts, door prizes, and auction items for the convention. A complete list of donors will be published next issue.

got me into it."

There were far fewer stations when Robb first started listening than there are today. Robb said he has bulletins that listed only about 600 AM stations in the United States. Today, there are more than 5,000 AM stations in the United States.

Robb once finished fifth in a national DX contest, sponsored by Radex magazine. He received a set of new radio tubes worth about \$20 and had his picture printed in the magazine. He still has a copy of the magazine.

Times have changed since Robb actively tuned in to long-distance stations.

*"If you get into it too deep, it becomes work and it loses its fun."*

— Arthur L. Robb

He said people listening today have "far better equipment," including directional antennae and computers to fine-tune stations.

Long-distance listening hobbyists send letters to radio stations, requesting verification that they actually heard the station. Verification logs are treasured possessions of the long-distance radio listeners.

Robb's prized verification is a certificate signed by Arthur Godfrey

from the WJSV-AM station in Washington, D.C.

"The verifications are of no value to anybody else," he said. "But we wouldn't take anything for them."

As for his collection of radio bulletins and old radios, Robb said he hadn't looked at them for about 25 years until the past week.

Robb said he did not want to take listening to long-distance stations too seriously.

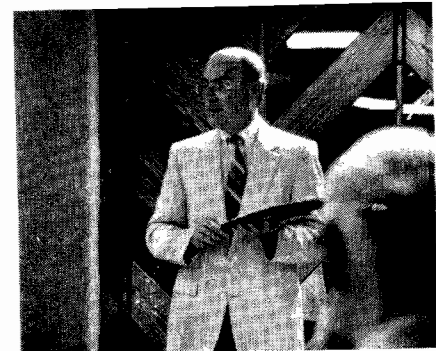
"I did it for fun," he said. "If you get into it too deep, it becomes work and it loses its fun."

Robb, who worked for the Social Security Administration for 31 years, attended Gage Park School, Central Park School, Boswell Junior High School and Topeka High School before graduating from Washburn University in 1932. He moved to Pittsburg in 1956.

Among his favorite radio shows today is "Waxworks," a syndicated big-band program broadcast locally on WIBW-AM on Sunday nights. He said he hears it on KKOW-AM in Pittsburg.

Paul Swearingen, Topeka, editor of the DX News, the National Radio Club's magazine, said there are "under 700 members" in the club, which has members from all 50 states and 24 nations.

Mike Knitter, Cambridge, Wis., general manager of the National Radio Club, said people wishing to listen to long-distance stations should turn on their radios at night and begin tuning stations "up and down the dial."



**KJTY's number one man**, station manager Warren Wilson, traces the short history of his religious FM station for the banquet crowd. Both KJTY and WIBW were sites of station tours earlier in the day.



**Would you buy a used video tape ... from this man?** Yup, because Ernie Wesolowski is selling copies of what he saw during the 1989 Topeka DXCon, all on VHS, and for 15 bucks.

## More convention highlights ... by Paul Swearingen

John Malicky, NRC's eidetic historian, has provided a very thorough rundown of the Topeka DXCon in Musings - and thanks for that, John - perhaps next year I'll try to do the same for you at the Pittsburgh DXCon. But I'd like to add a few random thoughts as to what the convention brought to me ...

Add Gary Houdek and Art Robb to John's list of attendees. Art wrote to me later and noted that he felt like Rip Van Winkle, as he had left the NRC sometime around World War II and didn't know that anyone still DX'ed the BCB!

The publicity actually brought me some notoriety amongst my fellow teachers, who know now just what it is that I do when I'm not in the classroom or sleeping, or eating. I also received several requests to speak to

groups and will try to entertain the local Optimists later this month. Perhaps the most satisfying outcome of the publicity was getting to meet a 10-year-old budding DX'er and old-radio enthusiast through his teacher, who read one of the articles and called me. His father brought him over to my house September 26, and we had a nice chat.

A sidebar to the convention is that through a logging of the Mexican station on 580 by Frank Merrill, WIBW now has enough information to follow up on interference problems from the station. Chief Engineer Ed O'Donnell asked me if I knew the identity of the station, and by checking IDXD's in DXN I was able to find Frank's logging and pass the information on to Mr. O'Donnell.

## Highlights of 1989 Topeka DXCON Beverage Expedition

The success of the beverage expedition was assured by Todd Brandenburg's fine organization and the generous donation of Paul Swearingen's wire and R-1000 receiver, in addition to set-up work by Frank Merrill, Rick Dau, Dan Bartek, Jeff Tynan, Wayne Heinen, and Bob Potter, Jr.

The beverages consisted of one 850 foot wire terminated SSE, and another unterminated 950 foot wire running SSW/NNE.

550 KTSA	San Antonio, TX	800 PJB	Bonaire
620 Radio Rebelde	Colon	SSE Bev	
SSE Beverage		800 XEROK	Ciudad Juarez
630 KSLR	San Antonio	SSW/NNE	
SSE Bev		810 KCMO	Kansas City, MO
640 Radio Progreso	Guanabacoa	SSW/NNE	
SSE Bev		810 Radio Sutatenza	Bogotá
670 Radio Rebelde	?	SSE Bev	
SSE Bev		830 WCCO	Minneapolis, MN
700 JBC Radio One	Montego Bay, Jam.	SSW/NNE	
SSE Bev		830 Radio Taíno	Havana
710 WHB	Kansas City, MO	SSE Bev	
SSW/NNE Bev		920 KYST	Texas City, TX
710 Radio Rebelde	?	SSE Bev	
SSE Bev		1160 KSL	Salt Lake City, UT
760 Radio Reloj	Guanabacoa	SSW/NNE	
SSE Bev		1160 Radio Taíno	Havana
770 XE--	Monterrey	SSE Bev	
790 KKBQ	Houston, TX	1290 KRGE	Weslaco, TX
		SSE and SSW/NNE Bevs	

## Sports Networks

**Barry S. Finkel**

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Network listings for stations programming team sports

Only one baseball list this week. I will have NFL flagship information as soon as I have time to get to the Chicago Public Library. As for CBS coverage of the World Series and the League Championship Series, here is the announcer information. NL - John Rooney and Jerry Coleman; AL and World Series - Brent Musburger and (I think) Johnny Bench. The Padres' list below came from Jim Renfrew. Send me any NFL, NBA, and/or NHL lists that you may have. Thanks.

