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CHUC	ONT	1450	Feb. 6	0000-0600
KXTA	CA	1150	Feb. 8	0400-0800
KTGG	MI	1540	Feb. 14	0030-0130
KEYZ	ND	660	Feb. 15	0105±0600
WILM	DE	1450	Feb. 21	0100-0300
KTSA	TX	550	Mar. 8	0100-0300
KSDR	SD	1480	Mar. 10	0100-0600
KNEU	UT	1250	Mar. 15	0200-0700

WHMA-1390 (P O Box 278 - Anniston, AL 36202-0278) will test on Monday morning, March 15, from 0101 to 0145 Eastern Time. The test will consist of the phrase "This is a DX Test" along with Morse code ID's. WHMA will operating with 1000 watts and then 5000 watts, switching from non-directional to their directional pattern, which is directed due south from Anniston. Anyone in the NRC or IRCA who would like a file showing the WHMA nighttime pattern e-mailed to them, let me know. Be sure to specify which format (pcx, bmp, etc) you want. Reception reports may be sent to: Jay Freeland, Chief Engineer <<the chfengr@aol.com>>. Arranged by Bill Hale for the National Radio Club.

KNEU-1250 (Route 2, Box 2384 - Roosevelt, UT 84066) will test on Monday morning, March 15, from 0200 to 0700 Eastern Time. The test will consist of country and western music plus Morse code ID's. KNEU will be operating with 129 watts, non-directional. Reception reports may be sent to: Mr. Jim Leonard, Chief Engineer. Arranged by Bill Hale for the National Radio Club.

From the publisher ... Thanks to John Tull, we have a technical article in this issue of DXN, after a long dry spell of none. Be sure to check out the new, 9th edition of "After Dark" (p. 23), as well as Crazy Ken's special sale on DX'pedition books on p. 18, too. And I'm sure you'll enjoy reading about long-time NRC member Ray Nemec's "other" hobby, which started partly through his early radio-listening habits.

The peripatetic WREN-1250 may become an all-sports outlet in Kansas City, according to a story aired January 24 by KCTV-5. Seems that Entercom is buying WREN to add to its stable in KC (KMBZ, WDAF, KCMO, and a bunch of FM's, all under the

same roof), and may convert it from southern gospel to compete with KCTE-1510, not to mention KMBZ's sports broadcasts. As they say, stay tuned!

Apparently the NRC convention will continue its tradition of being held on Labor Day. Bill Swiger is getting things arranged for the 1999 Convention to be held on the Labor Day weekend in Bridgeport, West Virginia. In a few weeks all the details will come out about hotel room costs, but for now, reserve some vacation for the weekend of Friday, September 3 through Sunday, September 5. If you have anything to send in for the auction address it to: Mr. William Swiger, 1 Casey Lane, Bridgeport, WV 26330.

Welcome to these new members: Thomas Maciaszek, Bayville, NJ; Walter Lenz, San Diego, CA; Kent Haun, El Dorado, KS; William J. Walker, Dallas, TX; Jim Valentine, Tualatin, OR; Massimo Cervieglier, Alessandria, Italy; Lawrence W. Newton, Findlay, OH; Alfred J. Willis, Barrie, Ontario; Jeff Ball, Auburn, IL; Martin Bassin, Linthicum, MD (rejoins); Joseph Bassin, Severna Park, MD; Peter Martin, Arlington, VA; Lawrence Paola, Mooers, NY; Pete Rizzo, Wichita, KS; Nicholas Pattison, St. Clair Shores, MI; Ragnar Danneskjold, Mesa, AZ; William Fairbanks, Coral Springs, FL; John Spitzer, Cincinnati, OH; Fred Osterman, Reynoldsburg, OH (rejoins); Kevin Molander, Walnut Creek, CA (rejoins), John Bullitt, Lincoln MA; and Stephen Coci, Florence, SC.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of *DX News*:

50 years ago ... from the January 29, 1949 DXN: Item from a Mexico City newspaper about Gen. Bulmaro Guzman, a neighbor of XEMC-1550, bursting into the station, gun in hand during a program, yelling that too much noise was being made, and starting to wreck things until he was overpowered by two performers and the staff of six. (It was suggested that we have him visit some of the U. S. graveyard all-nighters!)

25 years ago ... from the January 28, 1974 DXN: Publisher R. J. Edmunds mentioned the gasoline shortage, and \$3.00 fueling limits, which possibly would affect his 24-mile round trips to the printer ... the 1974 NRC convention was scheduled for August 16-18 in Toledo.

10 years ago ... from the January 13, 1989 DXN: Marc DeLorenzo noted Belize's Radio One on 825 kHz Dec. 29 with fuzzy, distorted audio.

AM Switch

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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<i>Old call</i>			<i>New call</i>
910	WFNS	FL	Plant City	WSUN
1030	KOWW	MO	Blue Springs	KCWJ

Arvada Merry-Go-Round: Neither the FCC nor the licensee seems to be able to decide which call goes with which station, as the calls have been juggled at least once on the air, but we'll stick with what the FCC shows in its database even though that also seems to change periodically. As of 1-20-99 at 4:25 PM the FCC shows this: 1550-KDDZ, 1690-KADZ. Both indicate a city of license as Arvada, neither listed as Arvada-Denver. And the saga continues. Make these changes in your Log in pencil.

APPLICATIONS/GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

None

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1700 KTBK TX Denison: 10000/700 U1, relocate transmitter, city of license to Sherman, TX

OTHERNESS

670 WTNN TN Farragut: station is SILENT
1360 WBLC TN Lenoir City: station is SILENT; both WTNN-670 and WBLC expect to return to the air in February under common ownership
1460 WBUC WV Buckhannon: station is SILENT
1480 KLMS NE Lincoln: CP for 1000/750 U4 is on
1590 KYDE AR Pine Bluff: license was cancelled 3-20-98, but a Petition for Reconsideration has been granted a hearing, so this station may return; facility was 5000/500 U2.
1600 WINX MD Rockville: silent station is ON THE AIR *Jerry & BK*

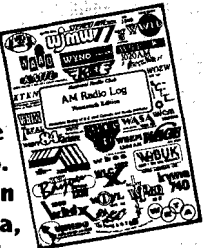
THANKS: Ed Krejny, Bill Hale, G. Harley DeLeurere, Perry Crabill, Les Johnson, and MSJ

73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

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Domestic DX Digest

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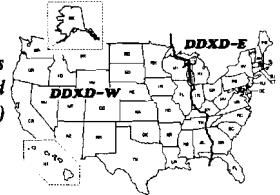
6124 Roaring Springs Drive - North Richland Hills, TX 76180-5552

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(Division line is
between East and
Central time zones)



DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- Many thanks to **Pete Taylor** of Tacoma, Washington for his generous CPC donation!!
- Reporters' comments: "OK I have gotten 4 new stations since Jan 1 and ALL have been Radio Disney. I am almost longing for the old days of Larry King and Rush Limblah. ALMOST!!! Well as they spread out across the band I can get new ones which will all have MK or DZ in the call. Hey what happened to Donald Duck and all the other Disney creatures? Just think how easy it would be to spot a station where all the announcers sounded like Donald. NO, tooooooo easy!!! As for weather it was -30F on Wednesday and plus 36F on Friday. Keeps you strong and health or in the hospital. Cough Cough Hack Sniffle....." - SA-MB;
- Another plea, from me: Especially e-mailers ... I need ALL your data every report: your full name, city, state, equipment. This is especially true for new members. And please format your reports as seen in the column. I'm down to one or two now that make their logging in either conversational fashion, or kind of like you see, but not exactly. I'd appreciate it. Thanks in advance.
- Let's hear from you!!

REPORTERS

FA-ID Frank Aden Boise FRG7 with 4 foot box loop <wvll23a@prodigy.com>
SA-MB Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg ICR-70, Drake R8 + 4' unamplified box loop/Quantum Loop/145' long wire/100' indoor wire <saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>
GB-NM Gerry Bishop (Niceville, FL) DXing at Albuquerque DX-440 <gerryb4991@aol.com>
RD-AZ Ragnar Danneskjold Mesa Kenwood R-1000 with a terminated helical coil (I added another slinky, dropped the terminating resistance, put in a bigger ground rod) <lwdxer@juno.com>
RD-AZI Ragnar Danneskjold Mesa Delco radio in a red 94 Buick, car antenna
WH-CO Wayne Heinen Aurora RS TRF <nrclog@aol.com>
GJ-CA Gary Jackson Sacramento
JTR-CO John Reed Ponca City Sylvania R1414/URR & Harris RF-550 + noise reduced wire, homebrew ferrite loop, MFJ-1025 phaser <jtreed@poncacity.net>
RR-UT Rocky Robello Sandy Sangean ATS-909 + Select-A-Tenna <ka7eii@webtv.net>
JT-MO John Tudenham Joplin <jotud@juno.com>
RT-CA Rich Toebe Concord Sony ICF-2010 + Radio West Loop or '97 Pontiac Delco radio <rictoebe@jps.net>
JW-CO John Wilkins Wheat Germ Drake R-8, 4-foot loop <peakbagger3@juno.com>
Ed.-TX Editor North Richland Hills

SPECIAL

610 KSKE CO Vail - 1/17 0855-0905 - Ending 1-on-1 Sports with ID *The New Talk* 610 KSKE Vail and Talk 1450 KDMN Buena Vista followed by CNN News. 0903 SS Radio Be -Oh -Lin (That's phonetically how it sounded). Evidently they've added some SS programming SS:MEX music and local spots followed in SS. (WH-CO)
620 KMKI TX Plano - 1/16 2355 - Poor signal, with Disney programming. Under CKCK. New call sign. NEW!! (SA-MB)
1260 WWMK OH Cleveland - 1/16 0645 - Poor signal, with Disney programming, in a mess of stations. New call sign. NEW!! (SA-MB)
1470 KRAK CA Sacramento - 1/18 - Noted with new calls, ex-KOME, and country format, moved from 93.7 FM. Slogan is *Gold Country* 14-70. (RT-CA)
1550 KDDZ CO Arvada - 1/17 1738 - Fair signal, with Disney programming. New call sign. NEW!! (SA-MB)



