



# DX NEWS

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## 6 MORE ISSUES !!

Yes folks, with this issue there will only be six more issues coming from Louisville. As announced in past issues, publication can not continue here after October 1. This is the last issue with Gary present—he has already been to Macon, GA and located an apartment for his move there the first week in May. So Georgia's gain is Louisville's and the NRC's loss. To date we have received many congratulatory and well wishing messages from the membership. But all the well wishes will not resolve the Club's problem for publication beginning with Volume 50 in October. As this is Gary's last issue, we (Bob and Dick) dedicate this issue to Gary for his 5 years of untiring efforts to get the bulletin to the P.O. on time. Now he can be on the reading end everyweek. We await serious inquiries as to the future publication site of the National Radio Club.....

As announced in the last issue, ALL contributions for the May 10th Musings column should be sent to Ray Arruda. Ray is standing for Ernie while he is on vacation and his fractured finger mends. Deadline in Acushnet is 4/29, the next deadline in Provincetown will be 5/29 for the 6/14 issue.

Concerning the 6th edition of the NRC Log—the printer advises that an initial supply will be available by the time you are reading this. As mentioned last week, all advance orders received will be mailed from Louisville to save time. Barring a disaster, the Log should be in your hands by around April 20th! So if you have not yet ordered your Log, send today to the Publications Center, P.O. Box 164, Mannsville, NY 13661. \$8.50 member price, \$9.50 non-member price.

Dave Schmidt advises that a source for old tubes (real old types) is: ETCO Electronics, North Country Shopping Center, Route 9N, Plattsburgh, NY 12901. They also have a catalog available for the asking. Such tubes as the double digit type (80, 24A, 45's etc.) are available.

Dan Bartek advises that a source for all the parts needed for the recent phasing unit described in an article by Mark Connelly is YOU-DO-IT Electronics, Needham Heights, MA 02192.

## CPC TESTS

After a little research, we are proud to announce that Mike Knitter is the winner of a year's free membership in the NRC. Mike arranged the most CPC tests in the last DX season. Congratulations to Mike—we would hope to have a similar contest next season. One test remains this season:

4/26 WSUM-1000 Parma, OH 0300-0400 EDST. First 30 minutes will be with 500 Mon. watts directional to the N.E., then 0330-0400 will be with 500 watts non-directional. Prepaid calls only will be accepted at (216) 578-1111. Reports to: David Johnson, CE WSUM, c/o Mortenson Broadcasting Co., 619 Ameritrust Bldg., Canton, OH 44702. Arranged by Tim Davison/NRC.

5/10 KVSF-1260 Santa Fe, NM. Per a verie forwarded from Rob Harrington, Mon. this station tests each month on the second Monday from 0215-0230 EDST with 5000 watts non-directional. If you miss it in May, try in June or thereafter. Reports to: Dan Kelley, Technical Director KVSF, Box 2407, Santa Fe, NM 87501

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Next issue in 3 weeks, to be dated May 10 and hopefully in your hands by then!

**THE WORLD'S OLDEST AND LARGEST ALL MEDIUM-WAVE DX CLUB**

## AM SWITCH

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Greetings fellow radio cretins. Longer skips between issues are producing longer AM Switches, so lets get right to it.

## CALL LETTER APPLICATIONS:

Present Call:	Seeks:
WHOB Mobile, AL 840	WVAX
KKIO Santa Barbara, CA 1290	KXXN
KLOR Denver, CO 1090	KKBB
*New Staples, MN 1430	KNSP
*New Clinton, MS 1150	WTWZ
WYLV West Hazleton, PA 1300	WVXC
WREI Quebradillas, PR 960	WJYT
WOAR Darlington, SC 1350	WKGE
*New Oliver Springs, TN 1080	WBTZ
*New White Bluff, TN 1030	WBDX
*New Boerne, TX (?)	KNCI
KBGG Merkel, TX 1500	KMIO
KZOK Seattle, WA 1590	KJET
*New American Samoa 585	KBQN

## CALL LETTER GRANTS:

Old call:	New call:
850 *New Walnut, MS	WLRC
910 WOKK Meridian, MS	WALT
930 KAFF Flagstaff, AZ	KFLG
970 WAKX Superior, WI	KXTP
1320 *New Derry, NH	WDER
1330 WDAL Meridian, MS	WJQD
1360 KGB San Diego, CA	KCNN
1400 *New Springerville, AZ	KRVZ
1440 WQOK Greenville, SC	WGVL
1540 WKXR Exeter, NH	WMYF

A few notes on call letters: We have no record of the Boerne, TX station other than their application for calls. Does anybody know the power/frequency? Also,

I wish that people would PLEASE stop reporting the call for Woodstock, VA (940) as WAMF. Anyone wishing to confirm that the call is WAMM as reported here need only call the station (703-459-5700) and ask. It IS WAMM. The address, by the way, is 228 North Maine, Woodstock, VA 22664.

## APPLICATIONS FOR NEW FACILITIES:

670 Commerce City, CO seeks 25000/1000  
720 Billerica, MA wants to build a non-commercial station here with 1000/500  
750 La Crescent, MN asks for 1000/1000  
Pembina, ND would like to have 10000/1000  
El Paso, TX seeks 5000 daytime  
760 Sherwood, AR wants to build a 5000 watt daytime  
Commerce City, CO second application for this? growing metropolis,  
this one for 10000/1000 (see 670 above)  
770 Raytown, MO wants 5000/500 non-commercial  
820 Holly Hills, FL asks for 10000/1000  
Pine Hills, FL wants 10000/1000  
Salisbury, MD seeks 10000/10000  
830 East Fort Myers, FL wants 5000/1000  
Hialeah, FL seeks 1000/1000  
Plant City, FL asks for 10000/1000 non-commercial  
Norco, FL wishes to have 1000/500  
Oviedo, FL seeks 5000 daytime  
840 Trotwood, OH seeks 1000/500  
860 Cooper City, FL asks for 10000/1000  
870 Laughlin, NV wants 10000/1000  
Brentwood, TN seeks 500 daytime  
880 Jefferson, GA wants 5000 daytime  
Lovelock, NV asks for 1000/250, wonder if this is near the Mustang Ranch?  
930 Sandwich, IL seeks 500/500  
1020 Waterford City, NY asks for 5000/1000...that's right folks...NEW YORK!  
1040 Vidalia, LA wants 1000 daytime  
1140 Loudon, TN seeks 1000/1000  
1160 Trumansburg, NY asks for 1000/500  
1190 Russell Springs, KY seeks 250 daytime  
1200 Canton, NY requests 10000/1000  
1210 Sahuarita, AZ wants 10000/250  
Harlingen, TX seeks 50000/1000  
San Juan, TX seeks 10000/1000  
1360 Milan, TN asks for 5000/500  
1400 Golendale, WA wants 1000/250  
1440 Salem, MO wants seeks 500 daytime

I get the impression that they're inventing towns in Florida to get applications.

## APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES:

630 KT18 Thibodaux, LA wants to move to 640 with 5000/1000 U4  
KGVW Belgrade, MT would move to 640 with 10000/1000 U4  
670 KDLG Dillingham, AK wants to raise day power to 5000  
700 KBYR Anchorage, AK seeks power increase to 50000/50000

690 KZKZ Tucson, AZ seeks 700 kHz with 10000/1000 U4  
790 KURH Rogers, AR asks to move to 770 with 10000/1000  
850 WEAT West Palm Beach, FL wants to raise power to 50000, stay daytime  
930 KYSS Missoula, MT wants to move to East Missoula (if there really is such place) and go fulltime by adding 1000 watts at night  
1050 KBUF Garden City, KS wants to move to 1030 with 5000/1000 U4  
1090 WIUA Albertville, AL wants to keep present power but go non-DA  
1190 KOKK Huron, SD seeks to move to 1200 with 10000/1000 U4  
1230 KDAC Fort Bragg, CA wants to go to 1210 with 2500/500 U1  
1250 KUUK Wickenburg, AZ wants to raise power to 1000 watts  
KNCO Grass Valley, CA seeks move to 830 with 5000/1000 U4  
WHLI Brewer, ME wants to move to 1200 with 10000/10000 U3  
1290 WIRK West Palm Beach, FL wants to increase night power to 5000  
1330 WADJ Somers, PA seeks power increase to 5000 D3  
1410 XXIT Dalhart, TX resubmits it's application for 1240 with 1000/250 U1  
1430 WQDI Homestead, FL wants to increase daytime power to 5000  
WJKS Medford, MA wants to go fulltime on this frequency, adding 1000 nite  
1470 KOUN Reedsport, OR asks to move to 890 with 10000/1000  
1490 KVOZ Laredo, TX wants to move to 890 with 10000/1000  
1530 KAWS Memphis, TX wants to go full time by moving to 1240 with 1000/250  
1580 WJIK Camp Lejeune, NC seeks a move to 830 with 10000/2500 U4

## GRANTS FOR NEW FACILITIES:

760 Palm City, FL granted 5000/250 U4  
1030 White Bluff, TN granted 1000/250 U1, has already applied for calls  
1080 Oliver Springs, TN granted 2500 D3, also has call application

## GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES:

710 WKBJ Mayaguez, PR gets power increase to 10000  
1000 KRHS Bullhead City, AZ gets permission to move XR  
1110 X8ND Bend, OR grant to raise power to 25000/5000 and raise tower height  
KDRY Alamo Heights, TX granted move to 1100 with 2500/1000 U2, move XR  
1150 WTMP Tampa, FL will change city-of-license to Temple Terrace, FL, move XR and go fulltime with 5000/1000 U4  
1230 WFOM Marietta, GA granted permission to move XR  
WCWA Toledo, OH granted raise in day power from 618 watts to 716.57, probably by changing limiting resistor  
1270 WJJC Commerce, GA granted power increase to 5000 D1  
1420 WFLT Flint, MI moves to Burton, MI, move XR, fulltime with 5000/5000 U4  
1540 WBJA Guyama, PR will increase power to 1000  
1580 WESY Leland, MS granted fulltime 1000/1000 U2, separate XR site nights

## OTHERNESS:

620 WVLX had application for 5000 watts returned by the FCC  
640 FCC returned application for Blountsville, TN here  
1200 FCC returned application for new station in Giddings, TX  
1300 FCC returned application to move to 950 and go fulltime  
1480 KAPE's application to move tower/XR was dismissed

And that, as they say, is that. We'll be-back next issue with yet another exciting AM Switch. Remember, any comments on AMS are always appreciated. Send compliments to address at the top of last page. Complaints should go to: 42 Chelwyne Road, New Castle, DE. Til next time, 73 and Good DX!

*Denny Starr & B.K.F.*

Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foorman  
.....and now....here comes Dickie with more of that famous page filler.....

## The U.S. Snails

Waterbury Republican

Congratulations to the U.S. Postal Service. It is setting new records for jackassical mail delivery.  
It took the mail service 24 days to get a document from the state capital in Hartford to this newspaper. Admittedly, the material was sent third-class mail, but 24 days to go about 30 miles!  
Could it be the Postal Service is aiming for the ideal of one mile, one day?  
When the public complains about the high salaries paid postal workers; such horror stories about mail delivery don't gain sympathy for the employees.  
And everyone has one that's a pip.

Via  
Ernie Cooper

# DOMESTIC DX DIGEST

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NEW CASTLE, DE 19720

Here is the official NRC column which is about as exciting as listening music from the great Philadelphia "Greaser" era! When sending your items in, please type or neatly write, 1 side of the paper, ELT, you dig? Now let's shovel right along:

## SPECIAL:

- 730 WPKX VA ALEXANDRIA - 3/28 1750 noted w/MYL, ID, weather, dropping CW format! (DS-DE)
- 770 KJCB LA LAFAYETTE - 3/23 1303-1335 this new CP noted on OC w/ID's on hour and half-hour. (AB-TX)
- 910 WALT MS MERIDIAN - 3/23 1900-1945+ almost non-stop easy listening music, few ads, occasional IDs, a real boomer! (NAP-AL) Better than the other bilge they pumped out! Ex-WOKK.
- 930 KOCW TX SAN ANTONIO - As of 3/13, this station has switched to a MYL format, dropping CW. (AB-TX)
- 940 WAMM VA WOODSTOCK - Despite several logging of this w/the calls listed as WAMP, the call is indeed WAMM per phone call to station! (JS-OK)
- 990 WNOX TN KNOXVILLE - 4/1 0007 switched to a CW format, dropping Top 40. ID's as "AM 99" and/or "Proud Country." (TC-TN)
- 1000 WCMY MA LEONMINSTER - 3/26 noted w/this call, "CMY Country", ex-WLMS. (STAN-MA)
- 1070 KENR TX HOUSTON - As of 3/8, this station has switched to a MoR and talk format, dropping CW. (AB-TX)

## DX TESTS:

- 560 WHND Heard: STAN-MA.
- 920 KLNR Heard: JK-PA (0236-0330).  
Not heard: DS-DE.