San Diego Padres Jerry Coleman, Rick Monday (EE) & Gustavo Moreno Jr. and Sr. (SS)

560 KBLU-AZ	780 KROW-NV	940 KNST-AZ	1230 KINO-AZ	1340 KFBR-AZ*	1430 KAMP-CA
760 KFMB-CA	890 KDXU-UT	1230 KAMJ-AZ	1270 KNWZ-CA	1420 XEXX-BC	

There is a Spanish network; Jim Renfrew heard a broadcast on 1380 XEKT.

## Musings of the Members

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Hi there! First off, my apologies if this column arrives late or is held over. This is due to the fact that I had a three week business contract going and I couldn't break away. I will be moving to Houston, Texas in the beginning of October to begin my new job as staff engineer for Shaffer Associates, Communications Consultants. For those of you into this, check out the October edition of Soldier of Fortune magazine; I have an article in the "I Was There" section. Onward, ho!

H.T. Adams, 343 8th St., NEG 2, Atlanta GA 30309

"Southern DX is great...tho not as successful as my Atl neighbors, just the metro, all changes have been fun. I generally listen a few days (a couple hours at a time) to see what a new station is like. Hope Topeka is great! Does anyone out there collect snapshots of station facilities? Does anyone have a legal (read: no license required) AM transmitter for sale?" (Jeez Herman! I about got a headache trying to read everything you put on that postcard, HI--ajm)

Chris Cuomo, 670 Third Ave., Verona, PA 15147-1349 (412)-828-6376

5pm - 10pm EST, no collect calls


"Greetings everyone. I hope everyone had a great time at the convention. I couldn't be there this year, but I intend to be there in 1990 wherever it will be held. I had the privilege of meeting NRC member Dave Whatmough on July 16. We traded stix and talked for hours. I was in Ocean City, MD for a week this summer. DXwise, I was very surprised at how well stations from southern NJ, NY and even Long Island came in and how poorly stations from Baltimore, DC, and even Salisbury came in. Another surprise was the 1610 TIS at Chincoteague NWR, VA which put in a very good signal for almost 30 miles away. While there, I visited two area stations WKHI-99.9 and WETT-1590/WWTR-95.9. WKHI is an all-compact disc CHR station. Of particular interest were the gold records on the wall of its reception area. WETT/WWTR on the other hand had only an old scratched Christmas LP resting on a crudely built shelf on the wall. WETT is a satellite-fed oldies outlet and WWTR-"96 Rock" is an AOR station with its studios in Bethany Beach, DE and only its office in the same building as its co-owned AM. Out in the parking lot at WETT/WWTR were two station vans. One suspiciously had the same emblem as Atlanta's "96 Rock" and the other was painted pink, and an old station wagon from "Rudy's House of Roadkill," with the slogan, "You Splatter It, We Platter It." Seriously! I am working on an article on American Indian radio stations for DXN. If anyone out there has any information and/or logos and photos of such station, please send it here. It will be returned if requested. It will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. I read Doug Smith's plan for improving the AM band. I agree with much of it except that I cannot agree with requiring new licensees to have at least 500 watts. Every station that currently uses less than 500 watts would apply for more. Power output does not determine the profitability of the station. There are many small AM stations that do quite well for themselves, just as there are many large stations struggling. I also do not agree with stations having only seven days to return to the air, ninety if equipment is damaged. The current system works fine. After all, silent stations are not causing any interference while silent, but having a station run open carriers on test signals 24 hours a day simply to beat a deadline until their facilities are in working order does nothing to improve AM. As for the 1600-1700 band: Frequency allocations: 1610 TIS stations, 1620 Local I, 1630 regional, 1640 Local II, 1650, regional, 1660 Local I, 1670 Local II, 1680 regional, 1690 Local I, 1700 Local I/II. Local stations are today's graveyard stations. They would simply be used for serving a community or group of people. These would be ideal for small towns, schools, churches, political organizations, etc. Some small educational stations from the FM band could conceivably move to AM and ease crowding of the FM band. If starting today, all radios being made tuned to 1700, by about 1996 the country would be ready for band expansion. The new format idea is a must. I feel though that Z-Rock has a chance of surviving in any market as even AOR stations are softening their formats. The bumper sticker I received from WNGX-Portland ME reads "Just say no to Heavy Metal." (I don't like that at all...the sticker I mean...ajm) WXXV could definitely fill the void left by the short-lived WXXP's switch to just another ad-con station, but no one knows about them. The only



advertising they've done is put small stickers on lampposts that read "Listen to the new WYVX 15." Till next time 73s and great DX!"

Steve Francis-1620 Lodge St., Alcoa, TN 37701  
Hello again, everybody. I haven't Mused in awhile, so time for a re-intro. I've been DXing since 1970 with the venerable Realistic TRP; heard totals are 2723 with no call or frequency changes counted. I've been frozen at 46 states (lacking NV, ME and the obvious two) and seven provinces since 1976. 42 countries have been logged, the farthest being Vatican-1530. I still DX a little most nights, but only ten new ones have been heard so far in 1989. After midnight here, all the graveyarders and most of the regionals are satellite feeds, with Cuba taking care of the clears. I noticed the obituary for William Prater in the August issue. In his 1975 book "Act of Vengeance: the Yablonski Murders and Their Solution," Trevor Armbrister wrote "of the six UMW field representatives who were assigned to posts throughout District 19, Prater was the most widely traveled and intelligent...He maintained a stamp collection which-by the summer of 1969-had grown to more than 14 volumes." I know he had more than 4000 BCB verifications and have long wondered if the albums actually contained QSL cards and whether Armbrister took some literary license to avoid the necessity of explaining DXing to the reader. Hope that "DX Targets" column that Paul mentioned on page 46 of the April issue finds an editor, as I think I can contribute some helpful tips to it. Any California members know the whereabouts of former NY/L.A. jock Les Crane? Best of DX in 89-90!

