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STATIC FROM HQ

As we go to press today (1/18), the world awaits the imminent release of the 52 American hostages by the Iranians. Hopefully, by the time this is being read their long ordeal will be over.

This week we are once again holding to a 24 page issue in order to conserve finances for the really big issue we foresee in the near future with the accumulation of several articles at HQ. On hold still is a Bandscan from Hawaii, a Summary of BCB Stations **NOT** Reported Since Volume 41 by Don Kaskey, an article on a U.S. Station Hit by Atomic Blast from Jerry Starr, a GY DX Achievements column from Bill Bergadano, and even a Domestic DX Achievements column from Don Erickson!! So stay tuned for these and more in the next few issues!!!

Forwarded from Ron Musco at the Membership Center was a request from an overseas DXer for aid in obtaining a brochure or any details on the GE Super-Radio. Anyone who can furnish the above or help in locating same should write: Ilan Rabinowich, 72 Weizmann St., 53480 Givatayim, ISRAEL.

Recent communications from Ken Chatterton at the Publications Center advises that ALL orders received before Jan. 2 have been shipped. The possible exceptions would be any Reprint orders that were forwarded to Karl Jeter in Atlanta for filling and shipment, which, if not yet handled, will be completed by Feb. 1. The Night Pattern Book is moving briskly, so if you haven't ordered yours yet, now is the time to get the latest edition hot off the presses in Nov. 1980. And don't forget the opportunity to pick up the 5th edition of the Domestic Log for only \$4.00!!! Address all orders to the NRC Publications Center, P.O. Box 164, Mannsville, NY 13661.

THEY JOINED

Welcome to the following new members. Muse soon and introduce yourselves!

Thomas A. Cramblit, 435 34th Place, Fort Madison, IA 52627.

Michael Beall, 2115 South Owyhee St., Boise, ID.

Robert Folger, 126 Franklin Ave., Oakland, NJ 07436.

With the above additions, we now have at least one member in each of the 50 states!!!

We still get a bulletin back every once in awhile stamped "Addressee unknown" or "No forwarding address". We can **NOT** pick up address changes from Musings, so please advise HQ of any address changes to insure uninterrupted receipt of your DX News. Send address changes to HQ c/o Gary Atkins.

CPC TESTS

CPC tests for this week shape up as follows. It's still no too late to send that CPC letter to that hard-to-log station for the current season.

- 1/26 WENN-1320 Birmingham, AL 0100-0200 ELT. Reports to: WENN Radio, P.O. Box 697, Birmingham, AL 35201. Arranged by Mike Knitter/NRC.
- 1/26 WAVU-630 Albertville, AL 0100-0130 ELT using 1000 watts with music and tones with ID's. Reports to: Ernest Stone, CE WAVU, P.O. Box 190 Albertville, AL 35950. Arranged by Mike Knitter/NRC.
- 1/26 WSWW-1590 Platteville, WI 0100-0200 ELT using tones, code ID's and music with both 500 and 1000 watts. Reports to: Tom Wheeden, CE WSWW, Box 1, Platteville, WI 53818. Arranged by Bill Bergadano/NRC.
- 1/26 WPIC-790 Sharon, PA 0300-0400 ELT. Will use tones and voice/code ID's with rock music. Prepaid calls **ONLY** accepted at (412) 981-7900. Reports to: Charlie Ring- CE, Box 211, Sharon, PA 16146. Arranged by Dave Arbogast for GWDXA via Peter Nolan/GWDXA.
- 2/2 WKLF-980 Clanton, AL 0130-0200 ELT. Will use country music with ID after each song, also 1000 hz tones. Reports to: Robert E. Williams, (see pg 24)

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AM SWITCH

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Well, I must tell you that this new year is getting off to a slow start for me...at least as far as AM SWITCH is concerned. I'm just over a week late in filing this report with Louisville and, from my own experience with editing magazines, I know the toughest part is trying to get column editors to file their material on time. By way of this public apology I hope LPC will forgive (if not forget). In any event, the extra week does give us more goodies to report...so here goes:

STATION CHANGES NOW IN EFFECT:

Changes in Call Sign of Existing Stations:

870 - WVOZ - San Juan, PR was WHOA	1400 - WKEW - Grennsboro, NC was WGBG
990 - WSDM - Clare, Mich was WRNN	1470 - WGBU - Farrell, PA was WFAR
1140 - KLDY - Liberty, MO was KBIL	1480 - WFXW - Geneva, IL was WGSB
1170 - WCRR - Cornwall, NY was WWLE*	1490 - WXVQ - De Land, FL was WETO
1270 - WMZK - Detroit, MI was WJLB	1490 - WQXQ - W. Springfield was WNUS
1290 - WSBK - Sanford, NC was WEYE	1560 - KFWY - Sumner, WA was KDFL
1310 - WDLF - De Land, FL was WKKX	1590 - KQXK - Springdale, Ark was KSPR
1340 - KKAM - Lubbock, TX was KSAX	1590 - WCAM - Camden, SC was WACA
1390 - WTCY - Bellefontaine was WTOO	

*This is an interim call sign to be used only by the operators who are filling in between the time WWLE lost its operating license and the time the new owners take over the station. Better get this one quickly!!

New Stations on the air (Probably these stations have been on several months):

710 - KAPZ - Bald Knob, Ark.	1370 - KLBA - Albia, IA
1000 - WMJF - Paris, TN	1380 - WTVR - Richmond, VA
1060 - KAYR - Van Buren, Ark.	1400 - WBRL - Berlin, NH
1190 - WPRL - Pearl, Miss.	1530 - KCTT - Yellville, Ark.
1350 - KBOT - Cabot, Ark.	

STATIONS AUTHORIZED TO CHANGE FACILITIES:

680 - WRNG - N. Atlanta, GA will increase daytime power to 50,000 w. using DA.
710 - KFIA - Carmichael, CA will increase daytime power to 1000 w. using DA.
920 - KVEL - Vernal, UT will go fulltime with 5000/1000 w. using DA at night.
960 - WAAK - Dallas, NC will go fulltime with 1000/500 w. using DA at night.
1070 - KWEL - Midland, TX will increase to 2500 w., non-D. (Daytimer)
1080 - WFIV - Kissimmee, FL will go fulltime with 10,000/2500 w. with DA-2.
1090 - WFCV - Fort Wayne, IN will go fulltime with 1000/500 w. using DA-2 and
1090 - WFCV - will identify as "New Haven, Indiana".
1090 - KEKS - Excelsior Springs MO will increase to 1000 w. (Daytimer) using DA.
1150 - KCCT - Corpus Christi, TX will go fulltime with 1000/500 w. using DA-2.
1150 - WELC - Welch, WV will increase to 5000 w. (Daytimer) non-D.
1250 - KHOT - Madera, CA will go fulltime with 500 w., using DA at night.
1260 - WDKN - Dickson, TN will increase to 5000 w. (Daytimer) non-D.
1270 - KROI - Sparks, NV will go fulltime with 5000/5000 w. using DA-2.
1270 - WTJZ - Newport News, VA will go fulltime with 1000 w. using DA nights.
1300 - WCLG - Morgantown, WV increasing to 2500 w. (Daytimer) non-D.
1350 - KTXJ - Jasper, TX will increase to 5000 w. (Daytimer) non-D.
1370 - KWRM - Corona, CA will increase its night power to 2500 w. (uses DA-2)
1390 - KFML - Denver, CO will go fulltime with 5000/1000 w. using DA-2.
1480 - KPHX - Phoenix, AZ will remain a 1000 w. daytimer, but will use DA.
1510 - KEAM - Nederland, TX will increase to 10,000 w. (Daytimer) using DA.
1530 - WOBR - Wanchese, NC will increase to 1000 w. (Daytimer) using DA.
1550 - WMLB - W. Hartford, CT will go fulltime with 5000/2500 w. using DA-2.
1570 - WIFF - Auburn, IN will increase to 1000 w. (Daytimer) using DA.
1590 - WMSO - Collierville, TN will move to 1220 kHz with 2500 w. (Daytimer).

I note the FCC rejected WTMR's request to identify as "Camden/Philadelphia" so they'll remain with Camden, NJ as their sole city of identity...for now.

and now...AM SWITCH continues:

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS GRANTED TO BUILD NEW STATIONS:

710 - New - Smyrna, TN will have a 250 Watt daytimer, non-D.
790 - New - Ashland City, TN will have a 500 Watt daytimer using a DA.
1190 - New - Cobleskill, NY will have a 500 Watt daytimer, non-D.
1400 - New - Cave Junction, OR will have a fulltimer, 1000/250 w., non-D.
1450 - New - Silverton, CO will have a fulltimer, 1000/250 w., non-D.

APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE CITY-OF-IDENTITY:

560 - WEBC - wants to identify as Duluth/Superior, Minnesota.
1240 - WJPD - wants to identify as Ishpeming/Marquette, Michigan.
1310 - WSLW - wants to identify as White Sulphur Springs/Lewisburg, WV.
1450 - KOB0 - wants to identify as Yuba City/Marysville, California.

APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE FACILITIES:

650 - KYAK - Anchorage, AK wants to increase night power to 50,000 w.
750 - KFQD - Anchorage, AK wants to increase night power to 50,000 w.
860 - KISD - Medford, OR wants to move to 880 kHz and go fulltime @ 1000/1000 w non-D.
920 - KITN - Olympia, WA wants to increase daytime power to 5000 w.
1110 - WVNH - Salem, NH wants to go fulltime by moving to 1120 kHz and to increase power to 10,000 w. daytimes, 5000 w. during Critical Hours, 1000 w. nites, and be non-directional except at night! Good grief. Ernie, watch this one.
1230 - KFLR - Phoenix, AZ wants to move to 660 kHz and be fulltime with 1000 w. non-D.
1250 - KNCO - Grass Valley, CA wants to increase its night power to 1000 w., non-D.
1390 - WTCY - Bellefontaine, OH (now get this) wants to go fulltime @ 500/2500 w., DA-N.
1440 - WCHB - Inkster, MI wants to move to 1200 kHz with 50,000/500 w. using DA-2.
1470 - WTOE - Spruce Pine, NC wants to increase to 5000 w. (Daytimer)

...and so, increasingly, we see the clear channels being moved in upon -- its going to take more than a sensitive radio on a clear night to pick up WOAI where I live if all the applications are approved...maybe WSM will disappear where you live. But then, if WSB gets clobbered by KFQD some evening in New Jersey...why should I complain?!

REQUESTS TO CHANGE CALL SIGNS BY EXISTING STATIONS:

880 - WRFD - Columbus/Worthington wants WOIO	1330 - WEVD - New York, NY wants WNYM
900 - KFRB - Fairbanks, AK wants KCBF	1340 - KVIC - Victoria, TX wants KCWM
910 - WNGC - N. Charleston, SC wants WKXZ	1420 - WAMM - Flint, MI wants WFLT
930 - WIZR - Johnstown, NY wants WMYL	1480 - KWEM - Hobbs, MN wants KUUX
950 - WAGM - Presque Isle, ME wants WKXZ	1550 - KGMO - Cape Girardeau, MO wants KEWI
1320 - KATR - Eugene, OR wants KQDQ	1590 - KRAD - E. Grand Forks, MN wants KRRK

CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED TO NEW STATIONS (Not on the air yet probably, but get ready!):

680 - KVG0 - Pineville, LA	1490 - KKLb - Chubbuck, ID
950 - KRRP - Coushatta, LA	1520 - WRID - Homer City, PA
1190 - WPRL - Pearl, Miss.	1560 - WSQR - Sycamore, IL
1330 - WADJ - Somerset, PA	

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS (FCC takes many months to approve or reject these):

650 - New - Pueblo West, CO wants 5000/1000 w. with DA at night.
1200 - New - Maywood/Chicago, IL wants 5000/2500 w. using DA-2.
1230 - New - S. Glens Falls, NY wants 1000/250 w. non-D.
1250 - New - Willits, CA wants 2500/1000 w. using DA-2.
1410 - New - Redlands, CA wants 5000/500 w. using DA at night.
1430 - New - San Gabriel, CA wants 5000/5000 w. using DA-2.

Come to think of it, why doesn't Indiana have any stations lower in frequency than 810 kHz? All the other states do.

We'll let LPC decide if there's enough space now or later to print a list of stations that have been sold or changed the names of their ownership -- with the idea that they would be the most likely to change call signs or facilities probably. Watch for it... and thanks to all who responded to my inquiry a month or two ago...especially to member KEN ONYSCHUK who threw in a few nice words too!! (See what flattery will get you??)

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It looks as though things have slowed down with all, even I haven't been able to find anything worthwhile to send to myself! Anyway, when sending your tips in, please keep them to one side of the paper, skip a line between items, ELT, and keep them current! Here goes:

SPECIAL:

- 1270 KPJZ TX FORT WORTH - 12/21 0124 noted w/the "Music of Your Life" format. (RL-KY)
- 1480 KWKN KS WICHITA - 12/26 0130 very weak w/"Radio 15, KWKN" ID. Ex-KLRO. (RL-KY)

DX TESTS:

- 920 WHJJ Heard by KDF-IL, KG-PA, not heard by KVJ-GA, forgotten by DS-DE.
- 1310 WIBA Not heard by KVJ-GA.
- 1420 WLET Heard by IH-MI.



