



# DX NEWS

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Here we are, another new Volume, another new season. Onto business...

No AM Switch these issue or last due to Jerry on vacation.

DXChange column. Until further notice, send your sale, rent, buy, etc. items to the HQ address (most of you do that anyway) instead of to Tom Farmerie's address. We will run the items on a space available basis. A couple of items sent in for this deadline, (sent here instead of to Tom) can be found on page 17. And we are keeping the same rules as Tom layed out.... radio hobby related items only.

**New Address for Musings.** Paul's new address for the column is: 3132 S.E. Irvingham St., Topeka, KS 66605.

**New Address for DDXD-East.** Bill's new address for the column is: 1025 Reynolds Road, Apt. E-101, Johnson City, NY 13790. Don't use the Box address, that was in the last issue.

Updater #3 for the AM Radio Log is now available. See the order form at the front of your logbook for details. Updater #1 and #2 have been available for some time now. Keep in mind that you need all the updaters, not just the current updater, in order to keep your log book current.

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**CPC TEST** (Times listed are Eastern Local Time)

Remember, even if you don't hear the test, write the station and say thanks for doing the test.

Oct. 4 WYNS-1160 Lehighton, PA 0215-0230 Test will consist of T40 & oldies.  
Sunday A polite reception report with a mint 22 cent stamp to: Ned Richards,  
230 E. Washington Street, Schnecksville, PA 18078  
Test arranged by Bill Bergadano via Paul Mount phone call.

Oct. 24 WETB-790 Johnson City, TN 0000-0100 Test will consist of tones, music,  
Saturday many IDs. A polite reception report with a mint 22 cent stamp to: C.W.  
Williams, Radio Station WETB, Box 1716, Johnson City, TN 37601  
Test arranged for the NRC by Dave Schmidt.

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# ② DOMESTIC DX DIGEST - EAST

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## AFTER CONVENTION, AFTER HOURS, AFTERMATH, AFTER ENGLISH

- PLEASE observe my new address, including the apartment number. Since the dust is almost settled here, and we're into the "weeklies", I must again insist on the punctuality of reports. Remember to keep the loggings current (no older than 30 days by the time I get the report). Others will be edited.
- KTBT, 700, Tomball, TX signed on 9/3 @ 1900 with an OLDies format, per Artie Bigley-TX, via Jim Boehm-TX. (Reported 9/5/87, see SPECIAL below). Artie called the stn to confirm their s/on. Another DDXD-E Scoop! thanks to Jim & Artie. And Dave Reitz reports 2 newies: WNOV-Mint Hill, NC & WGMM-Woodbine, GA. Both are on-the-air and DX ready.
- Welcome to 1st-time reporter, Jerry Cook of Birmingham, AL. Jerry, your report was just fine. Keep up the good DX'ing.

## SPECIAL

- 540 WACS PA CANONSBURG - 9/1 signed off 1700 (supposedly) 8/31, returned 9/1 1200 w/CLA mx 24 hrs, AM \$-540; no net nx, hope it lasts!; ex: WARO (JM-PA)
- 700 KTBT TX TOMBALL - 9/5 0900 on the air w/OLDies, legal ID; fair on groundwave (JB-TX)
- 1450 CHMO ON MOONSEE - ~~shed & format seemed irregular~~, noted 8/18 w/CHR through the day w/ lots of lcl anncts & MOR in the evening w/no lcl IDs or ads, apparently using tapes; noted off 8/19 0720 & briefly @ 1800, but on as early as 0800 8/20 w/C&W mx; apparently the stn is community owned and residents are encouraged to guest as DJs; pwr is 50 watts (MS-ON)
- 1140 WCLW OH MANSFIELD - 9/8 silent; ceased operations 8/31 (AM off for good, as of JUL), FM sold to WMAN-1400, now known as WYHT Y-105; owners can't own 2 AMers in a market, thus WCLW off (JM-PA)
- 1400 WRGH OH ONTARIO - began testing 7/17 & on shortly after; 9/8 0749+ xint w/slight background GRM w/EZL/BFL/light AC mx, IDs AM 1440 \$...serving Ontario-Mansfield; ABC Direction Nrg v/s is Jim Holmes OpM, addr 2900 Park Ave West, Mansfield 44906, DA SE+NW (JM-OH3)

## UNIDS & UNIDS ID

- 1600 UNID ?? - 8/28 2005 out of INS Nx (GC-NY)

## MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

- 540 WACS PA CANONSBURG - 9/2 0600 good w/CLA, some noise, v/little GRM (JM-WV)
- WRIC VA RICHLANDS - 9/2 0632 good o/u/WACS w/CHR/AC mx, wx, lcl nx; fading; 1st time hrd anywhere! (JM-WV)
- 630 WEJL PA SCRANTON - 8/23 1050-1110 during pass-thru w/MOYL format, ID & ABC Nx @ :00 folo by lcl nx @ :03, then more MOYL (RUGG-PA)
- 640 WNVZ MA WESTFIELD - 9/18 0658-0715 good w/ad for Lincoln-Mercury dir w/Ventures' Waik, Don't Run as music bed+ID, ABC Nx 'til :04, then temp, lcl nx, slogan 6-40 Wins Nxtime is...+ads, more nx (WRH-NY)
- 690 KGGF KS COFFEYVILLE - 8/26 0624-31 fair o/XETRA w/Royals BB promo, wx, C&W mx; fade +XETRA (JM-PA)
- 920 KYST TX TEXAS CITY - 8/21 0700 SS tik, EE ID AM 920 K-Y-5-T Texas City+ROK(DLR-KY)
- 980 WHAW WV WESTON - 9/1 0601-02 good o/mess w/SSB & s/on; mentd WSSN-FM, PSA pwr, studios located on East Weston Hill, gone (JM-OH1)
- 1030 WYSL NY AVON - 8/20 0610 weak & distorted w/auto ad & ID u/WBZE OC; no sign of WBZ (JHD-PA)
- 1110 WJSM PA MARTINSBURG - 8/30 0643-0800 xint in WBT null o/possible WNAF w/some fades; REL/inspirational mx, GOS pgms, REL ads, USA Nx, gone to WKEG s/on (JM-PA)
- 1160 WAMB TN DONELSON - 8/28 0104 ID Great Sounds of the MOYL; fair w/interference from KSL (JC-AL)
- 1170 KVOO OK TULSA - 8/28 2400 w/local ads, C&W mx; fair u/strong OC (JC-AL)
- 1220 WGNV NY NEWBURGH - 8/20 0650 fair w/ID, wx for Mid-Hudson, PSA, ads, bumper sticker promo (JHD-PA)
- 1240 WBAX PA WILKES-BARRE - 8/23 1820-1931 during pass-thru w/Jolly Joe's Bavarian Bandstand polka mx, lotsa IDs & ads, w/slogan The polka radio station of the nation; full ID @ 1200 Polka Sunday on WBAX Wilkes-Barre-Scranton folo by CNN Nx (RUGG-PA)
- 1270 WDLA NY WALTON - 8/20 0659 fair u/WLBR; 2 IDs, back-to-back C&W mx (JHD-PA)
- 1310 WGSA PA EPHRATA - 9/1 0630 good w/lcl nx, ads, sps (JM-OH1)
- 1360 WANK OH CINCINNATI - 8/25 0125 ID K-Rock 1360, DJ John McCarty; v/good (JC-AL)
- WMOV WV RAVENSWOOD - 9/1 0641 good o/mess w/PSA, WV FB promo & C&W mx (JM-OH1)
- 1400 WRAP PA WILLIAMSPORT - 9/4 0700 ID u/lcl WPHD; new (GC-NY)
- 1480 WTHI IN TERRE HAUTE - 9/1 0009 ID 1480 Gold, WTHI & jx All the Great Mx, WTHI; poor (JC-AL)
- 1490 WESB PA BRADFORD - 9/4 0729 ID u/WBTA in WWKB slop (GC-NY)
- 1510 WAHT PA ANNVILLE-CLEONA - 8/28 0617 chatter between man & woman team, contest spon by Lebanon Valley Travel Agency, ID, Dr Hook song; fair, but fading (WRH-NY)
- 1550 WNTN MA NEWTON - 8/24 0700 fair u/WARD/CBE w/SSB, s/on w/ID, QTH, pwr (JHD-PA)
- WBSC SC BENNETTSVILLE - 9/1 0600 strong w/s/on (JM-WV)
- 1560 WCDN OH CHARDON - 9/4 0730 C&W mx, wx, the ??? Country Radio Network (GC-NY) Probably Music Country FM, Greg (WRH)
- 1580 WPGC MD MORNINGSIDE - 8/24 0705 good, taking calls from listeners w/their opinions concerning tax refunds; ID (JHD-PA)

- 1610 WNRG OH LIMA-MILANO INN - 9/4 & 5 w/CHR/OLD, fake & real ads, jx IDs; simul w/Power 89 FM; potpourri of stuff (JM-OH2) (And a good time was had by all!!)

## MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT

- 540 WACS PA CANONSBURG - 9/1 2350 fair w/CLA mx & mucho GRM from CJSB & SS (JM-WV)
- 620 WTHJ WI MILWAUKEE - 8/18 2227 good, w/ Brewers BB (MS-ON)
- 790 WVAZ RI PROVIDENCE - 8/27 2138 good w/ID AM \$, 790-WVAZ; BFL mx; ID Your Stn For The Memory-WVAZ (JHD-PA)
- 810 W5JC MS MAGEE - 8/25 2109 ad, Super Country (GC-NY)
- 830 CFJR ON BROCKVILLE - 8/23 1820-1931 w/Blue Jays BB; frequent ads, but no lcl ID until after postgame show @ 1931; also noted 2007-2025 relaying R. Nederland Int'l Service in EE, which I've noted other Sun nites (RUGG-ON)
- 880 WBKZ GA JEFFERSON - 8/21 2000 ID 2-88 WBKZ Jefferson-Athens-Commerce+mx(DLR-KY)
- 920 WOKY WI MILWAUKEE - 8/18 2259 good w/ID AM \$, 920 WOKY, Milwaukee (MS-ON)
- WHJJ RI PROVIDENCE - 8/19 2100 good w/RI PSAs, ID (MS-ON)
- 950 WXGI VA RICHMOND - 8/28 2000 trad C&W mx, WXGI, your country road, I-95 slogan; s/off w/SSB; new for VA #50 (GC-NY)
- 960 WSBT IN SOUTH BEND - 8/18 2238 fair w/AC mx, ID WSBT 960 (MS-ON)
- 980 CFPL ON LONDON - 8/25 2001 actually CLs & legal ID!+mx (GC-NY)
- 990 WNOX TN KNOXVILLE - 8/31 2303 AP Nx, Johnny Kay mx country show; v/good (JC-AL)
- 1030 WNOV NC MINT HILL - 8/14 1955 ContChr mx, ID WNOV Mint Hill-Matthews-Charlotte+mx; new stn now on the air (DLR-KY)
- 1050 WTPOT GA CONYERS - 8/19 2040 tent as no ID hrd; wrapup of Braves BB; lcl ads w/ments of Conyers (DLR-KY)
- 1100 WGHM GA WOODBINE - 8/20 2013 REL mx, ID w/s/off anncts @ 2015 (10 Kw, studios & XR located @ 222 Billingsville(?) Rd in Woodbine; new stn on the air (DLR-KY)
- 1110 WSWF NY SENECA FALLS - 8/29 ??, hvy metal mx (usually REL, what a combo), ID w/FM 99.3 WSWF Seneca Falls-Waterloo (GC-NY)
- 1120 WYNO OH NELSONVILLE - 8/19 2025 C&W mx, ID w/s/off anncts (DLR-KY)
- 1130 WLBA GA GAINESVILLE - 8/14 2016 lcl ad for Suzuki of Gainesville; ID 11-30 Country WLBA+C&W mx (DLR-KY)
- WAMG TN GALLATIN - 8/23 2000 ID+lcl nx, wx 4cast; ID AM 11-30 W-AM-G+GOS mx (DLR-KY)
- 1220 WJUN PA MEXICO - 9/7 1908 w/ID, then AC (GC-NY)
- 1230 WIGS NY GOVERNEUR - 8/14 2004-10 along ON Rt 401 near Brockville w/MBS Nx, jx & Pop Mx (RUGG-ON)
- 1270 WLBR PA LEBANON - 8/22 1900 during pass-thru, mentg sked 5 AM to 1 AM folo by ID & ABC Nx (RUGG-PA)
- WLJK TN NEWPORT - 8/25 2100 w/lgl ID (GC-NY)
- WTJZ VA NEWPORT NX - 8/26 2029 GOS, ID, VA ment (GC-NY)
- 1280 WPXY NY ROCHESTER - 8/18 2213 good w/lcl ads, 98 PXY Wx (IFM) (MS-ON)
- 1300 WING NJ TRENTON - 8/22 1335-1406 during pass-by, w/Blk REL mx & occ IDs, mentg 24 hr contemporary inspirational mx @ 1406 (RUGG-NJ)
- 1310 WTLB NY UTICA-ROME - 9/7 1900 legal ID Utica-Rome, that I hrd EZL ment (GC-NY)
- 1330 WRIE PA ERIE - 8/18 2229 good w/AC mx; ID AM 1330 WRIE (MS-ON)
- WOLD VA MARION - 8/28 1929-2000 v/good, fading w/lcl ads, Pet Patrol, Big Country IDs, C&W mx (JM-PA)
- 1390 WMER MS MERIDIAN - 8/20 2106 lcl ads, wx 4cast, ID Meridian's Christian Radio Stn, The all-new AM-1390, WMER+REL mx; ex:WFEZ & MOYL (DLR-KY)
- 1410 WOTT NY WATERTOWN - 8/23 1732-40 during pass-thru, w/ID, Yankee BB, lcl ads (RUGG-NY)
- WDOV DE DOVER - 8/18 1915 good; had trouble going to WCAU's pre-game show, so 5 minutes of IDs were given, then mx 'til 1930 when Philly BB net was met (JHD-PA)
- WELM NY ELMIRA - 8/18 2050 good, w/promo for stn's Birthday Club, address & ID (JHD-PA) A slow verifier! (WRH)
- WELM NY ELMIRA - 8/29 2048 w/Giants FBUNID 1420 (WBEC?); also 9/7 1858 (GC-NY)
- 1440 WJUL NY NIAGARA FALLS - 8/16 1310-29 during pass-thru, in SS, ment el Hit Parade de Puerto Rico; w/mx & and many ad clusters for Buffalo & N.F.; ID in EE @ 1329 (RUGG-NY)
- 1470 WOHO OH TOLEDO - 8/25 2103 lgl ID+BB, destroying lcl CHOW (GC-NY)
- 1510 WWHQ NJ DOVER - 8/25 2043 oldies channel, ad for Dover; ex:WRAN (GC-NY)
- 1550 WOKJ MS JACKSON - 8/23 2359 ID Jackson's Heart & Soul; Dwayne DJ; v/good (JC-AL)
- WTBP TN PARSONS - 8/23 2043 ID w/s/off anncts + SSB; only hrd once B4 on Emer Broadcast (DLR-KY)
- WBSC SC BENNETTSVILLE - 8/25 2106 u/CBE w/ads, ID (GC-NY)
- 1570 WGTW PA LATROBE - 8/28 2040 w/ad.; no CFOR (GC-NY)
- WBUZ NY FREDONIA - 8/29 1602 w/break in Indians BB, lgl ID Fredonia-Dunkirk; usually dominant o/CFOR (GC-NY)
- 1600 WZMH WV WHEELING - 8/25 2039 CHR, 2-108IFM 107.5, ad for Ohio Valley Satellite; au cx fax:WUNI; hrd in WV as WZMH, but never here in NY (GC-NY)
- 1610 WNRG OH LIMA-MILANO INN - 9/4 & 5 w/CHR/OLD, fake & real ads, jx IDs; simul w/Power 89 FM; potpourri of stuff (JM-OH2)

## REPORTERS:

- JB-TX Jim Boehm//San Antonio, TX//Superadio II + 4 ft homebrew loop
- JC-AL Jerry Cook//Birmingham, AL//NRF-525 + Palomar Loop
- DLR-KY David Reitz//Fern Creek, KY//R-1000, Superadio + sick RW Loop

# ④ DOMESTIC DX DIGEST - WEST

Nancy Hardy, 2301 Pacific Avenue, Aberdeen, WA 98520

DDX-D-West deadlines are Saturdays. If you are in the Mountain or Pacific time zones report your DX here!

**\*\*SPECIAL\*\***

- 1110 KJTT WA OAK HARBOR - 9/8 2228 full-data s/off, mentioned KJTT and "K-Jet in Oak Harbor," presunrise power, 6am s/on, then national anthem & off leaving very little KBND, some KPNW-1120 splatter. Strong, ex-KISD. (BH&NH-WA)
- 1310 KIVA NM CORRALES - 9/12 0859 "Power 105" slogan, then program "Hit Music USA." Fair in 95% KFKA null. Ex-KXAK. (ØW-CO)
- 1360 KBUY NM RUIDOSO - 9/1- 2108 C&W music to 2124, then pregame show, Ruidoso Warriors vs Goddard Rockets. Very good on peaks. Ex-KREE. (ØW-NM3)
- 1460 KARR WA KIRKLAND - 9/3 0110 poor with relig. program, o/u KMWX. New, WA #43. (JSM-BC) Had been silent for a couple of years, noted back on the air 9/9 2159 with ID after relig. music, then promo for Family Radio. Same calls, new format (ex-MYL). (NH-WA)
- 1500 KVSN WA TUMWATER - 9/12 1450 new station is on the air with relig. format. Noted on trip to Olympia, blocked by KGH0-1490 at home. Came on sometime in past four weeks. Gave "KVSN in Tumwater" IDs 1452, 1459, 1500. USA Network news 1454, Moody Broadcasting Network program 1500. Uses "K-Vision" slogan. (BH-WA1)

**MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT**

- 570 KGRT NM LAS CRUCES - 9/9 2100 ID, CBS News, weather, then C&W at 2106 on "K-Great." Fair-good. (ØW-NM1)
- 910 KBIM NM ROSWELL - 9/11 2220 H.S. football, Ruidoso Warriors vs Goddard Rockets, Fair-good over QRM. (ØW-NM3)
- 960 KNDN NM FARMINGTON - 9/9 2045 ad in Navajo language for Taco Bell, then chanting. Good signal. (ØW-NM1)
- 1190 KXKS NM ALBUQUERQUE - 9/8 2012 Spanish language station with ranchera music. "Su Estacion Amiga." Very good signal. (ØW-NM1)
- 1230 KYVA NM GALLUP - 9/11 2040 o/u QRM with anncts in Navajo language, Indian chants. (ØW-NM3)
- 1290 KSRC NM SOCORRO - 9/11 2010 fair-good with ranchera music, Spanish & English ads, Spanish woman DJ. (ØW-NM3)
- 1340 KKIT NM TAOS - 9/9 1434 Spanish language format with ranchera music. Also has English & Indian segments throughout the day. (ØW-NM1)
- 1400 KITZ WA SILVERDALE - 9/10 2213 fading above jumble with adcon music, local ad, KITZ promo with P.O. Box in Silverdale, KITZ jingle, more music. New for me, ex-KPMA Tacoma. (BH-WA)
- 1480 KUUX NM HOBBS - 9/10 2150 football, Hobbs vs Monahans (TX). (ØW-NM3)
- 1490 KOAW NM RUIDOSO DOWNS - 9/11 2049 weather, ad for Kelly's Restaurant. Good at times o/u QRM. (ØW-NM3)
- 1600 KXEW AZ SO. TUCSON - 9/11 2250 "Radio Fiesta, La Mexicana." Mexican music. Fair, o/u KGST & KMVP. (ØW-NM3)
- KGST CA FRESNO - 9/11 2300 fair with English ID, then Spanish lang. programming. Mixing with KXEW, also Spanish. Can't hear these in Wheat Ridge, due to local KMVP. (ØW-NM3)

**MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY**

- 630 CKOV BC KELOWNA - 9/3 0641 poor with light rock & "AM Stereo CKOV, Kelowna" ID. New, BC #40. (JSM-BC)
- 660 KTNN AZ WINDOW ROCK - 9/12 0814 local anncts in Navajo language, ads for businesses in Shiprock, Chinle, etc. Very good. (ØW-NM3)
- 870 CKIR BC INVERMERE - 9/6 0634 fair with Nightshift program. "Columbia-Shuswap Radio." Not in directory...is it new or did I miss something? New, BC #41. (JSM-BC) (I first logged them on 1/23/85. They must have gotten left out of the new Log.--NH)
- 920 KXLY WA SPOKANE - 9/3 0620 good with Larry King, local news and Mutual network news. New, WA #45. (JSM-BC)
- 930 KAGI OR GRANTS PASS - 9/3 0253 very good with detailed forest fire info, into ABC news. New, OR #34. (JSM-BC)
- 1020 KYXE WA SELAH - 9/7 0641 strong with C&W, over SS. 500w and new, WA #46. (JSM-BC)
- 1090 CHEC AB LETHBRIDGE - 9/6 0624 good with TC in KING null, new, AB #10. (JSM-BC)

