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WCIL-1020 - P.O. BOX 700, Carbondale, IL 62903 will conduct a Special DX test broadcast on Monday, February 5, 1990 from 0630 to 0700 ELT. The test will consist of a special test announcement, Morse Code ID's and music. Reception reports are requested. All reports should be sent to Mr. Paul H. McRoy, General Manager. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

WRSW-1480 - P.O. Box 1448, Warsaw, IN 46580 will conduct a special DX test on February 4, 1990 from 0530 ELT thru 0555 ELT s/on. The test will be conducted using the 1 kW daytime facility. At 0555 WRSW will switch to 500 w. directional. The test will consist of some marches, legal ID's, code ID's and will be interspersed with oldies from their automated normal programming. "In addition to acknowledging reports I will award a special prize to the furthest report of our signal. Regards" James L. Swearingen, Chief Engineer. Our thanks to Mr. Swearingen! Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

WLUS-980 - P. O. Box 1068 Gainesville, FL 32602 will conduct a DX test on Sunday morning, February 18, from 0400- to 0430 EST. Test will consist of voice and code ID's, an explanation of the test, and fast-tempo big-band style music. Power will be, from 0400-0417: 5 kW, 0417-0419: .5 kW; 0419-0421: .25 kW; 0421-1423: .166 kW; then, return to 5 kW. Code ID's will be used during all segments. Our thanks to Mr. Tim McGuire, CE, for this test. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

WIVV-1370 - P.O. BOX 338, Vieques, PR 00765-0338 will conduct a special DX TEST on February 19, 1990 from 0400- to 0426 Eastern Local Time. At 0426 WIVV will sign on for its normal broadcast day. The test will be run with 5000 watts non-directional. This test will consist of Christian music with frequent voice and code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. James C. French Operations Manager. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

From the Pub Center... The #4 Updater for the NRC AM Radio Log is now available for \$2.00. And check out page 23 for the brand-new radio map book. Order from the Publication Center.

From Topeka ... Some of you can't read! A number of NRC'ers are grumbling about the non-

issue of DX in Musings. Gentlemen, clear back into Ernie Cooper's reign as editor of Musings of the Members the editors and publishers have suggested that the proper place for LISTS of DX heard was in the appropriate columns ... IDXD, DDXD, etc., and that, indeed, passing mention of ANYTHING was fair game in Musings, including DX. We've never even suggested that the inclusion of DX in Musings was inappropriate, unless it was clear that you should have invested another stamp and sent your LIST to another column. When I took over Musings in 1982 it was with the stipulation that the LISTS of bandscans be sent to a new column, as I felt that the philosophy of Musings ... that of being a place for information of use to other DX'ers ... did not stretch far enough to include Bandscans. Nuff said. Now, give Al something USEFUL to type up!

DXChange ... Bill Swiger - Rt 1, Box 142A - Bridgeport, WV 26330 is looking for a Yaesu FRT-7700 or MFJ antenna tuner (for VLF and MW). And Radio Sofia was kind enough to send a copy of its broadcasting schedule through May, 1990; send the editor an SASE if you'd like to have a copy.

DX Time Machine From the pages of DX News

Twenty-five years ago ... from the February 6, 1965 DXN: Publisher Richard Cooper offered tips on increasing verie return percentages, especially including return postage ... Joe Kureth, Southern Pines, NC wrote his first Musings and offered to QSL any reports for WEEB.

Ten years ago ... from the February 4, 1980 DXN: Standings in Norm Maguire's IDXA, for South American reception, included Hank Wilkinson at the top, followed by R. Anderson, D. Reynolds, A Rugg, B. Dangerfield, G. Alleu, R. Schiller, H. Gustafson, R. Kenneally, N. Maguire, R. Sperry, H. Robie, P. Swearingen, R. Carr, F. Wheeler, R. Leamy, and R. Eddie.

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AM Switch

Jerry Starr
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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:
570 KLDD TX Dallas	KKWM	1390 WZKG SC Charleston	WCSE
810 WJLT VA Crozet	WCYK	1400 WSMR NC Raeford	WHIL
860 WAMO PA Pittsburgh	WYJZ	1530 WRKT PA North East	WEHN
1310 KTKR CA Taft	KMYX*	1570 WRHD NY Riverhead	WRHZ
1330 WLIT SC Conway	WBLG	1580 KNIX AZ Tempe	KCWW*
1380 KLUE OK Muskogee	KMUS	1590 WWRT TN Algood	WATX

*Notes on calls: KTKR-1310 is presently silent, new call no doubt means it will be returning to the air. KNIX requested KCWW once before and had the change set aside, now they've evidently changed their minds.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1200 CA Pismo Beach: 5000/1000 U4 (replacing defunct CP for KRDE)

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1030 NV Boulder City: 50000/1000 U4
1100 TX Hudson: 10000/580 U4

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1050 WPZA MI Ann Arbor: day power to 10000 watts
1200 KTCD CA Eureka: city of license to Cottonwood, CA, night power to 2500 watts

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1180 KCLP TX Claude: city of license to Amarillo Township, TX, relocate XR, reduce night power to 240 watts
1200 WGNV NY Newburgh: night power to 2500 watts (station still on 1220)

OTHERNESS

720 WMXY GA Hogansville: station has been SILENT the past few weeks with the exception of their Sunday morning Gospel shows, signs off by noon on Sundays and doesn't return until the following Sunday morning.

860 CBH NS Halifax: has been off the air since last October since programming has moved to FM only

990 KBBQ CA Santa Barbara: station went SILENT in December

1100 *App TX Bridge City: application for new station DISMISSED

1290 KESP CA Santa Barbara: station is SILENT (things don't look very good for AM facilities in Santa Barbara, do they?)

WGLI NY Babylon: station is SILENT for good, was bought out by the owners of WADO-1280. This is the first example of the FCC's new policy permitting stations to buy other facilities which may be causing them interference and taking the offending station off the air. WGLI had been on reduced power but now that WADO has made the changes to improve their signal WGLI is history.

1320 CJMR ON Mississauga: station is now here with 10000/10000 U4, ex-1190 kHz, the last of the Canadian daytimers

1430 WBRB MI Mount Clemens: station is SILENT

1450 KOBO CA Yuba City: station is SILENT

THANKS to Otherness contributors: WAYNE HEINEN, DANA YEOMANS, OLLE ALM, DON TRELFOED, JOHN MALICKY, MIKE ROIRDAN and somebody who called with CJMR info but we forgot to write down your name. Sorry about that!

73 and Good DX, Jerry & BKP Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

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KLRR FM 107

KBNP
AM 1110

Domestic DX Digest - East

William Hale
734 Burleson
San Marcos, TX 78666

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

MEDIUM WAVE rAmblings

■ Let's all welcome RICH FRCHO of Willoughby, Ohio to our family. He DXes with a R7A & an NRD-515, a couple of radios we don't see mentioned often here. Good to have you with us, Rich, but please include the cities when reporting. I don't have 'em all memorized, yet-hi.

■ Wendell Ford notes the NEW mailing address for WIMS-IN: 685 East 1675 North, Michigan City, IN 46360. I left out the '1675 North' portion in his report of WIMS in Issue 13. Those of you who make address changes in your logs, please note this. Those who keep just twigs and branches, disregard. Why don't they get a real address like Box 24 or something like that?-hi.

■ HEY HEY HEY!! The DX CPC Machine out of Colorado has been in high gear and the results are showing up from all over. Let's all thank Wayne and Jeff with more stamps!!

■ Once in a while it becomes necessary, for the benefit of new members and old ones who forget or ignore them, here are the very basic groundrules for submitting your DX to this column: Type or print neatly use one side of the paper only; try to format your submission as close as possible to the way you see it here; include cities; divide your DX into the different sections; alphabetize by state and city within common frequencies; keep the report concise; include date and time (this is a must); ensure your submitted DX is current---none older than 30 days old by MY deadline will be printed except special cases will be considered if explanations are included; deadlines are usually the published Masthead date minus 12 days (Saturday's mail). That's about all. Let's hear from YOU.

1160 AM
COUNTRY

360 CLAYTON ROAD • HOWELL, NJ
07731

CFYM 1050 • CHAS FM 100.5

SPECIAL

540 WSTH GA COLUMBUS - 1/5 0322-0400 noted with Lerry King; add to your Logs; ID by King @ 0400 AM Stereo 54... (WPF-IN)

730 WJMI WI MERRILL - 1/12 0254-0307+ with Talknet+NBC Nt out of wx and back to T-Net, over SS; NO night power listed in Log (WPF-IN)

830 WLND OH CORTLAND - daytime regular now on its third format in less than a year (ex:REL, ex:OLD); is now automated EZL vocals & instrumentals from the 60s-80s & non-IDs as The Soft Spot and Soft Touch 83, WLND; hourly ID: You're listening to the soft touch on your dial, Radio 83 WLND Cortland-Warren-Youngstown; carries USA Radio Net (CR-ON)

850 WAIT IL CRYSTAL LAKE - 1/10 1047 noted with FM-type BFL Mx; same format as 820 where these CLs used to be; ex: MoR/Oldies; per Sun-Times, switch occurred 1/1 (WPF-IN)

860 WYJZ PA PITTSBURGH - 1/8 now using these CLs with 24 hours of Jazz; 1/1 went 24 hours; about 6 years ago had these CLs also; with 12.7 watts night power; ex:WAMO (JM-PA)

1030 WNTL MD UNDIAN HEAD - 1/6 with Arabic programming, leading up to sign-off at 1714; ex:WBZE (JR-NY)

1100 KJYE CO GRAND JUNCTION - 1/13 0815 fair with EZL pgm, in WWWE null; ex:KVEE; CO #54 (SA-NB)

1160 WACY MI FENTON - 1/12 Midnight with ID and UPI Nx; also calls itself Wacky with C&W mx; ex:WFEN (JR-NY)

WYVI NY MECHANICSVILLE - 1/12 0823-0917 over WSKW/WOBM with armchair signal @ times, MoR mx, local ads, AP Nx & Sports; Jay is the morning man; ex:1170 (RA-MA)

WPIE NY TRUMANSBURG - 1/8 1332 testing with EZL mx; ID @ 1350 (DV-NY)

WPIE NY TRUMANSBURG - 1/9 1215 now on with NOS/HoYL mx and program test, announcements; can't tell if it's on at night yet (JR-NY)

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 1170 WKFI FL MORGENTHAU 1/11 1826 with C&W mx, then With two stations, we now cover all of Lake and Sumter Counties, Country 1170 and Country 1140... then at 1830: You've found the two stations in Central Florida with the most music... Florida First... Country 1170 and Country 1240... In this a synchronous XR operation, judging from my atlas, the 1140 must be WLCF in Florida (KVI-GA)
 1200 WOPA IL CHICAGO is finally on after months of testing; format is SS; the on R. station (RK-IL)
 1251a CHWO ON OAKVILLE - 1/11 0605 noted running a shade more than 1 kHz high of 1250, still have an of 1/11; this, along with WTHA-SC running 1250 Hz low, has turned 1250 into a real mess (CR-ON)
 1300 WIMG NJ EWING 1/11 noted back on with some higher after being shut down by Upper Merioneth of Totals (CR-IL) (G.F. DXN 12/4/89) (G.F. ND)
 1320 WKAN IL KANKAKEE - 1/11 0601 noted with AP Net No, also WNW1-1080 noted using a bulletin on Panama from AP Net neither listed as AP in Log; WNW1 to up for sale... (WPF-IN)
 CJMR ON MISSISSAUGA - 1/11 0601 noted with ID under WIAA ex:1190 (JR-NY)
 CJMR ON MISSISSAUGA - 1/11 0601 noted with ID, WIA ID: 1320 CJMR; ex:1190 (DV-NY)
 1350 KGHF CO PUEBLO - 1/13 0909 fair with MW mx, songs from the 40s, 50s; ex:KRYT; CO #35 (SA-MH)
 1510 WXVX PA MONROEVILLE - 1/16 per GM/Peter Bob Dillon, win is 250/250; FCC granted 2000 sign-off as a testing period & mentions within the week 1000 watts days and directionality hopes to be directional slightly northwest in PA; also eventually will stay on 'til Midnight & hopes for 1000/750 watts sites & AM Stereo in 4-6 months; more on this site in Mustang; does this help, CR-ON (JM-PA)
 1520 WKVI IN KNOX - CP for 2000 watts is apparently on; now heard weakly here days, but no sign when cut to critical hours power (RK-IL)
 1100 KKRY CO LAKEWOOD - 1/15 2104 strong with hard ROK mx, then anner said they were leaving air for two hours; new SP?? or just a one-time thing? (SA-MB)
 WETA TX DICKINSON HILL - 1/15 0201 in like a rock with ranchera mx and Radio Variedades slogan; 0201 EE ID as KSSA-FM DALLAS, KSSA-AM Cockrell Hill-Dallas; so CP for new city-of license is on (G.F. ND)

