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CONVENTION '84 COMING...It's going to be a great one! Many DXers are already making plans to be there--and you're invited too! For complete details on the 1984 WTFDA convention and how to get there, send a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to the above address. Or, contact host Mike Lapinski, RD #2, 2478 Palm Rd., Jamestown NY 14701. Next month's VHF-UHF DIGEST will feature much more info, and also will have a registration form for the big event. Jamestown. situated in those legendary "DX hills" south of Puffalo, is the place for TV and FM DXers to be this August 3rd, 4th, and 5th! More details appear on page 21 of this issue.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY...At the suggestion of one of WTFDA's charter members, we're creating the Sustaining Member category. This is in response to those loyal DXers who intentionally "overpay" their annual dues, and to those who renew several years at a time. We don't actually encourage multiple-year renewals, but we do accept them. We will offer certificates, suitable for framing, to those who choose to become Sustaining Members. This is, of course, entirely optional. Basic annual WTFDA dues remain at \$15 and probably will for some time to come. More on this new membership option in an upcoming issue.

WTFDA REPRINT SERVICE... A new catalog of available club reprint articles will be out after June 15th. Want one? Just send a SASE (business size) to club HQ. This service will initially be limited to past VUD technical articles, and will cost 10¢ per page.

SKIP SEASON STARTS STRONG... It might just be one of the better years for E-skip DXing on FM and TV, if what has been seen so far is any indication. Activity in May was very interesting, and a few of the more seasoned Dxers are already calling it a great Es season. The next few weeks will tell the full story. We hope you're in on some great E-skip as you're reading this!

SPECIAL REPORT DELAYED...We're still awaiting some data for a special report on the astounding (and quite unexpected at this point in the Sunspot cycle) F2 skip events that took place in March and April. One of the lucky DXers involved was Pat Dyer (San Antonio TX), who caught South American ch 2 F2 signals.

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Thanks to Harry Hayes for this month's cover.



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The following are WTFDA's new members. It's a pretty good sized list this time around - probably due in large part to the plug our club received in TV Guide in April. We also received mention in Radio World, a broadcast engineering journal.

The debate over whether or not to print member's addresses is still not over, but with this list I'm implementing a suggestion offered by Bill Thompson. Members giving their addresses as post office boxes will have those addresses printed. Home addresses will be deleted unless the member requests that it be printed. And so:

Roy Barstow P.O. Box 488-T Teaticket, MA 02536 Tim Benko 2.0. Box 125 Lansing, IL 60438-0125 (R) Edward F. Mora N5CBG P.O. Box 5960 Rte 1, Lufkin, TX 75901 Steve Russell P.O. Box 41074 Tucson, AZ 85717-1074 Richard Sedlak P.O. Box 284 Johnson City, NY 13790 Charles Twiddy P.O. Box 2268 Clewiston, FL 33440 Ralph Ungles P.O. Box 52 Satanta, KS 67870 Larry Weisberg P.O. Box 781 Amherst, NH 03031 Ben R. Wilkie P.O. Box 386 York, ME 03909

Marty Barvinchak John Callarman Ken Chiu John F. Combs Carl DeWhitt Donald J. Fritz William R. Hale Larry Herritt Albert J. Kopec Jeff Nickels Pete Nolan Joe Perge Patrick Robbins Rich R. Rose Tom Sawyer Edward Shepherd Steven F. Solomon Randy Tomer

Glenshaw, PA Mt. Vernon, Il (R) Vancouver, BC Orlando, FL (R) Ponca City, OK Downey, CA Converse, TX Rochester, NY Dundee, NY (R) Michael J. Mortimer Charlestown, MA Marion, IA Galveston, TX Newark, OH Reseda, CA Detroit, MI Clintonville, WI Hickory, NC Hamden, CT Santa Rosa, CA

Our letters begin with one from Masaaki Arai, a Japanese DX-er. He tells a bit about himself: "I am 23 years old... I go to college... my major is medicine." He is also a ham operator (call sign JKlUIH). He also mentions a collection of recordings of American stations he made while here for a month and a half in 1981. He is also looking for someone in this country to correspond with, and to help him increase his tape collection. If you're interested, write to him at 3-3-4 Minami-cho, Tanashi City, Tokyo, 188 Japan.

New member Pete Nolan of Galveston, Texas says he's been meaning to join the club for years. He gives an interesting description of himself: "My background is in professional radio ( as an announcer, programmer, administrator, and promotional consultant), as an aircheck and promotional item collector, AM/FM DXer, and I am currently publisher of Radiophiles, an organization of radio hobbyists that caters to DXers and a fistful of other radio-related avocations." If Pete will give me the go-ahead, I will publish his address, or whatever address people may write to in order to find out about his group.

William Memburn tells about a new radio he recently boughtthe "PRO-2003." He writes: "A 50-channel scanner the usual 30-50, 108-174,410-512 Ahz's) plus 10-channel FM band (handy for FM DKingmy first digital readout for FA should help me a bit). Great reception on both BBs and FA with just whip. (With previous radio. 162.55 Buffalo MX "splashed"all over the place. Now I can get 162.475 Toronto and 162.40 Erie, PA with no problem. I can even tune to 162.56 or 162.54 and not hear a speck from Buffalo.Better than I ever dreamed of.)" I should have mentioned that William had been DXing in Niagara, Ontario at the time he wrote this, but has since moved to Winnipeg, MB. What make was the radio, William?

Newly rejoined member John Callarman of Mt. Vernon, IL writes in telling of his own history and backround: "I've been a DXer since 1947, primarily on the medium wave band. I have edited SWBC and BCB columns and published a BCB bulletin. I am city editor of The Register News here since 1981 after 25 years in broadcasting, including 11 as news director at WHIX here.

I use an AJ-15 purchased a couple of years ago from Richard Wood and a pair of Channel Master Stereoprobe 9s on a 30 foot tower on the roof of my two-story house atop a small hill near downtown Mt. Vernon...

My formal FM log started in 1979, with everything on tape. I have approximately 425 stations taped from this location-mostly tropo--my work schedule has coincided with much of the good E-skip."

And lastly, Robert Goodman has some comments he'd like to make: " I disagree with Bruce Elving's remarks in the May "FCC-FM News" about "wrong" ways of logging receptions. I don't know why he, Ralph Strobel or any other DXer should insist on any particular method(s) of identifying all stations (or states, etc.) received. I go by sufficient evidence of any kind to be reasonably certain of a reception.

For instance, Eric Fader and John Combs have sent me contradictory advice on the TV unID I had in the May "CCI"; one says KDIH, the other, WISC. If I can eliminate one of those (and any other candidates) and be sure of the other, that'll be an ID as far as I'm concerned. Indirect IDs like this aren't as satisfying to me as seeing or hearing an ID - that's the best thrill in DXing-but they don't change the fact that the stations were received." An interesting observation. The ethics of verification? Will this emerge as a new DX issue? Anyway, that about concludes this month's column. See you all next issue.

Tropos and such, 73's,

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## STATION BREAK

WTFDA H.Q. P.O. Box 514 Buffalo, NY 14205

WTFDA member ads only. 3 line or 30 word limit.

FOR SALE OR TRADE - 25 TV GUIDES from 1969 thru 1971 from throughout the country. I collect Fire Department arm patches and would like to trade the TV GUIDES for F.D. patches. Randy Miltier, N6HMO, 1239 Harrison Street, Santa Clara CA 95050.

FOR SALE - 1981/1982 TV FACTBOOK \$35; 1982 Station Coverage Atlas (State Coverage Maps - include ETV) \$25; Fred McCormack, Box 5221, Fargo ND 58105.

FOR SALE - Best offer - Blonder-Tongue #4161 TV descrambler/decoder (used for ch 68 Boston). Bill Smith - Brown Terrace - Uxbridge MA 01569.

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Bill Fahber, editor 336 Atlantic Street Bridgeton, NJ, 08302

APPI CH 31 67 67 67 50 38 49 44 16 33 33 CON 44 29 33 42 5000 1563 NE Omaha: Pappas Telecasting, Inc. (initial decision) 68 1191 1013 OH Defiance: Community Television Associates 47 138 1019 PA Altoona; Western Pennsylvania Christian Broadcasting Co. 25 5000 1828 TX Waco: Central Texas Broade'g 34 4000 331 WA Spokane; Matlock Communic'ns 14 2780 428 VA Arlington; Urban Telecommunications (Supplementary decision; the latest in a fight over this channel.)

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AP	LICATIONS DISMISSED (OR RETURNED)	
AL	Selma; ch. 29; John R. Powley	
CA	Ventura; ch. 16; KEMO-TV. Inc.	
GA	Brunswick; ch. 21; Golden East Broa	d
ı	ers. Inc.	

IL Galesburg; ch. 63; Powell Broadcasting IL Springfield; ch. 49; George E. Gunter

IN Kokomo; ch. 29: Henry C. McCall; Metro Program Network, Inc.; Sandy Kay Bc'g Co.

LICA	TIONS	FOR	NEW TELEVISION STATIONS	LA LA	Burlington; ch. 26; Metro Program Network Alexandria; ch. 41; Cenla Broadcasting New Orleans; ch. 49; Women In TV Ownership & Management
ERP	HAAT	STA	TE/CITY/APPLICANT	ΜĮ	Jackson; ch. 18; Jackson Broadcasting (Re-
5000	1256	ĀL	Mobile; Way of the Cross		turned; Michael Thurman application; had
			Lake Worth; Hispanic Broadc'g		base of proposed tower 58 feet below sea
			Lake Worth; Lake Worth Bc'g		level.); Spring Arbor College (proposed
			Lake Worth: Lake Worth Comins		Spring Arbor as community of license)
			Tampa; Mary Ann S. Bohi	MS	Greenville; ch. 44; Greenville Broadcast-
			Honolulu; Hawaii Educ. Corp.		ing (Thurman application)
			New Orleans: Horizon Broadc'g	ΝE	Omaha; ch. 42; Christian Broadcasting of
			Greenwood; Chester Smith		the Midlands, Inc. (Initial decision,
			McCook; Jerrell E. Kautz		with CP granted to Pappas Telecasting
1			Roswell; Roswell Broadcasting	l	because of its greater proposed coverage
•			(Another Michael Thurman ap-		area.) /returned
			plication; aural is 100% of	NY	Alpine; ch. 12; Alpine Broadcasting Co.
			visual ERP; 2091 above ground		Wilson; ch. 30: Bland Communications
			and 50.15' above sea level.	OH	Defiance; ch.65; Craig Broadcasting Comp-
			That would put average ter-	l	any (Review Board decision)
			rain 4810' below sea level!	OK	Norman; ch. 46; KUSA Brewers Broadcasting
			The base of the tower would	PA	Altoona; ch. 47; Altoona Television 47
			be 159' below sea level.)	SC	Rock Hill; ch. 55; York County Television
5000	644	NC	Belmont; Agape Communications	1	Corporation (background information for
			Belmont; ACTS of Metrolina	1	this is on p. 16 of the 2/84 VUD. WNSC-TV,
			Belmont; Metro Broadcasting		ch. 30 in Rock Hill, was granted a renewal
			Norman; Daystar Broadcasting		of its license: ch. 55 was changed into a
			Cleveland; Richard Towe &		commercial assignment.)
,			Darrell Silvey		Memphis; ch. 13; Micon Media, Inc.
100	950	TN	Lebanon; Joe F. Bryant	TX	Big Spring; ch. 14: Way of the Cross of
			Nashville; Ruth Payne Carman	L	Odessa. Inc.
			Bellevue: Gill Communications		Texarkana; ch. 17; Floyd Bell
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				1	Communications. Inc.; Heart O' Texas Broad
			RMITS GRANTED FOR NEW STATIONS		casting, Inc.
			Gadsden: Anthony Jay Fant	API	PLICATIONS TO MODIFY CONSTRUCTION PERMITS
			Selma: Way of the Cross		3435 374 CA Oxnard; KTIE-TV
			Mountain Home; Baxter Broadcg	47	45.6 340 MN Rochester; KXLT
	679	GA	Brunswick; COR Communications	51	3097 1249 TX Longview: KLMG-TV
5.6	240	GA	Valdosta; Coastal Plains Area	(n	ote last month: Jackson, MS, WBDB should be
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			casting Company, Ltd.		NSTRUCTION PERMIT MODIFICATION GRANTED
750			Salina; Haynes Communications		1307 607 AL Tuscaloosa; WDBB-TV
750			Alexandria: Haynes Communic's		1040 1210 MS Jackson; WDBD
5000	1563	NE	Omaha: Pappas Telecasting,	111	85.7 2028 NM Santa Fe; KCHF

APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE EXISTING FACILITIES (STATIONS ON THE AIR)

4 n.c. 980 FL Jacksonville; WJXT (CP) 12 n.c. 970 FL Jacksonville; WTLV (CP)

17 665 227 TX Texarkana; Powell Broadcast'g | 13 n.c. 989 IL Mt. Vernon; WCEE (CP MOD) 5 n.c. 1390 TN Nashville; WTVF (CP MOD)

33 5000 1696 TX Dallas; KNBN-TV (CP) 28 2400 n.c. WA Spokane; KAYU-TV (CP)

FACILITIES CHANGES GRANTED

IA Des Moines; KCCI-TV, ch. 8; CP to reduce ERP from 316 kw to 14.15 kw Max.; 1383' AAT/519' AG/1399' ASL (1568' lower ASL); coordinates 41°35'35"/93°37'48" (15 miles south of existing TL); TL to 10th & Crocker Streets, Des Moines. (This will result in a drastic reduction of coverage area, which is why the new TL will be located within the city limits.)

IA Waterloo; KWWL, ch. 7; reduce RP from 316 kw to 262 kw max.; 1122' AAT/1045' AG/2011' JUNE, 1984

ASL (969' lower ASL); coordinates 42024' 48.4"/92000124.8" (8.19 miles west of its present TL); TL to 5 miles east of Jessup on Hwy V71. (CP MOD)

OH Lima: WTLW, ch. 44; Granted CP to raise ERP from 904.9 kw to 1243.08 kw max.; 678' AAT/681' AG/1508' ASL (24' higher); same TL.