Karl Jeter - 2115 Scarbrough Road - Stone Mountain, GA 30088  
I have just recently returned from the NRC Convention in Topeka, where I had a great time. Thanks go out to Paul and the gang there for an enjoyable get-together. It was with a little sadness that I recall the last time I was in the Topeka area was in 1977, when I was enroute to the Lincoln convention with a group of DXers from Louisville, including the late Gary Atkins. The had picked my up in St. Louis where I was visiting my parents and I rode the rest of the way with them in Gary's car. I had known of Gary's illness for some time, but that doesn't make the shock of him passing any less. He was a fine, unselfish person that I feel privileged to have known. If that wasn't enough, I have also learned of the death of Bill Prater, with whom I have corresponded for the past several years. In fact, I just heard from him about 1 1/2 months ago and was about to return a letter to him when I saw the news item in DXN. Bill struck me as being a decent fellow, and I just could not understand how he could have gotten into so much trouble. As usual, upon returning from the convention, I am "fired-up" for a new season of DXing, but my loop antenna is out-of-order, as a lightning bolt in my yard a few weeks ago zapped not only a big tree, but the FETs in the loop's amp! I have a new receiver now, a Sangean ATS-803A, which was sort of acquired by default; my brother-in-law was formerly employed with the shortwave station WCSN in Boston and the station had a special offer of this radio to its listeners. He sent one to my mother-in-law here in Atlanta, and she was totally befuddled by all the electronic gadgetry, so she asked me if I would like it...guess what I said, hi! I haven't had much of a chance to try it out, but so far, it looks like it has a lot of potential for good DX...it will be nice to have a decent small battery-powered receiver to take on all those beverage expeditions this fall, so I can leave the boat anchors at home. I hope to have some DX to report soon, but my time is very limited, due largely to being a single parent. It looks like the bulk of my DXing will be limited to sunrise skip, and an occasional sunset session, along with some DX-peditions. So, until next time, 73s.

Ken Onyschuk 19110 Pine Dr., Country Club Hills IL 60478   
Hello again. I'm sorry I was unable to make it to Topeka, due to a money shortage, so instead I opted for a trip to Gallatin, TN just 20 miles NE of Nashville, where my wife has relatives. What a memorable trip--9 1/2 hours. Thanks to my brother Dave, for changing car radios before we left. It made a BIG difference. Then there was another problem for me to solve--trying to DX and yet listen to stations to keep my wife satisfied. Compromise, etc....So lets travel: Down Rte 1 to Danville. 980 WITY is a regular here, so I tuned to 1490 W DAN and their C&W music. Then 1440 WPRS and BBD mx in early afternoon Wednesday switched on US 36 to US 41-and faster travel. Terre Haute was next. 1230 WBOW was AdC, 1300 I passed by, and 1480 was nice "1480 Gold," with oldies music. Then south to Sullivan and 1550 WNDI. I taped some nx and wx, but they really annoyed me with an I-95-FM ID. Wincennes was next with 1450 WAOV and C&W music. I also got some good taping from much wanted WAKO 910. Then on to Princeton and 1250 WRAY. I remember mainly the local stations carrying several high school FB promos. Then on to Evansville where 820 WUSI played AOR-very annoying, 1280 I passed,

but 1330 WWHI is christian and 1400 WIKY was doing a Spanish talk show. Surprisingly, while in Gallatin Saturday night, I heard WIKY 104.1 doing a BBD show during an FM bandscan. But the best area station that we enjoyed was 1180 "Kool" WJJN Newburgh which is a nice, lively station.

It was also heard in Tennessee on Saturday afternoon using the Select-Antenna with an oldies format. Crossed the Ohio River into Henderson, KY, and two twoers N/S indicated 860 WSON-U2, but not positive. WSON played BBD before 6pm. Then we stopped for dinner at Long John Silver's. My wife and daughter stayed inside while I preferred to eat outside and DX using the Superradio and S-Antenna. It was just past 6pm. I did hear 750 WRK-IL briefly and a much wanted 1160 WKCM. Nice to hear it-period. Just up and down for 15 minutes or so. Then on south; 1550 from Morganfield wasn't much interesting, so I switched from 730 WFMW (C&W) to 1310 WTTL's lively music; a good station. Finally towards dark, I finally went to FM to keep my wife happy until we got to Gallatin. Nighttime radio there was very frustrating for this Chicago baseball fan. Most Chicago outlets were wiped out by SS stations, and I was going nuts every night trying to get Sox and Cubs scores. No, the people we were staying with did not have color TV. We had a black and white portable in our room so I had time to TV DX some. CH 66 in Lebanon had a strange variety of stuff, I even caught some of the weather channel on it. Anyway, I found the Nashville BANNER to my liking over the TENNESSEAN. At least it had sports radio listed in the paper. 1430 WRLT carried the Sounds games, but I listened just briefly. In 4 days I was all over the AM dial, listening and learning what could be heard in North Central Tennessee. In perspective, I prefer being home. There I couldn't even hear one all news station. I taped IDs from new 760 and 880. Locals 1010 WHIN is C&W, 1130 WAMG is Supergold and some religion, but getting weather forecasts was a chore. Glad I brought my weather radio with. The Nashville station never IDed, but they gave good reports and forecasts. Just good solid info, though sometimes I found the temps were often one hour old. Big deal, huh? 1560 Nashville was silent. Sunday, I tried 1040 for a while before noon. All I heard was KZ 1030 IDs, even at noon, and lots of ads for Dickson County. Hardly a mention for White Bluff. Thought WJKZ had no FM, that's why I was puzzled at the constant KZ IDs. Did some DXing while fishing Old Hickory Lake nearby. The only oldies outlet in the area was on 1250 WDKN. We left Sunday afternoon via I-65. In southern KY, 1340 WBGN, 1400 WIEL kept us entertained. Nothing in Louisville was much interesting, but I stuck with WLOU 1350 to keep awake. Going north, into Indiana, I fished around a lot, nothing great. South of Indianapolis I was surprised 1070 WIBC was mixing some with possible CHOK. But talk shows dominate Sunday nights so I went to FM to get an oldies outlet. A nice sight, even after dark, was the 6 tower WIBC antenna "farm" north of Indy, just east of I-65 some 5 miles north of the city. Then it was north to home. 97.9 WLAJ Anderson had a nice request oldies show til 11 pm, broadcasting from a shopping center parking lot. Constant 98-WLAJ IDs. Then home at 1:40 am. Labor day, I hardly turned on the radio. I needed rest, but what an interesting and enjoyable trip. Nice to be back home with recognizable radio stations, hi. Go White Sox. I still predict that the Cubs will fold. My pick is Montreal to win the NL east. No football picks and I'm not a Bear fan, although I do follow U. of IL. So the pesky Talk of Chicago WLS will carry the Fighting Illini. 1200 is still silent--allright!!! 1570 WBEE still goes off at 6pm daily, and 1510 WWHN has switched from oldies to Chicagoland's Hot Choice, more geared to blacks. Thassit. I'm beat. (me too!-ajm)