NE/SW; songs heard: One Less Bell to Answer, Bad Boys; non-ID @ 0400 as Radio 720, that's it, no CLs; suspect needed CHTN, testing (WPF-IN)
 790 KCAN AK GLENNALLEN - 1/15 0400-0415 not heard (SF-TN)
 KCAN AK GLENNALLEN - 1/15 test not heard (RA-MA) (KVJ-GA) (WPF-IN) (SA-MB)
 1120 WADN MA CONCORD - 1/8 0200 and on; way under KMOX with phonetic & CIDs, 1000 Hz TT and info about station; CIDs were actually a waste of time and not hrd as well as VIDs due to being too low in frequency, should have been at least 1000 Hz to cut thru KMOX; MA #45 (CR-ON)
 WADN MA CONCORD - 1/8 0700-0715 [you sure about these times??-Ed.] hrd with male announcement, female announcement, CIDs and 1000 Hz TT; fair under KMOX (JR-NY)
 WADN MA CONCORD - 1/8 0200 with sign-on for DX test; also with TT & CIDs; fair under KMOX (RK-IL)
 WADN MA CONCORD - 1/8 test noted 0212-0231 sign-off with numerous IDs of all types, TT topping KMOX (RA-MA)
 WADN MA CONCORD - 1/8 0200 catching CID & TT; mostly under KMOX with WRVA slop (JM-PA)
 WADN MA CONCORD - 1/8 definitely hrd a weak tone which started @ 0205, and occasional TTs afterwards, but no VIDs or CIDs were noted (KVJ-GA)
 WADN MA CONCORD - 1/8 0200 heard test annc, CID, then TT; all of this only when breaks between audio on KMOX; lost by 0209 (WPF-IN)
 1220 WKMT NC KINGS MOUNTAIN - 1/6 0100-0315 DX Test tried, but not heard; only WGAR/CKCW (RA-MA); tunes for, but not hrd; per DXN issue 14, they weren't on, that's why! (JM-PA); not heard (KVJ-GA) (WPF-IN)
 WKMT NC KINGS MOUNTAIN - 1/6 0119 poor with partial CID; a whole period of CIDs noted @ 0400; conditions this direction were very poor this morning, this one probably did not get out well (RK-IL)
 1370 WMNY SC ELLOREE-SANTEE - 1/8 thought this was a no-show until very weak 1000 Hz TT noted @ 0420; no VIDs hrd; had to dip into the R-390's bag of tricks to enhance TT and eliminate audio from interfering stns and was able to get two good CIDs @ 0429:00 & 0433:10; fortunately, unlike WADN, CIDs were at same 1000 Hz as TT, otherwise, no ID; WXXI/WSPD were top dogs during the test; note spelling of Elloree (Log has it misspelled) (CR-ON)
 WMNY SC ELLOREE-SANTEE - 1/8 0415 with CID, TTs & more CIDs noted @ 0433; this one was only possible by peaking the weak 1000 Hz tone on my audio filter & waiting for CID; very poor under WSPD/WGCL (RK-IL)
 WMNY SC ELLOREE-SANTEE - 1/8 tried, nothing heard (RA-MA) (KVJ-GA) (JM-PA) (WPF-IN)
 1560 KABI KS ABILENE - 1/15 0530-0600 not heard, unless they were the superweak continuous TTer after 0545 (SF-TN)
 KABI KS ABILENE - 1/15 not heard; slop from local pirate on 1580 & WQXR too strong (JM-PA)
 KABI KS ABILENE - 1/15 tried, nothing heard (RA-MA) (KVJ-GA) (WPF-IN) (KDF-IL) (SA-MB)
 1600 WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 0155-0306 poor with TTs, VIDs & musical selections featuring piano, trumpet & Charleston dance mx; heavy QRM from WWRL/WIXY (GU-NY)

UNIDs AND UNIDs ID

570 WKYX KY PADUCAH might be NJW's unID of 12/3 [Issue 12]; they are heard often here (WPF-IN)
 750 UNID ?? - 1/11 0601 with Fred Sanders on IRN AN; fair under WSB; on NW wire only... KMM1? CJWW? (FM-IL)
 820 WGGM VA CHESTER - be almost certainly Charles Reh's unID in Issue 13; Compassion Connection is actually the Talkback with Bob Larson pgm; a quick call to the ministry headquarters in Denver verified WGGM as an affiliate airing Talkback between 1600-1700 ELT (GU-NY)
 1090 UNID ?? - 1/16 0513 with music in the AM on the Music Radio Network; sounded like country rock mx; KAAV totally off in rare SP; hrd only on NW antenna so suspect KBOZ or CHEC; GRM from Martinique(?) & WBAL (FM IL)
 1170 UNID ?? - 1/11 2141-2210 someone testing with tones, OC, and intermittent REL mx; no ID at this illegal time, natch, but judging from signal strength, had to be someone not too far away! (KVJ-GA)
 1180 UNID ?? - 1/12 0808 with soul mx, mention of the Metroplex & ads (KDF-IL)
 1390 UNID ?? - 1/15 1820 with Radio Mexicana in & out of mess in SS; other Colorado stns in, so suspect CO (FM-IL)
 1510 UNID ?? - 1/15 0255-0315 with C&W mx, faded @ ID points [don't they all, hi-Ed.]; sounded like WKK? (maybe WAUK?); strong at times when WLAC nulled (null direction E/W) (DLH-IN)
 UNID ?? - 1/15 0255-0315 with Black/UC mx with light jazz, etc.. many promos; hrd Tower or Power 15 slogans; fighting it with WLAC & other unID (DLH-IN)
 1600 UNID ?? - Sometimes 0600-0603 with nx in SS; sounds satellite; sometimes has reports desde R.Centro en Washington; WKWF-FL?; will keep watching, but this hour rare for me lately (FM-IL)

DX/EQUIPMENT TESTS

720 UNID ?? - 12/30 0328-0411 someone testing with MoR/Top 40 mx & TT; really doing a job on WGN; 6-7 dots on S-Meter; looped



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WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 0200-0330 not heard on several checks of frequency; strong WWRL/WIXY QRM (RA-MA)

WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 0200-0305 probably them with European siren tones at 0220, 0230 & 0304; very weak under KSSA/WXVI (SF-TN)

WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 squeaked thru QRM from WIXY/CHNR in interludes between 0217-0322 with pulsating tones; hrd one ID @ 0306; my phone call @ 0325 was the 12th received (RUGG)

WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 0156-0230 with numerous anmts, TTs that sounded like European sirens, mx; overall fair but sometimes very strong and sometimes fading out; QRM de WWRL/others (RJV-VA)

WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 0200+ good at times with siren tone; fading to WWRL/WAYC; signal confirmed by phone call to **Dave Schmidt**, who ment'd **Wayne Helman** heard 'em too! (JM-PA)

WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 0200-0225 maybe heard, buried in mess with alternating hi-lo TTs (sounded like European police car siren); no ID hrd, gave up @ 0225 (RF-OH) [From data in the other reports, it's a safe bet you heard them-Ed.]

WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 tried, not heard (KVJ-GA) (WPF-IN); not hrd under several stations, including a very strong KSSA (KDF-IL)

WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 not heard (SA-MB)

WKEN DE DOVER - 1/15 0204 with *This is WKEN Dover*, now on air for testing by **Dave Schmidt**; alternating TTs; good; tent 3/17/80 @ 2359, now definite (WPT-DC)

EMERGENCY BROADCAST

690 WPDQ FL JACKSONVILLE - 12/23 0302 with **OLDies** show for truckers (Oldies?...Truckers?? nah!-Ed.); on **Emergency Broadcast Authorization** - slick roads, cold temps, sleet & snow!; gave warning center locations; hrd WMAX-570 earlier, it was -27F in South Dakota; cold? in J-ville, hi (WPF-IN) [Looks like these guys either are a super public servant, or grasp at situations to go 50 kw ND -Ed.]



TIS & OTHER

530 TIS IL LA SALLE - 1/2 1603 poor under the Joliet & Morris TIS' with info about the Illinois-Michigan Canal area; the 4th one in Lemont (the usual dominant one here) is apparently off; each of them has an individual message (≈ a 2 minute loop tape) so they are individually identifiable (RK-IL)

TIS MO MARK TWAIN STATE PARK - 1/9 1525 is here day & night on SW LW; female talks about parking, facilities, etc; sometimes also has wx forecast (FM-IL)

1610 KMH441 IL HIGHLAND PARK - 1/1 0124 fair with TIS for Illinois Dept of Transportation; usual dominant KMB824 only running OC for 2 weeks now (RK-IL)

TIS ?? - 1/17 0423 TIS station mostly under Caribbean Beacon, audible on SE LW only; traffic stn, talks about the causeway and emergency phone boxes; *Your information station on the South Shore, 1610 AM*; not many south shores in the U.S., New Orleans is about the only place I know that fits! (FM-IL)

PIRATE ACTIVITY

1620 UNID ?? - 1/13 0710 someone here with SS ballad-type mx & talk; poor modulation (DV-NY)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

540 WSTH GA COLUMBUS - 1/5 0159 good with ID by **Larry King**, ad, full AM-FM ID (RK-IL)

560 WEAZ PA PHILADELPHIA - 1/15 0311-0344 atop with FM simulcast, E2L mx with *EZ 101* IDs (RA-MA)

570 WNAX SD YANKTON - 1/8 0545 fair with sign-on, in WIND slop (RK-IL)

590 WCEO IL WOOD RIVER - 1/2 0325 fair with ads, ID Business Radio Net (RK-IL)

600 WKLW KY PAINTSVILLE - 1/1 0600 poor with sign-on (RK-IL)

610 WZZK AL BIRMINGHAM - 1/5 0640-0700 with C&W mx, sports & wx (RL-NC)

WRUS KY RUSSELLVILLE - 1/6 0827 with *Happy Birthday Club* show & ID; super in dominant WTVN null (DLH-IN)

630 WPRO RI PROVIDENCE - 1/8 0835-0845 with WPRO nx, sports, many calls; with WMAL (RL-NC)

640 WGST GA ATLANTA - 1/14 0520 with nx pgm, local nx, wx, then ABC Nx pgm; does anybody have a mailing address for these guys other than a ZIP code? (RJV-VA)

WCRV TN COLLIERVILLE - 1/15 0025 with REL mx, ID @ 0029; poor in WHLO null and heavy QRM from Cuban & het; new (RF-OH)