WPIC

MIDDAY-MIDNIGHT:

- 550 KSD MO ST. LOUIS - 12/6 1708-1715 good in WGR null w/local news items, DJ promo's, "Newsradio 55" ID. (MC-ON)
- 590 WBEI MA BOSTON - 12/29 2128-2147 news, Boston area ads, sports news, plant program, w/WARM nulled. (TF-PA)
- WKZO MI KALAMAZOO - 12/12 1713-1715 very good in CKEY null w/EZL mx, ID, local ad, then gone. (MC-ON)
- 680 WDBC MI ESCANABA - 12/12 1755-1800 xlint in CFTR null w/talk about turbines, "Great Voice of the North" ID. (MC-ON)
- 730 WUTC KY VANCLEVE - 12/8 1547-1600 fair in WPMW null w/CL mx, ID on hour. (RL-KY)
- KLOB KS GOODLAND - 12/24 1818-1824 weak w/stock nx, sports.(RL)
- 740 WPAQ NY MT. AIRY - 1/1 1200 smashing CBL w/ID noted. (JS-OH)
- 790 WAKY KY LOUISVILLE - 12/7 1649 fair in CKMW null w/ID, then rr. (MC-ON)
- 810 WQIZ SC ST. GEORGE - 12/26 1713 fair w/WGY w/s/off annom't, then hymn til 1715. (MC-ON)
- 850 KEYH TX HOUSTON - 12/26 xlint w/ss mx, annc'r. (KVJ-GA)
- 870 WGTN NC KANAWHATA - 12/17 1706 descent w/WHAS splash w/EZL mx. (RL-KY) What skool did you go to? (DS) 12/26 1701 fair w/several ID's. (IH-MI)
- 900 WMOP FL OCALA - 1/4 1740 fair-good at s/off at 1746, mention off 5000 watts and 82 watt PSA, jingle. (IH-MI)
- 910 CKLY ON LINDSAY - 12/27 1758 w/Top 40 mx, local nx, ads. Weak u/WDFP. (IH-MI) 1/6 1720-1748 in w/CW mx, ID. At times, equal w/local WSBA. (MT-MD)
- 920 CKNX ON WINGHAM - 1/5 2205-2232 tentative, very weak o/u WMMN w/sports, wx (very cold temps.), mention of Lake Huron, CW format. (MT-MD) Sounds like CKY to me. (DS)
- 940 WCPC MS HOUSTON - 12/17 1714 noted after WCND s/off playing rr, format change? (RL-KY) They've got a hodge-podge format, usually plays anything! (DS)
- 950 KPRC TX HOUSTON - 12/11 2204 fair w/NBC nx, promo for KPRC morning news. (RL-KY)
- 960 CWWS ON KINGSTON - 1/1 2150 promo for "Sports 80" program.(MT)
- 970 CBZ NB FREDERICTON - 12/29 2120 loud and alone w/weather for maritime provinces, the "CBC Fredericton" ment. (RM-PA)
- 980 KSVC UT RICHFIELD - 12/29 1810-1820 fair w/Paul Harvey, CW mx, and 20-20 Weather. (NZ-NE)
- 1000 WITN MS LEXINGTON - 12/14 1758 in w/s/off, SSB. Good signal. (RL)
- 1050 WCMS VA NORFOLK - 12/17 1640 well atop WZIP w/CW mx, ad for VA Beach, the quick s/off w/no SSB. (RL-KY)
- WPAG MI ANN ARBOR - 12/15 1657-1700 fair w/WHN in CHUM null w/stock nx then lost. Barely back in time for s/off w/ WPAG-FM mention. (MC-ON)
- 1060 WKKQ MN HIBBING - 12/6 1637-1642 good w/"Super Q" ID, mx then legal ID. Usually KYW/CJRP/WNOE hold down here. (MC-ON)
- WHFB MI BENTON HARBOR - 12/8 1619-1623 very good w/Neil Diamond record, ID be female w/mention of Paul Harvey, lost in CHUM splash. (MC-ON)
- 1080 KRPX UT PRICE - 12/29 1820-1840 a welcome new one w/pop mx, APR nx, Howard J. Ruff "Ruff Radio" program. (NZ-NE)

- 1140 KPWB MO PIEDMONT - 12/24 Christmas mx til 1745 s/off, "The clear voice from Clear water," w/song at end. (KVJ-GA)
- KLDY MO LIBERTY - 12/24 1746-1815 Seasons Greetings promo, ID w/mention of "Solid Gold 1140, Kay-Ell-Dee," the s/off w/Happy Days theme. (KVJ-GA)
- WRLV KY SAYLERSVILLE - 12/9 1710 o/WRVA w/sports, weather and MoR mx, s/off at 1715 w/no SSB. (KG-PA)
- 1190 WAVS FL FORT LAUDERDALE - 12/22 1728 s/off w/prayer, no SSB. (KG)
- WXGR MS BAY ST. LOUIS - 1/1 1750 atop w/Burger King ad. (JS-OH)
- WBDY VA BLUEFIELD - 1/3 1430 very loud w/CW mx, Virginia State network and Mutual sports. Appears to simulcast FM, which has been on for years, looks like a new regular here. (JS-OH) Is the AM in WV or VA, Jerry? (DS)
- 1220 WCLB GA CAMILLA - 12/22 1735 s/off at network nx w/SSB. (KG-PA)
- CHSC ON ST. CATHERINES- 12/24 1800-1845 nx w/ID followed by "The Sounds of Christmas", WGAR taken out by solar flare.(KG)
- CJSS ON CORNWALL - 12/24 1815 o/CHSC w/McDonalds ad then Christmas mx. (KG-PA)
- 1230 WINF CT MANCHESTER - 1/2 2109-2112 sports scores, Hartford area weather, then faded down. (TF-PA) (KVJ-GA)
- 1240 WARF AL JASPER - 12/27 1956 unneeded w/"Alanet" news, weather.
- 1250 WKBR NH MANCHESTER - 12/12 1838-1843 very good, fading w/ads, battling w/WTAE but both lost to CHWO, faded back w/ID at 1843. (MC-ON)
- WTMA SC CHARLESTON - 12/18 1655 on top w/rr, ID. (KG-PA) 1/1 1707-1733 Top 125 of 1980 Countdown, signal way atop WTAE, regular here. (TF-PA)
- UNID 1/2 1845-1930 Indian programming, plenty of ads for American sounding locations but were butchered by annc'r accent, good signal. Any ideas? (RM-PA) No, my brain isn't in gear today! (DS)
- 1260 WCRT AL BIRMINGHAM - 12/9 1740-1745 alone w/weather, s/off w/no SSB. (KG-PA)
- WUFE GA BAXLEY - 12/18 1725-1730 o/WKXW w/gospel programs, s/off w/no SSB. (KG-PA)
- WNOO TN CHATTANOOGA - 12/19 1700 ID by female, Sugar Jackson.(KG-PA) I heard her when I bagged them about 3 years back!(DS)
- CIHI NB FREDERICTON - 1/2 1910 briefly atop w/ID, mention of lost cat, then rr. (RM-PA) Remember their "Name the Moose" contest? (DS)
- 1270 KADL AR PINE BLUFF - 12/23 1757 s/off noted w/no SSB. (KVJ-GA)
- WDLA NY WALTON - 12/25 1630 atop s/off, mention of Delaware County Broadcasting Co., PSA, et al. (RM-PA) (KG-PA)
- 1290 WWSA GA SAVANNAH - 12/21 1655-1700 on top w/CW mx, ID then nx 12/30 1721 bank ad the hockey nx on the Whalers, gave hockey schedule for Maine teams. Is this WKNE? (IH-MI)
- 1310 WBFD PA BEDFORD - 12/26 1646 quickie s/off after WNAE, call and location and off. (MC-ON)
- WDOD TN CHATTANOOGA - 12/26 1658-1700 good w/talk then CW mx til ID on hour. (MC-ON)
- KAAM TX DALLAS - 12/19 1848 strong w/pop mx. (RL-KY)
- 1320 WVOJ FL JACKSONVILLE - 1/1 1830 fair w/local nx, CW mx. (IH-MI)
- WCOG NC GREENSBORO - 1/2 1730 fair-good w/ID, mention of WCOG news by female annc'r. (WPT-DC)
- WEET VA RICHMOND - 12/8 1645-1652 very good in CFGM null w/CW mx, "wheat" ID's, local ads and entertainment guide, then faded out. (MC-ON) (KG-PA)
- 1330 WMLT GA DUBLIN - 12/10 1725 on top w/MoR mx, followed by Ae nx.
- WFIN OH FINDLAY - 12/15 1645-1649 in/out of semi-nulled WRIE w/mx, local ads, legal ID. (MC-ON)
- 1340 WRAW PA READING - 12/28 1635-1705 way o/WHAT w/Top 40 mx, verie back in 5 days w/mention of 710 watt days/178 watts nite, CE mentioned doing some work on audio. (TF-PA) Heard a few years back when WHAT was off due to a staff strike.(DS)
- 1350 WNIS VA PORTSMOUTH - 12/26 2046 noted w/ID, "Your news and info. station." (SDM-MA)
- WSMB LA NEW ORLEANS - 12/19 1843 weak w/local ad, ID. (RL-KY)
- 1370 WTAB NC TABOR CITY - 12/7 1715 poor w/s/off. (MC-ON) Wonder if Coca-cola owns them-hi! (DS) (MC-ON)
- WGOH KY GRAYSON - 12/7 1716 fair right after WTAB w/s/off, SSB.
- 1380 WBBX NH PORTSMOUTH - 12/26 1646 fair to good w/female annc'r, MoR/rr mx. (SDM-MA)
- 1390 WKIC KY HAZARD - 12/8 1705-1715 news then s/off, no SSB. (KG-PA)
- 1400 CJFP PQ RIVIERE DU LOUP - 12/26 2006 fair-good w/ID, record mention in FF then faded. (SDM-MA)
- 1410 WLIE PA FIBVILLE - 12/32 1700 heard w/unbelievable signal, nx on up-coming postage rate decrease, reduction in gas prices, Jerry Starrs REAL name, etc. (CMS-ON)

1420 WRCG GA COLUMBUS - 12/21 2320 dominant w/CW mx, ID, no sign of the usual WVJS/WOC. (RL-KY)
 WKCW VA WARRENTON - 1/1 1658 fair o/u WHK w/ID, local nx. (IH-MI)
 WBEC MA PITTSFIELD - 12/30 1721-1724 very good w/MoR/rx mx, promo for top songs of '80, then gone to CKPT/WHK. (MC-ON)
 1430 WVAM PA ALTOONA - 1/5 1714 in nice w/CW mx, ID's as "ALL Country, WVAM." (MT-MD) 12/30 1630-1636 fair-very good in CKFH semi-null w/local nx, Dinardo wx, ID. (MC-ON)
 1440 WNFL WI GREEN BAY - 12/8 1644 in/out w/weather, local ad. (RL)
 1460 CKBR PQ VILLIE ST. GEORGES - 12/26 1935 ID noted w/local pest WBET null. (SDM-MA)
 1470 WRGA GA ROME - 12/26 1735 good w/ID, CW mx. (RL-KY)
 KRBC TX ABILENE - 12/19 1900-1907 atop w/pop mx, local ads. (RL)
 1480 WWKO NC FAIR BLUFF - 12/24 1710-1715 "The Country K" w/WDAS til s/off. (RM-PA) 12/7 1705 CW mx, ID as "Carolina's Country Music Authority" by female, s/off w/no SSB. (KG)
 WYRN NC LOUISBURG - 12/7 1650 w/lnstr. mx, weather then s/off w/no SSB. (KG-PA)
 OKAN ON NEWMARKET - 12/14 1745 on top w/pop mx, local ads, female ann'r. (KG-PA)
 KBEA KS MISSION - 12/13 1750 w/"News radio" and "Nobody does it better" ID's. (KVJ-GA) (KVJ-GA)
 KTHS AR BERRYVILLE - 12/13 1757 poor at s/off w/spirited SSB.
 1490 WPAK VA FARMVILLE - 12/14 1700 atop w/end of sports scores, ID and time check by female, talk then gone to WOLF. (MC-ON)
 WMPX MI MIDLAND - 12/15 1642 very good w/local ads, one of which was a local Golf Store. (MC-ON) They go out and hit frozen snow balls, you should know that, Mike! (DS)
 1500 KXVQ OK PAWUSKA - 12/24 1809 way atop w/end of Ai nx, promo for oldies, then PSA. (RL-KY)
 1510 WKAO FL BOYNTON BEACH - 12/29 1723-1729 o/SS rumble w/religious talk then s/off w/no SSB. (KG-PA)
 1520 WNMT GA GARDEN CITY - 12/19 1700-1712 on top w/Ai nx, Christmas mx, closing theme then s/off w/no SSB. (KG-PA)
 WTGR SC MYRTLE BEACH - 12/19 1650-1714 w/Top 40 mx, news, then s/off w/no SSB. (KG-PA)
 WDGL GA DOUGLASVILLE - 12/22 1652 in clear w/ad for store in Atlanta. (KG-PA)
 WGNB FL INDIAN ROCKS BEACH - 12/21 1720-1730 thru WTLN w/REL, then s/off. (KG-PA)
 WTLN FL APOKA - 12/21 1722-1729 on top w/MoR mx, s/off w/no SSB, programming continued on FM. (KG-PA)
 1540 WRSM AL SUMMITON - 12/14 1742 ID out of nowhere, way u/KXEL. (RL-KY)
 WQCC NC CHARLOTTE - 1/1 1715 loud after local WNIO s/off w/promo for new call and new Christian formal. Ex-WRPL. (JS-OH) 12/14 1710 on top w/religious mx, ID as "The Queen City's Christian Mx Connection." S/off advising listeners to tune to WAME-1480 for continued Christian programming. (KG-PA) They were CW for a while. (DS)
 WBTC OH ULRICHVILLE - 12/29/30 1659 good w/WABQ w/s/off, mention of 250 watts. (MC-ON)
 1550 WBSC SC BENNETTSVILLE - 12/24 1655-1700 atop w/Christmas mx by local Jaycees group. (RM-PA)
 UNID 1/2 1730-1741 SS program, twice heard SS talk atop a Sousa march (ad or ID?). WRHC? (MT-MD) Probably is, that one is very common here at sunset. (DS)
 1560 KQYX MO JOPLIN - 1/2 1830 very good at s/off w/SSB. (IH-MI)
 1570 WTQX AL SELMA - 12/24 1744 s/off w/REL song. (RL-KY)
 WOKZ IL ALTON - 12/14 1733 good w/detailed weather. (RL-KY)
 WLSC SC LORIS - 12/11 1712 on top w/Santa Claus in person! (KG-PA)
 1590 WDHN PA HONESDALE - 12/24 1610 managed to catch "Merry Christmas" ID then quickly gone. (RM-PA)
 WHPY NC CLAYTON - 12/24 1645 atop w/sponsored wx, ID. (RM-PA)
 WPLW PA CARNEGIE - 12/25 1650-1700 "Sunshine 16" xint w/REL stuff, then s/off. Is this known as MWA, Dave? (RM-PA) When you turn on the set and hear nothing from the N/W/E, alot of Spanish, you'll know your right in the middle of MWA, Rem. You wouldn't have heard this under those Cx. (DS)
 1600 WCPK VA CHESAPEAKE - 1/3 1715 s/off w/EZL mx, plays "When You Come To The End Of The Day." Touching. (MT-MD) Yeah, about as much as salad made from poison ivy! (DS)
 WJNJ FL ATLANTIC BEACH - 1/1 1720 marine weather, ID, pop mx, are they 5 kw yet? (MT-MD)
 WUNR MA BROOKLINE - 12/29 2151-2224 Italian or Spanish program, PSA in English. Also noted 1/1 2015 w/Irish prog. (TF-PA)
 WKWF FL KEY WEST - 12/19 1924 deep in a heap w/weird pop mx, local ads. (RL-KY)

