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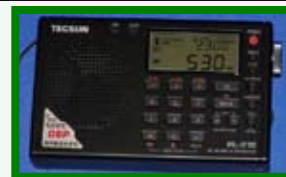
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## Inside ...

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*From the Publisher ...* The DX community lost three of its members during the previous week: 77-year NRC member Kermit Geary, long-time NRC member Anton F. J. Klimt, Alabaster, AL, and DX activist John Bryant, whose untimely death as the result of a fall from a ladder resulted in an outpouring of reactions, which we've chosen to reprint in this issue as a tribute to him. We will include tributes to Kermit in #21 next week. Our sincerest condolences go out to family and friends of Kermit, Anton, and John.

According to an obituary on the Slatington, PA Harding Funeral Home site, Kermit E. Geary, 92, of Walnutport, passed away February 10. Born in Lehigh Gap, he was the son of the late Erwin & Carrie A. (Kuehner) Geary. Kermit retired from the New Jersey Zinc Company, as a research scientist. He was a member of the NRHS, Lehigh Valley Chapter, Palmerton Camera Club and the National Radio Club. Kermit was an avid photographer having various contributions in books and magazines pertaining to railroads and local history. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Charlotte (Lawrence), daughters, Carole & husband Roger Homeyer,



Kermit Geary

Charlotte & husband Robert Stefanik, son, Kermit Geary Jr., grandchildren, Carrie Martini and Diane Homeyer & husband James Fiore III.

*Welcome to these New members ...* Gary Bullinger, Warrenville, IL; Brian Cull, Metamora, IL; John Dumaine, Vernon, CT; Bryan Howard, Knoxville, TN; and David Walcutt, Eugene, OR.

*Unfilled positions ...* We're in need of volunteers for the following positions: an Internet web guru, to manage and update [www.nrcdxas.org](http://www.nrcdxas.org); a DXN publisher with fresh ideas, and one or more persons to edit future NRC publications developed by contributors or the club.

### DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 77

Deadline Publ Date			Deadline Publ Date		
21.	Feb. 19	Mar. 1	26.	May 7	May 17
22.	Feb. 26	Mar. 8	27.	June 4	June 14
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24.	Mar. 19	Mar. 29	29.	Aug. 6	Aug. 16
25.	Apr. 9	Apr. 19	30.	Sept. 17	Sept. 27

### DX Time Machine

*From the pages of DX News*

25 years ago ... from the February 25, 1985 DXN: Gene Martin, Denver, CO nominated AM stereo as "the most useless technological innovation for broadcasting in a lot of years.", stating that it cost stations as well as listeners extra money.

10 years ago ... from the February 28, 2000 DXN: Musings Editor Dave Schmidt, Scranton, PA discussed his involvement with the building of WVNZ-670.

## NRC AM Radio Log, 30th Edition



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# AM Switch

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

## CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old Call</u>		<u>New Call</u>
690	WSPZ	AL Birmingham	WJOX



## CPs ON THE AIR

1130 KTRP OR **Mount Angel** - This new station has been heard testing. Their facilities are U4 25000/490 from three towers at 45-04-35/122-48-27. The day pattern is balloon-shaped headed northeast, while the night pattern is like-shaped headed southwest. Their projected sign-on date is late March or early April.

## ACTIONS

540 WLIE NY **Islip** - Licensed for U4 2500/220, WLIE had a CP for U4 10000/250. They filed for, and **received, a change to the CP**, this time for U4 10000/220, reverting to their original night power level and pattern.

610 CHNC QC **New Carlisle** - Granted the applications to continue simulcasting with their new FM until 1 November 2010.

1150 CHGM QC **Gaspé** - Granted the applications to continue simulcasting with their new FM until 1 November 2010.

## APPLICATIONS

830 CKKY AB **Wainwright** - Has reapplied to the CRTC to move to 101.9 MHz with 57 kW at 135.9 metres. Their previous application to move to FM was rejected by the CRTC on the basis that their owner (Newcap) would have three FM stations in the same market due to signal overlap with their Lloydminster station CKSA-FM. In this application there is a deep null towards Lloydminster to get around this problem. If this application is approved, it will allow CFCW-790 Camrose, Alberta to go ahead with their planned move to 840.

1450 CHOR BC **Summerland** - Has applied to move to 98.5 MHz with 100 watts at 348 metres, as they will be evicted from their present transmitter site at the end of this year. They propose continuing with their Adult Contemporary format.

1650 CINA ON **Mississauga** - Applies to increase their day power to become U1 5000/680.

## AM on FM

590	WROW	NY Albany - WKLI-FM (100.9) Albany
690	WJOX	AL Birmingham - WJOX-FM (94.5) Birmingham
770	KCHU	AK Valdez - KXKM (89.7) McCarthy
930	KDET	TX Center - KQSI (92.5) San Augustine
950	KNFT	NM Reserve - KZXQ (104.5) Reserve
1360	WTAQ	WI Green Bay - WTAQ-FM (97.5) Glenmore

## HEAR AND THAR

◆ **This edition is being wrapped up on February 12**, a week that will go down as history-making, insofar as weather is concerned. Washington, DC has received record snowfalls, and most of the federal government has been down through Thursday. So, as we are scraping for facility news from the FCC, a few programming notes and one DX report is all the U.S. news we can muster.

◆ **Reported as Silent: WNAK-730 Nanticoke, Pennsylvania; KQMG-1220 Independence, Iowa; WIGG-1420 Wiggins, Mississippi; and WCDL-1440 Carbondale, Pennsylvania.**

Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Wayne Heinen, Deane McIntyre and Dave Schmidt.

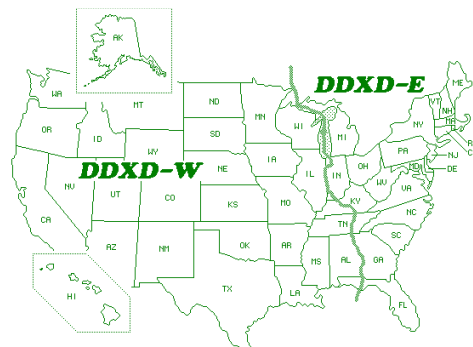
**Expiring? Time to renew? Not sure when? Need to call or e-mail someone or join e-DXN or DXAS? Check the back page - it's all there!**

# Domestic DX Digest

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(Division line  
is between East  
and Central time  
zones)



## DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

### DDXD-West

Sad news from the DX world on the passing of John Bryant. I didn't know John all that well, but we did exchange a lively correspondence for a while on Ultralight DXing. He helped turn me on to the cheap Chinese radios that are inexplicable DX machines. John had an enthusiasm for AM DX that was infectious. He was a central figure in the BCB hobby, and a great influence and friend to many. He will be missed.

A reminder to all of us to appreciate every day, our hobby, those we love and who love us.

Welcome to new reporter Ernest J. Wesolowski from Omaha.

#### Reporters

<b>EJW-NE</b>	<b>Ernost J. Wesolowski, Omaha, NE</b> Drake SW-8. Quantum DX Pro.
<b>GH-KS</b>	<b>Gary Houdek, Munden KS</b> GE Superadio.
<b>JJR-WI</b>	<b>John J Rieger, South Milwaukee, WI</b> Icom IC-R75, Kiwa Loop, MFJ-959B tuner-pre-amp
<b>JW-CO</b>	<b>John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO.</b> Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
<b>SS-KS</b>	<b>Steve Sprague, Coffeyville, KS</b> Radio Shack DX-375. Select-A-Tenna

#### DX Logs (All Times ELT)

620	<b>CKRM</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>Regina</b> 2/1 0435 Country music, IDs ( <b>GH-KS</b> ).
690	<b>KTSM</b>	<b>TX</b>	<b>El Paso</b> 1/30 0535 Poor but clear "KTSM is a Clear Channel radio station" into talk o/others. ( <b>JJR-WI</b> )
700	<b>KXLX</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>Airway Heights</b> 2/5 1945. Local sports talk show; Spokane spots; quick legal ID at ToH: "KXLX Airway Heights-Spokane, then "ESPN Sports Center." Generally fair, with an occasional good peak in WLW null ( <b>JW-CO</b> )
720	<b>WGCR</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>Pisgah Forest</b> 2/5 2100. On for emergency storm situation, running 25 KW daytime power. Man & woman announcers. Mentioned they would go off and on for some time. They returned about 2155 for 5 minutes then off again. Signal at S9 + 10db at times. WGN Chicago was 0 to 70% readable while WGCR was 10% to 100% readable. ( <b>EJW-WA</b> )
840	<b>WHAS</b>	<b>KY</b>	<b>Louisville</b> 1/30 0335 Art Bell on Coast To Coast AM. Hard to tell if this was a repeat, or Art coming out of retirement for the night. ( <b>GH-KS</b> )
940	<b>WGRP</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Greenville</b> 2/8 0221 Poor "AM 940 Classic Country WGRP" and chatter on Reba o/GX94. NEW! ( <b>JJR-WI</b> )
960	<b>KGWA</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>Enid</b> 1/23 2250 Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech basketball; ID. New station for me. ( <b>SS-KS</b> )
980	<b>KSVC</b>	<b>UT</b>	<b>Richfield</b> 2/10 1959. Legal ID barely readable thru QRM: "KSVC Richfield and KNUC(?) - FM Monroe"; CBS news was next. Soon submerged by QRM. ( <b>JW-CO</b> )
1000	<b>KOMO</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>Seattle</b> 2/6 2159. Local spot, then AM/FM ID: "...KOMO Seattle-Everett, KOMO-FM Oakville-Olympia-Tacoma, worldwide on komonews.com"; ABC news followed. Good signal on sunset skip. ( <b>JW-CO</b> )
1270	<b>KFLC</b>	<b>TX</b>	<b>Fort Worth</b> 2/5 1903. Out of religious program with legal ID at 1903:55: "This is KFLC Fort Worth - Dallas, Doce Setenta AM, La Voz del Pueblo, parte de la familia Univisión," then into SS deportes. Fair in QRM. ( <b>JW-CO</b> )
1390	<b>WTJS</b>	<b>TN</b>	<b>Jackson</b> 1/23 2250 Memphis Grizzlies vs. OK City Thunder NBA game; IDs. ( <b>SS-KS</b> )
1450	<b>KBBS</b>	<b>WY</b>	<b>Buffalo</b> 2/8 0929. Ad for Johnson County Health Fair, followed by news from the Bighorn Mountain Radio Network. Fair in the jumble. ( <b>JW-CO</b> )
1450	<b>KBFS</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>Belle Fourche</b> 2/11 0859. Legal ID just prior to ToH: "Country 103.1 KYDT Sundance and AM 1450 KBFS Belle Fourche [pronounced Bell Foosh]". Rough



- copy in the pileup. **(JW-CO)**
- 1450 **KEYY** **UT** **Provo** 2/8 0900. "KEYY AM 1450 in Provo" by gal, barely readable in the zoo. **(JW-CO)**
- 1450 **KSEL** **NM** **Portales** 2/5 0659. Legal ID at 0659:55 after a mooing sound: "KSEL-AM Portales-Clovis-West Texas and Cannon. This is Cow Country," followed by one more moo, then CNN news. Barely (cow) punching thru QRM. **(JW-CO)** I'm sure you milked that signal for every decibel. **(JDT-WA)**
- 1450 **KZNU** **UT** **St. George** 2/9 0859. Legal ID at 0859:55 by male voice: "Fox News 1450 KZNU St. George". **(JW-CO)**
- 1600 **KPNP** **MN** **Watertown** 2/8 0140 Fair and quite loud. Hmong chanting to fade but still there in mess 2 hrs later. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1690 **WVON** **IL** **Berwyn** 2/3 0745. Local talk show, local spots, traffic and weather; legal ID at ToH: "...1690 WVON Berwyn-Chicago," followed by CNN news. Fair/good signal with local KDDZ still on night power and mostly nulled. Needed for a call change here, ex-WRLL. **(JW-CO)**

## Tentative/UNID

- 1510 **UNID** 1/31 2130-2200 Very strong w/ classic country. At times signal over WLAC. Heard ID "WGKZ" or similar a couple of times. Nothing listed in *DX News* or *AM Radio Log* **(SS-KS)**

Pisgah Forest edges out Belle Fourche for the most interesting city of license in this edition of DDXD West. So, how does one refer to a resident of Pisgah Forest? A Pisgah Forester? Pisgah Forestian? **(JDT-WA)** (Luckily, Paola [pronounced "pay-ola"], KS doesn't have a licensed outlet, lol -pls.)