660 WXIC OH WAVERLY - 1/4 0715 fair with sign-on (RK-IL)

700 CHSJ NB SAINT JOHN - 1/7 0845-0910 with C&W mx, nx @ :00, American Country Countdown on *CHSJ 700 AM Stereo*; has been heard many days at all hours, slight WCAT (RL-NC)

710 WEKC KY WILLIAMSBURG - 1/3 0715 poor with sign-on (RK-IL)

WOR NY NEW YORK - 1/14 0200-0500 strong with *Joe Franklin's Memory Lane NOS* show; best they've been in over two months; SS barely underneath (TS-MI)

WTPR TN PARIS - 1/3 0714:30 fair with sign-on (RK-IL)

840 WBHY AL MOBILE - 1/2 0743 fair+good with sign-on (RK-IL)

910 WNEZ CT NEW BRITAIN - 1/15 0356-0428 noted using new CLs with many EZ 910 IDs, greater Hartford mentions, lots of instrumental mx with familiar song titles (RA-MA)

930 WCNR PA BLOOMSBURG - 1/11 0606 with local nx followed by wx for the *Susquehanna Valley*; then had ad for **Jim Evans Ford**, central Pennsylvania's truck headquarters>the *Farm Market Report*; fair with WEOL null (CR-ON)

980 WKLF AL CLANTON - 1/4 0700 fair with sign-on (RK-IL)

WLWX GA ROSSVILLE - 1/4 0654 fair with ID (RK-IL)

WHAW WV WESTON - 1/4 0649 fair with C&W mx, ID (RK-IL)

1000 WLUP IL CHICAGO - 1/1 0542 XLNT with sign-on (RK-IL)

1010 KBIS AR LITTLE ROCK - 1/1 0524 fair with ID, nx (RK-IL)

KBIS AR LITTLE ROCK - 1/6 0612 with BRN programming, wx sports (RJV-VA)

1020 WKZE CT SHARON - 1/12 0940-1007 must have increased day power to 2500 watts, as noted here much louder, in WBZ adjacent channel splatter, with **Marshall & Dale Show** (RA-MA)

WKZE CT SHARON - 1/13 0720 with sports, CT Lotto, wx under KDKA; fair but faded fast (RJV-VA)

1030 WGFC VA FLOYD - 1/9 0715 with sign-on at WBZ LSR with KCTA (who had sign-on @ 0714) null; all I got was *Good Morning, this is WGFC in Floyd, Virginia broadcasting...*; local WUFL then had its sign-on covering all; will try for more on 2/1 when WBZ LSR is 0645 and WUFL not known to change sign-on times during the week; WNTL noted with sign-on @ 0729 so does not use PSRA; none of the above had SSB [Comms!-Ed.] (CR-ON)

1070 KNX CA LOS ANGELES - 1/15 0131 good atop frequency with pest CHOK null; ID & L.A.-area wx, fadeout @ 0134; back atop @ 0135 with **Shearson-Lehman** ad, then+nx; no sign of usual WIBC...SP? (RF-OH)

1090 WJKM TN HARTSVILLE - 1/3 0658:30 fair with sign-on (RK-IL)

1150 KCPS IA BURLINGTON - recently noted still running SSB, then *fake* sign-on @ 0556 daily (weekdays, at least) as they did last season; has Talknet AN (FM-IL)

1160 WAMB TN DONELSON - 1/15 0159 with ad, ID, MoYL mx; in KSL null with WJJD off (KDF-IL)

1180 WLDS IL JACKSONVILLE - 1/13 0743 good with sign-on info, no SSB heard+local nx, wx (SA-MB)

WMLX KY FLORENCE - 1/13 0745 fair with possible sign-on, but no info or SSB; female ment'd *More of your favorites continue now on WMLX* (SA-MB)

1200 WBZY PA NEW CASTLE - 1/3 0755-0800 with ID @ :00+nx (RL-NC)

WOAI TX SAN ANTONIO - 1/8 0559 fair with sign-on; in WOPA null (RK-IL)

1210 WSBI TN STATIC - 1/3 0715-0730 with C&W mx, items for sale (RL-NC)

1220 WJUN PA MEXICO - 1/9 0612 with promo for the *WJUN Super Bowl Party Giveaway*; contributing sponsors were **The Mexico Market**, **?Zither? Brothers** in Newport and a business is **Mifflintown**; briefly over WGAR (CR-ON)

CKCW NB MONCTON - 1/6 0220 with OLD mx under WGAR (RJV-VA)

1260 WALM MI ALBION - 1/4 0600 fair with sign-on (RK-IL)

KTAE TX TAYLOR - 1/2 0702 fair with SSB & sign-on (RK-IL)

1270 WHLD NY NIAGARA FALLS - 1/12 0825 w/end of *Minute Mystery*; full ID w/account of rotten local wx, then+another (canned) REL pgm before fading @ 0837; good for awhile; a freakish morning, WUKB was in like a local, also noted Toronto (EJ-NJ4)

KESS TX FT WORTH - 1/2 0729 on top with ranchera mx, full ID (RK-IL)

1350 WHMI MI HOWELL - 1/2 0559:30 good with sign-on (RK-IL)

WNVA VA NORTON - 1/3 0602 poor with sign-on (RK-IL)

1370 WLTH IN GARY - 1/8 0701 fair with sign-on (RK-IL)

1390 WGCI IL CHICAGO - 1/13 0200-0400 good+fair, alone on channel with *Blues You Can Use* blues show and voice-over IDs; WGCI whispered by female anncr (TS-MI)

1400 WELL MI BATTLE CREEK - 1/13 0600 fair with sign-on (RK-IL)

WBTH WV WILLIAMSON - 1/12 Midnight poor with sign-off (RK-IL)

1420 WHBN KY HARRODSBURG - 1/8 0600 fair with sign-on (RK-IL)

WFLT MI FLINT - 1/2 0623 good with B:GOS, PSA (RK-IL)

WPLY WI PLYMOUTH - 1/5 0658 good with sign-on (RK-IL)



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 1440 WMDJ KY MARTIN - 1/8 0600 poor with sign-on (RK-IL)
 WAJR WV MORGANTOWN - 1/8 0600 fair with sign-on (RK-IL)
 1450 WRCO WI RICHLAND CENTER - 1/13 0108 fair→poor with sign-off, vocal SSB (RK-IL)
 WRCO WI RICHLAND CENTER - 1/13 0559 good with vocal SSB sign-on (RK-IL)
 1480 WBTS AL BRIDGEPORT - 1/1 0700 poor with sign-on (RK-IL)
 1490 KQDS MN DULUTH - 1/15 0235 good with mix of OLD & harder ROK; IDs as FM-95 & KQDS Classic 95; new & MN #102 (SA-MN)
 WGCD SC CHESTER - 1/10 0001 atop with sign-off and SSB; leaves 10 unheards here from the Palmetto State (SF-TN)
 1520 WMLM MI ST LOUIS - 1/2 0557 poor with sign-on (RK-IL)
 KMPL MO SIKESTON - 1/2 0106 good with SSB & sign-off (RK-IL)
 KMPL MO SIKESTON - 1/2 0558 good with SSB & sign-on (RK-IL)
 1550 WNDI IN SULLIVAN - 1/8 0702 fair with sign-on (RK-IL)
 1560 WQXR NY NEW YORK - 1/15 0530 with sign-on announcement→wx, CLA mx; so much for DX test from KABI (RJV-VA)
 1570 WYTI VA ROCKY MOUNT - 1/6 0533 with sign-on→GOS pgm; CP listed in NRC Log apparently in effect per powers listed in anmt (RJV-VA)
 1580 WHHM TN HENDERSON - 1/12 0708 on top of the frequency briefly with 100000 ads, HS sports promo (KDF-IL)
 1600 WKWF FL KEY WEST - 1/15 0159 heard while setting up for WKEN test with unID tune & WKWF, Key West ID jx; mx sounded very Top-40ish, not MoYL as listed in the Log (GU-NY)
 WXXO FL WINTER GARDEN - 1/15 0202 fair during WKEN test with ... another 30-minute mx sweep only on Central Florida's number one Holiday Headquarters, WXXO & mention of Winter Carnival (GU-NY)
 WSNX MI MUSKEGON - 1/15 0127 good with Sunny FM or FM 104.5 IDs; with lite ROK, mixing with WAAM carrying L. King (SA-MB)
 KSSA TX COCKRELL HILLS-DALLAS - 1/15 0200 absolutely killing frequency with Latin American mx (type unknown); EE ID @ 0200 including their FM (DLH-IN)
 KSSA TX COCKRELL HILLS-DALLAS - 1/15 0201 with SS mx, including a SS version of Don't Mess With My Too-Too, then EE ID, ment'g Plano-Dallas; hrd while trying for the WKEN DX Test (KVJ-GA)

MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT



820 AM WZYQ, WZYQ BLDG.
 6633 MOUNT PHILIP ROAD
 FREDERICK, MD 21701-5987

590 WWLX TN LAWRENCEBURG - 12/31 2300 fair with full ID (RK-IL)
 650 KUUY WY ORCHARD VALLEY - 1/12 1857-1934 with C&W mx, mention of Cheyenne temp, several IDs hrd; poor→fair in WSM null (KDF-IL)
 660 WXIC OH WAVERLY - 1/9 1730 good with sign-off, no SSB (DLH-IN)
 760 WCNN GA NORTH ATLANTA - 1/14 1745 with sports, ID ad; poor under unID (KDF-IL)
 720 WGRC NC BREVARD - 1/9 1744 with prayer, REL promo and sign-off mentioning 10,000 watts; equal with WGN at times! (DLH-IN)
 CHTN PI CHARLOTTETOWN - 1/10 1635-1658 fair in QRN with IDs, many local ads, POP mx, traffic, wx, and ferry reports (RA-MA)
 CHTN PI CHARLOTTETOWN - 1/11 1528 with local ad & ID; fair over WGN (DV-NY)
 730 KLOE KS GOODLAND - 1/15 with markets and commodities, PSA for Kansas Farming and power cut without ID; on NW antenna; new (FM-IL)
 WENO TN NASHVILLE - 12/23 1730 with sign-off, giving address (but I didn't catch it), phone #359-WENO, non-ID Wee-No; format is REL, I think; 1st-timer, in WJR null (WPF-IN)
 770 WJMM KY NICHOLSVILLE - 1/4 1735-1745 with GOS & sign-off (RL-NC)
 780 WLRM MS RIDGELAND-JACKSON - 1/13 1757-1815 w/All Motivation from the W.N.N.---Winner's News Network with a variety of motivational-type pgms, to sign-off, which ment'd WLIN-101.7 FM (KVJ-GA)
 WPTN TN COOKEVILLE - 1/13 1727 with ROK OLD, The all-new 780, WPTN (KVJ-GA)
 810 WJXL AL JACKSONVILLE - 1/2 1727 w/wx report for Jacksonville and Anniston (SS); fair (WPT-DC)
 830 WADU LA NORCO - 1/9 1817 appeared in KBOA's wake with local ads and EZL mx; XLNT (DLH-IN)
 KBOA MO KENNETT - 1/9 1815 great signal with sign-off (DLH-IN)
 840 KWDF LA BALL - 1/2 1830 poor thru line noise with REL, sign-off (RK-IL)
 870 WGRX AL VALLEY HEAD - 1/4 1750 -1800 with sign-off (RL-NC)
 WPRQ TN COLONIAL HEIGHTS - 1/1 1745 poor with sign-off (RK-IL)
 880 WFRD OH WORTHINGTON - 1/7 1728 fair with sign-off in WLS slop (RK-IL)
 910 WPEG TN SOUTH PITTSBURG - 1/9 1827 good with ads and OLD (DLH-IN)