- 1380 KSMJ CA SACRAMENTO - 9/6 0611 poor with ID only thru KRKO, "Magic 1380 KSMJ." New. (JSM-BC)
- 1390 KBBO WA YAKIMA - 9/3 0558 good with relig. program into UPI News, 500w, new, WA #44. (JSM-BC)
- 1440 CFCP BC COUNTENAY - 9/3 0102 poor, o/u KODL and two other unIDs. New, BC #39. (JSM-BC)
- 1450 CFHC AB CANMORE - 9/7 0615 fair with relay of CFAC-960 (2 IDs), "Professional Roadshow Network". 250w, new, AB #12. (JSM)
- 1490 KRSN NM LOS ALAMOS - HS football, Spartans vs St. Pius of Albuquerque 9/10 0015. O/u QRM. (ØW-NM2)
- 1530 KGBT TX HARLINGEN - 9/11 0044 very good in Spanish with program note for live coverage of the Pope's Sunday Mass in San Antonio; then Tex-Mex music. Haven't logged this at home yet. (ØW-NM2)

**REPORTERS**

BH-WA/Bill Hardy, Aberdeen, WA/FRG-7, Radio West loop  
 BH-WA1/Bill Hardy, DX'ing near Olympia, WA/car radio & GE portable  
 NH-WA/Nancy Hardy, Aberdeen, WA/FRG-7, Radio West loop  
 JSM-BC/Steve McDonald, Port Coquitlam, BC/Sony ICF-2010, Radio West loop  
 ØW-CO/John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO  
 ØW-NM1/John Wilkins, DXing from campsite in the Sangre de Cristo mountains at about 10,000 foot elevation, 20 miles E. of Taos, NM/GE Superadio II  
 ØW-NM2/John Wilkins, DXing from Espanola, NM/GE Superadio II  
 ØW-NM3/John Wilkins, DXing from camp 25 miles W. of Los Alamos, NM, at about 8000'/GE Superadio II

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- MS-ON Morris Sorensen//Moosonee, ON//ICF-2010 barefoot
- RUGG Andrew Rugg//On holiday, motoring in Chrysler LeBaron Coupe
- JHD-PA John Demmitt//Bellefonte, PA//ICF-SSW
- GC-NY Greg Coniglio//Clarence, NY//
- JM-PA John Malicky//at home in Pittsburgh//Superadio II
- JM-OH1 John Malicky//St Clairsville, OH [The Floridian Motel]//Superadio II
- JM-OH2 John Malicky//Lima, OH [Milano Inn Motel]//Superadio II
- JM-OH3 John Malicky//Galion, OH [Jefferson Place Motel]//Superadio II
- JM-WV John Stebeck//Parkersburg, WV [Best Western Motel]//Superadio II
- WRH-NY Bill Hale//Johnson City, NY//Superadio

**SOME ABBREVIATIONS & SPECIAL SYMBOLS USED IN THIS COLUMN**

TT:Test Tones OC:Open Carrier TC:Time Check QRB:Interference SID:Singing ID CID:Code ID jx:jingle lcl:local lgl:legal mx:music Nx:news vx:weather sps:sports >:after <:before =:equal with or equal to ||:parallel with :00: on the hour >:to or into REL:religion or religious ROR:rock 'n' roll E2L:easy listening CW:country & western AC:adult contemporary UC:urban contemporary Con(Ch):contemporary Christian BB:big band AP:Associated Press UPI:United Press International NBS:Mutual Broadcasting System

*73. Bill*

## Hunterdon 'tuning' to radio station

VIA JEFF ROSS  
 THE STAR-LEADER 9/10/87

**By JEAN BRANDES**

Hunterdon County residents will be able to tune in the first county-based commercial radio station by next year if a communications firm receives the necessary local approvals.

Charles Hecht, vice president of Hunterdon Mercury Communications, said yesterday he hoped to file the required local applications "as soon as possible" to construct the offices, studio and transmitter for WJHR in the Point Breeze section of Kingwood Township.

Hecht and his partner, Delane Lipka, obtained a permit last month from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to open the radio station, which will operate at 1040 on the AM dial, he said.

The firm will apply for an FCC license once the estimated \$500,000 to \$1 million facility is

constructed, he said, but "we've cleared the largest hurdle."

He said the firm also needs a variance to construct the station on a 48-acre tract it owns in a planned industrial zone. The 5,000-watt station will have five 199-foot towers, he said.

Hecht said Hunterdon is "long overdue" to have its own commercial radio station. Hunterdon Central High School operates a nonprofit FM station at 90.5 on the dial. However, he said, Hunterdon and Hudson are the only counties in the state without commercial stations.

"There are so many things a radio station can do for the county," Hecht said, "for example, landfill hearings, snowstorm and flood warnings, community service announcements and live broadcasts of high school sports."

Hecht described the programming of the mostly music

station as "adult contemporary," somewhere between rock 'n' roll and "elevator music."

The station would operate at 5,000 watts during the day and at 1,000 watts at night, he said. The reduction at night is to avoid interference with a Des Moines, Iowa, station, he said.

The station's primary market area will be Hunterdon and Somerset counties, as well as Warren and Mercer counties in New Jersey and Bucks and Northampton counties in Pennsylvania, he said.

The station's signal will reach as far as Philadelphia, Allentown and Mt. Pocono in Pennsylvania and eastward beyond Somerville.

Hecht's application for the construction permit had been on file with the FCC for two years. One radio station, WFAN operating in New York at 1050 AM, filed an objection, voicing concerns over possible interference, he said.

# BANDSCAN

John R. Malicky, 995 Shadycrest Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Yes! Your eyes aren't deceiving you and Mike will be very happy to see that I've finally upgraded my column with the purchase of a new Smith-Corona Electra XT typewriter! The money came from the savings when I decided not to join other radio clubs-hi! This issue our scans are courtesy of John Demmitt of central Pennsylvania and Frank Merrill sent recently from his travels to Alaska last year and down to Key West, so thank you John and Frank! Please remember, list frequency, updated calls(if known), city, state-province, equipment, the or your LOCALS in CAPS, and other good stuff! Here we go.....

FREQ	John Demmitt-Bellefonte, PA	Frank Merrill-Sugarloaf Key, FL(east)
	Sony ICF-S5W	500' northeast-southwest wire
	<u>February, 1987; 133 total; DAY</u>	<u>December 15, 1986; DAY; 1-10 scale</u>
540	WARO-Canonsburg, PA	WGTO-Cypress Gardens, FL 3
550	WHLM-Bloomsburg, PA	Cuba 7/ unid 1
560	WFRB-Frostburg,MD/WFIL-Philadelphia	WQAM-Miami 7
570	WKBN-Youngstown, OH	Cuba 8
580	WHF-Harrisburg, PA	WDBO-Orlando 2/ XEYI 2 (?-jm)
590	WARM-Scranton/ WMBS-Uniontown, PA	WONE-Panama City, FL 3
600	WCAO-Baltimore/ WFRM-Coudersport,PA	Cuba
610	WIP-Philadelphia	WIOD-MIAMI 8/ Cuba 6
620	WHJB-Greensburg, PA	Cuba 8/ WSUN-St. Petersburg 3
630	WMAL-Washington,DC	.....
640	WHLO-Akron, OH	Cuba 10(same as 620)↓
650	WSM-Nashville	Cuba 2
660	WNBC-New York	Cuba 5
670	WMAQ-Chicago	.....
680	WCBM-Baltimore/ WISR-Butler, PA	Cuba 6/WWBA?mor(WLFF?-jm)3/ unid SS 2
690	WYIS-Phoenixville, PA	Cuba9/WIIX-New Orleans 1/Havana off
700	WLW-Cincinnati	JBC-Jamaica 1
710	WOR-New York	WAQI-MIAMI 9/ Cuba 8
720	WGN-Chicago	Cuba 4(same as 710)
730	WNAK-Nanticoke, PA/WPIT-Pittsburgh	Cuba 7
740	CEL-Toronto	Cuba 5/ WBSR-Boca Raton, FL 4
750	WSB-Atlanta	JBC-Jamaica 2/ unid SS 2
760	WJR-Detroit	Cuba 9
770	WABC-New York	WKZY-North Ft. Myers, FL 7
780	WBBM-Chicago/ WABS-Arlington, VA	.....
790	WAEB-Allentown, PA	WNWS-SOUTH MIAMI 9/ Cuba 7
800	WCHA-Chambersburg, PA/CKLW-Windsor	WRFA-Largo, FL 1(now on 820-jm)/unidSS
810	WGY-Schenectady/ WEDO-McKeesport,PA	ZNS-Bahamas 5
820	WCZE-Chicago	Cuba 2
830	WLND-Cortland, OH	.....
840	WHAS-Louisville	Cuba 7
850	WJAC-Johnstown, PA	WEAT-West Palm Beach, FL 5
860	CJBC-Toronto/ WAMO-Pittsburgh	Cuba 8/HILR-Dom.Rep.5/WGUL-Dunedin,FL3
870	WHCU-Ithaca, NY	Cuba 3/ WWL-New Orleans 2
880	WCBS-New York/ WRPD-Columbus, OH	Cuba 8
890	WLS-Chicago	Cuba 3
900	WCPA-Clearfield, PA	WSWN-Belle Glade, FL 4/ Cuba 3
910	WGBI-Scranton/CKLY-Lindsay, ON/ WSBA-York, PA/ WAVL-Apollo, PA	Cuba 7/ unid SS
920	WKVA-LEWISTOWN, PA	Cuba 4
930	WCNR-Bloomsburg, PA	Cuba 7
940	WVLV-Lebanon, PA	Cuba 9/ WINZ-Miami 7
950	WJW-Detroit/WNOC-Barnesboro,PA/WPEN	Cuba 6(same as 890)/ Cuba(Reloj) 2
960	WHYL-Carlisle, PA	Cuba 8
970	WBLF-BELLEFONTE, PA	WFLA-Tampa 3
980	WILK-Wilkes-Barre/ WONE-Dayton	Cuba 8/ WWHR-Pompano Beach, FL 5
990	WVSC-Somerset, PA	Cuba 3/ WMMA-Orlando 2
1000	WIOO-Carlisle, PA	Cuba 4/ unid SS 2
1010	WTGC-Lewisburg, PA	Cuba 3/ ??? 1
1020	KDKA-Pittsburgh	Cuba 2
1030	WBZE-Indian Head, MD/ WBZ-Boston	Cuba 2
1040	WSKE-Everett, PA	WHBO-Pinellas Park, FL 7/ ???OLD 7
1050	WLYC-Williamsport, PA	Cuba 1
1060	KYW-Philadelphia	WNOR-New Orleans 2/ unid 1
1070	WKOK-Sunbury, PA	Cuba(open carrier?) 4/ ??? 1
1080	WQRO-Huntingdon, PA	WVCG-Coral Gables, FL 7/ Cuba 5
1090	WBAL-Baltimore	WKII-Port Charlotte, FL 6/ Cuba 3
1100	WVNE-Cleveland/ WGPA-Bethlehem, PA	unid SS 1
1110	WJSM-Martinsburg, PA	Cuba 5