PA Johnstown: WFAT-TV. ch. 19; this station has been granted several changes, and I'm not sure what its present ERP and HAAT is so there is now way to compare. ERP to 1661.5 kw max.; 1994' AAT/265' AG/3165' ASL: coordinates 40010'53"/79009'04": TL to Pea Vine Hill. 0.35 mile south of Hwy 30. 6 miles southeast of Ligonier. (CP MOD)

CALL LETTER APPLICATIONS: NEW STATIONS STATE/CITY/APPLICANT CH C.L. 69 WDEM FL Hollywood; Whitco Broadcasters 34 KHCT KS Salina: Haynes Communications Z1 KHCA LA Alexandria: Havnes Communic's 25 KWVT TX Waco: Central Texas Bc'g Co.

CALL LETTER APPLICATIONS: CHANGE EXISTING 6 WJKB MT Lansing: WJIM-TV

CALL LETTERS GRANTED: NEW STATIONS

17 WDBB-TV AL Tuscalcosa: Ch. 17 of Tuscal'a 43 KOMT AR Mountain Home: Baxter Broadc'g 64 KFTL CA Stockton; Family Stations, Inc 64 KYYE KS Salina: Salina Television

66 WVTZ MA Marlborough: WGTR-TV 48 KASK-TV NM Las Cruces: KASK. Inc. 35. WYBE PA Philadelphia: Independence

Public Media of Pennsylvania 67 KZET TX Alvin: Four Star Broadcasting

18 KIJN-TV TX Farwell: KKFC 16 WYJE WI Manitowoc; Hiawatha Valley Communications, Inc.

CALL LETTERS GRANTED: CHANGE EXISTING

30 WPBA GA Atlanta: WETV IN Angola; WXJC-TV 63 WBZK

40 WMGM-TV NJ Wildwood: WAAT ("The call letters of the stars.")

16 KONG-TV WA Everett: KONN-TV

(Note: the FCC reversed its decision about granting WPBS to channel 8 in Athens. GA. That station is still WGTV)

CHANGES IN THE TABLE OF CHANNEL ASSIGNMENTS

AL Gulf Shores: add 55z AR Rogers: add 51-

AZ Phoenix: add 45z

CA Big Bear Lake: add 59+

CA Santa Barbara: add \*38z

CO Durango: add 33+

FL Tice: add 49z

KY Ashland: add 50-

NC Raleigh: add 50+

TX Conroe: add 49+

TX Odessa: add 42z

OH Toledo: add 40- (site restriction 15 miles southwest of Toledo to protect WDMA, ch. 36, Toledo. and CBEFT. ch. 54

in Windsor. Ontario.) OK Claremore: add \*35z

OK Tulsa: add \*63z; delete \*35z

VA Ashland: add 651

VA Blacksburg: add 65-

NEW STATIONS ON THE AIR LA WNOL-TV. ch. 38. New Orleans; went on the air 3/25/1984. 5000 kw max. ERP; 1019' AAT/1018' AG/1019' ASL; coordinates 29°58'41"/89°56'26"; TL 0.37 mile southeast of Route 47 & St. Bernard Parish boundary in Chalmette. (originally Cypress Broadcasting Limited Partnership); address: Channel 38 Associates, 1661 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA. 70112.

X Irving; KLTJ, ch. 49; went on the air 4/17/1984. 269.77 kw ERP: 695. AAT/784! AG/1212' ASL: coordinates 320/6'52"/960 48'05": TL First International Building. 1201 Elm Street, Irving. Address: CELA Inc., 1957 East Irving Boulevard, Irving. TX, 75060.

VA Wenatchee; KCWT, ch. 27, went on the air 4/9/1984: 1000 kw max; 1313' AAT/127' AG/ 3847' ASL; coordinates 47019'26"/120013' 55"; TL Jump-Off Ridge, 7 miles SSE of Wenatchee: address: Fred Alan Ross, 32B North Mission, Wenatchee, WI. 98801.

CONSOLIDATED HEARINGS

FL High Springs; ch. 53; High Springs Television, Inc.; Christian Channel/RoMar Communications. Inc.

NV Las Vegas; ch. 15; Way of the Cross of Nevada; Freedom Development Co.; Hispanic Women in Broadcasting; Rebel Broadcasting Corporation: People of the Free, Ltd.; LV Pictures General Partnership: El Monte Negro Television Corporation.



NONCOMMERCIAL TELEVISION STATIONS AND STV Current rules do not allow noncommercial educational stations to provide service on an STV basis, but some public television licensees have petitioned the FCC for waiver of its rules. They stated that STV operations could be used to earn revenues to help support public television. The Temporary Commission on Alternative Financing for Public Telecommunications, which was involved in the commercial advertising on PBS experiment last year, also suggested that STV operation may generate income without interfering with current services.

After studying the idea, the FCC decided not to to go ahead with its idea of unrestricted STV authorization by public television. Section 399B of the Communications Act dictates that remunerative activities of educational stations shall not interfere with their services. To operate on a pay service would denrive educational television to those who could not afford it. Concerned that an authorization of STV operation could result in a wholesale changeover in the public television system, the FCC feels it would not be wise to authorize an overall approval of STV operation by changes it its rules. Instead, it will consider requests from indivisual stations for a waiver of its rules. (ref: Federal Register, 4/19/84)

TELETEXT HPDATE

Up to now teletext has been in the experimental stage. Starting with a large number of incompatible systems all fighting for FCC adoption, the numbers have dwindled to two: The North American Broadcast Teletext Standard (NABTS), which is a hybrid of Telidon and Antiope with other refinements, and the British System. NABTS, supported by CBS. NBC. and PBS. has greater capacity for graphics than the British System. but is more expensive. The British System is much more economical, and within the reach of most city's first commercial TV station, WNHT. of the public financially.

The experiments with teletext dealt with technical refinements, as well as public demand. That is, to determine what types of information is more frequently used by those who have access to teletext. For several months now. CBS and NBC have been transmitting teletext data over their broadcasts. Most of their affiliates have been carrying these signals. The CBS service has been named EXTRAVISION.

Until April 4. 1984, decoders have been unavailable to the general public. But it was on that date that WBTV, channel 3 in Charlotte. North Carolina, became the first station to offer a local commercial teletext service, using a combination of EXTRAVISION and local teletext services, using the NABTS standard. Panasonic is making the decoders. But cost may be the problem. A \$300 decoder is available for television sets which have separate red, green, and blue video signal inputs. But that type of television is very rare in the United States. The other type of decoder. which can operate with the more common type of television. costs \$1.200.

Once again. USA Today's local news section provided information about local television stations. Two articles appeared in the 4/17 issue. In Lincoln, Nebraska. "Native American Communications Corp. will become the first American Indian group to own and operate a commercial TV station. A construction permit will be granted at special ceremonies Wednesday in Washington. D.C. The station is to be completed by 1986." This is the first time I can remember a newspaper referring to a construction permit instead of a license. Maybe there's hope. Then the other article,

#### Birth Announcement

Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting Company and WBTV in Charlotte are proud to announce the birth of the nation's first NABTS teletext magazine combining national and local data into a single new and innovative information service. This important new inclustry, now serving Charlotte area viewers, first came to life at 6 pm on April 4, 1984.

We gratefully acknowledge the pioneering and continuing support of our partners, CBS
EXTRAVISION, \*\* and the solid commitment of the system's developer, Videographic Systems of

We are pleased to add this new service to a long list of programming firsts dating back to 1922 when WRT Radio signed on as the first radio station in the Carolinas and one of the first in the nation.



from Concord. New Hampshire. reads. "The channel 21 - went on the air Monday (4/16/84 -wbf). It's the second commercial station to begin operations in the state in the past year. State total: 3." The other station is of course WNDS, ch. 50 in Derry. The third is WMIR-TV. ch. 9 in Manchester. There are also several educational stations in New Hampshire, but they are part of an FBI sting operation called EDSCAM.

Phil Sullivan confirms. identifying it as "Concord-Manchester." He's receiving a very good signal from Acton, MA, stronger than WNDS, and almost as good as WMUR-TV. WNHT is carrying Cable News Network and Financial News Network

Rich Turcsany also confirms, saying that it is on 18 hours a day with FNN and CNN, along with local news, syndicated programs, and movies in the evenings. He also confirms the signal, at1334 kw horizontal, to be much better than the 5000 kw max. of WNDS.

Rich also got work that WWAC-TV, ch. 53 in Atlantic City, might be revived. It seems that something is happening. I learned that Riggs Financial Corp. is taking over the station in settlement of a three million dollar loan. Let's see what they do with it. Other news: KOFB, ch. 20 in Tacoma, WA, is now airing regularly scheduled programming after testing for a while. It is 100% Christian oriented. Stations due on the air by the fall: WETG, ch. 61. Hartford, CT; WGOT, ch. 60, Merrimack, NH; WFDG. ch. 28, New Bedford. MA; WXXV-TV, ch. 25, Biloxi, MS; WOIO, ch. 19, Shaker Heights, OH; WRGT-TV, ch. 45. Dayton, OH; WTLL, ch. 63. Richmond, VA (to be Christian-oriented); WJKA, ch. 26, Wilmington. NC (to be CBS); KDTU. ch. 18, Tucson. AZ. Other news: WHCT, ch. 18 in Hartford, CT, is still under control of Faith Center. Inc.

He has the new call letters of ch. 66 in Marlborough. MA as WVTX instead of WVTZ. WIXI-TV, ch. 61 in Greensboro. NC. went on the air 3/5/84 with all-music video format, using live "VJ's." WVEU. ch. 69 in Atlanta, GA, is doing the same, now that it dropped STV. WFBN, ch. 66 in Joliet, IL. is also dropping STV. and will go to an all-independent format this fall. WQTV, ch. 68 in Boston. MA. will drop FNN on 5/7 and replace it with movies and syndicated programs and NMC programs dropped by WEZ-TV. ch. 4.

Bill Draeb had a few questions about a report from George Rogers, which had KPRY-TV. ch. 4 in Pierre. SD. as changed from NBC to ABC. That would mean that KABY-TV, ch. 9 in Aberdeen, SD. and KSFY-TV. ch. 13 in Sioux Falls. SD. also changed. I have no record of that change yet. but keep an eye out on that, and anybody else who gets KPRY-TV in on a skip opening let me know what network affiliation you see, whether it is ABC or NBC. George Rogers also listed XEFB. Monterey, Mexico, on ch. 2 instead of ch. 3. That could very well be. Two years ago I got a microfiche list of television stations, which showed the Mexican government proposing to delete ch. 3 in Monterey and replace it with 2+ and 4-. despite FCC objections. It looks like they are trying to squeeze one more VHF channel in. So if XEFB moved to channel 2, look for another Mexican station to start up on channel 4 in Monterey. KXTX-TV. formerly owned by the Christian Using a field strength meter, Bill reports

that the signal of WXGZ-TV. ch. 32 in Appleton. WI. is slightly stronger than WLRE. ch. 26 in Green Bay. WPNE, ch. 38 in Green Bay. is noticably weaker than 32 and 26. (One correction from last month, by the way. George Rogers asked about a list of addresses suppliers, who will pay the station to have of television stations, not a list of the stations themselves. And another book that has addresses of United States television stations is the SRDS Spot Data book, aimed at potential advertisers. Although I have seen this book, and one for United States radio stations, at several libraries, only in the Philadelphia Library did I see SRDS books for Canadian television and radio stations. They exist, but are rare.)

Ronald Purdue went to Arizona on vacation, and noticed that KNXV-TV. ch. 15 in Phoenix. is no longer carrying ON-TV STV service. (By the way. Ron, note the KXLT application to increase the ERP from their original Construction permit, so it looks as if they're still trying to get KXLT on the air some day. But with that meager power, there might not be too many who will be able to get it in, even if they would want to watch it. I hope they do better in their Delaware application)

William W. Munsil, a ham TV operator in Yarnell, Arizona, got a sample copy of the VUD. He mentioned that ham TV operators are running live TV between 420 and 450 HHz in the UHF band. Also on 1.2 and 2.3 GHz. I remember the TV Guide promo two months ago made a reference to ham TV along with the WTFDA.

W.R. Ecintosh writes about FIG., ch. 46 in Ontario, CA. Although the station's schedule

is not in any local listings, it is apparently on 24 hours. Programming is predominantly religious with emphasis on Roman Catholicisn KiHS started programming April 21, 1984.
Another letter from <u>Bill Draeb</u> questioned the change in call letters of ch. 22 in Hattiesburg, MS. In the 5/84 VUD, I listed a change from WiHT to WHLT. I think that change should be correct as stands. I suspect it stood for Laurel-Hattiesburg Television, and they decided to give Hattiesburg preeminence over Laurel, hence the change to WHLT. But one mistake he found: ch. 22 in Waterloo, IA, should be KTCG, not LTCG.

Charles George sent in an article from the 4/24/84 Dallas Morning News about KLTJ. ch. 49 in Dallas, Texas. Although the article (whenever it was written) said it was supposed to go on the air that day, Charles reported that it came on 4/18. The station is owned by Eldred Thomas, a Baptist minister, and is a Christian television station. The call letters stand for "Keep Looking to Jesus." Thomas is also responsible for starting KVTT (FM) (91.7 MHz), a Christian radio station which operates 24 hours. KLTJ will also operate 24 hours with a mixture of locally produced programming and satellite programming from the Trinity Broadcasting Network. Thomas saw a need to start another Christian television station in Dallas after KXTX-TV, channel 39, started becoming more secular. Broadcasting Network, now the CBN Continental Broadcasting Network, had been trying to play down its Christian image, and was quite successful when its 1981 advertising campaign included Wonder Woman billboards. Operating costs of KLTJ will be covered by program their programs aired. Eldred Thomas says that he is intolerant of the type of television preacher who spends more time soliciting donations than he does preaching. He says, "I'm sensitive about this. Religious organizations have not done the necessary policing in taking care of these abuses. It's disghusting, the money-raising tactics that some people use. When giving is completely voluntary, and not coerced, then it's a good thing."

Ron Greening sent some information from WXGZ-TV. ch. 32 in Appleton-Green Bay, WI. Much of the information was already reported last month, but there are a few more notes. The first official air date of WXGZ-TV was 3/7/1984 at 6:00 a.m. CST. The transmitter was brought up to full power the previous day. Apparently they now have all the bugs out of the system.