## FREQ. CHECKS:

- 4th Tues - WCHE-1520 0032-0040 w/TT. (DS-DE)  
WCVA-1490 w/TT 0046-0048. (DS-DE)
- 4th Wed - WSMI-1540 tentative w/TT 0100-0103. (DS-DE)
- 4th Thurs - WHPL-610 not heard. (DS-DE)
- 4th (Last) Mon - WCBG-1590 w/TT 0005-0020. (DS-DE)  
WTON-1240 w/TT, ID 0036. (DS-DE)  
WGOE-1590 w/rock oldies. (JM-PA)  
WNNT-690 w/TT 0550-0553. (JS-OK)

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## MIDDAY-MIDNITE:

- 560 CJKL ON KIRKLAND LAKE - 3/20 1836 believed to be the one smashing WFIL w/CBC talk/news program. (DS-DE)
- 590 WRAG AL CARROLLTON - 3/6 1900 s/off w/PM mention. (BM-WI)
- 600 WSJS NC WINSTON-SALEM - 3/21 1920-1950 On a Sunday "20-20 Music World" program, finally ID'ed 1950. Only my 2nd one here thanks to WREC. (NAP-AL)
- WCAO MD BALTIMORE - 3/7 1816-1827 MoR music, plug for Baltimore Magazine, been tryin' for him for 2 years! (TF-PA) Foo!
- 710 WGBS PL MIAMI - 3/22 2004 alone in auroral conditions w/MoR music, Mutual news, no sign of WOR. (KVJ-GA)
- 800 WMCY AL MONTGOMERY - 3/30 1858-1900 weak w/weather, s/off. (TC-TN)
- 930 WNH NH HONESTER - 3/24 1928-1935 extremely strong w/Maine-Mariners Hockey, several local ads, way o/WBEN. (HJH-PA)
- 940 KADO TX TEXARKANA - 3/7 1929 Legal ID at tune in. (BM-WI)
- KTON TX BELTON - 3/8 1944 s/off w/mention of 1000 watts and FM stereo at 106.5. (BM-WI)
- 950 KJJK AR HOT SPRINGS - 3/20 1915 s/off w/female anc'r, read live w/FM mention and part of the weather during s/off! (KVJ-GA)
- KOEL IA OELWEIN - 3/7 1855 w/ID then rock music. (BM-WI)
- 970 WWSW PA PITTSBURGH - 3/12 2133 talk show on history of radio in P'burgh, call letter meanings, format changes, references to old radio shows. Interesting altho "3WS" hasn't verified for me! (TF-PA) Me either!...never sent 'em a report! (DS)
- WYNZ ME PORTLAND - 3/18 2206 end of news, then MYL. Unusual at night here. (TF-PA) Like some DX'ers, eh? (DS)
- KJLT NE N. PLATTE - 3/13 1930 ID then into UPI news. (BM-WI)
- 980 CPFL ON LONDON - 3/13 1942 ID then into CW music. (BM-WI)

KILO CBS RADIO

211 South 4th Street  
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA 58201  
BROADCASTING SINCE 1923

- 1010 KXEN MO ST. LOUIS - 3/7 1845 ID then promo for gospel program. (BM)
- UNID 3/24 1900 CW music, ID then network news. Tape replay sounded like "WOX Meridian, Miss." might this be WMOX?(NAP)
- 1050 WFSC SC FRANKLIN - 3/31 1755-1800 weak w/WNRC splash w/CW music, ABC news on hour. No sign of WHN/CHUMP. (TC-TN)
- KMIS MO PORTAGEVILLE - 3/20 1900 s/off w/PM mention and ends w/"Greatest Country" jingle. (KVJ-GA) Karl, from now on IRGA gets the carbon copy! Hi! (DS)
- 1090 WKSP SC KINGSTREE - 3/23 1751-1800 good w/ads, pop music, no sign of WENR. (TC-TN) Does Oscar Myer own WENR? (DS)
- WMTY SC GREENWOOD - 3/23 1800-1822 faded up after WKSP ID w/Greenwood-Laurens High School sports. (TC-TN)
- 1110 UNID B. PROVIDENCE - 3/19, 3/20 s/off noted 1745 on 3/20 con-
- WHIM RI sisting of just an ID o/Christofferson song. Better recep-tion on 3/19, believe CW music, never heard before. (HJH-PA)
- 1140 KNEI IA WAUKON - 3/17 1910 talk program on sports. (BM-WI)
- KSOO SD SIOUX FALLS - 3/17 1927 w/mid west temp. checks, ID "When you want to know." (BM-WI)
- 1150 WAYI WI CHIPPEWA FALLS - 3/17 1906 talk of the 3rd annual WAYI Citizen of the Year award. (BM-WI)
- 1170 WEKE WI WAUFON - 3/16 1900-2000 on air 1 hour later than usual, called station but couldn't convince female anc'r that the AM wasn't suppose to be on! (BM-WI) Figures....(DS)
- 1190 WBDY VA BLUEFIELD - 3/28 1830 end of Voice of Faith program, s/off w/ID and address, the wedge loop did a job on WHIT. (NAP) 3/19 1829 very good at s/off w/gospel and CW music, ment. of 10000 watts. (HJH-PA)
- CHTN PEI CHARLOTTETOWN - 3/12 2055-2120 hockey playoffs w/sponsors, way o/WOYO. (TF-PA) CHTN is a regular at nite. (DS)
- 1250 UNID 3/24 1830 brief fade in w/"KDX" jingle/ID. Is WKDX Hamlet, NC on at night now? (NAP-AL)
- 1260 WGVY AL GREENVILLE - 3/23 1905 w/local news, CW music. (KVJ-GA)
- 1270 WTJZ VA HAMPTON - 3/4 2102-2140 "Memories of Your Life", weather, Mutual news, w/Susan Thomas as the host. Verie expressed surprise that they were heard in PA. (TF-PA) Sorta late for them? Day regular here nulling WDWL/WLBR. (DS)
- CPGT PQ ALMA - 3/8 2115 rock music, french anc'r, steady signal. (TF)
- WORLD FL ORLANDO - 3/25 1829 weak w/s/off, ment. of PSA power. (KVJ)
- 1280 CJJD ON HAMILTON - 3/9 2140-2250 rock music, news then talk show at 2210. (TF-PA) When did they switch to CHAM? (DS)
- WGTX FL DEPUNIAK SPRINGS - 3/25 1845 very good w/s/off w/"PM 103" mention. (KVJ-GA)
- 1290 CHRM PQ MATANE - 3/18 2154 rock music, ads in french. (TF-PA)
- WHIO OH DAYTON - 3/21 1835 good w/MoR music, female anc'r. (HJH-PA)
- 1310 CKOY ON OTTAWA - 3/18 2200 ID, news, ads, way atop 1310. (TF-PA) Good....if it was 560, then I'd question it! (DS)
- 1320 WKAP PA ALLENTOWN - 3/28 2230-2245 w/music promo, ad, weather, again on AM of 3/29. WJAS was off. (JM-PA)
- 1360 WEBB MD BALTIMORE - 3/14 1740-1755 disco/rock music, weather, ID's usually heard in AM here. (TF-PA) Your favorite? (DS)
- 1380 WNYR CT NAUGATUCK - 3/10 2045 ID, PSA, then gone to WBX. (TF-PA)
- WIZO TN FRANKLIN - 3/28 1900 s/off by GM w/No SSB, WAMS nulled. (DS)
- 1390 CHOO ON AJAX - 3/18 2105 news and weather, promo by new GM for new all polka and Doris Day record format to begin on 4/1, so 53rd report was sent. (TF-PA) He wrote it! (DS) (NAP-AL)
- 1410 WIQR AL PRATTVILLE - 3/20 1850 ID only, caught in jumble w/others.
- 1430 WNAV MD ANNAPOLIS - 3/26 1858 this needed one finally heard, weak w/rock music, news and weather at 1900. (HJH-PA)
- WMNC NC MORGANTON - 3/20 1920 in nicely for a few minutes w/2 ID's and CW music, a tuff freq. here. (NAP-AL)
- 1470 KTDL LA FARMERVILLE - 3/23 1915 several IDs noted w/s/off. (NAP-AL)
- KLCL LA LAKE CHARLES - 3/23 1916 ID right after KTDL s/off and into CW music. (NAP-AL) Good catches there, Neal! (DS)
- 1500 KCLP LA NEW ROADS - 3/27 1900 after WKAX s/off w/CW music, female anc'r, ID's. (NAP-AL)
- WQMS AL ALABASTER - 3/27 1903 slightly tardy w/s/off, ID's and location noted in KCLP null. (NAP-AL)
- WLQV MI DETROIT - 3/9 2048-2115 preaching, news, gospel music, steady signal w/WTOP. (TF-PA)
- 1510 KIPG IA IOWA FALLS - 3/3 1914 w/ID, death notices. (BM-WI)
- KMSD SD MILBANK - 3/3 1922 promo for "Black Out Bingo" at local store. (BM-WI)
- WAHT PA ANNEVILLE-CLEONA - 3/28 1803 noted w/standards (Sinatra, Hi-Lo's), weak in WITS null. Musta dropped the Top 40 format. (DS-DE)

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MAKRO 840

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1540 WNRE OH CIRCLEVILLE - 3/17 1844 weather and river stage report, then s/off by male anc'r, good signal. (WPT-DC) Hey Starr if HE can hear them, no reason why you can't! (DS) (BM-WI)

WSWG MS GREENWOOD - 3/6 1915 s/off w/mention of 1000 watts and PM.

1550 WTTT PA TOWANDA - 2/27 1740 ads, ID, promo for radio advertising. (TP-PA) This station DOESN'T exist! (DS)

WMLB CT WEST HARTFORD - 3/13 1758 simple s/off, no SSB. Thought they were OK'ed for nite operation. (TP-PA) Don't remember a grant on it, just an application. (DS)

WKKQ MN HIBBING - 3/16 1915 Pizza Hut ad, s/off w/mention of FM 94. (BM-WI) Uhh....Bob.....is your dial string broke? WKKQ is on 1060! Taking lessons from SDM? (DS)

1560 WSDL LA SLIDELL - 3/10 1900 s/off, "join us when we return tomorrow morning." (BM-WI)

1600 WWRL NY NEW YORK - 3/18 1836 mention of Black Experience program, good w/no sign of WINX (nulled). Heard outside of studios of WWDC! (WPT-DC) NO....I won't touch that! (DS)

MIDNITE-MIDDAY:

600 KRQD TX EL PASO - 3/14 0200 very good w/ID, "The Big 600." (RH-GO)

610 WIP PA PHILADELPHIA - 3/29 0108 noted off this AM w/Pop in progress, TT at various levels. (DS-DE)

WDAF MO KANSAS CITY - 3/29 0109 very good u/WIP OC w/"61 Country" ID's, WIOD nulled and 3rd station noted w/Top 40, likely WTVN but very weak. (DS-DE)

630 WPRO RI PROVIDENCE - 3/25 0150 good w/WMAL w/rock music, promo. (DS)

690 KGGF KS COPPEYVILLE - 3/22 0108 popped up at s/off, no SSB, ID's as "Radio 69." Common this year. (DS-DE)

710 CJRN OH NIAGARA FALLS - 3/15 0405-0425 poor u/WOR w/pop music. (RH)

730 UNID 3/25 0045 various pitched TT, OC, carrier on/off, looping east/west. Suspect WPIT on a Pop but no ID's heard, often heard strong prior to s/off. (DS-DE)

WACE MA CHICOPPEE - 2/28 0705 weather for the "pioneer valley", ID then gone to the wind! (TP-PA)

770 WABC NY NEW YORK - 3/15 0400, noted off completely but had returned by 0445. (RH-NY)

790 KFYO TX LUBBOCK - 3/13 0643 noted w/farm report. (BM-WI)

850 WIVX TN KNOXVILLE - 3/26 0004-0100+ xlt on ET w/periods of OC, varying TT. (TC-TN) You live next to their xmt? (DS)

940 WKGM VA SMITHFIELD - 3/22 0630 w/ID, spots, gospel music. Calls itself "Christian Radio KGM", never seems to use the W. (JS-OH) Donated it to Oliver B. Greene. (DS)

WGRP PA GREENVILLE - 3/15 0615 poor at s/on w/mention of G'ville. (BM)

970 WPUN OH ASHTABULA - 3/13 0646-0708 way o/all w/MOR, ID's as "Ohio's N-Fun" and "AM 970". AM anc'r had unusual name, Garth Cornell, female news anc'r, good signal. 3rd try for a vertis. (TP-PA) Far better than Phil McCavity or Joe Fela for that matter! (DS) Send your report to Garth! (DS)

1050 CFYN ON SAULT STE MARIE - 3/22 0110 on top w/MOR music, no sign of usual CHUMP. (JS-OH) The CHUMP was listening! (DS)

1060 GJRP PQ QUEBEC - 3/25 0048 smashing KYW w/french talk by female, jingle then rock music. Often does this. (DS-DE)

1070 WINA VA CHARLOTTESVILLE - 3/12 0714 ID w/weather check. (BM-WI)

1090 WBAL MD BALTIMORE - 3/15 0400 noted off completely, back on at 0500 recheck. (RH-NY) One of the few stations left w/a MM silent period. (DS) 3/12 0642 "Radio 11" ID's, Metro Traffic Control traffic report. (BM-WI) Or Duck Watch! (DS)

1150 WCHX CT MIDDLETOWN - 3/13 0612-0620 political ad, sports, comments by anc'r on trip to work (but it wasn't about my great daily ride!). (TP-PA) Life in the big time, m'boy! (DS)

WHUE MA BOSTON - 3/13 0611-0615 community notes, mention of St. Patrick's Parade, E2L music and faded. (TP-PA)

1180 WHAM NY ROCHESTER - 3/22 0030-0050+ very weak, must have been on low power, took me 20 minutes to ID them due to splash from WNYA (borrowed the transmitter from WKT613), thought it was KOPI. (JS-OH) Wait a minute.....yuk, yuk, yuk! (DS)

1190 WQWO IN FT. WAYNE - 3/29 0141 noted off this AM, leaving CHTN in the clear. (DS-DE)

1240 WBBW OH YOUNGSTOWN - 3/22 0050 ending a delayed broadcast of the Cleveland Cavaliers Sunday basketball game, which was about as exciting as reading DDIX (and, yes, they lost again). (JS-OH) May your wig get lice! (DS)