Joel Herman 827 1/2 N. Lake Ave. Storm Lake IA 50588  
Hope you all had a good time in Topeka. I had planned to attend, but work conflicts made that impossible. I'm the news director at 990-KAYL. AM stations are continuing to decline...on September 1, 1460 KSO ended its 15 years of country programming. The station had been number one in the lates 70s and early 80s, but ratings had dropped in recent years. A year ago, most of the air staff was let go, and Transtar replaced most local programming, causing the ratings to slide even farther. At 5:55pm CDT September 1, a history of the station was given. It's Iowa's oldest, dating back to 1921. Then simulcast of top-rated album rocker KGGG began. The KSO calls were issued in the 30s (Keep Serving Others), and I've been told it was the last three-letter call issued. Too bad they couldn't keep serving AM listeners!...Joel

G. Harley DeLeurere P.O. Box 10 Hendricks, WV 26271-0010  
Whilst we were on vacation, I had the great honor of meeting Mike Knitter of Cambridge, Wisconsin. I really did enjoy our evening in Cambridge. He does dedicate a lot of time to our club, and he deserves our prayers and support. En route to Wisconsin, I stopped by, amongst other places WCFJ (1470) and WKGA (1500). WCFJ is owned and operated by a colored church located in 79th street in Chicago. Those folks at



WCFJ are doing a great job for the Lord. I was even invited to preach that following Sunday on the station. I am sorry that I couldn't stay around Ford Heights. The folks at WCFJ are doing more for the cause of Christ and race relations than all those phony liberals in Washington and elsewhere. I pray for great success for the station whose call letters stand for "Winning Chicago For Jesus." I love those colored people. WKGA's office is located in a dangerous neighborhood in Waukegan at 120 South Genesee Street. Sharon and my mom were scared to death. WKGA is located next door to a crack house, and dope fiends are in evidence everywhere. It's a shame to say it, but our leaders ought to be more concerned about our dope-ridden towns rather than putting the blame upon Colombia and the Republic of South Africa for this nations ills. Whilst we were in Wisconsin, I heard the TIS on 530 at lake Delton. It's operated by the Circus World Museum of Baraboo. I enquired concerning its call letters and was told that they were 6K00A3E What's that all about (that's their bandwidth and transmission mode as would be listed on the stations's license. Definitely not their call sign!--ajm) Can anyone please help me to obtain a "verie" from our friends at WLUP (1000)? A "verie from WLUP would complete Chicago for me. This is thanking you in advance. de G. Harley DeLeurere (Thanks so much for the compliments, buddy! I only hope that I can do as good a job as my predecessors!--ajm)

Ken MacHarg, Box 1345, Jeffersonville, IN 47131  
Here is an update on Louisville area radio. WTMT-620 continues its country music format, often signing off around 10 or 11 pm. It seems their night pattern (which involved adding two new towers at their Jeffersonville site) interferes with other stations, and it is rumored that formal complaints have been lodged with the FCC about their signal. WKY-790 (formerly WVEZ, WAKY, and way back WGRC) is on an automated country format--no announcers. Cincinnati Reds baseball sometimes at night. WFIA-900, a religious format for over 20 years, was recently sold to a local owner. Right now it is all held up by a formal challenge to its license renewal under the old ownership. The sad news in town is WAVG-970 (formerly WAVE). This once fine, proud station has been taken almost to ruin by its new owner, who is scheduled to take it to an automated satellite oldies format very soon, no news, no weather, no nothing! Currently, it is running a home-brew oldies, has dropped its NBC affiliation, which it had forever, and runs United Stations news on the hour, and Louisville Redbirds baseball. Watch for UK sports this Fall and Winter. WDJX-1080 (formerly WCII, WKJJ and originally WKLO) simulcasts its rock FM sister, and has in combination with the FM risen rapidly on the ratings charts. WLLV-1290 (formerly WINN) has in part been bought by a gentleman who took one other station into bankruptcy. It is now an all-black religious format, sometimes running 24 hours. When the change came a few months ago, they dropped the nightly syndicated program of gospel music by the man who sells bee pollen as a cure--all for health, potency, and other personal problems.(how 'bout 'roids?--ajm) Dr. Brinkley and border blaster radio is still alive and well--in spirit at least!! WdGS-1290 is off the air, and I hear that frequency has been removed from the Louisville area. WXVW-1450 continues with the Stardust format, and a lot of sports, including adding Indiana Colts this Fall. WOBS-1570 is Louisville's most unique station. Country Gospel mornings, very hard Christian rock afternoons, and NBC Talknet with mutual news evenings and overnight. They moved their studios and transmitter to the old WdGS site in Clarksville to give a better signal into the eastern parts of Louisville where the audience for Talknet lies. Before the Atlantic Beacon drowned them out many nights at my house--7 or 8 miles from their old site in New Albany. And WLSY, (perhaps listed as WJYL)--680 is dne on the air in a month or two from their four tower site along I-65 south of the Snyder Freeway on the south side of Louisville. Latest report from their just-fired General Manager, the AM will simulcast the FM easy listening format.

