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STATIC FROM HQ

After this issue, we'll have weekly issues of DX News March 27 and April 3 after that we begin skipping weeks--please see your earlier DX News for details! In other stuff...a belated hay birthday to LPC member and secretary Pat Hartlage (it was St. Pat's Day and the rest of us are green with envy!)...don't forget to Muse and contribute to the various columns in DX News through the spring--we still need contributions to keep the bulletin active! We got a note this week from Sigvard Andersson in Sweden which explains what's been happening to the mails...he says "A couple weeks ago I found a letter in my DX News. The letter was mailed in Louisville, and it was addressed to another place in Louisville, but it took the way via Norrkoping, Sweden in my DX News!"

Jul.

CPC TESTS

Mon., March 27 WXAP-860 Atlanta, Ga. 0000-???? Same format as the last test. Reports to: Dan Dunnigan, Chief Engineer, WXAP Radio, 1111 Boulevard SE, Atlanta. Arr: Chuck Hutton.

Mon., March 27 KNWS-1090 Waterloo, Iowa. 0200-0300. Test will include tones and IDs. Will use 1000 w. non-directional pattern. Calls (prepaid) will be accepted at: (319) 234-2658. Veries to: David J. Dobs, Chief Engineer, KNWS Radio, Northwestern College, Waterloo, Iowa 50702. Arr: Geoffrey L. Parrish, GWDXA.

Mon., March 27 WAMS-1380 Wilmington, Del. This is a regular check on the 4th Monday of the month. The check is normally 1000 w., but for the check on 3/27 and for 4/24 and 5/29 at 0230 they will use 5000 w. The station us normally NSP and thus tests are during regular schedule. They will include tones and code IDs for 5 to 10 minutes. Veries to: Ron Schiller, Chief Engineer. Arr: Jim Hopkins.

Mon., April 3 KROW-1460 Dallas, Ore. Eddie Ryan of GWDXA, arranger of test, called NRC HQ to inform that test scheduled 3/6 did not run due to transmitter failure. The test is rescheduled for this date at the same time. For address, details, check your back DX News issues.

Steve Francis informs us that KDWN-720 in Las Vegas has an equipment test every Monday morning from 0200-0800 for 30 to 60 minutes with 50 Kw non-directional. He says that the first Monday of each month the test runs 5 hours, with open carriers, music, tones and IDs. Veries to: Mr. Messing, Chief Engineer, KDWN Radio, 1 Main Street, Las Vegas, Nev. 89109.

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AM SWITCH

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Yes, Virginia, there is an AM SWITCH!! Herewith another edition of goodies and tips from the exciting world of BCB DX. My apologies to one and all for the time gap between the last column and this but a business/vacation trip to Las Vegas last month as well as a bout with the Russian flu put me on the skids for a while (at least I think it was the Russian flu--instead of little black spots in front of my eyes, there were little red squares--groan!! Don't blame me--that's Red Skelton's line, hi hi!!) Well, enough of this stuff and on with AM SWITCH.

STATIONS NOW ON THE AIR:

1140 KVLI-CA 1260 WXCE-WI 1450 KBFI-ID (BHy) 1540 KKAP-CA
1250 KNEU-UT 1470 KRZD-CO 1510 KAGC-TX 1540 WMLM-MI

CALL LETTER GRANTS:

860 WQXZ-NC ex-WSTH 1310 WWKR-MI ex-WNIC 1480 WUEZ-VA ex-WBLU
1150 WYYY-WI ex-WAXX 1340 WBCS-WI ex-WRIT 1530 KWOK-OK ex-KJEM
1190 WXGR-MS ex-WPUP 1400 WJJK-WI ex-WBIZ 1560 WUME-IN ex-WVAK
1230 KEAN-TX ex-KNIT 1410 KEYN-KS ex-KBUL 1590 WYIG-MS ex-WWUN
1240 WPJL-NC ex-WRNC 1440 WRDD-MI ex-WBCM 1600 WJZA-TN ex-WHBT

1460 KLTC-ND Dickinson CP 1560 WYZD-NC Dobson CP
1530 KAWS-TX Hemphill CP 1590 WXRS-GA Swainsboro CP

CALL LETTER APPLICATIONS:

810 AL Jacksonville CP seeks WJXL 1290 KSNM-ID seeks KISU
950 WRYT-MA seeks WROL 1320 KCRA-CA seeks KGNR
1010 KHCS-AZ seeks KWEG 1470 WWHY-WV seeks WKSD
1220 KKAR-CA seeks KLIT 1470 KANO-MN seeks KTWN
1230 KISD-SD seeks KKRC 1490 WLRC-MI seeks WHTL
1290 KWNS-KS seeks KWLS

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATION

600 KGEZ-MT CP: U4 5000/1000 1290 WRRA-VI CP: U1 500/500
810 KQIN-WA CP: D1 500/ 1380 WIZO-TN CP: D3 5000/
810 WJJQ-WI CP: D3 10000/ 1410 WSRC-NC CP: D3 5000/
910 KMJC-CA CP: U4 5000/2500 1440 WJBQ-ME CP: U2 5000/5000
980 WLQD-FL CP: U4 2500/500 1440 WCHB-MI CP: U4 1000/1000
980 KDSJ-SD CP: U2 5000/5000 1560 WBUK-MI CP: D3 2500/
1000 WSPF-NC CP: D1 5000/CH:1000 1570 WCLE-TN CP: D1 2500/
1010 KCMR-CO CP: D1 5000/CH:2500 1590 WLTD-IL CP: U2 1000/2500
1060 WKNG-GA CP: D1 5000/ 1590 WJSO-TN CP: U2 5000/5000
1090 WFWR-IN CP: U4 1000/1000 1590 WISZ-MD CP: U4 1000/1000
1110 WBCA-AL CP: D4 10000/CH: 2500

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS GRANTED:

570 WFSO-FL CP: U4 500/500 1130 WAMG-TN CP: D1 2500/CH:1000
680 WRNG-GA CP: U2 25000/10000 1360 KKBJ-MN CP: U2 5000/2500
970 KBSN-TX CP: D1 1000/ on:810 1570 KUXL-MN CP: D1 2500/
1090 WCMG-FL CP: D1 5000/ on:1050

NEW STATION APPLICATIONS:

740 MN Zumbrota D3 10000/ 1250 CA Grass Valley D1 500/
850 TN Fairview D1 500/ 1290 PA Fredericksburg D3 1000/
950 WA Seattle U2 5000/5000 1320 WI Kenosha D3 5000/
1080 PA Huntingdon D3 1000/ 1460 MN Thief River Falls D1 2500/
1140 VA St. Paul D1 1000/ 1470 CA Coalinga D1 500/
1190 VA Bluefield D3 10000/ 1500 CA Burbank U4 1000/10000
1240 AZ Globe U1 1000/250 1530 AR Harrison D1 500/
1250 AK Homer U1 5000/5000 1580 NC Camp Lejeune D1 10000/CH:5000

A brief note regarding the 900 spot in Nashua NH (where WOTW is or used to be depending on the exact legal status of the station)-----at least five(5) different broadcasting corporations are after this allocation. Will be very interesting in the next few months to see what develops.

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OTHERNESS FROM THE MEMBERS:

920 KVEC-CA format is now MOR, 24h SPU (BHy)
1060 KBGN-ID now on here ex:910 as of 9/30/77, s/on varies from 0800-0830 during the year (BHy)
1250 KYAC-WA now U2 5000/5000 and is NSP (BHy)
1250 KWSU-WA may be U1 5000/5000 with new sked of 0900(1000)-0300 (BHy)
1440 WRDD-MI ex-WBCM now on with CWM format and "Big Red" (JR)

That's it for another month. The majority of the material this time around came from the FCC, very little from the members. Only 2 out of 700+ members reported this month--surely there are more changes noted out there than that!! Let's report!! My thanks to the reporters this month for helping to make this AM SWITCH possible. A very tentative look ahead at deadlines for future AM SWITCHES, next deadline will be 4/4/78 with subsequent ones on 5/9, 6/6, 7/4, 8/8 and 9/5.

I know that all of you out there are glad an easier to read type is back in use here on AM SWITCH. Maybe now I can retire the old Smith-Corona (don't hold your breath tho, hi!!). Until next time, adios-

THE DYNAMIC DUO:

BHy Bill Hardy Aberdeen WA
JR Jerry Robertson Croswell MI

Louisville, I hope you've got some filler!!!!

73

Told ya not to hold your breath!!!
Just hrd my local WBIG-1470 announce new sked: 24 h SF: MM 0000-0500. That makes all 3 stations in G'boro with unlimited licenses now on 24h with SP on MM. Wonder how long that will last before 24h NSF arrives???

Bruce

DOMESTIC DX DIGEST

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A good column this issue, so let's rell....

FREQUENCY CHECKS

The following r/o's were heard on 2nd MM at the times listed for 1st MM. This is the second consecutive month this has happened, so the change appears to be permanent. All had Code IDs except KMTX.

EMTX-950 (BH)
EMOL-1240 (BH)
KBFI-1450 (BH)
KVAO-1490 (BH)



1st Mon. KSHL-790 (BH)
KQIE-1230 Not heard 2/6 or 2/13 (BH)
KPRE-1340 FT, no IDs (BH)
WOOE-1060 (MH)
WSEL-1110 (MH)
WWSB-1240 On past 0130, phonetic IDs (KVJ)
KMMI-1240 (MH)
KXEO-1340 (MH)
ESSE-1340 (MH)
WWSB-1350 (MH) (KVJ)

phonetic IDs (KVJ)
WDAX-1410 (MH) (KVJ)
KXXL-1450 (MH) (BH)
WCOB-1450 (MH)
WHSO-1450 (KVJ)
WGSB-1570 (MH)

3rd Tue. KOLY-1300 (MH)
 WBRO-1310 Frequent IDs, mx instead of TT. (MH) (KVJ)
 WMLT-1330 (MH)
 KBRX-1350 (MH)
 WHUB-1400 Not heard (RJE)
 WPEH-1420 GUILTY ME. (MH)
 WALT-1510 (MH)
 WTEL-1590 (MH)
 3rd Wed. KLTJ-1560 (RJE)
 3rd Thur. WSMG-1450 Not heard (RJE)
 4th Mon. KQSA-1250 (MH)
 KPDE-1340 (MH)
 WOND-1400 (MH)

WJDT-1470 (MH)
 WCBG-1590 (MH)
 WQON-1590 (MH)

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KOMY - Tent. by ASL, HEARD: BH, MH, NOT HEARD: ROSS
 KRGO - HEARD: ROSS, MH, NOT HEARD: RA
 KIMP - HEARD by NZ
 WEDR - Tent. w/TT by NZ
 KAST - HEARD by BH
 KBZY - NOT HEARD: ROSS, HEARD: ASL, MH, BH
 WPUT - NOT HEARD: ROSS, HEARD: AR, MH
 WESA - HEARD by NZ



SPECIAL

1170 OPIX ON CORNWALL - 2/18 1500 EX-OFML using new call. (AR)
 1350 LPRT's BO 2/24 0400 s/off // OBU-690, then O Canada & GSQ,
 followed by immediate pause and then lkhz TT came on.
 Some, or all of the three 40-watters relaying OBU appear
 to be the source of the UNID TT or het some DXers out here
 have been hearing AN lately. (BH)



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SUMMIT TO MIDNIGHT

620 WVNJ NJ NEWARK - 2/7 2059 w/BFL mx. vers. "Yesterday." (Mr)
 630 CJOY PEI CHARLOTTETOWN - 2/19 2318 way atop channel. (AR)
 720 KDWH NV LAS VEGAS - good 2/19 1926-2015 pattern/power change,
 WGN nearly non existent. (NZ)
 730 CHYR7 ON LEAMINGTON - 2/11 2315 o/u CKAC w/mx, IDs, etc. (MT)
 810 KAFE NM SANTA FE - 2/24 1940-1945 poor thru KOMO w/O&W mx
 into s/off. (NZ)
 890 WLS IL CHICAGO - 2/26 2310, "Music & People" interview. (DG)
 920 WBBB NC BURLINGTON - 2/14 1758-1800 "B-92" IDs, rr, s/off. (MT)
 KTLW TX TEXAS CITY - 2/17 fair w/Rock mx, spots, 1905-1915
 s/off. (NZ)
 940 KADO TI TEXARKANA - 2/20 fair w/O&W mx & Horse Race Results
 from Oaklawn Park 1847-1900 s/off w/Dixie. (NZ)
 950 WRYT MA BOSTON - 2/10 1814-2100 on emerg. BC w/talk, anncts
 & s/off. (MT)
 970 KVVM AZ SHOW LOW - 2/21 1929-1950 fair w/Sports/EZL mx, AM-FM
 IDs. (NZ)
 980 KMBZ MO KANSAS CITY - 2/19 1836 "98-KMBZ" ID, contest promo,
 CBS News pgm. (KVJ)
 1070 CBA NE MONCTON - 2/13 2120 CBO pgm "Mostly Music" (MT)
 1240 WKOI VT BLUEFIELD - 2/16 "Super KOY" ID 2118 into wx, DJ was
 Mark----. (KVJ) (OH)
 WPAX GA THOMASVILLE - nabbed 2/21 @ 2331 w/ID & T40. GA #51.
 1250 KNEU UT ROOSEVELT - 2/15 1949 wx, ID then John Denver song,
 good w/KYAC nulled. If this can make it thru local QRM,
 should be heard in most places west of The Rockies
 I'd guess. (BH)
 1270 WMPM MO SMITHFIELD - 2/10 1800 religion, then s/off. (MT)
 1300 WKCY VA HARRISONBURG - 2/13 1800 w/O&W u/WPBR. (MT)
 1340 WHAP VA HOPEWELL - 2/10 1805 A1 mx, then into local nx. (MT)
 1390 WHOD VA LYNCHBURG - 2/23 announcing power/pattern change,
 mention of FM outlet. (MT)
 WISK GA AMERICUS - 2/21 usually has early s/off around 1811
 w/SSB. Unn here, but info may help someone get 'em,
 hi! (KVJ)