- 1620 KSMH CA Auburn - 1/12 - Antenna is up and complete, and will start testing any day now, per phone call. Should be on RS by 2/1/99. Address is PO Box 180, Tahoma, CA 96142-0180 and phone is 530-525-1833. (GJ-CA)
- 1690 KADZ CO Arvada - Using these calls now, ex-KAYK. Still Radio Disney and still // 1550, which is now nomenclated KDDZ. Ex: KQXI. (JW-CO)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 550 XEPL CH Ciudad Cuauhtemoc - JTR's unID in issue 66/13 may well be this, although not exactly N-S from OK. I've heard them often in accented German, with IDs. Definitely an odd place to be hearing GG - must be a German enclave down there. (JW-CO) [Not surprising, as the Mexican National Anthem is filled with the sound of the Tuba - Ed.][Much traditional Mexican music has German origins. And many Mexicans are of European, non-Spanish, extraction -pls.]
- 1070 UNID ?? - 1/7 - At precisely 1938, heard the following: *This is Radio Free Asia. The following program is in Vietnamese, which it was. Mostly talk, occasional music; no discernable ID at top of hour. Hard to get loop bearing, since only one loop position is usable, that of KNX's null (roughly N-S). KENR is listed as ETH format. (JW-CO)*
- 1510 UNID ?? - I have been hearing a station with Adult Standard format under WLAC 1510 at night. At 2305 finally got an ID sounding like KMNN. There is a Midland TX station with similar call but I have them listed as daytime only. Anyone know who this is? (JT-MO)
- 1580.06 ?? - 1/4 0814 - C&W music; O-K Country slogans. Looped roughly NW-SE. Poor in QRM. (JW-CO)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 530 WNWN611 CA Martinez - Is back on again, at first was only occasionally during the holiday season, but now seems to be more or less constantly. At least they have long pauses during their loops so I still have hope for DX here, hi! (RT-CA)
- 530 WPLK675 NM Albuquerque - 1/16 2033 - This is New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department Radio frequency 530 AM WPLK675 at Gibson Boulevard and Interstate 25, Albuquerque, New Mexico. This message is updated every Friday, all projects are scheduled weather permitting. Then to a list of road projects around the city. Good signal all over town. (GB-NM)
- 1500 WPKJ354 CA Folsom - 1/11 & 1/13 1900 - Good, strong signal, with info on Folsom City Council. (GJ-CA)
- 1610 TIS/HAR CA - 1/9 0640 - Woman announcer giving parking info and rates of \$1.00 a day [That's cheap! If you find out the location, and I'll park there, no matter from where the plane leaves, hi - Ed.], then faded out. Only thing in an hour. Suspect SFO. Sounds like an electric fence here. (GJ-CA)
- 1610 UNID CA? - 1/15 0500 - TIS/HAR testing, with ID as *Cal Trans Highway Advisory Radio and this is a test. 1-2-3-4-5. 5-4-3-2-1* and repeat. No call or location. Have called CalTrans. Will have to wait to ID it on call back. (GJ-CA)
- 1610 UNID NM Albuquerque - 1/16 2000 - Open carrier on the freq, audible all over the city through 1/17. Probably a TIS similar to the 530. Signs on I-40 direct tuning to 1610, though there's no message. (GB-NM) [The Bill Harms list says this WPKL674, which looks like a 'floater', as the call is assigned to several sites - Ed.]
- 1700 TIS/HAR CA LAX - 1/14 0630 - Still testing, with strong signal here. I have QSL address, if anyone needs it. (GJ-CA)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- 570 WVMI MS Biloxi - 1/10 2030 - Bruce Williams talk show with call ID. Faded out soon after. (JTR-OK)
- 680 WJCE TN Memphis - 1/11 0730 - Playing UC music with call, and *The Juice and Solid Gold Soul* IDs. (JTR-OK)
- 710 KAPZ AR Bald Knob - 1/11 0755 - Arkansas sports news, C&W and oldies. Weak and fading. New here. (JTR-OK)
- 780 KAZM AZ Sedona - 1/17 0000 - ID *Playing music and much more this is 780 AM Stereo Radio KAZM Sedona. AP Network News, old radio shows and Music of Your*

- 790 KABC CA Los Angeles - 1/18 0036 - Slogan *Where Southern California talks* 790 KABC. Popped up for a few seconds under C&W station KGHL Billings, MT. (RR-UT)
- 1630 KKWY WY Cheyenne - 1/18 0000 - ID *Cheyenne's Classic Country Giant, we are KWY AM 1630. Hard to hear under KCJJ. (RR-UT)*

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 830 KNCO CA Grass Valley - 1/18 1051-1101 - *News Talk 83* slogans. Ads for *Grass Valley Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Nissan* dealership and *Sears*. Local birthdays read on the air sponsored by *State Farm*. Weather reports and sports report followed by ID at top of hour: *KNCO Grass Valley, a service of Nevada County Broadcasters in our 20th year of broadcast excellence, KNCO News Talk 83* followed by ABC Radio News. (RR-UT)
- 920 KVEL UT Vernal - 1/20 0838 - Woman announcing Utah news. Utah area ads. New log. (RD-AZ1)
- 1050 KMTA MT Miles City - 1/13 0800 - Weak with oldies before 0800. At 0800 call ID and news with big increase in signal strength. Heard in phase null of XEG. New here. (JTR-OK)
- 1230 KQIK OR Lakeview - 1/18 1000 - *Your official station for today's hot new country and your favorites is Q93 KQIK AM and FM, Lakeview-Alturus into ABC News. Good signal. NEW! (FA-ID)*
- 1410 KMYR KS Wichita - 1/4 0845 - NOS music, call ID. Fair-to-poor in QRM. Ex:KEYN here. (JW-CO)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 620 WKNI AL Lexington - 1/10 2100 - Sports talk with call ID. Weak, in loop null of KAAM. New here. (JTR-OK)
- 820 WYPA IL Chicago - 1/5 1757 - *Radio Unica* program ending; legal ID at 1759:50 in EE, then right back to R.U. Fair, in WBAP null (WBAP not strong yet at this early hour). WYPA stays on until Fort Worth sunset, which is about an hour after Chicago sunset in January. (JW-CO) [What we do with all that extra sunlight ... ??? - Ed]
- 860 KNUJ MN New Ulm - 1/5 1807 - Call IDs, regional weather, local spots. Temp -5, wind chill -29. Heard again at 1840. S'posed to be on 5 watts at this time - maybe stayed on day power due to nasty weather. (JW-CO)
- 880 KCMX OR Phoenix - 1/14 2040 - Noted on top of channel with news. IDed as *Super New Talk 8-80 KCMX. Call change, ex:KTMT* (a swap of frequencies with 580). (RT-CA)
- 1100 KFNZ AZ Cave Creek - 1/7 1905 - Interview with Glendale city official; local spots. ID at 1928: *You're listening to Arizona's Talk alternative KFNX 1100 AM Fair, with WTAM/KNZZ QRM. Ex:KCCF. (JW-CO)*
- 1170 KJOC IA Davenport - 1/14 2120 - Sports talk, call ID and *K-jock*. KVOO normally dominates frequency but the transmitter must have been down. New here. (JTR-OK)
- 1360 KGME AZ Glendale - 1/14 1941 - Unusual reception during commute home; completely blanketing 1360. No sign of semi-local KFIV! IDed as *"Sports Radio 13-60 KGME, The sports leader in Phoenix"*. Call change for me as well, not usually heard here. (RT-CA)
- 1530 KHPY CA Moreno Valley - 1/20 1935 - At S/O [sign-off??? - Ed.] with National Anthem. New Log. (RD-AZ)
- 1620 KYIZ WA Renton - 1/17 2358 - Soul and rap music with ID *KRIZ Renton, Seattle, KYIZ Renton, Seattle. (RR-UT)*

WGIR AM610

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

1230 kHz:				Miles
KDOV	OR	Ashland	Pete Taylor	San Francisco, CA 308
KSJK		Talent	Pete Taylor	Tacoma, WA 352
CFBV	BC	Smithers	Pete Taylor	San Francisco 1200

					Miles
1240 kHz:					
KOFE	ID	St. Maries	Pete Taylor	Rural Idaho	50

1400 kHz:					
WTRR	FL	Sanford	Pete Taylor	Orlando, FL	(Tie) 20
WRCC	MI	Battle Creek	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township, PA	462

1450 kHz:					
WLPM	VA	Suffolk	Pete Taylor	Williamsburg, VA	41

1490 kHz:					
WGYM	NJ	Pleasantville	Pete Taylor	Edgartown, MA	249

Totals:		1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	Total
Steve Kennedy	Coal Township, PA	37	24	41	32	30	25	189

DDXD-East

Deadlines are Tuesdays.

Please note that the mailing address for this column changed back in August ... I'm still getting some contributions forwarded by the P.O. who take a while to get things here.

Welcome back to *Jeff Falconer* who says it's his first report to DDXD in years. Hope to hear more from you soon, Jeff!

WHAT'S UP IN MONTREAL

Denis Picard writes on 1/19: "In a half-page ad this morning in 'La Presse' newspaper, CBF-690 confirms that it will cease broadcasting on AM from Friday Jan 22 (I'm not sure if CBM-940 did the same in English newspapers, though)."

Sheldon Harvey of the Canadian International DX Club sent us the following more lengthy notice on the same day:

"I have just received information from a source within the head office of Radio-Canada in Montreal, who wishes to remain anonymous, that the French language CBC AM outlet on 690 kHz. CBF (which has been simulcasting on 95.1 MHz since January 1998) will be going silent at some point overnight Thursday night into Friday morning. The exact time was not known, but it was indicated that the 690 kHz should be silent as of 5 AM Eastern time Friday morning, January 22, 1999.

"It is not known at this time if the same will happen with the English network station on 940 kHz., CBM, which has been simulcasting on 88.5 MHz FM. I am looking into this story and will forward further information when available.

"CRTC hearing are being held in Montreal on February 15, 1999, where six different applications are being heard regarding the two frequencies (690 kHz and 940 kHz).

"One of the applications is by the CBC to reclaim the frequency of 690 kHz to be used for their new proposed French language news and information service. CBC has also applied for 940 kHz should their application for 690 be turned down. Mount Royal broadcasting is applying for both 690 and 940 to be used for their two current AM stations CKVL 850 kHz and CIQC 600 kHz respectively.

"Radio-Nord, a company based in Hull, Quebec, is also applying for both frequencies, to be used for new English and French country music AM stations.

"The feeling within the broadcast community in Montreal at this point seems to give CBC the inside track to retain the 690 kHz frequency, and for CKVL-850 kHz to obtain the 940 frequency. This will all be decided by the CRTC at the hearing to be held in Montreal on February 15, 1999 at the Holiday Inn at 99 Viger Street. These hearings are open to the public.

"It will be interesting to see if Mount Royal Broadcasting and Radio-Nord use the CBC's claims against them in the hearings. CBC made a lot of noise when they applied to move their two AM stations to FM, telling the CRTC that the radio listenership was moving away from AM and that they needed to move to FM to stay competitive. They also claimed that the FM signals would serve their listeners with a better, stronger and clearer signal. Now they re-apply for one of the AM frequencies which they wanted to get away from. It should be most interesting.