Pete Kemp, KZ1Z - P.O. Box 73, Bethel, CT 06801  
Greetings all, NYC's WLIB is airing the Morning Show with Mark Riley with a live audience from the Apollo theater...The Syndicated Comedy Show with host Dick Cavett is getting a new name and host. It will henceforth be known as the Adult Comedy Network, with host Roy Firestone of ESPN fame...Many stations modified their programming for the weekend of August 12th to reflect upon the 20th anniversary of Woodstock...WCCO's Joyce LaMont is leaving after 43 years of service to join up with KLBB...The Ohio Associated Press has presented WQVA with its third straight award for outstanding news operations...The American Radio Company of the Air, Garrison Keilor's vehicle for his on air return has been put off for a November 25th start. The show will air over National Public Radio stations. In related matters, some markets are debating whether or not this is in reality a new show OR a revised version of the

classic Prairie Home Companion. Due to legal obligations regarding the first refusal rights for airing this show, some stations are engaged in negotiations to see who will air it within their respective coverage areas...The Radio Game Show has now expanded from KENO into syndication, it is hosted by Mark Richards. The first station to get on the list was WNLK...After ten years of entertainment reporting at Boston's WEEI, Frank Dolan was given his walking papers in what the station described as a budget-cutting move. Boy, we have all heard that before...Longtime NBC station in the City of Brotherly Love (Philthydelphia--ajm), KYW, is augmenting its on-air feeds with those of ABC. The station GM says that a decision in which direction to travel will be made within six months...WDAS's Georgie Woods has moved time slots from 9 to noon to the afternoon 4 to 7 position...WCNN's sister station WALR was supposed to be off and running in Atlanta recently. The problem was that their brand-new, one day old transmitting antenna collapsed...The FCC has a new chairman, Al Sikes...Ready for a wild 4th of July story?...The small Connecticut town of Willimantic didn't have any bands in it again this year. The local radio station WLLI came to the rescue by playing march music during parade times. Turned on boom-boxes were in evidence by both the marchers/floats and parade watchers...So much for now.

And there I close another column...if your musing didn't make it this time, it was probably cuz I had a very tight deadline and it was a little long. It'll be in next time, I promise! Til then, short bursts and vigilant always!

HMI M.S. HARDESTER, USN, HQCO, HQBN - BAS, 3RD MARDZU - FMF,  
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Greetings from Okinawa! Possibly I should say "your dollars at work." Having previously been here (1976-79), I opted for another tour. This time, I'll be here until about August 1990, and I have the option of extending my tour for an additional two (2) tours of one (1) year each. As soon as the DX gear (Sony 2010, R-70, R. West loop, etc.) arrives, I'll start sending reports. Right now, due to an upcoming deployment in late October, that looks like the earliest I'll be able to do any serious DXing. So stay tuned. Vy 73 de Mike

ERNEST COOPER, 5 Anthony Street, Provincetown, MA 02657, 508-487-9337  
Another NRC convention is history, and a great time was had, as usual. And salutations to John Malicky, who'll be hosting next year's event in Pittsburgh PA! Paul Swearingen and his committee did a fine job, and one can't fault the great hotel room prices! As a member of the AARP, a 25% discount on top of it! Wow! Only thing, I needed a tour guide to find my room, a couple of buildings from the hospitality room. Anyway, I look for this to be a better DX season than last, since now, at last, I have a DX net that can reach out and grab 'em. Did I say a DX net? Make that two - two Hammarlunds - an HQ-180, bought from Dick Truax, and an HQ-150, from Dallas Lankford. The FM season was pretty good, and it isn't quite over yet, what with Hurricane Hugo threatening to come up the east coast. Such violent storms cause unusual reception on FM, and likely TV too, and yes, likely on the AM band as well. Time was when such storms hit the islands, a DXer could hear stations in the troubled areas with storm news, but now that virtually every station in the US broadcasts 'round the clock, it's no longer possible. Having vacationed in both the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, it hurts doubly to see the damage that Hugo did to those places. I hope that Cesar Objio in Santo Domingo escaped any storm damage. I hope the telephone network alerting interested members to a rare catch will be in effect again this year, as set up by Paul Mount. I generally DX between 1:30 and 3:00 am and will appreciate a DX tip at that time, but calls for conversation should be made in the early evenings before 9pm. If I haven't answered by the fourth ring, that means I'm not up and won't answer. It's too cold in here to talk on the phone with nothing on, hi. WADN-1120, Concord, MA is finally on the air, and is indeed folk music as listed in the NRC log. I haven't written 'em yet, but the address I have is Damonhill Square, Concord 01742. They're in here with a fair signal all day. I hope to see many of you at Ray Arruda's Saturday-after-Thanksgiving Day get-together at his famous Lower Deck! Have a great season, everybody, and congrats to Al Muick as he takes on this section of DX NEWS (thanks, Ernie!--ajm). I did it myself for a couple of years, 34, I think it was. Forward-March! Ernest. (Ernie, Fogelsville is at the intersection of Rtes 22 and 100 outside of Allentown--ajm)