MIDNIGHT-MIDDAY:

540 WDAK GA COLUMBUS - 12/26 0041-0100 strong at times w/XEWA w/Larry Kink. (RL-KY)
 560 WQAM FL MIAMI - 12/26 0201 weak w/WHBQ/KLVI, CW mx. (RL-KY) 12/29 0456 fair/good w/nx, CW mx. (KDF-IL)
 WIND IL CHICAGO - 12/29 0400 noted off this AM, 4th time in last 2 months. (KDF-IL)
 WIS SC COLUMBIA - 12/29 0458 fair at s/on w/SSB, NBC nx. (KDF)
 KLVI TX BEAUMONT - 12/24 0036 noted w/CW mx, local ads, "Country 56, KLVI" ID w/auroral cx present. (MC-ON)
 WBEC MN DULUTH - 12/26 0119 for a new seconds, atop w/ID then rr and gone. (MC-ON)
 850 WHDH MA BOSTON - 12/22 0204 noted w/end of ET, ID. (KG-PA) 12/7 0152-0154 good w/mention of news, PSA, ID then mx. (MC-ON)
 860 CBH NS HALIFAX - 12/29 0605 w/CJBC w/English nx. (RM-PA)
 900 UNID 12/29 0258 weak w/Canadian nx, mentions of Winnipeg and MB, CST time check, o/u CHML...CKDR? (IH-MI)
 920 CFRY MB PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE - 12/22 0119-0125 fair-good, steady signal w/"MB Country" ID, Christmas CW mx. (MC-ON)
 950 WSPA SC SPARTANBURG - 12/21 0332 w/"Total Radio 95" ID then Larry Kong. (MC-ON) (KG-PA)
 960 CFAC AB CALGARY - 12/8 0200 way o/CKWS w/ID, news then CW mx.
 970 WFLA FL TAMPA - 12/22 0057 weak w/"News Authority" ID during WAVE silent period. (RL-KY)
 990 UNID 12/27 0311 ID noted as "WHO", could this be WHOO giving an ID like this? (IH-MI)
 1050 WGAY MD SILVER SPRING - 1/4 0850-0900 weak w/REL, ID then EZL mx, UNID gospel stuff noted under, WCMS? (MT-MD) WCMS is all CW as far as I know, Mike. (DS)
 1070 WNCT NC GREENVILLE - 1/4 0821 noted w/ID, then EZL mx. (MT-MD)
 1080 UNID 12/23 0319-0331 EZL mx in KRID null, loop was NW/SW. WVC? (RL-KY) Yeah, sounds like them. (DS)
 1140 WRLV KY SALYERSVILLE - 12/26 0715-0730 s/on then CW mx, ads, sports. (KVJ-GA)
 1150 WYNE WI APPLETON - 1/3 0706 fair w/weather, ID, CW mx. (KDF-IL)
 WJBO LA BATON ROUGE - 12/7 0130 ID w/mention of Larry Klink then Larry Klonk, becoming a regular here. (RL-KY)
 WJRD AL TUSCALOOSA - 12/22 0232 briefly w/WJBO/KXLR w/"Tuscaloosa's Favorite" ID. (RL-KY)
 KXLR AR NORTH LITTLE ROCK - 12/22 0235 o/u WJBO w/pop/CW mx. (RL)
 1190 KLIF TX DALLAS - 12/22 0000 weak w/jingle/ID, believe WOWO was off as no sign of them here. (RL-KY)
 1230 WJNO FL WEST PALM BEACH - 12/23 0607 noted w/Newsradio ID. (KVJ-GA)
 WBHP AL HUNTSVILLE - 12/24 0150 fair w/weather, several "Best Country" ID's. (RL-KY)
 1240 KOZI WA CHELAN - 1/2 0600 relaying WBBW audio. (JS-OH) (KVJ-GA)
 WULA AL EUFULA - 12/28 0046-0103 B/SOL format, then quick s/off.
 1250 WDVA VA DANVILLE - 12/29 0354 fairly good w/several ID's noted, ads then into CW mx. (SDM-MA) Note correct location. (DS) 12/28 0418 somebody here w/"Master Control" REL program, atop frequency. (IH-MI)
 WDAE FL TAMPA - 12/22 0332 all alone w/news, weather. (RL-KY)
 1260 WDDC DC WASHINGTON - 12/30 0018-0103 noted off this AM, OC noted every now and then. (WPT-DC)
 CIHI NB FREDERICTON - 12/31 0110 partial ID noted o/u WNDE, caught "CI" by male ann'r, nothing more. (WPT-DC)
 UNID 12/31 0050 1000 hertz tone noted, no breaks/ID. (WPT-DC)
 WNDE IN INDIANAPOLIS - 12/30 0043 weather then Top 100 show, xint during break in WDDC OC. (WPT-DC)
 WNDR NY SYRACUSE - 1/3 0043 fair w/Simon and Garfunkle record, ID. (WPT-DC) (WPT-DC)
 WWOK FL MIAMI - 1/3 0201 partial ID noted w/heavy interference. Bill, WWOK changed to WHTT over a month ago, I reported that in my last report! They're spanish, anyway. (DS)
 1270 WTNT FL TALLAHASSEE - 1/3 0200 fair to poor w/WXYZ/Cuban w/ID. (WPT)
 1280 UNID 12/29 0255 ET w/tone noted, possible code ID's given, any help on this? (KDF-IL)
 1290 WFIG SC SUMTER - 12/17 0554 on top w/ID, farm report. (KG-PA)
 WPVA VA PETERSBURG - 12/17 0603-0620 on top w/ID, farm report then CW mx. (KG-PA)
 WVOW WV LOGAN - 12/17 0558-0600 s/on on top w/SSB, 500 watt PSA power, mention of FM on 101.9, then news. (KG-PA)
 1310 WJAM AL MARION - 12/23 0144-0147 ET w/decent signal, CW mx w/2 ID's prior to s/off. (NZ-NE)
 WBRO GA WAYNESBORO - 12/20 0630 good w/ads, GA network news. (KDF)

1310 WIBA WI MADISON - 12/29 0100-0106 CBS nx then s/off, mention of 5000 watts. Caught before DX TEST? (IH-MI)

CKOY ON OTTAWA - 12/29 0106 w/weather, ID by female. (IH-MI)

1320 WVOJ FL JACKSONVILLE - 12/21 0220 o/CKGM w/CW mx, jingle, PSA, semi-local WKAP was off. (KG-PA)

KNCB LA VIVIAN - 12/26 0700 fair o/noise w/s/on, SSB. (KDF-IL)

1330 WFBC SC GREENVILLE - 12/27 0140 atop w/"Great Place To Be" ID then rr. This is the anything-can-happen-freq. (RM-PA) They ALL are anymore, Rem. (DS)

WRIE PA BRIE - 12/27 0550-0555 ID then rock mx noted. (TF-PA)

WHAZ NY TROY - 12/28 0625-0654 gospel mx, evangelistic DJ, on "Moody presents" program, w/WPOW. (TF-PA)

1340 WKGN TN KNOXVILLE - 12/7 0147 fighting w/WKRM w/pop mx. (RL-KY)

WKRM TN COLOUMBIA - 12/7 0148 o/u WKGN w/pop mx, ID. (RL-KY)

WLOK TN MEMPHIS - 12/24 0205 good w/soul mx, ad telling us to stay sober over Christmas. (RL-KY) Well, did you? (DS)

WNHC CT NEW HAVEN - 12/29 0259 fair-faint w/brief ID. (SDM-MA)

WBBQ GA AUGUSTA - 12/29 0315 caught ID then gone. (SDM-MA)

CKBR AB BROOKS - 12/29 0306 caught only "Big Country CKBR" ID. (SDM-MA) Do you listen much when your sleeping? (DS)

1350 WBSG GA BLACKSHEAR - 12/23 0636 fair w/ads, Ga. network news. (KDF)

1360 CKBC NB BATHURST - 12/24 0609-0635 Christmas mx, notice of no trash collections Christmas day, news, way o/WDRG. (TF-PA)

1370 WCOA FL PENSACOLIA - 12/22 0110-0130 dominant on ET w/Big Band music, ID'ed at 0130. (RL-KY)

KGNO KS DODGE CITY - 12/24 0110 in well at s/off w/"Happy Trails."

1380 CKLC ON KINGSTON - 12/5 0135 on top w/ID, local Toy drive promo, pop mx. (KG-PA)

1390 WCSC SC CHARLESTON - 12/25 0400 noted w/Christmas mx, strong enough for his sidebands to wipe out LA on 1385. (KG-PA)

1400 WROZ IN EVANSVILLE - 12/7 0119 atop w/ID, annc'r make mistake on time. (RL-KY)

WMBS MS COLUMBUS - 12/23 0146 atop w/CW mx, ID, weather. (RL-KY) Rich, don't you mean WMBC? Are you hangin' around w/Truax, Atkins? They type like that, too. (DS)

WJHO AL OFELIKA - 12/23 0149 after WMBC w/ID, female DJ. (RL-KY)

WLHL MA LOWELL-LAWRENCE - 12/26 1651 good w/rr, ID. (SDM-MA)

1410 WPXC AL PRATTVILLE - 12/21 0100 caught tail end of s/off, "Good Night from WPXC." (RL-KY)

KRIG TX ODESSA - 12/29 0225-0245 on top w/rock mx, local ads, ID. I think WIZM has quit AN'ing as they haven't showed up lately. (NZ-NE)

1420 CJMT PQ CHICOUTIMI - 1/5 0008 fair-good o/WHK w/FF talk then faded out. (WPT-DC)

WOC IA DAVENPORT - 12/29 0200 noted w/NBC nx then ID, o/u WHK. (SDM-MA)

1440 WJL NY NIAGARA FALLS - 12/8 0035-0047 PoP w/TT in progress. (KG-PA)

WGIG GA BRUNSWICK - 12/8 0046 ET in progress w/mx, ID's. (KG-PA)

1450 WASK IN LAFAYETTE - 12/29 0000 ID then network news. (IH-MI)

WNAB CT BRIDGEPORT - 12/29 0136 ID noted then "That's all Folk's" thingie, much fading. (SDM-MA)

WWSC NY GLEN FALLS - 12/29 0144 Nice signal w/ID, time check after MoR mx. (SDM-MA)

WMOH OH HAMILTON - 12/26 0214 MoR/rr mx, short bit of talk by annc'r, ID. (MC-ON)

1470 WTKO NY ITHACA - 12/27 0228 ID noted w/"We play the best mx." (SDM)

WSRO MA MARLBOROUGH - 12/27 0623-0633 in WSN null w/local/state news, ads. Again 1/3 0644-0648 w/state news. (TF-PA)

1480 WISM WI MADISON - 12/29 0155 fair/good w/Top 40 mx. (IH-MI)

CHRD PQ DRUMMONDVILLE - 12/5 0031 w/FF version of "White Christmas" sung by female. (KG-PA)

WUEZ VA SALEM - 12/7 0640-0650 on top w/gospel singing and ads, female annc'r w/"The Voice of the Roanoke Valley" ID. (KG)

WKND CT WINDSOR - 12/7 0650 w/gospel mx, ad for gospel mx LP. (KG)

1490 WFLB NC FAYETTEVILLE - 1/5 0055-0058 fair, briefly atop w/ID before fading out. (WPT-DC) 12/15 0252 ID, weather then Christmas song. (KG-PA)

WESB PA BRADFORD - 12/10 0615 on top w/ad for store in Bradford Mall. (KG-PA)

WRNB NC NEW BERN - 12/14 0106 on top w/ID by female annc'r. (KG-PA)

WWIL NC WILMINGTON - 12/15 0235 on top w/program promo, ID, then continued w/disco. (KG-PA) 12/29 0123 fair-faint noted playing disco, caught ID, mention of Wilmington before taking dive. (SDM-MA)

WDUR NC DURHAM - 12/15 0249 w/Pop mx album, nx headlines. (KG-PA)

WMOG GA BRUNSWICK - 12/25 0300-0306 clear ID then CBS nx, then vocal by female. (KG-PA)

1490 WQXQ MA WEST SPRINGFIELD - 12/28 0047 caught "15 Q" ID only, then gone. Ex-WNUS. (SDM-MA)

WAJF AL DECATUR - 12/14 0111 fair w/female annc'r talking, ID, o/SOL stn. (MC-ON)

1510 WRAN NH DOVER - 12/29 0100 noted w/s/off, fair-good o/u CJRS. (SDM)

1520 WGOR NJ TOLEDO - 12/19 0605-0615 w/WKBW not showing, noted w/religion. Was hoping for WINW. (KG-PA)

WEXM VA EXMORE - 12/19 0700 s/on w/America the Beautiful" then Morning Devotions, school menus then Christmas mx, no WKBW. (KG-PA)

WARR VA WARRINGTON - 12/19 0715 s/on on top w/still no WKBW. (KG)

WCHE PA WEST CHESTER - 12/19 0753 w/John Lennon record, promo for shopping cart giveaway, nx. In clear until 1645 s/off w/no sign of WKBW. (KG-PA)

1530 WRPM MS POPLARVILLE - 12/28 0233 ET in progress w/CW mx, ID, o/u AN'ing WCKY. (KVJ-GA)

1550 WCCZ FL NEW SMYRNA BEACH - 12/20 0621-0650 o/CBE w/84 watt PSA power, CW mx, many local ads. (KG-PA)

WKVL TN CLARKSVILLE - 12/7 0117-0120 fair-very good w/MoR mx, ID by female DJ. Anyone have power/address on this?(MC) Try DAVE FOX in Reading, he's got a verie from them. (DS) 1/1 0123 fair w/s/off after CBS Mystery Theater, noted 3 ID's for what sounded like WKBW but no other mentions. How long have they been on 1550? (IH-MI) They're not! It may have been WKVL, per above note. (DS)

1580 WYFA NY PATCHOGE - 12/27 0012-0020 w/another ET (Yawn!) w/rr, Where Your Friends Are ID's. Anyone ever hear them in the daytime? (MC-ON) Yeah, Bob Foxworth! (DS) 12/27 0128 ET w/rr, ID w/mentions of 10000 watts. (IH-MI)

1590 WSWW WI PLATTEVILLE - 12/15 0215 caught on ET at time of WAWA DX TEST w/ID at end, didn't hear WAWA! (KVJ-GA)

WXRS GA SWAINSBORO - 12/26 0559 fair o/WNTS w/s/on. (KDF-IL)

WARV RI WARWICK - 12/7 0600 s/on w/clear ID then into WQQW/WHPY/et al. (KG-PA)

WJSO TN JOHNSON CITY - 1/5 0041 good w/extended weather then ID. (WPT-DC)

1600 WJNJ FL ATLANTIC BEACH - 12/24 0605 good w/news headlines, then MoR mx. (KDF-IL)

WMCR NY ONEIDA - 1/3 0631-0638 ID's for AM and FM, local news then "Radio Free People" program, faded down. (TF-PA)

WDOG NJ CATSOUT - 12/32 0559 s/on noted w/loud Meow then instr. mx by Kitten on the Keys, fighting w/WCAT. (BOZO)

WCAT NJ WATCHYOURSTEP - 12/32 0559 s/on noted, fighting it out w/WDOG w/ID then "How Much Is That Doggie In The Window" as song by Oscar Myer. (DM-OH)

OPPS!