## DDXD-East


## REPORTERS



- HF-MI** **Harold Frodge, Midland** - Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW
- DJ-PA** **David Jansky, Sunbury** - CCRadio, Radio Shack Loop
- KK-VA** **Kraig Krist, Manassas** - NRD-545, homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE. (many loggings while snowed in, sometimes without power)
- MKB-ON** **Mike Brooker, Toronto** - Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

## LOGGINGS

- 550 **WSVA** **VA** **Harrisonburg** - 2/11 1730 - in mix with local news, "WSVA news time five thirty five". **(KK-VA)**
- 560 **CFOS** **ON** **Owen Sound** - 2/8 1733 - in mix with other talk stations, "Five sixty CFOS" ID by woman into ad mentioning Bell Canada and "CFOS winter report". **(KK-VA)**
- WFIL** **PA** **Philadelphia** - 2/10 1920 - "...five sixty WFIL..." ID by man in mix with WJLS. **(KK-VA)**
- WJLS** **WV** **Beckley** - 2/10 1920 - Church type singing in mix with WFIL, "WJLS" ID into weather forecast. **(KK-VA)**
- 570 **WKBN** **OH** **Youngstown** - 2/10 1901 - auto race in mix with WTNT, station promo "News, talk, sports...five seventy WKBN". **(KK-VA)**
- 580 **WHP** **PA** **Harrisburg** - 2/8 1824 - station promo "What happens next, happens here... WHP". **(KK-VA)**
- WCHS** **WV** **Charleston** - 2/10 1939 - in WHP mix with Sean Hannity show, ad for "Financial peace university", station promo "Metro news talk live from the most powerful voice in West Virginia..." **(KK-VA)**
- WGAC** **GA** **Augusta** - 2/12 0640 - in WCHS mix with local news, "WGAC news update. News talk five eighty WGAC. Where news comes first". **(KK-VA)**
- 590 **CJCL** **ON** **Toronto** - 2/12 0631 - mixing with WMBS with talk about hockey, "forecast for Toronto... this morning..." local weather. **(KK-VA)**
- WMBS** **PA** **Uniontown** - 2/12 0631 - mixing with CJCL and other talk stations with ad for "... health care needs... Uniontown...", "Southwestern Pennsylvania forecast... 28 degrees yesterday at WMBS" into "Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves" by Cher. **(KK-VA)**

- 600 WKYH KY Paintsville - 1/23 0800 - TOH ID by female after health talk. Fair signal. "600 WKYH Paintsville Kentucky" (DJ-PA)
- WSOM OH Salem - 2/11 1736 - in mix with "Greatest hits..." into BJ Thomas "Hooked on a Feeling", slogan "America's great songs. Great memories AM six hundred WSOM" into news and Glen Campbell's "Gentle on My Mind". (KK-VA)
- 610 WIP PA Philadelphia - 2/8 1745 - man talking about snow forecast. "20 20 Sports". "Six ten WIP" ID. (KK-VA)
- 620 WKHB PA Irwin - 2/8 1749 - mixing with ESPN station, woman describing neck pain on call in show "Dr. Werner". Phone number to call "412 922..." (area code 412 is Pittsburgh area). "KHP Weather Control" local weather. "Six twenty KHP Pittsburgh" slogan and KHP jingle. (KK-VA)
- 680 WPTF NC Raleigh - 2/8 1808 - mixing with other talk and music, man giving phone number to call for relief. Ad for "adopt us kids dot com". Weather forecast, "WPTF Traffic Center", then weather and news. (KK-VA)
- 690 WIST LA New Orleans - 2/6 2150 - presumed with discussion of voting habits in New Orleans. In/out with WELD. Need USB to minimize IBOC slop. (HF-MI)
- WZAP VA Bristol - 2/10 1755 - Mix of old time Gospel & C&W; 1815 presumed power drop announcement: "WZAP is owned & operated by...". Detectable under WNZK which went off at 1800, then in and out with WSPZ Fox Sports Radio. Heard USA News at ToH, which is listed for WZAP. (HF-MI)
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- +++ - 2/8 1810 - Mixing with talk and oldies stations, "WZAP is owned and operated by... Bristol Virginia. Six ninety AM WZAP..." sounded like daily sign off. (KK-VA)
- WELD WV Fisher - 2/6 0948 - ads for Home Depot, pawn shop in Petersburg and Marans Electric in Petersburg. (KK-VA)
- 720 WWII PA Shiremanstown - 2/10 1740 - over nulled WGN with [www.720therock.com](http://www.720therock.com) website promo into local weather (snow...and plenty of it!). (MKB-ON)
- 740 KRMG OK Tulsa - 2/12 0605 - in CFZM mix with weather forecast, local "KRMG morning news...", "Seven forty KRMG" ID by man. (KK-VA)
- 790 WNIS VA Norfolk - 2/8 1958 - in mix with Radio Reloj, "Your news and information station. WNIS AM seven ninety WNIS Norfolk.". (KK-VA)
- 820 WWFD MD Frederick - 2/11 1723 - in mix with man and woman discussing government closing due to record snow on "The Daily Debrief". (KK-VA)
- WOSU OH Columbus - 2/11 1835 - in mix with station promo asking for contributions to "WOSU and WOSU dot org". (KK-VA)
- 830 WCCO MN Minneapolis - 2/8 2000 - Mixing with WTRU, "This is WCCO" ID by man. (KK-VA)
- WTRU NC Kernersville - 2/8 2000 - ad for "Carolina Mobile Auto Service", station promo "The Alternate... with Doctor... on WTRU...". (KK-VA)
- 850 WKGE PA Johnstown - 2/8 2010 - in mix with "The Edge" jingle, ad for reducing tax lien, slogan "Sporting News radio 'The Edge' fourteen hundred and eight fifty". (KK-VA)
- 860 CJBC ON Toronto - 2/11 1840 - FF talk mentioning "Montreal" and "Quebec" in mix with US talk station and Cuban Radio Reloj. (KK-VA)
- 900 WILC MD Laurel - 2/8 1902 - under partially-nulled pest CHML with EZL SS vocals, "WILC Laurel...Washington" legal EE ID and website promo "doble-vay doble-vay doble-vay punto..." but didn't catch the URL. (MKB-ON)
- CHML ON Hamilton - 2/8 2027 - in mix with ad for "Crabby Joes" (this is in Ontario), "It's Maple Leaf hockey on AM nine hundred CHML". (KK-VA)
- 920 CKNX ON Wingham - 2/8 2035 - ad for "London wood working show... Canada...Global tools and equipment...". "Back to Toronto Maple Leafs Hockey AM nine twenty CKNX" during break in Leafs game v. San Jose Sharks. (KK-VA)
- 930 WFMD MD Frederick - 2/8 2044 - mixing with singing, "WFMD" ID by man. (KK-VA)
- 940 WCPC MS Houston - 2/10 1800 - country-gospel songs in mix with other country and gospel stations (i.e. WGRP, WIDG, WKGM), "this is WCPC Houston, Tupelo, Columbus" three-pronged ToH ID. (MKB-ON)
- WMAC GA Macon - 2/8 2352 - "News talk central Georgia" in middle of anti-Republican political talk show. (I thought Air America was dead?) Signal fair following demise of CINW, with one other (either GOS or C&W) and some IBOC splash. (DJ-PA)
- WKGM VA Smithfield - 2/9 1700 - ID at TOH after nutrition program, and followed by

religious programming. Signal dominant with someone else in background. Another new one with CINW gone. **(DJ-PA)**

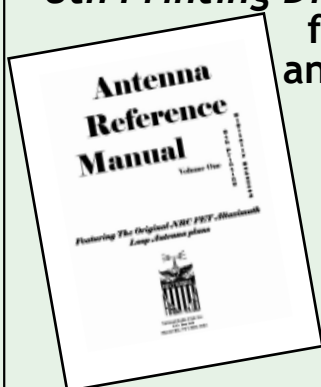
- 950 **WIBX** NY **Utica** - 2/8 2103 - Mixing with singing, "WIBX" ID by man into weather forecast. **(KK-VA)**
- 960 **WFIR** VA **Roanoke** - 2/8 2107 - mixing with other talk and Cuban Radio Reloj, Dave Ramsey show, ID as "you're listening to news talk nine sixty WFIR. Depend on it.". **(KK-VA)**
- 970 **WNYM** NJ **Hackensack** - 2/8 2122 - in mix with other talk, singing and basketball game, ad for "Commonwealth moving dot com...", ID as "... talk nine seventy WNYM" into George Crager Show. **(KK-VA)**
- WFSR** KY **Harlan** - 2/11 1854 - in mix "Stand Up for Jesus" and other gospel songs. "WFSR" ID by man, into song. **(KK-VA)**
- 990 **WNML** TN **Knoxville** - 2/11 1905 - in mix with Fox Sports Radio, discussing Super Bowl. Checking Fox Sports website, this is probably WNML. **(KK-VA)**
- 1070 **WFLI** TN **Lookout Mountain** - 2/6 1118 - in mix with woman talking about school closing in bad weather and student safety. "Here on WFLI... Admorrow County... Scottsboro area trees down...". **(KK-VA)**
- WFNI** IN **Indianapolis** - 2/8 2139 - ad for "billiards in central Indiana...", PSA for "State of Indiana rebate problem when replacing old and inefficient heating and cooling equipment", "ESPN 'The Fan'" slogan. **(KK-VA)**
- 1130 **WBBR** NY **New York** - 2/11 2355 - woman with station promo "From the financial capital of the world via satellite and on Bloomberg dot com, this is WBBR New York. Bloomberg eleven three oh" into "Global Connect". **(KK-VA)**
- 1150 **CKOC** ON **Hamilton** - 2/8 2144 - "To Sir With Love" by Lulu, male DJ with station promo "Great times, great Songs, AM eleven fifty CKOC". **(KK-VA)**
- WLOC** KY **Munfordville** - 2/9 2008 - "Heart of Kentucky country weather...". **(KK-VA)**
- WDEL** DE **Wilmington** - 2/9 2355 - Out of the CKOC mix, "WDEL..." ID by man. **(KK-VA)**
- 1160 **WYLL** IL **Chicago** - 2/8 2355 - mixing with talk and oldies stations, "Chicago's Christian talk...WYLL Chicago... listen live... WYLL dot com..." station promo into "Focus on the Family". **(KK-VA)**
- 1170 **WWVA** WV **Wheeling** - 2/8 2147 - preaching on the "Radio Bible Hour", man with midnight shift mine report, "The Big one. News radio eleven seventy WWVA" ID into Fox News. **(KK-VA)**
- 1190 **WOWO** IN **Fort Wayne** - 2/7 2355 - in mix with station promo "Bill Cunningham Show on news talk eleven ninety WOWO. Your news and weather station. Depend on it." **(KK-VA)**
- WLIB** NY **New York** - 2/9 1759 - gospel singing in mix with WOWO, ID as "WLIB, your free and inspiration station." **(KK-VA)**
- 1200 **WOAI** TX **San Antonio** - 2/5 2355 - in mix with ad for "Goldline". "... Lone Star Texas news dot com..." promo, "WOAI... San Antonio... radio twelve hundred..." ID into Coast to Coast AM. **(KK-VA)**
- 1230 **WFVA** VA **Fredericksburg** - 2/10 1242 - Rush Limbaugh show, "This is news talk twelve thirty WFVA" ID. **(KK-VA)**
- 1240 **WJEJ** MD **Hagerstown** - 2/6 1110 - Mixing with ESPN station, "... in downtown Hagerstown..." mention into "Ferry Cross the Mersey" by Gerry and the Pacemakers. **(KK-VA)**
- 1270 **WMKT** MI **Charlevoix** - 2/5 1556 - "AM 12-70 WMKT Charlevoix" ID, Dave Ramsey Show, Fox news at ToH. Trading places on top with WXYT, but WMKT had better peaks. **(HF-MI)**
- 1290 **WHIO** OH **Dayton** - 2/9 1929 - in mix with other talk stations, "This is WHIO AM twelve ninety WHIO...". **(KK-VA)**
- 1330 **WRAA** VA **Luray** - 2/6 1050 - station promo "Here is another classic country on WRAA". **(KK-VA)**
- 1340 **WVCV** VA **Orange** - 2/10 1249 - mixing with WEPM, "Unforgettable" by Natalie Cole, "You're tuned to thirteen forty WVCV" ID by man. **(KK-VA)**
- WEPM** WV **Martinsburg** - 2/10 1249 - in WVCV mix, "Thirteen forty news" with mentions of Jefferson County and promo for wepm.com website. Jefferson County and Morgan County school closings, slogan "Sports Radio thirteen forty". **(KK-VA)**

