

# From The STAFF

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**SOLE BID WINS 1986 CONVENTION SITE...**Jamestown, New York will be the site of WTFDA Convention '86. Once again, our host will be Mike Lapinski, organizer of the very enjoyable 1984 gathering in that southwestern New York location. Since there have been a number of WTFDA conventions in his part of the country in recent years, Mike did not wish to bid against anyone else in the club; had more than one member bid, he was willing to withdraw from the running--however, his turned out to be the only bid after all. So it's Jamestown once again in 1986--and what a super place it is for a WTFDA convention! Be watching future VUDs for further details.

**NEW SOUTHERN FM DX EDITOR...**We're happy to announce that we have a volunteer for this DX column; he is Eric Bueneman, c/o KCFV 89.5 FM, 3400 Pershall Rd., Ferguson MO 63135. Eric is a former editor of the National Radio Club's "Bandscan" column in their excellent AM broadcast band DX bulletin, DX NEWS, and works as a production assistant and backup DJ. Be watching the VUD for his first column. We all owe a big thanks to SFM editor Danny Buntin for his years of service to the VUD!

**MORE WTFDA STAFF CHANGES...**WTFDA'S Supply Manager Mike Ehrhardt has had to give up his duties due to a lack of free time caused by his satellite dish business, and ANTENNA NEWS editor Doug Dornbos (also in the satellite TVRO business) has had to suspend his WTFDA activities for similar reasons. We're also working out a set-up for the Editor-in-Chief position when Dave Nieman steps down in early 1986. Hopefully, the current "look" of the VUD, which your letters indicate is popular, will stay the same.

**STAY UP AND BE LISTENING...**Once again this year, ABC Talkradio's Ray Briem will focus his popular nationwide all-night show on the subject of DXing. There's more to the DXing hobby than just the VHF and UHF bands--here's your chance to hear all about it from some of the most prominent people in the field. Some of the guests on the program will be members of WTFDA, among many other DXing groups. Our thanks to the fine DXers behind this great idea for a talk show; we suggest that all WTFDAers try to tune in. Check page 17 for further details. Avid DXers won't have any trouble staying up through the entire show; the rest of you can brew up a pot of coffee, or set up a tape recorder!

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# TELEVISION NEWS

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## APPLICATIONS FOR NEW TELEVISION STATIONS

CH	ERP	HAAT	STATE/CITY/APPLICANT
13	147	529	FL Key West; Florida ETV Inc.
38	5000	1524	NC Greenville; Winard Broadcasting (as amended)
57	384	687	GA Atlanta; Community Television
23	5000	1528	GA Dalton; Southern Television
63	5000	1984	NJ Newton; Bogner Newton Corp.
63	5000	2193	NJ Newton; Family Stations, Inc.
63	5000	591	NJ Newton; Newton Television Ltd.
5	100	123	AK Anchorage; Native American Broadcasting (as amended)
64	513	450	FL Inverness; Nancy Sharp
68	5000	1703	VA Arlington; Native American Be
3	100	591	FL Key West; Ernest A. Vendrell
28	5000	363	FL Panama City; Joyce/Cox Communications Group
41	5000	1596	CA Ventura; Costa De Oro Broadcasting Corporation (amended)
41	5000	1594	CA Ventura; Ventura 41 Associates (as amended)
41	5000	2000	CA Ventura; Robles Communications (as amended)
40	5000	1082	MS Holly Springs; Terry King
27	3890	2330	CA Coalinga; Western Educational Coalition
3	100	532	FL Key West; Del Mar Communic'ns
3	100	573	FL Key West; Hispanic Keys Be'g
3	100	530	FL Key West; Constance J. Wodlinger
18	2525	1898	MT Butte; Community Christian TV
67	100	1000	AL Troy; Shelley Broadcasting Company (as amended)
65	3000	2013	TX El Paso; Salcido Broadcasting Company (as amended)

## APPLICATIONS DISMISSED (OR RETURNED)

CO	Castle Rock; ch. 53; Castle Rock TV Associates; Nonprofit Television Concepts; R&D Partners.
FL	Lake Worth; ch. 67; Lake Worth Broadcasting Corporation; Lake Worth Communications.
CA	Riverside; ch. 62; KIST Corporation; Bethel Broadcasting Inc.; Riverside Family Television Inc.; United American Telecasters (FCC decision, reversing earlier Review Board decision which had granted OP to KIST Corporation.)
FL	Miami; ch. 35; Harmony Broadcasting Corp.
FL	Tampa; ch. 50; Channel 50 Ltd.; Televisa Tampa; Gary E. Wilson.
KY	Morehead; ch. 67; John H. Leland
TN	Memphis; ch. 50; Channel 50 of Memphis.
TX	Odessa; ch. 42; Garcia Communications.
DE	Dover; ch. 34; Delaware Citizens Committee.
FL	Boca Raton; ch. 63; Acorn Television in Action for Communities.
FL	Tequesta; ch. 25; Old Salt Broadcasting Company; Tequesta Broadcasting Corporation.
KY	Bowling Green; ch. 59; Western Kentucky University.
TX	Lubbock; ch. 16; TRG Broadcasting Systems
VA	Grundy; ch. 68; Crescendo Communications
GA	Augusta; ch. 54; Independent Masters Ltd. (ALJ proposed)

NV	Los Angeles; ch. 33; Nevada Broadcasting Group.
NM	Albuquerque; ch. 41; Minority Broadcasters of Albuquerque; T&L Enterprises.
TX	Katy; ch. 51; Louise Brunson.
MD	Cumberland; ch. 65; Rita L. Young (Review Board, confirming earlier decision)
TN	Hendersonville; ch. 50; Burwood Broadcasting Corporation (Evidently somebody at the FCC found out that Hendersonville is in North Carolina, not Tennessee.)
AZ	Tolleson; ch. 51; Great Arizona Broadcasting Company; Marimar Communications Corp.
FL	Miami; ch. 35; Communi-Centre Broadcasting
NC	Raleigh; ch. 50; Brahman Communications; Charles Ray Shinn.
OK	Oklahoma City; ch. 62; Non-Profit Television Concepts.
FL	Orlando assignment; ch. 65; Metro Broadcasting Inc. (Orlando); Winter Park Communications Inc. (Winter Park).
GA	Athens; ch. 34; Sunbelt Television Inc. (FCC decision, upholding Review Board).
FL	Orlando; ch. 27; Spanish-American Broadcasting Inc.
NC	Raleigh; ch. 50; Raleigh Community Broadcasting Company Ltd.
TX	San Antonio; ch. 60; Spanish American Broadcasting Inc.; Thomas TV Associates.
ID	Caldwell; ch. 9; Cascade Broadcasting (Review Board decision upholding initial decision).
TX	Baytown; ch. 57; Neil I. Sanders (Review Board decision upholding Summary Decision).
HI	Honolulu; ch. 5; KHAI-TV (application for MP to change from ch. 20 to ch. 5)
FL	Panama City; ch. 28; Joyce/Cox Communications Group. (returned by the FCC).
TX	Roseberg; ch. 45; Texas 45 Broadcasting (after a 5-year fight for the channel).

## CONSTRUCTION PERMITS GRANTED

67	5000	1004	FL Lake Worth; Hispanic Broadcasting Inc. (subsequently rescinded by the FCC)
14	2780	428	VA Arlington; Urban Telecommunications Corp. (FCC decision, upholding Review Board dec'n)
55	5000	487	AL Gulf Shores; WHIS Unlimited.
67	5000	812	KY Morehead; Garcia Communica'ns
42	5000	476	TX Odessa; Alfred H. Roever
62	2366	2258	CA Riverside; Sunland Communications Company (FCC decision, reversing Review Board; this channel has been contested for over four years).
42	1850	1170	MN Alexandria; Hubbard Broadcasting Inc. (KSAX)
63	5000	651	FL Boca Raton; Palm Beach County Educators Broadcasting Inc.
41	265	4144	NM Albuquerque; Graciela Olivarez
54	4517	1121	GA Augusta; Augusta 54 Broadcasting Co. (ALJ proposed)
65	1000	1500	MD Cumberland; Gary A. Terrell (Review Board, supporting earlier decision)
61	5000	2000	AL Mobile; Mobile TV 61 Inc.

65 5000 1797 FL Orlando; Rainbow Broadcasting Company (FCC upholding Review Board decision)  
 34 4182 1035 GA Athens; Georgia Mountain Corp. (FCC upholding Review Board)  
 9 155 2737 ID Caldwell; TRC Communications Inc. (Review Board upholding initial decision granting CP to Canyon Communications, which later became TRC)  
 57 5000 981 TX Baytown; Villa-Reeve Ltd. (FCC affirming summary decision)

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS CANCELED  
 MO Jefferson City; ch. 36; KBMM-TV  
 TX Victoria; ch. 31; KVTX  
 UT Ogden; ch. 24; KUEC  
 TX Fort Stockton; ch. 5; KVMX-TV  
 IA Dubuque; ch. 16; KEII  
 WI Manitowoc; ch. 16; WYJE  
 PR Bayamon; ch. 36; WOTE  
 KY Owensboro; WPMJ, ch. 48

APPLICATIONS TO MODIFY CONSTRUCTION PERMITS  
 35 5000 1371 IL LaSalle; WFTO-TV  
 39 560 498 LA West Monroe; KMCT-TV  
 16 2470 2775 UT Provo; KZAR-TV  
 20 5000 519 IA Iowa City; KICI-TV

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT MODIFICATIONS GRANTED  
 6 52.5 2910 HI Kailua-Kona; KSHQ  
 8 31.6 556 MI Iron Mountain; WIIM-TV  
 62 8.4 154 NC Asheville; WASV-TV  
 17 300 865 MT Missoula; KMSC-TV  
 26 2792 1251 CT New London; WLGT  
 14 250 150 HI Honolulu; KDSC-TV  
 33 45 607 NY Utica; WTVU  
 21 4335 1428 AL Mobile; WMPV-TV (must have been reinstated.)  
 21 4986 1638 VA Lynchburg; WJPR  
 39 1657 652 WI Marshfield; WWTJ

APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE EXISTING FACILITIES  
 18 588 533 OH Zanesville; WHIZ-TV  
 33 45 607 NY Utica; WTVU  
 12 262 860 WV Clarksburg; WBOY-TV  
 43 1112 965 IL Bloomington; WYZZ-TV  
 4 100 1960 SC Charleston; WCIV  
 5 100 1960 SC Charleston; WCSC-TV  
 2 36.3 3632 CA Los Angeles; KCBS-TV  
 5 100 1394 TN Nashville; WTVF  
 10 6,116 115 CO Montrose; KREY-TV  
 30 5000 991 FL Jacksonville; WAWS

FACILITIES CHANGES GRANTED BY THE FCC  
 NC Charlotte; WPCQ-TV, ch. 36; granted CP to change ERP from 2510 kw max/1120 kw hor. to 2100 kw max.; 1311' AAT/1364' AG/2010' ASL (39' lower); same TL.  
 PA Philadelphia; WGBS-TV (formerly WWSG-TV), ch. 57; granted CP to change ERP from 891 kw max/708 kw hor. to 5000 kw; 1159' AAT/1134' AG/1376' ASL. Change took effect in October when it dropped STV.  
 LA Lafayette; KADN, ch. 15; granted license to cover CP for change; ERP raised from 282 kw max/166 kw hor to 1318 kw max/631 kw hor; 1180' AAT/1209' AG/1249' ASL (or about 980' higher than it had been); coordinates 30°21'44"/92°12'53"; TL 3 miles south of Church Point (Az. 317°, 13.23 miles from former TL).  
 NC Charlotte; WTVI, ch. 42; granted license to cover CP from changes: ERP raised from

214 kw to 1393 kw max; 460' AAT/496' AG/1154' ASL (about the same height); same TL.  
 ND Fargo; KVRN, ch. 15; granted CP to raise ERP from 2.31 kw to 22.19 kw max.; 196' AAT/182' AG/1092' ASL (about 120' higher than present); TL to 4007 9th Avenue SW, Fargo, ND. Coordinates 46°51'53"/96°50'57" (Az. 257°, 2.31 miles from present TL).  
 CO Durango; KRZ-TV, ch. 6; granted CP to raise ERP from 3.1 kw to 6.2 kw max; 361' AAT/142' AG/784.1' ASL (44' lower); same TL.  
 IL Bloomington; WYZZ-TV, ch. 43; granted CP to change ERP from 1200 kw max/1070 kw hor to 1112 kw max; 965' AAT/977' AG/1717' ASL (presently 1349' AAT); TL 2.5 miles north-east of Congerville, IL; coordinates 40°38'45"/89°10'45".

NC Wilmington; WWAY, ch. 3; granted license to cover CP for change; ERP raised from 64.57 kw max to 100 kw max; 1953' AAT/1941' AG/2001' ASL (48' lower AG and ASL, but 18' higher AAT. They probably refigured HAAT); same TL.  
 VA Hampton; WHRO-TV, ch. 15; granted license to cover CP for changes; see 8/85 VUD.  
 TN Jackson; WJWT, ch. 16. (signed on 4/85); granted MP to raise ERP from 215 kw max to 588 kw max. Same TL and height.  
 CA San Francisco; KFTZ, ch. 20; granted CP to change ERP from 5000 kw max/1700 kw hor to 3470 kw max.; 1550' AAT/820' AG/1654' ASL (284' higher AAT; 173' higher ASL); TL to Sutro Tower, Clarendon Heights, San Francisco; coordinates 37°45'20"/122°27'10"; (about 4 miles NNW of present site).

CALL LETTER APPLICATIONS: NEW STATIONS  
 CH C.L. STATE/CITY/APPLICANT  
 52 KVEA CA Corona; KBSC-TV  
 14 WTMW VA Arlington; Urban Telecommunications Inc.

CALL LETTER APPLICATIONS: CHANGE EXISTING  
 41 KKTO OK Tulsa; KGCT-TV

CALL LETTER GRANTS: NEW STATIONS  
 12 KNRR ND Pembina; KWBA (Before going on the air)  
 67 KSMS-TV CA Salinas; KSLZ  
 62 WFPT MD Frederick; W62AY  
 36 WGPT MD Oakland; W32AB  
 10 KSBY-TV MT Helena; John R. Powley  
 38 WADL MI Mount Clemens; Adell Broadcast'ng  
 42 KSAX MN Alexandria; Hubbard Broadcast'g  
 62 WLKT KY Lexington; FBC Inc.  
 15 KREB-TV NV Las Vegas; People of the Fire  
 20 KNCV ID Idaho Falls; Matlock Commun'ns.  
 63 WIIB IN Bloomington; Channel 63 Inc.  
 26 KOZJ MO Joplin; Ozark Public Telecomm's

CALL LETTER GRANTS: STATIONS ON THE AIR  
 10 KBRR MN Thief River Falls; KFOM-TV  
 52 KVEA CA Corona; KBSC-TV  
 39 WHTN TN Murfreesboro; WFYZ  
 57 WGBS-TV PA Philadelphia; WWSG-TV

NEW STATIONS ON THE AIR (DATA NEXT MONTH)  
 CA Chico; KCPM, ch. 24, went on 9/24/85  
 FL Cape Coral; WFTX, ch. 36, went on 10/14/85  
 LA Shreveport; KNSS-TV, ch. 33, went on 10/6

# TODAY A NEW EXCITING TELEVISION STATION BEGINS!

The 5,000,000 WATT switch is on to Philly 57 bringing the shows, stars and sports you love, home to Philadelphia and the whole Delaware Valley!

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PHILLY'S OWN SUPER STATION!

FORUM  
 WWSG-TV is now a thing of the past. From what I could gather, its pay-TV service, PRISM, is now carried by an MDS system. PRISM is a Philadelphia-oriented sports & movie ("SM") service which had been unavailable to the city itself because of lack of cable companies. A full-service broadcast station is a little too much to cover just the city, which is why PRISM probably went to an MDS system. Meanwhile, from the Philadelphia Inquirer from 10/18/1985: "After months of speculation on the part of local TV industry observers and official silence from the station itself, Philadelphia's newest independent outlet, WGBS-TV, Channel 57, has released its programming schedule, and it's a doozy. The station, which begins operation on Sunday at 7:00 a.m. (10/20/1985 -wbf), has a line-up that is sure to delight fans of classic television. There's no doubt Miami-based Grant Broadcasting..., which purchased 57 earlier this year, has spared no expense in putting together its programming fare. Like all independent stations, 57's programming leans heavily towards 'nostalgia' programming. But the station has compiled a roster of old shows which amounts to 'Rerun Heaven' for video buffs." Programs scheduled include some current talk-show and information programs. WGBS also carries the Philadelphia Flyers and college basketball games, apparently as an

incentive for cable companies, now free from the "must-carry" rules, to carry the station. In fact, the President of the Philadelphia Flyers sent letters to all of the subscribers of cable companies not yet planning to carry WGBS, urging them to ask the company to carry the station. Movies are restricted to weekends. Weekdays are entirely syndicated programs.

Marty Barvinchak confirms that WKBS, ch. 47 in Altoona, PA, is on the air. He saw them testing 10/19. On 10/20 they were broadcasting the same programs as WPCB, ch. 40 in Greensburg, PA. In the Pittsburgh area, WQED-13 and KDRA-2 have no plans to go stereo, but WPXI-11 and WTAE-11 hope to have stereo soon. He hopes I can get a list of stereo TV stations. I hope to in the future, but right now the number of stereo TV stations is over a hundred and still climbing rapidly, and the amount of stereo programming is still quite small, so it would be best to wait until the industry levels off a little before a complete list is attempted.

Randy Miltier sent a clipping from the 11/6 San Jose Mercury News. It seems that a local resident is complaining about the use of strobe lights by KCRA-3 and KTVL-40 on their transmitter towers instead of the old red warning lights. He says it makes the area look like Las Vegas.

Another letter from Marty sent a few news articles. The 10/8/85 Pittsburgh Press reported that a LPTV station on ch. 63 plans to go on the air on January 1, 1986. "A McMurray woman has purchased the license for the low-power TV signal allocated to this area by the Federal Communications Commission.... Jan. 1 is the target date for operation of Channel 63 under the call letters WBON-TV." As we all know by now, and as the press obviously has yet to find out, you don't get TV licenses like CB licenses. You get them the way Smith Barney earns money, and I don't mean defrauding banks. You have to show that your facilities are up to standards and functioning correctly, then wait about half a year after you're already on the air. So whatever she purchased, it's not a license. Also, the FCC does not grant broadcast call letters to LPTV stations. So I don't know where those call letters came from. If the local cable TV companies don't carry ch. 63, the station will begin with 24-hour music videos, then later phase in local advertiser-supported programming. If it does get on the cable, it will start immediately with advertiser-supported programming. The station will operate 100 watts TPO and transmit from atop Mount Washington, near Pittsburgh, PA.

From the 10/15/85 Pittsburgh Press: Metropolitan Pittsburgh Public Broadcasting is starting its periodic Begathon by going after the big guys first: the companies. It also mentioned that WQEX-16 has been off the air since last March because its antenna failed. When its new transmitter gets installed, it will "not only have a stronger signal because it is new but will enable Channel 16 to broadcast in color for the first time. The station will return to the

air 'whenever this transmitter arrives and is set up.' Marty was informed by the station that the transmitter problem is not expected to be resolved before next spring.

John F. Zeis sent a clipping from the West Chester (PA) Daily. The Philadelphia Big Five (basketball) will be covered by WBOT-TV, channel 61. WBOT is a Wilmington station that plans to go on the air in early December. "WBOT president Dan Slapes said the station would be able to reach out in a 50-mile radius from Wilmington." That's quite a trick, when you consider that the transmitter is in Woodstown, NJ. When I last checked the site about two months ago, the proposed TL was still growing corn. I'll check soon to see if any 949' high towers sprouted there recently. John writes, "I saw an article indicating Philadelphia Ch. 35 will begin broadcasting as a secondary PBS service late this fall. Since their antenna coordinates are the same as ch. 57, 35 may be planning to use the transmitter 57 is in the process of replacing." Actually, there is a law somewhere that obligates commercial stations that own towers to allow educational stations to attach their transmitters on the tower for a reasonable fee.

John M. Jefferson wrote, "KCPM-40 Chico signed on 9/24/85, billing itself as the area's only 'superstation' and carrying NBC. So far they seem to have no local news, airing reruns in the local-news time slots. The signal ranges from good to virtually nothing here, about 150 miles away, with lots of garbage in the way. Decidedly better than KHSL-12, which is frequently absent altogether & rarely is usable....Their transmitter is near Red Bluff, on Tuscan (Justin) Buttes, former site of KALF 95.9 and soon-to-be site of KRBQ 102.7. That site is well situated to cover Redding as well as the Chico area." "KMSG-59 Sanger...They're 100% religious, contrary to a report that they were carrying rock video programs." On a network change, "KFSN-30 is now carrying ABC & KJBO-47 has CBS." He also reports that KRCE-22 Cotati actually began broadcasting 11/84, not 1/85. "KPST-66 Vallejo is currently hoping to be on in 4/86."

W.R. McIntosh wrote that SelecTV (KWHY-22 in Los Angeles) had bought out ON-TV, which had been operating on KBSC-52 in nearby Corona. ON-TV subscribers had to change decoders to receive their service on KWHY. Meanwhile, KBSC was sold by Oak Media Corp. to Estrella Communications, which changed the call letters to KVEA, at which time the station went off the air temporarily. According to several sources, Estrella is a Spanish language outfit. Then a clipping from the 10/24/85 Los Angeles Times read, "KVEA-TV Channel 52 will begin broadcasting in Southern California on Nov. 24...reaching Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, Kern and Ventura counties." But another letter from Mc. dated 11/4, reads, "Starting on Sunday, 3 Nov 85, during the day, KVEA 52...came back on the air for daytime and evening hours. No mention of Estrella or any other program - just hours and hours of Gene Scott." "He must plan on being there awhile since he has set up local phone lines as well as his 1-800 phone

line." That guy seems to pop up everywhere. I've seen him on several stations along the east coast in the past few months. He's the only preacher on television that preaches while slouched on a swivel chair, wearing a leather jacket and smoking on a cigar between sentences.