Being that the column is proof-read when DX NEWS arrives, we noted one of those "classic" errors. Look close at the report on WJSO-1590, you will see me mentioning the name of "Normal", which should be "Norman." I just hope no one sent a report addressed to Normal-hi!

THIS COLUMN WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THESE FINE FOLKS:

- KDF-IL Karl Forth, Chicago, IL
- KG-PA Kermit Geary, Walnutport, PA
- RM-PA Rem Murphy, Roslyn, PA
- SDM-MA Steven Miller, Boston, MA
- NZ-NE Neil Zank, Lincoln, NE
- IH-MI Ian Harris, Milan, MI
- WPT-DC William P. Townshend, Wash., DC
- MT-MD Mike Tuggle, Bel Air, MD
- MC-ON Mike Coorby, Canfield, ON
- JS-OH Jerry Starr, Harbard, OH
- TF-PA Tony Fitzherbert, Chalfont, PA
- RL-KY Rich Levin, Louisville, KY
- KVJ-GA Karl Jeter, Decatur, GA
- HQ160, Loop
- HQ180, LW
- TRF, DX160, LW
- RF2200, SM2
- HQ180A, RF2600, 2' Loop
- RF2200
- TRF
- Lynodyne Xtal, LW
- FRG7, TRF, LOOP
- HQ180, Loop
- DX60, LW
- HQ129X, Superadio, LW
- HQ150, TRF, Loop, SM2

And that's it for another week!

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NOTE: I am all out of Norm McGuire's PPC's for SS stns. If I had any when your request arrived, they were shipped out. Therefore, if you have not received any by now, your request arrived too late. Please excuse me not writing to each of you to tell you that the PPC's were gone but this is so much easier and quicker.

This has to be one of the smallest columns I have ever typed, support having drastically died off of late. Hopefully this is just because of the holidays and things shall pick up shortly. It would be most encouraging if some of you would take the time to write a short report to IDXD..... How about it????

- 600 CUBA Moscow relay 0350 1/5, unable to null signal with loop. (Weber) W/usual R. Moscow blither 0048 12/22 at S9+20, rivalling WDAF. Usually weak but readable. (Swearingen)
- 610 MEXICO Sabina XEBX u/WDAF, many commercials, mentions of "Aqui en Sabina". Rarely can I null WDAF! (Swearingen)
- 624a CUBA Havana at S7 (WSM at S8) // to 640 0039 12/22. (Swearingen) Well, it's really Santa Clara from 630-CH
- 660 MEXICO XERP Mexico City 1204 12/31 ID "R-P-M, seis sesenta, La Voz de la Gran Ciudad, la tropical de oro" over solo male with guitar. (Swearingen)
- 830 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIJB Santo Domingo w/numerous SID's: "H-I-J-B", "Ocho Treinta". Mix of cumbias, merengues, US rock. WCCO very faint, 0126 12/31. (Connelly)
- 834 BELIZE R. Belize 12/23 0311 Live annr during some kind of game for Dewar's White Label in both EE and SS mixed--the anncts, not the drink--you don't mix good scotch. (Swearingen) You mean I shouldn't be mixing it with Pabst????
- 840t COLOMBIA HJBI Santa Marta prob the one w/SS mx and talk. Fair signal at 0230 on 12/16. Never can get an ID from this one. (Vroom)
- 880 MEXICO Los Mchis KEPNK in at 0245 on 12/16 w/"Silent Night" and SS talk. Many jingles and heard many times since late November. Usually gone by 0300. Also heard at 1356 w/good signal on 12/20. (Vroom)
- 890 COLOMBIA HJCE Bogota strong-slogan o/mx : "Somos La Voz de Bogota, somos sinfonia, somos la voz de una gran ciudad". (Swearingen)
- 944 HONDURAS Tegucigalpa, R. Panamericana ID 0016 12/22. Elevator mx, annct by man and woman. (Swearingen)
- 1017 TONGA A3Z Nuku'alofa in at 0720 w/island mx and fair to poor signal 12/26. (Vroom)
- 1080 VENEZUELA R. Barcelona 0940 1/5 TC and ID and into SS ballads. Dominating freq over 2 or 3 other SS stns. (Kowalski)
- 1090 VENEZUELA Exitos Mil Noventa 0925 1/5 w/SA disco/pop mx, in particular a bilingual version of "Dance to the Music". Near end of song, a male w/TC broke over the song and again a male broke in w/"Mil Noventa". This happened during each song. Very strong u/presumed KAAY carrier and when carrier was taken off they were super! (Kowalski)
- 1100 COLOMBIA HJCN Bogota soft female vocal, Radio Reloj ID, into fast instrumental 0207 12/22. (Swearingen)
- 1125t COSTA RICA San Jose probably the one at 0450 w/SS mx and fair-poor signal 12/26. Also hrd on 12/30 w/US rock song and SS talk. This at 0428, no ID hrd either date. (Vroom)

- 1206 AUSTRALIA 2GR Grafton hrd w/rock mx 12/18 at 1150. Signal was good, the only Australian and NZ stn heard lately. (Vroom)
- 1260 CUBA Sancti Spiritus CMHE w/Cuban mx fair -poor u/WNDE/WNDR 1/3 0547. (Townshend)
- 1260 MEXICO XEL Mexico City w/mention of Mexico, fair atop channel 1/2 0559. (Townshend)
- 1270 CUBA CMJG w/pips each second w/time in 1000 Hz tone each minute. Fair u/WXIZ, #8 on this freq 1/3 0523. (Townshend)
- 1467 UNID 0416 1/3 good carrier. (Weber)
- 1503 UNID 0404 1/3 good carrier. (Weber)
- 1505 ANGUILLA The Valley (slogan unheard) 12/23 0005 mix of American, Caribbean pop mx, 0030 into quiz pgm; 0100 light mx including Christmas carols, 0200 BBC nx, 0213 s/off and GSTQ. Mushy audio. (Swearingen)
- 1512 UNID 0358 1/3 good carrier and possible wood xylophone hits on the hour. (Weber)
- 1539 UNID 0355 1/3 good carrier. (Weber)
- 1548 UNID 0351 1/3 good carrier. (Weber)
- 1555 CAYMAN ISLANDS 0310-0340 with good signal, EZL through most of this period 1/3. (Weber)
- 1557 FRANCE Nice 0320-0345 male and female annrs pushing through due to relative quiet of WQXR 1/3. (Weber)
- 1593 WEST GERMANY 0430-0438 men with vocal arrangement pushing through at this point but pretty weak. (Weber)
- 1600 UNID 0305 unid Latin coming in fairly well 1/3. (Weber)

Paul Kowalski-Milwaukee, Wis. R1000 modified, R. West loop
 Bill Townshend-Washington, DC TRF
 Dennis Vroom-Albany, Ca. HQ180C, 4' loop
 Paul Swearingen-Moran, Ks. ?????
 Jim Weber-Reading, Pa. AR88, R. West loop

Several weeks ago, John Bowker, editor of the AM SWITCH column, suggested that a listing of stations that have recently been sold or had their corporate names changed might be interesting as, perhaps, an early warning of changes in the station to come. Most often we see the program format change but, occasionally, other changes occur such as the call letters or the power. So we've decided to print a listing of many of the recent changes and then to sit back and see if there's any correlation. Again, we'd like the members to let us know if this is a useful listing:

STATIONS UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP:

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| 570 - WRBN - Youngstown, OH | 1340 - KOCY - Oklahoma City, OK |
| 600 - WSJS - Winston-Salem, NC | 1390 - WGVA - Charlotte, Mich. |
| 600 - WREC - Memphis, TN | 1460 - KDWA - Hastings, MN |
| 610 - KAVI - Lancaster, CA | 1470 - KDEW - De Witt, Ark. |
| 620 - WCAV - Cayce, SC | 1470 - KARE - Atchinson, KS |
| 860 - WAYE - Baltimore, MD | 1470 - WSAN - Allentown, PA |
| 1050 - WZIP - Cincinnati, OH | 1480 - WGSB - Geneva, IL |
| 1080 - WPOK - Pontiac, IL | 1480 - WLEA - Hornell, NY |
| 1150 - WIMA - Lima, OH | 1490 - KXAR - Hope, Ark. |
| 1230 - KSUN - Bisbee, AZ | 1490 - WXVQ - De Land, FL |
| 1230 - KWG - Stockton, CA | 1490 - WHAV - Haverhill, MA |
| 1230 - WUBE - Cincinnati, OH | 1520 - WGOR - Toledo, OH |
| 1280 - WGBTX - De Funiak Springs, FL | 1570 - WFRL - Freeport, IL |
| 1340 - WDME - Dover-Foxcroft, ME | 1570 - WTOW - Towson, MD |
| | 1600 - WAAM - Ann Arbor, MI |

OWNERSHIP NAME CHANGES:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 910 - KKSJ - Vancouver, WA | 1330 - WDLW - Waltham, MA |
| 930 - KVGM - Yakima, WA | 1440 - WHHY - Montgomery, AL |
| 1000 - WCFL - Chicago, IL | 1450 - WDAD - Indiana, PA |
| 1190 - KDWA - Hastings, MN | 1480 - KWEW - Hobs, NM |
| 1240 - WJMC - Rice Lake, WI | 1490 - KLYC - Laurel, MT |
| 1250 - WDAE - Tampa, FL | 1540 - WPTR - Albany, NY |
| | 1570 - WFGN - Gaffney, SC |

This listing represents station sales or changes that occurred during December, 1980. Just in case our hunch is right, you might want to focus some attention on these stations if you still need them. There's a chance they'll be changing shortly.

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Total Veries

DX'er, yr. began to last entry, location(s)	T. V.	Countries	Best Apparent Verie
Hank Tyndall (??-12/66) Vermont	6635 VAC	166	Kuching, Sarawak
Kermit Geary (33-2/65) Pennsylvania	4581	82	2CK, 300 w.
Bob Botzum (30-10/66) Pennsylvania	4475 VAC	72	7HT 1080, 500 w.
Ernie Cooper (33-now) Brooklyn; Mass.	4142	79	KHBC 1490, 250 w.
Len Kruse (41-12/71) Iowa	4080	15	2YL
Stan R. Morse (??-3/75) Massachusetts	3922 VAC	82	LWZ 1430, Austr.
Norm Maguire (36-5/80) New Mexico, Hawaii	3130 VAC	83	Nantes, Fr. 1366, 10k.
J. Warren Routz (33-2/70) Pennsylvania	3102	46	5CK
Gene Allen (40-now) California	2916 VAC	65	AFN, Normandy, 1204, 1k
Wm. H. Stone (34-7/70) Ontario	2910	32	2DU 660, 200 w.
Ev Johnson (52-10/69) Illinois	2759	28	R. Caroline, 1520
Sid Steele (??-9/67) Illinois	2691	22	JOAK-2 (1935)
Walter Goldy (??-2/66) Illinois, Arizona	2605	17	LR-2
Raleigh Biss (??-7/65) California	2429	31	3AR
Stewart Drake (59-1/71) Pennsylvania	2415 VAC	56	4RK 840
Bill Nittler (50-8/68) Colorado	2327 VAC	40	CSB-9, 782
Hank Holbrook (46-2/73) Maryland	2319 VAC	100	5FI, 1040
Richard H. Cooper (??-3/65) Pennsylvania	2266	31	(New Zealand)
Ken Mackey (??-6/65) New Zealand	2245 VAC	123	(Italy, 1578)
Ron B. Schiller (51-8/78) NJ, FL, Texas	2166 VAC	86	(Lebanon, 836)
Ray Edge (28-3/65) New York	2133	21	KHBC, 1400, 250 w.
Ernest J. Wesolowski (58-9/77) Nebraska	1898	24	R. Peking, 1040
Art Cushen (??-3/65) New Zealand	1811 VAC	108	8th A., Italy 250 w.
C. P. Atherton (31-2/65) Massachusetts	1805	35	ZUE 1025, 3 kw. (1933)
Frank Wheeler (31-now) PA, Washington	1725	21	LR5 830, 10 kw.
Ralph Sperry (33-12/79) Connecticut	1669	42	KHON
Alan Imprescia (61-11/77) New York	1573 VAC	67	DZAS 680, Phil.
Clarence Freeman (39-3/77) California	1571 VAC	67	ZVM 1530, 500 w.
Andy Rugg (60-now) Quebec	1493	60	773, Cairo
Ray Crawford (59-now) New Zealand	1474 VAC	161	EAJ24 1475, Spain 2k
Alan Merriman (58-3/74) Virginia	1460 VAC	89	Tarawa 844, 10 k.
Roger Anderson (38-now) Virginia	1448 VAC	105	5MV, 500 w.
Fred VanVorhees (??-4/65) PA, California	1418	42	2WL
Don Reynolds (33-now) California	1368 VAC	85	1403, Conakry
Rick Carr (75-now) Illinois, Texas	1245	37	RNE Murcia, Sp. 854
Jerry Starr (54-9/74) Ohio	1209	51	VSZ1 844, Tarawa
Ken Butterfield (??-12/66) Michigan	1208 VAC	74	665, Syria
Steve Johnson (??-4/65) Maryland	1169	69	2DU 1250, 2 kw.
Richard T. Pistek (??-10/77) Illinois	1141	34	KORL 650
Bruce Reynolds (64-5/77) Missouri	1103	28	2NA 1510
Pete Taylor (??-9/66) California	1091	55	JOQL 1400
Relfe Luton (47-10/73) North Carolina	1049	23	7NT 710
Richard T. Eddie (67-now) Missouri	1028	15	KORL 650
Robert Duggan (??-6/65) Georgia	954	30	KSAI
Dave Whatmough (64-11/74) Ontario	930	11	KORL 650
Wm. W. Willis (??-2/72) California	925 VAC	55	Athlone, 566
Michael Breger (??-12/74) New York	894	49	Austria, 1025
Hilding Gustafson (34-now) Illinois, Florida	856 VAC	108	2BE 1480, 100 w.
Rick Keneally (78-now) Ohio, Pennsylvania	805	30	Spain, 1584, 2 kw.
Mike Tilbrook (??-8/66) Pennsylvania	758	33	KORL 650
Rich Palmer (??-5/67) Illinois	750	32	764-Dakar, Senegal
John Callarman (??-8/67) Texas, Mass.	740 VAC	50	JOQC 1220
Joseph Fela (??-6/65) New Jersey	738	24	764-Dakar, Senegal
Frank Waldron (68-12/70) New Jersey	714	28	RNE 620
Jeff Kadet (65-5/69) Maryland	703	12	2NA 1510
Eric McIntosh (52-5/65) New Zealand	686 VAC	63	BBC 1546, 1 kw.
Carl Dabelstein (59-2/65) Nebraska	671	18	RTF 1205/KAIM
Dave Pope (??-2/65) South Carolina	639	57	KHVH
Richard E. Wood (67-7/70) Hawaii, Louisiana	629	51	BR 1602, 375 k.
Richard George (59-2/65) Kansas	606 VAC	22	VOA 1178, Okinawa
Larry Lehmer (??-3/67) Iowa	575	18	KFOI 1380
Dan Phillips (58-12/74) Tennessee, Alabama	567	26	764-Dakar/KPOA 650

