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Just when we were beginning to believe that summer static had begun to set in on us, we were thrilled to witness two of the finest mornings for radio reception that we have seen in many a moon. We are speaking of Saturday and Sunday morning of this past week, there didn't seem to be any noise level at all, and stations on the frequency checks with 100 and 250 watts on the Pacific Coast were coming through with magnificent volume. Sunday morning, ye editor heard KFOX Long Beach, Calif. for the first time in about three or four years, this station was actually coming through with WNEW also on 1250 kcs., on the air at the same time. Imagine reception from a West Coast station of 1000 watts power, when a station using similiar power less than 200 miles distant is operating on the same frequency! You can readily imagine how wonderful reception conditions must be to permit such an event to happen.

Here's an announcement concerning the future of the WORK DX Club. This coming Thursday morning, April 15th, WORK, York, Penna. becomes affiliated with the National Broadcasting Co. This of course means that in the future the large majority of WORK's programs will be network programs and of course this will also mean at the same time that they will curtail some of the programs which had previously been carried over their station featuring local talent. Whether or not the WORK DX Club broadcasts will be continued or not, we do not know at the present time. However, we believe that it might be worthwhile for those of you who feel that this program has been worthwhile and beneficial to write to the management of the station, requesting them to continue with the program. Later this week we shall learn whether or not this program will be continued, and we shall advise you accordingly next week. However it is true that we are almost at the end of the present DX season, and that as in the past, it has been our policy to take this program off the air during the summer months, so that the WORK DX Club programs may not return to the air anymore this season.

Jack Horner our Elizabethtown, Penna. CPCer who has done such excellent work for our club in his first year as a CPCer, advises us that he has received word from WSAI, 1330 kcs., Cincinnati, Ohio will present a DX program for the members of our club on Saturday morning, April 24 from 4:00 to 5:00 A.M., E.S.T. They say that since most towns change to Daylight Saving that night, it is best to inform the club members that this program will be in E.S.T.

This past Sunday morning found WEAU, 1050 kcs., Eau Claire, Wis., on the air for it's initial test program and since that time they have been heard testing at frequent intervals. We would suggest that you all keep a close check on this frequency for some future tests from this particular station.

For the benefit of those who have inquired about the street address of Dick Cooper, we recall that we printed this address in No. 27 Bulletin, but it's 412 Rayburn St., Kittanning, Penna. We have received a great many congratulations from the members on this fine work that Dick has turned out for us. Don't forget to send those postcards to Dick in appreciation of his efforts. We also note that there were quite a few of our members who did not receive last week's Bulletin as yet, or who have received it quite a bit later than they usually do. We do hope that all of them will have received them by this time, inasmuch as our extra supply

We are in receipt of a very interesting letter from Ray Lewis, Toledo, Ohio in which he tells us of his activities during the recent flood crisis in Ohio. We take pleasure in giving you a few excerpts from his letter to us.

"Well through our work for the Red Cross, and through pulling a few strings at the bank, I have arranged for a permanent Club House for the Toledo Radio Club. We are to receive two portable school houses, to be used for club work. We'll install W8ESN's three transmitters in the house, furnish immediate communication for the Red Cross in any emergency and have a bang-up outfit if I'm not greatly mistaken. Three of us will run the show. First comes Kemberling (W8ESN) then Walt Alexander the radio repairman who's one grand guy with publicity and then yours truly. I will continue as President I presume. We will take in local SWL's, a few good hams and BCB DX'ers as associate members. Rigid by-laws will be enacted and a night each week will be devoted to "schooling" for air minded lads, in amateur radio and progressive listening.

Oh yes, big things are planned and I'm proud that my DX hobby has brought all this about for me. Naturally we receive full support of the press here in Toledo. Nothing like this has been attempted, around these parts at least, never to my knowledge. It will all take time and plenty of work, believe me, But after all, what do any of us get without work? Many, many times I've felt like chucking the entire radio and everything connected with it out the window and calling a halt to this seeming asinine hobby that has become almost an affliction. But it isn't that easy, is it? I'll bet you have entertained such thoughts...confess now, haven't you? Radio is a BIG thing, much too big for such a guy as myself to condemn it because I've overworked certain phases of what I think is the most wonderful thing on the face of the earth...Radio listening and transmitting."