Other articles sent by W.R. McIntosh: Times Mirror, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, has agreed to sell three of its seven television stations to Smith Acquisition Corp. Evidently it has its eyes on television stations in more profitable markets. The Korean-American Free Press Committee, a group of Korean-Americans living in Los Angeles, filed a complaint with the FCC against KSCI-TV, ch. 18 in San Bernardino, CA. The station sells blocks of programming time to 13 different ethnic groups, who arrange their own sponsors and programming. 12 hours of the week is in Korean. The complaint charges the station with receiving most of its Korean programming from Korean Television Enterprises, which they claim is controlled by the South Korean Government. They also charge the station with knowingly concealing the South Korean government's involvement in its programming. The South Korean government and Korean Television deny any government control over KSCI's programming. Korean Television itself denies any government control over its program production. The station claims that there have been no violations of FCC rules.

In another article, Rupert Murdoch is combining his recently acquired 20th Century Fox Film Corp. with the six Metromedia stations is purchasing. He plans to create a new division which will be called Fox Television Network. It will be late 1986 or early 1987 before any networking begins. The six TV stations he is acquiring cover 22% of the television audience in the country.

Another article confirms that the FCC approved the sale of KTLA-5 in Los Angeles to the Tribune Company, which in turn must sell the Daily News (Van Nuys, CA) within 18 months of the completion of the transfer. At \$510 million, this was the most expensive television station sale yet.

Meanwhile, CBS, trying to defray part of the \$1 billion it lost fighting Ted Turner's takeover attempt, announced that it will sell KMOX-TV in St. Louis, the least profitable of its five television stations.

This next article I saved for last so that I could give it special attention. It's about the current practice of some noncommercial educational television stations of selling air time to commercial advertisers for 30-second commercials. Firstly, let me say that they are doing it, and have been for quite some time now. Educational stations started out by merely acknowledging a contribution of a major corporation for the production of a particular program. Then they started showing the company's logo while announcing the blurb. Then the blurb was expanded to include a short plug for the company, even mentioning some of its products. Then I noticed that WLVU-39 in Allentown, PA, had been giving rather exten-

sive and detailed plugs. Then New Jersey Network started showing 30-second commercials between programs between programs, which were not in any way connected with the program. The only thing was that somewhere in the commercial, a voice added, "a proud sponsor of New Jersey Network." Secondly, let me say that I don't object to commercial advertising on educational stations. It merely means fewer of my tax dollars are being wasted on The Uncle Floyd Show. But let us not deceive ourselves by calling them noncommercial stations. Limited-commercial stations, maybe. According to the 9/5/1985 Los Angeles Times, KCET, ch. 28 is doing the same thing. "For the last 10 months, KCET has been peppering its lineup with low-key 'messages' from program underwriters—10-, 15- and 30-second spots that plug the sponsoring company and sometimes one of its products." "...these spots are occasionally popping up unconnected to any particular broadcast. What followed a recent telecast of 'The Wild, Wild World of Animals,' for example, were three promotional spots for upcoming wildlife documentaries, then the voice of an announcer who offered thanks for the support shown to KCET by subscribers and 'the following' company - after which a paid ad for Marineland appeared. The spot showed viewers what they could experience at the aquatic park, but stopped short of asking them to visit." "KCET is doing what many public-television stations across the country are doing: trying to bolster revenues by attracting more companies to make donations with the lure of expanded on-air credit for their support." And don't forget, your commercials are tax-exempt. "In the past, corporations providing financial support to a particular program could only be identified on the air by having their name appear in block letters before and after the show. But in March, 1984, the FCC relaxed its rules on underwriter crediting...." "FCC guidelines restrict the nature of advertising that public-television stations can accept. The enhanced underwriting spots cannot interrupt programs and they cannot use hard-sell techniques—no hyperbole about the virtues of a product, no comparisons with other products, no solicitations to use the product."

On the same page was another article. "New York-WNET, the nation's largest public television station, also is selling time between programs to corporations, but is looking for a somewhat different type of message than KCET in Los Angeles. The spots on WNET are meant to endorse nonprofit enterprises—either public TV itself or another organization, such as a museum, zoo or arts facility." "Under WNET's policy...two minutes of air time between programs is (sic) available to corporations at a flat rate of \$1,500 per 30 seconds, and to nonprofit organizations for \$1,000 for 30 seconds." "Air time already has been purchased by Chanel, Rolex watches, and the Museum of Modern Art, among others. The spots are not allowed to endorse a particular product, the station spokeswoman said. The policy allows a corporation to talk to our public, but not to give them a commer-

cial message," she said. "Give them time.

While we're redefining the word 'noncommercial,' maybe we should take another look at the word, 'educational.' Just how educational are such programs as The Twilight Zone, Star Trek, The Fugitive, Alfred Hitchcock Presents, and Dark Shadows. And why do we consider everything pumped out of the BBC to be educational? Just what are we saying when we refer to a television station as being a noncommercial educational station? Let's get some input on that from club members!

Let me get on to Nate Mly. He sent an article from the 10/25/85 Isthmus. "By March 1, for the first time in 30 years, Madison (Wisconsin-wbf) will have a new commercial TV station. But whether it will appeal to local viewers and advertisers remains to be seen." The article mentions that, unlike the superstations WGN and WTBS, this independent station will be financially limited, and therefore will not be able to present as good quality programming. But another factor may soon play a part in helping the station. "The studio and offices will be on the former site of the Big-Sky Drive-In, and the 1,000-foot antenna will be on university-owned land a mile away. By late 1986, however, WMSN (ch. 47 in Madison-wbf) will join a variety of radio and TV stations and microwave carriers on a grandiose 'candleabra tower,' which, at 1,422 feet, will be southern Wisconsin's highest antenna. Once atop the Candleabra, local TV and radio stations will be able to extend their reach to Rock County. Presently, the FCC and the national ratings companies assign that county to the Rockford Area of Dominant Influence. If enough Rock County homes tune in Madison stations (they already get the powerful WISC-TV, that area may be reassigned to the Madison ADL. Were that to happen, Madison would leap from the 104th-largest market to somewhere in the 90s, enabling local stations to increase ad rates and attract national advertisers that buy time only in the 'top 100' markets." "The more money a station makes, the better programming it can buy." And from an article in the 10/24 Wisconsin State Journal, "A temporary transmission tower is being constructed on the corner of Mineral Point Road and the West Beltline." "The station will have a relatively strong signal, reaching as far south as northern Illinois."

Nate sent me a card asking some questions relating to meteor scatter. Because of an almost total lack of club involvement on the subject, I ceased doing a regular column on meteor scatter. But occasionally I do get some input, but not enough to do a regular column. For want of anything better, I decided to throw it in this column. Nate asks, "What, if anything, does the arrival of Halley's Comet mean to DX propagation? Can we look forward to increased meteor scatter?" Probably not. In fact, I heard of a theory that the meteor showers associated with the comet should be no more dense than usual, and that astronomers hoped to prove that theory during the current visit by the comet. I don't know what their reasoning behind that

theory. "Will it have any impact on the E or F2 layers of the ionosphere?" I have often heard of something called "meteor scatter enhanced E-skip," but I question if there is such a thing. I have never read of it in any of the science magazines or journals, and I don't see how a few pinhead-sized meteors could cause a skip opening. I wonder sometimes if somebody is mistaking an unusually long overdense-distorted burst for a short skip opening. Robert Grant wrote several months ago about a large amount of meteor scatter on the nights of 2/14-19, 1985. He even checked the sky, and noticed several slow-moving meteors radiating from Canis Major. Meteors coming from that direction at that time of year would tend to be slower than average velocity, but there is no shower on record anywhere near that time, not even a small shower. I have been looking in the astronomy magazines for several months since then to see if anybody reported unusually large numbers of meteors at that time, but so far I have seen nothing.

Remember all those NBC affiliates that jumped ship before it sank and went over to ABC a few years ago. Larry Fuss sent this interesting article from the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, dated 10/11/85. "Other former NBC affiliates may be returning to the fold now that the peacock network is leading the battle for network supremacy, but WSB/Channel 2 apparently plans on toughing it out with last-place ABC. A longtime NBC affiliate, Channel 2 dumped that network rather unceremoniously in September 1980 and made the switch to ABC, which had ruled the Nielsens in the late '70s and still was a strong No. 2 at that time. NBC inherited former ABC affiliate WXIA/Channel 11. WSB was one of about 25 stations that jumped networks, primarily to ABC, during the 10 years NBC was mired in the ratings basement. In most cases, NBC ended up replacing its former affiliate with a weaker station." "Recently, however, the trend has been the other way, with three of those former NBC affiliates deciding to return to the network, which moved up to second place in the ratings last season and is leading the pack so far this fall. Earlier this year, WSAV-TV in Savannah, which had dropped NBC in 1982, returned to the network. In the last couple of weeks, KOMU-TV in Columbia, Mo. (which dumped NBC in 1982), and KCEN-TV in Waco-Temple, Texas (a deserter last year), both have scrambled back aboard the NBC Bandwagon.

Paul Gaines sent in several television listings of recent stations to come on the air. For example, KMSS-TV, ch. 33, which signed on 10/6/1985 in Shreveport, LA, as that city's first independent station. It seems to be lacking in syndicated programs of any worth. Saturday's listing consisted of six movies during the day. Would you believe not one religious program at all on Sunday? Cartoons in the morning and six movies the rest of the day. Cartoons for two hours each weekday morning, followed by three hours of religious programs. Cartoons and children's shows in the afternoon, then back to a few syndies be-

fore we hit another movie. I hope they do better when they get themselves established. But in an area with nothing but network affiliates, it's still a change. There is no news program of any kind on its schedule. Maybe in the future.

Paul reports that ch. 31 in Ann Arbor, MI (WHT), is now SPN (or did you mean the Disney Channel, Pay!?). W22AE in Bucyrus, Ohio, is now running OK-TV.

Ben Wilkie asks, "Could you please furnish me with any information that you may have on a new translator for WJME ch. 6 in New Bedford Ma. This operates on ch. 48. I have been receiving this station recently, as well as many other distant UHFers." I haven't done anything on LPTV or translators since the 1984 list. But if anybody else has any information, let me know. Ben also asked about WJOT, ch. 60 in Merrimack, NH. So far, I haven't heard a thing. They still have a CP, but I don't know when they would be coming on the air.

John Combs writes, "Ken Simon tells me that the Miami Herald ran an announcement in their TV section saying that they will not run schedules for Channel 36 in Cape Coral. This was apparently in answer to inquiries from readers, so it's very possible they are on the air." They did, about a week before you sent the letter. By the way, John, that envelope was a mess by the time it arrived. Cancellation marks all over it. It's a wonder the Post Office delivered it.

Richard Steinberger sent a series of articles about the transmitter tower for WJTV-TV, ch. 66 in Marlboro, MA. A few weeks before last Christmas, the station began testing the strobe lights on its 1249-foot tower on Parmenter Road. Neighbors in Hudson, Stow, and as far away as Westboro and Sterling, began complaining about the lights. One area resident said it was lighting up his oak trees. On foggy nights, the entire sky lit up with the strobe's flashes. Hundreds of people complained to the police about the lights. The station finally decided to let the strobe lights stay on only during the day.

On another subject, WGBH-2, the first major Boston station to go fulltime stereo, plans to convert WGBX-44 to stereo later this year.

Paul Mount sent an article about WOR-TV, the New York station that everybody thinks is a New Jersey station. It's from the 11/6/85 Record (Bergen County?): "GenCorp, the... parent company of WOR-TV Channel 9 in Secaucus, put New Jersey's only commercial VHF television station on the selling block yesterday." "GenCorp, which faces federal challenges to more than a dozen of its broadcast licenses, also announced a preliminary agreement to sell its KHJ-TV Los Angeles television station to Westinghouse Broadcasting in New York...." "All (Gen Corp licenses -wbf) face FCC challenges except WOR-TV, which was granted a five-year license renewal under



special legislation granting a license to any VHF station which would move to New Jersey." Those of you who have been reading this column know the full story behind that one. I also remember hearing word about Westinghouse studying the purchase of WOR-TV. If they do, they would have to sell WYN-TV, ch. 3 in Philadelphia, because of overlap of coverage area.

**Channel 2 has a new transmitter. Here's how you can catch the signal.**

Now you can get terrific reception on Channel 2. If you live in the Anchorage Bowl, simply aim your outside antenna north toward our new full-power transmission tower located at Goose Bay. Because we've increased our power from 28,000 to 100,000 watts, you'll pick up a sharper, stronger KTUU signal. That means picture-perfect viewing of all your favorite NBC programs. And even if you receive Channel 2 via cable or a standard set of rabbit ears, you'll see your TV picture shine! Need more information? Call the KTUU Tower Line, 234-3318. Get the picture! Adjust your antenna and be there with NBC Channel 2.

Alaska's first and only full-power television station.

Rod O'Connor sent some news from Alaska. It looks like some of their stations are growing up. One article he sent reads, "Local television station KTUU-TV (Channel 2) on Monday began sending 'full power' television signals from a new transmitter and tower at Goose Bay, located across Knik Arm from Anchorage. By broadcasting at 100,000 watts instead of the former 28,800 watts at a new location, reception will improve in Wasilla, Palmer, Eagle River and on the Kenai Peninsula." "Reception also will improve in areas of Anchorage where television signals previously were poor due to transmitter location Anchorage westward Hilton Hotel. KAKM (Channel 7), Anchorage's public television station will begin broadcasting from the new location at the end of the week, and KIMO (Channel 13) also will use the Goose Bay transmission tower." But while the signal is stronger in regions outside the city, reception in Anchorage is very disappointing. From the 10/29/85 Anchorage Daily News, "Signals from a new television transmission tower at Goose Bay are so weakened by their 12-mile journey that Anchorage viewers who have gotten along with 'rabbit ears' atop their TVs may now be stuck with snow on their screens as well as in their yards. After extensive tests, engineers for KTUU-TV Channel

2, the first station to start broadcasting from the 808-foot-tall antenna at the new site, decided the reception is as good as it's going to get." "The transmission facilities at Goose Bay across the Knik Arm are owned jointly by Channel 2, KAKM-TV Channel 7, KIMO-TV Channel 13 and the University of Alaska, which is planning a new instructional channel. KAKM started transmitting from the new location on Friday (10/25 -wbf). Engineers for the station are noticing reception anomalies similar to those documented by KTUU." "KTUU paid just over \$1 million to move to the new location, including the station's share of the new transmitter tower." "The result: reception got better for an estimated 30,000 homes outside Anchorage but worse for many of the 70,000 homes in Anchorage." "The station's old antenna, atop the Anchorage Westward Hilton, was just 190 feet above the average Anchorage terrain.... Reception was poor in some parts of Anchorage and nil in others...."

CANADIAN NEWS  
APPLICATION WITHDRAWN:  
ON Peterborough; CICA for ch. 18, 152.1 kw.

APPLICATIONS DENIED  
PQ Montreal; ch. 35; Television de Montreal  
PQ Quebec; ch. 2; Four Seasons; Television de Quebec.

APPLICATION GRANTED  
PQ Montreal; ch. 35; Four Seasons; French language; 566 kw ERP.

CHANGES GRANTED  
BC Vancouver; CKVU-TV; granted change from ch. 21 to ch. 10; from 880 kw ERP to 285 kw ERP.  
NB Dauphin; CKYD-TV, ch. 12; reduce ERP from 63 kw to 50 kw; rebuild tower which was destroyed in March, 1983.

NB Brandon; CKYB-TV, ch. 4; reduce ERP from 55 kw to 45.16 kw  
NB Brandon; CKX-TV, ch. 5; reduce ERP from 44 kw to 41.7 kw.  
ON Owen Sound; CICA-TV-12, ch. 12; raise ERP from 41 kw to 52 kw.

PQ Iles de la Madeleine; CBMYT, ch. 7, to rebroadcast CBMT(6) Montreal instead of ANIK.

PQ New Carlisle; CBVN-TV, ch. 45; change ERP from 5.19 kw to 5.32 kw.  
PQ Trois Rivières; CHEM-TV, ch. 8; raise ERP from 5.12 kw to 123.2 kw.

SA To rebroadcast CBKFT, ch. 13, Regina instead of CBWFT, ch. 3, Winnipeg; CBKFT-3, ch. 22 in Debden; CBKFT-6, ch. 39, Gravelbourg; CBKFT-11, ch. 31, Leoville; CBKFT-10, ch. 16, Moose Jaw; CBKFT-12, ch. 41, North Battleford; CBKFT-7, ch. 22, Pon-teix; CBKFT-2, ch. 3, Prince Albert; CBKFT-4, ch. 7, St. Brieux; CBKFT-1, ch. 13, Saskatchewan; CBKFT-5, ch. 21, Willow Bunch.

NEXT MONTH: More Canadian news from Walter Patton and Bruce Elving. The above Canadian News was from Walter Patton.

# FM NEWS

## NEW FM STATION, TRANSLATOR GRANTS

AL Florence W22AH 94.3 (WBGT 106.3 Sheffield; but somebody just filed for 106.3 in Florence for a translator to relay another station; watch FCC issue a new 106.3 construction permit with different call numbers for the other station!)

AK Soldotna KLDK 96.5 100000 h.v.; 26° CA Chester 98.9 25500 horizontal only; 242° CA Fort Bragg 91.5 g.; 370 h.v.; 59° "Grace Thru Faith" (Alameda)  
CA Oxnard KJAZ-1 92.7 10 (booster of KJAZ/CA Pleasanton and Dublin KSOL-1 107.7 (on-channel booster of KSOL San Mateo), 10 w CA San Ramon KRQR-1 97.3 (KRQR 97.3 San Francisco booster), 10 watts  
CA Victorville K288J 105.5 (KFSG 96.3 Los Angeles translator)  
CO Carbonade K252C1 98.3 (KSPN 97.7 Aspen)  
CO Edwards K244C 96.7 (KZYR 103.1 Avon)  
CO Pueblo 107.9 100000 h.v.; 375° (town)  
DE Dover W292CF 106.3 (WSEA 93.5 George/LF Homestead 95.7 100000 h.v.; 500°  
HI Honolulu 99.5 100000 h.v.; 390°  
IN Lagrange 105.5 3000 h.v.; 300° (Lawrence)  
KS Pittsburg K207AC 89.3 (KANU 91.5/

MN Buhl WIRR 90.9 on fulltime (24 hours), \$ MO Mexico KJAB 90.1 g, 380 h.v.; 130°; \$ WI Ashland K218AR 91.5 (KDNW 90.5 —must be directional to WJ, as heard 14 miles in that direction on a car radio)

## DELETIONS

IN Howe WHWE 89.7, not on FCC database, now you won't have to go knocking on their door and wondering about them, Frank Merrill! OK Ellsworth K244 AC 92.7  
KS Great Bend K257AB 99.3  
MN New York Mills K257BD 99.3 (replaced by K252BK 98.3 Wadena)  
OK Oklahoma City K296CB 107.1 (see also "Moore OK" under Facilities' Changes)

Call Letters Changed or Assigned  
AZ Clifton 95.3 KJJ (KXJJ)  
AZ Payson 103.9 KJJJ (grant to KJJJ set aside; affects seven translators)  
AR Mountain Home 107.5 KKTZ (KFKB)  
CA Los Angeles 99.5 KKL A (KHOF), g; now \$? CA Rohart Park 104.9 KRPO  
CA San Diego 94.9 KWL T (KBZT), "K-Lite," rm CA Santa Barbara 97.5 KHTY (KKO), r, "V, 97-FM" (strict) (really in Brigham City UT)  
CO Eagle 98.3 K252CH (K252CB; K252C B/

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—We own this home now!

