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DX NEWS

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Howdy folks! Believe it or not, but we're heading into the final month of our regular DX season, it certainly doesn't seem possible that it's eight months since we began the present season, which has been very disappointing to the majority of us, in more ways than one, but particularly after the grand start that it had, it was a bitter pill for us to swallow when it bogged down as much as it has during the past few months. True there have been several good mornings during the season, but these have been few and far between.

Jack Horner our Elizabethtown, Penna. CPCer who really has done some very fine work for us this season, his first as a CPCer, sends us quite a bit of good news which we know will be welcomed by the majority of our members. Jack has arranged four more dedications for the members of our club. First of all WLL, 1200 kcs., St. Louis, Mo., will dedicate a program to the members of our club on Saturday morning, April 17th from 3:00 to 4:00 A.M., E.S.T. They will also dedicate their April FCC test to the members of our club. Jack says they sent their letter on new stationery and if they issue their verifs on the same, he's sure all DXers would value such a letter-head. KFXD, 1200 kcs., Nampa, Idaho have also agreed to dedicate their April frequency check to the members of our club. This dedication will take place Saturday morning, April 10 from 5:30 to 5:50 A.M., E.S.T. Still another fine dedication which Jack has secured for our club is that from KGB, 1360 kcs., San Diego, Calif. who will be on for our club on Sunday morning, April 18 from 3:00 to 4:00 A.M., E.S.T. KWSC, 1220 kcs., Pullman, Wash. write that they will be pleased to dedicate a DX program of an hour's duration to the members of our club on Sunday morning, April 25 between 3:00 and 5:00 A.M., E.S.T. This particular station runs a DX program that last Sunday morning of each month between 3:00 and 5:00 A.M., E.S.T. However they do not state whether they will be on for our club from 3:00 to 4:00 or 4:00 to 5:00 A.M. We suggest that you watch this station during both of these hours, in order not to miss hearing this splendid dedication to the members of our club.

While it is true that we are entering into the final month of the regular DX season, it is also true that in some seasons past, particularly that of last year, we experienced some of the best reception conditions during the month of April, especially during the first two weeks of the month. However beyond that time it is very indefinite to say just when we can expect summer static to begin setting in. Therefore we would suggest that you all take advantage of the first few weeks in the next month to add as many new stations to your respective logs as you possibly can, for we believe that after that time, you will find DX almost impossible as we begin to near the summer season, at which time there is so much static in the air, caused by storms and warm weather. We're all hoping that the reception of the April frequency checks will be as good this year as they were last, inasmuch as they were the best of the whole year at that time and if these conditions should be repeated, there is no reason, why we shouldn't be able to add a great many of these elusive catches to our logs.

Reception of the Australian and New Zealand stations has been very poor this spring, with nothing even approaching the faintest iota of regularity in the reception of these stations. However they have been breaking through weakly on some mornings, and it might just be your luck to catch one of these mornings, if you avail yourselves of this

HIGH FREQUENCY HEADLINES

How did you like the reception we experienced during this last week? Static and rather poor conditions in general played havoc with broadcast reception during the major part of the week here in the East. However, the amateur bands were very active throughout the week due to the ARRL DX Contest, and 10 and 20 meter listeners were able to make quite a few nice foreign phone catches. 10 meters was fine throughout the week, with G5KH, ON4KD, LU7BC, LU7AZ, LU9AX, LU9BV, VP5PZ, VP9G, VK2GU, OA4AK, K4SA, K4EFO, K4EJF, K4DSD among the many stations heard pounding through. 20 meters seemed partial to the Southern stations; everything from Cuba down to Argentina came rolling in.

From Mr. Earl G. DeHaven, 3542 West 58th Place, Los Angeles, Cal., comes the news that W6XKG is now the Official NRC Pacific Coast SW outlet: You all know that W6XKG, "The Pioneer S.W. Station of the West", located in Los Angeles, is the station on 25950 kc. that puts in an R8-9 signal daily here in the East. W6XKG operates with a power of only 100 watts and has received reports from all sections of the country as well as Canada, Porto Rico, Hawaii, Mexico, Alaska, and way points. Mr. DeHaven conducts the DX tip Broadcasts over this station on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 2 to 2:30 P.M., E.S.T. He also adds that he will be pleased to receive DX tips from all members who care to send them in to him.