DX CHATTER

By Al Oppel

DO YOU KNOW...that KTOK (was KGFQ), 1370 kcs., Oklahoma City, tests the second Friday of each month, from 5:40-6 A.M...KGIW, 1420 kcs., Alamosa, Colo., test every Tuesday and Saturday, from 2-2:30 A.M...KVCV, 1200 kcs., Redding, Calif., should be added to your checks on the second Tuesday, from 5:40-6 A.M...KTEM, 1370 kcs., Temple, Texas will increase day power from 100 to 250 watts...KOY, 1390 kcs., Phoenix, Ariz. will increase night power from 500 to 1000 watts...WSJS, 1310 kcs., Winston-Salem, N.C., has been sold. A change of call might be expected...a newspaper reports KVCV, 1200 kcs., Redding, Calif., as KEBC. An error, or a change of call? The same newspaper states this station is joining the Don Lee Broadcasting System...

Upon checking we found that KVCV, Redding, Calif. and WCAT, Rapid City, S. D., both of whom operate on 1200 kcs., now have the same frequency checking period. So, that it is our supposition that KVCV has only temporarily assigned to this period, and we anticipate their being assigned to some other period. Speaking of changes in the frequency check list, last month it was noted by Dick Cooper, Kittanning, Penna. that KYOS, 1040 kcs., Merced, Calif. had a frequency check the second Thursday of each month from 5:20 to 5:40 A.M., however Al Bartholomew, Bradford, N. Y., writes that he received a letter from KYOS during the past week to the effect that their new frequency checking period was second Monday of each month from 4:10 to 4:30 A.M., E.S.T. Al advises us that he checked KYOS on Monday morning and found them on the air at that time, so that without a doubt this station has changed their frequency checking period and we suggest you make note of this change in the lists which we sent you last week, which were printed for us through the kind efforts of Dick Cooper.

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CARL FORESTIERI, Bronx, N. Y. - Reports that on, and after April 7, his address will be 2224 Adams Place, Bronx, N. Y., we are printing this change of address for the benefit of Carl's correspondents.

PAT REILLEY, Jamestown, N. Y. - April 5 - 44 above raining - too noisy to DX at all. Even 20 meters were very poor. April 6. 53 above - raining. The worst noise Pat's had. No DX as a result. April 7 - 40 above clear, and very little noise. WRC on check at 2:10. KWOS, WROL and WEXL with a scrap on 1310 kcs. WPAD at 3:20. KRSC came in R7. WHBQ at 3:20. 20 meters was good. G2NH, G5DR, G2BY, G5SO, K6GAS, VK3ML, FT4AA, ON4MO, K6JLV, VK4JU, OA4AK, G6LK, K6OQE, VK2ABG, VK4JP, G2NQ, VK3ZZ, VK2AG and others. April 8 39 above - clear - too noisy to DX at all. 20 meters poor. April 9 - 40 above - raining - terrific noise. 20 meters bad too. April 10 - 29 above snowing - quite heavy static but the buzzing noise was absent for once. WMAL at 2:35, KMO at 2:45, KFJM at 4:30, KRSC was like a local. KFBI on frequency check from 6 A.M. on. WEAU on 1050 kcs. was heard for the first time here testing at 5:50 A.M. April 11 - 28 above - snowing - bad buzzing, but little static. KUSD at 2:38, CMCD at 2:40. WEAU again at 2:41 QRMing KNX. CMCJ at 2:45 on 1110 kcs. offering a free trip to Cuba on a drawing of DX numbers, as each DXer gets a number when he writes in to the station. XEBG at 2:30. WJTN at 3:40 to 4:05 with John Lewis announcing, not the CIO John Lewis, somebody QRMed WNEW at 4:10. 20 meters was good. G6DT, GN6RV, new prefix were issued to Scotland and the old calls now have a GN ahead of them. ON4FC, PK3WI, W2BVB, a portable at La Mesa, Calif. VS6AG, KK4JU, KALMD, VK3ZL, K6JLV, K6OQE, VK4JH, VK2ABD, G5ML and others. April 12 - 29 above - very bad noises and no DX.