"In an unrelated story, I have obtained information that the new French language station licensed by the CRTC, CJMS for 1320 kHz. in St. Constant, Quebec, not yet on the air, has applied for a frequency change. They have requested 1040 kHz. The station had hoped to be on the air by the beginning of the year (1999). The new target date is now March 1999. This will obviously be dependent on their application to move frequency, as tower work will be required should the application be approved."



And Bruce Conti passes along: "According to various Canadian newspaper reports, the CBC is planning to launch a French language all news service, with 940 targeted as a potential outlet when CBM completes the move to FM."

STATION NEWS

- 730 **WBZS VA Alexandria** - 12/27 - Noted off for about a week (from 12/18), leaving WPIT alone. (JEK-MD)
- 830 **WCRN MA Worcester** - 1/15 2330 - Good, "You're listening to the radio stations of the Carter Network, AM 950 WROL Boston, AM Stereo 830 WCRN Worcester, AM 730 WACE Chicopee-Springfield, AM 1220 WRIB Providence, WLOB-FM 96.3 Rumford, and AM 1310 WLOB Portland," and preaching from the International Broadcasting Network, over CFJR. (BC-NH) [The last three stations are new to this net. - DY]
- 1140 **WXBV MI Kentwood** - 1/8 1500-1600 - "Stunting" with continuous tape loop of the SSB, announcement: "This is the new generation talk, 1140 WXBV Kentwood, with the John Kent Show. A new generation of talk radio." Then SSB again. So assumed to be TLK in the near future, no longer // WJNZ-1680. (PLB-MI) + 1/11 - Has indeed gone to TLK, with an emphasis on "liberal" hosts. Midday features local host Bill Freeman (fired from WGVU last year for being "too controversial") and syndicated Tom Lykis 1500-LSS (tape delay from previous day). (PLB-MI)
- 1230 **WITH MD Baltimore** - Now barely audible here at 33 miles, noted // 780, 105.1 Arlington, VA. (JEK-MD)
- 1260 **WWMK OH Cleveland** - 1/14 1200 - On top of WRIE with Radio Disney program, ID. Ex-WMIH. (JF-ON)
- 1350 **WOYK PA York** - 1/16 2100 - ID for "WOYK York-Lancaster, WPDC Elizabethtown-Harrisburg, and WVZN Columbia," "Sports Radio 1350 WOYK" jingles, and ESPN Radio. (BC-NH) [Ex-C&W, and the other two stations ex-the defunct Prime Sports. - DY]
- 1600 **WINX MD Rockville** - Now with SS music. Have yet to hear a legal ID, only "Música Romántica" slogan. (JEK-MD)
- 1680 **WHWH NJ Princeton** - Has been testing at night here with bits of talk programs and ID's. Weak signal, though, considering the huge OC that I had been hearing on 1680 days. Maybe on DA from 1350, or just reduced power. (BD-PA)

DX TESTS

- 560 **WGAI NC Elizabeth City** - 1/4 0100-0130 - Heard with code ID segments, alternating between high, low frequency. (KVJ-GA)
- 1540 **KTGG MI Spring Arbor** - 12/20 0030-0130 - Not heard, only KXEL over probable CHIN. (JEK-MD)

UNID and UNID HELP

- 610 **UNID** - ----- 1/13 0200 - End of One on One Sports, ABC news. KSKE seems unlikely; I suspect KILT. Even with poor WIP signal, can't get ID. (SK-PA)
- 680 **UNID** - ----- 1/13 2145 - One on One Sports; none listed in Log. (SK-PA)
- 890 **UNID** - ----- 12/19 1649 - "Joy AM" slogan and mention of Fairlawn. New WKNV? (JEK-MD) [Has been reported with this slogan. - DY]
- 940 **UNID** - ----- 1/19 1715 - Using the terminated loops, a growl on the channel and a C&W player (NC or VA) fading in and out with CBM almost gone. The Mexican noted 1800 way on top at times, so Aurora in effect. I was after the C&W for a new one. (RM-CT)
- 1150 **UNID** - ----- 1/6 1758 - "Focus on the Family" program, under financial talk. (WM-MD)
- 1340 **UNID** - ----- 1/17 0205 - ID "Sports all day, 1340 WEZS(?), the Home Team," and ESPN Radio. (BC-NH)
- 1450 **WOL DC Washington** - I think this is SK-PA's unID in no. 13; Lexington Market is in Baltimore, WOL is // WOLB-1010. (WM-MD)
- 1520 **WLGC KY Greenup** - Re: BC-NH's unID in no. 14; this has One on One Sports. (WM-MD)
- 1600 **WAQY MA East Longmeadow** - DZ-NY's logging of of WBLY Springfield OH is undoubtedly this, which is a couple of miles from Springfield MA and // 102.1 WAQY-



FM Springfield, with rock. The towers are co-located with WKND-1480. Used to be a daytime (calls WTYM), a rocker when I was a teenager (as was WPOP, WDRC, WHYN, etc.) (RM-CT)

1650 UNID — 12/27 1835-1900 - Continuous non-descript instrumental music on one-hour loop, no talk or ID. WHKT? [As reported earlier. - DY]

LOGGINGS: 0000-0800

710 CKVM PQ Ville Marie - 1/17 0125 - Good, Radiomedia telephone talk // CKAC-730, over WOR. (BC-NH)

740 WMBG VA Williamsburg - 1/13 0300 - ID "Your golden memories station, WMBG Williamsburg," then ABC news. Jumped over TLK station in partial CBL null. (SK-PA)

780 CFDR NS Dartmouth - 1/17 0120 - Good; "If anybody wants to know where you found classic country, tell them 780 Kixx" non-ID, over WBBM. (BC-NH)

790 CIGM ON Sudbury - 1/6 0030 - "Your station for hot country," ID, C&W. (WM-MD)

860 WACB NC Taylorsville - 1/16 0010-0043+ - Fair, mainly over CJBC, with pop, oldies, C&W, spots for Citizen of the Year, Taylorsville Police. (HF*MI)

WAMO PA Pittsburgh - 1/16 0000 - Poor, "AM 860 WAMO" ID and talk with host saying "Good morning, Black America," under CJBC. (BC-NH)

900 CHML ON Hamilton - 1/16 0045-0552+ - Fair with medical call-in program, ads/PSA's for chlamydia, Alarm Force Security System, and Henry's Family Food Store. (HF*MI)

980 WTEM DC Washington - 1/16 0748 - Fair over CFPL, "Senior Companion" spot, ID "Sports-Talk 9-80 WTEM." (HF*MI)

WONE OH Dayton - 1/17 0627 - EZL oldies, promo for "Gardening with Benny McEwen, SIO 43-3." (HF*MI)

1040 WJNO FL Boynton Beach - 1/13 0734-0742 - With "The Morning Report," ID "South Florida's choice for news, AM 1040 and 1330, WJNO." (KVJ-GA)

1060 WHFB MI Benton Harbor - 1/17 0740-0800+ - Fair, "Your Mo-Town 70's station, AM-1060," "If it's music you want, you've come to the right place...," "The greatest hits of the 70's, AM 10-60," and several more "AM 10-60" non-ID's, and finally at 0759: "Your community station WHFB Benton Harbor, St. Joseph." QRM from WRCW-OH with REL. (HF*MI)

1070 KHMO MO Hannibal - 1/16 0725-0735+ - Poor, in and out with CHOK, feature on singer Bonnie Raitt(?), "KHMO, news when you want it," AP news 0729-0734. (HF*MI).

1080 KRLD TX Dallas - 1/16 0739-0745+ - Fair, "KRLD News Time," "Amber Alert" in Plano for missing child, ad for Arch Foundation & Repair, the Osgood File, and Doug with sports. (HF*MI)

1160 WSCR IL Chicago - 1/17 0722 - Poor, "Sports all day," call ID, in and out with WWON(?). (HF*MI)

1270 WMLF GA Columbus - 1/12 0203 - Very mellow WMLF jingle, then NOS, atop in WXYT fade. (SK-PA)

1320 WISW SC Columbia - 1/17 0658-0705+ - Very poor, bubbled up 0658 with "WISW serving Columbia ...," then taken over by WJAS-PA with OLD. (HF*MI)

1370 WSPD OH Toledo - 1/17 0130 - Good, "News Radio 1370 WSPD" ID with ABC news theme, weather, and news, over WDEA with local WFEA off. (BC-NH)

1380 WTYM PA Kittanning - 1/14 0700 - Just caught ID under WPHM and others, "WTYM Kittanning-Ford City" and gone. Ex-WACB. (JF-ON)

1440 WRBP OH Warren - 1/13 0747 - Fair at best with WMAX, WMKM with promo for the Youngstown area UAW locals. Ex-WHHH, WRRO. (JF-ON)

1470 WKAP PA Allentown - 1/9 0035 - ID "Great songs and great memories," mention of Jeff Rollins show weekdays. (LW-NY)

1480 WSAR MA Fall River - 1/9 0100 - ID, news on the hour. (LW-NY)

1490 WLPA PA Lancaster - 1/18 0600 - Heard coming out of One on One Sports, ID "W-L-P-A Lancaster." Nice tape ID made. WACM absent with the terminated loops. (RM-CT)

1520 WCHE PA West Chester - 1/15 0730 - Momentarily overriding WWKB at sign-on, "Good morning. This is WCHE West Chester, Pennsylvania ... Chester County Radio, Inc." (PC-VA)

1590 WMIM PA Mount Carmel - 1/14 0650 - NOS in and out of mix, using PSRA, ID 0722 with "24 hours a day on the Memory Station, 1590 WMIM." (PC-VA)

1690 KAYK CO Arvada - 12/21 0615-0625 - Tentative, fair with WMDM OC, Radio Disney slogan and kids call-in contest promotion, kids' music, "1690 Radio Disney," Toys for Tunes PSA. Would be CO #6. (JEK-MD)

WMDM MD Lexington Park - 12/21 0615-0635 - Running OC with sporadic sports sound-bites on network feed to station, legal ID 0630 into local news. OC allowed KAYK to come through. (JEK-MD)



LOGGINGS: 0800-1600

1090 WMUS MI Muskegon - 1/16 1550 - Briefly over WBAL, // 107 FM with C&W, weather for Grand Rapids. New. (TS-MI)

1170 WWVA WV Wheeling - 1/16 1305-1330 - Some fades with strong peaks, very listenable, with Wheeling area events cancellations, "On the House" home improvement show. (TS-MI)

1180 WHAM NY Rochester - 1/16 1300-1330 - Over, under WXLA, CBS news 1300, followed by Roger Hitchcock call-in show, part of "All Star Saturday." Rare in the daytime. Other DX stations heard this first warm afternoon after two weeks of sub-freezing temperatures. (TS-MI)