MARK CONNELLY - 30 William Road - Billerica, MA 01866  
WADN, "Walden 1120" (Concord, MA) is on with a format similar to that of an educational station. Music played is primarily acoustic folk (not unlike WCAS - 740, circa mid-70's). At night, PBS-style news and



commentary programs prevail. News and special feature programs from the CBC and BBC are included (so if you stumble across BBC World Service on 1120 around 2200 Eastern time, it's probably WADN rather than a Caribbean Island station doing the relay). WADN's signal, as monitored from Billerica (10 miles NE) and Belmont (10 miles SE) indicates about 1 kW of power: good days, but subject to dicing and slicing by WNEW 1130 sloop on normal-skip (non-auroral) nights. I've yet to do a far field (e.g. W. Yarmouth at 80-90 miles) check on this. I doubt that WADN packs sufficient punch to make it across the Atlantic, but one never knows. Otherness: To all of you who've written to me, replies will be out before long. I've been crunched with overtime work; this has resulted in a 3 (or more) month backlog in correspondence. Also little DX-ing and project-building has been done. I apologize to those awaiting tapes, answers to DX questions, etc. Things have temporarily eased up a bit and I expect to be bombarding the Post Office before the next onslaught of overtime (not to mention Christmas-related activities) ties me in knots again. TA DXing, when attempted, has been lackluster. Big-gun Algerians, Spaniards, etc. (the southerly routes) are usually there, but northern paths (even BBC, Germans, Norway 1314) have been poor. Glad to see that George Hakiel managed to capitalize on the few good openings with his fine Russian receptions. Monday night (18 SEP) was "wicked" (Bostonian for "very") auroral with mucho Caribbean activity. (Wish I went to the Cape for this). Cuba-830 was stronger than any US station beyond 30 miles. PJB-800's sloop was croaking 50-mile-distant Providence on 790, and WGY 810 barely existed under LA QRM/PJB sloop. Neil Kazaross has been mulling over the idea of a DXpedition to Newfoundland with George Hakiel and/or me. A massive TA log-a-thon would result; also, unusual South American and Caribbean catches would occur. Mediumwave would be the primary emphasis with longwave and tropical band DX as supplementary activities. If this thing goes off, the foreign DX editors can expect long hours at the word processor (unless we do it up as a feature article a la Pete Taylor's travelogues). To all, best of DX in the new season.

PETE KEMP, KZ1Z - P.O. Box 73, Bethel, CT 06801

Greetings all...Ted Brown has dropped out of the daily grind at WNEW-AM. A popular on-air veteran of the Big Apple radio scene, I still remember him from his days at WMGM doing his Ted Brown and the Red Head show. Ted has been with WNEW for quite some time, with a little break for a stint on WNBC. Ted had a great on-air trick when he moved stations. He would come on his new station making a phone call to his last station. He would ask for the mailroom. When the person answered, he would identify himself and ask that his mail be forwarded to his new station, and then with a flourish and a musical ID he would officially announce his arrival. He will remain at the station doing special projects and fill-in work. His place will be taken by another radio vet Bob Fitzsimmons, who at various times has worked at WNEW and has most recently been heard on the ABC Radio Network...According to the latest Arbitron ratings, the top jocks in the country are NYC's Morning Zoo crew of Ross Britton and Brian Wilson, the currently unemployed Jim Kerr and then out to LA with Rick Dees of KIIS, followed by Harry Harrison of WCBS-FM, Jay Thomas KWPR, Batt Johnson WLTW, Bob Collins WGN, Howard Stern WRRK, John Gamblin WOR, Carol Ford and Mike Love WRKS...The Beesley Broadcast Group recently made radio history in their own way by purchasing KRTH AM/PM from RKO in Los Angeles for a record sum of 86 million dollars...Today in Rock History, a ten year fixture at Westwood One's Source has switched networks to the CBS radio network...WCCO's Howard Viken has announced his retirement from the station November 1st, after a 39 year association...On the subject of retirements, Bill Bransome is pulling the plug at KYW after a 24 year run. Long associated with the news and sports areas, he was also the off-stage anno uncer for the popular Mike Douglas TV Show which broadcast from KYW-TV in the City of Brotherly Love for many years...One Milwaukee broadcaster recently received the good news/bad news line. The bad news WTMJ-AM is no longer in the number one spot in the city, the good news: the number one spot is occupied by its sister station WXTI...CKCK has recently bid CKRM for the radio rights to the Regina Pats for the next three years...I have recently added Prodigy (ID SMHB11A) to my operating habits here in the shack. This is in addition to my activity in the SWL and Ham echo areas of Fido Net. It is fun to see other NRCers' names flash across the screen every once in a while. Keeps me hopping at 2400 baud, but it great for developing speed reading skills...So much for now.

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He slipped into town unannounced in the middle of the night en route

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from someplace to somewhere. In the manner of the truly enigmatic, he quickly retired to a collection of spartan cubicles in a transformed warehouse advertised, only slightly euphemistically, as "economy lodgings;" there to pass the pre-dawn hours in the company of quirkily charming Peaches, the one-armed "hospitality" man, and the usual array of low-flying, disconnected misadventurers forever between flights at such outposts.

For some 200 years these islands have suggested to the Western mind the alluring illusion of counterpoint to circumscribed reality. It is the seductive illusion of escape. Every man has these impulses. My presence here simply makes it easy for some to act on them. Unannounced, periodic appearances of this sort no longer surprise me.

What surprised me was the cryptic command over pie and coffee the next morning: "Let's DX." As I struggled to take this startling injunction in stride, I thought the jutting jaw, hawk-like stare and steely tone seemed to hint at something deeper. But to paraphrase an impresario of my acquaintance, DX is DX and I let it pass.

