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**Effective Immediately** The price of the Updaters will be \$1.00 per updater. This in part due to the unexpected amount of information that is being gathered and passed on, namely more pages than we thought!

**Zip Code + 4** Speaking of the Post Office, the NRC will be participating in the Zip + 4 program which will save us money on our mailings of the magazine. What this means is that when you send us a new address or a change of address we will need your 9 digit zip code. If you don't know it, ask at your local post office, they have a telephone number that they can call to get any +4 zip for any address in the U.S. This should also mean quicker service with less delays .... they say.

I screwed up last week on the front page, 6th paragraph down should have been deleted, seems I forgot to hit the delete key on the computer. Sorry for the temporary confusion.

**Station Telephone Numbers** lists are being compiled by Albert Lobel. The telephone number we are looking for to list in the log book is the one that will get the DXer to the announcer. Sometimes called the studio number. The other numbers associated with the station don't do us a lot of good, especially at night! Contest lines are useless since they are only turned on when the station needs them. Some stations can have up to 12 different telephone numbers! If you'd like to help Albert see his Musing on page 20. (Oh yeah, Albert, the list you requested in Feb. is in the mail. It only took us 5 weeks to update the list and 7 hours to do the sort!)

**Universal Radio** just sent us a list of Fall Book Sale items. Fred is selling the Radio Database Books for \$11.77 plus 1.25 shipping for the combo price. If interested in the list, send Fred an SASE and request the list. Also available for \$1.00 is the Universal Radio Catalog. Write to: Universal SW Radio, 1280 Aida Drive, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. And don't forget to tell him you read it here in DX NEWS!

## CPC TEST Times listed are Eastern Time

Nov.11 Monday WMGO Canton MS 1370KHz 0400-0430 Program will consist of tones, music, voice and Morse Code IDs. Reports to Mr. Gene Dow, Executive VP, WMGO Radio, Box 182, Canton, MS 39046 Arranged for the NRC by Wayne Heinen.

Nov.25 Monday WVJS-1420 Owensboro, KY 0200-0230 Program will consist of tones, music, ID's. On Day Pattern for test. Reports to C.W. Williams, WVJS, Box 1828, Owensboro, KY 42301. Arranged by Dave (DDXD) Schmidt for the NRC.

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RADIO PARTY CAN BE HEARD on Sundays 11925KHz 1900-2000 UTC and from 2000-2200 UTC on 11.790KHz

Listen to HCJB "DX Partyline", 0230 UTC Saturday night, for the "AM Interlude" Program with Wayne Heinen.

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# AM SWITCH

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## CALL LETTER CHANGE

1090 WIBS VI Charlotte Amalie becomes WRRD (one whole change this week!!)

## APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

880 CA Thousand Palms: 1000/250 U1 (2nd application)  
1020 SC Blythewood: 2500 D1

## GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

## APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1210 KUBR TX San Juan: day power to 50000  
1520 WLGC KY Greenup: power to 9000 D1

## GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

810 WKBC NC North Wilkesboro: to 800 kHz, same antenna/power/mode  
850 WABA PR Aguadilla: power to 5000/1000 U1  
1470 WBUL KY Fort Knox: move to Shepherdsville, KY, power to 2500 D3, relocate XR, changes in antenna system

## OTHERNESS

590 WAFB FL Clewiston: requests extension of CP time  
660 KTNN AZ Window Rock: requests extension of CP time  
690 WNZK MI Westland: new station is on the air, ethnic format  
700 \*App VA McLean: application for new station returned  
890 \*App MA Dedham: application for new station returned  
\*App NM Bernalillo: application for new station returned  
\*App PA Nicholson: application for new station returned  
\*App VA Falmouth & Surry: applications for new stations returned  
980 WRIP GA Rossville: station is silent  
1000 KXRB SD Sioux Falls: application to move to Harrisburg fulltime with 10000/2500 U4 returned  
1030 WOBB AL Leeds: requests extension of CP time  
1140 WIXC TN Fayetteville: has finally made the move to Hazel Green, AL  
1270 KOKN OK Claremore: station is silent  
1370 KMMM TX Austin: requests extension of CP for fulltime in Rollingwood  
1430 WBMK TN Knoxville: station is silent  
1500 WNNR LA New Orleans: this station is missing from the NRC Log and the Updaters. 1000 D1, error discovered by address project  
1590 WERA NJ Plainfield: fulltime operation is now on the air

## CANADIAN NOTES

The following is quoted directly from an article in the M Street Journal: Several sources, including one of the affected stations, have reported that only two (not four) CBC AM stations in the Maritime Provinces will be going off the air next month. CBH-860 and CBD-1110 will by all accounts sign off with their programming moving to already-established FM stations. CBA-1070 denies having received any CRTC notification to leave the air and CBNM-740 has also not been subsequently listed as targeted for oblivion. One source lists CBZ-970 as also going off. The original four-station listing (CBH, CBD, CBA and CBNM) came directly from CRTC documents.

## NEW NIGHTTIME OPERATIONS ON CANADIAN CLEARS BEGIN

It seems to be a well guarded secret. It has never appeared in any of the industry journals. It has never appeared in any FCC Public Notices. Even the latest copy of the FCC's Master AM Inventory doesn't reflect this info. We even wrote this section yesterday saying that the FCC had not yet authorized stations on Canadian clears to initiate fulltime operations. But then, somebody at the FCC's AM Branch actually returned one of my many phone calls, something that is nearly unheard of. And, lo and behold, the FCC has quietly, almost secretly, sent authorizations to ALL AM stations on Canadian clears. Unlike the PSA and, more recently, the PSSA powers in which stations were notified of their power levels but were forbidden to initiate operations until a specific date, the show-cause orders sent to the affected stations also contained authorization to commence fulltime operations at once if so desired. According to the FCC these orders were sent out in two waves, first to all non-DA stations on Canadian clears, then to the directional stations. This was carried out in August and September but, for reasons unknown, it was never published in the Public

Notices. We found out about it by hearing of stations beginning their fulltime operations, such as WVKO-1580, KBLS-990, KY00-1130 and KWPC-860. It first seemed that they had jumped the gun but we now know that they are all doing so legally. We will attempt to obtain a list of the powers authorized. So far nobody at the FCC seems to know where one might obtain such a list, so it's back to the phone again. If we are lucky enough to get a straight answer we'll get you the list ASAP.

73 and Good DX,

*Jerry Starr* & BKF

Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

## WKOX, WBLI TOWERS DESTROYED

# East Coast Battles Hurricane

Only a month after Gulf Coast broadcasters responded to Hurricane Elena with extensive emergency coverage, stations along the Atlantic seaboard braced last Friday (9-27) against Hurricane Gloria's 100mph winds and battled to stay on the air with news and information.

The most dramatic event occurred at WKOX/Framingham-Boston, where high winds sent its new, 450-foot nighttime tower crashing through the roof of the WKOX & WYBF facilities, splitting the building nearly in half. The backyard tower, which was not in use at the time, collapsed onto the studios while announcer Dave Scott was on the air, coming to rest in the parking lot. Although Scott was not hurt, one staffer outside was knocked to the ground by a wire, but did not suffer serious injury. Said VP/GM Barry Sims, "It fell just to the left of Dave's shoulder. We have a tape of him continuing to broadcast with this hunk of steel right next to him."

Sims reported that WKOX returned to the airwaves the following morning, supported by diesel generators. "The towers



IF ALL TO PIECES — For the first time in the 20-year history of WKOX, Framingham-Boston has seen its tower topple. The new steel, built for WKOX's recently granted nighttime power, split the station's studios and landed in the parking lot. WKOX was only one of Hurricane Gloria's victims. As the storm also destroyed WBLI's Long Island tower and wreaked technical havoc on scores of stations along the Atlantic coast. Photo courtesy of the Middlesex News.

were put up only three weeks ago, as the station just received permission after a nine-year wait to go from 1 kw to 10 kw fulltime. We had only been operating under full power for about two days before the storm. The truly amazing thing

is that this is the third tower to fall in the past decade. However," he noted, "it is the first one to fall on the building."

When the tower came down, it destroyed a jeep parked nearby and a news production stu-

dio. Total damages are still being estimated. Simons credits his staff, who "worked around the clock" to restore service. "When something like this happens, all of your people pull together."

## WBLI Blasted

Meanwhile, Hurricane Gloria blew down and ruined WBLI/Long Island's stick, knocking the station off the air for 30 hours. With the help of nearby WBAB/Babylon, WBLI is now back on the air with a temporary setup.

At all-News WEEI/Boston, News Director John Rodman brought in his entire 40-person staff for complete local coverage, as well as constant feeding of the CBS Radio Network. WEEI quickly set up an informal network of stations throughout New England, enabling it to track Gloria's eye as she raced northward.

At one point, the concrete and styrofoam roof of a Boston VA hospital blew off, landing on the car roof of WEEI reporter Steve Sbraccia. Rodman reported, "Fortunately, Steve wasn't hurt, but he gave us some great coverage on his two-way." Another station reporter, filing final coverage as Gloria bore down on Boston, was chased from a beach by police.

Stations throughout the Northeast were forced onto emergency power, including WXKS/Boston, which offered \$100 to the first person to call in with the correct amount of dead air time. Its 90-second delay was far shorter than that of WWTR/Ocean City, which shut down for nearly seven hours after the National Guard ordered the staff to evacuate. WMMB/Cleveland personalities Jeff Kinzbach and Ed "Flash" Ferenc were aboard a listener cruise to Bermuda when the storm struck, delaying the ship's docking in New York.

From Maine to North Carolina, broadcasters tirelessly guarded their communities with the latest storm bulletins and safety information. After it was over, Boston newspapers blasted TV for sensationalizing the event, while praising local radio coverage. Boston Globe columnist Mike Barnicle lauded radio, writing, "There was no hype. No hysteria."

## MAIN STUDIO, ANTENNA MOVED

# Rule Violations Cost KPPL \$10,000

The FCC Mass Media Bureau has fined KPPL/Denver \$10,000 for a series of "serious and flagrant" violations uncovered when inspectors visited the station in May.

In a letter to KPPL's owner, Golden Bear Communications, Mass Media Bureau Chief Jim McKinney cited nine violations of FCC rules:

- Relocation of the station's main studio outside the community of license
- Relocation of KPPL's transmitter and antenna without prior FCC approval
- Failure to notify the Commission within ten days of going dark
- Missing a weekly EBS test
- Lack of an operating EBS monitor
- Failure to make the EBS Authenticator Word List available to responsible station personnel
- Failure to provide employees with the EBS Checklist

- Neglecting to post a copy of the chief operator designation with the operator's license
- Failure to make the public inspection file available upon request during normal business hours.

## Station Explanations Rejected

Noting that KPPL didn't deny any of the allegations, McKinney wrote, "Your reliance upon such factors as financial stress, equipment problems, disruption due to a recent move (unauthorized), lack of legal counsel, and your personal absence from the station is singularly unconvincing in light of the serious and flagrant nature of the violations involved."

## \$7500 In Fines Dealt To KFBC, WFLT

In other actions, the Mass Media Bureau has slapped fines totaling \$7500 on KFBC/Cheyenne, WY and WFLT/Plint, MI.

KFBC was assessed \$4000 when it failed to make its public file available for inspection, lacked a working EBS receiver and failed to log EBS tests, didn't perform equipment performance measurements in 1983 and 1984, emitted spurious signals, and failed to enclose its tower within a locked fence.

The charges against WFLT brought a \$1200 fine and included failure to have a licensed operator on duty, lack of a locked antenna fence, and neglecting to make immediate repairs to antenna tower lights, control systems, and automatic indicators.

## DOMESTIC DX DIGEST

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Here is the NRC column which matches the excitement of a wrong zip code! When sending your items in, please type or neatly write, skip a line between items, one side of the paper, EST, etc. Here we go:

## WHCU AM-FM

## \*\*EMERGENCY BROADCASTS\*\*

1560 WKIQ FL INVERNESS - 9/1 0155 fair o/u WQXR w/Top 40 music, IDs. (JF-ON)

## \*\*FREQUENCY CHECKS\*\*

3rd Mon - WCHE-1520 w/famous beep tone. (JF-ON)  
KVSH-940 w/TT. (JF-ON)  
WBCB-1490 w/TT. (JF-ON)

WSB  
RADIO

## \*\*SPECIAL\*\*

- 690 WADS CT ANSONIA - Seems to be fulltime, noted lately past 2030 w/high school football, weak signal here. (TF-CT)
- 880 CKLQ MB BRANDON - Has been on this new freq. since Aug., CW music, ex-1570. (NJW)
- 930 WBYG IL SANDWICH - Per call to WSPY-FM (holder of CP), nothing has been started on this new grant. (RN-IL)
- 1160 WAMB TN DONELSON - 10/21 noted AN w/MYL type program, night CP evidently now on the air, about even w/looped WJJD. (JS-OH)
- 1270 WKHQ MI CHARLEVOIX - 9/16 1930 strong o/WXYT w/rock music, ID's as WKHQ FM 106, ex-WVOY. (JF-ON)
- 1300 WXPX PA W HAZELTON - 10/17 0134 fair thru mess w/Top 40 music, ID as 'continuous music 24 hours a day.' Night CP now on. (JM-PA)
- 1310 KXAK NM CORRALES - Now on, NSP sked., contemporary Christian format. (JS-OH)
- 1480 WPAK VA QUANTICO - 10/18 1328 noted on new freq., ex-1530. (WPT-DC)
- 1500 WCZY MI DETROIT - 10/13 1407 strong w/Top 40 music, ID's w/z 95.5, x-WLQV. (JF)
- 1540 CHIN ON TORONTO - Noted on fulltime sked during Sept. visit, not strong in E side of city. (NJW-MB)
- 1570 WGMZ MI PLINT - 10/12 1500 w/fotball game in CHLO null, ID as 'beautiful 1570, WGMZ', ex-WCZN, WLQB, WMMN, et al. (JF-ON)
- 1580 WKKD IL AURORA - sked 0700-2400 as of 10/21, sports program til 2000, CNN net., anc'r did not know cut back power when I called. (RN-IL)