Contributions welcome

OH Dayton 89.5 WDPR (WCX L; still g?) OK Sallisaw 95.9 KKID-FM (from KAZZ)  
OR Lake Oswego 106.7 KMJK-FM (KMJK; AM goes to KMJK from having been KLI D)  
OR Newport 102.5 KNPT-FM (KBKN)  
PA Mifflintown 107.1 WQJU (not changing to WJBS), gm, stereo  
TX Amarillo 101.9 KZZD (KWAS; still g?) TX Canyon 107.1 KATP (KH80); \$, rp, "The Cat" (Calls used only on the hour)  
TX Dallas 103.7 KVIL-FM (KVIL-FM)  
TX McKinney 98.3 KWML (KMMK), p rock TX San Angelo 93.9 KTXE (KWLW)  
WA Spokane 97.7 KDRK-FM (KDRK)  
WA Yakima 99.3 KAJR-FM (KAJR)  
AZ Besano 106.1 CJAY-4  
BC Invermere 99.7 CJAY-3  
BC Bender Harbour 104.3 C1PN (104°)  
MB Brandon 96.1 C KX-FM (CJCM); 89000 h/v  
NS Eskasoni Indian Reserve 99.1 C KNU  
ON Peterborough 96.3 CFFP  
PQ Champion 92.3 C1HA; 93.1 C1HQ (but could be reversed; news release not clear on these)  
PQ Kijijuaq 90.1 C KJJ (assumed)  
PQ Kuujuaupik 89.9 calls assumed not assigned; assumed not to be C KJJ  
PQ Quebec 96.1 C KIA  
PQ St. Jovite 98.1 C BMF (from C BMJ)

## Facilities Changes Granted

AL Auburn-Opalika WKKR 97.7 1330 h.v.; 475°  
AL Decatur WDRM 102.1 100000 h.v.; 73° (adds v); 73° (adds v)  
AL Fairhope WZEW 92.1 280° (3000 h.v.)  
AL Tuscaloosa WJUA 90.7 only (no horizontal; may be first station in U.S. with this; in future my lists may read h for horizontal)

## JAZZ? FLUNKS OUT!

On the threshold of "Jazz Week", the only full-time JAZZ Radio Station in northeast Florida has been dumped (without notice) in favor of "QUEASY LISTENING"

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WE CAN HAVE THE SOUNDS OF JAZZ IF WE SOUND OFF!  
PAID ADVERTISEMENT

FL Jacksonville 90.9 WKTZ-FM (WFAM); now b FL New Port Richey 105.5 WGUL (WUCL-FM)  
GA Waynesboro 100.9 WYFA (WVGA)  
IN Muncie 104.9 WOKZ  
KS Derby 95.9 KRZZ-FM (KAKZ-FM)  
KS Kansas City 94.1 KFKE-FM (KFKE-FM)

MI Detroit 99.5 WDTX (WCLS), r, "We're pop radio, 99-WDTX"  
MI Port Huron 88.3 WNFA (WZJI)  
MS Poplarville 107.9 WQLC (WRPM-FM), rm—"with marvelous stereo separation . . . the best I've heard around here in years. Still off at 10 p.m., but as the Poplarville-Picayune area continues to grow with suburban spillover, this may change."  
MO Florissant 97.1 KWL T (KCFM)  
MO Mexico 95.7 KWWR (Kwwr-FM) (xlr), M T Billings 102.9 KOOK), r (from KBIT, affects V/NE Columbus 93.5 KWMG (KTTT-FM), r, no non-ID; duplicates AM days; sometimes says "Magic," but always with calls

NY Port Henry 92.1 WKLZ (WH RC), rp; going \$

only and v for vertical only, and where there is no indication it may mean circular polarization, or a combination of v and h.  
AZ Glendale KFRZ 92.3 995° (100000 h.v.)  
AZ Puntkin Center K240BD 94.9 (KSOJ 93.9 Flagstaff; not KSM K 95.9 Cottonwood AZ)  
AR Fayetteville KUAF 91.3 (from 88.3) 100000 h.v., directional; 1105°  
CA Sacramento KAER 92.5 450° (50000 h.v.)  
CA Santa Cruz Moss Landing-Gilroy-Fenton K207AR 98.3 (from K210BL Watsonville; KUSP 88.9 Santa Cruz better watch out for this encroachment)  
CA Soledad K219AU 91.7 (from K240AK 95.9)  
CO Colo. Springs KSPZ 92.9 53000 h.v. (213°)  
CO Denver KAZY 106.7 100000 h.v.; 99°  
CO Eagle K210AH 89.9 has KUWR 91.9 Laraine-MY on it)  
FL Atlantic Beach WFVY 104.5 985°, directional (100000 h.v.)  
FL Avon Park WWOJ 106.3 2350 h.v.; 370° 985°  
FL Fort Lauderdale WUOJ 106.7 100000 h.v./FL Goulds WTHM 98.3 1550 h.v. (46°)  
FL Key West WKRY 93.5 3000 h.v.; 74°

## FCC-FM

FL Williston WJRD 92.1 1700 h.v. (45°)  
HI Honolulu 100.3 (new) 99000 h.v. (46°)  
HI Paeoia KHCR 95.9 3000 h.v.; 56°—did not delete!  
IL Chicago WCXR 88.1 directional antenna WOU 88.9 10 w licensed-off air—no valid 100 w construction permit; candidate for deletion?  
IL Edwardsville WSIE 88.7 adds 4 1000 v (50, 000 h.; 500°)  
IL Elmhurst WRSE 88.7 directional  
IL Hinsdale WHSD 88.5 125 h.v. directional antenna (130°); off the air  
IL Mt. Zion WXFMM 99.3 1 130 h.v.; 500° (91.1)  
IN Rockford W257AN 99.3 (from W216AA/IL Streator WSTQ 97.7 3000 h.v.; 330°)  
KS Kamao KMAJ 107.7 1215° (100000 h.v.)  
LA Alexandria KQID 93.1 1540° (100000 h.v.)  
LA De Ridder K ROK 92.1 1200 h.v.; 505°  
LA Houma KHOM 104.1 1955° (100000 h.v.)  
LA Laplace WKW 92.3 1955° (100000 h.v.) (oldies) and k (10 p.m. til dawn); "with declining petrochemical industry in its signal area," station is increasing its height and "seems to be going for New Orleans market for first time."  
NE Ellsworth WMMJ 95.7 11500 h.v. (103°)

MI Gaylord WZXM-FM 95.3 3000 h.v. (325°)  
MI Sturgis WSTR-FM 99.3 2150 h.v. (390°)  
MN Duluth W29AM 97.7 (from K244 AC); back on 97.7, with increased height or power, but still announcing as K244 AC; move took place the day WEVE-FM in nearby Eveleth MN changed from 100.1 to 97.9. (K244 AC had been on 96.7.)  
MS Bloxie WQID 93.7 1180° (100000 h.v.)  
MS Jackson WTYX 94.7 1115° (100000 h.v.)  
MO Kirksville KRXL 94.5 990° (100000 h.v.)  
NE Omaha KEFM 96.1 1455° (100000 h.v.)  
NV Gardnerville KGVN 99.3 directional (88.5)  
NV Searchlight K2058G 88.9 (from K203AM/NV Porthsmouth WHEB-FM 100.3 50000 h.v.; 155°)  
NJ Zarephath WAWZ 99.1 23400 h.v.; 725°  
NY Elmira WLWV 94.3 1300 h.v.; 495°; adds v  
NY Homell WKCR 92.1 1250 h.v.; 510°  
NY Mount Kisco WYIP-FM 106.3 800 h.v.; 595°  
NC Eden WYVA 94.5 980° (100000 h.v. on DA)  
NC Henderson WYFL 92.5 100000 h.; 96500 v.; 1015°  
NC Moyock WOFM 92.1 1700 h.v.; 420°  
OH Canton WHCB-FM 94.1 44400 h.v.; 515°  
OH Dover-New Philadelphia WJER-FM 101.7 330° (3000 h.v.)  
OH Lima WLSR 104.9 285° (3000 h.v.)  
OH Westerville WBBY 103.9 2600 h.v. (360°)  
OK Henyette KDLB-FM 99.5 985° (100000 h.v.)  
OK Moore-(Oklahoma City) (from Oklahoma City) K296C; see "Deletions")  
OK Oklahoma City KAEZ 107.7 985000 h.v.; 990° (K288C 105.5)

OR Bend K296D1 101.7 (from/OK Klamath Falls KTEC 89.5 205 h.v.; 185°)  
OR Portland KUPL-FM 98.5 100000 h.v.; 1105°  
PA Greencastle WKSL 94.3 2500 h.v. (66°)  
PA Kane WiFi 103.9 225° (3000 h.v.); now IDs with Warren-Bradford, "Wi-Fi 104"  
PA Martinsburg WJS 94.7 330 h.v.; 985°  
PA Scranton WWDL 104.9 270 h.v. (109°)  
SC Darlington WDR1 105.5 2400 h.v.; 360°  
SC Ladson WKCL 91.5 9000 h. (delete vertically); (175°)  
SC Lake City WCFG 100.1 330° (3000 h.v.)  
SD Rapid City K292DL 106.3 (KSLT 107.3 Deadwood; apparently y GHzeta WY translator; 106.3, a KOLL 96.9 displacing WY translator; see my comments above, under "New FM Station, Translator Grants," regarding Florence AL)  
SD Reliance KPLD-FM 94.5 71000 h.v. (90°)  
TX Kermit KGRA 106.3 275° (3000 h.v.)  
TX Lubbock KFMM-FM 94.5 97.9 (100000 h.v.)

TX San Angelo KSJT 107.5 605° (100000 h.v.)  
VA Williamsburg WQSF-FM 96.5 490° (50000 h.v.); WI Detroit WBCR 90.3 130 h.v. (45°)  
WI Black River Falls W269AT 101.7 (from W-272AC 102.3)  
WI Kanosha WJZD 95.1 50000 h.v. (385°)  
WI La Crosse WHLA 90.3 100000 h.v.; 101°  
CA Bonnington CBL D-FM 89.5 (from 92.5); 49 watts  
BC Kelowna CBU-F 2 90.5 (from 99.1)  
CHIM 104.7 11000 h. (1610°)  
BC Peniticon CBBP 93.7 (from 93.3)  
BC Prince George C101 101.3 (100.5; believed never to have operated on 100.5) [(1485°)  
BC Trail CBTA 94.9 (from 106.7) 13500 h/w  
BC Vancouver CFOX 99.3 35000 h.v.; new, unannounced height  
BC Vernon CBYV 106.5 (from 105.5)  
BC Voss CBTW 92.7 (from 92.9); 115 w  
NF St. John's V OCM-FM 97.5 100000 h.v. (485°)  
NS Margaree CBAF-15 92.3 (from 101.9)  
ON Windsor CKEZ 93.9 68000 h.v.  
PE Charlottetown CBC-T FM 96.1 (from 96.9)  
100000 h.v. (825°)  
PQ Hull CIMF 94.9 94000 h.v. (108°)  
PQ La Malbaie CBV-6 99.3 (from 92.9)  
PQ Mont-Laurier CBF-9 91.9 (from 96.3)  
PQ Montreal C1N G 102.3 50 h.v.; with new, unannounced height  
PQ St. Fabien-de Panet CBV-5 93.7 (from 96.5)  
SA Sisseton CFMC 95.7 (from 103.9) 100000 h.v.; new, unannounced height

## SLOGANS/NON-IDs in Use

AL Florence WOLT 107.3 107-FM (not Q-107)  
FL Daytona Beach WCFI 101.9 Sunny 102 FM  
FL Miami WGLV 97.7 Love-99; ID with Gainesville (WVoo County)  
FL Orlando WHOO-FM 96.5 96-FM (from/FL Panama City WGNB 98.5 Genie Radio ("Q 98 not heard"; WLWV 106.3 Love Radio, m FL Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater WPDS 93.3 Paradise 93, soft rock)  
FL Venice WRAV 92.1 FM-92  
GA Valdosta WAAC 92.9 Country-93  
GA Waycross WDCW 102.5 O Country  
IN Renaissance WPUM 90.5 U-90  
LA New Orleans WQUE 93.3 Hit Radio  
WNOE-FM 101.1 Hit Country 101  
MA Boston WKKT 100.7 Classic Hits 100.7, still r, but emphasizing oldies  
MI Detroit WCKI-FM 92.3 Country 92.3  
WHYT 96.3 Power-96  
MN Pipestone KLOH-FM 98.7 98-FM  
MO Clayton KFUD-FM 99.1 Classic-99, now no commercial station, so don't use a(n) "near it"  
NY Port Jervis WISX 96.7 T-96.7, (rock)  
NY Troy WFLY 92.3 Fly-92-FM  
OH Cincinnati WNNK 94.1 Wink 94.1; seems to give legal ID 10 to the hour—"No full legal ID on the hour EVER! . . . I was so naive, I had the time, I'd write the FCC and report them! I should write the station and raise hell with them" now r \$ (new and old rock); no more k. [Ed note: Some stations band the FCC rules that say to give an ID on the hour, and do so anywhere between 10 to the hour and the hour itself. WHTZ 100.3 Newark NJ also does this; apparently the practice is not illegal!]  
NY Fulton WKFM 104.7 Kix-FM  
PA Williamsport WWAS 88.1 Universal 88  
WKSB 102.7 Class FM  
TN Collegedale WSMC 90.5 FM-90.5  
VA Arlington WAVA 106.1 All Hits 106  
ON Windsor CJAM-FM 91.5 C-Jam

MULTI-CITY IDENTIFICATIONS  
AK Homer KGT-L FM 103.5 adds  
Kani-Soldotna-Kodiak  
CT New Britain WRCH 100.5 adds Hartford-Springfield (MA) New Haven, I network  
CA Augusta WZNY 105.7 adds Aiken SC

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GA St. Marys WLKC 93.5 adds Fernandina Beach FL, no more KC-93 non ID [KS  
KY Clay Center KCLY 100.9 adds Washington/KY Carrollton WKI 100.1 adds Madison IN, r, \$  
KY Paris WCOZ 96.7 adds Lexington, still b, \$, "Cozy" and "FM-97"; "tries to sound like a Lexington station"  
KY Winchester WFMI 100.1 adds Lexington, now r, \$ stereo [Morgan City, "New 107.5"  
LA Houma KGIL 107.5 adds Thibodaux/LA Sidral WLTS 105.3 adds New Orleans, "Light Rock"  
NY Utica WRCK 107.3 adds Rome  
OH Dayton WTUE 104.7 adds Springfield TN Gallatin WWKX 104.5 adds Nashville TX Jacksonville KOOI 106.5 adds Tyler VA Mechanicsville WZZR 92.7 adds Richmond

Also take note:  
GA Newnan WBUS 96.7 does not always mention Atlanta  
SC Gaffney WAGA 105.3 multi-city ID rotates among: Gaffney-Spartanburg-Greenville; -Spartanburg-Adelphi NC; -Gastonia NC-Charlotte NC.  
TN Cleveland WUSV 100.7 Radio Town (United Stations). ID rotates among: Chattanooga -Athens; (-Dafon GA). Nick Lombardi then suggested changing how the multi-city IDs are listed, and I largely agree. He says, like for WUSV, since the second city, Chattanooga, is always mentioned, but the third city is rotated, to list it as I did above. However, in visiting KZEN 100.3 Central City NE, I learned they rotate among 48 cities in their coverage area, so for stations like that and WZVN 1.1 Lowell IN, I will simply list the multi-city ID as: in Lowell ( . . . , etc.) Z-107, WZVN. I will generally follow this practice when there are four or more cities mentioned or rotated.

STEREO STATIONS (\$)   
AK Anchorage KATB 89.3 g. "The time I heard it, was relaying Moody Network—but giving a quick local ID on the hour"  
AK Fairbanks KRKO-FM 95.9, k  
FL Havana WHFL 104.9, but not the best fidelity for an FM format station; reporter MI Flint WFMJ 91.1, p, parallel to WUOM 91.7 and WGR 90.1  
MN Marshall KBJJ 107.1, rm  
NM Santa Fe KIVA 105.1, r, "Kea-Va," "Hardly ever mentions Santa Fe, just Albuquerque"  
PA Benton WBNE 95.9 rk, adds Derwick-Bloomsburg to ID; B-96 (strict), 24 hours  
PA Coudersport WFRM-FM 96.7 r, "FM-97"—has Mutual (Lifestyle) news (holdout PA DuBois WOWO 102.1, a longtime mono/ TX Bay City KMK 92.1, (rock)  
WI Shawano WOWN 99.3, owned by former student of mine and best man at our wedding, Bruce Grauman

DISCONTINUING STEREO  
NE Aurora KSTBB 103.1, probably no need for \$, as it has a nostalgic "big bands" format (m, \$, as transmitter about 8 km WNW of Aurora, closer to Grand Island NE.  
FORMATS/NETWORKS  
AK Juneau KSUP 106.3, believed on air; \$? AK Kani KWHQ 100.1 pr  
AK Soldotna-Kani KPEM 101.7 b, b, [air, \$? AR Dermott KAKA-FM 103.1 k, believed on/ CA Northridge KCSN 88.5 k (to 8m to 5 pm; new-wave rock after midnight) [99-5° DE Wilmington WJBR-FM 99.5 m, "Bright FL Jacksonville WCLS 96.1 rm, "Class-96.1 FM" (of the 60s, 70s and 80s"  
FL Ocala WFUZ 93.7 r (was k); Hitw/ FL Sarasota WAVE 102.5 m, "not"; but check Nov. VUD, p. 23, for possible call letter change to WSRZ (Van Horn report, p. 23); I'm still listing it as WAVE; non-ID is "Wave."

FL Tallahassee WAMF \*90.5 f  
 WFSU \*91.5 c (not cp: "They dropped their rock couple of years ago; big brouhaha at the time")  
 GA Jesup WAZS 98.3 k  
 GA V. Woodstock WZLS 90.7 r  
 HI "Pukalani KMWI 98.3 r  
 IL Lansing WLNK 106.3 ms (has applied for use of WJPC-FM calls)  
 IN Elwood WBMP 101.7 k, sold, soon to be back on the air; let us know if they have \$1 IA Cedar Rapids KHAK-FM 98.1 r  
 LA Golden Meadow KBAU 94.3 all k, "Bayou" (formerly licensed to Galiano)  
 MD Bethesda WTKS "Magic 102.3," rk mix for an "easy listening" sound  
 MI Gaylord WPHN \*90.5 G (Moody) network  
 MI Iron Mountain WIMK 93.1 rp (but carrying some ball game when I drove thru)  
 MN St. Louis Park KJJD 104.1 r (20 years of rock and roll; now on with transmitter in Somerset WI—the only Twin Cities' area station known to transmit from WI) list as a MN station because of its city of license, but know some DXers who would claim this as a change of state for them.  
 MS Laurel and WLOQ 102.3 r (D with Greenville) —stereo?  
 NE Kearney KRNY-FM 98.9 r (oldies); ID only as "KRNY" on the hour. I then called the Grand Island NE FCC monitoring station to complain. The lady who answered then read from the FCC rules on station identifications, which I think clearly state that the FM must be mentioned whether simulcasting or not, but she thought if it was an infraction of the rules it was a "very minor one." She said she would study the matter and decide if a letter to KRNY-FM would be necessary, but would not send me a copy of any such letter, saying that would violate any confidence in a matter relating to their work. Ah, the FCC and its spirit of deregulation!  
 NC Thomsville WTHP 98.3; adds Greensboro dual city ID. [—stereo?]  
 ND Williston KDSR 101.1 r, believed on air/  
 OR Cave Junction KBBG-FM 102.7 RKO (United Stations Network; stereo?)  
 PA Emporium WQKY 99.3 m  
 PA Shamokin WSPZ 95.1 net (was R)

WA Aberdeen KAYO-FM 99.3 r [ok]  
 WI Eagle River WRJO 94.3 k, still mono; simulcasting with WERL (AM)

SCA, 67 kHz Mainly  
 AL Montgomery WLWI-FM 92.3 no SCA heard recently, and they never answered my letter of inquiry, so I assume it's deleted

**KLZZ**  
 Class FM 106.5/AM 600  
 8665 Gibbs Drive, Suite 201.  
 San Diego, CA 92123-1728

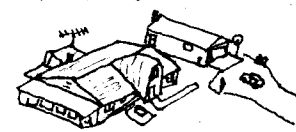
CA San Diego KLZZ 106.5 67 kHz paging, starting January 1986  
 MI Escanaba WYKX 104.7 no SCA  
 MI Marquette WHWL 95.7 (Music WRUP 103.3 FM (both of the above have the same SCA music, as well as WNMU \*90.1, all at 67 kHz—unusual for three stations in the same market to have identical SCAs!)  
 MN North Mankato KDOG 96.7 (X (tel. em.)  
 NE Central City KZEN 100.3 has 67 kHz frequency shift data (Commodity News Service); 92 is blank now, but will be used parttime for utility load management; looking for another use for 92 kHz. IDs on again carrier rotate among 48 cities, as I

mentioned earlier.  
 NJ Bridgeton VSNJ-FM 98.9 Talking book for the blind (IES of NJ?)  
 NJ Newton WIXL 103.7 no SCA (had FM)  
 NY Lake Success WAPP 103.5 no SCA  
 NY Monticello WSUL 98.3 has talking book for the blind, identical to:  
 NY Newburgh WGNV fm, "FM-103" fT  
 NY New York WEVD 97.9 has 92 kHz Chinese, having moved from 41 kHz; 67 kHz remains PRN. Watch to see if WEVD's main carrier embraces stereophony!  
 NY Poughkeepsie WSPK 104.7 (X (tel. em.)  
 ON London CKO-FM3 97.5 f music  
 ON Ottawa CKO-FM1 106.9 music  
 ON Toronto CHFI 98.1 fT (emergency AM station feed in mono)  
 CKO-FM2 99.1 music  
 Deleted: SD Rapid City K29Z B 106.3 (see "Facilities' Changes")

ALSO Check Nov. VUD For:  
 FL Sarasota WMLO 106.3, nonID (Van Hom, p. 23)  
 TX Rio Grande City KCTM 103.1 nonID (Dyer, p. 24)  
 NH Wolfeboro WLKZ 104.9 format and non-ID (Cooper, p. 31) (p. 31)  
 GA Swainsboro WGKS 98.3 nonID (Cooper/ME Rockland and WMCM 93.5 format and network (Cooper, p. 31) (Cooper, p. 31)  
 SC Summerville WWVZ 93.5, dual city ID/  
 ME Bangor WBGW 97.1 slogan (Cooper, p. 31)

Several applications for native language networks using northern community stations and CBC repeaters are either pending or have been approved. They generally call for between two and eight hours per week. The CRTC has released its rules governing community stations. There would be two classes. Type A would be the first French or English station in a market. There would be little restriction on programming (or) on the type of commercials. They would be permitted, with CRTC permission, to broadcast the signal of a distant station when they were not programming locally. Type B would be in markets where there was already one or more commercial stations in the same language as the community station. They would be allowed 4-6 minutes/hour of commercials, and it would be expected that about 35% of the air time would be devoted to the spoken word, and could rebroadcast material from other community stations or from news services when not originating local programming. The CRTC said it would not require the same professional standards of the volunteer or paid staff or the quality of programming it expects of regular commercial stations. The Commission indicated that if a station felt that the conversion from a Class A to a Class B status would be particularly onerous if a commercial station entered the market, then the community station should consider upgrading its status to that of a full commercial station and would receive preferential consideration. . . . Student radio stations would have all restrictions on type of commercials removed, but that their number would be fixed when the license was given.

"The CBC has overhauled the schedules of the CBC Radio and CBC Stereo [FM] networks. While the Stereo net remains mostly classical, a designation of talk/MOR would cover about 90% of the CBC radio network schedule," both French and English. "There is still a one hour late evening classical music program and a rock program Saturday mornings but tm should definitely cover them. With the hardening of the line between the two networks, the rebroadcasters in areas with normally only the CBC radio service available now broadcast some programs from the stereo service, presumably in mono. . . I notice you keep the ownership with some of the listings on your computer printout. I don't keep a record of station transactions so ownership from my data is only valid at time of grant. . . . The CRTC and DCC relented, and CBC radio programming will continue to be duplicated on AM; and FM in Halifax NS and Saint John NB for another year. Strong objections to the closing of the AM transmitters came from people with only AM receivers in their kitchens and bedrooms (surely rare by now) and people with only AM radios in their cars (not so rare). . . I hope you and your family have now settled comfortably into your new home. You really appear at heart to be more suited for northern climes. While the only time Nebraska makes the news is when hundreds are trapped on the I-80 at 40 below during a blizzard, you opined on the oppressive heat." [We're trying to keep warm, burning both oil and wood, but it takes plenty of either to heat this 3,000-square foot house; we finally bought it Nov. 1, having lived on earnest money for four months; the house is four years old and was constructed to also house a nondenominational church, built with volunteer labor, and 3½-car garage is one year old; we bought it for less than the value of the two outstanding mortgages on the property.]

