

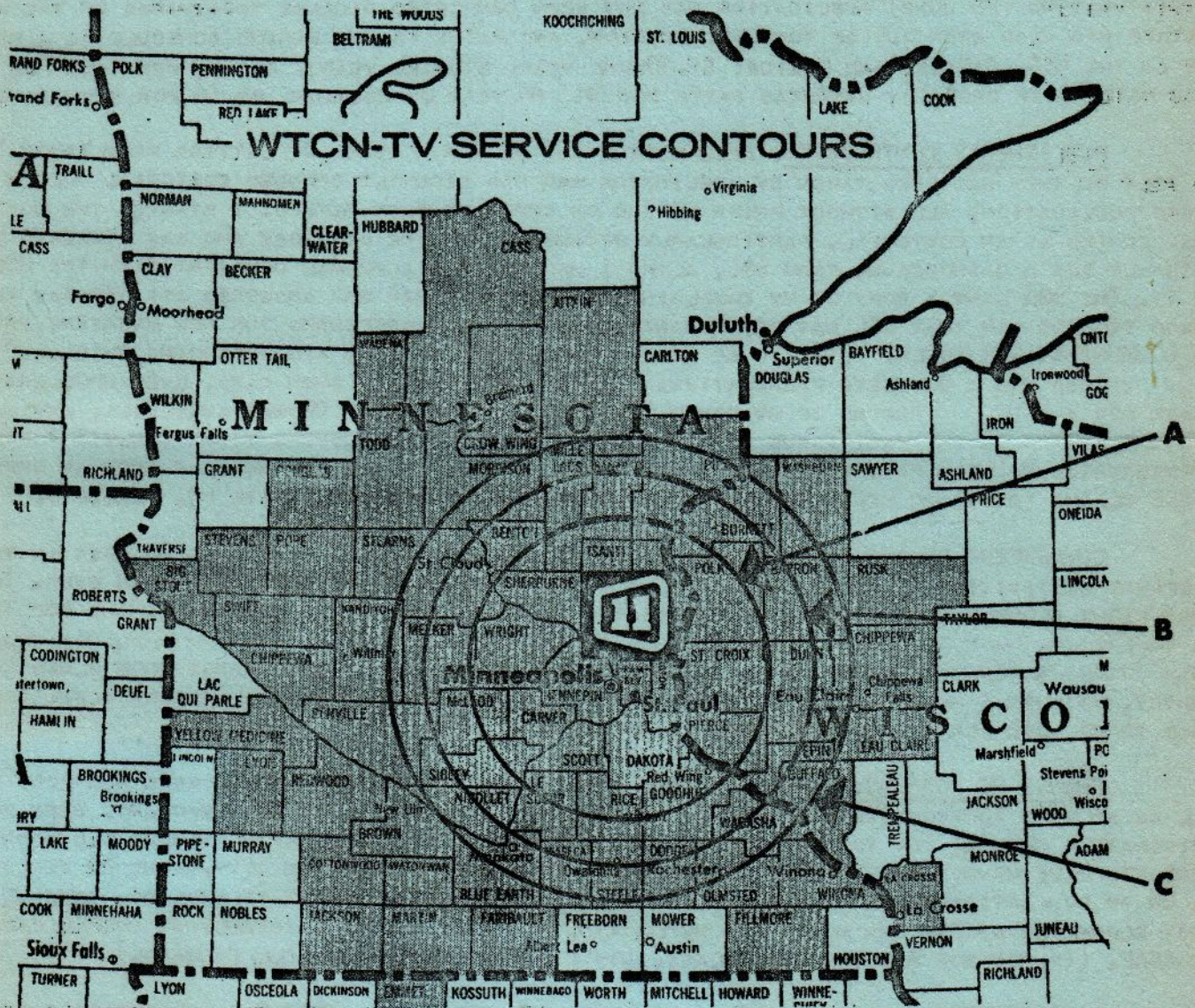
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JULY

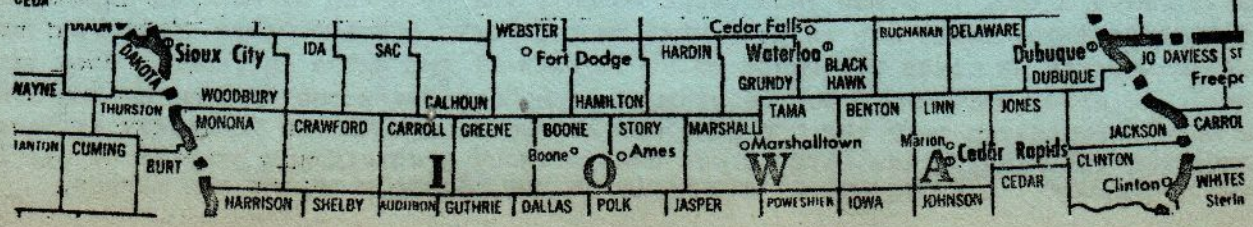
1971



1971....A SIGNAL YEAR FOR WTCN-11, the independent that grows with the Upper Midwest. In September, 1971, a new 1375 foot tower at Shoreview, in suburban Ramsey county.



PRE-CONVENTION ISSUE



Headquarters

TRAVELLING HAS CAUSED SOME PROBLEMS WITH VUD COLUMNS. LAST MONTH, THE FCC-FM EDITOR CHUCK DOBBINS WAS CALLED AWAY SUDDENLY TO OREGON AND WASN'T ABLE TO SUBMIT HIS COLUMN FOR THE JUNE VUD. THIS MONTH, DAVE POMEROY WAS COMING TO MILWAUKEE TO A CONVENTION AND BROUGHT ALONG HIS COLUMN TO DELIVER IN PERSON, BUT HIS SUITCASE DISAPPEARED--THE COLUMN AND LETTERS WITH IT. SO IF YOU WROTE DAVE FOR THE JULY VUD, WRITE AGAIN BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE YOUR LETTER ANY MORE.

OTHER MOVES INCLUDE PAT DYER MOVING SUDDENLY TO COLORADO AND LETTERS RECEIVED AT SAN ANTONIO AFTER JUNE 8TH WILL NOT BE IN THIS MONTH'S COLUMN. HE INDICATES GLENN HAUSER MAY AGAIN MOVE, TOO. AND OF COURSE DENNIS SMITH HAS MOVED BACK HOME TO WASCO FROM CHICO STATE IN CALIFORNIA.

BE SURE TO NOTE THAT MEMBERSHIP RATES WENT UP EFFECTIVE 16 MAY, (THE DATE OF THE POSTAGE RATES INCREASE), AND THAT TWO YEAR RENEWALS RECEIVE AUTOMATICALLY THE NEW "BASIC COURSE" IN DXING WE HAVE PREPARED. ALL NEW MEMBERS FOR ONE YEAR OR MORE RECEIVE IT AS WELL. AT THIS WRITING (20 JUNE) PUBLICATION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED BECAUSE TWO-THIRDS OF THE MILW HQ STAFF HAS ALSO BEEN OUT OF TOWN ON VACATION, AND WE'VE FALLEN BEHIND SCHEDULE AS A RESULT. DUES IN THE USA, CANADA, AND MEXICO: \$5.50-ONE YEAR, \$10-TWO YEARS. ADD \$3 PER YEAR FOR FIRST CLASS MAILING IF DESIRED. OVERSEAS RATES NOW \$4 PER YEAR OS EDITION, OR \$6 FOR REGULAR VUD.

PUBLISHER'S CONTROVERSY: A FEW MONTHS AGO WE RAN A BUNCH OF LETTERS FROM IRATE DXERS WHO FELT WE/THEY HAD BEEN TAKEN BY PUBLISHERS WHO HAD RECENTLY CHANGED EDITORIAL POLICY OR CEASED PUBLICATION, ALL WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE OR OFFER OF CASH REFUND. I STARTED THE CONTROVERSY SERIES AS AN EDITORIAL, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE I WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO WAS "TAKEN." WELL I FINALLY GOT A CASH REFUND FROM S&E, ALTHO I HAD TO FILE A FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH THE BBB TO GET IT. THE BBB SENT A COPY OF MY COMPLAINT TO THE PUBLISHER WHO ANSWERED IT: "HE WAS SENT A CARD TELLING HIM THAT S&E WAS BEING CANCELLED AND IF HE PREFERRED OUR NEW MAGAZINE ENTITLED COMMUNICATIONS WORLD. WE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING FROM HIM REGARDING THIS...."

THIS WAS A COMPLETE FABRICATION. I NEVER RECEIVED ANY SUCH CARD, EVEN UPON WRITING TO ASK FOR A REFUND OF MY MONEY. IF SUCH A TURNOVER TO CW WAS AVAILABLE, WHY WAS THIS NOT STATED IN THE LAST ISSUE OF S&E WHICH ANNOUNCED CHANGEOVERS TO EE (ONLY)? I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO HEAR FROM OTHER S&E SUBSCRIBERS WHO DID OR DID NOT RECEIVE SUCH AN OFFER AS S&E CLAIMS THEY GAVE ME--A CHANGEOVER TO COMMUNICATIONS WORLD. WRITE HQ, FERDIE D.

SUMMERFEST BEGINS IN MILWAUKEE SOON, SO WHY NOT COME TO VISIT HQ AND JOIN IN THE LAKEFRONT FESTIVITIES AS WELL? JULY 16-25 ARE THE DATES, BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER. THE FIRST NIGHT ALONE WILL FEATURE JOSE FELICIANO, JUDY COLLINS, DAVID STEINBERG. THE ACE TRUCKING Co., BOBBY SHERMAN, WOODY HERMAN, B. B. KING, DELLA REESE, DOC SEVERINSEN, THE ASSN., LITTLE RICHARD, BLOOD SWEAT & TEARS, JACKSON 5, ETC ETC... MUSIC WILL RANGE FROM BLUES TO COUNTRY, SO WHEN I HEARD JEANIE C. RILEY (AND ROY CLARK, RAY PRICE,) WILL APPEAR ALSO, I DECIDED TO GO DOWN FOR A LOOK-SEE; (JEANIE C. TURNS ME ON).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: WHEN YOU SEND ONE, IT WUD BE HELPFUL IF YOU KNOW HOW LONG YOU WILL BE AT THAT ADDRESS (IF TEMPORARY), OR AT LEAST INDICATE IF IT IS TEMPORARY. WHEN YOU ANTICIPATE A CHANGE, TRY TO STOP SENDING OF YOUR VUD IF IT WILL ARRIVE AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS AFTER YOU HAVE MOVED; THIRD CLASS IS FORWARDED ONLY WITHIN THE SAME CITY, IF THE PO FEELS LIKE IT. OR IF YOU ANTICIPATE A CHANGE AND DON'T KNOW JUST WHEN OR WHERE IT WILL BE, SEND HQ THE FIRST CLASS FEE AT 25¢ PER MONTH AND WE'LL MAIL IT FIRST CLASS SPECIALLY SO YOU'LL GET THE VUD ASAP. (IF YOU NOW GET IT FIRST CLASS, DON'T WORRY; UNCLE SAM WILL FORWARD.)

MIND READERS: NO, WE AREN'T--BUT SOME PEOPLE THINK WE ARE. ODD AMOUNTS OF MONEY ARE SOMETIME RECEIVED AT HQ WITHOUT AN EXPLANATION OF WHAT THEY ARE FOR. IF YOU DON'T SPELL IT OUT, WE'LL USE OUR OWN DISCRETION, WHICH MAY NOT BE IN AGREEMENT WITH YOUR WISHES. THE USUAL FEES RECEIVED ARE: \$5.50 OR \$10 FOR ONE OR TWO YEARS THIRD CLASS; \$8.50 OR \$16 FOR ONE OR TWO YEARS FIRST CLASS. IF OTHER THAN THESE AMOUNTS ARE RECEIVED WITHOUT EXPLANATION, WE USE OUR OWN DISCRETION. SOMETIMES WE RECOMMEND THAT SOMEONE SENDING FIRST CLASS FEE TAKE 3RD CLASS INSTEAD BECAUSE HE LIVES TOO CLOSE TO HQ TO WARRANT THE EXTRA FEE (UNLESS MAIL SERVICE IN HIS AREA PARTICULARLY BAD.) BUT WE USUALLY DO SO ONLY WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MEMBER, UNLESS HE HASN'T INDICATED WHAT THE FEE WAS FOR ANYHOW. (SOME OF THE PUBLICITY WE HAVE RECEIVED SPECIFIED OUR FIRST CLASS RATE AS OUR DUES WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY STATING IT WAS A 1ST CLASS RATE. THEREFORE I USE DISCRETION DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION OF THE NEW MEMBER.

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MAILBAG



Coming around the first turn and headin' for summer and the home stretch of another DX season. It's time for another peak into the mailbag. This month the postman tells us that we have a number of recent new members:

John F. Pinckney, 2903 School St., Alexandria, Va. 22303
Mike D. Coffey, Box 103, Randolph AFB, Texas 78148
Leslie F. Price, 1710 Church St., Wilmington, N.C. 28401
Paul C. Gunn, 1396 Fourth St., Aurora, Ill. 60533
Herbert Sivula, 149 N.E. 26th St., Jenatchee, Wash. 98801
T.L. Tauchen, 153 Hemlock St., Park Forest, Ill. 60466
James Pizzi, 300 Park, Orcutt, Calif. 93454 (welcome back) 2 yrs.
James Brann, Glen Heights, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514 - 2 yrs.
Dennis Heiskanen, 378 Erie St., Postal Station P, Thunder Bay, Ont.
Roy D. Horsley Jr., Route #1, Steele, Ala. 35937

Thanks to Glenn Hauser's recent TV DX article in "How To Listen To The World" James Brann has hitched a ride on our bandwagon for two years. Jim is truly a man of the road as he is a truck driver for overnite transportation. His main interest is TV DX for which he has had a liking for many years. All that time away from the receiver, however, tends to discourage keeping a log. So Jim is content to follow the action on TV as well as on his secondary bands (shortwave and medium wave).

Frank Merrill sends word from his new residence in Toledo "I'll probably be at the convention if its within 700 miles of Toledo, which would roughly take in Hartford, Tidewater area, Atlanta, Memphis, Kansas City and all spots between. (Guess you are sincere about coming - hi) Since it will be after June, no other plans should upset." (Hope to see you there Frank - along with about 200 hundred others from WTFDA!)

Roy Barstow sends a quick note informing us that he has moved out from under the shadow of the Boston TV towers. His new place is 70 miles from Boston with the nearest TV being WTEV-6 at 30 miles. Obviously Roy's DX is going to improve with this new location bonus!

An interesting note received from Ken Jennings of station KUHF (FM) in Houston. He says "I'm the host of the only current FM, and possibly the only DX show on radio. As yet, 'Dxing Today' has no FM or TV DX, and I am thinking of including some in the show. I was wondering if you could help me get started into the types of UHF-VHF DX there are and what can be heard". Ken invites anyone passing by to stop in and see the station. Any of you who have ideas be sure to let Ken know. By the way the show airs at 6:45 - 7:15 P.M. CST on KUHF (FM) 88.7 for all you skip chasers who'd like to hear your reports make the air.

A wide variation in DX reports continues to be coming in from the four corners of the United States and Canada. Some have reported a fairly good early season. Numerous others feel this season thusfar is one of the worst on record. The midwest has been especially disappointing - perhaps because of the prolonged cold weather during the spring. Cheer up gang. Things can change in a hurry!

To repeat: This column is still looking for a qualified and enthusiastic editor. For those interested in compiling the mailbag column each month (or any other column for that matter) please drop HQ a quick card.

73's for July

***** WTFDA CONVENTION '71 *****

FUN & GAMES & LOTS OF DX RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THRILLING MID-MICHIGAN (WOULD I LIE?)

OK, so East Lansing may not be the heart of happy activity...but a small area within this sleepy college metropolis in Central lower Michigan will ABOUND with glad times during the third annual WTFDA convention. The dates to remember are August 13-14-and 15, 1971. The host (graciously assuming the role following the HIGHLY successful job done by super DXer Bob Seybold in 1970) is Roger (I print 'em as they're reported) Brown, would-be farm broadcaster and editor of the Central DX column.

Again this year, the program is not complete...but we promise enough activity to warm any TV, FM or what-have-you DXers heart and very SOUL. Besides discussions and demonstrations, there will be as usual a lot of "shooting the bull" with people like yourself...and for some DXers, this is a rare opportunity to meet fellow DXers.

Again, there will be reams of literature and fact sheets from North American TV-FM antenna and equipment manufacturers. Hopefully there will be prizes and goodies for all!

The cost will be moderate, as usual. The convention site will be the University Inn motel...their rates are \$11 for single or \$16 for double occupancy. The convention registration fee is \$10, which includes a Saturday night picnic, good-old-refreshments and other convention expenses.

Finally, there will be an opportunity to DX...and you're welcome to bring equipment for a session at your hosts DX den.

How does one find this mecca of DXing joy? Simple. The motel is located on the North side of Trowbridge Rd., about 1000 feet off US-127 North, at the East Lansing city limits. I-96 passes just South of Lansing and East Lansing. If you're coming from the Southeast or East, take I-696 and I-96 from Detroit or US-23 and I-96 from Toledo. From the South and SW, take I-69 to US-27 to I-96 from the Indiana line, or (for Chicago-Milwaukee and points West), I-94 to I-69 to US-27 to I-96. Everyone should look for the US-127, East Lansing exit off I-96 (NORTH). If you're by some chance coming from the North (down US-27) go South to Saginaw Ave., West on Saginaw (in Lansing) to US-127 (at the WJIM-TV studios), to Trowbridge. If arriving from Flint and East on M-78, you'll eventually cross the North end of US-127. Again, go South to Trowbridge.

Hey, conventions are a blast! This is your HOSTS first WTFDA gathering too...so come share the good times. SEE YOU THERE!

Oh...one more thing. Please use the handy-dandy registration form. Thanks!

OTHER CONVTS.

THE IRCA CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN TOLEDO AT THE TOWN HOUSE MOTEL AUGUST 20-22. WE PRESUME THIS WILL BE OPEN TO ALL DXERS SINCE IRCA OFFERED TO HOST THE ANARC CONVENTION AT THE SAME SIGHT. REGISTRATION: PROBABLY LESS THAN \$8. ROOM RATES AND OTHER INFO ON REQUEST FROM DON ERICKSON, 6059 ESSEX ST., RIVERSIDE, CA 92504. CLUB IS BOB ONLY.

THE NRC CONVENTION (ALSO BOB ONLY) WILL BE HELD LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN SAN FRANCISCO. FOR FURTHER INFO WRITE NRC, BOX 99, CAMBRIDGE, MASS. 02138, (PHIL SULLIVAN).

THE NMRC CONVENTION IS OVER ALREADY, SO YOU MISSED IT. AREN'T YOU SORRY NOW?

THE ANARC CONVENTION WILL BE HELD JULY 23-25 IN INDIANAPOLIS, AT THE HOLIDAY INN AT THE AIRPORT. MORE INFO LATER.

ABBREVIATION LIST, Continued

HKY	ice hockey
HP	Horizontal polarization
HQ	headquarters
HV	high voltage
HVY	heavy (fading, for example)
HZ	hertz (replaces CPS)
ID	identification
IF	intermediate frequency
IHTP	Indian head test pattern
IPA	Interdigital Preamplifier
JFD	television receiving equipment manu.
JFET	junction field effect transistor
KHZ	kilohertz (1000 hertz)
KV	kilovolt (1000 volts)
KW	kilowatt (1000 watts)
L	inductance; local (station)
LA	Latin America
LB	low band TV (channel 2 to 6, 54 to 88 MHZ)
LC	inductance/capacitance
LF	low frequency
LGG	logged (received)
LGGN	logged, new station
LGGU	logged, not new
LOG	written record of reception
LP	log periodic (antenna)
LPV	log periodic, elements veed
LPY	log periodic yagi
LS	lightning scatter
LV	low voltage
MA	milliampere (0.001 amps)
MANU	manufacturer
MAX	maximum
MIN	minimum
MB	Marine Band
MF	microfarad (0.000001 farads)
MIHTP	modified Indian head test pattern
MS	meteor scatter
MUF	maximum useable frequency (highest frequency skip reaches)
MW	medium wave
MX	music
ND	news director
NF	noise figure
NSP	no silent period
NX	news
OL	overload
OO	owned and operated
OP	operated
P	pentode tube
PA	public affairs (program or spot)
PAD	nonadjustable attenuator
PB	police band
PC	printed circuit
PD	program director
PF	picofarad (micro-micro farad)
PH	photographed
PING	short meteor burst under one second, no useful info
PM	afternoon, before midnight; program manager
PO	post office

PO/A	post amplifier		
PP	postpaid		
PR	public relations		
PR/A	preamplifier		
PROMO	promotional announcement		
PSA	public service announcement		
PSB	public service band		
PWR	power		
R	resistor; resistance		
RAMS	random meteor scatter (non shower)		
RC	radio control; resistance/capacitance; resolution chart		
RCA	Radio Corp. of America		
RCVR, RX	receiver		
RE	rabbit ears		
REB	rebroadcast		
REC	record		
RF	radio frequency		
RFC	RF choke		
RL, RLY	relay		
RR	rock and roll music		
RTMA	Radio Manu. Association test pattern		
RTTY	radioteletype		
S	signal		
SB	side band; station break; super burst (2 second or more)		
SCA	subcarrier		
SCB	split color bars		
SCR	silicon controlled rectifier (correct term is THYRISTOR)		
SHR	shower (meteor)		
SIL	silent		
SK	Standard Kollsman (tuner manu.)		
S/ON	sign on		
S/OFF	sign off		
SPKR	speaker		
SS	Spanish speaking		
STL	studio transmitter link		
STN	station		
STRIP	row of electronic circuits such as IF strip (slang)		
SW	short wave; switch		
SWR	standing wave ratio	VTR	video tape recorder
T	tube, triode	VUD	VHF/UHF Digest
TD	taped	WK	weak
TE	transequatorial skip	WTFDA	Worldwide TV FM DX Association
TE/ES	transequatorial E skip	WTP	wedge test pattern
TFMR	transformer	WX	weather
T-LINE	transmission line	Y	yagi antenna
T/ON	transmitter on		
T/OFF	transmitter off		
TP	test pattern		
TROPS, TROPO	tropospheric DX		
TT	test tone		
TV	television		
TVI	television interference		
TWR	tower		
TX	television		
T40	top 40 (music format)		
U, UHF	Ultra-high frequency television (U.S. channel 14-83, 470 to 890 MHZ)		
V	video		
VCI	video carrier injection		
VERIE	station verification		
VHF	very high frequency (US channels 2 to 13, 54 to 216 MHZ)		
VFD	verified		
VT	video tape		

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NEW STATIONS

INITIAL APPLICATIONS

Cedar Rapids, IA. Stereo Beam Corp. seeks 102.9 100 kw. AAT 667 ft.
 Crookston, MN. University of Minnesota Tech. College seeks 89.3 10w. AAT 130 ft.
 Elizabeth City, NC. Love Bdcstg seeks 93.7 100 kw. AAT 363 ft.
 Ellisville, MS. South Jones Bdcstg Inc. seeks 102.3 3 kw. AAT 298 ft.
 Georgetown, SC. Winyah Bay Bdcstg Co. seeks 97.7 100 kw. AAT 202 ft.
 Goldsboro, NC. Southern Radio & Television Corp. seeks 102.3 3 kw. AAT 213 ft.
 Hershey, PA. South Central Educ. Bdcstg Council seeks 89.5 15.5 kw. AAT 820 ft.
 Jefferson City, MO. Lincoln University seeks 88.9 40 kw. AAT 73 ft.
 Ladysmith, WI. Stewards of Sound Radio Co. seeks 92.9 100 kw. AAT 700 ft.
 Moberly, MO. Moberly Bd. of ED. seeks 90.1 10w. AAT 40 ft.
 Palatka, FL. Morris Bdcstg Co. seeks 99.9 100 kw. AAT 500 ft.
 Pikeville, KY. Pikeville College Inc. seeks 90.7 1 kw. AAT 1385 ft.
 Rensselaer, NY. New People Comm. Inc. seeks 103.9 3 kw. AAT 82 ft.
 Sheboygan, WI. Joint City School District #1 seeks 91.7 10w. AAT 104 ft.
 Thief River Falls, MN. Area Vocational-Technical School Dist. #564 seeks 89.5 10w. AAT 100 ft.
 Vernon, TX. KVWC Inc. seeks 102.3 6.48w. AAT 337 ft.
 Winner, SD. Midwest Radio Corp. seeks 93.7 100 kw. AAT 548 ft.

