

C.C.I. [UNIDENTIFIED DX]

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5775 Bishop
Detroit, MI 48224.
July, 1987.

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CCI- unidentified DX.

TV unids, Continued.

Scott M. Hood, cont.

1986: Tue 8 Jul Es ch 6 1200 EDT— "I Love Lucy"
 Mon 14 Jul Es ch 3 1930 EDT— ID looks like "KATC" (KATC, Lafayette, LA. ? -RG)
 " " " " ch 3 2340 EDT— "Sanford and Son"
 Thu 17 Jul Es ch 2 1700 EDT— 30-40 kHz to WGBH. (PTA: MB, ON.)
 " " " " ch 6 1720 EDT— "The Price Is Right", ad with Sudbury, ON distributor,
 plus offsets. (PTA: MB, ON, midwestern US.)
 Thu 17 Jul Es ch 3 1810 EDT— nx, "MCTV" footage. (PTA: " ") ("MCTV" means Mid
 Canada Television, a chain of CBC english stations associated with CKMG, CFCL
 and CHNE. But I do not know of anyone in this system on ch 3, unless CKVR is in it. -RG)
 Thu 17 Jul Es ch 3 1915 EDT— ad "Northwestern Bell". (PTA: " " ")
 Fri 8 Aug Es ch 2 0005 EDT— "Star Hustler" (not WMB.)
 Thu 9 Oct Es ch 2 2020 EDT— "National Business Report" (PBS) plus offset.
 1987: Sat 3 Jan Es ch 3 2305 EST— "Solid Gold" (from 2300-0000)

Robert Grant, 5775 Bishop, Detroit, MI 48224, editor.

1986: Fri 28 Nov Tr ch 53 1420 EST— "Gomer Pyle, USMC"
 " " " Tr ch 43 1440 EST— "The Jetsons", zero offset (PTA: IL, IN, KY not WUAB)
 " " " Tr ch 43 1440 EST— "PTL Club"
 1987: Mon 25 May Tr ch 8 0340 EDT— CBP, zero offset. (PTA for all 5/25 is IA thru WI.)
 " " " Tr ch 11 0625 EDT— RETMA with logo in center (a black circle with a
 thick white 11 bigger on the bottom than the circle)
 (zero or plus offset.)
 Thu 28 May Es ch 3 1620 EDT— "Million Dollar Chance o/a Lifetime" zero offset.
 Wed 3 Jun Es ch 3 0115 EDT— "Gut Buster" ad with Quebec address in English
 (CBST off, PTA: PQ.)
 Fri 5 Jun Tr ch 21 0810 EDT— cartoon, perhaps "Scooby doo" but not //WXON-20,
 could also be "Flinstones", plus offset, not WBNA, Paul Gaines saw "Flinstones"
 on 21 and IDed it as WHNS, which I have chosen to log it as, but if any other
 station on 21 had a cartoon at the time, especially "Scooby Doo", I would like
 to know about it.
 Fri 5 Jun Es chs 5&6 1543 EDT— stations running // ad "Cheboustou Ford" on
 Main Street. (PTA: Maritimes)
 " " " " ch 3 1557 EDT— CBS, zero offset with banner at bottom: "Some of our
 viewers may be experiencing interference due to atmospheric conditions... these
 conditions are temporary..." in thick, bold typeface. (suspect WCAX)
 Fri 5 Jun " ch 5 1600 EDT— CBS, a logo with a thin "5" in a dark blue circle
 against a black background, start "The Dukes
 Of Hazard" (PTA: NEast, suspect WABI.)
 " " " chs 3,5 & 6 1630 EDT— FF with overweight woman talking (wearing a
 "zebra-stripes" blouse) with some slides of kitchen appliances. (TVA?)
 " " " Es ch 3 1630 EDT— Japanese cartoon dubbed into FF. (// to CBFT-54.)
 Mon 8 Jun Es ch 6 0225 EDT— show with klondike-type scene and dogsled team
 (but not Sgt. Preston) at 0229 saw a slide "Challenge Of The Free" which may or
 may not have been the name of the show.