Charles P. Mohr, Jr. (62-1/72) New York	565	22	764-Dakar, Senegal
Morris Sorensen (64-8/75) Ontario, Manitoba	537	13	1457-Tirana, Albania
Al Slater (59-7/69) Sussex, England	534	130	KBSU Okinawa/KOMO
Gray Scrimgeour (63-5/71) California/Ontario	526 VAC	47	1034-Tallinn
Hank Wilkinson (33-now) California	510 VAC	79	R. Koenigsberg 1.5 k
Jim Smedley (60-4/74) Maryland	502	16	VOA 1196, Germany
Tim Davisson (62-12/70) Ohio	474	11	R. Trinidad
Paul Swearingen (75-now) Kansas	464	21	HCBG-1-735 Quito
B. Porter (64-5/72) Washington	460	22	BBC-647
John Sampson (??-7/65) New Jersey	445 VAC	54	KORL 950/LR-3 950
Donald E. Erickson (??-5/70) California	442	6	KIMO 850
Sam McLaughlan (??-9/64) Quebec	413	16	HJAQ
Ben Dangerfield (58-3/78) Pennsylvania	430 VAC	117	2BL 740
Richard Richmar (65-1/71) New York	412	10	PJB
Harold S. Williams (??-12/67) Connecticut	411	32	KULA 690
Wm. Campbell (??-10/66) New York	394	4	R. Caroline, 1510
Gregg Calkin (??-1/67) New Brunswick	378	63	Beirut, 836
Ron Hays (65-1/70) Kentucky	373	22	Dakar 764/KORL 650
Jan Burger (66-3/74) Holland	369	94	JOLB
Jim Renfrew (67-11/71) Conn./Maryland	366	16	Colombia
Sam Dellit (??-8/78) Australia	362	37	Munich-1602 370 kw.
Tim Kerfoot (62-5/75) Ontario	342	13	Nice-1554
Dan Shoaf (??-10/66) Texas	337	5	CJME 1310
Richard L. Coday (??-3/68) California	327	5	KICY 850
Wayne Heinen (??-2/67) New York	321	10	Lisbon
Dave Carlson (65-4/70) Missouri/Illinois	320	11	R. Trinidad 730
Robert F. Leamy, Jr. (58-1/79) PA/Ohio	317	48	Cairo 773
Warren Powis (58-9/78) Virginia (?)	312	23	FEN 1490 Japan 10 k.
James R. Neff (??-4/71) New York	302 VAC	29	VOA-1178, Okinawa
Tom Hartloff (66-10/68) New York	290	6	PJB 800
Gary Collins (62-4/65) New Jersey	276	36	ZCO 1020
Hal Robie (39-1/77) Massachusetts	263	90	Aleppa, Syria 746
Konstantine Rychalsky (70-4/79) Connecticut	262	12	WDR 1586 800 kw.
James Gangler (60-1/66) Maryland	253 VAC	62	4YA/Lebanon
Mike Northam (66-11/69) Oregon	253	13	Vladivostok, 548
John Draut (63-8/66) New York	241	12	R. Caroline, 1520
Bill Raczo (65-2/70) Ohio	240	45	KORL 650 10 kw.
Sharon Waterman (74-10/77) Massachusetts	239	39	Norway 1313/Dakar
Niel Wolfish (77-now) Ontario	239	11	Nice-1554
Ron Musco (63-1/66) Connecticut	232	9	ZFB-1 960
Russ Edmunds (62-6/69) New Jersey/New York	226	10	PJB
Paul Mount (73-10/78) Ohio	225	6	HJCY 810
Fr. Jack Pejza (68-11/71) California	223	22	BBC-1214
Jeffrey Kay (??-10/77) Ontario	212	3	WADC 1 kw.
Bob Karchevski (69-11/75) Mass./Va./Cal.	204 (Cal)	8	JOUB 770
Ralph Vatalaro, Jr. (??-8/67) Massachusetts	203	22	818 (Egypt)
Don Eggert (63-10/69) Indiana	202	8	KEVIP 1560
John & Rick Haneiko (64-9/68) Pennsylvania	191	12	4VEO 890
Don & Len Boselovic (65-4/68) Pennsylvania	179	5	?
John Shannon (??-4/71) Pennsylvania	187	9	PJB 800
Frank E. Curran (??-10/66) Pennsylvania	172	18	KORL 650
Roy Patrick (??-11/65) England	171	68	LSLO 1 kw.
Paul Kilroy (63-1/70) DC	169	31	R. Dakar 764
Jerry Conrad (63-8/69) Kentucky + Florida	589+167	38+16	KHVH
Walter A. Rogers (58-11/68) Florida	158	12	OAX4U 1010, 50 kw.
Ivan T. Payne (??-9/67) Ontario	157	4	KAIM
Norm Shacat (66-4/68) Massachusetts	147	13	ORTF 1554
Paul R. Hoffman (65-6/66) California	140	17	RTF 1205
Jack Keene (??-2/67) Texas	133 VAC	35	VOA 1178, Okinawa
Jesse R. Bruner (??-5/66) Kentucky	132	27	1ZD 1000
Gregory Moores (??-7/67) New Jersey	132	10	BBC 881
Anthony Casamassima (??-11/66) New York	124	3	PJB 800
Len Dumikowski (??-2/65) New Jersey	120	26	R. Polskie 1502
Alex M. McNeil (??-4/66) Pennsylvania	117	18	BBC 1214
Cliff Reno (67-10/70) Connecticut	106	22	SLO 770, 50 kw.
John Long (65-5/68) Connecticut	101	11	1586 (Germany)

Hope you enjoyed this trip down Memory Lane. My apologies to Karchevski and Conrad for not getting them into the proper slots. Next years will be by countries. --pls.

CONTESTS

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For those of you who are wondering why this particular edition of CONTESTS is overdue, it is because I decided to extend the deadline date so as to allow ample time to receive your entries.

1. Michael Jeziorski	30
2. Earl Higgins	26
3. Paul Mount	24
4. Nancy Hardy	10
5. Bob Curtis	6

Those are the results of Contest #3. Congrats to Mike Jeziorski. His win really tightens up the race for the Grand Prize between he and Earl Higgins.

Contest #4: LOG AS MANY STATIONS AS YOU CAN

Winner will be determined by who can positively log the most stations during the allotted time. There are no restrictions on this Contest. Just sit down and start logging all the stations you can. I implore to you please do not count a station until you hear its I.D.-even if it is a local. If everyone does it then it'll be fair.

DATE: Any
TIME: You can split the time up in any way but your total time for participation in this Contest must not exceed 12 hours.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: Feb. 11, 1981
Be sure to include the dates, stations, frequencies and times you hear the I.D.'s for the stations you wish to count as entries.

PRIZE: Although the possibility exists that one of our other Grand Prize race participants may move up into serious contention for the Grand Prize, it seems now that Earl Higgins and Mike Jeziorski are running away with it. So as to not let this discourage you from participating I will now institute individual prizes for the remaining Contests of the season. To the winner of Contest 4 goes \$3.00 worth of any reprints. Good Luck!

GRAND PRIZE RACE

Earl Higgins	37
Mike Jeziorski	32
Paul Mount	9
Bob Curtis	9
Bill Regan	7
Eric Loy	5
Nancy Hardy	4
Bill Conti	3
Ray Barno	0

I'm not copping out on this Contest, hi. Several members requested that I include it in the season. Give the people what they want I say.

J.K.

RAN-DUMBS:

We have received a list of Frequency Check Information which we felt should be in the column, from Joe Fela, who rec'd it to late for his new F/C List.

1st Mon....0115-0130 KILE-1400 TX
0120-0135 KLIC-1230 LA
0205-0215 KAMA-1060 TX

1st Tues...0650-0700 KKBK-1340 NM

1st Wed....0101-0115 KGBC-1540 TX
0105-0120 KNAL-1410 TX
0115-0130 KSNY-1450 TX
0120-0135 KOPY-1070 TX

1st Thurs..0545-0600 KIBL-1490 TX
0630-0645 KJCH-1410 TX
0635-0645 KANI-1500 TX
0645-0700 KROB-1510 TX

2nd Wed....0105-0120 KPND-1340 TX
0110-0125 KEAN-1280 TX

6th Wed....KGY-1240 WA. 0200-0400.
For some reason, this station uses the audio of WBBW to conduct this test!
(Reported by an unknown DX'er in Northeastern Ohio!)

Thanks very much for passing the information on to us, Joe!

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MORRIS SPENT MUCH OF CHRISTMAS WEEK DXING

MORRIS SORENSEN - 53 Duncan Avenue - Kirkland Lake, ON - P2N 1X9
===== I managed to get back to Kirkland Lake for just over a week around Christmas. My HQ-150 is still set up there & I managed some DX as follows: 12/27- CHSC-1220 ON briefly o/nulled WGAR @ 6:25pm; WJW-850 OH o/nulled WJAC @ 11:38pm. 12/29; WLBZ-620, ME @ 12:07AM; WKBN-570 OH @ 12:35am; WKTQ-1320 Pa. @ 1am; WIBA-1310-TEST not heard but by coincidence I have a QSL from them dated 12/29/69 for reception at my old Emsdale, Ont. location. WMBD-1470 IL @ 6:07pm; WFMJ-1390 OH @ 6:14; WHJJ-920 RI @ 7:04pm (another coincidence as I received DX NEWS too late to know about their TEST on this date), WKHM-970 MI @ 7:20pm; WSYR-570 NY @ 10:08pm ending college BKB; unkn R. Paradise-825 W/ID, TC, excellent signal @ 10:14pm; CBA-1070 o/nulled CHOK @ 10:58; unid LA-820 @ 11:55pm s/off w/mention of "Emisora ----", "Muy buenas noches", "venceremos" & anthem which I didn't recognize (not unusual for me!). Help on this one would be appreciated. 12/30- Good SSS to Niagara region: WLKK-1260 PA @ 4:07pm; CHOW-1470 Ont. @ 4:19; WHLD-1270 NY @ 4:31; WNAE-1310 @ 4:43; WFUN-970 OH @ 7pm; WJMS-1420 IN beginning broadcast of High School BKB tournament @ 7:22pm; WNDR-1260 NY @ 7:30pm. Kirkland Lake log is now at 264 mainly in about four months of DXing. In other news, my dad is getting back into SWling w/a DX-150A which he purchased from TIM KERFOOT. He also enjoys listening to BCB clears for program content, particularly the talk shows on WBZ & KDKA. On 1/5 I start work in Amaranth, Man. (107 miles WNW of Winnipeg). I hope to have some DX to report from there soon. 73.

MIKE'S LOOKING FOR AN HQ-180A OR R-390A

MIKE STONEBRIDGE - Box 511 - Fox Creek, ALTA. - T0H 1P0 403-622-3892
===== Hi guys. I will start with wishing each and every one of you a happy and prosperous New Year. Looking back over my logs, 1980 was a pretty good year. I logged 57 new stations & had a 100% return on my verie requests. It was also one of the worst years for interference, cable TV was installed early in the year and since then one of my most productive periods has been rendered useless. It is now impossible to DX at SSS due to TVI. There has always been a great deal of power line noise here & it has intensified in the last few months. Sunrise can be productive as there is no interference then, but my problem is getting up! However, I have finally hooked up the timer in my FRG-7000 to my tape machine and antenna amp & I have picked up a few newies that way. I am still looking for a good R390A or HQ-180A. I know that a few of these machines have been offered in these hallowed pages but they all have been several thousand miles away, too far for me to travel by car on my limited amount of time off. So if anyone who knows of one of these fine machines that is for sale and is a lot closer to Alberta, please let me know. Normally when I receive my DX NEWS, I write on it the date of arrival and guess which one I missed? That's right, the 12/15 issue but I remember it arrived just before Christmas & I remember thinking at the time that it didn't take long to get here, now I know why! I don't like the three pieces of sticky tape on my DX NEWS now but if that's what the Canadian postal service wants! When does the U.S. First Class Mail price increase come into effect? And how much is it? Two veries received here in the last week: v/c from CBL-740 and v/1 from KMMJ-750. CUN?.