FINAL ACTIONS

Corvallis, OR. KLOO Inc. gtd 106.1 27.7 kw. AAT -87 ft.

AUTHORIZED STARTS

Boulder, CO. KEUL(FM) on 94.7 TPO 10w. AAT 180 ft.
 Eufaula, AL. WJLA-FM on 92.7 TPO 2.3 kw.
 Greencastle, PA. WKSL(FM) on 94.3 ERP 170 kw. AAT 360 ft.
 Los Angeles, CA. KWST(FM) on 105.9 ERP 72 kw. AAT 730 ft.
 Manhattan, KS *KSDB-FM on 88.1 TPO 10w.
 Morehead, KY. WNKY-FM on 90.3 TPO 19 kw. AAT 510 ft.
 Oceanside, CA. KUDE-FM on 102.1 ERP 10kw. AAT 950 ft.
 Pittsburgh, PA. WKJF-FM on 93.7 TPO 17.5kw. AAT 550 ft.
 Santa Rosa, CA. KZST(FM) on 100.1 ERP 3 kw. AAT 240 ft.
 Stockton, CA. KSJC-FM on 89.5 TPO 10w.
 Wesson, MS. WWCL(FM) on 91.1 TPO 10w.

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CALL LETTER APPLICATIONS

Corvallis, OR. KLOO Inc. req KLOO-FM
 Georgetown, TX. Georgetown Bdcstg Co. req KGTN-FM
 Houston, TX. Wm. M. Rice Univ. req *KTRU(FM)
 Lebanon, OR. C.T. Isley req KOMS(FM)
 Louisville, GA. Peach Bdcstg Co. req WPEN-FM
 Martin, TN. Univ. of Tenn. req *WUTM(FM)
 Memphis, TN. Memphis Comm. TV ASSOC. req *WKNO-
 Nashville, TN. Vanderbilt Stud. Comm. req *WRVU(
 Pasco, WA. Riverview Bap. Christ. Sch. req *KOLU(
 Warrenton, VA. Intl. Bdcstg Corp. req WXBB(FM)

CALL LETTER ACTIONS

Cedar Rapids, IA. Buddy Tucker Evan. Assoc. gtd KTOF(FM)
 Centerville, O. Centerville City Sch. gtd *WCWT-FM
 Chicago, IL. Loyola Univ. gtd *WLVC-FM
 Des Plaines, IL. E. Piszek & J. Westerfield gtd WYEN(FM)
 Douglas, GA. Coffee Co. Bdcstrs Inc. gtd WOKA-FM
 Drew, MS. Triangle Bdcstg Co. gtd WDRU(FM)
 Forest City, IA. D. E. Eddy gtd KWHC(FM)
 Jefferson City, MO. Lincoln Univ. gtd *KLUM-FM
 Lincoln, IL. Virginia Bdcstg Corp. gtd WPRC-
 Riviera Beach, FL. F. Kegel gtd WGMW(FM)
 Rogers, AK. KAMO Inc. gtd KAMO-FM
 Thief River Falls, MN. Area Voc.-Tech. Sch. gtd *KAWS(FM)
 Wilkes-Barre, PA. Wilkes College gtd *WCLH(FM)

EXISTING FM STATIONS

CALL LETTER APPLICATIONS

Hartford, CT Communico Inc. WEMI(FM) req WKSS(FM)
 Memphis, TN. Sonferling Bdcstg WTCV(FM) req WAID(FM)
 Santa Barbara, CA. Schuele Org. KMUZ(FM) req KRUZ(FM)

CALL LETTER ACTION

Los Angeles, CA. Pac. & Sou. Co. KRHM(FM)
 gtd KKDJ(FM)

CHANGES TO ALREADY EXISTING STATIONS

- WSIP-FM Paintsville, KY. gtd CP to chge ant sys: ERP 29 kw. ant hgt. 700 ft.
- KIOU(FM) Corpus Christi, TX. gtd CP to chge ERP to 35 kw. delete vert. polar. ant. hgt 290 ft.
- KRBE(FM) Houston, TX. chge xmtr loc: chge ant sys. ERP 96 kw. ant hgt. 790 ft.
- WKZN(FM) Kenosha, WI. gtd waiver of rules for mod. of lic. to chge loc. to Zion, IL.
- *WSUP(FM) Platteville, WI. gtd CP to chge xmtr loc. & stud. loc. ERP 420w. ant. hgt. 140 ft.
- KNJO(FM) Thousand Oaks, CA. gtd lic for aux. xmtr and ant. ERP 2.55 kw. ant. hgt. -64 ft.
- WDCS(FM) Portland, ME. CP to chge xmtr and stud. loc. ERP 30 kw. ant. hgt. 500 ft.
- WRBS(FM) Baltimore, MD. chge xmtr and stud loc. chge ant sys. ERP 50 kw. ant hgt. 260 ft.
- WBMD(FM) Catonsville, MD. chge ant, xmtr and stud loc. ERP 50 kw. ant hgt. 245 ft.
- WCVA-FM Gloucester, MA. gtd CP to chge ERP to 3 kw.
- WDVX(FM) Buffalo, NY. gtd CP to install new xmtr.
- WPNA(FM) Philadelphia, PA. chge xmtr loc. and stud. loc. install new ant. ERP 8.3 kw. ant hgt 550 ft.
- WTRE-FM Greensburg, IN. gtd CP for new xmtr. ERP 50 kw. ant hgt. 275 ft.
- *WBKY(FM) Lexington, KY. chge xmtr loc. install xmtr and ant. ERP 50 kw. ant hgt. 540 ft.
- WQDC(FM) Midland, MI. chge loc. from Midland to Auburn, MI.
- KPLD(FM) Branson, MO. gtd lic. covering new FM; ERP 3 kw. ant. hgt. 210 ft.
- WCRF(FM) Cleveland, O. gtd lic to chge xmtr ERP to 25.5 kw. ant. hgt. 660 ft.
- WNCR(FM) Cleveland, O. gtd CP to chge xmtr loc. and install new ant.; ERP 29 kw. ant. hgt. 500ft.
- KRMG-FM Tulsa, OK. gtd lic. covering chges; ERP 62 kw. ant. hgt. 295 ft.
- WVEN(FM) Franklin, PA. gtd lic covering new FM ERP 3 kw. ant. hgt. 230 ft.
- WKJF(FM) Pittsburgh, PA. lic to cover chges; ERP 41 kw. ant. hgt. 550 ft.
- WAEL-FM Maricao, PR. gtd lic. for new FM ERP 10.5 kw. ant. hgt. 1950 ft.
- WLOW-FM Aiken, SC gtd lic to chge ERP to 3 kw. ant. hgt. 200 ft.
- KTOD-FM Sinton, TX. gtd CP to install ant. ;ERP 21.5 kw.
- KZST(FM) Santa Rosa, CA. gtd lic. for new FM.
- WIKY-FM Evansville, IN. gtd lic. covering use of old xmtr & ant. for aux. purposes only
ERP 50 kw. ant. hgt. 460 ft.
- WKOX-FM Framingham, MA. gtd CP to chge xmtr loc. install xmtr and ant. ERP 10.5 kw ant. hgt. 950 ft.
- WBYO(FM) Boyerstown, PA. gtd CP to install new ant. chge ant. system.
- *WENC(FM) Harrisonburg, VA. gtd CP to chge studio and xmtr loc. & install new ant.
- WYFI(FM) Norfolk, VA. gtd CP to chge xmtr loc. install new xmtr and ant., chge ant. system
ERP 50 kw. ant. hgt. 400 ft.

READERS CONTRIBUTIONS

- BRUCE ELVING - Albion, MI. ; gtd Family Life Bdcstg Sys. lic. covering new FM WUFR 96.7
 - Des Moines, IA. gtd Contemporadio Inc. to resume operation of FM sta. KNYA (was KWDM) on 93.3 at 35 kw.
 - Geneva, NY. gtd lic. for new educ. FM WEOS-FM to The College of the Seneca on 89.3
 - Rutland, VT. gtd lic. for new FM sta. WHWH to Central Vermont Bdcstg Corp. on 98.1
- Bruce also sends along a list of new FM stations as follows:
- WLVC Chicago on 88.3; KTOF Cedar Rapids on 104.5; KWHC Forest City, IA. on 102.3; WDRU Brew. MS. on 95.3; WDCS Portland, ME. on 97.9; WRBS Baltimore on 95.1; WBMD-FM Catonsville, MD on 105.7; WCVA-FM Gloucester, MA. on 104.9; WPNA Philadelphia on 94.1.

Since this is the last one of these columns that I will be writing I would like to thank all of those who took the time and effort to write to me with information that I can use in the preparation of this column for the past year. As of the August WUD(this is already June 16th) I will be writing the FCC-TV column while Gary Olson moves on to broader horizons. In my place will be the new FCC-FM column editor, Bruce Elving whose address is 3000 North Oakland Ave Milwaukee, WI. 53211. Super FMer, Bruce, will more than easily fill the bill as the new editor of this column and I hope that you will all give him the same support that you have given me over the past year. Best of DX to everyone this year.

73's
Chuck

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FROM ROBERT BAKER OF HUMBOLDT, IOWA:

TWO NEW 2000' TOWERS ARE BEING BUILT 14 MILES NORTH OF THE DES MOINES CITY LIMITS. A JOINT TOWER IS BEING BUILT FOR WHO-13, WOI-5, AND KDIN-11, PLUS WHO-FM AND WOI-FM. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE IN USE BY THIS FALL. ALL STATIONS WILL USE MAXIMUM POWER AS WELL..... IN ADDITION, KRNT-8 WILL BUILD ANOTHER 2000' TOWER A HALF MILE AWAY, PROBABLY WITH KRNT-FM ON THE SAME TOWER. "THIS SHUD PRESENT QUITE A SPECTACULAR PICTURE...LESS THAN 1/3 MILE APART."

FCC FM

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As the the new editor of this column, I'll try to keep you informed of all the changes in stations operating and authorized on FM that will interest DXers. Information on new stations and frequency changes is useful to all DXers in updating radio logs, and for those who keep their own records like I do, the information on power changes, calls, etc. will be valuable. Once the TD station list is available, this column should be even more valuable in enabling all FM DXers to maintain accurate station lists, updated monthly. I have regular access to the addenda to Television Digest, Broadcasting, United Press International's Broadcast Row, and publications like Billboard and Variety — all of which are good sources of station info. Later, I hope to subscribe to the Queen's Printer service so as to provide updated Canadian station information. Contributions from readers are always welcome, and will help to make this column as complete and helpful to the DXer as possible.

Construction Permits Granted

Camarillo CA 95.9 193' 3000 w horz. & vertical
Boulder CO *99.3 18' 1750 w
Guilford CT *90.5 320' 1000 w
Jacksonville FL *89.9 100000 w, 621'
Valdosta GA *89.9 10 w
Waycross GA 102.5 200' 100000 w WAXK, Inc.
103.3 390' 25500 w Teletronics
Monticello IL 105.5 300' 3000 w horz & vert.
Rantoul IL 95.3 177' 3000 w
Butte MT 94.1 1836' 25700 w
Auburn NE 105.5 300' 3000 w horz. & vert.
Garden City NY *90.3 112' 350 (replaces Floral
Park 90.3, which is deleted)

North Syracuse NY 100.9 140', 3000 w horz & vertical - initial decision by FCC. I had an interest in the competing application for 100.9 in Syracuse!

Ossining NY *90.3 10 w
Wellston OH 96.7 3000 w, 100'
Philadelphia PA *91.7 225' 6300 w. Drexel Institute. Sharetime operation with WPMT 91.7, 10', 179 w, also Philadelphia.

Stations Now on the Air

LLRB Carmel CA 101.7 591' 625 w
WPEH-FM Louisville GA 92.1 200' 3000 w h & vert.
WFOI Flora IL 103.9 300' 3000 w horz. & vert.
WPRC-FM Lincoln IL 100.1 201' 3000 w
WVTO Peoria IL 105.7 571' 36000 w
LTOF 104.5 Cedar Rapids IA 550' 100000 h & vert.
LYNA 93.3 Des Moines IA 410' 35000 (formerly KNDM, returning to the air after a hiatus)
WESM Prince Frederick MD 92.7 370' 1850 h & vert.
WSHN-FM Fremont MI 100.1 184' 3000 w
WLLA-FM Ludington MI 106.3 250' 3000 w
WDTH Duluth MN 103.3 551' 100000 w h & v-24 hrs.
WIFG-FM Hibbing MN 106.3 270' 3000 hor & vert.
WHLB-FM Virginia MN 107.1 105' 3000 w
WDRU Drew MS 295' 3000 w horizontal & vertical on 95.3.
LCTM Canton MO 102.3 175' 3000 w
WOTI Dunn NC 103.1 240' 3000 w
WTRU Houston TX *91.7 10 w (Rice University)
LEPH Ephraim UT *89.5 10 w (Snow College)

*Denotes educational station.

Powers given are effective radiated in watts (except 10-watt stations, with transmitter output powers given), antenna heights are above average terrain in feet. Power is horizontal only unless vertical polarization is indicated.

Changes in Facilities

KLIR-FM Denver CO 100.3 235' 100000 h & vert.
WSIE Lake Ronkonkoma NY from 89.7 to 91.9*, 145' 1850 w
WBLI-FM Patchogue NY 106.1, 360' 10000 w horz & vert. (Note call change from WPAC-FM).
KOSU Stillwater OK 91.7 to 440' 100000 w
WVDB Philadelphia PA 96.5 500' 48000 w h & vert.
Phoenix AZ, WPCA 91.5, to 1640' 100000 w
WFOY-FM St. Augustine FL 97.7 160' 3000 w, horizontal and vertical
WOKZ-FM Alton IL 100.3 490', 19300 h & vert.
WJJD-FM Chicago 104.3 820', 14000 " " "
WUHI Nuncie IN *91.5 to 79' 330 w
LDIC Grinnell IA from 89.5 to *88.5, 10 w.
KLIN-FM Lawrence KS 105.9 to 34154 w, 135'
WBET-FM Brockton MA 97.7 280' 1200 w, h & vert.
WVNO-FM Memphis TN *91.1 580' 40000 w
FBYU Provo UT *88.9 to 2850' 32000 w
WPAP-FM Panama City FL 92.5 270' 100000 h & ver.
LCLC St. Charles MO from 90.1 to *89.1, 240' 1500 w.
WLOT Hurfreesboro TN *89.5 238' 50000 h & vert.
WOMI Norfolk VA 102.9, 471' 50000 w hor & vert.
WLIF Baltimore MD 101.9 to 560' 38000 w
WVGM Bellingham WA 92.9 2440', 50000 w
WFWO (formerly WRIT-FM) 102.9 to 430', 33620 w horizontal and 23510 w vertical.
WDUQ *90.5 Pittsburgh PA to 476' 25000 w.

Call Letters Assigned

WROI Rochester IN 92.1
WAFR Durham NC *90.3
WVVO-FM Havelock NC 104.9
WPLR New Haven CT 99.1 (formerly WNHG-FM)
WCKC Pompano Beach FL 102.7 " WRGB-FM)
WIOQ Philadelphia PA 102.1 ("W-102", formerly WFIL-FM)

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(Call assignments, continued)

WHCG Metter GA 104.9	WTGP Greenville PA *88.1 (Thiel College)
WCSG Grand Rapids MI *91.3 (Baptist Bible Col.)	WTU Cookeville TN *90.1 Tenn. Technological U.
WLVR Longview WA *90.5 (Lower Columbia Col.)	WSPL La Crosse WI 95.9
WFYE Fresno CA 93.7 (formerly WFRE-FM)	WQAL Cleveland OH 104.1 (formerly WCJW)
WPDQ-FM Jacksonville FL 96.9 (formerly WRLJ)	WDAR Oxnard CA 96.3
WLJE Valparaiso IN 105.5 (formerly WALE-FM)	WRVU Nashville TN *91.1 (Vanderbilt U. students)
WICB Fort Dodge IA *88.1 (Iowa Community College)	WOLU Pasco WA *90.1 (Riverview Baptist Christian Schools)
WTCC Colby KS *91.9 (Colby Community Jr. College)	WHSI Savannah GA 96.5 (formerly WAFW)
WONS Lebanon OR 103.7	WOEL-FM Oelwein IA 92.3
WUTH Martin TN *90.3 (U of Tenn at Martin)	WMBN-FM Hutchinson KS 102.9
LGTM-FM Georgetown TX 96.7	WSUG-FM Greenwood MS 99.1 (formerly WSUG)
WHFL Winter Haven FL 97.5 (formerly WKLL)	

SHARETIME FM STATIONS

A very recent development in FM is the share-time station, with the only examples to date being educational operations in the 88 to 92 MHz band. Here is the complete list of FM stations which share the same frequency:

- *89.1 WNYU (New York University) 220' 8300 w horizontal and 7700 w vertical with WFDU (Farleigh Dickinson University) Teaneck NJ, 500' 500 w horizontal only.
- *91.7 WPNT (Wireless Technical Institute), 10' 179 w with _____ (Drexel U.), 225' 6300 w - call letters unassigned.

Not sharetimers: 88.3 WHPI (U. of Chicago) and WLVC (Loyola U.), both Chicago, and both ten-watters.

Sharetime program operation *90.3 _____ Garden City NY 112' 350 w between Adelphi University and Nassau College Association, Inc. Call letters unassigned; may be one or two sets of call letters resulting.

John Ebeling, Bloomington IN, sends information along concerning construction of the massive TV-FM antenna towers in Shoreview, north of the Twin Cities, with operation expected by around September 1, 1971. FM stations expected to be on the tower are WCCO-FM 102.9, which will have 100000 w both horizontal and vertical at 1150' and KSTP-FM 94.5. The article mentions that WTCM hopes to acquire an FM station and operate it from that site (WTCR-FM 97.1?), but makes no mention of the fact that KSJN 91.1 will provide educational (public) radio programming from the site with 100000 w both horizontal and vertical at 1160'.

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As a follow-up to my article on DXing Educational FM, I should point out that the national public radio program, All Things Considered. . ., is transmitted live from 5 to 6:30 p. m. EDT, . . . with delays on the West Coast and in the Mountain time zone; Monday through Friday. Several small educational stations have bit the dust for the summer, including IHRU 88.1 Clayton MO, WSUN 91.7 Whitewater WI, and WBEZ 91.5 Chicago. Others have increased their schedules, as predicted. WFSU 91.5 (205' 3100 w) has expanded its schedule to 6 a. m. to 1 a. m. seven days a week (they formerly signed on at 5 p. m.). WDET 101.9 Detroit, a public station operating on a commercial frequency, is now on from 6:30 a. m. to 3 a. m.; formerly they signed off between 9:30 a. m. and 3 p. m. WQAL-FM 89.3 Northfield IN has added the 3-4 p. m. period to its daily programming, and WUMH 89.7 Milwaukee WI is on the air 365 days a year from 8 a. m. to 1 a. m. or later. WGLL 91.1 Houghton will increase to 810', 100000 w by fall, and are on seven days a week from 1 to 11 p. m. Eastern Standard Time.

From the St. Louis area we learn that WSIE 88.7 Edwardsville IL is in stereo, 6 a. m. to 12:15 a. m., WIL-FM 92.3 St. Louis is off the air only from 2 to 6 a. m. Mondays (stereo), while LADI 96.5 stereo is off Monday mornings from 1 to 5. BRCH 98.1 St. Louis, stereo, is off daily at 1 a. m., LFUO-FM 99.1 Clayton MO signs off daily at 11 p. m., WCKZ-FM Alton IL 100.3 is off daily between 12 and 12:15 a. m.; WERY ("Lady of the Snows") 101.1 East St. Louis, is off at midnight daily. LLPW 101.7 Union MO is off at 10:15 daily, WCBM 104.9 Columbia IL is off 11 p. m., WGNU-FM Granite City IL at midnight unless there's a Chicago White Sox game, and LGRV 107.7 St. Louis operates 6 a. m. to midnight. 73, bruce elving

MINIMUM EQUIPMENT STANDARDS FOR SERVICIOUS DXING

During the past several years in the Digest a few of us have attempted to discourse on equipment for DXing. Dave Janowiak, notably, has consistently attempted to show how simple home construction projects utilizing readily available parts can greatly improve your ability to receive DX.

In discussing equipment with other DX'ers (especially at the Dunkirk convention last summer) it became apparent to me that many DX'ers know, in their hearts, that their own DXing installations leave a great deal to be desired, but that they are quick to point out "I can't afford an AJ-15 tuner" or "...a Conrac receiver". Granted, many of our members are young, or students, and finances are a problem. In this very vein however much if not all that Dave Janowiak has written about is in the \$5.00 total cost region, and it works! Perhaps not as well as an AJ-15 or a properly aligned Conrac, but it does work ... better than what you now have.

For those who do not have the money to afford a Conrac or AJ-15, but do have a few dollars left unspent at the end of the month, the problem seems to be more of a fear of the unknown. A good example of what can be done with plenty of guts and some spare time is Carlon Howington of Ohio. Carlon spent nearly one year building, and re-building some homebrew FM yagi antennas. I don't think I will offend Carlon if I point out that he didn't know very much about antennas when he began his project, and that he made several mistakes. But he found reference books and magazine articles and he tore into the project refusing to be discouraged when "at first he did not succeed". Now he has what I believe is the finest FM DX antenna system in the country. And he built every bit of it himself. From locally available aluminum tubing and hardware.

Jerry Pulice of Staten Island is another prime example of what a young (or old) DX'er can do. Jerry was bitten by the DX bug, but was soon disenchanted with commercially available traps, filters and pre-amplifiers. So he started building his own. I don't know how many Jerry has built, but probably 25 or more would be a safe guess, before he got what he wanted. And in the process he worked out a system to bring distant Es and tropo right through his New York City local signals. I might point out that Jerry is a high school student, with limited funds, and a very heavy school load.

In spite of these and other successes with "rolling your own equipment", it seems apparent that TV and FM DX enthusiasts will never become a very technically proficient bunch. Few of us come into DXing from technical fields, and few of our younger members are headed into technical fields after they leave school.

This makes it difficult for Dave J. or I to sit in our technically oriented typing chairs and tell Digest readers to "do this" or "do that" for better DX reception. Because frankly it takes our kind of expertise to appreciate what can and cannot be done, or the successes of Howington and Pulice to motivate you (without the technical expertise) to even want to improve your situation.