New member <u>Dave</u> <u>Jones</u>, an electrical engineer from <u>Dayton</u>. Ohio. clipped an article from the <u>Dayton</u> Daily News, 4/13/84. This article, while mentioning those two words which are foreign to the functional vocabulary of the press (i.e., "construction permit"), still treats it as synonymous with "license." Anyway, there had been three competing applications for a "license" for ch. 45 in Dayton: Sinder Broadcasting, Dayton Telecasting (a Pittsburgh-based firm), and

Channel 45 Company. The FCC granted a construction permit to Sinder in 1983, but Dayton Telecasting bought them out, as well as Channel 45 Company. The station will be an independent station, with movies and syndicated programs, and local shows in a format similar to WXIX-TV, ch. 19 in Cincinnati Ohio. Dayton hadn't had an independent station since WKTR went off in 1971.

TELEVISION NEWS - page 5

Greg Monti sent in an article from the 5/4/84 Arlington Journal, strictly of nostalgic value, which I enjoy, and I know some others in the club also enjoy. (By the way, I'm still planning on starting up the RETROSPECT series, but with the recent nine-pagers, work on the translator list. and the upcoming heavy-reporting issues of the VUD, it probably won't appear until the November issue.) The article goes into the history of WTTG, channel 5 in Washington. D.C. The station first went on the air on May 10. 1945 as experimental station W3XWT. beaming test signals from DuMont laboratories to 100 television sets in the area. The station became WTTG on 1/1/1947. Back in 1950 it ran a program called TV Disc Jockey, which was similar to American Bandstand. Then there was Captain Video, with his Video Rangers, Mook the Moon Man. Dr. Pauli, the villainous leader of the Astroidal Society (Before you laugh too hard at the science fiction serials of yesteryear. be advised that the scientific accuracy of such films as Star Wars and Star Trek are no better. If anything, they are more inexcusable.). In 1948. WTTG started broadcasting the home games of the Washington Senators from Griffith Stadium. ( And here we are 36 years later, and the Senators are still playing games, howbeit not in the stadium.)

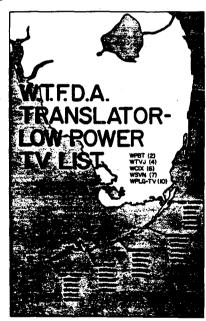
John Combs is working on a big project: indexing every active television station and translator on a home computer. (Tom Yingling is doing something like that, also.) John wants to know where to get coordinates for all these stations. Unfortunately, the Television Factbook, while listing translators, does not give their coordinates. But the Department of Commerce's National Technical Information Service, provides microfiche. If anybody in the WTFDA needs current information on a few stations, such as antenna height, power, or coordinates, I will be glad to help. If you would like to get a microfiche list from the NTIC (AM stations; FM stations; TV Broadcast stations; TV Translator stations; plus many other lists), let me know.

A short note from George Mileon, in Lynn, MA. WQTV. ch. 68 in Boston, dropped FNN and is now showing old syndicated programs during the day. WSTG. ch. 64, still on only a few hours during the day.

Steven Sprachman saw the 1984 TV Factbook in his local library. It sists the proposed changes is WMHT, ch. 68, and WSNL, ch. 67. in the New York area. WWHT's coverage should expand. while WSNL's will be reduced. He also included some clippings from the New York Times on television in Iraq and Israel,

which I will save for next month. While everybody has been asking. Where's the beef?" I found where it was: in my mailbox. I received a report from the CATO Institute, dealing with cable television, and they are steaming mad about cable TV regulation. According to a study, done by Clint Bolick. "This dynamic medium has been subject to the most pervasive regulation at every level of government of any medium in American communications history." Cable TV is looked on as a "natural monopoly," since nearly every community allows only one cable company to operate within its borders. This results in heavy regulation by local governments to minimize the harmful effects of a noncompetitive situation. But is it really a monopoly when it has to compete with MDS. DBS. SMATV. STV. and other current trends in the video market? Meanwhile, municipal regulations result in higher costs, and services which the subscribers don't really want.

COMING ON TO A DX CLUB NEAR YOU!



The WTFDA TTANSLATOR-LOW POWER TV LIST is now being worked on. Many of you have had questions about translators which I have been unable to answer because of outdated information.

This will be the latest word in translators. If it isn't listed here, it isn't translating. The list will include ERP visual, primary station, input channel, source of signals, construction permits. LPTV licenses and permits are also included.

Fred McCormack Box 5221 State University Sta. Fargo, ND 58105

June 1984

Deadline: 6-8-84

All indications are that the DX season has not yet started in the western states. at least not in the northern half. Even though the weather has finally become what might be called seasonal, the expected improvement in tropo conditions apparently has not occurred. and certainly has not occurred at this OTH.

I have in recent days noted what was likely Es, including a few minutes of Spanish on channel 2, but nothing that could be identified. I assume there will have been some good

openings by the time this is read, so send in those reports!

New New Mode Tent. - t Unidentified - unid S/On - + S/Off - = ID Color Bars - @ Unid Color Bars - % IHTP - @ Misc. Test Patterns - &

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-4990 pre-amplifier at 28' above ground level.

February 1984			9 tr 1611	KELO	11 SD	217	18 tr 2021 WLRE	26 WI 222
7 tr 1547 WLRE	26 WI	222					23 tr 2133 KCBR	17 IA 178
			March 1984					26 NE 257
1633 KCBR	17 IA	178	16 tr 1515	WXGZ	32 WI	219	25 tr 0728 @WSC0	
1637 KSFY	13 SD	217	(New	static	n - 20	kHz)	0733 K14AI	) 14 IA 69
9 tr 1602 KSFY	13 SD	217	18 tr 2019	<u>wsco</u>	14 WI	219	(Decorah	KYIN-24)

Sorry for the late report! It looks like DX is off to another "slow" start again this year, with below normal temperatures for the latter part of April, and with a snowstorm in progress as I write this. (We might be heading into another "Ice Age"!) But anyhow, now on with the DX news.

It looks like L.E.O. Broadcasting did not renew their CP for KXLT-47 in Rochester.

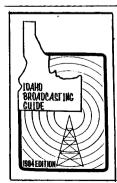
Instead, L.E.O. filed applications for three LPTV channels in Rochester.

Last month, I bagged three new stations in Iowa and Wisconsin. It looks like WXGZ-32 in Appleton, Wisconsin is very hard to watch, here near Byron, during tropo openings. WSCO-14 in Suring, Wisconsin is even more difficult to watch during the best tropo opening!

In regard to the comments you (The editor. fm) made in the March VUD about my Radio Shack Color Computer 2 interference troubles, it does create quite a QRM problem, primarily from channels 2 - 6, with less of a problem from channels 7 - 13. Some computer magazines give useful hints on shielding, etc. (I wonder if anybody in the club can give me useful ideas?)

I hope that next month the DX will start rolling in, but I doubt it! So, see you in 30 and Good DX!

(Nice going with the new loggings! Let us know if you find any good fixes for computer interference to television. Also, are you sure about KXLT-47's CP being canceled? My latest information is that they have filed for a modification to the permit for 45.6 kW and 340' HAAT at a new site. fm)



The first edition of the IDAHO BROADCASTING GUIDE is now available. The guide is a 30 page booklet covering the AM, FM and TV stations of Idaho.

Information contained consists of call letters, frequency, power, format, network, schedule, address, phone number and owners. Each station section is followed by station location maps and also included are two cross reference sections, one by call letters and one by frequency.

The guide is available for \$3.40 inside North America and for outside of North America send 13 IRCs. Prices include postage and handling. Make checks or money orders payable to Frank Aden. Jr. Send to PO BOX 66352, Portland OR 97266 USA.



TV-QSL

Thomas J. Yingling, jr. 221 Pinewood Road Baltimore. MD 21222

COLUMBUS TELEVISION, INC. P.O. BOX 12289/6140 BUENA VISTA ROAD COLUMBUS. GEORGIA 31995 404/561-3838

Tannery 24 1984

Jim Pazzi P.O. Box 1778 Lovington, N.M. 88260

Dear Mr. Pezzi:

It is our belief at WLTZ that you did in fact, receive our station signal in New Mexico. You were correct that on the date and time specified, we were televising the program, "Kung Fu."

We at ULTZ like to believe our signal carries to Lovington, New Mexicolet's see our VWF competition beat that!

If I can be of further service, please feel free to contact me here at WLTZ. "Powerhouse of the South"!

Operations Manager

RR/ps

Mr. Marhaniel Ely 1237 East Johnson Street Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Flease let this letter serve as verification of the fact that you were able to receive our signal. I see in the process of laying out some OSL Card Formats so that I can have them printed. With having to deal with all the little problems that arise with putting a new station on the sir. I haven't been able to devote as much time to the more pleasant tasks as I would like.

Here is some information about our station:

Lat 39° 53' 12" Long 86° 12' 7" Lat 39° 47' 11" Long 86° 9' 27" Xatr Coord Studio

Transmitter:

RCA TTU-110C Output Power Visual 110 KW Aural 11 KW

Antenna:

RCA TFU-25G Omnidirectional w/radome Ant. Specs: Ht. Ut. Gein 44½° 3.4 Tons

Tomer:

980°, Solid steel legs, triangular X Section 74' Face

Our ERP is 2,090,000 Watts Visual 209,000 Watts Aural Ht. above average terrain is 1028'

As soon as I get cards printed, I will send you one.

Thank you for your interest. Director of Engineering

This month is all tv qsl with copies of the verificationletter. Since my supply is low this month is just TV QSL copies. lst one is:

WLTZ-TV channel 38 Columbus, GA. address is: P. O. Box 12289. 6140 Buena Vista Road, Columbus, GA 31995. Letter from R.C. Bartlett, Operations Manager. reporter: Jim Pizzi Not had catch!! Just about 1000 miles. 2nd qsl copy is: WPDS-TV channel 59 Indiandpolis. IN. address is: 1440 N. Meridan St., Indianpolis, IN 46202. Letter from Jim Borgioli, Dir. of Eng. reporter: Nathaniel Ely 3rd qsl copy is: KXTX-TV channel 39 Dallas, TX address is: 3900 Hines Blvd.

P. O. Box 19307, Dallas, TX 75219. Letter from Roger Baerwolf, Vice Pres. & Gen. Man. reporter: Nathaniel Elv Not bad catch again!! at 820 miles

I hope these copies come out okay when printed. Next month copies of FM QSLs. I hope some more items are send in soon, as I am very low on items to type up. Remember you can send me your qsl & I will send back, 731-

You will not loose your qsl!

kxtx

October 27, 1983

Mathemiel Ely 1237 E. Johnson St. #2 Hadison, Wi. 55703

The programming that you have described in your letter is our lineup at that time. Thank you for your letter and we hope that this will halp to confirm the reception that you reclaved on July 7th.

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### EASTERN TV-DX

William J. Draeb Ellis St. R.R.#2 Kewaunee Wi 54216

June 1984

Deadline: 1st

It looks like E-skip has made it's return for the 84 season even in the northern latitudes. Tropo activity seems to be going nowhere though with all the rotten weather. Something else that has returned is John Combs. Welcome back!

#### John F. Combs: 2485 Ivan Ct., Orlando, FL 32807 EST

April 1984 April	1984 April	1984
6 Es 1810 unid-2 15 Tr	0845 W27??-27 FL 78 20 Tr	0254 WMT_4 I.A 536
1820 WDIV-4 MI 967	W56BG-56 FT. 55	New Orleans
Detroit Es	1915 chs-2-4	WVIIE-8 LA t
1829 WSTM-3 NY 1033	1950 unid=4 SS	0756 WLBT-3 MS 597
Syracuse 18 Tr	2325 WXGA-8 GA 198	Jackson
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break at work!	WMBB-13 FL 266	Lake Charles
7 Es 1810 KDFW-+ TX 973	2337 WTVY-4 AL t	0806 WGNO-26 LA 531
Dallas	#ILDU⇔TT LP 573	New Orleans
1825 KGBT-1 TX 1028 19 Tr	0637 WDHN-18 AL 303	0817 WLPB-27 LA 609
Harlingen	Dothan	Baton Rouge
1826 <u>KXAS-5 TX 9</u> 73	0639 WECA-27 FL 223	0820 Unided-39; no idea
Ft. Worth	Tallahassee	08 <b>26 <u>wmah-19 ms</u> 48</b> 4
1833 <u>KTVY-4 OK</u> 1063	W29AB-29 FL 72	Biloxi
Oklahoma City	WKAB-32 AL t	0827 Unided-42
1858 <u>KPRC-2 TX</u> 861	0640 WIWC-40 FL 224	2330 WTSG-31 GA 245
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1900 <u>KIII-3 TX</u> 996	0642 WLTZ-38 GA 343	Miami(thru local)
Corpus Christi	0644 WJHG-7 FL 279	2337 W21AB-21 FL 97
Tr 2005 WMBB-13 FL 266	WMBB-13 FL 266	2339 WJCL-22 GA 240
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15 Tr OSLO WIRN_17 RT. 102	MBBT_22 IA 600	0612 WRIA_27 SC +
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The prodigal DXer returneth! Actually, I had never totally abandoned interest in the hobby; I merely had to give up my all-consuming passion for it as it was taking up so much of my time. I stopped keeping logs and totals, had no antennas al all up for several years, and made no organized attempt to monitor conditions. From time to time, I would stumble upon an Es opening and watch for a short while to see if I could I.D. anything, but that was about the extent of it. I'm getting back into DXing now, but on a much more limited scale I'm now married, to a medical technologist, and have to consider her sensibilities and needs more than my own. If and when I have free time I will check conditions and see if I can make some loggings, but I have nowhere near the time or money to devote to DXing that I did in my younger days. So if you were in on a boffo opening, and don't see any loggings for that date in my report, you know why.