NETS SOME NEW ONES IN HIS "ACUSH-NET"

RAY ARRUDA - 47 Burt Street - Acushnet, MA - 02743
===== Once again I've renewed my subscription to DX NEWS about three months early for fear of being shot by the Membership Officer, hi! We're experiencing a very cold and snowy Winter in New England, w/CX fair to good during most DX sessions. DX is in DDXD but here are some highlights starting w/MM 12/22: WCKY-1530 noted AN MM & check on MM 1/5 made it five in a row, so there goes another frequency! WGOE-1590 noted atop @ 1:38-1:58 w/crazy ET. Sunset Christmas Day 12/25 brought one new one in WTTT-1550 w/detailed s/off 4:28-4:30pm, no SSB. MM 12/29- WIBA-1310 TEST tried but not heard. WHJJ-920-TEST was heard well here. CHRL-910 loud in WRQC null w/FF announcer playing FF & EE pop mx 1:47-2:07. Who was the phantom tipster who called me at 1:45 w/news that WRKL-910 was testing w/rock mx & OC? I tried for 'em, but no luck. Thanks anyway! MM 1/5- WJSO-1590 is on 24 hour sked, noted 2:15-2:40 w/light rock & "EZ-16" WJSO IDs, few spots, u/WAKR. WETT left the air @ 2:00. WJSO is first report of the year. 990 was taken over by WNYR most of the morning. WHFB-1060 TEST was not heard in several checks between 1-3am. Next morning, Tues. 1/6 WLET-1420 tried again for second month in a row & no luck. Veries are back from WVNH-1110, WTTT-1550, WSWW-590 & WANA-1590-TEST. Best wishes for the new year!

UP TO HIS EARS IN TRF'S

HARRISON PIERCE REED III - 54 1/2 Milton Avenue - Amsterdam, NY - 12010
 Well guys, time for another Muse. In the "And another one bits the dust" department, I have two more automated messes to report to you all: WRCC in Farmington, CT, that good combination hit/oldies station, on 12/27, decided to adopt an automated Musak-type format. And as if that wasn't enough, next door to them on 900, semi-local WKAJ in Saratoga Springs decided to drop their live adult-contemporary format for an automated hit-sound format they call "Century 21". So, some more poor underpaid DJ's out of work, & two more bores on the dial. WUSS, Atlantic City, puts out 250w that sound like 5,000, & cover the channel solidly, so might just as well tune in on the pest; right? Well, Saturday after midnight, & Sunday after midnight, an out-of-sight blues/soul/jazz show that is a must-catch for anyone with nothing else shaking during those hours; check out 1490! Well...having nothing better to do I went radio-shopping, and came up with three different TRF's! So it looks as if my pocket radio is headed for at least partial retirement; however, so far, it out-performs all three TRF radios (none of which has been yet modified in any way, hi). A local jewelry store (of all places!) yielded a 1969-vintage (still new on the shelf, with the box gathering dust under the counter) RCA Victor "Globetrotter" TRF portable, by far the most selective, and the highest quality, of the three. Then, at a Radio Shack, I found two different TRF's: a 12-655, & a 12-656. The manager was totally unaware of the scramble for the 655's; he'd had this one in stock since they first appeared in 1975, and never sold it, nor even had an inquiry about it. The 656 was also his only; he was not about to stock up on a \$34.95 radio when the \$29.95 version had not even sold when it was on sale last year! So in any case, I got one of each, & have had a chance to compare them. To my surprise, I found the 656 superior in sound, & somewhat more sensitive than the 655. However, the 655 was at least as selective as my modified pocket radio, while the 656 was ridiculous in that regard! WCSS (local 1490) & WPTK (local 1540) had no open space between them! At least, on the pocket radio I had been hearing WITS & WKBW/WPOE between them during the day! So as to selectivity, the 656 looks like a real loser. It does have three IF transformers, I notice, as does my pocket radio; whereas my 655 has but two. In my travels I also came upon a superb TRF of 1962 vintage, a great heavy monster built by GE. Also, I am aware of Radio Shack's 1968 vintage TRF, the 12-675. If anyone has either & wants to sell, I am interested! I'm still preparing that bandscan & will get it in just as soon as I can. 73s.

DX AND LOCAL COLOR IN AMISH COUNTRY

RICH HARRISON - 325 East 80th Street - New York, NY - 10021
 The recent Veterans' Day holiday presented an opportunity for a four-day weekend trip, so I took off to Central Pennsylvania, operating out of a motel in Danville, PA. The area is not a big attraction for vacationers looking for night life, plush resorts or the luxury life. It is rich in local color, with the Susquehanna River (both forks), colorful small towns, the coal mining area and a sprinkling of Amish farmers in their horse-driven buggies. The small towns are particularly picturesque, tidy and each has an old hotel which offers well prepared, old American style meals at reasonable prices (how about Sunday dinner for two, with drinks and tip - \$15.50!) It is also a good area for AM, especially at this time of year. Its rolling terrain gives varied and inconsistent FM DX results. WBZ-1030 comes in quite loud as early as 3pm. WHCU-870 is audible all day. There was a strong Canadian orientation on this weekend. CKJD-1110 came in before 4pm & overrode WBT after dark unless the receiver (ICF-5900) were rotated to null it out. WCXI-1130 submerged WNEW before twilight. WJSA-1600, Jersey Shore, does not carry very far, but reached Danville with the Steelers FB game on Sunday afternoon. WHEN-620, WYIS-690, WBMD-750 put in good daytime signals. After dark reception included: WNDE-1260 CBEP-540, WFIR-960, WWJ-950, WQQW-1590, CJJD-1280, CKOC-1150, CKLY-910, WNOX-990, CKCY-920 (only once heard in my home in NYC), WCSC-1390. A very interesting example of local color is Mount Carmel, in the middle of the mining district. It is an extremely clean town, with an inordinate amount of churches, including several brightly colored Orthodox houses of worship that are architectural marvels. On Fall weekends, much of the town is bedecked with red, white, and gold banners draped over balconies and on front porches exhorting the high school FB team on to victory. Great Kodachrome country! Regards.

SURMOUNTS THE TVI

TIM KERFOOT - 189 Cedarvale Avenue - Apt. 505 - Toronto, Ont. - M4C 4K1 12/29/80
 A few new ones have been making it through in spite of the TVI. 12/14: Two newbies on 1310 QRMing each other, namely WTLB @ 6:35pm, giving way to WORC @ 6:45. 12/20: WNYX-990, 3:50-4:15pm, weak but nevertheless intelligible on the Superadio (inaudible on the TRF). 12/27: CKMG-1340 in with Réseaudes Laurentides ID @ 7:59pm, but gone shortly after. 12/29: I tried for WIBA-1310 TEST, not heard; only CKOY booming in like it was next door. There was a weak TT after 2am, no IDs. Best wishes to all NRCCers for a happy and healthy 1981, the year which will mark 20 years of interest in radio for me (though I did not really begin DXing until 1962). 73.

WILL WE BE SEEING YOUR MUSING IN NEXT WEEK'S DX NEWS? 700 MEMBERS HOPE SO!

KERMIT RINGS THOSE SOUTHERN BELLS!

KERMIT GEARY - R. D. 4 - Box 321 - Walnutport, PA - 18088 Jan. 6, 1981
 Conditions during December were so bad that they afforded excellent Auroral reception from the South. As a result, 21 additional reports were sent out since my last Musing, a total of 28 for the month. Dare I hope for a 50% response? The following reception was noted (underlined calls were reported): 12/8 - Unn CPAC-960 way o/CKWS 2-2:10am w/NX & C&W mx. 12/14 - WWIL-1490 & unn WRNB-1490 on AN sked between 1 & 3am; WQCC-1540 5:10-5:15pm s/off, IDING as "The Queen City's Christian Music Connection". 12/15 - WWIL-1490, WDUW-1490 & unn WFLB-1490 on AN sked between 2:25 & 3am. 12/17 - Unn WFIG-1290 on top from 5:50am until s/on of VVOW @ 5:58am; WSSJ-1310 4:56-5:34pm. 12/18 - WUFE-1260 5:02-5:31pm s/off w/GOS mx. 12/19 - With the Cuban shifted to 623kHz, unn WQBS-630 over all 12:45-1:10am. 6am found WKBW-1520 off the air, permitting reception of unn WGOR-1520 6:05-6:11am, WEXM-1520 in clear 7am s/on to 7:15, unn WARR-1520 7:15 s/on to 7:30, unn WCHE-1520 in clear 7:53am-4:45pm s/off, no WIBG noted, unn WTGR-1520 4:50-5:14pm s/off, & WNMT-1520 5-5:13pm w/off (WEXM & WNMT previously reported but not verified), & R. Columbia-1525 9:03-10:05pm. 12/20 - HJAW-1082 5:53-6:11am; WCCZ-1550 o/CBE w/B4w PSA 6:21-6:50am; R. Suta-tanza-1010 6:30-7:03pm, and YVIT-1360 "Catatumbo Internacional" on top 7:22-8:01pm. 12/21 - Unn WTLN-1520 5:20-5:30pm s/off. 12/22 - TGZ-1090 12:55-1:22am; unn WDLG-1520 @ 4:50pm. 12/23 - 4VRS-1170 o/WWVA/HJNW 9:36-10:54pm; R. Espectaculo-905 11:51pm-12:46am. 12/25 - unn WMOG-1490 on top 3-3:10am. 12/29 - WHJJ-920 o/WTTM 4:01-4:31 on DX TEST (also 5kHz sidebands on 915 & 925); WKAO-1510 on top 5:23-5:30pm s/off; and Radio 26-1220 o/HJFV "R. Vision" 5:43-6:10pm. CX are now back to blah. Veries (19) this season have been received from (letters): CKAN-1480, WLQV-1500, WMLB-1550, Getlinburg Info Radio-530 (5w!), WHGI-1050, WLDM-1570, WTJZ-1270, WCUB-980-TEST, WCII-1080, WPTH-740, KID774-1610 (10w), WKKO-1480, WUFE-1260, (Letters + CM:) WGWY-1390 including bumper sticker, WAKS-1460, WSSJ-1310 (w/1 & bumper sticker), WKKX-1430; (note) WKKW-1260. v/q- OBZ4N for report of 11/27/79. Good DX to all! (GREAT report, Kermit!-ERC)

HANK HOLDS HOT HAND ALSO!

HANK HOLBROOK - 7211 Chestnut Street - Chevy Chase, MD - 20015 Jan. 3, 1981
 I logged and reported 14 BCB stations in December as the LW beacon band has been flat or blotted out by an annoying buzz that at times has been noted as high as 30 mc/s! Reports out to the following, closing out 1980: 12/6 - WSBV-1560 VA 250w at time of reception. V/1 says they go to 2,500w at 9 am. Station commenced operations on 10/1/80, and is usually heard well here @ s/on o/WQXR. Then on 12/16 WCRV-1580 NJ 7:03-7:15am with nice signal. 12/23 - WFWC-1530 VA good o/WCTR with nice signal 9:16-9:41am. 12/24 - WQCC-1540 NC 5:05-5:15pm thru QRM. On Christmas Day WKIE-1540 VA briefly at s/on 7:15-7:17 when WDON covered them. 12/27 - WFMP-1580 Miss. 5:30-6pm fairly good. 12/28 - WLOP-1370 GA 5:25-5:50pm thru QRM for a fairly good report. Then I added SIX on the 29th (MM). I could not sleep & took sick leave! It was my first MM DX-ing in years and well worth it! Added were WMBF-1530 PA 1:25-1:45 on test, then WROD-1340 Fla. on test 1:50 to 2:15, the first out-of-town station added on 1340 since WSSC on 5/1/57 and WXYT NY on DX 12/16/62. 82 stations are QSLed on 1340. Next one was WVFC-1530 PA on test w/WCKY also on test, QRM, from 2:35 to 2:40am s/off. WPAD-1560 KY with fair signal on RS 2:55-3:20. Then in the eveing of the 29th, WTAB-1370 NC from 5:12 to 5:15pm s/off folo by WAZA-1360 GA from 5:36 to 5:39 & lost in QRM. On the 30th I added the last station for the year - WUNI-1410 Ala. with spotty reception from 5:54 to 6:10pm thru heavy QRM. One verie in since last report - KID774-1610 Gettysburg PA, 10w, very nice letter received. All band totals now are at 11,093 of which 2,428 are on BCB in 101countries. I'm off to a good start in January and will report 1981 stations in a couple of weeks. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

DELAY OF HIS TRIP MEANS MORE NEW DX INSTEAD

SIDNEY E. MARSHALL - 7224 Pam Drive - Millington, TN - 38053 Jan. 4, 1981
 An unexpected delay in some of my scheduled road trips has given me some time at the dials which has resulted in adding a few more new ones to my log! On 12/28, only a few hours after mailing my last Musing, KLUF-1420 TX, came in strong @ 6:50pm w/ID, station promo, and into mx before fading. Then my first newie of 1981 was logged on 1/2 @ 6:16pm with the full s/off of KBEM-1430, Ark., being heard right behind the s/off of semi-local WREE. I've been trying for this one off and on for many months! Then on 1/3 at 6:05pm WRFS-1050, Ala. boomed in with Ala.-Tenn. BKB, slot for station ID, and back to the game which was in its final minute. Station was on past s/off time! Also on 1/3 KLMO-1060, Colo. was in at 6:57pm w/AC NX, very clear, through their detailed s/off @ 7pm. With the good opening to the West their signal was like a local! I have at hand a brochure on the Sony ICF-55W which from reading it, gives the impression that it was designed for the BCB DXer! Needing a lighter receiver to take with me on trips I may part with the cash and get one when they are available. I must go for now, so will Muse again as my work sked permits time at the dials. With these latest new ones my station total now stands at 871 heard.