There's a lot of history to this which derives from a vigilante-like visit to my door some 23 or 24 years ago by the Gang of 3: "We understand you DX." It seemed not to be a question. Confronted with irrefutable evidence - an introductory musing - I was persuaded to throw in with this bunch. They were pretty good in those days. Cavaseno's 2NA from his den hard by JFK Airport and Hawtree Creek Speedway set the pecking order. However, this once unassailable Don of DX was beginning to feel the heat from the would-be master of the Telecaster. He was a formidable competitor then and yet to reach his prime in the opinion of most.

But a lot of things can happen along the way to adulthood. Some symbols of youthful innocence survive and some don't, and for years now there had been a resolute profession of disinterest in the dials which had proven impervious to entreaty. Eventually I took the hint and the subject disappeared from our occasional encounters except as it related to certain historic ancillary activities such as Harry, nights spent in Andres' car or the WFAS thing.

Over the years I've learned to regard the implausible with the same indifferent shrug I reserve for the unfathomable. Makes things easier. Nevertheless, the improbable prospect of a collaborative DX session with my here-to-fore disaffected rival of the old infused me with an energy and anticipation reminiscent of those halcyon sessions in Vinny's basement. My ebullience was shortly arrested however, by a developing uneasiness which quickly gave way to cold panic. What if he couldn't cut it anymore?

As we made our way in darkness to the ocean-side sit I wondered about diminished skills and stamina. As good as he'd once been, he'd still been out of the game for a long, long, time. What could one realistically expect after so many years away from the dials? Would IDs be whizzing by those now unaccustomed ears like so many Nolan Ryan fastballs? Jeez, could the guy even stay awake all night? Would it prove to be a young man's game after all? My now-clammy hands groped in the cooler for another Hereford Cow. Too late I realized there might be implications that neither of us wanted to confront.

Hours later, 2 Chileans (new country) and 7 stations to the good, I delivered him back into the hands of the flight attendants and other specialists in the business of escape. It was several days before I noticed the gap on the shelf where my NRC receiver and antenna manuals had been. Odds and ends: Out of date DX from April - 4/17 KDKA-1020; KCTR-970 MT; KWPB-840 NE; KFLT-830 AZ; KVEG-840 NV, these w/KIKI-830 off. Glad to see at last my logging of 1/88 IDed as XEBCO-1210 Colima via Paul Swearingen & PERC. Mahalo, Aloha & 73. (Well, Doug, normally I wouldn't have included that piece, but I so much liked the way it was written. The style was reminiscent of my fave H.P. Lovecraft. Beware of strage guests, I guess---ajm)

**CFYN 1050**

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Greetings everyone! From the land of cornstalks & flat landscapes, the 1989 NRC convention held in the capital city of Kansas is history. Known only to my cousins who long ago frequently and still call me "Oz," (and don't ask my why either-hi!). I did not find Dorothy, but made new and cemented past friendships for the 31 people who attended. Those who were in attendance included (names taken from the blackboard in the hospitality room) Rick Dau (nice meeting you Rick!), Ernie Cooper, Jack and Gaye Parks of Hamlet, NC (home of WKDX-1250!), Ned and Margie Duval, J.E. Lewis, Mike and Sue Knitter, Chuck Rader (or is it Radar-hi!), Doug Allen, Glen Cooper, Ernie Weslowski, Laurie Boyer (of New Zealand!), Neil Zank, Bob McCoy, Karl Jetter, fellow runner Jeff Tynan, Dan Barter, Wayne Heinen, Frank Merrill, John Tudenham of Joplin MO, Warren Greenberg, Mike DeRoo (on the engineering staff at TV5 in Kansas City), and Joe