FREQ	<u>Bellefonte, PA(continued)</u>	<u>Sugarloaf Key, FL(continued)</u>
1120	WKQW-Oil City, PA	Cuba 4
1130	WEEO-Waynesboro, PA/(also WASP?-jm)	Cuba 3/ WWBF-Bartow, FL 2
1140	WRVA-Richmond	WQBA-Miami 6/jammer 5/ unid 4
1150	WHUN-Huntingdon, PA	.....
1160	WCCS-Homer City, PA	Cuba 9
1170	WVVA-Wheeling	.....
1180	WHAM-Rochester	RADIO MARTI-MARATHON KEY, FL 10
1190	WTPG-Hughesville, PA	.....
1200	WAGE-Leesburg, VA	WDCQ-Pine Island Center, FL 7
1210	WCAU-Philadelphia	WCMQ-Miami Springs, FL 6/ Cuba 2
1220	WJUN-Mexico, PA	Cuba 7
1230	WBPZ-Lock Haven, PA	Cuba 4
1240	WRTA-Altoona, PA/WYGL-Selinsgrove,PA	Cuba 5/ WINK-Ft. Myers, FL 3
1250	WTAE-Pittsburgh/ WLEM-Emporium, PA	Cuba 4/ WDAE-Tampa 3/ het
1260	WPHB-PHILLIPSBURG, PA	WSUA-Miami 4
1270	WLBK-Lebanon, PA	WNOC-NAPLES, FL 8/ Cuba 2
1280	WHVR-Hanover, PA	Cuba 5 (1 khz het)
1290	WFBG-Altoona, PA	Cuba 4(same as 1280)/Cuba 5(as 1020?)
1300	WXPK-West Hazeltown, PA	WFFG-MARATHON, FL 10
1310	WESA-Ephrata, PA	Cuba 4
1320	WGET-Gettysburg, PA	WLQY-Hollywood, FL 5/ Cuba 3
1330	WADJ-Somerset, PA	Cuba 4/WPTP-Ft. Pierce,FL2/ unid 1
1340	WTRN-Tyrone, PA	Cuba 4/ unid 1
1350	WQYK-York, PA	Cuba 2
1360	WPPA-Pottsville, PA	WKAT-Miami Beach, FL 6/ Cuba 4
1370	WKMC-Roaring Spring, PA	WAXE-Vero Beach, FL 1/ unid 1
1380	WAYZ-Waynesboro, PA	WLYS-Lake Worth, FL 3/
		WRBQ-St. Petersburg 3/ Cuba 2
1390	NRSC-STATE COLLEGE, PA	Cuba 6/ unid 1
1400	WHGB-Harrisburg, PA	WIRA-Ft. Pierce, FL 3/WFTL-Ft.Lau.2:
1410	KQV-Pittsburgh	WMYR-Ft. Myers, FL 4/ unid 1
1420	WGED-DuBois, PA	Cuba 3/ WDBF-Delray Beach, FL 2
1430	WVAM-Altoona, PA	WRBA-Homestead, FL 3/ Cuba 2
1440	WROO-Warren, OH	WOOJ-Lehigh Acres, FL 5/ Cuba 2
1450	WNAJ-STATE COLLEGE, PA	WSPB-Sarasota,FL 4/WOCN-Miami Beach3
1460	WOMB-Harrisburg, PA	.....
1470	CHON-Welland, ON/ WKKW-Allentown, PA	Cuba 4/ BE 2
1480	WISL-Shamokin, PA/ WCNS-Latrobe, PA/	WAFG-Aracadia, FL 4
	WSHP-Shippensburg, PA	.....(skip coming in)
1490	WJTB-LEWISTOWN, PA	WKIZ-KEY WEST, FL 10
1500	WROP-Washington, DC	(didn't attempt above 1490 too much)
1510	WAHT-Annville, PA	.....
1520	WTKB-Buffalo	.....
1530	WKYK-Cincinnati	.....
1540	WBOZ-Punxsutawney, PA	Cuba 6
1550	WARD-Pittston, PA/ CBE-Windsor	WRHC-Coral Gables, FL 5
1560	WQXR-New York	.....
1570	WJGM-Danville, PA	.....
1580	WBBG-Ebensburg, PA/WNZT-Columbia, PA	.....
1590	WCBG-Chambersburg, PA	.....
1600	WJSA-Jersey Shore,PA/WAYC-Bedford, PA	WKWF-KEY WEST, FL 10

John noted that DX activity is excellent from his location, I believe it! Now let's go to Canada with Frank.....

FREQ	<u>Frank Merrill(90 miles into Saskatchewan, west of Flin Flon, Manitoba on a gravel road); June 18, 1986; Kenwood R-1000 &amp;/or Superadio; 1000' wireDAY</u>	
540	CBK-Watrous	850 CKRD-Red Deer, AB
560	KNON-Great Falls, MT(?)very weak	860 CBKF2-Saskatoon, SK
570	CKSW-Swift Current, SK	880 CKLQ-Brandon, MB
580	CKY-Winnipeg	900 CKBI-Prince Albert, SK
590	CFAR-Flin Flon	910 CKDY-Drumheller, AB (CJDV?)
600	CFQC-Saskatoon, SK	920 CFRY-Portage La Prairie, MB
610	CKYL-Peace River, AB/	930 CJCA-Edmonton
	CHTM-Thompson, MB(farthest north stn)	940 CJGX-Yorkton, SK
620	CKCK-Regina, SK	950 CFAM-Altona, MB
630	CKRC-Winnipeg/ CHED-Edmonton	960 CFAC-Calgary
650	CKOW-Saskatoon, SK	970 unid-either WOAY-Fargo or CJYR
680	CJOB-Winnipeg	980 CKRW-Regina, SK
690	CBKFl-Gravelbourg, SK	990 CBW-Winnipeg
730	CKDM-Dauphin, MB	1010 CBR-Calgary
740	CBX-Edmonton	1050 CJNB-North Battleford, SK/
750	CJWW-Saskatoon, SK	CKSB-Winnipeg
770	CHQR-Calgary(tape loop)	1060 CFCN-Calgary
790	CFOW-Camrose, AB	1080 CKSA-Lloydminster, AB
800	CHAB-Woose Jaw, SK	1110 CHQT-Edmonton(?) (now on 880-jm)
810	CHQR-Calgary(here prior to 6/26 move)	1130 KBMR-Bismarck, ND(very weak)
830	WCCO-Minneapolis(farthest south stn)	1140 CKXL-Calgary

## Frank Merrill into Canada continued

1150 CKX-Brandon, MB  
 1190 CFSL-Weyburn, SK  
 1220 CJRE-Boissevain, MB(?) /  
 CJOC-Lethbridge, AB(?) (both very weak)  
 1230 CJOK-Fort McMurray, AB(?) very weak  
 1240 CJAR-The Pas, MB  
 1250 CHSM-Steinbach, MB  
 1260 CFRN-Edmonton

1270 CHAT-Medicine Hat, AB  
 1290 CFRW-Winnipeg  
 1300 CJME-Regina, SK  
 1310 CHLW-Saint Paul, AB  
 1330 CJYM-Rosetown, SK  
 1340 unid very weak  
 1420 CJVR-Melfort, SK

## Frank Merrill (Dempster Highway at Klondike Loop, 30 miles east of Dawson City, DAY Yukon Territory); July 17, 1986; Kenwood R-1000 &amp;/or Superadio; 1000' east-west

550 KENI-Anchorage, AK 790 KCAM-Glennallen, AK  
 560 CBDE-Dawson City, YT 800 KINY-Juneau  
 570 CFWH-Whitehorse, YT 820 KCBF-Fairbanks, AK  
 580 KRSA-Petersburg, AK 830 KABN-Long Island-Big Lake, AK  
 590 KHAR-Anchorage, AK 870 KSKO-McGrath, AK (very weak)  
 610 CKRW-Whitehorse, YT 970 KIAK-Fairbanks, AK  
 620 CJCI-Prince George, BC(?) or 1170 KJNP-North Pole, AK  
 KPEN-Homer, AK(?) very weak 1230 CBDC-Mayo, YT  
 630 KJNO-Juneau, AK(?) very weak 1270 KIAM-Nenana, AK (now moved to 630jm)  
 650 KYAK-Anchorage, AK 1290 unid-very weak  
 660 KFAR-Fairbanks, AK 1300 KRKO-Fairbanks, AK (weak!)  
 680 KBRW-Barrow, AK (farthest stn) 1390 to 1550 ?!\*\$: buzz, 2nd harmonic  
 690 to 780 ?!\*\$: buzz 1580 (pirate! semi-fading at 2 PM track  
 ing rock LP's, weak, not from Dawson City, Brian Vernon help!)

Frank also notes that CSDL-Destruction Bay, YT is on 960 instead of 940 as per our Log Book. Also, the LPRTs in High Level, AB (CBKD-1560 in book) on 1230 and in Ft. Providence, NW (CBQC-1230 in book) on 1230 are also on 1560. I've noted that KRKO-1300 listed above is not in the Log Book, but listed in Rod O'Conner's list in Issue 21, March 2, 1987.

PITT(er) PATTER: Back next issue with scans from Peru and Chile!

## No howls over FAN

**T**HE BIG SWITCH happened Wednesday at exactly 3 p.m., and it happened quietly. It was at that moment that country music station WHN changed formats and call letters and became WFAN, the nation's first all-sports radio operation. In the past, when stations have changed formats, faithful listeners have often howled long and hard about the switch. Not this time though.

"Everything went well," WFAN program manager Brian Beglane said yesterday. "It was sort of a madhouse here though, largely because of all the media attention. There must have been half a dozen camera crews here."

Beglane said there was little reaction from disgruntled country music fans, mostly because they were aware the switch was coming and the fact that WYNY switched to an all-country format at midnight Tuesday night. "WYNY has been advertising on our station for the past couple of weeks, drawing attention to the switch," he said. "That helped a lot."