WINN KY TRUAXVILLE - 3/22 0115-0122 atop w/the MYL infection. (JS-OH)

WCNC NC ELIZABETH CITY - 3/22 0308-0319 ET w/TT noted, ID. (JS-OH)

UNID 2/28 0647-0652 CW music, weather, ID sounded like WAQS, any help on this? (TP-PA)

WGVA NY GENEVA - 3/13 0516-0530 rock music, sports, ID, mention of basketball game later, Gary Dunn show, Gary is the v/s!(TF)

1290 WPVA VA COLONIAL HEIGHTS - 3/31 0634-0641 good w/ABC news, ads. (JM)

WAGE VA LEBESBURG - 3/30 0601-0603 fair w/SSB mixed w/s/on, news. (JM)

WNLB VA ROCKY MOUNT - 3/30 0618-0640 good but fading w/ads, sports promo. (JM-PA)

1300 WFBR MD BALTIMORE - 3/29 0138 not noted this AM at all, WERE way stop. Wish this would happen more often....(DS-DE)

1310 WIFE IN INDIANAPOLIS - 3/29 0344-0405 good w/"the Best Of King, local news, promo then NBC news. (JM-PA)

WJLK NJ ASBURY PARK - 3/29 0130 fair at tune in w/ID, MoR music then quickly faded. (JM-PA)

WSSJ NJ CAMDEN - 3/29, 3/30 0002-0218 ID, B/Sol music, weather for Philly area but faded w/WNIC. (JM-PA) 3/22 0025 noted off for the second MM in a row, leaving WGH/WBEL. (DS-DE)

WGSA PA EPHRATA - 3/29 0620-0654 xlt w/local ads, weather, sports, ID, some fading. (JM-PA)

WDOD TN CHATTANOOGA - 3/30 0554 fair w/weather, CW music, faded quickly to WGH. (JM-PA)

WGH VA NEWPORT NEWS - 3/29 & 3/31 0618-0651 xlt w/MoR music, G-H Traffic reports, Accu-weather, sports, ads, missing person report, "Cash Call". (JM-PA)

1320 WJLS MI LANSING - 3/29 & 3/30 0700-0715 good w/ID, local news, sports weather, local ads, some fading, promo for Larry King. (JM)

WGET PA GETTYSBURG - 3/29 0559 very good w/SSB then s/on, mention of 1000 watts day, 500 watts night and faded. (JM-PA)

WEET VA RICHMOND - 3/29 & 3/31 xlt 0600-0720 w/"One of Americas newest inspirational radio stations" Mutual news, ads, weather, auto race report. (JM-PA) Musta dropped CW. (DS)

WESR VA TASLEY - 3/29 0659 fair w/ID, "18 hours of daily programming." Faded quickly. (JM-PA) Yeah, 18 hours on PM! (DS)

WJAS PA PITTSBURG - 3/29 0135 noted off this AM, strong OC noted w/WVOJ/CFGM under. (DS-DE)

WCVT VT RANDOLPH - 3/19 0602-0626 AP news, Agri-news, many ads, MoR music, all w/WKAP nulled. (TP-PA)

1330 KPH KS WICHITA - 3/29 0128-0206 good w/CW music, ads, local then CBS news, IDs as "The Dependable station", o/u WREC. (JM)

WASA MD HAVRE DE GRACE - 3/29 & 3/31 0615-0656 xlt w/CW music, ID reports. (JM-PA) Doesn't get out like this to often. (DS)

WEVD NY NEW YORK - 3/30 (or WHYM) 0230-0259 fair/good u/WPBC w/religious program, s/off to return 0830. (JM-PA) (JM-PA)

WPIN OH FINDLAY - 3/31 0600-0601 fair at s/on w/SSB, faded quickly.

1340 WJMA VA ORANGE - 3/22 0519 faded in w/ID while looking for the WJMA f/c, listed 0555 s/on changed? (JS-OH)

UNID 3/30 0152-0154 good w/Oscar award news, sports, weather, faded, calls sounded like WJJB. (JM-PA)

WGRV TN GREENVILLE - 3/22 0134-0223 xlt w/fades on ET w/TT, ID, and CW music. (JM-PA)

WKGM TN KNOXVILLE - 3/22 0140 fair o/u WGRV w/CW music, ID'ing as "Knoxville Country." (JM-PA)

1350 WOIK PA YORK - 3/15 0440-0442 poor, fading atop briefly w/weather, promo for news breaker. (RH-NY) Note correct freq, Rich.

1370 WGOH KY GRAYSON - 3/30 0700 w/UPI news, ID, CW music. (KVJ-GA)(JM-PA)

WTTT IN BLOOMINGTON - 3/22 0103 good on ET w/TT, ID at 0104 & off.

WZYQ MD FREDERICK - 2/28 0640 rock music, promo for Baker Park Mystery, already verified. (TP-PA)

1410 KRIG TX ODESSA - 3/15 0123 very good w/ID, rock music. (RH-CO)

1450 WILM DE WILMINGTON - 3/29 0105-0130+ ET w/piano music, OC, carrier going on/off. Also noted on 1420, 1430, 1440, 1460, 1470 and 1480! (DS-DE)

1470 WWHY WV HUNTINGTON - 3/2 0626 w/ID. (BM-WI) Then what, did they feature music from the Akimbo Brothers Band? (DS)

1510 WAHT PA ANNVILLE-CLEONA - 3/18 0643 w/promo for the WAHT Leprechaun and weather. (BM-WI)

1520 KSIE IA CRESTON - 3/22 0148-0200 in WKW null w/ET of TT and CW music, clear ID given at end of test then s/off. (DS-DE)

UNID 3/23 0055-0115+ someone here w/Pop type ET right after the WCHE f/c, strong w/WKWB. Off w/no ID. (DS-DE)

UNID 3/18 0655 jingle/ID, sounded like WQWQ. (BM-WI) Think it mighta been WKKQ off freq. again? (DS)

1580 UNID LAKE CHARLES - 3/22 0037 good w/WCLS/Mexican nulled, w/oldies and many ID's, 1st time in a while. (DS-DE)

1590 WGOE VA PATCHOGUE - 3/20 0600 loud w/vocal SSB then s/on. (JS-OH)

WLMH NY RICHMOND - 3/29 0044-0109 xlt w/oldies, "GO 16" ID's, time checks, mention of 0600 s/on at end of test. (JM-PA)

SHOW ME A MAN WHO MAKES SCULPTURE IN THE BASEMENT AND I'LL SHOW YOU A LOW DOWN CHISLER.....S. Sales

**RANDUMBS:**

Remember, DDID uses EET during the summer months so all reports should be submitted in Daylight Time.

We have a report from Rob Harrington and Chris Knight on a DX trip to Taos, NM which we will try to send along w/this report. We're sending this out Tuesday 4/6 so I hope Chuck Hutton's mail handlers haven't moved to Wilmington! If it doesn't show up this time, keep your eyes on the next issue in two weeks.

Keep your radios warm and keep sending in 'stuff' for the column!

**PILOTS OF THE AIRWAVES:**

NAP-AL	Neal Perdue, Falkville, AL	SX100, Wedge Loop
TC-TN	Tom Connatser, Seiverville, TN	Superadio
KVJ-GA	Karl Jeter, Decatur, GA	HQ 145X, Loop
STAN-MA	Stan Morse, Bradford, MA	HQ180A, SM2
JM-PA	John Malicky, Pittsburgh, PA	Aiwa AR 158
HJH-PA	Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre, PA	Zenith T-0, SM2
RH-CO	Rob Harrington, Englewood, CO	R1000, SM2
AB-TX	Artie Bigley, Houston, TX	
WPT-DC	Bill Townshend, Washington, DC	ICF55W
JS-OH	JS-OH!	HQ180, Looped
RH-NY	Rich Hatfield, New Hartford, NY	
TF-PA	Tony Fitzherbert, Chalfont, PA	Superadio, DX60
BM-WI	Bob Misloarek, Milwaukee, WI	HQ180A, SM2
DS-DE	Who'd you expect? Bub L. Gumm, Flosser, PA? Superadio, HQ180A, SM2	

See you in two weeks!

73's and Good DX!

Autographed for  
an "AMERICAN  
BANDSTAND" fan

*when-wrtr*

Huntingdon, Pa. 16652

**KOSI**  
1430 ON YOUR RADIO

**AP-WSM MUSIC COUNTRY STATION LIST**

via Tom Connatser

This is a new all-night satellite fed program of country music and features. The service began on April 1, 1982. Chuck Morgan of WSM in Nashville, Tennessee is the host. The AP radio network provides the news, and also distributes the program.

570	WNOC	Asheville NC	1060	WNOE	New Orleans LA
590	WPLO	Atlanta GA	1130	KWKH	Shreveport LA
610	WDAF	Kansas City MO	1170	KCBQ	San Diego CA
620	WTMJ	Milwaukee WI	1170	KVOO	Tulsa OK
650	WSME	Nashville TN	1300	KVEZ	Austin TX
680	WMPB	Memphis TN	1310	WOOD	Chattanooga TN
790	KFGO	Fargo ND	1360	WSAI	Cincinnati OH
990	WHOD	Orlando FL			

**FM Stations**

97.5 WAMZ Louisville KY  
99.1 WQIK Jacksonville FL  
107.9 WIRK West Palm Beach FL

\* WSM will NOT carry the Music country network on Friday and Saturday nights when the Grand Ole Opry is in progress

**INTERNATIONAL  
DX DIGEST**

CHUCK HUTTON  
1035 LATHAM ROAD  
DECATUR, GA 30033  
(404) 633-1198  
BEFORE 2300 ELT

Times are GMT. For ELT subtract 5 hours. Deadlines are usually Monday.

Remember please-use the home address for IDXD reports. The box will be closed out soon....

- 580 JAMAICA R. Jamaica 3/21 0102 trumpet fanfare, "serving the world and the British West Indies from Jamaica, this is RJR". (Perdue)
- 580 MEXICO XEPI fair w/lively stereotypical Mexican mx, screamed "Radio Mexicano" ID's 0615 3/8 over another Latin, maybe a Mexican w/Latin MoR mx. Does WKAQ play any music these days? (Forth) Nope, all news all the time-CH
- 620 MEXICO Chihuahua XEBU fair in KTAR null w/"La Nortanita" ID 1308 3/28. (Kaz)
- 640 GUATEMALA R. Nacional good w/minor KFI QRM w/light mx, TC's 0350, ID and detailed election results 0400, then back to mx 3/8. (Forth)
- 655 EL SALVADOR YSS 3/21 0408 SS pgm, poor audio due to QRM from lightning (that makes it QRM-CH). Good carrier. (H&K)
- 680 UNID Latin here w/ER 0034 3/8, fair signal with het, didn't seem to be // to 640. (Forth)
- 693 JAPAN Tokyo poor-fair 1/828, 747 w/JJ talk 1015 while "The Mighty 690" was napping. (Kaz)
- 700 COLOMBIA Cali HJCK s/on at 0955 3/28 barely copyable in KMPC sloop w/superstet XETRA off. (Kaz)
- 710 MEXICO Guaymas XEPS poor-fair w/fades. Mixing underneath KMPC in phased LW null. Mexican mx and 2 R. Amistad ID's heard from 0640-0650 4/1. Think I caught a couple of SS mentions of 1000 watts of power. (Kazaross)
- 738 AUSTRALIA Drafton 2NR poor-fair w/ABC mx, KCBS off 1005 3/28. (Kazaross)
- 747 JAPAN Sepporo 3/21 JOIB 1304 w/man talking in JJ, very good, heavy QRM. (H&K)
- 774 JAPAN JOUB Akita 3/21 1300 Japanese ID, musical tune ID, very good on 1700' NW wire. (H&K)
- 774t UNID/AUSTRALIA weak het w/BFO at 1040 tune-in, male in unid lang becoming audible 1045, male anncr in unid lang 1047 and into female vocal, faded by 1053 3/30. Hets w/BFO also noted briefly and weakly on 657, 666 and 756 and Pyongyang, North Korea was good this morning on 2850 kHz. I thought the opening was over but then about 1141 slow rock and roll surfaced briefly followed by a male EE-sounding anncr fading back into the noise and sloop, resurfaced around 1155 w/non-descript EE-sounding instrumental, but faded before any chance of the 1200 ID. A few weak New Guinea and Indonesia 120 meter band stations noted after 1200 GMT. A tentative report is already sent to JLO for my much better reception of them 1145-1205 3/26 and I will try to ID the other whose mx I think is Hindi and possibly Fiji. (Lankford) Well... good luck on getting JLO to varie this. If it was me, I'd have placed an immediate long distance call to them and asked if they were playing the mx you heard-CH
- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS ZBV1 3/23 0130 accented EE DJ w/reggae and Caribbean tunes till BBC World News at 0200. (Perdue)
- 810 BAHAMAS ZNS3 3/23 0045 EE talk of Bahamas, Kentucky Fried Chicken ad for new location on E. Sunrise Highway. (Perdue)
- 834 BELIZE R. Belize 3/23 0020 SS in nicely w/LA pop mx. (Perdue) 3/21 0416 disco mx, QRM, 15 dB strong signal. (H&K) What does "15 dB strong signal mean"??-CH
- 837 JAPAN/NORTH KOREA JJ talk (several people) on top of man in KK noted poor-fair at 1148 3/28, JJ mostly alone w/ little audible except clear copy of NKK pips (...-) at 1300. (Kaz)
- 846 KIRIBATI TJK1 taped man w/two Tarawa mentions, Island mx 0832 3/15. Good w/woman in lang 0905 3/28. (Kaz)
- 880 CUBA Pinar del Rio CMAB super loud w/LA mellow mx w/traces of WCBP underneath 0615 3/30. This is in every night but never this strong-better than WWL by a considerable amount. (Kaz)
- 900 MEXICO XEW 3/20 0419 SS talk, call letter ID, good. (H&K)
- 960 MEXICO XEX 3/23 0055 SS, many mentions of Mexico, call letter ID's at 0056. (Perdue)

- 980 MEXICO ubid w/LA ballads in super KFVB null created by lucky arrangement of MW1 skewed by Sanserino loop 0327-0332 2/8 when lost to CK M at equal level w/nullod KFVB mx. (Kaz)
- 1210 COLOMBIA Pereira HJFF fair w/YVMN w/LA mx and man w/LV Amige ID 0735 3/31. (Kaz)
- 1210 VENEZUELA Coro YVMN good to very good w/ID at 0615 2/8. Stn is barely readable many nights and decent on good LA nights. HJFF is noted occasionally as is the YV anthem from YVQZ 3/on at 1000. (Kaz)
- 1280 MEXICO Los Mochis XEHS alone w/R. Ambiente ID and TG 0326 3/21. (Kaz)
- 1390 MEXICO XEV Chihuahua 3/20 0313 ranchera mx and SS, call letter ID's and mention of Chihuahua, poor. (H&K)
- 1475t MALAYSIA presumed source of het w/1476 at 1220 3/28. Both stns too weak for audio unfortunately. (Kaz)
- 152t UNID het definitely looping NNW, nothing but Urumqui seems likely on this bearing. Are they ever heard on the west coast? 1215 3/28. (Kaz) I don't recall them ever being heard in California. Want to be the first? CH
- 1540 MEXICO XEHS 3/24 0025 w/talk of Mexico, Mexican mx. (Perdue)

Kind of slowing down for foreign DX it seems. I suppose that means we have gone from nil to none.