WHPB SO BELTON - 2/21 female annor closing show, into 1815
 s/off w/male annor. (KVJ)
 1400 KONG CA VISALIA - 2/19 2019 ID then promo for station talk
 show, briefly atop. (MH)
 KTRT CA TRUCKEE - 2/18 2002 tentative ID, 2012 positive ID
 actually topping mess w/good sig, then Rock mx,, back
 up loud w/spot for Century 21 Real Estate. Dominating
 again 2/19 1925 to 2100 s/off w/TL DJ that day. (BH)
 Send 'em a reception report! (RA)
 1410 KOLB KS LEAVENWORTH - 2/18 took me by surprise, w/clear ID &
 still daylight here! ID followed by PSA. (KVJ)
 1440 WAJR WV MORGANTOWN - 2/11 1803 w/local nx & ID. (MT)
 1470 KAPS WA MOUNT VERNON - 2/18 1835 end of Aa mx, ID & wx, @ 1836
 into BJ Thomas song, good w/KELA nulled. (MH)
 1490 WKEB FL IMMOKALEE - caught on RS w/SS pgm 2/15, s/off 2200 in
 EE...More Murphy's Law - stations sked for QPC Tests
 will be heard on RS either right B4 or after the test
 date. (CH)
 KTEL WA WALLA WALLA - 2/18 ID @ 1959, Sports, legal ID @ 2000.
 Briefly on top for a couple of mins. (MH)
 KBLF CA RED BLUFF - 2/19 2001 ID between Rock singles & Albums,
 O/KSYC, KRNR, & others. (BH)
 KOID ID CALDWELL - 2/18 1904 atop jumble w/jx. after UPI
 Audio nx, then into UOI feature. (BH)
 1510 WATT IN WABASH - 2/19 nice catch w/ID 1753 before WLAC fade-in,
 good signal for 250W! (KVJ)
 1550 WNTN MA NEWTON - 2/8 1806 on emerg. BC w/"NTN" IDs. (MT)
 WBZQ NC GREENVILLE - 2/10 1745 ID & s/off (?) not sure. (MT)
 1580 WGNB IN CONNERSVILLE - noted on late for snow emerg. 1/27
 1905-2000 s/off. (NZ)
 1590 ---- PA HONESDALE - Some confusion on new call, has been reported
 as WDNH, but latest log updater sez WDNH. Which is
 it? (RA)
 1600 WKWF FL KEY WEST - noted in SS @ 2110 on 2/26, Spot for Black
 Angus Rest., mx, no legal ID. (CH)
 ---- UNID -- 2/19 1801 partial ID heard, sounded like WG-- w/slogan,
 "Your Voice Of The Valley" (?), O&W mx. (KVJ)
 I somehow misplaced the frequency on this one
 Karl, while cutting & pasting, sri. (RA)

From Dario Monferini VIA Steve Bohac:

Tom Troland

WANTED: DXERS IN THE USA TO SWAP/
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MIDNIGHT AT THE OASIS

680 KKYX TX SAN ANTONIO - 2/20 0035 good w/wx & O&W mx. (MH) (MH)
 KFEQ MO ST. JOSEPH - good w/PSA @ 0147 to winterize your car!
 690 WTXI LA NEW ORLEANS - ET/00/ID @ 0405 on 2/27. (MH) 2/20
 910 WGBI PA SCRANTON - 2/27 0110, after an hr listening, "Country
 Sound" ID 500W finally heard, CBS nx. (DG)
 920 CKGY ON SAULT STE. MARIE - 2/27 0120 powerful sig. o/weaker
 WJAR w/"Ontario's most listened to station." (DG)
 930 WPAT NJ PATERSON - 2/27 0158 BFL mx w/wx & ID, good sig. (DG) (DG)
 WBBN NY BUFFALO - 2/27 0159 Pop mx w/ID & both local & NBC nx.
 KHJ CA LOS ANGELES - 2/20 0455, ET w/sweeping tones w/KSEI
 under. (ASL)
 WJBY AL GADSDEN - 2/24 0700 s/on into Mutual News & Gospel
 to 0710 fade. (NZ)
 950 WWJ MI DETROIT - 2/27 0225, all News format, CBS Net. (DG)
 WPEA PA PHILADELPHIA - 2/27 0226 on ET w/ID. (DG)
 WKAZ WV CHARLESTON - 2/27 0235 poor sig. w/T40. (DG)
 960 WFIR VA ROANOKE - 2/27 0255 w/Pop mx. & some fading. (DG)
 1060 KAMA TX EL PASO - 2/27 0230 probable w/CJRP w/TT. (RJ)
 Their 4th MM f/o ? (RA)
 UNID -- Sounded like CJFS or KJFS w/rr & phone #586-1060.
 Doesn't match w/listed #'s for CJRP, KGFX, WXLX,
 WQWX, WRMP, so....0245 2/27. (RJE) Check the phone
 book again, I think your UNID is WNOE-1060 LA running
 1KW ND, while they are refurbishing their antenna
 system, has been widely heard. (RA)
 WNOE LA NEW ORLEANS - 2/20 0028 good signal w/Pop mx. (MH)
 KYW PA PHILADELPHIA - 2/20 noted w/News. (MH)

1070 WFLI TN LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN - 2/27 very strong on ET/OC/Mx 0228-0233 & on...ID@0230 sez they were on 50KW day power. (RA)

1180 WHAM NY ROCHESTER - 2/20 0310-0315 in strong w/mx. Thought it was KOFI on AN until YL said WHAM & gave EST TC: Complete surprise, since conditions to RO have been rotten. (BH)

1240 KAKE KS WICHITA - 2/20 0040 fair to good w/ID. (MH)

1330 KFV KS WICHITA - 2/21 0019 good w/Mystery Theater. (MH)

1340 WFAN DC WASHINGTON - 2/21 0558 s/on w/SSB. (MT)

WROD FL DAYTONA BEACH - noted AN 2/27 w/nice ID after T40 @ 0425, log change. (CH)

1350 KIVM HI LIHUE - 2/24 0359 s/off wishing us "aloha"...no longer 24 hrs. Avg. sig. o/B.C. LPRT's w/KRLO nulled. (BH)

1400 UNID -- S/off 0000 2/21 w/"Lullabye & Goodnight" whistled over accompaniment, somebody must recognize, this, hi! (RJE)

WTSL NH HANOVER - 2/21 0005 s/off, log change. (RJE)

1440 KVON CA NAPA - 2/19 0900 s/on followed immediately by SS pgm. (NH)

1450 KONP WA PORT ANGELES - 2/19 1018 ID @ end of song, into Ronnie Milsap song, atop briefly just before local KBKW s/on @ 1028. Been after this one for months. (NH)

1480 KONI UT SPANISH FORK - 2/19 0925 1/2 w/Goney Radio ID, C&W mx, (BH) Salt Lake City Nx heard @ 0907, fair thru KYOS PP pgm.

1490 KSYC CA YREKA - 2/19 0302 1/2 ending nx w/temp..fair thru QFWB. (BH)

WXIT WV CHARLESTON - 2/27 0047 strong sig. w/Rook mx. (MH)

WFAD VT MIDDLEBURY - 2/24 0009 wx for Middlebury atop mess. (RJE)

WICY NY MALONE - Probable on f/c 2/24 0000-0015, loop favored this o/WIKE sked, & WICY has been heard here on RS whereas WIKE hasn't. Last month TT lasted only about two mins. (RJE)

1540 WROP PA PHILADELPHIA - 2/23 loud TT, ID 0127 heard while writing this rpt!....how lucky can a DXer be! (RA) (KVJ)

1550 KKHI CA SAN FRANCISCO - 2/27 0220-0230 CL mx, ID @ 0230..*Your station for great music, KKHI SF.* (FD) Nice goin. (RA)

1560 WQXR NY NEW YORK - Eting w/OC 2/22 0155-0200 & 0240-0300 plus. (RJE)

KOJJ IA IOWA CITY - Too many C&Ws here, finally Ided 2/22 0228 as the K-call C&W CST here o/u KKA/KPMO/Cuban after KKA s/off @ 0200. Funny sked, that 0015-LSS, tho...heard again 2/24 0300 & on. (RJE)

Still need 'em here. (RA)

ABERDEEN - 2/27 umm, C&W until 0200 s/off. (FD)

BAKERSFIELD - 2/27 0239-0300 mx, to 0300 OBS Nx, 0305 1/2 wx then s/off 0306-0307 w/ISSB. (FD) (RA)

FT. LAUDERDALE - 2/27 0200 & on...had to be day power/pattern, Super loud. (FD) Noted by (RA).

TALLADEGA - 2/23 0151-0201 s/off & ID, on ET w/C&W fair signal. (NZ)

ALBANY - 2/21 0115 good signal w/Rock mx. (MH)

1590 WALG GA CREDAR RAPIDS - 2/27 0210 strong OG mixing w/KATZ & WEUP mx, 0215 strong short ID noted then MORE OG. (FD)

Welcome to all first time reporters. Thanks go out to the following contributors:

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NH	Nancy Hardy, Aberdeen, WA	HE-30, SML
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Times are GMT. For ELT subtract 5 hours. Deadlines are usually Monday.

Error department: Paul Hart and Monsieur Ghoti correctly point out a mistake in the item a few issues back about the tx on Pitcairn Island. As they say, a double sideband tx w/carrier limited to 50 watts maximum will have an effective AM power of a few kilowatts.

Arctic Radio Club News: Great Britain keep an eye open for G9 BOS. Has been on the air during January on 953, and will be on the air during the spring. (I have no idea what G9 BOS is, unless it is one of the HBC test stations that usually operate at the very bottom of the BCB-CH) Iran 1188 Teheran is now 300 kw. Netherlands Antilles the 800 khz PJB tx is now off the air due to operation costs. (Not true, as we all know. Nevertheless, the rumor is popping up everywhere these days that this one is not long for the air waves-CH) Angola R. Luanda reports that the Angolan gov't has taken over the Catholic Broadcasting Service, i.e. R. Ecclesia, and has declared a government monopoly on all news media. West Germany AFN 872 is nondirectional the following times: Feb 0800-1600, March 0700-1700, April 0600-1800, May 0500-1800, June 0400-1800, July 0400-1800, August 0500-1800, September 0600-1700, October 0700-1600, November 0800-1600, December 0800-1500, and January 0800-1500. Sweden Lulea 182, Sundsvall 593, Ostersund 719, and Falun 1223 all will cease operation on April 1, 1978. United Arab Emirates according to the Qatar News Agency radio in Sharjah will be integrated with the Voice of the United Arab Emirates Radio in Abu Dhabi. Broadcasts from Sharjah will cease and the studios will be turned into production centers for the state radio. USSR the Sverdlovsk regional stn is now on 281 ex 221. S/on 0155. Algeria 575 now carries the Voice of the Free Sahara 0000-0100 ex 257 and 890. 890 now carries R. Algiers External Service in EE and SS from 2000-2100 and 2100-2200 respectively. 251 now carries the French Domestic Service. Lebanon Voice of Lebanon is now 0555-2200 on 886. Monaco Jens Frost (editor of WRTH-CH) visited TWR and the CE verifies they are using 1200 kw on 701, beamed to Italy. Seems incredible even if the reception in Italy is good. Philippines new are 690 DYEZ BACALOD, 1020 DXED of Eagle Broadcasting, 1040 DXML Dogos, 1350 DYPX Cebu, and 1490 DYAB Cebu. Senegal the new stn on 1242 has been heard by the EBU monitoring Stns in Europe. (Long since heard by the English DX'ers. They should get their news from the DX clubs-CH) Spain R. Popular de Bilbao will increase power so as to be heard in Bordeaux. Broadcasts in French and Basque. USSR Vilnius 665 now 500 kw. Colombia 1200 HJJI R. Colibri transmits 1200-0700. 1320 HJMS R. Regia now a TODELAR stn. 1410 HJJI power is 5 kw per stn. 780 HJZG R. Sonorama ex LV del Pais. (Note Mr. Portzer et al) 870 HJLA now RCN ex TODELAR. 1020 HJDQ now Todelar. 1370 HJFY now TODELAR. 1470 HJIM is LV de la Musica, ex R. Ya, ex . . . (I'll stop there, hi-CH)

Via Medium Wave Club- Czechoslovakia 1500 kw from Topolna is due on the air 6/1 on 272, 24 hours a day. Germany both Saarlouis 180 and the E. German on 185 moved to 182 1/5 but were back on their freqs 1/12. France R. La Eratosa testing on 800 ex 740. USSR the new 1142 R. Moscow External Service carries EE 2100-2230.