920 WGHQ NY KINGSTON - 1/10 1659 fair with mx by Phil Collins then Newswatch 92 next on WGHQ, Kingston→NBC Nw (GU-NY)
 930 WFMD MD FREDERICK - 1/4 1711 with the Donnie Andrews weather menu for the Frederick area; mentioned it's cloudy with 44° on Grove Hill and then gave call ID:930 AM Stereo, WFMD; very good with WEOL null; MD #60 (CR-ON)
 1010 WPKY AL DORA - 1/6 1755-1802 with C&W mx, sign-off (RL-NC)
 KBIS AR LITTLE ROCK - 1/8 1835-1845 with KBIS business network (RL-NC)
 1030 KTWO WY CASPER - 1/12 1900 w/C&W mx, ID, into unID network nx; replaced by WBZ seconds later; had originally thought WBZ was off air but heard two nights later under equal circumstances! WY #1 (DLH-IN)
 1040 WJTB OH NORTH RIDGEVILLE - 1/9 1734 w/sign-off by CE with mention of 5 Kw power; fair under WHO (WPT-DC)
 1080 KRLD TX DALLAS - 1/8 1810-1815 with nx, traffic, wx (RL-NC)
 1090 KAAY AR LITTLE ROCK - 1/5 1750-1800 ending REL pgm (RL-NC)
 1120 WTWZ MS CLINTON - 1/11 1815 w/sign-off, ment'g ContChr format, 5KW-day, and gave both phone number and mailing address (KVJ-GA)
 1130 WISN WI MILWAUKEE - 1/11 1745 w/ID & ads; fair under WNEW (WPT-DC)
 1150 WGGH IL MARION - 1/7 1800 w/long, legal ID, then→ContChr mx; apparently now uses PSSA or night power; long-wanted here! (FM-IL)
 1170 WLGO SC LEXINGTON - 1/3 1700 good with dual Lexington-Columbia ID, nx, local car agency ad (DV-NY)
 1180 WMLX KY FLORENCE - 1/15 1651 atop WHAM on loop & wire with info about Riverfront Stadium tickets, Glenway Savings & Loan ad, traffic info for Cincinnati area; ID @ 1653, then→MoYL mx; new (RF-OH)
 1190 WAJL FL PINE CASTLE-SKY LAKE - 1/15 1737-1747 fair at times with ContChr mx; Sandi Patty album to the 1st caller identifying Ben Cartwright's three sons; Orlando mentioned in 1747 sign-off; mostly under WQWO/KLIF; 1190 #30 (SF-TN)
 1220 WAXO TN LEWISBURG - 1/2 1850-1900 with many IDs (RL-NC)
 1240 WLLV KY LOUISVILLE - 1/8 1758 with B:GOS mx followed by 1800 ID:You're listening to 1240 Love, WLLV, Louisville→what sounded like paid REL b'cast; poor but still good enuf for domestic #4000 (CR-ON)
 1260 WNXT OH PORTSMOUTH - 1/7 1725 w/wx, OLD, slogan:The Big Easy, 1260, WNXT (KVJ-GA)
 1270 WCGC NC BELMONT - 1/2 1712 fair with OLD, ID, traffic report (RK-IL)
 1290 WHGR MI HOUGHTON LAKE - 1/9 1852 with simple AM 1290, WHGR between two MoYL-type songs; very loud, methinks somebody forgot to switch at LSS (FM-IL)
 1320 CKEC NS NEW GLASGOW - 1/11 1540 fair with IDs, CLs, twenty to five, upcoming program sked; rare daytime DX, also hrd Maine & New Hampshire (DV-NY)
 1330 WADJ PA SOMERSET - 1/1 1555-1600 with Radio 13 Nw @ :55 (RL-NC)
 1360 WDRC CT HARTFORD - 1/9 1515-1525 with ID & time check (RL-NC)
 1370 WPRC IL LINCOLN - 1/13 1819 poor with ID, station address; 1st time hrd on post-sunset power (KDF-IL)
 1380 WLRV VA LEBANON - 1/4 1650-1700 with C&W mx, ID @ :00 (RL-NC)
 1390 WSYR NY SYRACUSE - 1/9 1650-1655 AM Stereo 24 hours; with MoYL (RL-NC)
 1410 WPOP CT HARTFORD - 1/9 1555-1600 with nx on Radio 1410 (RL-NC)
 1420 WBSM MA NEW BEDFORD - 1/12 1630-1635 with nx, accu-weather, traffic (RL-NC)
 1430 WTTT MA AMHERST - 1/12 1559-1610 with BBD, nx (RL-NC)
 WENE NY ENDICOTT - 1/13 1520-1530 with WENE, your oldies stn (RL-NC)
 CJCL ON TORONTO - 1/9 1650-1655 with news & weather (RL-NC)
 1450 WFPG NJ ATLANTIC CITY - 12/31 2225 popped in with ID, then gone; fair (RK-IL)
 1460 WEMR PA TUNKHANNOCK - 1/13 1635 tuned into ID, then C&W mx; fair→good; faded & WPRW took over (RK-IL)
 1480 WHBC OH CANTON - 1/13 1635-1640 with time check & ID @ 1639 (RL-NC)
 1510 WHBT TN JACKSON - 1/1 1802 fair with start of sign-off, then faded (RK-IL)
 1520 WSVL IN SHELBYVILLE - 1/4 2306 good with sign-off (RK-IL)
 1530 KPCR MO BOWLING GREEN - 1/4 1800 fair with sign-off, in WKCY null (RK-IL)
 1540 WRSM AL SUMITON - 1/2 1800 fair with sign-off (RK-IL)
 1550 KVFV KS WINFIELD - 1/9 1918 with CLs & BKB game from Winfield HS; oft-tried here; quickly lost to much-more-common KBLK; on SW antenna (FM-IL)
 WARD PA PITTSBURGH - 1/4 1420-1425 with The Talk Station (RL-NC)
 1560 KLTI MO MACON - 1/8 1719 poor with sign-off (RK-IL)



10 1580 WPGC MD MORNINGFIELD 1710-1714 with sign-off: ...join us at sunrise tomorrow morning, for another day (to pass?) with news and financial information you can use, on Business Radio 1580, WPGC, Mountaineers, Washington, DC; no SSB (EJ-NJ2)

CRJ PA CHICOUTIMI 1710-1915 a languid FF call-in pgm (or live interview) featuring a child learning about France (I guess on my FF in pretty deep) mumbled Chicoutimi just before 1910 (they didn't seem to account any of the syllables), then several *Les Radio Canada* suddenly lost to unID business nx in FF call-in ads so not sure) no full stn ID (EJ-NJ3)

1600 WBLV OH SPRINGFIELD 1710-1915 very good with local ads, AdCon, PSA & Springfield's choice for mx, wx & sports, WBLV AM 1600 (JM-PA)

KUSH OK CUSHING noted often in December (but probably still true) with sign off at 1900 after local MoR mx; this is in contrast to last season's ROK HD which ran to 0100 (FM-IL)

THIS WAS ALL BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

- CR-ON CHARLES REH//Leamington, ON//R 90A, Gamborino Loop, Realistic TR-3000 open reel tape deck
- EJ-NJ1 ED JANUSZ//Brick Township, NJ//same car
- EJ-NJ2 ED JANUSZ//Park Ridge, NJ//same car
- EJ-NJ3 ED JANUSZ//Red Bank, NJ//same car
- EJ-NJ4 ED JANUSZ//Wall Twp, NJ//same car
- DV-NY DON VOORHIES//Oswego, NY//FRG-8800 + LW
- JR-NY JIM RENFREW//Rochester, NY//HQ-150 + 3M 1
- RK-IL ROBERT KRAMER//Chicago, IL//R-71, R-1000 + KW Loop, Kowalski Loop and Kantronics Signal Enforcer Peak Notch filter
- SF-TN STEVE FRANCIS//Alcoa, TN//TRF
- GU-NY GUIDO URZI//Mastic Beach, NY//R-5000 + Palomar Loop
- RUGG-PQ ANDY RUGG//Nuns' Island, PQ//TRF
- RJV-VA ROBERT VANCE//FT BELVOIR, VA//R-390A
- WPF-IN WENDELL FORD//Westville, IN//ICF-2010
- KVJ-GA KARL JETER//Stone Mountain, GA//ATS-803A, HQ-150, Space Magnet II
- JM-PA JOHN (PITTSBURGH '90) MALICKY//Pittsburgh, PA//tuned ears
- DLH-IN DAVE HASCALL//Fortville, IN//DX-400 with Sanserino Loop
- RA-MA RAY ARRUDA//Acushnet, MA//HQ-180A, Radio West Loop//Logos
- RF-OH RICH FRCHO//Willoughby, OH//R7A, NRD-515 + Palomar Loop, LW
- RL-NC RELFE LUTON//Elizabeth City, NC//SP-600 + 3' loop
- SA-MB SHAWN AXELROD//Winnipeg, MB//R-70 + 3' loop, 100' LW, Mini Tun-3
- TS-MI TOM SANDERS//Davison, MI//Sony CFS-1010 Ghetto Blaster
- WPT-DC WILLIAM TOWNSHEND//Washington, DC//ICF-2010
- FM-IL FRANK MERRILL//Macomb, IL//R-1000 + 700-1200' LWs
- KDF-IL KARL FORTH//Chicago, IL//HQ-160, IC-R70

SOME ABBREVIATIONS & SPECIAL SYMBOLS USED IN DDXD-E

TT: test tones OC: open carrier TC: time check RS: regular schedule QM: interference QTH: location
 SI: singing ID CID: code ID J: jingle M: music N: news W: weather SSB: Star Spangled Banner
 LSR: local sunrise SRS: sunrise skip LSS: local sunset SSS: sunset skip PSRA: Pre-Sunrise Authority
 PSSA: Post-Sunset Authority HSH: high school FB: football BB: baseball HKY: hockey BKB: basketball
 S: on the hour I: parallel with +to or into S: stereo SS: Spanish FF: French EE: English
 KPL: political GOG: gospel REL: religion or religious AC: adult contemporary BDB: big band OLD: oldies
 KR: 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 IRN: Interstate Radio Net
 NPR: National Public Radio BRN: Business Radio Network

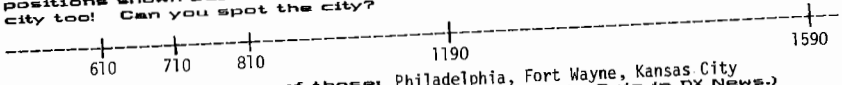


73, Bill

CITY QUIZ

John S. Bowker, Valparaiso, IN

QUIZ # 48
 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?



Here is a hint: it is one of these: Philadelphia, Fort Wayne, Kansas City
 (The answer will appear at the end of the next City Quiz in DX News.)
 The answer to City Quiz #47 Louisville

Domestic DX Digest - West
Wayne Heinen
 4131 S. Andes Way
 Aurora, CO 80013
 (303) 699-6335 (prepaid only)
 DX Catches in the Western U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

Rumor has it that Chris Knight of Pueblo, CO logged the KCAM DX TEST on his beverage! Another rumor is that an unknown Lakewood, Colorado DX'er logged New York City on 1600 during the 1/15 WKEN Test. This unknown DX'er was using a VERY Large Vertical tower during KRXY's silent period. So far some 90+ letters have been mailed for the March CPC effort... Jeff & I'll have a report later. MANY THANKS to all those who've supported the CPC effort. Save your stamps and we'll crank it up again for the 90-91 DX season.

DX TESTS!