FM ID:

Keith Pugh. (12/86 CCI)
 Thu 10 Jul Es 100.7 0911 CDT— ph# 931-1007. (Definitely WZIX, Boston, MA. -Scott Hood)

FM CCI AIDS

In many areas, the local phone companies assign exchanges to mass media-
 usually radio request lines. In Detroit, for example, I always knew that a number
 starting with 298- was for radio or TV stations, until recently I thought that
 298- was the exchange nationwide for this. Now I find out that the numbers are
 different in other areas. Scott Hood has sent me the request line numbers of 10
 Boston FMs. All fit the scheme 931-1###. All Detroit (or at least, most) radio
 lines fit 298-6###. Can you readers send any others??

TV CCI AIDS LOWBAND STUNDE NOTES. Syndicated programs, distributed nationwide to
 independent stations and affiliates of all networks, are seen frequently in this
 column during Es season. So in this column I will start listing stations at ch 6
 and below that carry specific syndies. Let's start with this info from John Combs:
 THE THREE STOOGES: KWGN-2, CO 1100-1200 MIT Sat.; WRCE-3, TN 1500-30 PIT M-F;
 CKVR-3, ON 0140-0200 EIT Sat.; WTTG-5, DC 0930-1030 Sun.; KVVU-5, NV 0700-0830 PIT Sat
 and KTLA-5, CA 1200-1300 PIT S&S.

FM unids:

Joseph Pala, 150 Robert Place, So. Plainfield, NJ 07080.
 1986: Wed 8 Oct Es 96.7 1949 EDT— call sounded like "KLN" or "KLIN" (doesn't sound like KLTZ)
 " " " " 89.1 1956 EDT— sounded like "KORV, the fine arts station"
 " " " " 99.9 2027 EDT— r, "Key-100", just played CD disk. (PTA for all is OK, AR, TX.)

 Marty Barvinchak, 113 Morewood Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116.
 1986: Mon 7 Jul Es 88.1 1500 EST— promo about changing frequency and increasing power
 to 100 kw and asking listeners to "pray for the change
 to be approved quickly by the FCC" this was followed
 by a religious satellite pgm from Dallas (PTA: TX)

 Scott M. Hood, 7 Auburn Rd., Beverly, MA 01915-2501.
 1986: Sun 25 May Es 101.3 1305 EDT— "American Top 40" (PTA: AL, GA.)
 Wed 9 Jul Es 92.1 1915 EDT— Baseball game.
 Thu 10 Jul Es 99.9 1135 EDT— k. (PTA: MS)
 Mon 14 Jul Es 99.1 1645 EDT— s. (PTA: AL, GA, MS. WEDR-FL?) (Maybe, or WSWC-MS. -RG)
 " " " " 98.7 1850 EDT— Mississippi, phone # 372-?????. (most likely WQMV-RG.)
 Tue 29 Jul MS 105.3 0045 EDT— "Joy-105"
 Tue 5 Aug Es 103.7 1725 EDT— b or m format. (PTA: SE'n U.S.)
 " " " " 94.1 1730 EDT— b or m format. (PTA: WVFM or WHEZ)
 " " " " 93.3 1745 EDT— ID sounded like "WHEER" (PTA: SE'n U.S.)
 " " " " 98.1 1820 EDT— Sheridan network. (I could find no SBN on 98.1 in
 FM ATLAS. this is likely an s format station. -RG)
 Wed 17 Sep MS 101.1(?) 2005 EDT— Paul Harvey.

TV unids:

John O. Broomall, Route 1, Broomall Trail, Waleska, GA 30183.
 1987: Fri 9 Jan Tr ch 33 0800 EST— NBC, station promo: "Bob's Back" (not WKJG, WHER nor WRET)
 (John also asks where "St. Mary's Ford & Volkswagen" is (St. Mary's, GA?? -RG)
 (by the way, I loved your new column, keep it up. you may want to include
 cities when mentioning stations that no longer exist. -RG)