The last song played on the now-defunct WHN was during the final minutes of the Dan Taylor show. It was Ray Price's "For the Good Times." "The song said it all," said Taylor. "It's about two people who break up and it includes the lyric, 'I'm glad we had the time to spend together.'"

—George Maksian

## AM radio pushed for stereo sound

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration is nudging the broadcast industry toward an AM radio system that transmits in stereo, a development that could help struggling stations survive.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration said stereo broadcasting can help AM radio stations compete with more popular high-fidelity FM stations.

But AM stations have been slow in moving to stereo. Though the Federal Communications Commission authorized AM stereo in 1982, only about 525 of the nation's nearly 4,900 AM stations are broadcasting in stereo, according to the officials of the two major companies making AM stereo systems.

The problem, NTIA says, involves reluctance on many fronts.

Broadcasters are cautious about entering the stereo market because they're unsure which of the competing transmission systems to buy. If the government chooses one system over another as an industry standard, a station could be stuck with an investment in the wrong system.

Manufacturers, meanwhile, don't want to make AM stereo receivers in large numbers because they see little consumer demand.



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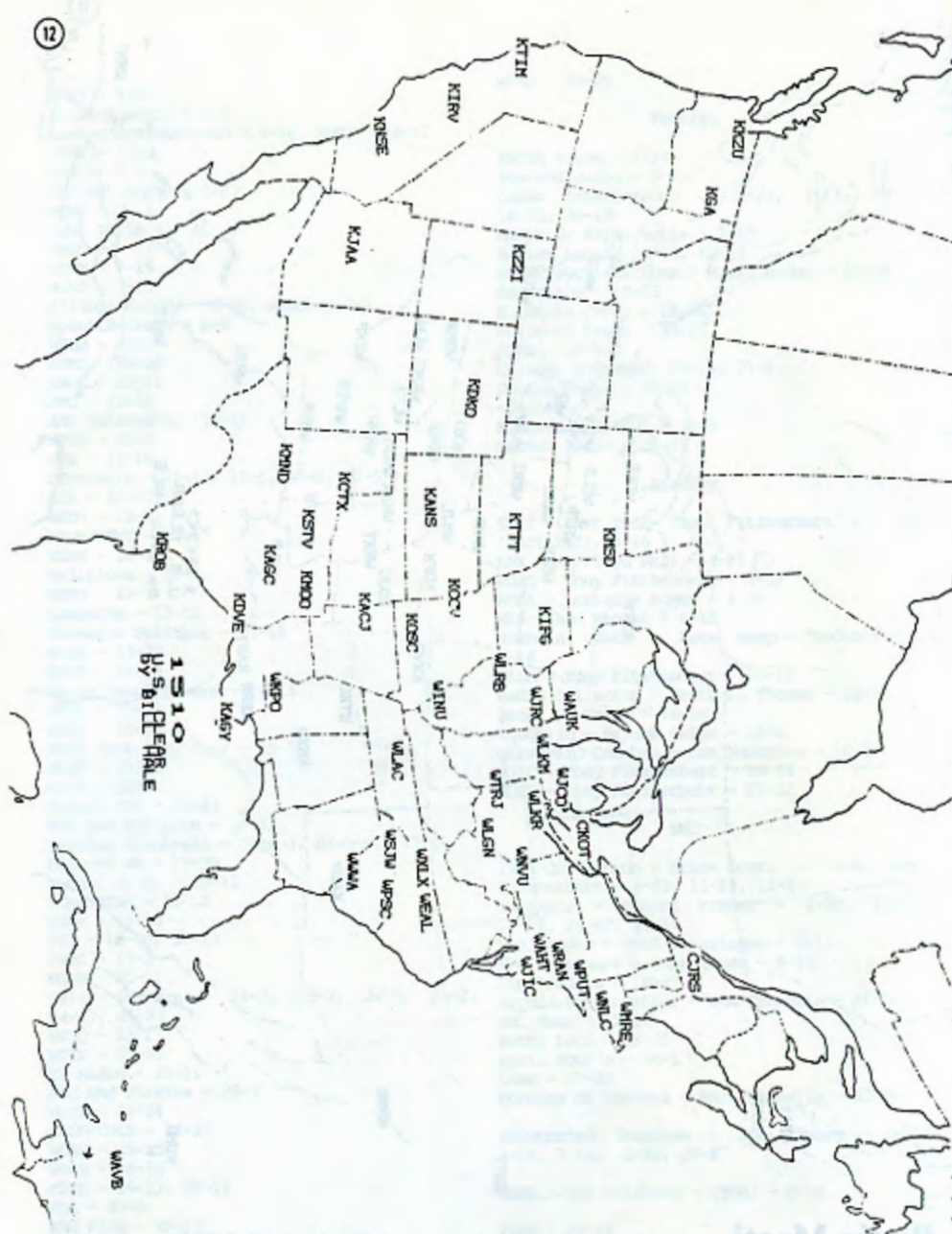
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**1520**  
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Inclan, who has been a journalist for 20 years, received a performance award from Radio Marti last January.

Speaking at a news conference, Inclan said, "Some of the most valuable sources of information available in this country are Cubans who have chosen to leave the island by boat or raft."

"Traditionally, the news division of Radio Marti has interviewed these refugees in order to learn of conditions in Cuba. Now, however, this news is being suppressed by the Radio Marti program."

She said that after April she noted that interviews by her reporters with Cuban refugees were not put on the air. When she complained in a letter to Radio Marti's director, Ernesto Betancourt, he replied that some refugees "have been shown to be Castro infiltrators," she said.

In May, Betancourt, in a letter to Perry Rivkind, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami, said that "the only person authorized by Radio Marti to interview newly arrived Cuban refugees was Tony Rivera, chief of the

station's research operations in Miami.

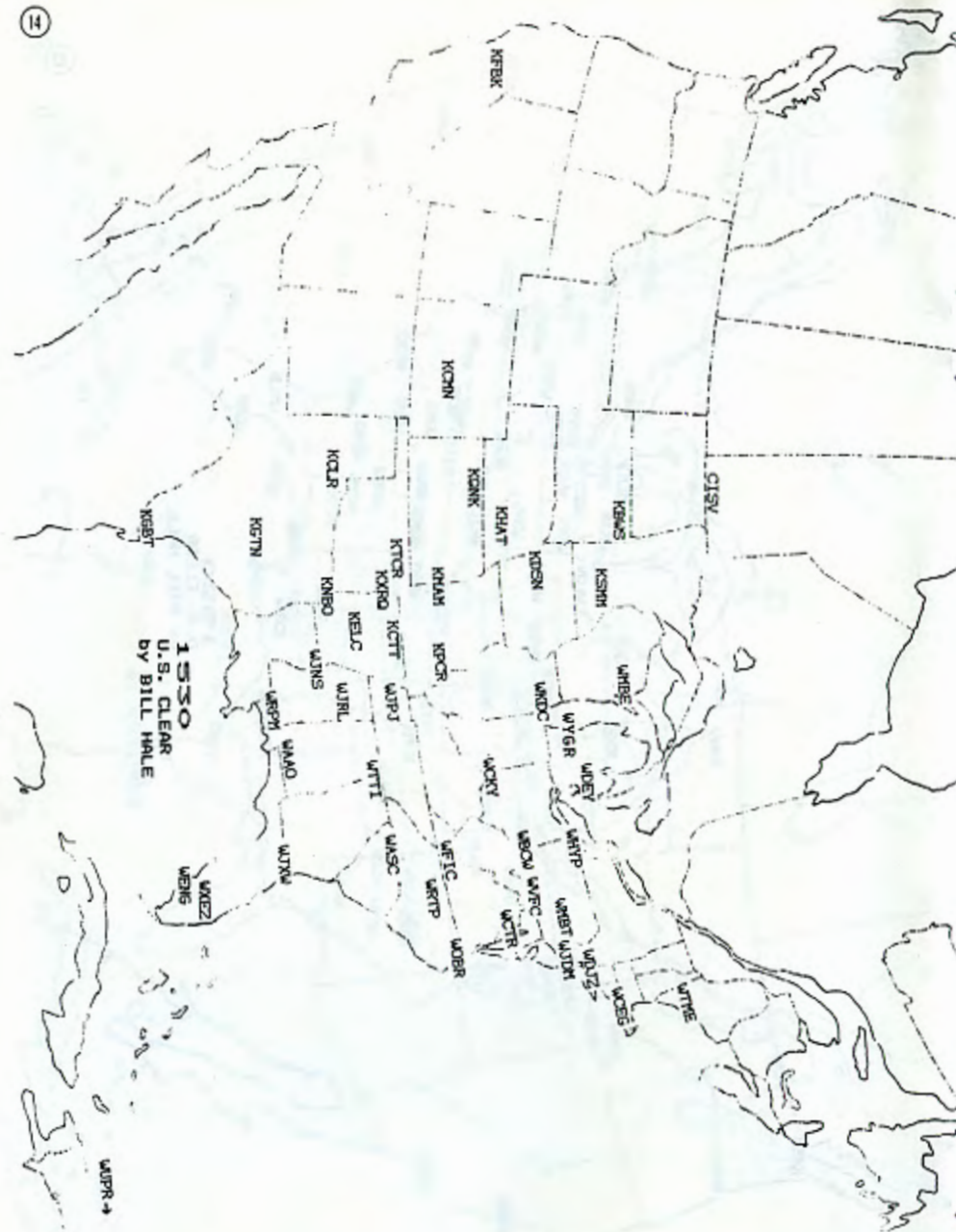
Inclan said Rivera was "neither a reporter nor an editor" and that according to Radio Marti's guidelines its Department of Research and Policy, which she said was larger than its news component, was not authorized to conduct interviews for broadcast purposes. McGuire called that statement "irresponsible."

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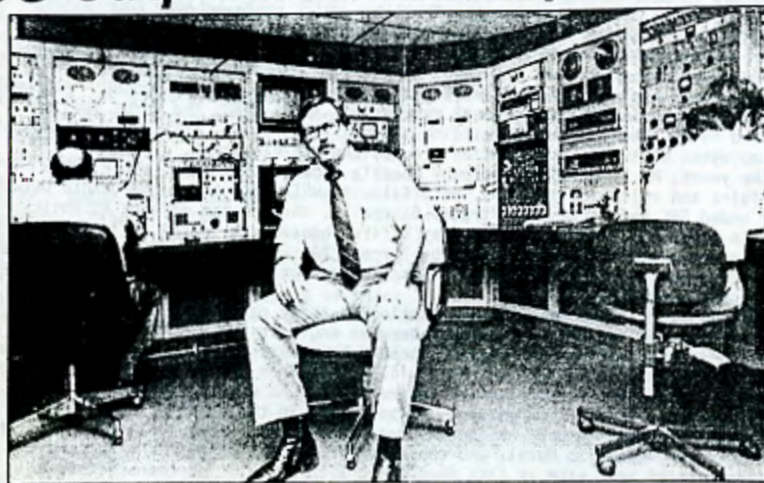
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## FCC outpost eavesdrops on world



FCC engineer Melvyn Hyman in Allegan, Mich., monitoring station

ALLEGAN, Mich. (AP) - When radio pirates began broadcasting rock 'n' roll from a ship off the East Coast, it wasn't the Coast Guard but an obscure government monitoring station hundreds of miles away that stopped the music.