## \*\*MIDDAY - MIDNITE\*\*

- 540 CBEP ON WINDSOR - 10/20 1709 w/debate, being translated to French. (FV-OH)
- 550 WKRC OH CINCINNATI - 10/20 1610 w/ad, ID, Bengals/Oilers game. (FV-OH)
- 560 KLVI TX BEAUMONT - 10/15 2240 ID, CW selection. (FV-OH)
- 570 KBNB OH YOUNGSTOWN - 10/20 1755 jingle/ID, music, ID w/slogan, USRN news. (FV)
- 610 KRKE NM ALBUQUERQUE - 10/15 2247 fair w/KDAL w/Top 40 music, ID. (NJW-MB)
- 640 WMLS OK NORMAN - 10/16 2238 poor, just o/KFI/Cuban/UNID w/ID. (DH-IN)
- 690 WVOK AL BIRMINGHAM - 10/6 2209 very good thru Cuban w/weather, ID, oldies. (JM)
- 730 WPKX VA ALEXANDRIA - 10/23 1830 strong o/CKAC/WPIT w/s/off. (SS-CT)
- WPAL SC CHARLESTON - 10/22 1845 weak w/s/off right after WPIT s/off. (SS-CT)
- WMYC KY VANCLIVE - 10/22 1847-1900 fair w/CKAC w/REL til s/off. (RAD-PA)
- 740 WPAQ NC MT AIRY - 10/18 1838 w/ID, EZL music then faded. (TF-CT)
- WMBL NC MOREHEAD CITY - 10/18 1830-1837 ad, weather, ID, rock music. (TF-CT)
- This guy never verified anything for me for years! (DS)
- 750 CJWW SK SASKATOON - 10/3 2230 noted w/CW music, fighting WSB/CKGB. (NJW-MB)
- CKGB ON TIMMINS - 10/4 1715 finally weak w/Top 40 music, ads, 1st time noted here from old 680 freq. (JF-ON)
- KERR MT POLSON - 10/19 2032-2044 strong o/KXL w/local high school sports results, 'Kerr Country' music, then gone at pattern change. (KF-WA)
- 760 WCPS NC TARBORO - 10/20 1815 rock music, weather, soon lost to WJR. (TF-CT)
- WCHP NY CHAMPLAIN - 10/21 1812 weak w/s/off. Now audible weak days w/REL. (SS)
- 770 WEW MO ST LOUIS - 10/13 1926-1930 1st time noted, alone but poor w/big band music, s/off. (WF-IN)
- 810 WNTS TN MURFREESBORO - 10/16 1930 strong w/CW music, weather, s/off, triple city ID w/Selma and Nashville. (DH-IN)
- 820 CHAM ON HAMILTON - 10/2 2100 now a regular here w/CW music since switch from 1280 in Aug. (NJW-MB)...10/23 1846 fair w/CW music, ID. (SS-CT)
- 870 UNID 10/13 1934-1940+ u/WML w/soccer game in Spanish. (WF-IN)
- 910 WALT MS MERIDIAN - 10/8 1952 B/sol music, T 91 ID, contest info. (DH-IN)
- 920 WPMN WV FAIRMONT - 10/15 1850-1911 w/sports, clustered ads, MYL, female anc'r, fair w/some fading. (RAD-PA)
- CKCY ON SAULT STE MARIE - 10/15 1935 briefly atop w/ID, contest info, soon faded into jumble. (RAD-PA) Hasn't changed to 540 yet... (DS)

- 920 WKVA PA LEWISTOWN - 10/18 1809-1825 poor/fair w/WMMN w/ID, promo, MoR music. (RAD)
- 930 WGNF WV HUNTINGTON - 10/7 1950 sports call in show, quick ID's, positive ID made via phone # check in B'catg Yearbook! (DH-IN)
- CFBC NB ST JOHN - 10/21 1829 way o/WNNH w/rock music, ID, time & temp. check. (SS-CT) Suddenly has shown up here also, another effective DA! (DS)
- 940 WCPC MS HOUSTON - 10/20 1903 USRN news, weather w/ID, group profile. (FV-OH)
- WMAZ GA MACON - 10/20 1900 music, legal ID, ABC news. (FV-OH)
- 950 WROL MA BOSTON - 10/20 1745-1800 way o/WPEN w/Irish Hour til s/off. (TF-CT)
- WXGI VA RICHMOND - 10/20 1800 end of 'Little Country Church' into CW. (TF-CT)
- WPEN PA PHILADELPHIA - 10/19 1815 xlt w/spotlight year '42, MYL music. (BC-NH)
- That's them...Had to sit thru listening to this at work! (DS)
- 970 WFUN OH ASHTABULA - 10/20 1833 Dick Clark survey program, ID, ads. (FV-OH)
- 1040 WBZW TN POWELL - 10/16 1900 MYL, ID into s/off. (DH-IN) This is a suburb of Knoxville. (DS)
- 1050 KMIS MO PORTAGEVILLE - 10/15 1926 strong w/CW music, ID, s/off. (DH-IN)
- CFYN ON SAULT STE MARIE - 10/1 2050 poor thru din w/ID. (DH-IN)
- 1070 WJKK WV BECKLEY - 10/15 1844 good w/extended hours mention, K Country ID, full data s/off, 'with a full 10000 watts, Beckley's most powerful station'. (JM-PA) Yeah, but DA's don't help in certain directions! (DS)
- 1080 WMYR OH SIDNEY - 10/20 1846 promo, ID. (FV-OH)
- 1090 KAAV AR LITTLE ROCK - 10/21 1947-2000+ 1st time noted w/new gospel format, IDed as KAAV-men (as in A-men!). (WF-IN) Corn comes in 3 styles now, in the can, frozen and on the radio! (DS)
- CHRS PQ JACQUES CARTIER - 10/20 1802+ good at times in WBAL null w/French news, ads, ID, CW music. (JM-PA)
- 1120 WYNS NY BUFFALO - 10/15 1818 fair w/Top 40/album rock, FM ID, weather. (JM-PA)
- 1140 WCJW NY WARSAW - 10/15 1756-1829 very good at times o/WRVA w/ads, MoR music, full data s/off w/America the Beautiful, 0715 return. (JM-PA)
- 1170 WLHB IL MATTON - 10/21 1913-1915 fair u/WVA w/s/off, no KVOO yet. (WF-IN)
- 1180 WPGN SC GAFFNEY - 10/17 1858 just thru WHAM/WVA-1170 splash w/brief s/off. (JM)
- 1200 WAGE VA LEESBURG - 10/4 1300 noted on new freq., ex-1290. (WPT-DC)
- 1230 WBPZ PA LOCK HAVEN - 10/17 1855 up briefly w/time, ID, Top 40 music, AP news. (JM)
- 1240 WCNC NC ELIZABETH CITY - 10/16 1742 fair o/u WCEN w/jingle/ID. (WPT-DC)
- 1260 WNOO TN CHATTANOOGA - 10/15 1908-1917 strong at times w/WTAE-1250 splash w/B/Sol music, tele-talk, request #, full data s/off. (JM-PA)...10/26 1904-1915 nicely atop ending CNN news, ad, B/Sol music w/dedications, steady o/UNID w/AT 40, no WDC. (DS-DE)
- 1280 WWTG MN MINNEAPOLIS - 9/31 2311 fair in WGBH null w/Weatheradio 1280 ID, PSA. (DH)
- WDNT TN DAYTON - 10/17 2000 fair just catching ID in s/off, FM mention. (JM-PA)
- WXPY NY ROCHESTER - 10/3 1741 strong at times w/CJMS w/Top 40 music, logged for call change from WROC/WPKN since CHAM moved to 820. (JF-ON)
- 1290 WNBZ NY BINGHAMTON - 10/13 1830 rock music, hockey promo, alone on channel. (TF)
- WFBG PA ALTOONA - 10/4 1559 noted w/ID, fair w/WAGE on 1200 now. (WPT-DC)
- WPVA VA PETERSBURG - 10/4 1600 fair w/ID, mention of Colonial Heights. (WPT-DC)
- WVOW WV LOGAN - 10/15 1908 strong w/weather, jingle/ID, rock music. (JM-PA)
- 1310 WIWA WI MADISON - 9/31 2312 poor/fair in WMLP null, NBC football, ID, does this guy verify at all? (DH-IN) Used to... (DS)
- 1320 CPGM ON RICHMOND HILL - 10/3 2028 good w/CW music. (DH-IN)
- 1330 WLAT SC CONWAY - 10/15 1850-1852 up very well w/no WPBC w/weather, ad, promo for auto race, CW music, 'Conways best country'. (JM-PA)
- WBTM VA DANVILLE - 10/17 1839 good thru mess w/rock music, ads, weather, AM stereo mention in ID. (JM-PA)
- 1360 WANK OH CINCINNATI - 10/3 1930 good o/u WIXZ w/Top 40 music, ID as 'The new Winks, 1360.' ex-WSAI. (JF-ON)...10/19 1846-1850 fair u/WDCR w/local football game, ads. (BC-NH)
- WBBG VA HARRISONBURG - 10/19 1845 fair o/u WDCR/others w/stereo 1360 ID, s/off (BC)
- WCHL NC CHAPEL HILL - 10/19 1846-1850 o/u WDCR briefly after WBBG s/off w/NC Soccer promo. (BC-NH)
- UNID 10/19 1850 in briefly atop w/'Pentagon in the mall' ad, mention made of North Shore. (BC-NH)
- 1370 WXXI NY ROCHESTER - 10/3 1758 very strong in WSPD null w/concert info, logged for call change, ex-WSAY/WTKN. (JF-ON)
- 1380 KCNW KS FAIRWAY - 9/26 2028 up briefly w/end of religious program w/ID. (JM-PA)
- 1390 KJPM MO WAYNESVILLE - 10/17 1930 just caught ID in full data s/off. (JM-PA)
- 1400 KJUD OR JOHN DAY - 10/8 2200 good w/'Valley of Sunshine' ID, faded at start of ID Vandels sports program. (KF-WA)
- 1440 WMER ME WESTBROOK - 10/18 2006-2020 way atop w/local football. (TF-CT)
- WBCA GA BRUNSWICK - 10/8 2050 PSA, AM 144 ID's, promos, EZL music. (DH-IN)
- KGLD MN GOLDEN VALLEY - 10/15 1946 fair w/dual ID w/KQSR FM, ads, pop music. (DH)

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Radio Station WVKY

BOX 899  
LOUISA, GEORGIA

1450 WMMJ VT BRATTLEBORO - 10/18 1755 CW music, 'Green Mtn Radio' ID, faded down. (TF)  
 1460 WBRN MI BIG RAPIDS - 9/31 2352 fair/good w/CW music, ID. (DH-IN)  
 1470 WLAM ME LEWISTON - 10/18 1950-2003 way atop w/rock music, AI news. (TF-CT)  
 1480 KTHS AR BERRYVILLE - 10/1 1955 tentative, very poor w/s/off. (DH-IN)  
 1490 WCSS NY AMSTERDAM - 10/12 1829 atop briefly w/ID then quickly gone. (RUGG-PQ)  
 1510 WMIB FL MARCO ISLAND - 10/8 1900 very weak but alone w/MLL til s/off. (JF-CN)  
 1530 WVFC PA MCCONNELLSBURG - 10/17 1631 strong briefly in WBCW null w/PSA, CW music, noted as early as 1400 some days! (JM-PA)  
 WHTP PA NORTH EAST - 10/9 1434 fair in WBCW null w/PSA, ID, CW music, news, weather. (JM-PA)  
 1540 WYNC NC YANCEYVILLE - 10/10 1844 fair w/s/off and 500 watt mention. (WPT-DC)  
 1550 WKBA VA VINTON - 10/18 1840-1845 w/Christian Radio KBA ID's, promo for tomorrows programs, s/off 'SW VA's gospel powerhouse'. (RAD-PA)  
 WYNX GA SMYRNA - 10/18 1845-1859 in clear after WKBA s/off w/Atlanta weather, religious songs, contest w/Bible to 3rd caller, gone at pattern change (RD)  
 WRHC FL CORAL GABLES - 10/18 1859-1905 after WYNX pattern change w/Spanish talk, ID and gone at their pattern change. (RAD-PA)...10/18 1859 Spanish/English ID then gone to CBE at power drop. (TF-CT)  
 WBCV TN BRISTOL - 10/18 1856 CW music, detailed s/off, noted weakly. (TF-CT)  
 1570 WKBSH WI HOLMEN - 9/31 2030 fair/good w/s/off anc't w/hymn. (DH-IN)  
 CHLO ON ST THOMAS - 10/14 2220-2240 fair o/CKLM w/ID into REL program. (RAD-PA)  
 1580 WITN WI WATERTOWN - 10/1 1915 atop jumble w/s/off, ID. (DH-IN)  
 1590 WJRO MD GLEN BURNIE - 10/18 2315 w/Testify Line, frequent ID's, phone calls, peaked to fair level. Again 10/22 1925 at fair level. (RAD-PA) Evident this was my UNID from a couple of issues back, s/off someplace around 0200 weekdays now, noted in WAKR null o/WJSO. (DS)  
 1600 KINS TX PLANO - 10/7 2100 fair w/KCRG/KRXY w/'News-Talk 16' ID, ABC news. (NJW)  
 WTRU MI MUSKOGON - 10/14 1917 promo, ad, talk show. (FV-OH)