So as Dave J. and I have discussed from time to time, how do we get "through" to the bulk of the membership? How do we show them how important

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even a few pieces of specialized equipment can be to good DXing results?

The answer, probably, is that we don't, won't and can't. Most DX'ers, I have decided, like to talk about equipment, but few actually ever do anything about it!

So let's talk about it for the balance of this page.

If you live in a VHF fringe area, you already know what type of equipment it takes just to get decent/viewable television from your VHF stations. I read a study last summer that showed something like 3.5 million US homes have an average of \$150.-\$200. invested in their television receiving antennas. This probably includes a fringe or deep fringe all (VHF) channel antenna, a 50 foot mast or tower, and a rotor. Installed. Most of us do not live in fringe areas. We enjoy television from stations less than 50 miles away, and we and our neighbors have small roof top, attic or top of set antennas for normal viewing. Consequently most of us aren't even aware of the poor fringe area viewer plight; all 3.5 million homes worth. If we live in suburban or metropolitan regions, we don't drive down the street and see tens or hundreds of 50 foot masts sprouting from rooftops on both sides of the street. We don't even know for sure, other than what we have read, what fringe area viewers MUST use to receive acceptable television from stations 75 to 100 miles away.

I'd like to suggest that if you really want to know what it takes to get consistently good distant reception, that you take a Sunday drive and head out into the fringe areas around you. Visit a few TV shops in towns 75 miles out and talk with the people who have to sell working antenna systems or they don't sell TV sets.

Then go back to your comfortable suburb and put together your own fringe area receiving system. If 3.5 million American homes can do it for everyday reception, you can do it for DXing. But remember only one thing - antennas with built-in pre-amplifiers are probably OUT for you, even though they work fine out in the fringes, IF you live within 40 miles of local TV/FM transmitters.

For UHF TV DX, there is only one common sense answer; the 7 foot UHF Parabolic. Apparently Allied Radio is no longer carrying the Finco version of this antenna, which leaves the Channel Master version (probably an order item at your local CM distributor). If you live out in the sticks, you might get by with it only 30 feet up. But if you live in a built up region, put it up 50 feet or more - or don't bother to put it up at all.

All of this has been said before, and it will probably be said again. Equipment is a favorite discussion subject whenever two or more DX'ers get together. But keep in mind that TV/FM DXing, like any hobby, is a give and take proposition. You get out of it exactly what you put into it. In time, and money. We are all very "results" conscious, and I for one hate to see someone get bitten by the DX bug, start out with a very mediocre DXing set up, have poor results, and drop out of the hobby. Because of poor results. The hobby is pretty darned small to begin with ... let's all make an effort to keep DXing productive for everyone!

Six Month Propagation - continued from JuneNOVEMBER

November is known mainly for the "un-expected" DX. We don't expect good tropo, or much Es, or MS, during November. But virtually every November produces one or more (totally) un-expected DX openings, such as the 1970 November 7-8 Es session or the 28th-30th tropo session. And consequently November serves to remind us that DX of any form can happen at ANY time.

Tropo - Most November tropo depends upon "warmer than normal" weather building over a region of the country (which itself improves morning and evening tropo), followed by the inevitable return of cool weather - which will often trigger ducting type DX along the cool front line. This can and does happen over virtually any portion of the country, and once again the key weather phrase to watch for is "unseasonable" - especially when it refers to warm or warm/moist air masses.

Along the Gulf coast this is a pretty good time for up to 500 mile tropo over east/west paths without any obvious weather front boundaries present.

Es - Most November Es, of the regular garden variety, occurs around sun down over the southwest and northern Mexico. The non-garden variety (such as the November 7/8 binge of 1970) is closely correlated (if not related) to the occurrence of a major auroral display or magnetic disturbance. If you learn that a major aurora is occurring or is expected, watch closely for the next 48-72 hours.

Ms - Good meteor dates, keyed as with July, are as follows:
15th (Leonids shower) (b), 21/22 (e), 27 (e)

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December used to be known as the winter sub-peak of the Es season. More recently, January has been as good or better than December. Tropo reminds us of November, and MS is good twice.

Tropo - A repeat of November, but seldom productive above the Mason/Dixon line. When it is, it is great!

Es - December can be good for up to a half dozen openings between the 10th and 31st. Dates between the 15th and 25th are often best and the best times are 8-10 AM and 4-8 PM. Anyplace in the country can get it, but the south is favored.

MS - The second best month of the year, the Geminds (10th-14th) and one day Ursids (23rd) are often outstanding. Again, keyed by month of July: 3 (a), 7 (a), 10/11 (d) (a), 12/13 -peak (d) (a), 14 (d), 23 (b), 27 (a), 30 (a).

In a future column, we will cover January-June. 73, Bob Cooper, Jr.

STATISTICS

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ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS

Ch	Call	Location	Prop	Miles	DXer, Location	Old Record
2	KATU	Portland OR	MS	565	Randy Miltier, San José CA	new
	XHCH	Chihuahua Chih	(Es)	1085	Robert J. Williams, Blackfoot ID	Wigh/Pizzi/LeBlanc 965
4	WTVY	Dothan AL	MS	790	Charles Dobbins, Detroit MI	new
	KXJB	Valley City ND	MS	820	Glen Neal, Sayre OK	new
	WKY	Oklahoma City OK	T	405	Don Ruland, Houston TX	Foster 370
5	KFYR	Bismarck ND	MS	785	Glen Neal, Sayre OK	new
6	KPLO	Reliance SD	MS	600	Glen Neal, Sayre OK	new
9	WTVV	Tupelo MS	(T)	500	Don Ruland, Houston TX	Burch 245
	KMOM	Monahans TX		460	Don Ruland, Houston TX	Hauser 420
	XH	Tampico Tams		495	Glenn Hauser, South San Antonio TX	new
10	XHAI	Las Lajas Ver		665	Pat Dyer, San Antonio TX	new
11	KKTU	Colorado Springs CO		455	Robert Cooper, Oklahoma City OK	Hauser 415
12	XHAW	Monterrey NL		690	Ron Le Blanc, Marrero LA	Dyer 280
13	WLOX	Biloxi MS		685	Glen Neal, Sayre OK	Clark/Hauser 635
15	KLNI	New Iberia LA		570	Glen Neal, Sayre OK	Hauser 555
20	WFYI	Indianapolis IN		395	Robert Seybold, Dunkirk NY	Draeb 330
28	WCPB	Salisbury MD		170	Jerry Pulice, Staten Island NY	new
33	WCFT	Tuscaloosa AL		700	Glen Neal, Sayre OK	Cooper 595
40	WURD	Indianapolis IN		395	Robert Seybold, Dunkirk NY	Brown 225
41	WDRB	Louisville KY (IN)		445	Robert Seybold, Dunkirk NY	Brown 315
	KWEX	San Antonio TX		505	Ron Le Blanc, Marrero LA	Rareshide TIE
42	WTVI	Charlotte NC		365	Tom Yingling, Baltimore MD	Kureth 80
45	WFFF	Baltimore MD		255	Robert Seybold, Dunkirk NY	Yingling 15
52	WNJT	Trenton NJ		160	Larry Vogt, Springfield VA	Pulice 35
53	W53AA	New York NY		165	Tom Yingling, Baltimore MD	WCBS-2 new
58	WUNG	Concord NC		345	Tom Yingling, Baltimore MD	new
70	K70CF	Higgins TX		60	Glen Neal, Sayre OK	KGNC-4 new
75	W75AJ	Fond du Lac WI		65	Bill Draeb, Kewaunee WI	WBAY-2 new
	W75AL	Luray VA		70	Larry Vogt, Springfield VA	new
83	W83AN	Stephenson MI		70	Bill Draeb, Kewaunee WI	WLJK-11 new

FM RANK

DXer, Location	Stations	States	Provinces	Countries	As of date
Bruce Elving, Duluth MN	927	39+DC	3	2	5 February
John Ebeling, Bloomington MN	572	37	4	3	23 May
Robert Seybold, Dunkirk NY	445	35	2	2	9 May
Andy Bolin, Charleston IL	384	16	18	2	1 May
Larry Vogt, Springfield VA	358	34+DC	2	4	13 May
Fred McCormack, Des Lacs ND	236	34+DC	3	2	6 June
Fred Nordquist, North Syracuse NY	200	21	2	2	1 February
John Parillo, Girard OH	170	14+DC	1	2	1 May
Glenn Hauser, South San Antonio TX	148	23	1	3	14 June
Mike Dorner, Jr, Metairie LA	117	11	0	2	4 June
Peter Hobday, Potsdam NY	104	6+DC	2	2	21 January
Bill Heusmann, Des Moines IA	86	12	0	1	8 April
Pat Dyer, San Antonio TX	71	9	0	1	14 April
Tom Yingling, Baltimore MD	37 V	8	0	1	10 June

(V = includes "verified" stations only)

ATTENTION FM DXers: Beginning with the September issue (deadline 10 August) we will list distance records on FM, starting with the five 88 MHz channels. Please submit your one furthest station by Es, tropo, MS, aurora for 88.1, 88.3, 88.5, 88.7, 88.9, that is a maximum of 20 stations. Some lists already received--for which thanks for your patience!

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Robert Seybold, Dunkirk NY	496	49+DC	8	6	9 May
Gary Olson, Deerfield area IL	282	37+DC	7	5	1 June
Roger Brown, East Lansing MI	280	39	5	4	19 April
Bill Heusmann, Steger IL	241	37	6	5	8 April
Morrie Goldman, Chicago IL	238	39	5	4	7 June
Fred McCormack, Des Lacs ND	227	39	6	3	6 June
Ron Le Blanc, Marrero LA	183	30	1	6	21 May
Jerry Pulice, Staten Island NY	164	32+DC	3	3	6 June
Les Prus, Manhattan KS	152	31+DC	5	3	6 June
Robert Grace, Franklin TX 77856	149	30	2	4	6 April
David Cox, Carrollton AL	142	30	5	5	6 June
Larry Vogt, Springfield VA	142	30+DC	2	3	13 May
Joe Kureth, Southern Pines NC	133	25+DC	4	4	10 February
Pat Dyer, San Antonio TX	127	34	2	5	14 April
Dave Egan, Valleyfield PQ	126	31	4	3	12 March
Paul Luchter, Oceanside NY	121	25+DC	3	2	11 February
Bill Heusmann, Des Moines IA	118	26	1	5	8 April
Fred Nordquist, North Syracuse NY	99	18	2	2	1 February
Glenn Hauser, South San Antonio TX	93	30	1	4	15 June
Tom Yingling, Baltimore MD	70 V	21+DC	1	3	1 June

CHANNEL 5 SKIP TVDX RECORDS

WKRG	Mobile AL	1125	John Cody, Middletown CT	
		tie	Glenn Hauser, Albuquerque NM	
KPHO	Phoenix AZ	2235	Clarence Day, Westerly RI	
KFSA	Fort Smith AR	1390	Dennis Smith, Wasco CA	was KNAC
KTLA	Los Angeles CA	1945	Harold Cooper, Westland MI	
KPIX	San Francisco CA	2405	Don Ruland, Holly Hill FL	
KREX	Grand Junction CO	1525	David Nieman, Buffalo NY	
		tie	Norm Erint, Kenmore NY	
KCSJ	Pueblo CO	1370	Norm Erint, Kenmore NY	
		tie	David Nieman, Buffalo NY	now KOAA
WTTG	Washington DC	1255	Glen Neal, Sayre OK	
WUFT	Gainesville FL	1175	Stu Grade, Sioux City IA	
WPTV	Palm Beach FL	1350	Marv Garber, Lincoln NE	
WAGA	Atlanta GA	1850	Morris Foote, Middleton ID	
WMAQ	Chicago IL	1215	Fred Nordquist, White Sands Missile Range NM	
WOI	Ames IA	1465	Doris Johnson, Longview WA	
WOC	Davenport IA	900	Maurice Dubreuil, Lavaltrie PQ	now ch 6
WAVE	Louisville KY	1160	William Bashta, Albuquerque NM	now ch 3 (IN)
KALB	Alexandria LA	1800	Ron Boyd, Truro NS	
WABI	Bangor ME	1260	Don Ruland, Holly Hill FL	
WHDH	Boston MA	1400	Edwin Shorey, Derby KS	
WNEM	Bay City MI	1915	Robert Cooper, Fresno CA	
KSTP	Saint Paul MN	1280	Ron Hilding, Phoenix AZ	
KCMO	Kansas City MO	1505	Doris Johnson, Longview WA	
KSD	Saint Louis MO	1400	Morris Foote, Middleton ID	
KXGN	Glendive MT	1095	Dennis Smith, Wasco CA	
		tie	Harold Cooper, Westland MI	
KFBB	Great Falls MT	1630	Robert Seybold, Dunkirk NY	
KHAS	Hastings NE	1280	Doris Johnson, Longview WA	
KHBV	Henderson NV	1110	Robert Grace, Franklin TX 77856	
KNME	Albuquerque NM	1300	Frank Merrill, Milan MI	
WNEW	New York NY	1315	Glenn Hauser, Oklahoma City OK	
WPTZ	Plattsburgh NY	1375	Glenn Hauser, Enid OK	
WROC	Rochester NY	1165	Glenn Hauser, Enid OK	now ch 8
WHEN	Syracuse NY	1280	Fred McCormack, Des Lacs ND	
WRAL	Raleigh NC	1300	Larry Godwin, Amarillo TX	

KFYR	Bismarck ND	1260	William Hider, Binghamton NY	
WLWT	Cincinnati OH	1250	Jim Dillon, Regina Sask	was ch 4
WEWS	Cleveland OH	2050	Robert Cooper, Fresno CA	
KGEO	Enid OK	1340	Ray O'Rear, Zillah WA	became KOCO
KOCO	Oklahoma City OK	1480	Doris Johnson, Longview WA	
KTVM	Medford OR	1035	Jim Dillon, Regina Sask	was KBES; now KOBI
WCSC	Charleston SC	1260	Larry Godwin, Amarillo TX	
KESJ	Lead SD	1235	Mike Tilbrook, Pittsburgh PA	
KORN	Mitchell SD	1325	Ghislain Girard, Arvida PQ	
WMCT	Memphis TN	1285	Jim Dillon, Regina Sask	now WMC
WLAC	Nashville TN	1160	Ghislain Girard, Arvida PQ	
WBAP	Fort Worth TX	1350	Jim Pizzi, Santa Maria CA	
KTXT	Lubbock TX	1395	Bob Astmann, Kenmore NY	
KENS	San Antonio TX	1765	Doris Johnson, Longview WA	
KRGV	Weslaco TX	1600	Morris Foote, Middleton ID	
KSL	Salt Lake City UT	1260	Bill Draeb, Kewaunee WI	
WCYB	Bristol VA (TN)	1090	Larry Godwin, Amarillo TX	
KING	Seattle WA	2105	Robert Seybold, Dunkirk NY	
WSAZ	Charleston WV	685	Maurice Dubreuil, Lavaltrie PQ	now ch 3
WDTV	Weston WV	1225	Fred McCormack, Des Lacs ND	was ch 35; was WJPB
WFRV	Green Bay WI	1285	Fred Nordquist, White Sands Missile Range NM	
KFBC	Cheyenne WI	1550	Bob Berg, Norfolk VA	
"CBXT"	Edmonton Alta	1355	Ferdinand Dombrowski, Okauchee WI	
CKX	Brandon Man	1670	Ross Harvey, Goose Bay Lab	
"CBNT3"	Marystown Nfld	1450	Frank Merrill, Milan MI	
CJCH	Halifax NS	1240	Ferdinand Dombrowski, Okauchee WI	
"CBWCT"	Fort Frances Ont	1140	Glenn Hauser, Albuquerque NM	
CKSO	Sudbury Ont	1235	Glen Neal, Sayre OK	
CHAU	Carleton PQ	1130	Ferdinand Dombrowski, Okauchee WI	
CKMI	Québec PQ	1075	John Owen Broomall, Augusta GA	
CKBI	Prince Albert Sask	1430	Norm Erint, Kenmore NY	
CJFB	Swift Current Sask	1455	Robert Seybold, Dunkirk NY	
LRL	Buenos Aires, Argentina	5290	Bedford Brown, Hot Springs AR	now off
	São Paulo, Brazil	5015	Bedford Brown, Hot Springs AR	TV Paulista
CMHQ	Santa Clara, Cuba	1480	Stan Penc, Utica NY	
CMLB	Santiago de Cuba	1460	Steve Weinstein, Pittsburgh PA	
XHAC	Tuxtla Gutiérrez Chis	1110	Karl Aiken, Kingston, Jamaica	
XEJ	Ciudad Juárez Chih	1255	Ferdinand Dombrowski, Okauchee WI	
XHFI	Chihuahua Chih	1100	David Cox, Carrollton AL	
XHGC	México DF	1720	Robert Cooper, Fresno CA	
WORA	Mayagüez PR	3650	Doris Johnson, Longview WA	
YVKA	Caracas, Venezuela	3785	Robert Cooper, Fresno CA	

CHANNEL 16 TVDX RECORDS

KKOG	Ventura CA	25	Dennis Smith, Santa Bárbara CA	now off
WUSF	Tampa FL	190	Dick Clark, Fort Lauderdale FL	
WUSI	Olney IL	565	Mark Lewis, Downsview Ont	
WNDU	South Bend IN	740	Robert Cooper, Oklahoma City OK	
KEDD	Wichita KS	995	Robert Seybold, Dunkirk NY	now off
WBOC	Salisbury MD	355	Roy Barstow, Hyde Park MA	
WAPT	Jackson MS	740	Dick Clark, Fort Lauderdale FL	
KUHI	Joplin MO	625	Bill Draeb, Kewaunee WI	
WKTR	Kettering OH	780	Robert Cooper, Oklahoma City OK	
WENS	Pittsburgh PA	60	John Parillo, Girard OH	now off
WQEX	Pittsburgh PA	470	Bill Draeb, Kewaunee WI	
WNEP	Scranton PA	630	Bill Draeb, Kewaunee WI	
		tie	Ferdinand Dombrowski, Milwaukee WI	was WARM
KVVV	Galveston TX	520	Ron Le Blanc, Marrero LA	now off

Until the next, 73 de Glenn

VHF-DX

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Deadline: 12th of month

JULY 1971

Please note the change in my address. I am currently on a temporary appointment at ITS to prepare data on VHF Es for the CCIR (Consultative Committee on Ionospheric Radio). At present it looks like I'll be here until mid-September. My apologies to those who sent in a report before the deadline which has not been forwarded yet.

Hank Holbrook, 7211 Chestnut Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20015 with more QSLed DX from the Fair Haven, MD cottage; GMT used.

- 10-31: 1703, KOH 209 39.82 Pocatello, ID (sheriff)
- 12-5: 1713, KOA 362 39.18 Douglas, AZ (police)
- 12-29: 1858, KQC 584 39.82 Grand Traverse, MI (police)

Morrie S. Goldman, 5815 North Christiana Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645
had daily Es in 30-50 MHz from May 21 thru 31, using a Hallicrafters S-94 and Allied A-2586 (the latter being found the more sensitive but less selective receiver).

most commonly heard: Oklahoma City; KCC 482; KIY 508

Morrie reports also that KSC 645, 35.58, in Chicago is now using tone signals rather than voice paging messages.

Richard T. Colgan, B-9-C College View, College Station, TX 77840 had Es many days but there were so many signals on any one channel that ID's were hard to come by. Some good trop was also noted.

- 5-16: KHB 33 162.55 Brownsville, TX (weather)
- 18: KIB 486 45.06 Lake City, FL (state police)
- 21: KAA 270 42.06 Poplar Bluff, MO (state police)
- 26: KGC 343 35.2 Philadelphia, PA (pager)
- 30: - 42.38 Williston, ND (police)
- 31: KOE 257 43.58 Phoenix, AZ (pager)

Now my loggings. Allied A-2586 with built-in whip and 30-foot of indoor random wire. Hi-Band, Wards 62-1 with 2-foot whip antenna. CST used, new underlined, Es unless noted; 50-MHz Es deleted.

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| <u>5-15:</u> 1453, Long Beach | <u>20:</u> 1914, KIM 905 | <u>22:</u> 0754, KSC 644 |
| 1459, KOE 257 | 2255, KFL 936 | 1120, KIM 905 |
| 2115, KHB 33 (tr) | <u>21:</u> 0025, KMD 342 | 1218, KSC 864 |
| <u>16:</u> 1120, KIM 905 | 0737, Long Beach | 1327, KIG 300 |
| <u>17:</u> 1742, KMD 342 | 0750, KIM 905 | 2026, KOE 257 |
| <u>18:</u> 0035, KHB 41 (tr) | 0802, KIG 300 | <u>23:</u> 0027, KFL 936 |
| 0852, KOE 257 | 0805, KOE 257 | 1237, Long B. |
| Long Beach | 0837, KAI 927 | <u>24:</u> 0945, KIY 508 |
| 1015, KIY 508 | 1130, KSC 644 | 1134, KIM 905 |
| 1304, KIN 645 | 1208, KIY 508 | 1818, KIG 300 |
| 1420, KIQ 999 | 1302, KIN 645 | 2000, KIN 645 |
| 1615, Mexico City | 1933, KQD 607 | 2020, KSC 644 |
| <u>19:</u> 1633, KIY 508 | <u>22:</u> 0700, KFJ 991 | <u>25:</u> 0900, KIN 645 |
| 1945, KIN 645 | 0712, KQD 303 | 1119, KIY 508 |
| 2120, KIM 905 | 0725, KIY 508 | 1500, KOE 257 |

25: 1500, KFL 936	28: 2103, KIM 905	1: 2228, KHB 41 (tr)
2220, KIM 905	29: 1005, KIM 905	2: 1155, KIY 508
26: 0935, KOE 257	1133, KSC 864	1618, Long Beach
1830, KSC 644	30: 0705, KIM 905	3: 1825, KSC 864
27: 0847, KIM 905	1047, KSC 864	KQD 609
0905, KQC 881	1550, KIY 508	2034, OK City
1705, KIY 508	31: 0857, KIM 905	4: 1238, KDN 402
28: 0850, KIY 508	0859, KOE 257	2009, KOE 257
1829, KSC 864	1203, KIY 508	7: 1103, KIM 905
1830, KDN 402	1406, Long Beach	1201, KIG 300
1923, KQD 609	J 1: 1100, KIM 905	12: 1438, KKV 690
1936, KQD 303	1800, Long Beach	1447, KIQ 999

(add M23: 2017, KIM 905)

(J 12 loggings made from Boulder, CO with 20' indoor random wire antenna on ground floor of 3-story building)

KAI 927	35.22	Fresno, CA	KMD 342	35.22	Fresno, CA
KCC 482	35.22	Concord, NH	KQC 881	43.58	Cleveland, OH
KDN 402	35.54	Omaha, NE	KQD 303	35.22	Detroit, MI
KHB 41	162.55	C. Corpus, TX-w	KSC 644	43.58	Chicago, IL
KIG 300	43.58	Atlanta, GA	KSC 864	35.58	Peoria, IL
KIM 905	35.22	Charlotte, NC	-	35.58	Long Beach, CA
KIN 645	35.22	Miami, FL	-	43.57	Mexico City
KIY 508	35.22	Orlando, FL	-	35.58	Oklahoma City, OK
KKV 690	35.62	Houston, TX			

A2 tone ID by: KAI 927, KDN 402, KFL 936, KFJ 991, KIN 645, KIQ 999, KKV 690, KQD 607, and KQD 609; all pagers except w-weather.