- Karl Forth-Chicago, Ill. HQ160, spiral loop
- Rob Harrington-Chris Knight-Taos NM ??????????????????
- Neil Kazaross-El Segundo, Ca. R390A, FRG7 mod, TRF, SM2, MW1, 100' LW
- Dallas Lenkford-Ruston, La. R390A, 100' LW
- Neal Perdue-Palkville, Ala. SX100, Wedge loop, LW

Kaz also has a phasing box to phase all of that garbage but he had already hogged a lot of the line so we will inform you of that fact here. 73's and see you next fall.....

**WXEW-Radio Victoria Inc.**  
P. O. BOX 42-YABUCCA, PUERTO RICO 00767-(809)593-3065

January 14, 1982

Mr. Morris Sorenson  
53 Duncan Avenue  
Kirkland Lake, Ontario P2H 1 x 9  
Canada

Dear Friend:

This is to confirm the station that you was listening is WXEW Radio "Victoria".

Our frequency is 840 KHz in Yabuca Puerto Rico. We are a day timer station at the present with a power of 250 watts only. We hold a C.P. for 5,000 watts day and 1,000 watts night. Will appreciate your listening to our signal when we increase power possibly next month.

We appreciate your letter was put it on the boletin board, so my employees watching and reading. Any time you feel to come to this nice island, try to visit my own station.

Is time to said, "Adios y Gracias". (Thank so luck)

Cordially,

*James Calderon*  
James Calderon  
President

RECEPTION REPORTS OF WOMP DX TEST FEBRUARY 1, 1982

- 21) Lacoia, NH
- 22) Pequonock, CT
- 23) Chesapeake, VA
- 24) Shorewood, IL
- 25) Charleston, IL
- 26) Morris Plains, NJ
- 27) Decatur, GA
- 28) Bowmanville, ON
- 29) Mahomet, IL
- 30) Toronto, ON
- 31) Milan, MI
- 32) Alcoa, TN
- 33) Clinton, ON
- 34) Cambridge, WI



PHONE

- 1) Rocky Mount, NC
- 2) Chicago, IL
- 3) Provincetown, MA \*
- 4) New Castle, DE \*
- 5) Pittsburgh, PA \*
- 6) Acushnet, MA \*
- 7) Kokomo, IN
- 8) Cincinnati, OH
- 9) Millville, NJ \*
- 10) Teaneck, NJ \*
- 11) Tampa, FL \*
- 12) Youngstown, OH \*
- 13) Toledo, OH
- 14) Cleveland, OH \*

WRITTEN

- 15) Chevy Chase, MD
- 16) Bradford, MA
- 17) Belleville, NJ
- 18) Reading, PA
- 19) Marblehead, OH
- 20) Colchester, VT

\* BOTH WRITTEN AND PHONE REPORTS  
Courtesy Jim Wallace WOMP

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# DXING SAFETY TIPS

(Author Unknown)

One of the major concerns of the concerned DXer is SAFETY! It is a prime rule that a DXer doesn't turn on his equipment unless he knows it's absolutely safe to do so. Proper grounds, proper voltages, and proper operation all play a major part in safety, properly so!

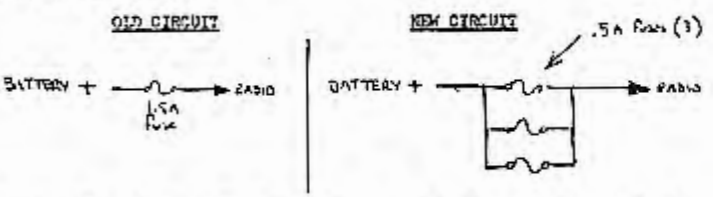
Of all the portable receivers made, the Radio Shack TRF is properly the most popular. Dozens of DXers break records with it every day; however they should ask themselves if they are doing so safely.

One possible trouble spot in the TRF is that the battery power lead is not fused properly. Should the fuse fail to function, the set could burn up readily. To prevent this, one can incorporate a redundancy safety fuse circuit. The cost is minimal, and wiring changes can be accomplished in only a few minutes.

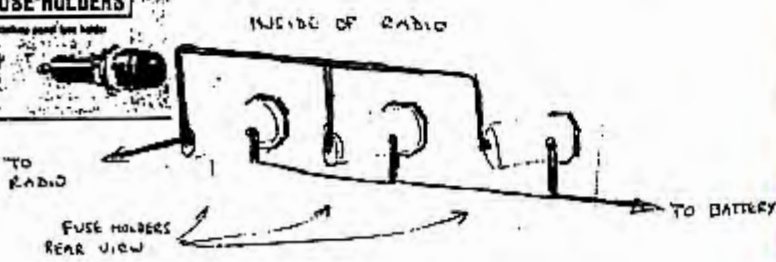
- Parts List:** Fuse holder (Panel type) DK 341012 (qua 3) 79¢ ea.  
 Fuses 3AG type 1/2 amp AGC-1 (qua 5) \$ 1.44/5  
 Wire (3 feet 18ga stranded)  
 Solder (as needed)

### INSTRUCTIONS

Find the old fuse, remove the leads from the fuse holder. Drill three 1/8" holes in the cabinet to hold the panel fuses holders and insert three of the fuses. Tighten retaining nuts/ adjust so the word "fuse" is right side up. Wire the new fuse holders in parallel with the old fuse (see diagram). Turn on radio. Enjoy.



As you will note, the old circuit incorporated a 1.5 Amp fuse, which if it failed to function could lead the set to play too loudly. However with this new circuit, even the failure of one fuse will cause either of the other two fuses to blow, thus fully protecting the circuit. safety reigns!



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CONVENTIONS ARE GREAT IN LOUISVILLE

SEARCHING MAY 19 1982 TOP OF THE WEEK

## Radio Marti options

Presidential commission is examining ways to fight any Cuban jamming of new AM service

The Presidential Commission on Broadcasting to Cuba is concerned not only with problems of establishing Radio Marti, which is to be the administration's voice for jelling Cuba news of that country (see page 124). The commission is also considering options available for dealing with Cuban jamming of the station.

According to minutes of a closed meeting on March 2, released last week, the commission discussed four options: 1. purchasing time on private stations in Florida, Louisiana and perhaps Texas to transmit evening programming from a variety of geographical sites and frequencies; 2. using high-powered stations in the Caribbean to broadcast several hours a day; 3. using shorewave transmissions, employing Voice of American transmitters at different sites in the U.S., and 4. using VOA's AM transmitter on Marathon Key, which signs off at 10 p.m.

There were several other developments last week related to what has become the U.S.'s broadcasting war with Cuba. Representative Dante Fascell (D-Fla.), chairman of the House Subcommittee on International Operations, held a hearing on the outcome of the western hemisphere conference on AM broadcasting, in Rio de Janeiro, last fall, and took the occasion to restate his view that Florida broadcasters should not be expected to bear the brunt of Cuban-caused interference, particularly if it increases after Radio Marti goes on the air. He feels they should be compensated by the government for costs involved in reorganizing service areas lost to the inter-

ference. But in spite of his concern about the Florida broadcasters, Fascell complimented delegation members who testified for their work in Rio and the commission for its effort to help the Florida broadcasters. Delegation members showed praise on their chairman, Kalmann Schaefer, assistant to the FCC on international communications matters, for his leadership at the conference.

Meanwhile, it was evident that the U.S. has not resolved technical problems involved with Radio Marti. Watson LaFollette, chief of the FCC's technical and international branch and a vice chairman of the delegation, said Radio Marti would cause interference to stations in Cuba and several other countries. That indicated the U.S. still plans to operate the station on 1040 kHz. But observers noted that would be foolhardy in the face of Cuban plans to establish a 500 kw station on the frequency. They also noted that the U.S. officials have said repeatedly that Radio Marti would be engineered to avoid interference to anyone; the aim, he noted, is to put a listenable signal over Cuba. □

## FCC freezes clears until Canadian problem is solved

Commission, responding to Canadian withdrawal from NARBA agreement, halts flow of AM applications for broken down clear channels; problems of station interference remain

The FCC announced last week it is imposing a freeze on additional applications for AM's on the recently broken-down clear channels, until it reaches an agreement with Canada on the assignment of new unlimited-time stations on U.S. and Canadian clear channels.

At the same time, the FCC said that in order to establish U.S. demand for additional stations on Canadian clears, it was soliciting "statements of intention" to file applications on those channels through April 15.

The FCC's action comes in the wake of Canada's announced intention to withdraw from the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement, to which the U.S. and Canada are signatories. U.S. officials have been meeting with Canadian

representatives to discuss Canada's withdrawal from the agreement and the need for a treaty between them to supplement provisions of the Rio de Janeiro agreement (BROADCASTING, Feb. 22).

A chief purpose of the talks is to draw up an understanding that will govern the mutual protection of Canadian and U.S. AM broadcast service under provisions of the Rio agreement.

According to the FCC, the basis of interference protection on the 25 Class I-A frequencies to which NARBA accorded priority to the U.S. and the seven others on which Canada has had priority would be "discontinued."

But, consistent with the final Rio acts, the FCC said it expected that post-NARBA protection on the clear channels would be designated to service contours. The FCC also said that wide service areas of the dominant Class I-A stations would continue to be protected, and the new scheme would make it possible for both countries to add new unlimited-time stations to each others' clear channels.

Nonetheless, the FCC said, negotiations on a bilateral agreement had been "impeded" because, under NARBA restrictions, FCC rules haven't permitted the submission of applications that would indicate U.S. demand for additional unlimited-time AM stations on the Canadian clear channels. Canada, meanwhile, has already announced its proposed use of the channels for new and existing stations. "In order to obtain needed information concerning U.S. needs for stations on these channels, persons interested in seeking station assignments on them are invited to submit, no later than April 15, 1982, statements of intention to file such applications when that becomes possible under rule amendments that will be introduced later to effectuate such post-NARBA agreements as will be arrived at with Canada," the FCC said.

Armed with that information, the FCC said that, in negotiations toward the resolution of any conflicts among proposed assignments on the Canadian clear channels, "due account may be taken of indicated needs on the U.S., as well as the Canadian, side of the border."

Also impeding negotiations on the resolution of conflicts is the proposed use, on both sides of the border, of spectrum space available for new unlimited-time stations on the 25 U.S. clear channels, the FCC said.

The FCC said that since it opened up those channels to additional unlimited-time assignments in May 1980, more than 300 applications had been filed.

The FCC said it would not suspend the filing of applications on adjacent channels.

Via Greg Monti

## Post Office Lost 2 Billion Pieces Of Mail Last Year

A whopping two billion pieces of mail were lost by the U.S. Postal Service in 1981 — disappearing into thin air.

"Nobody knows what happened to the missing mail," admitted Dick Barton, a spokesman for the Direct Mail Marketing Association, which sponsored a shocking study of the problem. "A significant percentage of third-class mail was never delivered and never returned to the sender."

"We are contacting businesses to ask them if these results confirm their experience, and the general feeling is that they do."

And the staggering loss of

third-class mail — advertising material and books — is costing U.S. business "hundreds of millions of dollars a year," revealed Alexander Hoffman, vice president of Doubleday & Co., the New York publishers who administered the study.

If third-class mail isn't delivered, businesses lose potential orders for merchandise. And the money spent on mailed material and postage is a total loss.

Members of the Direct Mail Marketing Association sent out most of the 23-billion-plus

pieces of third-class mail handled last year. To check how much mail is neither delivered nor returned, it asked 1,000 members to monitor two special mailings.

Results showed that between 6.6 and 2.1 percent of third-class mail simply disappears. And the U.S. Postal Service is investigating the loss, said Hoffman.