**\*\*MIDNITE - MIDDAY\*\***

560 WFRB MD FROSTBURG - 10/25 0829 way o/WPIL w/promo, AM-FM ID. (DS-DE)  
 KLVI TX BEAUMONT - 10/13 0057-0059 CW music, football scores, mention 0100 s/off for xmtr work, all u/WIND. (WF-IN)  
 570 WBN OH YOUNGSTOWN - 9/27 0706 fair w/news, weather, ID. (DH-IN)  
 580 WKTY WI LACROSSE - 10/20 0046-0100+ good o/WTCM/UNID w/CW music, ID. (WF-IN)  
 WTCM MI TRAVERSE CITY - 10/20 0040-0100 hard rock music to news then Talknet, talk about a letdown! (WF-IN)  
 590 WOV NE OMAHA - 10/20 0053-0200 fair o/Cuban w/CW music, ID. (WF-IN)  
 WVLK KY LEXINGTON - 10/5 0152 strong o/mess w/local sports, ads, PSA, weather, Top 40 music, jingle/ID as 'Stereo 59'. (JM-PA)  
 610 KYJC OR MEDFORD - 10/18 0400 weak ID in jumble of KONA/UNID Canadian. (KF-WA)  
 620 WMLX AL LEXINGTON - 9/27 0714 fair/poor but alone w/CW music, ads, ID. (DH-IN)  
 660 KSKY TX BALCH SPRINGS - 10/12 0714 very good o/WNBC w/PSA, ID, farm bureau report. (JM-PA)  
 670 \*WMAQ IL CHICAGO - 10/13 0330-0708 noted on ET w/TT/OC, OC off til 0708 when popped back on in middle of song w/no ID. (WF-IN) Falls in the category of 'That's professional, man!'. (DS)  
 680 CPTR ON TORONTO - 10/20 0207-0210 good w/no WPTF w/rock music. (WF-IN)  
 690 \*WVOK AL BIRMINGHAM - 10/13 0021-0028+ o/Cuban w/MoR music, weather, promo, ID'ed as 'The new AM 690'. Again 10/20 0209-0212 w/similar stuff. Fulltime now? Just noted on Sunday AM's, not any other days! (WF-IN)  
 700 KFAM UT N SALT LAKE CITY - 10/7 0400 fair w/ID w/UPI news, EZL music, no sign of the usual KGRV. (KF-WA)  
 710 WTPR TN PARIS - 10/14 0707-0710 alone on channel w/address for birthday mentions on the air. (WF-IN) Send yours in? (DS)  
 UNID 10/18 0507-0600+ classical music, French talk, same as CJBC-860, also noted 10/20 0040-0215+ o/WOR. (WF-IN) Likely CKVM. (DS)  
 720 \*WGN IL CHICAGO - 10/25 0200 noted on ET w/various TT/OC, Cuban u/OC. (DS-DE)  
 730 \*WPIT PA PITTSBURGER - 10/12 0037 noted w/OC/TT. Finally heard one of my closest unheards! (JM-PA)  
 770 WABC NY NEW YORK - 9/30 0333 weak w/Talkradio ID, KXA off, KOB faded, a rare catch out here! (KF-WA) ...but burnt to a crisp here! (DS)  
 KATL MT MILES CITY - 10/20 0919-0931 good w/B/Sol music, ad, news, no KXA. (KF)  
 780 \*WBBM IL CHICAGO - 10/25 0210 noted on ET w/TT/OC. (DS-DE)  
 800 WSVS VA CREWE - 10/22 0800 good in CKLW null w/CW music, ID, news. (JM-PA)  
 810 WEKG KY JACKSON - 10/14 0738-0741 briefly noted w/ads, ID. (WF-IN)...10/6 0912 w/s/on thru WKRT's OC, anc'r said happy to report no obituaries! (DH-IN)  
 820 CHAM ON HAMILTON - 10/13 0039-0043 atop w/CW music before WBAP took over, no sign of WAIT any longer. (WF-IN)  
 850 KOA CO DENVER - 10/20 0140-0222 w/basketball o/CKVL. (WF-IN)  
 860 \*UNID 10/20 0014-0021 ET w/CW music, looping NM/SE, strong OC noted 10/19.(WF)

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910 WSBA PA YORK - 10/17 0100 fair/good w/ad, sports, weather, MoR music, dual town ID w/Lancaster-Hanover-Harrisburg. (JM-PA)  
 920 CKCY ON SAULT STE MARIE - 10/20 0227-0233+ alone on channel w/rock music. (WF)  
 930 CPBC NB ST JOHN - 10/22 0157-0230 strong, non fading signal w/non stop rock rock music, news, sports, weather, ID. Had nice chat w/anc'r on duty who said all readings were correct on 5 tower DA system. (DS-DE)  
 WGNT WV HUNTINGTON - 10/22 0406-0408 ID into Talknet, poor o/mess, dual ID w/ashland (KY) and Ironton (OH). (WF-IN)  
 960 WATS PA SAYRE - 10/25 0831-0840 briefly atop w/Info 86 news w/female anc'r, ads w/many Waverly mentions, o/WHYL/WBSBY, rare here. (DS-DE)  
 990 KRKT OR ALBANY - 10/10 0330-0400 fair despite KOMO-1000 w/CW music, ID, ABC news, 1st time at night. (KF-WA)  
 1050 CJNB SK N BATTLEFORD - 10/16 0157-0206 fair w/CHUM w/CW music, ID, local news, local CKSB was off. (NJW-MB)  
 UNID 10/20 0135-0141 o/u WHN/CHUM/CPYN w/classical music, no ID's. (WF-IN)  
 1060 UNID 10/20 0225-0249+ Spanish noted w/KYW off. (WF-IN) A Cuban... (DS)  
 \*KYW PA 10/20 0410 noted off this AM, OC and all, Cuban only thing noted. (DS-DE)...10/20 0020 off w/possible OC, no TT. (JM-PA)  
 1070 CHOK ON SARNIA - 10/13 0155-0159 o/u WIBC w/CW music. WIBC was noted running Music Country Radio Network that AM! (WF-IN)  
 1130 WCXI MI DETROIT - 10/13 0119-0123 o/mess w/ad, promo, CW music. (WF-IN)  
 WNEW NY NEW YORK - 10/14 0652-0700 alone on channel w/big band music, news.(WF)  
 1150 WMEX MA BOSTON - 10/17 0713-0715 strong until CJRC pattern change, ID. (RUGG)  
 1160 KSL UT SALT LAKE CITY - 10/20 0147-0150+ completely atop WJJD, used to be a regular before WJJD went fulltime. (WF-IN) A familiar phrase now? (DS)  
 1170 WBRW NJ SOMMERVILLE - 10/20 0955-1009 w/religious program, AP news, ads, sports scores, all u/WVA. (RAD-PA)  
 WVSG NY CORNWALL - 10/21 0733-0744 atop WVA/WJCC w/news, sports, weather, 'Almanac' feature then music. (RUGG-PA)  
 WJCC MA NORFOLK - 10/17 0719-0729 faded up thru WVA w/weather,ads,sports.(RUGG)  
 1180 WJJP RI HOPE VALLEY - 10/17 0732-0735 w/news, weather, ID, losing battle to WHAM then faded down completely. (RUGG-PQ)  
 1230 WITH MD BALTIMORE - 10/13 0143 up briefly w/promo, ID. (JM-PA)  
 1250 WTAE PA PITTSBURGH - 10/6 0149 fair o/CHSM w/rock oldie, female anc'r. (NJW-MB) ...10/22 0422-0425+ alone, good w/MoR music, ID. (WF-IN)  
 1270 WUCO OH MARYSVILLE - 10/14 0003 good after WLK s/off w/ID, PSA, weather, CW music. (JM-PA)  
 WLIK TN NEWPORT - 10/14 0000 good w/full data s/off w/SSB. (JM-PA)  
 1280 WGBF IN EVANSVILLE - 10/7 0216 good w/Top 40 music, sports, weather, faded soon to WTC. (JM-PA)  
 WWTG MN MINNEAPOLIS - 10/7 0203+ strong after WADO s/off w/Weather Radio 1280 ID, regional weather, national weather, local weather, weather or not! ID as 'Our business is weather', PSA then faded. (JM-PA) John said that their audio sounded a little cloudy and that it went to hail! (DS)  
 1300 CJME SK REGINA - 10/3 0322 good in KMPS null w/contest promo, ID. (KF-WA)  
 1300 WAVZ CT NEW HAVEN - 10/17 0111 popping up w/ID then gone, I didn't make this up either, Dave! (JM-PA) Sure, you had a dream from when we drove past their towers! (DS)  
 WKXI MS JACKSON - 10/17 0120 atop w/B/Sol music, 13 Kixie ID. (JM-PA)  
 1310 WSSJ NJ CAMDEN - 10/14 0146 strong w/WJAS-1320 splash, sports promo, Super Station ID, Delaware Valley mentions. (JM-PA)  
 WGSA PA EUPHRATA - 10/16 0728-0729/0801-0809 strong w/WJAS-1320 splash w/ad, news, weather. (JM-PA)  
 WODD TN CHATTANOOGA - 10/14 0100 very good at times w/Satellite CW music, jingle/ID's, 60 years promo, SNN news. (JM-PA)  
 CKOY ON OTTAWA - 10/13 0200 strong w/Ottawas 1st news voice ID, News Radio report, weather, Top 40 music. (JM-PA)...10/13 0213-0221 MoR music, day in history report, o/WIBA/others. (WF-IN)  
 WNAE PA WARREN - 10/25 0846 strong in WSSJ null w/rock music, ad. (DS-DE)  
 1360 KRKK WY ROCK SPRINGS - 10/7 0416 very weak w/ID, bad KRKC splash. (KF-WA)  
 1370 KXTL MT BUTTE - 10/8 0330 very strong w/Larry King, ID as serving 7 states & W Canada since 1927. Listed as KXLT which is a typo! (KF-WA)  
 \*UNID 10/21 weak but steady TT u/WSPD most of AM. (JS-OH)  
 1380 CKPC ON BRANTFORD - 10/13 0141-0144 CW music, ads, weather, o/KGLD/WACK.(WF-IN)  
 1400 WLLH MA LOWELL - 10/22 0220 briefly atop w/weather, jingle/ID, CW music.(DS-DE)  
 UNID 10/28 0215 a French Canadian nicely atop here w/talk, likely CPJP, often tops channel here at sunset. (DS-DE)  
 1420 WACK NY NEWARK - 10/18 0750+ strong during NE opening w/ads, PSA, weather, Classic Hits ID w/oldies, SNN news, dual ID w/Bloomfield-Greater Rochester. (JM-PA)  
 1430 WENE NY ENDICOTT - 10/18 0737+ strong/fading w/Copy weather, ads, phone in contest, local news. (JM-PA)

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- 1440 WCDL PA CARBONDALE - 10/18 0805-0840 strong w/ads, weather, high school football games, PSA, 'Mellow Gold' ID w/oldies. (JM-PA)
- 1460 KSO IA DES MOINES - 10/22 0434-0433+ fair w/CW music, weather, no WBNS.(WF-IN)
- 1490 WABJ MI ADRIAN - 10/18 0511-0514 faded up o/ess w/CW music, weather, ads. (WP)
- KOJO WY LARAMIE - 10/14 0200 fair atop mess w/CW music, s/off. (NJW-MB)
- 1520 WPOE MA GREENFIELD - 10/17 0742 squaked past WRBW w/ads, ID. (RUGG-PQ)
- 1550 WNTN MA NEWTON - 10/22 0700 very good w/SSB, full data s/on, faded to CBE. (JM)
- 1580 WJIV NC ICRAID - 9/31 0700 good w/ads, weather, Gospel music. (DH-IN)
- 1590 \*WQIQ PA CHESTER - 10/21 0222-0245+ ET w/TT, many ID's, mostly atop WAKR. (JS-OH)
- ...10/21 0215-0320 ET w/TT, OC, music, many ID's. (DS-DE)

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- 530 CPYZ ON TORONTO - Pearson Int'l Airport, good o/beacon NB w/airport info., good both day/night here (50 watts at 120+ miles!). (JP-ON)
- 1150 CPOT ON SARNIA - 10/5 1403 fair w/CKOC nulled w/travellers info., operated at Bluewater Bridge between US/Canada by ON Dept. of Tourism, 10 W ND.(JP)

\*\*RANDUMBS\*\*

It looks like the PO is up to it's ole tricks again. We've mailed the column pretty much on Wednesday AM, as late as Thursday AM and have it get to Box 24 in time! Looks like we'll push that up to Tuesday mailings now. Falls in dependable service file!

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A big welcome to our new reports (\*) Keith & Dave, welcome back to Sharon, Wendall, Fred and a thank you to all who make it possible each week!

# CRTC alters controversial CBC ruling

By MURRAY CAMPBELL  
The Globe and Mail

Radio listeners in Atlantic Canada have been given a reprieve from an order that threatened to deprive thousands of them of CBC programs.

Federal broadcast regulators have reversed a decision made last month that would have forced the CBC to give up by Nov. 1 its licences on the AM frequency in Halifax and Saint John and put out the same programming on the FM frequency.

The decision lit up the switchboards at the Halifax offices of the CBC and the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission. Callers complained that not everyone has an FM radio and that, for example, traffic information on early-morning and afternoon shows would be virtually use-

less to the majority of drivers whose cars are equipped only with AM radios.

Since 1977, the CBC has duplicated its AM signal on a monaural FM frequency — distinct from its FM stereo programming — to compensate for technical difficulties in reaching certain areas of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

But a federal committee, composed of representatives from the CBC, the CRTC and the federal Department of Communications, recommended that this "simulcasting" be discontinued and that the CBC hand in its licences for CBH Halifax and CBD Saint John. The CRTC last month turned this recommendation into an order, forcing the two stations to surrender their AM licences "for other potential users" even though there are no applications for AM frequencies in the region.

Public outcry, combined with interventions by the Nova Scotia Government and CBC president Pierre Juneau, apparently convinced the CRTC that a smoother changeover is needed. But the decision makes it clear that the policy of eliminating simulcasting will continue, asking for a three-month study "to determine the best way to ensure that residents ... continue to

have access to the CBC's basic radio network service."

The decision renews the CBH licence until Oct. 31, 1986, and the CBD licence until Sept. 30, 1987.