The following table was run in this column last August. MUF vs. skip distances for a non-tilted Es patch at 105 km height.

miles	35.22	35.58	43.22	43.58	60.0	100
1400	35.22	35.58	43.22	43.58	60.0	100
1300	35.36	35.72	43.39	43.75	60.2	100.4
1200	35.75	36.11	43.87	44.23	60.9	101.5
1100	36.38	36.75	44.65	45.02	62.0	103.3
1000	37.40	37.79	45.90	46.28	63.7	106.2
900	38.92	39.32	47.76	48.16	66.3	110.5
800	41.07	41.49	50.39	50.81	70.0	116.6
700	44.12	44.62	54.12	54.65	75.2	125.4
600	48.60	49.10	59.64	60.14	82.8	138.0
500	55.15	55.72	67.68	68.25	94.0	156.6
400	65.12	65.78	79.91	80.56	110.9	184.9
300	81.15	81.98	99.58	100.4	138.2	230.4
200	108.7	109.8	133.4	134.5	185.2	308.7
150	129.6	131.0	159.1	160.4	220.9	368.1
100	155.8	157.4	191.2	192.8	265.4	442.3
50	183.4	185.3	225.0	226.9	312.4	520.7

To use the chart, suppose you have 43.58 MHz skip down to 600 miles, this means the Es should skip 60.14 MHz at 1420 miles (the maximum one-hop distance for the given cloud height). Remember that the Es must be at the midpoint of any path, so getting short skip on 43 MHz will not always give you TV Es at the same time.

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I sent in a report at the end of January, but have not seen it published, so I assume it got lost somewhere along the way. I have become rather addicted to meteor scatter DX, as my attached report will testify. 14 new stations and 2 new states have been added during the last 6 months by MS, which really isn't a very good amount of return on my investment, considering the time monitoring. However, it has proved to be some of the most exciting DXing I've experienced in some time, especially the Jan. 3rd Quadrantids peak, when 5 new stations were added to the logs. A good part of my time is spent on 101.5 which is my best "clear channel" free from most troublesome semi locals until the afternoon s/on of WPIT Pittsburgh. In a total of approx. 62 hours spent on 101.5, 8 new stations have been added via MS. This mode can be frustrating also. Louisiana is a needed state and I have been patiently waiting to add 100kw WYNK to the logs. I've hrd them many times, including a beautiful 10 sec. burst on 1/17 recruiting "...acrospace workers right here in Baton Rouge". But, sofar, no positive ID has been hrd. On the otherhand, I have hrd no fewer than 11 crystal clear perfect copy IDs from WBIE Marietta, GA, listed at 3500 watts! To DX: report is from 10/1/70 thru 5/31/71. Receiver Allied 395, antenna 8 element Winegard Stereotron amplified. 10/3 0825 tropo WVCC 101.7. 10/11 new local WERT 98.3 @1000. 11/8 Es 1900 89.7 WUSF FL: 1917 91.5 WFSU FL: 1924 93.5 WGEA AL; 1928 95.5 WTVY AL: 1934 107.7 WORJ FL: 1935 104.1 WGLF FL and 1959 94.9 WOMA FL. 11/9 2000 89.7 WKSU OH. 11/29 1602 101.5 WAYZ PA. 12/1 0400 93.1 WHYN MS. 12/2 0510 97.3 WGH VA. 12/3 MS 101.9 WIOD FL. 12/6 1202 MS 101.9 WVEM IL. 12/24 0800 WJMD 94.7 MD; 0847 WDBM 94.9 OH. 12/25 0706 MS 102.1 KEYY MN. 12/26 0821 101.7 WJER OH. 12/30 0906 100.3 WMGW PA. 1/10 0500 99.9 WPEM Pa; 99.9 WHPB via MS from Michigan; 0635 new local WGR 97.7 Wellsboro, Pa. 1/3 MS 0611 WSJC 107.5 Miss new state; 0815 tropo 100.5 WOMP OH; more MS 1100 101.5 WBIE GA New state; 1120 WOPF FL 101.5, 1300 WCIL 101.5 IL, 1509 WBA 101.5 WI. 1/5 0500 WBEJ 104.7 MD; 0732 MS WBAW 101.7 SC. 1/9 0501 WBFA 107.3 OH. 1/13 0525 WFIS 93.3 VA. 1/16 0558 WOKU 107.1 Pa. 1/17 0730 WPCR 99.5 OH. 1/24 0540 WEEP 107.9 Pa. 2/13 Blizzard in progress!! 1630 WCRF 103.3 OH; 1817 88.9 WYWC WVa. 2/21 1725 102.3 WBAB NY; 1730 102.3 WHYL Pa; 1933 93.9 WRC DC. 2/22 0600 100.5 WCMS VA; 0825 WDLG 96.7 NY; 1903 WPRB 103.3 NJ. 2/24 more powerful local WAPR 88.3 off; logged WPCW 88.1 Elmira, NY @2030. 2/25 0400 WPAT 93.1 NJ, 2/27 1600 1600 WJZZ 99.9 CT local WKRT 99.9 off; 1633 99.9 WQRC Barnstable, MS. 3/1 local WMIV off, 1810 95.1 WRN J NJ. 3/4 local WFIV off, 2200 103.5 WGMS DC. 3/5 1145 WFIV still off 103.5 WSTV OH, local WMIV off @1200 95.1 WRBS MD. "nd great blizzard of '71 gave me 2 days home from work and 6 new stations. 3/5 1335 103.7 WEZS Va; 1506 102.5 WEPG Va. 3/6 0539 106.3 WHUN Pa; 2030 95.1 WEDA Pa w/WMIV still off. 4/2 1900 WITF 89.5 Pa. 4/4 1300 new local WROS 89.7 Geneva, NY. 4/14 1831 AU WMBI 90.1 IL, first AU ID ever; WKAR 90.5 MI @2100. 4/19 0015 92.3 WCUY OH. 5/2 0720 MS 101.5 WBNQ IL. 5/3 MS 10900 WGNB 101.5 FL w/sustained burst of over 3 minutes! 5/4 0830 MS WYNR 101.5 GA. 5/21 1040 MS 101.5 KTXR MO. 5/26 caught this opening while home on lunch break. If this was Es, very odd, as TV was unaffected: 1245 92.3 WDBO FL; 1300 94.9 WLCY FL; 1300 WTRS 102.3 FL; WHEW 101.9 @1300 and @1310 WMOP 93.7 FL were all added. (Great work!! RWW)

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Time for another report. First skip of this poor season came in the form of KSJM 93.3 Jamestown, ND on 5/23 @1628 EST. They were in very strong for 2 min. then rapid fade. State #28. Tropo has resulted in the following 5/25 WIOV Ephrata, Pa. 105.1 @1929. 5/26 WCSI 101.5 IN @2000. 5/27 WIVK 107.7 TN @1856. 5/28 WHMS 100.7 OH @1900, WERT 98.9 @1905, WGWR and WLRJ both ID @1930 on 92.3. Skip on 5/27 brought in WHMS 92.1 @1929 with very strong signal. The best skip so far appeared on 5/30 from 1030 to 1230, and the following were heard: KGAF 94.5; KNT0 95.1; KBIM 94.9; KRST 92.3; KMLW 93.9; KFWR 94.7 and KSET 94.7. Signal levels were good, but rapid fading. KRST and KSET are my most distant DX to date. Skip is been frequent here in the 30 to 50mc and TV channels 2 thru 4, but very little skip has reached FM. Totals to date are 340 stations from 28 states, Ontario and Cuba. Finally, I would like to recommend Bruce Elvings FM Station Atlas to any serious FM DXer. Good job, Bruce!

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At last some Es has come my way. Wards AM/FM Police transistorized rx w/28 whip antenna used. CST used, new ones underlined. 5/10 0110 KVIL 103.7 Dallas (250). 5/15 2348 KELT 94.5 Harlingen (215). 5/16 0249 WFAA 97.9 Dallas, 0255 KRLD 92.5, 0300 KFAD 94.9 Cleburne (215). 5/17 0108 KVIL, 0320 XEFM (?) 94.(?) Monterrey, NL Mexico (270), 0400 KRLD, 2359 KWKH 94.5 Shreveport, LA (355). 5/18 0004 WFAA, 0008 KVIL, 0114 KTAL 98.1 Shreveport, LA, 0130 WBAP 96.3 Ft. Worth (245), 0133 KBUY 93.9. 5/21 2100 tune in to find Es up to 108MHz. 2125 WVIC 94.9 MI (1170), 2130 WHFI 94.7 MI (1220). Es out at about 2140. 5/25 1000 Es at tune in. 1002 WUSF 89.7 Tampa (975), 1006 WWBA 107.3 St. Petersburg, 1007 WLCY 94.9 Tampa, 1045 unID on 91.3. Two other unIDs in opening as well. Last Es @1120. 5/28 very brief Es near 89MHz, unID. 5/30 1100 Es at tune in hear 90 mHz, however the signal was so strong and steady that I mistook it for our local on 90.3, forgetting that it didn't even come on Sundays! 1125 finally realized my goof when 94.7 roars in. 1130 WHWC not 88.3 Colfax WI (1090)(??RWV), 1159 WHSA 89.9 Brule, WI (1200), 1200 unID near 99MHz, 1220 near 91.3. At least 2 or 3 other unIDs in. Last Es @1225, good channel 6 audio for several minutes, unID. 5/31 1100 Es at tune in. 1100 KQMU 94.1 Salt Lake City, Utah (1080), 1115 KCPX 98.7 same. Es out about 1120. 1145 trop KRMH 103.7 San Marcos, TX (60). 6/2 0745 catch the final stages of large trop opening. 0800 apx 95 MHz AL (WZAM?), 0815 KIXY 94.7 San Angelo, TX; 2311 WFAA. 6/3 0128 KRLD, 0130 KNUS, 0150 KBUY, 0157 WBAP, possible brief Es near 88.3, unID. By next month's column I should be set up in Boulder, Colorado with a temporary type job at ITS (ESSA) with worldwide Es on VHF. I will be there at least until early October. The slow start of Es in May sure made up for itself. Not if the rest of the summer could be as good.....

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I finally have a little FM DX to report. It was heard on my AR 15 with rabbit ears for an antenna. On 5/21 Es reached FM for some 20 minutes, and the following were logged: KPLIC 99.5 IA @2200 CDT w/ID and NBC nx; KLYX 102.1 Houston @2207 w/rr mx and KRBE 104.1 Houston @2209 announcing as Stereo 104 and Sound of solid gold. 73.

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Activity on the FM has picked up with even some Es to report. Totals now at 215 logged, 22 states, 74 NY and 7 unlogged channels. The AJ 15 can't be beat. Here's what's hrd: 5/9 WUOM 91.7 MI unlogged 1430, CKWW 88.7 @1816, 5/10 WPDM 99.3 NY 2357 s/off. 5/11 WEOS 89.7 Geneva, NY rr @2159. 5/12 WSLU 96.7 NY opera @2125, WRCU 90.1 NY rr 10w @40 mi@2251. 5/13 WHCL 88.7 NY Female amr 10w @40 mi@2203. 5/18 unlogged Montreal and Ottawa stations L&C @0001 w/strong aurora ex. 5/25 WLAE 93.7 CT SS @2300. 5/26 WETA 90.9 DC NPR network@1817, WSTW 93.7 DE w/c WBLK/WLAE @2000. 5/27 WMOD 98.7 DC w/chimes ID @1859. WITF 89.3 Hershey, PA ID @1930. 5/29 first Es of the season, unID on 89.7 to Fla? w/fairy tales @1500 (Probably WUSF Fred. RWW), WGNB 101.5 Relig. prog.1501 (1130), unlogged WGLV 105.5 FL w/cw mx @1459, unID 102.3 FL? honkey tonk mx w/Mark Barney @1453 who? Es out by 1524. 73.

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Seven Es openings on FM already, so maybe it's not such a bad season after all...just a late starter. May loggings are on the interior "Color Eagle" antenna with limited rotation. June ones are on the same antenna, exterior on a rotor. All involved use of a lowband TV IPA which boosted signals considerably on an antenna not really designed for FM. Tropo has been rewarding from along the Gulf, as far as Pensacola. Almost all loggings are new, except those duplicated within this report. 5/6 XHMLS 98.1 @ 2000 w/ads and CST TV, ID "Radio Estereo, frecuencia modulada 98 punto 1 megaciclos, desde Matamoros, Tamaulipas", 2100 KNCT 91.3 Belton, TX s/off mentioning 50kw. 5/17 WQNZ 95.1 Natchez MS @2124 w/HP 71, 2237 KLYZ 102.1 Houston ID in passing, 2344 KBPO Beaumont local ad, 2346 105.7 KHCB gospel mx, but not in SS. 5/21 Es WHWC 88.3 Colfax, WI class mx, CCI from non WSBS class, 2027 WHA 88.7 Madison ID during concert, 2028 WHKW 89.3 // 88.7, 2029 WLVE 94.9 Baraboo, WI ID as Baraboo/Madison, local ads, CCE from WDBN OH w/local ad, ID as "Serving the Cleveland/Akron areas....The Quiet Sound", 2045 WHSA 89.9 Brule, WI concert // 90.3, WHIA 90.3 //89.9 WSBS concert, 95.3 KIFG 95.3 Iowa Falls, IA local ads, KIFG total info mx, 2048 WUOM 91.7 assumed w/guitar classics. 2051 WTMB 98.9 Tomah, WI w/nx, 2053 WNCI 97.3 Columbus, OH local ads, ACN nx, WNCI local and regional nx headlines, 2132 WHFI 94.7 Birmingham, MI w/prog rock, wx local ad. 5/22 0738 KSJR 90.1 MN sneakily o/KPFT w/classics and Twin Cities wx soon gone. 0959 WKAR 90.5 MI ID w/guitar mx; amid WBAY TV recording, 2304 KLEF 94.5 Houston s/off. 5/24 KPFT 90.1 Houston @0520 lightning skip made strong very weak gw signal, storm passed thru SA 2 hours earlier. 5/25 WUSF 89.7 Tampa @1018 to past 1100, 1025 WTHS 94.3 Miami w/Kid shows, ID @1029, 1032 92.3 WDBO Orlando ment. "here in Fla"., 1042 WMYQ 96.3 Miami Beach ID "Fun lovin' WMYQ FM". 2331 KELT 94.5 Harlingen, TX PSA, ID, 2345 KYND 92.5 Pasadena, TX \$ID. (should be KYED Glenn RWW). 5/29 WRAS 88.5 @0749 Es logged 0749 to at least 0808 when lengthy ad was hrd, 0804 WTSB? 95.7 NC tent. logged, ABC I net matches AM listing, 0838 talk. 0805 WRNA 95.1 Charlotte, NC local ads, 0816 WQSM 98.1 Fayetteville, NC ID @0819, 0820 WKIX 96.1 Raleigh, NC RR mx, ID, 0824 WPTF 94.7 Raleigh, NC ID @0830, 0927 WLEX 98.1 Lexington, KY cw mx, 0931 ID, HP 71 CCI. 5/30 CJOM 88.7 @1051 ID, 1104 WKAR MI w/Michigan State Univ. sports, 1109 WHAD 90.7 WI //other WBBS stns., 1123 WNIU 89.5 DeKalb, IL ID in nx. 5/31 KQMU 94.1 SLC Utah ID @1100 KQMU \$ FM 94 SLC. 1104 KBBK 92.3 Boise, ID local ads. 6/2 antenna installed outside on rotor. 0630 WCKW 92.3 IA ID in w/nx, 0635 KBPO 94.1 Beaumont, TX NBC nx, ID, 0638 WLPK 96.1 Mobile, AL local ads, 0642 KRMH 103.7 TX rock mx, 0702 ID, WDSU 93.3 IA light mx, nx FM 93 nx headlines. 0652 WROA 107.1 MS local ads. (CONT'D)

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6/2 0655 WVSL 105.3 IA rock o/KWED, soulful too, IE @0659, 0703 WYNK 101.5 Baton Rouge, ABC nx, local ads, ID, 0711 WPEX 94.1 Pensacola, FL ID, ad, CCI soon covered, KBPO 94.1 @0713 jingle, ID o/WPEX, 0728 WBYU 95.7 New Orleans ID o/KIKK, 0736 WZAM 94.9 Mobile, AL Mobile promo, ID @0757, new station, 0750 KSMB 94.5 Lafayette, IA local ad, 0759 WAFB 98.1 Baton Rouge HP #1, ID, 0800 WWOM 98.5 NO, IA ID, 0804 WQXY 100.7 Baton Rouge local nx, IDs, 2359 KWKH 94.5 Shreveport, LA s/off, \$ sounded lousy. 6/3 0021 KRID 92.5 HP '71, 0657 WSJC 107.5 Magee, MS ID, cw mx, also serves Mendenhall, 0709 107.3 KINB Poteau, OK local ads, etc, KANU 91.5 @2023 classical mx, steady to 2048. 2027 KCMW 90.9 MO classical mx, 2033 ID and mispronouncements. 73 de Glenn.

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Howdy! I'm still logging as I'm reporting. Loggings this month have fattened up the totals a bit. The DX activity of Bill Bens has recently been defuncted after Bill was listening to a weak signal for over an hour only to find it was WAKW overload! New loggings are: 5/12 WAMX 93.7 2200 EST; WJER 101.7 @2231. 5/18 KSHE 94.7 @2233; WBYS 98.3 @2310; WPRC 100.1 @1115 (3kw RWW); WJBL 94.5 @1130; WNIL 95.3 @2335; WBBM 96.3 @0009; WFPL 95.9 @0014.5/19 last 3 on this date plus WJR 96.3 @0016. 5/21 KEFZ 97.3 @2200. 5/27 WNDU 92.9 @2349. 5/28 WWWW 106.7 @0000. 5/31 WROY 97.3 @0916; WCRA 95.7 @0957. 6/1 WKNR 100.5 @0000. 5/28 was my last day of school forever. That really has made my totals jump. 6/1 WIAI 99.1 @0005. 6/2 WKMT 100.1 @0831; WWHI 105.3 @0930; WPLN 90.3 @1031; WATH 105.5 @2229; WPKR 92.1 @2300. 6/3 WHFB 99.9 @0000; WJAS 99.7 @0022; WAUS 90.9 @0031 (17kw RWW); WXUS 92.7 @0100; WSOY 102.9 @0115; WFGU 107.1 @0200; WRMM 91.1 @0730; WNPQ 95.9 @2257. 6/6 WLFC 102.7 @0830. 6/8 WENO 100.9 @2205; WWLV 100.9 @2212, noted WHKK off for those 100.9 loggings, WJPA 95.3 @2243; WWVR 105.5 @2230. WFCJ 93.7 was off this morning 6/9 and the result was WMVO 93.7 @0922 and WJCD 93.7 @0930. Finally one I've wanted a long time WXTA 94.3 @1000. This one is hard to get because of WSAI 94.1. WAKW is now on the air until midnight local time all rights except Sunday. WVEZ changed XMTR location, now approx. 1100 AAT and 7900w H/V. Their power will increase soon to about 14kw. That should be a good check station to Cincinnati. (Yes it should, I've never heard it. RWW). Roger, if you really want an AJ 15 I'll be able to help you in July or late June. I own an extra. Congrats to Andy Bolin, he won a WAKW gospel kit on 6/5 for being the farthest listener to my show @200 miles. RX here is Lafayette LT 425T IF into an AJ 15. Antenna is a JFD LPL FMLOA..the world's best FM antenna without a doubt. Well, totals at 392 and on the upswing. See ya all next month with another hotline DX report. Good day and DX.

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Nothing to report here again, except I finally got my RX switch fixed, so maybe I will get something new. Naturally it got fixed after all this great Es was popping around. Trops are up most every morning, but nothing of any unusual nature has been heard. I did hear what sounded like audio on 89.9, but superpest WMB I prevented any ID. Isn't there a CP for one in Milwaukee? Lots of reports this time. I appreciate all the help I receive friends. Just as a plea on my behalf, when reporting stations, instead of just call letter, freq. and time, try to include any pertinent info, or unusual jingle IDs, so that perhaps others can have an idea what to listen for when attempting to log this station. Next month more, I hope.

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This years FM effort is going to be low keyed. Last years 36 element antenna array with switchable V and H polarization is down and stored. This years antenna is too small (stacked 9 element Stereo Probe 9's) and far too low (25 feet), plus with greatly limited time available. DX this summer will be catch as catch can, at best. Receiver still AJ 15 with some interdigital preamps and filters. 5/4 WHA 0713 on MS for several minutes. Also KTBC 93.7 on tropo and others to 400 miles. 5/6 KCFM 93.7 and others to NE to 500 miles 0600 to 0730. 5/8 KMYO 95.7 and others east on tropo to 350 miles evening. 5/21 1150 to 1202 WITA FM 93.7 San Juan, Puerto Rico on double E(EE) at about 2450 miles. 2133 to 2210 Es to Florida area with WVFM 104.1, WMOP 93.7 and a few others in/out. 5/26 1303 to 1315 heavy Es opening probably stretched over several hours to NW from here. Caught KGVW 96.7 ID in Montana, but didn't have time for rest coming thru. 5/30 1002 to 1130 approx. Es to east and NE w/signals in/out. Logged WJLM, WSGM 93.5, WRVA 94.3, WRFK 106.5, WGTS 91.9, WMOR 92.1, WPGC 95.5, WSTW 93.7, WFMN 93.1, WETA 90.9, WAMU 88.5, WWDC 101.1, WOUB 91.3 and others. Mostly VA, MD, KY OH greas. 5/31 at 1220 tune until 1300 or so, Es to so. CA w/KPOL 93.9, KPFK 90.7, KNX 93.1, KKOP 93.5, KAAC 95.5, KFSG 96.3, KFOX 100.3 and others. 6/5 2027 KWPM 93.9 covering closer KSPO, indicating duct forming. 2055 WSIU 91.9, KFMV 107.9 and others to 500 miles thru MO, central southern Illinois. 6/6 More of same 0800 with KGRV 107.7 and KCFM 93.7 leading the pack.. 73.