1190 WLIB NY New York - 1/16 1557 - Up over WOWO with traffic, plug for Royal Caribbean Bakery, and slogans "World Beat" and "The People's Choice." (TS-MI)

1200 WBZY PA New Castle - 1/16 1230-1300 - "Good Time Oldies Magazine," ID 1300 "Lancaster's first choice for oldies, 1200 WBZY New Castle." OLD until basketball at 1545. Up and down early, very solid later in the day. (TS-MI)

1210 WPHT PA Philadelphia - 1/16 1250-1300 - Faint but alone with no splash, with Villanova basketball pre-game shows. (TS-MI)

1390 WKDR VT Burlington - 1/11 0824 - Fair at times with ad for Mens Club, Web address given for station, then ID. Mentions of Burlington and Plattsburgh. Slight QRM from Syracuse. (HJH-PA)

1520 WWKB NY Buffalo - 1/16 1345-1415 - Up and down, mostly under WJHP with University of Buffalo basketball and Buffalo spots. Never heard in the daytime before. (TS-MI)

WJHP OH Kent - 1/16 1345-1415 - In and out with strong peaks, TV audio of Michigan-Wisconsin basketball, a little confusing with two games on the same frequency. ID 1400: "TV audio on the radio, Channel 29 in Akron, 35 in Cleveland, on WJHP Kent-Akron." (TS-MI)

1660 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 12/25 1410-1501 - Excellent with only traces of WBAH. Blue-Gray football, ads for Muffler Hitch, Fader Equipment, and legal ID 1501. Other X-banders from the west had good signals. (JEK-MD)

1690 KADZ CO Arvada - 1/11 0037 - Poor in WMDM null, "Radio Disney 1690" with child's voice, no call letters. (KVJ-GA)

LOGGINGS: 1600-2400

550 KFYR ND Bismarck - 1/10 1940 - Fair in USB with OLD music, regional weather forecast, calls at 1943. KTRS normally dominant here. New. (MB-IN)

560 WGAI NC Elizabeth City - 12/19 1927-1935 - East Carolina-South Carolina basketball pre-game, Bud and Altell cell phone ads. Excellent signal, maybe on day pattern? (JEK-MD)

590 WKZO MI Kalamazoo - 1/12 1913 - Good with calls, Detroit Red Wings pre-game show. (MB-IN)

610 KDAL MN Duluth - 12/22 2300 - NOS, ID "KDAL Duluth, an Intercom(?) Station." Only heard once before, on 1993 NRC test. Mixing with CKTB. (JEK-MD)

620 WTMJ WI Milwaukee - 1/16 2333 - Poor, promo for Washington High School, "News Radio 6-20 WTMJ," over REL station. (HF*MI)

630 CFCY PI Charlottetown - 12/29 2030 - Fair with call ID, medley of C&W songs. (LW-NY)

660 WESC SC Greenville - 1/17 1650 - Ad for Greyhound Bus Line, ad for event at local shopping mall, promo for Winston Cup Auto Racing, mention of FM 92.5, briefly over WFAN. (WM-MD)

680 WINR NY Binghamton - 1/16 2330 - Good, "AM 680 WINR" ID, network NOS // WFEA-1370, with local WRKO nulled by phasing. (BC-NH)

740 WNOP KY Newport - 1/11 1740 - Jazz music, TC, traffic report, mention of Ohio River. Good in CBL null. (WM-MD)

- 770 WYRV VA Cedar Bluff - 1/11 1730 - Country gospel music, sign-off, station address, ID, over, under WABC. (WM-MD)
- 780 WWOL NC Forest City - 1/17 1710 - REL songs in WABS null, ID 1728 "Thank you for tuning this afternoon to WWOL Forest City, North Carolina, just a few seconds before the hour of 5:30. Tune us in again tomorrow morning at 7:30." (PC-VA)
+ 1/18 1725-1730 - Southern Gospel music, loud and clear in WBBM null, "My Country 'Tis of Thee" at sign-off, full ID, mention of Holy Springs Baptist Church. (WM-MD)
- CFDR NS Dartmouth - 12/25 2055 - C&W music, ID "Kicks Classic Country," good over, under WBBM. (LW-NY)
- 790 WQXI GA Atlanta - 1/18 1735 - Assumed with slogan "The Atlanta Falcons Station," sports talk show. (WM-MD)
- CIGM ON Sudbury - 1/6 2140 - C&W music, "AM 790 CIGM" ID's. (LW-NY)
- 810 WHB MO Kansas City - 1/16 1807 - C&W music, "WHB AM 8-10," female DJ, weather with temperatures for many cities in MO, KS, and IA. (KVJ-GA)
- WQIZ SC St. George's - 1/19 1725-1730 - Black gospel music, DJ gave out phone number, ad for Sudafed, then home safety show, power cut at 1730. In WGY null. (WM-MD)
- CJVA NB Caraquet - 12/25 2000 - News on hour, pop music. (LW-NY)
- 820 WZTM FL Largo - 1/16 1745-1759+ - Fair, One on One Sports, Sports Saturday, ads for Big 7 Nissan, Discount Auto Parts, Winter Carnival, and Tampa Bay Bucs, "On Tampa Bay's real sports leader ... Sports 8-20 ... There's nothing weak about us," over WYPA until 1800. (HF*MI)
- WYPA IL Chicago - 1/15 1617 - Poor, Radio Unica with Chicago ID, EZL SS vocals, under WOSU(?). (HF*MI)
- 830 WXII NC Kernersville - 1/16 1727-1737 - Fair, Wake Forest basketball, ISB Sports Network, ads for Rose Furniture, WXII News Channel 12 spot, over WMMI(?) and SS station. (HF*MI)
- 860 KKOW KS Pittsburg - 1/8 1944 - Live DJ "That's 20-20 weather from KKOW," then C&W. Alone for 2 minutes, then pushed way back by WAMO. More 20-20 weather at 1959, then CBS news. Again 1/12 0000 with end of Sports Byline America, partial ID "Pittsburg-Joplin," into CBS news, IRN afterwards. KS #1, State #43. (SK-PA) [Nice! - DY]
- 880 WTZY NC Fairview - 1/11 1646 - Weather "on WTZY," mixing with WCBS, WRFD, and getting the worst of it. (SK-PA)
- 890 WKNV VA Fairlawn - 1/10 1715-1730 - All over WLS with contemporary Christian music, brief sign-off announcement 1728 saying they would return at 0730, then another song, carrier cut 1730, no SSB. New. (JF-ON)
- 900 WMVU NH Nashua - 1/8 1700 - End of Bob Grant Show, ID "This is talk radio WMVU. Merrimack Parkway in the Merrimack," and power cut right here. Fair. (SK-PA)
- WBRV NY Boonville - 1/9 2058 - Fair in CHML null with C&W, ID as "WBRV AM." (MS-ON)
- 910 WABI ME Bangor - 12/19 1913 - Call letters, basketball coverage. (JEK-MD)
- 920 WPCM NC Burlington-Graham - 1/18 1644 - C&W, singing ID 1645, then WPCM Community Calendar. WMMN nulled. (PC-VA)
- CJCJ NB Woodstock - 1/7 2133 - "On 920 CJCJ" popped up out of the mix. (SK-PA)
- 930 WBEN NY Buffalo - 1/12 1835 - Local talk show, ID over WFMD. (WM-MD)
- 940 WGMV MI South Haven - 1/10 1630 - Strong with NOS, ID, mixing with CBM. Last heard as WJOR. (JF-ON)
- 950 WXGI VA Richmond - 1/15 1740 - C&W, traffic, ad for Carpet America, ID "Country Gold 950." (WM-MD)
- WCNZ WI Sheboygan - 1/10 1730-1700 - Very good at times, mostly over WWJ, WCTN mix with NOS and "AM-95" slogans. Ex-WKTS. (JF-ON)
- CKNB NB Campbellton - 1/9 1704-1715 - Fair with ID mentioning the Gaspé and ? Coast, OLD music, frequent call ID's. (MS-ON)
- 980 WTEM DC Washington - 1/12 2110-2120 - Fair in CFPL null, mixing with WONE with sports call-in show on "The Team." Ex-WRC, WWRC. (JF-ON)
- WYFN TN Nashville - 1/11 1732 - Fair in CFPL null with GOS music, ID. New. (JF-ON)
- 990 WDCZ NY Rochester - 1/8 2000 - REL program, ID "Life Changing Radio, a member of Crawford Broadcasting." (LW-NY)
- 1000 CKBW NS Bridgewater - 1/16 1910 - Good, "Of all the station's you've listened to, we're the