- 1400 WINC VA Winchester - 2/5 1351 - Rush Limbaugh show, "News talk fourteen hundred WINC" ID into snow storm report. Promo for "Pet Show on WINC". (KK-VA)
- 1410 WDOV DE Dover - 2/9 1954 - "Nascar Live on NRM Network" in mix with other talk stations. According to Nascar.about.com and [www.wdov.com](http://www.wdov.com) this show is on WDOV at this time on Tuesday. (KK-VA)
- 1430 WNAV MD Annapolis - 2/5 1338 - call-in discussing military and Obama on "Bill Criss Show". Ad for Smart's Gold and Silver in Annapolis. Slogan "...right here on fourteen thirty WNAV. Your hometown favorite." (KK-VA)
- WDIC VA Clinchco - 2/9 1958 - in mix with C&W songs, "AM fourteen thirty WDIC..." ID by man. (KK-VA)
- 1440 WAJR WV Morgantown - 2/5 1332 - ad for Pikewood National Golf Club in Morgantown into Rush Limbaugh show. (KK-VA)
- WHKZ OH Warren - 2/6 0612 - man and woman discussing mental energy on "Health News Network". "AM twelve twenty [sic] 'The Word'" non-ID into "Your Health Matters". (KK-VA)
- 1470 WFNT MI Flint - 2/11 1022 - format change, ex-NOS, "Flint News-Talk"; Call-in program Value Connection with local biz items for sale; break at 1033 with local ads. Saturday program rundown was all talk shows. Very good peaks over oldies station. (HF-MI)
- 1490 WCVA VA Culpeper - 2/5 1358 - "Ain't No Sunshine" by Bill Withers, "America's Best Music fourteen ninety WCVA Culpeper" ID into ABC news. (KK-VA)
- 1520 WTRI MD Brunswick - 2/6 1005 - Mixing with faint talk, man discussing wealth and spendable income on "Thurmont Today". Ad for "Credit Answer", PSA for not drinking and driving. (KK-VA)
- 1530 WCTR MD Chestertown - 2/6 1004 - Casey Kasem on "America's Top 40". (KK-VA)
- 1550 WMRE WV Charles Town - 2/6 0958 - sports talk on Super Bowl, "Fox Sports Radio fifteen fifty" and "Sports talk fifteen fifty" slogans, high school basketball players of the week mentioning "Clark County", "Warren County". (KK-VA)
- 1560 WKIK MD La Plata - 2/7 1048 - "American Country Countdown", ads for Turbo Tax and for Apex Cinema in Prince Frederick on route 4. "WKIK FM... valentines... 2 tickets to see... Waldorf...country 102.9 WKIK..." station promo. (KK-VA)
- 1580 WHFS MD Morningside - 2/11 1700 - slogan "The Big Talker 15-80 and The Big Talker WHFS Washington DC"; Dennis Miller Show. Mainly over CKDO and UNID EWTN station. (HF-MI)
- CKDO ON Oshawa - 2/11 1707 - up briefly with CKDO Weather into oldies, under WHFS (HF-MI)
- 1600 WWRL NY New York - 2/9 2036 - in mix with Al Sharpton call in show, ad for "Jazz Mobile Gospel 212 280-2110". (KK-VA)
- 1650 CJRS QC Montreal - 2/10 1840 - woman with news from Kol Israel. "Radio Shalom sixteen fifty AM Montreal" ID by man. (KK-VA)
- 1680 WPRR MI Ada - 2/5 1617 - presumed with Behind the News feature on unions, McCarthyism & post WW2 industrialization. At 1630, read net list, all CA stations, BoH ID slot was filled with rock tune, then right back into program. Well over SS QRM, probably WTTN. (HF-MI)



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# *International DX Digest*

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**Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC**

This edition is in memory of John Bryant, who passed away on February 9 due to injuries sustained from a fall off a ladder. It was a shock to us all and a sobering reminder of the fragility of life. John was an accomplished DXer with Proceedings, the Delta (Kaz) antenna, the Easter Island DXpedition, the ultralight movement, Coastal Roundtable, and numerous published works to his credit. Having met John at a Grayland DXpedition, he will be remembered personally for the conviction, dedication, and energy that he brought to the table. The DX community won't be the same.

## Transatlantic DX

- 531 **FAROE ISLANDS** *Kringvoarp Føroya Útvoarpid*, Akraberg (62°01'N 6°46'W) JAN 31 2147 - "Here I Go Again" by Whitesnake, then a Scandinavian-language pop vocal; way over Spain. [Connelly-MA] FEB 7 0155 - Good, over Spain; continuous pop/folk music without announcements through the hour. [Conti-NH]
- 531 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 31 2148 - Parallel 936, 1098, 1107 with "My Way" by Frank Sinatra; to good peak over Faroes. [Connelly-MA]
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles (35°17'N 0°34'W) JAN 31 2147 - Male Arabic vocal, drums, strings; huge. Audio at [http://home.comcast.net/~markwa1ion/dx\\_audio](http://home.comcast.net/~markwa1ion/dx_audio). [Connelly-MA] FEB 7 0200 - Excellent, 10 dB over adjacent 550 WDEV; discussion in Arabic through time pips on the hour, then break for fanfare and quick announcement by a woman, and discussion continued. [Conti-NH]
- 576 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 7 0325 - Fair; folk music parallel 558, 585, and the strongest of all 621 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 576 **GERMANY** *SWR Cont. R.*, Muhlacker JAN 31 2146 - German talk by man; fair over Spain-Canaries. [Connelly-MA]
- 602 **YEMEN** *YRTC* JAN 31 2147 - Het against 603 kHz. [Connelly-MA]
- 603 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lyon-Tramoyes (45°53'N 4°57'E) JAN 31 2147 - Man in French; mixed with Spain. [Connelly-MA] FEB 7 0320 - Good; French vocal parallel 837 and 945 kHz. 603 the best of the *France Info* signals tonight with typically strong 1206 and 1377 hardly visible on the spectrum analyzer. [Conti-NH]
- 603 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 31 2147 - Spanish talk by woman; mixed with France. [Connelly-MA]
- 612 **MOROCCO** *RTM A*, Sebaa-Aioun (33°54'N 5°23'W) JAN 31 2147 - Man in Arabic; to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al. JAN 31 2152 - Spanish sports report; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 630 **NORWAY** *NRK Vigra* JAN 31 2149 - Norwegian talk, then primitive-sounding folk vocal; good, way over WPRO. Audio at [http://home.comcast.net/~markwa1ion/dx\\_audio](http://home.comcast.net/~markwa1ion/dx_audio). [Connelly-MA]
- 630 **TUNISIA** *RTT* Tunis-Djedeida JAN 31 2159 - Arabic male vocal, flute, strings; mixed with Norway and WPRO. [Connelly-MA]
- 639 **SPAIN** *RNE1* La Coruña et al. JAN 31 2200 - ID, "Radio Nacional," then a clip of Bon Jovi "You Give Love a Bad Name"; loud. [Connelly-MA]
- 648 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Badajoz (38°53'N 6°58'W) JAN 31 2149 - Spanish talk; mixed with UK. [Connelly-MA] FEB 7 0200 - Over unID time pips; *RNE* time pips and fanfare into news. [Conti-NH]
- 648 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC World Service*, Orfordness JAN 31 2149 - Man with BBC English news; briefly slipping by Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 657 **SPAIN** *RNE5* Madrid (40°28'N 3°52'W) JAN 31 2149 - Parallel 1098, others with "My Way" by Frank Sinatra; mixed with others. [Connelly-MA]
- 657 unID JAN 31 2149 - Possibly Italy with talk, sound of baby crying; mixed with Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 675 **NETHERLANDS** *R.Maria*, Lopik (52°01'N 5°03'E) JAN 31 2156 - Religious music; in bad WRKO slop. Libya under. [Connelly-MA] FEB 12 0100 - Good in LSB over WFAN-HD digital noise; choir music through the hour. [Conti-NH]
- 684 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Sevilla (37°12'N 5°55'W) JAN 31 2158 - Woman with "Buenas noches" greet-



- ing, then talk by man; fair to good over WRKO slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. JAN 31 2200 - ID/announcement, "This is BBC Radio, Five Live news"; slightly over Spain and probable Azores. [Connelly-MA] FEB 7 0040 - Loud and clear; reports about mid-Atlantic U.S. snowstorm, talking live with a reporter at WMAL Washington DC. FEB 12 0200 - Good, synchro echo; music bed and time pips, "On digital and online, this is BBC Radio Five Live." Occasional digital noise believed to be from Germany or Italy DRM. [Conti-NH]
- 702 **FRANCE** *RMC Col de la Madone* (43°47'N 7°25'E) JAN 31 2200 - Chinese talk by woman, then French, 5 pips then a sixth higher-pitched one, music flourish, man "Vous écoutez Radio Chine International"; good. Audio at [http://home.comcast.net/~markwa1ion/dx\\_audio](http://home.comcast.net/~markwa1ion/dx_audio). [Connelly-MA]
- 711 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Rennes (47°51'N 1°30'W) JAN 31 2159 - Man in French; fair over rumble. [Connelly-MA]
- 720 **GERMANY** *WDR 2*, Langenberg JAN 31 2200 - Woman in German; mixed with others. [Connelly-MA]
- 720 **GREENLAND** *KNR Simiutaq* JAN 31 2149 - Greenlandic talk; not strong but alone at the time. [Connelly-MA]
- 729 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros JAN 31 2141 - Fast Spanish talk; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 738 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Barcelona (41°23'N 2°12'E) JAN 31 2141 - Parallel 729 with Spanish talk; fair through CHCM slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 747 **CANARY ISLANDS** // **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 31 2141 - Man and woman in Spanish; mixed with Netherlands. [Connelly-MA]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *Radio 5*, Flevoland (52°23'N 5°25'E) JAN 31 2147 - Two women in Dutch; to fair peak over *RNE*. [Connelly-MA]
- 756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg JAN 31 2200 - Music fanfare, *Deutschlandfunk* ID, pips; fair. [Connelly-MA] FEB 7 0100 - Good; signature "Deutschlandfunk" ID and time pips into news. [Conti-NH]
- 756 **SPAIN** *R.Euskadi*, Ganguren JAN 31 2141 - Spanish news by woman; over Germany. [Connelly-MA]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** *RSR Option Musique*, Sottens (46°39'N 6°44'E) JAN 31 2142 - "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong; very good. *Option Musique* jingle noted at 2200. [Connelly-MA] FEB 12 0100 - Fair, over unID Koranic vocals; *Option Musique* jingle and *RSR* ID into news in French. [Conti-NH]
- 774 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros JAN 31 2142 - Fast Spanish talk and shouting; good, over Egypt. [Connelly-MA]
- 783 **SPAIN** *Rock y Gol R.Miramar*, Barcelona JAN 31 2142 - Spanish sportstalk; over Mauritania, others. [Connelly-MA]
- 792 **SPAIN** *SER* Sevilla JAN 31 2151 - Man in Spanish; over France. [Connelly-MA]
- 819 **SPAIN** *R.Euskadi*, San Sebastian JAN 31 2200 - Pips, woman in Spanish mentioned *R.Euskadi* and Vitoria; over Arabic station. [Connelly-MA]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS** // **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros JAN 31 2143 - Spanish play-by-play with crowd noises; loud/dominant. [Connelly-MA]
- 837 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Nancy (48°53'N 6°14'E) JAN 31 2140 - Parallel 1206 and 1557 with French talk by two men; fair, slightly over *COPE* synchros. [Connelly-MA]
- 855 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros JAN 31 2143 - Spanish shouting; through *WEEI* slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette (48°41'N 2°14'E) JAN 31 2142 - Man in French; mixed with Spain. [Connelly-MA] FEB 7 0250 - Good, over Egypt; Donna Summer "Hot Stuff." [Conti-NH]
- 864 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Socuellamos JAN 31 2143 - Spanish talk; dominant over France. [Connelly-MA]
- 873 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros JAN 31 2147 - Man and woman in Spanish; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 882 **CANARY ISLANDS** // **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros JAN 31 2152 - Spanish sports; under UK. [Connelly-MA]
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Wales*, Washford (51°10'N 3°21'W) JAN 31 2152 - Operatic male vocal of old song "If I Loved You" (from "Carousel"); slightly over *COPE*. [Connelly-MA]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5* synchros JAN 31 2201 - News, "Haitian police arrest