Bill Donovan, the CBC's Atlantic region director, said yesterday the survey could bolster those who believe that a switch to FM would cause a tremendous audience drop-off because there are fewer FM receivers.

Ernie Fraser, senior research officer at CBC headquarters in Ottawa, said the "basic behavioural information" garnered in the next three months will show not only the location of receivers but also how many people now listen to the programs on AM and how many on FM.

Mr. Donovan, who has complained that the Atlantic region was not consulted in the original decision to end simulcasting, said he was not naive enough to expect that the CRTC will allow both the AM and FM signals to survive. But he said the survey might find that public feeling against the policy is so strong that a longer licence extension will be granted.

(via Peter WHEELS)

# INTERNATIONAL DX DIGEST

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No contributions last time = no column last time. Simple formula, isn't it?

It figures. I have plenty of time the week that there isn't anything to type and this week everybody sends so much stuff it has to come motor freight.... I won't complain very hard about that though. Promise not to put any Dave Schmidt jokes in this time either....

- 164 FRANCE Allouis 10/14 0548 fair to good w/FF rock mx, then FF talk by man and woman. (Connelly)
- 185 WEST GERMANY SaarLouis 10/14 0549 good w/FF talk and ads. (Connelly)
- 200 ENGLAND Droitwich et al 10/14 0550 EE talk, poor. Some sloop from local TUK-194. (Connelly) As in NanTucKet I suppose. By the way, I really enjoyed seeing West Yarmouth in person this summer. Some day I will be back-Chuck
- 209 MOROCCO Azital 10/14 0025 AA talk, fair. (Connelly)
- 218 MONACO Roumoules 10/14 0551 poor to fair w/apparent dramatic presentation in FF. (Connelly)
- 236 LUXEMBOURG Junglinster 10/14 0552 FF talk by man and woman, then uptempo mx. (Connelly)
- 254 ALGERIA 10/14 0555-0600 60's rock (Richie Havens, Rolling Stones, others), then FF talk. (Connelly)
- 531 ALGERIA Ain Beida 10/14 0409 AA talk. (Connelly)
- 535 GRENADA Morne Rouge 10/14 0033 good w/vocal mx which sounded like a blend of claysop and country, then man DJ in Caribbean EE. (Connelly)
- 540 MEXICO San Luis Potosi XEWA 9/17 1315 PSA for Departamento del Distrito Federal, ID as "Es W"; relay of XEW. Again 9/23 s/on "Un nuevo dia con XEW", into "XEW informa". Does this carry local San Luis Potosi programming? (Wood) I have not heard local stuff in recent memory-Chuck
- 549 ALGERIA Oran/Les Trembles 10/14 0035 AA male vocal, good copy despite low modulation level. (Connelly)
- 555 NICARAGUA R. Diez y Nueve de Julio HCT555 Chinandega, SS man with EE pop kx; dedication to Panama w/tropical mx to past 0330, many ID's/promos. (Frodge)
- 570 CUBA R. Reloj, CMEA Santa Clara SS man and woman w/features; only pips/tone on minute heard till past 0300 then CW "RR" started; QRM de WKBN 10/2. (Frodge)
- 570 CUBA Santa Clara CMEA 9/23 1105 clock ticks and "RR" in Morse Code, news o/u KLAC. (Wood)
- 570 MEXICO R. Oaxaca XEOA 9/23 1200 s/on "XEOA R. Oaxaca todos los exitos. Radio Oaxaca XEOA ya con Ud". Into nortenas. (Wood)
- 580 PUERTO RICO San Juan WKAQ 10/14 0039 R. Reloj ID, SS news, o/low pitched het of approximately 200 Hz. (Connelly)
- 585 SPAIN Madrid 10/14 0408 a few classical guitar notes, then SS talk by woman--fair through WEE1-590 sloop. (Connelly)
- 590 COLUMBIA R. Sutatenza, Medellin SS man w/EE and SS pop mx, lots of Hall and Dates 0304 10/8. (Frodge)
- 630 CUBA Camaguey CMHA 9/20 1100 "Foro de la prensa latina" on financial crisis. Excellent. (Wood)
- 640 CUBA R. Progreso CMBB Guanabacoa SS man w/children's pictures w/mucho singing to 0145; CW QRM, beacon harmonic? 0135 10/2. (Frodge) Just Schmidt trying to contact Moscow again-Chuck
- 655 EL SALVADOR San Salvador 10/14 SS version of Supertramp's "Give a Little Bit". Badly hetted by Morocco-657. (Connelly)
- 657 MOROCCO Laayoune 10/14 0445 a-capella AA chant, good w/WNBC phased. (Connelly)
- 680 PUERTO RICO San Juan WAPA 10/14 0051 several Puerto Rico SS ads, apparent sporting event, u/WRKO, o/low pitched het. (Connelly)
- 684 SPAIN Sevilla 10/14 0050 male SS ballad vocal o/slight WRKO/WAPA-680 sloop. (Connelly)
- 690 ANGUILLA The Valley 10/14 0416 Caribbean Beacon // 1610 noted /preacher in EE. Signal mixed w/CBF and Cuba. (Connelly)
- 700 VENEZUELA Maracaibo YUMH 10/14 0058 R. Popular ID atop channel, loud. Several other stations (HJXC, Jamaica, WLLW et al) heard "rumbling in the background. (Connelly)
- 705 ST. VINCENT Kingstown 10/14 0057 poor to fair w/EE talk; stopped by R. Popular de Maracaibo on 700. (Connelly)
- 730 COSTA RICA San Jose TIHB 9/20 1100 time checks, male and female voices alternating, in clear with XEX pparently off. (Wood)
- 730 MEXICO Mexico City XEX 9/20 this station provided best coverage of the

earthquake and was off very little; 0640 speech on emergency services, roadblocks, drinking water, phone numbers; 0700 nx from Instituto Mexicano de la Radio (XEB). 9/20 0550 appeared to be off, unheard. 9/22 back to partially normal programming with Mexican super hits. (Wood) 0148 10/2 man with vocal mx, ID "Radio Festival XEX"; promo for "El Mundo de Deporte y Panorama Futbol"; mx continues after 0330. (Frodge)

Harold, I'm going to tell you and some other IDXD'ers why I want items submitted exactly in the way they are to appear. You always put the date of your log in parentheses with you name at the end. That means that I have to go look for the date and work it into the opening sentence. So this time I go get the date and type it in, only to find out that you put two logs for XEX back to back with no space in between. Therefore I typed in the wrong date. Plus, typing goes much faster if I don't have to "understand" what I am typing or filter out shorthand type SINPO codes but rather just read verbatim from a log and type.....

- 735 ECUADOR R. Melodia HCGC1 9/26 1235 "Buenos dias Quito" show, greeting listeners, folksy style, 1243 ID "Estan en la sintonia de Radio Melodia". Mostly Mexican (don't tell me they have taken over East Quito too..Chuck including rancheros. Good. Cf. Steve Mittman's catch of a different Radio Melodia, HJCU Bogota, Colombia on 730, Quito is definitely on 735. (Wood) I don't believe he implied Quito was anywhere but 735; he simply could not be certain from his readout whether he was on 735 or 730-Chuck
- 738 SPAIN Barcelona 10/14 0059 SS talk, fair. (Connelly)
- 747 BURKINA-FASO Dugadougou 10/13 2309 bits of talk noted here during Africa-dominated TA opening. (Connelly)
- 747 NAMIBIA Gobabis R. Herero 10/16 0405 Herero nx by man. Fair, my first relog since June. (Wood)
- 765 SENEGAL Dakar 10/13 2305 loud w/Koran reading in AA. (Connelly) 10/14 0608 blistering local-type signal; AA a-capella chant by man. It was MUCH louder than WABV and it should have had no trouble reaching the west coast at the time. (Connelly) Listed in Arbitron in the Boston area? Chuck
- 770 COLOMBIA Bogota HJKH 10/14 0436 RCN ID and SS talk noted w/WABC phased. (Connelly)
- 774 SPAIN synchros 10/14 0104 loud w/SS news read by man and woman. (Con)
- 790 CUBA 10/14 0432 a Cuban Reloj outlet strong here w/usual format. WEAN either off or buried. (Connelly)
- 790 MEXICO Mexico City R) Ranchito XERC 10/23 1200 s/on, national anthem vocal, 4 verses; 1203 ranchera mx intro, 1205 time check "son las 6 de la mañana con 5 minutos aqui Radio Ranchito", into Mexican country rock. Dominant. New. (Wood)
- 792 SPAIN Sevilla 10/14 106 very good w/SS talk. (Connelly)
- 800 MEXICO Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua XEROK 1100 ad for EE lessons, 1350 ad for "Fortapel" hair-restoring tablets from Laboratorios Camacho (Doctor Brinkley is at it again??? Chuck). No mention of earthquake, unchanged programming. (Wood)
- 810 COLOMBIA Bogota HJCY 10/14 0428 disco mx, 5 note Sutatenza theme instrumental (tune of Zippity-Doo-Dah), then Sutatenza ID. Loud, mauling WGY. (Connelly)
- 825 ST. KITTS Basseterre R. Paradise 10/16 0352 "8 and a half minutes before 12 o'clock on Radio Paradise, telling you about the Lord Jesus Christ"; West Indian accent; into organ mx. Quite good, new country. (Wood)
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS Las Palmas 10/14 xint w/SS talk, then hard rock mx. (Connelly)
- 844 PERU Tacna R. Nacional OAX6D 9/17 1100 s/on, into relay of morning news from Radio Nacional, Lima. Time checks, criollo (traditional) mx, semi-classical guitar. // 854 Lima. WRTH lists as 834 variable, also lists as 830, and gives nominal of 1120! Good. (No! That's bad! Chuck) (Wood)
- 850 COLOMBIA Bogota HJKC 10/14 0404 good w/Bogota and Caracol mentions u/WHDH OC. (Connelly)
- 855 SPAIN Murcia 10/14 0138 good w/up tempo pop SS vocal // 774. (Connelly)
- 860 COLOMBIA Valledupar HJNJ 10/14 0429 reverberated Cayaguate ID, accordion mx. (Connelly)
- 873 SPAIN Zaragoza 10/14 0356 SS group vocal. (Connelly)
- 895 MONTSERAT Plymouth ventative 10/14 0142 strong OC. (Connelly)
- 891 ALGERIA Algiers 10/14 0120 xint with local-like S9+40 dB w/spirited AA vocal mx. Barely a hint of an 890 het at the time. (Connelly)
- 895 COLOMBIA Santa Marta HJPM 10/14 0125 festive LA mx; badly splashed by stronger 891 Algeria. (Connelly)
- 900 MEXICO Mexico City XEW 9/20 report on traffic problems due to earthquake

- 0630; good o/u KNUI. 9/22 0515 regular commercials, auto engine filter ad. 9/23 1050 emergency PSA "If you can communicate with the provinces, call these numbers of the Sindicato de Telefonistas". (Wood)
- 930 COSTA RICA San Jose 9/23 1059 local ID "Radio Costa Rica pasa a retransmitir el programa Buenos Dias America desde La Voz de los Estados Unidos en Washington". 1100 into off-air VOA relay. Very good. (Wood)
- 950 MEXICO Tijuana XEBG 9/23 1210 normal programinh, romantic vocals, no mention of earthquake. (Wood)
- 954 SPAIN Madrid 10/14 0016 SS telephone talk show, good. (Connelly)
- 999 MOROCCO 10/14 0005 xint w/AA talk during solid opening to North Africa. (Connelly)
- 1035 PORTUGAL R. Comercial, Lisbon PP man and woman w/discussions and instrumental version of pop mx, mostly talk; ORM from WHO and WBZ 0405 10/1. (Frodge) 10/14 0019 good w/PP talk; WBZ phased. (Connelly)
- 1040 COLOMBIA Barranquilla HJA1 10/14 0514 CARACOL ID's, "en Colombia" and "centro" mentions. (Connelly) SS man w/discussion program on Nicaragua; many Caracol ID breaks; anthem and ID at 0041 "Caracol, Cadena de Colombia"; discussion program continues 9/18. (Frodge)
- 1044 MOROCCO Sebba-Aioun 10/13 2343 AA vocal // 1053, fair to good. (Con)
- 1050 MEXICO Monterrey XEG 9/20 "diviertan con alegria", havong dun and no mention of any earthquake then or ever on this station, the most easily audible Mexican at all times after the quake. Likewise 9/21 0550 lively entertainment. (Wood)
- 1050 MEXICO Mexicali 9/21 1215 usual nortenas and ads, no nx of quake. (Wood)
- 1053 MOROCCO Tanger 10/13 2343 AA male vocal // 1044, good strength--badly ORM'ing WHN. (Connelly)
- 1060 MEXICO Mexico City R. Educacion XEAP 9/22 0535 messages in FF and later EE, instructions to tourists and foreign residents. 9/23 1050 similar emergency news to XEW. (Wood)
- 1062 PORTUGAL Sao Salvador 10/14 0247 fair to good (it got stronger an hour or so later)--PP talk by man w.interspersed folk background mx. (Con)
- 1090 MEXICO Rosarito XEPRS 9/20 undisturbed by quake, ads for Laboratorios America patent medicines. (Wood) Shades of goat glands...Chuck
- 1110 MEXICO Mexico SS man and woman w/discussion and MoR vocal and instrumental mx, ID "Radio Red..XERED..en la capital de Mexico"; man with news 0400, a little better on upper sidbenad; u/o WBT 0332 10/1, fair. (Frodge)
- 1116 MOROCCO Quarzazate 10/14 0508 AA talk, fadey. (Connelly)
- 1116 USSR unid far east 10/9 1100 Mayak IS, time pips, into RR but then drowned by s/on of R. Beijing RR service. (Wood)
- 1120 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Santo Domingo HICN 10/14 0021 loud and completely dominant w/Santo Domingo ads, SS la mx. (Connelly)
- 1134 INDIA Calcutta 10/18 1615 classical Indian rags (a mx style) (raga I believe-Chuck) o/u JOOR. (Wood)
- 1143 JAPAN Kyoto JOBR 10/18 1620 joking male/female DJ's, EE jingle "all night hit songs", ad for disco, good. (Wood)
- 1165 ANTIGUA St. John's C.R.L. 10/14 0023 like a local w/preaching in EE. (Connelly)
- 1180 CHILE Santiago R. Portales CB118 9/20 running AN, unusual. Ad for Old Spice, good. (Wood)
- 1188 Aden 9/28 1545 AA political talk, pro-Soviet, into AA mx. (Wood)
- 1220 COLOMBIA R. Reloj, Barranquilla SS man w/ID "Radio Reloj Barranquilla Caracol"; former HJSA R. Tropical/HJVF R. Vision? Man/woman w/discussion; many ID's/promos; MoR vocal mx after 0154 and past 0200; ORM de WGAR y otra SS 0149 10/8 fair. (Frodge)
- 1220 CUBA Guantanamo R. Reloj CMMD 0342 ID, time check in EST, romantic mx (unusual for Radio Reloj-I thought it was all news) (The only time I have ever heard non-Reloj programming on a Reloj is when the whole country carries a Castro speech-Chuck). Dominant over XEB/CKDA. (Wood)
- 1220 MEXICO Mexico City XEB second best coverage of the quake after XEX. 9/20 0650 speech by mayor on major casualties, stated that tomorrow hewould order the closure of movies, night clubs and furniture stores, the latter presumably to prevent blockage of streets by furniture vans, also because of looting of furniture, again 9/21 1210 talk on damaged buildings. Good. (Wood)
- 1251 LIBYA Tripoli 10/14 0224 fast AA talk by man-powerhouse signal with local WOCCB-1240 phased. (Connelly)
- 1251 USSR Vladivostok 10/1 1020 R. Moscow JJ service, slow RR lesson. (Wood)
- 1260 BRAZIL Sao Paulo R. Mulher ZYK688 10/16 Catholic pgm "a voz do Santo Pao", Pope's voice, prayers; good. (Wood)
- 1296 CHINA R. Beijing foreign service 10/15 1600 s/on Vietnamese, ID, nx; good. (Wood)
- 1304 UNID 10/13 2333 somebody still on this old plan channel w/AA or Afro