The Federal Communications Commission intercepted the pirate radio signal with instruments stored in a building that looks more like a farmhouse in this rural, southwest Michigan town than a center for global eavesdropping.

The rural outpost is one of 13 monitoring stations nationwide where the FCC keeps its ears to the airwaves.

"We monitor the world," says FCC engineer Mike Rhine.

The stations are equipped to check compliance with FCC rules, scanning radio, television, short-wave, microwave and citizens' band frequencies.

The outposts respond to complaints of interference from private citizens, law enforcement officials, pilots, and marine radio operators, said Melvyn Hyman, engineer in charge at the Allegan station.

Such complaints could range from a boater's monopoly of an emergency marine channel to aircraft interfering with somebody's television signal.

Because of the huge numbers of frequencies and transmissions, the FCC rarely finds violators without first receiving a complaint, Hyman said.

But on the evening of July 23, FCC staffers in Allegan were randomly checking signals when voices turned up on a frequency reserved for teletype transmissions.

"We didn't know who it was, what it was, where it was or what it was doing there," Hyman said. "We took a bearing, asked the other stations to take a bearing and eventually pinpointed it" to a ship anchored off Long Island.

The signal originated from a group of rock 'n' roll aficionados who outfitted a former fishing vessel named Sarah to broadcast on four different frequencies.

The seafaring station was shut down in a raid by Coast Guard vessels, but a Long Island radio station, WNYG-AM, has announced that it will bring the

airwave pirates to firmer ground and let Radio Newyork International use its facilities for 16 hours.

The Allegan eavesdroppers generally cover a 15-state region, but pick up broadcasts from around the world, Hyman said. The 13 FCC stations frequently work together to pinpoint a signal.

When a potentially illegal transmitter can't be located, trucks equipped with receivers are dispatched, often chasing it across several states, Hyman said.

The Allegan station is the national training center for engineers and technicians for the 12 other monitoring stations. ■

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# STATION PROFILE

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STATION PROFILE - WRTA TALKRADIO - 1240, in Altoona, PA.

....by Guest Editor John Malicky

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When people in Altoona and Blair County want to know answers to questions such as "What are some of the best ways to invest my money?", "How do I go about adopting a child?", and "What are some of the best places to vacation in Florida?", or advice on legal or personal problems, or just interesting conversation, they turn to WRTA, 1240 Radio.

As WRTA moved into the 1980's, station management realized the impact of talk radio in addition to its local news and information, in realizing the objective of being a full service information source to its listeners. Thus on November 28, 1983, WRTA brought "Talkradio" to Altoona. And on August 10, 1986, the station added "Talknet" after local competitor WVAM dropped it in favor of a full time country music format.

Altoona, a city of 45,000 people, is located in the rolling Allegheny Mountains. It was founded in 1849 during construction of the Pennsylvania Railroad's east - west main line. The P.R.R.'s main maintenance facility, which employed over 6000 people in its heyday, provided the mainstay of the Altoona economy until Conrail moved maintenance operations elsewhere. WRTA served this railroad town for over 41 years.

WRTA began operations on June 12, 1946, through the efforts of its founder, Roy F. Thompson, from whom the call letters derive their meaning...Roy Thompson - Altoona. Mr. Thompson was previously the general manager for local WFBG. The first studios were located in the Penn Furniture Building, on the third floor. After business hours, station employees arrived in the studios via the freight elevator!

Over the years, Mr. Thompson aired many locally produced programs, along with public affairs and religious programs. He affiliated WRTA with the Mutual Radio Network, and later added ABC and Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball., through the defunct Atlantic Network. In 1951, WRTA carried Paul Harvey's first broadcast. In the early 1950's, WRTA operated a satellite studio in nearby Tyrone, PA. Eventually, WRTA gave up this facility and Mutual to current National Radio Club member Cary Simpson, who put WTRN-1340 on the air on January 12, 1955.

In April, 1956, Mr. Thompson sold his station to three partners; Lou Murray, John Miller, and Martin Malarky. Mr. Murray had been an engineer for CBS radio in the '30's and '40's, engineering many Mercury Theatre broadcasts with Orson Wells, and had founded WPPA - 1360, in his hometown, Pottsville, PA. After he left WPPA, he by chance met Mr. Miller, who owned a dry cleaning business, and who wanted to invest in radio. Mr. Malarky, another Pottsville resident, also joined in the venture.

As the Penn Furniture Company raised the rent in their building, WRTA moved its studio and offices to the Penn Alto Hotel, and the tower from the roof of the structure, plus the transmitter to a site at 13th Avenue and 27th Street. The transmitter, a 1977 CCA, and the backup, a Bauer, are still located there.

The partnership attempted to expand its radio interests with the purchase of WBRE, in Wilkes-Barre, but the deal fell through when Mr. Miller died of a heart attack on the same day as President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. Miller's estate kept an interest in WRTA, and the group put WMBT-1530 on the air in Shenandoah, PA, in 1964. This station was later sold to the Pottstown Republican.

In the late 1950's Rod Wolf of Ebensburg, present owner of WRTA came on the scene. He had been one of the top announcers for WJAC -850 and TV Channel 6 in Johnstown. He had taken courses in communications at Columbia University, and was in line for a job at WNEW - New York, when he returned home and did the TV chores at WJAC, including anchoring newscasts. He left WJAC to buy into the WRTA partnership, and, as each of the other partners retired, he purchased each of their shares., becoming the sole owner. He also purchase WBEM - 1350, Windbar-Johnstown, another talk-formatted station.

In September, 1981, WRTA moved from the basement of the Penn Alto Hotel to new studios at 1417 12th Avenue. On the top of the building is the station's satellite dish, and inside is the control room, focusing on a Collins Rock 10 board with 7 Tapeaster RP 700 model cart machines and one ITC deck. In the two production rooms are an old RCA TV board and a Sparta unit. WRTA was one of the first stations in the country to use tape cartridge machines.

WRTA operates from 5:30 AM to 1:06AM, except on Christmas, New Years, and for any close local elections.

The talk is augmented by adult contemporary music. The station's philosophy is to be a "full service conservative radio station for adults". WRTA prides itself in its local news coverage, and uses a mobile news unit for local stories. WRTA was the first station to win a Sigma Delta Chi Award for Radio Editorials in 1963, and has earned many awards from the Pennsylvania Broadcasters association and the Associated Press.

# DXCHANGE

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[ No freqs were posted on the list we got at HQ]

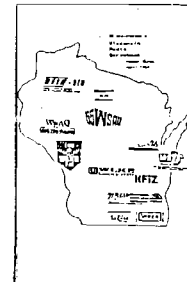
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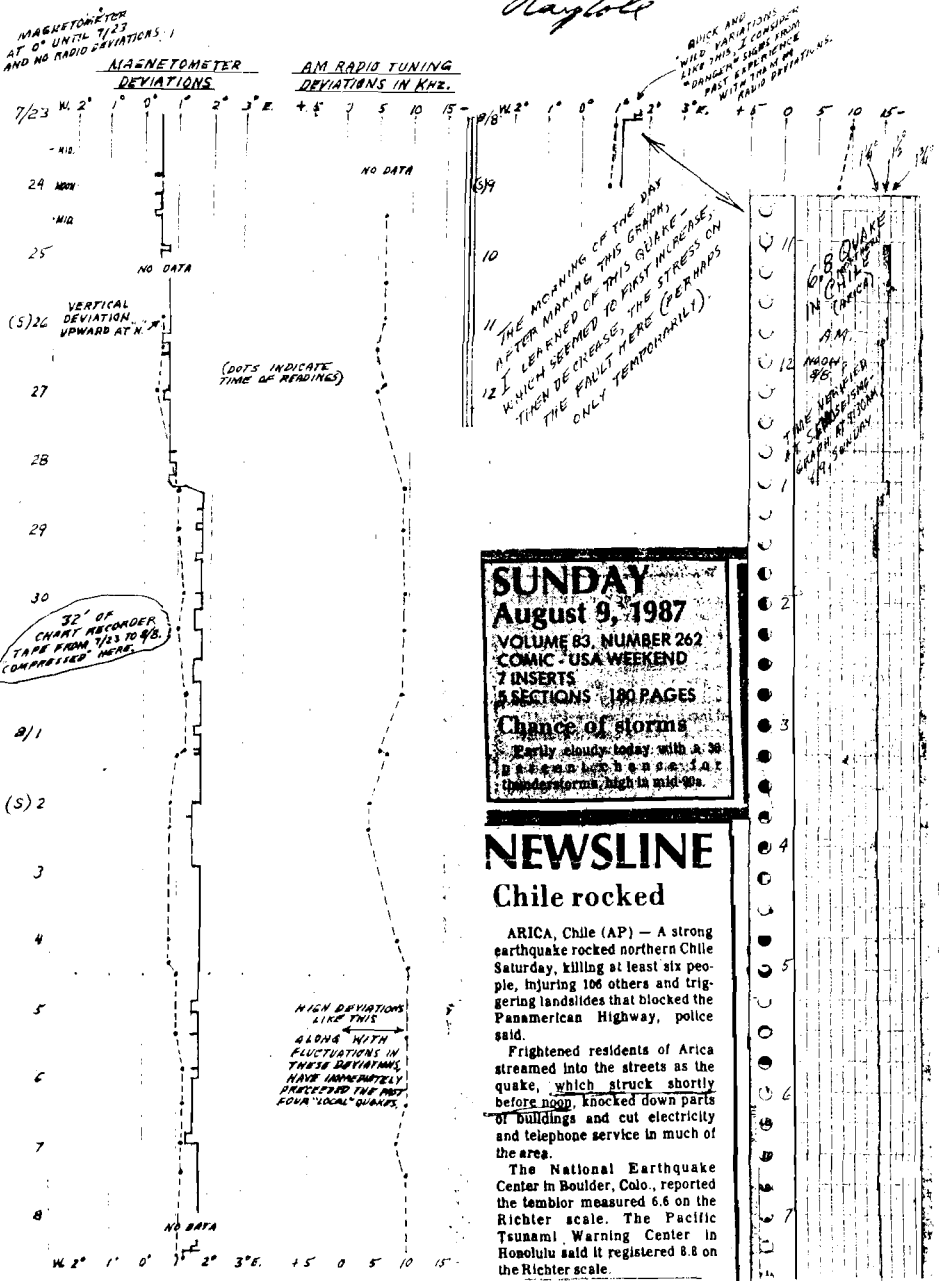


(18) AT THE TIME I STARTED RECORDING THE DATA ON THIS GRAPH, I JUST BECAME AWARE THAT DEVIATIONS HAD ALREADY BEGUN.