"I fear many postal workers view third-class mail as junk mail," he added.

Via Stan Morse

Via Dave Schmidt

Things the Post Office NEVER loses: MAIL FROM CHUCK HUTTON, DX NEWS, Utility Bills/ Notices from the bank about overdrafts/ Junk Mail/ Phony Fictional Campaign Literature/ Late Notices on loan payments/ Divorce papers/ Report cards mailed from school; Libel suit legal papers/

# 1981-82 TIP TRADERS LIST

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## MUSINGS

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual members, and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers or NRC.

This is the updated list of DXers who wish to be contacted by phone when unusual DX circumstances arise. MSP stations off the air, daytimers on past their local sunset or on for equipment tests, late-breaking CPC tests, or exceptional conditions to a certain part of the country or world would be examples of when to use the Tip Traders List to share information with your fellow DXer. Please call the listed person only during the available times listed, and use their location as a guide to who would benefit most from your tip.

NAME	STATE	Phone #	Days/time available to get calls
Skip Arey	NJ	609 927 7528	MM to 0100 ELT
Ray Arruda	MA	617 998 3958	Seven days 01-05 Eastern
Bill Coleman	NC	919 443 3551	Seven days a week to abt 04
Ernie Cooper	MA	617 487 9337	Seven days 01-03 + SSS
Don Erickson	CA	714 687 5910	MM, SM, SSS
Joe Pela	NJ	201 561 1685	SSS (every day unless noted)
Tony Fitzherbert	PA	215 822 7242	SSS (for SSS)
Dave Pax	PA	215 373 4400	SSS
Steven Francis	TN	615 982 3122	SSS
Harry Hayes	PA	717 823 6628	SSS during week
		717 823 2131	SSS weekends
Mike Knitter	WI	608 423 4159	MM, SM, SSS "anytime I'm home"
Robert Kramer	IL	312 262 6299	MM to 04 ELT, SM AM
Albert Lobel	CA	714 484 0604	answering machine
		714 566 0092	
		714 271 6557	
Eric Loy	IL	217 586 3255	SSS
Paul Mount	NJ	201 836 1137	MM to 03, SSS
Steve Paradise	NJ	609 825 8212	MM, SM, SSS
John Rieger	WI	414 476 3652	MM
Ken Romstadt	OH	414 475 3084	MM
Jerry Starr	OH	216 534 1344	MM
Phil Sullivan	MA	617 263 9330	SM, SSS
Dave Whatmough	OK	416 527 0383	MM, SM
Bill Whitacre	TX	214 343 1433	MM

Key to symbols used: MM-Monday Morning SM-Sunday Morning SSS-SunSetSkip AN-All Night all times Eastern Local. Next AN Tip Traders List to be typed early next fall for 1982-83 Season. Get your information in by Sept 1 to be included.

For the FM DXers, a trop/skip alert network list is being compiled. If you would like to be on this list, please send your name, #, and times you can receive calls for tips as they happen on exceptional FM/TV reception conditions this spring and summer. Send all information, updates to:

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### STATS IS GETTING HEAVY BUT DX IS STILL GOOD

SCB KXICL-288 - 3131 South New York - Milwaukee, WI - 414-481-6755 3/19/82  
T-stops season has started in Wisconsin, but in spite of the snap, crackle and pop coming out of my headphones, CW remain good. I've been preroging at least one new station every SSS & SSS, which brings my total to 785. I should easily hit the \$70 mark by season's end, so I'll sit for 1,000 next season. I've caught 209 newies since 9/11, unfortunately no new states or provinces. Best of the recent catches are: 3/2 SSS- WGMJ-1470, WI. 3/5 SSS- KASJ-1510 SD. 3/6 SSS- WYAG-590 AL + WJMG-1540 MS. 3/7 SSS- WZLX-1017 MD & WAGO-940 TX. 3/8 SSS- KTCN-940 TX. 3/10 SSS- WJUL-1560 LA. 3/12-SSS- WZAL-1070 MD & WJMA-1770 VA. 3/13 SSS- KFYO-790 TX, SSS KJLJ-370 NE & CPFL-980 OH. 3/15 SSS- WGRF-940 PA. 3/16 SSS- WKKQ-1550 MN. 3/17 SSS- KSOO-1140 SD. 3/18 SSS- WART-1510 PA. 3/19 SSS- OKOP-1510 OH. Can KGLM-790 MT has been in most mornings. I had to do a bit of detective work, but I was able to ID one of my unIDs from my "Lefties" base. The station on 1310 carrying the Tenn. SSB game was WOOD, Chattanooga. A call to information confirmed one of the advertisers was from Chattanooga. My newest unIDs are: WCAF or WZAF or WZAK on 1090, KSOA (71)-970, and someone playing American rock 2 SS on 1210. Any help on these would be greatly appreciated. On 3/16, WJKE-1170 Macon, GA was on an hour after local SSS. I called the station but couldn't convince the lady DJ that the AM was supposed to sign off at 6:00; she insisted s/off was 7:00. I did get her to agree to send me a varic, if, after talking to her program director it turned out that I was right. I won't hold my breath. Only recent varic is from WAAY.

### THE AM-ERS OVER-MODULATED THEMSELVES

GENE HARTSHORN - 3373 East Evans Avenue - Denver, CO - 80210 March 19, 1982  
The impending change of format at WABC from pop to all-NX, all-talk was considered important enough to be covered by a news story in Time Magazine, P. 93, issue of March 8. Time said WABC was bowing to increased competition from FM radio. Time went on to note that T-49 may have declined drastically since the days of Lennon and McCartney but AM could not do full technical justice to a terrific song even if it had one to play. And to quote Time, the quality of music reproduction on AM radio is so far behind FM capability that an all-talk format is about the best the wave band can handle. If Time had known a little more about AM sound vs. FM sound, it might have pointed out that many AM stations had taken technical steps in the past 20 years that amounted to driving away listeners who might like good music on AM radio, or any kind of music, even rr. There is no doubt that sound on FM is better than the same sound on AM radio, but the difference is not inevitably & necessarily a large one. Stations like WABC made it a major difference between themselves when they adopted 125% modulation. I remember about 20 years ago that AM engineers were bragging about improvements they had made on that AM XR which gave it sound capability as good as FM. That night have been overstating it a bit yet your ears will tell you that a station like WGN still transmits superb sound on AM, and probably WQXL. Not every station has gone to 125% modulation. Yet in every major market today, the listeners to FM outnumber the audience for AM radio, and the AM stations (or a lot of them anyway) are mainly responsible for this FM dominance. They didn't use a shovel in digging their grave. They did it with 125% modulation levels, and with the sanction of the FCC.

### CABLE TV ANYONE?

ROB HARRINGTON - Box 3434 - Littleton, CO - 80161 (303-781-1185 7:01pm-9:20pm and 10:30pm-2am EST.)  
Hello again to all DXers in NRC. I've decided not to move out of my family's house for the time being. The main reason is "Cable TV". We just got our cable TV & I'm enjoying HBO, Showtime, Cinemax, Trinity, WTBS, WGN, WOR, CNN, etc. Wow! We've got 34 channels to choose from, and now I'm turning into a Cable TV watcher, movies & tons of programs. I've had a meeting with my next door neighbor and he said he will let me replace his switches. I'm going to smash his dimmer switches after I pull them out of his walls. It won't be long before I can start DXing again on SCB, that's if I can pull myself away from the TV set. Anyone else in NRC have Cable TV? Want to correspond with me about Cable TV? Anyone want to take any comments on Cable TV? Movies? I'm interested in comments from DXers who watch movies on Cable TV!! And to my very good friend in St. Louis (Terry), you wanted to see a report from me; here it is. I'm going to close down now; got to turn on Showtime for a movie. (Cable TV). PS- Chris Knight & I are going again on DX trips. We'll be going to Baton and the Alamogosa area about twice or three times a month. My job changed, I'm now getting more money and will use the extra cash for DX trips!!





## CONTINUING FROM TWO ISSUES AGO

LENN KAUSER - Box 6297 - Knoxville, TN - 37714-0287  
 The next night at a quiet campsite called Chocorock, NE of Lutte, MT, I was able to hear several carriers around 149+ at 12:25am EDT. I noticed that "Beaktime" on CBC Radio was starting 15 minutes earlier than expected, temporary measure due to strike?, at 12:05am on CBC-1117. At 12:07 AM-1074 & KQML-790 began CBC Radio Mystery Theatre. I was delighted to be able to listen to CBC-1110 in the daytime well into Montana, & at Chateau I discovered to my surprise CBC French on 690, which must have been CBC-F1. Grav-discovered to my surprise CBC Glacier NP, & noted KQZZ-600 Kallispell saying it was installing a 5kw XE, & was signing off 3:00pm EDT for technical adjustments. I spotted a four-tower array passing near George WA, went to investigate and found it was a LORAN station. They very cordially gave me the grand tour even though it was outside visiting hours. Another TIS on U.S. 12 W of Naches WA, this one on 1610.6 for once, warning of fire danger in Wenatchee National Forest. Strongly enough, maps & signs alleged this was actually Snoqualmie Forest. Flyer claimed two TIS at Mt. Ranier NP, at the SW & NW entrances I didn't use; unheard. The W coast of Vancouver Island was the turning point in my trip; at Tofino the CBC LPRT on 530 experienced a weak SAI. Unfortunately (short) night there had to be spent sleeping rather than DX'ing. A ranger at Olympic NP said there are no TIS in this one. July 12 on the coastal trip of CRP at the beach W of Kalaloch, I was pleased to get the Coulet LPRT on 540 overwater about 175 km, roughly the same level as 28U-690, partly over land, daytime at 3:25pm EDT. And on 619 there was an SAI on the WA station, from the slightly more distant Tofino LPRT, CBC audio detectable; the SAI was three-way, but the main one was between 6 & 7 Hz. I noticed on a Saturday afternoon that KABL-550 had CBC programs in foreign languages, among them, Russian & Hungarian; & at 10:15pm there was German. By the way, this beach area around Kalaloch should be an excellent Beverage/DX-position site, though there was some QRN in the lodge. KXK-1520 was spending Saturday evening with oldtime radio, such as Dr. Kildare ending at 11pm EDT; pre-sunset sky-wave, strongest station on the band. Then at 11:06 was Life of Riley on the Classic Radio Hour (+). KIRO-710's Saturday night ghetto included Solance Editor at 12:22 (Sunday EDT) & then @ 12:30, European Perspective. Sunday around 12:15pm EDT, KBA-1270 Longview had Vietnamese. Burns, OR had no local on 1230 (or any other frequency). KCHL-780 was a Goldsend with "Symphony at 8" Shostakovich, excerpts of piano & violin concertos, and NO ads, which is probably why they're now DX'ing about their new less-daring format. (More, next.)

## BILL BUZZES OFF WHEN BUZZ IS OFF

BILL HARDY - 2301 Pacific Avenue - Aberdeen, WA - 98521 March 17, 1982  
 Recent DX included new KIVR-1540 Cave Junction, OR, logged Sun. 2/28 11:02-11:07am stop w/UX, ad for bank in Cave Junction, KIVR mention. MM 3/8 - My electrical noise took a rare SP, hi. Actually I stumbled upon it by chance. I got up at 6am EST to see if KQEU-320 was WEP. They're not. They have an WX SP. All I got on 320 was KOLO. But I noticed the loud electrical buzz was absent from the lower end of the band, so I stayed up to DX. CX to the 2 were good, with old friend WEAH-1180 in. I was waiting for an ID from some rocker on 1190 when a classical fanfare appeared out of nowhere at 6:45am. Lo & behold, the s/on of WGAH 1190 is wide open here with KEX off for its WX SP. By 7am WGAH had fooled and unid WEDS led a into UP! KX. But then an unid CoE C&W station s/on w/rooster crow & "20th Century Fox" movie fanfare, then faded out for the s/on announcement of course. The DJ talked a lot about snowing & blowing WX, temperature, 180. Besides the C&W WX, he discussed national & local WX 7:16-7:22am ending at "K-rumble-mumble" and mentioned "All American Network WX" coming up at 7:25am, which it did but faded out by 7:28. Repeated tape replays sound like "KOKK" which matches the WX report, but the DJ made absolutely no mention of where he was. He mostly said just "around here" and "where you live." I'm counting it as tentative. If it is indeed KCKX, they were probably using 500w, not their listed 21.6w PMA. Perhaps using day power for snow emergency, or maybe they can increase power at WONO sunrise? Some other notes from a rare W session for me: KFBK-1530 is now WEP w/LK reruns on KK. They do their own LX rerun; they let the cat out of the bag by accidentally playing a KFBK promo after Larry said "This is the Best of King" so 'on't call up. Among the stations off MM: KYTS-970, KOP1-1180, KEX-1190, KPRO-1320, KMO-1360, KMKO-1380, KITL-1420, & KGA-1510. Among others, KTKO-1380, KUY-1420 & KXK-1520 were on MK. KOP1's WX s/on is now 7am EST. The noise was back later that day and is still with us, so 73 for now!

## BY THE WAY IS COACHE FOR NANCY

NANCY HARDY - 2301 Pacific Avenue - Aberdeen, WA - 98520  
 I couldn't pass by the opportunity to report to the "girls" special listings column! There are not too many of us around in the DX world. I've often wondered in fact, why there are so few women in the DX Clubs. There are quite a few in SW. Maybe the challenge of the BCE scores all but the Early way, hi. In the 2/8 DX Monitor when I listed my total stations heard I put 58%. Well, that included US & Canadians only, so my real total number of stations is 71%. There's nothing like dropping 10+ stations from your totals! I've had no time since I wrote that for DX, so I'm still at 71% today.