- talk (Senegal?)--signal in bad slop. (Connolly)
- 1314 CHINA R. Beijing foreign service 10/8 1000 RR s/on "Govorit Pekin", political talks, low modulation; // 1116, good. (Wood)
- 1320 MEXICO Mazatlan La Ranchera de Mazatlan XERJ 9/23 1210 phone-in requests for rancheras, MST time checks, unaffected by quake, good. (Wood)
- 1349 MAURITANIA 10/13 2323 drumming, kalimba mx, talk by woman. Carrier very strong (Killing WINS); audio relatively weak. (Connolly)
- 1360 BRAZIL Rio de Janeiro R. Bandeirantes ZYJ464 10/16 0345 PP preacher, dominant. (Wood)
- 1386 AUSTRALIA Adelaide 5AA 10/13 1555 Italian soccer scores, relay RAI Radiodue Domenica (Sunday) Sport, 1559 "grazie per l'ascolto", s/off in Aussie-accented Italian, quick EE ID "Radio 5AA", into Serbo-Croatian, good. (Wood)
- 1395 ALBANIA Lushnje tentative 10/13 2329 talk by man and woman which sounded like political propaganda in an eastern European language. Low growl under, probably from Spanish or African stations with poor frequency control. (Connolly) Or a Latin-Chuck
- 1413 QMAN Masirah Island BBC relay 10/15 1605 rdu nx by female // SW; quite good. First reception this season. (Wood)
- 1413 SPAIN 10/14 SS talk and mx, fair. (Connolly)
- 1422 ALGERIA Algiers 10/14 0518 good w/AA moaming. (Connolly)
- 1422 WEST GERMANY Heusweiler 9/7 0417 fair w/pop mx amd GG talk. (Connolly)
- 1458 USSR E. Siberia 10/15 1600 Mayak IS, RR ID. (Wood)
- 1467 MONACO Monte Carlo 10/14 good w/GG talk. (Connolly)
- 1467 THAILAND Bangkok 1600 Thai ID by female, into Thai nx; good. (Wood)
- 1470 MEXICO Tijuana ABC en Tijuana, XEABC 9/23 0400 ID, into La Hora Nacional // 690, 730, 950, 1430, 1530, 1570 and 1580; good. (Wood)
- 1503 SPAIN 10/14 0211 poor w/SS talk, in bad WMRE-1510 slop. (Connolly)
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA 10/14 0255-0300 MONSTER LEVEL about 40 dB o/feeble 1520 (WKBW/HJLQ) Jumble. 1 KHz TT (Spain barely audible in background) at 0255; AA guitar-like instrument at 0258; AA talk at 0300 s/on. Unbelievable S-meter pinning signal from over 5000 miles away! (Connolly) One of the awesome and unpredictable things that make me listen to AM radio-Chuck
- 1521 SPAIN 10/14 0201 time pips, news by man in SS. Signal was "exalted carrier"; Saudi Arabia's open carrier was on (prior to their 0258 official s/on); that massive carrier was pinning the S-meter and completely annihilating WKBW. Spain "took a ride" on the carrier, modulating it about 10 percent. (Connolly)
- 1530 VATICAN 10/14 0521 good w/GG talk and hymns // 1611. (Connolly)
- 1548 ENGLAND unid 9/7 0430 EE talk, poor in slop. (Connolly)
- 1550 COLOMBIA Barranquilla HJCB 10/14 0205 dominant w/Barranquilla mentions, accordion mx. (Connolly)
- 1557 FRANCE/MALTA Nice/Cyclops 10/14 0455 France w/AA mx strong, atop Malta (which had GG talk). (Connolly)
- 1560 VENEZUELA Puerto la Cruz, Radio Mar YU.. 10/1 1000 national anthem, choral version, 1001 s/on, into cumbias. (Wood)
- 1562 PERU Trujillo R. Primavera OAX2X 10/1 1000 s/on "Buenos dias Peru, buenos dias Trujillo". 1005 "Radio Primavera inicia su programa del dia primera de octubre". 1006 into "La Hora Agraria" with good advice to farmers on increasing milk yield, feeding cattle, tips from a local professor; folk instrumentals. Booming signal. Nominal 1560 and I don't think this one has been reported before. (Wood)
- 1566 AZORES tentative 10/14 0531 Carpenters song, PP mx u/Tunisia. Signal gained with respect to Tunisia as time passed (indicating Azores' later sunrise time). (Connolly)
- 1566 SOUTH KOREA Cheju HLAZ 1600 ID, into GG religion "In Namen des Vaters", o/u stn in AA and Jammer against it. (Wood)
- 1566 TUNISIA Sfax 10/15 0430 AA Tunis ID, into Muslim call to prayer. Quite good. First Europe/North Africa catch of the season. (Wood) 10/13 2316 AA talk by man o/SAH. (Connolly) 10/14 0520 xint (local-like) w/A-capella AA chant. (Connolly)
- 1570 MEXICO Ciudad Acuba XERF 10/22 0555 usual U.S. religious, no mention of earthquake; likewise 10/23 0800 nortenas in SS. (Wood)
- 1575 PORTUGAL Porto-Canidelo 10/14 0157 current hit "Never Surrender" then PP talk. (Connolly)
- 1580 MEXICO XEDM Hermosillo Sonora w/SS ID "La Grande de Sonora", nortena mx, many ads 0435 10/1, poor. (Frodge) 9/20 0635 Mexican vocals, no mention of quake then or ever. (Wood)
- 1584 SPAIN 10/14 0302 SS news, fair. (Connolly)
- 1593 WEST GERMANY Langenberg 10/14 0204 GG talk by woman, fair. (Connolly)
- 1610 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon man with c&w and gospel mx to 0400 then woman with ID "This is the Caribbean Beacon Naguilla" then "Voice of Power"

religious program next 9/25. (Frodge)  
1611 VATICAN 10/14 0521 xint w/GG program // 1530. (Connolly)

Mark Connolly-W. Yarmouth, MA Kenwood R600, 2 37 m. phased LW's  
Harold Frodge-Midland, MI DX302, 195 LW, loop  
Richard Wood-Hilo, HI R71A, R1000, 4 Beverages, phasing unit

## Saskatchewan radio firm hits right note in Calgary market

By KEVIN COX

A combination of the hot rock music of Cyndi Lauper and consumer tips on buying baby strollers has put a small Saskatchewan-based radio company on a competitive footing with the media giants in the Calgary market.

After less than two years of trying to lure baby boomers to its frequency with a combination of music that mixes upbeat rock with tunes from the 1960s and 1970s, 66 CFR, run by Rawlco Communications Ltd. of Regina, has the second highest number of weekly listeners in the city, according to the latest ratings by the Bureau of Broadcast Measurement.

But the key figure for CFR president Gordon Rawlinson is the one that says the station topped the Calgary charts in the 18-to-49 age group.

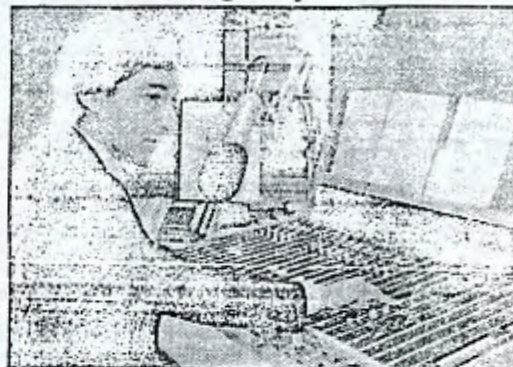
To do that, the station had to succeed over about a dozen other radio stations, including two outlets of Moffat Communications Ltd., Winnipeg, and one owned by Selkirk Communications Ltd. of Toronto.

"We were first by a good margin and that is the category advertisers look at," Mr. Rawlinson said in an interview. His company owns four other stations (two AM and two FM) in Saskatchewan.

Advertisers want to catch the affluent baby boom market — with its ready dollars for everything from sporting goods to baby clothes.

Mr. Rawlinson said the company he heads with his brother Douglas decided to go after the baby boomers in 1981 when Calgary was still reaping the benefits of the oil industry bonanza.

But the process of getting a frequency from the Canadian



Jerry Steen is a disc jockey at popular CFR Radio in Calgary.

Radio and Television Commission delayed the startup until January, 1984, when Calgary was in the throes of a depression brought on by reduced oil prices and an industry dispirited by federal energy policies.

Market research by Rawlco showed no station in Calgary was serving the middle management crowd, with its musical tastes ranging from easy listening to hot rock. As well, no radio station was boosting the city.

"Calgary grew so quickly and there was a lot of upheaval in people's lives," Mr. Rawlinson said. "We tried to ease that upheaval and we struck a responsive chord."

He acknowledged the station got a break when its initial request for a frequency was turned down and it ended up at 660 on the AM band broadcasting at 50,000 watts. The result was a high-quality sound and a large broadcasting area. CFR's staff of 40 went to work to exploit that.

The blitz for listeners to what was billed as "Calgary Fun Radio" included running advertising in all other media, including licence plate-type ads on city buses and launch-

ing a huge yellow hot air balloon.

But Mr. Rawlinson said CFR didn't go on the air in January, 1984, until it had five weeks to make sure it had the right musical mix of Simon and Garfunkel and Tina Turner.

"We had the full staff broadcasting internally for five weeks and we had to be sure we had quality sound," he said. "When a new radio station starts up there is always a lot of curiosity and we had to take advantage of that curiosity."

The curiosity obviously held on until the spring of 1984 because CFR's first ratings showed it with 217,000 weekly listeners in less than four months of operation.

The young urban professionals obviously liked the musical mix and they also liked the unabashed boosterism of the station in which disc jockeys call out the time by saying "it's 9 p.m. in the greatest city in Canada."

"We believe Calgary is the greatest city in Canada and we don't hesitate to say so," Mr. Rawlinson, who lives in Regina, said.

Listeners are also treated, to hourly advice on everything from how to turn a boy

down for a date (tell him you just want to be friends) to how to buy a stroller (get one that doesn't tip easily and doesn't have sharp edges) from Susan Booker. The station has a Concern line for listeners phone in their problems.

The increase in listeners is slowly starting to pay off in terms of advertising revenue, Mr. Rawlinson said, but he refused to disclose the station's income.

Asked if the station is making money he would only say "we hope it will be soon. It cost us a lot to get started in Calgary."

He said the station did not raid other stations for its personnel although most of the employees have experience in the Calgary broadcast media.

"We have a highly motivated group of employees and there is a great spirit around the station; they're making it work."

As for the musical style that some other radio people like to call "24 hours of the Big Chill" after the movie filled with nostalgia for the 1960s, Mr. Rawlinson makes no apologies.

"We prefer to call it fabulous familiar music... it's what people seem to want."