I have started my log and totals over again from square one due to the lapse of several years. I only have rudimentary equipment right now; a large VHF log (think it's an old Radio Shack model) up at about 20' and a 4 bay UnF at about 25'. I do not have a rotor yet, which does tend to make things fun (currently using the time honored "Arm-strong" method for turning the antennas). The 12 only decent receiver I currently have is a 5" B&W(try photographing off of

Eastern TV-DK Combs; continued-- June 1981 that 1). Still, I have been blessed with some good loggings in the early stages of my "revival" to-wit.

Forgive me if some calls may be old ones...I am just starting to gather updated information. I'm using a Commodore 64 to keep logs and calculate distances (and for many non-DX purposes, tool). Don't have an exact distance on WNOL-38 and I do not have their coordinates. Nothing like that good Gulf trope to stirup interest in DX again! Had some good trope to 80 area a few weeks ago, but loggings would be rather dated by now, so I started more current.

Good signal on WHRO-15 in Tidewater, VA (Norfolk). A program on acid rain was being aired.

William W. Munsil. N7AOU Ham TV. P.O. Box 906, Yarnell. AZ 85362
Just got a sample VUD. Thought I'd drop you a note and let you know about ham TV. Live UHF TV below ch. 14. Our guys are running live TV between 420 and 450 Mgs. Also 1.2 & 2.3 ghs. (Hope you join the club Bill, we need some more reports from that part of the country.-wd)

George Bogers: 320 Lafayette Rd., Chickenauga, GA30707 EST
Here is my report for the Eastern TV-DX column. The Es season has started
early down here with good openings to Texas on the 6th and to the Midwest on
the lith. Equipmen: 12" Zenith portable No. ET-120-X and 1977 Radio Shack VHF
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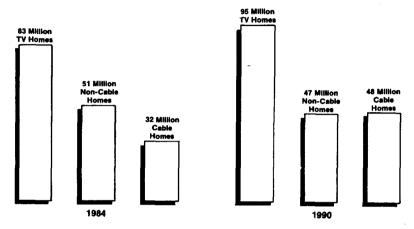
how I can obtain a book of the addresses of all the TV stations in the U.S. Canada and Mexico and how much it would cost. Heres to a good Es season. (Bill Fahber answered your question in the May VUD. I can't think of any more to add to it.-wd) It's nice to have John Combs back even though he's married and has less time to DX. Perhaps, in a few years, after the novelty of his marriage wears off, the cartoon on page 35 of the Mar. 1973 VUD may best show his interest in DXing. Hi!-wd.

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June 1984

Dear Fellow Di'ers.

I just received a report from Channel Master as to the current marketplace in the antenna industry. I will try to capsulize their findings. Shown below are bar-graphs of the antenna business as it stands now and a projection for 1990. A tabulation of the data follows in table form.



	Total TV	Cable	Homes Passed	Homes Not	Homes Not
	Households	Homes	By Cable	Buying Cable	Passed By Cable
1984	83	32	62	51	21
	million	million	million	million	million
1990	95	48	81	47	14
	million	million	million	million	million

The reason that these figures are important to us as DX'ers is that they show a continuing market demand for antennas thereby insuring that product at reasonable prices will continue to be available for many years. Those of you who recall my first few columns might remember my picture of gloom and doom for the antenna industry. Although they are not experiencing the rapid growth they once did, the above forecasts are quite welcome news.

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FOR SALE

Although the VUD has the Station Break column for listing used equipment for sale, the following is a special case. From time to time I run across a party who has a bunch of oddball stuff they couldn't sell locally. Listed below is such a bunch. It is all new and in the original boxes unless noted. I don't really feel that it is an advertisement as such since it is not intended to make a profit for anyone, it is without a doubt a loosing situation for the seller. If you want any of it, just mail me a check and indicate what it is that you want and I'll ship it to you.

O+ **	Model	Description Original Retail Price	o /Now Price
	AC9260	75 ohm Winegard Chromstar Preamp for channels 2-6 includes power supply. Does not include housing.	
2	AC9730	as above except for channels 7-13	\$78/\$19.00
1	AC9130	as above except for all Vhf (2-13 plus fm) low noise-high gain	\$78/\$25.00
2	AT1000	Winegard Directional Indoor Antenna (20/20 series) (Vhf-Uhf does not work well on fm)	\$39/\$18.00
5	AT2000	as above but includes rotor	\$89/\$28.00
1	AT5000	AT1000 with lampole style mounting fixture Box has been opened but everything's there	\$45/\$19.00
10	CF2300	Winegard Chromstar Vhf Terminal Boards - 75 ohm	\$7.50/3.50
10	CF8300	as above except Vhf-Uhf	\$10.75/4.50
1	FM340	Winegard Indoor 300 ohm FM Booster (120 volts)	\$40/\$15.00
1	FM3400	Improved Version of above	\$4 /\$18.00
7	FM2400	Winegard Indoor FM Antenna (NOT amplified) 75 ohm	\$43/\$19.00
1	HPF-54	Winegard High-pass Filter - 75 ohm filters everthing below chan. 2	\$21/\$9.00
1	LS475C	Winegard 4-way 75-ohm splitter	\$23/\$10.00

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Sale Equipment (cont.)

2 VC7500 Winegard Converter 75 ohm \$104/\$35.00 converts Vhf low-band, mid-band, high-band, and super-band all to Uhf frequencies

2 CA5030 RMS Vhf 75 ohm 4-way distribution amplifiers \$36/\$14.00 10db gain

4283-2 Jerrold 300 ohm preamp rebuilt in sealed package \$15.00 with power supply no specs available

The seller will pay shipping charges on all items! Such a deal.

If you want any more details. I have specs on most of this stuff.

#### MORE PREAMP THEORY

Last month we discussed noise figure and gain specifications of preamps. This month we will discuss maximum input and passband.

When turning up the volume on a piece of audio equipment ( a portable radio for instance) you reach a point where the sound is quite loud, but any further increase of the volume control results in a great distortion of the sound. This is the point where the amplifier section in the radio has received its' maximum input. To get even more basic think of this: When pouring water from a coffee can into a pop bottle a point is reached where if you poured any faster, water would start to spill over the edges of the bottle. This is the point of maximum input. Where does the surplus water go? Wherever it wants! Such is the case with preamps. At a certain signal level, the amplifier has taken all it can take. Any more signal goes wherever it wants to, almost always in the form of a distorted signal. If you have for instance a strong local channel, it may overload your amplifier to a point where its' picture shows up on several other channels. Not good! Coupled with other strong tv/fm signals, are all the strong signals that are not even in the band of frequencies you are receiving: PSB, Shortwave, Ham, BCB, CB, etc. These signals too can cause overload if they are allowed to enter the preamp. For this reason, the band of frequencies which a preamp will pass is usually specified ie. Whf only, Whf Hi-band only, FM only, etc. What would be the cat's meow would be to have an amplifier allowing only that signal through which you are trying to receive at the moment. Dream on! The next best thing is to use a preamp with a very high maximum input and with filters built in to take out all non-TV/FM signal before it reaches the amplifier circuitry. The problem with trying to compare different amplifiers with each other in these areas is that there is no standard way by which manufacturers rate their products. For instance, if a manufacturer states that his product's maximum input is 56,000 microvolts, does that mean you can have 1 channel present with that amount of signal or can you use the product if you have 5 local channels with 56,000 microvolts each? As far as the passband goes, if a manufacturer has a preamp designed for channel 2 and up, how much 6-meter ham signal does it allow through? Does it attenuate it 2db or 20db? These are for the most part unanswerable questions although the engineering departments of the various manufacturers can often tell you. Another thing, do you really know how strong your local signals are? Probably not. Anyway, it still pays to look hard at the specs presented in the catalogs although I wouldn't hold them as gospel. As a point of interest, the Channel Master Spartan 2 series of preamps all have strong trapping for all out-of-band signals and the maximum input figures shown allow for 2 channels to be that strong or 5 channels of half that strength. Also, many preamps have optional (switchable) FM traps built in with some of them also being tuneable to zero in on a particularly bothersome local channel.(station)

Next month we will discuss the rest of the typical preamp specifications. For people who DX with a Sony Walkman, check out the magazine article listed this month on human arms as antennas. Wierd. Thanks for reading.



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ME Houlton WRNE \*89.1 on every day 7 am to 10 pm. Did not delete when Ricker College folded but "the station is still alive and is now run by Houlton High School. Station manager is Jim Rothsford and the station is still a mighty 10 watts. Format is a mixed-beau high school mish-mash." I am checking out several 10-w stations believed to be deleted. The fate of higher-power KSTI \*90.1 Springfield SD is in question, as the U-SD at Springfield closes at the end of this school year. See "Deletions." OK Madiil KMAD-FM 102.3 3000 h.v. 230'

MEXICG Ciuded Obregon XHFL \$. Lm 90.5 25.-000 and XHHB 94.7 mono L (Mexico info. is courtesy John Jefferson)

#### Slogans, NonIDs

IN Hammond WYCA 92.3 Praise 92, 1Ds with Chiczgo IL MI Novi WOVI \*89.5 Wo-Vi. 50-70s r NY New York WPLJ 95.5 Hit Radio 95 OH Cleveland WLTF 106.5 106%

OH Toledo WIOT 104.7 The Rocker-104 OR Portland KKRZ 100.3 Z-100. r PA Harrisburg WSFM 99.3 WS-FM99 PA Nanticoke WMJW 92.1 Music-92

SD Sisseton KBWS 102.9 B-103 (seems strict) PR San Juan WZNT 93.7 Zeta 93, simulcast on WA-EL-FM 96.1 Mayaguez, except WZNT is \$tereo and V. AEL-FM is monaural, middle of road. Off the Air

WA Seattle KRAB \*107.7, hoping to return to an educational frequency; 107.7 to be commercial. PR Arecibo WNIK-FM 106.5 PR San Juan AFCN \*90.5

Deletions CA Happy Camp K280BK 103.9 (same station as K2808 K \* 103.9 Cave Jct. OR-Happy Camp CA) CA West Sacramento KWHS \*91.7

CO Colorado Springs KAFA \*89.7-telephone operator had no listing for and Base Command had no knowledge of

ID Pocatello KBG L \*89.5, deleted several years! IA Cedar Rapids KWMR \*88.9 KS Great Bend KBJC \*91.9, off air four years! MA Newbury WOLI \*88.7 deleted seven

NY Dix Hills WHHJ \*88.9 SD Garden City KEJA \*89.3, replaced by KDSD-FM \*90.9 Pierpont-Aberdeen, Now, Fred Mc-

Cormack, you won't have to try for KEJA! SD Springfield KST1 \*90.1-college folding, and station turning in license. TX Brownsville K280AY 103.9 (presumed deleted; "no longer operating"; primary station on 100.3 in Brownsville now KTXF (x-KDUV), VA Lynchburg WWLC \*90.3, MEXICO San Luis 106.3. Most of these from calls to schools

of stations believed deleted; may be more nextmo!

SCA---67 kHz

CA San Francisco KIOI 101.3 1X (translators!) KEAR \*106.9 music (and on all their / Ks Hays KJLS 103.3 †X (dropping music) MD Ocean City WQHQ 104.7 no SCA (was music) NY New York WLTW 106,7 1X (Dataspeed); as on KLVE 107.5 Los Angeles, KUED-FM \*88.5 San Francisco: WBMX 102.7 Oak Park IL.

PA Blairsville WCQ 0 106.3 1X SD Pierpont-Aberdeen KDSD \*90.9 and Rapid City SD KBHE-FM \*89.3 have MN Talking Book SCA VA Norfolk WNVZ 104.5 no SCA PR Aquadilla WIVA 100.3 music PR Bayamon WXYX 100.7 tmusic (same as on WIVA

and WZAR 101.9 Ponce) PR Faiardo WDOY 96.5 †X PR Guayama WSRA 106.9 tTM (WXRF AM)

DR Alto Banders HILR 105.5 sports and special events (occasional audio)

DR Santo Domingo HIJP-FM 95.1 (not 94.9?) has HIJP-AM 6 am to 11 pm deily, 1TM DR Santo Domingo HIXZ 99.5 music DR San Francisco HIBI 101.9 (given as 102.3) sports and special events (occasional audio)

NS Sydney, p. 67, should be in boldface. Facilities' Changes

CA El Cajon KECR 93.3 1800 h,v; 1885' CO Boulder KBCO 97.3 100000 h.v: 1550'. directional antenna (into Rockies?)

reduces coverages to 31, 70 miles FL Cocoa Beach WCKS 101.1 1600' (100000) FL Havana WHFL 104.9 1100 h,v; 460', m. FL Pensacola WJLQ 100.7 1600' (100000h,v) GA Newman WRNG 96.7 700 h,v; 560', red-

uces coverages to 14, 44 miles IL Freeport WXXQ 98.5 50000 h.v (400') KS Garden City KBUF-FM 97.3 100000h,v:/ KY Erlanger WHKK 100.9 1270 h.v; 470' LA Slidell WAIL 105.3 940' (100000 h.v) ME Portland WMG X 93.1 470' (50000 h.v) ME Waterville WMHB \*90.5 110 h,v (90')

duces coverages to 21, 68 km NY Brooklyn WKRB \*103.1 (from 90.9: this time it must be for real!); has \$tereo

NC Salisbury WRDX 106.5 100000h,v; 1000' OK Oklahoma City KATT-FM 100.5 1190' (100000 h.v)

TN Nashville WZEZ 92.9 75000 h,v; 1050'

TX Diboll KIPR 95.5 100000 h.v: 520' TX El Paso KEZB 93.9 96000 h,v; 1210' TX Freer KAVA 95.9 190 h,v; 465' TX Gilmer KNIF 95.3 1000 h,v; 500'

TX San Marcos KEYI 103.5 1265' (100000hv) VA Bluefield WBDY-FM 106.3 220 h,v; 1120' Rivers WI)

AL Tuscaloosa 95.7 WFFX (WUOA) AR Conway 92.7 KTOD-FM (not KTOD) CA India 92.7 KCMJ-FM CA Visalia 92.9 KNTN (KONG-FM) 97.1 KSEO GA Dawson 92.1 WAZE (WHIA), rock HI Hilo 94.7 KWXX Hi Hanolulu 98.5 KHHH HI Kailua 96.3 KRTR (KSHO-FM: affects / HI Pukalani 98.3 KMVI"-FM" ID Roise 105.9 KCIX

ID Idaho Falls 103 3 KETZ IL Mount Zion 99.3 WXFM (WLVQ) IL Peoria 105.7 WOTF (WWCT) IL Woodstock 105.5 WXET (WXRD) IN Kendaliville 93.3 WBTU (WAWK-FM) IN North Vernon 106.1 WINN (WNVI-FM)

FMistakes (FM Atlas errors) R.C. Penticton p. 64 should be in bold face

AK Petersburg KFSK \*100.9 2000 h.v; 480' CA Sacramento KSKK 105.1 500' (50000 h,v)

CT New Britain WRCH 100.5 10000 h,v; 1105',

IL Springfield WONA \*88.3 800 h.v (95') [800'

MI Detroit WJZZ 105.9 22000 h.v; 725' MS Laurei WNSL 100.3 100000 h.v 740' NY Babylon WBAB 102.3 3000 h.v: 235', re-

NY Poughkeepsie WPDH 101.5 4400 h,v (1540')

TN La Foliette WQLA 104.9 900 h,v; 565'; k TX Brownwood KPSM 99.3 800 h,v; 450'; adds

Stereo: rocks

TX Mc Kinney KMMK 95.3 165' (3000 h.v) WI Manitowoc WOTC-FM 102.3 (from Two

WI Stevens Point WWSP \*89.8 3600 h.v: 230' PR Aguada WRFE 105.5 3000 h,v (980'), coverages 25, 60 miles for PR Class A, compared with 15, 46 for domestic Class As.