- Americans trying to take children out of the country for adoption"; to good peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 909 unID JAN 31 2141 - Male Arabic vocal and orchestra; over UK. Yemen? Audio at [http://home.comcast.net/~markwa1ion/dx\\_audio](http://home.comcast.net/~markwa1ion/dx_audio). [Connelly-MA]
- 927 **BELGIUM** *VRT Radio Een*, Wolvertem (50°59'N 4°18'E) JAN 31 2143 - Modern rock; poor in WGIN slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 936 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 31 2148 - Parallel 531, 1098, 1107 with "My Way" by Frank Sinatra; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse (43°21'N 1°20'E) JAN 31 2200 - French news; briefly good (during pause in WROL slop) in USB mode to dodge WGIN IBOC on the low side. [Connelly-MA]
- 963 **FINLAND** *Radio 86*, Pori (61°28'N 21°35'E) JAN 31 2140 - Woman in German on CRI program; fair. List of frequencies or program times read at 2156. [Connelly-MA] FEB 7 0348 - Good, splatter from 960 *R.Reloj* Cuba code IDs; slow deliberate talk in Chinese, "www..." address announced. [Conti-NH]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE* Madrid (40°28'N 3°52'W) JAN 31 2141 - Sports talk mentioning Valencia; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1053 **LIBYA** *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Tripoli (32°50'N 13°00'E) JAN 31 2149 - Likely this with Arabic vocal; good, over UK. [Connelly-MA]
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros JAN 31 2150 - Parallel 1089 with English teletalk mentioning films; now atop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1080 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros JAN 31 2151 - Parallel 1116 with man in Spanish; under WTIC. [Connelly-MA]
- 1089 **RUSSIA** *R.Rossi/VOR/RIR*, Tbilisskaya (45°22'N 40°10'E) JAN 31 2141 - Man in Russian; dominant over UK. 2200 bells, Russian talk, pips; over UK and something that sounded Mideastern. Audio at [http://home.comcast.net/~markwa1ion/dx\\_audio](http://home.comcast.net/~markwa1ion/dx_audio). [Connelly-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros JAN 31 2143 - Two men with sports commentary; mixed with Russia. Slight 1088 Angola het on low side. [Connelly-MA]
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 31 2148 - Parallel 531, 936, 1107 with "My Way" by Frank Sinatra; fair to good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1107.12 **SPAIN** *RNE5* Caceres JAN 31 2148 - Parallel 531, 936, 1098 with "My Way" by Frank Sinatra; splittable on USB from 1107 and growl. [Connelly-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 31 2148 - Parallel 531, 936, 1098 with "My Way" by Frank Sinatra; splittable on LSB from 1107.12 and growl. [Connelly-MA]
- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros JAN 31 2142 - Fast Spanish talk; to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1125 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 31 2148 - Parallel 1098, others with man in Spanish, then "My Way" by Frank Sinatra; to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Zadar (44°06'N 15°15'E) JAN 31 2140 - Woman in Croatian, then church-type organ music; very good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1179 **SWEDEN** *R.Sweden International*, Sölvesborg (55°59'N 14°40'E) JAN 31 2143 - Woman in Swedish; to good peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1188 **IRAN** *IRIB R.Payam*, Tehran JAN 31 2200 - Ascending three note chimes, then news; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux (44°57'N 0°11'W) JAN 31 2140 - Parallel 837 and 1557 with French talk by two men; excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 **KALININGRAD** *VOR* Bolshakovo JAN 31 2200 - Kiev bells, pips, man, "You're tuned to the World Service of the Voice of Russia"; in mix with UK and Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros JAN 31 2141 - Spanish sports shouting; dominant. [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synchros JAN 31 2142 - *Absolute Radio* ID; mixed with Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 1413 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 31 2156 - Spanish talk by man; fair over WVAE IBOC. [Connelly-MA]
- 1422 **ALGERIA** *R.Algérienne*, Algiers (36°40'N 3°09'E) JAN 31 2157 - Arabic string and percussion music; good, dominant. [Connelly-MA]
- 1467 **FRANCE** *TWR Roumoules* (43°47'N 6°09'E) JAN 31 2143 - Man and woman in Arabic; fair to good over WLAM slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba (27°20'N 35°45'E) JAN 31 2141 - Arabic talk by man and woman, short music bursts; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1557 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Fontbonne (43°46'N 7°25'E) JAN 31 2140 - Parallel 837 and 1206 with French talk by two men; good. [Connelly-MA]



### Pan-American DX

- 530 CUBA *R.Enciclopedia*, La Habana FEB 7 0200 - Fair, over CIAO; theme music and ID, "Transmite CMBQ Radio Enciclopedia, desde la Habana, Cuba." [Conti-NH]
- 670 CUBA CMQ *R.Rebelde*, Arroyo Arenas (23°00'N 82°30'W) FEB 7 0315 - Good; Spanish reggaeton parallel 5025 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 790 CUBA CMAQ *R.Reloj*, Pinar del Río (22°25'N 83°43'W) and unID site FEB 9 2340 - Double minute markers and code IDs with a half-second delay between stations along with syncoated clock through WPRV and WAEB. [Conti-NH]
- 939.87 MEXICO XEQ *Besame*, Iztapalapa, México (19°19'N 99°05'W) FEB 7 0300 - Poor, brief audio through WPEN-HD digital noise; announcement in Spanish and a nostalgic vocal. Easily separated from 940 kHz in LSB mode. [Conti-NH]



### QSL Information

**ALGERIA:** Full data QSL (though transmitter sites were not identified as I had requested) received from *Radiodiffusion Algerienne* 531 and 549 for a DEC 12 report and enclosed IRC to Radio Algerienne, 21 Boulevard des Martyrs, Alger, Ageria. This is country 52 verified of the 70 I've heard. 531 is my most populous TA channel, with four stations heard there. You may recall that the 549 signal appeared suddenly this season, a new transmitter. [Renfrew-NY]

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Mark Connelly, South Yarmouth MA; Microtelecom Perseus operated with MSI Wind U100 netbook, west-null cardioid-pattern Kaz Delta about 5-m base-to-apex by 17-m base length. Height of base about 1.5-m above ground. Termination 1k resistor on west side. Coaxial feed from 16:1 transformer on east side.

Bruce Conti, Nashua NH; SDR IQ, variable termination SuperLoop antennas 13 x 20-m east and 15 x 23-m south.

Jim Renfrew, Holley NY.

### International News

**PUERTO RICO:** *Radio Isla*, "Pégala Puerto Rico," news/talk affiliates: 710 WKJB Mayagüez, 1080 WLEY Cayey, 1200 WGDL Lares, 1230 WNIK Arecibo, 1240 WALO Humacao, 1320 WSKN San Juan (flagship), 1460 WLRP San Sebastián, 1490 WDEP Ponce, 1500 WMNT Manatí, 1530 WUPR Utuado, 1550 WKFE Yauco. Apparently the former *Super Kadena Noticias*. [www.radioisla1320.com]

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# Musings of the Members

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## John H. Bryant, 1941-2010

*A number of notable DX'ers have left us this season, but the untimely and tragic death of John Bryant seems to have touched members of the community the deepest. John was a member of many DX organizations and was active in all, but he was truly an individual whose accomplishments, relationships, and influence was much larger than any one organization, and the outpouring of comments about John have truly been epic. Thanks to all who helped me compile the following tribute, especially John Callarman and Mark Connelly who gleaned many of the following statements from sources that I did not have access to –pls.*

**Obituary** – John Hulon Bryant, 68, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa, following a severe head injury sustained as the result of a fall from a ladder. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2010 at First United Methodist Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Strode Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

John was born on April 30, 1941, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Glenn H. and Bernice Cochran Bryant. John grew up in Stillwater, graduating from Stillwater High School in 1959. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1964 with a Bachelor's degree in Architecture, and earned a Master's degree from The University of Illinois in 1968. John married Linda Sue Carhart, of Scottsdale, Arizona, on January 30, 1964. John and Linda raised one daughter, Mary Ellen.

Following graduation, John was employed as a professional architect at The Benham Group in Oklahoma City. But his true passion was teaching. In 1970, he was hired as a Regents Professor of Architecture at Auburn University, where he taught until 1976. Following that, John was awarded the distinct honor of a Senior Fulbright Research Scholarship. Herewith, John, Linda, and Mary Ellen spent a year in Japan, where John researched and photographed ancient Japanese architecture. This research became the foundation for his later specialization in teaching Non-Western Architecture classes at Oklahoma State University. Following his year in Japan, John was hired by Oklahoma State University as Head of the School of Architecture, a job he held from 1977 until 1985. During his tenure as Head, John made two trips to China as a member of a delegation of U.S. Architectural Educators. They were asked to facilitate the re-establishment of schools of architecture when that country re-opened relations with the West. Following his time as Head, John served as a professor, teaching Design Studio and Non-Western and Japanese Architecture, the latter of which was frequently voted as "Favorite Class" by the students he loved so much. He retired from teaching in 2000. In 1997, John was chosen as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

John not only loved to teach, he loved to learn. His adolescent hobby of shortwave radio listening led to a lifetime of radio study, and eventual expertise. John was internationally known as a radio antenna designer and tester. His standards were high, and he was never satisfied. John had a great interest in the history of radio, as well. He co-authored four books on the history of the Zenith Radio Corporation with his dear friend, Harold Cones. He and Harold also co-authored the book *Dangerous Crossings*, and account of the first modern polar expedition in 1925, in which radios and airplanes were first used in the far north.

From 1988 to 1992, John self-published six annual editions of *Proceedings*, a compilation of articles written by short-wave radio enthusiasts, sharing their expertise about this unusual and technically complicated hobby.

In 1986, John and Linda vacationed in the San Juan Islands in Washington State. They loved the area so much, they eventually bought property for a second home, which they designed and built themselves over the course of several years, the ultimate do-it-yourself project.