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- 1040 WJNO FL Boynton Beach - 1/12 1735 - Weather with "News Channel 5 meteorologist Steve Weigel," into Jeff Cole Show on "News 1040-1330." (KVJ-GA)
- WJHR NJ Flemington - 1/16 1920 - Fair, mix of current hits and lost 80's hits like the Greg Kihn Band's "Jeopardy" over/under WYSL. (BC-NH)
- WYSL NY Avon - 1/12 1642 - Good with CNN Headline News, ads for several businesses in Lakeville, "official Rochester metro forecast on News 1040" and traffic report. (KVJ-GA)
- WJTB OH North Ridgeville - 1/11 1700 - Announcer going over changes in REL programming, ID as "North Ridgeville-Cleveland." (KVJ-GA)
- 1050 WCMS VA Norfolk - 1/17 1638 - All alone in semi-local WPBS null with "Today's country and your all-time favorites ... 100.5 WCMS," C&W music. (KVJ-GA)
- 1070 WKII FL Sloana - 1/18 1800 - ID heard in mess. (WM-MD)
- 1090 WAQE WI Rice Lake - 1/13 1700 - Poor under WBAL, CKKW with C&W, ID: "Classic Country WAQE." Ex-WMYD. (JF-ON)
- 1100 WCGA GA Woodbine - 1/17 1725 - Ads for telephone service and computer store, "News Talk 1100," ID, fair in WTAM null. (WM-MD)
- 1110 WJML MI Petoskey - 1/9 1730 - Good with ID as "The Talk of the North, 1110 WJML," info re WJML TV give-away contest. (MS-ON)
- 1140 WRLV KY Salyersville - 1/8 2119 - "Country 97.3" and "The Coyote," C&W music. (KVJ-GA)
- 1190 WBSL MS Bay St. Louis - 1/17 1801 - ID "The Power and the Glory, AM 1190 WBSL," into United Sports Talk Network show, "Conference Call" about SEC sports. (KVJ-GA)
- 1200 KYOO MO Bolivar - 1/7 1830 - "Today's New Country," fish and game report, promo for bluegrass music show. (KVJ-GA)
- 1210 WQLS AL Ozark - 1/7 2350-0006 - "Soft Rock 103.9," ID "Ozark-Dothan," NBC news. (KVJ-GA)
- 1220 CFVM PQ Amqui - 1/16 2000 - Good; ID, Montreal Habs hockey in FF, fading echo from CKSM also carrying the game. (BC-NH)
- 1240 WKDK SC Newberry - 1/8 1645 - AC music, female DJ. (KVJ-GA)
- 1270 WLIK TN Newport - 1/8 2345 - C&W music, ID, sign-off at 2400. (WM-MD)
- 1290 WJCV NC Jacksonville - 1/18 1650 - REL music, ID 1700: "Your Religion Voice, 1290 WJCV Jacksonville," followed by USA Radio news. (PC-VA)
- 1290 CHRМ PQ Matane - 1/16 2210 - Radio Media talk in FF // CKAC-730, mostly under CJBK. (BC-NH)
- 1340 WBBL MI Grand Rapids - 1/13 2259 - Request for advertisers, "Put your radio to work, Sports Radio WBBL." Atop the mix. (SK-PA)
- WMID NJ Atlantic City - 1/16 2230 - "WMID 1340" ID, network NOS // WFEA-1370. (BC-NH)
- 1350 WGPL VA Portsmouth - 1/16 2057 - "You're listening to WGPL, serving Norfolk, Portsmouth, and all of Hampton Roads," lively gospel music. (BC-NH)
- 1380 WLRV VA Lebanon - 1/10 1859 - Ad for sheet metal firm, then full ID. Up briefly but nicely for a rarely heard one. (HJH-PA)
- WTJK WI South Beloit - 1/12 1750 - ID heard in mix. (WM-MD)
- 1390 WMPO OH Middleport - 1/10 1826+ - Very strong at times with OLD format, many 92.1 mentions, promo for basketball coverage on 92.1 and 1390. (HJH-PA)
- 1400 WABY NY Albany - 1/2 1615-1619 - Faded up briefly over jumble with NOS, ID for WABY and WABY-FM 94.5. New. (JF-ON)
- 1470 WNAU MS New Albany - 1/7 2205 - End of ABC news, then female said "WNAU," right into Southern gospel music. Atop mix. (SK-PA)
- 1490 WDAN IL Danville - 1/12 1618 - Good with local ads, mention of Danville, calls. Hard to hear under local WTHI-1480 slop. New. (MB-IN)
- WJMO OH Cleveland Heights - 1/9 2345 - Up nicely with slogan "Nobody plays more solid gold soul than WJMO," new. (HJH-PA)
- WMRN OH Marion - 1/9 2352 - Coming out of Grass Roots' "Loving Things," ad for Radio Shack, ID. Weak but readable, unneeded. (HJH-PA)
- 1520 WARR NC Warrenton - 1/12 1642 - Overpowering a weak WWKB briefly with Southern States ad, then "Tell them WARR sent you by," followed by GOS. Frequent ID's



- between songs. (PC-VA)
- 1540 WACA MD Wheaton - 1/7 1700 - During WNWR fade, female in SS saying "Radio América," then male in EE "This is WACA ...," smothered by WNWR upfade. Has long eluded me, signing off at the same time as WNWR, which always has a long SSB. Only 3 MD's left. (SK-PA)
- WYNC NC Yanceyville - 1/15 1710-1730 - Poor, EZL REL music, sign-off with brief announcement, fighting with two other REL stations, one of them WTBI. (HF*MI)
- WTBI SC Pickens - 1/17 1730-1744 - Poor, took over when WYNC went off, with fire and brimstone preacher from Tabernacle Baptist in Greenville, ad for All You Can Eat Prime Sirloin in Spartanburg, sign-off announcement mentioned Tabernacle Baptist College. (HF*MI)
- 1570 WYTI VA Rocky Mount - 1/14 1700 - C&W, building up after WKDB power drop, ID 1717: "Hi, I'm Wayne Webb. I just wanted to make WYTI charity superstar guitar, along with the hostess of the stars." (PC-VA)
- 1580 WZKY NC Albemarle - 1/12 1723 - After WPGC power drop, "Yesterday and today, right here on your radio station, it's the music of your life on 1580 WZKY." (PC-VA)
- 1590 WETT MD Ocean City - 1/13 1732 - Call letters only extracted from babble with help of tape replays. (PC-VA)
- 1700 WCMQ FL Miami Springs - 1/16 1633-1700+ - Poor, very strong OC covering channel leaving weak WCMQ, R. Unica // WBAH-1660, "La cadeña de los nuestra," man with EE ID 1659, OC still there 1700+ but WCMQ stronger. NY/NJ Port Authority station [at Kennedy Airport - DY] also there, still no KBGG noted at 1837. (HF*MI)

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All Your Favorite Oldies

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 920 TIS MI Romulus (WPDE847) - 1/15 1633 - Woman with Detroit Metro parking info, man with airline info, "You're listening to Wayne County Travel Information Station," over WOKY. SIO 43-3-. (HF*MI)
- 1575.5 UNID -- -- 1/15 2151 - Very muddled audio, man talking. (HF*MI) [Maybe a TA off channel from 1575? - DY]
- 1610 UNID -- -- 1/14 0117 - Heard "Continue along Route 28 and proceed into Madison County." (SK-PA)
- 1640 HAR PA -- -- 1/15 1701 - Poor, Pennsylvania Turnpike HAR, over WKSH. (HF*MI)
- 2480 WWZQ MS Aberdeen - 1/17 0620 - Harmonic (2x1240), program "Fishin' and Wishin'," ID "WWZQ Aberdeen." SIO 3+53-. (HF*MI)

INTERNET UPDATES

News from Scott Fybush's "North East Radio Watch," used by permission:

STATION ADDRESSES

Steve Kennedy with this week's collection: Another 1610 Buffalo TIS address: New York State Thruway Authority, P.O. Box 121, Buffalo NY 14225-0121.

REPORTERS

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| PLB-MI | Phil Boersma | Spring Lake MI - Station News |
| MB-IN | Mark Burns | Terre Haute IN - R8, 80' LW, Kiwa loop |
| BC-NH | Bruce Conti | Nashua NH - R8B, MWDX-5, noise-reduced 100' LW's |
| PC-VA | Perry Crabill | Winchester VA - R8, 100' RW, Kiwa loop |
| BD-PA | Ben Dangerfield | Wallingford PA - R8A, 3 slopers, MFJ-1026 |
| JF-ON | Jeff Falconer | Clinton ON - HF-1000, Kiwa loop |
| HF*MI | Harold Frogde | DX'ing at MARE DXped - R71A, MFJ-956, 500' RW's |
| HJH-PA | Harry Hayes | Wilkes-Barre PA - Superadio II, Kiwa pocket loop |
| KVJ-GA | Karl V. Jeter | Lawrenceville GA - HQ-150, ATS-803A, Kiwa/Quantum loops |
| SK-PA | Steve Kennedy | Coal Township PA - Superadio III |
| JEK-MD | Joe Kureth | Uniontown MD - |
| WM-MD | William McGuire | Cheverly MD - DX-380 |
| TS-MI | Tom Sanders | Lakeport MI - Zenith console, 200' E-W LW |
| MS-ON | Morris Sorensen | Scarborough ON - R8, DA-9 loop |
| LW-NY | Leslie Wood | East Meadow NY - Sony 2010, Superadio III |

International DX Digest

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Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELT, subtract 5 hrs.

When I was in 4th grade, my entire class went on a field trip to WINR-680 in Binghamton NY. I don't remember much about it, except that they gave us each a Top 40 list as a souvenir. I forget what was on the list, but I do remember listening to "Tie Me Kangaroo Down" on our kitchen radio around that time. Anyhow, since then I've only been inside a few other stations, WHAM-1180, WSAY-1370, and two local college stations. I was on WHAM as a guest for a call-in talk show, and for a news interview at WSAY. WSAY was a very bizarre. The ultra-conservative station (they played John Birch Society spots during their rock program) was under a lot of pressure to expand its coverage of local issues (e.g., controversial subjects) during the license renewal period, which is how I was invited for an interview. The studios were much like the cave of an ancient pack-rat, dingy and disorganized. I was led down to a small studio in the dark basement where I expected to be interviewed about the nuclear arms race. The interviewer never touched on that subject, and instead moved to a line of questions about marijuana, in an attempt to discredit me and my organization. I suppose he believed that "peace movement = hippies = terrorism"! Fortunately, this station was so low in the ratings, that I don't think that anyone ever heard that interview! WSAY eventually became Public Radio, but I never became terrorist.

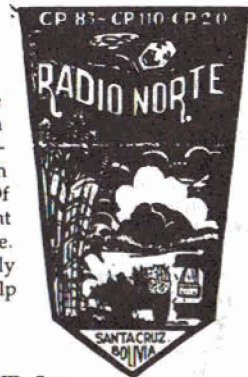
On to DX!

Jim

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 153 ALGERIA Bechar, JAN 20 0224 - Fairly good signal with Algerian music. Haven't heard lately. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 198 ALGERIA Ouargla, JAN 20 0225 - Algerian music [Dangerfield-PA]
- 207 MOROCCO Azilal, JAN 20 0222 - Fair, man in AA. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1179 SWEDEN Solvesburg, JAN 12 2111 - Strong for first time this year with man and woman in Swedish. [Dangerfield-PA]

Ben speaks: "TA reception has been poor here most of January except for a short cycle around the 11th and 12th of the month when a few like Norway and Sweden were putting in nice signals and a couple of Egyptians were heard. Nothing new. Have had to cope with computer interference and the usual buzz along with the poor conditions which have verged on auroreal the last few days. It seems that interference from ours [and perhaps a neighbor's computer] is worse when reception conditions aren't good. Squeals all over the dial. We will be away the month of February in England and Minorca. In 1995 we visited Mallorca. Of course I will have with me my just acquired SW-100, a big improvement over the SW-1. This one can be tuned in 1 kc. steps and has a SSB feature. Also, it can handle the X-Band which the other doesn't. And works nicely with my KIWA pocket loop. Have the new WRTH and it sure doesn't help much in the MW band."



PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 580 PUERTO RICO WKAQ San Juan JAN 17 0545 - Poor; WKAQ ID, Star Wars effects, time markers, and discussion in Spanish, difficult in WTAG null. [Conti-NH]
- 620 CUBA R.Rebelde JAN 17 0435 - Fair; Whitney Houston song and salsa // 670, 710, & 5025. [Conti-NH]
- 640 CUBA R.Progreso JAN 17 0445 - Fair; alegría ritmo ID, salsa music. [Conti-NH]
- 660 COLOMBIA Colmundo, Cucuta JAN 17 0500 - Tentative; salsa, merengue, and ballads under WFAN, not parallel R.Progreso-Cuba, thought I heard a Colmundo ID. [Conti-NH]
- 660 CUBA R.Progreso, Santa Clara JAN 17 0508 - Faded up in WFAN null with "la onda de la alegría" ID and a romantic ballad. [Conti-NH]
- 690 COLOMBIA R. Recuerdo, Bogotá, JAN 23 0515 - noted with eclectic music mix, and IDs. CBF not on at this time, although noted earlier at 0448 with continuous tape loop directing CBF listeners to various FM frequencies, so I suppose they signed off around 0500. By the way, this is the first time I have ever heard the call letters "CBF" actually mentioned on the air! [Renfrew-NY]

- 720 JAMAICA RJR Kingston JAN 16 0240 - Good with reggae cover of Three Dog Night's "Black and White," RJR ID with UTC-5 time check, in CHTN null. [Conti-NH]
- 720 JAMAICA RJR Kingston JAN 15 0318 - "R-J-R" jingle, then man mentioning RJR and giving timecheck. 0322 spot for Spanish Town Shopping Center, into "Ba'hai World News" program 0323. Fair level but best in LSB due to multiple low hets (and the usual R.Catolica het from 720.18). Ten years ago (during the last sunspot peak) JBC-700 was dominant almost nightly—I never hear it anymore. [Stewart-MO]
- 730 MEXICO XEX Mexico JAN 16 0245 - Fading in and out with an unID domestic station in CKAC null; telephone talk, many equis mentions, and a romantic Mexican ballad. [Conti-NH] JAN 21 0630 - 0700 - over CKAC with talk, phone calls and music show hosted by 2 males. Heard one "La X" promo. Very solid, best I've ever heard them. [Sanders-MI]
- 730 MEXICO XEEBC Ensenada BN, JAN 20 0049 - Playing Huey Lewis and the News and Kansas "Dust in the wind". ID read very slowly at 0049. Plays lots of US music and SS announcers, new log. [Danneskjold-AZ]
- 750 VENEZUELA RCR Caracas JAN 17 0350 - Good; promo for baseball on RCR Deportes, over WSB. [Conti-NH]
- 760 COLOMBIA RCN Barranquilla JAN 16 0310 - Good; live broadcast of "la reina de la carnival 1999" contest from Estadio Martinez, many mentions of departamento Atlántico, "RCN desde Barranquilla" ID, // 770. [Conti-NH]
- 760 COLOMBIA HJAJ RCN Barranquilla JAN 15 0227 - "RCN Bogotá" ID noted in passing; well atop frequency. [Stewart-MO]
- 780 VENEZUELA YVMN R. Coro JAN 15 0251 - new log for me with "R. Coro A-M 780" ID (also at 0330), into tropical-sounding SS pop vocal by woman. Lots of crud on channel, this faded for several minutes at a time into the mud. Occasionally mixing with Ecos del Torbes (IDed by 4980 //). YVs are tough to hear at my QTH, unlike Colombians which are regulars on 650, 760, 770, 810, 1000, 1100, 1170 etc. [Stewart-MO] JAN 16 0400 - "En Venezuela..." top of the hour ID, salsa and merengue music, weak in WBBM/CFDR null after Ecos del Torbes sign-off. [Conti-NH] JAN 23 0442 - the best LA station this night, heard with "Radio Coro AM" ID. [Renfrew-NY]
- 780 VENEZUELA Ecos del Torbes, San Cristobal JAN 16 0350 - Fair; nostalgia, then sign-off with ID for YVOC and other stations, state and national anthems // 4980. [Conti-NH]
- 790 CUBA R.Relej, Pinar del Rio JAN 16 0405 - RR code IDs heard clearly through domestic pile-up. [Conti-NH]
- 830 CUBA R.Relej JAN 16 0425 - RR code IDs through CFJR/WCRN. [Conti-NH]
- 890 CUBA R. Relej, JAN 21 0600-0615 - weak behind WLS, but ticking tones and "RR" code IDs came through. Up at 0615 and strong until 0623 in WLS null over UNID SS. I've heard this one more often lately. [Sanders-MI]
- 900 MEXICO XEW Mexico City, JAN 21 0615-0645 - no IDs or promos but it has to be them; up and down, over CHML; SS music and talk, "todos los éxitos" in a spot, rock music bumpers at the end of commercial breaks. [Sanders-MI]
- 950 CUBA R. Relej JAN 15 0235 - I won't even venture to guess the QTH of this one! Usual R.R. format (news, time checks, voice & Morse IDs each minute etc.). '99 WRTH unhelpfully lists nothing above 1 kW on this freq in Cuba; certainly sounded stronger. [Stewart-MO] (My 1997 WRTH shows 1 kW Sancti Spiritus here. May seem stronger due to non-directional signal - Jim)
- 990 MEXICO XECL Mexicali BCN Jan 17, 0511 - music and ads with ID "radio nueve ciento noventa XECL en Mexicali" Good signal. [Robelle-UT]
- 1119.95 UNID JAN 15 0603+ - yet another mystery station appearing here. While working the unID "Estéreo Mexicana A-M" on 1120, this one rapidly faded up for several minutes with an emphatic SS male preacher. Faded back up at 0626, with SS male announcer. In and out between KMOX and the XE. [Krueger-FL]
- 1120 MEXICO unID "Estéreo Mexicana A-M," Villahermosa, Tabasco, JAN 15 0555+ - still working on this. Tune/in to rancheras, 0601 man with canned "... Estéreo Mexicana A-M" slogan, into choral NA. By 0603, the unID Latin American on 1119.95 along with KMOX dominated, but by 0623, another semi-ID by man as "Estéreo Mexicana A-M... en la ciudad de Villahermosa..." Getting closer on this one, I guess. [Krueger-FL] Just in case Crawford didn't send this to others



of days ago). David's message is below. [Krueger-FL] IDed, definitely XETVH, noted 0307 tonight [Jan 21] into tango music, pretty good peaks at times over Cadena Habana. Noted mention of 1230 Khz in the ID. 0300 cart ID simply as "Estéreo Mexicana" as noted previously by yourself [Krueger], not Mixucan as I apparently didn't really hear. Probably safe to assume 94.9 from Villahermosa also, I guess. [Crawford-FL, in e-mail to Krueger-FL] I too have heard some IDs that sound like "Estéreo Mixucan" but only when it's relaying the 94.9 FMer, so maybe both phrases are correct—"Mixucan" for the FMer, "Estéreo Mexicana" for the AMer. [Krueger-FL]

- 1130 MEXICO unID's, JAN 16 0605+ - "La Mexicana A-M Estéreo" and "La Banda", seemingly two XE's here, though "La Mexicana" mostly dominated with mix of norteñas, SS mutated versions of "Macarena," "I Will Survive" etc. Frequently dumped "La Mexicana, La Mexicana A-M Estéreo" and slight variant slogan ID's by a male announcer, along with "lo mejor, lo mejor" slogans. The seemingly "other" XE briefly faded up at 0612 and a little later, with recorded woman: "la banda, la banda" slogans. Maybe the latter is XEMOS "Super Banda," Los Mochis, Sinaloa. [Krueger-FL] "La Mexicana" is actually in Gainesville, GA, WLBA, usually more XEish in format than the real ones. [David Crawford-FL in e-mail reply to Krueger-FL inquiry, JAN 16]
- 1140 CUBA R Rebelde, unID site, JAN 16 0622-0636 - Third Order Boredom, moved to 1140 during the 1130 XE listens. Fading in and out, good on peaks with nice tropical and jazz-tinged vocals, man with "Casa de la música en Rebelde" at 0631. Sure enough, // to 1180. Not sure if a new frequency, or merely the Enciclopedia outlet in Loma de la Cruz, Habana running Rebelde programming overnight. (Rebelde is 24h) A daytime log or 6 a.m. programming switch check will have to be made here to confirm. [Krueger-FL]
- 1190 PUERTO RICO WBMJ San Juan JAN 7 0300 - Fair; all news in English, "AM 1190 WBMJ San Juan, Puerto Rico" ID in WOWO null. [Conti-NH]
- 1370 MEXICO unID Jan 3 0040 - Station here with XE music, "Sonido Zeta" slogans, phone calls & requests. XERPU Durango is listed with this slogan, but one of the phone calls was from CA, so Sonido Zeta seems to be a network, rather than a station slogan. Also heard "...estás en la increíble onda de la Nueva AM 1370, Sonido Zeta". Fair/poor with long fades. [Wilkins-CO]

Randy speaks: "I haven't contributed in a very long time, mostly confining my DX activities to SWBC and trying to keep track of the X-banders. But last night's disturbed cx induced me to chase LAs on the BCB—I even managed to log a new one."

STATION NEWS

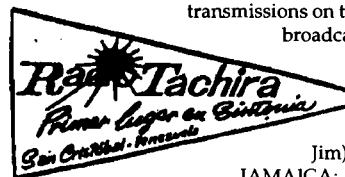
ANGUILLA: Caribbean Beacon runs CNN news at 2300. Following ID, then continues with religious programs. [Garzón in MediDX #44]

ARMENIA: Radio Armenia (Yerevan) is heard on 1392, not on 1395. [Igor Zhurkin NOV 24, in MediDX #44]

CEUTA: Radiolé, Costa del Estrecho 1584 is being heard on 1583.65 +/- 10 Hz. [Garzón-MediDX #44]

COMOROS ISLANDS: It is confirmed by a visiting Dxr that there are no MW or SW transmissions on the air. The country is bankrupt and it is a good reason to cease broadcasting. [Korinek in ARC JAN 18]

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Radio Vision Cristiana 530 (Turks & Caicos) announced that it also transmitted in parallel on 1330 in the Dominican Republic. [Arranz MediDX #44] (But also heard on WWRV-1330 in New York City -



JAMAICA: Following up on Terry Krueger's report that appeared in the

DEC 7 DXN, according to an article in the April 4, 1998 Jamaica Gleaner newspaper, JBC Radio One was supposed to be retained by the government for public broadcasting. JBC was sold to RJR/Radio Jamaica in October 1997, with the transaction to be completed by December 1998. Contrary to the newspaper article, apparently RJR has indeed taken over Radio One as reported by Krueger in addition to the other JBC radio and TV broadcast outlets, as the former JBC Radio One station at 700 kHz continues to be heard carrying RJR. It's also reported via the Jamaica Gleaner and Jamaica Observer on-line newspapers that RJR took a significant loss in 1998 because of the cost of the merger, and the once respected JBC Radio 2 FM dropped to last place in the ratings. [Conti-NH]

KYRGIZIA: TWR 882 relay 0014z, DEC 11, // 864 Kamo, Armenia. [Zhurkin, MediDX #44]

LIBYA: Voice of Africa 1251 heard in EE 2343, DEC 10, then FF at 2345. [Zhurkin, MediDX #44]

MOROCCO: RTM Agadir 1594 heard on 1593.51 +/- 10 Hz. [Garzón MedDX #44]

RUSSIA: R. Kaskad 1622, Ivanteevka, Moscow Region, heard 2306, NOV 17, greetings to listeners

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Now, let's move on....