## TAMARA WANTS SUGGESTIONS FOR MORE LOGGING

TAMARA TAYLOR - 1719 West End Building suite 619 - Nashville, TN - 37203  
 Hello to all! Due to the lateness of this issue I hope I haven't missed the deadline. (You didn't, Tamara, but my finger did! -Sic) I wouldn't miss this issue for the world. SIC-you have trouble with church fans & another person has trouble with furnace fans. As for me, I have trouble with microwave ovens. During SSS seems like every time I would turn on my radio my dad would turn on the microwave. 3/7, on went my radio and on went the microwave. For this reason not much DX has come my way. The perils of a DXer! Thru, 3/11 I decided to try for my first f/c but decided to wait till later. While looking at the 1982 f/c list I spotted what seemed to be a duplication. WNOT-930 WX is listed as testing on the 2nd & 3rd Saturday. Is one Saturday for the winter months & the other for the summer months? If so, it's not listed. DX lately brought me another frequency - 1600, w/WXVI. That brings me down to seven frequencies to log one station on: 1290, 1370, 1400, 1500, 1520, 1540 & 1510. Any suggestions? I've been thinking of DXing other countries or the splits for a new experience but have not had any luck except for FJE-800 Trans-World Radio, Belize-834, CHHA-1307 Cjuno, Cuba; not money, but a few Mexicans and/or Cubans. Those of you who DX the splits regularly, or anyone else for that matter, what's the secret? I read ALBERT S. LOBEL's piece about lefties doing some things right-handed so I thought I'd say my piece. I myself can write right-handed & with practice this is becoming more legible & also I can eat with my right hand. With practice this is becoming better too. JOHN H. KALICKY, the Panasonic RP-2600's girl is in the middle, easy to reach for lefties or righties. I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news. I think I have been experiencing what JOHN KALICKY has termed DX burnout. I think I've reached my highest possible total at 164-TN/262 total even with looking at totals such as 700, 900, & 1051 stations. This attitude makes me think "by DX?" You won't get anything new, or "You've logged all you can". Another discouraging fact or thing is several nights in a row I sat down to DX, starting at the lower end of the dial & re-logged the same things all the time, nothing new. Calling on all Doc's out there - help! How can I cure this dreaded disease? Is there a sure-fire way? On a good note, I met a woman whose father is a technician at WLOS. Thru, 3/11 he was running a test. She thought it might be a f/c but it wasn't listed in the 1982 f/c list so I suggested a 30' test. She said that sounded familiar but that she would check. She said her dad would probably be talking to me. That's in the works for when they come up to Nashville. Who knows? Maybe I can get a CPC TEST out of them for next season, eh? 73.

GERALD H. BANKOW - 29 Sedgefield Drive - Morris Plains, NJ - 07950 Mar.16.'82  
 Not much to report since last time, as DXing time has been limited by a busy work week. 2/8 - WXXS-1430 RT/ex on & off from 1:56-2:29am during WJNR's usual WX SP way atop with only WEME beneath them, report sent. 2/11 - Another report taken on WCTR-1530 for another try at a verie 5:30-5:45 p.m. s/off-SSB. 2/12 - WOKX-1170 a real toughie here due to WJNR being close by, but during February they 1/on on 15 minutes before WJNR caught at 6:45 a/ on with "You're listening to one of America's two greatest radio stations - WCBM." What's the other station, you ask? WORA-PH. 2/22 - WWHV-790 blasting in with no WZZD audible at 6pm s/off w/no JCB, mentioned s/on @ 7:15am. 2/26 - WJNL-900 strong signal 5:30-5:47pm s/off w/SSB, report sent. 3/11 - I tuned by 1170 kHz at 6:13am just in time to catch newie WSCN s/on with "This is WSCN, Cobleskill", then into SSB, in the clear with no WAVA until WANN s/on @ 6:15 am solo by local WLIS s/on @ 6:17. Only four minutes of programming was logged but a report was sent anyway. In the past I've gotten many veries back based on two or three minutes' worth of programming. How many times have we all sent very detailed reports based on 30 minutes or an hour only to come up empty? 3/14 - A strong opening to the W with many Canadians and especially Quebec FFers were noted. FFCS were topping 1060 & burying KXW & a very strong one way atop 1090. All this heard between 6 & 7am, along with an ID from CKJP -1190 - 6:50am. Even as late as 7:15am with total daylight WEAU-960 was noted way o/WELL. Only three veries have made their way to my mail box, all v/l's: WCPZ-1260 for a tentative report, WCTR-1530 (second try) along with metal jumping discs with their station logo imprinted on them, & WICO-940. The v/s for WCTR was the announcer whose program I logged. A report sent to WJNL-1350 was returned by the FO. for "no known address". Until next time, good DX.

## AND HERE WE WELCOME A NEW MEMBER AND MEMBER!

RICH HARTFIELD - 38 Evalon Road - New Hartford, NY - 13413 April 14, 1982  
 Since I have recently joined the ranks of WRC members, I feel it is about time to introduce myself. I am 16 years old & in 11th Grade. I have been DX'ing for almost two months. Prior to medium wave, I used to and still do DX the tropical bands. Some of my best catches are Namibia & Belize. So far I have been able to log 145 stations on MW. Included in these are four countries, 26 states, and three provinces. My best catch is a toss up between ZOA & Radio Caracas on 750 kHz. I'm doing fairly well with veries; out of 25 sent, I've heard from 15. I use a Yaesu FRG-7 for DX'ing. My antenna system is a very primitive one, but I hope to update it by next DX season. 73's.

GORDON COMES BACK, KUSING & DYING

GORDON L. ANDERSON - 7706 Berchman Dr've - Dayton, OH - 45424 N8000/K1Q1945  
 It's been a while since I've Mused. Since 032382  
 last I've taken ERC's advice and done some knob twisting, off and on. I should have been in the compound city name issue since I live in Huber Heights. Oh well, better late than never. New stations from here since the beginning of the year are: 2/8- WTAQ-690 Flint MI @ 6:13pm, 2/14- WSTB-790 Johnson City TN - 6:15pm, 2/21- TIN-775 R. Uno, San Jose, @ 8:22pm in SS, 2/27- KTRH-740 Houston @ 6:48pm w/SX talk; UNID SS on 960 @ 9:45pm, 2/28- WFMN-730 Madisonville, KY @ 6:29pm w/s/off; R. Cayman-1555, 9:07pm, 3/1- WLBQ-1570 Morgantown KY @ 6:57pm w/s/off; WHLP-1570 Centerville, TN @ 7pm a/off; KAJN-1560 Crowley LA @ 7:20 w/local ad & mention of Crowley. 3/2- UNID tester on 1560 about 9:25-8:30pm w/bits & pieces of songs, best signal E/W, may o/WOR, dominating. 3/3- WUGX-1560 Nashville, @ 6:57pm, 3/4- WXTN-1000 Lexington, MS @ 7:14pm w/s/off & SSS.ERC mentioned bacon interference. I've noted such twice here on 790 from WEN-395 in near-by Kenia. I must agree with TAMARA TAYLOR, we need to hear from the women interested in radio. I personally would like to see more women get interested in the hobby; it's not for men only. Concerning satellite programming - I must agree with EMMIE COOPER on his recent statements and add a few of my own. Two-way street here - adds some employment to those in satellite equipment, but removes those from the local DJ position and the experience they could gain. Thus more out of work. People like more local stations, or it may seem that way so they reduce the range of the clears to put on a local with satellite programming? Probably programming that the clear provided! One more point, you may have noticed network programming on your local TV station, and maybe radio station also, where the network gives the local station time to ID on the hour. How often do these local stations miss it? I got two in this area that miss that chance. Just think about more stations that way, we may soon give up because nobody would ID any more! Enough said. I plan to give a talk about BCU DXing at the May meeting of the Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club; wish me luck. How about this for the Convention, another talk show with WEMS like in 1976? See you all later in the Musings, hopefully. 73 & 8P.

TONY'S MOVING INTO FAIRFIELD

TONY FLETCHER - 116 Devon Road - Chalfont, PA - 18914 3/20/82  
 Hi! I'm too lazy to put together the WING history, because of 15-hour days and house-hunting activities - in Norwalk, CT. I absolutely refused to look at one house because it was two blocks from the WMLK array. Thankfully, my wife thought it was unsuitable, too. DX has been a relaxing pastime after the rigors of the day - beats TV, unless there's a hockey game on. Veries, since my last Muse: WSLM-1220 v/l, CN, promo material; v/l from WHEW-1330, CN & v/r from WIKZ-940, v/r from WPRW-1460, for a 10/26/81 report, v/r from WJBR-1430, v/l from WJZJ-1270, with new KYL-type format. I guess they just went on at night; the log lists them as D-1. (They have no fulltime permit to my knowledge -ERC) Also veries from CPCH-600 for Nov. report, v/l from CKLD-1330 which told me that I heard the funeral notices, WCAD-600, WSEP-1600, & v/l from WQVA-1240. The move will be interesting - We are looking in Fairfield CT, a lovely suburb - from a DX standpoint themve to Fairfield will lose 600 kHz, WICC, WNAW-1450 & WJZJ-1530, all in nearby Bridgeport, plus 1260, WYNN & 1350, WMLK in Westport & Norwalk. I would guess that 260 will be lost to WELI, @ 1300 to WAVZ, but I will gain 560 (WFIL), 610 (unless lots of WICC stop), 750 (WPSN), 1060 (KRM), 1110 (WNAW), 1370 (WPAZ), 1040 (WXPV), 1470 (WSAN), 1490 (WBCB). It will be interesting to try for and verify the Philadelphia stations when I move! Probably I will hear dozens of new stations. We have a couple of interesting houses we are considering in Fairfield. RON MUSCO - consider this sentence my volunteering to help with the 1983 Convention, since we will be about 65 miles away from Hartford. I enjoyed last year's; LOUISVILLE is out this year because of the job, move, and lack of money. Best receptions lately have been: WQVA-1240, WBUW-1150, WQCN-1150, & WCVB-1320. WQVA varied; I hope the others do. Total veries now are 365. All the receptions have gone to yardmaster DAVE SCHMIDT's column. 73 from ARF.

TIM'S "HAMMING IT UP"

TIM DAVIDSON - Box 255 - Cuyahoga Falls, OH - 44222 3/20/82  
 missed several issues...and the special topics. I'm left-handed, I live in a two-name city (Cuyahoga Falls, an Akron suburb), I enjoy Jenesse, Pabst, and a Dutch beer...Grousch (I believe the spelling is). Veries: v/l- WSPX (for '81 report); v/r CPCH-600 Ont. I'm up to 518 verified. ECB DX has taken a (probably temporary) back seat lately to amateur radio. I'm taking a Morse Code class which is conducted one night a week (where I work) by a local ham club. And, I'm studying theory at the same time to try for my "Tech" license by May (hopefully). I can handle the theory, not the code at 13 words per minute. Five wpm I can accomplish, hi! Are there any DXers in the Club who are active hams? If so, perhaps we can QSO when I get my license (that's positive thinking, hi!) Our "beautiful Ohio Weather" continues to be as usual...no matter what the temperature, OVERCAST (hi). My trip to Florida the first week of May is VERY welcome. Again, any hams, please drop me a note or letter. ERC: Good luck on your DJ Show! I hope you have fun! Best wishes.

WATCH FOR TESTS FROM WPCN-960

DAVE SCHMIDT - 42 Chelwynne Road - Castle Hills - New Castle, DE - 19720 3/24  
 Lots to report, for a change. Heard Dep't., 3/2- WHIL-1490 12 39-12:55pm w/B/SOL, HEN news, "Wilmington's Heart and Soul", topping frequency nicely at times. 3/9- WEOB-1360 12:40-1:12pm w/AT, strong w/OC, periods of TT, may o/WOR/WKAT. 3/6- WDEP-1370 6:32-6:42pm w/C&W, "Proud to be a part of Chattennooga". Local WAMS-1380 was running Flyers Hookey so there wasn't any splash, for once. 3/8- KLVJ-560 1:55-2:12pm w/C&W mx for a welcome one, o/WOR. WFIL was off this AM. 3/19- Tentative to WIVE-1430 for their f/c. TT noted 12:21-12:23pm, nothing more. The f/c of WPRB-1450 was also not f/c. TT noted 12:11-12:23pm, nothing more. This does very well here considering 1-1:15pm w/TT & 1bs every minute. WACZ-620 2:30-2:19pm w/r/r, "The 2" 1bs, little WFLX is about three miles away. WACZ-620 2:30-2:19pm w/r/r, "The 2" 1bs, little WFLX splash. 3/20- WTEZ-1470 12:50-1:00 on an ST/mx, ID at end requesting listener comments so I phoned, the engineer running the test invited me to stop down the next time we go to NC, very friendly station. 3/22- KSIB-1520 1:48-2am w/ST, then c/w mx till 2:30 & s/off, evidently WLSW on reduced power RM 2am KSIB topped the frequency here, and on the Superadio yet! Verie total now stands at 1,095, adding: v/l's WBOB-1360, WDEF-1370, WRLV-1600, WOMP-1270-TEST, (Thanks, JRM!) w/CN & map with phone-collars & reports pin-pointed. v/r WMLK-1490, w/q- WJBR-1430. WPCN-960 sent a nice v/l & ST, for PA #149. And a two minute report to WHEW-560 for their TEST brought a nice v/l & ST, v/q, ID, station info sheets, in a very attractive sales folder with the DJ's business card! WPCN mentions that the two towers out town by vandals on 11/15 have been repaired and they expect to do some after midnight testing to retune their antenna system. After that is completed, they expect to run an audio Pop in late April or early May. WPCN mentions a 345 watt directional FSA power also w/a daily 6am s/on. And the phone call to WTEZ brought mention of now being on w/s, 0000. I have also found TONY FLETCHER's station profiles of interest; our area is going to lose a good DXer when he moves to the NYC area and some new turf! I'm going to try some experiments over the next few months with man-made electrical noise sources, especially the likes of light dimmers, fish tank heaters, etc. I am sure that if the manufacturers of these gems are mad to realize that they have a device which is radiating a truly illegal RF signal, something can be done before it gets much worse than what it is. To put more salt in the wound, my neighbor on the other side of the street has installed a dimmer and it wipes out the band from 800 on down when on; fortunately, it's not often on so things are not totally done here. And it gets even more disgusting when one puts in many hours to get an A+ radio station to sound good & have it totally done in by something that takes 15 minutes to put together! Has WVAW-1550 returned to the air? Someone note! w/ten-mile-distant WJBR w/r/r oldies on 3/24. And in talking with Bob Lenio from W4IQ, he said reports will be answered and thanks all for writing; the GK at the station has also answered a few. Friendly staff! Till next time, 73's.