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May was a good month here despite the fact that it got off to a poor start, lots of Es after the 21st, but the highlight of the month here was tropo on the AM of the 18th. First off on 5/14 @1004 I heard my 1st ID of KTOF 104.5 Cedar Rapids, IA, this was an ET, RS began the next day. KTOF is 24hrs and religious. They have a very, very strong signal here all the time so should be heard widely throughout the midwest on tropo. Also WSHN \$100.1 in Fremont, MI is on RS and WRIT 102.9 is now WFWO (For Women Only) in \$ with yuk programming. Now for the DX: 5/17 aurora produced CHFI 98.1 Toronto @2250 and WNCQ 97.5 Watertown, NY @2300. 5/18 tropo in abundance to the S and SW between 0530 and 0945. 0603 KNOE 101.9 \$ Monroe, LA local quality and stayed that way until 0945 (745 mi) 0613 KARK\$ Little Rock, AR (615), 0624 WBAP\$ 96.3 Ft. Worth, TX, WREC\$ Memphis, TN w/"Stereo, part one" @0629 (525), WMC\$ 99.7 also Memphis @ 0632 and then KQUE\$ 102.9 Houston "in full dimensional stereo", didn't sound that good here, hi; anyway it's a full 1005 miles @0638, WKYV 106.7 or "KY" as they call themselves, Vicksburg, MS (735), WCPC 93.3 Houston, MS @0655, KWFC 97 3 Springfield, MO @0700, KMYO 95.7 Little Rock w/religious pgmg and KRAA 94.1 (615) between 0715 and 0730, KWPM 93.9 West Plains, MO w/MOR 0748, KRCH\$ 98.1 St. Louis w/MOR 0755, most St. Louis stns in well at this time, KAMS 95.1 Mammoth Spring, AR w/cw @0815 (490) and last new logging was KWEEH Camden, AR @0845 (690). Later that day WPLN 90.3 Nashville, TN ID @2000, WDBL 94.3 Springfield, TN w/nx @2205 (400). 5/19 WMC in again. 5/21 first Es of the season here from 2150 to 2240, KLBK\$ 94.5 Lubbock w/MoR @2250, KTNM 92.7 Tucumcaci, NM @2200 // to AM, KBAD 92.1 Carlsbad, NM w/rock 2210, KUHF 88.7 Houston @2204 w/nx, KRDO\$ 95.1 "Stereo 95 in Colorado Springs" @2216, KINT\$ 97.5 El Paso, TX w/rock @2220, KVMN 98.9 Pueblo, CO @2225, KQXX\$ 98.5 McAllen TX w/ABC FM nx@2230 and finally WTAW 92.1 College Stn, TX @2236. Cont'd

Brown (Cont'd) 5/23 a couple of short breaks of ES into the FM band in the PM, KSEL 93.7 and KLBK 94.5 both Lubbock between 1715 and 1725, KIIIX 93.3 CO "growing greater w/greater Ft. Collins" and KFBC 97.9 Cheyenne, WY between 1827 and 1835. Es on 5/27 beginning w/KRSN 98.5 Los Alamos, NM @0840 w/nx KLBK presenting "Mx by Misty", KBIM 94.9 Roswell, NM w/PSA @0915, KTNM 92.7 again @0940, KOB\$ 93.3 w/MoR @0945 and KRST 92.3 @0950, both Albuquerque. Strongest Es of the season so far was on 5/30 beginning w/KBPO\$ 94.1 in Beaumont, TX (the following are all Texans) @1050, KTRM 95.1 Beaumont w/cw mx @1103, KAYD 97.5 Beaumont @1108, KRBE 104.1 Houston w/SID @1110, KQUF 102.9 Houston @1111, KLEF 94.5 Houston @1115, KILT 100.3 w/rock @1117 KLOL 101.1 @1120, KSJT 97.5 San Angelo @1143 in SS, 1150 KWIW 93.9 San Angelo w/MoR, 1209 KFFZ San Antonio 97.3 w/ABC nx promo, 1200 KITV 92.9 w/MoR, 1214 KNBT 92.1 ending TSN mx. Es ended around 1225 w/KSJT the last to fade out. 5/31 very brief Es in the evening, 1957 WFYN 92.5 Key West and WVFM 104.1 Lake Wales @1959. 6/6 tropo up slightly and 2 needed class A caught, WDMP 107.1 Dodgeville @0626 and WOCO 107.1 Oconto @0629. 6/8 tropo north in the PM including WHSA 89.9 Brule, WI (390) and WHSB 107.7 Alpena, MI. 6/9 good tropo to about 400 mi between 0530 and 0900, noted were KDMI 97.3 and KRNT 102.5 both Des Moines (370), KHAK 98.1 Cedar Rapids w/cw mx // to AM, KNWS 101.9 Waterloo @0857 w/religious mx, KGRC 92.9 Hannibal, St. Louis area also in well. Hopefully I'll have more next month. '73.

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Have been absent from FMDX column due to reworking of antenna system. On 5/29 stumbled on Es approx. 1130AM until 1230. I say stumbled, as had just picked up two Winegard SC 65's, assembled them, and was mocking up my array on the patio. One of them approx 2' off ground; and the other exactly 11' above it. Had tuner and amp on card table, and as I tuned in WFUV 90.7 NYC IDed. Thought I had a pretty hot system until I realized I was in the midst of Es. Antenna due N: WBOH 92.9, KSEL 93.7 Lubbock, TX, WISZ 95.9 Glen Burnie, MD, WVDB 96.5 Philly, WFPG 96.9 Atlantic City, NJ all IDed the next hour. Don't know how Lubbock got in all the eastern stuff, but it was there. Did anyone catch aurora Es about that time? I had grotesque audio distortion at quite a few places on dial, but blamed it on vagaries of 75ohm system, w/antennas on ground, etc. I just tuned by it, but on reading Larry Vogt's report in June VUD, I realized could have been ARES. Never had it down here before, and haven't had it since, unfortunately. I had a Palmyra, PA station at 92.1 this opening loud and clear, assume it was WCTX, but never could catch ID, so am not logging it. On 5/30, still antennas on the ground, KFLO 92.5 Sioux Falls, SD boasting about tallest FM tower in the world, KCHF 93.5 same, KCIM 93.7 Carroll, IA, KNWC 96.5 Sioux Falls again, KDVR 97.9 Sioux City, Iowa (just about cleaned up all the Sioux that session) and KLIR 100.3 Denver, CO. This opening started about 1:30PM until 2:35. During the 5/29 opening have one I need help on. Freq. unk Howard ??? reading the news, spoke of so and so belonging to "Explorers Post of KHOB radio", gave ENM wx, told of rainfall here in Hobbs last night, but then IDed as KLEG or KIDG. I have this all on tape, but can't get clear reading on ID, I assumed I had KHOB until the ID. No Es since 5/30 on FM, but know the TV boys are cleaning up, as 2 and 3 have been full of it here. New antenna system is: Rohn 25G tower, top of rotor is 51' AG, Winegard SC 65's stacked as in Bob Cooper's 12/69 VUD article, 132" apart, w/identical lengths of RG59U feeding into a VIKOA 836 splitter. Top antenna 64' AG, finally got it erected 6/5 too early to evaluate it. Not as hot as my old system. WCTX 99.5 is now WQYK countryopolitan, WBIL dropped soul format, now HP 71 and WRLJ 96.9 now WPDQ.

CENTRAL TV DX

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July 1971

Next Deadline July 15

TV-DX AS NOTED BY ENTHUSIASTS IN WI, IL, IN MI, OH, PA AND EASTERN CANADA

Obviously, thus far (as of mid-June) this is not one of the memorable DX seasons. That situation could, should and hopefully will change, but thus far there isn't a great deal to make a DXers heart pound. If you all don't mind, I'll be optimistic!

Es began in this reporting area just after mid May. The earliest reported was from Wilkes-Barre and Jim Hayes with two definite loggings on 5-18, following an un-id on 5-2 and a tentative on 5-8. I know others across the region noted traces of skip but the real openings apparently began after the 18th. Here on the Western end (of the Central area) 5-21 seems to have been the breaking date.

Tropo had the blahs most of the period, except for a few minor...and one major exception. Unfortunately I can't recount the latter in detail because I heard about it by phone and a day late. As you will hopefully see in the FM column, there was a ducting situation from Southern Lake Michigan and surrounding environs to as far SW as Eastern Texas, at around 0730 LT on May 18. FM Editor Rog Windsor called on the 19th with news of his super catch...KTHV-11 Little Rock. Nice, but not seen by many others!

With a smattering of MS, Aurora, and Lightning Scatter...here's the month from the Central US...and Eastern Canada...

Jim Hayes, 9 Henry Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa 18702 EDST

4-14 Au 1630-1830 ch 2-7 no IDs	5-24 Es 1800 KTVI-2 St. Louis, Mo 0422R (730)
5-2 Es 2030 Unid	1806 WBRZ-2 Baton Rouge, La 5555R (1116)
5-8 Es 1825 KCKT-2 Great Bend, Kn 0433 Tent	5-25 Es 1530 Unid-2
5-16 MS 1430 Strong bursts ch 2-4 with TP tones heard on 2 and 4.	5-26 Es 1600-1800 Unid 2-4
5-18 Es 1730 WEAR-3 Pensacola, F1 5545R (970)	5-27 Es 1800 WEDU-3 Tampa 3033R (972) plus Unids 2-5 to F1 and A1 to 2000
1930 WDIQ-2 Dozier, A1 3322R (920)	5-31 Es 2000 KATC-3 Lafayette, La 0533R (1170)
5-23 Es 1815 Unid-3 FF! (more of that strange Carribean business perhaps???)	2153 KPRC-2 Houston 2012N (1350)

"Quite a few Es days. The openings are quite a bit different...more quantity than quality. Instead of building slowly to FM in a few hours, they subsist all day on and off on channels 2-4. Totals here now 50." (Well said Jim...others seem to concur. Nice long haul on KPRC! RB)

Roger Gravelle, 35 Aldborough Ave., St. Thomas, Ont. EDST

5-4 Tr 2300 WUTV-29 Buffalo, NY 5555(new?) (130)	5-27 Es 1700-1900 Same as 5-26
5-15 Tr UHF to Cleveland and Detroit (120 mi.) all 5555.	5-30 Es 2000 WPBT-2 Miami 5555R (1175) 2020 Unid 3 SS, suspect Cuba. Es 2030 WTVJ-4 Miami 5533R (1175)
5-26 Es 1800 WPBT-2 Miami 5544R (1175)	5-31 Scattered Es all day...only ID WTHS-2 Miami. Es faded on 6 IDs in a row! &#%*!&#*
WEAR-3 Pensacola 4323R (1000)	
WTVJ-4 Miami 4212R (1175)	

(GRAVELLE cont.)

6-4 Tr 1900 CKCO-TV-1 (?) -2 IDing as
Georgian Bay. About 100 miles

"Suspect (New Georgian Bay channel 2) to be 100 KW per St. Thomas cable company." (Note last months Digest, Central DX column Rog. Hey...I miss your early AM calls but my wife doesn't! Hi! RB)

David Egan, 12a Andrew, Valleyfield, Quebec EDST

5-30 Es 1957 Unid-2 NET (Buckley?) probable WTHS-2. Also, Unid-4 w/delayed "Ice Palace" at 2025. (Dave...see Rog Gravelle's report above. RB)

6-7 Tr early AM WNYS-9 Syracuse (195), WKTV-2 Utica (180), WRGB-6 Schenectady (190), WROC-8 Rochester (230), WHEC-10 Rochester, WTEN-10 Albany (185) all Grade A.

"I finally got 31/31 (plus DC) in States total w/WLBT-3 verie (#106). Totals now 125 seen."

Frank Wheeler, 6589 Wattsburg Rd., Erie, Pa. CDST

4-11 Tr 0750 CICA-19 Toronto, On 2345N (118)	5-29 Es 2221 KMID-2 Midland, Tx 3333R (1394)
5-19 Es 2100 KCKT-2 Great Bend 5444R (1015)	2232 KNOP-2 No Platte, Nb 4323R (1066)
2200 KWGN-2 Denver 5444R (1292)	
5-21 Es 1800 KARD-3 Wichita 5312R (953)	1159 KFDX-3 Wichita Falls, Tx 3423R (1114)
5-23 Es 1627 KCKT-2 Great Bend 4312R (1015)	2200 KFDX-3 Again and WKY-4 OkCity 3435R (1090)
1630 KMTV-3 Omaha, Nb 4312R (815)	
5-27 Es 1550 KUSD-2 Vermillion, SD 5545R (851)	5-30 Es 1330 KPRC-2 Houston 4323R (1210)
1600 KDLO-3 Garden City, SD 4432R (846)	5-31 Es 1300 KNOP-2 No Platte 5433R
1610 KTCA-2 Minneapolis 5445R (687)	1500 KGNC-4 Amarillo 5433R (1251)
	1220 CKCW-2 Moncton, NB 5433R (820)

(Thanks Frank...good to see your reports again...makes this column easier to write! RB)

John Parillo, 400 So. Market St., Girard, Oh 44420 EDST

5-22 Es 0830 KPRC-2 Houston, Tx. (1130)	5-29 (cont.) 2301 KMID-2 Midland (1335)
0900 KNOP-2 No Platte, Nb (1070)	2304 WKY-4 OkCity, Ok (980)
5-23 Es 1732 KNOP-2. 1800 KGNC-4 Amarillo (1210)	5-30 Es 1200 KMID-2 Midland (1335)
1900 KWGN-2 Denver, Co. (1263)	5-31 Es 1600 KGNC-4 Amarillo (1210)
5-29 Es 1223 KTEW-2 Tulsa, Ok (885) (New call if you missed it) Again at 2300.	

"Nice to have some skip back but its more like end-of-season type...not too strong, short duration, usually effects only ch 2 and 3, sometimes 4." (Agree John. Hey, do you suppose KMID-2 is the most frequently seen US station by ES? RB)

Gary Olson, 1203 Kenton Rd., Deerfield, Il. CDST

4-14 Au 1700-2030 ch 2-6 No IDs	5-7 Tr 0655 WKJG-33, WANE-15 Ft. Wayne, In
Tr 1730 WMKG-54 Muskegon	5-21 Es 2055 KIII-3 Corpus Christi, Tx 2100-2230 Unids 2-6 SW
4-18 Tr 1930 WWUP-10 SteSt Marie, Mi. (tent)	5-23 Es 1845 Unid ch 3-4 But probably missed much as was not tuning around
2000 WKBD-50 Detroit, Mi.	
2100 WTVS-56, WXON-62 Detroit	
4-19 Tr 1930 WCAE-50 St. John, In.	
2200 WKBD-50 Detroit, Mi.	

(more OLSON) "DX has been very poor due to cold weather this spring. Antennas not shaped up yet. Will order tower in a day or two. Seven foot dish is 4 1/2 weeks backordered from Lafayette in Chicago. Second baby due here July 21 so may miss convention. (No sweat Gary...congratulations! Now you can feed him/her and catch early morning MS! RB)

Morrie S. Goldman, 5815 N. Christiana Ave., Chicago, IL. DCST

5-21 Es 2128 KIII-3 Corpus Christi 3433R	0930 KGNC-4 Amarillo, Tx 3333R
2200 KOB-4 Albuquerque 3444R	0931 KOA-4 Denver 3333R
Tr 2342 WLUK-11 Green Bay, Wi 4545R	1000 KID-3 Idaho Falls 4444R
5-24 Es noted all day while in Milwaukee publishing VUD	1130 KWAB-4. Big Spring 3422R
5-25 Es 1145 Unid-2 20KC w/WBBM-2	1200 WOAI-4 San Antonio 4333R
5-27 Es 0857 KWAB-4 Big Spring, Tx 3234R	1232 KGNC-4 Amarillo 3234R
0858 Unid-4 EBS test	6-7 MS/-Es? 1545-1600 Numerous Bursts of MIHTP on ch 3 as airplanes passed over. NOT tropo. Went into programming at 1600.
0859 Unid-4 IDed as "Big-8".	
Translator? (nothing in the Factbook Morrie RB)	
0859 KFDX-3 Wichita Falls 3323R	

"This year continues to be a poor one here for Es." (Morrie has only a Finco LB yagi up...and still awaits orders for active duty. Great to have a report from you again Morrie. RB)

Robert Zoller, 8125 Donna, Westland, Mi. EST

5-9 Tr 0720 WTAP-15 Parkersburg, WV 3332N (240)	5-4 Tr 0700 CICA-19 Toronto 2224N (260)
5-10 Tr 0810 WCET-48 Cincinnati 2235N (230)	5-6 MS 0659 WDAF-4 Kansas City 4212N (620)
5-12 MS 0513 WESH-2 Daytona Beach 3412R (910)	Tr 1725 WGSF-31 Newark, Oh tent. (didn't know they had changed for sure. RB)
5-13 MS 0553 WKY-4 Oklahoma City 4411N (885)	1730 WQED-13 Pittsburg 3421N (210)
5-18 MS 0456 WSB-2 Atlanta 4414R (590)	2100 WOUB-20 Athens, Oh 3425N (210)
5-29 MS 0607 WHBF-4 Rock Island, IL 3212N (390)	6-9 MS 0512 WCBS-2 NYC 4314N (490)

"Equipment includes RCA portable, convertor, ch 13, and ch 2-6 yagis and corner reflector. Total now 141 stations received." (What happened to Hal Cooper, Bob? RB)

Roger H. Brawn, 1617 Linden St., E. Lansing, Mi. 48823 EST

5-18 Tr 2100 WAND-17 Decatur, IL 2124R (310)	5-22 Es Unid-2, 3 at 0920, out quickly
2130 KDNL-30 St. Louis 2424N (410)	5-24 LS 1745 WMBD-31 bursting to good grade B picture (300)
2230 WSEE-35, WJET-24 Erie 3353R (225)	1800 WTVO-17 same w/CCI from probably WAND
WUTV-29 Buffalo 3355R (290)	5-27 Es 0830 KMID-2 Midland 4421R (1200), and a list of all their translators. Also...KOB-4 Albuquerque 4521 (1200)
2300 WICS-20 Springfield, IL 2225R (340)	1300 KMID-2 again
2302 WJJY-14 Jacksonville, IL 2225R (360)	5-29 Es Unid-2, 3 SW
plus WPGH-53, WEEK-25, WMBD-31	5-30 Es 1100 KBTX-3 Bryan, Tx 4424R (1000)
5-21 Es 2140 tune in to at least ch 5	KPRC-2 Houston 5545R (1100)
2200 KGBT-4 Harlingen, Tx 1411N (1250)	1135 KDFW-4 Dallas 3345 (1000)
2213 KIII-3 Corpus Christi 1331N (1200)	1200 WOAI-4 San Antonio (1200)
2218 Unid SS audio, Unid-5 NET	plus others to at least ch 5. Probably in all day. 1800 SS on ch 2, Gymnastics meet. 1815 SS
2230 KOB-4 Albuquerque 3511R (1200)	
2320 KMID-2 Midland 4445R (1200)	

(BROWN cont.)

- on ch 3 (first here) w/music probably Cuba.
 5-31 MS 0508 WMAR-2 Baltimore 3311R
 Es 1430 KTEW-2 Tulsa 5544R (800)
 1530 KMID-2, KWAB-4
 Es 1540 KFDX-3 Wi. Falls, Tx
 2100 WPBS-2 Miami, Fl 3311R (1100)
 WDIQ-2 Dozier, Al 3321R (1900)
 WEAR-3 Pensacola 3321R (950)
 2200 KJAC-4 Port Arthur 2221R (1000)
 2230 KPRC-2 Houston 4431R (1100)
- 6-4 MS 0515 WCBS-2 NYC plus unid-4 NBC TP
 (does either WRC-4 or WNBC-4 NOT
 carry an ID on TP??)
- 6-5 0500-0630 Many unid MS bursts E and SW
 Tr 0600 WAVE-3 Louisville 0341R (300)
- 6-6 LS 0945 WVTM-18, WKOW-27, about an hour
 before passage of storm.
 Tr 1100-1400 Inversions formed behind
 storm, city grade signals from Chi,
 Milwaukee, Rockford
 LS 1130 looking east through storm,
 WPGH-53 and CCI on ch 28 from WBRE-28,
 (470)
- 6-7 Es 2200 WBRZ-2 Baton Rouge 2221R (1000)
 6-8 Es 1115 Brief, through ch 5 No IDs
 6-9 Tr 2015-2400 WLEX-18, WKYT-27 Lexington,
 Ky 4445R (330) WKLE-46 Lexington
 4445N (330), WKSO-29 Somerset, Ky
 4445R (380), WKHA-35 Hazard, Ky
 3322R (350), WKPI-22 Pikeville, Ky
 2222R (350), WKMR-38 Morehead, Ky.
 3435R (370), and 2208 WTVK-26
 Knoxville, Tn 3445N (470)
- 6-11 Es 1720 KPRC-2 Houston 3442R (1100)
 (another loser...signing as "Big 2")
 1730 KMID-2 Midland 4442R (1200)
 Tr 1800 WFYI-20 Indy 2225R (225)
 2120 KDUB-40 Dubuque 1115R (310)
- 6-12 Es 1615 KPRC-2 Houston 1700 KJAC-4
 KATC-3 Lafayette 4131R
- 6-14 MS 0515 WMAR-2 Baltimore
- 6-15 Es 2215 KMID-2 Midland and Unid SS
 audio on 2.

Es has been spotty, mostly weak and MUF has been only to ch 4, most openings. Saw briefly first SS on ch 3. My experience with Lightning Scatter has been limited at best, but find it pretty reliable thus far. Kind of fun! Tropo...except for wierd ducting to E. Kentucky and Tenn. has been pretty dead. However, the past 4 days (June 15-16-17-18) have begun with strong early am-type tropo on UHF to 300 plus miles. The 18th brought such as WBRE-28, WBJA-34, WSYE-18 and WINR-40 with so-so signals (the latter sounded like they IDed with a new call, but I'm not certain.) Distances are 380-470 miles.

Received some hairraising photos and a good note from one of last year's steady reporters, Bruce Metzner...he notes, "I honestly wish I could send you a report but with a little wire dipole on the first floor of an apartment, I haven't seen anything worth reporting. I'm going to be traveling in Europe this summer so that the period is shot as far as DXing goes. Bruce, if you want to stay at home and DX, I'll take your place. The photos show young Bruce atop a 60 foot tower, beneath side-by-side 7' dishes, and a big color vector. He says that the only thing the pix can't show are his knees shaking. Hope to have you back next season my man!

Each month, I seem to be closing off by noting the impending inauguration of big-power WUHQ-41, Battle Creek, Mi. Why change? They received their antenna on the 13th of June...6 months late from Ampex. They promise to hit the air within a week...so watch for them. If you don't care about them...try for WGTU-29, due to beging service within a month. Studios are in Traverse City, Mi. but tx and tower (a megawatt and 1300'...both GE) are at Kalkaska. They'll be ABC, but plan a summer s/on of from 1200 to 1400. Should be a local for Bill Draeb.

FERDINAND S. DOMBROWSKI, JR., 1311 W. MADISON ST., APT. 11, MILW. WI 53204 (CDT)

I SEE THERE'S SOME ROOM LEFT SO I'LL DO MY THING. DX POOR HERE, AS IT IS EVERYWHERE ELSE UP NORTH I'M SURE. EXCEPT FOR A WEEK AT THE END OF MAY/BEGINNING OF JUNE, THERE'S BEEN VIRTUALLY NOTHING TO CALL DX. AND WHAT SKIP THERE HAS BEEN HAS BEEN MEDIOCRE TO SAY THE MOST. SKIP WAS NOTED IN MAY ON THE 21ST, 23RD, 26TH, 28TH, 29TH, 31ST, AND IN JUNE SO FAR ONLY ON THE 23RD. ONLY 8 POSITIVE IDs WERE SEEN ON ALL THOSE DAYS COMBINED, AND ALL WERE COMMON IN GOOD YEARS (OTHER THAN 1970-71). ALL WERE IN THE ROCKY MT STATES AND THE GULF COAST STATES: MT, CO, WY, FL, TX, AND LA. SO THATS IT FOR 1971!

WESTERN DX

July 1971

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Deadlines: 12th of each month

Glen Neal has further info about DX-testing of KFDO-8 Elk City OK on Friday and Saturday nights with a clear id slide and music. Whenever tropo condx are suspected, his Friday times are 0030-0100 CDT; Saturday night, 0130-0200 (actually are Sat & Sun mornings). He notes that what may be needed for high-band MS work is some organized effort to watch on some night during a good shower. Yes, this might be possible; "TV-DX Specials" have been run in the past, such as the memorable effort in October 1959 for a Giacobinids shower that unfortunately was diverted and missed the earth. Glen, perhaps some coordination between you, Bob Cooper, WTFDA HQ and a shower might give some very nice results for MS enthusiasts.