From Distance: Angola R. Clube de Luanda hrd on 1392 at 0057 in Norway. Chile R. Chilena 660 does not s/off at 0500 but switches over to a 1 kw tx. R. Malleco is on 1335, listed 1490. Stns on the Minería, Agricultura, Cooperativa, and Portales nets do not carry pgms from the mother stns. Colombia 670 R. Calidad, ex R. Sport. Also RCN, ex Super Net. 1530 R. Cine, Medellin, ex Colibri net. According to press items and rumours RCN will take over the Super Net after the presidential elections later this year. Peru R. Nacional has issued a verie, signer Edna Almandez H.

527 COSTA RICA Cartago TICAL R. Rumbo in like a local every night with LA mx, low key annts. Anyone extract a verie yet? (Bobbitt) They've ignored 2 reports from me, and I don't recall any recent varies from them-CH

540 MEXICO XEWA San Luis Potosi vy good At 0453 w/a pgm about the Mexican Army, 2/20. (Objicio)

1571 CPOR

Ray

518 ALGERIA Oran poor w/chanting, sloped by 550, 0149 2/23. (Connelly)
 550 COLOMBIA Medellin R. Nacional, reading of next day pgm, ID at 0457 on 2/20 and then NA to s/off, better than 570, rarely heard. (Objio)
 611 MOROCCO Sebba-Aioun poor/WGIR nulled, 0151 2/23. (Connelly)
 620 COLOMBIA R. Ciudad de Cali "20,000 vatios de potencia en antenna para Colombia" at 0500 2/20, then pop mx. (Objio)
 690 COLOMBIA La Voz de Colombia, Bogota, announcing 30 kw (instead of 10 as per WRTH) and the World Cup for football to be played in Argentina. 0503 on 2/20. (Objio)
 737 SPAIN Barcelona to good peaks w/rhythmic mx 0154 2/23. (Connelly)
 750 NICARAGUA YNX Managua mostly o/WSB 0330+ 2/24. YL jingle "Estacion Equis, numero Uno". (Bobbitt)
 764 SENEGAL Dakar fair w/AA style violin 2222 2/22. (Connelly)
 782 PORTUGAL Miramar fair w/PP female vocal 0155 2/23. (Connelly)
 830 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIJB Santo Domingo 2/18 way u/WCOO w/s/off and NA 0400. (Bobbitt)
 880 GUATEMALA TGJ way o/WCBS, o/u CMAF 2/18 0330 w/LA mx, full ID with mentions of Guatemala at 0334. (Bobbitt)
 953 CANARY ISLANDS (tentative) man in SS poor, looping towards Africa at times when the Iberian peninsula stns were much weaker than normal, 2232 2/22. (Connelly)
 1000 COLOMBIA HJAQ La Voz de Cartagena w/WCFL off, XEOY and this new one were o/u each other for some time. "Erray Say Ennay" (RCN) ID given at 0630 2/27 followed a few minutes later by "La Voz de Cartagena", then R. Mil again with the famous whistling ID. (Renfrew)
 1061 PORTUGAL Norte vy loud w/cl piano mx 0015 2/24. Just above the noise level (mains QRM) but equally weak KYW not a problem; Norte had cl mx and operatic vocals 2315 2/28. (Connelly)
 1196 MOROCCO Agadir good w/AA talk by man 2241 2/23. (Connelly)
 1200 VENEZUELA R. Tiempo Caracas vy good, pop mx, ID at 0443 on 2/20. (Objio)
 1214 GREAT BRITAIN BBC poor w/EE talk 2242 2/23. (Connelly)
 1300 COLOMBIA La Voz de las Antillas, Cartagena as a local station w/ID at 0429 on 2/20 and pop mx again. (Objio)
 1310 CUBA CMHK Cruces (assumed per WRTH, no Cuban list at work) R. Reloj 3/6 at 0930 w/pips and bong on the minute, doing pretty well. (Hutton)
 1320 CUBA CMAL Pinar del Rio R. Reloj 1003 3/6 vy poor u/WVOJ; only the bong on the minute made it. (Hutton)
 1330 COLOMBIA R. Vigia, Cartagena ID at 0410 on 2/20, pop mx. (Objio)
 1360 COLOMBIA R. Reloj de Caracol, Cartagena, pop mx and ID 0404 2/20. (Objio)
 1375 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON good w/man in FF o/1376 het 2300 2/22. (Connelly)
 1376 FRANCE Lille poor-fair w/piano jazz 2244 2/23. (Connelly)
 1384 COLOMBIA Lemas de Colombia, Bucaramanga, vy good and alone on the freq, no sign of Haiti. ID at 0417 on 2/20. Not yet heard by any US DX'er. (Objio) And not even a trace here. On 1385 it's Haiti (definite ID a few weeks ago) plus a SAH-CH
 1390 VENEZUELA La Nueva Vision, Barquisimeto, pop mx at 0359 on 2/20 ID and more pop mx. (Objio)
 1394 ALBANIA Lushnje loud but fluttery w/trumpet IS 2259 2/22. Fair w/FF sounding talk by woman 2245 2/23. (Connelly)
 1403 GUINEA Conakry fair to good w/man in FF 2259 2/22. Xlnt w/native mx 2357 2/23.
 1412 UNID heavy het on WPOP/CIGO; mx occasionally heard (it seemed to be rock)- MI Amigo possible here 2258 2/22. (Connelly, last 2)
 1457 ALBANIA Durres poor w/talk by man in slop 2247 2/23. (Connelly) Why was the man in slop, hi-CH
 1466 MONACO Monte Carlo to good peaks but w/extremely fast and deep flutter fading; talk by man 2258 2/22. Loud w/Muzak 2356 2/23. Good w/EE religious pgm, fast fading evident, 2255 2/28. (Connelly)
 1475 AUSTRIA Wien in w/cl mx barely atop a rumble of low hets 2249 2/23. In w/cl mx o/het-growl 2256 2/28. (Connelly)
 1475 HAITI Creole mx, then man speaks in Creole and the same kind of mx again. Did not hear any ID but quite probably La Voix du Peuple, Port-au-Prince. (Objio)
 1475 SPAIN? sounded like our graveyard channels 0630 2/17. (Barstow)
 1480 COLOMBIA R. Palonegro, Lebrija, first time I hear this stn, pop mx, ID at 0337 on 2/20, very good. (Objio)
 1505 ANGUILLA R. Anguilla in good w/auroral cx, man and woman giving BBC news at 2300 2/15. (Barstow)
 1515 NICARAGUA R. Progreso, Leon YNCZ in good w/rock and roll mx, "Short People" 2335 2/14. (Barstow)
 1520 VENEZUELA R. Bonita, Guatire, ID at 0249 on 2/20, this is a move from 1310 and another YV moving to the 1500-1600 section of the band. (Objio)
 1529 VATICAN CITY R. Vatican poor to fair w/cl mx 2255 2/22-WCKY on 1530 was actually weaker. Vy good w/cl mx, weaker 1530 just a feeble het 2258-2300 2/28. (Connelly)
 1554 FRANCE Nice in w/occasional audio coming thru slop; mx, then woman in FF 2254 on 2/22. (Connelly) Poor w/symphonic mx at weak modulation level, barely battling off WPTR buckshot 2302 2/28. (Connelly)
 1555 CAYMAN ISLANDS R. Cayman, ID at 0259, then London pips were heard at exactly 0300.00 and relay of BBC nx. Very good despite QRM from local R. Union 1570. (Objio)

1560 PUERTO RICO R. San Juan, Bayamon at 0302 2/20 w/ads. (Objio)
 1562 PORTUGAL Covilha CSB214 under Beromunster, then in the clear 0645 with music till fadeout 0707 2/17. Glad CKIM 1570 just had carrier on at the time. (Barstow)
 SWITZERLAND Beromunster in good until 0645 fadeout. News at 0630 mentioned Washington and I believe the coal strike, light mx till 0645. (Barstow)
 1578 PORTUGAL Poeto CSB5 in the clear w/good volumn, LA type mx, heavy on the mandolin and guitar type mx. 0713-0740 fadeout 2/17. (Barstow)
 1586 WEST GERMANY Langenberg fair w/man in GG 2303 2/28. (Connelly)
 1594 PORTUGAL Lisbon CSB4 also in the clear, mostly piano selections 0710-0735. Best night for Europe so far this season. (Barstow)
 1596 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC R. Femina, Santo Domingo off freq at 0305 on 2/20 w/US pop mx. (From 1600). (Objio) Freq actually 1597, has been here for quite a while-CH

And one I left out-

1010 CUBA unlisted R. Reloj fair from 0930-0950 3/6, battling it out w/some unid SS's and a very weak domestic. (Hutton)

Now I can put the column to bed. Reporters . . .

Roy Barstow	Teaticket, Mass.	?????????
Chris Bobbitt	Berea, Ky.	TRF, 80' LW
Mark Connelly	Arlington, Mass.	R390A, SM2
Chuck Hutton	Decatur, Ga.	R390A, HQ129X, 1900' Beverage
Cesar Objio	Santo Domingo, Dom. Republic	HE30, L1 loop
Jim Renfrew	Rochester, NY	DX150A, LW

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Commentary

Do listeners count?

By Jim Sullivan
Special to THE NEWS

WLBY is finally going for the big one — the big numbers, that is. Tired of running last in a three-way AM ratings battle, WLBY is abandoning its "MOR Easy Listening" format in favor of a day-parted Top-40 sound — one that station manager Barry Darling hopes will capture the vital 18-49 year old demographic segment of the audience deemed most important by advertisers. WLBY faces uphill struggle against WABI and WGUY in their quest, because along with losing the regular audience WLBY has, they will have to put out a product that will cause current WABI and WGUY listeners to switch their loyalties.

Darling, along with program director, John Marshall, put together a proposal that was accepted by WLBY's parent company, the Maine Broadcasting System. Rationalizing that Top-40 was a successful sound in Bangor, they convinced the management of their ability to create a profitable "mass appeal music" format — in sum, to beat WGUY (where both Darling and Marshall used to work) at their own game. Maine Broadcasting agreed to sink considerable funds into the venture, upgrading the quality of the sound and its signal strength in fringe areas.

Fine. But this leaves Bangor with two Top-40 stations and a "Contemporary MOR" station, hardly a paragon of diversification. Format changes force people to accept the stark business sense that appears to underlie but, in effect, tends to dominate programming. Advertising revenue generated is always the bottom line. And low ratings quickly translate into low profits. Thus, a loyal audience will sometimes feel betrayed by a format change. The Communications Act of 1934 might be amended to read, "The station will operate in the public interest, convenience and necessity — if it is profitable."

A radio station does, and should have, the right to alter its format. But it also has a dual responsibility as a public trustee: to serve the shareholders and the community. This responsibility is entrusted to the licensee; rarely does the Federal Communications Commission become involved in a station's programming, thus the station retains most of its First Amendment rights. But when the community is offered only a modification of a current (profitable) format, is the public interest being served?

Marshall admits, "WGUY has done everything right," and says the only perceivable difference between the two stations may be less "off color" humor on WLBY. Indeed, WLBY has hired three former WGUY air personalities in addition to Marshall to fill key drive time slots. And Darling is even more candid, "We're after the highest number of listeners and the highest demographic groups. I don't give a damn about what type of music has to be played to do it."

Should he? Perhaps. While not denying WLBY's right to program what it feels is right, (within the loose FCC guidelines) we must wonder how or if the audience is being served. Where do the old WLBY listeners go? Or, assuming they will be discarded in any format change, why must we have an ersatz rocker capitalizing on current trends?

Marshall indicates his playlist will be, as is WGUY's, a Top-30 — heavily rotating the most popular songs. He and music director Mike O'Hara will select the singles by carefully scrutinizing the trade charts and the playlists of other similar stations with a similar demographic audience. WLBY, in the increasingly infuriating tradition of AM conservatism of the 70s, will not try to "break" records; personal judgment as to musical quality will play only a tributary role in selecting which records to program.

AM radio is not anymore a pioneer. Nor can the people listening to it be concerned with hearing anything unfamiliar. Familiarity breeds the endorsement of contented mediocrity. The radio has become slick, stylized and restrictive. Early rumors concerning WLBY's impending format change spoke of the occasional use of album cuts — a more mature, freer sound less dependent on slogans, jingles and hype — but that now remains doubtful. Aside from a minimal loosening of the strings after 6 p.m. WLBY will duel WGUY on the Top-40 front while WABI soaks up the disenfranchised rest. Radio wars.

WLBY will of course have some distinctiveness. A few different songs will enter their charts, they plan to cover local state and national news more fully, and perhaps they'll follow through on promises to become involved in community projects. This will at least create an illusion of diversity and public-minded programming. But from a station manager who states, "We don't care what type of music or format it takes to get the largest share of the audience," it seems apparent that Bangor area listeners won't be hearing any innovative programming.