1390 WFIW IL Fairfield
 1/21 0400-0430... All that made it through were code ID's at various times mixed with KGER/KJFY/KZXQ/KLGN/KCRC. But those code ID's made it and that's what counts! (WH-CO)(0W-CO)

Midnight to Midday

- 730 KSVN UT Ogden
 1/15 0435 Latin Pops & Cumbias, Canned EE ID's "KSVN Ogden- Salt Lake City" Generally good o/KKDA (0W-CO)
- 790 WEAQ WI Eau Claire
 1/15 0410 Good signal C&W Mx Frequent call ID's, promo's mixing w/KGHL while looking for KCAM-DX TEST (0W-CO)
- 880 KJJR MT Whitefish
 1/21 0631 C&W Mx, "We Pay the Bills" contest promo, "Stereo AM 88", "88 Country" slogans. Good alone on frequency. (0W-CO)
- 940 KFRE CA Fresno
 1/21 0637 M/F ann tlc on C&W Mx.. call letter ID's. Good Signal. (0W-CO)
- 1300 WKXI MS Jackson
 1/21 0520 Lcl Spots and Station promo's on "13 WKXI" and blues or gospel mx, rare... opening to MS/AR/ & East Texas this AM. (WH-CO)
- 1320 KWHN AR Ft. Smith
 1/21 0515 "...More Gospel Music on AM 1320 KWHN" o/u KXYZ Rare here. (WH-CO)
- 1590 KZOK WA Seattle
 1/15 0359 Tail end of ID "...on 1590 KZOK Seattle" & oldies Rock, Covered by KRXY slop as they returned @ 0400. WA #11. (0W-CO)
- 1600 KSSA TX Cockrell Hills
 1/15 0300 AM/FM legal ID in EE, 5 minute SX prgm in SS..then ranchera Mx "Radio Variedades" slogans. Good w/KATZ. TX # 103. (0W-CO)

Midday to Midnight!

- 1180 WJNT MS Pearl
 1/20 2158 MS State Vs FL BKB, lcl & Net spots, alone on freq w/ fair signal, call letter ID's. MS #5 (0W-CO)
- 1540 KSGB TX Ft. Worth
 1/20 2301 Legal ID including slogans "K-Saves" "Power for the Power KSGB Dallas-Ft Worth" "All preaching, all gospel, all the time"... Southern Gospel Mx w/freq call ID's. Fair w/KXEL. (0W-CO)

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THX!
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International DX Digest

Chuck Hutton

983 St. Charles Ave., #1
Atlanta, GA 30306
(404) 892-6211, before 2300 ELT
for ELT, subtract 5 hours

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

- 570 MEXICO XEFL Gomez Palacio reverb ID over accordion mx 0241 1/9 as "XETL Equila Bh Teh Hota, la Tropical de Oro, en el 570 (quinien- los presento)", time check, spot for meat market, into cumbia mx. Radio Alegra listening to XEFL in for a group of stations, not just XETL. In and out with XEFL which non-IDs as B-J-B. (S'gen)
- 580 MEXICO XEML Pto. Morelos 0038 1/9 definite "Rancharita del Aire" slogan taped w/WIHW; heavy reverb. Male DJ, into ranchera mx. Tape sent to WIHW. They've been plagued with QRM from this stn for several years. (Swearingen)
- 648 AMERICAN SAMOA WUVU Pago Pago 12/6 1120 man and woman w/tx and laughter in Samoan; mx played included two Milli Vanilli songs and a Hawaiian tune done rock style. Only EE ID was at 1200. Poor to very poor; QRM from KOMO 690 spn on 650 which has been around for a month. (Park)
- 700 JAMAICA Montego Bay noted because of local like level (20 db o/S9) and no sign of WLW for about 2 hours. Other Jamaicans (560, 580, 750, 850 etc.) also much louder and more QR free than usual. This 0157 1/9. (Thomas)
- 722 UNID still here at poor level w/soft spoken SS male 0159 1/9. This one's been unid here for over a year. (Thomas)
- 730 COLOMBIA R. Melodia, Bogota w/the new rhythm Lambada and song, a Bolivian melody picked up by the Brazilians and made a hit worldwide, as the speaker said at 0045 on 12/20. Good. IDed at 0100. (Cesar)
- 740 UNID a little confused here. Two // stns here way under KTRH and R. Progreso 0740/900 230-0300 1/9. Noted because of cuckoo at 0259 ID. I thought I had IDed the 740 cuckoo years ago but can't find the logging. The only //s listed are the Cubans but not them. Help? (Thomas) Yeh, I remember the cuckoo too but not who it was... Chuck
- 747 JAPAN JOIB Sapporo 12/5 1133 man w/talk in JJ and KK; lang lessons perhaps? Also S. Korea 702 noted in passing. Poor. KGU 760 off for maintenance. (Park)
- 770 COLOMBIA Bogota RCN owning the channel w/live concert 0423 1/8 and // on 760 weaker. (Thomas)
- 770 MEXICO XEATH Monterrey - automated mix of mx, slogan after each song "La Region Montana" (the mountainous region). Complete ID 3 times 0336-0348 1/9; power (I think) as 1 kw. Over another unid Mexican. (Swearingen)
- 780 MEXICO XEFTT San Fernando, Tam. 1/11 0104 complete ID, phone # (40000), spot for singer appearing in Tampico, back into mx - mostly SS covers of US CHR. Time checks are 4 minutes slow! (Swearingen)
- 800 COLOMBIA La Misora de Atalaya, Bucaramanga I caught this one before 0500 till they IDed at 0505 and s/off w/Columbian NA which was cut at the beginning by turning the tx off, on 12/23. PUB was off. They had pop mx, first time heard. (Cesar)
- 810 COLOMBIA almost good w/many mentions of CARACOL and Colombia. This used to be Sutatenza not CARACOL. Not sure whats going on here. This 0430 1/8. (Thomas) I think the entire Sutatenza chain is defunct - Chuck
- 895 ST. KITTS Voice of Nevis 1/10 0029 spot for magazine subscription, mention of St. Kitts, free trip to Japan (?). Not enough for tape - lost. Using an equalizer on this split brings out bass notes clearly when little else is audible. (Swearingen)
- 840 MEXICO XEFG Celaga 0310 1/11 numerous "Radio Juventud" IDs. Female DJ - very young, recited numerous dedications between a mix of music - old US hits, SS covers of CHR, new US, etc. Very few spots. (Swearingen)
- 975 COSTA RICA R. Impacto, San Jose, as usual very good. I caught their ID at 0158 on 12/20 when they anncd their frequencies as 980 and 6150. When I turned to this freq I got the ID of CARACOL in Colombia, which presented news in SS // to 810, but they did not mention 5030 which they are using also. (Cesar)
- 1010 COLOMBIA "Mil Veinte" (1020) Bogota, ID like this in the middle of a record of Colombian mx at 0545 on 12/23. (Cesar)
- 1098 MARSHALL ISLES WWSO Majuro 12/6 1113 male-female duet singing "God Bless America Again" and another c&w song. Very poor to poor; QRM de KFAX 1100; KWAI 1080 off. (Park)

- 1100 ALPHONSA St. Johns ZDK 1/8 2250 sports, especially cricket. Xint. WWWE anncd out. (Townshend)
- 1240 PUERTO RICO "Bailando con WALO", Humacao IDing at 0150 on 12/16 playing mostly songs and local Christmas music, sang by chorus of men and women, but with a man leading the chorus. (Cesar)
- 1241 UNID carrier at poor/fair level 1000 1/7. looped SE; not repeatable for audio. (Thomas)
- 1255 UNID still here nightly and producing poor SS male unreadable audio. This time at 0330 1/9. Will keep trying. (Thomas)
- 1260 VENEZUELA Caracas YVRM R. Suave atop channel w/good ID 0331 1/9. Male/female SS dialogue followed. (Thomas)
- 1360 COLOMBIA R. Reloj, Cartagena a good ID at 0158 on 12/16 playing vallenato music to the people of Cartagena. (Cesar)
- 1360 CUBA Esquivel CMHW 1/15 0652 mambo, SS talk, Radio Cadena Apurimonte. Fair. (Townshend)
- 1360 HAITI unid stn heard here in Creole w/many mentions of Haiti, weak and mixed with others at 0140 on 12/16, just talk, could not hear it again. (Cesar)
- 1360 UNID definite PP here at fair level 0440 1/9. Males speaking at length; never an ID though. No DF, using SW LW. Brazil a possibility. (Thomas)
- 1380 CUBA Jaronu CMY 1/15 0652 // CMHW 1360, fair - good. (Townshend)
- 1404 UNID oldies mx like Roy Orbison's "Only the Lonely"; unable to hear DJ due to heavy QRM. Western Samoa perhaps. Very poor. (Park)
- 1419 UNID fairly strong carrier, poor SS male IDing 0150 1/8. No DF, using SE LW. (Thomas)
- 1470 VENEZUELA "Latina", Valencia only IDed with this word after a record of pop mx. No mention of the word "Ladito", they gave the time as 9:35 at 0133 on 12/16. (Cesar)
- 1540 BAHAMAS ZNS1 1/8 2321 sports by man, mention of Bahamas. Good. (Townshend)
- 1590 CUBA R. Granma 1/3 0430-0501 fair to good sig at times w/light Latin pops, flurry of anncs by SS man at 0455 coupled by sloppy rejoiners. Numerous mentions of Granma and Manzanilla. Radio Granma ID at 0500 thru WALG/WXB sig and America tune. Brief s/off ann tough thru slop then CM anthem. Power would seem more in the 1 kW range based on conditions. (Brotka)

Cesar Objio - Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep. TRF, DX400

Dale Park - Honolulu, HI AT803, Seles-A-Tenna

Russell Scotka - Margate, FL R7, Kowalski loop

Paul Swearingen - Topeka, Cowland R1000, Smerino & Martens loops

Gerry Thomas - Pensacola, FL R70, Super loop, 300' SE/NW LW

Bill Townshend - Washington, DC ICR2010

Sikes Airs Views on AM

by Alan Carter and Charles Taylor

Washington DC When all is said and done, FCC Chairman Alfred Sikes believes the fate of AM radio rests in the hands of AM broadcasters themselves.

"I think a lot of what happens over the coming years with AM is going to depend on what broadcasters do, whether they make investments in their studios, control rooms, transmitters," Sikes said. "It's going to depend on whether they make investments in programming, talent."

The notion that the FCC is going to bring AM to parity with FM in one broad swoop by changing rules here and there is not exactly realistic, he suggested in an interview with RW just prior to the *en banc* hearing on AM.

Maintaining integrity

But Sikes continued that the Commission is charged with maintaining the integrity of the spectrum and must study a wide range of issues: from man-made interference to complaints that the FCC packed the dial with too many stations.

AM is among the high-profile

issues—along with indecency that Sikes has taken the FCC into since assuming office three months ago. He came to the Commission from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), where he was director.

Considering specific proposals for AM, Sikes said he personally believes stations should broadcast in stereo. But he maintained that the FCC should not require AMs to convert.

"We didn't require FM stations to go stereo," Sikes said. "I think they (AM broadcasters) have to decide what the asset means to them."

AM broadcasters "serious" about the future will make investments across the board, Sikes continued. "An investment I hope to see them make is the stereo investment. But there might well be stations that have formats that are quite comfortable with a monaural transmission and I'm not going to require them to go stereo."

Stereo receivers

Sikes said some responsibility for AM's fate belongs to receiver manufacturers. AM stereo receivers sound better, he said.

But again, Sikes backed off supporting a requirement that manufacturers put AM stereo on all radios that have FM stereo, as suggested by legislation proposed in Congress.

"The problem is simply this: Every time the government orders manufacturers to do particular things, it results in costs for the consumers."

The bottom line for AM, from Sikes' perspective, is to get the band "to a position equal to what the laws of physics will allow. Clearly, AM is not there."

In the future

Looking ahead, Sikes said calls for spectrum studies throughout the industry and in Capitol Hill bring attention to the "importance" of spectrum and the "difficulty" of dealing with its limited quantity.