SEVERAL MEXICAN STATIONS ARE RUNNING 25KW

DAVID GREENGLASS - CJD Productions - Box 658899 - Miami, FL - 33165 305-551-9541 3/22  
 Greetings from Miami. Not only am I not doing, I have even missed the 'work in radio' special issue. So there is no excuse! So, a late Musings is overdue. On the local scene, I was told that WINS is running at 25 kw on 790 using an STN from the FCC due to Cuban interference. WIKZ, WIOD, & WKAT are all using similar STAs to combat Cuban interference. I was in Mexico City last week, where WESK-1470 is now "La Cañon" w/a variety format. XEX, as most have noticed, is no longer all news, but SS ballads instead. WEPAJ-1560, La Consentida, is all Ranchera. Call letters stand for Francisco Aguirre Gomez, the FOUNDER of the R. Centro chain, who died a few years ago, and was a staunch promoter of Mexican music. WEDF-970 is still ballad format, but called R. Fantastico, now I know Harris KR also on the air on this one. I am keeping busy with the company I formed about a year ago when I left local WHTF (a lost cause). We consult radio stations in Latin America on programming matters, and also syndicate several pre-recorded radio formats (Adult Contemporary, TEL Music and a hybrid of the two) to places like Puerto Rico, Colombia, Mexico, Ecuador, etc. My RX continues to be the DR33 with added filters, but I will undoubtedly be selling this soon. At an informal meeting of local broadcast executives, it was generally agreed that by next year we will begin to see stations in unprofitable situations close up shop for good. The economics of radio are such that it's becoming hard to sell AM daytimers in competitive markets. Let's see if the dial clears up a bit! I did want to take a moment to say how much I enjoy the Musings. That's where the personality & friendship in the Club come through! 73. (Thank you, David! -ERC)

THE WRC IS A FRIENDLY GROUP!

NIEL KOLPISH - 15 Donwoods Grove - Toronto, ON - M4N 2Y4 March 17, 1982  
 First off, many thanks to RAY ARRUDA, TONY LACATTUDA, & STEVEN POWDER. All three wrote in response to an UNID on 910 I heard in January. It shows how friendly WRCers are! DX is at a standstill lately, but a few veries have rolled in: WTSB-810 TN, KVAA-910 SD, K300-1140 SD, & R. Cayman-1555, all v/l's. Mine more veries to go to 300. WRCers should take note that CHLO-1570 still hasn't changed to CK13. However, CJJD-1280 has gone back to CHAM (Hamilton, ON) and seems to be going with Adult Contemporary format. 73 for now.

HOW WE WELCOME ROSS TO HUSINGS WHO CHECKS IN WITH A HALF-SCAN

ROSS SMITH - 1916 Abella Road - Fallston, MD - 21047 March 24, 1982
Hello fellow members of the NRC! This is my first Huse since
Joining a year ago, so I'll first introduce myself. I'm 38, married, and have a daughter, age 10. The last year has seen a renewal of interest for me in NW DXing, having been a DXer in '60-'62. At that time I used White's Radio Log and an All-American 5 as a receiver. Two stations which were regularly heard then which I have not heard the last year were WFKJ-620 and WEEB-1570, which used Del Rio, TX as its announced location and did a great mail order business. Now I use an S-100C with a Sensarino Loop and an LM strung in the attic. For portable use a Patrolman 4 is used, but never for serious DXing. The loop is great for daytime use, being able to null out most daytime locals, & bringing in many stations which would go unheard with the LM. Speaking of locals, there is one three miles away, WHPF-1520, 2500W daytime in Del Air, MD, which at times splatters all over WTOP-1500, which I listen to for its all-news format. The other pest is the color TV downstairs which spoils much of the DX which obviously isn't heard while it is on. I don't know what to do about this other than putting an LM outside or moving the RX, loop, & myself out of there! Here is a bandscan for 3/12, 11am - 1pm, with loop, primary station first. 560-WDMV-Md; WELX-NY. 550-WSVA-Va-WHLK-Pa. 560-WFIL-Pa. 570-WGMS-Md. 580-WHP-Pa. 590-WARN-Md. 610-WIP-Pa. 620-WHJB-Pa. 630-WPAL-DC, WEJL-Pa. 640-WHLO-O. 660-WNEC-NY. 670-WMAQ-IL. 680-WCBM-Md. 690-WYIS-Pa, WMLT-Va. 700-WLW-O. 710-WOR-NY. 720-WGN-IL. 730-WPIK-Va, WFIT-Pa. 740-WVCH-Pa. 750-WBND-Md. 760-WJR-KL. 770-WABO-Va. 780-WABD-Va, WBBY-IL. 790-WTAR-Va-WABE-Pa. 800-WTKR-NJ, WCHA-Pa. 810-WYRE-Md. 820-WOSU-O, WALT-IL. 830-WNYC-NY. 850-WNEU-Pa-WRAP-Va. 860-WAYE-Md, WTEL-Pa. 880-WCBS-NY. 890-WLS-IL. 900-WPLN-Pa, WJWL-Ia. 910-WSEA-Pa-WHNL-Va. 920-WPTX-920 Md. WAVA-Pa. 930-WFMD-Md. 940-WLVV-Pa. 950-WPZM-Pa. 960-WHYZ-Pa. 970-WAMD-Md. 980-WEC-DC. 990-WZZD-Pa-WVSC-Pa. 1000-WIOO-Pa-WRAR-Va. 73's.

JIM RETURNS TO THE FOLD - WELCOME BACK, JIM!

JIM REMFREW - 600 West 122nd Street - New York, NY - 10027 212-662-7100
Greetings, friends! Having returned to the fold after a four year hiatus from both the dials and the NRC I thought I would drop a line and introduce myself. I'm 28 and finishing my last semester at Union Theological Seminary on the Upper West Side. In May I'll be returning to Rochester, NY to paint houses and look for a church job. Young DXers might consider looking into the Ministry as a possible career - it's great to be able to sleep in on Mondays! I've DXed from four locations since 1968: New Canaan, CT (815 heard), Severns Park, MD (631 heard), Rochester, NY (659 heard) and now from New York City (225 heard). Total number: 1150 domestic, 164 international, 44 states, nine provinces and 36 countries. Since 1972 I've been using a Realistic DX-153A. It cost me \$100 when I bought it, but I've never read any reviews about it. I'd be interested in hearing what others have to say about it. In Rochester, back in 1977, I was beginning to pull in TAs with it. In NYC, however selectivity doesn't help much with half of the band eliminated by a zillion loud, splashy, and mixing local powerhouses. The antenna right now is a 24' longwire illegally hanging out my seventh floor window. On to DX. 3/20 - 6am, WPEP-1570 WA s/on w/CFCR. 3/21 - 5am, WNIS-1350 VA; 6:30am, WGH-1310 VA while trying to find WJLK or WVIP. 3/22 - 12:35am, WVAE-1550 VA with an BF; 2am, CRSR-1220 GU FF w/NGAR; 2:40, WDAF-610 MD (my best domestic catch from N.Y.); 5:10am, KCV-1410 PA w/o program on free enterprise (ironic how free enterprise has resulted in public affairs programming being stuck in pre-dawn slots!); & 5:25pm, WDJZ-1530 CT w/WJDR after several weeks of looking. Since I just rejoined I missed the bear deadline, but I hope I can cast my late ballot. I like local brands, the smaller the better. My current Sumner favorite is Genesee Cream Ale. Cheap, good, and it keeps the local employment up! Till next.

AND HERE'S ANOTHER WELCOME - TO GREG!

GREG KYRIS - 10922 Prelday St, Apt. D - Tacoma, WA - 98499 21 March, 1982
Greetings JRCers! This is my first Huse, so let me say a few things first. I joined the NRC in August '81 and have been DXing off/on for 3 1/2 years. I took the first 2 1/2 years in Richmond, VA, joined the Army, and have been here for almost a year. So far my totals, for Washington, are 71 verified, 175 heard, with 16 reported so far this month. Recent verifies include: CJCR-600 v/l, KVVN-1440 v/l, BS, KGAJ-1630 v/l-NS, KNOX-700 v/q, KSTP-1500 v/l, and WMLC-1350 v/l. Total states verified/heard are 13/15, total provinces 3/3. Best state is California with 18/34 (all reported but three!) Best province is BC with 14/22. Recent DX: 3/12 - CJOI, KEXR, CFCR (tentative), all in on 1440 at 8:30-9am EST (reports on all three!). 3/17 - CJJC-800 6:30-6:55am w/"803-CJJC" IDs, music. 3/20 - KVMW-1340 9:07pm with broadcast from St. Pat Parade in Menatchee, IDs, mx, for first GY ever reported! Anybody know anything about KXVI-550 HI? I reported them on 2/13/82 but have heard nothing from them. I'd love to get them verified (my only Hawaiian). Well, I will go now; time for some 3SS DX. C U soon.

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR HUSINGS IS MONDAY, APRIL 26th, AND FOR THAT ISSUE, ALL REPORTS SHOULD BE SENT TO RAY ARRUDA - 47 Burt Street - ACUSHNET, MA - 02743! PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK, USE A.R. & F.R., E.L.T., AND STICK TO ABOUT 30 LINES!

SMILE IN EXPERIMENTING

SMILE ARDY - 22 Oslome Road - Somers Point, NJ - 08244 609-927-7528
Good Morning Campers! The season is drawing to a close, it seems. Great amounts of atmospheric noise stands between me and many of my current DX targets. Also to shift some of my DX time to plans for next season. Experiments this Summer will include coaxial loops and short-wire ex-periments. Synchronous detection devices a la Dave Hershberger's article in a recent Popular Electronics. I also plan to add internal frequency readouts to my DX-160 and TRF. Thanks to CHUCK HUTTON's fine design for this. Incidentally, a good source for the National MI-5430 chip is Jameco Electronics, 1355 Shorway Road, Belmont, CA, 94002 - \$6.25 plus postage. I might just add a BFO circuit to the TRF just to see what happens. Summer is for experiment-ing. This season has been reasonably good with 46 new stations, three new states and one new country. Not as good as the totals of some of our die-hard DXers but reasonable in the face of sharing my hobby time with Amateur, SW, Scanner and Circuit experiments. A brief encounter with computers did not help much either. The one station I sought to hear and still am missing from my log is good old WFL-640 to complete my collection of clears. Cubans and WLO willing I might still get this before it becomes only a memory of triumph for BC DXers. Good Night, cold nights, till next season.

WE WELCOME A BRAND NEW FICTITIOUS MEMBER!

REDI ALLOWAYE - 69 Leverage Blvd. - Termito Terrace, NJ
Good Evening Campers!! This was a really wonderful DX week by Radio Shack 23-237 Crystal Al. Radio was really humming this week. I hooked up one end of the antenna to the door of the refrigerator and every time I opened the door to get a beer the conditions improved greatly. As a matter of fact the CX improved greatly with each successive door opening through the night. By 4:30am EST (ten openings) I was hearing things all over the band and was able to add many stations to my log. AFRS-1450 was booming in giving me my coveted 5th state. I shure hope they QSL as fast as WPEA-1370 did. I heard a new station wiping out WCAU on 1210 identifying itself as WPSQ, Possum Squat, NY, with local hockey scores. (First time I ever heard of hockey being played on horses). Their ID as "Q Twelve and then some" is now in my tape collection. Incidentally WPSQ brings my totals up to 12,973 heard and 1.3 verified. (I got a card from WCAU and I drove by WOND once so that has to count for something). Well its time to go open the bar again and try for more DX. Good Night Captain Glets, and that goes for your little dog TOTO too! REDI. (This handwriting looks a lot like Skippy's! -BRC)

NEAL SINGS THE PRAISES OF THE WEDGE

NEAL A. PERDUE - Route 1 - Box 154 - Falkville, AL - 35622 3/28/82
Thank you, RON KUSCOI! The new Domestic Log is eagerly awaited here. Well, Spring has sprung in the Deep South, and has brought with it the cursed static on many evenings. I continue to be impressed with the performance of the KallioCrafters SK-170/Wedge Loop combination. The peak/null directivity of the Wedge is becoming predictable, but complex. I thought I had it figured out to a primary and secondary set of peak and null directions when I discovered a third null direction. With three sets of peaks and nulls going out of the antenna, these peaks and nulls are more sharply defined than with the SK-2. The more I fool with the Wedge, the better I like it. I see that Radio Shack has a digital frequency readout car radio for \$179.95, model 12-1889. It's AM/FM with a cassette deck. I'll be interested in reading the specs next time I'm down there. I won't be too surprised if the passband is wide enough to drive the car through. Too bad the Superadio Plus came out as a dog in the test. Maybe it has an A-B switch on the back to knock out the LED noise? Hi, a little inside humor there. Very little, I guess. Reception of Louisiana stations just after my LSS has been as tho I had a beverage terminated at the Superdome, for the past month or so. The latest of the bunch have been: KTDL-1470 Farmerville, KLCC-1470 Lake Charles right after KTDL s/off, KCLP-1500 New Roads. Other recent newies here around sunset are: WQMS-1500, Abbeville, AL; WCDX-1250 Hamlet, NC; WMOX-1010 Meridian, MS & with the tape played a dozen times I still hear the ID as WOX, but also gave the location, so has to be as listed. WALT-910 ex-WOXX Meridian MS with almost non-stop EZL mx & few ads or IDs. WSJS-600 Winston-Salem NC with WMLC finally nulled (Thank you, Mr. Wedge). WJQB-1410 Prattville, AL, WNNC-1430 Korgenton, NC. The AU CX of 3/8 brought much-wanted ZBVI, British Virgin Islands w/BBC World NY in progress at 9:05pm, s/off announcement by M G 9:10 "Radio One, Zed-ZVI in the beautiful Virgin Islands", then G5Q. Also snagged that night were: 630 R. America, Honduras, R. Catholics, Nicaragua-720, & a handful of Colombians. Nice night, & I'll sure be checking for the 27-day recurrence on 4/7. Thanks, KARL JETER, for all the help with calls, etc., from your updated log. 73.