Call Letters **ICFJC** 

IN South Bend 101.5 WNSN (WTHQ) IA Oskalonsa 104.9 KOSK (KBOE-F.A) I A Dakdale 104.9 KICR-FM (KGBM-FM) LA Tioga 98.3 KISY MN Golden Valley 92.5 KQRS-FM (KQRS) NC Asheboro 92.3 WRLT (WCSE) OH Cambridge 96.7 WCMJ (WILE-FM) OR Cave Junction 102.7 KIVF-FM (not KIVR) TX Childress 95.9 KQA! TX Dallas \*90.1 KERA (not KERA-FM) TX Greenville 93.5 KGVL-FM (KIKT) TX Mexia 104.9 KYCX-FM (KYCX) WA Moses Lake 99.3 KDRM (KSEM-FM) WA Yakima 99.3 KAJR) WV Buckhannon 93.5 WBTQ WI Wausau 107.9 WYCO (WXCO-FM) WY Evanston 106.3 KOTB PR Ponce 101.1 WMTT VI Charlotte Amalie 100.3 WSTX-FM

Formats/Networks AL Anniston WHMA-FM 100.5 beautiful mus. AL Clanton WEZZ 97.7 k[ountry music] AL Demopolis WNAN 106.3 k AL Sheffield WBTG 106.3 Mutual AL York WSLY 99.3 r[ock] AZ Bisbee KZMK 92.1 r Bullhead City KRHS-FM 102.7 Mutual. / Sierra Vista KTAZ 100.9 k AR Clarksville KLYR-FM 92.7 r AR Clinton KHPQ 92.1 r AR Harrison KCWD 96.7 E (ABC-Entertain.) AR Paragould KDXY 104.9 kr Pine Bluff KADL 94.9 k Harrison KHOZ-FM 1029 S (AP Audio) Wynne KWYN-FM 92.7 m CA Arcadia KXGO 93.1 r[ock] KAHS -95.1 r Big Bear Lake KTOT 101.7 k(ountry)

Thousand Oaks KNJO 92.7 rm; UPI net. CA Walnut Creek KINQ 92.1 UPI network CO Eagle KGMJ 101.5 k, NBC CO Oak Creek KFMU 103.9 rp + translator CO Pueblo KCCY 97.9 k. KVUU 99.9 b CO Steamboat Springs KSBT 96.7 rock CO Wray KROZ 98.3 rock and country (rk) CO Greeley KGRE 92.5 k CO Montrose KWDE 96.1 rock | er CFRO DE Georgetawn WSEA 93.5 rock\* 102.7 pj GA Camilla WOFF 105.5 rock GA Brunswick WGIG 100.7 k] ountry GA Elberton WWRK 92.1 rock NB Saint John GA Metter WHCG 104.9 rock CBD-FM 91.3 GA Springfield WGEC 103.9 g[ospel] talk\_ GA Swainsburu

WJAT-FM 98.3 rock GA Statesboro WVGS \*107.7 ABC-Enetwork ID Blackfoot KBLI-FM 97.7 rock 1D Grangeville KORT-FM 92.7 k, Y (ABC Con) ID Orofino KLER-Fm 95.3 k ID Pocatello KPKY 94.9 rm

KRBU 102.5 beautiful music (b)
IL Alton WZEN 100.3 s, Z-100 PQ Quebec IL Clinton WHOW-FM 95.9 m ICKIK98.9 b IL Esst Moline WLLR 101.3 Mutual Quebec IL Fermer City WZRO 98.3 rock | CBVE IL Galesburg WVKC \*90.5 Mutual 1104.7 nt IL Godfrey WLCA \*89.9 U (news-IL Taylorville WTJY 92.7 k IL Virden WRVI 96.7 km SA Saskatoon IN Huntington WVSH \*91.9 UT CHSK \*89.7 Indianapolis WJEL \*89.3 sr; classical and Lebanon WNON 100.9 k ethnic Muncie 104,9 to be b Rensselaer WLQI 97.7 rock KY Albany WANY-FM 106.3 rk

FCC-FM KY Stanford WRSL-FM 95.9 k LA Bovce KBCE 102.3 Z net. (Sheridan) LA De Ridder KEAZ 101.7 k Many KWLV 107, 1 k Natchitoches KDBH 97.7 Y net., mono Lessville KVVP 105.5 k Monroe KNAN 106.1 rm, RKO network ME Rockland WMCM (3.5 m (The Entertainers) MD Salisbury WKYZ 105.5 b. NBC MA Pittsfield WKTO 101.7 rock MA \Worcester WCHC \*89.1 UPI net. MI Bad Axe WLEW-FM 92.1 rm NM Artesia MI Gladwin WGMM 103.1 rm KTZA 92.9 rm MI Adrian WOTE 95.3 k. "Country 95" MI Cheboygan WQLZ 105.1 rock Mount Clemens WLBS 102.7 rock Highland Park WHPR \*88.1 mono si, talk Tawas City WD81 101.7 rm MN Hutchinson KD117-FM 107 1 km Mutual MN Sauk Centre KMSR 94.3 S (AP Audia) MS Canton WZXQ 101,7 rs (rock and soul) MS Clarksdale WAID 106.3 rs: RKO network MS Clinton WHJT 93.5 rock, S MS Columbus WACR-FM (03.9 soul, Mutual MS Greenville WBAQ 97.9 b NM Mesilla MS New Albany WWKZ 103.5 rock , Park KOPE ary; "very little secular beautiful music now"); 104.9 k CBS also affects Aberdeen 92.1, Tacoma 104.7 xitrs. MS Wesson WCLL \*92.9 rock WA Ellensburg KOBE 103.1 r Grand Coulee KEYF 98.5 rock MO Marshall KMFL 102.9 rock Mountain Grove KLRS-FM 92.7 rock Waynesville KFBD 97.7 rock MT Billings KZLS 97.1 r (plus translators) MT Great Falls KOOZ 106.1 b (plus " NY Albany MT Lewistown KLCM 95.9 rock WHRL 103.1 MO St. Louis KBJY \*89.9 is | Mutual network Huntington WTCR 103.3 MT Malta KMMR 100.1 I—ABC Information net WI Viroqua WGBM 102.3 k NE Hastings KEZH 101.5 no network (was S) NJ Manahawkin WJRZ 100.1 Y NY Hampton

NM Las Vegas KLVF 100.9 rock

NM Portales KNIT 95.3 kountry

NY Kingston WFGB \*89.7 gospel

OH Hamilton WHSS \*89.5 rock

OH Marion WDLF 94.3 rock

NC New Bern WSFL 106.5 rs

PA Grove City WEDA 95.1 s, no network

PA Slippery Rock WSRU \*90.1 mc

PA Stroudsburg WSBG 93.5 rock

PA Tamaqua WCRN 105.5 rock

TN Martin WUTK \*90.3 I

SC Columbia WCEZ 93.5 RKO network

SC Gaffney WYFG \*91.1 S network (AP)

PA Mechanicsburg WKCD 93.5 S (formerly T)

PA Philadelphia WPEB \*88.1 soul and talk (st)

PA Montrose WPEL-FM \*96.5 gb (gospel, beautiful)

PA Philadelphia WXTU 92.3 still rs, not k as given in

VUD recently in one of the reporting columns

NY Hudson Falls WNIQ 107.1 Mutual

NY Johnstown WSRD 104.9 rg. still mono

NY Lake Placid WLPW 105.5 CBS, monn

NY Port Jervis WD LC-FM 96.7 rm, going auto-/

NJ Mahwah WRPR \*90.3 S Baye WWHB
NJ Ocean City woLT 106.3 rm \_\_107.1 rm \_\_
NJ Trenton W NFM \*E9.1 cj 103.1 soul music
NJ Vineland WKQV 92.1 rock and soul (rs) **Stereo Stations** 

AL Marion WJAM-FM 103.9 AL Ozark WORJ 103.9 AL Sylacauga WMLS 98.3 k, I AK Bethel KJBA 100.1 m. CBS AK Fairbanks KCRZ 102.5 NY Oneonta WONY \*90.9 ABC-FM [mated. AZ Flagsteff KNAU - \*88.7 | AR Fairfield Bay AZ Green Valley KEZG 92.1, KFFB 106.3, b NY Poughkeepsie WVKn \*s1.3 pj INC Releigh AZ Marana KOPO 98.3 NC High Point WW1H \*90.3 rock | WYYD 94.7 NC Morehead City WMBJ 95.9 r, Mutgal I mm AZ Show Low KNFM 90.9 NC Morehead City WMBJ 98.3 rock/OFF Dover-New AZ Tucson KXCI \*91.7 NC Murfreesboro WBCG 98.3 rock/OFF Dover-New AZ Wickenburg KHBC 105.5 NC Salisbury WNDN \*102.5 sr Phila. WJER-RC Tabor City WKSM 104.9 k | FM 101.7 rm AR Bentomille KBCV 98.3 g. S ND Four Bears KMHA \*91.3 athnic OH Marietta AR Bentomille KBCV 98.3 g. S ND Minot KBQQ 99.9 rock, RKO | WEYQ 94.3 a. Ben Donald KCQ 93.5 rd. AR El Dorado KCAJ 95.9. s OH Bowling Green WBGU \*88.1 NBCirm, O net. AR Little Rock KABF \*88.3, js OH Delaware WSLN \*98.7 pj (progressive & jazz) KLRE \*90.5, still classical AR Nashville KNAS 105.5 AR Paragould KLOZ 107.1 r NC Belhaven WKJA 92.1 kr (country and rock) AR Paris KXXS 95.3 NC New Bern WS-L 106.5 rs NC Wilmington WHOR \*91.3 P (NPR),\$, on 6am to AR Rogers Ka MO-FM 94.3 12 or 1 a. m. daily.

1X Wichita

OH Streetsboro WSTB \*91.5 RKO Falls KLUR AR sheridan KKBE 102.3 AR Siloam Springs KL RC- \*90.3, g, S OH Van Wert WERT-FM 98.9 UPI 199.9 k, notgk OR Baker KBKR-FM 95.3 UPI VT Bennington PA Danville WPGM-FM \*96.7 gb, WHGC 94.3 rock AR Stamps KMSL 100.1 AR Waldron KRWA 103.1 CA Apple Valley KAPV 102.3, k Burney KARZ 106.1 Calexico KQVO 97.7 (not on air)

Grover City KLOI 107.1

Palm Springs KPLM 106.1

Rosamond KCRP 105.5

CO Carbondale KDNK \*90.5

Durange KDUR \*91.9

Ignacio KSUT \*91.3, pk

Gunnison KVLE 102.3, m, S

Le Grand KEFR \*89.9, g (not on air)

Weed KSQU 100.9, r (plus translators)

Hemet KHYF 105.5 h

WCMT-FM 101.7 rock, no network

TN Sweetwater WDEH-FM 95.3 k. no NBC

Falfurrias KPSO-FI 106.3 Spanish, k

TX Brenham KWHI-FM 106.3 k VA Front Royal

TX Cameron KCRM 103.1 rock | WFTR-FM 95.3

Graham KWKO 107.1 \_\_m \_\_m Laredo KRRG 98.1 rm | WI Oshkosh WAHC

Marshall KNIHT-FM 103.9 rm dan KLWD 96.5r

Palestine KYYK 98.3 k, mono apparently

Smithfield KVEZ 103.9 b, S(AP Network)

WA Edmonds KCMS 105.3 g (old and contempor-

WY Jackson KMTN 96.9 rm, affects translator, too

ON Windsor CFXX 93.9 mr (rock only 7-9 am and

CRTC gives permission for full switchover.

5-7 nm): former format other times until

Rio Grande City KCTM 103.1 k

Whitehouse KEYP-FM 99.3 rm

Spanish Fork KBHV 106.3 rock

VA Buena Vista WWZD 96.7 k. CBS.