Mr. R. B. Oxrieder reports the following news:

KEYU, National University of Mexico, is a new station operating on 9600 kc. (9604-5 actual). He is heard from 7 to 10 P.M., E.S.T.

Another Mexican is heard on 11520 kc. He has not yet been definitely identified because of bad fading and transmitter trouble.

OAX4Z, Lime, Peru, has dropped from 6090 to 6080 kc.

The frequency of HI7P, Trujillo City, was misprinted last week. The correct frequency is 6781 or 2 kc.

Mr. Oxrieder has also heard the new Moscow station broadcasting each evening from 5 to 6 P.M. on a frequency of 12092 kc. German and Spanish are spoken on alternate evenings. The program consists of talks interspersed with music. He also reports another U.S.S.R. station on 12060 kc., broadcasting nearly every night from 10 to 11:30 P.M.

Mr. Earle Hickey of Norwood, N.Y., submits a fine summary of his recent SW activities. He reports very good reception on all bands, and lists the following stations as his latest catches:

SW Broadcast and Commercial: JZJ, JVN, ZFA, ZFB, ZFS, OAX4J, OERZ, IDB, ES8PJ, FVA, XOJ, PPQ, FTO, MIX, TGF, HFF, LKJ1, CFRX, HRD, WNC, KEJ, and KWU.

20 meter Amateur phone: CT1AY, G2UU, G2AK, G2DY, VP3BG, G16XS, LA1G, NIHS, VP7NA, HF1A, CP1AA, HK4AG, HK3RCV VO2N, HK1Z, VK3ZZ, VK3AL, VK7JB, VK2ABG, VK2HF, K6KKP, VP5PZ, SV1KE, and VK2FK with only 10 watts output.

SW veries: TFJ, HBL-HBP, YV1RH, and ON4VK.

Mr. Hickey heard CP1AA one morning at 2 A.M., and learned from the conversation that he intends to be on the air frequently from now on. The frequency of this rare Bolivian catch is approximately 14000 kc.

He has also heard SV1KE on 14460 kc. several times recently. This station, located in Athens, Greece, operates with a power of about 200

watts input. Mr. Hickey, and Joe Ed, would like very much to know the address of this station.

The QRA of 2L1A is: O. O. Box 73, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa.

Mr. Hickey and also Pat Reilley of Jamestown, N. Y., report very fine reception of H11X, 6340 kc., and H12X, 11960 kc., on their DX program of March 14, in connection with H1X on 800 kc. On Sunday morning, March 28, H13X on 15260 kc. was heard here in Walnutport with an R 8, signal while broadcasting an address by President Trujillo.

The verifications of reception of that special DX broadcast from LKJ1, Oslo, Norway, a month ago are now coming through. For the information of those who did not report the program, the very interesting letter from the Norsk Røkskringkasting reads, in part, as follows:

"We are pleased to hear that your reception was relatively good, not daring to expect that from our sender-power of only 1 KW. In this connection we may mention our plans for a new Norwegian short-wave sender of 5 KW power now being prepared, hoping to be able to build the new station in a not too far off future.

"We would like to establish regular sendings for American listeners, but the realization of this plan chiefly depends on the license-authorities. As a matter of fact the broadcasting in this country requires a very large amount, especially to the technical service in the country, and it is impossible to say when the short-wave-programmes eventually could be arranged for our compatriots in America in a more regular way. However, this question has our whole sympathy."

Sunday morning, March 28, K4SA down in Porto Rico, the 20-meter veteran Amateru phone station, was heard with an R 8 signal on 10-meters. He was using only 5 to 6 watts input, with an Rk 23 tube, suppressed modulation; a very fine signal.

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DX CHATTER

By Al Oppel

DO YOU KNOW...that last week we mentioned WLW had tied up with WHN, New York City. Now WFIL, Philadelphia, and KQV, Pittsburgh, have been added. The start of a new chain?...LaGrande, Ore., will probably receive a new station on 1420 kcs., 100-250 watts, if one believes the local FCC examiner...KPLT, 1500 kcs., Paris, Tex., will increase day power to 250 watts...Lincoln Memorial University, owners of WLMU, 1210 kcs., Middlesboro, Ky., are expected to start building their new station any day. Actual construction had been tied up by legal wrangles...WJOY are the call letters assigned to Gross & Shields new station at Saginaw, Mich.