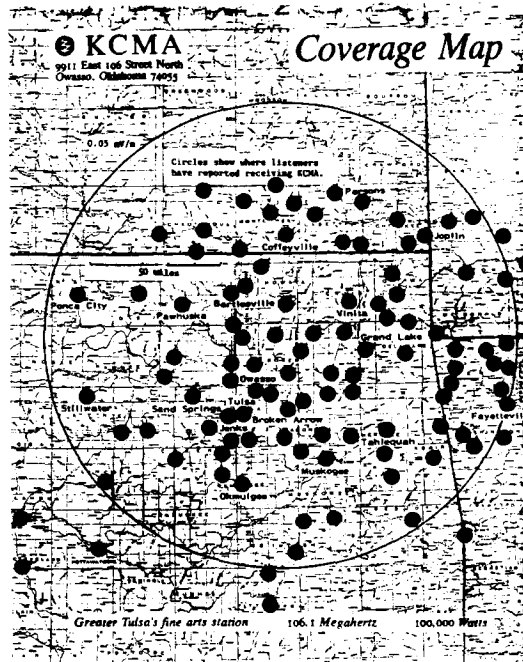
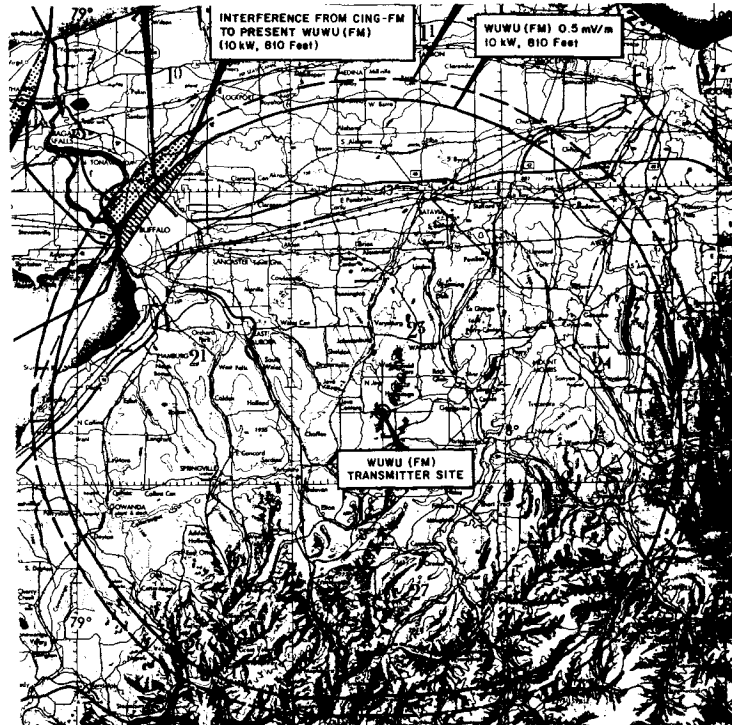


Here is a sketch of the property, from a picture taken from an airplane the day Mike Hogan was visiting. Pictured is the rental car Mike used. My office is in the room over the entryway, while the "great room" is to the left. A sunporch is over a not completed solar-powered swimming pool, which the previous owners did not complete because of running out of money. We have 10 acres where the house sits (in the middle of a hayfield) and another 24.55 acres in an L-shaped pattern across the road, with the Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway main track cutting through. CING 107.9 Burlington ON has applied for 102.9 and reduced power. "It has a problem with WUWU 107.7; both of these are at equal strength" in St. Catharines, where Steve Tuura lives. CRTC hearings start Nov. 13; CIAO may win the 104.9 spot because their transmitter, antenna and studios exist (as an ethnic station), as the other applica nt proposes rock; it may get 101.1 instead, he muses.

READERS' REPORTS AND OTHER FM-RELATED NEWS

Water Patton supplied much of the Canadian FM news this month, for which I'm thankful. He says the CRTC decisions are now more up to date, but lacking in some of the technical detail they had before. Some specifics he sent: PQ Havre St. Pierre 95.1 CITE rebroadcaster (no calls given for the 95.1 outlet); replaces 4 hours per week with local community programming.  
 PQ St. Jovite CBMF 98.1 to add programming from CBVE 104.3 Quebec's Community Service. Applying for SCMO: CKFM 99.9 ON Toronto, to carry Greek programming.  
 "Pete Nolan's July query, bottom left p. 26, had already been answered in your Dec., 1984 column, although he did supply the calls: CIPN Pender Harbour BC, 104.3. . . . The CBC is expecting a further \$50 million cut in the level of government spending and is making noises about having to close stations. The Department of Communications has removed limits on the bandwidth of SCMO subcarriers and their numbers. . . . The CRTC is willing to allow the CBC to replace low-power AM relays with FM only outside major urban centers and where a significant extension of service to a wider area with a larger population will result. CKEZ 93.9 Windsor ON must have a 45% Canadian orientation in newscasts—a first step in regulating news content?

WUWU  
 107.7  
 Wethersfield  
 East Aurora  
 Buffalo  
 Rochester,  
 New York



A Duluth broadcaster, Paul Harkness of KDNW, responds to my suggestion that they turn their stereo generator off when carrying monophonic programs: "I am sure we would gain more coverage if we turned the generator off. However, because our music is interspersed with monaural programs throughout the entire day, it is not practical for us to be turning it on and off and depending upon the announcers to turn the generator on during the music segments."



"I would be happy to have a subscriber utilize one of our subscribers, however, we have not been approached and it is highly unlikely that Moody would pay us to use the SCA and, frankly, I think that carrying them on our SCA at no charge would be counter-productive as they, too, seek financial support from their listeners and we potentially divide our financial base." "KJJO 104.1 has their new tower in Somerset WI, which is about 42 miles from their Eden Prairie AM-FM studio," writes John Ebeling. With the signal they now put out, they get out very well. Do you know the tower height? [1,000 feet, with an application for 1,300 feet, possibly at a different site—b.e.] I have not heard their supposed translator on 105.5 in St. Louis Park. I suspect they don't need it, but maybe to keep their city license?"

Florida's Waldo Bishop is back into DX with a new Dynalab FT101 tuner. It's a "super tuner—reminds me of Kenwood KT 7000—wide and narrow band switching does the job," and he has ordered two log periodic antennas for FM DX.

Paul L. Gaines sent slogans and pictures of bumper stickers from his area, and mentioned a new 500-watt AM station in Westland MI with a directional antenna NW, which seems to spray their signal away from their studios and target audience (studio in Hamtramck MI), no calls or frequency given, and he sent a "World Tomorrow" radio log which lists skip targets on FM as RJR 101.3 Christiana, Jamaica, Montego Bay 92.9, and the following RJR-FM stations all in Kingston, Jamaica: 92.7, 94.7, 95.7 and 104.5; and an FM station finally shows up in a New Zealand station list: "KCC-FM" 90.3 Whangarei.

I quoted from Danny Buntin's review of KCMA Owasso OK's translator in downtown Tulsa, which was in a recent VUD. This quote was in a letter to Dr. John Major, owner of KCMA. "VUD, I guess, means Vh(U)h(D)igest, and WTFDA, I suppose, WorldTelevision:FmDxAssociation, from reference to page 11 in the ninth edition. Buntin's comments were interesting—its frustrating to cover such a wide area, as the enclosed coverage map demonstrates, and at the same time get chopped up in downtown Tulsa. The overloading undoubtedly comes from three class C FM stations with their towers downtown (on top of apartment buildings). Fortunately, they plan to move outside town, since within a block or two of any of them they blanket any FM receiver. . . The big news is enclosed, and it goes without saying that I have very mixed feelings about it. We are looking forward to taking life a little easier, but I doubt if I can stay from radio forever." [Article said KCMA is being sold to Federated Media (WTRC-WYEZ FM Fort Wayne IN, etc.), with no change in format from KCMA's c announced—yet.] John says "Delighted to hear the tenth edition is under way."

Following up on the story of WGF 99.5 Schenectady and its nonIDing practices, Michael Neff, program manager, writes: "Thanks for the opportunity to express my interest in the IDing story. I, too, share the frustrations when listening to stations that do not ID themselves in any recognizable manner. I fully understand the legality and the concern. . . . Good luck with your input to a truly remarkable publication. I respect the effort and interesting literary style." He kindly enclosed coverage and sales materials on both WGF and WGY, and included a 1979 history of WGY, which started broadcasting with those call letters Feb. 20, 1922. Pioneers E. F. W. Alexander and Charles P. Steinmetz (see stamp showing the latter in "FM Atlas," 9th ed., p. 5) used WGY for early radio experiments. In 1927 the station transmitted with 100,000 watts, and in 1930 with 200,000 watts, which surprised me. I thought only WLV Cincinnati had ever used over 50 kw AM in the United States. And WGY has recently returned to the top of the Arbitron rat-

ings, having displaced WPYX 106.5, which moves to second place. . . Crab Orchard TN will not have an experimental FM station on 95.7 to test subcarriers; the FCC dismissed the application of Sandra J. Lewis.

Rod O'Connor returned from AK, having driven a new truck from Seattle, and he sent much FM news. In Dease Lake YT, he heard a translator repeating a Vancouver station on or around 101 MHz (possibly CTR). No sign of KJNP-FM translators in either Tok or Dot Lake Village. "The first FM I encountered was AFRN-FM 90.5 at Fort Greeley. An excellent signal for only 300 w, although the terrain is very flat. This station puts out a strong signal for 25 miles. There was no sign of KDCZ 93.5 at Delta Junction. No sign of KUWL 91.5 Fairbanks. . . . KUAC 104.7, Univ. of Alaska, National Public Radio and Alaska Public Radio Networks. Excellent signal, tied with KJNP-FM for signal strength, easily received 100 miles from Fairbanks. Driving from Fairbanks down to Anchorage via the George Parks Highway through Denali National Park, the following notes were made: KUAC-FM translators at Nenana and Healy both on with good signals. No sign of KGD 90.3 Houston-Wasilla. The only outside Anchorage station received in Matanuska-Susitna Valley was new KNEZ 99.7. I did not hear any repeater of KSKA on 89.5 at Wasilla. The following Anchorage were NOT on the air as of Sept. 23:

KASH 107.5. . . . . KBLK 103.1  
? 97.5 ? 88.3

In Seward KMDT 103.1 also not on air. Aren't they and KBLK in Anchorage also 103.1, a little too close for each other? [No, they are 65 miles apart, so it is ok!] Also, no repeater of KSKA was heard on 88.1 at Seward. . . . Translator K265EJ still repeating KGTL-FM not KGTL-AM. Since KPEN 101.7 went by, I doubt it ever will repeat KGTL-AM, also a b station and also owned by David F. Becker. . . The Moody repeaters give a 'three in one ID' at regular three-hour intervals with their call-sign, mailing address for donations and frequency. All three are run by the same organization. Surprisingly, the announcement tape is narrated by an announcer from KGTL-FM." Rod sent a very good map of AK, which will be used in the next "FM Atlas." Also northern Canada (and the rest of Canada) has been completely remapped, with northern Canada's map supplied by W. R. Hepburn; both the AK and Canada maps are military naps and not copyrighted. Writes Nick Lombardi: "When you get around to updating the Colorado map (Atlas page 65) I hope you will add an extra space between the two columns of Denver stations. Also on the subject of maps, DE-MD is hopelessly crowded and probably deserves its own two-page spread. OR-WA also seems a bit cramped." [A new WV-MD-DE map and a new VA-DC map have been done; and work should begin shortly on new OR and WA maps; AZ-NM have been enlarged with a new map.] Nick asks: "Isn't WMVV McDonough GA (if it ever comes on) supposed to be on \*90.7 instead of the 89.7 you list on p. 5, November VUD?" [You're right—89.7 was a mistake—b.e.]

Dave Nieman sent a cassette tape of his DX, and he's seen a four-bay transmitting antenna sprouting from a tower on top of a building at Genesee Community College for WGCC \*90.7 Batavia NY; he's glad to see that I will be representing FMers on the Ray Briem ABC Talkradio Show Dec. 7. "I'll be listening for you; don't let us FMers down."

"Heard a 'Foxy-96' nonID, with a station promo, news of a concert in Mobile; 24 hours; id jingle, but no calls on half-hour. May be new WFTW-FM 96.5 in Fort Walton Beach," thinks Mike Dorner. On a recent trip to DC, there was no sign of WDCJ \*88.1 Lorton VA (which is listed at 30 w horizontal and having an application for \*97.9 with a directional antenna), or WMUC \*88.1 College Park MD (which is listed as 10 w h.v., but having an application for \*87.9), "but it may have been an antenna problem" on the FM radio built into a Ramada Hotel TV set. "The signals were much better on this than on my portable." He heard a mysterious station on 96.—(96.?? Baltimore?) with an un-id sounding like "Salsa 96", Mike is rejoicing the WTFDA, and I say "welcome back!"

W. R. McIntosh sent a three-part series on the educational FM stations of southern CA, and one article on the financial woes of National Public Radio, vs. American Public Radio. KUSC \*91.5, which left NPR, may have started a trend, but little KCSN \*88.5 Northridge remains with NPR, as do most of the other area public radio stations. Now that APR is in the picture and with leading stations like KUSC leaving NPR, I do not feel as strongly about listing networks in the "FM Atlas" any more. Before, I thought it would be good to show at least the stations with NPR (which are CPB-qualified), but the lines of distinction on that basis are fading. The article on KCRW \*89.9 does not mention the station's "strong SCA on 67 kHz

of foreground music," while KLON \*88.1 has had recent SCA tests on 57 kHz—data noise." Another article stated KBIG 104.3 has Mormon church programs at times, but Mc has not heard gospel programming "for months" on their SCA. Finally, he sent an article mentioning KJOI 98.7 Los Angeles to be sold to Cleveland broadcaster Carl E. Hirsch for \$44 million. This would be the highest price ever paid for an FM station. "Only 14 months ago, KJOI was purchased by Noble Broadcasting Group for \$18.5 million, which was a record price at the time."

Back on the air, but at very low power, is WOGC \*90.1 Huntsville AL. "Barely readable with whip antenna" in New Hope AL by Keith Pugh.

Phil Sullivan sent an article on color slow-scan video being sent out by WOSU-FM at 92 kHz, from Ohio State University at Columbus, to Newark OH, 60 miles distant. Slow-scan video images were single field NTSC color, with an eight second transmission time. "Picture quality was considered excellent and there was no degradation in either the main channel signal (classical music) or the 67 kHz subcarrier channel (a reading for the blind service). The FM radio subcarrier will economically deliver instruction to distant locations while conventional phone circuits will be used for audio interactivity."

While in northern Michigan, I called WGGI Houghton, to find out why the \$ disappears and there is no SCA at times. I learned that when they pick up MPR off the air, via microwave from Duluth, it goes direct to the transmitter in Painesdale MI, and is transmitted in stereo with SCA. But they can also pick up the signal via satellite at their studio in Houghton; however, the cost of broadcast phone lines is so high, they can only afford one quality telephone connection to the transmitter; hence the mono and lack of SCA. The manager told me, between you and me, the transmitter is poorly located for MI coverage—it does a good job of serving Grand Marais MN." I told him of the map (which was in the July VUD, p. 27) MPR put out which shows WGGI as only supplying a small circle of coverage in NE MN (no MI coverage shown, as if they do not care about MI listeners). Even the time announced on WGGI is usually Central Standard, not Eastern, with most "local" announcements for Duluth, not for Houghton-Hancock MI.

Also in MN, KCGN 101.5 Ortonville (with transmitter in SD, for you folk who count your DX according to "location" says about their translators: "They have a signal radius of from 6 to 12 miles. We are getting excellent performance from the translators in Aberdeen and Kerkhoven with plans already under way to improve the performance of the Marshall and Willmar translators. Please pray for Bob Finstrom and others who are working on these improvements."

"Radio Business Report" newsletter claims "Metros often larger than most stations' coverage patterns—new areas added closer to another market than to home central city. Hardest hit: Class A FMs and Class IV AMs, directional AMs—problem—many of these don't subscribe, don't get to vote on definition. Only AM clears and hi-power FMs seem to like it." No examples were given, however.

Pete Nolan: "VUD, you show a station granted in Honolulu HI on 100.3.1 have the same facility on 105.1. [100.3 is it, and I checked the printed FCC database.] WGGOD 97.9 Charlotte Amalie is indeed religious. This comes from the GM of competing station WVIS-106.1; he's an 'M Street Journal' subscriber. . . . No word yet on what the new KGLF 103.3 Freeport TX will do, or what the new owners will do with KGOL 107.5 Lake Jackson (though it will definitely be programmed to Houston and definitely won't be religious). KHCB 105.7 has their new power/height and their signal is vastly improved. . . . KXKK 106.5 Galveston was off the air for several days recently. Seems they had some minor problem with the line voltage coming into the transmitter site (it was about 250 instead of 220), the local utility came out to fix it, and when they turned it back on it was closer to 310 and everything started smoking. The station lost about \$6,000 in equipment, went back on the air with a programmable decoder borrowed from KRBE-FM, and is looking into its legal options vis-a-vis Houston Lighting and Power. Score another victory for incompetence. . . ."

"WFBQ 94.7 Indy is under fire again by the group called Decency in Programming. An early morning program with Bob and Tom is considered offensive, indecent, and profane. Dirty jokes and sexual talk will not be tolerated! They are sexist, offensive, and racist, according to listeners. Children are taking radios on school buses and listening to the program every morning. There is talk that it may be reported to the FCC. I haven't listened to the program myself, so can't comment until I do. I understand WFBQ's ratings have improved because of this program. What stations won't do for more popularity and higher ratings!" writes Ralph Strobel. Ralph says WDHS 91.1 Gaston

IN, r mono, on air a few hours in the morning. Continues to sound like a pirate station. "A waste of the airwaves! Claims 18 watts. 106.3 IN Columbia City, NOT on air as yet. I've logged three new ones on 106.3 since this station folded—Sarnia ON, Union City PA and Gibson City IL." And construction has started on the tower for the new Muncie station, WOKZ 104.9. Jim Pizzi heard KWMJ Midland TX 103.3 on 103.7 several times recently. He's written them, but no response yet. WEVE-FM 97.9 Eveleth MN now there, from 100.1, with tower near Giant's Ridge Ski Area, Biwabik MN. TV ads show skiing and the station's call letters and correct frequency given, now 71 kw, and not a potent signal at all in Esko, which is 22 km WSW of Duluth.

Kermit Reid has some GA news, or run outs: WABE 90.1 Atlanta, plagued with poor uniformity of radiation pattern since going 100 kw atop Stone Mountain, is expected to move off the mountain to solve the problem. WRAS \*89.3 is scheduled to go to 50 kw by Feb. WVEV \*91.5 Cumming GA is moving to 8 kw by Nov. WJYA 104.1 is hoping to improve their rim-shot signal by moving closer to Atlanta (Newnan GA). "I've heard that WPIQ 101.5 Brunswick GA has been approved for a 1505' tower at Woodbine GA." (They only have an application on file with the FCC for 445 m-ters.) WJBL \*91.7 Champaign IL loses transmitter in a fire, but resumed operation Sept. 17 after supporters of the gospel station donated money; loss was set at \$60,000. Canada's extra-legal Indian radio station, CKON 97.3, mentioned in the Toronto "Globe and Mail," Aug. 3. CRTS is quoted about the Cornwall Island ON station: "I don't think we'll have a great deal of difficulty with them (unless) they cause some interference to anybody. But nobody else is doing anything with regard to that particular service. As long as we can license them so that they are legitimate, that's their good."

John Combs sent the ad appearing on the first page of this column about WFAM losing jazz in favor of "queasy-listening" music. Well, later, Jones College ran a large ad, striking a low blow at the jazz fan who took out the original ad. WFMT's reads: Beautiful Music Lovers, rejoice. The real WKTZ-FM is back! Maybe you remember, we sold our beautiful Jones College Radio Station years ago while it was the most popular station in Jacksonville. . . . and the new owners donated the original call letters, WKTZ, the most precious possession we ever had, back to Jones College Radio. That happened because we had no non-profit radio station with a jazz format called WFAM. So on Oct. 1st, we changed WFAM to WKTZ at 90.9 on the FM dial, changed the music back to the original beautiful music format, and presto the real WKTZ-FM is back. That really started something. A lot of people like jazz—the jazz we played on WFAM. And a spirited jazz fan, Robert J. Beckham, liked it so much he ran ads. . . . We listened to a lot of phone calls. Two of every seven wanted jazz. Five of every seven wanted beautiful music—more than 70%! And you might want to call 354-9022 and tell Robert J. Beckham that you like jazz but you love beautiful music, that's 354-9022. At that rate, Jones College Radio is back and intends to be better than ever.

John says no jazz in the immediate area now, but WUFT-FM carries some. At a drive-in theatre in Miami is a radio system on 89.1 that plays the movies to parked cars. Shows are often X-rated, and religious broadcaster WRMB \*89.3 is concerned that passing listeners might hear a dialog like: "Take my hands" (a spiritual), followed by: "Hey gang, what say we all take a community shower?" . . . . . And let me sing words only for my king." WRMB announcer Jim Cress, whose records mix with the blue language at the theater, says he shudders at the thought of it: "It's like going from something heavenly to something that comes from the pits of hell. My concern is that a bona fide listener trying to get our station one night might pick up that garbage instead." The FCC isn't sure if it is legal; "If they're broadcasting over FM, I just don't know. I've never seen that done before, and it concerns me." I guess he's never heard of my real estate radio, which used 104.1, and was widely publicized in Nebraska. John Combs now editorializes concerning some comments in my column, Oct., p. 5, where I print Rich Eddie's comments and end with "or is this a fair comparison?" With all due respect NO, it isn't. The FM ATLAS is a superior publication and there cannot be enough accolades directed . . . for mastering it. However, keep in mind that the ATLAS has a much wider circulation than the WTFDA's TV Station Guide or Translator Guide. The appeal of the Atlas extends far beyond the very small group of FM DXers; I can't begin to count the number of libraries in which I've seen it. The ATLAS is only one of several aspects of what must be at least a marginally profitable business for you. By contrast, the TV and Translator Guides are intended for a very small audience, are produced by volunteer labor, and are sold by a nonprofit organization. It would be very difficult to match the frequency, accuracy, and quality of the FM ATLAS under those circumstances. I think the comparison is particularly unfair as regards the Translator Guide, since it is the first real effort to produce such a work. Bill Fabber has done an outstanding job, and who knows how many revised editions may appear in future years? The comparison with the ATLAS is, at best, premature.

