From The STAFF

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HELP WANTED...We're still looking for a member to help out with the VUD labels. Are you into commuters? This could be a chance for you to help your club through your name commuter heaby. We've been criticized for our "old fashioned" method of tyning the VUD labels, but this has been done up until now because no one on the VUD publishing staff has access to the type of system needed to computerize our mailing list. We'd like to join the computer revolution, but it takes a member willing to donate his time in getting together a program for address labels. Your new VUD publishers are looking for a more sneedy and efficient way of getting the VUDs mailed, and we want to hear from you if you can help. Contact Bill Thompson, address on back cover.

LET'S BLITZ METFOR SCATTER...Now's your change to help us "gang up" on the most overlooked form of VMF TV and FM DX; meteor scatter. Check out this month's METEOR SCATTER INSIGHTS column on made 2R. Editor Bill Fabber is calling for our club to converge on the two most promising meteor scatter neak mornings of the winter. It should prove to be very interesting for all Dxers who participate—sort of a mass DX test, with the propagation in general, rather than a single station by itself, to be under close scrutiny. Just think of it as a telethon for TV Dxers, or a listen—a-thon for FM enthusiasts! Since these are shower peak mornings, we promise some kind of DX for those who have their systems in order. Upcoming columns should detail the results. Stay up and listen—or watch—for those meteors! You don't need antennas like those on the cover!

CENTRAL FM DX...In January, Ralph Strobel will be starting a new column which is actually a "spin-off" from his NORTHERN FM DX section in the VID. CFM will be for FM DX reporters in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. These states, centered in and around the U.S. midwestern and Great Lakes regions, contain a fast-growing enthusiastic FM DX population, making this change a necessity. The NORTHERN FM DX title will be taken over by Ontario DXer Saul Chernos. If you're DXING FM north of the Mason-Dixon line in the U.S. and live outside the SOUTHERN FM DX area and the states listed above, send your reports to Saul at 70 Ridge Drive, Toronto, Ontario M4T 185, CANADA.

COLUMN NEWS...Tom Yingling regrets that his schedule prevented him from preparing OSL CORNER this month; look for it to return next VUD.

FEEDBACK

WTFDA'S POSTAL PROBLEMS

In recent months, WTFDA has been having many problems with the United States Postal Service. Complaints are being received regularly about VUDs that arrive in damaged condition, club supplies that disappear or are delayed by weeks in shipment, and DX column reports that fail to make it to the respective column editors.

It's getting to be like the weather—you know how the saying goes:
"Everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."
Problem is, we all pay for the W.S.P.S., so we have the right to demand that something be done about it. Over the past few years, problems with the mail have seemingly skyrocketed, while postal rates have also increased steadily. It's been discouraging to anyone involved in the operation of something that depends upon the U.S.P.S to exist—such as WTFDA.

It has become fashionable in some circles to "badmouth" the quality of postal service in general. This has resulted in an advertising campaign by a major postal employees' union in the U.S. to defend the performance of the U.S.P.S. as being the best anywhere. That may be the case, but one thing has become evident—it is not what it used to be.

Here's an example of the kind of complaint that the club has been receiving. It should be pointed out that this is from one of our own DX column editors—a member of the club for several years, and a very patient person:

My last VUD arrived with the cover nearly torn off. It was a mess with the back page being partly torn off. The stationery I ordered was sent twice. I've received nothing. The last time I received stationery it was wrapped with paper that was nearly torn off when I got it...

And then there's this kind of problem:

What happened to my May VID? Another DXer got his three weeks ago --mine finally got here yesterday, and was ripped. It looks like somebody cut it in the middle with a razor, and there was ink all over the outside cover...

And this:

My VUD didn't get here until last week, and it was stamped 'MIXED CITY', whatever that means. The address label is correct, and there was probably more than enough postage on it. WHAT is going on..?

Unfortunately, this is beyond our control at present. The fact that the VUD editions have been running several weeks late is only making it seem all the more severe.

Shortly, the VIID printing and mailing will switch to New York State; obviously, we'll still be at the mercy of the U.S.P.S. It's impossible to say, at this point, whether or not the mail damage-and-delay problem will subside. However, damaged VIID issues are probably almost always the result of the newer high-speed sorting machinery being used in the U.S.P.S. distribution centers.

It seems that there are not any easy answers to the problem. One member even suggested that we ship club supplies via a private carrier, such as Federal Express or United Parcel Service. As it turns out, this would make things prohibitively expensive.

A future FFEDBACK column will explore this problem further. For now, we hope you'll continue to be as patient as you've been, and report any problems similar to the above to club HQ.



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New FM Stations Granted AZ Tucson 107.5 100000 h.v: 2000 AR Clinton (near Fairfield Bay) 92.1 800 h,v; 570 feet above average terrain

GA Milan 104.9 1500 h,v; 400' ID Lewiston 106.9 99000 h,v; 1230': rock

IL Mount Zion 99.3 3000 h,v; 300', near

MN Crookston 96.1 100000 h,v; 440'; m MN Ortonville 106.3 3000 hv: 300' OK Lawton 95.3 3000 h.v: 295': m DK Woodward 92.1 3000 h.v: 270' TX Crockett 93.5 3000 h.v: 300' VA Cape Charles 96.1 50000 h.v; 490' VA Fredericksburg *90.5 19000 h,v; 560' \$. a PR Ponce 101.1 50000 h,v; 46'; m

Facilities' Changes AZ Arizona City KKAF 106.3 (cityof license channes from Flov AZ

AR Texarkana KOSY-FM 102.5 70000 h: 235' CA Long Beach KNAC 105.5 3000 h.v:300' CA Santa Ana KYMS 106.3 1300 h.v; 425' DC Washington WWDC-FM 101.1 23500 h,v;750' MN International Falls *99.5 KBHW FL Big Pine Key WWUS 104.7 (from 93.5)

100000 h,v; 145' FL Daytona Beach WDGG 101.9 580' (100kw) FL Destin WMMK 92.1 285' (3000 h.v) FL Homossa Springs WXCV 95.3 260' (3000h,v) NE-Alliance 92.1 KPNY (KFAH) FL Key West WIIS 107.1 2500 h,v; 205' [340' FL Panama City WKGC-FM *90.7 50000 h,v; / GA Gainesville WWIX 106.7 930' (100000 h.v) GA La Grange WWCG 104.1 100000 h.v; 1060' IL Freeport WXXQ 98.5 10000 h,v (150') IN Valparaiso WLJE 105.5 860 h,v; 510' IA Des Moines KGGO 94.9 1060' (100000h.v) KS Colty KTCC *91.9 100' (100 h.v) MD Bethesda WLTT 94.7 22400 h,v; 740' MA Gardner WMWC *91.7 100 h,v; 330' MI Iron Mountain WJNR 101.5 47000 r.v(620') MN Anoka KTWN-FM 107.9 180' (10000Ch.v) NE Sidney KSID-FM 98.7 (from 95.3) 61000

h,v :410' NJ Wildwood WNBR 100.7 20000 h,v; 280' NY Patchogue WALK-FM 97.5 530' (45000h.v) NC Greensboro WQMG 97.1 100000 h, 76000 NC Swan Quarter WHYC *88.5 mono 2800 / ND Grand Forks KKXL-FM 92.9 63000h,v;390'

WBNS-FM 97.1 780' (16000 h.v) PA Media WKSZ 100.3 24090 h,v; 720', presumably deleting directional antenna. SC Greenville WPLS *96.5 (from 91.5)

OH Columbus WLVQ 96.3 18000 h.v: 750'

TX Bandera KORK 98.3 2000 h,v (260') TX Edinburg WOIR *88.5 290' (3000 h,v) TX El Paso KSET-FM 94.7 980' (91000 h,v) WY Rock Springs Green River KSIT 104.5

(from 99.5); on air on 104.5! PR Aguadilla WTPM 92.9 50000 h,v; 990'

Slogans/NonIDs

AL Tuscaloosa WUOA 95.7 FM-95 (not UOA-FM). GA Atlanta WRAS *88.5 Album-88 HI Honolulu KMAI 93.9 K-My (strict) [IDer. KUMU 94.7 KooMoo, but good /

KY Owenshoro WSTO 96.1 The New-96 MI Dearborn WNIC-FM 100.3 Detroit's Nicest Rock, has Mutual network MI Detroit WJOI 97.1 W-Joy WJLB 97.9 FM-98

MI Southfield WSHJ *88.3 Super Rock MO Kansas City KLSI 93.3 Classey-93 NE Wayne KWSC *91.9 Mono-92 (!)

PA Harrisburg WSFM 99.3 St nny-99 (not strict; has soft rock) SC Orangeburg WIGL 106.7 Wiggle-106, not Wingle-107, as in August VUD. SD Yankton KKYA 93.1 KK-93, not KY-93 ON Windsor CJOM 22 7 The Great 88, rock CKJY 93.9 "KJY-FM," totally strict-no calls ever used, m music. Call Letters' Changes AR Marshall 104.9 KZRO CA San Francisco 98.9 KOAK (KMPX). now r., "The Quake" CO Wray 98.3 KROZ"-FM" DE Milford 97.7 WAFL"-FM" (WAFL-FM) FL Safety Harbor 92.1 WXCR (WOOT), to 1700 h,v; 400' FL Tallahassee 94.9 WCSN (WLVW) GA Martinez 94.3 WMTZ IN Martinsville 102.3 WCBK"-FM" (WCBK-FM) IA Hampton 104 9 KWGG KS Pittsburg 96.9 KDBQ (KMRJ), still rock LA Oakdale 104.9 KGBM-FM (KCWR) MI Cheboygan 105.1 WQLZ (WCBY-FM) MI Monroe 98.3 WTWR (WVMO) MN Marshall 100.1 KKCK (KMHL-FM)

MN New Ulm 93.1 KXLP (KNUJ-FM), rock, still AP Audio, no nonID IJT Havre 95.1 KXEI NV Las Vegas 96.3 KTWB NY Cortland 99.9 WOKW (WNOZ) TN Huntingdon 100.9 WPBE (WPVG) TN Kingsport 98.5 WTFM (WKPT-FM) TN Knoxville 103.5 WIMZ-FM (WIMZ) TX Austin 102.3 KPEZ (KMXX), now b TX Big Spring 95.3 KWKI (KFNE) TX College Station 92.1 KTAW (WTAW-FM) TX Sulphur Springs 95.9 KDXE WV Elkins 95.3 WELK WY Thermopolis 98.3 KLYX SCA († 67 kHz)

CA Secramento KZAP 98.5 music CA Ukish KIAH 103.3 tm (repeating AM affiliate KUKI) IL Aurora WAUR 107.9 talking farm news MN Crookston KYCK 97.1 †X (telemetry)

ND Fargo KDSU *91.9 tX Stereophony

LA Baton Rouge WBRH *90.3 LA New Orleans WRBH *88.3, despite talking book being fired from other announcing jobs. Santella says: "There are no disc jockeys. My biggest

SD Deadwood KSQY 95.1, rock, K-Sky (not strict) it. The industry won't develop personalities.

NO STEREO CA South Lake Tahoe KZFR 103.1

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Formats/Networks
AL Birmingham WRKK 99.5 k (from rp), K-Country
(10.4.7 Vail CO does transmit in stereo. K2886
ALHuntsville WOCG "90.1 gc, no \$, on 6am to Mid-of KRAI-FM Craig CO was strong there, which
AZ Benson KAVV 97.7 "The Cave," k, off air undermakes here wonder if the translator ever will come FCC order: AR Pocahontas KCYN 103.9 mr

CA Lemoore KQYZ 104.9 Latin and rock CA Madera KUUL 92.1 Latin/Spanish DC Washington WDCU *S0.1 90% j, not cj, FM-90, not strict

GA Athens WAGO 104.7 RKD network GA Savannah WJCL-FM 96.5 NBC (from CBS) HI Kailua KSHO-FM 96.3 jazz only MI Birminohem WMJC 94.7 Y (ABC Contemp.)

MI Detroit WDTR *90.9 talk (on limited hours) WDRQ 93.1 soul WLLZ 98.7 rock, not rp WDET *101.9 ic, reducing c, no Dolby

WOME 104.3 RKO-1

WOMC 104.3 WORS 105.1 no Dolby WWW.W 106.7 AP Audio (S) MO Cape Girardeau KFMP 102.9 N (from E) MO Monett KKBL 95.9 RKO MO St. Louis KMOX-FM 103.3 gradually changing to hard rock NE North Platte KXNP, KX-104, RKO, this was Saul Chernos' mystery, Sept. VUD NE Ord KNLV-FM 103.9 kr (rock at night) NY Briancliff Manor WRNW 107.1 rock NC Kannapolis WJZR 99.7 rock (from kg) OK Muskogee Tulsa KAYI 106.9 r, K-107 PA Mechanicsburg WQVE 93.5 T (The Source). soft rock now "Magic-93," not QV-93. SD Gregory KKSD 101.5, K-101, RKO SD Rapid City KKHJ 93.9 RKO

Wi Oshkosh WAHC 96.7 m, no longer C-97 NM Farmington KRWN 92.9 r Readers' Reports and FM News CA's KMAH *89.1 Atherton using recorded sea songs or sounds 10 ons to 7:30 a.m.; I wonder it they give IDs? Frog concerts from my father-inlew's pund would be interesting, too. WPRG *91.1 Baton . louge now doing sports remotes in true stereo, VIAKH 105.7 Mc Comb MS still off. A HI traveler failed to hear K244AK 96.7 and doubts its existence. He reports FM at Kwajalein atoll, AFRN 100.1, 1000; 150' and Johnston Is. two 50-watters about 55' 99.5 relays KSSK 590 Honolulu and 101.1 AFRTS SW rel no local id's. Kwajalein often picks up CA FM stations off satellite—whatever Vandenburg AFB sends along. Some local nighttime programming.

TX San Antonia KSLR, "Son Life Radio," 96.1 /

WI Milwaukee WKTI 94.5 no network (was Y)

In MI news wBLV *90.3 Twin Lake expands its broadcast schedule to 18 hours a day effective now, with more classical and jazz music. WSRX *88.5 Allendale MI is off the air [has been since June], will probably not come back on until the new 147 w. 500' facilities have been constructed, and calls become WGVC-FM. Phil Boersma has heard WEHB Grand Rapids carry full-length (60 seconds) commercials for businesses, with 1-3 of those heard per hour. Another noncommercial station heard carrying illegal commercials is KUCB *89.3 Des Moines with 2 minutes of spots per hour. KSCV *91.3 Kearney NE does carry "donor announcements," which sound like commercials, but which are not. They are shorter than 30" and carry no exhortation—just names of firms and what they sell; howe ver, they are given production embellishment which makes them sound commercial. Bill Thompson sent an article on freeform rock DJ Jim Santella returning to Buffalo FM airways on WUWU 107.7, after having walked out or

complaint about radio is there are no people on it. The industry won't develop personarities. Just read the caid and you're safe. The industry doen't encourage you." WUWU is building a new 700-foot tower so as to improve reception in Buffalo of this Wethersfield NY station, which

on. K218AF Florence OR off the air; they hope

to find a spot in the commercial part of the Em band, KMTB Florence OR will transmit from Walton Mt., 20 mi, from Eugene. KLLK 99.9 Saratoga WY still off the air.as is KFIS 100.1 in Soda Springs ID. He likes "pirate" FM as "one of the last possible refuges from automated rock and country stations, . . the only truly localized FM signals," which shouldn't be ignored by the club. In CA, KRLT 100.1 S. Lake Tahoe hopes to be

In CA, KRLT 100.1 S. Lake Tahoe hopes to De 100 kw on 93.9 by havs, spring. And John Jefferson wants a San Francisco trensmitter map in the next FM Atles, sending along a sketch-showing sites. KUMD *103.3 Duluth MN now NPR affiliated has a foe in WSCD *92.9 there, which wants public radio to itself WLYX *89.3 Memphis off eir until college. college decides how it should program. Students munity groups may decide on timesharing. Contributors to be listed thext month!

TELEVISION NEWS

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This is still the same column. Only the name | 32 146 is being changed. Actually, the other changes 46 were made gradually over the past year. Much of the information that has been out into this column does not involve the FCC at all. And although RETROSPECT has been covering the 24 4370 1390 Toledo, OH; Lake Erie Communic. FCC's role in the infancy of television, it will be covering a wider area in the next few months as we study the early years of DX and early methods to expand television coverage. still involving the FCC, but to a lesser degree. There has also been Canadian and Mexican news in this column. In fact, previ- 11 174 1219 Charleston, WV; Gemini Broadous columns have touched on Australia and Israel. (and don't forget that Cuban TV standard snafu!) One more note before the news: anybody having access to the 7/19/82 Television Digest please let me know. APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BROADCAST STATIONS

CH ERP HAAT CITY/STATE/APPLICANT 33 653 1866 Shreveport, LA; Great Central Communications 10 105 700 Miles City, MT; Three C's Bc'g. 60 1795 1756 Dothan, AL; Television Community Broadcasting, Inc. 956 632 LaSalle, IL; Thomas J. Mikos 93 412 LaSalle, IL; Word TV, Inc. 57 4.8 200 Janesville, WI; Filmway of Wis'n 33 653 1865 Shreveport, LA; Seattle Commu-20 .526 104 Ponce, PR; Amilcar Gandia 13 32.8 373 Fairbanks, AK; Alaska 13 Corp. 29 2400 500 Citrus Heights, CA; Royce International Broadcasting Company 29 5000 2500 Sacramento, CA; Alden Communications Corporation 29 5000 1363 Sacramento, CA; Capitol Hispanic 24 2393 Broadcasters, Inc.