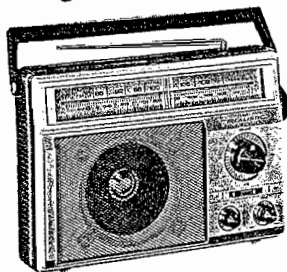
But, he continued, "I think it's safe to say you're going to see an accelerated effort in this area aimed at reducing interference, capturing spectrum that can be reclaimed and moving more quickly on allocations and trying to put a premium on spectrum pioneering."

Radio World
-via Jerry Starr

Initial feelings on the Realistic 12-625 AM/FM Portable

by Ray Cole

High-Performance AM/FM Portable



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- Wide-Range Sound
- Tone Control
- Switchable AFC Control

FM-AFC can be switched "out" to receive weak stations adjacent to strong ones. Has 4" speaker, slide-rule tuning dial, fold-down carrying handle, telescoping antenna and an earphone jack. 7 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 2 1/8". UL listed AC (or 4 "C" batteries, extra). 12-625 39.95

The usable dial portion is about 5 inches long compared to 3 1/2 inches on the TRF. The radio is about 25% longer and higher and has greatly improved tonal qualities.

It has a horribly calibrated dial (almost useless), but has a good logging scale. Once a DXer gets various frequencies written down for the logging scale - and ignores the KHz scale - he could do extremely well with it on DX. And at a very nominal cost. [If it's possible, one could redo the KHz scale by taking the radio apart.- HQ] We should get lots of good DX reports from this one.

I recently bought one of the new Realistic 12-625's, \$39.95, AM-FM, Portable, and really didn't expect too much of it. [See the accompanying ad from the 1989 Radio Shack Catalog]. Today I set it along side my peaked 12-655 for a bandscan and DX comparison, and got a real surprise. We are going to hear about this radio.

It equalled the 12-655 on the low frequency half of the dial and substantially surpassed it in DX capability on the high frequency half. I had no reasonable FM equivalent to match it against, sorry.

Radio Roundup ... by Pete Kemp

WABC's Lynn Samuels has been axed by the station following some negative loudmouthing of fellow talkshow host, and veteran of the Big Apple dial, Barry Farber. She promises an all out lawsuit against the station for sex discrimination. Some guest hosts filling her time slot will be Bella Abzug, Mark Green and Mallachy McCourt.

The Fall Arbitrons are out for New York City, they line up as follows (AM/FM mixed): WPAT-FM, WLTW, WINS, WOR, WHZT, WCBS-FM, WRKS, WQHT, WBLI, WNEW-FM, WNSR, WCBS-AM, WXRK, WPLJ, WABC, WFAN, WYNY, WNEW-AM, WCQD and WLIB. WMCA's new all-religion format didn't show up at all, as its share was too small to measure accurately. Interesting to note, that despite the overall domination of FMers in the market, AMers WINS, WOR and WCBS-AM came in one-two-three in the all important morning drive time slot.

Pete Sullivan is the new afternoon drive time host on Columbus' WTVN.

Danbury radio station WLAD-800 is rumored to have been having some money problems. Afternoon DJ Jay Kelly has departed, his foul mouth and strange humor was no loss in my opinion (is now working part time in Norwalk, CT), news reporter Janice Berliner has moved on to WPOP in Hartford and longtime news stringer Eric Gross, who covered Westchester/Putnam County NY, has been dropped completely.

According to the investment brokerage firm of Vernois, Schuler & Associates, Network radio listeners have declined steadily since 1985, FM continues to enjoy a substantial advantage over AM, showing an almost 5% increase in their share of the market in the last 5 years. According to their report FMers command a 75.7% share of the total listening audience.

Meriden, CT's WMMW's fling with All-Motivational Radio Programming has its own words and changed formats.

Musings

of the Members

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Times are local per Muse.

Thoughts from NRC members ... the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers, or the National Radio Club, Inc.

Welcome to another edition of MUSINGS OF THE MEMBERS, this one being written with the help of Wordstar 2000 and an Epson Equity II computer. Not too much new DX here, but a heckuva lot of Musings to incorporate into this edition!

PETE KEMP, KZLZ, P.O. Box 73, Bethel, CT 06801
Greeting all...Hopefully the start of the holiday season is off to a fine start for all...WNEW-AM is really having an identity problem. Their musical format has basically stayed unchanged through the years, despite the demise of the ever-popular Milkman's Matinee, WNEW has again been sold, this time back to Metropolitan Broadcasting...On the FM side, Canada's only all-news national network, based at CKO-FM, has pulled the plug citing losses of 55 million Canadian dollars...Ex-WMCA talker Barry Gray has landed back on his feet to no one's surprise, this time on the 11pm to 1am slot on WOR...KRTH in Hollywood has been sold for \$23 million, and anticipates a format change from Goldies to Spanish language music...The USSR State Committee of Television and Radio Broadcasting (GOSTELRADIO) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with U.S. non-profit Public Service Satellite Consortium (PSSC) to make programs available in each others' countries...Promotions have always been a large part of radio's lure, but I simply have to relate the misguided attempts of a local FM station, WRKI. A few weeks ago, they planted tickets to a Rolling Stones concert in a book at the Danbury Public Library. They forgot to tell the librarians, however. WRKI thought it would be a good way to get exposure, and to, they say, get more kids to read. Well, the librarians heard about it from someone ahead of time and before the doors to the normally quiet book depository were opened, the workers had found the tickets and the content went bust. The local public administrators were not amused and blasted the station for their promotional activities. The station responded by saying that they didn't feel that they had to notify the library as it was a public building; great attitude. Well, just to make matters worse, that station has just tried a WKRP Les Nessman type live turkey drop. Well, it was windy and the station decided to use it to their advantage by dropping "taux" turkeys, made from paper, out into a local mall parking lot. The locals who had gathered for the event were not impressed and started booing, the drivers in the parking lot were trying to avoid the stupid "birds" and participants and everyone agreed that it was a total flop. The station wound up this time donating ten real turkeys to the Connecticut Food Bank, so some people will benefit. All-in-all whoever is in charge of promotions to that station should be given the gate, as their contribution to the community have been not well received...So much for now.

KARL HETTER, 2115 Scarbrough Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30088

Greeting! I've been noticing the low support for Musings and realize that I have been part of the problem...well, here I am. If you are tuned into 790 kHz and hear mentions of "Star 94" and "WSPR," you've got WQXI. The FM recently changed to those calls and slogan, and apparently are 100% simulcast on AM, as far as I can tell. The only time you will be able to hear the "WQXI" calls in at the top of the hour when they are inserted over the FM ID. Despite what seems like a major change, the format is almost identical to the old WQXI "94-Q," the so-called "Hot AC," which they more or less define as CHR without the heavy metal (sigh ajw) and rap. Probably the biggest changes are a revival of the nightly "Jazz Flavors" program from 7-11pm (except Sat. nights) and the exit of the 17-year veteran morning man Gary McKee in favor of a duo from San Diego (KSON?), Jack Murphy and Terrance McKeever. So far, after several weeks, they remain the only live, on-air DJs on the station. DX has been off seriously this season, a combination of poor conditions (see-saw Spring-

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like/Winter weather), and lack of time at the dials. I just got my Sangean ATS-803A back from having factory repairs to the EXT-ANT jack which was damaged on a recent DXpedition. I had to shell out \$25 for this, but considering the radio really didn't cost me anything initially, I didn't have a problem with that. At least it is back and working well; I was very impressed with Sangean's turn-around time and cooperation during this repair. Verie count is slightly stalled at 1389; if I could get all the hold-outs to reply, I might make the next plateau very soon. Most recent additions are WBFN-1400 Quitman, MS, WOFE-580 Rockwood, TN, WHMA-1390 Anniston, AL, and KALB-590 Alexandria, LA (all v/l) and finally, KLEB-1600 Golden Meadow, LA. I saved KLEB for last so I could describe their response: they sent 3 bumper stickers, a key-chain/knife, 2 ball-point pens, and 4 45rpm records (all unknown c/w)!!! Oh yes, the verie itself: written on the back of a business card, if you can believe it! Verie returns are running about 68% so far this year, compared with 76% for 1988. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and season's greetings for the upcoming holidays! Let's see a bigger Musings section in DX News, OK? 73s.

PETER CLARIUS, 1583 Castleton Ave., Staten Island, NY 10302-1312
First let me congratulate John Malicky on his thoughtfulness regarding the next NRC convention in Pittsburgh. This is just great for me as I can travel by Amtrak or Greyhound so put me down for 1990. Maybe I have had an experience like Rip Van Winkle had but when were the members notified that "DX RECEPTION" cannot be reported in Musings (I dunno, Pete, when was the last time you read Musings?--ajm)? For years and years, this is what made the NRC so interesting and enjoyable under the leadership of Ernie Cooper. My fellow DXers, let us return to those days and come down off the high horse attitude that seems to be taking place in our club. Regarding Larry Atkins: I too will miss him as he was one "swell guy" and not just because he signed my certificate for the 1981 convention as a speaker along with Dick Cooper-Carlton Lord and Ernie Cooper and hosted by Russ Edmonds. That was a truly wonderful convention and one which I shall long remember. I started DXing in 1931 and was in and out of at least a dozen DX clubs by the late 70's, but guys and gals, the NRC is still the best. See you all in Pittsburgh.

HARRY HAYES, 9 Henry Steet, Wilkes-Barre PA 18702
The new DX season hasn't been too kind to me so far, however, I must say that conditions have been somewhat unusual. Most of the long distance activity this season seems to be taking place on frequencies below 900 kcs. Conditions in the high band seem to be somewhat summerlike still as of late November. I've noticed unusual reception conditions on a few evenings also. I will be listening to one of the midwest powerhouses, like WOWO, and all of a sudden the station along with all western and northern stations will become totally absent for a period of about half an hour then return to normal afterwards. Sort of like mini aurora openings. This is very strange. I would suppose that the approaching sunspot peak has something to do with this. I would appreciate other comments from others through Musings who may be noticing this. Also new this season are two new reception problems for me. One is a ban "sawtooth" dimmer buzz that is strongest from 650 to the ten hundreds, and also plaguing most of the midband is TVI from a neighborhood set (sounds like you and I have basically the same problems, Harry!--ajm). The loop has a difficult time nulling both of these especially when signal conditions are low as during auroral cx. Paul mentioned last time on the front page that support for Musings stinks. I hope I won't become too unpopular for saying this but I think lots of people lost interest in the column since reporting catches in Musings was banned. I prefer to report catches in DDXD but I know many people enjoy reporting their receptions in the paragraph form of the Musings column. For the good of the club I would suggest that this ban be lifted by whoever singlehandedly imposed it. Let's free up the NRC, they are doing it in eastern Europe. All these rules belong in one place; the garbage can. Enough said - see you in a few. (Harry, I might point out, that if this were Eastern Europe, not only would your Musings be edited severely, but they would probably never make it to print and you and your family would probably be laboring in a salt mine somewhere for your dissenting opinion!--ajm).

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Enough about the loggings stuff already. I suggest everyone read this: I do permit DX in Musings under one condition: IT MUST BE IN PARAGRAPH NARRATIVE FORM!!!! This was not a singlehanded decision either! This was decided by the club hierarchy and was handed down to me even as I took over editorship. Now please! Enough griping! We're here to have fun and further our hobby. This club should not be political. Thank you for your kind attention. Al.