Charlottesville WQMC 95.3 b

Culpeper WCUL 103.1 k

Hampton WWDE 101.3 rm

Sweet Briar WUDZ \*91.5 p

Yakima KYSC \*88.5 rock

Ceredo WCKV \*94.9 m

Elkins WDNE-FM 99.3 r

PR Ponce WEUC \*88.9 rock

Huntington WTCR 103.3 k

WV Bluefield WHAJ 104.5 rock. RKC

TN Pulaski WMGL 98.3 k

TN Savannah WORK-FM 101.7 k

TN Summertown WUTZ \*88.3 p

Del Rio KLKE 94.3 k

Llano KFOX 104.9 k

UT Orem KOHS \*91.7 rock

June, 1984 CO Trinidad KCRT-FM 92.7, I CT Stonington WFAN FL Cocoa WMIE \*91.5 FL Fort Myers #SFP #901 c. P FL Immokalee WIKX 98.3, k FL Safety Harbor WXCR 92.1 FL St. Augustine WMKM 105.5. rm FL Tallahassee WMNX 95.9 FL Venice WRAV 92.1 FL Williston WJRQ 92.1 k, I GA Blackshear WKIIR 96.7 rock/WY Sheri-Cochran WDCO-FM \*89.7. c. P St. Marys WLKC 93.5, m, E Soperton WMPZ 101.7, r, RKO Warm Springs WJSP-FM \*88.1. c. P ID Lewiston KMOK 106.9, plus translator ID Soda Springs KFIS 100.1, rock Weiser KWEI-FM 99.3. k IL Charleston WEIU \*88.9 Metropolis WRIK 98.3 b (not yet on air) Quincy WWQC \*90.3 IN Versailles WOVR, FM, 103.1, r IA Bettendorf KBQC 93.5 Mount Pleasant KILJ KS Fort Scott KFTS 101.7, a. Mutual KY Greenup WLGC 105.5, k Manchester WWXL-FM 103.1, rock Owingsville WKCA 107.1, k LA Haynesville KLVU-FM 105.5, b Oakdale KICR-FM 104.9, k Ville Platte KVPI-FM 93.5 Winnsboro KMAR-FM 95.9 ME Boothbay Harbor WCME, b, S Brewer WG UY 100.9 North Windham WSJB \*91.5 r, and variety at night (having moved from Standish ME \*90.9); St. Joseph's College, on 6 am to midnight. MD Bel Air WHFC \*91.1, still C-91 Worken WKHS \*,90.5 In A Deerfield WGAJ \*91.7, cj North Dartmouth WUSM \*91.1 MI Ann Arbor WPAG-FM 107.1, b, "Easy-107" Portage (new) Scottville WKZC 95.9 k. S MS Jackson WMPR \*90.1, js Philadelphia WWSL 1023, k Prentiss WJDR 98.3, R MO California KZMO 94.3 Knob Noster KLUK 105.5, S, soul Liberty KWPB \*91.9 Louisiana KJFM 101.7, no target date; music format not decided yet Nevada KNMO 97.7 Vandalia KMWR 100.1 , rock MT Cut Bank KCTB 102.7, s, S KBBZ 98.5, Y Kalispell NE Fairbury KCIE 99.3 r (not on air) NV Elko KLKO 93.5, b Henderson KMZQ 100.5 Las Vegas KCEP \*88.1 NH Berlin WMOU 103.7 Concord WIYY 105.5 rm Keene WKNH \*913 Wolfeboro WLKZ 104.9, rm, S NJ Flemington WCVH \*90.5, rp Madison WMNJ \*88.9 Millville WMVB-FM 97.3 Union WKKJ \*90.3 NM Las Vegas KEDP \*91.1 MY Bath WCIK NY Hudson Falls WENU 101.7, k

Plattsburgh WPLT \*93.9, A

Sidney WSID

NC Albernarie WARZ-FM

NC Belhaven WKJA 92.1, kr

Durham WXDU \*88.7, jp

Forest City WBRO-FM 93.3, rock

Greensborg WNAA \*90.1. B network

Baone WASU \*90.5

Edenton WZBS-Fm

100 9

102.3

100 9

NO Devils Lake KRRB 92.1, rock Dickinson KRRR 92 1 r Mavville KMAV-FM 105.5 (having moved from 101.7) UH Cleveland WCSB \*89.3 Wilmington WSWO 1023 OK Comanche KHME 96.7, rock Frederick KYSE 95.9, Y OR Coquille KSHR-FM 97.3 Corvallis KBVR \*88.7. pi Klamath Falls KKRB 107.1, rock Pendieton KWHT 103.5, rk, RKO Sweet Home KBYQ 107.1 PA Central City WWZE 101.7, ABC-Direction Pittsburgh WRCT \*88.3 RI Kingston WRIU \*90.3 SC Goose Creek WBJX 94.3, rg, D network Greenwood WSCZ 96.7 AT Calgary CKIK Hemingway WLGI \*90.9 107.3, 640 Marion WATP-FM 94.3, k AT Edmonton SD Belle Fourche KKEB 95.9 CJAX 92.5, 780 Spearfish KEZV 101.1, b | AT Edmonton KSLT 107.3, g, U CISN 103.9 VHCB \*91.5 BC Prince George TN Bristol WHCB \*91.5 TY Alamo KIAV Beeville KIBL-FM 104.9 Malakoff KCKL 95.9 Mission KITM 105.5 ICKLE 96.5, m Odessa KOCV \*91.3 KPVU. \*91.3 Prairie View KIXC 100.9 Quanah Siston KJAK 92.7 Sulphur Springs KDXE 95.9, rm, U Tyler XVNE \*89.5, q Winnsboro KWNS 014.9. rm UT Oaden KJQN-FK: 95.5 Provo KLRZ 94.9 St. George KRDC \*99.3 Trementon KRYN 1/M 9 k IIPI VT Middlebury WRMC \*91.7. S Randolph WCVR-FM 102.3 VA Hampton WHOV \*88.3 Marion WMEV-FM 93.9, k, no network Orange WJMA-FM 96.7 Salem WJLM 93.5. a nius Sonkane translator WA Hoguism KGHO-FM 95.3 Pullman KZUU \*90.7, pj Quincy KLLH 96.7, k Tacoma KUPS \*90.9 WV Charleston WVSR 102.7

Elkins WELK 95.3, r. RKO

Ronceverte WRON-FM 97.7, m

WI Clintonville WFCL-FM 92.1, rock

WY Casper KQLT 103.7, beautiful music Chevenne KLEN 106.3

Princeton WKMY 100.9

De Pere WJLW 95.9

PR Camuy WCHQ 1029

Watertown WMLW 94.1

Douglas KATH-FM 99.3. m

Gillette KGWY 100.7. RKO

VI Christiansted WJKC 95.1, rock

NO STEREO: WV Beckley WBKW ...

Stereo resumed? WBMP 101.7 Elwood IN

Stereo resumed? WCEM-FM 106.3 Cambridge

Roosevelt Roads AFCN \*90.5, b

ECC-EM NC Shellotte WPGO 106.3, rg Readers' Reports Swan Quarter WHYC \*£8.5 Richard Clark has been the Dominican Republic SCA sleuth, noting the existence of a music SCA there, in addition to VHF 159.350 mHz, which also is used for music. He also supplied much of the PR information. The SD public radio story is told by Dan A. Johnson, director of programming, KESD \*88.3 Trookings: KELA-FM Garden City was planned as a station to replace KESD-FM Brookings and to fill in the unserved area in northeastern South Dakota. However, the expense of using the KDLO-FM-TV tower and second thoughts on the signal strength in the Brookings area led ut to change our application. As a result, KDSD-FM Pierpont (Aberdeen) is now on the air and KESD-FM still senses the Brookings area. The radio reading service comes from the Mijnnesota network and is carried by all of the stations, except KUSD(AM). Comes from the Minnesotra network and is carried by all of the stations, except KUSDIAMI.

Our E-station network is operated by a staff of six fulltime persons, one station for each of us. . . . We are also in the process of planning for a station in the Sioux Falls area in cooperation with SIOUX Falls College. Because of some legal difficulties, I don't know how soon we can reasonably expect to be on the sii. Af the present, we serve the SIOUX Falls area from a translator located on too of the State Perimentiary. A poorer signal in Lincoln seems to have accompanied time-stort state. tion KZKX 96.9 Seward NE's change of call letters, notes Neil Zank. I know their chief engineer and he has increased modulation of the SCA, so I wonder if it is that, or just the incredibly poor tropo lately (tropo can affect even local reception, I believe). Neil says: "Stereo breaks up at 70th & A st. (on top of ridge). . . One day I was parking in the Rampark garage at 12th & P Sts. and inside there was no KZKX signal at all. Now, this is not normal for an FM signal as it might be for an AM signal." The new WHOR \*91.3 stereo Wilmington NC may try to incrementally increase its power to see if interference to ch. 6 TV results. Now it is 1500 w, compared to the 29, 500 watts it wanted. The stereo light is on all the time, even during mono programs. The announcer was not sure his mike was in stereo or monaural; phone (919) 343-1640. Knoxville TN's WKCS \*91.1 is still off the air, joined by an AM station 620 WRJZ, "a Payton WLCY 104.3 | CIBE 94.3, 1150 is undoubtedly troubled because of FM's listening inroads on AM. Flizabethton WSD-FM 98.3 | MB Solkink Paul Caines are on 92.5 WIRLLEAST AND AMERICAN PAUL CAINES AND AMERICAN PAUL CAIN troubled station that had reorganized several times." WRJZ, on a favorable frequency, Paul Caines gets, on 93.5: WHMI-FM Howell MI, WRQN "Toledo's New Rock" Bowl-104.9 | CFOX 92.9, ing Green OH, and CBCL London. "CBC-FM is as bad as their TVs for IDing!" Beeville KIBL-FM 104.9 1225 feet On 90.3 he gets Oak Park MI, WBLV Twin Lake MI, WBCL Fort Wayne and Farmington Breckennidge KR00 93.5, rkl NF St. John's Hills MI.A parate operating from a vah in NW Detroit near WJZZ 105.9 in frequency has Frommaville KBNR 58.3 | CKIX 59.1, 550 been caught and has a court date pending. PG Gaspe C/RG A KALW 90.1, 7 San Francisco program — settle the controversy. Most of the music A KALW \*91.7 San Francisco program schedule was sent by John Jefferson to help 193.3 \_\_\_\_ settle the controversy. Most of the music they play is at night, much classical, but also much big band, m-o-r and jazz, so I will leave it "tm" for now. Verie signor for XHFL 90.5 Cd. Obregon, Sonora, is Fernando Herrera Gil, who writes a good English letter. WMSC \*101.5 Upper Montclair is said to announce as having .86 watts, not 8 watts, as FCC data show. I will still list as 8 watts, assuming .86 is a temporary power, perhaps testing to see interference levels with respect to WPDH Poughl: eepsie and WKXW Trenton

NJ, also on 101.5. Bill Nienajadly thinks that with the FCC converting to metric, Class A stations will be allowed 328 feet at 3,000 watts, compared to 300' now. That figures to 100 meters, and I list the Class A height at 95 meters. If what he says is true, expect many Class A stations to up their heights and obtain 16, 48 mile coverages compared to 14.5, 46 now. At that point, this column and the FMAtlas will convert totally to metric! Back on with full power from towers that had come down: WMEA \*90.1 Portland ME and KANU \*91.5 Lawrence KS. KANU actually a pest, interfering with Kearney reception of KIOS Omaha, also on 91.5. Call letters error, April, 1983 VUD: OH Fairfield 94.9 WLLT (not WLLY). Dave Brunfield and Ralph Strobel both noted vastly improved coverage for WECI \*91.5 Richmond IN. Dave is looking forward to being at the WTFDA convention in NY state this summer.

WOSS Ossining NY now on \*91.1, with 10 w, but they'd like to raise the funds to go back to \*90.3 with higher power. NY Pirate WHOT 91.5 on recently using professional-type equipment, says Robert Goodman. Heard testing: WCPN 90.3 Cleveland [Public WA Deer Park KNOI 107.1, r, O (CBS Radioradio) Radio]. No stereo. Ely MN lost its AM radio voice, WELY 1450, with FM translators of Duluth stations there. WELY had been on since 1954; at one time I was interested in buying it and activating Ely's 92.1 FM channel. WHRL 103.1 Albany NY using 92 kHz for Mutual network feeds.

Dr. Richard Wood does a column in a new publication, "The International Shortwave Listener's Program Guide," a bimonthly \$19.95/year from Miller Publishing, 424 W. Jefferson, Media PA 19063... Maybe he'll mention FM DXing in it, too.Dave Nieman says WBEN-FM 102.5 Buffalo has no network, contrary to what was announced in the press, and Morgantown WWVU \*91.7 rock, K (ABC Rock) Tom Hancock says WANJ Wheeling wv is rock now. Since I have extra space I'll print

this nice testimonial from Nolan Crabb, publisher Dialogue for the visually impaired: "The radio works better than I ever dreamed it could. [A GE Superadio II with FM-SCA. I I've already received more than its money's worth of enjoyment from it this past 10 days. Thanks for your personal, courteous service, and for providing a product with an SCA circuit of such high quality. . . " And he's going to run a piece about my products in the summer edition of DIALOGUE magazine for the blind. A similar radio went to Ted Fleischaker, and he says it "works like a charm!" CONTRIBUTORS:
David E. Brunfield, Richmond IN; Pat Burke, Knoxville TN; John Clark, Casco ME; Dick Clark, La Vege DR; Nolan Crebb, Berwyn I L; George W, Derringer, Demariscotta ME; John Ebeling, Bloomington MN; Ted Fleischeker, Louisville KY; Wendell Ford, Westyille IN; Dick Foreman, E. Stamford ington MN; Ted Fleischaker, Louisville KY; Wendell Ford, Westvine IN; Dick Forentier, E. Statistics CT, formerly with NBC and now a radio consultant who says the FM Atta "if the best invention since Swiss cheese." Also contributing: Paul L. Gaines, CP Cleaning, Detroit MI; Robert Goodman, since Swiss cheese." Also contributing: Paul L. Geines, CP Cleaning, Detroit MI; Robert Goodman, Bronx NY; S. T. Hancock, N. Canton OH; J. M. Jeffrenon, Pleasanton CA; Dan A. Johnson, Brookings SD; W. J. Kraemer, Troy NY; Frank Lugo, Jr., Essex MD; Bob McGarvey, Kendail Park NJ, who but a nice article, "Die-hand radio fars will like poring over FM attas-directory," in New Brunswinck's Home News 4-15-84, James J. Nahirniak, Warren MI; Deve Nieman, Akron NY; Bill Nienajadly, Passac NJ; Dan Oetting, Broomall PA kinds' i looking forward to the Sthe ed.); R. H. Perrin, who gets 72-Fk stations across the dial in Wells ME; Les Price, Willmington NC; Richard Resse, Jersey Shore PA; Stanley Swenson, McAllen TX; Donald G. Webster, Grand Forks AFB ND; Dr. Richard E. Wood, Abha, SAUDI ARABIA,; Neil G. Zank, Lincoln NE.