29 5000 1413 Sacramento, CA; Ch. 29 Investors 29 2090 405 Sacramento, CA; Delta Bc'g Co. 29 5000 1500 Sacramento, CA; DoDecca Ecktron 29 5000 1483 Sacramento, CA; El Dorado Telev. 29 5000 677 Sacramento, CA; Michael L.Parker 29 5000 1296 Sacramento, CA; Ponce-Nicasio 29 5000 1309 Sacramento, CA; Sacramento Entertainment Television, Limited 29 5000 1309 Sacramento, CA; Sacramento Television Associates, Limited 62 2421 2010 Santa Rosa, CA; Bay North ETV

18 1117 1028 Davenport, IA; H&S Limited 22 2315 1309 Waterloo, IA; Independence Bc'g 38 863 800 Lawrence, KS; Denning Santee Communications, Inc. 38 1170 841 Lawrence, KS; Horizon Communica-

tions 38, Limited 38 1276 1099 Lawrence, KS; Kansas Family TV 31 5000 1057 Fort Worth, TX; Texas Educational Network, Inc.

662 120 Casper, WY; Lew County Telev'n. 826 773 Humacao, PR; Angel F. Bocanegra 90 1091 Mayaguez, PR; Ana J. Plaza 60 1368 1013 Gadsden, AL; Sterling Associates

4 Honolulu, HI; The Allen Bc'g Co 433 Norwell, MA; Mid Shore Resour-842 ces, Inc. 369 International Falls, MN; John W. Boler 8 316 1153 Johnstown, PA: Johnstown Family Television. Limited 64 1000 2435 Bellingham, WA; Bellingham Television Associates, Limited 11 53.1 1733 Charleston, WV; Channel 11 Bc'g 11 158 1226 Charleston, WV; C'ton Bc'g Corp casting Co. of West Virginia 11 158 1227 Charleston, WV: Greater Kanawha Valley Broadcasting, Limited 11 103 1216 Charleston, WV; The Hightower Partnership. 53 1710 South Charleston, WV; Long Broadcasting Systems, Inc. 11 162 1230 South Charleston, WV; West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority (proposes educational broadcast station) 64 217 391 Toa Baja, PR; Freddie Gauthier Broadcasting Company 33 340 615 Bossier City, LA; Drew &Kemmerly 33 2970 1274 Shreveport, LA; Godfrey & Assoc. 33 1100 1217 Shreveport, LA; Shreveport Metro Communications 33, Ltd. 890 Manchester, NH; Showair 48 255 113 Las Cruces, NM; KASK, Inc. 15 1766 218 Abilene, TX; Helen Oman 740 Odessa, TX; Odessa Family Tel. 395 Odessa, TX; Leonard Todd & Gerald K. Fugit 24 4266 2179 Anacortes, WA; Mount Baker Bc'g 55 5000 479 Kenosha, WI; Chicago Communications Service. Inc. 55 1844 448 Kenosha, WI; Midwest Broadcast Associates. CONSTRUCTION PERMITS GRANTED FOR NEW STATION 34 588 150 Campbellsville, KY; Green River Broadcasting Company 24 1000 1741 Portland, OR; Greater Portland Broadcasting Corporation 30 76.4 447 Shawnee, OK; Canadian Valley Television, Inc. 16 390 413 Somerset, KY; TV-8, Inc. (see

Results of Consolidated Hear'gs)

14 4130 892 Boulder, CO; Boulder Telecastig.

32 1512 292 Appleton, WI; Appleton Midwest-

ern Television

12 190 2690 Medford, OR; Sunshine Television

Twin Rivers Drive, Columbus; APPLICATIONS DISMISSED BY THE FCC Lexington, Kr; ch. 62; Lexington Family began 8/18/82 Television, Inc. 62 n.c. n.c. Tacomah, WA; KTPS; switch to channel 28 (see changes in Table Portland, OR; ch. 24; Christian Television Beaumont, TX; ch. 21; Focus Bc'g of Beauof Assignments) 7 195 2645 Boise, ID; KTVB; circular pol'n mont: Edward M. Johnson (specified Nederland 7 316 1000 Evansville, IN; WTVW; Circular as its proposed city of license). * Flagstaff. AZ; ch. 13; Manning Telecasting polarization; began 9/14/82 Boulder, CO; ch. 14; G.S.T.V., Inc.: Family CALL LETTER APPLICATIONS: NEW STATIONS Television, Inc.; Rocky Mountain 14. Inc. CITY/STATE/APPLICANT CH C.L. (specified Broomfield). Panama City. FL; Kenneth Darby etc 28 WMJA Medford, OR; ch. 12; Christian Broadcasting Sal Vegas, NV; Dres Media, Inc. 21 KULV Corporation; Highland Communications. Inc.: Ponce, PR; Ponce & Yauco UHF 14 WTIN Medford Channel 12 Limited Partnership. Florence, AL; Alabama Management 26 WTUK Appleton. WI: ch. 32: Apogee. Inc. Riverhead, NY; Life Broadcasting 55 WLIG Murfreesboro, TN; Channel 39 of APPLICATIONS TO MODIFY CONSTRUCTION PERMITS 39 WCTF Murfreesboro, Inc. (* indicates station already on the air) CH ERP HAAT CITY/STATE/CALL LETTERS 42 KBVO-TV Austin, TX; Austin Television 49 WFTZ-TV Norfolk, VA; Focus Bc'g of Norfolk 16 4070 984 *Salisbury, MD; WBOC-TV (new Columbus, GA; Columbus Family TV construction permit just given; 54 VXTX 22 WEZF-TV Burlington, VT; Champlaign Commusee Changes in Existing Facilinications Corporation ties granted.) Shawnee, OK; Canadian Valley Tel'n 14 316 1088 Hays, KS; KOOD; change to ch. 9; 30 KCVT Circular polarization CALL LETTER APPLICATIONS: CHANGE EXISTING 26 2000 1555 * Chicago, IL; WCIU-TV 24 KPOM-TV Fort Smith, AR; KLMN 49 1742 * Charleston, WV; WVAH-TV; chg. 30 WMKW-TV Memphis, TN; WBAH to ch. 11 13 170 2825 Fajardo, PR; WSTE; TL to El CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED: NEW STATIONS Mount Vernon, IL; Pyramid Bc'g Yunque Peak, 9 mi. w/o Fajardo 13 WCEE Oklahoma City. OK; Satellite Bc'g 52 KSBI C.P. MODIFICATION GRANTED BY THE FCC 18 WJLH Laurel, MS; Capitol Broadcasting (* indicates station already on the air) Burlington, NC; National Group 16 WRDG 9 306 929 * San Antonio, TX; KLRN; TL to Telecommunications of Burlington Calaveras Lake near Foster Road Des Moines, IA; Independence Bc'g 17 KCBR 49 686 975 Akron. OH; WEAO Bay City, MI; Vistacom, Inc. 61 WVCI 20 2495 1800 Tacoma, WA; KQFB; circular pol-Muskegon, MI; Apogee-Bonnee Corp. 54 WMKT arization; TL to Gold Mountain, 48 WGCG-TV Greenwood, SC; Metro Communica-6 miles west of Bremerton tions South. Inc. 43 501 720 Tomah, WI; WTMB-TV CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED: CHANGE EXISTING 19 4070 984 * Salisbury, MD; WBOC-TV Springfield, IL; WBHW (this appro-30 2500 1002 Memphis, TN; WBAH-TV; TL to 55 WZXO WKNO-TV tower, 2.5 miles NE of val was later set aside) Memphis on L&N Railroad 2 KSNC Great Bend, KS; KCKT 20 5000 1482 Fort Myers, FL; WBBH-TV 14 KOOD Hays, KS: KSMH-TV 24 148 319 Moline, IL; WQPT-TV Topeka, KS; KTSB 27 KSNT 31 1620 204 Alexandria, LA; KLAX-TV Wichita, KS: KARD-TV 3 KSNW 32 n.c. n.c. New Orleans, LA; WLAE-TV; TL to 23 KNAT Albuquerque, NM; KLKK-TV Wilkes-Barre, PA; WBRE-TV 0.42 miles west of Paris Road & 28 WBRE Joplin, MO; KTVJ Bayou Bienvenue, New Orleans 16 KSNF 35 3548 1096 Marshall, TX; Holt-Robinson 11 KSNG Garden City, KS; KGLD 8 KSNK McCook, NE; KOMC APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE EXISTING FACILITIES 20 WYCC Chicago, IL; WCME 10 316 2000 Phoenix, AZ; KOOL-TV 12 WCTI New Bern. NC: WCTI-TV 8 162 2948 Salinas, CA; KSBW-TV 42 2163 1381 Birmingham, AL; WBMG CHANGES IN CITY OF IDENTIFICATION GRANTED 38 148 n.c. Columbus, GA; WLTZ; circular pol 62 35 755 Tacoma, WA; KTPS; change to ch. * NDZL, ch. 39, Miami, Florida, to identify as Miami-Fort Lauterdale 28 (note under changes in the * WAAT, ch. 40, Wildwood, New Jersey, to Table of Assignments) TL to identify as Wildwood-Atlantic City 5544 N. 35th St., Tacoma CHANGES IN THE TABLE OF CHANNEL ASSIGNMENTS CHANGES IN EXISTING FACILITIES GRANTED Green Valley, AZ: add 46z 32 1236 820 Montgomery, AL; WKAB-TV Mountain Home, AR: add 43+ 49 686 975 Akron, OH; WEAO; granted limited Carroll, IA: add 30+ PTA; TL to 2101 S. Cleveland-Magee, MS: add 34+ Las Vegas, NV: add 15+ Massillon Road, Copley 16 4000 984 Salisbury, MD; WBOC-TV, began Seattle, WA: add *62z; delete *28z 8/15/82 (prior to the applica-Tacoma, WA: add *28z; delete *62z (change was tion to modify this permit) applied for by Tacome School District No. 9 316 996 Grandview, WV; WSWP-TV; circular 10, recently given CP for ch. 62 in Tacoma. 8 297 710 McCook, NE; KOMC A broadcast station on channel 62 would 100 903 Columbus, OH; WCMH-TV; TL to 766 eliminate many translators presently operating on channels 55-69. The transmitter site for channel 28 must be at least 20 mi. from the proposed transmitter site for Family Broadcasting Company, given a construction permit to operate on ch. 20, also assigned to Tacomah. WA.

STATIONS ON THE AIR WFLX. ch. 29. West Palm Beach, Florida; 2544 ku max ERPvis.: 692 kw hor.: 1500' HAAT; 1533' AG: 1549' ASL: TL at 2.3 miles west of Hwy. 441: 0.7 miles south of Lantana Road, near Green Acres City; coordinates 26-34-37; 80-14-32; began 8/14/82. Address: Malrite of Florida, Inc.; 4130 Blue Heron Blvd., West

Palm Beach. FL. 33404 ● WTGL-TV, ch. 52, Cocoa, FL; 5000 kw ERPvis; 1385' HAAT; 1456' AG; 1500' ASL; TL at Deseret Ranches, Star Route 1250, Melbourne, Florida; coordinates 28-18-26; 80-54-48; began 8/16/82 Address: Good Life Broadcasting, Inc., 26 Forest Avenue, Cocoa, FL, 32922.

• KUSK, ch. 7, Prescott, AZ; 8.71 kw ERPvis; 2814' HAAT: 110' AG: 7930' ASL; transmitter a south peak of Mingus Mountain, 22 miles ENE of Prescott; coordinates 34-42-17; 112-05-55; began 9/5/1982. Address: KUSK, Inc., 3211 Tower Drive, Prescott, AZ; 86301.

• KNLC, ch. 24, St. Louis, MO; 1466.7 kw ERP vis; 998' HAAT; 732' AG; 1647' ASL; Transmitter located on Mount Olive School Road, in House Springs: coordinates 38-21-40; 90-32-58 began 9/12/32. Address: New Life Evangelistic and granted construction permit to Way of the Center, Box 924, St. Louis, MO, 63188.

KUSI-TV, ch. 51, San Diego, CA; 2240 kw max ERP vis: 309 kw hor.: 1940' HAAT; 197' AG; 2747' ASL; transmitter at San Miguel Mountains 12.85 miles ESE of San Diego Post Office; coordinates 32-41-48; 116-56-09; began 9/13. Address: University Television, Inc., 7377

Convoy Court, San Diego, CA; 92111
WWAH-TV, ch. 23, Charleston-Huntington, WV; 5000 ky ERPvis; 1722' HAAT; 1666' AG; 2546' ASL: transmitter at south side of Poplar Fork Road. 1.53 miles north of US Route 60, 1.34 miles south of Scott Depot (0.11 miles north of their originally proposed site); coordinates 38-25-15; 81-55-27; began 9/19/1982. Address: West Virginia Telecasting, Inc., 23 Broadcast Plaza, Hurricane, WV, 25526.

APPLICATIONS FOR SUBSCRIPTION TELEVISION

WTVE, ch. 51, Reading, PA

• Kalamazoo, MI; ch. 64; Channel 64, Inc.

• Manchester, NH; ch. 60; Showair

CONSOLIDATED HEARINGS

• Kerryville, TX; ch. 25; Commanche Broadcasting, Inc.; Tierra Del Sol Broadcasting, Inc., Hispanic American Broadcasting of Texas, Inc. Toccoa, GA; ch. 32; Stephens County Broadcasting Company; Millard V. Oakley Roanoke, VA; ch. 38; Vine & Branch, Inc. (sole stockholder is Evangel Foursquare Church; the church council passed a resolution authorizing its pastor, C. Kenneth Wright, to make all policy decisions concerning the proposed station, and limiting the church council to an advisory position which the pastor may

consult at his disposal. The FCC feels that

the applicant is basically abandoning all re-

sponsibility and control of the proposed sta-

tion.); Roanoke Family Television. Ltd.: Telecommunications Partners. Ltd.; Roanoke Media 38. Limited.

RESULTS OF CONSOLIDATED HEARINGS

• Portland, OR; ch. 24; FCCdismissed application of Christian Television. Inc. and granted Tavitac Corporation. A new corporation was formed by the merger of Tavitac and Christian Television.

• Somerset, KY; ch. 16; Originally Administrative Law Judge recommended that a CP be granted to Bluegrass Media. Inc. and that application by TV-8, Inc. be dismissed. But the FCC reversed that decision, granting the construction permit to TV-8, Inc., feeling that TV-8's joint operation with WTLO(AM) gives it greater qualification as a television operator. Also, this would advance the FCC's policy on UHF development, since Bluegrass Media proposed a satellite station which would duplicate the programming of WBKO. Bowling Green, KY.

• Boulder/Broomfield, CO; FCC dismissed the applications of C.S.T.V., Inc.. Family Television, Inc., and Rocky Mountain 14, Inc., and granted application of Boulder Telecasting Corporation with amendments reflecting the substitution of engineering proposals contained in the application of C.S.T.V., Inc. • Lexington, KY; channel 62; FCC dismissed application by Lexington Family Television Cross Cutreach. Inc.

DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE

The FCC granted a permit to Satellite Television Corporation to construct two DBS satellites, one to be put into use and one to be a spare. STC plans to put its first satellite in use to cover the eastern time zone of the United States. This is the first of four phases, each of which will cover one time zone of the contiguous United States.

FCC RESTRUCTURING

The FCC in merging the Broadcast Bureau and the Cable Television Bureau into the Mass Media Bureau, with four divisions and their branches as follows:

T Video Services Division

A Cable Television

B Low Power Television

C Broadcast Television

D Distribution Services

II Enforcement Division

A Complaints

B Fairness

C Political Broadcasts

D Hearings

E Equal Employment Opportunities

F Investigations

G Control

III Audio Services Division

A AM Radio

B FM Radio

C Auxiliary Services

IV Policy and Rules Division

A Allocations

B Policy Analysis

C Legal

D Technical and International

TELETEXT STATIONS

It was reported previously that CBS and HBC are both planning to transmit teletext signals on a nationwide basis. Although I have not seen any official notice of their project having begun. I noticed most CBS stations in this area carrying some form of signals only during CBS network programming. Those stations are: WSBA, ch. 43, York, PA; WCAU, ch. 10. Philadelphia, PA; WBAL, ch. 11, Baltimore, There are no commercial stations on these MD; and WTKR, ch. 3, Norfolk, VA; all of which are using lines 15 and 16 of both fields. A few CBS stations are sending signals on the latter 2/3 of line 16. field one, and all of line 16, field two; they are: WLYH, ch. 15, 20 kHz beats both produce fine line patterns. Lebanon, PA; and WHP, ch. 21, Harrisburg, PA. No teletext has been seen on WBOC, ch. 16, Salisbury, PA, or on WDVM, ch. 9, Washington, D.C. WAVY, ch. 10 in Portsmouth, VA, an NBC station, seems to be doing teletext on its own, as lines 15 and 16 are transmitting coded sion of slightly diagonal lines only three signals steadily through network and local programming.