Early May noted only scattered Es activity, but the 15th began to show promising signs. The 18th was the first excellent day, and loggings were very extensive from there to the 31st, indicating possibility of a good season after all. The first few days of June brought another slump, however, so the rest of the summer is a question. June has shown the promise of improving tropo conditions, so perhaps all is not lost. In addition, there have been some MS loggings and some lightning-scatter DX. May Es days: 7, 8, 9, 15 through 31 (every day); June: 1 through 8 (at least a little, daily).

A report from the Walls was completely overlooked for February, so for continuity, here it is, combined with their March report. My apologies. Matthew and Bradford Wall, 25776 Walker St., San Bernardino, California 92404 (EST) Magnavox VHF-UHF 21", stacked conical 50 feet high, fixed E-W.

F14 Tr 1820 KERO-23 Bakersfield CA 15 Tr 0220 KPBS-15 San Diego CA
2300 XEWT-12 Tijuana BCN Mexico 0300 KOGO-10 San Diego
San Diego stations are semi-locals 0312 KFMB- 8 San Diego
here. Mountains stop a lot of DX. Slight Es Feb 7 but no ids.
M6 GW 0130 KECC- 9 El Centro CA 20 GW 1155 KPBS-15 San Diego (PST)
9 Tr 0120 KETV 6 Tijuana BCN 1830 KCST 39 San Diego

A few minor trop openings, only San Diego stations coming through. KECC-9 is in almost every night very weak after KHJ-9 sign-off. Very weak unid signal on or near ch. 45. Looking forward to season's first E-skip, unless we've already missed it!

Bill Heusmann, 1362 24th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50311 (-thru May) (CST; CDT 25 Apr on)

The hiatus since my last excuse for a report has seen me move to less pretentious quarters, befitting the unemployment which my graduation has left me with.

First, the last of my DX at 1527 24th, using real antennas. These are all by MS:

Mr 25 MS 0614 WLW-D 2 Dayton OH 8 MS 0448 WCBS- 2 New York City
May 7 MS 0524 WGR - 2 Buffalo NY 0512 unid- 3 SMPTE w/ID up.left
0524 WSYR- 3 Syracuse NY 0524 WSYR- 3 (& 0524,27,40) (wedge tp)
0622 CBOT 4 Ottawa Ont. 9 MS 0540 WSYR- 3 Syracuse
0632 CBOT 4 Ottawa 0548 unid- 5 RCA tp, WTTG? WNEW?

Antennas, and I use the term loosely, at the new apartment presently consist of two ch-2 dipoles, one horizontally polarized, the other vertically, with a knife switch allowing choice. Heaven only knows when I can get something decent up.

At least dipoles are not totally useless for Es, which is all that follows:

27 Es 0900 KPRC- 2 Houston TX (id, 4435) (3) (Es) 1333 wciv- 4 SC (NBC w/gd ABC-2)
1030 KOOK- 2 Billings MT (took turns 1343 wway- 3 NC (ABC)
KBOI- 2 Boise ID dominating 1354 wsav- 3 GA (NBC replacing ABC)
28 Es 1730 KOOK- 2 (3024, id w/all xltrs) 1356 wesh- 2 FL (NBC, later w/CCI 20)
29 Es 1100 WGBH- 2 Boston (gd w/CCI on id) 1420 wrbl- 3 (ColumbusTech' slide, CBS)
WSAV- 3 Savannah (alm. local id) 1431 WUSN- 2 SC (fairly good on id)
1200 WCBS- 2 NYC (4444, smeary on id) 1800 KOOK- 2 MT (4444 id)
31 Es 1200 kyw - 3 (T) NBC, Phila. paging gd 1830 KACB- 3 TX (audio id, vid. up&down)
1235 WUND- 2 NC (Ø offset, //WUNC-4) 2200 WEDU 3 FL (aud.id after //KDIN)
1300 WFMY- 2 NC (5544 on id) 2215 WESH- 2 FL (fair w/FL weather)
WUNC- 4 NC (almost local on id) 73 and best DX.

Les Prus, 1615 Pierre, Manhattan, Kansas 66502 (1-31 May) (CDT)
 Sears 9" B&W semiportable TV, 2-bay conical VHF antenna w/ ant amplifier, 4-bay bow-tie & screen UHF ant w/ 300-ohm lead-in causing extremely high loss. All on rotor.
 May 8 Es Late tune-in 1802-1815 f (fade). WCBS-2 New York w/ CBS Nx.
 4444R 1200 mi. First skip this spring.
 May 9 Tr 0600-1200 to 250 mi south and east, KYTV 3 KOTV 6 KMOS-6 KOMU-8 etc.
 May 16 Es North into Canada, 1520-1535 f, unid-2 w/ ice hockey.
 May 17 Es East (Carolinas?) 1625-1645 f (ch 2 PMason, ch 2 MRogers & Sesame St).
 May 18 Es Sweeping East coast from Carolinas to Florida, 1503-1750 f. 1640
 WRBL-3 GA, 1645-1710 WESH-2 FL, 1715-45 WDIQ 2 AL, WEDU 3 FL fade approx 1750.
 1745-49 f CFCL2-2 Kearns Ont. in unexpectedly from northeast.
 May 19 Es 1455-1503 south, Mexico unid-2 CBS-type tp "TCM"(Tele Cadena Mexicana) in inner circle, VAFI 5555. 1645-1710 weak-Florida, WESH-2 V: 3.
1731-1745 XHBC-3 Mexicali BCN w/ id slide, skip lasted till 1820, no further ids.
 May 21 Es Noticed apx 1100 but thunderstorm condx made DX impossible.
 1320 Es Utah, later WY & MT: 1320-50 KUTV 2 Salt Lake, 1345-1410 KTW-2 Casper 4444R-560, unid-3 KLEW?, 1420-45 KOOK-2 Billings KRTV 3 (VAFI both 5553, Montana new state). Skip was strong, slow-moving, and CCI was negligible. Es south, Mexico, 1624 tune-in, 1700-10 XHCH-2 Chihuahua Chih. id slide, Mex. cartoons, 5444.
 Es NE, E. Long-lasting thunderstorms still hampering DX effort; CCI from several skip clouds made ids difficult. 1745 unid-2, 1800 KDKA-2 KYW-3 PA ided.
 Es NW, 1930 CFAC-2 Calgary Alta. (change from CHCT-TV). Es SE AL & FL, 2030-2230 WDIQ 2, 2050-2130+ WEDU 3, 2200-2250 WEAR-3, 2230-2300 f WESH-2.
 May 22 Es Tune-in 0900, SE, AL moving toward LA & TX, 0900-10 WDIQ 2, 0920-40 WBRZ 2 unid-3, 1120 KPRC-2 ided and stayed for at least an hour.
 Es NW 1100-1135, CFRN-3 Edmonton Alta., VAFI 4444.
 May 23 Es Starting from NE (NY & Canada) & moving south, may also have been Es to SE moving north. 1618 WKYC-3 OH WSYR-3 NY. Lots of unids until 1729 when WDCN-2 Nashville ided (short skip 580 mi). Ch 6 reached, 1630-1710. Lots of unids & CCI.
 May 24 Es West 1120-1135 KTVN 2 Reno NV, weak 2135, Nevada new state.
 May 25 Es FL area 0848 WESH-2, WJXT 4, unids thru ch 6, to 0940.
 May 26 Es Another strong, slow-moving opening NW to MT ID WA, 1157-1600 fade. KBOI-2 KID-3, KXLF-4 KTVM 6 (both Butte MT), KHQ-6 Spokane, KOOK-2, KRTV 3 KFBB-5 Great Falls, KXLY-4 Spokane, several unids. Es E 1758-1810 f unid.
 May 27 Es NW 1000, unid-2 Canada, 1030 KBOI-2 ID, KRTV 3 MT.
 May 29 Es East, heavy CCI from tropo, 1830 KYW-3 PA 1900 WPSX-3 PA 1930 WTIC-3 CT
 May 30 Es SE 1055-1135, WUSN-2 WCIV 4, WCSC 5 SC, WRCB-3 TN, WJBF 6 GA.
 May 31 Es 1055-1115 XHCH-2 Chihuahua; 1250-1520 MD PA NC: 1250-1450 WMAR-2 MD, 1250-55 KYW-3 PA, 1500 WWAY-3 NC, 1515 WUNC-4 NC (M-RTMA tp), 1520 WUND-2 NC.
 Es 2000-2200 WUSN-2 SC, 2220 WESH-2 WEDU 3 FL.
 Gasp! Totals now stand at 152 stations, with 30 states + DC. 73.

Dave Pomeroy, 8720 W. 80th Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66204 (8 May-5 Jun) (CDT)

M28 MS 0525 WLW-D 2 Dayton OH (3)(Tr) 2230 KTHV 11 Little Rock AR
 29 Tr 1000 KELO-11 Sioux Falls SD 4 Tr 2405 KTUL 8 Tulsa OK
 KMEG 14 Sioux City IA 2410 KTVT 11 Ft. Worth TX
 Unid- 9 (CCI on KMBC-9, KCAU 9?) 2415 XEFB- 3 Monterrey NL (1000 mi.)
 Es 2200 Unid- 2 (Newswatch-EDT, gd color) 2320 KDFW- 4 Dallas TX
 J3 Tr 0655 KVFD-21 Ft. Dodge IA KTEW 2 Tulsa OK
 0700 WHO -13 Des Moines IA 5 Tr 1130 KMEG 14 Sioux City IA
 KWWL- 7 Waterloo IA KELO-11 Sioux Falls SD
 2030 KGTO-36 Fayetteville AR KVFD-21 Ft. Dodge IA
 2035 KNCT 46 Killeen TX (580 miles)

Finally a good tropo opening and the beginning of the skip season here that still hasn't produced anything else. Tropo from XEFB-3 is record for me and I was quite surprised to hear Spanish audio during a tropo opening--no video; audio clear. First tropo here from outside U.S. KCNT 46 was also quite a surprise since I had forgotten they were on the air and I was going crazy trying to figure out a PBC station to the south on channel 46. After checking all available sources mystery was solved. (Don't know if call or exact city is correct since available info included data for CP; CP was for Belton TX, but attempt to call station got me through Killeen operator.)

Don Ruland, 2714 Stetson Lane, Houston, Texas 77043 (May) (CDT)

8 Es 0930 KORK- 3 Las Vegas NV	(30)(Es) 1045 WWJ - 4 Detroit MI
22 Es 0830 KMTV 3 Omaha NE	1047 WNEM 5 Bay City MI
KTIV 4 Sioux City IA	1145 WCCO- 4 Minneapolis MN
29 Es 0930 WSAV- 3 Savannah GA	1147 KSTP- 5 St Paul MN
1030 WCIA 3 Champaign IL	1150 CKX - 5 Brandon-Winnepeg Man.
1200 WWAY- 3 Wilmington NC	1152 WMAQ- 5 Chicago IL
WCIV 4 Charleston SC	1200 WTMJ- 4 Milwaukee WI
1230 WRAL- 5 Raleigh NC	31 Es 1100 KCPX- 4 Salt Lake City UT
30 Es 0930 KYW - 3 Philadelphia PA	1230 KORK- 3 Las Vegas
1000 KDLO- 3 Watertown SD	1330 KTVK 3 Phoenix AZ
WTAE- 4 Pittsburgh PA	1500 WJMN- 3 Escanaba MI

This is my last Western DX report. Next reports will come from 4448 Plale, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140. Houston's TV-DX logs totalled out at an even 100 (90 VHF, 10 UHF) in three months of more serious DX efforts. 73's. (Good luck, Don. dps)

Pat Dyer, 327 Solar Drive, S n Antonio, Texas 78227 (8 May - 6 Jun) (CST)

Receiver: 1968 RCA color J741W. Antenna: Wards 11-eL hi-low VHF, 15' up, fix-aimed SE.

M9 Tr 0000 KRGV- 5 Weslaco TX	215	(22)(Es) 1335 WMT - 2 Cedar Rapids IA	950
10 Tr 0010 KRGV- 5 Weslaco	215	1459 WISC- 3 Madison WI	1075
KGBT- 4 Harlingen TX	215	1540 KTVO 3 Ottumwa IA	975
14 Tr 2343 KGBT- 4 Harlingen	215	1700 unid 2 Cuba	?
15 Tr 2350 KRGV- 5 Weslaco	215	24 Tr 0959 KPRC- 2 Houston	185
16 Tr 0050 KTRK-13 Houston TX	185	Es 1005 WEDU 3 Tampa FL	975
17 Tr 0001 KPRC- 2 Houston	185	1059 WESH- 2 Daytona Beach FL	1055
0003 KRGV- 5 Weslaco	215	25 Es 0952 WTHS- 2 Miami FL	1150
KGBT- 4 Harlingen	215	0952 WEDU 3 Tampa (tent.)	975
0010 KTRK-13 Houston	185	0955 WCIX- 6 Miami (new)	1150
0025 XHAI-10 Las Lajsa, Ver.	485	1055 WESH- 2 Daytona Beach(t.)	1055
2310 WVUE 8 New Orleans LA	510	1059 WDZO- 6 Orlando FL	1030
2320 WDSU- 6 New Orleans	510	27 Es 0959 WBBM- 2 Chicago IL	1050
KHOU-11 Houston	185	28 Es 1659 KDIX- 2 Dickinson ND	1225
2330 KDFW- 4 Dallas TX	240	KOTA- 3 Rapid City SD	1050
2335 WAFB- 9 Baton Rouge LA	450	1859 WJBK- 2 Detroit MI	1240
2340 WBAP- 5 Fort Worth TX	230	29 Es 1059 WUSN- 2 Charleston SC	1115
18 Tr 0010 KTVT 11 Fort Worth	230	1159 WDIQ 2 Andalusia AL	725
Es 0755 WTWO 2 Terre Haute IN	940	30 Es 0859 WMT - 2 Cedar Rapids IA	950
19 Es 1100 KDLO- 3 Watertown SD	1085	1059 WJBK- 2 Detroit MI	1240
1429 KWGN 2 Denver CO	800	31 Es 0929 KTWO- 2 Casper WY	1015
20 Tr 1645 KPRC- 2 Houston	185	KWGN 2 Denver CO	800
1800 KUHT 8 Houston	185	0959 KUTV 2 Salt Lake City UT	1080
21 Es 0829 WFMY- 2 Greensboro NC	1175	KID - 3 Idaho Falls ID	1220
0929 KWGN 2 Denver CO	800	1159 KOAI- 2 Flagstaff AZ	850
KTWO- 2 Casper WY	1015	J2 Tr 0035 WVUE 8 New Orleans LA	510
1229 KTCA- 2 Minneapolis MN	1110	0759 WAFB- 9 Baton Rouge LA	450
1259 KGLO- 3 Mason City IA	985	2335 WBAP- 5 Fort Worth	230
WMT - 2 Cedar Rapids IA	950	2359 WDSU- 6 New Orleans LA	510
1402 WEDU 3 Tampa FL	975	3 Tr 0000 WVUE 8 New Orleans	510
1429 WBAY- 2 Green Bay WI	1190	Es 2029 KTCA- 2 Minneapolis MN	1110
22 Tr 0759 KPRC- 2 Houston	185	4 Es 1629 KTWO- 2 Caspers WY	1015
Es 0759 WBBM- 2 Chicago IL	1050	1700 KUTV 2 Salt Lake City	1080
1029 KDLO- 3 Waterrown SD	1085		

Es really came in with a vengeance after mid-May. If the rest of the summer can keep it up it will be nice. By next column I'll be in Boulder CO at a temporary-type job with ITS (ESSA) dealing with worldwide Es on VHF. I'll be there at least until early October. What equipment for TV-DXing I'll have there isn't known at present. The local Ch 2 in Denver isn't going to help much. I bet the July column is going to be a huge one. 73, WA5IYX/5.

Glenn Hauser, South San Antonio TX (PSC Box 42309, Kelly AFB TX) 78241 (15May-7Jun) (CST)

Es got a late start, but as I'm sure most of you noticed, it finally got under way on 18 May. And there was some Es every day since except 1, 2 and 6 June. Tropo from Mexico has not returned, but the expected Gulf coastal tropo has appeared several times, with one foray noted as far north as Oklahoma City. Pat Dyer and I have been exchanging observations and find, not surprisingly, that our DX is very similar, being about 10 miles apart. At the beginning of June I finally got my VHF antenna on the roof, along with a rotor and an 8-bay bowtie for UHF...all about 25 ft above ground.

15 Tr	2350 XHAH- 8 Las Lajas Ver?	(23) MS var. Ch2 Occasional Cetid bursts
	2356 XH-- 9 Tampico Tams. 4555N 495	Es 2155 KOAI 2 Flagstaff AZ 3433N 845
16 Tr	0013 XHAI-10 Las Lajas Ver? 3345T 660	24 Es 1855 WLW-D 2 Dayton OH N1075
	0029 KCEN- 6 Temple TX 2353R 155	Tr 1933 XEFE- 2 NuevoLaredoTams. R 140
	0057 KTRK-13 Houston TX 4545R 180	Es 1950 WDCN- 2 Nashville TN 3333R 825
	0541 KRIS- 6 CorpusChristi 4455R 130	25 Es 1025 WEDU 3 Tampa FL 3134N 990
	0558 KSLA-12 Shreveport LA 1445N 360	1055 WESH- 2 Daytona Beach 3334R1045
	0756 KGNS- 8 Laredo TX 5455R 130	1530 XHCH- 2 ChihuahuaChih. 3124N 455
	Es?0841 unid 2+ color bars	1540 KTCA 2 St Paul MN ? T
17 Tr	0706 KEBA-13 Dallas TX 4444N 260	26 Es 1649 YSR - 2 SanSalvador,ELS.? T
	1859 XEFE- 2 NuevoLaredoTms 2133R 140	1703 XHFM- 2 Veracruz Ver. N 705
	2129 KUHT 8 Houston 3343N 180	27 Es 1728 YSR - 2 San Salvador ? T
*	2254 KNOE- 8 Monroe LA 3344R 430	1746 XHCV- 3 CoatzacoalcosVer.? T
	2312 WAFB- 9 Baton Rouge ? 2434T	28 Es 1630 WBBM- 2 Chicago IL ? T
	2314 WDSU- 6 New OrleansLA 1245N 515	1712 WJBK- 2 Detroit MI R1235
	2316 WKLG- 5 Mobile AL ? T	2123 WTWO 2 Terre Haute IN N 925
	2325 KDFW- 4 Dallas 1344N 245	29 Es 0727 WFMY- 2 Greensboro NC N1175
	2329 WVUE 8 New Orleans ? T	0859 WDCN 2 Nashville TN R 825
	2338 WBAP- 5 Fort Worth TX 3332N 245	1159 WDIQ 2 Dozier AL N 740
	2352 XHAH- 8 Las Lajas Ver. 2325R 660	1211 WSB - 2 Atlanta GA R 885
	2355 KWIX-10 Waco TX 3324N 165	1229 WUSN- 2 Charleston SC R1125
18 Tr	0004 XHAI-10- LasLajas Ver. 3325N 660	30 Es 0815 WSB - 2 Atlanta GA 4444R 885
	0016 KIII 3 CorpusChristi 5554R 130	0859 WMT - 2 Cedar Rapids IA R 965
	Es 0650 WSJK 2 Sneedville TN? T	0859 KGLO- 3 Mason City IA ? T
	0700 WDCN- 2- Nashville TN 5533N 825	1029 WBAY- 2 Green Bay WI R1190
*Tr?	0743 WABG- 6 Greenwood MS 0211N 560	1058 WJBK- 2 Detroit MI R1235
	Es 1415 WUSN- 2 Charleston SC 4333N1125	1259 KTWO- 2 Casper WY R1010
	1536 WESH- 2 Daytona Beach 4444N1045	1259 WLW-D 2 Dayton OH R1075
	1549 XHCV- 3 CoatzacoalcosVer? T	31 Es 0927 KWGN 2 Denver CO 4544N 805
*	1613 XHAP- 2 Acapulco Gro.? T	0929 WUSN- 2 Charleston SC R1125
	1630 WDCN- 2 Nashville TN R 825	0959 KUTV 2 Salt Lake City UT N1080
	1829 YSR - 2 San Salvador 4433N1210	1015 KID - 3 Idaho Falls ID R1245
19 Es	1457 unids 2 signs for hours, almost no aud.	1040 KCPX- 4 Salt Lake City ? T
20 Es	1613 X - 2 XEWnet nx, gone after min.	1145 KOAI 2 Flagstaff AZ R 845
21 Es	0655 WSB - 2 Atlanta GA 2033N 885	1210 KORK- 3 Las Vegas NV N1060
*	1025 KTWO- 2 Casper WY 3122N1010	1329 KNXT 2 Los Angeles CA N1190
	1059 KID - 3 Idaho FallsID 2223N1245	1629 KTCA 2 Saint Paul MN R1120
	1124 KNOP- 2 NorthPlatteNE 3232N 825	2059 CKPR- 2 Thunder Bay Ont. N1410
	1128 KARD- 3 Wichita KS ? T	2115 WBBM- 2 Chicago IL R1055
	1535 KTWO- 2 Casper WY 3132R1010	J1 No DX noted! UHF 8-bay bowtie ant, interior:
	2014 WBBM- 2 Chicago IL 4221N1055	2 Tr 0615 KHTV 39 Houston TX N 180
	2109 WJBK- 2 Detroit MI N1235	0746 KLNI 15 New Iberia LA N 400
22 Es	0625 WBAY- 2 Green Bay WI 3334N1190	0755 WBRZ 2 Baton Rouge LA N 450
	0731 KTCA 2 Saint Paul MN N1120	Antennas & rotor installed outside:
	1759 WBBM- 2 Chicago 2554R1055	2300 KHTV 39 Houston R 180
	0929 KGLO- 3 Mason City IA N1005	2302 KLFY-10 Lafayette LA N 400
	1159 KDLO- 3 Garden City SD N1075	2315 WAFB- 9 Baton Rouge LA N 450
	1333 WMT - 2 Cedar Rapids IA N 965	2317 KDFW- 4 Dallas TX R 245
	1421 KTVO 3 Kirksville MO ? T	2318 WBAP- 5 Fort Worth TX R 245
	1423 KTVI 2 Saint Louis MO N 785	2319 WFAA- 8 Dallas R 245
	1721 XHFM- 2 Veracruz Ver.? 2124T	2320 KTVT 11 Fort Worth N 245
23 Tr	1202 XEFB- 3+ Monterrey NL 2432N 280	2321 WVUE 8 New Orleans 5555N 515

2332	KTBS- 3	Shreveport LA ?	T	2116	KOAI	2	Flagstaff AZ ?	T
2345	KTRK-13	Houston	5555R 180	2130	KWGN	2	Denver CO	R 805
2347	KPRC- 2	Houston	4454R 180	4 Tr	0548	KWTX	10	Waco TX
2358	WDSU- 6	New Orleans	R 515		0553	KWTV	9	Oklahoma City
3 Tr	0005	XHAB- 7	Matamoros Tams.	T	Es	1155	WMT - 2	Cedar Rapids IA
	0107	XHAH- 8	Las Lajas Ver.	2235R 660		1155	KGLO- 3	Mason City IA ?
	0109	KHOU-11	Houston TX	5555R 180	MS	1456	X	2 ? (circular tp, ant. NW)
	0438	KALB- 5	Alexandria LA	N 390	*Es	1629	KTWO- 2	Casper WY? ("K2")
*	0445	KNOE- 8	Monroe LA	R 430		1735	KUTV	2
	0445	KLFY-10	Lafayette LA	R 380	5 Tr	0759	KINI	15
	0508	WAFB- 9	Baton Rouge LA	R 450	Es	var.	weak, in & out, AFT & eve,	ch 2-3
	0533	KLTV	7	Tyler TX	N	285		
Es	1759	WBAY- 2	Green Bay WI	R1190	7 Es	1435	WLW-D	2
	1806	WITI	6	Milwaukee WI ?	T			
	1829	WBBM- 2	Chicago IL	R1055		2334	KBTX	3

Asterisked (*) comments: 17 May & 3 Jun KNOE-8: s-off/on incl xltr K18AB El Dorado.
18 May WABG-6: on car radio at Kelly AFB stoplight null of KRIS, id in passing.
18 May XHAP-2: XEW net "W2"-news. 21 May KTWO-2: back from work; also pagers; 1029 id; also CBC Butterfly--double hop? 4 Jun KTWO-2: id slide showing large white "K2" with spectacles underneath; KTEW and KATU unlikely. 73.