From the Bangor Daily News Via Stephen A. Doherty.

A Compilation of Information on Various Michigan Stations

Submitted by Jack Faulkner

The first results of my Station Survey is presented below. As soon as more returns are received, another article will be written.

All information is within one month old and all times are in Eastern Standard Time. All of the f/cs' below are not listed in the 1978 FREQUENCY CHECK LIST. Good Luck!!

Operating Schedule of WGRY-1590, Grayling, MI

Pre-Sunrise power: 500 watts
Daytime power: 1000 watts

	Sign on	-	Power Change	-	Sign off
January	6:00 AM	-	8:15 AM	-	5:30 PM
February	6:00 AM	-	7:45 AM	-	6:00 PM
March	6:00 AM	-	7:00 AM	-	6:45 PM
April	6:00 AM	-	-----	-	7:15 PM
May	6:00 AM	-	-----	-	8:00 PM
June	6:00 AM	-	-----	-	8:30 PM
July	6:00 AM	-	-----	-	8:15 PM
August	6:00 AM	-	-----	-	7:45 PM
September	6:00 AM	-	6:15 AM	-	6:45 PM
October	6:00 AM	-	7:00 AM	-	6:00 PM
November	6:00 AM	-	7:30 AM	-	5:15 PM
December	6:00 AM	-	8:15 AM	-	5:00 PM

April thru August sign on is at full daytime power.

Operating Schedule of WIID-1090, Garden City, MI

Pre-Sunrise power: 9 watts
Daytime power: 250 watts

	Sign on	-	Sign off
January	8:00 AM	-	5:30 PM
February	7:30 AM	-	6:00 PM
March	6:45 AM	-	6:45 PM
April	6:00 AM	-	7:15 PM
May	5:15 AM	-	7:45 PM
June	5:00 AM	-	8:15 PM
July	5:00 AM	-	8:15 PM
August	5:45 AM	-	7:30 PM
September	6:15 AM	-	6:45 PM
October	6:45 AM	-	5:45 PM
November	7:15 AM	-	5:45 PM
December	8:00 AM	-	5:00 PM

Does not include PSA

Frequency Checks

- First Monday: WSTR-1230, Sturgis, 12:45 PM - 1:00 AM w/1000 watts.
(J.L. Greenwood, CE)
- First Tuesday: WHGR-1290, Houghton Lake, 12:01 AM - 12:16 AM
WATT-1240, Cadillac, "About 12:05 AM" - ??? w/1000 Hz TT.
- Second Tuesday: WIDG-940, St. Ignace, 12:00 MN - 12:15 AM
- First Wednesday: WMPL-920, Hancock, 12:00 MN - 12:30 AM Local time,
(EST/EDT) w/1000 watts. Normal transmission consists of 1000 Hz tone w/complete station ID repeating at about one minute intervals (content may change, but will include repeating ID). (Richard M. Nelson, CE)
- Third Friday: WMTE-1340, "Shortly after MN w/1000 Hz TT"
- Second Saturday: WIKB-1230, 2:00 AM - 2:15 AM at 1000 watts w/1000 Hz TT.
(Kurt J. Paro, CE)
- Sat. or Sun.: WBCH-1220, Hastings, "We conduct no sked tests, however most tests that are conducted are done on Sat. or Sun. morning after 1:00 AM." (Dean Bass, CE)

Well, thats it for now. I myself have heard all of these f/cs, there is definitely some good stations in this list worth listening for.

VERIFICATION LETTER FROM RADIO ABC
New Address: Bolivar #2078
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo
January 25, 1978

Mr. Kelly Andrews

Dear Friend,

I'm addressing to you this letter in order to say hello to you and at the same time express my sincere thanks for your nice report and also for your compliments to our radio station. Personally let me tell you that I heard your tape, I mean the one you just sent and man, it's a real gas. I'm very impressed since I've never been reported from any foreign parts, so I really thank you.

Well friend, let me tell you that I'm a disc jockey since ten years ago but I just work on Sunday night from 7pm to 11pm and my program is called "John Alex Disco Freak Show" with American music 'cause that's my favorite music since I was a kid and this is my special hobby. I'm 31 years old and I was born and raised here and haven't been in the USA yet but I'm looking forward to it one day.

Enclosed in my letter I'm sending to you a picture that I took in the radio station a couple of years ago and here is also my personal address "Calle 29 #107 Ensanche la fe Santo Domingo." Also on the envelope of this letter is the brand new address of the radio station. It's been a year since we moved from the one you wrote to us. In spite that we receive any letter from it but it's more safe if you write to the new one.

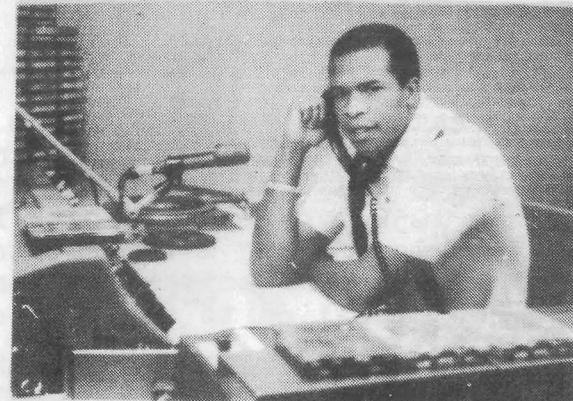
Well friend it was a pleasure for me to write you. I'd like you to send me a recorded cassette from one of your radio stations with an out of sight disc jockey.

Well brother I hope to open a good friendship with you and if you want to answer me in English do it 'cause I dig it.

Sincerely,

John Alex Martinez
Radio ABC
Prolongacion Bolivar #2078
Santo Domingo
"John Alex Disco Freak Show"

(This hand written letter was received in 2 months in response to a Spanish letter, taped report and mint stamps.)





Leo Herz
Summer, 1941

The late Leo Herz was a Jewish immigrant who escaped just before Hitler. He was the Short Wave Editor for NRC for a while. He served in the 101st Airborne Division in World War II with distinction, winning the Bronze Star and other awards. He later became National President of the Jewish American War Veterans. He was from Chicago. The car pictured above was that of a Cleveland DXer.

HOW DID HE COUNT THIS
ONE???

A rare verification from the old days was that received by Jim Critchett, then of San Diego. In January, 1953 KGEZ-Kalispell, Montana QSLed his Sept. 21, 1952 reception on both 1340 and 600 khz. They were using 2 transmitters at the same time preparing to change from 1340 to 600. A unique situation to say the least!

In a recent Muse someone mentioned Ollie Ross...and thanks to Richard H. Cooper (who furnished many pictures for the Nostalgia articles) we have some information on him.

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FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10th
 KOIL 1260 C. Bluffs, Ia. 12-1 ---- WBBX 1200 New Orleans, La. 1-2 ----
 KFEL 920 Denver, Col. 12-2 ---- HIH 1395 San Pedro, D.R. 2-3 ----
 WJAX 900 Jack'le, Fla. 12-6 ---- WCLD 1200 Janesville, Wis. 3-4 NRC
 CRCV 1100 Vancouver, B.C. 1-2 NRC

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11th
 CKCK 1010 Regina, Sask. 12-1 ---- WHBU 1210 Anderson, Ind. 2-3 NRC
 WEBQ 1210 Harrisburg, I. 12-1 ---- WGLC 1370 Hudson Falls, NY 2-3 ----
 KFJR 1300 Portland, Ore. 12-3 ---- XEFV 1400 Juarez, Mex. 2-4 ----
 WMBI 1080 Chicago, Ill. 1-2 ---- WGBF 630 Evansville, Ind. 3-4 NRC
 WJTL 1370 Atlanta, Ga. 1-2 CDXR WMBQ 1500 Brooklyn, NY. 3:15-4:15 --
 KOAC 550 Corvallis, Ore. 2a.m. on 10BQ 1200 Brantford, Ont. 3-4 NNRC
 WAML 1310 Laurel, Miss. 4-7 ----

SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12th
 XETW 890 Mexico City 12-1 ---- WGBF 630 Evansville, Ind. 2-3 CDXR
 CMBW 1140 Havana, Cuba 12-1 ---- CMCU 630 Havana, Cuba 2-5 ----
 KALE 1300 Portland, Ore. 12-2 ---- CKWX 1010 Vancouver, B.C. 2:30-4 ----
 KSO 1370 Des Moines, Ia 12-2 ---- KFXM 1210 San B'dino, C. 3-4 ----
 CMCD 925 Havana, Cuba 12-3 ---- KPJM 1500 Prescott, Ariz. 3-4 ----
 KGY 1210 Olympia, Wash. 12-3 ---- WHBU 1210 Anderson, Ind. 3-4 ARC
 KGER 1360 Long Beach, C. 12-3 ---- WOS 630 Jefferson C. Mo. 3-4 TRC
 WGES 1360 Chicago, Ill. 12-3 ---- CFCT 1430 Victoria, B.C. 3-5 ----
 WKY 900 Okla. City, O. 1-1:30 ---- CKOV 1200 Kelowna, B.C. 3-5 ----
 KUSD 890 Vermillion, S.D. 1-2 ---- KGN0 1340 Dodge City, K. 3-5 ----
 XEAB 1450 Tamaulipas, M. 1-2:30 ---- XEFD 757 Tiajuana, B.C. 3-6 ----
 CMCW 965 Havana, Cuba 1-3 ---- 10AT 1155 Trail, B.C. 3-5 ----
 WIBM 1370 Jackson, Mich. 1-3:30 ---- WGSB 940 Portland, Me. 4-5 CDXR
 CKCD 1010 Vancouver, B.C. 1:30-2:30 - WBBZ 1200 Ponca City, Okla. 4-5 ----

MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 13th
 WCNW 1500 Brooklyn, NY. 12-1 ---- KROW 930 Oakland, Cal. 1-2 ----
 KVL 1370 Seattle, Wash. 12-2 ---- KFSG 1120 Los Angeles, Cal. 2-3 ----
 CMCD 925 Havana, Cuba. 12-3 ---- WJAG 1060 Norfolk, Neb. 6-8 to NZ

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 14th
 CHWC 1010 Regina, Sask. 12-1 ---- CKMO 1410 Vancouver, B.C. starts 2:30
 CMCW 965 Havana, Cuba 1-3 ---- WCAH 1430 Columbus, Ohio 4-5 ----
 WSUI 880 Iowa City, Ia. 1-4 ---- WAWZ 1350 Zarephath, NJ. 5-6 NNRC

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 15th
 WHBL 1410 Sheboygan, Wis. 12-1 ---- WHBQ 1370 Memphis, Tenn. 3-4 ----
 XEH 1132 Monterrey, Mex. 12-1 ---- WOPI 1500 Bristol, Tenn. 3-6 ----
 CMCW 965 Havana, Cuba 1-3 ----

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 16th
 WLB 1250 Minneapolis, M. 1:30-2 --- CKWX 1010 Vancouver, B.C. 2:30-4 ---
 CMK 730 Havana, Cuba 2-4 ----

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 17th
 KOIL 1260 C. Bluffs, Ia. 12-1 ---- WJAX 900 Jack'le, Fla. 12-6 ---
 KFEL 920 Denver, Col. 12-2 ---- WBBX 1200 New Orleans, La. 1-2 ----
 KIDO 1350 Boise, Idaho 12-2 ---- HIH 1395 San Pedro, D.R. 1-2 ----
 KPOF 880 Denver, Col. 4:30-5 NRC

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 18th
 CKCK 1010 Regina, Sask. 12-1 ---- KOAC 550 Corvallis, Ore. 2 a.m. on
 WEBQ 1210 Harrisburg, I. 12-1 ---- WGLC 1370 Hudson Falls, NY 2-3 ----
 KFJR 1300 Portland, Ore. 12-3 ---- XES 1020 Tampico, Tams. 2-3 ----
 WMBI 1080 Chicago, Ill. 1-2 ---- CX26 1050 Montevideo, Ugy. 3:30-4:30 -

SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 19th
 WJEJ 1210 Hagerstown, Md. 2-3 ---- KGIR 1360 Butte, Mont. 3-7 NNRC
 WNBX 1260 Springfield, Vt. 2-3 ---- KFBB 1280 Ft. Falls, Mont. 4-5 ----
 KREG 1500 Santa Ana, Cal. 3-4 NNRC KPJZ 1370 Ft. Worth, T. 4-5 CDXC

NRC-National Radio Club, GCRC-Globe Circlers, CDXC-Central DX Club, NNRC-Newark News DX Club

(Contributed by ????.sorry, I lost you...Pat)

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Hi folk. I felt really stupid after seeing RA's comment in the 2/27 DDYD. Now I know why I didn't hear any sign of the KHL-1420-TEST, KHL IS on 1410; guess I should have double-checked in the Log before spending a half hour on the wrong frequency. (Shake hands with another do-do, Jerry! -ERC) I checked back however & find that this TEST was listed in every DX NEWS it was in as 1420. Don't feel too bad LPC, you only missed by 10 KHz. IRCA consistently listed the WKDR-1070 TEST as being on 1470. Fortunately we had it right in DX NEWS. I guess those of you like ERC who have the entire Log committed to memory don't have this problem. MM 2/20 was the only recent DX activity here. The WPUT TEST was heard very weakly, not like the clockbuster signal on their 2/10/75 TEST when all modes were heard here, even the 4.2 watt PSA. KOMW-680 was not heard as expected although some fairly regular short TT periods were heard but no ID of any sort. Remember when the 680 spot was a good frequency? The only MM pest in the East was KNBR. Now it's a mess like most of the rest. Only v/l is MOG-1490. 73 & good DX - see you in ATLANTA!