FORUM

Glenn Hauser sent an article from the Knoxville Journal on KM2XKA, the ch. 7 experimental station in Knoxville, TN. They were licensed only to broadcast information directly related to the World's Fair, but they have been announcing that the station would continue after the fair with a combination of local, network, cable, and public programming. But the FCC notified the station that it was not authorized to operate after the fair was over, and was not permitted to broadcast any material other than World's Fair related. The licensee never applied to the FCC for approval for these, nor for approval for a change of ownership. The station was shut off as of Friday, September 24.

Leslie Price updates the situation on the WWAY transmitter tower in Wilmington, NC. From the 9/7/82 Wilmington Morning Star, an article about a couple from Ocala, Florida, that decided they wanted to get married from atop a television tower. While rehearsing the wedding the day before, they got stuck halfway up when the elevator broke. They had to climb down the ladder.

Last month it was Greg Monti in Alaska; now it's Rod O'Connor in Honolulu, Hawaii, He says that KSHO-TV, the new station on ch. 26 in Honolulu, has been testing with color bars and tone, but no programming is scheduled for la few months yet, according to a call Rod made to the station. KSHO-TV will be Hawaii's first UHF broadcast station. KSHO-TV originally planned to be an all-business-news station, but is now considering old reruns, movies, and foreign-language programs. (This according to an article from the Sunday Star-Bulletin & Advertiser, a Honolulu paper, dated 9/19/82. The general view from advertising agencies and business firms is that the station's future is not at all promising. Despite this, there are two other UHF stations being built: one on ch. 14 by Pacific Rim Broadcasting Co., and on ch. 20 by Sunset Communications, with call letters KHAI. Rod also went into some detail on AFRTS stations

in the Pacific. There is an outlet on ch. 10 on Johnstown Island, about 120 watts. There was a station at Majuro. Marshall Islands. but that is no longer there. But there are two other stations in the Marshall Islands located on the Kwajelein Atoll; a fairly strong station on ch. 8 at the south end of the atoll, and a weaker one, about 100 watts. on the northern end, probably on ch. 10. islands. More information will be coming in soon on American and Western Samoa.

Mike Reid reports on CCI patterns. "I believe you're right about the idea that 10 and However, it doesn't mean that you're right about the slant or # of lines ... " (Actually. the number of lines is not important. They are a secondary pattern of hundreds of lines arranged in such a way as to give the illuor four scan lines apart. If we use "d" to be the difference in frequency between two stations, then d=8000 to 12,000 kHz for 10 kHz offset, but usually close to 10,000. Using the formula (15,750-d)/60 for the number of lines produced, we find that 10 kHz CCI can produce 62 to 129 lines, but normally about 96. For 20 kHz CCI, use (d-15,750)/60 where d = 18,000 to 22,000 kHz. CCI patterns for 20 kHz can be 54 lines to 121 lines, but normally around 87. I still insist that the slant of the lines, when it can be determined, is the only way to distinguish between the two.) Mike adds. "I have never seen a 10 kHz beat produce a 10 bar pattern on any channel, come to think of it." Mike makes a couple of corrections on the TV Station Guide. WWNY-TV, ch.7 in Watertown, NY, should be CN (mostly CBS, very few NBC); KOTA, ch. 3 in Rapid City. SD. is nearly all NBC.

Cliff Rames of Hollywood, Florida reports having seen WFLX-TV, ch. 29, West Palm Beach, transmitting test patterns as early as 7/8. (It began broadcasting on 8/14, according to Television Digest, but Cliff reported that he hadn't seen it since 7/8, and his letter was dated 9/7. -wbf). Cliff saw WHRS-TV. ch. 42, Boynton Beach, FL, on 7/7/82 with PBS programming (Television Digest had starting date of 7/12; they goofed again! -wbf). Two separate articles from the Miami Herald both refer to the soon-coming WDZL, ch. 39 in Miami, as being based in Hollywood. WDZL is expected to begin on 10/16. WFLX. ch. 29 in West Palm Beach, which is supposedly already on the air as of 8/14, hopes to go on the air on 10/1, according to an article dated 9/3. WFLX plans to broadcast 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. weeknights, and until 3:00 a.m. weekends.

Albert S. Lobel sent in an article from the San Diego Union, 9/12/82, the day before KUSI-TV, ch. 51 in San Diego, went on the air. The struggle for channel 51 had been long. Back in 1965, the FCC granted a construction permit to Gross Broadcasting after a competing applicant. United States International University, withdrew its application in exchange for some of the interest in Gross Broadcasting. After several years, Gross

Broadcasting never got the station built, and the FCC was tired of extending its permit. And the University was no longer interested in building the station. (The University apparently decided to go ahead after all, but the article somehow missed this point. -wbf) Christian Communications Network took the issue to court, claiming that USIU was financially unable to operate the station, but the court upheld the University in 1980, and USIU finally managed to get the money to build the station. KUSI-TV is an independent commercial station, and will broadcast syndicated programs, but will emphasize Spanish programs and Country programs, feeling there is an interest for both in the area, but not enough of that type of programming available yet. KUSI will also broadcast some

BBC programs which PBS stations would normally show. There will be movies during the daytime. Ronald Purdue (not Leslie Price, as I mistakenly typed it in the August, 1982 column) is still keeping an eye on the Minnesota situation, KTMA-TV, ch. 23 in the Twin Cit-



ies, was transmittingtest signals on 9/21/82. According to an article Ron sent from the 9/15 Minneapolis Star and Tribune, KTMA-TV will offer SPECTRUM subscription service. and will be using a Zenith decoding system with a capacity for pay-per-view programs, which suggests remote control signals like some of the STV stations in the eastern states are using. So look for those white squares in the VBI. KTMA-TV will be operating until 5:00 a.m.

every morning. A few articles of interest appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer over the past few months. You remember RKO General, the company that's losing those licenses? They pulled a sneaky with WOR-TV in New York. It seems that Senator Bill Bradley attached an amendment to the tax bill passed by Congress, which would automatically renew the license of a commercial VHF station that relocated itself to a state presently having no commercial VHF station (being only Delaware and New Jersey). WOR-TV announced plans to relocate its station to Secaucus, New Jersey, automatically renewing its license for five years. Democrat representatives James Florio and William Hughes aren't satisfied yet. According to the Atlantic City Press, they wrote to the FCC asking that the transmitter should be moved to New Jersey, or the signal should be boosted someway. Dig this brilliant quotation from these intelligent congressmen: "Those in Central and Southern New Jersey will still not have a New Jersey Television Station." Maybe they never learned how to count past thirteen. New Jersey has plenty of television stations. both educational and commercial, as well as access to dozens of other commercial and educational stations near its borders.

MORE TO COME NEXT MONTH

Because of an excellent DX season, both for E-skip and trops, this month's VUD is expected to be another large one, so it became necessary to limit the size of this month's column once again. Quite a bit of material is still waiting to be printed. I still have the LPTV report to do; I'm hoping to get some material on the new channel four that is supposed to begin operation in Ingland, and will hold off on that until I can get enough information. I'll use the remaining space below to at least begin the report on the FCC's actions to improve UHF television reception. The rest will continue next month.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TELEVISION RECEPTION PART ONE: INTRODUCTION TO THE PROBLEM

In 1954, 125 UHF stations had begun operation, but their numbers fell to as low as 84 five years later, but now there are well over 400 stations in operation.

Government programs are probably the major factor in improving the UHF situation. The All-Channel Receiver Act of 1962 (probably the single most significant factor in my opinion) required that all sets be capable of receiving UHF. Other subsequent laws were passed improving the UHF tuning system, noise levels, and requiring that UHF be given equal treatment with VHF when installing receiving antennas in the manufacture of the set. The UHF Comparability Task Force was instituted in 1978 to search out other ways to improve UHF television service.

After receiving comments from the public on the situation, as well as several reports from the task force, the FCC adopted a set of

The task force determined that the receiving antenna system is the weak link in the chain of components from television transmitter to receiver. The task force found that superior receiving antenna equipment is available at low cost, but unless the public has the knowledge and desire to install it, better equipment will not be utilized. The task force observed that exact equality with VHF was not required in order to achieve a diverse and competitive UNF television service. They advocated a viable and profitable UHF service on its own merits, without comparison to VHF. It is on this premise that the FCC based its policy with regard to any additional regulation of UHF.

In 1980, the percentage of UHF stations reporting profits was roughly equivalent to the percentage of AM and FM radio stations reporting profits. While none of these services comes close to the percentage of VHF television stations reporting profits. All and FM are reasonably healthy services and there is still demand for those services to increase. The same being for UHF, it is concluded that UHF television must be in a financially healthy situation. Also, in contrast to the situation in the 1950's, no UHF station has permanently ceased operation since 1976 (except WWAC-TV in Atlantic City, New Jersey; this report had been written earlier.)

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Deadline: 12-3-82

DX season seems to have come to an end here. There are, of course, some exceptional off season occurrences of DX. I think the trick is for the DX'er to keep alert and keep checking the bands. If you see anything, please report it.

Tentative - t

25 Es

26 Es

27 Es

New Mode___

Jim Pizzi, P.O. Box 1778, Lovington, NM 88260

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July 1982
19 tr 0830 KLTL 18 LA 630
KLTS 24 LA 539
Es 0900 WRCB 3 TN 1035
1800 unid ch 2 Mexico
21 Es 2310 WCBD 2 SC 1359
2315 unids 2,3 east
2351 WSB 2 GA 1098
22 Es 0040 WNGE 2 TN 968
(again @ 0107 & 0141)
0042 WDTN 2 OH 1152
0101 KBCI 2 ID 990
(ms induced ??)
1720 WBBMt 2 IL
1722-24 unids 2,4 ne
1730 <u>wnem</u> 5 mi <u>1247</u>
CKPRt 2 ON
("PR" call)
1950 KNXT 2 CA 855
23 Es 0903 XEWO 2 JAL 840
0905 unids 2 Mexico
1500 unids 2,3 north
KOUS 4 MT 891
1822 unids 2-6 north
1829 KXLF 4 MT 1004
1930 KHQ 6 WA 1224
2102 ICR-TV2 t 4 Cuba
2103 unid 2 e-se
(resolution TP)
2157 WMAB 2 MS 828
2158 WLBT 3 MS 772
2159 WDIQ 2 AL 1008
2159 WDIQ 2 AL 1008 25 tr 0027 XEPM 2 CH 205 XEJ 5 CH 205
XEJ 5 CH 205
0030 KTSM 9 TX 201
0035 KVIA 7 TX 201
Es 0930 KRON 4 CA 1116
(video ID)

NM 88260	MDT
0930 KCRL 4 NV 1008 (audio ID)	11 Es 2100 WRCB 3 TN 1035 WFBC 4 NC 1206 2128 WNGE 2 TN 968
KTVU 2 CA 1116 1000 KVIQ 6 CA 1247	2126 WNGE 2 IN 900 2240 unid ch 2 ne
KCRA 3 CA 1077	(crawl across bottom-
1030 KVBC 3 NV 698	about skip conditions)
1031 KVVU 5 NV 698	2256 CKTV 2 SA 1188
1926 unid 4 Michigan	2330 CKYB 4 MB 1148
1926-2130 unids 2-6 ne	18 ms 0822 KGAN 2 IA <u>878</u>
1959 CHFD 4 ON 1260	(15 sec. burst) Es 1920 unids channel 2
2000 CKCOt 2 ON	2000 WSJK 2 TN 1170
1620-40 unid 2 north	
(full CB- KGFE, KUSD?)	2100 WDIQ 2 AL 1008
2100 <u>CFAC</u> 2 AT <u>1328</u>	2101 KGAN 2 IA 878
2118 unid ch 2 north	19 Es 0901 unid 2 - XEW net
(CB - same as above?)	22 Es 2116 unid 2 - XEW net
2119 KDIX 2 ND 936	28 tr 1600 OKC ch 14,25,34
2130 CKTV 2 SA 1188	all 4000
_	July 24, 1982
t 1982	Report from Sunspot, New
1610 unids 2-6 east	Mexico (solar observatory)
<u>1625</u> unid ch <u>7</u> east	- elevation - 9200' a.s.l.
(O kHz to KOSA - PBS,	(16 miles s of Cloudcraft,
WITV or WCIQ ??)	NM in the Sacramento moun-
1657 WWL 4 LA 819	tains)

644

5 LA

3 MS 772

7 OK 289

6 WV 1274

2 TN 1170

2 CA 1116

2 IN 981

2119 WDTN 2 OH 1152

6 tr 0830 K19AA 19 OK 252

8 Es 2015 unid ch 2 east

9 Es 1723 unids ch 2-5 nw 1729 KBCI 2 ID 990 1800 KUTV 2 UT 707 2055 KTVN 2 NV 1008 2056 KVVU 5 NV 698 2128-2200 unids 2-6 11 Es 2031 WBTV 3 NC 1206

Unidentified - unid

5" b&w. mono-pole & bow-tie

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Call XEPM		<u>City</u> Juarez	VAFI 5555	
KENW		Portales	3455	140
KDBC		El Paso	4554	77
	(I	KOB co-chan	nel ir	nt.)
XEJ		Juarez	5555	85
KAVE	6	Carlsbad	4555	88
KIVA	7	El Paso	5555	77
KSWS	8	Roswell	3555	110
KTSM	9	El Paso	5555	77
KBIM	10	Roswell	3555	132
KCOS	13	El Paso	5555	77
KCIK	14	El Paso	2355	77
KRWG	22	Las Cruces	2355	63
XHIJ	44	Juarez	2355	85

Well, Es season is dropping off fast - but trops conditions seem to be building. Fifteen new ones bring TV totals to 280 for one full year at this location.

1700 KALB

1730 WLBT

2100 WSJK 5 Es 1500 KTVU

2118 WTWO

tr 2025 KSWO

Es 2037 WVVA

Visited the solar observatory at Sunspot, New Mexico (about 120 miles west of here). At 9200' a.s.l., there's a fantastic view - 100 to 150 miles to the north, west, and south. Quite a few stations were seen, plus translators for that area.

July 24 saw Miami in, plus a Spanish on channel 4 that wasn't a Mexican dialect suspect Cuba - didn't last long. July 22, early morning Es, I believe was ms induced. Within 20 minutes, ID's from Idaho to Mexico with a lot of ms bursts mixed with Es. Until next time, 73's. Jim

(Nice loggings, Jim. Your first year seems to me to have been outstanding. you will be able to provide this column with some winter DX. It seems to pretty much

disappear up here. fm)

Western TV DX

November 1982

Ronald Purdue, Route #1, Box 224, Byron, MN 55920

CDT

Equipment: RCA 1982 XL-100 color, J.C. Penney 5" b&w portable, Winegard CH-7084 with Winegard AC-9880 preamp at 28' a.g.1.

August 1982 30 tr 1835 WIFR	וז ככ	10/1	30 tr 1928 WVTV	18 WI	237	21 gw 1257 KTMA 23 MN 71 23 Ae 2005 KPRCt 2 TX 1005	<u> </u>
1837 WQRF			September 1982			25 tr 2220 KMEG 14 IA 218	В
1843 WGVC			18 tr 2100 WPNE	38 WI	222	2223 KELO 11 SD 217	
	-					27 tr 0718 KYNE 26 NE 257	(

September has been a slow month for DX'ing with only six loggings this month and four loggings on August 30th. KTMA, channel 23, in Minneapolis is now on. They came on for the first time on the 21st with tests. The following day, KTMA began an STV service called "SPECTRUM", and they are on from 3 PM to about 5 AM on weekdays and from 9 AM to 5 AM on weekends. The rest of the time, KTMA shows scrambled tests. They have no barker. If any DX'er sees a scrambled picture on channel 23 with no barker, it's KTMA.

WFBT-29 Minneapolis will go on the air on October 3, 1982 with 50% religeous and 50% family shows. They will be on from 6 AM to 1 AM daily. Both KTMA and WFBT will be regu-

lars here. KXLI-41, St. Cloud, may also be a regular here.