A VUD reader who asks to be anonymous wants to comment about the CBS FMX System, as discussed previously in this column. He has traveled to Stamford CT and visited CBS Labs three months ago to discuss the system: "The day we arrived was also the day Hurricane Gloria picked to come ashore. We drove north as fast as we could but still had to spend an extra night owing to all the flight disruptions. Boy, did it rain! We finally ended up in Syracuse NY after a 300-mile drive. Our original flight was from NYC-LaGuardia Airport. I tried to pick up all the different newspapers I could find. Didn't end up with very much but thought you might like the two items I did cut out anyway [station logos].

Re FMX: The CBS FM Extension System (FMX) adds an extra L-R subchannel in quadrature (shifted 90 degrees) to the normal one, which contains the usual difference information except it is compressed dynamically. When properly decoded, the special L-R reduces the usual stereo noise by about 20 dB. This can make the difference between a noisy signal and one that is very acceptable. It is claimed that stereo signals with FMX can be received at all the same distance as mono.

There is a price to be paid, of course. FMX was designed to be compatible with normal stereo receivers, but unless the 19 MHz pilot circuit of the receiver is very accurate, one of two things occurs. Stereo separation is reduced or exaggerated. The severity depends on the error, and the pilot phase accuracy must be about 200 times closer than for decoding a normal stereo signal. Another aspect is who would benefit from the system. Many radio stations process to increase loudness and/or broadcast music recorded with heavy compression. DXers are probably already aware this pertains particularly to rock and pop music. Such programming would gain little from FMX.

On the other hand, stations using little compression are likely to have the most demanding listeners who, although fewer in number, would readily appreciate the noise reduction of FMX. Classical music is probably the best example, but jazz, talk and easy listening formats could also benefit. Any programming with wide dynamic range would be received with less noise. Given these considerations, it is hard to say if CBS will succeed in selling FMX to the broadcasters. We DXers would certainly appreciate it, but we are hardly a majority! It will be interesting to watch this development. . . . Knowing FMX to be of interest to VUD readers, I carefully went over the above to be sure it was correct and polite. You may use it in your column if you wish, but please don't mention my name as a contributor. I want to stay neutral on the matter and see what develops. Next month, I may get to make a trip to the Netherlands to visit Philips. It hasn't been approved yet, but I have already been invited. I may even drive over into Germany. Have hoped for many years to work on a project that would involve foreign travel, and this may be it! Earlier I signed up for an evening conversational German course to get ready. . . My hope is to find out what automotive reception is like over there. Observing rather than merely reading about the radio station setup and programming will also be very interesting."

One mistake in last month's VUD, p. 9, last ¶, WJHU Baltimore will be on \*88.1, not \*88.9. The picture on this page is



MASTER CONTROL ROOM OF THE FM STATION OPERATED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### FM FOR CLEVELAND SCHOOL SYSTEM

How Cleveland's WBOE, Now Changed to FM, Serves as Educational Auxiliary from an article Al Germond sent last month. It shows the mas-

ter control room of former station WBOE (FM) Cleveland, which was owned by the public schools there, and is from "FM" magazine, April, 1941. The picture shows an REL FM exciter in a cabinet between the operator's head and the lamp, and what Al thinks is an old AM transmitter converted to FM use at the far wall, which could be G-E. WBOE started in 1937 using 41.5 mc, and the "license granted was the official No. 1 for a non-commercial, educational broadcasting station."

In other FM-related news, rumor has it WLLZ 98.7 Detroit may be sold, as told in the "Detroit Free Press." "Even prestigious trade publication Radio and Records noted it in a recent issue. But Gary Stevens, the former Detroit radio personality who runs Doubleday's broadcasting division—which owns WLLZ—said that's not the case. "We sold our Chicago station, so right away everyone's running around and saying everything we had was up for sale," Stevens said. "WLLZ is not up for sale." Local independent programmer Fred Jacobs wants it known he is NOT the program consultant for WDTX 99.5, which replaced WCLS. Station co-owner Lorraine Golden had named Jacobs as the consultant, but the former WRIF program director said he merely helped the new management with some research. . . . AND WHY? 96.3 is placing pictures of missing children on the backs of weekly "Hot Hit Surveys," which it distributes.

Custody of WIAN \*90.1 Indianapolis is getting to be a messy thing. The School board wanted to give the license to WFYI (channel 20), the local PBS station. According to an article in the Indianapolis News, the WIAN antenna is hanging on the ch. 20 tower north of the city, with transmitter controls in the ch. 20 building. But then the attorneys for the school board found that surplus school property can't merely be sold; it must be auctioned to the highest bidder. Then they thought that the license, not just the equipment, had value, and should be auctioned. Other parties are interested in bidding for WIAN, if the process should get that far. Butler University runs WAJC \*104.5. If Butler bought WIAN, WAJC could move to \*90.1, and "be free to sell its license for 104.5 to a commercial operator. Depending on who is counting, it could sell from \$3 to \$10 million. Another interested party is Cable Entertainment, Inc., the black-owned company that produces commercial entertainment on ch. 32." That company recently bought WZZT in suburban Columbus OH. Now for the ridiculous part: "CEI is going on the theory that it could persuade the FCC to allow it to convert WIAN's 90.1 frequency from noncommercial to commercial use." Knowing the current FCC that could happen, but it would be a long-shot. I am sure WFYI would enter the bidding war and see to it that it gets custody of WIAN, but tune in later and see what happens!

This page typeset using an IBM ribbon designed for the ESC Composer, the ribbon in use a full year after it was supposed to be used. Look and see if the type quality is better than that used on the other five pages of this column; the other pp. typed using an ordinary non-correcting Selectric II black ribbon.

Recently a billboard in Fort Wayne was seen proclaiming WAJI, "Magic 95.1," and "Favorites of yesterday and today. . . . . Looks like the battle of the "big Fort Wayne rockers is over. WMEE 97.3 has won. WFWQ 95.1 has given up, changed call to WAJI, "Magic 95.1." I dialed them in and heard exactly that. It is a mixture of several things including country and western." Somebody posted a note on a bulletin board at work about WIRE (AM) in Indianapolis dropping k in favor of pop music. "I thought I'd try to stir something up and so added a note. . . . . 'All C&W music should be moved to AM. AM is practically worthless so it should be used to broadcast worthless music.' Would you believe nobody punched me in the nose? In fact, practically everyone in the area agreed. Several even posted at their workplaces copies of a "Billboard" article I clipped out about 10 years ago in which Stan Kenton said "C&W was a national disgrace!"

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## ABC TALKRADIO / RAY BRIEM SHOW

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1985

0306 EST--0206 CST--0106 MST--0006 PST

0806 UTC

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN OUR ALL-NIGHT NATIONWIDE DX GABFEST! RAY BRIEM--"THE KING OF ALL-NIGHT RADIO", WILL WELCOME IN-STUDIO GUESTS GRANT MANNING OF RADIO WEST; PAUL SWEARINGEN, "CLUB CORNER" EDITOR FOR MONITORING TIMES & MUSINGS EDITOR FOR THE NRC; AND STEWART MACKENZIE, PRESIDENT OF THE ASWLC. WE'LL ALSO FEATURE TELEPHONE HOOK-UPS WITH DR. BRUCE ELVING, PUBLISHER OF THE FM ATLAS; ARTHUR CUSHEN, WORLD-RENOWNED DXer FROM INVERCARGILL, NEW ZEALAND; DR. RICHARD WOOD, PRESIDENT OF THE IRCA--AND MUCH MORE!! WE ALSO WANT TO TALK TO YOU--SO JOIN IN AND SHARE YOUR DX-PERENCES OR QUESTIONS, BY CALLING IN DURING THE SHOW. JUST DIAL: (213) 879-8255

REMEMBER, THIS IS A TOLL-CALL--SO, WHEN YOU DIAL THROUGH, JUST LET THE PHONE KEEP RINGING--WE'LL ANSWER JUST BEFORE YOUR TURN TO GO ON THE AIR, KEEPING THOSE LONG-DISTANCE CHARGES DOWN! ANY QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

GREG HARDISON  
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### DX ON THE AIR!!

HERE'S WHERE TO TUNE IN

(#-TAPE DELAYED, OR MAY START AT DIFFERENT TIME-CHECK LOCAL STATION) (STATION LIST SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WQBK-1300/NY	WSLI-930/MS	KZJO-630/UT
KZIA-FM-101.7/NM	WOKV-600/FL	KRNN-930/TX
WCNN-680/GA	WNIR(FM)-100.1/OH	KTMS-1250/CA
WIIN-1450/NJ	KLCL-1470/LA	KUHL-1440/CA
KERN-1410/CA	KPEL-1420/LA #	WTNT-1270/FL
WBCM-1440/MI	KABC-790/CA	KNST-940/AZ #
WERC-960/AL	WGIR-610/NH	KELI-1430/OK
WTTP-1060/MA #	WHBQ-560/TN	WSAU-550/WI
KMFO-1540/CA #	WABC-770/NY	WOGB-1240/MA
WKCN-910/SC	WKIS-740/FL	WBBW-1240/OH
KVOR-1300/CO	WKYX-570/KY	KRIG-1410/TX #
WCOL-1230/OH	KPSI-1450/CA	WNTR-1050/MD (0606 ELT)
WDAN-1490/IL	WTKN-970/PA	WAMJ-1580/IN (0606 CLT)
WOC-1420/IA	WMER-1440/ME	WKDR-1070/NY (0606 ELT)
KGU-760/HI #	KOH-630/NV	WPVA-1290/VA (0606 ELT)
KPRC-950/TX	WBBF-950/NY	WLKR-1510/OH (0606 ELT)



# EASTERN TV-DX

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DEADLINE: 1st

DECEMBER 1985

Steve West, 432 Kenmore Rd., Havertown PA 19083		(EDT/EST)	
<b>May 1983</b>	<b>September 1983</b>	<b>June 1985</b>	
29 Tr 0145 WPDE-15 SC 445	10 Tr 0930 WGGT-48 NC 375	11 Es 1100 WPBT-2 FL 1010	
0200 WJCL-22 GA 640	29 Tr 0730 WKFT-40 NC 425	12 Es 1045 MUF 95.3 to AR	
0200 WOLO-25 SC 515	0950 WAGT-26 SC 580	14 Es 1400 St. Louis 2-4-5	
0200 WBTW-13 SC 445	<b>November 1983</b>	17 Es 1100 WDAF-4 MO 1030	
	2 Tr 0900 WFCQ-36 NC 440	<b>July 1985</b>	
<b>June 1983</b>	<b>June 1984</b>	8 Es 1100 WPBT-2 FL 1010	
8 Es 1830 MUF 98.5 Tulsa OK	?? Es 1730 Colorvision-2	1400 MUF 98.5 to LA	
10 Tr 0100 WLFL-22 NC 350	MUF 90.5 to DR	<b>September 1985</b>	
0100 WPCQ-36 NC 440	<b>September 1984</b>	29 Tr 2230 WKFT-19 TN 445	
14 Tr 0900 WPDE-15 SC 445	16 Tr 0130 WQFL-35 FL 850	30 Tr 0100 WJCL-22 GA 640	
15 Es 1000 Colorvision-2	0130 WJCL-22 GA 640	0115 WTAT-24 SC 545	
Dominican Rep.	0200 WTOG-44 FL 930	0130 WPAT-19 PA 205	
<b>July 1983</b>	0200 WOLO-25 SC 515	0200 unID-17 "African Relief Program"	
2 Es 2000 MUF 98.5 to TX	18 Tr 0930 WJKA-26 NC 435	0200 WPCQ-36 NC 440	
<b>August 1983</b>	?? Tr 1000 WNOL-38 LA 1075		
14 Es 2030 MUF 94.9 to Miami	(Date unknown--a Sunday in late Sept. or early October)	<b>EQUIPMENT:</b> Finco 7' dish @40' AGL (380' ASL), Winegard AC-4990 amp, Heathkit AR-15 FM rcvr. (What are VHF-TV rcvr and antenna, Steve?--jfc)	
17 Tr 0900 WPDE-15 SC 445	<b>May 1985</b>		
21 Tr 0900 WAKR-23 OH 340	23 Es 1230 WWL-4 LA 1085		
2300 WSEE-35 PA 285	<b>June 1985</b>		
22 Tr 0620 WHMC-23 SC 465	7 Es 1200 KKJO-2 MO 1035 (ex-KQTV--jfc)		
<b>September 1983</b>			
2 Tr 2330 WJTM-45 NC 370 (Now WNRW--jfc)			
3 Tr 0120 WXII-12 NC 370			

"It has been awhile since my last report, so I will re-introduce myself. I'm 27, and have been DXing TV & FM for the last half of those years. I live in the Philadelphia area and work with audio-visual equipment at a local college. I also DJ at a major Philly hotel lounge.

The skip this year just about skipped showing up at all, but was a little better than last year!

Tropo last fall was incredible with St. Petersburg and New Orleans both positively IDed. This year a similar opening to Savannah helped save the DX season. There was very little 250+ mile tropo this year.

I visited Kitty Hawk NC last Labor Day weekend. The DX received there in a few days is equal to a whole season's DX at most locations! I saw WHKY-14 snow-free very often, under UHF from Jacksonville & St. Petersburg FL, Dothan AL, Atlanta and Boston. Jim Alexander has seen WNEB-31 Hanover NH and Syracuse NY U's from Duck NC (Duck???--jfc) several times, and he has pictures to help believe it! I also have seen Puerto Rico on TV skip from the Outer Banks.

I am interested in swapping FM air-checks, especially from Chicago, San Francisco, and Bermuda. 73, Steve"

(Welcome back to the column, Steve! Steve expressed concern about his dated loggings, especially from back in 1983, but there's some fine DX there and the report isn't long, so I ran the whole thing. I computed distances for all Steve's loggings. Jim Alexander has sung many sweet rhapsodies about the legendary DX conditions at the Outer Banks. **Someday** I've got to take a trip there! I believe the Outer Banks is the best place to catch VHF-TV tropo from Bermuda--a feat not yet accomplished, to my knowledge!--jfc)

Harry J. Hayes, 9 Henry St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18702		(EDT)	
<b>September 1985</b>	<b>September 1985</b>	<b>October 1985</b>	
26 Tr 0845 WVJW-66 MA 230	26 Tr 0915 WSMW-27? MA T	23 Tr 0659 WGBY-57 MA 180	
0900 WQTV-68 MA 230	0930 WVIT-30 CT 175	0700 WTIC-61? CT T	
0900 WLVI-56 MA 230	<b>October 1985</b>	0706 WVIT-30 CT 175	
0905 WXNE-25 MA 230	20 Es 1950 unID-2 NBC	0728 WGGG-40 MA 180	
0910 unID-53	23 Tr 0640 WVJW-66 MA 230	(over WLCZ)	

"Welcome to you, John, as the new editor. I hope you will enjoy the work. (So far, so good--jfc) After a dull summer the above two tropo openings were quite welcome. Signals were quite intense on 9/26 during pre-Hurricane Gloria cx, a little moreso than signals on 10/23. Thanks to Glenn Jacobs for alerting me to the 10/23 opening; he reported that the signals were overloading his set on that date."

(Harry's comments continue on the next page-----)

EASTERN TV-DX Hayes, continued--- December 1985  
"WGGG-40 was the strongest signal here but it took me a while to discover it since I thought it was just WLCZ. Equipment is a 6' dish w/Winegard PA4975 amp in my attic. Reception to Southern New England was made aiming the dish through my own roof plus the roofs of about 15 houses up the street. If you travel straight up Henry Street (that is, provided you haven't had one too many, hi) you are headed straight for Hartford and Boston--least my antenna says so. (Talk about a duct!--jfc) More when it comes in.

Dave Nleman, Akron NY 14001		(EDT)	
<b>September 1985</b>	<b>October 1985</b>	<b>October 1985</b>	
22 Tr 2000 WUFW-36 OH 270	4 Tr 0042 WLKY-32 IN 490	18 Tr 0037 W30AA NY 105	
Toledo (new to air)	0047 WGRB-34 KY 525	Elmira (WSKG-46)	
<b>October 1985</b>	0102 WCAY-30 TN 645		
4 Tr 0004 WZTV-17 TN 645	0123 WDRB-41 IN 490		

"October 4 duct was much farther than 645 miles. I saw several other stations I never IDed. I talked to Bob Seybold the next morning. He said the Ch. 39 w/Rock videos was Murfreesboro TN, the Ch. 16 w/INN nx was Jackson TN, and the Ch. 21 w/Late movie was Birmingham AL. I never believed I would see tropo that far...that's over 800 miles! Equipment is the same as last month with one exception. I got rid of the stacked Winegard VHF antennas. Next year I'll be taking the CM 3617B out of the family system and using it for DX ing. The family will get a Quantum 1113 w/a 0096C cartridge amp. The wife should be able to catch all the soaps with that." (And then some--jfc)

Bill Townshend, 4500 Connecticut Ave. NW #901, Washington DC 20008		(202) 966-8046 (EDT)	
<b>September 1985</b>	<b>October 1985</b>	<b>October 1985</b>	<b>October 1985</b>
10 Tr 0746 WTAP-29 PA 27	27 Tr 2248 WHRO-15 VA 27	27 Tr 2249 WTVZ-33 VA 27	27 Tr 2251 WSJV-65 NJ
0746 WPHL-17 PA	2248 WYAH-27 VA	2250 WJCM-40 NJ	(Ex-WRBV--jfc)

"Some unusually strong signals on tropo 10/27, but faded badly the next morning, so my 12-778 stayed home instead of going to the office. Tr noted even on FM with a couple of Eastern shore stations coming in well. Best tropo in two months. LXVIII."

John F. Combs, 2831 Selma, Jacksonville FL 32205		(904) 387-2367 (EDT)	
<b>September 1985</b>	<b>September 1985</b>	<b>October 1985</b>	
3 Tr 0000 WAGT-26 SC 215	10 Tr 2345 WPDE-15 SC 313	15 Tr 2035 WJKA-26 NC 335	
0000 WEBA-14 SC 200	2345 WJKA-26 NC 335	2035 WTAT-24 SC 216	
1920 WOLO-25 SC 263	2345 WUNJ-39 NC 335	2035 WHMC-23 SC 294	
4 Tr 0425 WLTX-19 SC 262	2345 WTAT-24 SC 216	2035 WUNM-19 NC 418	
0600 WOLO-25 SC 263	11 Tr 0545 WTVX-34 FL 234	2043 WTVX-34 FL 234	
6 Tr 0020 SC 14,19,25,26,35	23 Tr 2110 SC 14,19,24,25,26,35	2043 WUNJ-39 NC 335	
7 Tr 0000 SC 14,19,25,26,27	2200 WIS-10 SC 277	2048 WPDE-15 SC 313	
0853 WHMC-23 SC 294	24 Tr 0830 WVVU-26 FL 270	16 Tr 0540 SC 14,23,24	
0853 WTAT-24 SC 216	28 Tr 0525 WLTX-38 GA 240	20 Tr 0020 SC 19,26	
2220 SC 19,27,35	29 Tr 2200 SC 14,16	0925 SC 14,19,25,35,38	
8 Tr 0530 SC 19 & 25	<b>October 1985</b>	0928 WPMI-15 AL 355	
9 Tr 0930 SC 19 & 25	3 Tr 0800 SC 19,25,27,35	0928 WSRE-23 FL 330	
10 Tr 0015 SC 19 & 25	2225 Strong to SC, but no time..	0929 WJTC-44 FL 349	
0042 WTVX-34 FL 234	7 Tr 0600 SC 14,19,25,26,27,35	0929 WPAW-53 FL 316	
2345 WJPM-33 SC 297	15 Tr 0900 Same + 15,23,24	(1st decent Tr to west in 6 months...)	
2345 WHMC-23 SC 294			

No really outstanding DX to report. One good opening to Pensacola/Mobile area. VHF antenna still down, with the dish to follow. You see, we're getting a new roof soon, so the whole mess must come down. However, I have obtained one of the last South River 15' tripods and will use it to remount the antennas. Will put the dish at 36' and the VHF at 30' AG.



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**FLORIDA TV PIRATE LOGGED:** According to a report in the A\*O\*E, the monthly bulletin of the Association of Clandestine Enthusiasts, member John Santosuosso viewed a pirate TV station on Ch. 4. The reception took place on 9-8-85 from 2329-0013 GMT (1929-2013 EDT). The station called itself WRAT-TV or "King Rat TV" and announced a location of "way down south in Dixie." Programming consisted of a taped documentary on the history of rock and roll, as well as excerpts from a James Bond movie. No visual IDs were used, only audio. Mr. Santosuosso is located, I believe, in South Central FL, and we can only speculate at to the station's actual location.

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**POSTSCRIPTS:** I am typing this column on the 1st of November, after checking the mail. I will be working a lot in the coming week, so if your report arrives after the 1st...I'm sorry. Remember that I will sometimes be able to work in late reports, but if yours arrives after the 1st, there's no guarantee.

A note on format: would it be less confusing if I put parentheses around a state when xmtr QTH differs from license? I.e., WLKY-32 (IN) 490. Send comments.....73, JOHN.