Ben Genung our Spring City, Penna., CPCer says he has received a letter from KTSA, 550 kcs., San Antonio, Texas in which they have confirmed our belief that their broadcast for the members of our club on Monday morning, April 5th would be from 1:00 to 1:15 A.M., E.S.T. Last week we mentioned this broadcast, but were not certain of the time indicated, inasmuch as they did not state whether they meant E.S.T. or C.S.T.

Bill Stone, Toronto, Ont. advises us that KID, 1320 kcs., Idaho Fall Idaho will be on the air with a DX program on Sunday morning, April 4th starting at 3:00 A.M. E.S.T.

Now we come to a subject which is rather unpleasant for us to think about, but nevertheless, we find that it is necessary to call it to your attention. We are quoting from a card received from John C. Kalmbach, Jr. our Publicity Director. "Our extensive publicity campaign has been canceled and the efficiency of the publicity department greatly reduced, due directly to the lack of co-operation on the part of NRC members. Several times I've requested members to co-operate with me in promoting publicity articles, but have yet to have one member offer such co-operation. George Brode and I spend much of our time promoting the NRC and if the members continue to sit by, they'll find themselves without an efficient publicity department." We're certainly sorry to have to receive any such a report from any of our departments, but when such a report is received, it's high time that we again called your attention to the fact that this club is your club and that each and every one of you are a part of it. Don't expect your officers to do all the work, they're doing the most they possibly can, and really do depend upon the rest of you for your co-operation, to aid them in putting the club over. This is true not only in reporting the various stations that have so kindly put on special broadcasts for our benefit from time to time, but also true when the various officers make a plea for assistance such as has been forthcoming from Mr. Brode and Mr. Kalmbach. Let's show them that we are really sincere and that we do want to see our club grow and prosper, remember this is only possible through your co-operation, so; won't some of you volunteer to aid these two gentlemen in any manner you possibly can? We are aiming to make our club the best we can and it's only through the co-operation of each and every one of our members that this will be possible.

NATIONAL POST OBSERVER REPORTS;-

A. W. OFFEL, Irvington, N. J. - Philco 116X---DX extremely poor here, with noise level very high. Hit the dials March 27 and 28th, but could hear no new catches. WDAE was heard testing on the 28th at 4 A.M., likewise a few Canadians. KEOK not audible in these parts. However, during the week two delinquent veries came in--KVSO and KRRV---to bring the total to 998 verified. We may make the 1000 yet before the season is over.

J. B. PAT REILLEY, Jamestown, N. Y. - Philco 16. March 21 - 28 above - rained and snowed. My set went out of order about midnight. March 22 - 27 above - clear - set still out of order. March 23 - 29 above - clear and terrible buzzing - WAIR back of WNEW at 2:35. KPOF signed at 2:30. KTOK at 2:24 - KRSC at 2:40 on. 20 meters wide open with plenty of Aussies on the air. March 24 - 27 above - clear but too noisy to DX. KUSD at 2:15 and quit DXing. March 25 - 28 above - raining, thunderstorm and no DX because it was one of the worst mornings of the year to DX. March 26 - 15 above - clear but heavy buzzing and not much volume to the stations. WFOY at 2:59. KVGB at 3:02. WLAP at 3:33. WCOMI at 4:02. March 27. 23 above - snowing and bad noise. KGLO at 3:50. KEAW at 4:10 and 20 meters was good but too noisy on the BCB to DX. March 28 - 21 above - clear and much static. Pat tells us he fell asleep at the dial, shame on you Pat, next you'll be in ye editor's class or something. WDAE at 4:23. KOY at 4:50. KEOK too faint to read.

ARTHUR H. B. CABILL, Lancaster, Pa. - Sends a card to us from Cincinnati, Ohio, and advises us that he is visiting Joe Becker our Vice President over the Easter Holidays.

J. D. Luther, Tucson, Ariz. - Reports that while conditions have not been particularly good this season, he has been successful in getting 502 since he started his current log Nov. 2nd last, so that he feels he has had a successful season. So think we, ye editor!