Don't expect KTMA to be on the air after mid-1983. I am expecting that they will go "dark" like WWAC-53 in Atlantic City, NJ did last June. Due to lack of free programming. That's all for this month. See you in 30, 73's. Ronald

(Thanks for your report, Ron. I doubt that KTMA's future is quite as bleak as you believe. Most, if not all, STV operators are claiming that they are not making any money, and some have quit; but there are so many vying for channels in the major cities. that one has to assume that either money can be made, or all those businessmen are fools. I think they expect to make money in the short term by filling the pay TV void during the wiring of the cities. With regard to what you call free tv; I have to say that there is no such thing. Viewers will either pay for the programs through their taxes, through the ad dollar portion of the cost of purchased products, or through direct payments to program providers. It may well be that the latter is the fairest. fm)

Fred McCormack, 135 Prairiewood Drive, Fargo, ND 58103

Se	pter	nber (1982			
3	tr	2258	K58AS	58	MN	185
10	tr	0750	K68BM	68	SD	190
		(Low	ry, SD]	KPRY	- 4)
		0759	K56AX	56	SD	190
		(Low	ry, SD	1	KPLO	- 6)
		0806	KHNE	29	NE	425

2300 K33AB 33 IA 245 2328 K67BZ 67 MN 105 (Walker, MN KBJR-6)	11 tr 0005 WTVOt 17 IL 0008 WMTV 15 WI 0129 KETV 7 NE 0151 KCCI 8 IA 0209 KSHBt 41 MO 21 tr 1946 KTMA 23 MN
2330 K69CP 69 MN 105	25 tr 0830 WEAU 13 WI
(Walker, MN KSTP-5)	

New KTMA-23 seems to have been detectable here continuously since they came on the air; though it is not much fun to watch. I expect DX to be pretty rare here for quite a few months, but I will try to keep checking for those off season openings. 73, Fred



DUBUQUE, IOWA 52001



A Division of Kansas City Youth For Christ 4715 Rainbow Boulevard Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66205



m.p.o. box 21 Springfield Mo.





CDT

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EASTERN TV-DX

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William J. Draeb Ellis St. R.R.#2 Kewaunee, WI 54216

Restern TV-DX

November 1982	Deadline: 1 st
November 1982 Robert Grant; 5775 Bishop, Detroit, MI 48224 N8DZY	C2DT (EDT) *= thru local
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1235 Unided-5; B&W 1700 KENW-3 NM line rate. 1704 KIII-3 TX 1300 WEDU-3 FL 1800 KBTX-3 TX 1333 KATC-3 LA 1802 KAMR-4 TX *	verified by phone call. 2100 KBME-3 ND 2144 CFSS-3 SK
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2302 WRZ-4 MA POTTATES Boston 1120 KTVQ-2 MT	23 Ms 0319 WN GE-2 TN
2310 WSTM-3 NY KXLF-4 MT	Nashville Tr 0323 WSAW→7 WI
2320 WNBC-4 NY Hardin	(new call. Ex-
2330 WMAR-2 MD 20 Tr 1030 WMAG-5 IL	wd) wd)
2353 WUND-2 NC Es 1810 WBZ-4 MA	0522 WTTW-11 IL
Columbia 1815 WLRZ-2 ME	O547 WDIV-4 MI 215
Chapel Hill 1820 WCVB-5 MA	Ms 0550 WCBS-2 NY
2359 WBRZ-2 LA Boston	U551 WMAR-2 MD t WGR-2 NY
Sneedville Halifax	Buffalo
16 Es 0330 Unided-2 I.D. as 2128 WKTV-2 NY Utica	Detroit (prev-
is this 2 & 7. 2200 WGEH-2 MA	iously via trop)
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0358 CKGN-2-2 ON 0210 KWGN-2 CO Bancroft Tr 0235 WSAU-7 WI	1919 KFDA-3 TX 1920 KMID-2 TX
Es 0530 WESH-2 FL (super strong	g) 26 Es 1600 WEDU-3 FL
0630 KPRC-2 TX (NOW WSAW-WG,	WMI-+ IA
0700 KDFW-4 TX Great Bend	WMAB-2 MS
0707 <u>KFDM-6 TX</u> 0300 KTVS-3 CO 0302 KARD-3 KS	1732 WLBT-3 MS
0715 KJAC-4 TX 1646 WESH-2 FL	1830 KJAC-4 TX
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	KPRC-2 TX	_	3/4 c.b. $w/I.D.$
	KARK-4 AR		(Province No.4)
	Little Rock		
		Back at Detroit:	
August	1982	August 1982	August 1982
1 Es 1	937 KIII-3 TX	5 Tr 2100 WGTU-29 MI (rare)	26 Es 2200 KATC-3 LA
20	000 KFDX-3 TX	2200 WSAW-7 WI t	2300 WEAR-3 FL
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	KENW-3 NM		September 1982
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Es O	920 Unided-3; Ø	0620 WKEF-22 OH	CICO-59 xlting
	056 Unided Cuba	7 Au 0200 hash on ch.2	WFUM.
_	on ch.3.		6 Tr 0015 CHLFT-25 ON
3 Es 0	350 CKTV-2 SK	11 Ms 0430 WNGE-2 TN	CFMT-47 ON
5 Tr 2	100 WTLW-11 OH	26 Es 2120 Unided-7 (-)	CBLFT-76 ON
, L	Lima	2200 WLBT-3 MS	CICA-19 ON

Grant: continued ---

1982 was surely the best DX year up at "The Lake". Can any body I.D. my "2&7" on July 16th? I got a letter from KHON saying it wasn't them. (KHON has a sattelite on ch. 11 also-wd).

There seemed to be a lot of UHF tropo at Honor this year. Probably due to unusually warm weather. It hit 93F in Traverse City one day. Typical high is 70F.

TV is 1982 RCA c.o.l.o.r. in Dertoit and 1979 B&W in Honor. 1981's hottest Es stations at Detroit: WEDU-3(12 times), KATC-3(8), WPET-2 and WAR-3(5 ea.) KIII-3, KTVS-3, WTVJ-4, KXAS-5 and WCIX-6(4 each). The WSTM-3 logging surprised me at only 335 miles. Every year so far I have beaten my shortest Es by 200 miles. (Next year WKZO-3! hi.)

In early September I tried putting up my Finco P-7 dish but I must have done something wrong because I get less gain than the indoor loop provides.

At o200 August 7th I noticed very heavy hash on WJRK-2. I was surprised to actually see the aurora in the sky over Detroit. (The bright lights of I-94 freeway are less than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away, and I usually see only a few stars.)

(Robert goes on to list his station totals, however, beginning with this issue you won't find any station totals in this column. Send your station totals to Bob Seybold, as he is now doing the Statistics column.-wd)

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Tim McVey: Rt.3 Box 568, Bolivar, TN 38008 CDT
May 1982
3 Es 0815 KGBT-4 TX 822
                               June 1982
                                                            August 1982
                              18 Es 0900 KOB-4 NM 998
                                                            2 Es 1000 WESH-2 FL 632
                               22 Es 0845 KMID-2 TX 780
                                                           11 Es 2300 CKTV-2 SK 1305
                               25 Es 1615 KDIX-2 ND 1079
                                                                   2315 CBKMT-4 SK 1355
<u>June 1982</u>
13 Tr 2330 WSFA-12 AL 260
14 Es 1130 WPBT-2 FL 843
                                                            <u>September 1982</u>
7 Tr 0945 WKZT-23 KY 239
                              July 1982
10 Es 1030 KNOP-2 NE 756
       1115 WTVJ-4 FL "
                                                                  0946 WKMA-35 KY
       1145 CMBF-2 Cuba 965 12 Tr 0845 KMTC-27 MO 273
                                                                  0947 WKGB-53 KY
      1150 ? -4 "
                                  Es 1100 KUTV-2 UT 1302
           (in parallel w/2)
                                     1101 KTVX-4 UT
       1730 XEPM-2 CH 1040
15 Es 2030 CKYP-4 MB 1150
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Since I have been using the tee-vee as a DX barometer, it is only fair to now try to DX with it. This is my first report for TV DX, so everything listed herein is new. I know I have missed a lot more, but until I become more experienced, I will have to still depend on I.D. slides. Equipment is - - Sony 7" B&W, Sears 19" color, and several antennas. Good luck, y'all. Tim.

Steve Sprachman; 3939 Eve Drive, Seaford, NY 11783 EDT

DX in August was OK, but September was much better. Included in this month is
my first sighting of wXXA-23 Albany. The station has independent programming.

November 1982

November 1982 Eastern TV-DX Sprachman: continued---Dates with trops - Aug. 2,3,4,6,7,8,11,12,15,19,20,23, Sept. 10 through 15. Dates with Es - Aug. 3 & 11.

Highlights: Aug. 19 Tr 0700 unided ch.23 with test pattern. Aug. 20 Tr 0630-0730 - UHF; Boston, Eastern PA, MD to DC; unided-54 with financial news finalprobably WNUV-54, Baltimore; unided-60 PBS. Sept. 11 Tr 0800-1000 - Eastern PA stations strong including WGAL-8, Lancaster. Sept. 12 Tr 0745-1000 WXXA-23 Albany - new; I.D. seen. September 13 Tr 1830-2300 - All MA U's seen. Also, U's from Philly and DC including WTKK-66.

The six day period from Sept. 10th thru the 15th brought many relogs on UHF. Since the convention, I've been taking pictures, so my I.D. photo collection was greatly increased during this time period. If I had known how easy it would be, I would have taken I.D. photo's a long time ago. I'd like to thank Marvin Shults for showing me that it works with an instamatic camera.

In the local TV news area, the FCC has licensed ch.55 in Riverhead. They hope to go on next year with family programming. The New York Times had an article on the dwindling number of open allocations in the top 100 cities. They state there are only about 43 unclaimed channels.

And finally, the convention has greatly enhanced my interest in DXing to the point where I'd like to help start some type of New York Metropolitan area DX associan. If any one else in this area thinks it's a good idea, write or give me a phone call.

That's it. Let's hope that the Fall DX is as good as the Summer's.

William R. Hepburn; AES Weather Station, Eureka, NWT Canada XGA GGG Greetings from Ellesmere Island. A very strange place to do VHF DXing from. Twenty-four hour daylight and an almost completely open band except for our one watt TV station on ch.9. The most northern TV station in North America. The station relays "CBC North" and is operated by the army on a test basis. Should become a licensed station pretty soon. Other than that, no DX.

August 1982 - At Niagara Falls, ON: 1 Es 2028 muf ch.4; 2 Es 1040 muf ch.2. At Resolute Bay, NWT: 4 GW CHEMT-9 NWT Resolute Bay; "CBC North". At Eureka, NWT C---9 NWT Eureka, NWT; "CBC North". Times used in order of stations reported are: EDT, CDT & AST. 73's and good DX talk to you next month.

Mike DeWan: 1737 E. Meyers St., Hazel Park, MI 48030 EDT (all times approximate) May 1982 June 1982 21 Tr 0100 WK01-43 IN 180 7 Es 2130 KATC-3 LA 970 June 1982 20 Es 1600 KIII-3 TX 1280 WJAC-6 PA 260 9 Tr 2100 W64AF OH 125 26 Es 1445 KFDM-6 TX 1040 KOCO-5 OK 995 25 Tr 0000 WFYI-20 IN 230 10 Es 1400 KENW-3 NM 1200 KOTA-3 SD " 26 Tr 0100 W(ED-13 PA 210 13 Es 1900 CBWFT-3 MB 800 27 Tr 1600 WPTO-14 OH 220 14 Tr 2000 WOAC-67 OH 145 KPLO-6 SD 800 29 Tr 2230 W67AJ MI +5 15 Es 1900 KYCU-5 WY 1090 KOAA-5 CO 1145 KIVV-5 SD 1025 1730 KBME-3 ND 905 27 Tr 2100 WTLW-44 OH 120 WCIX-6 FL 1170 WEAR-3 FL 870 2100 KRMA-6 CO 1125 WKRG-5 AL 855 19 Es 1500 KARD-3 KS 810 Equipment: Zenith System 3 19", Channel Master 1110 WDSU-6 LA 91+0 1530 KRTX-3 TX 1070 2130 KCEN-6 TX 1090 1600 KENS-5 TX 1220 Quantum and 7' dish at 30'.

These are all new loggings, also my first report since putting up the new antennas. I've found quite a difference between the 1110 Quantum and the 3610 crossfire that I had last year. The Quantum has a narrower forward beamwidth and some pretty mean sides, not to mention the overall better gain. I've added ten to twenty more to the list of stations that I get all the time, just by putting it up. Looking forward to putting them on a tower 50 or 60 feet up some day.

Paul Gaines and I kept in touch by telephone, advising each other of band openings this summer, which is part of the reason for so many new stations in so short a period of time. They were all positive I.D.'s, however.

Conditions have slowed down a bit after many good days of skip into the south and southwest during late May and June. Hope everyone had a good summer, anyway. 73's.

Eastern TV-DX Eric Fader: 23-35 bell Blvd., Beyside, NY 11360 EDT On 9/7, I returned to Philadelphia for my final year of law school. Unlike previous years, I now have a great tropo location available: fellow student Steve Firkser's 16th floor apartment on campus here at Penn. There's no blockage whatsoever to the south or west. I've been disappointed in the lack of trops so far in Sept. (thru 25th), but there was one good opening on 9/11 from 10 p.m. on. Virtually all stations logged were new. Here's a composite DX bandscan for the night, 2215 9/11 to 0107 9/12 (most from DC, MD, VA):

WJLA-7, WGAL-8, WDVM-9, WBAL-11, WJZ-13, WLYH-15, WHRO-15, WHOC-16, WDCA-20, (local-like; at one point, Steve kicked me off the TV to watch "The Producers")
WHP-21, WAPB-22, WETA-26, WYAH-27, WERE-28, WHMM-32, WTVZ-33, WRLH-35, WLVI-39,
WAAT-40, WEFF-45, WMDT-47, WCQR-50 "Super TV" (STV), WNVI-53, WNUV-54 "Super
TV" (STV), WIPB-64, WTKK-66, WFMZ-69.

Being that high up, there was much fluctuation on some signals minute to minute, but most of the DC's were perfectly steady and local like. In contrast, there was absolutely no trace of any of the stations listed, from my first floor dorm room. Hopefully, conditions will improve so I can take advantage of Steve's QTH. 73's.

Thomas J. Yi	ingling, J	r.: 221 Pinew	ood Rd., Balti	more, MD 2122	2 EDT
September 19	<u> 282</u>	September		September :	
6 Tr 0030 WW		6 Tr 0245	WIVB-4 NY		WGBB-40 MA
	VIR-29 VA		Buffalo	_	Springfield
0405 WI	DAU-22 PA		WKBW-7 NY	to	WLFL-22 NC
	IP-21 PA		WCNY-24 NY		WRLH-35 VA
W'I	:VS-56 MI	1835	W62AN NY	0230	WLVI-56 MA
WE	XI-25 MI		Nedrow		WEDH-24 CT
	1GC-31+ NY		W33AB NY		WLVT-39 PA
0245 <u>wc</u>	LQ-61 OH		Utica		WVIR-29 VA
	eveland		5 WRLH-35 VA		WNYC-31 NY
WY	TV-33 OH	003	O WOLO-25 SC		WSBK-38 MA
W6	ØAL VA		Columbia		WEDW-49 CT
(х	lting WJZ.	- 13)	WPTF-28 NC		WGEY-57 MA
WE	MY-36 NY		WVIR-29 VA		KA2XEH-56 DC(rare)
WC	AU-10 PA		WIVK-26 IN		WWHT-68 NJ
WA	VY-10 VA		Knoxville		WFMZ-69 PA
WF	MJ-21 OH		WLTX-19 SC		WNJU-47 NJ
WIK	EN-27 OH		Columbia	0530	WNET-13 NY
WJ	ET-24 PA		WLFL-22 NC	4750	WWBT-12 VA
				0600	WWLP-22 MA
TT # 4.1 TT					

Hi there: Here's another report of my dx'ing luck. Receiver is a Sony Trinatron color set with 12" screen. Antennas are a Finco 5' dish with CMA-Ub preamp for UHF, and for VHF a Channel Master Quantum 1114.

Does any member use the preamps by Q-bit, model QB-0542? It has 30 db gain & how about the Simple Simon kits All-1 or ALL-2. They have 12 ab & 35 db gain. The preamps model name is Zyzzx, ALL-1 & Zyzzx, ALL-2. I can't find my logs yet for August, but did find the rest.

I changed my cable for the dish on 9-5, just in time for some good tropo. I now use Belden #8228 RG-6 Duofoil cable. I may use old cable for a Simple Simon yagi antenna & preamp as in Popular Electronics ads for second TV set.

73's for now, and good DXing.