CLC: MARC & PETER  
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## TOP END

Craig Healy, 66 Cove Street, Pawtucket, RI 02861

1600-1800 KHz Range

Times are GMT

Deadline: Last Sat. of Month

November 1985...Loggings:

- 1610 NEW HAMPSHIRE Lincoln/Cannon Mt. (no time/date) TIS WMCF-?? w/ traffic info on road construction on Rt. 93. (Kemp)
- 1610 WASHINGTON Port Angeles 1218 8/20 Fair w/ ferry info. 2 more under.
- 1615 NEW ZEALAND Ohura 1340 10/13 OR (Thew) (Moman)  
-same- 2115 10/1 OR fair. (Taylor)  
-same- 1219 8/20 OR poor. (Moman)  
-same- 0820 9/29 OR good. (Peterson)
- 1620h CALIFORNIA San Francisco 1115 8/29 KGO harmonic good. (Moman)
- 1620 AUSTRALIA Brisbane 0802-15 9/29 4RPH blasting in w/ a "3 min past 6" TC (1 min fast!) and wx for Brisbane, female announcer. (Peterson)
- 1620 AUSTRALIA Hobart 0802-15 9/29 Fair w/ 4RPH ments Hobart. (Peterson)
- 1620t AUSTRALIA Canberra 0802-15 9/29 1RPH probably the source of the SAH on 4RPH and 7RPH. (Peterson)
- 1623 PAPUA NEW GUINEA Gurney 1025 9/29 GNY weak. (Peterson)
- 1629 AUSTRALIA Sydney/Melbourne 1005 9/29 2RPH/3RPH fair and mixing at about equal strength. (Peterson)
- 1635 ??? The following calls heard between 0400-1100 on 10/3 to 10/6. Not noted past 1200. Appeared to be two or three groups of sequential. Normally two were running at the same time. Definitely east of Hawaii. Oil rigs, or new calls for the NWT outlets?? FM775, G35, R321, RHM, J372, V074, K280, and T288. (Taylor)
- 1653 OREGON Nehalem Bay (all day) 8/20-21 Steady 600 Hz tones, also audible at +/-10 and 20 kHz etc. Very loud. Found 40' vertical antenna, shed, and propane fueled generator on the dunes in the campsite. 20+ S9 signal @ 1/4 mile distance. (Moman) Find out who owned it?? ed.
- 1675 PAPUA NEW GUINEA Tsili Tsili 1342 10/3 TSL (Thew)
- 1685 COLOMBIA Mercaderes 0843 8/20 MER fair. (Moman)  
-same- 1010 9/29 MER fair (Peterson)
- 1689 PAPUA NEW GUINEA Mt. Hagen 1012 9/29 MH Fair-good. (Peterson)
- 1692 PAPUA NEW GUINEA Kiunga 1015 9/29 KIU weak. (Peterson)
- 1692 AUSTRALIA?? 0844 8/20 DU type audio. VL2UV?? poor. (Moman)
- 1702 ??? 0845 8/20 Unid oriental talk, not UTE. JJ? Poor. Also noted 1223 9/3 in USB, poor. (Moman)

## Credits:

Howard Kemp	Laconia, NH	Radio, Antenna
Art Peterson	Ano Nuevo Pt., CA	FRG-7, 1200' beverage
Don Moman	On-the-road in the Northwest	R71, AN-1 antenna
Pete Taylor	Poipu Beach, Kauai, Hawaii	ICF 2001
Eric Thew	Ballajura, W. Australia	DX-400, whip and finger

And thanks to Gardner Smith for forwarding some info.

A better column this time... Keep it up!



Tony Fitzherbert, 356 Jackman Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06430

Welcome to another edition of the formats column. Format aberrations culled from both Pete Nolan's Evolutions Column in the periodical of another group, and Nicholas Von Hoffmann's syndicated column, which appeared in the Bridgeport Post on October 26.

The ultimate format change has happened!! WWTC-1280, Minneapolis has dropped its Black programming for the most desperate attempt I have ever seen to bolster sagging ratings. Would you believe ALL WEATHER RADIO!!! The cycle repeats every fifteen minutes, and, along with local weather, includes road reports, airline schedules, and other relevant data. Just the thing to listen to on a nice sunny afternoon next to the pool!

WIP-610, Philadelphia has dropped its "Infotainment", a menu of news and music, with emphasis on the news. Now the news will be joined by satellite-fed adult standards rounding out the format. KYW and WCAU had duplicated the heavy news programming, and WFN the music. Seems that the "Infotainment" approach was attempted in Boston 22 years ago, by WCAS-740, with all news, with one song at '06 and 36 each hour.....and we know about "Wicas Island's" history in the Boston Arbs.

Next, "Radio Ahs", the Childrens' Radio Network ("Ahs", as in the Wizard of Ahs) is in deep financial and operational trouble. Thirteen floundering AM stations in the US are depending upon this programming to propel them into the top of the ratings. But KAAR-1480, Portland, OR, has dropped the format because of the difficulties in selling the programming, undelivered tapes, and repetitive material. KAAR went back to its oldies format. Ahs did pick up one new station, WFBM-1110, Noblesville, IN, by buying the suburban Indianapolis daytime.

Next success story is the "Game Zone" format on former #1 rocker KFRC, in San Francisco..the station dove to 26th in the Bay Area summer ratings.

Now, creativity devised by other broadcasters to increase listenership follows..

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| 560 WFIL PA Philadelphia    | - Oldies all day, Talkpet from 2000 to 0500. (from Al Holtz, Philadelphia).   |
| 680 WCBM MD Baltimore       | - Drops NX/TLK for Transstar 41(Pete Nolan).  |
| 950 KRSI MN St. Louis Park  | - All request oldies (PN).  |
| 960 KZIM MO Cape Girardeau  | - Ex-KGIR, now CWM (See 1220!!) (PN).   |
| 1040 KRAD OK Perry          | - New station, CWM (PN).  |
| 1130 KLEI HA Kailua         | - Was ethnic, now silent. (PN).   |
| 1150 WCUJ OH Cuyahoga Falls | - Drops adult standards for rock oldies. (PN).  |
| 1170 WRIT CT Vernon         | - Will be REL, when sold. (PN).   |
| 1190 WXTV PR San Juan       | - Was WEMU, SS CHR, now SS REL (PN).  |
| 1220 KGIR MO Cape Girardeau | - Was KZIM, with CWM, now Transstar 41, swapped calls and formats with the competition, see 960 (PN).                   |
| 1240 WRIN NY Watertown      | - From AD CON to Transstar CWM (PN).  |
| 1270 KIAM AK Nenana         | - REL, new station (PN).  |
| 1280 WWTC MN Minneapolis    | - ALL WEATHER RADIO!!!!!! (PN).   |
| 1290 WJEM DE Wilmington     | - Has dropped NOS, BBD for simulcast w/ "Bright 99" FM to 1000, then Rock Oldies to signoff at sunset (Dave Schmidt).   |
| 1300 KRKO AK Fairbanks      | - CWM, simulcasts w/ FM (PN).   |
| 1310 KGAK NM Corrales       | - New station, REL, GOS (PN).   |
| 1320 WLQY FL Hollywood      | - Drops MYL for SS, ethnic (PN).  |
| 1350 KUNN CA Bakersfield    | - Drops Black and CHR for CWM (PN).   |
| 1360 WYSE GA Bainbridge     | - Ex-WAZA, CWM, now AD CON (PN).  |
| KXCL TX Fort Worth          | - Was CWM, now REL (PN).  |
| 1370 KNTL MT Butte          | - Ex-KCEZ, EEL, now CWM (PN).   |
| 1400 KVIS CA Visalia        | - Now CWM (PN).   |
| 1410 WOTT NY Watertown      | - From AD CON to SMN Adult Standards - (PN). Watertown, N.Y. is NOT the place for an unemployed DJ to find work!! (TF). |
| 1430 WIRE IN Indianapolis   | - Drops CWM for oldies (PN).  |
| KELI OK Tulsa               | - NX/TLK, was CHR (PN).   |
| 1440 KFPS MD Salem          | - Now silent (PN).  |
| 1490 WAZL PA Hazleton       | - Was CHR, now AD CON (PN).   |
| 1520 KOMA OK Oklahoma City  | - From CWM to adult standards (PN).   |
| 1580 WNZT PA Columbia       | - Now NX/TLK (PN).  |

All for now, and send in your formats! When you hear a mixture of weather for Denver and Anchorage and Perky Pig and the Hardy Boys on WEEZ-1030, over 700 of your fellow members will want to know!!!!

73's.



# STATION PROFILE

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WJYM RADIO - 730 - "Son Life Radio"

Bringing the Gospel to both Metropolitan Toledo and the flat, expansive farmlands of western Ohio, and parts of southern Michigan and eastern Indiana, is Radio Station WJYM, 730 Kh, licensed to Bowling Green, Ohio. Ohio's "Gospel Giant" broadcasts contemporary Christian music, and inspirational messages from many internationally known ministers to devoted Christians scattered across the rural landscape, in whose lives the station's programming is an important part.

WJYM's call stands for the first name of its owner, evangelist Jimmy Swaggert, internationally known, and followed preacher. WJYM began operations, on 730 kh., in the Spring of 1954, in Bowling Green. The station began its life as WMGS, operating with 250 watts power, using a two tower array for its directional signal. The station featured a country music format, and since its beginning remains a daytimer.

Realizing the potential of a radio ministry in Northwest Ohio, Jimmy Swaggert purchased the station, changed the call letters, obtained a power increase to 1000 watts, and began to broadcast a contemporary gospel format. J. Todd Hostetler, WJYM Program Director characterizes the format as "Middle of the Road Gospel", as compared to Black Gospel, or Southern Gospel.

WJYM airs 4-6 hours of Christian music daily, including the upbeat "Son Life PM" Show each afternoon hosted by PD Hostetler. The remainder of the broadcast day is given to preaching by a host of ministers who purchase air time. News is aired from the UPI Network. WJYM's most popular program is owner Jim Swaggert's "Study in the Word", heard during AM Drive, and again at 3:30PM.

No ethnic programs are broadcast over WJYM - the station's purpose is to worship Jesus Christ.

While licensed to Bowling Green, WJYM occupies beautiful new quarters at 3761 Fremont Pike in Perrysburg, a southern suburb of Toledo. The facility replaces an old wooden building, and rivals the facilities of many bigger stations. The building houses a huge, very well equipped control room, with an ultra modern production studio. Offices and room for the transmitter round out the complex. WJYM employs 9 to 11 people depending upon the time of year.

WJYM broadcasts with a Continental Transmitter, and backup capabilities are provided by an older Gates model. The transmitter feeds four guyed 275 foot high towers, forming a rectangle around the station building. The signal is pushed to the south to protect WPIT, a religion-formatted station in Pittsburgh, plus stations in Montreal, Chicago, and CHYR-7, in Leamington, Ontario. On paper, the pattern looks like the outline of an immense rabbit.

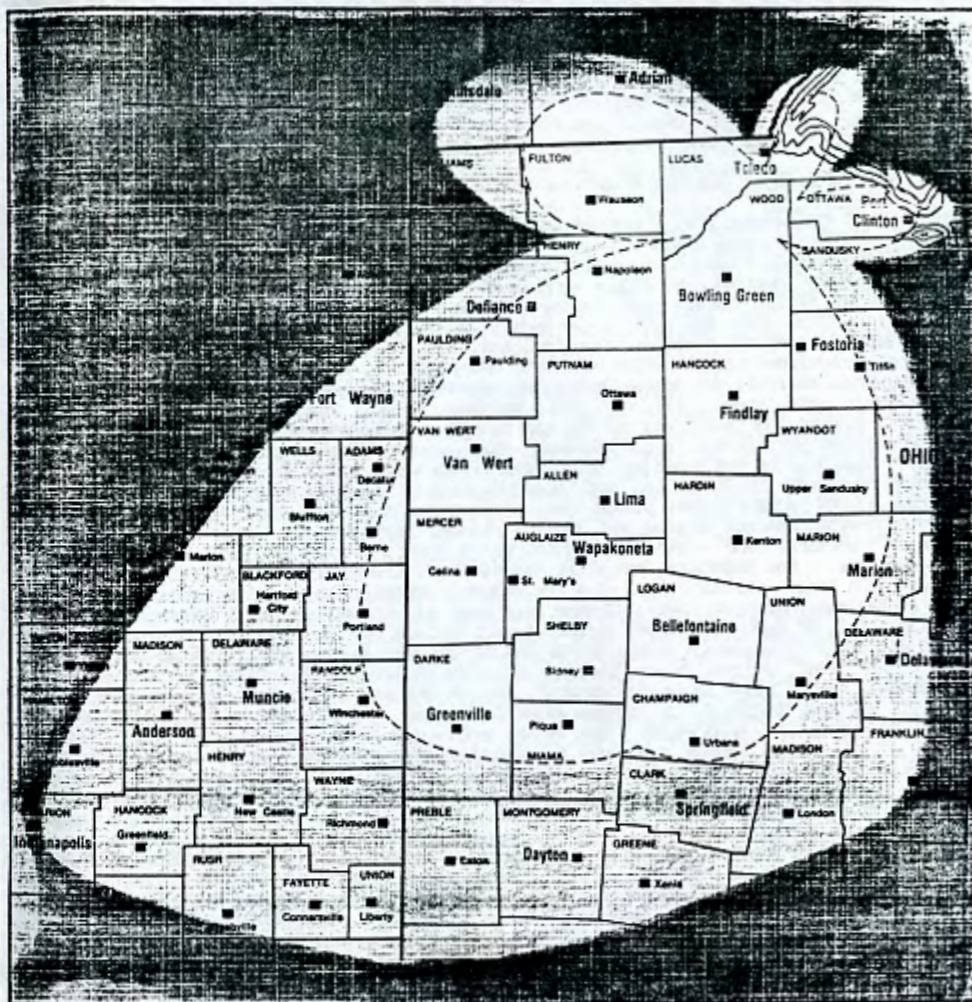
WJYM operates from 6:00AM to 6:00PM, or local sunset in the summer. PSA is 250 watts, and post sunset authorization limits the station to 230 watts power.

WJYM provides the essential means of carrying the word of the Lord to a listenership of potentially 2,000,000 people, and is the only AM station in Metro Toledo to do so. Therefore, it can claim a dedicated, regular audience.

Thanks for much help in the preparation of this profile are due to WJYM Program Director J. Todd Hostetler. Todd joined WJYM three years ago after beginning his broadcasting career in commercial radio. His "Son Life PM" Program is a popular highlight on WJYM each weekday at 3:00PM. Thanks are also extended to Chief Engineer Dick DeWeese, who provided some insight into the early history of the station.