Subscribing to a conference

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2. In the subject line put Subscribe.

3. In the body of the message you put the words Subscribe Radio and your real user address. So if your user address is don@juan.net, then it would look like this

subscribe radio don@juan.net

After you do this, in less than an hour you will receive back a message confirming your subscription.

Henceforth, when you want to post to the conference you send a message to radio@nrcdxas.org. The only time you send a message to radio-request@nrcdxas.org is when you want to subscribe, or unsubscribe.

Remember that when you post to the group, you send to EVERYONE on the list, including yourself! Remember this each time you press that reply key!

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2. In the subject line put Unsubscribe.

3. In the body of the message you put the words Unsubscribe Newfee and your real user address. So if your user address is curley.howard@stoooge.net, then it would look like this...

unsubscribe newfee curley.howard@stoooge.net

After you do this, in an hour you will receive back a message confirming you have been deleted.

Please be aware that you might get a few messages still in the system from newfee@nrcdxas.org, but within 30-60 minutes all mail should stop from this address.

Going on Vacation?

If you are going on vacation, it may be a good idea to unsubscribe from the conference, then sign back up when you get home. The reason for this is that if your mail backs up too much, it could tell the NRCDXAS.ORG mail server that you're gone, and place your address in the "dead address" file. Three bad mail sessions and you are unsubscribed automatically from the list.

Bounces. Not just for Tiggers.

"Bounces" is a term given to mail which hits a server and is returned because of an address error or mail processing error.

When a bounce comes back to the list, it's like a letter sitting at the post office. After a while, enough letters take up space (bytes).

I have set the server to take people who bounce more than 5 message off their address. This is to keep the system clean. If you suddenly note a loss of traffic, you could have been unsubscribed automatically from the list.

It is good Netiquet to make sure that your mail does not bounce. Be sure to unsubscribe from a list when you leave on vacation, or any stays away from the computer for a while.

Problems?

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Compuserve Users

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You also need to make certain when sending the subscribe in Compuserve to radio-request@nrcdxas.org that you proceed the actual e-mail address with the lead a "Internet:"

Thus, the complete address from the standpoint of a Old Mail Compuserve customer is internet:radio-request@nrcdxas.org

In the subject line place the word Subscribe.

And in the body of the message put

subscribe [list name] [your real E-mail address]

If you have any problems carefully read all of the documentation in the HELP area at GO MAIL on the service.

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Taking a Trip Riding the Skip

By Charlie Bryant

Here at the end of the 20th century, information comes in loud and clear. Your computer brings e-mail from Arlington or Australia in minutes. Cable or satellite TV can show you a war anywhere in the world. You can call Grandma from the Beltway on your cell phone.

But that's for lazy modern people. You can use old-fashioned technology, created nearly a hundred years ago by men with big tubes and handlebar mustaches, to take you all over North America. I did it when I was a kid, and just last week, from our own living room, my kids and I visited Detroit, New Orleans, Boston, St. Louis, Nashville, Schenectady, N.Y., Toronto, and Sarnia, Ontario. We dug some music, heard the news, caught a set at the Grand Ole Opry, listened to some business talk, sat through some public service announcements, and attended hockey games in two different languages.

How did we do it? With an AM radio. We rode the skip.

The skip is what radio waves do when the sun goes down. During the day, the ionosphere absorbs the "sky waves," the waves that go up from a radio station's transmitter. But at night, the sky waves bounce off it and come down to Earth hundreds of miles away.

And some of them are landing at your house. Just turn your radio on and listen as stations you've never heard, cities you've never seen, close in. Start at either end of the dial (530 or 1600) and turn the tuning knob slowly. Local stations, the ones you hear by day, will still come in clear, of course. But you're hunting for the weaker ones in between. Turn slowly; listen carefully. When you hit one that's faint but hearable, stop and tune it in good. See what's on—a ball game, a talk show, some local politician promising jobs for everybody. Periodically, especially around the half-hour, they'll identify themselves. When they do, listen for the station's call letters, the frequency they're broadcasting on, and their city. You've got a hit! Then turn the dial and find another one.

Once you've made a pass all the way down the dial, try rotating your radio 90 degrees and do it again. Most AM antennas are inside the set (that pull-out antenna on top is just for FM) and turning the radio turns the antenna. Use this to help tune in a station too; if the signal is weak, turn the radio a little bit each way and see if it gets stronger.

Some people like to keep track of the stations they hear. It can be fun just to scan the dial and see who's out there, but for a lot of DXers (DXing is radio shorthand for long-distance listening) a big part of the hobby is logging—recording—your receptions and sending off for QSL cards.

QSL is more radio shorthand. It means "Did you copy?" and a QSL card is a radio station's con-

fimation that you did indeed hear them. Drop a note to a station you heard (a postcard works fine, and so does a letter) telling them your name and address, the date and time you heard them on, how strong their signal was, and—don't forget this part—what was on the air when you picked them up. The station will send you back a QSL card with a fancy design, or a picture of their antenna, and maybe even a note from the station engineer. (Sending a self-addressed stamped envelope doesn't hurt your chances either.) Keep it up and soon you'll have a collection.

You can make keeping track of what you've heard easy with a logbook. A spiral notebook works fine; paste a picture of Guglielmo Marconi on the front if you want. Inside, set up columns to record the frequency, time of day, station ID, signal strength and what was on. Jot them all down as you pick up each station, and then you can get the information easily later on when you send off your QSL requests. My son Todd suggests putting a map of North America on your bulletin board and sticking pins in each city you log, so you can see at a glance where you've been.

In between the stations, there's plenty of crackle and pop. You don't get that on cable TV, not even on the premium channels. That static says you are alive and wired to the world. In the summer, you can hear thunderstorms coming over the air, booming and hissing between pitches in a late-night West Coast ball game.

In between the shows, there are plenty of commercials, and there are no commercials like nighttime AM radio commercials. They sell ginseng and itch powder, vitamins and Ovaltine. You can hear America selling, and they're selling on the skip.

You don't need a fancy radio. It doesn't hurt, if you have the cash, but we did our exploring with a Sony portable I brought for a dollar at a yard sale. And that dollar took us from Boston to New Orleans without even trying hard. It's easy to drive to California in a brand-new Cadillac. Make it there in your old Pinto, though, and you have bragging rights.

The one item you really should have is a pair of headphones. For one thing, they shut out some of the room noise and let you hear better. For another, they're a lot more... well, more radio-like. Any fool can lie on the couch and watch MTV. But with your phones on patched straight into the ether, you are one with the airwaves, there at your desk on the surface of the planet, drawing the signals in out of the night sky, channeling that Chicago talk show host straight from the ionosphere to your ear.

Plus you'll look really cool when your little brother comes in to see what you're doing. Tell him you're riding the skip.



Mr. Stats Man

Minor league baseball adds up as Ray Nemeč's lifetime pursuit

By Dave Laketa

from *The Joliet Herald News*; via Ken Onyschuk

Ray Nemeč knows just about everyone who has donned a cap and glove to play minor league baseball.

Quite an amazing feat considering the Naperville resident is just 69 years old while professional baseball will celebrate its 129th birthday in April. Yet throw a dog into the mix and the "nation's foremost authority on minor league players," as dubbed by the late Lee Allen, former historian of the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., is stumped.

According to an 1884 report by a Terre Haute (Ind.) newspaper, a minor league team from Yonkers, N.Y. had a dog handle its left field duties, including running the balls that it retrieved back to the third baseman.

Nemeč, who has records on better than 100,000 minor league players dating back to 1871, has no other account of the incident, yet does not deny the fact that the dog might have played. The reason for Nemeč's pleading ignorance is simple. "The article never said what the dog did at bat," he laughed in retelling the story.

It is also one of the reasons why Nemeč served as the official scorer at all Will County Cheats home games each of the past two seasons. He does not want to get stumped again.

With so many independent teams forming over the past few years, Nemeč has found obtaining information on such recent players "the most difficult it's been since the 1940s."

Such was the case with the Will County Clubs back in 1995 because that organization never forwarded box scores to Howe Sportsdata International, the company which compiles all minor and major league statistics these days. Nemeč, fortunately, was able to get the results of all the home games that year through *The Herald News*.

Nemeč's fascination with minor league baseball began in 1940 at age 11 when he was trying to keep track of his favorite Chicago Club player, Paul "Dizzy" Dean. Nemeč had seen Dean at Dean's first Cubs game in 1939 and became enamored with him.

Dean was sent to the minor leagues in '40, where he played for Tulsa, but Nemeč could never find any information on the Texas League team. That was, until he came across an issue of *The Sporting News*, which carried the box scores of all minor league and major league



Minor-league baseball statistician Ray Nemeč (left), who is also a long-time member of the National Radio Club, goes over numbers with minor-league player Angel Delgado.

teams. Shortly thereafter, he learned of the *Baseball Guide*, an annual publication that featured the statistics of every player at both levels of play. Thus, the infatuation was born.

Today, Nemeč has no trouble finding a copy of either periodical as both are just an arm's length away from his makeshift office in the basement of his home. He has every annual of the *Baseball Guide* since its inception in 1877 and each issue of *The Sporting News* from its beginning in 1886 until 1960 on microfilm.

What it has all led to is Nemeč having compiled the complete statistics for all players and all leagues since 1955. That's just the complete account. With the reference materials that he has, Nemeč is confident that he "has the means to work up anyone's record (since the beginning of organized baseball in 1871)."

Included would be those

members of the 1871 National Association (considered to be the first "major league"), as well as the 1877 International Association (the first minor league organization) and the 1879 Northwest League (the first Midwest minor league association). That is why he is constantly sought out by Baseball America to provide information on former players for the publications' obituary column.

Nemeč's records also prove that while Jackie Robinson may have broken the color barrier in 1947, he really only broke a better

LONG TIME RECORDS FOR LEADERSHIP,

"BARE" RUTH IN HOME RUNS
LOU GEHRIG IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES
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MUGN DUFFY IN BATTING AVERAGE
"TY" COBB IN STOLEN BASES
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than 47-year hiatus from the last black ballplayer to his signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

In actuality, it was Moses Walker who became the first black to play in the major leagues, signing with Toledo of the American Association (which later merged with the National League) in 1884. His brother, Welday, also went on to play professionally. They wound up being the only two blacks to make the majors of the 30 who played professional baseball before the turn of the century.