<u>Gerald Barkow: 29 Sedgefi</u>	eld Dr., Morris Plains, NJ	07950 EDT
<u>May 1982</u>	June 1982	July 1982
15 Es 1500 WEAR-3 FL	7 Es 1900 WOWT-6 NE	9 Es 2020 Cuba-3
1830 WPBT-2 FL	12 Es 1200 WPBT-2 FL	2100 WEDU-3 FL
1900 WESH-2 FL	13 Es 1310 Cuba-3	11 Es 2100 KBJR-6 MN
1915 Cuba-3	15 Es 1930 WRBL-3 GA	
31 Es 1600 WEDU-3 FL	23 Es 2000 KTVI-2 MO	18 Es 2100 WPBT-2 FL
32 2300 M-20 3 M-	25 Es 1500 WPBT-2 FL	20 Es 1805 CJON-6 NF
June 1982	26 Es 1100 WEDU-3 FL	1820 CICI-3 ON
1 Es 1035 WEDU-3 FL		24 Es 1329 WEAR-3 FL
	1230 KEMV-6 AR	1350 Cuba-3
7 Es 1630 KEMV-6 AR	7.2. 2.0.	
1648 KTVO-3 MO	<u>July 1982</u>	August 1982
1700 KMOS-6 MO	7 Es 2000 Cuba-3	15 Es 2301 Unided-2
1800 KAAL-6 MN	9 Es 1300 WPBT-2 FL	16 Es 2013 WI.HT-3 MS

November 1982 Eastern TV-DX Barkow; continued--- November 198
This past Es season was definitely better than last year, especially during the month of June when activity was almost daily. June 7th was a super opening with very intense activity all the way up to channel 6 for at least 3 plus hours. This opening developed around 1500 and by 1530 the locals, 2,4 & 5 were being severely clobbered by cci. From 1600 to 1700 at least 4 and possibly 5 Es signals were being received on channel 6, with KMOS, KEMV & KTVO clearly I.D. ed. (George, KTWO is on ch.3. Maybe you saw KTVC instead, I don't know. In your report I changed the KTVO from ch.6 to ch.3. I didn't know what you saw.-wd). By 1800 the Es moved northward, as evidenced by a clear ID slide from KAAL-6. Then, from 1910-1930 WOWT-6 was in with an almost perfect visual dignal with "Action News 6". July 20th produced an excellent opening to Canada reaching all the way to 6 and ranging in direction from the NE to NW. There was no cci detected all day until 1650 when an unided PBS was weakly viewed on 3 which I thought was WaDU. But, from 1710-1745 an unided French programming was heard alternating with the PBS station. A switch to ch. 6 at 1750 caught a strong signal from CJON with "The Price is Right". A switch back to 3 at 1810 produced an excellent visual & audio signal from one of CICI's relays (probably Timmins, ON). They were programming the "Evening News" with several spots for record albums. Their signal remained almost like a local until 1930, at which time they I.D.ed as "This is CICI, TV-5 cable 4."

Steve West: 432 Kenmore Rd., Havertown, PA 19083 EDT July 1982 July 1982 July 1982 5 Tr 2200 WITN-7 NC August 1982 22 Tr 1030 W36AB MD 175 probably Cherry Hill, NJ. Oakland(WWPB) Tr 2300 WUNK-25 NC 2300 WUNK-25 NC 325 Unided-39, 3kw WWVU-24 WV 260 September 1982 5 Tr 2200 Boston U's; weak FM Jacksonville, NC Morgantown 6 Tr 0100 WRAL-5 NC WXNE-25 MA Es 2300 CJCB-4 NS 6 Tr " WCTI-12 NC 0715 WPDE-15 SC 470(V5) 25 Tr 2000 WLYJ-46 WV 11 Tr 1030 WLFL-22 NC Unided-32; "Nova" CCI on 22,38,44&26 WKFT-40 NC 400 WPTF-28 NC: in WHMC-23 SC 470 snow free. WBTW-13 SC " Tr 2145 Unided-5; tent. Ohio Tr 2245 WITN-7, WUNK-0800 WMSY-52 VA 400 26 Tr 0125 WHME-46 IN 575 25 plus cci on 39 & 40 South Bend 12 Tr 0000 WLFL-22 NC: 0100 Marion W42AC VA(WVPT-51) Es 1800 <u>Color Vision-2 DR 1450</u>(V3) WPTF-28 NĆ(V4) 0830 Boston U's 260 27 Es 1700 " " 2300 " " 28 Tr 0100 WITN-7 NC 13 Tr 1000 Boston U's: 2200 WUNK-25 NC + Boston U's 7 Tr 0200 WLNE-6 MA(RI) August 1982 14 Tr 0030 Boston U's(V5); 9 Tr 0300 WLFL-22 NC 11 Es 2000 CBWT-2-4 MB 1250 6 Tr 1200 WAKR-23 OH(V2) 2000 17 Tr 1000 WTVK-26 TN (V3), 13 Tr 0230 WPTF-28 NC 350 WJET-24 PA W36AB, WVPT-51 VA 15 Tr 0130 Boston U's WP CH-53 PA 20 Es 1830 CJCB-4 NS 24 GW 1530 Unided-28; Tr 1940 CKGN-22 Cottam, ON (in for 2 min. only)(I thought that one was off Here is a detailed description of loggings and con-

ditions. The tropo on the morning of July 6th was -wd)
the strongest South Carolina ever received here. 24 Tr 2300 Boston V's(V2).
July 26th reception of Color Vision was Mundo Vision news, then Color Vision 2 & 9 I.D. The rest of the programs were spanish
soap operas and commercials for more spanish soap operas. The night of August
24th Jim Alexander called, he was vacationing in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. He was getting strong signals from Philly and ducting to Jacksonville
and Orlando, FL. Jim was using an 8 bay and amp on the second floor of a congested motel area. I had borrowed the same antenna while living in Gainesville
and didn't see any DX in August. Gainesville seems similar to Parsippany, NJ
for having 90' pine trees that soak up DX signals, unless you have an antenna
on top of the trees.

On September 5th nothing much was noted. Jim Alexander said Bill Thompson was getting Scranton, Vermont, and Missouri, while here Scranton was weaker than usual GW level. The weather front had curved the next day when it arrived here. September 9th was suppose to have been a good morning in the Great Lakes area but nothing was noted at 10 a.m. when I awoke. September 11th tropo was very intense to Raleigh at 10:30 a.m. I wonder what was in earlier. I checked most mornings but found no unusual DX conditions. Some days it does pay to get out of bed early. nil

On September 17th I woke at 8:30 a.m., no DX, then at 10:00 a.m. Knoxville overrides WETA-26. Very unusual ducts this year. WTVK-26 had a program at 11 a.m. live from the Worlds Fair.

Eastern TV-DX West; continued--- November 1982
Generally, the season has been good for skip and ducts but signals up to 250
miles have been less intense than in other years. This is probably due to less
humidity and more cool fronts this summer. Although the humidity didn't help
reception in Florida the summer I lived there. Only the noteworthy skip was
reported this month. I included V video signals, V5 being snowfree. This gives
new meaning to "Wow. I could have had a V8" Hi!

To clear up the confusion of CbWT-2, they were received here on 6-8 and 7-11 on channel 4. They originate from channel 6 in Winnipeg, MB. They identify on the air as "CbC Manitoba channel 6, cable channel 2." The new WTFDA TV station guide lists them as .0084 kw or 8.4 watts. The station reports channel 4's power at 9.7 kw at 486 feet which makes the older edition of the station guide more accurate. The address is: CBC, Lindi Hagberg, Public Relations, P.O. Box 160, Winnipeg, MB R3C 2H1.

The old station guide omits Color Vision on the channel 2 listings but has Cuba and Puerto Rico. The new WTFDA station guide doesn't seem to list the power of Color Vision but the old guide lists 5 kw visual which is probably right.

In June I replaced the Madio Shack RG-59 coax (50 ft.) from the UHF amp with new Jerrold CAC-11. The CAC-11 is like RG-11 with the thickness of RG-8 coax. There was about a db improvement, a small but noticeable improvement on most channels. Some of the lower UHF channels improved 3db or more, probably due to a better SWR. In July I tried different lengths of twin lead from the dish feed to the amp. Using between 2 and 4 feet of lead makes a big varying difference at different UHF channels. These improvements in the system seem to help Raleigh and boston scatter, never seen as regularily as this summer.

Some local TV news: WTVE-51 Reading, PA signs off at 8 p.m. every night. They may become SelectV. Channel 61 in Newark, DE went off the air in late August; they haven't been on since. WHAG-25 Hagerstown, MD calls themselves "25 Alive". WCQR-50 in D.C. will start some programming during the day around Nov. 1. WAAT-40 Wildwood, NJ ran a Laurel & Hardy movie with WNER 100.7 music over top. I called them and they wouldn't admit they were on the air. The guy said, "WOND, WMID Pleasantville". Information said I had the right number.

One unusual thing about the skip this year, the three best loggings, CJCB-4, CBWT-2-4, and Color Vision-2 were all seen twice, two of them were seen 24 hours later.

Another unusual thing, WNEW-5 New York is always stronger on GW in the winter. Canadian high pressure improves their signal, but their signal isn't effected by leaves falling.

P.S.-Bill, a post office official thought WI was the West Indies. Ha! (It doesn't surprise me.-wd) I was trying to locate a money order. Do you know why WTBS-17 Atlanta starts programs 5 minutes late? (You got me but why don't you write Uncle Ted and find out.-wd)

Robert S. Ross: VE3JFC, Box 4373 Stn. C. London, ON N5W 5J2 EDT August 1982 August 1982 September 1982 6 Tr 0549 WENS-10 OH 225 8 Tr 0312 WPXI-11 PA 180 9 Tr 0235 WPTT-22 PA 180 Columbus 0319 CKVR-3 ON 125 0313 WJAC-6 PA 225 8 Tr 0129 WPGH-53 PA 180 0136 WYTV-33 OH 150 Barrie Johnstown 9 Tr 0555 CFT0-9 ON 120 0430 WPCB-40 PA 180 0138 WKBN-27 OH 16 Tr 2255 WEAO-49 OH 125 Greensburg 0150 WTO V-9 OH 180 <u>September 1982</u> 9 Tr 0224 <u>WTAJ-10 PA 230</u> 10 Tr 0312 WHEC-10 NY 185 Steubenville Rochester Altoona

Equipment: Toshiba 12" bow TV with rabbit ears for VHF. UHF Flying Arrow ant.

William J. Draeb; Ellis St. R.R.#2, Kewaunee, WI 54216 CDT September 1982 6 Tr 2135 WUTV-29 NY 445 7 Tr 1914 WYTV-33 OH 420 September 1982 5 Es 2025 chs. 2-4; NE 2215 CKSA-2 AT t WFMJ-21 OH 420 WFMJ-21 OH " CITL-4 AT t 2140 WTVQ-36 KY 473 1916 WNEO-45 OH 406 CFRN-3 AT t WKLE-46 KY 1956 WUTV-29 NY 445 2259 KRTV-3 MT 1159 7 Tr 1914 WEAO-49 OH 380 WPTT-22 PA 480 2341 KTVX-4 UT t (with improved 2011 WKBN-27 OH 420 KUTV-2 UT t WKPC-15 KY 43717 signal strength)

SOUTHERN · FM DX:

Danny Buntin 1312 N. Skyline Stillwater, OK 74074

DEADLINE: 5th

Glenn Hauser, Box 6287, Knoxville, TN 37914

NOVEMBER 1982

This report mostly concerns my observations during a summer vacation trip early in August. Jonesboro AR on 101.9 is now "J-102, KJBR", ex-KBTM. I just got in range of KNGX. Claremore OK. on 91.3 in time to hear them sign off at 1800 CDT: free-form format. 212 watts: gave schedule as Mon-Fri 0800-1800: Saturday 1000-2400. Another FM station for Enid OK, KUAL 103.1 is active. KCMA-106.1 Cwasso OK has more ads now; since their xmtr is up toward Nowata they have reception problems on south side of Tulsa and are considering putting a translator there. (KCMA comes in poorly in Stillwater, too, compared to the other Tulsa area FMs. DB.) They also are promoting would-be listeners taking in their FM tuners for alignment so that they are most sensitive at the top end of the band instead of the middle. Take that, KWGS! (KWGS is on low side of band, folks. DB.) Visited KENW-89.5 Portales NM; the FM is an afterthought to Channel 3 and very much in 1ts shadow. Altho they have some classical music in the evening, I was told, as well as Sundays, and Spanish on Saturday mornings, the rest of the time it's "beautiful music" via satellite through a WGN-TV subcarrier--remarkable format for a 'public' radio station and possibly unique. They justify it on grounds that there is no B. M. station in the area and that's what the people want. Would be // some station in Amarillo, however. Despite FM Atlas info, there was no FM station in Ruidoso NM, nor any listed in the phone book. At El paso I visited KTEP-88.5, which has a new manager who plans to whip it into shape: despite all the Latin radio on both sides of the border. KTEP is apparently the only station in the market daring to play a few hours of such a non-Mexican style as Salsa each week. Otherwise, I concentrated on monitoring from El Paso the FMs in Ciudad Juarez. Contrary to Atlas, nothing is on 107.5, but there is an unlisted station on 100.7 (seems I recall this is an old controversy), "Mariachi=Estereo" from the Nucleo Radio Centro de Juarez; had a local PSA for cleaning up the basura; no legal (if that means anything) ID on the hour at 2202, and signal was weaker than the others; at 2301 did ID also as XHH-FM after Serenata Mexicana program. 98.3 had ads at every break but no IDs for a long while: just "musica, canciones para Vd.", a MOR program title effective Mon-Sat 10-11 pm, and Sundays until 10. At 2259 had a timecheck and "Stereorey" ID w/CE3K jingle:never any call letters. 103.5 is "Radiorama -- Canal Tropical", XHEM-FM; gives phone numbers at 2159 of 6-20-50 and 6-11-90 in hopes of getting more sponsors. 104.3 is "Estereoritmo, XHTO", at 2135 s/stay-home PSA, i. e., don't move to Mexico City or the US...(no doubt produced in Mexico City). 105.1 is "Estereo Mexicana, XHIM-FM" of the Organizacion Radiorama. Finally, 105.9 was the only one with a live DJ, a YL noted at 2100 w/"FM-106" ID. later at 2155 same in jingle form and claming to be "la mas poderosa en frecuencia modulada". None of them penetrated very far N. into New Mexico, however, like KTSM-99.9 does. (Times in this portion are local: MDT=CST).

Driving thru central New Mexico SE of Albuquerque. I was pleased that most of that city's stations including KHFM-96.3, where I worked years ago, are now audible thanks to transmitter sites on Sandia Crest. Even heard some of them in my former hometown of Santa Rosa. A new unlisted station is on the air from Elk City CK, KECO-96.5; is stereo, has k in syndicated service, 24h, invites callers; ambiguous time checks. WKDF-103.3 Nashville TN ("KDF" per decal on zillions of cars) had bleedthru of audio from its AM WKDA during Paul Harvey, not immediately able to get rid of it, and apologized on the air afterwards. A bit of mild DX back in Knoxville on Sept. 5--WSEZ-93.1 Winston-Salem NC at 1450 EDT with Z-93 and High Point ads; WSGS-101.1 Hazard KY has the worst "heavy-breathing" gospel huckster I have ever heard, Sunday at 1500-1530. WUTC-88.1 Chattanooga, usually 100% simulcast of WUOT-91.9 Knoxville, has been splitting away from Prairie Home Companion half-way through it at 1900 Sats in order to carry UTC football--much to the displeasure of numerous listeners. But that's the time to DX if you'd like to hear some non-duplicated programming.

John Jefferson, 4016 Crest Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566

Have a few new loggings here, plus a spring Los Angeles trip to report. The latter was omitted last time because the flood of E-skip already had the report out of control. The Ceminids were quite productive. Had the week off from work, so put in a bit more time with live monitoring than normally would be possible. However, may have missed the peak since the 13th-15th were my only chance to travel for a while. More on that below! All loggings here with Mac MR80 fed by Channelmaster s/probe-9 at 55', though Heathkit AJ15 now hooked up to the old Winegard CH-6065 at 15'. (New underlined; new to Pleasanton starred; new mode _ _.)

<u>8/7</u> MS 0115 KTOY 91.7 WA Tacoma, calls, psa 675 <u>8/8 MS</u> 0738 KUWR 91.9 WY Laramie, wx 900

8/9 MS 0200 CKC4 96.1 BC Vancouver, psa, CKO 820 0213 CK04 96.1 BC "on FM 96 in Vancouver" 0214 KKPL 96.1 WA Spokane, wx, new cl 750

cont.

0800 WENY-36 NY 575

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Prior to 9/4 my most distant trops logging was from Los Angeles (325 miles from 1957-67 home in Cakland). KZEL was in almost continuously from about 0145 to 0240, usually too weak to be readable. At 0147 they were quite readable, but were running a canned program. Rolling Stones Mag's "Continuous History of R&R." The ad at 0155 came through well enough so I could make out a store name, but thought sure I'd missed an ID. Just ahead of it was the wx with a mumbler. All I could make out was that it was 63 degrees. Then a fast announcement after the ad, and back into the Continuous History. Blessings on tape monitors, though; that fast ann. just turned out on replay to be a legal ID! Faint, but it's all there.