Glen R. Neal, 1005 N. 5th, Sayre, Oklahoma 73662 (1 May - 7 Jun) (CDT)

By May 15 I had given up all hope of E-skip; by May 30 I thought the season would be better than normal; now I don't know.

May 4 Tr 0800 excellent to west: KGNC-4 KVII-7 KFDA-10, 5's.

May 5 Tr 1900-0000 good to east: KODE 12 Joplin MO fair, KUHI 16 poor, K76AU K78CM K80AT K79## K81## good.

May 7 Es t/in 0749-1350 KNXT 2 (CBS tp) in & out, KEY-T 3 KNBC 4 noted, CA.

May 8 Tr 0800 KACB 3 KCTV 8 San Angelo TX good, new. KTBS-3 KTAL-6 KSLA-12 Shreveport LA excellent.

May 9 Tr 0800+ extremely good, unable to monitor.

May 18 Es t/in 1345-1930 WPSX-3 WSYR-3 WSB-2 WBTW 3 WWAY-3 WFBC-4 WUSN-2, * chs 5 & 6 good at times.

May 19 Es t/in 1001-1029 (missed both id breaks!): KTVU 2 KCRA-3 KRON-4 CA.

May 20 Es t/in 1356-1442 ch 2 SS good: election, live B&W coverage, to tp 1428.

May 21 Tr 0000-0130 KCEN-6 (new), KWTX 10 KDTV 39 good. PM tropo excellent. Es t/in 0841-1045 WUSN-2 WSAV-3 KCRA-3 (open from both coasts) KNXT 2 KNBC 4 KTLA 5 (w/ IHTP 0959); 1354-1430 KTVU 2 & WDIQ 2 excellent, both coasts again.

May 22 Es t/in 1115-1430 (left): KEY-T 3 CKCK-2 KDIX-2 CKOS-3 CBKMT 4 KOTA-3 (new) + chs 5 & 6 good, unid.

May 23 Es t/in 2017-2243: KYUS 3 Miles City MN (new). From both coasts at 2130. Then south, very interesting: 2100 XHIA-2 XHC-3 (new) followed by fade-in & id of XHJMA-3 (new) XELN-4 (id, new), XHC-3 again 2230-2233. I assume most stations were signing off as id cards were on quite a while.

May 31: Put up an entirely new receiving system: VHF, RCA VHF ant. w/ preamp, 75 ohm down to PS & trans, then to TV; UHF, a 7-ft dish & 25 feet, UHF preamp, 75-ohm down to PS, then into +25db UHF amp, then to trans & TV. Same Zenith TV. Two new rotors, CDE's. Improvement all around, but the UHF dish is amazing.

June 1 Tr Excellent morning 0522-1135 to try out new system. VHF: KMID-2 Midland TX (5554R270) KWAB 4 Big Spring TX (5554R235-rare) KOAA-5 Pueblo CO (3543R340-rare) K06DF Pampa TX (3543R80) KOSA 7 Odessa TX (5554R290) KLTV 7 Tyler TX (4554R325) KMOM 9 Monahans TX (5555R290) K10FR Fargo OK (3442R) KTXS 12 Abilene TX (5555R195) K12GA Fargo OK (3442R75) KUPK 13 Garden City KS (5555R175). UHF: KUHI 16 Joplin MO (3445R-310) KDTV 39 Dallas TX (5555R235) KSEL 28 Lubbock TX (4545R165) KHFI-42 Austin TX (3545R365) KHTV 39 Houston TX (2030R460); translators, K70CF K72CB K74BF Higgins TX, K70BD K72CD K74CJ Clarendon TX, K71BK K73BK K75BN Gruver TX, K71BG K73AU K75AV Wellington TX, K72BD K78AP K82AK Miami TX, K70DA K72BZ K74CH Childress TX (KOSA-7 exc. before KSWO-7 c/on, K72BZ), unid ch 72 KFDO-8, unid ch 73 KFDO-8 (KLTV 7 exc. before KSWO-7 c/on, K75AV), K76AU K78CM K80AT Wheeler TX %8s, unid ch 76 KFDO-8, K77AQ K80AT K82AZ Memphis TX, (KOSA-7 CCI ch 77), K76BD K78BI K80AY Booker TX, K78AZ K80BD

K83AQ Matador TX, unid KOSA-7 tp ch 78, K79## K81## Reydon TX, unid KFDA-10 & KTXS 12 ch 79s, unid ch 81 KGNC-4 (KETA 13 CCI ch 83), ch 64 & 68 KGNC-4 SW, ch 66 KFDO-8, K66AB K68AD Perrytown TX. That's all! Over 35 translators were logged, most were 10 or 20 watts TPO, and Matador is longest @ 100 mi. Condx were not all that great, but the dish brings 'em in anyway! By 0700 the xltr channels were so crammed I couldn't believe it; almost all were snowfree! MS 0546 WSAV-3 Savannah GA (4514R1085).

Es t/in 1324-1359 WUSN-2 Charleston SC (5534R) unid 3-4 CBs 1358 WDIC 2?

Tr 2225 exc. all directions: KOAM 7 Pittsburg KS (344OR315), relog of U xltrs & VHF's.

June 2 Tr 0538-1105 KLFY 10 KATC 3 KLINI 15 Lafayette LA (4543,4543,4545 R565), KIII 3 KUIS 6 KZTV 10 Corpus Christi TX (3533R535), KWAB 4 good, KTBC-7 Austin TX (3442R365), KSWs-8 Roswell NM (4545R265), KOSA-7 good, KMOM 9 good, KHOU-11 KTRK-13 Houston TX (3343R460), KSAT 12 San Antonio TX (4543R425); PM Tr: the "regular" UHF xltrs, from Wheeler, Reydon, Memphis good-exc. (it seems the worst tropo brings in Wheeler (3 xltrs) & Reydon (2), and a slight increase gets Higgins (3), Memphis (3), Wellington (3)). Noted K79## repeating WKY-4 very nicely before KGNC-4 c/on(carrier).

Es 1051-1231 weak, in and out, WESH-2 WSAV-3.

LS (lightning-scatter burst reception) 2230-0000 KØ7FX K1ØFR K12GA Fargo OK (10"0"5R-75), KOAM 7 KODE 12 KUHI 16 (310mi). This storm did \$1,000,000 damage to Enid, OK; rather expensive DX!

Tr 1900-2255: KMXN 34 KSEL 28 KDTV 39 KHFI-42 good.

June 3 Tr 1129-1430 KTBS-3 KTAL-6 KSLA-12 Shreveport LA (4542R380) KSEL 28 KDTV 39 good, Wheeler, Reydon & Memphis good-exc. KSLA 12 snowfree until 1400! Tr 2245-0242 opening to NE, first in long time: KMBC-9 KMBA 41 Kansas City MO (3423R,3425N,385) KTSB 27 Topeka KS (3545N340), KSEL 28 KMXN 34 KDTV 39 good, WIBW-13 Topeka & KODE 12 Joplin good, chs 70 72 74 Higgins, 71 73 75 Wellington, 77 80 82 Memphis, 76 78 80 Wheeler, 79 81 Reydon all good, with some CCI. No Es all day here.

June 4 Tr 0525-0950 KØ6DF Pampa TX (3544R80) KWIX 10 Waco (4545R300) KHOU-11 KTRK-13 Houston (3433R460) KSLA 12 good KHTV 39 Houston good.

MS: the Perseids (June 4-6) produced lots of bursts 0525-1000, nothing ided.

Es t/in 0915-0930 weak NE ch 2, no id; 1202-1408 (left), exc. 2 & 3, good 4, no ids.

June 5 Tr continuing good. AM Tr, xltrs excellent.

Es 1128-1304 KTVU 2 KTVN 2, and weakly through ch 6; xltr CCI noted via Es @ 1130.

June 6 Tr "regular" UHF xltrs good-exc, 14 in all. No Es all day here.

June 7 Tr KØ6DF Pampa TX (4544R80) K1ØFR Fargo OK (304OR75) KBIM-10 KSWs 8 Roswell NM (4543R285,454OR265) KFDW-12 Clovis NM (5543R215) KMOM 9 Monahans TX (5544-R290) KSEL 28 Lubbock TX (5555R165). Es t/in 1232-1549 (left) WUSN-2 WESH-2 (local-quality for hours) WTVJ 4 (1315mi, no sign of WTHS or WCIX, not on yet?) WPTV 5 WDBO 6 WCTV 6 excellent; Es t/in 1727-1817 (left) weak SS ch 2 south, some ch 4 & 5 unid. Tr 2220-2352 xltrs above average, 14 logged, Wheeler's K8ØAT (KVII 7) noted repeating CCI of KSWO 7.

I have had the new system up for a week now, and it is by far the best I have ever had. The 7-ft UHF dish is the only UHF antenna to have. Daily VHF & UHF to 250 miles is normal, with at least 6 translators (5 UHF, 1 VHF) always in. All I need is a "supermorning" to try out the dish some more. One of my projects this month is to build a preamp, using the 2N5397 and Bob Cooper's circuit (low-band VHF, for MS work). I have 2N5397's, and Siliconex said that they have a newer version of 2N5397, in epoxy form, at a much lower price. It is electrically the same; its number is E300. The devices are available through Hamilton/Avnet Electronics, 2403 Farrington, Dallas, Texas 75207. 73.

Bob Cooper, Jr., 2609 Chaucer Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120 (9May- 8Jun) (CDT)

By all reports, the late-starting May Es gave some unpleasant moments. Hopefully the rebound after May 15 renewed everyone's faith in the Es 'system.' It is very difficult and not a little dangerous to attempt to draw parallels between successive Es seasons, and this year's late-starting season will best be viewed closely next fall, not now.

To DX: An equally 'unusual' general lack of Gulf Coast moisture kept April-May tropo down from 1970 levels. But not to worry; with conditions so bad, they have to come back up--sometime!

May 9 2302 tune-in until 0000: lightning scatter reception on WAPT 16 Jackson MS (473 mi). Bvrsts averaged about 100 for the hour with some 2-3 seconds long. Running

three receivers, on 3, 12 & 16 (Jackson channels), revealed bursts only on ch 16.

May 11 MS 0550 WGR-2. Meteors not much this AM.

May 12-14: Out of town on business, no observations.

May 15 Es 2155-2225 NW ch 2, both 20 offset. No id.

May 17 Tr 0633 t/in, KPRC-2 KHOU-11 KTRK-13 KHTV 39 Houston (420mi); KTHV 11, KATV 7 (305), KTBC-7 KHFI-42 Austin (345), KTAL-6 KSLA-12 (300), with heavy fading all around. Es 1639-1645 NE ch 2, no ids.

May 18 Es 1240, first sign for day, in & out, N. NE & E (ch 2 only) until 1530. 1550, ICR-TV 2 Habana with last year's TP & music background broken by YL announcer. 1603 WPBT 2, 1610 WEAR-3 (630), 1655 XEW-2 (now using mostly "W2" call slides & ids), 1715 WFMY-2, 1718 WWAY-3, 1731 XEZ-3, 1743 XEFB-3 (650), 1815 XHY-3 (RTMA test chart & s/on), 1902-1945 more Cuba chs 2 & 3, 1930 id on 3 for ICR-6 net, which is Habana 6 originating net NOT parallel in programming to ICR-2 Habana. Same program on 2, but missed id due to fade, suspect far eastern Cuba, double-hop E.

May 19 Es 1630-1645 ch 2 E/SE, no ids.

May 21 Es weak or moderate most of day. 0845 noted KTVU 2 on RTMA test, s/on. 0955, WUSN-2. Es in & out E & NW all AM. This continued until 1830 or so to E with dozens of 3-5-min Es spurts on 2 & 3. Also FM, double-hop Es from Puerto Rico. 2100, WSAV-3 WUSN-2 WESH-2, 2200 to west ch 2, no id.

May 22 Es 2200 to west ch 2, no id.

May 23 Es 1545-1800 apx, in & out to E, SE; no ids.

May 24 Es 1140-1210 ICR-TV 2 Habana. *Es in & out most of afternoon.

1715-1900 WPBT 2 very steady but weak Es signal. 2100 WKAQ-2 double-hop (2450 mi). 2123 XEW-2 XEZ-3 to about 2200.

May 25 Es 0745 t/in to 0935, WMAR-2 KYW-3 and others.

May 26 Es, missed most of this one due to work load; however, 1130 t/in to 1515 KTVM 6 KRTV 3 CKCK-2.

May 27 Es 0837 WUSN-2 WBBM-2 WSAV-3 WWAY-3 CKPR-2 WBAY-2 and others to 12 noon. No time to DX after 1000.

May 28 Es 2000 WWAY-3 WUSN-2 WSB-2 until 2120.

May 29 Tr KATV 7 KTHV 11 KKTU 11 KRDO 13 (463mi), KTTS 10 0000-0100.

May 30 Es 0850 t/in WESH-2, 0900 SS under WESH, suspect WKAQ San Juan.

Es open all morning with WTVR-2 WFMY-2 WTVR 6 WUSN-2 WSB-2 WKYC 3, and WKAQ 2 on double-hop for sure, 1242 to 1345. Then WESH again, ch 2, and WOOK-2; around 1500 CKCK-2 KDIX-2; at 1730 KBOI-2.

May 31 Tr 0730 t/in, duct north with KMEG 14 & KVFD-21 only U's (both apx 500mi) plus KSCO 13 KELO-11 (559) and others. Es 1230 t/in, KOAI 2 KORK-3 KNXT 2 XETV 6 until 1330; 1315-1600 WSYR-3 KYW-3 WBAY-2 WJMN 3 CJIC-2 WJBK-2; 1738-1835 CKCK-2. 1900 to 2200+ heavy ^{local} thunderstorms and time to shut down. 2200 t/in to 2315+ WUSN-2 WSAV-3 WWAY-3 on Es.

June 2-4: Out of town until 1800 on 4th.

June 4 Es 1830 t/in to apx 2215, in & out to W & NW weakly all evening.

1900 XHBC-3, 1930 KNXT 2, 2159 CFAC-2 (old CHCT).

Tr 2100-2300 up slightly, KHTV 39 KTRK-13 KHOU-11 Houston (420) logged.

June 5 Es 1040 to apx 1230 KTVN 2 in & out; 1300-1350 KTVN 2 NBC-3, both west.

Tr 1850 KTHV 11 (305). Es 1900-2015 to NE ch 2-3, weak, no ids.

Tr 2100 to N, NE, E KCIT 50 KBMA 41 KYTV 3 & others within 300 mi good level.

2134, first signs of WDRB 41 Louisville (675 mi) followed at 2137 by WLKY-32 (675); 2200, WHBQ 13 (425) KFVS 12 (455), 2305 KDNL 30 (458), 2353 KRCG 13 (350) and others. WDRB 41 is UHF number 118.

June 6 Tr 0700 WMBD 31 WRAU 19 (625) KOLN-10 KGIN-11 (350) WICS 20 (590) KMEG 14 (488) WAND 17 (660) K18AA (240--relays KCKT 2, but KCKT was off at the time so was rebroadcasting mixture of KTEW 2 & KQTV 2) KETV 7 WJY-14. Tropo out by 0845.

Es 0910 on, in & out ch 2 east, NE, SE, until 1400 or so.

June 7 MS 0515 & 0529 WTVJ 4 Miami (1223 mi).

Tropo has been trying to break loose here all week (June 2-8) with nil results. Moisture, a stable front, everything is there--including duct-destroying thunderstorms! 73.

Fred McCormack, PO Box 611, Watertown, South Dakota 57201 (-thru May) (CDT)

May	DX from Watertown:	(28)(Es)	1900 KCRL- 4	Reno	4444R1085
<u>15</u>	Es 2200 WSB - 2 Atlanta GA 3035N		2256 KOMO- 4	Seattle WA	3335R 970
<u>16</u>	Es 1128 CFAC- 2 Calgary Alta. 4345N	<u>30</u>	Es 1445 KMID- 2	Midland TX	4433R1115
<u>21</u>	Es 1859 WSB - 2 Atlanta GA 3034R		1500 KFDX- 3	Wichita Falls	4445R1000
	2058 KREM- 2 Spokane WA 0333N		1504 WOAI- 4	San AntonioTX	3335R1305
	2059 WBRZ- 2 Baton RougeLA 4333N		1526 KACB- 3	San Angelo TX	3335R1155
<u>22</u>	Es 1057 CFAC- 2 Calgary 4445R		1559 KOAI 2	Flagstaff AZ	3442R1030
	1157 KREM- 2 Spokane 4435R		1600 KTVK 3	Phoenix AZ	4445R1150
<u>23</u>	Es 1659 WMAR- 2 Baltimore MD 3044N		1600 KVOA- 4	Tucson AZ	3435R1200
	1729 WKRG 5 Mobile AL 3334N		1628 KORK- 3	Las Vegas NV	3443R1075
	2058 KPRC- 2 Houston TX 3035N		1729 KNXT 2	Los AngelesCA	2335R1300
	DX from Des Lacs, North Dakota 58733:		1732 XHBC- 3	Mexicali BCN	3335R1295
<u>2</u>	MS 0955 KORK- 3 Las Vegas NV R1075	<u>31</u>	Es 1329 WSB - 2	Atlanta GA	4445R1330
<u>8</u>	Es 1730 WLW-D 2 Dayton OH 4544R1035		1400 WRBL- 3	Columbus GA	4042R1380
<u>28</u>	Es 0847 KDKA- 2 Pittsburgh PA 4445R1190		1400 WEAR- 3	Pensacola(AL)	0442R1415
	1728 KBTX 3 Bryan TX 4444R1240		1418 WTVY 4	Dothan AL	3434R1445
	1800 KPRC- 2 Houston TX 3333R1310		1530 KATC 3	Lafayette LA	4033R1335
	1855 KCRA- 3 Sacramento CA 3335R1200		2200 KMID- 2	Midland TX	3033R1115
	1859 KTVN 2 Reno NV 3333R1085		2227 KORK- 3	Las Vegas NV	3335R1075
			2301 KOB - 4	AlbuquerqueNM	3334N 940

It certainly seems like a long time since I have had any DX to report. I didn't get much time for DXing in May, but my observations and what I have heard second hand suggest that the latter half of the month was quite good for E skip. I did some DXing from both Watertown and my former QTH of Des Lacs ND. I am presently using a Heath GR-169 solid state portable color set for DX at both locations with a Winegard antenna as Des Lacs and rabbit ears at Watertown. KOB-4 was my only addition to my Des Lacs log, but it was good for state number 39. CFAC-TV as logged on 16 & 17 is new call for CHCT-2; they id for both CFAC-2 Calgary and CJOC-7 Lethbridge. Most unusual DX of period was on 5-24 @ 1000 when I logged audio of WDSU-6 New Orleans via Es on my car FM tuner while driving near Gettysburg SD. 73 and good DX.

Robert J. Williams, 251 6th Ave. E, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 (24 May - 8 Jun) (MDT)

Equipment: RCA 21" color, 2 set-top boosters, rabbit ears, various antennas.

<u>24</u>	Es 0959 KWAB 4 Big Spring TX R	(26)	(Es) 1346 KTCA 2	St Paul MN (color tp)	R
	1014 unid 3 (CBC tp, Canada)	<u>28</u>	Es 1832 CKCK- 2	Regina Sask.	R
	1029 KFDX- 3 Wichita Falls TX N	<u>30</u>	Es 1204 KCTV 2	St Joseph MO	R
<u>25</u>	Es 0900 KTCA 2 St Paul MN (tp) R		Tr 1221 KBOI- 2	Boise ID	R
<u>26</u>	Es 0944 KTCA 2 St Paul (tp) R		Es 1431 KSD-5	on ch 3 (translator? dps)	
	1101 KCKT 2 Great Bend KS N		1431 KYTV 3	Springfield MO	R
	1103 KYTV 3 Springfield MO N		1437 KTEW 2	Tulsa OK	R
	1119 KYTV 3 Springfield R	<u>31</u>	Es 0934 KMID- 2	Midland (&@ 1104)	R
	1128 KCTV 2 St Joseph MO R	<u>32</u>	Tr 0940 KBOI- 2	Boise	R
	1330 WBAY- 2 Green Bay WI R	<u>8</u>	Es 1551	2 (heavy CCI, no ids)	

Many photos were taken. E skip has been pretty good here so far; I'm looking forward hopefully to good Es later in June and in July and however later it comes in. I recently got an antenna-mounted preamp and experiments have been working well, with good cable-leak reception. Skip may still make it over the radiation. I took one set-top booster out of circuit and get a couple of cable-leak stations snowy but good with just a 5-el. multi-channel ant. connected to arms of rabbit ears and into the set. Rabbit ears have 6-position selector switch. Color is good and vivid on the cable channels. I will look for KTVB 7 with ch-7 yagi without one booster. 73s and gud DX.

Randy Miltier, 882 Pine Ave., San Jose, California 95125 (1 May - 5 Jun) (PDT)

May 7 Es 0610-0621 (t/out) KMID-2 Midland TX (3455): local KTVU 2 off at time.

May 11 MS RETMA tp ch 2 0602; Capt. Kangaroo ch 2 0603.

May 18 Es 1658-1900 XHQ-3 Culiacan, Sin. (2122); XHQ-3 tp seen at 1658.

May 21 MS 0601 KDIX-2 id; 0626 local news with announcer and a "3" in a circle, assume KCKT 2 as they are a satellite of KLRD-3.

May 22 Es 1105-1400, E/SE ch 2, 3, 4 intense bars, no ids.

May 30 Es 1005-1130, E/SE ch 2 & 3, replg of May 22.

May 31 Es 1350-1430 ch 4 children's program (clown & cartoons) (4034), ch 3 Lassie seen at 1420 (4034), both E/Es.

June 5 Es unid ch 2 cartoons, 0902 KTWS 3 (2122) cartoons. 2320 ch 2 looked like "CF-- News." Video was over local in negative form. Only station on ch 2 with CF-- is CFCL-2 Kearns, Ont. with 26.5 watts. I believe this station signed off after news at 2320. (It may have been CFAC-TV Calgary, CHCT-TV's new call. dps) Good DX.

Jim Pizzi, 300 Park, Orcutt, California 9454 (Jan thru 9 Jun) (PST; PDT 25 Apr on) Zenith 18" color 1969; antennas, Jerrold VHF PIX-225, Finco UHF 7-ft dish.