JOIN THE LIVING N.R.C. AND GET IN THE SWING OF SENDING IN MUSINGS!

URNS DOWN DJ JOB

PAUL R. MOUNT - 471 Emerson Avenue - Teaneck, NJ - 07666

Time to start out the New Year right with some Muses - I suppose that means I was wrong during my last four months of silence? (Definitely! -ERC) Recently I have been spending almost all of my spare time working on aircheck & mx tapes including two different music montages - one containing bits of all the singles out in 1980 that I can get on tape or record; the other has bits of MY top 1980 hits & that gets expensive because I've shopped around to find the records I need. Thus my time & money is going to music & recording instead of to DXing & buying more RXes like some people try to get me to do. But DXing has been done here & there, so let's go back to wherever I left off last Muse. MM 9/15- WMCA-570 off but the c/w was not wanted WKBN, but local WHN-1050 - I haven't mathematically figured that one out yet. PETER NOLAN visited via Boston Sept. 16, & I found my Wildwood Crest, NJ logs in the old Pattern Book. Phone call to ERC 9/21 but I didn't hear anything he did. UNID-1110, one or two stations, EZL, promo, CBS NX on the hour, 2:52am. Chasing a TT on 850, the QRM besides WHDH turned out to be badly needed KOA - I had heard about ten stations looking for Denver - now I get them without really trying. Report sent & verie received for State 37d heard & 35d verified. Format on KOA 3:10-4 was NX, WX for Denver & Boulder, then teletalk - DJ told his own experience working at KIMN; they start a call w/"Hello, you're on the air" then nice "Voice of the Rocky Mountain West" promo w/ID @ 4 for the tape library. More local nightmares in the form of WBNX-1380 appearing on 1180 w/REL when WHAM is on/off (WBNX-WADO=100; WADO=100=1180). With KOA in I hopefully called KOFI-MT but they were running Larry King. I did get another newie in WPAD-1560 w/AM 1560 WPAD slogan & c/w. A friend in Nelsonville OH sent word that the Nelsonville station (WYNO) is on, so I called them Sun. 9/26 for log/promo info and wound up talking to the owner who wanted me to send a resumé since I used to live there & mentioned that I missed working at a radio station. Format is c/w, NX at various times, he said, address Box 118, Nelsonville OH 45764 (1130 kHz, 250 D-1). Coverage given is line connecting Lancaster, New Lexington, Wilkesville, and past Athens. Randall Clark in Parkersburg WV was able to record them for me - very small town sound. I heard an ad for my former landlord's furniture store, & other ads for Athens - no Logan spots. My ex, no, not her, but WLGN is country after 6pm (1510, 98.3). As for WYNO's offer to talk, I decided to stay with Electronics in NJ rather than radio in Ohio. GEORGE GREENE visited over 10/4 weekend. We had a good time radio/record/tape shopping. Anyone interested in hearing either montage mentioned above send a cassette & I'll be glad to make a copy - especially if you put your local T-40 or album rock stations on the tape. 73 and Duty Now for the Future.

MORE CALL LETTER MEANINGS

TONY FITZHERBERT - 116 Devon Road - Chalfont, PA - 18914 1/7/81
Hi. From Bill Croghan, CE of KCEY, came a letter with more call meanings, & I have some, too, so here goes! WLOX serves Biloxi, WPAC served Patchogue, WCVF is the Campus Voice of Fredonia (Bill was there as CE in 1963), KVOR is the Voice of the Rodeo, KPIK stands for Pike's Peak, KQWYD IS found in WIDEfield, KDAV is owned by Pappy Davestone, KPUB is not in a pub, but is in Pueblo, KIMN originally was flagship of the Inter-Mountain Network, KLAQ serves Lakewood, KDEN is in Denver, KLDR was the Leader in Denver (but not in the ARB's!), KTLK is for the Format, KREX is owned by Rex Howell, KLOV is in Loveland. KBNO Denver is for "Buenc" it's an SS station. KCOL, KBOL, & KLMO serve Ft. Collins, Boulder, & Longmont respectively, KBCO is in Boulder County, KEPC serves El Paso Community College, KOMA is away out in Oklahoma and KTUR, now KCEY, was licensed to Turlock. Back East, WEOS is the Echo of the Senecas (Hobart College), WLQV is the First Love of Detroit; the "O" is in WLOV, GA. WAAM SERVES Ann Arbor, MI. WQIN covers Quinn County, WPAX spreads REL through Fairfax County, WVSC is the Voice of Somerset County, WERI is in Westerly, RI, WAMD covers Aberdeen, MD. WVOX is the Voice of the People, WVFR-850 someday in Ridgefield, CT maybe, will be the Voice of Fairfield Radio, WBYO-FM is in Boyertown, WENC covers Fayetteville, NC, WJSO broadcasts from Jonesboro, WHLN originates in Harlan, WVAR is for the format, but all I've heard is CWM, WNUUS, the format, WTMJ is owned by The Milwaukee Journal, WELM is up in Elmira, WAZL comes from the mountains of Hazleton, WPOW is the Power of the Word (for 5 1/2 hours a day in New York), WDRN (FM) served Darien, CT. WMAS, on a GY frequency, does not cover much of Massachusetts, WSME, WCME & WMME have referred to various areas of Maine, WNNH is in the Western part of NH, WNNH is the Voice of New Hampshire, (when on the air!), WINE...sounds nice. WILK & WTRY, both 980, both serve "The Great Northeast" from Wilkes-Barre and Troy, respectively, and WIMA is Porky Pig-ese for Lima, OH. DX and veries next time, although additional responsibilities are cutting into DX time. A happy, healthy, successful 1981 to all & best regards.

FOREIGN AIRMAIL RATES RISE

Provincetown Post Office folk inform me that it now costs 35¢ 1/2 ounce for airmail to Central and South America and the Islands, and 40¢ 1/2 ounce to Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. Airmail to Canada and Mexico remains the same as domestic rates, 15¢ an ounce. I found out by having two letters bounced back!

ONLY ONE LOCAL WITHIN 25 MILES!

WHEELER CONOVER - RR #8 - Box 344B - Manchester, KY - 40962 1/6/81
Hello to everyone in the NRC! At this moment in time I am awaiting the word on whether we go to school tomorrow or not, as it is a mess outside. I don't want to look at my report card, even though it is a good one! My local HS is so way out, it's pitiful. Now, on to what we're supposed to be here for, hi. As for STEVE MILLER's 1/5 Musing, I'd like to see him get five certificates! NASWA asks a dollar for theirs, which isn't worth it, SPEEDX asks that you contribute so much before you get a full member certificate from them, which you'd had better start at contributing soon if you want to vote in the BoD elections this July, and ASWLC doesn't even have an NMP, much less a certificate! That's the lowdown on that. As for my DX location, I have a good spot to DX--one station inside of 25 miles (WWXL-1450 which is a tame AC outfit), and no slopmakers. As for DX from this locale, I hope DAVE SCHMIDT will have it in his hands by the time this is out - 15 new stations from 12/29 -31. I used my fence for most of it, and it seems to do pretty well. Yes, as for the 1/5 column, that made me think back to one of my regional clubs, Southern DX Association. BRANDON JORDAN, I have some logs for you now at my home, so you should have a good column, and FRANK WHEELER, please write me sometime soon! This should be about it, so I'll tell you about my report card the next time, and whatever else that I can think of. Oh yes, if anyone wants to call me, call from 5-9pm ELT, no collects, and no cussing, or I'll hang up after I give a few words of prayer. No more 11pm calls! I'm gone now. 73 de EWC.

NORM IS A "B.S. MAN" - THE GOOD KIND!

NORM MEINHOLZ - 632 Howard Place #25 - Madison, WI - 53703 608-256-8297
With the weather not fit for Barthlings, (temperatures with teens for highs and windchills around -20 to -30) it's the perfect time to cuddle up with your favorite radio and DX to your heart's content! The first new station of 1981 to arrive at this shack was WFAA "News 57" from Dallas, TX on 1/6 @ 1:05am ELT. This brings my total to 458 stations heard in 36 states. Those still outstanding include: AK, AZ, DE, HI, ID, ME, MA, NV, NH, NJ, OR, RI, VT, WA. I'd appreciate hearing from any member in this area who has recently logged any of these states. My goal is to get at least one verie from each state, a job in itself! Other past DX includes: 12/23- WYNE-1150 w/mention of "Your place in the country", ABC NX, & 5,000w, & WVMI-570. 12/22- WXKI-1300. 12/21- XET-990 & XEQR-1030. 12/19- WRNL-910. 12/17- KELI-1430 & WRCO-1450. 12/16- CKLM-1570, WJPC-950, WQOL-1370. 12/15- WPMP-1580, WEYY-1580 & WAMW-1580. On 1/7 I taped a perfectly clear s/off in SS of XEMO-860 @ 3am ELT mentioning "Radio ochenta y seis, con los grandes la musica moderna para su diversion." Does anyone know what happened to Dick Price, the talk show host of KAAY-1090? Or for that matter, the show itself? It just shows how much I listen to that station, hi! I have a Jan. 1928 copy of White's Triple List if anyone would like a copy for the price of photocopying it. There's a lot of history in those 32 pages! On other issues, has anyone compiled a list of stations carrying Larry King? (No; I wish someone'd try! -ERC) As I type this, WTMJ-620 has just joined "The Sports Network", "Enterprise Radio" with Ira Melman & Jay Howard hosts of s sports talk show. The toll-free number to call is 800-243-8111. KLIF-1190 & KDIA-1310 are also mentioned as being members of "The nation's only 13 hour - seven days a week sports network". The future of AM Radio certainly seems to be with talk shows! Oh, I just picked up "Music Radio CKPT"-1420 from Peterborough, ON for \$459! Having just obtained a B.S. degree in anthropology, I'm lining up a job doing archaeology as soon as Spring arrives, if it ever does! So who knows where I'll end up DXing from next! Hoping the best in '81, peace, & 73's.

NOTHING IN THIS MUSING ABOUT DOOR KNOBS OR ANVILS

JERRY STARR - WSRD Radio - Youngstown, OH - 44505
A few things to report this time with a few days off to do some daylight listening. MM 12/29 yielded only one newie, WHJ TEST w/oud CIDs but none of the promised "mystery" letters. 1/1 found 5" of snow and WPAQ-740 absolutely killing CBL at NOON, WQCC-1540 (ex-WRPL) atop after local WNIO s/off 5:15 w/promo for the new call & Christian mx format, WXGR-1190 o/WOwO briefly w/several ads at 5:50. 1/3 brought new WBDY-1190 w/VA State Net @ 2:30 solo by Mutual Sports & C&W mx, simulcast with WRDY-FM. Both are in Bluefield but the AM is licensed to WV & the FM to VA. FM has been on since 1970. Not having to build studios, offices, etc. is probably why this got on so quickly, looks like it'll be a regular here w/10kw. Saddened to hear of JOE BRAUNER's passing, few members over the years gave as much to the NRC as Joe did & his efforts will be missed. His wife Marty has contacted several members about preserving his veries, etc. All of NORM MAGUIRE's collection is now here & we're in the process of sorting it now. Otherness: I know there are other NRCers who have collections of slides of station XRs, perhaps we could exchange lists of the pictures we have & trade slide copies for each other's collection. The duplicates could be made by a local lab, or I have the equipment here to duplicate slides. Anybody interested in this, send me a list of what you have & I'll return same. Does anybody have a good pix of the KXA-770 rooftop installation? Very few of these old LWS still exist. I have some good pix of the one still on the air at WSAJ-1340. 73 and good DX.

LOOK WHO'S HERE!

JOSEPH FELA - 150 Robert Place - South Plainfield, NJ - 07080

===== After a three years' absence from the Musings, I thought it was time to send in my two cents' worth. The new frequency check list is done and should have appeared by the time this Musing makes the bulletin. A few comments about this list. In terms of member support, this has to be the worst year, by far, ever, with less than a dozen members sending in information. However, on the other side of the coin, the number of f/c's, particularly those which can be heard in more than just a small region, are diminishing. In fact, it's getting to a point where I doubt if there will be any need for this list in a few years. Two cooperating monitoring companies are down to only two nighttime checks each (they measure the others during RS) and one of them, Northwest Monitoring, has been sold & will be moving (which could mean their remaining checks may also disappear). With the death this Summer of one of the principals of the company which does the KY checks, there has also been a shake-up there with virtually every KY check being changed this year, mostly for the worst (in terms of trying to DX the checks). And, of course, we still have a number of companies who will not cooperate with us. This year's reply from Commercial Monitoring states that they feel this information is confidential between them and the stations. If the station wants to divulge it, fine, but they won't. Commercial, of course, is one of the larger (largest?) companies. I do anticipate running an updater list in a few months; especially since a monitor who hasn't contributed in years did so this year (but took two months to answer). This info came a little too late for the list. In the meantime, the info will be sent in to DDXD. Not too much else to say. I'm also dabbling with a little AM DX this year (nothing too serious). If the noise level will ever quiet down, I still think there's a lot of good stuff to be heard at sunset. However my preference is still with FM at this point. Out of room - 73. (Joe, are there such things as f/c's by FM stations? -ERC) (Welcome back, Joel -ERC)

ANDY'S GOT A MYSTERY ON 900

ANDREW F. RUGG - 668 De Gaspe - Apt. 408 - Ile des Soeurs, PQ - H3E 1H9 VE2AQP
===== In December I spent a little time at the dials, but I didn't snag any new ones. There was a good opening to the central U.S. at SSS 12/6. WAVL dominated 910 from 4:02-4:12pm. That was the first time I'd ever heard them in Montreal. My 23/3/63 verie was from Waterloo, Ont. Around 4:20pm I also noted WIBC-1070, CKJD-1110 & WIMA-1150. WIMA was last logged in 1964. At 4:35 I heard a garbled promo announcement on 900 that sounded something like "Free WMIS Country 9 window sticker". Who was it? I have yet to log a U.S. station 900 at SSS. The best catch of the year was KLCN-910 from 4:56 to 5:05 way o/CHRL. I also verified them from Waterloo, in 1963. On 12/7, WJML topped 1110 at 4pm, after which CHOK-1070 was giving gears to semi-local WKDR. M 12/22 was a disappointing session. I had hoped to hear the widely-logged r/c's of both WMBT & WVFC-1530. Unfortunately, WCKY seems AN on MMs, a very recent development. (Those f/c's are on the Mon. after the LAST Sunday, Andy! -ERC) When I checked 1240 for ERC's unID FFC, semi-local CKBS was conspicuously absent. The mystery station must be someone else. For Ernie's info, my verie from CFIX-1170 was a PP/c, on which the signature is only partly legible. The name appears to be Rae Berex. Happy 1981!