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The past week was a good one for DX with four newbies logged & five varies in. The varies: WAXG-1460, WBUK-1560, XEX-730, WDRV-1580, WCIR-1070 for 555. The DX: MM 2/27, after much trying the long sought after KPMC-1560 Bakersfield, Cal. @ 3-3:06am w/CBS NX then s/off. WWR-620 w/s on MM @ 4:50 after SP. WSKY-1230 rising through muck @ 5:52am, and 3/1, CHLO-1570 s/off w/CKLM @ 1:06am. The past three years I've sent out 259 reports (thru 1/1/78) & have gotten back 172 which works out to just about two-thirds. I guess that's about par for the course. Later on this Spring I'm gonna put up my first beverage at my parents' place in West Orange, N.J. The house is the last one on a dead-end street, adjacent to the S. Mountain Reservation and a completely deserted area where a thousand feet should be no problem. I've been reading up on it and will try to get it up after some of the snow melts, if ever, hi. Does anyone know if WVIC-1560, Sandusky, Mich. was on the air MM 2/27 between 3:30 & 4 w/c/w? I taped 1/2 hour & on the tape I swear I hear WVIC, can anyone confirm if they were on? Also on MM 2/27, 850 kc/s., @ 2:20am heard as R. Tropical, whosis? WRIE-1330, Erie Pa. noted again this MM, NSP now? Also WTR-960 noted on MM's, NSP! That's about it from this corner for now. 73s.

KONSTANTINE RYCHALSKY - 22 Carroll Court - Bridgeport, Connecticut - 06607

XXVII./II. That's 27 Muses in two years in NRC, in case you're questioned. Whoever said working second shift was great can have mine! I usually don't get home till 1am, missing several TESTS, and the past few weeks I've been up till 3am doing residential home working drawings for a friend. Now and then I'm... "We interrupt this Muse to give you the following DX bulletin: A recent v/l from CHYM-1490 Ont. says a frequency change from 1490 to 570 in late Spring '78. Get them now while they're still a graveyard. Details at 111"...when it happens. Statistically, Musings still averages 30 Muses/issue Vol. 45, however dropping. M. Tugle, CKCY does vary only after several f/u/s - it took me two years to get one in 11/77. 2/28 @ 2:15am WBKC-1560 Ohio was Kring w/mx/jingles, etc. Report out. This season seems to have brought many new logs Eling in the 1500s. I think at this stage I'm ready for a little expansion - anyone involved with another radio club, I would appreciate info - I will then decide on joining one. Say, how about a list of Canadian stations that relay other call letters in a future issue of DX NEWS? Enough, gee, no commercials. 73s.

RUSSELL J. EDMUNDS - Box 127 - Boonton, New Jersey - 07005

Greetings, folks. Some DX here, and some more weird UNIDs too! 2/22, I added KLTJ-1560 on r/c - nobody except in the immediate vicinity of Bakersfield, Iowa City or Havana could've missed it. I've never heard such a strong signal for 250 watts at 1,000 miles! Then I got copy on KCJJ-1560 w/c/w o/u KPNC & the Cuban. I also taped KKA4 @ s/off @ 2. Reports to KOTI, KKA4. Not enough on KCJJ for report, but I did get a tape. WJAD-1490 in @ s/off 12:09am 2/24 & while trying again for WKE & WICY f/c's. I think 'twas WICY this time per loop w/TT 12-12:15 on & off. Mystery s/off 2/21 on 1400 w/a whistled "Lullabye & Goodnight" over accompaniment, who? This @ 12:01. Also WTS-1400 s/off 12:05 for a log change. Second mystery was while looking for KMA-1060 r/c 2/27. I heard two TTs, neither KTW o/u CJRP, one w/1k TT, the other about 1250 or so. When an rr w/phone #586-1060, & call sounding like CJFX or KJFX? Phone number matches none on frequency! Help!! This around 2:30 & on. More next time, I hope. 73s.

MIKE TUGGLE - 909 Moores Mill Road - Bel Air, Maryland - 21014

Out of curiosity I tried "correlating" the last two Apr. charts with my loggings for this season. It was quite interesting to find out that most of my best DX was caught just AFTER the Auroral peaks and not on the Auroral peaks themselves. I wonder what the other NRCers' observations are along this line? I haven't exactly been deluged with varies lately, but a few have come in out of the coll: nice letter from WCHL-1360 N.C., & (cont'd)

(Tugle, con'd) cards from WJAR-920 R.I., CKEW-1000 N.S. & WNVA-1350 Va., all greatly appreciated. I try to follow up all veries received w/a thank-you card including a report of a subsequent reception of the station. I also use this technique on f/ups on veries NOT received, i.e., f/up on a verie request with another new report. It worked great for CIHI but not with KLRB - is KLRB extremely slow with their veries? Mystery station for this Muse: On 2/13 @ 5:58pm on 1590 I heard "Rose Manor Shopping Center, Hwy 17 West, Midville," folo by c/w mx. The only "Midville" w/a "Hwy 17" that I can find is Midville, Ga. There's been a CP on 1590 recently granted to nearby Swainsboro, Ga. - anyone know if they're on the air now & what their call is? I sure would appreciate any help. I believe my "second Muse" in the Feb. 27 DX NEWS actually belongs to JOHN ROUSE (somehow my name got tacked onto it) - I sure wish I HAD heard the likes of CHTN and WCND! No such luck (yet). 73s to all. (I recall that, Mike, & meant at the time to go back and correct the heading, & plumb forgot - very sorry, and particularly I apologize to John Rouse - ERC)

YNGVE MATSSON - Tansjäv - 950 60 Överkalix, Sweden

My receiver here is still the Collins R-392/URR with 2.1 kHz mechanical filter. This year I have been using a Beverage antenna (850 metres long) for NA DX. (In direction to NW, resistance terminated (500 ohm) to ground in far end). It's very good for USA & Canada, especially the Mountain and West Coast area. Next season I have plans to set up another Beverage with about the same length pointing a little more to the West to get the best possible signals also from the East Coasters. Just fantastic signals from a Beverage around 1,000 metres long. You don't believe it before you tried it for yourself, so I do indeed hope more of you guys in USA had room for them. Very cold outside at the moment here in North Sweden, around minus 35° C (31 below F.) But the winter here probably is not too impressive to you now since this year's throughout the States had maybe the worst winter ever. Finally now thanks to Chuck Hutton IDXD Editor for great help with some of my unIDs. Especially thanks for help to ID WETT-1590 from last season. A very nice catch here so credit to Chuck and another NRC member Dave Schmidt for very kind help. I can now & then see you have unIDs from Europe in IDXD NRCers. If you think it's possible to ID them, please feel free to drop me a line and maybe enclose a tape, & I will try to help with ID if I can. That's all from Sweden, so finally my best 73 to you all in NRC. Good DX. PS- I don't remember that I have seen the complete address for new CHRB, High River, Alberta - so if it's of any interest to you, here it is: CHRB, Box 1280, High River, Alberta T0L 1B0, Canada, "Rural Broadcasting in Southern Alberta", on the air since 1/1/77.

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NOTE NEW ADDRESS. Well I think I'm finally settled in at the new location. I hated to leave a superb DX location in Lawrence, but job-wise my wife & I were both in ruts we had to get out of. I now work for White-Westinghouse at their Regional Parts Center. It's nice sitting behind a desk instead of sitting behind the wheel of a moving van! Local KHIL-1140 is being sold and call will be changed to KFIX some time in mid-March. KFIX-FM will debut at the same time. They have hired Pat Murphy as their AM drive man. He will be going head-to-head against his brother, KC's top DJ, Mike Murphy of RMBZ-980. Pat has been in Louisville for the last several years. Before that he was the afternoon drive man on RMBZ. DX has been fairly good despite the K.C. AN situation. 2/1- KTXO-1500 s/off @ 7:10pm. 2/6- KMPF-960-TEST s/on @ 2:03am. 2/13- WSSA-1570 @ 1:10am w/TEST w/o XERF. XERK & KLAZ-1250 in 2:12-2:32am while looking for WBRM TEST, VSZ-1-844 in with fair audio but wiped out by WRAS s/on @ 4. 2/14- CFYN-1050 logged for a report on call change with "As It Happens" @ 7:05pm. A big surprise on 2/16, KAFB-810 o/local KQMO 7:31-7:46pm s/pff w/c/w. 2/20- The TEST from KOMA-680 just made it in w/one CID during the 3-3:15am period. KERN-1070 in KNX null w/c/w & truck spots @ 3:21, unID-850 Efer w/rr @ 4:20am, WKIX? Finally on 2/24 much-wanted KLMR-920 made it @ 7:19-7:30pm power & pattern change w/SX. Nothing heard on MM 2/27. Latest veries in from, v/r- KTL-1590, KKDA-730, KUUV-1590 (on KZOK letterhead), v/q- CKSW-570, KVNU-610, WJAR-920, ZIZ-555 (for a 1975 report forwarded through four address changes!), & a v/l from KVAR-1570. That's it for this time. I'll be back for the issue featuring KANSAS. See you in ATLANTA. 73's.

GARY ATKINS - 2200 West Burnett Avenue - Louisville, Kentucky - 40210

At the risk of not having anything to report when KY & other area states are featured I'll chance a Musing here. Considering the amount of time spent DXing the past month has been rather productive. The blizzard conditions produced four new ones: 1/26- WPRO-1200, WMLM-1540. 1/27- WWOV-1300. 1/29- WFIN-1330. A surprise on 1/27 in R. Cayman on 1205 actually better than 1555 @ 7:25pm. 2/4- Cuban R. Progreso-660 @ 7pm. 2/11- WKYR-1570 5:40pm, WCDT-1340 6:37pm, LSCJ-1360 7pm & WKAN-1320 7:05. For ten minutes prior to the KSCJ ID @ 7 I heard two or three references to "KB Radio", so I can't help but wonder if I didn't also have KBKB in Ft. Madison, Iowa. There was no sign of regular WSAI at this time. WKAN was in like a ton of bricks when I logged them but there was no sign of them when I returned to 1320 ten minutes later. I recently acquired a brand new R-392 receiver and sold my old one to Jim Wall. It doesn't seem to be any better than the old one, but the thought of an unused surplus RX had me drooling for so long I had to give in and buy it. Make your plans for ATLANTA. It looks as if the LADS will have a small contingent in attendance. St. Louis area DXers, beware. I plan to be in Belleville, Ill. on March 13 & 14 visiting relatives. The remainder of my week's vacation will be spent in the Rantoul-Champaign area. 73.

LET'S HAVE THOSE MUSINGS, BY MARCH 27th, FROM OVERSEAS, & FROM THE M.S.T. ZONE IN THE U.S.A. AS WELL AS WASHINGTON, OREGON, MINNESOTA, WISCONSIN, KANSAS, NEBRASKA, OKLAHOMA, ARKANSAS, & THE DAKOTAS, OR ANYPLACE ELSE NOT PREVIOUSLY COVERED. BE SURE TO DOUBLE SPACE, PLEASE!

HOLY TOLEDO!
GARY SIEGEL - 2728 106th Street - TOLEDO, OHIO - 43611

Let's hear it for OHIO! Home of blizzards, fuel shortages, & a lot of great DXers, hi! Ohio will prove it's #1 when this bulletin is filled to the brim with Musings from the many members of NRC here. I won't be wrong, will I, fellow Ohioans? I hope not. What a winter this nation has seen this year! I think instead of having DX contests we should have a blizzard contest to determine which of the storms took the top award this winter. The storm here on 1/26-27 was a humdinger. Toledo was particularly hard hit with an inch of rain folo by anywhere from 10 to 15 inches of snow - if you could really measure it because of the drifts. The roads were in awful shape because of the underlying slush & ice and now it's chuckholes, ouch! Among the chief radio station casualties in the blizzard was CKLW-800 which was silenced from early on 1/26 till 4:25pm the 27th. I worked the 7pm-3pm dispatching shift in Sylvania that day (rough getting into work) - and if I had been able to get away on time I could have feasted on a vacant 800kHz on SSS but I couldn't get my police log up to date until 4:15pm & then I found that the wind had "coldest" my car out in the city lot causing another 45 minutes' delay before I could get a jump to get it started. I allowed 15 minutes for it to warm up while I shoveled snow away from it. Then after another 55 minutes & nearly getting stuck three times on the way home, it was 6:10pm & SSS had nearly run its course. However overnight after PJB signed off I did get PRA-2 in Rio de Janeiro, trying to fight off XEROK & CF0B, both unfn, but at least 800 wasn't a total loss in hearing something new. CKLW was forced off the air due to a power failure in downtown Windsor & a failure by their AXR in Harrow, Ont. when the strong winds blew the door to the IR housing open & caused snow to get in the shack & short out that facility. Gee, too bad, eh! Imagine those poor "Big 8" engineers snowmobiling to that auxiliary site only to find that it too was inoperable. It shows you how helpless a storm of the dimension of the 1/26-27 variety can make us. I sure hope all other DXers who faced such perilous weather this winter "weathered" it well and are safe. (Rest, next week! -ERC)

FRANK MERRILL - Box 5693 - TOLEDO, OHIO - 43613 419-476-5979, 5-11:30pm weeknights.