LOOK AT ENCLOSED GRAPH. AT WHAT HAPPENED LATE IN THE EVENING OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup>. STRESSES EVIDENTLY DOUBLED OR TRIPLED.

AT THIS MOMENT, THE AFTERNOON OF THE 29<sup>TH</sup>, I WOULD GUESS THAT ANOTHER 3.0 OR 3.5 MAGNITUDE QUAKE IS A FEW DAYS AHEAD - UNLESS THINGS "HOLD THEIR FIRE" AND BUILD UP MORE FOR A STRONGER ONE.

*Raylott*



# MUSINGS

Paul Swearinon

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I received the following five letters September 18 after they were forwarded from IA ... otherwise we wouldn't have a Musings section this issue! We're into the weekly bulletins now, so crank up those typewriters or whatever and send a Muse in now. Your next deadline (for #4) will be October 10, and let's use this one for re-intro's. For #5 (Oct. 17) we'll return to geographical Musings, with those living north of Topeka featured, and #6 (Oct. 24) for those south of Topeka; #7 (Oct. 31) east of Topeka; and #8 (Nov. 7) west of Topeka. If you move to Topeka, you'll be featured in all of them, hi! #9 (Nov. 14) will feature those NRC'ers living outside the contingent 48 states. And now, on with it!

## Summer Ramblings, Part I

**Tony Fitzherbert** - 356 Jackman Ave. - Fairfield, CT 06432

As summer ends, it's time to look back on the trips which allowed me to visit some radio facilities, and photograph others. As a result of my annual railroad trip with my 13-year-old son, Kevin, you will be reading five station profiles this winter, including one about a 50 kW clear channel station broadcasting from a model of an anti-bell mansion, another 50 kW station managed by some of the nicest people anywhere in radio, and the profile about the best-known station in the U. S. A., and two profiles on news-talk stations in Miami. Alas, I could get no information on WRHC-1550, operator of the most unusual antenna system in the country, a four-tower in-line array, a mile out in the ocean from Key Biscayne. Both trips added lots of slides for, hopefully, the 1988 NRC Convention's slide show.

Trip I was through the Shenandoah mountains and Williamsburg. On Day 1, we stayed in Gaithersburg, MD, and while the family went to the pool, I discovered in a gully, surrounded by two hills, the studio building and five towers of WMET-1150, ex-WMTG, WJOK, etc. The studio building is a colonial structure on a knoll overlooking the five towers, which are in a marsh. The station ID's for Washington-Gaithersburg, plays AC music, and talk, including a Saturday night program for singles. Also saw the three towers of WINX-1600, in Rockville, right next to the Metro. WINX is a 24-hour rock outlet, ID'ing for Rockville-Washington. Next radio jaunt was to see WRAA-1320, Luray, VA, an automated country music station, with rock on its FM, and fire and brimstone preaching all day on Sunday. The studio and huge AM tower are a half-mile west of the beautiful Luray caverns. We stayed two nights in Harrisonburg, and I grabbed the camera for a mini-tour. WHEG-1360's small studio building and 300-foot tower are in South Harrisburg - the station mixed country and CHR music. Then up to WKCY-1300, in north Harrisonburg, located in an old farmhouse. Studios, a 300-foot tower, and a huge sign featuring the station's logo, a chicken, are all here. This is good country music station. Then to West Harrisonburg, as a thunderstorm started, to see WSVA (Shenandoah Valley)-550's facility, which is in WSVA-TV's building - the three towers are out back, along with the TV tower and satellite dishes. WSVA is the area's full-service station with talk, lots of news, and soft AC music. I have heard and verified all three stations in Fairfield. Next radio jaunt was in Waynesboro. I had a few minutes to go by both stations. First was WAYB-1490, a CHR operation, located in a stately brick building in a campus-like setting just outside of Waynesboro, with the tower in back. This station seems to be the full service outlet for Waynesboro. It broadcasts lots of local information and news, and top-40 music, all presented by lively announcers. Their competition is WAMV-970, way out in a cornfield next to the Norfolk-Southern tracks, reached by a long road through the corn, a few miles west of town. WAMV's four towers mark the location, but the "No trespassing" signs deter impromptu visits. The station airs satellite country music, SNN news, and its signal covers the Shenandoah Valley. WMBG-740, Williamsburg, is located on the way to the Jamestown Settlement. A small studio building and a very tall tower mark the location. The station offers CHR all day. Last station of interest was passed on I-95 near the USMC reservation in Quantico, where one can see the four towers of WPMC-1480, "Top Shot Radio" (honest!), an absolutely delightful country music station. Would love to visit this station and do a profile - may do so some day. Next Muse will tour Atlanta and Miami. 73!

**John H. Demmitt** - Box A K0840 - Bellefonte, PA 16823

The big news here is that KQV-1410 is considering airing shortwave programming in the evenings. That would be an interesting format. Might just introduce a lot of new people to the radio hobby.

Received a letter from WRVA and see they are now part of the Mountain Radio Corporation - an Osborn Communication Co.

For anyone who missed listening to Ollie North telling about his involvement in setting up a clandestine radio station on a ship he secured ... you can check the details out in the paperback. The date of that statement was July 10.

Ollie wasn't the only one to do some shredding. I listened to NPR over WITF-Harrisburg, PA, and found it difficult to hear everything with so many voice overs by NPR staff and even the local WITF when it would ID. NPR would reintroduce each name of the person doing the speaking - while that person was speaking. Does NPR still get government funds?

20 KSGR-1340 Nampa, ID is ID'ing as Sold Gold Radio and is starting to pick up a good listenership.

Dave Baum, who once worked for WIND, is now at WBBM-780 on Newsradio 78. His show airs from 9 pm - 12 m-F and 10 pm - 1 am Sunday CLT. In addition to the news, he also does interviews and talk programs ... but no windows, hi.

Plenty of emergency activity over the air. On July 12, WOWO-1190 sounded the EBS tone alert and read a wire from NWS. The National Weather Service reported that a ham radio operator spotted flooding conditions and an alert for flash floods was given while people in the affected areas were advised to move to higher ground. Just recently while monitoring the Chicago stations during their flood, I was surprised to hear WGN-720 providing almost constant coverage to the flood emergency. I thought WBBM-780 would be on top of it but their reporting was only a token compared to WGN's.

Caught the simulcast of Radio Taino on both 1040 as well as the usual 1160 on July 20 and 21 in English and Spanish with its powerful 300,000 watts. KSL went off the air several times at the request of the FCC so frequency and power readings could be made of the Cuban stations. During such broadcasts at night, you might want to do a bit of DX'ing in the null of the Cuban at approx. five minutes prior to the hour as this is the time the FCC usually asks the U. S. stations to leave the air as they use RDF to measure the Cuban signals from the various FCC monitoring posts.

I'm still laughing after reading my copy of BLANDX which is packed full of satire on radio and hobby we love. You can order this excellent publication from Don Moore - 693 Fullerton Ave. #103 - Glendale Hts, IL 60139 for only \$2.00. You will have to see this publication to believe it.

A copy of my article on Radio New York International-RNI has been sent to HQ and will hopefully be published soon. I was asked to monitor this station and provided with details in advance and managed to hear all of the test programming from day one. The media reports missed telling things the DX'ers would be interested in. The article was sent to HQ prior to the bust which took the FCC, State Department, Honduran govt., and the U. S. Coast Guard.

Can't wait to see what these guys do the next time. Had they registered their boat in an unfriendly country, the State Dept. could not have received permission to board it and they might still be on the air today. (And they might be a patch of smoke, too ... pls)

Also sent in to HQ a book review of "Clandestine Radio Broadcasting" by Lawrence C. Soley and John S. Nichols. This is required reading for anyone who is serious about clandestine broadcasting and political activities. Published by Praeger, Greenwood Press, 88 Post Road West, Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881.

#### Radio Roundup

Pete Kemp, KZLZ - P. O. Box 73 - Bethel, CT 06801

Greetings, all ... Larry Lujack is leaving WLS, due to format changes. No doubt the established Windy City vet will find a new home in short order (Perhaps not; Ken Onyschuk noted that his ratings dropped -pls)... KSAJ, in Abilene, KS is sporting new calls: KABI ... Paul Benzaquin is back on the air again in Beantown. He will be holding down a Saturday-Sunday talk slot from 4-7 pm on WRKO ... The saga of the Radio New York International Pirates continues, with the FCC dropping all charges, saying that they had completed the mission they had set out on, to get them off the air. They don't wish to be bothered by additional paperwork. In the meantime the pirates have been offered a weekly show on WNYG-1440, from noon to 10:00 pm sign-off. While these pirates want to offer an "alternative", the short time that I heard them, I found their on-air talents to be somewhat amateurish, although they would probably say that their initial efforts were for testing purposes only and did not showcase their potential adequately ... Despite WYNY initial claims of holding on to its original staff when they made the move to c&w last July 1, some of the on-air staff have moved on. Coming on board to WYNY are former WHN DJ Dandy Dan Daniels. It is a bit ironic as Dandy Dan worked for WYNY two years ago when they were an Adult Contemporary station, and Scott Carpenter, from KLAC in Los Angeles ... Spectacor has purchased WIP in Philadelphia ... WDAF has held the top spot on the AM dial in Kansas City ... Robert W. Morgan is back in the wake-up spot on KMPC ... WFIL, a satellite-fed Goldies station is putting Scott Taylor on the air, as its only live DJ ... WSM, in Nashville, has Raph Emery back, although via syndication on "Goody's presents Ralph Emery Show". Ralph made his rise to c&w fame on WSM's air waves back in the '50's ... In Pittsburgh, Jonathan Rhodes has moved his show to WIXZ ... CBS Radio is offering its affiliates a new service entitled "Hot off the Press". It will provide a satellite feed of new releases to stations ... The latest book in Detoit shows the top three AM'ers lining up in the following order: WJR, WXYT, and WWJ ... Dale Conquest has been added to the WWJ staff to do sport commentaries ... Bud Brees has departed WPEN ... Mike Miller has moved his Miami talk show from WIOD to WJNO ... So much for now.