WALTER C. SNYDER, Grand Rapids, Mich. - Atwater Kent 145 - March 28. Conditions were good. Heard WMAL at 1:47, R6; KMA at 2, R8, KVOD at 2:01, R7, CMCD was on at 1:55 R3. Two stations on 1320 kcs., and 1430 kcs., the same night. No announcements.

National Post Observer Reports (Continued).

Walter C. Snyder - cements were given. WFMD was heard at 2:30 with an R9 signal. CMCJ at 2:55, R7. WDAE at 2:56 R6. KABR was on at 3:05 R6. XEP at 3:06 R5. At 3:44 some station was heard in back of WFMD. Does anyone know who this was? Didn't hear any of the Canadian stations on their Coronation DX Frolic. KCMO was on from 1 to 5 A.M., an R8. The announcer stated that KCMO had a DX program every Sunday morning from 1 to 5 A.M. KIUL was on at 4:25 R7. At 5 A.M., the NBC and CBS were on with an Easter Broadcast from Rome. This made further DX almost impossible as practically all the channels were covered by participating stations.

BILL STONE, Toronto, Ont. - DXing very poor all week, WAIR heard on Sunday and Saturday mornings, coming on the air for a test at 2:05 A.M., E.S.T. 3/27 - WAIR 2:05 R8, 3/28 - WDAE 2-4:30 R7-8, WAIR 2:05 R8. KRNT & KSO on same test using same music both R9. Probably the stations that Walt Snyder mentioned; Ed. CMCJ 3:30-4 R8 KEJ 3:45-4 R6-7, CJCS 3-3:30 R2-5.

JOHN J. OSKAY, New Brunswick, N. J. - Hallcrafters Sky Chief, Short wave report. March 28th:- 9000 to 11000 kc. Stations marked (*) Time between 6-7 A.M. WX: Cloudy. Tem 30, Hum. 38, Bar. 29.68; Other stations times between 6-8 P.M. WX Clear, Tem. 33, Hum. Bar 29.73. HAT4 R6, OAX4J R3, GSB R7, HJ4ABH R6, *ZBW3 R3, *W2XAF R4, W2XAF R8, DJN R7, DJA R7, *VLKK R2, VLKK R8, *VK2ME R4, *W3KAU R3, W3KAU R8, PCJ R6, RAN R6, *YDB R2, LRX R6, COCQ R7, EAQ R6, CSW R8, *PMN R2, EAJ 43 R3, *JVN R6, *PLP R3, 11,000 to 12,300 kc. Time 5 to 7 P.M. CSW R5, COCX R7, TPA4 R6, CJRX R5, GSD R7, DJD R8, W2XE R1, W8XK R3, TPA3 R7, CB615 R4.

STUART LELAND, Durham, N. C. - Reports that WAIR, 1250 kcs., Winston-Salem, N. C. is now operating on full daytime schedule from 8 A.M. to 6:15 P.M. It is quite probable that they will not have any tests to speak of during the next few weeks. They have an R7 signal in Durham.

HAL BUTTELS? Aurora, Ill. - Reports that his operation in the hospital was a big success and that he is very much better now, although his leg is still quite weak and he must be very careful of it. Hal tells us that he has done very little BCB DXing this year, that the most of his activities were confined to the Short Waves. He says he hears RAN on Sundays on 31.25 meters and he says they put in a wonderful signal. The time to try for them is from 7 to 9:15 P.M., E.S.T. Hal would also like to know whether any of the members of our club have a verif from HIN, Trujillo City. He says he sent them a report on Nov. 26, 1936 and hasn't received any reply as yet. Hal also says that he has a brother who is to get a tryout with the Davenport Team in the Western League this year. Here's wishing him the best of luck.

BEN GENUNG, Spring City, Penna. - Reports that on March 22 he was in Philadelphia and stopped around to WRAX to see his friend Tom Liverey of the announcing staff. He told Ben that they are contemplating some changes soon. He says the new owner is going to ask for one license for the station, inasmuch as WPEN and WRAX really are one station, if this is the case, in all probability there may be a change in call letters. So, we would suggest that you who do not have either or both of these stations logged to get after them right now, before it's too late. He says his friend also told him that WIP are considering beginning their broadcasting day at 6:00 A.M.