GEORGE L. BRODE, Sr. Philadelphia, Penna. - April 8th. CMX, CMQ R8 at 12:30 A.M. CMCF R7 at 1 A.M. WBLK R7, WLLH R9 2 A.M., WSVS R8, 2:08 A.M. April 9th CMCF R6, XENT R8, CKLV R8 at 1:30 A.M. WCNW R8 at 2; April 10 CMX, CMQ R8, XEAW, XEPN, XENT, XERA R9 at 12:30; WRC R6 at 1; WIL, WJBK, KFBK all R7 at 2 A.M. WSOC, WSIX, WROL R8 on tests. WJTN R6 at 2:58; WIND, KNX, KSL, WMAL all R9 2:50; WFRP, WNEL R8, WKBV R9 at 3:30 A.M. Low static level on the 10th. April 11th CMQ, CMX, XEAW R9 at 12:30; WLAC R9 at 1; WLVA R9 plus, 1:05 A.M. CMCD R7, CMCJ, R6, 1:30 A.M. XERA ROL, WAAB, WEVD, WTNJ, KNX, KSL, WIND all R9 2:30 A.M. April 12 static level high all over the dial. XEPN, XERA, XENT, XEAW R9 at 1 A.M. CKCW, KNOX R9, KNX R7, CMCJ R7 at 1:30 A.M.

ERNEST R. COOPER, Brooklyn, N. Y. - April 8th - KFVD R6, KGFI R5, KGFL R4, KGHF R5, KGH1 R6, KCKB R5. April 10 - excellent reception, the best morning of the whole season - KEEN R6, KWTN R6-7, KGFF R4, KRKO 50 watt R3, KBTM R7-8, April 11 - WBLK testing all morning, messed up by somebody. KID testing 3:29-3:35. KGM at 3:45 R6-7. KLS R4 at 4:05 on 1280 kcs.

JOHN J. OSKAY, New Brunswick, N. J. - Hallicrafters Sky-Chief. S.W. report, Saturday April 10th. 7,700 kc. to 11,040 kc. - Stations marked (*) heard between 5 and 6 A.M. WX: Cloudy/Tem. 35/Hum. 52/Bar. 29.74 rising. Other stations heard between 5:30 to 9 P.M. WX: Clear/Tem. 39/Hum. 44/Bar. 29.94. HBPN R6, HC2JSB R2, OAX4J R4, COCH R7, EAQ2 R9, *VK3ME R5, HJLABE R5, GSB R8, HJ4ABH R7, *ZBW3 R4, W2XAF R8, DJN R7, DJA R7, WLNK R9, *VK3LR R6, GSC R8, W3XAU R7, HF5J R4, HJLABP R7, 2RO3 R7, LRX R7, CT1AA R6, COCQ R6, EAQ R7, CSW R8, *FMN R2, EAJ43 R5, *JVN R7, *PLP R3, CSW R5. Am working full time and over time now so need lots of rest, so had to resist getting up after midnight to DX on the B.C. band.

DICK COOPER, Kittanning, Penna. - Advises that a letter received from Enrique Hidalgo solves the mystery of the Caribbean Sea DX Frolic. Senor Hidalgo advises that he was the person who planned that celebration and that it was canceled at the last minute when he discovered that the stations were not co-operating as he had expected. Enrique is trying to do something in his power to promote a better situation between DXers and

Dick Cooper - stations in the Caribbeans and just because he didn't get those stations on is certainly no reason to condemn him. Incidentally Senor Hidalgo advises Dick that CMHJ, 1160 kcs., Cienfuegos, Cuba will be on April 14 from 4:30 to 6:00 A.M., as well as their final DX of the season on April 15 from 3:00 to 6:00 A.M., in connection with Pan American Day. Dick says WBLK was heard testing on the 10th until 2:15 when they signed in order that they would not interfere with the frequency checks. Dick suggests that we all keep close tabs on them after the checks are over. Conditions were no good on either the 8 or 9th although he did get several new catches, however Dick is another who raves about reception conditions last Saturday morning, April 10th, and says that he logged as new ones the following: WBLK, KGCU, WAML, KOCA, KFJM, KEEN, KXRO, KGEZ and KFXD as well as hearing almost everything on schedule for Saturday. Conditions were perfect with the exception of a little static, in spite of a light snow. Dick also says that KWYO announced during the course of their test that they are now issuing a new verification card showing their new transmitter.