G. Harley DeLeureire - P. O. Box 10 - Hendricks, WV 26271-0010

It's the same old song and dance. DX'ing is almost nil. I guess I shouldn't cry, though, because hearing little or nothing means that my postage bill is low. While we were on vacation this summer, I ran across some interesting items. Our logbook lists a "CFQP" on 1150 kilocycles at Sarnia, ON. It is truly CFQP, and its power is twenty watts. Its address is 1415 Venetian Boulevard - Sarnia, ON N7T 7W4.

I noticed that WCZY-1500 is once again WLQV. Its programming was something else. I happened to tune in to an anti-Semitic talk show. I couldn't stomach it. People still hate people. It's no wonder that this world is in trouble.

While we were on vacation, I renewed an acquaintance with Roger Winsor, whose non de

plume at WNDZ is Roger Dee. Roger lives almost next door to my mom in Hobart, IN, and we did have a most pleasant evening. Here let me say that Mr. Dee has a true radio voice.

21 WARO-540 is now WWCS. Its programming is great; however, it has no advertising yet. I hope that it gets some, because I enjoy its good music. Its address as given on the air is now P. O. Box WWCS - Pittsburgh, PA 15241.

WMLX-1180 is announcing as P. O. Box 1999 - Cincinnati, OH 45201.

Oh, I should mention that similar stations to CFOT are being operated at Sault Sainte Marie, Kenora, and Fort Frances. Does anyone have any further information of these?

WLTP-1450 has finally been heard here. WLTP completed WV for me. I'm counting on its verifying for me.

WRGM-1440 of Ontario, OH, is on the air now. Does anyone have its address?

Well, I'm approaching my limit, and I'll sign off for now. Thank you for your help.

Gary Atkins - Rt. 9, Box 115 - Macon, GA 31211

On 8-26 I was quite surprised when I checked out the band and noticed that things were already beginning to open up. My first catch of the new season was WYBT-1000 Blountstown, FL at 8 am. At 8:05 that same day I heard WFLA-970 in Tampa. 8-29: No sign of semi-ocal WDBS-1520 in Eatonton at 8:15 am, only WMMT-Garden City, GA heard for the first time. A re-check of 1520 at 8:45 brought a big surprise as WDSL-Moscksville, NC was dominating and continued to do so till fade out at 9:15 am. Have already received a very nice verie letter from the GM at WDSL. I'm now 3 for 3 on reports to NC. Only other new catch is WBIT-1470 Adel, GA at 9:10 am on 9-2. Now have 131 from Georgia. This Labor Day weekend I drove to Columbia, SC to take in a Gamecock football game and had hoped to do an extensive bandscan from the area but heavy rains precluded any outdoor DX'ing, so all I heard was what I could coax out of my Superadio in the motel room through all the noise. I may send the abbreviated list to John Malicky. The rain subsided only long enough for the game to be played in dry weather. If we ever get off of this 6- and 7-day a week work schedule I may get a chance to do some more bandscans on my football trips to Auburn, AL, and Clemson, SC and wherever else I may venture. More as the season progresses. 73.

Paul Swearingen - 3132 SE Irvingham St. - Topeka, KS 66605-2948

WREN-1250 is definitely a thing of the past, as a newspaper article noted that a community group was thinking about applying for the frequency for a presumably non-profit, low-power station. Haven't had too much time for DX'ing, but I have noted that the more powerful Kansas City stations which were unnullable in SE Kansas five years ago can be nulled here, and most have SS underneath, which I haven't ID'ed yet. Have noted KNX-1070 and KFI-640 several times, u/others, plus one on 770 which could be another Californian. Will do some serious DX'ing between T-storms soon, when I get more boxes unpacked and the house back to normal. 73.

**KKMT**  
P.O. Box 710 Ennis MT 59729

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560	WVOC1	Andy Moore CE	1210	WCAUq	U/U
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600	WCAOq	U/U	1230	WBPZ1	JM
610	WIOD	Mitch Wein CE	1240	CJCS1	GHD
610	WUSQ1	Gerald T. Yasso VP/GM	1240	CJVR1qb	RV
640	WMSO1mz	G.Leininger Trf	1240	KANE1	SP
660	WESClmb	Allen Power PD	1240	KBEL1	PT
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680	WRKO1z	Robert M.Smith Jr CE	1240	WCEM1b	RV
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700	WLWq	U/U	1250	WHNYul	SP
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980	WJNN	Rich Reike CE	1470	WRBD	JC
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1010	WYST1	Lang Sturgeon CE	1480	KUUXup	SP
1030	WBDXup	J.J.Rickert GM	1480	WAME1	JC
1050	KSOH1	Becky Streidler	1480	WCNSpu	HH
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1080	WVCG1mb	Lee Waller CE	1490	WCVB1bmz	BH
1110	KTEKp	U/U OpD	1490	WJFL1	GHD
1110	WKDZ1	Greg Leath OpM	1490	WMBM	TF
1140	KMJJJ1rbu	U/U OpM	1520	WJKBfu	HH
1140	WQBA	Miguel Triay CE	1521	Czeckq	HH
1140	WVVAq	Bob Jones GM	1521	DUBAlx	HH
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1160	WYNS1	Jill Adams OpM	1530	WDEY1	GHD
1170	WAVS	Dennis Laughlin CE	1530	WTME1	BH
1170	WLKD1	Jeannine Thompson			
1170	WJEE1m	Al Crain			
1180	KGOL1	Ron G.Smith GM			
1180	KKARI	Steven J.Boucher DoE			

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1560	WCMD1	Michael C. Dunn P/GM	BH		
1560	WRIN1	John Balvich GM	GHD		
1570	At1Bee	Jerry Kufer CE	BH		
1570	WOKG1b	Charles Cunningham M	JM		
1580	KAMIpu	U/U	JW		
1580	WAMJ1	Michael Shannon	GHD		
1580	WBBRpu	William H. Kirby	HH	BH	Bob Harrison NJ
1580	WOXRpu	J.E.Woodward P	HH	GHD	G.Harley DeLeurere WVA
1580	WBSRF	Bruce Hirsh CE	TF	HH	Hank Holbrook MD
1580	WTYO1	Tony Frattai DJ	GHD	HK	Howard Kemp NH
1590	KEND1z	Bill Pettitt PD	RV	JC	Jerry Cook AL
1590	WJBG1	Jon James PD	HK	JM	John Malicky PA
1590	WQLS1	R. Paul King OpM	GHD	JW	John Wilkins CO
1600	KMVP1u	Girard M.Westerberg TD	WH/JW	PT	Phil Tallman OK
1600	KOROf	Paul Dudeck	PT	RV	Robert Vance VA
1600	WAYCq	Jay B. Cessna P	BH	SP	Stephen Ponder LA
1600	WTZQ1	Alb. Lake PD	GHD	TF	Tony Fitzherbert CT
1600	WZMM1	Chrystal L.Maynard DfM	GHD	WH	Wayne Heinen CO

Network news is provided by NBC. WRTA has carried Altoona High School sports play-by-play for over 23 years. WRTA also carries NBC's NFL Monday night broadcasts, and, over the years, have carried Pirates Baseball.

Talkradio, Talknet, heavy local news coverage, editorials (by Mr. Wolf), Weather-watch, local sports, and some music give Altoona everything that the local population needs to know on WRTA Talkradio-1240!

John Malicky thanks Greg Lance, ex WRTA Program and Production Manager for his help in supplying all of the information for this station profile. Greg had previously worked for WIGS-1230 and WCOJ-1420 before coming to WRTA in 1979. On April 13, 1987, Greg left WRTA to become the PM drive personality at WDEL - 1150.

Nicole Lee Tuttle

Aug. 19, '87

## Zoning board of adjustment up in the air on radio tower

LANCASTER — Minutes from the August 12 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting reveal two issues currently, one issue still awaiting review by town counsel and two requests denied for posting off-premises signs advertising Pinetree Motel in Northumberland.

The issue deferred seeks permission for Peter Morton to erect a 90 foot radio tower closer to the property line than 10 feet. The tower, to service a proposed AM radio station, would be behind the former Whitney Motors building off Main Street.

The tower would be a triangular metal structure with a two foot base, tapering to approximately 11 inches at the top. Mr. Morton told the board that the tower must be situated within a 1.2 mile radius from the center of town.

Chairman of the board Paul Thurston did not believe the variance could be granted. The issue will be decided at the August 24 meeting at 7 p.m.

The off-premises signs were requested by John Powell of Pinetree Motel for placement on Route 2 (Bridge Street) and at the Lancaster Fairgrounds.

Building inspector Don Crane told the board he had denied the request, since he had no authority to grant it. He strongly suggested that the Zoning Board of Adjustment not approve the request, and await the new sign ordinance being drafted by a committee addressing the issue.

The motion was denied.

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## WLGW waiting to sign on air

By Peter Riviere

LANCASTER — July Fourth will have come and gone before Peter Morton, the would-be Lancaster radio station owner, gets on the air, but it won't be for lack of effort. "Things are moving along," he told the Democrat by phone on Friday of last week.

Though he won't achieve his hoped-for early July broadcast date for the station, he is fervent in his desire to get the station on the air by early August. "The permit has passed out of the engineering office at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and into the legal department," he said, adding that it may be the latter part of July before the permit completes the cycle of reviews by the FCC.

"I can't really holler and scream or apply pressure because they can just slip the request in a drawer and lose it for a matter of week," said the Rupert, Vt., resident. "I really can't turn a

screw on construction until I get the license. It just isn't legal.

While he is waiting for the permit, Ron Robert of North Country Management is seeing to the necessary planning, and zoning board permits for the erection of the transmitting tower. Mr. Morton is planning to occupy space in the former Whitney Motors building. The 1,000 watt station would require, at minimum, an 80 foot tower to beam its signal over the 1490 megahertz band into the surrounding communities, with blanket coverage of the towns of Lancaster, Groveton and Whitefield (thus the call letters WLGW).

His permit, once approved, will allow for 24-hour operation, though Mr. Morton said he would likely sign off at 10 or 10:30 p.m. He can, however, foresee picking up a satellite feed to offer some programming from normal sign-off time to the early hours.

To strengthen the project, Mr. Morton has signed a partnership agreement with an experienced radio sales person who, he says, would handle the business end of things while he handles the programming and radio operations.

So if the combined bureaucracies don't snarl the permit process residents in the area towns of Lancaster, Groveton and Whitefield may soon awake to the sounds of "Good Morning, It's 73 degrees and hazy here in downtown Lancaster," on their very own radio station.

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