Jan 14	Es	1730	KMID- 2	Midland TX	R	30(Es)	(1300)	KXLY- 4	Spokane	4444R			
Apr 15	Tr	2100	KGSC 36	San Jose CA	3323N			1326	CFAC- 2	Calgary	4433R		
29	Tr	2130	KGSC 36	San Jose	112R			1400	CFCN- 4	Calgary	3332N		
May 7	Es	0930	KTWO- 2	Casper WY	4311R			1730	KLNE? 5	(NET)	4032		
18	Es	1430	KTWO- 2	Casper	0511R			1900	KNOP- 2	North Platte NE	4033R		
			KUTV 2	Salt Lake City	5224N			2030	CFRN- 3	Edmonton Alta.	4443N		
			KTWS 3	Sterling CO	3022R			2100	KTWO- 2	Casper	2222R		
		1431	XHIT 4	Chihuahua	4533N	31	Es	0038	CFAC- 2	Calgary	2023R		
		1446	KROD- 4	El Paso TX	4532R			1100	KFBC- 5	Cheyenne WY	5555R		
		1500	KMID- 2	Midland	3311R			1101	KDUH- 4	Hay Springs NE	5555R		
		1530	XHCH- 2	Chihuahua	0311R			1130	KTWO- 2	Casper	3432R		
		1600	XEJ - 5	Ciudad Juarez	4322R			1130	KOTA- 3	Rapid City SD	4233R		
20	Es	0935	CKSA- 2	Lloydminster	4433N			1200	KARD- 3	Wichita KS	5243R		
		1006	CKCK- 2	Regina Sask.	3422R			1230	KCKT 2	Great Bend KS	4433R		
21	Es	0724	KLEW- 3	Lewiston ID	4134R			1600	WOAI- 4	San Antonio	2034R		
		0729	KCKT 2	Great Bend KS	0311R			1829	KTWO- 2	Casper	4434R		
		0730	KFDX- 3	Wichita Falls TX	3443R	5	Es	0830	KDIX- 2	Dickinson ND	2432R		
		0759	KMTV 3	Great Falls MT	3433R			0830	KOTA- 3	Rapid City SD	3033R		
	Tr	0801	unid 3	(to SE, IHTP, XHBC?)	2332			0900	KTWO- 2	Casper	3532R		
	Es	0827	XHCH 2	Chihuahua	4444R			1000	KOOK- 2	Billings	2422R		
		0930	WOAI- 4	San Antonio TX	3325R			1130	CFCR- 4	Kamloops	0433N		
		1030	KROD- 4	El Paso	3321R			1130	CFCN- 4	Calgary	3032R		
		1100	KMID- 2	Midland	3322R			2202	KFTV 3	Great Falls MT	3011R		
22	Es	0730	KMID- 2	Midland	4433R			2219	CKCK- 2	Regina	1311R		
		0930	KGNC- 4	Amarillo TX	5544R			Tr 2300	KGSC 36	San Jose CA	2213R		
2?	Es	0935	CFAC- 2	Calgary Alta.	2222R			8	Es	2103	KATU 2	Portland OR	4433R
		0937	CKSA- 2	Lloydminster	3322R			2131	CFAC- 2	Calgary	3432R		
		1006	XHCH- 2	Chihuahua	0232R			2200	CBUT 2	Vancouver BC	2212R		
30	Es	1130	KDFW- 4	Dallas TX	4433R			Tr 2359	KMST 46	Monterey CA	2334R		
		1200	KOOK- 2	Billings MT	4433R			2359	KGSC 36	San Jose	1233R		
		1300	CHBC- 2	Kelowna BC	3021R			9	Tr	0030	KPIX 5	San Francisco	2031R
			KHEM- 2	Spokane WA				Total seen is now 95.					

Things have been fairly active lately--hope it keeps up. I ordered CADCO's post amped converter and am anxious to see how it works. Best of DX.

Dennis Smith, 450 Poplar Ave, Wasco, California 93280 (Jun: 3-6, 15-16) (PST)

J5	Es	0629	KDUH- 4	Hay Springs NE	Mi: 1050	(5(Es)	1029	CFCN- 4	Calgary Alta.	1110	
		0659	KTWO- 2	Casper WY (& 0859)	860			1059	KHEM- 2	Spokane WA (& 1200)	850
		0729	KDIX- 2	Dickinson ND	1200			1200	KXLY- 4	Spokane ?	
			KFYR- 5	Bismarck ND	1280			(opening faded apx 1215)			
		0759	KOTA- 3	Rapid City (& 0859)	1070	6	Es	starting 0615, various tp's, color-bar, etc, faded 0650. No ids.			
		0859	KOOK- 2	Billings MT (& 0929)	930						
		0929	CFAC- 2	Calgary (& 1029)	1110						

We were in Wasco 3-6 and 15-16 June, but of those dates, Es apparently occurred only on 5 and 6 June, a very poor showing.

Best of DX to all

Dennis

REMINISCENCES = = = = (CONTINUED FROM JUNE VUD.)

"WE RETURNED TO CANADA IN 1923. AT THAT TIME LITTLE WORK WAS AVAILABLE IN RADIO AS IT WAS JUST COMING IN. SUCH STATIONS AS WHAS-LOUISVILLE, WGY-SCHENECTADY, WJZ-NEW YORK CITY, KDKA-PITTSBURGH WERE THERE, AND OTHERS STARTED COMING ON ALMOST MONTHLY. HERE IN BRANTFORD (ONTARIO), A FRIEND OF MINE, HAROLD BROWN AND HIS FATHER, HAD PURCHASED A WAR ASSET MODULATED OSCILLATOR TYPE TRANSMITTER MADE BY WESTINGHOUSE FOR AEROPLANE USE; OUTPUT 5 WATTS. TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, A PERMIT WAS OBTAINED FOR AN AMATEUR LICENSE, BROADCAST GRADE: 10BQ, 1200 KC. BY PUTTING PHONES IN THE PLATE CIRCUIT AND TUNING DEAD ON WOAI-SAN ANTONIO, WE KNEW WE WERE DEAD ON THE FREQUENCY. SOME MODIFICATIONS HAD BEEN MADE TO THE TRANSMITTER TO STABILIZE IT. STILL IT DID DRIFT OFF-FREQUENCY A BIT, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THOSE DX HOUNDS WHO WANTED US TO STAY UP ALL NIGHT AND BROADCAST MUSIC. THERE WAS A DEPRESSION COVERING THE LAND AND BROADCASTING DID BOTHER OUR FISHING. AFTER ABOUT FIVE OR SO HOURS OF TROUT FISHING, WE WUD COME HOME THOROUGHLY COOLED OFF AND NOT TOO SLEEPY, SO WE WUD TURN ON THE TRANSMITTER AND YACK FOR A FEW HOURS AS I DID ON THE AMATEUR STATION ON 160 METERS. NO WORK IN THE MORNING SO WE CUD SLEEP IN, AND DID. THAT TRANSMITTER WAS HEARD AS FAR AS NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA. WE USED VERIE CARDS AND AMATEUR RADIO TO VERIFY ALL BONAFIDE LETTERS. AND HERE I AM FORTY YEARS LATER TRYING TO GET SOME VERIFICATIONS ON THE FM BAND, SO IT JUST HAS TO BE INCURABLE."

ALBERT H. ELLIS, 19 McCLURE AVE. BRANTFORD, ONTARIO, CDN.

FROM BILL MATTHEWS, COLUMBUS, OHIO:

SOME WHITES, ASIATICS, AND MULATTOS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA WILL GET TV SERVICE IN ABOUT THREE YEARS TIME. BUT BLACKS WILL HAVE TO WAIT LONGER. THE REPUBLIC IS THE ONLY MAJOR INDUSTRIAL NATION IN THE WORLD THAT DOES NOT HAVE TV AT PRESENT.

INITIALLY, A SINGLE CHANNEL WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO 75% OF THE WHITE POPULATION, 84% OF THE ASIATICS, AND 60% OF THE MULATTOES. ALTHO THE RECOMMENDED SECOND CHANNEL FOR BLACKS WILL NOT BEGIN IMMEDIATELY, IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED THAT THE WITWATERSRAND AREA GET SERVICE ASAP AFTER THE START OF THE FIRST CHANNEL FOR THE NON-BLACK PEOPLE.. ALL SERVICES WUD BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SABC. NO SPONSORED PROGRAMS WILL BE ALLOWED, BUT ONLY SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS BETWEEN PROGRAMS, AMOUNTING TO A MAXIMUM 10% OF BROADCASTING TIME SIX DAYS A WEEK, WITH NO ADVERTISEMENTS ON SUNDAYS. THE FIRST CHANNEL WILL BE ON THE AIR 37 HOURS A WEEK, IN COMPATIBLE COLOR. ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS LANGUAGES WILL BE TREATED EQUALLY IN TH3 FIRST CHANNEL SERVICE, IN THE FIRST PHASE. THE SECOND PHASE WILL SEE SEAPRATE SERVICES FOR THE TWO LANGUAGE GROUPS AS WELL AS FOR THE AFRICANS (BLACKS). THEY INTEND TO EMPHASIZE PROGRAMS OF LOCAL ORIGIN, RATHER THAN THE GLUT OF FOREIGN PROGRAMMING AVAILABLE.

WPNE-38, GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN WILL BE THE STATE'S NEXT PUBLIC STATION, DUE ON THE AIR IN OCTOBER. STATE FINANCED (SIMILAR TO WHA-21.), WPNE WILL LEAVE SPACE ON THE TOWER OF WBAY-2. THE STATE IS ALSO PREPARING APPLICATIONS FOR UHF CHANNELS AT WAUSAU, EAU CLAIRE, LA CROSSE TO COMPLETE THE STATE NETWORK. (WHEN WSAU-7 WENT ON THE AIR FROM RIB MOUNTAIN, SPACE WAS PROVIDED ON THEIR TOWER FOR A FUTURE PUBLIC STATION AS PART OF CONTRACT ALLOWING THEM TO BUILD A TOWER IN A STATE PARK.) IT HAS ALSO BEEN RUMORED THAT THE LOCATION OF SOME STATE FM TRANSMITTERS MAY BE CHANGED TO COINCIDE WITH THE LOCATIONS OF THE TV TRANSMITTING TOWERS.

RON-LEBLANC OF MARRERO, LA WROTE SEVEN CA COUNTRIES ABOUT THEIR TV SYSTEMS AND RECEIVED ONLY TWO REPLIES. NICARAGUA OPERATES TWO NETS: CHANNELS 6 AND 8 (TV DE NIC.), AND TELEVICENTRO CH. 2 AND 4. EL SALVADOR LISTS ONLY YSR-2 AND YSU-4 IN THE CAPITAL CITY SAN SALVADOR. DAVE SWANSON LIVING IN THE CANAL ZONE SENT PHOTOS RECENTLY OF TV NACIONAL, CH. 2, AND RPC-4, HIS LOCALS IN PANAMA CITY, REPUBLIC OF PANAMA. HE BOUGHT A POLAROID CAMERA FOR DX, AND NOW HAS AN SC-1000 ON THE ROOF OF HIS BARRACKS (BOQ). WE'LL PRINT THE PHOTOS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

"FCC" NEWS

BOB'S TECKNOTES

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

CATV Radiation -

"I live in a town with a CATV system. In certain directions with my rooftop antenna I pick up the cable signals even though I am not hooked to the cable. Is there any cure?"

YES - there certainly is! Cable or CATV systems are required by FCC Rules and Regulations to limit their cable "radiation" to levels which if maintained cannot be picked up by rooftop antennas. In other words, you should be able to DX or watch fringe area TV on your rooftop antenna and not even know the CATV system is operating. Most cable radiation occurs because of improperly tightened or prepared cable fittings (at splices, into and out of line amplifier boxes, etc.), improper or non-existent grounding of the messenger wire that supports the actual cable (coupled with the cable itself being "hot"), or a house cable "drop" having been disconnected at the set but not at the line; in which case the un-terminated house drop simply radiates signal in the immediate neighborhood. Another not so common cause is some cable viewer hooking both his antenna lead in and his cable drop to his set antenna terminals simultaneously; in which case the cable signals feed into his receiver AND into his antenna, and the antenna re-radiates the cable signals into the area.

To set the matter straight, contact the cable company first and provide them with a map of your own making showing the directions you receive the radiation. If possible, triangulate the radiation with some other antenna user to pin point the exact region it seems to be coming from. Tell the cable company engineer or technician that you know the problem can be solved, and that if it is not in say a week, you are going to file a formal complaint with the regional FCC office. If it comes to that, do file a complaint with the regional FCC outlet and include all pertinent information, including a map of where you believe the radiation is coming from, the date you reported same to the CATV company, who you talked to at the CATV company, what you were told, and what was not done about the situation. Eventually you will get results.

FM Tuners-

"I am thinking about buying a good FM tuner for both normal listening and DXing. Is the Heath AR-15 and AJ-15 really so good? If it is, why is it priced below the top of the line Scott, Fisher, Marantz, etc. units?"

DAVID JANOWIAK has said it many times. I'll repeat it here again. In every conceivable engineering test, every possible side by side comparison, the AJ-15 tuner or the AR-15 receiver has been found to be the hands down winner for best sensitivity and selectivity. Every major electronics magazine, Consumer Reports and even Heath competition have agreed. They are the best. Unfortunately, most DX'ers do not know what is an important "spec" and what is meaningless "spec". There are many impressive looking units on the market - but none work as well as the AJ-15 tuner or AR-15 receiver. If YOU want to impress somebody with how much money you have, buy something else. If you want the best reception, buy one of the Heath units. I believe it is fair to say that my own reputation is that of having nothing but the best. And I have owned an AR-15 and more

BOB's TECK NOTES

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recently I added the AJ-15. In 12 months I logged over 650 FM stations in 42 states, Canada, Cuba and Mexico - and that's pretty hard to beat.

ANTENNA Height -

"I live in a typical suburb and am debating about either raising my present antennas to 50 feet or buying a new larger antenna and keeping it at 50 feet. What do you think?"

Let's cite a few examples. I also live in a typical suburb. The land is more or less flat, with gentle rolling hills. The lowest point within the city to the highest spot (elevation) varies less than 125 feet, so the only major obstructions are man made and vegetation; power lines, buildings and trees. Last year, living a couple of miles away from my present location, I had my FM antennas at 55 feet. Stations 275-325 miles away were ALWAYS solid copy. This year, because of a smaller lot and no room for more than one tower, I am stuck with a rooftop short tower on FM, placing the antenna array center at about 25 feet. This year I hear the same stations (275-325 miles) only about ten percent of the time. Same receiver, same equipment, same antenna system. And same elevation above sea level. Only my height above ground has changed. In terms of engineering numbers, you are in real trouble for signals beyond 125 miles when you are BELOW the high signal absorption levels of 40 feet and down. Block and after block of houses, power lines and trees take a heavy toll in weak signal strength, and the ONLY way to combat it is to rise above this ground crud level stuff and get into the relatively un-signal-polluted levels of 50 feet and more. It's just like being buried in a low lying fog bank - when you climb above the crud level, the sky is clear and the air is warm. So by all means increase your antenna height first - then put up the bigger antenna!

CO-CHANNEL Interference -

"Many nights I leave my receiver running on channel 2 which has an 80 mile distant station on it; naturally I am keeping an eye peeled for Es. I notice many-many meteor bursts (evidenced by sudden bursts of co-channel) that seldom if ever rise above the 80 mile distant channel two signal level. If nighttime is supposed to be generally a poor time for meteors, why do I see more CCI indicated meteor bursts during this period then when I get up early in the morning and my 80 mile channel two is not on the air yet?"

An 80 mile distant signal probably runs around 100 microvolts, or in db talk, minus 20 db(mv) (with 0 dbmv equal to 1,000 microvolts). Tests have proven that we can detect the presence of co channel lines when the interfering signal is 40 db weaker than the primary, stronger signal. So if your channel two signal is averaging minus 20 dbmv (100 microvolts), a signal 40 db weaker than this would be minus 60 dbmv, or 1 microvolt. Unfortunately a TV receiver will seldom show even a frame bar or a hint of sound for a signal much weaker than minus 40 dbmv (10 microvolts). So many of the meteor bursts you are seeing are strong enough to show up as CCI, but not strong enough to show up as a signal on their own - when they are all alone on the channel. This may be difficult to understand without some engineering or technical background, but the simple fact is that CCI can be present when you have a signal for it to show up against, but the CCI causing signal may not even be detectable when it stands alone.

HIGH Band Es

"I've read that the best time to look for high band E skip on channels 7 and 8 is when there is a strong Es opening on channels 2-6, and FM Es signals are also pouring thru. Is this true?"

NO - not necessarily so. During the past twenty years or so of semi and organized TV DXing, there have been approximately 20 authenticated reports of E skip occurring in the high band channel region. Most of these have been on channel 7, and cover such paths as Cuba/Mexico City/Florida to Texas, the mid-atlantic coastal states to the mid west and the mid south to the southwest. Few if any have been reported north of a line stretching rather arbitrarily from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. The extremely dense portion of an Es cloud (ie. that highly concentrated "core region" that is sufficiently strong or intense to reflect/refract signals above 120 MHz), if it exists at all, is usually very small, and short lived. It is possible and in fact probable that this dense portion of the cloud could be located in a portion of the much larger general Es cloud so that you would be receiving only very poor or marginal low band TV and/or FM signals at your location at a moment when a high band Es station is rolling thru. It appears that there is MORE high band Es, by a wide margin, than we catch. And I believe that DX'er habits (tuning channels 2,3,4,5 and 6 - and stopping) are more to blame for the lack of high band Es reports than the shortage of propagation conditions. It is a little late (but not too late) for the current summer, but everyone of us should begin to tune channels 2-8 or so during Es openings, in the same manner we have grown accustomed to tuning channels 2-6. The results could easily surprise us all!

DUCTS - again -

"Do I read you correctly? That ducts generally follow along weather frontal patterns?"

Based upon our present knowledge of ducts, yes, that is true. The exact point along the front that will be productive is open to further study however. In some cases, the duct will form ahead of the front and be pushed along by the front itself. However, heavy or violent weather often also forms along the leading edge of a weather front and this type of weather formation will break up a duct quickly. Immediately behind a front, if the weather clears and stabilizes rapidly, the duct may either re-form, or an entirely different duct may occur. Ducts may linger behind a front by 10 miles or 100 miles. And be "dragged along" by the front as opposed to being pushed along by the front. I don't have any quantitative numbers at hand, but it appears that ducts forming behind a front tend to be more UHF oriented (ie. UHF only, with very little if any VHF activity) than ducts forming ahead of a front. And, ducts forming behind a front also seem to produce weaker signals more subject to long term stability - that is they stay in longer, but never become very strong. It also appears that if a duct is noticed on the leading edge of a front, you have a 50-50 chance that a second duct will be found on the trailing edge of the front, although as noted, the two ducts will seldom be similar in type or scope, and because the front has moved through in the meantime, may not even produce ducting DX into similar areas. A front that produces ducting on the leading edge, moves past you and stalls just past you, is a good bet for a UHF weak signal duct on the trailing edge also.

EUROPEAN SCENE

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The remaining part of May sustained very good Sp.E conditions in Europe, but with June these conditions seemed to have dropped somewhat. My reception for the past four weeks is as follows:

May

- 15- RAI, IB; JRT, E4; TVE, E2,3,4; Trops, BRT, E2
- 19- Sweden, E2,3; DFF, E3,4; RAI, IA,IB; TVE, E2,3,4; W. Ger., E2,3; JRT, E3; TVP, 01,02; Romania, 02,03; USSR 01,02; ORTF F2
- 20- Czech 01; TVE E2,3,4; USSR 01,02
- 22- TVE E2; Trops, BRT E2
- 23- RAI IA,IB; JRT E3,E4; TVE E3, plus unIDs.
- 24- ORF E4; JRT E3,E4; RAI IA; W. Germany E2; plus unIDs.
- 26- USSR 01,02,03; TVP 01,02; RAI IA; TVE E2,E3,E4; BRT E2
- 27- RAI IA, plus unIDs
- 28- RAI IA,IB; JRT E3x2; ORF E2a,E4; TVE E2,E3,E4; USSR 01, + unID
- 29- NRK E2x2,E3; Sweden E2; ORF E2a; BRT E2, plus unIDs
- 30- RAI IA; DFF E3; USSR 01,02; TVP 01,02; Czech 01, plus unIDs
- 31- RAI IA

June

- 1- DFF E3,E4; ORF E2a; TVP 01,02, plus unIDs
- 2- RAI IA, IB; TVE E2,E3,E4; NRK E2,E3; plus unIDs
- 3- RAI IA
- 5- Swiss E2; Trops, BRT E2
- 6- MT(Hungary) 01,02; USSR 02; ORTF F2; ORF E2a,E4; RAI IA,IB; JRT E3,E4; W. Germany E2, plus unIDs.
- 7- TVE E2; JRT E3; plus unIDs
- 9- NRK E2x2,E3; Trops, BRT E2
- 10- Czech 01
- 12- Trops, BRT E2

The opening of 19th May gave me a new station in Poland, the TVP-2 outlet in Krakow with 1kw. Station opened at 1845 BST with a caption TVP-2, the 2 being extremely prominent, followed with a female announcer also with TVP-2 to the RH side. A second new station, on the 6th June, was the NDR station on E2 in W. Germany. In this area the openings seem to have favoured the LF part of the band, and the June openings certainly seem to be of lower intensity than May. However, a letter from A. Papaeftychiou in Cyprus tells of many openings each day. He has also experienced many strange signals. One, of a rather ornate test card, we think is possibly Bulgaria.

I have heard that LUXEMBOURG will be changing line standard from September 1, from the existing 819 line (like ORTF 1st chain) to 625 lines, + video, AM sound (like Belgium and ORTF 2nd chain). In 1972 a new mast is being built, with higher gain aerials at an increased height. Later in the Summer of 1972 UHF transmission will start on ch. 21 with 1000kw and SECAM system colour.

In Italy, the problems of external TV transmissions being beamed into that country continue to rise. Tele Monte Carlo are planning a station projected for SECAM colour in band 5 with 1000kw, on Bec Rouz Mount- Western Alps, north of Tenda to cover the Po Valley, and some Tuscany areas. Yet another station is planned for Corsica, to cover the Tirrenian Coast into Rome, will also use the SECAM system.

Sunspot details for the month of May:

1st 41	9th 67	17th 62	25th 25	Mean value for the month: 53.8	
2nd 46	10th 73	18th 43	26th 35	Next six months:	
3rd 52	11th 61	19th 40	27th 49	June 64	Sept 58
4th 59	12th 62	20th 40	28th 65	July 62	Oct. 56
5th 65	13th 76	21st 38	29th 56	Aug. 60	Nov. 54
6th 64	14th 73	22nd 30	30th 58		
7th 72	15th 75	23rd 15	31st 60		
8th 70	16th 81	24th 16			

Courtesy Swiss Solar Observatory

MEMBERSHIPS DUE IN AUGUST:

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"BASIC COURSE IN DX" WITH 2 YR RENEWAL;

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DISTER, ROBERT	PRUS, LESLIE +
DONAGHUE, DAVID	SHAPIRO, DAVID
DONOCK, MITCH	STANBURY, C. M.

SEPTEMBER:

THOMAS, PETER
 LE COMPTE, WM. D.
 LITTLE, THOMAS

DUE IN OCTOBER:

CAMPBELL, HERB
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 FILES, NEAL
 HAWKINS, ROBERT
 WUDAR, JOHN A.



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