A REAL COOL DX-PEDITION!

DON MOMAN - 6815 12 Avenue - Edmonton, Alta. - T6K 3J6 1/6/81
===== Hi everyone! This is my second Muse but I will try to do it more often in the future. I went on an ill-fated DX'pedition during the Christmas holidays. Of course we had to pick the night of the big solar disturbance. WWV had an A-index of 50 by the time we got all the beverages strung out! Only MW of interest was LV de Barranquilla on 760 so we turned to the SW tropical bands for comfort! They were in pretty good shape so the trip was not a total loss. Also we picked the coldest night for some time - it was about -25F! We were DXing in a tent which was pitched in an old barn. With about 25,000 BTU of heaters we were just able to survive! Floor temperature was about -10F, table top was about +30F & our heads were in the warm 70F air. Quite a differential! We had two R-7 Drakes and an FRG-7 which could not cope with the cold - it needed an electric heater on it to allow the USB and LSB oscillators to stay on their proper frequency! Next time we go we will try to pick better WX, both for temperature and DXing CX! If any of you NRCers out there are interested in joining an all-wave club I'd like to recommend the Canadian International DX Club. Naturally this has nothing to do with the fact that I recently got appointed to the post of executive secretary for CIDX! Write me for further info if you'd like. A special hello to BRIAN VERNON, thanks for the letter! Quite a DX location he has up there! I hope you all had a good holiday, good DX & 73s.

NANCY'S TOTAL IS INCREASING

NANCY HARDY - 2301 Pacific Avenue - Aberdeen, WA - 98520 1/8/81
===== A little bit of DX to report from the West. 12/1- KISD-860 (ex-KSHA) 7:33pm w/local NX, s/off 7:45pm, in good to very good. On 12/19 I decided to DX a bit before leaving for wlrk & heard KVGW-930 (ex-KQOT) 11:59am w/WX for the Yakima Valley. ID @ 11:59 & into NX; poor w/KSWB nulled. 12/22, I caught the new Myrtle Creek, OR station KROR-1360 s/off @ 7:46pm, mentioning

(Nancy Hardy, con'd.) 5kw power & *6am* s/on, poor through KMO. I heard nine new stations during 1980, to bring my grand total (from Aberdeen) to 700, from 40 states, five provinces, 19 countries. I'm finally catching up to Bill's totals, hi. 73 & 88.

AND GUESS WHO'S REPORT FOLLOWS NANCY'S?

BILL HARDY - 2301 Pacific Avenue - Aberdeen, WA - 98520 1/5/81
===== The only new December logging was Sun. 12/14 @ 10:10am, when KFLS was atop 1450 w/road conditions & WX for the Klamath Basin & Crater Lake areas, & a clear KFLS mention. I've wanted that station for years but they've always signed on later than my local KBKW-1450, & s/off sooner. Once during a KBKW power failure, I heard CBS NX that could have been KFLS, but it didn't ID so I didn't assume anything. It looks like KFLS is now on the air by 10am ELT Sundays, beating KBKW by 25 minutes. Now if I can just hear my other needed Oregon 1450, KLBW, before KBKW decides to go NSP, hi. This logging brings my grand total to five for 1980. This brings my grand total to five for 1980. However, I lost three loggings by deciding to count KKEY-1150, KBCH-1380, and KRGO-1550 as one station each. Previously, I had counted each twice because of changes in city of license. Henceforth, I'm only counting frequency changes of 5 kHz or more, plus call changes. So my net gain for 1980 was only two, putting my 1/1/81 heard totals at 766 from 40 states, five provinces, 20 countries. This situation is not likely to improve soon. My work sked sends me to sleep by 11pm local time, with only Sun. Tues. & holidays to sleep in. Hence, MM DX sessions are infrequent. My wide locals on 1320, 1450, & 1560 mutilate the band from 1200 up at SRS/SSS. Electrical noise in my neighborhood has creamed the band below 950 for 2+ years. What's more, aside from call changes and the like, there hasn't been that much to DX for which I haven't already heard. In short, I lack time, motivation, & a good DX location. But whatever little I do hear, I'll certainly report to DX NEWS! Since many of you mid-Westerners and Easterners need Oregon, you should know that KXL-750 is now fulltime. From sunset till 9am ELT they're supposed to be using lkw directional. Those who can null WSB might have a shot at KXL. Maybe you'll even get Alaska as a bonus if CX are right! I have some space left, so I'll comment on some recent Musings. Whoever asked about KOFI-1180 MT, they now have Larry King 12:06-5:30am w/SP MM 2:05-8am. ERC, I think fortune-telling is legal, but is not recommended per the voluntary & non-binding NAB Code. Yes, WLKK-1260 is on the latest NBC list; CBS went to WXYZ-1450. More next time, 73 & good DX to everybody.

OFF TO BERMUDA - ON WITH THE SHORTS!

202-966-8046

BILL TOWNSHEND - 4500 Connecticut Avenue NW #901 - Washington, DC - 20008 1/10
===== Despite several SSS sessions this week, no newbies were logged here. When it rains, it pours, hi. That's DXing for you, either drought or flood, hi. I bought a 12-656 TRF to use as a backup for the old 12-655 model (my dial cord is still in disrepair, so I'm eyeballing my measurements with another RX used as a reference). I'll be using the old rig in Bermuda next week since the midday results are better on it; the newer model has more splash from the local yokels and doesn't pick up the 400-600 mile range in midday. I like the status quo, I'm too good for change (sounds like Muhammad Ali, hi). I'm waiting for the Sony ICF-55W rig to come out in a few weeks; from what I read about it, I should get my bread's worth even at \$75. With four NRCers dying in 1980, may they find eternal rest at that great QTH in the sky. (Resquecat in Pace). I met RICHARD PISTEK at the ANARC Convention in Minneapolis in 6/79 & saw him again a month later while in Chicago for Naval Reserve Training. He was a great help in getting WJJD-1160 to QSL my midday reception in DC; otherwise the Devils in Hell would be playing ice hockey before the QSL came, hi.73s.

WHAT ABOUT WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY?

LYNN GILLIS - Box 105 - Bloomfield, KY - 40008 502-252-5069 1/6/81
===== Hi y'all. Long time no hear from me. I haven't Mused for a long time since I've had little time to DX & not much heard when I do. So rather than take up idle space, I've waited till I've had something to say. I'm now a sophomore at Nelson Co. High, & it takes up a lot of time - ball games Tuesday & Friday, Boy Scouts Monday, Church group Sunday. But now to my DXing. My rig is a golden oldie SP-600, & a spiral loop, w/a tape recorder thrown in. My good stuff has been from Latin-wave during AU CX. During December, I heard the Dominican Republic, Surinam & El Salvador (1160, 725, & 655) in one night (Dec. 4). Then I heard Haiti-1035 on the 14th. I had a rotten New Year's Day - all my teams lost. Congrats to Georgia fans, anyway. Since Kentucky beat the Dawgs in BKB, I'm happy. We never claimed to have any kind of FB team, hi. Back to DX-type: Welcome to the NRC, WHEELER CONOVER, who told me of his joining in his last letter. Keep up the good work at the LPC and the various column editors. BULL BERGADANO, for "number one" in your column, try a small "1" instead of a capital "I". I'll send my GY stuff in as soon as I can beat a record, hi. That's about all I've got from here. More as it happens. I like the new pica type. (Thank you, Lynn - you're the first to say so! -ERC)

COME ON, GANG - LET'S SEE SOME MORE ACTION IN THIS SECTION! DEADLINES MONDAYS.

NO WONDER THIS GUY 'BATS LAST' - HE'S A .250 HITTER!

ERNIE COOPER - 5 Anthony Street - Provincetown, MA - 02657 617-487-9337
No AM & one FM verie this week to bring the latter count to 82.
First, three corrections to my Cocoa Beach band-scan. I had the "wrong Titusville" in mind - 'twas of course not WTV-1060 which was local there, but rather WAMT. The 930 in Haines City is WPKY, not WHAN, and the 600 Jacksonville is WAIV, and not WPDQ. Then in the v/s list in the 1/12 DX NEWS, my v/lm from 4VRD should be 1080 kc/s. & not 1060, and the 4VCPS-985, credited to me, ain't mine, hi. I wish it was! Another observation of Florida I noted is that you virtually NEVER see anybody walking anywhere! The streets look like parts of ghost towns! OK, enough hilarity; on to DX. The DX Week does not end on Monday, so: Wed. 1/7- Unn WQOK-1440 noted echoing w/WFTQ as both carried the Ac NX @ 12:58am tune-in. The two-station net of CKRB 1460 & CIRB-1240 has grown to at least three with the addition of CHGB-1310; they s/off anywhere from 1:02 to 1:20am Tues-Sun. Unn WUTQ-1550 was ETING w/mx @ 1:20am, and an unID TTer kept 1490 hot all morning, anybody find out who this was? 1/8- WCPM-1280 on r/c-TT 1:01-1:08 only; 'tis the Thursday after the first Wednesday, note. An "Emsora" somebody on 1010 in WINS' nullpoint, but otherwise unIDed - 'tis one of the "quiet ones". 1/9- Seldom-heard unn WOLF-1490 was on top w/rr & F DJ @ 1:03am. Somebody having a "TT party" on 1530 1:08-1:24, no announcements heard. Back on 1490 @ 2:55, an ID that sounded like "This is WJSV (?)...1,000w.....town." It maketh sense not to me. Sat. 1/10- CKOY, WSSJ & an unID rr rolling around together on 1310, 1:23. A TTer was doing its thing on 1370 @ 2:06, naught else today. MM 1/12- The BIG TEST morn was not-so-hotsky, as they say in Russia, as I batted .250, logging only WCSM-1350 u/WZIX/WSLR, w/WNIS/WHWH off, 12:30-1:00 with plenty of welcome CIDs, two VIDs heard too. Thanks for this fine TEST, ERAD LOVETT! WHN-1050 was off today, nothing new noted there. I had written to WGY-810 relative to a stand-by for WDMF; it didn't happen & they didn't reply. Wonder what ever happened to common courtesy? WBSM-1420 was off some of the morning, maybe they've switched to MM SPs. Who was the all-AM TTer on 1450? And/or the DT one on 980 at 3am & on? Tues. 1/13- Back to 1450 & more TT today but weaker, & likely a different bloke. Unn R. Clarin-860 was on AN sked o/the Cuban Minute Man. I noted a very weak SS on 864 @ 2:31, but I could not get enough volume to even hope for an ID. Then on 1590, two testers u/WQQW/WAKR with their echoing L. King Thing - one with TTs & OC; the other w/Mor & OC. No IDs from either were noted, did anybody else fare better? Finl. C U N 7.

A COUPLE OF REPORTS OUT

STAN MORSS - Route 3 - Bradford, MA - 01830
1/5- Trying to ID a CBS on 1080 w/BFL mx @ 4am w/WTIC off the air, when R. Barcelona put on @ 3:07 or so & took my ears off - so a report to them. Was WVCG the BFL? I didn't realize they had gone CBS. KRLD heard earlier. Nothing else this AM new - I did note OC on 1310 & TT on 1340, no IDs. 1/8- WJBR nicely on top @ 5pm s/off - tough to get a report as no ads, just non-stop mx before s/off so a tape of s/off was sent. Keep warm!

M O T H B A L L M E M O R I E S

CHAPTER CLX - "THE FIRST WJAR-FM" -by PETER E. HUNN
Anyone who has noted the recent Providence, RI radio dial shifts (WJAR (AM) to WHJJ, WRML (FM) to WSNE (FM), etc.) knows that said transition is one of the most interesting AM/FM shell games in present day broadcast history. However, did you know that had FM, during the early 1950's, shown the level of prosperity that it began to develop by the early 1970's, there would have been no need for "Little Rhody's RF Switcheroo."

In June 1947, the owner of WJAR (AM) and the Outlet Store, one of New England's largest retailers, was granted a construction permit for the purpose of building a new 20kw FM broadcast station in Providence, at 95.5 mc/s on the dial. The station began operation during May 1948. WJAR-FM, as it was called, simulcast the programs of its sister AM facility, & transmitted from a tower in nearby Rehoboth, Mass. In 1949, the Rehoboth site became the locale for the (then) Ch. 11 WJAR-TV XR.

As Rhode Island's only TV station (1949-1959), WJAR-TV had a captive audience, and its owner was in a good position to reap a respectable fiscal reward (as was also the case with its popular AM station WJAR).

Perhaps you know that the period of 1953-1956 was not a good one for FM. Many stations, suffering from a lack of separate (from AM) programming, small audiences, and almost no revenue, had to cease operation altogether. This was the case at WJAR-FM.

(Parenthetically speaking, while working as an announcer at WJAR (AM) in 1973, I was told by a WJAR/WJAR-TV engineer, the following WJAR-FM tale)

"In late 1952, the WJAR-FM XR went on the blink. Upon receiving an estimate of repair time, a WJAR management official instructed the station receptionist to tell any inquisitive WJAR-FM telephone callers that "we're sorry for the inconvenience of interruption in FM service. WJAR-FM will be back on the air in a few days."

WE'LL PICK THIS STORY UP AT THIS POINT NEXT WEEK!
This is everything received through Tuesday, 1/13/81. We have two more months of weekly DX NEWSes. Can't we count on some more of you to help make their Musings sections something to be remembered all Summer? Join the Living NRC!

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Underlined means this was a previous holdout for one of our members. v= personal visit to station. Please give frequency as well as call letters when sending in your v/s. Next column will feature holdouts so please send the in soon. CONTRIBUTORS TO THE COLUMN!!!!!!! HH= Hank Holbrook JS= Jerry Starr SF= Steve Francis ERC=ERC U= John Clemmer U= Unsigned JF= Jeff Falconer WH= Da Ed BR= Bill Regan PM= Pete McClure SP= Steve Ponder PM= Karl Jeter JF= Ray Arruda PM= Niel Zank

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