# WJYM

## 730 AM



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## Don't expect answers

IF YOU'VE been a steady listener to WNEW radio in the mornings, you've probably come across a series of two-minute spots by Dr. Melvin Herman dealing with all sorts of health-related issues. Dr. Herman taped so many of the spots in advance that the station has enough to carry it through to the end of the year. They're sponsored by Solgar Vitamins and Dr. Herman invites listeners to "write to me if you have any medical questions." The station insists it will continue to air the spots until they run out. "As long as he did these things in advance, Solgar has decided to continue the commercials," said WNEW's Dennis McCarthy. Well, folks, don't expect any personal answers from the doc. He died a couple of weeks ago.

# MUSINGS

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We're rolling again. A reminder to those of you who use any address besides P. O. Box 4812 to send in Musings: there will come a time, shortly, when the P. O. will not forward mail from Sun Valley! #9 (deadline: Dec. 2) will feature DX'ers' Musings originating from between the Rockies and the Mississippi River; and #10 (Nov. 22) will be devoted to those living in the Rockies and on west to the Pacific coast. DXpeditions this season are becoming common ... why not plan one? Even if you don't hear anything, they'll take you away from the humdrum of everyday existence. And now, on with it ...

First, words of wisdom from our Atlantic Coast DX'ers ...

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Note the phone number change above. After 11 pm best. Up MM's to 0400. I'll recap the convention first, then go over some summer activities, as it's been a while since I sent in any Musings. Missing a tornado at Old Lyme, CT by 20 minutes. I drove and floated my way to the Ramada Inn Friday afternoon. Luckily, Craig had sent a map of the area so I found an alternate exit to the motel. Much of this no-frills convention was spent sitting around, looking at veries, chatting, and tracking down stations on 650 and 906. Got some good promotional items trading done with George Greene, Bob Smolarek (roommates), John Malicky, Frank Merrill, and George Walton, who seemed to be there only half the time (That's better than half there, all the time, methinks! -pls). Few of my t-shirt traders were taken, so some of the "junk" was put in the auction. There seemed to be a lot less interest at the auction, perhaps due to the shape of the room that had a lot of people far from the items. Also most of the non-shirt promotional items were sold in the last 15 minutes, reducing interest in each bag and disappointing to those who spent half an hour putting together a good package. Many people like Mark Connelly, George Bakiel, and Matt "Atlantic City" Stutterheim seemed to come just for the planned part of the convention - banquet, business meeting, and auction. Again there was a lack of formal convention bid presentations. One highlight that night was hearing a Cleveland radio ownership/call letter history on a local station - was it a feature or a comedy routine? Many tapes were made of it. Sunday morning, Bruce Conti, former resident of the area, played convention co-host, leading a tour of Providence tower sites. I went to pick up a friend with some interest in radio who lives close enough nearby, and we joined the rest in the WPRO parking lot. The people who went on the tours were Bruce, John Malicky, George Green, Dan Bartek, Ernie Wesolowski (whom I found out works for AT&T, as do Bob Smolarek and I), Ernie Cooper, Frank Merrill, and Dave Whatmough (in his van whose left side is covered with stickers from only NY and ON stations). WPRO wouldn't let us in, and we didn't stop at the WHJJ towers just up RI-114. We wound around the city to WHJJ/WJLJ and WHIM who have studios in adjacent buildings. WHIM said "fine" when we explained why there were 10 people in front of the building, taking pictures of the towers, and we asked if we could have a tour. There wasn't too much to see but Bruce wound up knowing someone there and they had a few stickers to hand out. WHJJ was locked but we got a 5-minute tour from someone going in. More winding around town to WRIB-1220, where a guy was outside listening to American Top 40 while the strn ran II shows. But he didn't know we were coming, just happened to be there to give a tour. Got a good picture of some of their towers out in the water. Then for some reason we went way down to the Rocky Point Dining Hall for strange combinations like "Watermelon, Cram Chowder, and French Fries, all you can eat \$4.50" and "Persons ordering lobster cannot be seated with people ordering chicken". But they broke that rule for us and we would up getting more than supposed to. After the lunch with the scenic view, my group headed back to the motel while others went off to some radio museum. Arrived to find Chuck Rader hiding out at the pool instead of discussing tube receivers in the meeting room. Finally Sunday we played hearts (and hide-and-seek at the same time) until we all got tired. So like NJ in 1981 where there was little planned, one finds a way to have a good time anyway - in the company of so many club members and friends, how can you fail to? Final highlight was getting 43 mpg in my Honda Accord (rated for 32) on the way home, as I went up to Boston first. 73.

**Richard A. Guy** - Box 99901 - Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Hello - as a new member I will use the Northeastern theme to introduce myself. I am 29 yrs old and presently incarcerated for committing an offense while under the influence of alcohol. Although I am confined, I have accepted my situation and am trying to put my life back in order after the abrupt turnaround in lifestyles. Never having experienced anything like this before, I found it very difficult at first to cope; however, because of people like John Malicky life has taken on a new meaning. As a result of being confined I searched for a hobby to provide some mental stimulation and ran the gamut from stamps to insects until the world of DX'ing caught my attention in a Pittsburgh Press feature story. It was very informative and appealed to me because it could put the outside world at my fingertips. I then wrote the author a letter expressing an interest in DX'ing and inquired about more info. He put me in contact with John Malicky here in Pittsburgh and

John has proven to be an invaluable mentor in helping me to get started in DX'ing. I became interested in radio listening in the mid-'60's tuning in to Ed and Wendy King's Party Line show on KDKA-1020, with an old Zenith. After 2 semesters at Slippery Rock State College, I enlisted in the Navy for 4 yrs to see the world, etc. After a cold boot camp at Great Lakes, IL, I went to sunny San Diego for radioman school which was 3 months. It was mainly for teletype instruction and learning their clerical message format. My first duty station was in Rota, Spain, and for the next 26 months worked at the main Comm. Sta, transmitter site, receiver site (my favorite) and the Fleet Weather Sta. I attended several schools they offered as well. I learned a lot but good things must end and for the next 15 months cruised the seas on LPO-11, USS Coronado, out of Norfolk, VA. This is where most of my knowledge was acquired and put to use, with the equipment ranging from UGC's to crypt equip.

After discharge, I returned home to Pgh to finish my degree in Jour/Comm at Point Park until my life took an unexpected veer. Presently I am using a Superadio with an antenna that defies description. Because they have restrictions here I must make do and have found the Superadio to do an admirable job, considering all the interference from steel bars and the Ohio River 30' from my room. Only trouble has been from daytimers, so I must go outside for them. With John's help I have figured out my own little system of DX'ing and am started with QSL's, though I've yet to recv any back yet. Therefore, I hope that I do not offend anyone as a result of my situation. Joining the NRC has meant a lot to me because I am taking the initiative to do constructive things in an otherwise bleak existence. And making friends reaffirms my faith in the human race and believe me, there is nothing worse than doubting that. So thank-you and a well-done for John Malicky for being so considerate. 73's ... (Welcome to the NRC, Richard, and add your thoughts here often! You've expressed well the most important part of belonging to the NRC or any radio club ... the human aspect. Receivers and equipment do not a radio club make - pls)

**Richard K. Clark** - 1232 N. Highland Ave. - Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Hi, everyone. Well, I am back in Pittsburgh again, which has been a long time, and I see quite a few changes. WUPF is now WWCL with Rock, WPNT has changed to Rock, WPTS a new station on 98.5, also Rock, and on the TV side WFAT, Ch. 19, ex-WARD, a station I would never get in the past on the best super tropo. Now they are quite strong!! On the BCB side WQJW-1570 is back. ID has 16-Q with the same format as before. WEEP is still not 24 hours or changed freq maybe; they gave up on the idea. I must say when I was in West Palm Beach, FL area I saw two new Spanish stations, WCPY-1320 with Colombian mx! And WAVS-1170 with top 40 Spanish, "R. Latino." 73's.

**David Shapiro** - P. O. Box 135 - Griffin, GA 30224

The DX season is already here, but down here most of the signals at night are coming from those pesky Cubans. Since Radio Marti came on the air, I noticed Cuban signals on 880, 900, and 1540 kHz and I'm sure I missed mentioning others. For me, the best way to really enjoy DX'ing is to exchange cassette tapes with other DX'ers to listen to stations in other locations. In this fashion, the DX'ers who do this will learn about updated formats, and other changes in broadcasting stations. I am continuing to seek out DX'ers who live in border towns and cities next to Mexico and DX'ers who live on the island of Puerto Rico to exchange information and cassette tapes of stations. The Spanish and Puerto Rican cultures appeal to me, and it is fun to listen to what different cultures are like. 73's to you all and good DX. (Tapeswapping is an excellent hobby, David, but be careful of unscrupulous tapers who claim your taped ID's as their own -pls)

**Andy Rugg, VE2AQP** - 669 de Gaspé, #218 - Nuns Island, Quebec H3E 1J1

I enjoyed the social DX'ing and all the other antics at the Rhode Island Convention. The goings-on really revived my enthusiasm for BCB DX. In the first month after returning, I capitalized on good conditions and did a lot of "catch-up" DX'ing. To boot, the slopover from local yokels was less intense than usual. I ended up with 15 new ones, more than the last two seasons combined! The first was at the very tail-end of my trip home, around 1:00 am on 9-5. CHAM-820 really was blasting in on the car radio, overwhelming the usual slopover from CJAD-800 and CKVL-850. While it lasted, what a signal! In the next week, I got 3 new SSS catches from NY, namely WSCP-1070, WURS-1220, and WADR-1480. The morning of 9-12, CJMS-1280 was slobbering less than usual, and I finally picked up the call-change of WYTT-1270. Another call-change was the WJIM-1580 ET at 1:15 am on 9-15. At SSS on 9-17, I got WYTT-1060 tentatively, followed by 3 definite new ones on 1000. The splash from CKQM-980 let up, and in came WQMX, WIQT, and WRNJ. The morning of 9-19, I got another call-change when CJAD's slopover abated, allowing CKW-790 to squeak thru WJNY and CKSO. That afternoon, I logged my 12th new one. I took my "TRF" to my "prime" location in Pointe Claire. Ten miles west of here, the splash from CFMB-1410 was negligible. Somehow, WWSR-1420 overrode semi-local WWSR just before 7 pm s/off. Until 9-23, 1260 always was a rough frequency in Montreal. The "dynamic duo" of WEZE and WNRW were virtually impregnable for 25 years. My only other logging was a one-time from WBNR in 9-61. Just after 1 am on 9-23, I got 2 new ones, when WNRW curiously was absent and WEZE had a tight-lipped ET. I quickly pounced on CIII and WBBG, before WNRW roared back ubiquitously. Then on 10-5, my 15th new one. Semi-local WCHP-760 finally showed up with a booming signal. I stumbled across them in the golf club parking lot in Hawkesbury, ON. In addition to the above, "the ones that got away" were CJRN-710, WAWI-1380 and WMAJ-1450.

none held up long enough to log. Local CKVL-850 may become a Montreal station someday, because of moves afoot to annex Verdun. If that falls through, then overtaxed Nuns' Island may secede from Verdun. In latter September, I spent a few days north of Val d'Or in beautiful downtown Lebel-sur-Quevillon. I drooled over the powerful northbound signal of CKVD-900, never heard here. DQXD has the details of the other juicy Western Quebecers noted on the trip. My penultimate Muse bawled the low return on last season's reports, with only 3 replies out of 13. Since then, the follow-ups were quite successful, with veries from WJUB-620-pp, CJVA-810, WMYR-990-pp, WNY5-1120-pp, WXXI-1370-pp, WKIP-1450, and WJSO-1590-test. I'm now up to 10 replies out of 13. The holdouts are Paradise-825, CNEO-940, and WPTH-1590. WJSO had been a holdout since 1961. Convention veries are WATA-906.4 and WNRG-650. From my new catches, the replies so far have been from CHAM-820, WCMX-100, WBNJ-1000, CIHI-1260, and WXYT-1270 (All verie signers forwarded to Wayne Heinen, right? -pls). For the Musings Editor, may I suggest two special "topics"? (You bet -pls) In my DX'ing career, there have been several times when both luck and good timing combined to bring me some unexpectedly good catches. Conversely, there were lamentable moments when a juicy catch just slipped through my fingers (or ears?). Perhaps one wintertime issue could feature our reminiscences of both "the ons that got away" and "the ones that plopped right into my lap". Sound plausible? 73. (Yep, and I've scheduled your theme for #15 - deadline Jan. 3. -pls)

#### Don Kaskey - 465 Burnett St., #1 - San Francisco, CA 94131

DX activity certainly has slowed down this year. All the slop and splatter from the locals finally wore me down. Been looking for all the new "clear-busters" that have been popping up lately but only a few have made it here as yet. Of course it might help if I could drag myself out of bed for sunrise DX as that's about the only decent time (Decent? You gotta be kidding, hi! -pls) to hear anything from this location. However, after 35 years of DX'ing I find this task becomes harder and harder. Anyway, KPZE-1190 CA noted with new call and REL on 6-14 at 0852, and on 7-16 local KXLR-1260 with new set of calls, stumbled on by accident after they had been on for several weeks. KWIR-1270 CA caught at sunset 7-21, only 50 or so miles up the road but difficult here with local next door. Since late July a troublesome tone has been modulating on 1210 from sunset to sunrise. Can't figure out who is causing it unless it's the new Afton station. It seems to disappear at Afton sunrise. KAMA-750 TX is usually above all nights now. 1st noted 8-4. KILK-1250 Willits CA finally made it on 8-5 but is generally under KIMS nights. Send their watts west so they probably dominate in Yokohama. KUYO-830 WY heard 8-31 at 0835 taking over from KIKI. On 9-17 CKQR-Castlegar, BC noted QRM'ing KFMB-760 at 0900. Often mixing with KFMB since then nights. KEZD-1230 NV with call change 9-25 at 0344 atop and another recent call change KJTR-860 UT thru KTRB 9-27 at 0920. Last new catch was call change, KSAC-1240 CA ex-KENZ/KROY on 10-1 at 1323 o/KNRY. KIQT-1010 SP got their night CP on around 9-26 and has been NSP since and KDIA-1310 Oakland came back on 10-15 and is also 24 hrs with their former format of BLACK/SOL/ROCK. That's it. 73.