AL BARTHLOMEW, Bradford, N. Y. - Says that he is sorry to report that DX has slowed up considerably, the whyfore of no NPO reports from him lately. DX was fine here the morning of the 7th with coasters very strong, no new ones heard however. Added KTOK morning of the 9th. Up Saturday morning the 10th and altho I heard KRNR, KUJ, KXRO, 4YA and KHBC all R5-6, I did not add those elusive two needed KVOS or KRKO as the latter was spoiled here by KFRO on early for test.

JACK HORNER, Elizabethtown, Penna. - DXing has been very poor here. Jack says he hasn't heard a new station in over two weeks. Latest verifications are KGEZ, KFJM, CJLS, KBIX, CFRC, KABR, KNX, KFKA, XEBG and WBRE. Jack also says he's added 132 new stations this year and about 290 new verifications. Here's a list of stations that Jack has logged new each month. Sept. 8; Oct. 26; Nov. 29; Dec. 27; Jan. 11; Feb. 16 and March 17.

S. RAYMOND LEWIS, Toledo, Ohio - Says now that the season is about over for decent DXing, I can sort of summarize a bit. The past DX season found static and local QRM playing the upper hand most of the time in these parts. Witness the fact that last year I won first prize in the Radex Mystery Contest, whereas this year I shall feel lucky to win ANY prize. The conditions here were simply terrible, barrages of static and high winds fostered the cause of local QRM to the extent of nearly driving me frantic. It seems to me that local QRM presents one of the greatest problems that we DXers face today. I for one, am striving to overcome this nemesis of DX, going to great extremes to conquer my personal man made static problem. First step has been to build derrick type masts and get above the QRM. Secondly, I'm installing the Feather-weight DX Antennas. Yes, I mean both the single aluminum wire and also the doublet. I'm amazed by the increase of signal intensity. I get far better results than I thought possible. I am speaking of the singlet that sells for \$5.00. The doublet will be in operation here before the month is past and Ray says if we're interested, he'll be glad to tell us how these new type, new idea, antennas work for him. Ray reports that this season he heard no fewer than 15 new TA catches, but nothing new from the TP's. Ray reports verifications received from the following TA's this past season: Kosice, Praha #1 and Morava Ostrava of Czech. Vienna 592 kc. of Austria, Bologna of Italy, Madona, Latvia. The following new Germans Breslau, Konigsberg, Berlin, Leipsig. Brussels #1 of Belgium and Monte Ceneri of Switzerland as well as Beromunster. From France; Paris FTTT (695); Nice-Cote D'azur, Lille, Toulouse (776). Also Belfast from the Irish Free State. So, all in all I consider my DX luck pretty good for a bum season. Ray says his TA verifs now total 50. Outside of PRES and PRF3, South Americans have been "out" as far as Ray is concerned. Not also reports verifs from WJZY, SM5SX and ON4VK on 20 meters.

Reception during the last week has been fairly good, although nothing spectacular turned up here. Twenty meters was good in the afternoons, with European phones coming through in fine shape. Evening reception around 25 and 31 meters was also fine.

A new station is heard near 9520 kc. It is operated by the Communist Party, and programs consist of the usual talks. Transmissions close with a playing of the "Internationale." Mr. R. B. Oxrieder reports the station on 9523 kc., just above HJ4ABH; he hears it from 7 to 8 P.M., and says its name seems to be "Radio Liberta". Ye Ed heard it one evening on this schedule exactly on HJ4ABH's frequency.

Mr. Oxrieder also reports the following stations:

FZH, Paramaribo, definitely identified as the station operating on 6788 kc. during the last month or longer.

TG2, previously heard on 6215 kc., was heard again on 6300 kc. The address of this station is: Director General of Electrical Communications, Guatemala City. The schedule seems to be irregular.

Radio Guardia Civil, Tetuan, Spanish Morocco, heard on 6110 kc. He was previously heard on 6530 kc., so it seems as though he is moving around quite a bit.

EAQ's QRA is P. O. Box 951, as announced by the station. This is the same as EAQ's address, so it seems that both stations are operated by the same outfit. It seems strange, however, that there should be so great a difference in quality between the two stations.