TONY FETTERBERT, 356 Jackman Avenue, Fairfield CT 06432

Hi. Due to work, PTA work, and coaching youth soccer, I have not managed to even seriously DX'ed this fall. And with all of the local here in SW Connecticut our hobby is increasingly difficult here. Anyway, I edit the formats column, and eagerly solicit any contribution from you all - why not send in what your local stations are doing? Also I hope to get station profiles up and running again. I visited no stations last year, as I was sick, and then, to recover, we spent a week hiking in the White Mountains of New Hampshire - and there are very few AM stations there! Next year, I hope to visit a lot of stations in suburban Chicago, Pittsburgh, Altoona, and Youngstown - near Pittsburgh. The old Pittsburgh and Lake Erie once terminated a commuter train there - on one of my train trips, I once rode that train, stayed overnight in Youngstown, and then rode the old Erie-Lakawanna's 5:40am commuter train to Cleveland. This trip I hope to tie in with the 1990 convention. A re-introduction - I have been DXing since 1960, here and in suburban Philadelphia, where, except for some local stations, there is not too much difference. Here I have verified all my old Philadelphia locals, and there, I got a lot of Fairfield County stations. Totals - 1006 heard, 912 verie attempts, including multiple tries, and 722 veries. Personally, I am 47, happily married, and have two boys, ages 11 and 15. I work as a senior training specialist for Metro North Commuter Railroad in New York. That means I develop training programs and present them on every topic from Maintenance to supervisory development, customer service, safety and even driver training. As my main hobby is commuter railroad and rapid transit riding, photography, and the study of their operations, you might say that I love my hobby. I am somewhat into physical fitness, in the form of hiking and mountain climbing, and long distance bicycling - all for now - I do hope to grace the Musings pages with some good DX. A merry blessed Holiday season to all!

GERRY THOMAS, 4635 Chastain Way, Pensacola FL 32504

Well, I certainly haven't contributed anything to these pages in quite some time. All is well in this part of the country at the moment with DXing beginning here as the cold weather moves in. I haven't spent a great deal of time at the dials in the past couple of years due to the distractions of a new daughter (who, by the way, is fascinated by my array of radio gear). Actually, I have been checking the bands once or twice a week over the past couple of years, but never seem to accumulate enough tips to contribute in a timely manner. I have begun collecting old-time radio shows (I have about 150 hours of them right now) as well as radio station metal promotional tokens (these meld my radio and coin collecting hobbies). Locally, WFXP-980 went silent in October (despite their being rated number one in the balloting of favorite radio stations by the local paper last spring). They were the only stereo AM station in the immediate area and played a nice mix of oldies, but that's the way it goes, I guess. WRBK 1090 has come on the air recently, however. They play music of the '60s and '40s (tx is in Flomaton, AL but offices are at 11 E. Nine Mile Rd., Pensacola) and are owned by former WCOA-1470 exec, Gordon Towne. Other matters, please note my new mailing address. The USPO decided to build a new post office a year or so ago, that is extremely inconvenient to me (I only get to check my box every month or two; instead of daily) so my responding to correspondence has been delayed. Please use the above address in the future. Finally, has anyone tried the new ARC (Amplified Receiving Component) from Parsec? It's a very attractive (looks like a stereo component) AM/FM antenna. The AM section apparently has a loop inside the cabinet that is rotatable; has a gain control; and variable (wide/narrow) selectivity. It's not tiltable, but sure looks interesting for \$130. I may get to try one out; I'll write a review if I do. Parsec's number is (302) 651-9189. That's about it from here. 73's...GT

PETE KEMP, KZ1Z, P.O. Box 73, Bethel, CT 06801
 Greetings all...Boston's Joe Morgan has decided to move his title of News Director from WHDH to WRKO...Art Flemming now has a new partner on his 10-noon slot on St. Louis' KMOX. Joining him now will be Mary Phelan...International listeners should note that Radio Shanghai has renewed its contract with the Satellite Music Network for another year. The show, "Lunchtime From America", averages 1,079,000 listeners in its time slot; I wonder who figures that out? Speculation is that this show will eventually be carried in other Chinese Provinces...WFAN's Ann Liguori is a pretty active lady. She has put pictures to her radio work now hosting the Volvo Sport Interview on the Madison Square Garden Network on cable television...Capstar Communications has added WJDX and WSIX to its stable of stations...Honolulu Radio's KHVH Helicopter Traffic Pilot Tom Weller has died in a plane crash...According to Reuter's veteran pirate radio station Radio Caroline has resumed broadcasting...The FCC's new chairman, Al Sikes, is a heavy hitter in trying to clean up the airwaves. So far the Commission has issued fines totalling over \$20,000 and has acted on over 95 complaints filed...In going over my usual resources in preparation for Musing, I note that I haven't seen much written about the proposed AM band expansion upward to 1705. Does anyone know the latest on this?...So much for now.

MIKE CSORBAY, RR #1 Canfield, Ontario, CANADA, NOA 1C0
 Hello folks; I guess it's about time I "mused" again. Didn't do any MW DXing over the summer months other than keeping tabs on the out-of-town baseball games as they happened (while listening to my beloved Blue Jays). I DXed a bit at the start of September, but a week or so of lousy SSS conditions put a damper on that; I have no excuse for October and in November, I've been pursuing SWBC and utility DX while competing in contests run by my other club, ODXA (Ontario DX Association). The goal was to attempt to hear 100 countries in either (or both) categories...I managed 122 on SWBC and 69 on utility. Now that that's over, it's back to MW DXing, assuming we don't have a winter-long solar flare! Actually, most of my weekend time during the spring-summer-fall months was spent pursuing my newest hobby, metal-detecting, and I had a great time in my first year at it. Some of my best finds included three sterling silver rings, 1829 and 1832 US large cents, half a dozen large Canadian pennies, and many silver dimes and quarters; I was able to amass nearly 1000 coins with a face value of over \$30. I would be interested in corresponding with any other NRC'ers who are also "coinshooters" or relic hunters, especially any here in Ontario. Back to the hobby at hand; had a nice chat with new NRC'er Don Trelford of Mississauga some weeks back. Seems Don was active in MW DXing in the 1940's and is just getting back into the hobby; he also mentioned he had accumulated over 700 veries in his first go-around. Hope to meet up with you someday, friend, and thanks for the call! Here is the DX I managed in early September before the bands "crapped out" on me, all new to the logbook: 970-HJME "Radio Peninsula" 8/31, 1360-WWBZ-NJ 9/13, 950-WMCJ-SC 9/14, and 1290-WCHY-GA 9/19. Time to get back to those dials! Total stations heard stands at 1235 (call letter changes noted but not counted as new), and a long way to go til 1300 at this rate! 73 for now from the "great White North!" (Thanks for your kind comments Mike! It's also refreshing for me to note that I'm not the only "young punk" in the club, hi--ajm)

PAUL MOUNT, 471 Emerson Avenue, Teaneck, NJ 07666-2727
 Just a few lines to check in. I think the last contribution was lost by the former editor or his secretary. I was really saddened to hear about Gary Atkins dying so young. I won't forget his kindness, especially in 1978. My family was staying with relatives in Anchorage, a Louisville suburb. Although we'd met only once before and didn't correspond, Gary took the time to take me all over Louisville - downtown, tower sites, etc. I was glad to see him in Milwaukee at least. Latest radio rumor is that WJDM-1530, Elizabeth NJ, currently a 500 watt daytimer, is getting fulltime and 10 kW, highly directional nights, I would suppose, next July. Have heard this from two people. Best guess for their tower site is sharing with WNJR in Hillside; they are very strong there (2 unlit towers near Garden State Parkway, I-78 intersection). Didn't get to Ohio this year, first time since '74, but made it to WTFDA / Decalomania in Syracuse. Next year

should be better convention-wise, with NRC Pittsburgh, WTFDA Woodbridge VA, and especially if IRCA / Decalomania winds up in Chicago. No sign of WVNJ 1160, WKNJ 540, WNJO 1550, nor new stations in Mount Holly, Florence, or Flemington NJ either. Some people have wondered about the Tip Traders list. I haven't put in any effort to compile one, for most people tell me they didn't get a single call all year when I've been looking for updates at conventions. Plus the Silver Reed typewriter with diskette memory all of that (plus mybumber sticker list, with 3500+ entries) was stored on, has died. Always interesting when people in the Midwest have the strongest opinions in New York radio personalities like Howard Stern. It was really upsetting a few years back when Rev. Donald Wildmon of MS was submitting those complaints. I don't think it's right for a non-listener in a state where they can't pick up the signal, to decide what is appropriate for New York, Philadelphia, and Washington DC residents to listen to. Enjoyed catching WVAM-1430 Altoona PA around 6:15pm in late October, after the time change, considering reception was on I-78 near Summit and only about five miles from WNEB 1440, which was on as well. We're not supposed to detail DX to Hobbies? (awww c'mon Paul!--ajm). Boy, oh boy, how times change. One of my first Musings ever was almost deleted for discussing hobbies related to AM DXing but not containing enough DX. Glad to see Wayne Heinen's CPC efforts - I gotta send him some stamps even if MM DX for me is largely a thing of the past. But it's still OF INTEREST, else I wouldn't be in the club. 73 until 1990 something.

PAUL BOGOSMA, 15570 Cleveland, Spring Lake, MI 49456
 First, in reference to my Musing in Vol 57 #11: I realize KFBK-1440 is in Sacramento, not Bakersfield. Anyway, had a rather surprising phenomenon happen last Friday (12/15) when I noted some E skip on the FM and VHF-TV bands: even though the temperature has been unusually cold throughout the US lately! Noted WPMV 97.5 Panama City, FL in here loud and clear about 4pm that day, with a FL TV station messing up local channel 13 also. The temperature outside was hovering around 10 degrees at the time! Weather CB conditions have also been quite active during this cold snap. Daytime DX is quite good, especially in the 1500-1600 range, with stations from as far away as North Dakota noted here in hobby. At night everything just booms in - no particular direction seems favored, usually; but it's like the ionosphere has just been very very effective of late. I wonder if all of this is because of the cold weather or the solar cycle? Local TV station WPMV 8 had recently a report on the news which would interest old radio buffs. Seems a guy in Battle Creek, whose father was in WWII, found a case of old 16 inch transcription discs in the attic of his father's house. The discs were recordings of the old program from WLV, "Moon River." The guy who found them had to go to WBCX-930 and into their production studio to play the transcription; it seems WBCX was the only place he could find turntables large enough to handle the 16 inch discs. I don't know what this person plans to do with the discs (he is going to keep them and not throw them out!), but I imagine there are people who would pay good money for those old "Moon River" broadcasts. Oh yes, the discs were originally intended for shipment overseas to US troops during the Second World War.

MARTIN WEINERWITZ, 35-34 84th St., D-10, Jackson Heights NY 11372
 Happy New Year to all. I recently re-joined the NRC after an absence of several years. Equipped now with a Realistic DX-440, Panasonic RF 2900, Sony ICF 7600 DS, and my unmodified Realistic TRF 12 655. I'm scanning the bands again. The Sony ICF 7600 DS can't handle them and I have to use an AC adapter when not traveling. Living in an apartment home here in New York is not your most ideal DX Shack. What with the inability to string up an outdoor antenna and plowing through interference from appliances and fluorescent lighting, DXing is a challenge. I'm not sure if I am looking forward to WNYC-830 moving to 820 on the dial. We will have to see if it affects WKW-800, and WGY-810. WNYC's transmission are located in Brooklyn, NY, not too far from me. It has strobe lights flashing 24 hrs a day. I've noticed this more and more in my travels passing lowers on the road. Speaking of travel, in the summer of 1986 I went to London and Amsterdam for 2 weeks. Radio Caroline from the good ship Ross Revenge on 558 kHz came in beautifully in both London and Amsterdam days; at

night it drifted into the hinterland in Amsterdam. The BBC on 648 is a real powerhouse into Western Europe; in Amsterdam it sounded like a local. While in Israel in the summer of 1987, the VOA on the Island of Rhodes, on 1260 kHz was not as powerful as I thought it would be. I wish that the VOA would have some programs for US citizens living or traveling abroad. The armed forces radio-tv service has better programming because it carries the feeds from the networks. The BBC's BFBS station from Cyprus came in better on FM. This was my first experience with split channels although I couldn't tell because I didn't have the radios that I now have with digital tuning. I had a walkman and a small transistor radio for AM listening, both manual tuned. Anybody have an answer to this question: When traveling by plane domestically or on international flights, how do you take a good-sized radio with you on board as carry-on luggage without raising suspicions from the security officers? The events of recent years have happened so quickly, that I haven't come up with an answer to have on hand if my bags are singled out. 73s until next time. P.S. I know about registering electronics with the customs service at the airport before going on the plane.