**John Bryant in 2009. Photo courtesy of Guy Atkins**

Of all his many and diverse interests, John was most passionate about his role as both an educator and advocate for his students. John is survived by his wife of 46 years, Linda, of Stillwater, Oklahoma and Orcas Island, Washington, daughter Mary Ellen Nesser, her husband Noel Nesser, and grandchildren Katherine and Charles Nesser, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Endowment fund at First United Methodist Church, 400 W. 7th St., Stillwater, Oklahoma. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family, and an online obituary may be viewed by visiting [www.strodefh.com](http://www.strodefh.com).

It is my sad duty to inform you that yesterday John Bryant fell from a ladder and received injuries that resulted in his death this morning. As you are, I am shocked--John was not only one of my best friends but also a writing partner and travel buddy. As I find out details on arrangements I will keep you posted. Please raise a glass to John—we have all lost a valued friend and colleague.

I am making copies of your comments that I will give to Linda after things calm down a bit. George and several others had a story about John and if you have some stories about John (and who doesn't) you would like to share, please do so and I will get them in good form for passing on to Linda and Mary Ellen. Linda called me this afternoon with the sad news. She said there was no suffering involved and she and their daughter were with him at the end. There is a lesson here: enjoy every minute you have left ('cause you don't know how many you have). **-Harold Cones**

I've just walked in and seen a long list of 'John Bryant' emails. There were too many for it to be good news. I'm deeply shocked. I never met him but feel I did. I remember the *Proceedings* articles from the 1980s so well and still read them from time to time. John was so enthusiastic and a great help and friend to the small South African DX community. They're always telling us in Cape Town that more people die falling off ladders than are killed by sharks, but this is a terrible way to find this out for real. It seems so senseless. I will toast John with the finest Scotch tonight and commiserate with all his DX friends and family. **-Graham Bell, Cape Town**

I am so sad. I had just started writing my report on my Easter Island trip and now it will be almost impossible to go on, as the whole text and experience was so related to John and his trip there. Sort of a personal letter to him. John was so interested in knowing how was my staying there that I already sent, a few weeks ago, a pre-report just for him.

We exchanged a lot of emails lately, John was a helpful and extremely curious guy at the same time, and I regret I could not know him personally. I will always keep with me our last email, where we promised each other we would go back to Rapa Nui in 2011, together. **-Rocco Cotroneo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

I was very sorry to hear this. I never met him, but had been in touch with him for over ten years. I found some of his articles and asked for his permission that they were published in our national DX-magazine here in Finland. Then I was impressed with his lists of Japanese MW stations. Last year, as many of you may remember, he helped some of us to get suitable ferrite cores to make good chokes for coaxial cables. I still use them and have given away a couple of them to my hobby colleagues. He was really international as the hobby and he really wanted to share his knowledge. **-Mauno Ritola, Finland**

After 8 hours of trying to work through this loss of my friend and colleague of over 25 years, I still find it difficult to write this, but I must, for John's sake and the wonderful memories.

John and I met and instantly hit it off in the mid 80's through involvement in Fine Tuning. He's the only guy that could ever convince me that I had something worthwhile to contribute to the hobby, even on the technical side of it, and a techie I'm not! That was evidenced by his volunteering me to participate in a jointly edited article (with John Clark) for one of Fine Tuning's Proceeding ventures... we wrote about the JRC NRD-515.

First time we met was at my house way out in the boondocks in north-central Oklahoma (9 miles NE of Newkirk, Oklahoma) in about 1985 I think (maybe 1986). He, Mitch Sams, and Glenn Hauser all came up and we spent the next 6 or 7 hours cussing and discussing the radio hobby. That was back when there were SO many great SW target stations to try for. Glenn brought his new (at that time) slides from his recent vacation to Hong Kong, and I recall he and John discussing some of the finer points of Chinese architecture...that was John's profession-architecture...John studied the Chinese forms of the profession by going to China on more than one occasion I believe. He was very intrigued with the Eastern styles. Mitch and I just said "uh-huh" and "yea", that sort of thing. We didn't want to sound stoopid or anything.

John and I always had a non-declared competition going on it seemed. Although neither of us ever declared war on the other, it was, at times, a state of war. Back in the 80's and first half of the 90's we were competing for the most Indonesians heard and verified on SW. More recently we had a competition for the XE stations on MW. A typical conversation between us sometimes included expletives that could lead some to believe we hated each other. That was certainly not the case! How he and I ever got that going is beyond me. I think that we just enjoyed challenging each other to extend oneself to the limit!

That's the best way I can put it. John just had a natural ability to bring out the best in other people. God bless his heart for that! I will never ever forget what he helped me discover about myself. Challenged I was by John's influence.

Thank you, John, for helping me find out for myself that I can do much more than I thought possible.

Most recently, John introduced me to ultralight DX'ing. I wasn't at first really keen on the idea, but after he personally brought me a Sony SRF-59 which I still am using today, I began to get the DX'ing bug again after a 13 year (more or less) hiatus in the hobby. Once again it was John that got to me to get off my butt and do a little writing about the hobby. Like him, I haven't had this much fun in radio in many years. As John would put it, "...having a barrel of fun..."

Once again I have to say, "Thank you, John!"

I could write much more than I already have. I will leave it at what's been typed here. Tomorrow a letter will be sent to Linda, who courageously tolerated more than one DX'er at their place through the years. She's a gem just as John was!

Thanks, John, for always being such a wonderful friend. I will miss you Buddy. **-Kirk Allen, Pasadena, TX**

What a loss-a wonderful guy, a great DXer, and a person that I will remember fondly for the rest of my life. I agree with Harold-a monumental loss. Besides the several times I've shared DX meetings with John, I particularly remember fondly a meeting with John in Anacortes, Washington, for dinner back in the early 2000's while John was out in the Northwest at his summer home. We had a wonderful evening together, and I second Harold's suggestion to 'raise a glass' to John. **-Dan Henderson**

Very sad news indeed. I will miss John's long phone calls discussing everything from DX to solving the world's problems. John made Dxing fun. My prayers go out to Linda and John's family. God bless John. **-Larry Yamron**

Incredibly sad news. My jaw dropped as I read your posting Harold. I have so many fond memories of emails, phone calls and especially, times under trees by the Reynoldsburg pools, when we shared memories and thoughts. A wonderful guy whose passing leaves the world a poorer place.

When I first became acquainted with John is a time lost in my memories, where it's hard to pick one year out from many others. But it must be over 25 years ago. I was there, in Reynoldsburg, the infamous year when he and Dave Clark drew sketches on napkins at the restaurant. I think that was the first time many of us got to know John. If I'm right, it was the first time he and Dave had attended (I'll have to check the R'burg archives). He made an immediate impression of his enthusiasm, intelligence and desire to share and inspire.

From there I remember spending time with John when he visited Dave Clark at the country property near Newmarket that housed the famous "DX Barn". And there were other times at Reynoldsburg, as John orchestrated meetings of Fine Tuning staff and then Proceedings writers. Not to mention the talks he gave, always with abundant illustrations. Remember the MAP Unit slide show, "Remove screw A1 from panel B, followed by screw A2..."? Remember the tutorial on how to create your own prepared QSL cards with the help of a color photocopier?

John drafted me to be a reviewer of Proceedings content; something that I felt honored by. John had a way of honoring us, didn't he?

A couple of decades ago when the Ontario DX Association was turning the monthly DX Ontario into a magazine, John gave me some great advice on how to arrange and present the content. Another talent he had! His advice playing a big part in taking DX Ontario to a reputation for quality that stood for years.

My last opportunity to see John was at the 2007 Reynoldsburg DX Weekend. I had the pleasure, as program coordinator, to schedule John into the program for a couple of sessions. We all sat in wonder as John showed us his slides from Easter Island and awed us with the MW DX accomplishments made on that trip. Another Bryant inspirational episode!

John is now gone from this earth, but his contributions and influence will last until the final DXer turns off his radio and closes his logbook for the last time.

R.I.P. John, our friend, and peace and blessings to you Linda and your family. **-Harold Sellers**

I've just published this very sad news in ultralightdx where he was an active member. I'm shocked! **-Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay**

Let me join with the host of John's friends in expressing my sadness at his passing. I met John only once. Mostly we talked about his days at Oklahoma State University; his stories were unforgettable and filled with a special kind of Okie humor. He was a remarkable man with a keen mind and a sharp wit. The world in general and the hobby in particular is the less for his passing. **-Jim Ronda, Tulsa, OK**

Like everyone else, I am shocked by the sad news of the sudden loss of John Bryant. Words can not describe the tragic loss of a great friend and to the radio hobby.

John did so much for our hobby over the years, but his leadership in the Proceedings series stands

out as his greatest accomplishment. However, the list of major accomplishments seemingly are endless from his Indonesian research, propagation studies with Dave Clark, his Zenith work with Harold Cones, to the re-design of the NASWA bulletin back in 1990. I visited John and Linda in Stillwater while traveling on business and had a great time at his place. He was a great, friendly guy who had a tremendous enthusiasm for our radio hobby. The amazing thing about John was he never seemed to tire of anything. His work in the ultraportable frontier in recent years is a great case in point. He was always engaged, involved and excited about radio.

The first time I met John was in Reynoldsburg. In those days, a lot of hobby conversations took place about the latest trends on the bands as well as research into different aspects of the radio hobby. Many of us still reminisce about Dave Clark and John getting together while 20 of us were at a restaurant. The two of them were sharing propagation notes and drawing diagrams on napkins. That may be an all time Reynoldsburg highlight.

He was a special guy ... he will be missed! **-Richard D'Angelo**

All of us knew John well. I am hit in the gut like all the rest of us are by this terrible tragedy. There is no way to replace a man of the caliber of John Bryant. It is not only an enormous loss to DXing, but it is a terrible loss to Oklahoma and Washington, where he was one of the leading citizens of both states.

Once, while John was in town doing Zenith research, he stayed at my house in Cleveland for a day or two. I blamed him for plugging up the drain in my bathtub with all of that hair he had (???). He was amused, but my story pales in terms of this horrible loss.

We all send condolences to his family, but it is hard to find words to describe how devastating this is. It is truly devastating news. **-George Zeller**

What more can be said that hasn't already been expressed about our friend John? I echo these sentiments. I'm still in shock over the news, and it will be hard to finish out my day here at T-Mobile. Suddenly my minor workday problems seem so very small...

John and I became quick friends after meeting in 1987, and we spent numerous days together every year since then. Often it was on DXpeditions, and sometimes during our family's annual summer visit with John and Linda at their wonderful Orcas Island property.

We were already starting to talk about plans for a first Grayland DXpedition of 2010.

I fondly remember John's expert "herding of the cats" as he managed a far-flung group of DXperts who prepared articles for the annual editions of Fine Tuning's Proceedings. I don't think I've met anyone else with as top-notch project management abilities, not to mention initiative and DXing innovation as John Bryant.

What a loss, and a very sad time for all of us. Please keep his wife Linda and their daughter and her family in your prayers. **-Guy Atkins**

The unpleasant news of John's sudden passing comes as a deep personal shock to both Guy Atkins and me, since we both knew him very closely, and have enjoyed years of his close friendship and guidance. This has included joint DXpeditions, joint technical projects, article drafting partnership, etc. Although Guy certainly enjoyed a much longer friendship with John, during the past two years John and I had become very close in our cooperative partnership to found, organize, promote and direct the Ultralight Radio segment of the AM-DXing hobby.

John had a natural talent for organization, something that a wildly enthusiastic (but extremely diverse) ULR enthusiast group desperately needed in late 2007. Our small group was definitely outside of the "mainstream" of the AM-DXing community at the time, and many of the established DXers viewed us with a high degree of skepticism-- doubting even the concept of serious DXing with pocket radios. To John's credit, although he was certainly one of the "established DXers," he kept an open mind about our enthusiastic movement, and discovered (like most of us) that Ultralight Radio DXing was indeed thrilling... thrilling enough to rejuvenate his interest in the hobby itself.