#### Albert S. Lobel - P. O. Box 26762 - San Diego, CA 92126. (619) 566-0092 (2130-0030 ELT)

I just wanted all NRC'ers to know that I have not given up on the telephone number list for the NRC Log. I have just run into a little snafu. I am waiting on NRC HQ's to send me an alphabetized list of what I have done so far. Trying to do such a project without a computer is not the easiest thing in the world to do. If some of you still have some information to send me, go ahead and send it. I still need lots of information from the Canadian sttions. To those of you who have sent me information, my thanks and appreciation. I hope one of these days to get the listing completed! Not much is new on the DX front here. I just have not done much DX'ing for the past year or so. This is not due to a lack of interest in DX'ing but to a lack of time. Running one's own business, especially a one-man operation, takes a lot of time. I have become more of a shortwave listener than a DX'er. My current list of clubs I belong to is NRC, IRCA, WYFA, SCADS, LWCA, and ASWIC. Well, that's it until I next feel like writing a Muse. If anyone with a computer would like to help with the telephone number list let me know by letter or telephone. So ... 73 and good DX in this 1985-86 DX season to all NRC'ers. You, too, Captain Glotz! Whatever happened to him? Hi! (He's trying to DX satellite TV signals with a dish ... a serving dish, that is -pls)

#### John Herman - P. O. Box 171 - Vinita, OK 74301

Greetings to all, especially those who have written me and not received a reply. Just super busy, with little time for anything but work. Have been getting some info on the new station in Perry, OK (1040 kHz). I talked to a man at the local paper, **The Perry Journal**, about a week ago, and he said a guy from San Jose, CA is the owner. KRAD has just let out contracts to construct the antenna. The studio is already built. No mention of the transmitter, but testing is supposed to start in 4 to 6 weeks. With the weather here in OK, that could delay the antenna construction. Commercial operation is slated for Jan 1, 1986. A station manager has been hired and his name is Tim Perkins. I shouldn't have any trouble getting them here as WHO will be easy to null during the day. With the groundwave the way it is around here, the 250 watts should do fine since they will have to protect WHO and the

Dallas station. KOKN-1270 Claremore has been off since late May and during the day, its freq. is dead with KSSA fading out at about 9:15 as I type this. KABS and KSCB also at SBC and SSS not too strong so it may be time for another battery in the loop amp. Must be pretty weak as KSOK-1280 isn't in right now as usual. Have not received a verie since March and only one report sent since then, so maybe that's the reason. Have added some new ones since Labor Day, 7 in Sept. and 5 in Oct. so far. Total now is 735 heard. Must close now and get some of these loggings off to Dave. 73's and gud DX.

#### Neil G. Zank - 623 Lyncrest Drive - Lincoln, NE 68510

Hello, NRC'ers, or at least those of you who are reading Musings. I will try my hand at writing a report to DXN. This summer I experienced my first MW "White Area". In late July we traveled to NW Ontario for a week's fishing trip. And the daytime MW band was a blank at our camp 50+ miles north of Ignace, ON. My provincial highway map listed an Ignace station on 1340, but it was not audible at Ten-Mile Lake. On a trip to town I checked the car radio and found it weakly with ignition noise about 20 miles out of town. At the lake CBC-FM from Sioux Lookout was the only reliable signal on either band. Nighttime MW band was full of signals, though no serious DX listening was done. A couple of stations from my home region were noted with good night signals, these being KFAB-1110 and KWA-960. While on the subject of KWA, let me mention again the new book "KWA, The First Sixty Years" which is now available. It is a quite interesting book, especially to anyone with a midwest radio background or interest. I recommend it highly. If anybody would like a copy of this book, I would be willing to mail you one upon receipt of \$12.50, ppd. Little bandscanning has been done at my DX den as of yet. One session on MM 10-7 did provide notes on KCDR-1450 Cedar Rapids, IA mixing in with the Chicago station that provides black religion at 1:45 am ELT. Then at 2:00 am a good signal from FC of KFQC-1260 Boone, IA with phonetic call and TT and ID's, but only on air for 3 minutes. And final note of that morning was CKIQ-880 Brandon, MB with csw mx, female DJ and in/out signal; so this one has changed freq. for sure. Nothing has been heard of nor read about CP on 1180 for Bellevue, NE all summer. Last I read was that their tower site was to be across the Missouri River on the Iowa side. So this one is a long time a'coming. I think that the band sounds as if it is in pretty fair shape condition-wise this season, so if I get busy maybe I will hear something new! I was glad to read a bit about the ANARC and NRC conventions in the DXN recently. The idea about combining club conventions sounds like a pipe dream to me.

#### John H. Rose II NJ8Q - 26015 Thomas - Warren, MI 48091

Ol' Phil was right! It will be a rare Det. area station which escapes some kind of changes with all the corporate shuffling around here. I thought that Storer Broadcasting had escaped takeover. Not so. I heard a report on WJW that Storer had merged with some New York outfit and had lost its FCC exception to have 2 stations in a Class I coverage area, TV Ch. 2 (Det.) and Ch. 11 (Toledo). One will have to be sold, probably. Does anyone know what other stations are involved? Per a **Detroit Monitor** newspaper article, some Toronto conglomerate was trying to purchase the home outfit of CKWW-580, Windsor. Hmm. Let's look at the scoreboard. Taking the **Detroit Free Press's** "Dial Styles", which lists the stations usually heard in Det. and their styles, 8 of the 16 am stations have changed owners in the last couple of years or are pending (maybe add the two CBC stations, too), and 2 of the 7 commercial TV stations. So much for corporate stability. /// DX? Around here? Are you kidding? First I spent almost a month rejuvenating (read that as ripping up the old 1 1/2" thatch [not sod], filling in the Grand Canyons with 1 1/2 tons of dirt, and then reseeding) the lawns. Then I got ambitious (?!). Took a week to empty the shack out to repaint and refinish the floor. I figure it will be at least 3 weeks more before the shack will be back in order. The fumes proved to be overwhelming so I spent some time at my wife's apartment in Lansing. What's to do in Lansing on a Friday? Hit the road and try for unreported stations! Hold your left hand up again for another trip. From Lansing we go to the intersection of I-69 and I-94 (near Battle Creek, home of Snap, Crackle, and Pop) and park in the rest stop. This is in the middle of your hand, 3/4 in. up from your wrist. Target station is WBCB-1220 Hastings, MI. Heard with local ads and a good solid ID with pop/rock music. Also heard WXXX-1210 Saginaw and WSTR-1230 Sturgis. I could not resist catching WQNR-1400 just because it's been years since I heard that call when it was in Det. Back on the road due west to the rest stop at Hastings on I-94. Left edge of your palm, 3/4 in up from your wrist. I spent 2 1/2 hours band-scanning here, hearing 48 stations and identifying 47 of them. The one unID is on 1430 with foreign language programming. Since this location is close to Chicago and the ChiTown stations road in, could this be Highland Park, IL? Back on the road and back home to your first thumb knuckle. What I won't do for this hobby! 320 miles of traveling just to listen to the radio. Well, I did clear the headaches out, too. With WBCB reported, that should clear up all lower peninsula stations, for both clubs. Those "Yoopers" will have to wait for another trip.

#### David L. Reitz - 9332 Fairground Rd. - Fern Creek, KY 40291

Well, it's been a long, long time since my last Muse so I suppose a reintroc is in order. I am 23 years old, single, and have been DX'ing for about 8 years. I joined

NBC in 1982 and had the pleasure of attending the '82 Convention which was right here in Louisville. I have heard 976 stations to date with 40 states heard and 5 provinces. My best catches to date are KCON-1530 CO and KMM-540 Las Vegas, NV. This DX season seems to be getting off to a good start with many new stations being heard. Most of my new stations are moving to clear-channel frequencies WSCF-1200 KY, WQXY-720 GA, WBIU-1210 IA, and WQCR-720 NC, which Steve Francis mentioned in his Muse in V53, #3 Oct. 21, 1985. DX News is kind of a mystery as there's a CP for 1180, but I believe they changed it to 720. Heard here a couple of times at s/off after WQXY with ID's, ment of 1000 watts and 24-hour cable TV, FM 97.9. A couple others heard lately are WSAF-1180 GA and WFGN-1180 (SC). With most of my new catches being on clear channels, I am not complaining but it looks as if several of the clears will be regional channels soon if all of the CP's go through, especially 1030, which will be lost here when the Pleasure Ridge Park CP goes on. On some local radio news, the program director at WHAS is leaving 11-1 to take a similar position at WKRC Cincinnati. I believe pressure forced him to leave as he is the one person responsible for WHAS not re-negotiating for the rights to University of Kentucky football and basketball for 1986. Now U of K is on both WHAS and WAWG-970. It will be interesting to see who wins the ratings battle for UK sports. 73's.

#### \*Notes from the Road\*

Jerry Starr - c/o WHOT Radio - 401 N. Blaine - Youngstown, OH 44505

Just returned from annual Albuquerque sojourn; some things noted in passing: The long-awaited KQAK-1310 is on the air after having been a CP for many years; 'tis NRP contemporary REL, studio and three-tower DA located near the KOB XR in Alameda. In fact, their 3 towers are so close to the 2-tower system of KDEF-1150 that the guy wires actually intertwine! It must have been an engineering headache to get this thing working. Still no sign of new KNOC-1050 in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. Noted KZIA-1580 AN'ing with talk one night, which came as a great surprise; had FM simulcast, NOT noted again for the next several weeks, evidently somebody forgot to pull the plug on the AM as sunset. Wish they'd do that while I'm here in Y-town, the 10 kw non-DA might make it in the early AM. Whilst in Oklahoma City noted REL-formatted KRMC-1220 signing off a full hour before local sunset at 6 pm CDST; all other OKC daytimers went off at 7 pm; dunno what this is all about. Noted that WIRE-1430 has switched to an a/c format. Upon returning have been spending some time at the dials and was rewarded with ET/PT w/many ID's from WQIQ-1590 0222+ 10/23, glad to get this before they change calls. Also noted that morning was WRMB-1160 AN'ing; must have their night kilowatt working now, about even with WJJD. One verie back, friendly v/l from WADK-1540 for hurricane emergency broadcasts. 73 and good DX.

#### Skyrocketing Phone Rates Cited

## Stations Curtail Remote Broadcasts

By Paul Foy & Steven Billmyer  
Times Staff Writers

North country radio stations have cut back on remote broadcasts of sports and other events because telephone companies have increased charges for special phone lines by as much as 2,300 percent, according to radio station general managers.

Radio stations that must set up a telephone link between regional calling areas face the largest increases, which range up to 3,000 percent. Lines within the calling area cost as much as 300 percent more.

Companies such as AT&T and New York Telephone Co. argue they must charge the higher rates because the charges are no longer subsidized by other telephone services. In a competitive market, the charge must match the cost of the service, company spokesmen said.

In Watertown, WTNV broke a 44-year tradition and stopped broadcasting the First Presbyterian Church's Sunday services, in large part because of increased cost of telephone lines. The station will also broadcast fewer out-of-town sports events.

WNSA-AM in Massena has cut back on its public service broadcasts for events including amateur sports and firemen's field days. "We're not going to go out of business," Donald C. Alexander, WTNV general manager,

said today. "However, we're definitely rethinking how we do our broadcasts."

Other radio stations in the north country report increased rates, but plan to continue most of their broadcasts, station managers say. However, the managers agreed they will be forced to start limiting the remote broadcasts unless the charges fall.

Legal action has been started with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by radio stations across the nation who argue the rate is too high.

"Deregulation is fine if you've got competition, but there's no competition here. That's where they goofed up," Victor A. Perry, WNSA's station manager, said Tuesday.

The object of his ire is an FCC ruling freeing telephone companies to charge what they want for special phone lines used by broadcasters to cover live events away from the control booth.

As a result, Mr. Perry said, the station's access charge to the special lines in April was increased to \$305.44 a month from \$16.35 a month.

WNSA for the first time this summer turned down requests for live coverage of firemen's field days in Brantford and Hogsburg.

Each broadcast, from a different telephone area code, would have resulted in \$600-plus

phone bills for the station, Mr. Perry said.

Within the regional calling area, New York Telephone has increased the installation charge from about \$21 to \$38, Howard G. Williams, public relations director, Syracuse, said today. The hourly charges have been changed, he said.

The telephone company must dedicate a line for the broadcast and add equipment to provide broadcast quality transmissions, Mr. Williams said. Although a new telephone line is not installed, the connections between the remote location and the radio station must be checked and adjusted, he said.

According to Mr. Perry, FCC's deregulation granted to telephone companies "a blank check to do what they want to do."

"The key is: How can they justify some of these increases?" he asked. "And there's a lot of people in the phone companies who can't explain them. They didn't raise salaries 800 percent. They didn't improve the service 800 percent. That's what this whole case is going to revolve around."

Mr. Perry predicts AT&T, New York Telephone and other phone companies will be embroiled in a "long court battle" over phone line rates to radio stations.

The problem will remain, he fears, unless the companies are forced to adjust rates.



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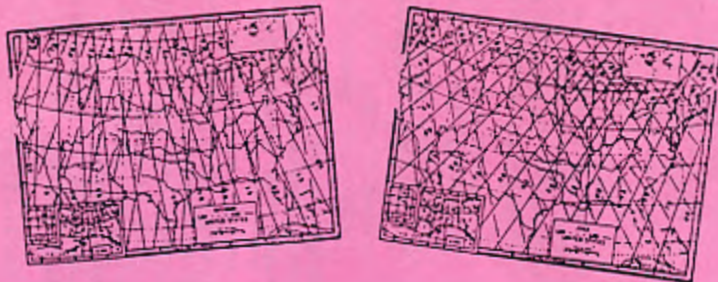
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