and Virginia Soreuson. Fred Vobbe would have been here too, but business at WLIO-TV kept him from coming. Also my thanks for the great job in organizing and the work to hosts Todd Brandenburg, Carl "Skip" Dabelstein, and his son Buddy and Paul Swearingen! Thus the convention began. Friday evening, after registrations, and outstanding (so I heard) slide show of stations and the like was presented by Carl Dabelstein. My reason for missing it was due to having not arrived! Hopefully to be featured in next issue's musings, I visited 18 AM-FM stations in Kansas City and eastern Kansas (and one in Oklahoma) with the final stop at KGGF-690 Coffeyville KS leaving there at 7:30 pm. Arrival at the downtown Ramada Inn was around midnight. A check of the dial later found my local KDKA coming in well. I decided to call the host and tell him of our event only because I was on his show last year talking about DX and the NRC. Saturday morning 11:20 am found most of us at Topeka's only religious (and non-profit/listener supported) KJTY-88.3 "Joy 88." Tour of the 4-year-old 35 kW facility was given by CE George McGurk, a native of Wilkensburg, PA (suburb of Pittsburgh)! Much if not all of "Joy 88's" programming comes off satellite from Chicago's Moody Bible Institute. Ten miles north of their small facility is their transmitter and tower (though the tower is owned by another property). Soon the station will (or hopes to) raise power to 50 kW, change frequency to \*\*1 (getting better coverage) and add 200 feet to the tower. Shortly after 5pm, Mike Knitter addressed the business meeting discussing topics such as professional looking DXN, the credit card service (the great response thereto), membership having neither increased nor decreased, the club having the services of retired CEOs in the Milwaukee area to help with our different outlets (i.e. the FM book, research, more of a business-like attitude the club/DXN has taken on, and the solid future of the NRC. Ernie Cooper addressed an interesting point about not having/allowing DX catches in MUSINGS (those arranged by date), and was answered that it will be separated if sent that way by DXDD editor Bill Hale. Finally and after the meeting, a unanimous response (a standing ovation-hi) was given as Mike announced the 1990 NRC Convention will be held in Pittsburgh! Three weeks earlier the feeling hit me that the time was ripe and having attended 7 conventions (Topeka included), I felt I had some experience. I only hope I can do as well as past hosts and would enjoy seeing as many of you I've met before, plus new faces. Following the banquet of fine and hot (hi) Mexican food, 2 speakers presented topics. First was Ed O'Donnell, CE of WIBW AM/FM Topeka, followed by Warren Wilson, owner and president of "Joy 88." Mr. O'Donnell covered the history of WIBW and its off-the-wall name, "Western Imperial Baloney Works," its sharetimer, (off 12:30-5:30 pm weekdays) relationship with KKSU-Manhattan who will not be bought out, WIBW being the only flagship of a major league baseball net in that city (Kansas City Royals), the demise of WREN-1250 whose management let things slip including once forgetting to celebrate their 50th anniversary (as they were 1 year older than WIBW), the deregulation of AM and NAB's 2 proposals to save it: installing a filter in the audio chain in the XR to cut down on adjacent channel interference, and an RF mask to limit audio loudness - a volunteer effort now, but mandatory in three years, the products (i.e. fish tank heaters and dimmer switches) that cause RF interference, the decline of FCC inspections, and mentioning AM is still here to stay and let area AMers know you exist, concerning any interference problems. Mr. Wilson followed mentioning the history of KJTY, his rise in radio from tending an FM XR in NJ to a school teacher to now trying to build on his success by acquiring other non-profit radio properties, described and showed Ernie Cooper's report of "Joy" 2 months ago (nice catch ERC!) and that "nice, clean non-profit religious FMers can really find local support." For their efforts, Paul presented each with the NRC's 50th anniversary book. As usual the zany NRC auction followed, hosted by Paul, Wayne, and "Skip," producing some outrageous bids. Like a can, a can!, of New Zealand beer for \$21.00, Paul's acquiring a white WIBW coffee mug for \$40.00 and Rick Dau's excitement over a Kansas City KBEQ "Q-104 The Who" T-Shirt. Several free door prizes were donated by stations and won by members also. Sunday morning at 11:15 AM with permission from Mr. O'Donnell, I arranged a tour of WIBW through weekend operator Bob Wayman. The complete AM/FM/TV outlet is located a few miles west of downtown on Meninger Hill in a 50-60 year old building that looks like part of a college campus and actually once was the home of the school house for the Security Benefit Life Insurance Company.. Partially surrounding Mr. Wayman in the main control room were the sports/nx, music, CBS network, and Kansas Information/Agri Net studios. The station has the "biggest variety of programs" and has a time tape running continuously to be kept for three years in case the community needs to check WIBW's audio records. Inside the smaller WIBW "97 FM" studio is 3 1/2 year part-timer Allen Adams, aka

Allen Pratchett, who is surprised that the NRC existed! The CHR station this morning is running a Casey Kasenn LP, followed by Allen's show, or so it seems, but he's actually using a small voice chip to alter his voice to sound like weekend personality Dave Alexander (placed in a slot in the board!). As to why he won't use his voice, Allen says "I don't think I sound good on the air!" Allen also states their CD player still acts up as the door might open and/or the song jumps and still prefers carts. Brunch from 10:30-2 pm is still going on when we arrive back at 1 pm. At 2, a "tech talk" is presented by Ned Duval, retired Shell Oil geologist of Houston, on his computer workings of latitude and longitude paths of stations. This is followed by announcing that Frank Merrill won the DX Quiz and a one year membership to receive the DX Monitor! Then Bob Potter, CE of Topeka's KTOP-1490/KDVV 100.3, talked about his station, the demise of WREN-1250, KTOP's future move to that frequency and tests to begin around January 90 or before. My only topeka reception was of WIBW in December '79 as I showed the QSL card and played the tape of the reception to Mr. O'Donnell Saturday night. I hoped I could make it 2 when KTOP runs tests, but that would mean local WTAE-1250 would have to be off for awhile hmm-hi! Later, Chuck Rader and I found the WIBW 2 tower site 3 miles north of the studios, plus pics of Topeka's stations including WREN and the WREN on the roof of the building. Sunday's night beverage session was on, but by the time I finished discussions with Paul and Mike about next year, I never did find it; my loss. Monday morning heavy rain almost slowed my progress to drop off the rental car and catch the 9:45am (delayed to 10:30 am) out of KC International, but I'm once again glad that I made it to Topeka and say thank again to the hosts and everyone else. For now, I hope many if not all of you will attend in 1990 as we Pittsburghers look forward to having you! Any suggestions, please write and I shall consider it. 73's (Thank for the wishes John!-ajm) P.S.- this muse is dedicated to the passing of NRCers G. Paul Crowder, Tom Fauretic, Bill Prater, and the three week old as of this writing, death of Gary Atkins.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! Effective immediately, my new address for musings will be c/o Shaffer Assoc. - Suite 1000 - 5050 Post Oak Blvd. - Houston, TX 77056 Yes, I have finally relocated to my new job! I'm exhausted, and I'm sorry this column has not been more timely. From now on, I shall strive to make it appear every week. So Thanks! As regards loggings in the Musings column, I really don't see the need. This column is for all of us to be able to shoot the bull. We have separate columns for loggings. It would be different if this column came out earlier than the others but it doesn't. Besides, we editors are very possessive and I wouldn't want a DX editor using Musings in his or her loggings column and I'm sure that works both ways. Thanks to those of you that mused this time around! Oh, by the way, mail to my old address will be forwarded for a short while, so if you've sent something out, don't sweat it! LBR DAZE de Al

## CITY QUIZ

John S. Bowker, Valparaiso, IN

quiz #33

Only one city in the United States has stations operating at the five dial positions shown below. Of course, there may be other stations in this city too! Can you spot the city?

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600                      760                      1130                      1170                      1290

Here is a hint; it is one of these: Wheeling, San Diego, Detroit  
(The answer will appear at the end of the next City Quiz in DX News.)  
The answer to City Quiz #32 Providence

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