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TV QSL's part 2

TV QSL's

- NY WTBY 54 Fishkill, Box 534, zip 12524. A well written, detailed letter in 1 weeks "possibly most distant reception report" says "Dale K. Osborn, CE. Vogt
- PA WGBB 49 Red Lion, Box 88, zip 17356. A detailed letter in 1 week "it's always exciting to hear from distant viewers", says Donald R. Horst, CE Vogt
- NC WRDG 16 Burlington, % KRG, Inc., Box 16, zip 27216. Detailed, letter in 3 weeks from Fred Wuenschel, GM/CE Vogt
- MD W62AY 62 Frederick, % MD Center for Public Broadcasting, Owins Mills, MD zip 21117. Very nice pkg., pgm sked, post card & coverage-map for all 6 MPT stations from Bruce T. Herget, Dir. of Eng. Vogt
- WBFF 45 Baltimore, 3500 Parkdale Ave, zip 21211. Letter from Julian S. Smith, Pres. in 10 days. Michalek
- NY WXXA 23 Albany, P.O.Box 6423, zip 12206. Letter from Sargent R. Cathrall, CE. back in 5 days with coverage-map & schedule. Michalek
- WLIG 55 Riverhead, 175 Crossways Park West, Woodbury, zip 11797. Letter from Michael Hurley, Exec. V.P. reply back in 10 days. Michalek
- PA WNEP 16 Scranton, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Airport, zip 18641. Letter from Bernie Hyzinski, CE in 20 days. Michalek
- WPHL 17 Philadelphia, 5001 Wynnefield Ave., zip 19131. A QSL-Card with no signer in 2 weeks. Michalek
- WBRE 28 Wilkes-Barre, 62 S. Franklin St., zip 18703. QSL-Card with no signer in 2 weeks. Michalek
- WPMT 43 York, 2005 S. Queen St., zip 17403. Letter from Jack M. Schuster, Dir. of Eng. in 18 days. Michalek
- LA WDSU 6 New Orleans, 520 Royal St., zip 70130. Letter from Earle Connors, CE also send bumper sticker & "Sky 6" lapel pin. Frye
- NY WNPE 16 Watertown, P.O.Box 114, zip 13601. Send brief note from James Edwards, CE. also send WNPE-16/WNPI-18 coverage-map & vertical drawing of the towers. Frye
- DE WHYI 12 Wilmington, % 150 N. 6th St., Philadelphia, PA 19106. Letter from John Doran, CE describing the transmission facilities. Frye
- PA WTAF 29 Philadelphia, 4th & Market Sts., zip 19106. Letter from Chuck Brickman, Operations Supervisor. Send official WTAF card confirming my reception. Frye
- TN WMC 5 Memphis (no address reported). Send WMC-TV QSL Card, signed by George Alsobrook, CE Frye
- NH WHNT 21 Concord, P.O.Box 2100, 21 Media Park, zip 03301. Send letter, id logo slide, 2 note pads, playing cards, & a coffee cup from Thomas M. Disinger, Operations Manager. "We've had previous reports from New York City, but never from far away as Baltimore. Needless to say, we were quite suprized". My best reply ever on a tv qsl. Yingling
- MA WCVX 58 Vineyard Haven % 720 Main St. zip 02601. Letter from Josh Violette, Operations Manager who says "You must have extraordinary equipment". reply in 2 weeks. Yingling
- WVJV 66 Framingham, 111 Speen St., zip 01701. Letter, bumper-stickers, & CERTIFICATE OF THE EXALTED ORDER OF THE "V" for my outstanding help & moral support to the engineering staff for my reception report; certificate number 98 ! from Charles S. Fitch, P.E., Dir. of Eng. reply in 2 weeks. Yingling
- KS KSNW 3 Wichita, Box 333, zip 67201. QSL Card from Dir. of Eng. which the name is unreadable. Also note from "Dee F.", Eng. Secretary explaining the reason for the call change. Also send coverage-map for KSN Network, & a sun visor hat in 2 weeks. Yingling



June 12, 1985

Mr. Roy Baretow  
P.O. Box 4882  
Teaticket, MA 02536

Dear Roy, *Roy Nice Catch!*

Thank you for your interest in WTVX. I am happy to confirm that your information is correct and yes you did receive Channel 35.

I am enclosing a map of our ADI so you can see how large an area we cover.

Please tune in again.

Sincerely,  
*Wayne Cunningham*  
Wayne Cunningham  
Promotions Director

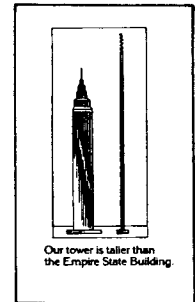
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CENTRAL 10 Central Park Way, Stuart, FL 33405  
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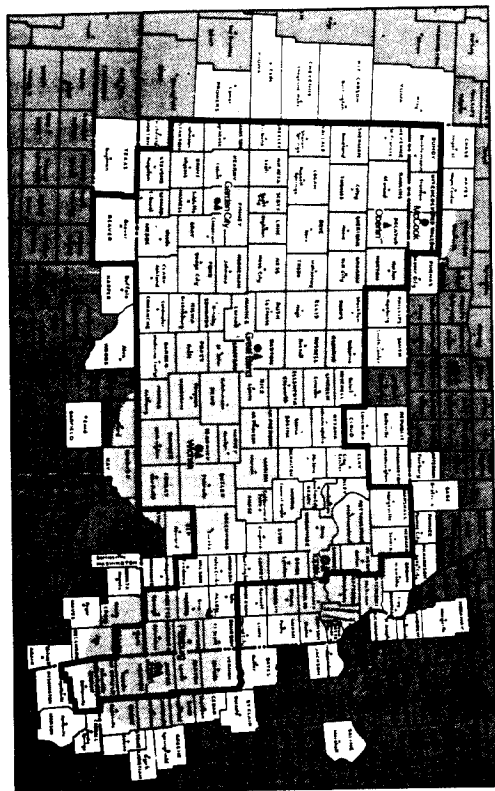
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Reporters this time are Larry Vogh, of Springfield, Va; Ed Frye of Poughkeepsie, NY; Alan L. Michalek of Springfield, MA, Roy Barstos of Teaticket, MA; & the editor - me ! This month we got another tv qsl letter copy from Roy Barstow of WTVX-TV 34 in Ft. Pierce, FL. Address is P. D. Box 3434, Ft. Pierce, FL 33454 to Mr. Wayne Cunningham, Promotions Director. Not a bad catch at over 850 miles ! 73's to later.



# Coverage Area

- KSNW TV-3**  
Wichita
- KSNK TV-8**  
McCook / Oberlin
- KSNC TV-11**  
Garden City
- KSNF TV-16**  
Joplin / Pittsburg
- KSNC TV-2**  
Great Bend
- KSNT TV-27**  
Topeka



## SuperNetwork

# WESTERN TV-DX

Fred McCormack  
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State University Sta.  
Fargo, ND 58105

December 1985

Deadline: 1-10-86

Well, it is the last column of the year. I am sorry to see the DX gone, but it is kind of a relief to have only a two page column to type!  
Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

Pat Dyer, 5315 Silvertip Drive, San Antonio, TX 78228 (WA5IYX)

CST

Equipment: 1980 model Penncrest 9" black and white, Archer V-100 and eight bay bow tie UHF array at 20 feet with rotor.

<u>September 1985</u>	8 ms	(See comment #1)	20 Es	1221	WBTvt 3 NC
26 ms 2217:10	9 ms	(See comment #1)			WFMY 2 NC 1175
	13 Es	1610 WESHT 2 FL			1230 spotty
<u>October 1985</u>		1620 WPBt 2 FL			1307 fade/outs
3 ms 1329		1659 WEDU 3 FL 985	21 Es	1010-1017	unid 2 spotty
4 tr 0355		(MUF 89.7-1700)		1040-1045	unid 2
0359		1710 WTVJt 4 FL		1053-1112	unids 2,3
		1725 fade/outs	22 Es	1127-1139	WPMYt 2 NC
0408		14 Es 1520-1540		1616-1620	unid ch 2
0409		YSR 2 ES 1200		1630-1706	unids ch 2
0414		1640 unids 2,3 Spanish		1659	WESH 2 FL 1055
0428		1807 still YSR		1700	WPBT 2 FL 1150
0447		1830 spotty		1802-1805	WPBT 2 FL
0459		1850 fade/out	23 Es	1225-1250	WESH 2 FL
5 Es 1945-2000		16 Es 0940-1020		1629	YSR t 2 ES
1951		( Mexico west )			YSU t 4 ES
2000-2050		1020 XHGWT 2 GR		1635	fade/outs
7 tr 0329		1130 fade/outs	26 Es	1707-1853	unids 2,3 Sp
2315		19 tr 1758		27 Es	1624-1635
8 tr 0823		KLTLt 18 LA			unids 2,4
		KVHPT 29 LA			(Mex southwest)

Comment # 1: (October 8, 9) - Meteor rates up these mornings, but certainly no storm.

Well, no meteor storm here. The rates were enhanced, but I think the Orionids later in the month was better.

Some good tropo, but the October 7th TV wasn't indicative of the Miami and Key West ducting on the FMI

A fair amount of E skip in the month, with the usual large share of it into Latin America this time of year.

Channel 35, Kerrville, due to come on in just a few days. The studios are about 2 miles west of me, but luckily their transmitter is a lot more distant (though I'm not sure exactly where). The other local UHF, channel 41, is about 6 miles east southeast of here. This will be the first new local on since channel 9 in September 1962!

73, Pat, WA5IYX

William Eckberg, RR#4, Dixon, IL 61201

CDT/CST

Equipment: 1966 Zenith b&w tube receiver ch 14N22, modified Zenith 175-1953 detented tuner. Channel Master 1110 VHF antenna. Channel Master 7 foot UHF parabolic antenna with Winegard PA4975 preamplifier on a 40' tower.

<u>October 1985</u>	October was a poor tropo month. Many rarely observed
20 Es 1930	stations to the north were seen on October 28th through the
28 tr 0455	30th in the 250-350 mile range snow free. Namely, WLEF-36,
(Fort Wayne	KXLI-41, WHWC-28, WQOW-18, etc., due to the circulation
WFYI-20)	around hurricane Juan. I do not consider them DX. Little
0550	DX to the south. I suspect DX'ers to the north had better
K30AL 30 KS 408	luck on the above dates.
(Iola	Noted four new ID's. Namely, WGBA-26 in Wisconsin,
KTWU-11)	KDEB-27 in Missouri, and WYZZ-43 in Illinois. None are DX
2210	
WKSO 29 KY 405	
unid channel 64	
( See comments )	

William Eckberg (continued) here. The first two could have had the calls for awhile. WYZZ-43 was transmitting on reduced power in late October while doing tower repairs. Also, WCFN-49 instead of W49AA, Illinois. W39AA, Indiana, a translator of WFYI-20, not WBGU-57. Have photo of the above. Must have switched since Translator Guide was published.

Possibly saw the end of the E skip opening on October 20th. Surprised to see K30AL, Iola, Kansas on October 28 again so soon. They get out for a 1 kW translator, especially when noted no other DX to the southwest. Powerful KDNL-30 only 30° to the south and much closer.

Reference October 31 at 0200 - saw scrambled station on channel 64 slightly west of due north. Is W64AU in Adams, Wisconsin on? Are they scrambled?

\*\*\*\*\* (Bill, you noted WCFN-49 as a new call for W49AA. I assume you mean that it has displaced WCIA's translator in Springfield, or is it a satellite of WCIA? The primary switch of W39AA has been reported in the VUD. I believe they wanted an Indiana signal. With regard to your unid channel 64, it sounds like W64AU which has been reported by others to have scrambled programming. fm)\*\*\*\*\*

Nathaniel Ely, 1237 East Johnson St., #2, Madison, WI 53703 (608)-257-5220 CDT/CT

Equipment: Quantum 1110, Spartan II VHF preamp (0061) from Chmstr; C.M. 7' dish with 4990 preamp at 61', 70'/30' runs of .412/RG-11 cable, H-D 73 rotor. Winegard DA-405 post amplifier (when locals off the air), 3 Channel Master 7206 "Hi Q" traps (UHF). Tower, QDMX MD-56 (free standing).

October 1985	19 tr 0037-0107 KMEG snw fre	29 tr 0425 WUAB 43 OH 400
19 tr 0030-0107 S MN xltrs &	29 tr 0029 WFSJ 51 OH 420	0444 WCLQ 61 OH 400
LPTV: St. James, all	0034 WITE 28 OH 405	0525 W63AH 63 OH 335
but ch 44, New Ulm 22,	0100 WBNS 10 OH 405	(Maplewood WPTD-10)
Worthington 20, Fair-	0209 KELO 11 SD 400	0530 WOSU 34 OH 405
mont 28, Winona 74,	0416 WVVIZ 25 OH 400	0630 WUPW 36 OH 310
LaCrosse 83.	0423 WOIO 19 OH 400	0656 CKCO3 42 ON 485

Finally a DX report that doesn't take forever to type up! Funny how a little end of the month tropo boosts the spirits.

Some station news: WUPW-36 in Toledo is on with independent programming. They seem weaker than WDHO-24, but stronger than WOTE-30. They were showing "She-Rah" (The mistress of the universe?). WPNR-60 in Chicago seems to be leasing extra time from WBBS-60 in the evening hours. I think the Spanish speaking WBBS-60 still has some programming on weekends from 7 PM to 1 AM. KTMA-23 in Minneapolis is calling themselves "K-TWIN" and has switched to an all video music format complete with VJ's and a lot of local promotion of local talent. Lots of luck, fellas!

In the "Blood on the TV Antenna" department - some tips on screening parabolic antennas. I've found that cutting the hardware cloth into 5 inch strips and attaching them to each of the rear reflectors individually with nylon cable ties works very well. Allow the strips to extend beyond the edges of the dish and to overlap as they will. It is easiest to do the top half and bottom half separately, then put the dish together. The cable ties can be put on loosely, then pulled tight when you are sure everything is properly aligned. If you use large swatches of hardware cloth, it has a tendency to distort the curvature of the dish. Using the cable ties insures that the screen will stay on over time, wire rusts, especially after being twisted (and too, twisting all those wires is hard on the fingers and is extremely tedious!). To save on blood loss, be sure to wear gloves and use the largest pair of metal shears you can find. Oh yeah, don't forget to have your tetanus shots up to date. Hi!

That's about it for now. 73, Nate

Fred McCormack, 135 Prairiewood Drive, Fargo, ND 58103 CDT

Equipment: VHF: Broadmoor 9" black & white, Winegard CS-4053; UHF: Teknika 6510 tuner, Winegard CH-9095, Blonder-Tongue CMA-Uc pre-amp; Alliance rotor.

There has not been much DX during October. On the 13th at 2323, I saw K21AK at Morris testing with SPN programming. They were still in on the 14th with MTV being scrambled. They haven't been seen since. Indications are that they plan to broadcast SelectTV on a scrambled basis 24 hours a day. K21AK is 100 miles from my QTH.

The only DX noted was on the 20th when KHIN-36 (390 miles) and KSIN-27 (300 miles) were seen at 2100 with Iowa Public Broadcasting Network ID's and PBS programming.

# W T F D A

## 1985 New Orleans, LA.

### CONVENTION REPORT

The convention is over, but the memories still remain. Ron Le Blanc put on a good show for those members that did make it to New Orleans. On Friday we first when over to WRNO-FM & Shortwave studios for a tour. We got a good showing of the place. I even got to look at the dx report letters that came in for the day, which was about 23 letters. Then we drove to WNOL-TV ch. 38 studios in downtown New Orleans. The station is on 24 hours a day. with no local or network news programs. The station is almost all automated. Then we when for lunch in the French Quarter at the Jackson Brewery which as changed into an 4 floor indoor shopping center. After lunch we drove over to tour the antenna farm of WDSU-TV ch.6, WVUE-TV ch.8, WYES-TV ch.12, WGNO-TV ch. 26, WNOL-TV ch.38, WTIX-AM 690khz, WNOE-FM & WRNO-FM. Ron then gave us a tour of his business, "Le Blanc's Alarm Systems Inc." central monitoring station. We then had barbeque supper at Ron's house. After supper we headed on over to WRNO Shortwave transmitter site about 2 miles from Ron's house!

On Saturday the main event began with the lectures. Joe Gragg did his best to explain progrations and on other dx subjects. Terry Colgan then told of the other dx clubs in North America as being connected with ANARC, Robert Grant gave a talk on FM radio transmission & spec. Then Pat Dyer did an discussion on E-skip that he did research into. By time Pat was done it was time for a Louisiana Style Cookout. Ron's wife & brother did a real good job on cooking up some ribs, hamburgers, & gumbo. The rest of the evening was for group photos, & gab sessions.

On Sunday morning Tom Yingling did a short talk on the changing policies of FM & TV station on verifying reception reports. Next scheduled was a club headquarters report on how well the club is doing, but no hq's member made it to the convention. So we drew names for the door prizes. Since the turnout was low, everybody got a door prize! 1st place prize was an Alliance U-100 antenna rotor won by Mark Wilson. 2nd prize was a VCR Video switcher won by Pat Dyer. Other smaller prizes were WRNO Shortwave World Fair belt buckles, WRNO T-shirts & WTFDA club T-shirts.

The names of members that did make to New Orleans for the convention are below. There could had been alot more from just the neighboring states, but they didn't come. Oh well, we still had a good time. Below is the list that did come.

Terry Colgan, Austin, TX; Dan Bartek, Wahoo, NE; Joe Gragg, Palestine, TX; Tom Yingling, Baltimore, MD; Anthony Mann, Baton Rouge, LA; Robert Grant, Detroit, MI; Marvin Shults, Toulon, IL; Pat Dyer, San Antonio, TX; Joe Perge, Newark, OH; Mark Wilson, Monroe, LA; William Eckberg, Dixon, IL; Noah Robert, Metairie, LA & Ron Le Blanc, Marrero, LA - Convention Host.

DX was in during the convention weekend. On Ron's dx set up the best mileage seen was 485 into Corpus Christi, TX ch. 16. With the help of Ron, Joe Gragg took care of the dx loggings. There was some E-skip seen, but no ids were made.



# NORTHERN FM-DX

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Canada N3L 3G2

December 1985 NOTE MY NEW ADDRESS PHONE NUMBERS BELOW

Salut! Read this column's masthead carefully. Now tell me, who's going to be the numbskull who sends his/her Northern FM DX contributions to France? I am in image-free DX territory here, so I'll be monitoring FM closely. I can be reached 24 hours per day if you've a DX tip: AM, FM, TV. If you call in a tip, I will put you on my tip list & when I notice DX I'll call you if appropriate. Or let me know by mail if you wish to be called & will call. A one-minute call is always enough.

Home Phone: (519)756-1201 ... 24 hrs per day, best 2000-0900  
Work Phone: (519)442-4456 ... 24 hrs per day, best 0900-2300 (I work at crazy hours!)  
If you wish to chat (ie, no DX tip) it's best to call me at home from 2000-0100 (times are all Eastern Local Time). I've my own phone so no one else will be disturbed. I'm working as a reporter at Paris This Week. So far it's been interesting. Last week a speaker at an all-candidate's meeting dropped dead while addressing the audience. He was telling everyone about his 28 years in politics, and joked about whether or not he'd be remembered. Then, all of a sudden he died. Just like that. The blasted photo people then printed SOMEONE ELSE'S PICTURE in the obituary that I wrote. Oh the embarrassment of working for a rag! A lot of positive experiences as well, so I'll likely hang around here for awhile.

Happy holidays, be sure to get in some DX, and between swigs of egg nog and champagne, find a few sober moments to report to Northern. L'Chaim (To Life!) - Saul.

SCOTT HOOD - Dean Jr. College, Box 971 - Franklin MA 02038-1994 EDT DX from Franklin

## SEPTEMBER 1985

17 Tr  
1610 WQNY 103.1 NY Newburgh 142  
18 Tr  
0110 WUSL 98.9 PA Philadelphia 250  
0110 WAZ 99.1 NJ Zarephath 195  
0120 WBOQ 102.7 VT Manchester LarryKing 113  
20 Tr  
1920 WTTD 106.9 VA Suffolk k wx ads 490  
2010 WKDN 106.9 NJ Camden g 245  
2110 WMGK 102.9 PA Philadelphia r "WMGK, Magic 103" (WUSL too, I removed as you log often so it must be a regular-saul)  
2115 WJJR 98.1 VT Rutland b 131  
2120 WCAU 98.1 PA Philadelphia 250  
2200 WRVT 97.1 VT Rutland "T-97" 131  
21 Tr  
0030 WRZ 100.1 NJ Manahawkin 230  
0035 WAYvt 95.1 NJ Atlantic City r 250  
0045 WSLT 106.3 NJ Ocean City 260  
0100 WHDQ 106.1 NH Claremont 100  
0110 WKHI 99.9 MD Ocean City 330  
0115 WASH 97.1 DC Washington r "97WASH" 375  
0310 WOHQ 104.7 MD Ocean City "2Q-105" 330  
23 Tr  
0145 WAZ 99.1 NJ Zarephath 195  
0930 WUSL, WMGK PA Philadelphia 250  
25 Tr "GLORIA-ous" (if it was Hurricane Juan would you have said JUANderful?-s)  
2315 WFOR 98.7 VA Norfolk rp ads wx 480  
2335 WONS 100.5 VA Norfolk k 480  
2345 WONI 102.9 VA Norfolk R&B (s) 480  
2350 WTTD 106.9 VA Suffolk 490  
2355 WKDN 106.9 NJ Camden 245  
26 Tr (103.7 WERI RI off)  
0010 WGM 103.7 NJ Atlantic City rp 250  
0020 WRDU 106.1 NC Wilson 610  
0035 WEAZ 101.1 PA Philadelphia 250  
0045 WJBR 99.5 DE Wilmington g 275  
0115 WCAY 99.5 DC Washington 375  
0135-0315 SEVERAL PHILADELPHIA STATIONS, WUSL, WCAU, WIOQ, WMGK all relogs 250  
0135 WAZ 99.1 NJ Zarephath 195  
0155 WKHI 99.9 MD Ocean City (in&out of \$) 250  
0220 WWDB 96.5 PA Philadelphia g ads 250  
0250 WKSZt100.3 PA Media 255 (sleep zzz)  
0820 WMZQ 98.7 DC Washington k nx wx 375

## SEPT 26 Tr cont'd

0830 WASH 97.1 DC Washington (phila still in) 275  
0835 WJBR 99.5 DE Wilmington 375  
0835 WCAY 99.5 DC Washington 375  
0845 WWDCT101.1 DC Washington rp 375  
0900 WCMSt103.5 Washington c 375  
1215 WTSR 96.7 VT Brattleboro sda 92  
1245 WSPK 104.7 NY Poughkeepsie r "K-104" 131  
1245 WPTT 97.9 PA Hazleton b "Wish98" 250  
1310 WJTV 101.9 NY CherryValley g 185  
27 Tr With the 5-Band (see JUNE Northern) w/ strong sensitivity, strong AFC, & strong interchannel interference, (eg, 105.1 coming in on 104.5 - what's the technical term?) (overload? myself, I prefer to use the technical term #\*\* - s) Used for TV rx as well as power still out; my regular "BoomBox" barely had NYC or Stern CT.  
1750 WMGKt102.9 PA Philadelphia 250  
2300 WIOQ 102.1 PA Philadelphia 250  
28 Tr (27th note applies) (WLO off 104.5)  
0000-0030 WSNi, WUSL, WKSZt PA Philadelphia 250  
0030 WAWZ 99.1 NJ Zarephath 195  
28 MS Had 2-3 second clear bursts that didn't seem to be overload; my boom-box had NO M.S.!! (May I suggest you trash the boombox and use the 5-band radio, the boom doesn't sound too good-s)  
30 Tr (Boom box? or 5-band?-s)  
0030 NYC in stereo 168  
0125-0205 Philadelphia 98.9, 98.1, 100.3, 101.1 250  
1915-2300 philia on 101.1, 98.9, 98.1, 96.5, 100.3  
2310 WRZ 100.1 NJ Manahawkin 230  
COMMENTS: WOW! Is this just an unusually active Tr season or have I found a DXers paradise? Philadelphia was nite after nite at times. Could it be Philly is normal for these parts? (Since the coast is likely your best path, & Philly only 250 miles, I'd say yes. Detroit & Cleveland (MI, OH) are 280 from Burnt River and can be heard anytime I try using a rotor & tower. So is WAZ I suspect, for you-saul) I'm in the same dorm as last year but in another wing & on top (2nd) floor. Last year on bottom of 3 floors (so how can it be the same dorm, did they slice off the top floor?-saul). The room is unusual in that it tends to cut down the semi-locals, & allowing farther stns.