It's too bad it takes a "Salute to Ohio" to move me into Musing, but I've only had time to DX & not Muse. I'm now working two jobs: I'm a U.S. Government auditor, & I run a small mail-order house for old 45rpm & LP records. I turned 30 in August, & have DIED actively since 10/15/60, when reception was so superior to nowadays that it would probably almost be suitable for "Mothball Memories of a DXer." I logged over 2,500 from Michigan, & am now back up to about 1,700 since moving to Toledo in 1970. My nicest surprise in recent years (& best DX catch from Toledo) came on 12/19, just before the KTL TEST when I noticed that "1350 sounded kinda funny" & suddenly this guy fades up talking about University of Idaho BKB on KRLC! This was my 48th state. I had given up hope on hearing Idaho. Akron's surprising weakness was paralleled on 1590, so KTL's TEST at times buried normally pesty WAKR. Another nice surprise, recently, was CKLW-800's absence @ SSS 1/27 due to the blizzard, which resulted in 11 newies for me in the 790-810 range, best being KVOM-800 & WELW-810. Take that, guys! Virtually all of my past three years' DX has been done on a Panasonic RF-1200 portable, which is not quite as selective or sensitive as a TRF, but has sharper nulls on locals. My Hammarlund HQ-129X is in ATLANTA being overhauled. I've just bought a house in the country, which hopefully will get me away from Toledo's noise, not to mention the ability to put up a "short" beverage & TV/FM antenna. I'll also be in the market for an SM-2 and/or Altazimuth loop. I hope that editorial policy permits me to ask this: Does anyone know where I can acquire large "stash" of old 45 or LP records? I'm especially interested in old "junk" promo records from radio stations (which employ more than a few NRCers) but they can be from elsewhere. If your lead is productive for me I'll help you with SC's, cash, T-shirts, stickers or CM's in return for your help in helping me obtain records which otherwise I might not have. JAC can testify to my avidity, hi. I've been known to buy anywhere from one record to carloads-full, & I prefer the records which WEREN'T hits. Who was DXing on the "MM-of-the-century" 3/14/66, when a very deep AU coupled w/a Castro wee-hours speech resulted in Cubans showing up on weird frequencies like 920, 1460, 1310, 1390, etc. & in some instances fighting the Fla. & Tex. GY's which predominated? My oddest that AM were TGDX-1520 @ 6:10am, WXPB-1590 & three minutes of KNAK-1280 which was very out of place. I'll say 70 barren deciduous trees from N.W. OHIO.

JOHN D. BUEHLER - 4290 Monroe Street-2 - TOLEDO, OHIO - 43606 419-472-0213

I've been DXing the MW band for ten months, & am becoming more fascinated with the hobby with each passing month. The most recent addition to my rig is the SuperScope C-105 cassette deck. I have found this to be a most DX-worthy machine. The C-105 has the usual portable tape deck functions, plus a very effective audio filter. While taping KARN-920 I switched the "Ambient Noise Control" to each of its three positions. Playback revealed it had altered what had been recorded; especially with the highs & lows clipped. Recent DX has been great! On SM 2/5 @ 3:05am ELT the already mentioned KARN-920 was in w/a very clean signal: 3:30 KFI-640 surfaced with Bee Gees disco & ID. Both were taped. No sign of any unusual LA's since 1/2 reception of TICAL-525. Nevertheless, PJB-800 can be copied nightly, and I am only 60 miles South of CKLW's XR! I have compiled a list of taped daytimers. These were taped between 11am & 1pm on two successive Feb. weekends. I was surprised after I had counted them & found 67 different stations! The 10" snowpack on the ground must have something to do with the much improved daytime reception. WIMJ-620 was the most distant daytimer received at about 250 miles. Two new ones from daytime activities, WQAP-1080 Owosso was found in WYVR's null (Sidney, O.) WIID-1090 Garden City (Detroit) was noted w/USAF radio network. There is a large base in the area, but I didn't know the Airforce had such a net. No sign in the last two months of Toledo area pirate IDing as 1610 WJLQ. Maybe he lost his antenna in the blizzard! I have yet to hear my first TEST but I'm trying for all. If any members get last minute news of a test you can call me collect. 73s & good DX! (WELCOME to the NRC, John, & we hope you will be a regular Muser in these pages! -ERC)

LOUIS M. PODA - 395 Kling Street - Akron, OHIO - 44311

This will probably be too late for the OHIO Musings but better late than never, hi. I started DXing in 1958 with a Philco-60 built about 1940. For the next several months I heard more and distant stations, finally getting KSL in the Autumn of 1958. About the same time AU CX occurred and Spanish came in on numerous channels. I was impressed with hearing XEB from Mexico in EE, & Cuban stations on 640 & 730. In 1959 I got an RCA AM-FM-SW radio section that used to be part of a TV set. I finally got KFI with it that winter. I remember most of the events mentioned by others from the early 60's, such as Conrad tests, etc. But no one seems to have mentioned the atom bomb tests in the ionosphere. July of 1961 or 1962 before work I tuned in and even though sunrise was only an hour away some skywave should have come through - only ground wave. That night CX seemed normal but for the next week CX seemed Auroral. Nearer to the test site of Johnston Island, the papers said the whole sky lit up and radios gave out a loud buzzing sound for several minutes. More recently I was in New Orleans the past two winters for Mardi Gras. I used a Lafayette Guardian 5000 which seems equivalent to the TRF. New Orleans is "Imageville". In Akron, only WAKR images on 680 & 565, but in New Orleans many otherwise blank channels are filled by two or three local images. Anyhow, compensating for this is fantastic ground wave. I may do a bandscan in a future Muse; but briefly, Cuba was poor but definite on 640 this winter & last, & last winter 590 was fair while 550 & perhaps 630 had Cuba poor or very poor. WSUN is poor to fair, while west along the Gulf 740 from Houston & 1030 from Corpus Christi are poor to fair. Northward I may have WSM-650 as there were two stations with SAH of 1/2 to 1 second & I did hear WSM call an hour after SRS - but both were very poor & garbled - looped N/S. Nighttime Belize, 4VEH are regulars. Also many hets, 1025 especially, but no voice. I was surprised to hear most N clears in well, especially on 1030 w/WBZ, & R. Centro alternating & in their common null I was hearing KTND from Casper, Wyo. I'm not surprised with the Cuban pests looping E (instead of S from Akron) & also Mexicans as regulars on 730, 800, 1050. Major current news is the blizzard which knocked out Windsor stations & had day-only stations at night. Look for the power shortage to do likewise, hi. Cops, I forgot the intro: I'm 35, work nights at U. of Akron in maintenance. Other interests are Astronomy, Geology, & Space-related news. (Welcome to NRC & Musings, Louis! We hope you'll form the regular Musing habit! -ERC)

MARC DeLORENZO - Box 466 - Centerville, Massachusetts - 02632

Greetings. DX in February was, again, limited, but a few bright moments made it worthwhile. 2/3- WCRJ-1530 Fla. alone w/ID @ 5:56pm following inspirational (?) tune by Anita Bryant. WKEY-1580 Ala. fair w/c/w following WSRF power/pattern change @ 6:17. WAGC-1560 Ala. fair w/WQJR w/c/w to 6:28 s/off - odd in that before this reception, I did not know this station existed. 2/4- WTQR-1520 SC. atop jumble (including WKWB) 5:40pm; CHTN-1190 PKI. excellent this eve w/ID @ 5:52; WRBX-1530 N.C. atop on TRF @ 5:58 s/off. Simultaneously, on the HQ-100, I followed WQCG-1080 Fla. good o/a WTIC w/light mx 5:57-6pm. 2/7- 01! Reliable Dakar-764 L&C w/man in FF 5:52pm, the only TA crossing the ocean this date. 2/19- I decided to tape 740kc all night, looking for KYMB TEST. No luck, but I did hear the following in good CX: WKIS-740 Fla. excellent w/r/r & "Kiss-740" IDs 1:15-4:30, definitely the dominant station; KRMG-740 Okla. fair @ 2 s/off but much louder on ET/TT/OC 2:25-4:30; KTRH-740 Tex. fair in/out w/tape of college BKB game 2:30-4, at times atop channel. Finally, GENM-740 Mld. fair @ 4:30 s/on, "Radio St. John." I really enjoy picking a particular channel & taping it. 2/25- WPIK-730 Va. atop following WJTO-Me. s/off 5:16pm; WFLO-870 Va. atop w/amazing Grace to 5:44 s/off; WFNG-940 N.C. very good o/CRM w/college BKB 5:47; GBY-990 Mld. atop @ 6 w/NX. 2/26- My three most common Floridians: WOTO-540 good, alone w/c/w 6:09pm on TRF; WSRF-1580 also alone on channel w/ID & album oriented rock 6:01; WRHC-1550 L&C @ 6:13 s/off in EE following all SS programming. Total heard now is at 1,354 from 76 countries, 46 states, nine provinces, all heard from within a ten mile radius of home. Also, I do not count call changes as new loggings. In my opinion WHNE/WKLY/WCVU WAVY-1350 Va. is one logging & not four. Bye.

RAY ARRUDA - 47 Burt Street - Acushnet, Massachusetts - 02743

MM 2/27 was very slow, with nothing new added to the logs. Here's what went on: WSRF-1580 in well 2:23 w/"Surf-16" ID & Album cuts. WFLI-1070 on 50kw ET & in solid 2:28-2:33 w/mx & ID @ 2:30. KPWC-1560 Cal. first time this season but weak with fades 2:57-3:07 w/mx, CBS NX, & ISSB @ 3:07 s/off. KRCC-690-TEST was tried first half hour 4-4:30 but no luck. Verie returns have been good, and stations seem to reply faster than a year ago. I'm just hitting it lucky, I guess. I have had the trouble of many stations not IDing for long periods of time during the experimental hours while on ETs, tough. Veries are back from WQOT-1420-TEST, WSHN-1550 on a flap from three years ago, WBKC-1560, WCNW-1560, & WDDD-1560. All I need is WTNS to complete Ohio on 1560. 73. ((I need WCNW to do likewise, Ray! -ERC)

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Greetings to all NRCers. I hope all of you are having 6-9:45pm FLT good luck at dial twisting. The lead-in for my new center-fed LW was just put in and I'll soon be putting up the wire itself. In another few weeks I'll be moving the DX gear into the new DX room. I hope to get some new stations. Watch IDXD & DDXD for full details. Well, I just got done writing Ernie a long letter and my fingers want a rest from the typewriter keys. So, till next time I Muse, 73 & good DX! San Diego Padres vs. New York Mets in the 1978 National League Playoffs - and San Diego in the World Series against Montreal Expos. I know ERC won't agree with that, hi! (Albert, if the Padres play the Expos in the World Series, I'll treat you to every game plus first-class air transportation! -ERC)

AS THEY SAY IN MOSES LAKE, WASH., "KSM-1470" - KEEP SENDING ERC MUSINGS! DOUBLE-SPACED!

HARRY WALDRON - 201 Monroe Road - Sarver, PENNSYLVANIA - 16055

Well here we are, last week of February, snow still on the ground and -140 the other day. The radios are still working so I have successfully warded off cabin fever THUS FAR THIS winter. Some of the interesting listening for the past month includes: 2/23-VOA-1180 NX in SS, s/off @ 9am, very strong signal, could this have been Bethany on the Marathon frequency? 2/23- 10am, WABC, never heard here this time of day before. 2/16- 2am, YVOZ-1200 Caracas ID as R. Tiempo. 2/15- 8:30pm, on 760, a strong signal which sounded like time ticks one second apart. 2/16- 8:15pm HJCY R. Sutatensa ID, Bogota. 2/15- 8:10pm, CMKV Cuba, Russian-Spanish lesson (600). Cubans all down the dial at 630, 660, 670, 720, 730, 760, & 780. All in all many Caribbean openings the last month with Belize-834 & St. Kitts-1265 heard with the TRF & no external antenna. 2/7- 9pm, WNTN-1550 Newton, Mass. on for snow emergency. 2/19- 6:20pm, on 1330, Jerry Starr's WHOT after much trying. 6:25pm, WATM, Atmore Ala. NX & s/off. I'm still chasing my first European on split channel but with the spurious images on my SSR-1 this may be impossible.