From 8/13 through 8/15 was off to visit my cousin in Mendocino, an art colony on the coast some 150 miles north of here. Oh, to have a good antenna there, as there are just 2 locals and 6 easily-received stations in all (7 if you count ch. 6 audio) counting the Eureka stations which are 100 miles away! With Sony ICF-2001 portable and whip antenna I noted the following new entries:

1600 KERG 100.1 CA Garberville, ID new station 2119 KCRE 94.3 CA Crescent City, ID 160 (heard over 36 hrs--just barely there)

SOUTHERN FM DX

2252 KQFM 100.3 CR Portland, calls 8/15 tr 1100 K296BT 107.1 CA Laytonville, KEAR ID,25 probably 1 watt.high on mtns between Mendo & Lavtonville.

Almost missed K296BT. Noted it on my cousin's stereo(brand X with dipole), but assumed it was KEAR itself. Only later noted it on the Sony, which is digital. Could hear it for miles on St. Hwy 20 during return, which is why I assume it's somewhere in the mountains Hwy 20 traverses. Also noted KXGC 93.5 Arcata on HWY. 20. at 100 miles nice and clear (was on a hillton at the time). Also noted KEAR's K288BJ in Willits, with xmtr obviously several miles south of town.

Finally, that LA trip. On the way down on 4/4, noted KEAR's K240AL Lompoc was on, but K232AJ Santa Maria was still off. Likely never will come on, as K232AH San Luis Obispo covers Santa Maria well enough that they're afraid of severe multipath problems. KCPB 91.1 Thousand Caks noted simulcasting with KUSC 91.5 Los Angeles, so if anyone out there heard KUSC on 91.1 or KCPB on 91.5 during the skip season it wasn't that the station was off frequency! KMGQ 106.3 Goleta and KGFT 101.7 Carpinteria both new to the air since 1981 trip. In Pasadena, where I maintain a log from my college days, the following were noted: (MR80 used with rabbit ears)

4/5 tr 1610 KSIQ 96.1 CA Brawley, ID, in \$ 165 1958 KUCI 88.9 CA Irvine, psa, under the next 24 hrs., though areas between in KXLU: 10 watter. poorly!

And on to San Clemente. On San Clemente log, have decided to include stations heard in 1981 and theis year near Elsinore, which is a 25 mile drive from SC. The location is appealing for its height allows stations from inland which are totally blocked down at sea level. Alas, the Sony portable overloaded badly with the Riverside/San Bernardino stations now line-of-sight and most of LA booming in. Need 110v. AC and MR80 to properly exploit the site. Anyway. * denotes loggings near Elsinore with ICF-2001; others are with MR80 in San Clemente proper:

4/7 tr 1711 KWXY* 98.5 CA Cathedral, calls, plus 1930 KGFT 101.7 CA Carpinteria, 6 other new from area via gw. *. Gift of FM 102 4/9 tr 4/8 tr 0715 KMGQ 106.3 CA Goleta, local ad, o/KYMS140 1537 KCAL 96.7 CA Redlands, ID 0744 KDOL 97.7 CA Mojave, local ad 1655 KVVQ*103.1 CA Victorville, ID

The KMGQ logging was rather a challenge with rabbit ears: KDCL a total surprise as they're the far side of some mile-high mountains. Otherwise, not very exciting, but a nice illustration of the potential of a little drive out of town!

Jefferson, cont.

On the return trip, swung through Anza-Borrego Desert and noted XHVG 103.3, XHBA 104.1. XHJC 91.5, XHMMP 92.3, and XHPF 101.9, all Mexicali there. Also new KOZN Imperial on 99.3. In the Imperial Valley, noted KJMB 100.3 Blythe and KTTI 95.1 Yuma (Kitty Country) at 80 miles. and KQYN 95.7 29 Palms at 60. KCMS Indio on 103.1, though logged in '81 near Elsinore so not new, provided listening pleasure with classical music. Were in continuously over about a 50 mile stretch, only to fade out near Palm Springs, the major city in the area. But their programming heard there on K249AU. (XHBA also classical, by the way, so should make an interesting DX target for people with 104.1 open--that leaves me out!) Later, near Victorville, KQLH's K228AJ heard for first time; and that night in Mojave motel heard KTPI Tehachapi, newly on the air. Also noted K221AS China Lake at 50 miles and K265AQ Invokern at 45, though the two Ridgecrest stations could not be found! Those xlators can get out!

Bill Townshend, 4500 Connecticut Ave	. NW #9	01. Washington, DC 2008	
Equipt: Sony ICF-S5W			
5/27 tr	1	<u>7/9</u> tr	
0910 WFLN 95.7 PA Philadelphia, c	130	0931 WOLC 102.5 MD Princess Anne, g	100
0920 WIOQ 102.1 PA Philadelphia	130	0945 WSBA 103.3 PA York	90
1010 WRFY 102.5 PA Reading, r	125	0958 WEZS 103.7 VA Richmond, m	100
0005 WQHQ 104.7 MD Ocean City, T40	105	1011 WSNI 104.5 PA Philadelphia	130
1040 WSNJ 107.7 NJ Bridgeton, k	105	7/12 tr	
7/8 tr		0030 WWMD 104.7 MD Hagerstown, m	
0937 WCEI 96.7 MD Easton		8/23 tr	
0927 WMDM 97.7 MD Lexington Park	1	2257 WESP 106.3 MD Campbridge	

Daytime DXing done during coffee break at work in Marlow Heights, MD. 7 mi. SE of U. S. capitol. Nighttime DXing done at home in Chevy Chase section of DC, 6 mi. NW of U.S. capitol. Close proximity to tower farm results in image jungle.

Danny Buntin, 1312 N. Skyline, Stillwater, OK 74074 Equipt: Pioneer TX-9100, Antennacraft 10 el. at 30 ft., w/rotor 9/8 ext. GW 1500 KEZA 107.9 AR Fayetteville, m. \$.ID. 1016 KDKD 95.3 MO Clinton, ID wx. testing, new to air 160 Kansas City and area B/C stations in well

The signing on of new KEZA was very unwelcomed because it means I no longer get to monitor my farthest regular KFIN 107.9 of Jonesboro, AR from 360 miles away. KFIN had an interesting tendency to come in most anytime(in traces.of course) and performed well as an indicator station, signaling that a good trop outbreak toward the east was underway when its signal level dramatically rose.

The DX business has been slow here, if I haven't missed anything, lately; hope things pick up before too long. In my Sept. report the month for last two dates should have read 8, not 7. Until next month, 73.

Report your FM DX to this column if you're from: AL AR AZ CA CO DE FL GA KS KY LA MD MS NO NM NV OK SC TN TX UT VA & WV. Happy DXing!







-- Logos from Danny Buntin and Rich Eddie

NORTHERN FM-DX

Ralph Strobel, editor 2300 E. McGalliard Rd. Muncie, Indiana 47303 Deadline: the 5th

November 1982

For FM DXers in Canada, the Northwest-Central states of WA OR ID MT WY ND SD NE MN IA MO and states east of the Mississippi River and north of the Mason-Dixon Line.

MORE SUMMER Es REPORTED, BUT SEPTEMBER NOT TOO GOOD

Fred Nordquist - 7945 Boxf	ord Road - Clay, NY 13041		
Equipment: Heathkit AJ-15; Channel Master			
at 35 ft. AGL. Report covers Aug. 81-Aug.	82. New underlined; New prop. mode dash		
	• • •		
8/25 tr (1981)	6/8 Es to AR TX MS LA OK		
2210 WVPS 107.9 VT Burlington, 175	MUF to 107 MHz (1855-2100)		
NPR, //WVRR ID	1855 WJJY 106.7 MN Brainerd, ID, 905		
9/8 tr	local ads		
	1916 CHIQ 94.3 MB Winnipeg. 1100		
10/14 Au	"Q-94 Rock"		
Olio WKSU 89.7 OH Kent, ID/TC, prev. tr	6/10 Es to GA briefly at 1730+		
	1731 WAFB 90.1 GA ID/PBS		
	6/13 Es to MO - Nothing new (2118-2151)		
prev. tr	6/15 Es to FL GA MO (1936-2056)		
5/8 GW	1947 WUFT 89.1 FL Gainesville 1000		
1118 WYLF 95.1 NY Bristol, ex-WMIV, MYL	6/20 GW		
2048 WUWU 107.7 NY Wethersfield,	2128 CBCP 93.5 ON Peterborough, 125		
r, ex-WBIV	CBC //CBCK		
5/13 GW	6/26 Es to TX OK KS NE (1308-1430)		
2302 WETV 90.9 NY Alfred, r, ID	MUF to 107 MHz		
6/7 Es to AR TX MS LA OK	1322 KRPT 103.7 OK Anadarko, nx/ID 1295		
	1346 KAUB 105.5 NE Auburn, 1cl. ads 1030		
	1416 KODY 94.9 NE North Platte, r\$ 1255		
	1417 KELN 97.1 NE North Platte, rs, 1255		
1900 KHOO 99.9 TX Waco, k, "K-Who" 1390	local ads		
	7/21 Es to FL - Nothing new (2237-2305)		
k, ads	8/21 tr		
1958 KSAU 90.1 TX Nacogdoches, 1285	2015 WDTR 90.9 MI Detroit, ID, 355		
SID, nx	s/off at 2030		
14 new loggings so far in 1982 = lowest rate in 14 years of Syracuse area DXing.			
The AJ-15 is losing its selectivity and is	becoming more susceptible to cross mod-		
ulation. Any mod ideas, Andy Bolin, et al	? 73 - Fred		
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Eric Fader - 23-35 Bell Blvd. - Bayside, NY 11360 DX from West Philadelphia, PA with GE Superadio

<u>tr</u>	9/12 tr
	0050 Balt's 91.5 92.3 93.1 102.7 104.3 loud
"Total Country, FM-103"	9/13 tr
WRBS 95.1 MD Baltimore, o/mess	2136 WALK 97.5 NY Patchogue, c/local
Most Washington, DC's loud, esp.	WPST! Full quieting w/Long Island
95.5 97.1 103.5 and 107.3	mentions and IDs.
tr	2225 WHDG 103.7 MD Havre de Grace. "Total
WLIF 101.9 MD Baltimore,	Sports Coverage-103," (How many slogans
"Place to Relax"	do these guys have, anyway?)
	2305 New York City area tr.
of the above DX heard from my friend	Steve Firkser's 16th floor apartment. one
c from my primary Philadelphia QTH.	73 - Eric
	Most Washington, DC's loud, esp. 95.5 97.1 103.5 and 107.3 tr WLIF 101.9 MD Baltimore, "Place to Relax" WIYY 97.9 MD Baltimore, "98-Rock"

+ + + + + + Dr. Bruce Elving - 4515 Avenue "E" - Kearney, NE 68847

My latest Kearney DX: 9/1 tr 10-watt KRNU *90.3 Lincoln NE at about 120 miles, over usually dominant KWIT *90.3 Sioux City IA, in morning. That evening: 200-watt KICB *88.1 Fort Dodge IA with \$tereo, rock; WZZC 101.3 East Moline IL after RKO news, and KBOE-FM 104.9 Oskaloosa IA mono ball game with fradulent \$ generator on. 73ily, Bruce

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Jim Albrecht - 3313 N. Weil St. - Milwaukee, WI 53212 Equipment: Panasonic RF-2200 (lakefront): Sony ICF 5900W (home)

Kind of an interesting but rather short DX season this year. One good Es opening noted on 7/11 (the usual one good one per year here!) and strong tr noted on 8/5-8/7 all to the east. The tr opening was the strongest since I began serious FM DX-ing in 1980 nearly 48 hours continuous. All other openings were rather short and to the usual IN and MI mostly in the early mornings with fadeouts after 1100. Except for the Es, all DX was done at the lakefront location because of the images and reflections produced by 9 local stations on towers less than one mile from here. This overloads the RF-2200 so badly, rendering it totally useless at home. But at the lakefront just two miles south, the RF-2200 is a superb performer. This has to be one of the finest portable radios for FM DXing (especially the selectivity), available today. Strangely enough, the Sony 5900W will work on my front porch in an imaginary DX window measuring 2' long x l' high x ½' deep. The only place on the entire property where the image garbage can be nulled enough to pull in Es and strong tr. Now on to this seasons report.

7/5 +n	8/5 tr
7/5 tr 1030 WSHW 99.7 IN Frankfort, "Shine-99"	<u> </u>
7/9 tr	
0930 WEZW 101.7 IN Fort Wayne, "EZ-102"	
	7/ 9/0) \
1001 WCSY 98.3 MI South Haven,	
loc. spots, "Cozy-98," o/semi loc. WXJY!	14719
1005 WIKB 99.3 MI Iron River, k, ID	(Agent Livi
7/11 Es	From Anthe
2015 CKO-1106.9 ON Ottawa, ID, nx	C ROCK W
2055 WLKW 101.5 RI Providence, ez, ID	0
2111 WHEB 100.3 NH Portsmouth, r, ID	1505 WZIR 98.5 NY Niagara Falls, r, "Z-98"
2115 WRCH 100.5 CT New Britian, "Rich"	1509 WNYS 104.1 NY Buffalo, ID, r, ex-WACJ
2145 WQRC 99.9 MA Barnstable, ID,	1513 CJQR 97.7 ON St. Catherines, "QR-FM"
End of Boston Sym. Concert spot	1530 CHRE 105.7 ON St. Catherines, ez, ID
7/20 Es	2200 WBEN 102.5 NY Buffalo, ID, "Rock-102"
1930 CBAF 88.5 NB Moncton, (CBAF-26),	8/6 tr
Radio Canada, FF, r, female DJ	0949 WCFW 105.5 WI Chippewa Falls, k, ID
7/24 tr	1010 WLSR 104.9 OH Lima, ez, loc. spot
1704 WCCN 107.5 WI Neilsville, k, ID, AP	1100 WSBW 100.1 WI Sturgeon Bay, k, ID
1845 WGFA 94.1 IL Watseka, loc. wx	1112 WLVU 99.9 PA Erie, ID, ez, "FM \$-99"
7/26 tr	1132 WDBN 94.9 OH Medina, ID, ez,
1300 WBLV 90.3 MI Twin Lake, c, s/off	"The Quiet Place On Your Dial"
8/5 tr	1145 WNBK 93.5 WI New London, k, ID
0945 WOXK 105.1 OH Salem, k, ID	1152 WLYT 92.3 OH Cleveland Hts., r, ID
1010 CJFI 99.9 ON Sarnia, r, ID	1207 WFYC 104.9 MI Alma, r, ID, female DJ
1015 WQAL 104.1 OH Cleveland, ez, ID	1220 WZZP 106.5 OH Cleveland, r. ID
1030 WTOF 98.1 OH Canton-Akron, g. ID	1230 CJQM 104.3 ON Sault Ste. Marie, ez. ID
1033 WGLQ 97.1 MI Escanaba, r, SID	1300 WNCO 101.3 OH Ashland, k, ID, M nx
1137 WLLZ 98.7 MI Detroit, r, ID	1333 WIMK 93.1 MI Iron Mountain, k
1231 WWST 104.5 OH Wooster, ez. ID	1347 WLEW 92.1 MI Bad Axe, ID, Comm. ads
1250 WKSW 99.5 OH Cleveland, k.	1400 CJOM 88.7 ON Windsor, r, ID
spots, "KS-100 Country"	1433 WDEY 103.1 MI Lapeer, r, ID
1309 WDMT 107.9 OH Cleveland, s. ID	1450 WKLT 97.7 MI Kalkaska, loc. spots
1314 WMRN 106.9 OH Marion, k, loc. spot	1500 WCLV 95.5 OH Cleveland, c
1337 WCPZ 102.7 OH Sandusky,	
ID, "Rock-103"	1534 WZLE 104.9 OH Lorain, loc. spots, SID
	1730 WAXX 104.5 WI Eau Claire, k, ID
1359 WZPR 100.3 PA Meadville,	2001 WIAL 94.1 WI Eau Claire, ez, ID
IDed as "Meadville Country-1"	2145 WSPT 97.9 WI Stevens Point, r, ID
1414 WJR 96.3 MI Detroit, ez, ID	8/7 tr
1422 WBLK 93.7 NY DePew-Buffalo, s, ID	1000 CJMX 105.3 ON Sudbury, ez, ID
1430 WBUF 92.9 NY Buffalo, r, ID	1030 WKCQ 98.1 MI Saginaw, polkas, ID
1433 CJEX 92.7 ON London, k, ID, "93-X"	1101 WOAP 103.9 MI Owosso, ID, into nx
1450 WYRK 106.5 NY Buffalo, k, "FM-106"	8/27 ms or Es?
1500 CBEL 100.5 ON London, c, "CBC-\$," nx	1055 WEAZ 101.1 PA Philadelphia, loc. sports
1503 CJBC 99.3 ON London, (CJBC-4), FF na	in for about 7 secs.; band quite dead today.
FM has been quiet since 8/7. The jetstre	am has shifted to a more NW direction bring-
ing more cool dry weather. However, AM-I	X has picked up where FM left off. 73, Jim

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NORTHERN FM DX

John A. Callarman - 1122 Maple St. - Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

It's been a season of peaks and pits for this DX'er this summer. On July 28, my rotor control was returned and I could move my antenna again. KKCA 97.7 Fulton MO at 2212 and WBBA 97.7 Pittsfield IL at 2230 were the first new ones added.