## SCOTT HOOD MA cont'd

(eg, 101.1 WEAZ will often easily overtake or match WCBs). Last year I went up to the 2nd floor "lounge" where the semis tended to mask adjacents, as well as their own...I didn't log Philly once. 73s, Scott. (Having DXed in a dorm before, I can always recommend a DXer try every conceivable location) (-saul)

...and I'll let Dave Nieman speak for himself...

DAVE NIEMAN - Akron, NY 14001 [EDT]

Equip. Carver TX-11 tuner, Channel Master Stereo Probe 9 at 25' AGL. New under lined

## OCTOBER 1985

4 Tr  
0004 WMDT 89.5 TN Murfreesboro j "jazz-89" \$ 650  
0034 WSIX 97.9 TN Nashville k\$ 645  
0054 WLAC 105.9 TN Nashville r\$ "Nash. class FM" 19 Tr  
0135 WYHV 107.5 TN Lebanon r\$ "V-107" 625  
0152 WUKX 104.5 TN Gallatin r\$ "rock hits 104" 620

## OCT. 4 Tr cont'd

0157 WLAP 94.5 KY Lexington r\$ "FM-94½" 455  
0200 WRVU 91.1 TN Nashville rp\$ "91-rock" 645  
0302 WSM 95.5 TN Nashville k\$ "Nash. 95-FM" 19 Tr  
1923 WJGP 88.1 PA Greenville r\$ 145

...this is fun, so I'll grant newcomer Fred Vobbe the same privilege, since I may use a computer in the future & the printouts seem the same, see what it looks like in print.

FRED VOBBE - 706 Mackenzie - LIMA OH 45805 (Fred, any pirates your way-saul)

Not much to report, since I just joined, and I still don't have my antennas up yet. I'm the Chief Engineer at WLIO-TV (Ch-35) in Lima, Oh. To answer the next question...yes, I do verify reports and send QSL cards. My work keeps me very busy, and right now we have a big project going on. Hopefully when it is done you might have a better chance of seeing us! Obviously, I get 35 and 44 here at my home. I think DX'ing will be good here as all the VHF's are out of town, and with the exception of 2 locals, the band is open. FM wise, WGTN @ 97.7 is just 1 mile from my QTH, so a trap is in order here. I've been an on and off DX'er for darn near 17 years. I belong to NRC, and edit their DX Audio Service, which is the NRC's book for the blind. I hope to get a tower up within the next few months, with some decent antennas. I use for my TV DX a modified RCA VHS tuner/recorder, and for FM a Sony professional receiver. I seldom keep a log, but do send out reports from time to time if its unusual. Hope to become a regular contributor. 73's and gud DX.

(Welcome to NORTHERN Fred, I knew I knew your name from somewhere when I saw the envelope, I'm a pirate buff myself. Report any FM pirates you hear and any DX. -Saul)

From the horse's mouth in PARIS ON right near Brantford (92.1 CKPC)

## OCTOBER 1985

22 Tr  
1405 WIDL 104.9 MI Caro r  
1410 CKOI 106.9 ON Ottawa nx  
0900 WJRS 98.5 PA Oil City  
0930 WUPM 99.7 MI Saginaw g  
0932 WBBN 96.1 MI Bay City

30 Tr  
1615 WPCX 106.9 NY Auburn k Pix106  
1630 CPLY 98.3 ON Kingston rm  
1630 WMRH 102.9 NY Syracuse g  
2359 WBCU 97.3 NY Ithaca (&WKWK-WV)  
31 Tr  
1800 CFMO 93.9 ON Ottawa nx  
2145 WCMC 90.1 NY Greece s (reggae)

The DX here reps the best stuff I've had. Total FMs somewhere around 133 in the three weeks I've been in this image-free area. DX is from all over BRANT county, including city of Brantford where I live.

CHERNOS FROM TORONTO OCTOBER 4, wher. BUFFALO NY area had 600 plus mi Tr to TN...

0730(all): WQED 89.3 PA, WNIC 100.3 MI, WKSG 102.7 MI, WMRH 88.5 NY...heard on Western outskirts of car on way to Tillsonburg job interview (that's how I got this job in Paris!) And from Tillsonburg, OCT 4: 1000 WYDD 104.7 PA Pittsburgh. And in a trip to LONDON ON, OCT 19: 2300 had WKAR 90.5 MI & WEMU 89.1 MI.


C'est tout ce mois de Paris. Soyez bien et écoutez bien le MF (FM en Français) pour le Es, Tr, et MS...c'est possible en hiver. Vive la France libre...Saul.

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SORT BY TOTAL														
1	PAT DYER	TX SAN ANTONIO	1915	296	1554	34	0	43+	3	19	4	70	72	10/31/85
2	DANNY BUNTIN	OK STILLWATER	1580	242	913	4	0	48+	5	9	2	65	74	11/24/84
3	BRUCE ELVING	WV DULUTH	1496	213	1231	8	7	44+	3	1	0	49	48	03/03/85
4	JOHN EBELING	IN BLOOMINGTON	1444	232	813	48	75	47+	4	5	0	57	52	01/02/85
5	JIM PIZZI	MI LOVINGTON	1313	185	1044	27	0	38	5	20	3	66	81	03/04/85
6	RALPH STROBEL	IN MUNCIE	1271	340	238	50	4	39+	6	1	0	47	72	10/18/85
7	MIKE BUGAJ	CT ENFIELD	1234	160	666	2	12	37+	4	0	1	43	74	09/12/85
8	FRED NORDQUIST	NY CLAY	1224	205	592	29	57	39+	5	0	2	47	69	09/04/85
9	FRED MCCORMACK	MO DES LACS	1090	140	801	25	87	44+	6	4	0	55	65	06/28/84
10	PETER SAWATZKY	ON KITCHENER	1088	167	500	112	6	38+	7	0	1	47	71	11/11/84
11	BOB SEYBOLD	NY DUNKIRK	1087	167	532	0	0	41	6	2	0	48	50	10/12/85
12	JOSEPH FELA	NJ S. PLAINFIELD	1080	227	516	2	9	37+	5	0	3	46	66	06/23/85
13	DAVID NIEMAN	MI AKRON	1053	269	288	37	20	42+	8	0	3	54	59	08/15/85
14	FRED MCCORMACK	ND FARGO	868	106	565	3	48	47+	5	2	0	54	74	06/28/84
15	HANK HOLBROOK	MD CHEVY CHASE	819	203	216	16	0	35+	5	0	3	44	59	06/28/85
16	JOHN JEFFERSON	CA PLEASANTON	801	164	425	136	0	24	4	4	0	32	57	08/27/85
17	JOHN EBELING	CA PROSIT	672	121	364	3	5	41+	8	0	0	51	75	01/02/85
18	DANIEL DETTING	PA BRIDGEMAN	657	151	226	6	3	32+	6	0	0	39	77	11/11/84
19	RICHARD STEINBERGER	MA HUDSON	640	133	286	12	6	35+	4	0	0	48	58	09/22/84
20	JOSEPH SMITH	NY JOHNSON CITY	625	80	165	0	0	34+	2	0	1	38	71	04/20/84
21	KEN SIMON	FL LAKE WORTH	545	148	437	0	0	36+	2	4	0	49	66	07/05/85
22	ALAN MICHALEX	MA SPRINGFIELD	514	62	273	0	0	34	5	0	0	41	52	09/05/85
23	PAT DURKIN	WI WEST ALLIS	428	89	81	0	0	32+	3	0	0	36	78	08/29/84
24	THOMAS YINGLING	MD BALTIMORE	354	54	131	1	0	0	0	0	0	71	04/08/84	
25	PAT DURKIN	MA WOODBURY	329	51	97	2	0	31	1	1	0	33	81	08/29/84
26	MIKE HOGAN	IL BURNHAM	315	62	32	0	0	24	1	0	0	25	76	08/16/84
27	BOB SMOLEAREX	NJ OLDWICK	263	60	1	0	0	15	1	0	0	16	78	08/29/84
28	BOB SCHWEITZER	NJ E. BRUNSWICK	245	75	7	0	0	11+	0	0	0	12	77	08/10/84
29	ROBERT ROSS	ON LONDON	221	56	26	0	0	16	1	0	0	17	76	08/01/85
30	PAUL MOUNT	NJ TERMECK	216	28	28	0	0	21+	1	0	0	23	79	04/02/84
31	BILL MULLMAN	CT NORWICH	204	31	31	0	0	23	0	0	0	23	81	03/12/85
32	RONALD PURDUE	MA BYRON	188	3	95	0	0	20+	0	3	0	24	81	06/30/84
33	FRANK WHEELER	PA ERIE	155	19	3	0	0	7	1	0	0	8	64	03/04/85
34	WILLIAM HEPBURN	ON NIAGARA FALLS	144	51	35	0	0	18+	1	0	0	20	79	08/10/84
35	GUS MANCUSO	MD CHEVERLY	128	16	2	0	0	9+	0	0	0	7	70	08/22/84
36	BOB SCHWEITZER	NJ OLD BRIDGE	125	33	0	0	0	9+	0	0	0	10	82	08/10/84
37	LARRY VAN HORN	FL ORANGE PARK	98	15	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	85	09/22/85
38	WILLIAM HEPBURN	NT CORAL HARBOUR	56	5	55	0	0	5	0	0	0	13	84	08/10/84

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Thanks to all of those who updated their FM Statistics over the past year. However, the following DXers need to update their totals to avoid being dropped from the FM Scoreboard: Danny Buntin, Fred McCormack, Peter Sawatzky, Daniel Detting, Richard Steinberger, Pat Durkin, Thomas Yingling, Mike Hogan, Bob Smolarek, Bob Schweitzer, Paul Mount, Ronald Purdue, William Hepburn, and Gus Mancuso. States Stats and other FM statistics of interest will be published next time.....73, Fred Nordquist

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8/11 tr  
0957 KRBE 104.1 TX Houston 530  
8/12 MS  
0848 KIFM 98.1 CA San Diego, calls 810  
9/6 tr  
0853 KXLS 99.7 OK Alva, calls 370  
(rcvd. in car w/power antenna nested in fender, very strong when ant. up but no CKC)  
9/7 Ditto above (9/6).  
9/23 Es  
1904 unID 88.5 mx, L, mo no  
(rcvd once before-XHCM is \$, r, this one in Puebla area.)  
1905 XEYQ 89.7 DF, c 960  
1905 XHRS 90.1 PUE Puebla, tent. nx  
1907 XEDA 90.5 DF  
1910 XHVC 90.9 PUE Puebla, tent. L  
9/24 MS  
0847 KRQU 102.9 WY Laramie, "102.9 KRQU"585  
9/30 MS  
0325 KCGG 100.3 SD Rapid City, "in Rapid City....." 774  
0826 KLYF 100.3 IA Des Moines, 788  
"Cedar Falls presented by the Des Moines home builders..."  
tr  
- KWMJ 103.7 TX Midland, off freq.,  
10-1 KWMJ back on 103.3  
2230 KIVA 105.1 NM Santa Fe, r  
"Kee-va FM" 240  
2338 KHBQ 107.9 TX Canyon, Q-107, from 107.1

10/2 tr  
2341 KWMJ 103.7 TX Midland, off freq. or change?  
2344 KATP 107.1 TX Canyon, r, "The cat107.1"  
10/8 tr  
0016 KHCB 105.7 TX Houston, ID 530  
0018 KQUE 102.9 TX " EL  
0020 KUHF 88.7 ' J  
0021 KRBE 104.1 "  
0022 KIOC 106.1 TX Orange, sports, "K-106"  
(on vert. only, horz. had KTKS, Denton, TX)  
10/26 MS  
0851 KMGC 102.9 TX Dallas, tent., "... on Magic...point 9"  
unID 102.9 "...Hot rocks 103..."  
0851 KRQU 102.9 WY Laramie, "...in Cheyenne.." 585 mi.  
(All of three within 30 seconds on car FM)  
10/29 tr MST  
2218 KBJT 107.5 TX San Angelo, SS, L, \$ 196  
Nothing much happening here, some new semi-locals on the air. I've been paying more attention to MS with the lack of Es and tr. Akai At-VO4 in repair (6 station pre-select hasn't worked for a long time). Might as well get it fixed during these doldrums. Sorry, to see you stepping down as FM South editor, Danny. You've done an excellent job.

Keith Pugh, 227 Martin St. New Hope, AL 35760

Danny, hate to see that you're resigning from your column. But I do understand your decision. Last year I received only 16 stations by Es. Trop was even worse with only a couple of logs outside the semi-local range. My total for '84 was 60, about the same for 1983. So for me this year was great, compared to the last two. I've been thinking (hoping) that Es activity will be climbing to a peak within the next few years.

I found that I made a mistake on my Oct. report. The 8/12 MS log of WKIZ 94.1 Yorktown, VA will not be counted unless they changed to a b format. The atlas says k, and I have yet to hear a k say "Spend your day with EZ-..." My non-digital could also have been on 93.9 CKEZ Windsor, ON. But I thought I W!(drat!). My thanks to Glenn Lavender for IDing my unIDs. I had suspected Monroe, LA. Good trop on Oct. 4, the early morning stay up all night type. WRVU 91.1 Nashville, TN alerted me to good possibilities as the DJ announced that he had a call on the phone from Akron, NY, saying they were coming in pretty well. Dave Nieman? My first log of Cincinnati surprised me. Most of the trop was KY signals, which were very strong. WBBN Buffalo really surprised me. My farthest trop at 700 miles. Also my only ID for the Orionids Meteor shower, "... WBBN-FM..."

9/8 tr 240  
1100 WEKH 90.9 KY Hazard, new to air, ID  
10/3 tr  
0648 WZLI 106.1 GA Toccoa, ID  
1107 WKRM 102.3 TN Carthage, ID  
10/4 tr  
0158 WVXU 91.7 OH Cincinnati, r, ID 330  
0200 WBKY 91.3 KY Lexington, ID 255  
0214 WRJB 98.3 TN Camden, r, ID 104  
0218 WSTO 96.1 KY Owensboro, ID  
0246 WJSQ 101.7 TN Athens, ID  
0258 WKQQ 98.1 KY Lexington, "Double-Q"  
10/4 tr  
0305 WQQK 92.1 TN Hendersonville, s, ID  
0318 WKQA 100.3 KY Hopkinsville, "K-100"  
0329 WBRK 92.5 KY Owensboro, k, ID  
0415 WBBN 102.5 NY Buffalo, "Rock-102", wx700  
0430 WBBM 102.7 OH Cincinnati, ID 330  
0445 WLSK 100.9 KY Lebanon, k, ID  
0448 WKDQ 99.5 KY Henderson, "KQ-99"  
0455 WCBL 102.3 KY Benton, s/on  
0500 WKYU 88.9 KY Bowling Green, s/on  
0514 WAMZ 97.5 KY Louisville, k, ID cont.....

10/4 tr
0520 WNJK 89.3 KY Hopkinsville, s/on
10/15 tr
0050 WOVE 105.5 GA Rossville, "Rock-105"
10/17 tr
1539 KEZK 102.5 MO St.Louis, ID 375
1900 WRKM 102.3 TN Carthage, ID
2200 WMDN 102.5 IN New Castle, k, ID 382
10/18 tr
1843 WXBM 102.7 FL Milton, k, ID 277

10/21 tr
1010 WBSG 101.1 KY Hazard, mono, ID 240
MS
0228 WBen 102.5 NY Buffalo, calls, mx 700
10/22 tr
0103 WIKQ 94.9 TN Greenville, r, ID 231
10/24 tr
2353 WQUT 101.5 TN Johnson City, r, ID 258

Everyone should keep their ears open for Dec. Es. Last year I had Es from Mexico on Dec. 2nd. Totals at 370. 73's and Merry DX-mas!

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Equipment: Realistic TM-1001 tuner into Allied 426 Archer 6-e beam at 20' with rotor

7/11 tr (cont. from last month)
0602 KOBR 95.9 TX Freer, local ad 110
0639 XET 94.1 NL Monterrey, town ID 275
0658 KJAV 104.9 TX Alamo, ad, wx 225
0701 KHJD 98.9 NL Monterrey, local ad 275
0828 KZTX 106.3 TX Refugio, ID 110
7/12 Es
0938-0939 unIDs to 89.3 ne
7/13 tr
0125 KSMBt 94.5 LA Lafayette, r 395
WRKPt 89.3 LA Baton Rouge, c 450
0404 KJCS 103.3 TX Nacogdoches, ID 275
Es
0723 KBEMt 88.5 MN Minneapolis, j 1110
0725 KSTPt 94.5 MN St. Paul 1110
0732 WRST 90.3 WI Oshkosh, ID 1145
0745 KOEL 92.3 IA Oelwien, town ID, k 985
0802 KQRS 92.5 MN Golden Valley, r, ID
0804 KHBT 97.7 IA Humboldt, ID, wx 945
0804 KTIS 98.5 MN Minneapolis, U nx, g
0828 WMHK 89.7 SC Columbia, ID, g 1075
0833 WRNS 95.1 NC Kinston, k, ID 1275
0848 spotty 89's
tr
0859 KDAQ 89.9 LA Shreveport, ID 350
Es
0904 KFSI 88.5 MN Rochester, local wx1060
0905 KEYAt 88.5 ND Belcourt, k 1335
KBVlt 94.7 CO Boulder, c 820
0906 KYGt 98.5 CO Denver, k 810
0908 KBPI 105.9 CO Denver, r, ID 810
0909 KLZY 92.5 WY Powell, area ID 1190
0915 spotty to 0926
7/14 Es
0918-0924 unIDs to 89.7 north or northeast
7/15 Es
1716 KXLUt 88.9 CA Los Angeles, r 1190
1717 KPCTt 89.3 CA Pasadena 1185
1721 KFQX 93.5 CA Redondo Beach, ad 1195
1724 KLON 88.1 CA Long Beach, ID 1180
1727 KFACt 92.3 CA Los Angeles, c 1190
1728 DWVE 107.9 CA San Clemente, ad 1150
1731 KNQB 97.9 CA Long Beach, ID 1180
1739 KLOS 95.5 CA Los Angeles, r, wx, ID
1745-1805 lull
1805 KVFMt 94.5 UT Logan, r 1115
KRRExt 92.3 CO Grand Junction, EL 870
1806 KUIN 92.7 UT Vernal, local ads 970
1815 KJGQ 95.5 UT Ogden, r, "KJQ" 1100
1817 KRGT107.9 UT Roy, k 1100
1821 KLCY 94.1 UT Salt Lake City, ID, wx
1829 KCPX 98.7 UT Salt Lake City, ID, r
1832 KBYU 88.9 UT Provo, c, ID 1045
1849 KSDSt 88.3 CA San Diego, j 1100
1856 KSBR 88.5 CA Mission Viejo, ID 1150
1903 f/out