Freely donating his superb organizational talent to the Ultralight Radio cause, John was instrumental in the creation of the Definitions Committee, Awards Committee and Contest Committee. When the Yahoo Ultralightdx group was founded in early 2008, John's expertise and experience were essential in establishing the vibrant and fast-growing forum that we enjoy today. John and I constantly shared ideas about the challenges facing the Ultralight Radio movement, such as the impending exhaustion of file space on the booming Ultralightdx site. Although we occasionally had our differences of opinion, we enjoyed a very deep level of mutual respect, based upon our cooperative success (along with many others) in building up this vibrant sub-group of the AM-DXing hobby. Ironically John had recently made the decision to become a full-time resident of Washington state, and both Guy and I were looking forward to spending more time with him.

There isn't much more to write at this point, since like Guy I am still in a state of shock over this very unpleasant news. Please join us in expressing your condolences to his family, when the details of the ceremony are posted. **-Gary DeBock, Puyallup, WA**

I am stunned at his loss as are we all. His energy and enthusiasm was so wonderfully contagious, and as someone who drifts between a number of extreme hobbies as many on this Group do, I found his constancy amazing. Back in DX again I re-read many of his articles and found them a wonderful

resource; the recent ones as enthusiastic and knowledgeable as those in the Proceedings that a number of us contributed to. He certainly energised the Ultra-Light Group also. **-Tony Ward**

Everyone has spoken well and wisely about John. We all have wonderful stories and wonderful recollections of our time spent with him. All I am capable of saying right now is that I am in total shock. What a terrible loss! **- Don Jensen**

I am in complete shock, but that doesn't really describe how I feel. John was one of a kind, not only a great DXer but a unique personality. We all have such great stories about John. Remember the year he brought that "donut" with him to Reynoldsburg because of some surgery he had had on his derriere?

What always amazed me about John was the range and depth of his hobby interests, let alone his professional activities. Propagation. Electronics. Easter Island. Ultra-light. Remember that ferrite "shotgun" thing that he and one of his pals mounted on something like an anti-aircraft chassis? He was a wonderful person whom I'll always remember.

A tragedy, and another reminder of how frail life is. R.I.P., old friend. **-Jerry Berg**

Awful, awful, awful news. I had the pleasure of meeting John only once--at Reynoldsburg a few years back. Such a huge loss certainly for his family and close friends, but also for anyone who had the distinct pleasure of meeting or knowing him. Condolences to all. **-John Figliozzi**

I have just arrived home from work to read the devastating News of John Bryant's passing today. Right now I am pretty much buggered up trying to comprehend this sad occurrence. I have known John for about 30 Years going back to our Days in Numero Uno, Fine Tuning, DXPlorer, and most recently The Ultralight DX Group.

I sent John an email just yesterday asking him how he faired in the last Blizzard that passed through Oklahoma.....I was waiting for his reply.....which sadly I will never receive!

As the members of the Ultralight DX Group are aware, John was a "Driving Force" behind the Promotion of Ultralight Radio. His passion for this new Subculture was one of the things that made ULR DXing so much fun. It was John that started the Awards Program, the Distance Records, wrote many articles, and did much research into modifying ULR Radios to squeak out every last ounce of Signal!!

For the last 2 Years or so I have worked with John as a member of the Awards Committee. I did a little bit of the Grunt Work....and John pretty much made the Awards Programs the success they have become. He was a tireless worker who truly loved what he was doing.....both in the hobby and the real world.

John will be most remembered for his talent in motivating others to be a part of the big picture. Getting people involved was something that came natural to John..He was able to bring out the best in everyone!!

Two summers ago I suffered a minor TIA (Stroke).....and it was John who wrote to me and said ...."The most important thing in life is to wake up every day, and think of ONE THING you are thankful for". I have lived every day since then trying to follow his advice. When John suffered his Stroke this past fall, I wrote back to him and reminded him of what he said, even though I knew he didn't need a reminder.....

This is going to take a while for all of us to grasp just what has been lost with John's passing. My condolences go out to John's Family.

Adios Amigo!! May all your Receptions be S-9 and Trans-Pacific!! **-Robert S. Ross**

This is such sad news. My deepest condolences to John's family and to everyone here who knew him so well.

I never had the pleasure of meeting John in person. However, as you know, he was incredibly adept at conveying his warmth, enthusiasm and encouragement through words. During our first term at HCJB, John wrote me a letter to let me know he was listening to DX Partyline. It was a letter that I'd later take out and read on a "rainy day" --and I had a few of those! I still have the letter and will always keep it. A couple of years later, I had the chance to interview him and become familiar with that slow, deep voice. I'm still looking forward to meeting him. **-Richard McVicar**

I can't say that I knew John well, but on the one occasion that I did meet him, at Reynoldsburg, he treated me like an old friend. This is a terrible loss for his family and for the hobby. **- Ralph Brandi**

Linda's loss is my loss as I never had the pleasure of meeting John in person, and from all the comments received this afternoon, I missed knowing a uniquely talented and giving individual. I was however, familiar with his value to the DX community and as with all of us, profited from his contributions over the years. To Linda and others in John's family, may the Lord grant you peace knowing that John is in a better place. **-Bruce Churchill**

Wow, what a shock. I first met John when I was part of the team that turned FRENDEX into the



NASWA Journal, and from the start was impressed with how dynamic he was. John was focused and professional, serious but always intermingled with a wicked sense of humor. You knew he wasn't going to do anything half-way. If John took something on, he was going to drill to the bottom of it and figure that sucker out.

John was one of those people who inspired people around him to do their best and then do even better. Just look at all the stories coming out on the list today -- as spread out a group as we are, so many of us were influenced by John in a direct and personal way. What a remarkable man! He did so much, contributed so much to the hobby, was so passionate, had an insatiable curiosity -- and yet still found time to get to know, take an interest in, and spend time with so many others.

Like many of you I was fortunate to enjoy John's company in person, by phone and by email. I was always excited to read something he had written because I knew I was going to learn something new. He was one of those people I looked up to. He made me proud to be in our hobby.

One more example of the kind of person John was -- many of you will remember his "Beverage on a Bush" articles -- even if you didn't have space for a 1000' long antenna, no problem, get up at 4AM, drive somewhere, and reel one out. He would write to me saying I had no idea what I was missing, listening on my backyard wire antennas -- I really ought to try the "BOB." I said I would "someday" but of course "someday" was always "next week." Well one day the UPS man dropped off a package from Stillwater, OK. "What the heck is this, it's heavy" I thought as I tore open the box. Inside I found a Beverage on a Bush antenna that John made and shipped to me, without even telling me he had done it or that it was coming! And I don't mean a cast-off, used one that he no longer needed; this was brand spanking new, never used, built just for me. I still have it.

That's just the kind of guy he was.

John, I hope you're enjoying amazing DX in Heaven, buddy. I suspect our maker is excited to have you back home, wondering what you'll think of next... **-Rowland Archer**

I only met John once at a Boston Area Dxr's Meeting (BADX) quite awhile ago. But it was a meeting one would not forget. Because of his passion for the hobby and radio, I purchased the book on Zenith Trans Oceanic Radios he co wrote with Dr. Dx. What a great read and I am very happy to have the book in my library. A wonderful gentleman. He will be sincerely missed. I just got home from work and am saddened to learn of this news. **-John M. Fisher**

What a sad loss! Looking over at my bookshelf I see the Proceedings books the John was so instrumental in putting together. Books I still refer to from time to time! He will be missed! **- Dan Ferguson**

John's enthusiasm for the hobby didn't rest there in North America. He wrote me a couple of times and we had some lovely exchanges and he sent me some copies of Proceedings which I couldn't afford and I have held on to them since. Indeed its a shock and sad news. Such leaders in our hobby are hard to replace and our generation will sadly miss him. May his family find the courage to bar this great void in their lives. **-Victor A. Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka.**

I was just catching up with e-mail, and I just read the terrible news about John. I am in shock. John was a very good friend, even though I have not seen him in more than 15 years. He had energy and generosity without limit.

I first met John on my only trip to Reynoldsburg, where I tried to convince him that international MW was like SW on steroids, and it was a delight to find that he discovered this for himself at Grayland. We traded visits. I went to Grayland, and he came to Newfoundland. Never a man for half measures, John lugged a crate of equipment across the continent, and for the occasion of the DXpedition John had arranged a DX test with Rich McVicar who was at the time at HCJB. HCJB (690 kHz) played Morse Code and I can't remember what else, but unfortunately we were unable to report any success hearing HCJB when Rich had us on DX Partyline a couple of days later. Nevertheless, John made the whole thing sound like it was still the greatest DX party he had every attended. Everyone who knew John will recognize that this boundless enthusiasm was typical of him. I will miss him. **-Jean Burnell**

Although I never had the good fortune to meet John, I exchanged e-mails with him over the years, and always enjoyed reading about his latest technical experiments. He truly was a pioneer in our DX hobby, and will sorely be missed by us all. My condolences to his family. **-George Maroti**

Well, he was a teacher wasn't he. I know a little about that game and he was a master teacher. He no sooner found something out but that he had to tell everyone about it --- with great skill, and seductive enthusiasm. I have been at this game now for more than 55 years, and I am still learning. So was John, and boy did he ever give back! He was always helpful, especially to the newcomers, but we who have been around for a while learned from him also. I was attracted early to the K9AY and built and purchased a few of them and tinkered with all the good loop antennas. John put up the more elaborate versions and tested the heck out of them. I'm saving for a two, maybe 4, loop version --- because of a recent review by John. Coming in and out of the hobby of DXing (though always a SW listener), and starting this way back in the good old days in New Zealand when you could listen to a dozen Indonesians on an 8 valve Golden Knight mantel radio with a bit of wire thrown over a tea-tree bush of an

evening, gives you a different perspective on TP. Countries on an Ultralight? A 9-transistor Panasonic would give you more countries at sunset on a beach in 1960 than a thousand feet of wire in the middle of the continent will today .

I recently got one of the new breed of ultra-lights though, and joined the Group that John worked so much with for the past year or few. He greeted me as enthusiastically as ever. But I also got a Perseus SDR, and to tell the truth, got a little side-tracked by that seductive little beastie. Got another new country recently, and that is not easy at this point in the game I tell you, but there it was whispering to me over the ether on a wire erected for the specific purpose of hearing THAT specific station.. Whichever way you went in DX though, wherever I turned John was there. I got back on MW, and purchased the BC Map II software he recommended in another recent review. Pretty good! Needed a few States still, and it helped a lot. I had 4500 ft of wire creatively draped through the ravine in my backyard and the ice-storms have had their way with the array, but I picked up a 2500 ft spool of wire and have rebuilt the first three lines. Didn't John do some relevant articles in Proceedings of the Fine Tuning Group way back? Hmmm, let's take a look. Reread some of my own stuff. Still agreed with most of it, but a few too many words maybe . This is the one I was remembering; John (and Nick) on matching a beverage. I have always done that, but John, as usual, found a new angle, and a quick search and so help me he has re-vamped the whole thing in a later article. That folks, was John, and that was yesterday. Oh yes, he is a teacher. It lives on afterwards, you see. I have spent a fair bit of time up a ladder again recently (haven't we all!) and I remember thinking more than once, "take care you silly old goat, you just aren't as young as you used to be" and the ravine is pretty frozen in Ontario this time of year. But one long wire every few days; there's time, plenty of time to do it right. I hope **-Tony Ward**

John Bryant was a very dear friend for over 20 years. My family had visited the Bryants' on Orcas Is. on a number of occasions, and John even had the chance to come up to my cottage on Haida Gwaii, in northern B.C. John had a true gift as a teacher and was always wearing that hat during the many Grayland, WA DXpeditions that we both attended. The Saturday afternoon Show and Tell sessions were always a highlight of a Grayland weekend. They were always organized by John who obviously used his many years as a professor to keep us on time and relevant to the hobby! He was also an extremely prolific writer, both in the hobby, and about just about anything else that he felt that we'd be interested in hearing about! Remember his ongoing dialogue during the construction phase of Linda and John's dream home on Orcas Island, or his travelogues during their twice yearly drives between Stillwater and Orcas Is. I bet that I printed just about everything he wrote about the hobby as he was always at the cutting edge of hobby, and had a wonderful gift of explaining the very complex in a way that non-electronic savvy individuals such as myself good easily understand.