DAN GOODLETT - RFD #1 - Berlin, New Hampshire - 03570

Well, with a "generally active" geomag tonight I may be able to pick up a little TC (Trans-Caribbean). From now on I'll be reporting the loggings to DDXD and IDXD and the 'splash' to Musings including best catch of the evening. Speaking of DDXD, thanks Eric for including me in the reporting credits of 2/6 issue even though I can't find any of my reports, which doesn't surprise me since I didn't send any to Eric since, since --- well, I'm ashamed to say. I just got five back issues forwarded from my old address with postage due. Yuki! Included was the review of the RF-2200. I'm in the market for a better portable than the ICF-5900 and I'm wondering if the Panasonic would be worth buying. I'm really attracted by the selectivity switch and RF gain, and the calibrated BCB with ability to use bandspread to gain 5kHz readout. Can the SM-2 be hooked up to it? Also, there is a lot of cross-modulation on 49 & 19 meters during busy hours on the "ony from VOA, DW, BBC, & R. Nederland. Is this common on the Panasonic as well? I even had trouble with 49 M with KGEI in San Francisco all over the band, even on my SSR-1. Any help at all will be appreciated; write here; I'm lonely for the written word here in N.H. No Spanish tonight on bands at all. I did log states 19, 20, 21. Best catch, WKAZ, Charleston, W.Va., 1kw. 73.

PETE KEMP - 5 Greenwood Avenue - Bethel, Connecticut - 06801

An added workload here has precluded any serious DXing of late. Random spot checks of the frequency have proven fruitless, so it appears that good catch is needed soon in order to recharge my internal DXIN' battery. KXIA in Little Rock, Ark. has been making solid gains in the ratings since switching from all-NX to c/w programming. Ted Brown on WNEW has switched from the afternoon drive time to the morning shift. Guy Broady, formerly of KDAY has joined WQOK in Atlanta. Does anybody know if Jack Ruby of WNL is still with that station in New Orleans? I used to listen to him when I was in the Navy stationed in Florida. I would even catch the early part of the show up here but the last few mornings of listening have led me to believe that he has departed. KHL recently was fined by the FCC for transmitting with full daytime power authorized instead of using the lower PSA. I would imagine that if you heard them at s/on chances are they wouldn't verify. Recent call letter changes include WVAK to WUMB, KBUL to KEIN, KJEM to KWOK, WAAZ to WAYY and WBIZ to WJJK. So much for now. 73. (The frequencies would help, Pete - ERC)

MARK STRICKERT - 5715 North Kenmore #302 - Chicago, Illinois - 60660

Howdy! I'm just back from Florida, but you wouldn't know it from my pale hide. DXing appears to be slightly different in Miami, with Cubans a dime a dozen on the left side of the dial (goah - what are they doing w/GMW? I found it at several spots between 590 & 605 during the past few weeks!). Other tidbits of DX & la Coral Gables: 2/19- Dominica-505 w/s/off @ 9:30pm. Marathon, Fla. (VOA)-1180 w/NX in SS about 9:45pm. ("Carter on la Casa Blanca"... As Jimmy might say, "Play it again, Ham" cough). During the daylight on 2/22: ZNS-3-810 (Freeport, Bahamas) w/R&B @ 8:45am, WKIF-1600 w/r 9:20, WFGP-1300 w/Fla Keys WX (cold & rainy, as was Coral Gables). WQIO-540 w/c/w o/WQAM slop 10:15am. All were weak and a bit staticky. I got much more, but my notes are currently elsewhere. By the way, I made a tape of about 30 Miami area ID's. Just send a blank tape if you want a copy. The weather was hardly perfect in Fla., but certainly better than the Northlands. Visitors are always welcome at my "shack", but due to work & school skeds I'm available only Saturdays after 3pm, Tuesdays after 6pm, and all day Sunday. Always call first, though (312-561-3249), especially for instructions on where to park (quite a tough thing in this high-rise high-density area). The "Lakeshore Logger" sez, "Z U Zoon."

CHARLES GEORGE - 6407 Howard - Dallas, Texas - 75227

I now have two new stations verified - they are: KOSY and Radio Barbados. The other day I was bringing in my bicycle into my room and had the bike radio on. To my surprise the sound came up. It seems that my SM-2 had been moved near where I put my bicycle. It is funny that my bicycle radio is calibrated very well even though it is not very sensitive or very selective. Anyone who would like a verie on WRR before they retire the call should send their reports to: David Coursey, WRR, Fair Park, Dallas, Texas. I have never sent a report to any of the local stations since I have figured I could always get them later and somehow verifying locals does not seem like true DX to me; however, I may start since it is getting harder to log new stations. 73s.

MUSINGS OF THE MEMBERS IS EXPRESSLY FOR LISTING YOUR DX OF THE PAST FEW DAYS. IT ALWAYS WAS, AND IT ALWAYS WILL BE, AS LONG AS I AM ITS EDITOR. YES, OTHER THINGS MAY BE MENTIONED, BUT ITS PRIMARY FUNCTION IS TO LIST YOUR RECENT DX BY DATE, TIME, FREQUENCY. DOUBLE SPACE!

WEL ZANK - 2445 "E" Street - Apt. 6 - Lincoln, Nebraska - 68510

To begin this Muse I congratulate the GAADS on their winning Convention bid, & I am sure they will not hold it at that place with a cooler of hot pop & a dog with an infected ear! Too bad that the CPC looked rather like the Sick P C this season. On to DX-ness: 1/10 KANE-1240 New Iberia, La. on r/c per list, good signal. 1/12 SSS- KYKR-1510 Port Arthur Tex. w/c/w 6:31-6:45pm s/off, KCLR-1530 Ralls, Tex. w/SS mx into EE s/off @ 7. 1/23- KABL-1410-TEST heard w/TT, IDs loud. 1/26- WPOK-1080 Pontiac, Ill. loud at about 11:45pm on for WX emergency. 1/27- WCNB-1580 Connorsville, Ind. fair 6:20-7pm s/off on late for WX emergency with fair signal. 2/2- KHX-1490 Muskogee, Okla. sure on r/c-TT & SIDs per list. 2/6- KHP-960 Mt. Pleasant, Tex. pretty good on TEST w/mixed bag of mx & IDs. 2/7- KBOA-830 Kennett, Mo. fair into s/off. 2/13- WSSA-1570 Morrow, Ga. good on TEST w/c/w, TT & IDs; WBR-1240 noted in mess IDing for ET. 2/17- KLL-920 Texas City 7:05-7:15pm w/rr, spots, in-to s/off. 2/19, a surprise in KDMN-720 all over the frequency 7:26-8pm w/MoR, spots, etc., Chicago nearly non-existent. 2/20 SSS- WPCP-940 Houston, Miss. 6:35-6:45pm s/off fair with spots & c/w & gospel-type mx; KADD-940 Texarkana, 6:47-7 s/off w/c/w, horse race results from Oakland Park & mention of 2,500 watts. 2/23- WKEY-1580 Talladega, Ala. on ET w/c/w & final ID 1:52-2:01am fair to good signal; KVM-970 Show Low, Ariz. @ SSS w/15 minutes of SX NX and EZL mx w/IDs for AM & FM poor to fair signal 7:29-7:50pm. 2/24- KAFE-810 noted w/KOMO w/c/w, spot & s/off 7:40-7:45pm, WJBY-930 Gadsden, Ala. s/on @ 7am into Mutual NX & GOS. 2/27- KRKO-960 Prineville, Ore. fair on TEST w/IDs @ five minutes and one partial VID w/bad QRM. Log total now shows 1,104 stations with 531 veries. Latest veries here: KWTD, KYKR, KAHL, WCPM, KOKK, KEXX, KEMM, CHQT, KROY, KLCN, CKXL, KVM, KKYX, KTDN. Other things of note: 2/17- WYHI-1570 Fernandina Beach, Fla. quite good on r/c-DT & IDs each minute, unnn, but unverified here. I have an RF amp tube 6BZ6 in my HQ-180A which needs replacing as it is oscillating at times sounding like a mystery TT or het. I hope for some more good DX before the thunder boomers take over again. 73s.

BILL KARSCH - 27 Olive - Galesburg, Illinois - 61401

February DX has really been fantastic here in West-Central Illinois - 22 new stations heard, & I finally passed the 400 mark. Some of this Feb. DX is due to a "new" method of DXing - well, new to me, at least. I set my TRF to a specific frequency & just listen and log 'em, usually during SSS hours. Most productive so far have been 1150, 1250, 1440, 1530, & 1550. Stations fade in and out, & I just log the new calls as they come across. This may not be the most revolutionary concept in MW DXing, but it works well for me. February's good stuff includes: 2/13- 1:08am, WBKC-1560 testing w/TTs, IDs & mx; 1:11, WSSA-1570 testing w/TTs, IDs & c/w mx; 1:54am, KVOL-1330 "The new V-O-L" w/rr; 2am, WMP & WTAE-1250 w/s/off - no sign of WBMN-TEST; 2:27, KLAZ-1250 w/rr; 5:16pm, WPHG-980 w/talk show. 2/14- 7:25pm, CKLW-1570 in & out w/CPOR. 2/15- 6:05pm, WKRA-1110 w/NX & spots, poor w/WMBI null'd; 6:12, KWKH-1130 fair w/c/w; 6:15pm, KYND-1150 first logging for this semi-local; 6:21 WJRD-1150 w/WX; 6:45, WMOO-1550 s/off, gave way to KOKA in NX; 7:10, KINT & KPUR-1440 trading back & forth, both these over usual WRVA & WEHY. 2/20- 12:25-12:35am, KRYS, WQEE, & WSAI all battling for the rights to 1360; 1:13am, KNEI-1530 w/r/c; 1:55, WBR-1300 w/NX, faded at 2 when WERE IDed, folo with "NX for You"; 2:07am, WTTT-1530 on the air for testing purposes; 3am, KFBK-1530 ID, then CBS NX, for Cal. #5. Three new stations heard on 1530, thanks to WCKY being off. That's about it from here for now. 73s.

GARY LOVEGREN - 1255 Charles Avenue West - St. Paul, Minnesota - 55104

This is my first Musing since I joined NRC in 1977. I work at Hoerner Waldorf Corp. in a swing shift (i.e. every two weeks) so DX has been limited. My total states are 33, and three countries; Canada, Mexico & Netherlands Antilles. I'm 27 years old in June. Could any NRC members help me in getting QSLs from: KOAM-860, Pittsburg, Kan., KRVN-880 Lexington, Neb., KGYN-1210 Guyton, Okla.? KRVN was DXed on 12/27/77 at 4:26pm CST, KOAM was DXed on 10/20/77 & KGYN was DXed on 1/5/78 at 5:07pm. One f/up has been sent to KGYN. I use the Realistic TRF; has anyone tried to put an "S" meter on the TRF? (Welcome to the NRC fold, Gary, & we hope you'll DOUBLE SPACE us many a Musing in the future! -ERC)

BILL HARANG - 811 Nevada Avenue - San Jose, California - 95125

I understand KMBY-1240 is supposed to be MoR now, & KIDD-630 is supposed to be sort of rock-oriented now. KKAP is ND, using a flagpole on a golf course as an antenna. I cannot imagine why the station's signal is so weak to the East. But it sure is. KEX's PD tells me that KEX may enter AM Stereo as soon as a system is chosen. Many of us have seen the movie "Play Misty for Me." But few of us probably know when seeing the film that the studios used in the filming of the film was that of KRML-1410. Unfortunately, KRML doesn't get out very far on SSS because of competition on the frequency. KRML (then KTEE) went on the air Christmas Day 1957, owned by Paul F. Hanson. It was sort of a mish-mash MoR policy w/cl mx middays. It's been 500w D since the beginning; the original studios were in the May Court, on Mission near 6th, in Carmel. The station was sold around 1961 to Sam Smith, who moved studios to the Carmel Rancho Shopping Center, which he owned, & under PD Alan Skuba (brought over KSEW-1380 which is now KTDN) it adopted its first successful format - a close copy to KABL. The call letters, originally KTEE, were changed to KRML at this point. The midday cl mx continued. Subsequently, around '63-'64, Smith went into financial troubles, & lost the center in one week. The station went silent, but by this time, Skuba had left, and the format had deteriorated to a nondescript MoR again. It was purchased a year later by a Reno group which included an Alan Lissler, & returned to the air with an even more nondescriptive old-fashioned MoR format; during their whold ownership, the station never showed in a rating book. Around 1967, Sam Salerno, once a salesman for KMBY, returned from Las Vegas where he had been in radio & bought KRML which he ran personally with his wife.