JACK HORNER, Elizabethtown, Penna. - Sends us a report on his activities recently and says that DX has been poor for him lately. He says he is afraid that DX is about a thing of the past for this season. He also inquires what happened to the Carrabien DX Frolic, he says the only station he heard was CMCR. March 27 - WREN heard at 2:33 A.M. March 28 - CJLS heard at 2:05, WDAE all morning. KFJB was pounding the daylights out of WIL at 2:40. CKNX behind WIL and KFJB at 2:45. KRNT and KSO both running the same program were heard at 3:10. At 3:33 KABR logged and at 4:25 heard KOY. March 29 - WLN was heard testing from 1:08 to 1:15.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 2.
 WFOY 1210 St. Augustine 1-3 UDXC

SATURDAY, APRIL 3.
 CMKV 1330 Santiago 1-2 CHWK 780 Chilliwack 2:45 NRC
 KGIW 1420 Alamosa on at 2 WGAL 1500 Lancaster 5:45-6

SUNDAY, APRIL 4.
 WJBO 1420 Baton Rouge 2-4 NRC CMCB 1380 Havana 3-6
 XEP 1160 Juarez 3-5 NNRC KGDY 1340 Huron 4-4:30

MONDAY, APRIL 5.
 KTSA 550 San Antonio NRC 1-1:15 KTEM 1370 Temple 3-3:30

TUESDAY, APRIL 6.
 KGIW 1420 Alamosa on at 2

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7.
 WASH 1270 G. Rapids NNRC 6-6:15 WOOD 1270 G. Rapids 6:15-6:30 NNRC

THURSDAY, APRIL 8.
 CJOR 600 Vancouver 3-4

FRIDAY, APRIL 9.
 WIL 1200 St. Louis NRC 5:30-5:50

SATURDAY, APRIL 10.
 CMKV 1330 Santiago 1-2 KEEN 1370 Seattle 4:30-5:30 NNRC
 WCLS 1310 Joliet NRC 3:10-3:30 KFXD 1200 Nampa NRC 5:30-5:50

SUNDAY, APRIL 11.
 XEP 1160 Juarez 3-5

National Post Observer Reports (Continued)

Jack Horner - Jack wonders whether this was the first test from this particular station. We would suggest that you all keep a close check on 1370 kcs., for some further tests from this station in the near future. WALK is located in Clarksburg, W. Va. WEED was heard at 1:09; WTAX at 1:40. WCAK at 2:00. Jack says he has been tuning the 20 meter ham band the last couple of days, and has already logged 34 countries.

RICHARD H. COOPER, Kittanning, Penna. - Dick advises us that he has sent us the printed frequency check skeds, which he has so kindly volunteered to print for us. It is our hope that they will arrive in time to send them out to all of you this week. Dick says that he has left it up to the members to draw as many lines as they wish, in other words they can keep a record of the date logged and the date verified or any other ideas you may have. Dick says he wants your comments on these cards, he says that these comments which you send him will positively determine the printing of future lists. He says he wants your ideas on them too, so that he can incorporate them in future lists. Here's a little hint from ye editor, we all know that Dick went to a lot of trouble and expense to print these cards for us, now Dick has a little hobby which we might all be able to help him with, he's a collector of scenic post cards. Why not each and every one of us drop him a picture post card with a view of your city or vicinity, and on the reverse side tell him how much we appreciate his fine efforts. Now for a resume of DX activities; Dick says he has heard KWBC several times from 3:30 until 4:00 A.M. when they sign off. On the 17th they were coming in a positive R7 with every word understandable. Also logged KVGB on one of their tests and heard XEPI on the 15th. CHCJ on the 29th with some talk about Cuba. Dick says he's glad to know that WCAK and WDM do verify, inasmuch as he was convinced that these stations were not interested in verifying reports and considerable correspondence seemed to bear out this conviction. However Dick reports he is now the proud possessor of a verification from WCAK. Dick says he's willing to buy Bill's secret on how to get WQDM to come through. Dick says he's been keeping on the watch for KRSC, whom Pat Reilly reports are on the air daily from midnight until 5 or 6 A.M. However he hasn't had any luck along their line yet. Keep your chin up Dick!