John and Linda were planning to move permanently to Orcas this year and had promised to come to Victoria for a visit this summer. I was looking forward to having my dear friends living just across the water 12 months of the year, and seeing each other more often. Life can change in a heartbeat, and John has been taken from us far too soon. John, you'll be busy on some DX related project or other in Heaven. I know you will! Linda, I am SO, SO sorry. John will never be forgotten.

My wife and I sat over a cup of tea talking about John tonight. As some of you may know, my wife Wanda is Haida and has a very Native American spirituality. She offered this thought about John: "People like John don't ever die. They remain with us, enriching our lives long after they leave this world". She then referred me to a Native American (likely Navajo) poem (although when I Googled it, it's been attributed to many different people). I know that John was deeply proud of his own Native American roots (Chippewa, I believe), and so in tribute to this wonderful man:

*Native American Prayer*

I give you this one thought to keep -

I am with you still - I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamond glints on snow,

I am sunlight on ripened grain,

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awake in the morning's hush

I am the swift, uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone -

I am with you still - in each new dawn.

We'll never forget you, my dear friend.....**Walt and Wanda Salmaniw, Victoria, BC**

Just got the news from one of my brothers, Walter Salmaniw - who was barely consolable.

This is, indeed, a loss that we cannot measure, that we cannot comprehend - losing a big man... a smart man. A heart bigger than most radios. Who, alone, made some of the most significant contributions to the betterment of the radio hobby.

I had coffee with John a few years back - and one had the sense that he was a born leader - with so much to give...and to quote Walter, "I expected another 20 years of John..."

Let us gather, alone, in groups large and small and raise the glass of our choice - a toast...

To our friend John Bryant.

And hope - that his journey was swift - and pain free and that the DX where he is now is half as good as he made it here.

I like to suggest some kind of endowment for John - to enhance and evolve the hobby we have today - moving it forward (to steal a tired phrase). Getting together his collected works, technical and otherwise - and into a book is brilliant. Sponsoring events. Placing radio equipment with new hobbyists. Perhaps even a website that will house, in perpetuity, his memory and works - or better yet, a memorial space for all the folks that made the hobby what it is today.

Tossing them out there. God speed John Bryant. **-Colin Newell**

What sad news. John was a real DX "star" and will be missed greatly. I had the pleasure of visiting John a couple of years ago at his Stillwater, OK home and listened to his DX recordings from his Easter Island DXpedition. **-Bruce Winkelman**

I'm not sure I can add anything to Colin's and Gary's words.

I had the privilege of knowing John for somewhat longer, to well over 20 years ago, when a Sunday afternoon phone call came out of the blue, asking about details on a Beverage matching transformer that had been publicized in *DX Monitor*. He took that ball and ran with it, writing a big article about his adventures with it....and ever since, he had been trying new things, sharing his findings in many articles in the club bulletins, and then on the Internet, organizing DXpeditions, the Proceedings of fine tuning, a least a couple of specialist Yahoo groups, and just generally being a spark plug for the hobby.

I don't think that anyone can replace him. - **Nick Hall-Patch**

I am overwhelmed with emotion after reading this news. John was a good friend, always an excellent conversationalist, with a sharp insight. He is already missed... **-Phil Bytheway**

This is indeed very sad news. I'd known John since the early 90's and always admired his uncommonly high levels of enthusiasm and energy. His contributions to the hobby have been enormous and will be very much missed. **-Bruce Portzer**

As others have said, and much more eloquently than I could, this is indeed a sad day for the DX world. Our small community can ill-afford the loss of someone who contributed so much.. I only had the pleasure of meeting John the one time, at the Seaside convention, but we'd exchanged numerous e-mails, and as has been noted John was always most willing to share his wealth of knowledge. He is gone from us much too soon, but he most certainly lived his time to the fullest, getting the most from the hobby, and from life in general. **-Nigel Pimblett**

Oh my Lord....What can I say? What a terrible loss....John Bryant gone? He has been a wonderful close friend. This is terrible. I am so sorry to hear this. It just shows us all how fragile life is. Rest in peace my good friend, John. You will really be missed. What horrible news.

>>I don't think that anyone can replace him. <<

No one can, Nick. A really wonderful warm considerate person, and one of the great DXers. The stuff he heard.. Wow!

He sure will be missed. Just think, I got an e mail from him a few weeks ago, saying, he would be at the 2010 Seaside convention. I remember in 2006 when he organized the talk sessions at the convention. One amazing man.

I first had contact with John back in the late 80s. He wrote me regarding my DX here on the coast. Then in 1990 on one of his DXpeditions to Grayland State Park, before the DXpeditions were the Grayland Motel, Dave Williams and I went up on a Saturday afternoon to meet John and the group. We sat there on a rather wet and rainy afternoon taking about antennas, DX, and QSLs. I could tell John was quite a veteran of Tropical Band DX for many years. Dave and I were impressed from the start. We went up about once a year to visit. Then in the Fall of 92, after I got the Drake R8, I had heard an unidentified Sub continental Asian station on 864 khz, with an odd sounded language, no one seemed to know what it was. John suggested I send him a cassette of the station so he could play it for his students there at the Univ. in Oklahoma. One of his students understood the language, coming from the NE part of India. It turned out to be All India Radio Shillong with 100 KW. Thanks to John, as I would have never IDed it. He helped me on others along the way too. Dave and I love going to Grayland. It wont be the same anymore without John.

Life just doesn't seem fair at times, does it?

It is indeed a rough night for all of us. I remember all of the times I visited with John at Grayland and when he stopped by the house with his wife. We talked hours about antennas, DX, and QSLs. I just came from the DX Room where I have the MW550P proudly sitting there that I bought from John a few years back. What a terrible loss. It is rough to even type this, and it is going to be rough night sleeping too. **-Patrick Martin**

Perhaps an appropriate project would be to gather and compile many of his writings/ articles into

a book that we could all remember him by....I indeed remember his presentation at the 2006 Seaside convention. - **Mike Sanburn**

I'm so very sad to hear of John's passing. A few months back, he sent me an e-mail because I hadn't been posting -- he wanted to know if everything was okay. It was, I told him, I was just taking a break from the dials. A few years before that, out of the blue, he sent me a wealth of information about TP DXing. It was sorely needed as I'd been away from the hobby for so long. I can't say I knew John as well as those of you who are posting so eloquently here in his memory. But I can say that his steady presence in the club made a difference to me...just as it has to you. Thanks John for your hard work in promoting our MW Dxing hobby. I'll keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. -**Dennis Vroom**

I share the heartbreak expressed so eloquently here. I never met John, but he did stand out from the pack in many respects - you could tell from the quality of his posts.

I saved his article from *Monitoring Times*, where he wrote about his DX from and visit to Easter Island. A remarkable story. My favourite part was not about the DX but the wild horses checking him out, scant inches away from the vehicle window. But, of course, he reported on the wonderful DX he had there, and how different things came in depending on the hour. Inspiring, indeed, for someone like me who lacks relative experience. Indeed, one reason I clipped John's article is because, one day, I can see making a trip similar to that. That article is perhaps the only documentation of DXing from that isolated spot, and so it will stay in my 'DXpeditions' file. If I ever do make it to Easter Island, John will be in my thoughts.

Reading the posts here tonight, I can tell he had an accomplished life, and there were many who respected and loved him, and will miss him. My thoughts are with his family and his many close friends. -**Saul Chernos**

Never had the pleasure of meeting John, and from the comments I've read, I'm poorer from it. Always enjoyed his contributions from the Grayland DXpeditions & have several of his antenna articles stored on my computer. My condolences to his family & friends. -**Scott R. Barbour Jr.**

I heard he had fallen from a ladder.

For those who do not know him personally, he is one of the principal writers of a book about Zenith Transoceanic Radios.

He was one of the fathers of DX. -**Kevin Redding**

Very sad to hear about John Bryant. One of the Deans of MW DX, and heavily involved in a lot of the antenna technology side of things.

Yes, I have a copy of the ZTO book he co-authored. That book fueled a love of ZTOs on my part. -**Phil Rafuse**

I am deeply shocked, saddened and dismayed at the loss of John. He and Dr. Cones spent an overnight here while they were in Chicago doing research for their first Zenith book. John slept on the shack floor, head up against a shelf, near a book of Peruvian veries - John always complained that he had expected the resulting positive vibrations would result in his receiving more OA QSLs. We won't see the likes of his enthusiasm and, yes, genius, again. -**Gerry Dexter**

I just checked email this morning... and this... just... sucks. Period.

I never met or spoke directly to John, but we have exchanged emails over the years. He recruited me for his Mexican-DX group "Corazon DX" several years ago, and was always quick with answers and helpful hints regarding one of his favorite subjects, the Zenith Trans-Oceanic series. He'll be greatly missed. -**Randy Stewart**

Glad to see such a great memorial for such a great man, a friend to all, and one of the greatest DX-ers ever to grace the face of this Earth. John was talented in every aspect of the hobby, from hardware to software as well as reception of very difficult stations. His encyclopedic knowledge of stations and their programming helped him to milk the best DX from good cx.

I've had the pleasure of meeting John and he also was accomplished in non-DX arenas. I can honestly say that Dr. Bryant was one of the smartest people I've ever had the pleasure of meeting.

Nearly a decade ago, I made some EZNEC mods to a ham antenna design by the late K6SE. My small version had a fine cardioid pattern with good back nulls and John wrote up a nice article discussing his tests of my design and a larger variant and named it the KAZ antenna. These Delta Flags are still in use by many today and also serve as elements for some high performance arrays.

John was also a driving force behind the UltraLite DXing boom and in earlier this century he was a major contributor to the Corazon DX Group which specializes in Mexican AM DX.

I have John's old mod 2010 here as well as a couple of transformers made by him. Every time I use them, I will miss him greatly.

Today, I didn't get to read my emails until it was nearly lunch time and after reading about John's most unfortunate passing and some of the many tributes to him, I staggered off the trading floor with

tears in my eyes. I was so overcome with shock and grief that I had a difficult time functioning for the remainder of the afternoon.

I take heart in the fact that in heaven there is no IBOC. -Neil Kazaross

As all of us express our deep respect and appreciation for John's many outstanding contributions to our hobby (and especially to our Ultralight Radio enthusiast group), perhaps the most appropriate way to honor his memory is to follow his example of unselfish service to others.

Having had the privilege of cooperating very closely with John in the creation and promotion of our ULR group over the past two years, I frequently heard his concerns that although the group was growing rapidly and fulfilling its primary objective of introducing this exciting form of AM-DXing, the same core leadership group from early 2008 was constantly carrying the load in providing service to the membership. John was truly a "giving" type of leader for whom service to others came naturally, but he seems to have been unusual in his motivating concept-- that the greatest hobby pleasure comes not from one's own success, but in helping others to succeed.

Based on John's superb example (and the unselfish contributions of many other ULR group leaders), our enthusiast group has certainly reversed the general impression of an AM-DXing "hobby in decline," and has grown at a phenomenal rate during these past two years-- introducing new DXing excitement and enjoyment to hundreds of hobbyists around the world. John knew that we had hit upon a "winning combination," and took pride in how we were restoring the original thrill of DXing to our membership. But he also knew that those successful in ULR-DXing, antenna experimentation or other technical areas had a responsibility to "give back" to the membership, and share their expertise with those who could benefit from it. Many new members have been surprised when John politely (but firmly) asked that they draft an article to share the secrets of their success with the membership-- but this has actually been a ULR group tradition since the very first days of our existence, and probably the primary reason for our booming growth rate. We all have a responsibility to "give back" to the membership, and in this essential priority, John certainly set a great example for all of us.