Work is progressing very slowly on the new FM ATLAS. I am still hoping to make a June 4 deadline or so for it. And may DX abound this year! b.e.

Danny Buntin 1312 N. Skyline Stillwater, CK 74075

DEADLINE: 10th

#### NEW ES SEASON SHOWING SIGNS OF ACTING UP.

#### CA OBSERVES MORE OFF SEASON ES THAN USUAL.

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

If the year keeps going the way it has been so far, it'll be one to remember! February was rather a bust, but so far have had 5 Es openings into the FM band(that's 4 more than my previous high for January through April). Only two new loggings out of them, but that makes two more by Es in March and April than all previous years together. Aside from the Es, however, not really that much doing. MS becomes increasingly more difficult to get as the few open B/C channels are about worked out, and at this time of year it, of course, is at its worst. Did swell the logging totals slightly, however, with a field trip to Concord(my home from '74 to '79). The purpose was to check the status of the Walnut Creek boosters for Bruce Elving prior to FM Atlas time, as they were off the air for quite a while. Those loggings were made with the Sony ICF-2001; all others were with the Mac MR80 using the S/probe (at 55'). New underlined; new to Fleasanton starred; @ is new to Concord.

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				KIXY				Calls	1285
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	4/7	ES	0834	KELN	97.1	NE	N. Platte	Calls (only non-CA signa on band at this time!)	1 1,120
			0839	KNEN	94.7	NE	Norfolk	NE refs	1290
						WY	Laramie	(to 7 on meter at 0853 - that's a good signal)	
			0858	unid	95.1				
			0859	KUSD	89.7	SD	Vermillion	SD public radio met ID w KESD, KTSD, KDSD, & KHHK	
			0900	KPNY	92.1	NE	Alliange	Alliance ref o/ KINQ	1020
				KMOR?	92.9	NE	Scottsbluff	Am. Top 40 - just missed local ID	
			0902	K210AF	89.9	WY	Torrington	KUWR phone #, calls (good \$ o/ KCDSiii)	980
			0907	KBRB?	92.7	NE	Ainsworth	Signal to 8 o/ KROG	
				unid					
				KSDZ			Gordon	Local refs (mono)	1065
							Chadron	Easy rock & time o/ KMYT	
				KINI?			Crookston	Sounded like k o/ KCTC	7000
				KWYR		SD	Winner	Winner ref (92 on meter)	
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It's interesting to note that 3 of the openings so far were on 1/5, 3/7, and 4/7. Did anything happen on 2/5? Those four dates are neatly spaced at 31-day intervals, reaffirming the cyclical charatacter of off-season Es(even if 2/5 was a bust - we're all entitled to one off day). May 8 may be a day to stay glued to the old FM! Here're the stats" 756 for bay area(avg. dist. = 722 miles); 660 here in Pleasanton;

cont.

SOUTHERN FM DX

Jefferson, cont.

June 1984

and 335 in Concord / Walnut Creek(downtown W. C. is about 2 miles from my old Concord house, so lumped KSAN2 & K244BQ into Concord total). Speaking of which, forgot to note that I later (3/21)logged K244BQ here while KRGI Manteca was off the air. Never would've noticed it, most likely, if I hadn't known it was there, since it's adjacent to KGIT and competing with KNVR Paradise on 96.7. Obvious enough once I knew te look for it, though.

Bill Townshend 4500 Conn. Ave NW #901,	Washington, DC 20008 EST 202-966-8046
4/3 tr 0030 WQHQ 104.7 MD Ocean City, T40	4/3 tr 0034 WOLC 102.5 MD Princess Anne, gospel
Realistic Patrolman CB-8. 73's	00)4 WOLG 102.5 ND FITHCEBS Anne, gosper

Danny Buntin, 1312 N. Skyline, Stillwater, CK	74075	CDT	_
5/5 gw 1810 K276BP CK Stillwater, local ads apart from main KCFO, originally on 102.3 5/6 Es! 1059 WILF 95.1 NY Bristol Center	5/6 Bs 1110 WKFM 1114 WEZO 1118 CFLY	104.7 MY Fulton "KFM" 101.3 MY Rochester, ID 98.3 ON Kingston, "Y98", ads of season observed here.)	1160
1100 WAER 88.3 NY Syracuse 1200	•	•	

For about a week KCFO's Stillwater translator left the air and had hoped they really did what I told them they could do with it, but no such luck. Now 102.9 is very difficult to tune what with CKC's second strongest on 102.7 and the ECFO translator on 103.1.

Well, it's high time to check the band quite often for interesting DX developments for the season is now upon us. During the season I try to do so the first thing when I get up in the morning and first thing when I get hame from work. Those who don't bother to check for DX can only expect to get left behind in the DX excitement, and to that I say better luck next year. 73. (Check for often than twice a week.)

REPORT YOUR PM DX to SPM if you're from: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DC, DE, FL, GA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MG, NM, NV, CK, SC, TM, TX, UT, VA & WV.

# COME TO WTFDA CONVENTION '84 JAMESTOWN NY AUG. 3-5

DON'T MISS IT!!! ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR, WTFDA'S CONVENTION IS BEING HELD IN WESTERN NEW YORK STATE'S SCENIC CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY--A FAVORITE VACATION SPOT FOR BOTH DXERS AND HAM RADIO OPERATORS. THE HILLS OF CHAUTAUQUA ARE RENOWNED FOR GREAT VHF-UHF DXING...MAKE THEM YOUR DESTINATION AUGUST 3RD THRU 5TH AND FIND OUT WHY!

HOST MIKE LAPINSKI, KB2SNY, IS PLANNING A COMPLETE PROGRAM WITH SOMETHING FOR ALL DX INTEREST--AND ACTIVITIES ABOUND FOR THE NON-DXER, TOO! THE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD ON TOP OF A HILL AT MIKE'S 41 ACRE DX ESTATE, WHICH FEATURES A FANTASTIC VIEW OF THE AREA.

INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM WILL BE A TOUR OF THE FACILITIES OF WWSE 93.3 AND AM STATION WJTN 1240. FEATURED SPEAKER WILL BE MR. ANTHONY PILATO, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE STATIONS,

MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE BEING PLANNED, INCLUDING A TOUR OF A CABLE-TV SITE AS WELL AS A VISIT TO A UHF TV OUTLET; AND THERE WILL BE A DXPEDITION TO AN EVEN HIGHER PRIME DX LOCATION!

WATCH FOR THE SPECIAL CONVENTION SECTION IN NEXT MONTH'S VUD! BETTER YET, SEND A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO WTFDA H.Q. AND WE'LL SEND YOU COMPLETE DETAILS ON HOW TO GET THERE!



Fred Nordquist 7945 Boxford Road Clay, NY 13041

Deadline: the 5th

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Column definitions are in the April VUD on page 19. Let's see how many of you can really increase your totals this DX season! Keep on the slert for Es in June and July.

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AZ	29-FMc1	26-DBu	KS	66-DBu	44-INo	NH	20-RSt2	7-JE61	TH	93 <b>-Jay</b>	82-THe
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#### KEY TO STATS RECORD-HOLDER'S INITIALS

	Dier Name	Dier Location	_ Initials	DXor Name	Dier Location
JAY	Jim Ayers	TN Murfreesboro	Me2	Frank Merrill	MI Milan
DBr	Dave Brumfield	IN Muncie	Pie1	Frank Merrill	OH Teledo
MBu	Mike Bugaj	CT Rafield	AM1	Alan Michalek	MA Springfield
DBu	Danny Buntin	OE Stallwater	DM1	David Nieman	WY Akron
SCh	Saul Chernow	ON Burnt River	PNo	Fred Nordquist	NY Clay
VEa	Vernon Eaton	AR Benton	DOH	David O'Dell	AR Little Rock
JEb2	John Ebeling	MM Prosit	DOo	Daniel Oetting	PA Broomall
JEbi	John Ebeling	MN Bloomington	JP13	Jim Pissi	MM Lovington
BK1.2	Bruce Elving	HN Daluth	JP11	Jim Pissi	CA Oreutt
JF•	Joseph Fela	MJ S. Plainfield	RSa	Rick Semford	TX Burnett
WHe !	Wa Hepburn	ON Cornwall	R.Sc	Bob Schweitser	NJ E. Brunswick
•		Art and a second	KS1	Ken Simon	FL Lake Worth
JJe2	John Jefferson	CA Pleasanton	JSm.	Joseph Smith	MY Johnson City
JJe3	Jehn Jefferson	AK Ancherage	RSt2	R. Steinberger	MA Hudson
PMc2	Fred McCormack		RSt1	Ralph Strobel	IN Muncie
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A couple of notes: Regarding counting "Total" for the IM Scoreboard; a station should be counted only once regardless by howmany different propagation modes (e.g. -Ks, Tr. MS, Au) that the station may have been logged by you. After I get my printer for the TT99/ha, it should make this column easier to provide different types of PM statistics.

Best Personal Records Department

Send in your farthest station: logged via each propagation mode, and I'll print them here. abor send in an individual most outstanding logging that you feel is your best catch. Here is the first editions Book Materian (m42 on)

Mode	CL	MHs	State		Dist	Mode	ᄄ		State	City	Dist 1598
Es	WINCU	89.7	r.	Miami	1510	Es		90.3		Corpus Christi	
Tr	WLOS	99.9	NC	Ashville	855	Tr	KLAZ	98.5	AR	Little Rock	1043
MS	WQIK	99.1	FL.	Jacksonville	1187	MS	KROA	95.7	NE	Grand Island	1150
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#### CONVENTION PREVIEW

We are about one month away from the 1984 ANARC Convention. It will be held from July 20 to July 22 at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Toronto. The hotel is off of Ontario route 401 and is near many of Toronto's major attractions. Some of these are the CN Tower, the Eaton Center, and the Ontario Science Center. The sponsers of this years convention want it to be a family event so they have scheduled several family shopping trips and outings to several of Toronto's favorite tourist destinations.

The agenda has many programs for all DX'ers. Seminars on various aspects of DX and a quiz given by Andy Sennitt of the World Radio TV Handbook are planned. As usual, there will be the opening Wine and Cheese Reception, the International Broadcasters Form, the Awards Banquet. and the HAP auction. Below is a condensed agenda: Fri. July 20

1-5pm Exhibitions from clubs and manufacturers.

7pm Wine and Cheese Reception.

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## ORTHERN FM-DX

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E-SKIP twice into FM in April, but as yet no written news of it. By now your ears will be fixed to the radio and your eyes to the TV, and so will mine, so without further ado... If you live and DX in AK CT ID HA ME MA MO MT NE NH MJ NY ND OR PA RI SD VT WA WY CANADA or in another country, send your FM loggings to the above address. Reports lately have been few and far between. So has FM DX. I'm looking forward to both. Also, the best place to get your unIDs solved is CCI: I'll print them if they are detailed enough to be relevant to the rest of your DX. Also, I've received no complaints about my omitting "ID" and "ad" from loggings. I feel they are meaningless; you should always at least try to get an ID (all stations have to ID by law) and unless you tell us whom the ad's for... I'm basically trying to make the column scannable so DXers can check stuff quickly. Feel free to praise or condemn my actions. See you at Jamestown MY Aug. 3-5; ANARC Toronto....

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

Yamaha T-70 tuner, Panasonic rf-2600, Archer 10 elem.FM ant. rotable W-N at 25' AGL.

NOV 1983 20 Tr 1025 WZFM 107.1 NY Briarcliff Manor r 107-ZFM 0545 WHFC 91.1 MD Bel Air r "G-91" ex-88.1

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Local WPEB 88.1 Philadelphia PA not been hrd since Jan. Last year they were never on the

right freq; last spring on 88.0, in summer drifted between 88.0 & 88.2, recently consistent on 88.225. I think the FCC got wise to them, and shut them down, although there's been nothing in the paper about it.

WATU (92.5 Philadelphia)'s ratings in recent years have been awful. They tried a ploy to boost Jan. ratings: MMIV personality Steve Ross was fired on air for making controversial phone calls to Tokyo, Japan, without the program Director's permission. This action was seemingly "not real" according to a Phila. TOC engineer. The on-the-air drama between stn manager Dennis Dougherty & DJ Ross began at 10 a.m. After being fired, Ross locked himself in the studic for  $\bar{\ell}$  has to protest. He played music without any ads. Ross asked listeners to call MATE and support him. Many did, and shortly before 4p.m. Ross & Dougherty made-up on the air. Ross got his job back, in a contract form, one condition being Ross had to get.

Oetting, cont'd Northern FM DX (2) June 184 listeners to call in and donate money to Easter Seals. Dougherty expressed shock at the sugestion it was a publicity stunt. The FCC is investigating, but are not sure if LXTU violated any federal regulations. I taped most of the drama, and must admit it was well executed; but you can tell it was phony. On Mar I they switched formats - from Urban Contemporary to Country. 73's, Dan.