July 29 - Kansas City in with KBEQ 104.3 at 1900 new; WKOS 96.3 Murfreesboro-Nashville for full ID at 2300.

July 30 - Found WDAO 107.7 Dayton OH at 1451 with same kind of programming as dominant KMJM St. Louis, soul music and black DJ's. At 1900, I nulled WJBD 100.1 (20 miles away) first time and got WOXE Elizabethtown KY: WHBN 99.3 Harrodsburg KY new at 2000.

July 31 - WIMZ 103.5 Knoxville strong with rock 1904-2000; WLCK-FM 99.3 Scottsville KY in with country 2034-2100; Kansas City back and good tapes on KMBR 99.7; KYYS 102.1; & KBEQ 104.3 through the evening. Also KIEE 100.7 Harrisonville MO, "FM-101." ending Royal Baseball 2215; KQCR call heard on 102.9 at 2257, but not enough to count.

August 1 - Finally, E-Skip and I on the dial at the same time for any length of time. Between 1635 and 1805. Texas from Beaumont to the Valley and parts of Mexico were open. KRIX 99.5 Brownsville with rock; KIWW 96.1 Harlingen in Spanish; KVLY 107.9 Harlingen with beautiful music; KDUV 100.3 Brownsville ditto; KSBJ 88.1 Humble with religion all strong. Missed taping a KBFM ID on 104.1 but got KRBE Houston on the channel at 1654. KVMV 96.9 McAllen in Spanish with Calendaria de Actividad at 1707; KWIC 107.7 Beaumont in 1715; "K-106" at 1704 beginning Gary Owen's Soundtrack of the 60's may have been KIOG, not counted, of course. XHAAA 93.1 "Estereo Recuerdo" good with commercials; Spanish on 107.1 went unidentified 1736 and beyond; XHQI 102.1 taped ID 1742; Spanish 105.5 "FM Cien Cinco" but no geographical clues; XHPE 97.1 Torreon good with Mejoral commercial (I've been logging Mejoral commercials on medium wave and shortwave since 1950!) at 1802. 1900 discovered tropo from opposite direction with WPBF 105.9 Middletown OH, "Mellow-106" in; 106.1 WVNO Mansfield OH growing in strength, and missed taping ID of WJZZ 105.9 Detroit at 2012 with Sundown, your guide to Entertainment ... got the programming but not the call. WOMC 104.3 Detroit good with Detroit Today and AAA driving tips. "Super FM-106" in Spanish at 2018 on 106.3 detectable pointed NE but not SW. At 2100 break, while trying for good WVNO tape, got back of the beam ID from KIXK Denton-Dallas and switched back SW. Commercial content on 107.1 and 107.9 pointed to KTLR Terrell and KSCL Corsicana unmistakably, but not counted. Failed to tape KMGC 102.9 ID at 2130, so it's not in my log ... but this opening to No. Central Texas didn't last long. Back NE the beam went for WOAL Cleveland and WLBC-FM Muncie battling on 104.1; WVNO good tape on 106.1; and WDMT 107.9 Cleveland good to 2300 when I finally called it a day. A pretty good day.

August 2 - KBBG 88.1 not bad signal with "Stereo in Black" 2158 through 2300.

KVCM 103.9 Montgomery City MO late with Cardinal baseball for first time.

August 3 - 88.3 yielded "X-88" with sould music, but would not stay up at legal ID time to give me WQOX Memphis. (No longer on 88.5?-RS) WFHC 91.5 Henderson TN strong and steady with rock 1901-1930; WCMT 101.7 Martin TN nice to give full ID for tape at 1948; WZLT 99.3 Lexington TN good with ID after AI news. North Alabama's Country Giant, WOSB 105.1 in and out 2030-2200: WPKY-FM 104.9 strained in for first time. It's one of five stations on this channel within 100 miles, but this is the only time I've ever heard it. WZYP 104.3 Athens AL heard 2158-2215.

August 4 - At last, taped full ID for WUSN Chicago on 99.5 at 1602. August 8 - KWFC 97.3 Springfield MO in with gospel music 2038 ID: KCYN 103.9 Pocahontas AR up for listening Post promo at 2143 but faded, ne'er to return.

August 10 - KOEA 97.7 Domiphan MO in 2113-2257 weakly; usually get Sikeston when pointed south. 103.7 interesting with K-double I-I and KKYK Little Rock battling WAAW and WFIU. KKYK new 2305-0100. Station broadcasting kid baseball involving team called "Lebanon" had to be a needed Missouri station, but couldn't get it ID'd. August 11 - KJBR Jonesboro's Best Radio new call for ex-KBTM-FM on 101.9 good 2130-2151; WOOR 97.5 Oxford MS with female DJ with deep southern accent and country music growing in strength 2214-2300.

August 13 - strong signal on 92.3 from "FM-92" with beautiful music: turned out to be WDEF-FM Chattanooga; 88.1 was relaying Knoxville strong.

August 29 - (after vacation) Terre Haute on 107.5 Continuous Country now WZZQ. Time out for NRC convention in Louisville, where I learned that Saudi Arabia-bound Richard Wood was selling his Heathkit AJ-15. I purchased it, and moved it upstairs. but somehow the new setting bollixed my rotor control and now I'm back to one direction again - WNW, directly at St. Louis.

September 12 - Very dismal night, yet a new station was added - KDMI 97.3 first Des Moines heard here, weak with gospel 2330-0000.

September 13 - 0039 sports ending on 101.7 distorted KBKB-FM Fort Madison. TA. September 15 - Good tropo opening heralded by rare signals through WILL 90.9 and WVJC 89.1 - KCMW Warrensburg MO and KCLC St. Charles MO respectively. Country on 104.3 steady 2020-2030 and on was KVGB-FM Great Bend KS: other central Kansas logged between then and 2300 were KLZR 105.9 "Rock-106." Lawrence: KHOK 100.7. "K-101." Hoisington, KWLS-FM 93.1 Pratt; KFDI 101.3 Wichita and finally KANU 91.5 Lawrence. Sneaking in also was KFMZ 98.3 Columbia MO rocking.

September 16 - Kansas City night again, and for first time. KXTR 96.5 heard with beautiful signal 1930-2000 (On the old Fisher, KADI 96.3 swamped it): Back of the beam WIMZ 103.5 noted at 2038 and I found WDYN 89.7 Chattanooga with news and Paul Harvey 2007 and WMBW 88.9 Chattanooga strong at 2230 despite beam direction. Also, KRXL 94.5 added finishing Royals baseball at 2224.

September 17 - decided to put up indoor dipole for different reception characteristic North/South and got WNDI 95.3 Sullivan IN 2130-2200 with WRXX off Sunday night. Cool weather prompted hiatus until September 28 when WFYR 103.5 Chicago was strong on the indoor dipole, and WCCQ 98.3 Crest Hill IL heard at 2248 ("FM 98-point-3"), and WAJP 93.5 Joliet was noted at 2257 beginning sign off, both weak, but accepted, thank you, at 227 and 225 miles, on the indoor dipole.

Next spring, I'll get somebody to climb the tower and replace the rotor (I'm acrophobic!). Till then, I'll enjoy the AJ-15, which is really fun to play with, with NW beam and dipole. (I may even see what it'll do with cheap rabbits ears). John

Bob Zent - 1835 Fruit St. - Huntington, IN 46750 w/AR-1515 back from repair

9/5 tr 2228 WRJA 88.1 SC Sumter, j, ID 9/8 tr 550 2101 WQFL 100.9 IL Rockford, g, ID 210 2104 CKOT 101.3 ON Tillsonburg. 2259 WNSCt 88.9 SC Rock Hill, same 260 program as WRJA, but couldn't quite "\$tereo-101 with studios in Tillsonburg" make out the ID. 10/1 tr 2300 WVNP 89.9 WV Wheeling, s/off, 2301 WUNC 91.5 NC Chapel Hill, j. ID 455 Station appeared not to be in \$tereo. (Time is CDT)

Very meager report this month but I've been quite busy and haven't had much time to spend DXing. Thanks to Nick Lombardi of Atlanta for identifying one of my loggings from last June 17 - KSIT 104.5 in Rock Springs. WY. 73s. Bob

+ + + + + + David J. Nieman - 12284 Nice Rd. - Akron. NY 14001 *ID on tape: New underlined

8/29	tr					19/9	tr				
		101.1	WI	Green Bay, r	490	1041	WSWR*	100.1	OH	Shelby, k	255
8/31	tr					With	Pione			00 tuner	
		90.1	MI	Marquette, c	495	9/13	tr				
9/2					•					Milton, m	160
		90.1	AL	Huntsville	710			103.1	PA	State College, pr	150
<u>9/5</u>						9/14	tr				
		89.5	VT	Windsor, c	300	0144	WTSC*	91.1	NY	Potsdam, pr	210
9/ 6					٠	0859	WWFM.	89.1	ΝJ	Trenton, c, s/on	265
				Sumter, NPR nx		9/15					
		* 88.1			333	10002	WTTR*	100.7	MD	Westminster, m	250
			IA	Waterloo, s	675					o/CHIN Toronto	
	tr &			_				91.1	NJ	East Orange, p	265
				Toledo, c, s/off		9/17					
				Cedar Falls, pr			$\overline{\mathtt{WP}}\mathtt{LN}$	90.3	TN	Nashville, c	645
				Adrian, k		9/20					
				Sylvania, r				92.1	PA	Nanticoke, r	175
				Alfred, pr. s/off		9/22					
				Burlington, pr						Chattanooga, c	665
0900	CBF	*100.7	PQ	Montreal, c, FF					IL	Carlinville, s/off	650
_				o/CHIN Toronto			WVJC	89.1	ΙL	Mount Carmel, r,	575
1018	WHGC	• 94.3	VΤ	Bennington, m	260	ļ				prev. tr	Dave

NOVEMBER 1982

William R. Hepburn - AES Weather Station - Eureka, NWT XOZ OGO

I think it is safe to say that I am now the most northern contributor to the Northern FM-DX column at a latitude of 80°00' N! So far, my FM totals are 0, but I'm being optimistic. The aeradic operators in Resolute Bay told me to be on the lookout for VHF from Scandinavia and Alaska. So I will keep my ears peeled.

(At	Ledu	c, AT	t			8/4 GW 101.9 CKO-6 Edmonton, AT
8/4	G₩	93.3	CBX	Edmonton,	AT	
	_	94.9	CKUA	Edmonton,	ΑT	(At Resolute Bay, NWT)
		95.2	C333	Edmonton,	ΑT,	
		96.3	CKRA	Edmonton,	AT	"CBC Radio," relays CHAK CFYK or CFF
		97.3	CIRK	Edmonton,	ΑT,	, "K-97"(At Eureka, NWT)
		98.9	CFCR	Red Deer,	ΑT	
				Edmonton,		
	:	101.3	CKUA	Red Deer,	AΤ	73s and good DX, Bill

Ronald Purdue - Route # 1. Box 224 - Byron, MN 55920

Not much of a report! With only two loggings in August, it seems my Realistic Modulaire-8 is just not good for DXing. However, it is a good instrument for E-skip DXing and poor on tropo FM DXing. A new FM station in Montevideo, MN will be run by a whole family! The call will be KMGM operating on 104.9 MHz. Dont know whether they are on the air yet. No sign of KLSX in Rochester on the air yet. Don't know the format. I've heard the FCC busted an FM pirate there in Muncie! (Not so-RS) 8/3 tr 1812 KBHP 101.1 MN Bemidji. 260 8/4 tr 2119 WKJF 92.9 MI Cadillac. 336 baseball game r. ads 73. Ronald

+ + + + + + Daniel E. Oetting - 2882 Old Cedar Grove Rd. - Broomall, PA 19008

Nice tropo on 9/8 & 9, and several strong auroras during the month of September.

9/5 Au A-index 140! 0048 WDYL 92.1 VA Chester, g 270 0058 WRAL 101.5 NC Raleigh, rm 9/13 GW 9/13 GW	05 20 40 38 90 tr
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2310 CKPC 92.1 ON Brantford, c, ID 335 0055 WESU 88.1 CT Middletown, rj 1	80
9/9 tr 0833 WSPI 95.3 PA Shamokin, "Spy-95"	90
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0846 WZPR 100.3 PA Meadville, k 280 9/17 tr	
0850 WOLN 91.3 PA Erie, c 290 1020 WEIV 103.7 NY Ithaca, gm 1	85
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Joseph Fela - 150 Robert Place - So. Plainfield, NJ 07080 Receiver - McIntosh MR-78. Antenna - pair of Antennacraft GFM-10s. stacked at 35 ft. w/rotor.

8/15 tr	9/9 tr
2000 WRCK 107.3 NY Utica, "Rock-107"	1948 WYRK 106.5 NY Buffalo, k, ex-WADV
8/16 tr	2003 WVKR 91.3 NY Poughkeepsie, ID after
2342 WWOM 100.9 NY Albany, basically r	news, format seems varied
8/30 tr	9/12 tr
1933 WQIX 100.9 NY Horseheads, k	0000 WWFM 89.1 NJ Trenton, s/off, new
2010 WOEZ 100.9 PA Milton, m, "EZ-101"	station - quite potent here - completely
WOEZ never heard on the Pioneer - but	takes out WFDU/WNYU. Limited listening
seems to be there fairly often on the	seems to show a c afternoon format with
MR-78 (like 6 times in the first three	jazz in the evening.
weeks of September).	0003 WCAV 97.7 MA Brockton, s/off
2339 WSQV 97.7 PA Jersey Shore, r, ID,	0005 WDBA 107.3 PA Du Bois, ID
Williamsport promo, also in next night.	after news & weather
9/8 tr	9/25 tr
2026 WHCU 97.3 NY Ithaca, c, ID	2230 WFAN 102.3 CT Stonington, r,
2125 WBEN 102.5 NY Buffalo, r	briefly o/WBAB
All in all, not too much. Have yet to get	
opening since getting the MR-78.	73.

Ralph Strobel - 2300 E. McGalliard Rd. - Muncie, IN 47303

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Here is the meteor scatter loggings from the August showers: 8/11 ms (Antenna to South) From 98.9 WSPA "... Here's the WSPA weather ... From 98.9 WUSL "... Yes sir, WUSL is bringing the country to the city with Jim Best ... 99-FM, Jim Best and the Best country band all in a free lunchtime concert on JFK Plaza. Remember. it's coming up August 11th 11:30 to 1:30, all new from 99-FM, WUSL..." From 98.9 KRQY "...KRQY..." (Antenna next turned to west) From 93.9 WMTM "...Market in Moultrei, downtown, and in the Moultrei Plaza..." From 93.9 WKKQ "... The summer of 82 -Super-O..." Later from WKKQ "...due to a hydrant replacement problem. Once again, the water will be shut off on West 41st Street to Highway 169 in Hibbing ... " (Highway 169 is on my road atlas). 8/12 ms (Antenna pointed west) From 93.9 KTTL "...KTTL 93-9..." From 93.9 WKKQ "...Country fever on Super-Q..." 8/13 ms (Antenna pointed west) From 93.9 WMTM "...Chevron service across from the Post Office in Moultrei..." From 93.9 WKKQ "...in Hibbing..."

9/17 tr		Knoxville, r\$		19/29						
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0300 WRVU	91.1 TN	Nashville, 430w		10/1						
0530 WUAL	91.5 AL	Tuscaloosa, nx	525	0122	WELI	88.5	IN	Muncie, on air	3	
9/29 tr				10/2						
0015 WVKC	90.5 IL	Galesburg, r			WFSE			Edinboro, p	275	
0202 KMSU	91.1 MO	Springfield, p\$,	500	0401	WWSE	93.3	NY	Jamestown, r\$	330	
		5800w, 205 ft.		1602	WNDI	95.3	IN	Sullivan, r	150	
	September was a crummy FM month. Perhaps the December meteor showers will be good.									
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METEOR SCATTER INSIGHTS

KNOTS AND SWARMS

Here are two more words for your meteor scatter dictionary to explain why there are sometimes drastic variations in meteor scatter rates.

There have been in the past, occasions where heavy meteor showers have occurred on only one occasion, never to be seen again. This is a result of a cluster of meteors, or a swarm, orbiting the sun, and the Earth just happens to cross through it. A swarm can be caused by a portion of a meteor stream being diverted by a planet into a new orbit. Swarms are totally umpredictable.