John 'Bud' Fowler opened the gate for the Walkers to become the first black(s) to play professional baseball, hooking up with a Newcastle (PA) minor-league team in 1872.

Nemeč's discovering of such data on the black players and his compiling of statistics on the first leagues is what he is most proud of in his 50-plus-year hobby.

The statistics weren't as easy as just looking them up in the previously-mentioned books, either. In the beginning, Nemeč made numerous trips to local libraries of minor league teams seeking newspaper accounts and box scores on microfilm. Unlike such machines today, which make a paper copy of the microfilm information, Nemeč had to transcribe

the box scores (usually 100 or more per team) on his own paper and then compile each player's game-by-game statistics on a form that he made.

No more tales - It's time to fess up

Now, the truth can be told.

For all your cousins, uncles, fathers, and grandfathers who told the stories of how they played with Babe Ruth or Mickey Mantle in the minor leagues, they better confess now or bear the consequences.

Ray Nemeč, who has helped former players, along with their families and friends, track down statistics of their careers, tells numerous stories of people who claimed they played but never did.

Among the funniest was the son of a stockbroker, who allegedly played in the Southern Association in 1947 or 1948. The son connected his dad and Nemeč via a three-way call to let his father know that they finally would be able to get his career minor league stats through Nemeč.

The father's response: "I don't have time right now." And then he slammed down the phone. End of supposed career.

Nemeč admitted in looking at the 56 boxes of information.

Who knows, maybe one of those boxes may bark out information on that mysterious left fielder.

Installing ceramic IF filters

by John Tull

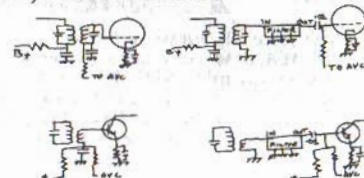
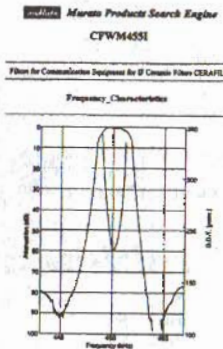
Adding a ceramic IF filter to your radio is easy. Tube or transistor radios can be modified with very little effort.

First a tube IF stage. The grid is connected to the avc voltage through the secondary IF transformer winding. After installation of the IF filter the AVC voltage is placed directly on to the grid of the tube. The output of the filter is coupled through the .01 cap to the grid of the IF amp tube. The .01 cap blocks any DC from the ceramic filter.

In the transistor IF stage the bias and avc voltage pass through the secondary IF transformer winding. After the installation of the ceramic filter

the bias and AVC voltage are placed directly on the transistor lead. The output of the filter passes through the .01 cap to the transistor. As with the tube the .01 cap blocks DC to the IF filter. Most transistor IF stages will not have enough voltage to harm the ceramic filter, but it's better to be safe than sorry.

I have some Murata ceramic IF filters. The CFWM4551 filter is small and can be used in all but the smallest of transistor or IC radios. They are 1/4 + 1/4 + 1/2 inch in size. The 6 db bandwidth is +2 kHz. The price is 5 dollars postage paid and 6 dollars postage paid outside the USA. I will send a set of data sheets with each filter. John Tull -12116 Summit - Kansas City Mo 64145 <<kd0jl@freewwwweb.com>>



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International DX verietaped totals listed by continents

Year	DX'er	Location	Last Update	Asia	Total Veried	Ctries	Foreign	NA	SA	Eur	Oc	AF
1952	McIntosh, Eric	NZ	1965	81	686	63	635	301	2	45	253	4
1963	Scrimgeour, Gray	CA/ON	1971	26	526	47	440	354	10	18	31	1
?	Dellit, Sam	Australia	1978	23	362	37	218	109	0	5	80	1
1958	Dangerfield, Ben	PA	1996	10	426	126	331	85	44	151	8	33
1946	Moore, Ray	MA	1993	7	245	104	245	95	52	59	8	24
?	Callaman, John	?	1970	6	740	50	138	72	20	17	20	3
1938	Anderson, Roger A.	VA/NY/PA	1993	5	1448	105	514	227	78	128	48	28
1958	Merriman, Alan	VA	1994	4	1615	93	368	212	47	88	3	14
1940	Morss, Stan	MA	1993	3	3922	84	424	218	65	221	1	14
1946	Holbrook, Hank	MD	1993	3	2876	103	640	303	103	156	49	26
1973	Sgrulletta, John	NY	1998	3	64	54	64	24	24	19	0	3
	Geary, Kermit	PA	1993	2	6190	107	988	512	243	147	61	23
1964	Heinen, Wayne	NY/CO	1996	2	1470	38	38	26	3	5	2	0
1931	Steele, Sid	IL	1998	1	3101	36	299	104	12	2	8	0
1958	Wesolowski, Ernie	NE	1998	1	2003	24	80	53	7	0	7	1
1960	Rugg, Andy	QC	1998	1	1741	71	208	87	48	66	0	6
1962	Musco, Ron	CT	1999	1	1283	49	54	40	5	10	0	2
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (taped)	NJ	1998	1	897	43	56	50	37	14	0	0
1931	Holland, George B., Jr.	NY	1996	1	885	22	58	46	5	5	2	0
?	Sampson, John	NJ	1965	1	445	54	72	23	6	38	1	3
1933	Cooper, Ernest	NY-MA	1980	0	4142	79	760	528	131	88	7	6
1941	Kruse, Len	IA	1971	0	4080	15	77	61	3	0	13	0
1950	Krejny, Edward	OH	1996	0	2733	76	441	208	126	91	6	10
1931	Wheeler, Frank	PA	1993	0	1885	25	78	68	7	1	2	0
1954	Starr, Jerry	OH	1974	0	1209	51	194	134	34	20	3	3
1964	Reynolds, Bruce	MO	1977	0	1103	28	121	111	6	2	2	0
1947	Luton, Relfe	NC	1973	0	1049	23	142	102	4	3	33	0
1964	Whatumough, Dave	ON	1994	0	1014	13	15	6	1	2	6	0
1955	Palmer, Richard D.	IL	1993	0	822	33	94	77	4	10	2	1
1975	Swearingen, Paul (taped)	KS	1998	0	761	22	95	43	16	0	0	0
?	Fela, Joseph	NJ	1965	0	738	24	35	19	4	11	0	1
1965	Kadet, Jeff	MD	1969	0	703	12	41	39	0	0	2	0
1958	Phillips, Dan	TN/AL	1974	0	567	26	40	21	9	5	3	1
1964	Sorensen, Morris	ON/MB	1975	0	537	13	385	375	1	9	0	0
1968	Bytheway, Phil	WA	1982	0	457	9	20	0	0	0	0	0
?	Erickson, Don	CA	1982	0	442	6	9	8	0	0	1	0
1976	Renfrew, Jim	NY	1998	0	400	40	67	44	7	0	0	0
1977	Wolfish, Niel	ON	1977	0	397	11	20	14	4	2	0	0
1976	Froemming, Gary	AZ	1994	0	338	17	92	85	7	0	1	0
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (paper)	NJ	1998	0	266	7	13	10	3	0	0	0
1973	Mount, Paul	NJ	1995	0	230	6	25	22	2	0	0	0
1969	Karchevski, Bob	MA/CA	1975	0	204	24	141	112	0	0	6	0
1966	Bruner, Jesse R.	KY	1966	0	132	23	27	17	3	5	2	0
1965	Long, John	CT	1968	0	101	29	0	0	0	0	0	0
1975	Bartek, Daniel, Jr.	NE	1976	0	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
?	Falconer, Jeff	ON	1976	0	0	49	1175	0	44	0	0	0
1960	Lynch, Don	MA	1980	0	0	9	157	0	0	0	0	0

Thanks to Ron Musco for the lone update. Remember, only taped or paper veries are counted, and mainland U. S. and Canadians are not included in NA totals. Include your best catch from each continent and all other totals when reporting. Our next column will feature African totals.

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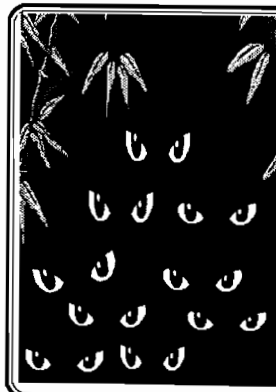
The yearly sojourn to Provincetown to see ERNIE COOPER took place on 1/13. His SM2 antenna is on the fritz so we hooked up a temp. longwire antenna for the time being. Santa Claus brought me a GE Superadio III, a very nice radio as is the GE II. The big DX story this season so far as been the 12/28 reception of the KNDK-1080-Test with code ID's only in 2 pitches mixing with WTIC/KRLD with best reception coming from 3:32 til 4AM EST. For 1000 watts, this station was widely heard. Nice going to RON MUSCO on hearing KNDK in the shadow of WTIC. East/West conditions seemed very good that morning. Still waiting for a number of X-Band stations to reply but verifications have arrived from WDNC-620, WAAT-750-Test (thanks DAVE), WLAD-800, KNZZ-1100-Test, WVIP-1310 and KYAK-1690. Two new CO stations were noted and verified in the space of 10 days to bring the total up to 4 from that state. AM conditions have varied greatly especially in December with auroral conditions one night the very good east/west the next. 73

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Time to reintroduce myself after a 16-year hiatus. I was a member of the NRC and IRCA during 1981-82. I started DXing in 1979. 81-82 I swapped tapes with JOHN MALICKY, Ed Mitkus in FL, Gary Mitchell in CT and others. I was a senior in high school DXing on my GE Superadio and DX160. Fast-forward to 1998! I am still DXing. However, time is limited, I mostly DX while driving to and from work. I have amassed a nice-sized collection of aircheck tapes, both local and DX. I still use the GE Superadio (original model) and still consider it the best radio I have ever used. However, it only goes up to 1630. I caught up with JOHN MALICKY a few weeks ago and we are swapping tapes again! By the time you read this, my first child (a boy) will probably be born, and he is due Christmas Eve! My wife doesn't mind the DXing; she actually likes listening to the tapes! GM Chuck Zukler finally gave up WCHR-FM 94.5 in Trenton, NJ a few months ago, now WCHR with religious programming intact, continues at 920, the old WTTM. Latest night time catches include KCJJ-1630 and Erie PA on 1330. I was hoping to find other members interested in collecting aircheck tapes. I am looking for both current and older recordings of stations. Of the older recordings, I was looking for tapes from the 60's, 70's and 80's. I enjoy mostly canadian and East Coast stations. Of particular interest: CFOR, CKGM, WLS, CJBK, WFTQ, WNBC, WABC, and anything from the Philadelphia market prior to 1981. Also hoping to find someone with a tape of the catchy WJJD sign off circa 1980. I have a good library of 'archival' recordings to swap. 73s.

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