LARRY VAN HORN - Route 2 - Box 270 - Brighton, Tennessee - 38011

Greetings from the DX capital of the Mid-South to all. Finally this week brought my first DX NEWS in years and it was great to see such a large issue packed with the goodies that the NRC & DX NEWS has been noted for for many years. Well this week I managed to get the Domestic & Night Pattern updates but no books! Oh well, I've waited this long, maybe next week. Totals this week, stations 213/9, states 31/2, countries 5/1, provinces 2/0. Reports out this week to: XEB, KRIG, WJR, WABC, WBBM, WIAS, KOA, WXL, WSAO, WYNN, WTRD, KWKH, WBT, WWTW, WHO, WDMG, WLS, WSPA, KCTA. Veries in from WEMT, WKEL, WTRB. I have sent 56 reports since 1/19 & still have 45 reports out. Down to a little DX: 2/22- WJUC-810 Miss. 6:38-6:40pm w/ID, then rr. KSKY-660 Tex. 7:08-7:15pm w/religious program, then s/off announcement, then off, no SSB. QMBQ-1060 Cuba 9:34-9:35pm w/mentions of Cuba. IEXK-1190 Mexico 9:41-9:42pm w/ID. 2/23- WBT-1110 N.C. 5:45-5:53pm w/fair signals, must have been on day pattern; I don't hear them here nights. WDMG-860 Ga. 7:58-8:02pm atop KONO/KOAM w/ID, then f/o. (Fade-out?? -ERC) WMAZ-940 Ga. 8:18-8:19pm w/commercial for Zaire's, then ID f/o. WSPA-950 S.C. 8:21-8:26pm surprise atop three regulars for report. 3/1 brought six new catches: WDD-1310 Tenn. 8:34-8:36pm w/WX for Chattanooga, then c/w. KXYZ-1320 Tex. 8:42-8:44 pm w'ads, SID, then rr; WTHI-1480 Ind. 9:08-9:10pm w/ID, details of a contest then f/o. QMBC-690 Cuba 9:29-9:31pm w/variety type entertainment & frequent mentions of Cuba, talk program, then R Progresso ID. CMGN-710 Cuba 9:31-9:33pm w/variety type entertainment w/WGN. WMOE-1060 La. 9:46-9:47pm w/rr, ID, then more rr, no KTW. Well, this is all for this week, best to all from Gayle & me. Catch you-all in 7.

BILL MORIYAMA - 2586 35th Avenue - San Francisco, California - 94116

Better late than never, I guess. Hello from sunny California. I'm a new member, so an intro is in order. I'm Bill Moriyama, age 27, have been DXing ever since I could remember, also a member of IRCA, with a wife who still can't understand what joy I get out of listening to some far-off radio station when we've got plenty in town (hi). I'm also the evening DJ on KQTT-FM-96.5, San Francisco. My hours are Sunday, 4pm-midnight, & Monday-Thursday 6pm-midnight. We're a Bonneville station playing "Beautiful Music" 24 hours a day. I DX mainly after work, say between 1 & 3am. I don't really know how many stations I've heard over the years, but thanks to the article by Page Taylor in the "Getting Started in MW DXing" booklet, I'll be keeping better records. Other interests include collecting old 78 RPM records, wind-up phonographs, and antique radios. Soon, I'll be getting a shielded ferrite loop antenna and perhaps will be able to report on how much better it works than the aluminum window frame I'm currently using for an antenna. Till then, 73. (Welcome to the NRC & Musings, Bill! We KNOW you'll find the new antenna better & please Muse often! -ERC)

STAN MORSS - Route 3 - Bradford, Massachusetts - 01830

3/2- Listening to see if WMEX had changed call, they suddenly went off the air @ 5:46pm - WNLC in well & WPUT I guess was #2, or maybe a N.J. station. I had hoped for WART but WMEX came back at 5:58. None of N.J.'s or WPUT/WNLC needed so no replay of tape. 1530 had three s/off's at 6:15- WCTR, WDBR, & ?? all there. To 900 & WKDM Staunton, Va. in the clear @ 6:23-6:30 s/off for a report. Veries, WUMQ & I guess CKPB - my French is about equal to my Arabic - I could make out that my tape to them had a lag. Small World Dept.: The Old Old Timers will remember! I received a catalog request (I run a mail order nursery among other things) from a Ray La Rocque who turned out to be the Ray La Rocque who was the last Editor of RADEX Magazine - a nice letter in reply to my inquiry and he has just retired to N.H. after 30+ years on the Worcester (Mass.) Telegram. He mentioned he corresponds with Lincoln Mayo, an ex-Victory Radio Club editor, and had also corresponded with Gil Harris of North Adama Mass. who recently passed away.

ERNIE COOPER - The Cape Tip DXer - 5 Anthony Street - Provincetown, Massachusetts - 01930

No veries for the whole week. What's happened to that old-fashioned commodity called courtesy? I guess it expired with the use of "please" and "thank you". To DX, then: 3/3- TT-960 had to be KFVS' r/c (unn), off @ 1:15. TTs also going strong on 1440 @ 1:42+, & 1390 @ 2:08. An odd noise like one hears on SW, like a diathermy machine, raging away on 1555 this morning. 3/4- UNID TTer on 1320 1:31-2:09 & on. Then we rested our tubes until MM 3/6: TTer on 1290 @ 1:33. WBKC-1560 was not on that TEST, next week, I reckon. Then the best signal I've ever heard from WTTT-1270 logged for the fifth try for a verie 2:32-4 (off & on). I wonder how many passed up the 1530 tester thinking it to be only WTTT again? Well, at 3:39 a.m. he IDed as WBT, Shenandoah, Pa. on PoP & equipment alignment; nice signal. WDR-710 was off today, and the channel belonged to Colombia's R. Super, not reported. The Super stations aren't super verifiers, hi! There was a loud TTer keeping WKBW company around 1:42, & then WKBW went silent 2-4am but the tester went off too. 3/7- Local WRKO-680 was off again this morning, and last time that happened (two weeks ago this date) I logged CIYQ-Nfld. with WCAW in the background. This time it was all WPTF w/CFTR in the background! DX, it's fascinating! Local CSH-970 was also silent today. UNID c/w station was noted on 610 w/WIOD/WIP, probably WDAF. WNNJ-620 was the top signal there w/BFL. On 690, WVOK was booming in on an ET w/rr & ID @ 3am. Let's take the rest of the space to explain that MUSINGS at one time in NRC History was the ONLY section of DX NEWS. It was, then as now, for telling other members what you had recently heard on your wireless, day by day. Then, the late Ray Edge began "DX Down the Dial" (now known as Domestic DX Digest) which was designed for one-liner "zing"-type hot tips, like, "WPEW, 1610, signs off Saturdays at 12:02am!" It was NOT designed to take the DX out of Musings. Nor was the IDXD section designed to take mention of foreign catches out of Musings. Each section was to highlight its particular type of DX - red-hot tips, and foreign catches as ready reference pages. The equivalent of this section in IRCA IS for paliver only - not so in NRC - it is for your daily DXing & related matters. C U N 7.

In the land of nod, Joe Donovan is king

Reprinted from the Louisville Times

Joe Donovan is the kind of guy who can remember the first record he ever bought. It was Frankie Lyman and The Teenagers. The song was 'I Promise to Remember,' and it had all that 'ooh papa cow, papa cow' stuff in it. I remember it cost 89 cents," he said, "and my mother thought it was a terrible waste of money."

That was 22 years ago, and, like most youngsters who became infatuated with rock and roll, Donovan ignored his mother's advice and went on to buy a few more records. Today, he has about 12,000 singles and about 900 albums. The records are the foundation of his 18-year career in radio, much of it spent keeping company with insomniacs and truck drivers on the all-night shifts. This month Donovan will finish his first full year as the all-night jock as WHAS.

At most radio stations, the late-night shift is the station's graveyard. But for Donovan and for WHAS, the after-midnight time is special. For Donovan, it's the culmination of a goal he has had almost since he first badgered his way onto the air as a teenager at his hometown station in Loveland, Colo. For WHAS, Donovan's show is the front line in the station's fight to save its status as one of the few clear-channel stations in the country. There are only 12 clear-channel stations left in the country. They are big-power stations that have exclusive use of their frequency after dark. The clear channels can cover almost the entire country (during the winter months WHAS can reach 42 states), and in some rural areas they are just about the only radio stations available. Low-power stations have been fighting the clear channels for years, and a new petition asking that their channels be opened up is now pending before the Federal Communications Commission.

Donovan said he has always wanted to do his show on one of the big-power, clear-channel stations. He got his first chance on Denver's clear-channel KOA where, as Joe Douglas, he got his Golden Beacon oldies show into 35 states.

When baseball games forced him off the air at KOA, he approached WHAS with the same concept, but the station didn't have room for him until it dropped Herb Jebko's syndicated talk show about two years ago. "We were looking for something different," said WHAS program director Jerry David Melloy. "But at the same time, we wanted to be able to provide our regular services. If there was breaking news, we wanted to be able to get it on the air. We wanted to generate a loyal following without going completely away from our basic programming philosophy," he said. Donovan's concept was perfect.

In trying to attract that following by providing something for everybody, Donovan's show breaks most of the modern rules of radio programming. Instead of picking his music from a tightly controlled list of records, Donovan has a free run of his huge collection. He also takes requests for songs to be played the next night.

He keeps his collection up to date by acquiring the top 100 records for each year, and he picks up odd oldies through dealers, juke-box distributors or Salvation Army stores. "I'd say I have about 98 percent of what people want to hear in the realm of popular music," he said. "The only things I won't play are progressive rock and opera. I feel you have to draw the line somewhere."

Instead of sticking with traditional formats designed for specific age groups, Donovan uses variety to attract as broad an audience as possible. "Dial around and listen to all-night radio and all you're going to hear is rock, country or talk. Where can you find something different?" His concept uses the full range of popular music with just enough talk mixed in to keep the show lively and human. On a recent show, Donovan followed a big-band tune with Neil Diamond's "Solitary Man" a 1956 Satins hit, a new Johnny Rivers release and an old hit by Major Lance. Donovan is especially fond of comparisons. He will match Linda Ronstadt's "It's So Easy" with the original version by Buddy Holly. On another night he'll compare Johnny Nash's hit "I Can See Clearly Now" with Nash's first hit from 1957. Throw in part of a Donovan interview with Nash and some historical trivia about members of his band or his songwriters, and the show becomes a rock-and-roll classroom.

NOTH BALL MEMORIES

CHAPTER LXXVII - "THE SAGA OF RADIO AMERICAS" - by DONALD F. SCHATZ

"Esta es - Radio Americas, la voz de la Verdad para todo el Continente, transmitiendo desde el centro de las Americas, 1160 kilociclos, onda larga, y seis (6) megaciclos, banda de 49 metros, onda corta, Apartado postal 352; Miami 1, Florida, Estados Unidos." So went the standard Spanish ID every half hour throughout the 1960's of one of the most controversial stations in DX history - Radio Americas. A specifically anti-Castro voice, it was born in 1961 as Radio Swan, broadcasting secret messages to the Playa Girón invaders ("La Luna es roja", etc.) from a speck of land off the Central American coast, Swan Island. Once the station changed its name to Radio Americas in '62, some DXers began to doubt that the station was really on Swan, and the ensuing debate overshadowed the far more controversial facts about the station's sponsorship - the CIA! R.A. was first "owned" by the Gibraltar Steamship Co., with HQ in Miami. When it was "sold" to Radio Americas, Inc., which maintained offices and studios in Coral Gables. Both - of course - were CIA fronts. While R.A. never announced its exact location over the air, its QSL card as well as station personnel were fairly straight-forward re the matter - Swan Island. Even so, several DXers went to extremes to portend otherwise, in spite of the fact that its Swan locale was ridiculously obvious; and the station itself all but thought they should be put away. DX-wise, Radio Americas was well heard throughout eastern North America on 1160, 1165, then 1157 kHz; and was even heard clearly in Miami via groundwave during its mid-day transmissions, in spite of intense Cuban jamming. Its IS, corresponding to the opening six notes of the Brazilian song "A Felicidade", is well remembered by all DXers of that decade. Radio Americas was "deleted" (along with a rare DX "country") in 1970, and Swan Island was returned to Honduras. An unusual "memorial" to those times still exists in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, a "reincarnation" calling itself "Radio Swan de Honduras", it too broadcasting on 1160 kHz and 6MHz, but otherwise just another commercial station there. 73 de RFS.

NEXT WEEK: FRANK WHEELER talks about some old programs and old stations long years ago. Then we'll return to PETE KEMP for another one of his memories. We have also M.M.'s from ANDY RUGG, STAN MORSS, RUSS EDMUNDS, and BOB SELLECK. Thank you all, and stay tuned! -ERC

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When Donovan features a particular year on some nights, he'll play the top hits of that year, the major movie themes, and even some familiar commercials. He plays recordings of major disc jockeys from different parts of the country from the "Cruising" album series and from his own tapes. Donovan may have more freedom in what he puts on the air than any other major-station jock in the country. Few other stations would allow an announcer to play the major flops of 1962, novelty records like the Bachman and Goodman "Flying Saucer" series or a recording of a man playing the Star-Spangled Banner on his arm. The freedom is fun, Donovan said, but the real thrill is the knowledge that the show has a potential audience of something like 43 million people.

Sixty per cent of Donovan's listeners are outside Kentucky (The average age is 28, and the top groups are students, police, security guards and truckers). Calls from Greensboro, N.C., or Monroe, La., are not uncommon. Donovan has had a couple of calls from Hawaii ("at \$6.95 a minute to make a request") and others from Bermuda and Puerto Rico. He takes requests for the next night's show, plays quiz games for cash prizes and lets callers challenge his remarkable memory of pop-music trivia.

Donovan and Melloy say they don't know for certain how well the show is doing. Rating services aren't very reliable for late-night shows, but telephone and mail response has been excellent. Donovan said he tries to learn what his listeners are like when they call in. He said the old ladies who like Montavani say they don't mind the rock and roll because it makes them feel young again. "I also get a lot of people who say they usually listen to FM rock during the day, but they get tired of it. They say they want something different," he said, "and being different is the key. That's exactly what I'm after."

THEY JOINED

Welcome to these new members--please muse soon and introduce yourselves!

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