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On December 9, 1989, I logged my 2,500th mediumwave station after 19 years of DXing (congrats!!-ajm)! Station #2,500 was, appropriately, WBBI-1210 in Static, Tennessee, heard at 6:00am CST with sign-on. A week earlier, I was able to log an almost unbelievable five stations in a single day, setting up the big event. I hadn't heard five stations in a single day since 1980. Before sunrise on 12/2, I logged KBLK-1550 and KDKO-1510, and then heard WHJM and WSAF, both on 1180, signing on within a minute of each other. WOPA-1200 has been heard testing frequently, especially in the late afternoon hours, with a variety of music, but they still aren't "on-the-air." On 11/30, I thought they were on to stay, playing music for more than an hour, but they left the air shortly after 6:00pm, leaving a strong WOAI. Interestingly (to me, at least) the temperature in San Antonio at that time was only four degrees warmer than here in Chicago. In other local news, WMNN-1570 changed back to WBEE, with big band jazz music, and Rockford Lightning CBA basketball on 11/29. I forgot to mention in my last muse that I heard TIS station WNAV542 on 530 in Eveleth, Minnesota, during my recent trip up that way. The transmitter is at the Anchor Lake information center on Highway 53, with Iron Trail travel information. Speaking of TIS stations, you can set up one of your own if you want. Write to Information Station Specialists, P.O. Box 51, Zeeland, Michigan 49464 for information, or call 616-772-2300. They had an ad in the program for the Experimental Aviation Association convention in Oshkosh last summer. Maybe you could set up a TIS station to handle parking or traffic at your next get-together. On CBK I heard an address for the National Radio Guide for CBC programs, call 1-800-663-0354 in Vancouver for more information. 73.

PETE KEMP, KZ1Z, P.O. Box 73, Bethel, CT 06801
Greetings all...WNEW 1130 has picked up the nationally syndicated THE BROADWAY HOUR, for airing Sunday evenings in the 7-8pm time slot...Scott Shannon, visiting the Big Apple promoting Pirate Radio, paid an on-air to his old buddies on the Morning Zoo...Rumor around that Shadow Traffic is in financial difficulty. Phone calls from the NY Daily News were not returned...Doctor Demento buffs now have a telephone number to call for a quick fix of Dr. D., try 1-900-773-7333. Don't forget that these 900 numbers charge a fee...WONE's all-night DJ Butch that these Brownis again raising funds providing toys for needy kids. This is the 8th year that he has been involved in this project...Meanwhile in Cleveland, radio station WRMR is busy promoting a Coats for Kids project. Such worthwhile endeavors help not just the station's image, but everyone involved. A perfect blending of radio and the community it is licensed to serve...Fellow NRCers who are accuracy freaks, please note that the National Bureau of Standards shortwave time signals, broadcast on WWV and WWVH, are accurate to within three millionths of a second a year. Also be advised that 1990 will be a longer year for all of us. The National Bureau of Standards is adding a "leap" second to its broadcasts, to bring our standard in sync with the Universal Time Coordinated constant. Now don't you feel

better?...On a related matter, my favorite show of all time, The Lone Ranger, both TV (1949-1957) and radio (1933-50's) versions, is returning to tube-land. Palladium Entertainment says that Tonto will be treated a bit differently in this revival, in an attempt to ward off criticisms from Indian groups...A familiar voice at KFWB, Cleve Hermann, is retiring after thirty years behind the mic...Also into retirement after thirty years, goes WOKY's Charlie Hanson...Baby Boomers should note that Sesame Street is 20 years old this year...With 1990 just around the corner, can the annual musical countdowns be far away? Just imagine, not only will we be blessed with the best hits of 1989, but also the Best Hits of the 1980's countdown shows too!...So much for now.

RAY MOORE, 116 Walnut Street, Walpole MA 02061 508-668-6678
This in my first musing in over a decade and prompted by what I consider to be a needless waste of DX opportunities. At a time when we are all concerned with the difficulty of MW DXing caused by 5000 stations with decreased technical standards, there is a pristine region where we can still experience the conditions and DX thrill of the 1930's. This is the band from 1600-1700 kHz. Here in a DX paradise where most anyone in the US can hear a station over 10,000 miles away with no co-channel QRM or sideband splatter. You can dig down to the noise level and pull audio out of a wrig of a signal which is so fragile and distinctive that it just SOUNDS like it is coming from the other side of the world. On 12/24 I was making a quick run across possible TP frequencies and found the best conditions in two months with carriers on 1629, 1670, 1575 and 1548 kHz. The 1629 carrier was strong, but since I have taped and/or QSL'ed both 2RPH and 3RPH I moved down to 1620 to see what I could get there. What I got, at 6:46 was a loud carrier and a "hello test" followed by music. Giving up on 1620 I went back to 1629 which peaked right on schedule from 6:56 6:57 (15 min before LSR) but with the sideband splatter from 1620 made it impossible to get any usable audio. My feelings were the same as if I had been hiking through a virgin wilderness and, at the most scenic spot, found a dumpster load of trash spread across the landscape. With 5000 stations do we need to rub this part of the band with another? I hope that NRC members aren't involved in this activity and would like to see the NRC take a position on illegal broadcasters rather than implicitly supporting them with sympathetic and encouraging reports of their activities. (Ray...are you sure it wasn't the NAB/SBE testing machine for their new antenna on 1620? I'm rather fond of pirate radio and am sure that most of the guys would get licenses if they could come up with the millions of dollars worth of capitol needed to operate and construct a station...ajm)

BILL HERNANDEZ, 98 Highland Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011
Hi everyone! I guess it was the late 60's that I started listening to radio. As soon as I discovered stations from 1000's of miles would come in at night, much to my amazement, and I found myself staying up late to see what would come in further away. So time went on and KSL, KOA and PJB turned out to be my better catches. In the late 70's FM and its unpredictable DX seemed to be hard to resist and I found myself sticking with FM. In 1988 I joined the WFFBA and through the club I met Bill Kretschmer, Bob Smolarek, Joe Pella, Paul Mount, and George Green. One day Bob brought over a bunch of DX NEWS and I was quite impressed by the NRC's club publication; so even though I'm a die-hard FM DX-ER, I figured why not join and I did! I was quite surprised that you guys had an FM section during the E-Skip season. If you guys ever need an editor for the FM section, ASK ME...Hi!! I haven't any AM DX to report, but I'll be on the lookout for it, and will dutifully letcha know. On the personal side, I'm 30 years old, hobbies include DXing, record collecting, reading and researching anything interesting relating to DXing. I hope to become a ham someday. If anyone knows of a ham club in the Passaic/Bergen county area, drop me a line, thank! About my area, Clifton, it is the home of 930 WPAT, about 2 miles from here. AM-IMAGE CITY (The Meadowlands) is real close and Gotham City (NYC) is a dozen miles distant. DX Heaven this ain't, but just a bit more challenging. That's it from JOISEY! & Good DXing! Bill.

DUNCAN SHAW, 15 Mooring Rd., San Rafael, CA 94901-3514
Well, here I go with my first muse. I am a sixteen year old who recently joined the NRC at the start of September. I found out about the NRC through the WRTH. For about five years I have found enjoyment listening to stations from LA, Portland, Las Vegas, etc. and have driven my Mom crazy with the hum when passing under power lines and when the TV is turned on. I was kind of amazed when I discovered that there was a club of people who seriously did this, so here I am. I currently use just a DX-440 and sometimes the Select-a-Tenna, but am interested in talking to a fellow NRCer in the immediate Bay Area about equipment and the like. I'd probably have to say that the station that I've picked up that is the farthest away from Marin is KTNN 660, which can be heard everywhere. Well, I got a whole lot of homework to do, so I'd better go. 73s. (Welcome to the club, Duncan! Please muse and contribute as often as you possibly can. I'm sure a local NRCer will be in touch with you shortly to discuss equipment...ajm)

PETE KEMP, KZ1Z, P.O. Box 73, Bethel, CT 06801
Greetings all...KABC's Sonya Friedman is moving from Los Angeles to New York, from where her CNN show will originate. Her spot at KABC will be occupied by expanding David Viscott's show...On the FM side, I began to receive a number of telephone calls the other day, about the NOAA weather radio being allowed to broadcast its reports continuously on a commercial FM frequency, 93.7. I first assumed that the local cable TV system was leaking like an old faucet, as usual, but such was not the case, as this station was being picked up all over the state of Connecticut. A little detective work showed that WLVH is programming Hartford's NOAA Weather Radio station continuously to "hold" the frequency. I listened for nearly an hour and finally heard a female station ID at 10 minutes of the hour. Hardly a reasonable thing to do in my opinion...Don Bishop's January 1990 article in Monitoring Times contained an artist illustration of the 1610's Caribbean Beacon on Anguilla (probably from their QSL card--ajm)...The National Association of Broadcasters' experimental station KA2XXB - Beltsville, Maryland should commence test transmissions soon on 1660 kHz. Reception reports would be welcomed, as they will be testing various antenna system configurations. Send to Kelly Williams, NAB, 1771 N. Street NW, Washington, DC 20036...So much for now.

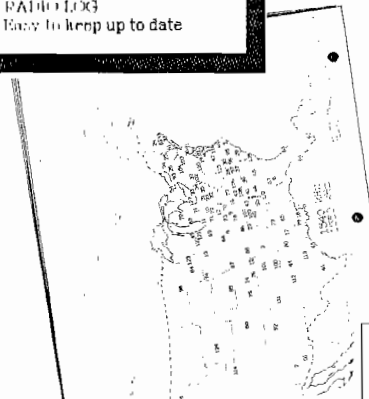
HARRY HAYES, 9 Henry Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
Time for the End-of-the-Decade wrap-up musing. 267 new AM stations were logged during the 80s decade. Compare that to 1,074 new AM stations logged during the decade of the 70's, although one must consider that I started DXing in the 70's so new ones were much easier to come by. I would rate DX this decade as not that great although there were a few bright spots of note like the exceptional CX to the Middle East of March/April '81 or the exceptional sunset skip of the fall of '84. Best catch of the 1980's was CKXL-1140 Calgary AB in the early morning of 1/20/80. Best unconfirmed, but highly likely, reception was of Nice, France 1557 with a probable Malta in the background in the late evening of 3/31/81. Strange that most of the best reception happened early in the decade. Could the break-up of the clear-channels have something to do with this? As of 1/8, the slate for the 90's is perfectly clean; I have not yet logged the first new station of the decade, but I am trying. I am not expecting anything too exciting, at least until the sunspots die down in a couple of years. That's all for this time. Bye.

And there I end this edition of Musings of the Members. All-in-all it was a packed issue. Next week will be even more packed. Some movie tips: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation was a scream as was War of the Roses. Leatherface: Texas Chainsaw Massacre III was mediocre at best, but it has its moments. The best film so far this year has got to be Tremors. In the tradition of the great horror movies of the 1950's this one definitely is a must-see for the whole family (no joke!). Take care and keep those Musings coming. 73s de Al

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