David J. Nieman - 12284 Nice Rd. - AKRON NY 14001 Carver TX-11, Pioneer TX-9100, \$probe9, dipole

MAR J Au 14 MS WEBF 95.7 NY Olean off for a few days 2002 WRMZ 99.7 OH Columbus r "WRMZ, FM-100, 1343 WXRU 95.7 NC Hickory r \$ "..with all of Columbus..." your favorites in \$ on WXRC in just a moment 11 Tr ..."w/sexy female voice, too. 535 1915 WAND 100.1 MA N.Adams m promo for back-... "w/sexy female voice. too. 15 MS ground mx service 1116 Y.KAJ 95.7 OK Ardmore k \$ 1177 APR 8 MS 1031 WSIU FEB 13 MS 91.9 IL Carbondale ID QTH 1334 KOXI 101.1 NE Columbus b \$ "FM-101. 910 2000 WNYU 89.1 NY New York City r "This is Time KOXI, Columbus..." after Time, Cindy Walker on WNYU 1549 WMAO 90.9 MS Greenwood c "... Mississ-22 MS ippi; WMAE 89.5 Booneville Mississippi" 900 1133 KTCH 104.9 NE Wayne "KTCH salutes the.. 25 Tr 1340 WCRN 105.5 PA Tamaqua r \$ "...that's... ...218 Main St. in Wayne as the Area's most progressive business; founded in 1938 by A.L. on FM 105 WCRN, completing a 3-song mx sweep Swan,..." our forecast is looking like this..." 26 Tr Heard on the air testing just today AFR 23 at 1458 was 90.3 Cleveland OHIO; calls are WCPN 1227 WDST 100.1 NY Woodstock c "you're list-"Cleveland Public Radio". They weren't ening to the Concert Hall & I'm leslie Gerbe

using any test tone, claimed 50,000 watts ERP r, and this is WDST in Woodstock NY" 235 no \$ noted. Also noted on 90.3 was a stronger WPTG PA Lancaster - they must've done some xmtr upgrading, no \$. While monitoring 100.9 for MS bursts this morning, a rock stn built-up several times (antenna WNW). Bay City was mentioned in ads plus the non-ID "foxy-1Cl"... ... could this be Pinconning MI? Dave

(By "built-up" I assume as in Tropo build-up... yep WFXZ; see Oct 83 FCC FM NX,in Pinc'g-sc)

#### Your Editor in BURNT RIVER ON :::::

AUGUST 1983 25 Tr 0500 WICB 102.9 MI Ann Arbor ID r 0530 WBCL 90.3 IN Ft Wayne g 0730 WGLE 90.7 OH Lima c NPR 1718 WKXZ 93.9 NY Norwich "Kix94" 2030 CBEF1103.1 ON Learnington //96.5 FF CBC 2040 WNDH 103.1 OH NapoleonCBS nx, funky jazz 0804 CHGA 97.3 PQ Maniwaki FF non-cbc 2050 WCPZ 102.7 OH Sandusky "Rock 103", "Lei- 0805 WOCD 105.7 MI Grand Rapids (prev. Au) sure rock 103"

the London Laugh Guards. SEPT 1Au 0037 WFUV 90.7 NY New York City pr 11 Tr 0800 CKBY 105.3 ON Ottawa 0801 CHEZ 106.1 ON Ottawa "Shay" rp EE 0803 CBOP9 88.7 PC Chapeau FF CBC mono And that winds up Burnt River dx. Two weeks

2214 CIXX 106.9 CN London student stn. PSA for at end DEC'83 proved to be great for skiing and dismal for dx. This summer's gonna be a gas, what with 96.5, 106.3, 94.1 and more local-semis going all night. I wonder if 98.5 CBC Whitney ON is on yet; they're quite close.

#### Your editor winds up Ottawa ON dx OCT 1983 1 Tr 97.7 CN St Catharines k 0029 WXXI 91.5 NY Rochester jazz 0044 CING 107.9 ON Burlington "FM-108" 0101 WKFM 104.7 NY Fulton "Magic" rp 0142 CIME 99.5 PQ St Adele FF bm 2 Tr 0301 CHFI 98.1 CN Toronto 0302 WDCX 99.5 NY Buffalo g 0305 CFNY 102.1 CN Brampton reggae-rock (this before their move to CN Tower in Toronto)

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And that's all the dx around here, both mine and yours, that there is to print. Things seem to be picking up lately here in Toronto (today's APR 30) and I predict another good Tr season.

The best of dx to all saul.



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VHF UTILITY DX.....This month's feature will introduce a block of info: Canadian PSB Frequencies. Through research in various publications, I have collected a number of frequencies for Canadian Police and Fire.

Also enclosed is a contribution from non other that our illustrious Editor in Chief Dave Nieman....thanks Dave. His contribution is Buffalo area Police and Fire and was the courteousy of a local high fi and stereo retail outlet. Similar list are available from many electronic retailers and your local area Radio Shack.

The computer has to take a lot of credit for the vast amount of data that is sorted and stored. I hope to make available manv similiar features in VHF UTILITY DX....Skip season is upon us and I am still hoping that you will submit loggings, as this is a DX Column.

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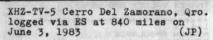
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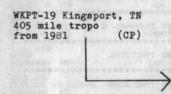
This months DX photos are from Jim Pizzi, Paul Gaines. We also take a look into Nate Ely's dx shack and antenna system.





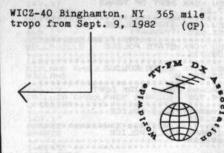


WTXX-20 Waterbury CT 515 mile tropo from Sept. 9, 1982 (CP)



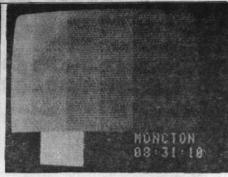








CKTV-2 Regina, SA 1150 mile E-skip from 1982 (CP)



CBAFT-1-5 Fredericton, NB 845 mi. E-skip from 1982 (CP)

And now on to Nate's dx shack. Pictures are from the summer of 1983. On the left we have a 1980 Zenith System III TV plus assorted powersupplies, traps, switchs, Quassar VCR and a Sony ST-5600 FM tuner....



...on the tower (from top to bottom) we have, Channel Masters 7' UHF dish w/t Wineguards AC-4990 preamp. Below that is a C/M 1110 Quantum & 2950 preamp all on a AR-40 rotor (now using HD-73).

Thanks to: Nate Ely (NE) - Madison, WI Jim Pizzi (JP)- Lovington NM Paul Gaines (CP)- Detroit MI

Dave

# MEL WILSON ON ES: A CLASSIC LECTURE

EDITOR'S NOTE: NO-ONE KNEW THE PHENOMENON OF SPORADIC E-SKIP AS WELL AS THE LATE MEL WILSON. ONE OF THE BEST LECTURES ON THE SUBJECT WAS GIVEN BY MEL AT THE 1970 WTFDA CONVENTION. WE CONTINUE WITH THIS DISCUSSION FROM LAST MONTH, AND CONCLUDE WITH SOME ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT E-SKIP THAT MEL ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE MAY 1975 VHF-UHF DIGEST...

Of course what we would really like to know, and to be able to do, is to predict when and where DX VHF propagation will occur. Unfortunately, I know of no way of doing this. However, it is possible to develop some educated guesses by playing the probability game. Since the birthplaces of intense sporadic-E layer are associated with active weather—that is, with fronts and warm air overriding cooler air, the general weather conditions can give a clue to where, but not if or when, intense sporadic-E layer occurs.

For example, if you're looking for coast-to-coast skip, the probability of it occuring is higher if the weather over the continental United States is dominated by low pressure and active weather. The probability is small if high pressure and stable clear air dominates over the continent. Remember though, that clouds generated over active weather can be  $\underline{blown}$  over high pressure clear air spaces if the moving clouds persist for a long enough time.

In general the birthplaces of intense sporadic-E each day tend to move <a href="mailto:eastward">eastward</a> with the weather; therefore, if you are on the west coast and find a big opening to the north or south, and also east, the probability of double-hop will be much higher the next day. On the east coast, the day following a double-skip day has a higher probability of single hop to the west. Note also that a high pressure area over the southeast United States, due to its clockwise rotation, will bring warm moist air from the Gulf of Mexico over the south central area, and when this air rides over the continental air mass, birthplaces are often formed. Observing weather patterns can be a big help in establishing probabilities, and satellite pictures are especially valuable in determining the location of active weather.

I believe it is impossible to predict when VHF propagation may occur, since, for example, clouds formed beyond your horizon can be blown within it. Nevertheless, you can play the averages for intense sporadic-E that is generated within your area.

The majority of birthplaces occur about 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. local standard time, with minimum peaks at 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. If you are east of a birthplace, times will be a little later, and if west of a birthplace, a little earlier. Also, statistically, there are slightly more afternoon birthplaces than there are in the morning-perhaps due to afternoon thunderstorm activities. You can usually identify a birthplace by the fact that stations heard remain relatively solid for one to four hours; whereas, propagation by moving clouds usually lasts for not more than ten or fifteen minutes for a given station, depending on the geometry of the wavepath. The exception of this, of course, is when you're looking down the track of the clouds.

I find that plotting stations heard is an excellent method for predicting where the clouds might be an hour or two later. Moving clouds over the eastern half of the country appear to travel to the northwest at about 180 miles per hour (290 km/hour), and clouds over the western half move more to the west at the same speed. Clouds usually dissipate for a given day at some north latitude, usually around  $45^{\circ}$ --although there are exceptions which

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make this very exciting. Remember however, that clouds can drop below your horizon (which is around 625 miles, or 1000 km) and although they are still active, you can't take advantage of them unless there are other clouds within your horizon. If they are in line, of course, you can have double skip. It can be most helpful to listen in on 6-meter ham band (50-54 MHz) and find out from the skip stations what areas they are hearing. This gives information on clouds beyond your horizon, and can be very important in trying to predict what you might hear especially the probability of double skip.

Strong backscatter from local signals is important information, since this condition requires a high MUF of a cloud. The stronger the backscatter, the higher the MUF. When this is heard on FM, for example, the probability is high that the high band TV skip stations may be heard.

QUESTION: "Is most Es purely single hop or is it a cloud-to-cloud condition?"

ANSWER: In any widespread opening the probability of a two cloud propagation path is high, especially as the higher frequencies are propagated. When the band at 50 MHz is just open, the chances are that all skip is single cloud. The data I have shows that with very few possible exceptions all reported 144 MHz skip observed over the past 25 years has been cloud to cloud. By far the majority of FM propagation has been two cloud, and many of the 50 MHz and low band (ch 2-6) TV paths have been cloud to cloud. When widespread intense Es is present, the lower frequencies usually have more than one path open simultaneously, both cloud to cloud and single cloud. This causes very strong stations to have very deep fades. Very complex wave paths can develop in such conditions.

QUESTION: "About what percentage of the Es openings that reach TV channel 2 will reach channel 6? FM? Channel 7?"

ANSWER: The general rule of thumb is that doubling the frequency reduces the probability to one-tenth (10%). Thus, if channel 2 is assumed 50 MHz (for the sake of argument), then 100 MHz will be propagated one-tenth the time that channel 2 is open, and 200 MHz (channel 12 high band TV) will be open one-hundredth of the time. However, this assumes a single cloud propagation path. Since most higher frequency propagation paths are multi-cloud, the probability is higher than these figures. The MUF of a single cloud can be below the frequency propagated by a two cloud path. In practice, it is difficult to know of a possible propagation path for the highest frequency because of the geometric restrictions imposed, and unless the observer and the transmitter are in precise relative positions, it will go undetected. In the case of the channel 7 stations, the probability of seeing them is not very good, since there are relatively few of them, and the propagation paths very restrictive. FM stations, on the other hand, are geographically well spread out, have a relatively high density, and openings are observed a high percentage of the time. It is interesting to note that since there are so many more FM stations (than, say, channel 2 stations), an observer may hear FM stations in some openings, and not see any channel 2 stations. This doesn't mean that the band is not open for channel 2, but that there is no channel 2 station for the particular wave path. It is possible that no TV stations can be seen and only FM stations can be heard. (Such information is of great importance when plotting an opening).

The variability of intense Es from year to year is far too great to make any accurate predictions from season to season...If one takes 100 days from the first weeks of May 'til the middle of August, then almost every year, 92 days will be reported open somewhere in the continental U.S. However, the duration and location of these openings vary tremendously from year to year, and this makes it difficult to predict what will be reported. I guess if we really knew it would take most of the fun and enjoyment out of our hobby!

In closing...I hope my comments have given you some food for thought... I hope I have been useful to you in the pursuit of your hobby.

9pm Planning a DXpedition.

Sat. July 21
9-10:30am Concurrent Seminars- (1) Presentions by Experenced MW and SW DX'ers. (2) Bob Grove presents "Monitoring the Spectrum: The Tools and Techniques.

10:30-12noon International Broadcasters Form
1-5pm Choise of (1) Bus trip to the CN TOWER and the CFRB/CFRX
transmitter site, or (2) Group discussions and films at the hotel.
7pm Banquet, Awards Presentation and ANARC Raffle.

Sun. July 22 Concurrent Sessions for LW, MW, Utility, TV-FM, and PSB Hobbyists.

10am WRTH Quiz with Andy Sennitt llam Central American Travelogue for MW and SW DX'ers.

1-3pm HAP Auction

3pm Closing Ceremonies
I will be hosting the TV-FM DX session and I will gladly accept any help that any would be willing to offer. Right now the session is scheduled for Sunday between 10am and 12noon. But it is scheduled against the WRTH Quiz and the Central American Travelogue. I may try to get it rescheduled for Saturday Afternoon or during one of the free periods. This will be announced at the convention.

The ANARC Convention is a great place to meet your fellow DX'ers. I hope to see many WTFDA members in Toronto in July.

One DX'ers group in New York City is getting off the ground. Greg Baker in Brooklyn has started the group and they've been quite active. They meet once or twice a month in Greg's apartment. They publish a bulletin that deals with the problems of the urban DX'ers. and they have a telephone hotline for DX tips. For more information write Greg at 4103 Fort Hamilton Pkwy., Brooklyn, N.Y. or call him in the evenings at 1-212-853-1427.

Dave Walcutt likes the idea of a New York area DX get-to-gether. He suggests that we get-together someplace like a restaurant. I'm suggesting the United Nations Building on a Saturday afternoon. If anyone else is interested, please call me. We still have to set a date and a time.

New York City isn't the only place where regional clubs are forming. I've been informed of two groups. In Austin, Texas there's the Austin Area Radio Listeners. Contact Bob Shrades at 1-512-926-9516 for more information. In Milwaukee there's the Milwaukee Area DX'ers. For this group, contact George Moe at 723 S. 5th St., Milwaukee, WI 53204. Please let me know of other regional clubs so I can include them in my next ANARC Update.

The National Radio Club is having their convention during the Labor Day weekend in Colorado Springs, CO. The NRC is the best club for MW (AM) DX'ers. For more information on the convention and about the National Radio Club, write their national headquarters at P.O. Box 118, Poquonok, CT 06064. Send a SASE and mention that you heard about them from WTFDA.

Thanks go out to David Lachenbruch of TV Guide for mentioning WTFDA in the April 7th edition. Also, WTFDA is mentioned in an article on TV DX in the May edition of Popular Communications. The article is by Darren Leno. It gives the basics on TV DX'ing and how to QSL TV stations.

Well enough ramblings for this month. Best of DX this summer.

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