7/16 Es
1220 XEJPt 93.7 DF Mexico City, Sp. 690
1247 XHRHt 93.3 Pue Puebla, Sp. 735
1250 XHJE 94.1 Pue Puebla, town ID
1253 XHCTt 95.7 Mor Cuernavaca, Sp. 735
1254 XHNP 89.3 Pue Puebla, ID
1258 XEBS 89.7 DF Mexico City, slogan ID
1259 XHRF 88.1 DF Mexico City, ID 690
1302 XHMC 88.5 Mor Cuernavaca, state ID 735
1313 f/out
7/17 Es
0820 unIDs 88-89
0833 XHRM 92.5 BCN Tijuana, r, area sports
0835 XETRA 91.1 BCN Tijuana, area ad 1100
0844 KEGR 93.3 CA El Cajon, g 1100
0847 XHBAt104.1 BCN Mexicali, Sp. 1010
0853 WWSF 89.9 WI Stevens Point 1150
0900 KGRB 88.5 MN Bemidji, ID 1255
0903 KXRA 92.7 MN Alexandria, local wx 1145
0905 KMFR 88.9 ND Minot, ND net ID 1300
0915 WIAL 94.1 WI Eau Claire, wx, I-94 1125
0919 KJJt 92.3 AZ Glendale, k 840
0928 KESDt 88.3 SD Brookings, c 1020
0929 KEYAt 88.5 ND Belcourt 1335
0933 KMGM 92.5 MT Miles City, ID 1230
0938 KELOt 92.5 SD Sioux Falls, EL 975
0944 KKRC 93.5 SD Sioux Falls, r, ID
0952 KNFTt 93.5 CA Ontario, k 1155
1000 KPCC 89.3 CA Pasadena, area nx 1185
1005 KFAC 92.3 CA Los Angeles CA nx 1190
1008 KLOS 95.5 CA Los Angeles, r, ID
1013 KWXY 98.5 CA Cathedral City, ad 1080
1031 KUSDt 89.7 SD Vermillion, c 920
KBHE 89.3 SD Rapid City, SD net ID 1040
1038 f/out
7/18 tr
0920 XETt 94.1 NL Monterrey
XHRKt 95.7 NL Monterrey
0928 XHSRO 92.5 NL Monterrey, town ID
7/20 Es
0855 WBNi 89.1 IN Fort Wayne, town ID 1095
1211 TG-- 88.1 Gua Guatemala City 1120
1216 TGRT 88.9 Gua Guatemala City 1120
(country ID's)
1220 f/out
7/22 Es
0731 WSCI 89.3 SC Charleston, SC net 1120
0732 WJWJ 89.9 SC Beaufort, //89.3 1075
tr
0734 WTYX 94.7 MS Jackson, wx 525
Es 0740 f/out
7/25-28(at CSVHF Conf., Tulsa)
7/30 Es
2024 KCRBt 88.5 MN Bemidji, c 1255
2027 KTIST 98.5 MN Minneapolis, j 1110

7/30 Es
2028 KGBB 107.9 MN Anoka, area ad 1125
2032 CKSB-9t 89.1 ON Fort Frances, Fr. 1350
tr
2039 KBNL 89.9 TX Laredo, g, ID 145
Es
2046 WCALt 89.3 MN Northfield, c 1080
2049 KFJM 89.3 ND Grand Forks, ID 1240
lull 2114 f/out
tr
2133 KHYS 98.5 TX Fort Arthur, "Kiss-98"
2305 WCKW 92.3 LA La Place, ID 495
7/31 Es
0934 WKPXt 88.5 FL Sunrise, r 1145
8/1 tr
0337 WCKW 92.3 LA La Place, ID 495
WVNOt 89.9 LA New Orleans 510
8/4 at WTFDA convention in New Orleans
8/5 tr
2140 KQXYt 94.1 TX Beaumont, EL 275
2155 KHYS 98.5 TX Port Arthur, area ad 280
8/6 tr
0738 KNUE 101.5 TX Tyler, wx 280
0740 KTUX 98.9 TX Carthage, area ad 310
8/7 tr
0745 XHSRO 92.5 NL Monterrey, ad 275
8/8 tr
0909 XETt 94.1 NL Monterrey, Sp. 275
0910 XHRK 95.7 NL Monterrey, slogan 275
2335 KJEF 92.7 LA Jennings, ID 360
8/9 tr
2131 WCKW 92.3 LA La Place, slogan ID 495
8/10 tr
0040 WRKPt 89.3 LA Baton Rouge, c 450
0048 KSMB 94.5 LA Lafayette, ID 395
0055 KTIZ 96.9 LA Alexandria, ID 385
8/11 tr
0110 KYKR 93.3 TX Port Arthur, ID 280
0127 KJEF 92.7 LA Jennings, ID 360
8/12 MS
0854 KCUR 89.3 MO Kansas City, ID 700
1138 KDCR 88.5 IA Sioux Center, ID 945
8/13 MS
0544 KDCR 88.5 IA Sioux Center, wx, ID 945
0559 WDYN 89.7 TN Chattanooga, ID 865
0847 KDCR wx
tr
1224 KNFM 92.3 TX Midland, townID 280
1225 KUFO 97.9 TX Odessa, "UFC" ID 275
1227 KQIP 96.9 TX Odessa, town ID 275
8/16 tr
2144 KQXY 94.1 TX Beaumont, IL, ID 275
2146 WCKW 92.3 LA La Place, ID, k 495
2227 KGGZ 98.1 LA Baton Rouge, Z-98 450
2249 KSMB 94.5 LA Lafayette, area ad 395
8/17 tr
0000 KTIZ 96.9 LA Alexandria, ID 385
8/18 tr
0005 WCKW 92.3 LA La Place, slogan ID 495
8/19 tr
0818 WCKW 92.3 LA La Place, ID 495
2236 KCRM 103.1 TX Cameron, ID 140
9/1 tr
0745 WCKW 92.3 LA La Place, slogan ID 495
0818 KQXY 94.1 TX Beaumont, ID 275
9/12 MS
0622 KDCRt 88.5 IA Sioux Center, IA wx 945

9/8 tr
0038 KTIZ 96.9 LA Alexandria, ID, r 385
0058 KVNE 89.5 TX Tyler, ID, g 280
0504 KOOT 106.5 TX Jacksonville, wx 260
0510 KJCS 103.3 TX Nacogdoches, ID 275
9/23 tr
0625 KZZB 95.1 TX Beaumont
Es
0916 TGRT 88.8 Gua Guatemala City
"R. Fabulosa" 1120
0920 TG--t 94.9 Gua Guatemala City, Sp. 1120
0921 TG--t 98.6 Gua Guatemala City, Sp.
TG-- 88.1 Gua Guatemala City
(country ID)
0944 XHNR 92.5 Oax Oaxaca, local ad 890
0947 XHZTt 92.5 Pue Puebla, Sp. 735
0953 XHPrt 101.3 Vcz Veracruz, Sp. 760
0956 XHNP 89.3 Pue Puebla, ID 735
1004 XHTZ 96.9 Vcz Jalapa, local ad 715
1015 XHGL 97.7 Yuc Merida, ID, 800
"Stereo Mayan"
1022 Belize
Radio I 91.1? Bze Belize City, ID 1080
1027 R. Belize t 88.9 Bze Belize City
1046 XHMT 98.5 Yuc Merida, town ID 800
1105 f/out
1205 WVNft 88.5 FL Tampa 985
1402 TG--t 88.1 Gua
1403 TGRT 88.8 Gua Guatemala City, 1120
(country ID)
very spotty - 1415 f/out
1744 KQYT 95.5 AZ Phoenix local nx 835
KMEOt 96.9 AZ Phoenix
KMCRt 91.5 AZ Phoenix
1745 KOVot 94.5 NM Gallup (Navajo) 720
KOPAt100.7 AZ Scottsdale, r 835
1746-1815 very spotty
1821 KQNM 93.7 NM Gallup local nx, KQ-93
1824 KILA 90.5 NV Las Vegas, ID 1050
1824 KXTZt 94.1 NV Henderson, EL 1040
1825 KLUC 98.5 NV Las Vegas, r, ID 1050
1833 KCEP 88.1 NV Las Vegas, psa, ID
1834 KOMPt92.3 NV Las Vegas, r
1835 KUPD 97.9 AZ Tempe, area ads 825
1840 KHFP 101.5 AZ Phoenix, local psa's 835
1841 KKLt 98.7 AZ Phoenix, ads, r, "K-Lite"
1843 KDKB 93.3 AZ Mesa, ID, r 820
1846 KOOL 94.5 AZ Phoenix, ID 835
1859 KNAU 88.7 AZ Flagstaff, ID 855
1905 KRFM 96.5 AZ Show Low, local ads 745
1909 KVWM 93.5 AZ Show Low, local ads
1912 KEERt 97.1 NV Las Vegas 1050
1916 KMZKt106.3 AZ Sun City, r 850
1920 KSTMt107.1 AZ Apache Junction 810
(1927-1935, 144.2 MHz to WA7JTM Phoenix)
1941 KMLE
1948 KUPD
1950 KDKB
1955 f/out
10/4 tr
0542 WGGZ 98.1 LA Baton Rouge, r, "Z-98"450
10/7 tr
0201 WFFN 92.5 FL Key West, r, ID 1090
0238 KYKR 93.3 TX Fort Arthur, k, ID 280
0259 WMCU 89.7 FL Miami, g, ID 1150
2214 KHRN 94.3 TX Hearne, s, ID 155
2300 WMAU 88.9 MS Bude, net s/off 470
10/13 Es
1700-1702 WUSFt 89.7 FL Tampa, j 985



Most striking, an August without any FM Es! The first such I've suffered thru since getting serious with FM Dx'ing. Perseid meteors a bit productive - however, hard to find a clear channel anymore without some faint trop hanging there. Spent a lot of time on 92.5 trying to null down Dallas. 88.5 good but kept getting KDCR! In July-Aug. local on 101.9 at various times running its auxiliary smtr (apx 3.7 mi. north of me vs. main apx 7.3 mi. se). With all the overload, crossmod, etc., I thought my tuner had developed a problem. Finally matched the problem with the changes in signal/direction of the local. Almost got into the market for a tuneable FM trap!

Considering the August lack of Es, the Sept. 23rd event really a shock - with the MUF reaching something it never got to all summer here: 2-Meters. Can't recall another Sept. with 7 new Es catches. The Mexico portion(4) provided two new estados(Oax., Yuc.). No Mexico City stations noted; I don't know how many are active since the quake(Sept. 19), but reports had the 96.9 tower down.

A strange thing with the Oct. ducting was there was virtually no evidence of it on the TV. (But there's not much TV between Miami and Key West.) I'd noticed the rock station on 92.5 and thinking it was Dallas went nne with the antenna and lost it! Peaking ese I was pretty sure who it was, but the ID was long in coming. I didn't really catch on with the 89.7 religious for a while but luckily they stayed in for the hour until a full ID. I checked for other Miami and south FL stations but those were the only one in. I think WMCU antenna much south of the others in Miami. A very sharp duct(or most of it into the Gulf etc., where nil on.) Meteor rates were up some on Oct 8-9, but I think the Orionids later in the month might have been better. Certainly nothing close to a meteor "storm" some had hoped for. Local-to-be 89.1 target now next Spring. And, as feared they'll be pumping their 100-kw ERP from a site some 3.7 miles nne of me. That's almost the same distance the local 101.9 aux smtr was making a mess of things from. At least there's some time to get a good tuneable trap. 73. (Or a new tuner? DB)

FM Es 1980			FM Es 1981			FM Es 1982					
days	#	min	days	#	min	days	#	min			
Jan	4	10	520	Jan	2	3	145	Jan	4	5	245
Feb	0			Feb	0			Feb	2	3	65
Mar	0			Mar	0			Mar	2	3	20
Apr	0			Apr	0			Apr	2	2	25
May	5	18	550	May	10	17	995	May	13	25	990
Jun	20	37	2400	Jun	17	34	2200	Jun	22	46	2235
Jul	13	30	1625	Jul	17	31	2355	Jul	20	44	2555
Aug	4	13	490	Aug	7	13	625	Aug	8	10	135
Sep	0			Sep	0			Sep	0		
Oct	0			Oct	0			Oct	0		
Nov	3	3	235	Nov	3	3	115	Nov	1	1	40
Dec	1	1	10	Dec	4	4	50	Dec	3	4	250
sum	50	112	5830	sum	60	105	6485	sum	77	143	6560

FM Es 1983			FM Es 1984			FM Es 1985					
days	#	min	days	#	min	days	#	min			
Jan	0			Jan	1	1	20	Jan	10	11	270
Feb	0			Feb	2	2	45	Feb	2	2	260
Mar	3	5	495	Mar	3	6	40	Mar	1	1	10
Apr	1	1	35	Apr	6	11	420	Apr	0		
May	9	15	585	May	14	29	1035	May	8	16	325
Jun	20	50	3430	Jun	19	43	2180	Jun	20	41	1950
Jul	22	51	3300	Jul	13	30	670	Jul	15	25	785
Aug	9	12	460	Aug	6	16	205	Aug	0		
Sep	3	3	25	Sep	4	4	30	Sep	1	4	230
Oct	2	2	20	Oct	2	3	10	Oct			
Nov	3	3	255	Nov	9	12	120	Nov			
Dec	4	10	150	Dec	9	12	615	Dec			
sum	76	152	8755	sum	88	169	5390	sum	57	100	3840

EDITOR'S NOTE: And so this concludes my final Southern FM DX column. My thanks goes to those fine DXers who sent in good reports and kept the column going for the past 7 1/2 yrs. It was especially gratifying to have the response during the unforgettable DX days of the early 1980's. Now SFM may still need a new editor, so contact hdq, if interested. 73.



# PHOTO-NEWS

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U.S.A.

continued from November

Jeff Kadet-Macomb, IL

Jeff has had very good luck with his DX since moving to west central Illinois. Photo-News ends 1985 with some of Jeff's best tropo catches.

**WDBB-17 Tuscaloosa, AL**  
535 mile tropo  
from July 17, 1985

**WLYH-15 Lancaster, PA**  
750 mile tropo  
from Aug. 12, 1985

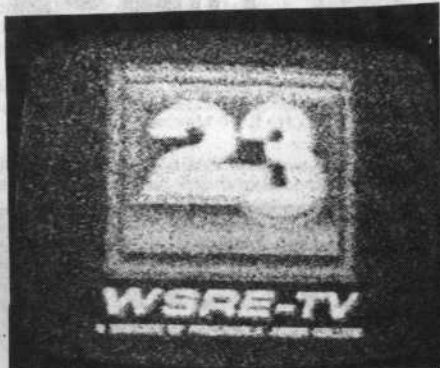
**WMAA-TV JACKSON, MS**  
575 mile tropo  
from July 17, 1985

**WBFF-45 Baltimore, MD**  
735 mile tropo  
from Aug. 12, 1985

Next we mosey on down to Jim Pizzi's Lovington, New Mexico spread.



XHPAH-03 Pachuga, HGO 936 mile  
E-skip seen Dec. 12, 1984



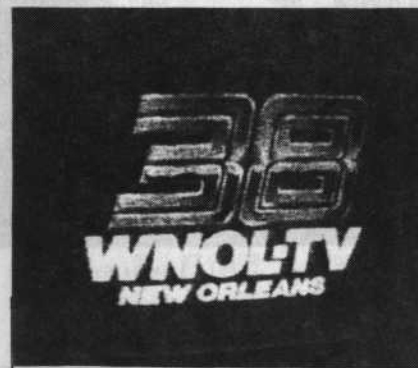
WSRE-23 Pensacola, FL 960 mile  
tropo seen June 2, 1985



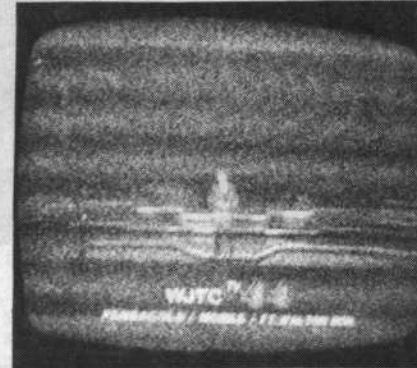
WECT-06 Wilmington, NC 1467 mile  
E-skip seen Feb. 5, 1985



WVTV-15 Greenville, MS 734 mile  
tropo seen June 2, 1985



WNOL-38 New Orleans, LA 830 mile  
tropo seen March 10, 1985



WJTC-44 Pensacola, FL 964 mile  
tropo seen June 2, 1985

Jim Pizzi continued...



KSNF-16 Joplin, MO 576 mile  
tropo seen June 8, 1985

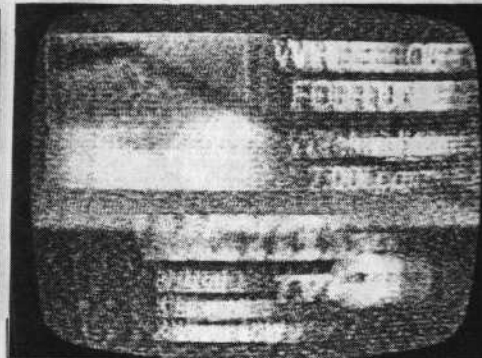


KZKC-62 Kansas City, MO 640 mile  
tropo seen June 8, 1985

Now we meander on over to John Combs Jacksonville, FL orange grove.



KGAN-02 Cedar Rapids, IA 1002 mile  
E-skip no date given



WCVB-05 Bristol, VA-TN 425 mile E-skip  
no date "shortest ES seen by me at any location"



WYNS-21 Asheville, NC 370 mile  
tropo no date given



WPMI-15 Mobile, AL 355 mile  
tropo no date given

John Combs continued...



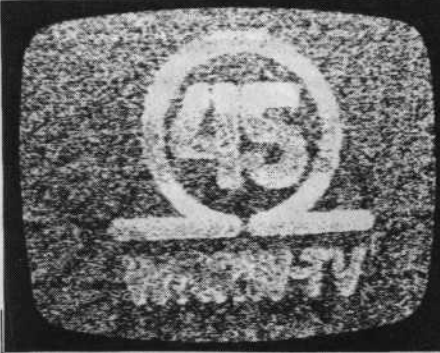
WJKA-26 Wilmington, NC 335 mile  
tropo no date given



WBFS-33 Miami, FL 313 mile  
tropo no date given



W27AE Sebring, FL (WTOG-44) 198 mile  
tropo no date "you'll have to take my word"

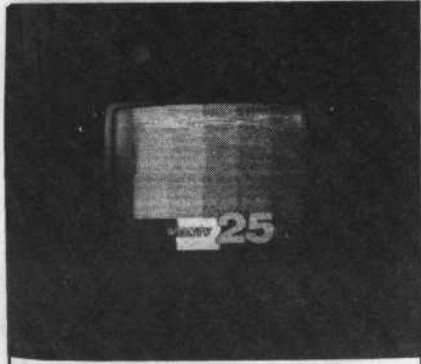


WNRW-45 Winston-Salem, NC 426 mile  
tropo no date given

We finally shuffle off to western New York and Dave Nieman's Akron truck farm and fruit stand.



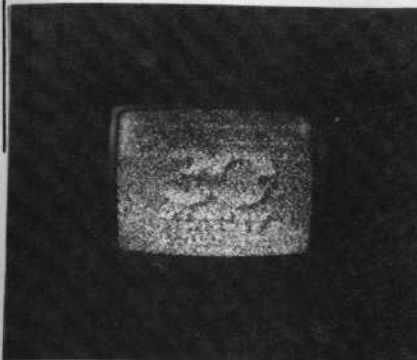
WAND-17 Decatur, IL 570 mile  
tropo from Sept. 1, 1985



WEEK-25 Peoria, IL 575 mile  
tropo from Sept. 1, 1985

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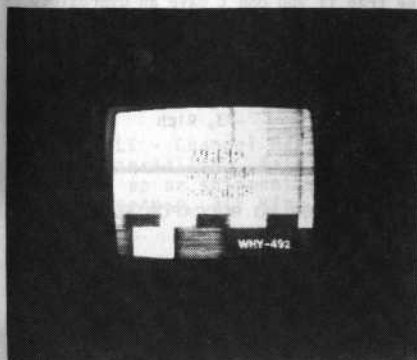
Dave Nieman continued...



KDNL-30 St. Louis, MO 675 mile  
tropo from Sept. 1, 1985



WFLD-32 Chicago, IL 450 mile  
tropo from Sept. 1, 1985



WRSP-55 Springfield, IL 605 mile  
tropo from Sept. 1, 1985

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### HAVE THE BEST OF HOLIDAYS

Dave Nieman

# REVIEW

CHANNEL MASTER MODEL #7206  
HI-Q UHF TV TRAP

by Rich Wertman

With many of these traps already in use and many wondering of their results I figured a down to earth summary should be made. These traps are a definite help, but not always a total cure, to overloading by locals.

However, this trap does a heck of a job in my case, where I have 2 locals both with over 1 million watts and within 12 miles of my QTH. The unit itself is quite rugged, but I wouldn't dare mount it outside unless it was in a total-weatherproof housing. It has 2 very precise weatherproof vernier tuners which are not at all sloppy, and an input and output jack. It is meant to be rack mounted and includes sheet metal screws for this purpose. It is housed in an all steel case, but inside, the walls are shielded with copper.



With the vernier tuners the trap almost seems like it won't tune out anything, but this is usually due to the fact that the person tuning is tuning the dials too fast. These things tune so tight that you can totally miss the trapping area. That is a characteristic of the #7206 that everyone gets used to after a few tries! The specs are: insertion loss - .5 db; attenuation - 40 dB. It is AC-DC passive if you're running an amp through it. These units are

also highly stable and will not drift no matter what weather conditions are. I still believe that trapping before the amp is the best method because if you let a signal reach your amp (for example a 15dBmV local) it will then get another boost from whatever your amp gives it--and by the time that all reaches your trap indoors you'll have a hell of a mess of images on your hands. Sometimes that #7206 just can't do it all on its own!

If you don't have a "super bad" problem with a local or if you're just having an adjacent channel problem I believe this trap to be an excellent choice. The price range on these isn't as crazy as as some others they usually sell, either, at around \$70.00--and well worth it! I'm not sure how all the other hi-Q traps that CM manufactures are, but they should work just as well if not better (since some are rated at 60 dB attenuation) than the #7206 trap.

My final comments on this unit are that it is a fine trap if you don't have an overgained amp and your nearest UHF local is not closer than about 15 miles away. If they are closer, it might be wise to use 2 traps or a trap at the antenna terminals.

I rate the 7206 trap a "10" and would recommend it to anyone experiencing overload and adjacent channel problems. Hope I've helped to answer some questions on this trap.

-73, Rich

## SPECIAL REPORT

from ANSELMO ROCCAFORTE  
in ARGENTINA

**TRANSEQUATORIAL SCATTER (TE) FM DX REPORT FROM ARGENTINA** "On Saturday, 5 October 1985, I heard WCRP-FM 88.1 MHz Guayama City, Puerto Rico, a hop of 3800+ miles. The opening was only a half hour (2200 EST). The Transequatorial skip between Central America and Argentina occurs very often; in a little town, called Coronel Suarez (350 miles from Buenos Aires) there is a small group of DXers which has been working FM and TV for many years, and has logged many FM stations of Central America; Puerto Rico and Coronel Suarez are on the same meridian (+ 65 degrees west)."

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