A knot is a portion of a meteor stream, usually in the vicinity of a comet, where meteoric particles are more densely clustered than the rest of the stream. A comet often shares the same orbit as the stream, since the stream actually breaks off the comet. So frequently there may be knots in the orbit near the comet. While there are yearly variations in the strength of a particular shower, there are occasions, when the Earth passes through a knot, that the intensity of a shower may be amazingly high.

The Lyrid meteor shower averages about 12 ZHR (Zenith Hourly Rate) at its peak, about equal to the number of sporadic meteors on normal night. On the night of April 21-22, 1982, it looked like another normal shower. But around 1630 Universal Time, observers in the United States noticed an unusual increase in the rate. By 0650 UT, ZHR had increased to about 250! Within an hour, it was back down to normal.

Was anybody DX'ing that night? Did anybody see an unusual amount of meteor scatter? If you have, let me know.

SHOWER FORECAST

The big news in the next few months should be the Geminids. Not only is it a strong shower (50-80 ZHR), but it will peak on Tuesday, Dec. 14, around 7:00 a.m., when the radiant is almost directly overhead.

If you miss that one, there is still the quadrantid shower, with ZHR anywhere from 40 to 150, averaging around 110. The peak will be around midnight EST, but the radiant won't be at its nighest until around 8:30 a.m. local time, later on that morning, January 4, 1983. By then, ZHR may well be on its way down.

After that it's time for all good VHF-UHF DX'ers to hibernate until the end of March. No more meteors, no more E-skip, no more trops; nothing until April starts things up again.

LET'S ORGANIZE A MATEOR SCATTER BLITZ!

Okay you skeptics and nonbelievers, you who put meteor scatter down as fairytale and fable. Here's your chance to see that meteor scatter really does exist, and isn't only a tool of the sophisticated, the expert. the owner of a vast array of expensive equipment.

You, yes YOU, are invited to stay up all night on December 13 and January 3 to take part in what may be the first Meteor Scatter DX Blitz in history! Plan to take a day off work or school the next day, and sleep late. Drink plenty of coffee that night. Take a nap earlier in the evening.

Here's what you're supposed to do. Try to save whatever program listings you can get for those two nights. Keep them for several months after the blitz. Also, if you can. take note of what VHF stations are broadcasting during that night, and when they shut off or what hours they transmit test patterns and what kinds of test patterns. Also, during the MS DX blitz, make a description of some of the MS bursts you see, whether they were overdense, underdense, distorted, highband or lowband VHF, or even UHF, how often the bursts would come in, how strong they were, etc. Write down any unidentified station clues you can and send them later to the CCI column. After these unIDed stations are noted in the CCI colums, see if any of the notes can be identified by the program material you accumulated during the blitz. The information you accumulate may help to identify somebody else's unidentified station. After the blitz is over, wend me your comments and observations. This column will appear again in the March, 1983 VUD, so I will need your reports by the end of January so I can put it in the column. If you are planning to take part in the Meteor Scatter DX Blitz on either or both of the two nights, let me know.

1982 PERSETD METFOR SHOWER

Observations over the past few years have reported that the Perseids have been getting better, possibly because of the expected arrival of the parent comet. Swift-Tuttle, which was expected to reach perihelion sometime in 1982. To the best of my knowledge, it has not yet been seen. But as per the first article in the column, the density of the trail could very well be denser along the vicinity of the comet. Mike Reid reports looking for meteor scatter on the morning of 8/13/82, and says that bursts were no more than ten seconds apart. Now that's how a decent night of meteor scatter should be. It reminds me of a few good nights I had, when several stations were running test patterns. Every few seconds I would hear a different pitched beep come in

STV UPDATE

(major source: BROADCASTING magazine)

hy Bill Thompson

The stations listed below have recently been authorized to run STV (Subscription TV) programming, using one of the systems described by Phil Sullivan in last month's issue. Stations with an asterisk (*) are already on the air—many of them running independent programming until they are ready to start up their STV service in the near future. The stations listed will join those listed last month on the air with scrambled programming, and we'd appreciate hearing from any DXers who'd like to comment on the type of encoding—and name of the service—being used.

<u>ch</u>	<u>call</u>	city	notes
12	KMBV *	Pembina, ND	Seeks to serve Winnepeg, Manitoba with an over-the-border service; experts skeptical about its future.
17	wwma-TV *	Grand Rapids,MI	
20	ктхн	Houston, TX	
22	KECH	Salem, OR	
23	KTMA-TV *	Minneapolis	"Spectrum" Zenith system
26	WCIU-TV *	Chicago	
26	KTSF *	San Francisco	
30	KDNT-LA *	St. Louis	
31	KRBK-TV	Sacramento, CA	
33	WTVZ *	Norfolk, VA	
33		Miami, FL	Channel presently occupied by a Ft. Lauderdale translator, which will have to move to another channel.
47	WNJU-TV *	Linden, NJ	To serve New York City area.
59	WSMK	Indianapolis	
62	WGPR-TV *	Detroit	Would become Detroit's third STV.
62	KEKR-TV	Kansas City	
62		Syracuse, NY	
64	WSTG *	Providence, RI	Has been seen testing regularly.
69	WVEU *	Atlanta	"VEU"

In addition to these STV grants, at least one LPTV station is now on the air with scrambled signals: K26AC, ch 26, Bemidji, MN, the first commercial LPTV operation.

Many STV applications are now pending with the FCC, with many coming from already existing stations. Until cable TV wires many major population centers—still many years away—STV seems to be a growth industry. Watch for many more scrambled signals to confuse you in the next DX opening!

Many thanks to Greg Monti for providing information used in this report.

Q: "Which kind of lead-in should I use for $\ensuremath{\mathbb{F}} M$ DXing? Wouldn't foam twin lead be much better than coax cable?"

A: At the FM broadcast frequencies, there isn't the same kind of drastic difference between coaxial cable and most types of twin lead that you will find at the higher VHF and UHF channels. Some FM DXers prefer to use twin lead, citing lower losses. Twin lead does appear to always have lower loss characteristics, but in real life, never quite works as well as it does "on paper." Much will depend upon the route that your lead-in will be taking from antenna to FM receiver. Even the best 300-ohm twinlead should not be used if your FM antenna is mounted on a tower; on the other hand, if your FM antenna is roof mounted, and the run of lead in will not encounter much metal, using a good quality 300-ohm foam twinlead may be a good alternative to 75-ohm coax, with the necessary baluns.

Q: "What if I use 300-ohm shielded twinlead for my FM DX system? How would that compare to 75-ohm coaxial cable?"

A: The best types of shielded 300-ohm twinlead cost more than the standard RG-59 75-ohm coaxial cable types, but they do give you the advantage of not using the balun(s) that are necessary with 75-ohm coaxial cable. You can also run shielded twinlead next to metal objects, like coax. But, it will not last as long as coaxial cable—and the losses are a bit higher than the losses found in runs of standard 300-ohm twinlead. In fact, 75-ohm coaxial cable may be preferable in some systems, since many modern tuners and receivers now include 75-ohm inputs, which usually result in slightly less loss than you would have with a balun (matching transformer) on the back of the tuner or receiver. One thing that almost all of the 75-ohm inputs on tuners and receivers now offer you is much better shielding, thus reducing the chance of unwanted local signals getting into your DX system right at the antenna input. This is an important thing to consider if you want the full benefits of your FM antenna nulls.

 \underline{Q} : "How does moisture affect the types of twinlead? Is coax cable immune to moisture?"

A: No type of lead in is immune to environmental moisture, not even coaxial cable. However, 300-ohm twinlead is very critical when it comes to water right on the surface. Standard twinlead (the cheapest "ribbon" variety) suffers the most. A 100 foot run of such a lead in would normally have only 1.4 dB loss; but if the same run of lead in gets wet, the loss goes up to 7.5 dB--a tremendous increase, and one that would be a disaster for any DX system. Moisture also affects all other types of twinlead, except for shielded types. This is the reason that many FM DXers will not use any type of 300-ohm lead in. But moisture can get into coaxial cable too, and it can cause other problems. If you're not careful to seal and weatherproof the connection at the balun connected to your DX antenna terminals, water will work its way into the cable, causing corrosion from the inside. It may not show up as a loss of signal right away, but it will shorten the life of the cable.

Q: "Are standoffs necessary? Do they cause much loss?"

A: You don't need standoffs for coax, but if you decide to use 300-ohm twin-lead, be sure to use the right type. Use the longest version of standoff whenever you can, and use as few of them as possible. Each standoff can act like an RF "stub" in the lead in, and this is the reason many DXers refuse to use unshielded 300-ohm twinlead. It's hard to say exactly how much loss the standoffs will introduce into your system; it will be greater on the higher frequencies, of course. However, even at the FM frequencies, it is something to be considered.

TECHNICAL TOPICS

November 1982

 \underline{Q} : "It seems that twinlead has some problems, but I wouldn't have to use baluns with it. Is there any reason not to use it for a DX set-up on FM, other than the possibility of metal objects nearby?"

A: Standing waves are always a problem with twinlead. We haven't really mentioned them here, but they are much of the reason many DXers who have tried 300-ohm twinlead gave up on it. You have to take great care to avoid this headache, making sure your twinlead isn't coiled or rolled up along the run. You also would not want to use it if you are stacking antennas—things become very hard to control here, when it comes to combining antenna inputs. Most all types of 300-ohm combiners show higher insertion losses than their coaxial counterparts. Also, in most of the longer runs, it becomes not worth the trouble to use—a good quality type of RG-11 coaxial cable and two carefully chosen baluns will end up giving you results that are as good as or better than the run of twinlead.

Q: "If coax cable is so good, why do most all FM antennas have 300-ohm terminals?"

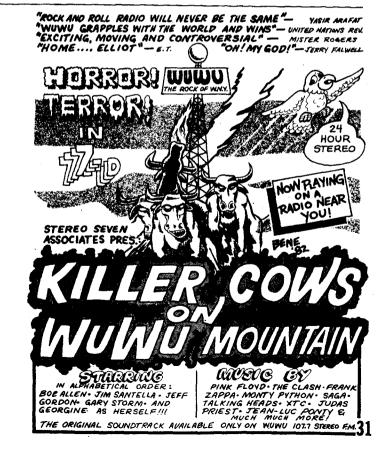
A: This has more to do with the type of driven (feed) section that the FM antenna has than anything else. For instance, the driven section on the Channel Master Stereo Probe 9 FM antenna, the hottest you can buy in a broadband FM antenna, uses four 300 ohm folded dipoles—if they were designed to match 75-ohm impedances, they would not show the same kind of response to signals, and this would decrease the antenna's gain.

MORE ABOUT THE AUGUST VUD COVER:

One DXer has asked us about the August VUD cover, which featured a drawing of the WUWU 107.7 transmitter site.

He asks:
"With that kind
of crazy xmtr
site, just
what kind of
station are
they, anyway?"

Hope this ad from WUWU answers your question!



FM IN ARGENTINA

Just a few years ago, WTFDA published ONDAS FM, Mike Dorner Jr.'s comprehensive guide to FM broadcasting in Latin America. Since that time, FM broadcasting in South America has been growing steadily, as expected. The list below will serve as an update: ("\$" denotes stereo)

Freq.	Ca	allsign	Nar	<u>ne</u>	Location	
88.1 MHz	\$	Ti13	R.	Necochea	Buenos Aires Province	*
88.3		Tii55	R.	Tandil	Buenos Aires Province	
89.5	ቋ	LV11	R.	Emisora del Estereo	Santiago	
90.7	\$	LU10	R.	Azul	Buenos Aires Province	
91.3	\$	LRA7	P.	Nacional	Cordoba	*
91.3	\$	LRA23	R.	Nacional	San Juan	*
91.9	\$	LS1	P.	Municipal	Buenos Aires City	*
92.5	\$	LT9	R.	Brigadier Gral	Santa Fe	
93.3	\$	LRA15	R.	Nacional	Tucuman	
93.3	\$	T116	R.	Atlantica	Buenos Aires Province	*
93.7		LV6	R.	Nihuil	Mendoza	*
93.9	\$	LV16	R.	Pio IV	Cordoba	
94.1	\$	Tii3	R.	Del Sur	Buenos Aires Provice	*
94.3	\$	LR1	R.	F1 Mundo	Buenos Aires City	*
94.5	\$	LT2	R.	General San Martin	Santa Fe Province	*
94.9	\$	LRA14	R.	Nacional	Santa Fe	*
95.1	\$	LS10	R.	Del Plata	Buenos Aires City	*
95.1	\$	LT7	P.	Provincia de Corrientes	Corrientes City	*
95.9	\$	LR4	R.	Splendid	Buenos Aires City	*
96.7	\$	LRA38	R.	Nacional	Buenos Aires City	*
96.9	\$	LV9	R.	Salta	Salta City	
97.3		LRA6/ LRA34	R.	Nacional	Mendoza	*
97.5	\$	EW1	P.	Universidad	Cordoba	*
97.7	\$	LW8	R.	San Salvador	San Salvador	
98.5	.	LV1	R.	Colon	San Juan City	*
99.1		LRA37	R.	Nacional	Buenos Aires City	4
99.3	\$	LRA13	R.	Nacional	Buenos Aires Province	
100.9		LV10	R.	De Cuyo	Mendoza	*
101.1	\$	LT12	R.	General Madariga	Corrientes Provice	*
102.9	\$	LRA4	R.	Nacional	Salta City	
102.3	\$	LR6	R.	Mitre	Buenos Aires City	*
103.1	\$	LS5	R.	Rivadavia	Buenos Aires City	*
105.5	\$	LS4	R.	Continental	Buenos Aires City	*
105.7	\$	LU2	R.	Bahia Blanca	Buenos Aires Province	*

This list was compiled by J. Anderson, Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA for the Japanese Latin American DX specialty club, Radio Nuevo Mundo, who received it from DX correspondent Alexander Wiese, Munich, West Germany. Stations with an asterisk (*) are "personally verified" to be in operation by Mr. Anderson. Many thanks to WTFDA's renowned DXpert Glenn Hauser, Knoxville, TM, for passing this list on to us!

VHF UTILITY DX

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VEF UTILITY DX....This month's feature will briefly summarize the past summer season in perspective and to outline some basic changes that have taken place in months gone by....Please note the change of address on the upper right hand corner of the report for this month. This change will be a bit more permanent than the last one. I have made several revisions to my monitoring station that will hopefully upgrade the results of DX.

The first improvement comes in the way of expansion. I have taken my living room and set up an expanded listening center with provisions in another room to write letters and review tapes. An extention phone is provided at both locations in the event another DX'er wants to call to notify me of an opening, or visa-versa. I can work more comfortable with such a set-up.

I now have a low band antenna which has already noticably improves reception. I am planning to erect a three element beam and a quarter wave ground plane for UHF. In so much as space is concerned, this is already a vast improvement over my Monterey Avenue location and my Earhart Road location.

To get to more pertinant matters at hand, I want to comment on the upcoming DX season, for which I have already monitored the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on 39.14 mhz. I have already summized that there should not have been any West Coast low band skip, but I could be dead wrong. Of course there is no way of knowing just how things will shape up in the upcoming change of seasons. There still might be a could of openings on E's this winter, but again I just don't know......

I already missed out on a lot of openings this past season on tropo because of my lack of outside antennas, but as you might recall from provious issues I wasn't completely out in the cold. This past summer season saw productive E's than in previous years with the logging of Massachucetts, Maine and New Hampshire on low band with a screw in whip. I was vastly disappointed in reader contributions, with was only two of our Maryland members, Tom Yingling and Hank Holbrook. If I have alienated anyone, I wish to extend apologies at this time. If the reason reader contributions have fallen off is negligence or indifference I have no idea how to rectify that type of situation.

I have always enjoyed writing this feature, but I am annoyed bearing the responsibility of providing all the information. I am in hopes that this situation will change with the change in seasons and the limitations cold weather places on outside recreational activity.

Hank Holbrook 7211 Chestnut Street Chevy Chase, MD 20815 reports:

1503	WB 6330	157.30	Thomas Point Light S	tation, MD	vessel: RETURN	
<u>6/20</u> 1746	WYQ 6216	156.80	Rhode River, MD ves	sel: PU D DLE ,	Jumper	
7/11 1953 2350 2350	N2714 \$ *CGA 28287		Brewton Channel, MD Rhodes River, MD Rhodes River, MD	vessel: Coas	past Guard Auxila st Guard Auxilary st Guard Auxilary	*
<u>8/1</u> 1846	WS 3441	156.80	Chesapeake Bay, MD	vessel: GAD	-A-BIT	

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PH TO-NEWS

Report to: Mike Reid 109 Arjay Crescent North York, Ont. M2L 1C6

Deadline: 20th.



KDFW-4 Dallas, TX 368 mile tropo.



KAMR-4 Amarillo, TX 184 mile tropo.



KLFY-10 Lafayette, LA 684 mile tropo.



KRIV-26 Houston, TX 515 mile tropo.



K12FM, channel 12 Alpine, TX translator of KMID-TV 184 mile tropo.

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