In answer to a question in the March 31 Bulletin regarding HIN's verification policy, Mr. Oxrieder says that he received a verification from them quite promptly.

Mr. John J. Oskay of New Brunswick, N. J. reports the following list of News and Tips:

TI8WS, Puntarenas, Costa Rica, is heard evenings around 7 P.M., E.S.T., on a frequency of 7550 kc.

HC2JSB on 7850 kc., is heard nightly from 7 to 11 P.M.

HJ4ABP, Medellin, Colombia, 6030 kc., uses the slogan "Emisora Philco", and is heard every night with a fine signal. It's schedule is 8 A.M. to 9 P.M., E.S.T.

Stations in the Dominican Republic are coming through regularly at present. HI3, HI4D, HI3C, HI2D, who have been rather silent heretofore, are heard almost any night now with good signal strength.

Mr. Oskay says that at his QRA, EAQ2, 9480 kc., Madrid, is about the strongest station on the 31-meter band. It is heard nearly every night after EAQ leaves the air, around 8 P.M.

One of Ye Ed's most beautiful QSL cards has just arrived from F8LX, Paris, France. This station operates on 14000 kc., with a power of 150 watts on phone. Monsieur Naintre, the Op., says that he QSOed many W stations during the phone contest period a few weeks ago; he is also WAC on 10-meters. The address of F8LX, which is OK in the Call

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.					
WFOY	1210	St. Augustine	1-3		
SATURDAY, APRIL 17.					
CMKW	1330	Santiago	1-2	WIL 1200	St. Louis 3-4 NRC
KGIW	1420	Alamosa	on at 2	WGAL 1500	Lancaster 5:45-6
SUNDAY, APRIL 18.					
KGB	1330	San Diego	3-4	NRC XEP 1160	Juarez 3-5
TUESDAY, APRIL 20.					
KGIW	1420	Alamosa	on at 2		
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.					
WOPI	1500	Bristol	3-6	WOOD 1270	G.Rapids 6:15-6:30NNRC
WASH	1270	G.Rapids	NNRC 6-6:15		
THURSDAY, APRIL 22.					
KGIW	1420	Alamosa	on at 2	CJOR 600	Vancouver 3-4
FRIDAY, APRIL 23.					
WFOY	1210	St. Augustine	1-3		
SATURDAY, APRIL 24.					
CMKW	1330	Santiago	1-2	HJLABK 1350	Colombia 2:30-3 A/R
KGIW	1420	Alamosa	on at 2	WSAI 1330	Cincinnati 4-5 NRC

High-Frequency Headlines (Continued).

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 Vy 73,
 Kermit Geary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

In preparation for the Get-Together which will be held in June, it has been decided to call a meeting of the Board of Directors for Thursday evening, April 22 at club headquarters 8:00 P.M. Any members who care to attend this meeting are cordially invited to do so.

Ye Editor has under consideration a Plan through which it may be possible to successfully combat Man Made Interference, which we are inclined to agree with Ray Lewis, is in our estimation the most deadly enemy that we DXers have to contend with at the present time. Note how often the NFO reports have spoken of bad buzzing noises during this past season, we feel that man made interference was worse this season than it ever has been heretofore. We therefore propose to try out this Plan in the City of York and if it can be made to work satisfactorily here, we shall in turn pass this information along to the rest of our members, so that they in turn can either lead the movement in a similiar idea in their own community, or else find someone who will lead this movement. If we can manage to curtail the amount of man made interference, we feel confident that everyone living in such a Community will be grateful to those who have been responsible for the improvement which has been made.

Last Saturday morning good reception was noted here at club headquarters from 1YA and 4YA, operating on 650 and 790 kcs., respectively, however nothing was heard of the new 2YA on 570 kcs., using 60,000 watts power. If these good reception conditions were to continue, it is altogether likely that we may find reception of these TP stations possible in the early mornings, so we would recommend that all of you do not pass up what may be the last opportunity that we may get this season to hear these particular stations in question. The best time to try for them is between 5:00 and 6:30 A.M. It's a certainty that these good reception conditions will not last very long at this season of the year, so that we would suggest that you get on the job for these catches at the very first opportunity.