As we face the very unpleasant news of John's accidental passing, I would encourage all of you to honor John's memory by following his example. If you can contribute technical articles of interest to our group (antenna experimentation, radio modification, equipment reviews, etc.), please consider doing so. If you have expertise in graphic design, John's untimely passing has left a need for a creator of Ultralight Award certificates. Those successful in domestic and international DXing should consider writing tutorial articles. If you have had great success DXing with a certain radio model, please let us know why it is your dream machine. Don't be concerned about the lack of file space on the Ultralightdx site-- John and I recently agreed on a solution for that. If you have interest in serving on one of the ULR group committees (Definitions, Awards or Contests), please consider volunteering. Discover the unique satisfaction that comes from "giving back" to others, and honor John by following his unselfish example. We all have something to contribute-- let's show we really have learned this final "lesson," from one of the hobby's greatest teachers. -Gary DeBock, ULR Group Co-founder

Sixty-two-and-a-half years ago when I and three of my seventh-grade classmates at Franklin School in Corvallis, Ore., "invented" Broadcast Band DX'ing (though we didn't call it that), I didn't realize it was the start of a lifetime of wonderful memories. Though the other three kids lost interest in the hobby, I carried on, but it wasn't until 1950 that I realized there were others of the same persuasion, at least on the shortwave broadcast bands.

I became a contributor to Kenneth R. Boord's Shortwave column in *Radio & Television News*, but didn't join a club until 1955, when the Newark News Radio Club and the Universal Radio DX Club beckoned. I became a DJ at KCOV, Corvallis, in 1955, and in March 1956, a reception report from Roy H. Millar in Issaquah, Wash., spurred my return to BCBDX and particularly to join the National Radio Club. Roy became, more or less, my mentor in the BCB DX'ing hobby.

At the time, there were many high school and college age youngsters involved in the hobby, including three classmates in Stillwater, Okla., High School, John Bryant, Bus Boatman and a fellow named Jones, whose given name has slipped from my memory.

Most of my first two years in the NRC were spent in the Army, much of it in Germany. The spirit of camaraderie that existed on the pages of the NRC bulletins back then gave rise to a desire to meet these people who shared my interest in this relatively esoteric endeavor.

Lucky, lucky me.

The first club member I met was the legendary Ernie Cooper. I stopped at his home in Brooklyn on the way to the Army Information School at Fort Slocum, N.Y., in September 1956. During my stay in Germany, I traveled to Derby, England, where I met Roy Patrick and Bernard J.C. Brown. Upon my return from the service in the spring of 1958, I had followed my parents to the Texas Panhandle, where, in Amarillo, a small contingent of DX'ers had joined NRC, including Larry Godwin and John Tudenham. On a trip to Oklahoma, late that spring I met Buddy Giles, an NRC member and an engineer at KOMA, in Oklahoma City; Hank Ward, in Ponca City, who was associated with mapmaking for Conoco, back when collecting road maps was another of my hobbies; and John Bryant at his parents' home in Stillwater. (Bus Boatman had moved to Arizona, but later that summer, on John's behest, when I took a west coast bus trip on which many DX'ers were looked up, I visited with Bus in Scottsdale.)

John and his buddy from Stuttgart, Ark., George Basil "Scooter" Segraves, stuck out in my memory.

Brilliant kids. Great sense of humor. Fair-minded conversationalists. And scamps, in the creative sense of the word.

College, jobs and romance took their toll on many of the kids who were BCB DX'ers in the late '50s and early '60s, and John and Scooter concentrated on their "real-life" careers, while I tried to mesh my first love, DX'ing, with my second love, broadcasting. A path that had first crossed on the pages of *DX News* in 1957-58 with Pete Taylor, led to a radio job in Cambridge, Mass., where a path first crossed on the pages of URDXC's *Universalite* in 1958 led to a strong friendship and NRC editing and publishing collaboration with Gordon Nelson in 1967.

It wasn't until 1968 that my social life turned to marriage, and the importance of DX'ing and club affairs diminished. In 1984, I got my first ham license and spent most of my hobby time, for the next 15 years, in two-way DX'ing. Among the on-air contacts was a fellow out in the Denver area, Bus Boatman by name.

In the meantime, John Bryant established his professional career to the point that when the DX bug that had infected him as a teen-ager wormed its way back into his heart, he was able to do all those marvelous things we've been reading about in these early February days. As I've observed over the years and as we've read this past week, his return to the hobby started with SWBC efforts. Though I knew and admired many of the legendary SWBC hobbyists, some like Don Jensen, Jerry Berg and Gerry Dexter dating back to the Ken Boord RTV News days, I didn't become involved in the on-going Proceedings and Numero Uno projects. But I was sufficiently aware of the growth of John's body of work and his well-deserved reputation among the SWBC wing of the DX'ing hobby to be proud to have known him from, virtually, the very beginning of his hobby life.

By 2000, when I retired and moved to Texas after 30 years in Illinois, John's interests had expanded back to their roots – medium wave broadcast DX'ing – and it was my distinct pleasure to collaborate with John on the establishment of the Corazon DX group, concentrating on logging, charting and sharing information on medium wave stations in Mexico. He and I were among the five original organizers of the Corazon group; he established the original Internet reflector; and not long afterward, as it grew beyond the scope of the first service provider, accepted the offer of Kevin Redding, then in Arizona, to host the group.

John and I exchanged visits in Stillwater and Krum. He loaned me, for several years, one of the large, several-bar ferrite loop antennas on the design of which he had collaborated, and gave me a box loop he had built that I intend to bring back into use when I make time to start chasing Mexican DX again. I intend, also, to use his broadband antenna building guidance to put together an antenna system that'll enable me to make use of my dormant Perseus unit that will allow me to take full advantage of the opportunities that exist when auroral conditions reach as far south as North Texas.

Retirement has enabled me to reach back into memory and make contact with some of the friends from 50-plus years ago. It thrills me that the people I identified early on as simpatico remain so to this day. Coming particularly to mind are, of course, John Bryant, and another long-time educator, Bob Weiss, who is unknown among DX circles but was one of the four "inventors" of DX in 1947, and Scooter Segraves.

The true leaders in the hobby, as in any endeavor, are both doers and teachers. Their greatest joy is when the experiences they share can be, first, duplicated, and then expanded by those who learn from them. The key word here is share. –**John Callarman, former publisher of *DX News***

I am truly saddened to hear of the loss of John Bryant, a DXer of rare skill, enthusiasm, and willingness to help and teach others. I had the pleasure to meet John at one of the Boston Area DXers meetings about 10 years ago. He had just been up to Newfoundland so we had quite a bit to talk about from that.

In the 1980's I became aware of John through the Fine Tuning Proceedings books. These still stand as some of the best hobby writing ever. Though, after 20+ years, techniques, equipment, and target stations have changed a lot, the Proceedings books are still great "motivational reading". The later works such as "Emerging Techniques of High Tech DXpeditioning" embody the same level of writing skill and they form the signposts along the road the radio hobbies have taken.

John's writings, like those of the late Gordon Nelson, will be the important chapters when, many years from now, historians try to sort out what we were doing in DX listening.

John, as a professor of architecture, reveled in fine industrial design. This was true whether the object of attention was a building, a sports car, or a radio. His review of the SX-28, that old World War II classic, is a must read. A spin of the hefty well-balanced tuning knob becomes the passport to unique pleasures on several levels. This is like a good car reviewer's write-up about a Ferrari: it's about so much more than just "getting from A to B".

The knowledge in each article was always first rate and thoroughly researched but John's writing style was never stuffy and academic. Each paragraph "pulled you in" and exuded enthusiasm for the look and feel of a great receiver, the "wow" excitement when an antenna project met or exceeded expectations, and the joyfulness about the sights, smells, local culture, etc. of exotic DXpedition sites. The loggings, technical details, etc. were always in there of course - and in splendidly accurate detail - but also there was the human interest side. A new radio was greeted the way a kid would experience

opening presents on Christmas morning. A DX locale was described not just in technical terms but also in respect to how all the DXpeditioners got along (their good as well as their odd or irritating habits). There were wonderfully insightful narratives about local people, languages, customs, art, food, and music. The articles always had great photos and drawings (and, in later times, audio and video clips) to enhance and illuminate the whole experience.

DX stations were not just appraised in dry terms of frequency, call, strength, and time heard. There was a distinct interest in using each broadcast logged, whether the long-appreciated Indonesians or anything else, as a way to get into the culture of people around the world.

Many DXers do some research about characteristics of different countries but (even before Google made it easier) John took this to a whole new level by taking the time to figure out who the politicians, entertainers, sports figures, etc. were in many lands, as well as amassing much other vital information allowing a much more rewarding and informed "DXperience".

He was truly a king of the DX hobby and will be missed greatly. Those of us who are left will be well served by re-reading the massive amount of John's material out there on the Web and in printed form that can be obtained through various clubs. We should take things from John's work to help us be keepers of the flame - not just expertise (which he had in spades) but the more visceral thrills to be had in the pursuit of each tidbit of culture that comes through our headphones and speakers from places quite different from home.

I know that a year or two back he hosted a 50th high school reunion celebration that was especially important to him. How sad that it was the last time most of his former classmates saw him.

My sincere condolences go out to his family and to his many, many friends. **-Mark Connelly**

I would like to add to Mark Connelly's comments one great piece of DX-literature that John Bryant produced. Namely the "Medium Wave Broadcasting Stations of Japan" -lists compiled in 2001 together with professor Takazi Okuda. In addition to all other things he wrote, this just shows how knowledgeable he was in all aspects of DX-ing. This collection of lists is still today, almost 10 years later, an absolute "must-have" database for anybody seriously DX-ing Japanese MW-stations. **-Håkan Sundman, Helsinki**

I first had opportunity to interact with John when he was editing **Proceedings**, and he cajoled me into writing an article about Medium Wave DX TA, Central and South American targets. Later, he would submit his reports to International DX Digest of the NRC when I edited that column. Over the years I've had much correspondence with him, one on one and through the different threads on the lists.

He was a Newfoundland DX vet, though I never crossed beverages with him there. I was very sorry to hear the news of his untimely death - good friends are never easy to come by, and he had so much more to offer. Others have given eloquent testimonies about John, and I endorse everything I've read during the last day.

However, I can't resist sharing something I wrote three years ago, my imagined PBS documentary on John's Easter Island DXadventure. Here it is, RIP John!

Morgan Freeman: After months of preparation [video collage of John B throwing red-faced tantrums as he begs his family to let him go, final meeting with bank loan officer in which veiled reference to "a pound of flesh" is made, large steamer trunks sitting on the pier, tearful send-off by friends and family (including an awkward moment in which a Graylander is found stowed away in one of the trunks), small plane bouncing through thunder and lightning], John B faces some unanticipated obstacles when he reaches Easter Island ...

[Video shot shows a big walrus sidling up to the beverage]

John B: Hey! Leggo that wire!

[Video shot shows John B with firm grip on wire in desperate tug-of-war with walrus, as both teeter on cliff edge]

Morgan Freeman: But it's all in a day's work for the serious DXer ...

[Collage of video shots showing John B being strip-searched at airport, John B passing through check point manned by hooded members of the Pascua Liberation Front, John B being attacked by rabid penguins after unwittingly stumbling into their mating area, John B (wearing ninja suit) hunting down the offensive dimmer light in the bowels of the hotel while the security guard is dozing, John B eating the local staple (raw squid with seaweed garnish)]

Morgan Freeman: And trying to explain it all to the skeptical local citizenry ...

[video shot of John B in local pub]

John B: And then the big signal from Nibi-Nibi came blasting in just as my batteries failed

Morgan Freeman: Next week, John B develops an ingenious antenna system making use of the bars of his jail cell, using his prosthetic knee as a balun. Check your local PBS listing for the scheduled broadcast of Part 2, "DXing at the End of the World". [End] **-Jim Renfrew, Holley NY**

*(Note - the full text of this tribute to John Bryant will be posted in a publicly-accessible forum, "From the Publisher", on e-DXN.com, so that anyone may access it and add further comments if desired -pls.)*

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