DO REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR HUSINGS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE NOT TO THE USUAL PROVINCETOWN ADDRESS, BUT INSTEAD TO RAY ARRUDA - 47 BURT STREET - ACUSHNET, MA, 02743, as your Editor, ERNEST COOPER, will take a 12-day sojourn in PUERTO RICO. THEN THE NEXT DEADLINE DATE, BACK IN PROVINCETOWN, WILL BE SAT. 5/29!

SIDNEY'S HOURS ARE CHANGING

SIDNEY E. MARSHALL - 7224 Pam Drive - Millington, TN - 38053 March 28, 1982  
The month of April will bring a major change in my work hours which will wipe out all evening DXing and will make early morning sessions rather difficult for me. Maybe by the Fall of the year, when the new DX season starts, I'll be back on a schedule that will allow ample time for DXing. After several days of Summer-like WX here, yesterday the temperature took a dive to below the freezing mark and brought snow to some areas in the Eastern part of my state. With only scattered time at the dials since my last Muse, I guess I'm lucky to have logged four new ones as follows: On 3/14 @ 7:11pm KODE 1230, MO, surfaced with promo to hear Cardinal BB on KODE, Joplin. SRS DXing on 3/17 brought me WXLX-1310, GA, w/s/on heard @ 6:02am, before covered by WDDO. On 3/20 in spite of high static level I caught the s/off announcement of KPNV-1690, LA, @ 7:16pm. Then on the morning of 3/27 @ 6:59am WCRK-1150 TN was in strong with mx and top-of-hour ID heard before covered by several others. With these newies my station total now stands at 1,042 heard. Also the KODE-1230 logging brings my GX total to 89 heard. With my upcoming new work sched I don't know when the next Muse will be coming from here, so till then, good DXing to all.

NEIL'S COMING TO LOUISVILLE

NEIL G. ZANK - 623 Lyncrest Drive - Lincoln, NE - 68510 March 29, 1982  
I will finish out March with a Muse from my location, as I had one pretty good DX day last week. To begin the month the TSST from WEND-560, with a scant few items for a report, sweep tone, partial VID & one CID 3:05-3:17pm. 3/15 I noted old friend WDLB-1450 Marshfield, WI - 2:15pm w/spot & ID in passing; and on 1410 long unheard KOOL, Fort Collins, CO was in with ID and pop mx 2:30-2:35am for a surprise. And then 3/26 began my best DX 24 hours I have had since the first of the year. I received a nice verbe folder from WINE-TEST in the mail, then SRS brought logging of WKKE-1180, Pearl, MS w/Al Net NY, local WX & WFL 7-7:15pm. And after local midnight, into 3/27 I hung on to a long PopR type on 1580 eventually ending as WJBT-1580 Knoxville, TN with very complete ID at the end, 1:50-3:05pm. KK 3/29 just found un-ID Tfers on 1410, 1320, 1390, so nothing new was added to my log. I really enjoyed reading the Beer Drinkers' Musings section last issue; it added a few different targets for my travels in the sampling department. And the DX NEWS issue brought to a deadline the transition of publishing from the LFC. I hope that we have some dedicated volunteers who will give this their effort. A five year job well done by the dwindling LADS. I am looking forward to another visit to LOUISVILLE for the WRC Convention, the '76 affair was the first one I attended. I still have my Falls City Beer bumper sticker, 75th anniversary of LOUISVILLE Coca Cola Bottling caps, but I think that the Fig Newtons are gone. Hoya Saxa.

IT'S BEEN A BAD SEASON

GENE LANTAN - 3303 East Evans Avenue - Denver, CO - 80210 3/17/82  
I hear talk that the current sunspot cycle reached its peak of activity "two or three years ago", and if that is so, then I have to wonder what has been messing up long distance radio reception ever since September '78? Not that poor QP necessarily began last September -- merely that I began to notice them about that time. It was 1962 when I re-discovered DXing after being a drop-out from it for many years, & I can testify that the departing DX season is the worst one I have experienced since 1962. Sample: Night after night for many weeks, I check-out 830 kHz after the Nebraska Tank-Towner has signed off, and at least four out of five nights I wonder if WGBS is off the air. WGBS is simply not there most nights although in years past, I expected to hear it almost any night, Winter & Summer. WNBC is heard slightly more often on 660 although it is also missing many nights when the A-Index suggests it should be heard. About half of the time, I estimate, WCAU can be found on 1210 after the EGINN s/off @ 11pm EST. But the WCAU signal is never as good as it was two or three years ago. 1210 has always been a good hunting ground for LAs when Philadelphia was null'd out but the LA hunting has been very poor there for many months. DU stations, New Zealand & Australia, customarily start improving along in the Spring after reaching their annual nadir here in Mid-Winter. But this Spring I have found little evidence of that up to mid-March. New Zealand carriers, I note, are beginning to show up earlier than in Mid-Winter but 657, 756, & 882 are very reluctant to develop any audio. Right now, for example, there is something on 882 hitting something on 850, but neither is delivering audio. The A-Index is 4, and the date is March 17, and it is 0945 GMT, 4:45am EST. As to the sunspots, all I know is that long distance conditions were excellent now and then two or three years ago (if that was the height of the solar cycle) as compared to what I have noted in the '81-'82 DXing season, if you use the term loosely.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR THE BIG LOUISVILLE CONVENTION! OF COURSE, IT'LL BE OVER THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND, AS USUAL! A GREAT TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL, AND THERE IS SOME EXCEEDINGLY IMPORTANT CLUB BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF AT THAT TIME, LIKE TRANSFERRING THE PUBLICATION MACHINERY FROM LOUISVILLE TO A NEW SITE AND A NEW GROUP! YOU WILL WANT TO BE THERE!

YOUR EDITOR FINALLY HAD TO GO TO THE DOCTOR WITH THE CRUSHED FINGER (MIDDLE FINGER, RIGHT HAND) TO DISCOVER, AS FEARED, THE FIRST JOINT IS FRACTURED. UP TO THIS POINT, HE WORKED AROUND THAT SORE DIGIT WITH THE OTHER FINGERS OF HIS RIGHT HAND, BUT NOW THAT THE FINGER HAS BEEN PUT IN A SPLINT, THAT CAN'T BE DONE. SO WITH ALL APOLOGIES, HE'S DOING THIS PAGE AND HOLDING THE REST OF THE MUSINGS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE (IN THREE WEEKS) FOR WHICH ROCKET RAY ARBUDA WILL BE ACTING EDITOR. THE FINGER SHOULD BE USABLE BY THE NEXT ISSUE AFTER THAT, WITH DEADLINE OF SATURDAY, MAY 29 FOR THE JUNE 14 ISSUE. NOTE SATURDAY DEADLINE, AS MONDAY MAY 31 IS MEMORIAL DAY, WHEN NO MAIL IS DELIVERED. SO THIS IS TRULY A "LEFT-HANDED PAGE"! SUCH A STUPID WAY TO CLOSE A GARAGE DOOR! PHOOEY!

PETE WAS ON THE AIR OVER CBA-10701

PETE CLARIUS - 1593 Castleton Avenue - Staten Island, NY - 10302  
In response to a report that I sent to them, CBA-1070, Moncton, NB sent me a nice letter verbe and then on Tuesday March 23rd I was called on the phone about noontime and was asked if I would be willing to be interviewed on the air the next morning and of course, I agreed, so the next morning about 5:17 EST they called me and from 5:20-5:25 I was interviewed about my hobby & naturally I got a good plug in for the National Radio Club. I also arranged to have a sample copy of DX NEWS sent to the person who did the interview. I called ERNIE to alert him & I hope that he listened in. My primary reason for agreeing to this interview was to get publicity for the National Radio Club so now I think that I will try other stations such as WCCO, KXEL, etc. (OR CALL IN TO THE LARRY KING SHOW WHEN HE HAS "OPEN PHONE AMERICA"! -ERC)

BACK TO THE FARM WORK

SPAN MORSS - Route 3 - Bradford, MA - 01830  
3/18. WQVR-1320 Randolph, VT topping the frequency @ 5:25pm. WCRB-1170 Cornwall NY dominated tonight 5:45-6 so another report. So-so verbe from CHGAL-540 New Carlisle. Larry added WLOG-1290 this week. I tried for PETE CLARIUS on CBA, BUT ALL CHECK @ 5:15. In Satellite news, of course C.S.N. wasn't the first to fold - Enterprise Sports has that honor. ABC "Super Radio" also starts from satellite 7/1 but it says only for PK's. Spring has sprung, so back to DX in December!

RADIO REFORMA-860 IS A VERY FRIENDLY STATION

JURGEN TROCHMOCZYK - Kapellenbitz 11 - 5070 Koeln 90 (Eil) - West Germany  
To get spare tubes for my R370A I wrote to D & K Electronics in Hilton, PA, the ad is several years old & I do hope they are still in business. R. Reforma-860, Panama, wrote me a nice letter mentioning Bob Wilczek, 222 Karen Avenue, Romeoville, IL 60441 who had also heard Radio Reforma. They encourage "intercambiar correspondencia" and seem to be interested in costumes of foreign countries. They asked for a picture of mine. Nucleo Radio Mil, Mexico, sent me two pictures, one showing the Licensee/Director with the CE, & the other one showing one of their beautiful secretaries in a traditional costume. I again enclose some v/s, a result of extensive f/up mailing. Good DX & congrats for your FX program!

THE PICKLE FINGER OF FATE FOMENTS!

ERNEST COOPER - 5 Anthony Street - Provincetown, MA - 02657 617-487-9337 4/3  
You've heard of "the one-armed bandit" - meet the one-armed Editor! No new ECB verbes since last Muse, but FXs are up to 158. Well, my radio show on WQNR-91.9 has had two weeks worth of marches at this typing, and outside of a couple of boo-boos everything went fine. On the opening show, I had about 1 1/2 minutes of dead air when I thought I was turning my mike on, and instead, turned it OFF! Then this morning, 4/3, I cued up a record ON THE AIR "o/u" the one playing on the other turntable! Oh well, at this salary (240!) what do they expect?? It's a lot of fun, though - I envy you WRCers who make your living this way! Who'll be the first one to send in a DX report to WQNR? So far, I have their one and only verbe! DX: Sat, 3/20- UnID TT on 1450 1:11-1:14, then still on 1450 @ 1:30 came the strains of "Yankee Doodle" on a fife or piccolo, then the VOA ID @ the time was given in ~~CMS~~ ~~sole by the slow~~ ~~ES~~ ~~NX~~ from Washington. Wherever IS this bird? VOA Washington won't reply! Also TT on 1320 @ 1:47-2:04 with a possible ID then, and gone. WGAR-1220 has dropped "America Overnight" and are playing ROK AN now. And this late in the season came my first hearing of California since last season as KFI topped WLEO @ 2. And another Tfer was found w/WINS-1910 2:44-3 end, no IDs heard. SM 3/21- On 1060, the Colombian NA @ 12:56am & off. Then someone thru WGR/KYW w/"Just Walkin' in the Rain". Um WERN-1460 testing @ 2:15 ID. On 609, WICC, WTAC, & WCAO fighting; but it was a "lightweight" battle! (All were very weak). KM 3/22 found W3S5 on that frequency @ 12:42am. I'm looking there for needed WQVR-FL, no scep yet. At 1, WXYL-960 IDed on ET, strong. 2:07-2:14 on 1290, a surprise visit from YVFF, San Felix, Venezuela! o/all, then they faded & never returned, on this non-AU morn. There were Tfers on 1470 & 1530 2:35-3:10am. Tues. 3/23- "Unforgettable WINF" CT IDed that way @ 1:56am, on 1230, atop. Wed. 3/24, local WXXS-1430 was on testing w/mx @ 12:52am. C U N 21! Happy Easter!

ADD TO LARRY KING NETWORK!

1290 W L O G Logan, WV 1450 W W N R Beckley, WV 1490 W M O A Marietta OH  
1320 W I L S Lansing, MI 1320 K E L O Stour Falls, SD