 John F. Combs, 1308 Willow Branch #24, Jacksonville, FL 32205.
 1986: Sun 23 Nov Tr ch 7 0236 EST— Film with Billy Crystal, a TV movie or series, not
 a theatrical film. Scenes include Billy talking to a woman w/ long hair, and
 Billy in Las Vegas. Credits rolled at 0248, then signal faded out. Not WTVT nor
 WSVN.
 1987: Sun 22 Mar Es ch 2 1103 CDT— SS documentary about Central America, soccer
 (futbol) promos, KH?? with large "7" and Imevision ID, followed by schedules
 at these movie theaters: Paris, Sonora, Versailles, Lomas Verdes 3, and others.
 (the KH?? is XHIM?, the call for the ch 7 station in DF. I don't know of any
 IM 7 relay on 2, the WTPDA DATABASE is dismal in Mexico information. -RG)
 Sun 22 Mar Es ch 2 1230 CDT— SS variety/game show with an obnoxious, low
 mouthed OM host. Two children, a boy and a girl, both black, were interviewed.
 At 1238 a YL sang. Definitely not the Imevision relay above. (PTA: Mexico)

 Marty Barvinchak, 113 Morewood Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116.
 1986: Fri 28 Nov Tr ch 23 1500 EST— religious programming (PTA West, suspect WFHL.)
 " " " " ch 51 1605 EST— Home Shopping Network. (PTA: E.) (NATDB says WVEE. -RG)
 " " " " ch 65 1605 EST— "Make Room For Daddy" (PTA: E., suspect WSJT.)
 " " " " ch 48 1720 EST— xltr of WNNC-24 Toledo, OH. (PTA: SE.) (I piked in
 another column that there is a ch 48 xltr of WNPB in WY, which may have picked up
 WNNC instead of WNPB, I say that is probably what you saw, that kind of thing
 happens all the time with translators. -RG)
 Fri 28 Nov Tr ch 24 1800 EST— superhero-type cartoon. (PTA West.)
 Sat 29 Nov Tr ch 16 0053 EST— "World Vision Aid Program" (PTA: WnSW.)

Scott M. Hood, 7 Auburn Road, Beverly, MA 01915-2501.
 1986: Wed 2 Apr Tr ch 4 0300 EST— plus offset. (PTA: east coast) (are you sure of plus
 offset? WNEC New York would be 10kHz to WBEZ and 10kHz is virtually indistinguishable
 from 20kHz interference, despite errors to the contrary in such publications as
 BEYOND SHORTWAVE. -RG)
 Sun 25 May Es ch 2 1100 EDT— "United States Class Championship Wrestling" (PTA: SE'n US)
 Mon 16 Jun Es ch 3 1945 EDT— "Sanford and Son"
 Mon 7 Jul Es ch 3 1900 EDT— "Too Close For Comfort" (PTA: IL, MO.)
 Tue 8 Jul Es ch 2 0000 EDT— ABC, plus offset(?) local nx followed by "M*A*S*H"
 at 0010. (was it zero beat to WGBH? That is, a "psychedelic-barroom strobe" effect
 or very thick horizontal bars? -RG)

TV CGI AMS, cont.

The following are from advertisements in Broadcasting magazine. These skeds are for fall, 1986 and may be obsolete. All are Monday thru Friday unless specified.

LOVE CONNECTION
WMAQ-5 IL 1530 C KYN-3 PA 0130 E (?) KFRC-2 TX 2330 G WWT-5 OH 1930 E
WLNK-6 RI 1930 E KTBS-3 IA 0000 C (Tue-Fri) WEAR-3 FL 2330 C
WJSC-3 WI 1600 C WTVR-6 VA 1630 E KOIN-6 OR 1600 P
MILLION DOLLAR CHANCE OF A LIFETIME (no dates given at all)
KFRC-2 TX 1500 C KYN-3 PA 1230 E WAVE-3 KY 1930 C KTBS-3 IA 0930 C
WJSC-3 WI 1500 C KEYT-3 CA 1700 P WTAE-4 PA 1930 E KOMO-4 WA 1630 P
KKJB-4 ND 1630 C WAGA-5 GA 1930 E WLT-5 OH 0130 E KENS-5 TX 1530 C
WKRG-5 AL 1600 C WPSD-6 KY 1830 C KFDM-6 TX 1630 C (smr'87: WJBK-2 MI 0530 E1 -RG)

PEOPLE'S COURT
KFRC-2 TX 1630 C WSB-2 GA 1600 E WGRZ-2 NY 1730 E WAVE-3 IN 1730 E
WJSC-3 WI 1630 C KDLE-3 MN 1700 C WBL-4 MA 1700 E WTMJ-4 WI 1630 C
KPTV-4 IA 1700 C WMAQ-5 IL 1600 C KSDK-5 MO 1600 C KSTP-5 MN 1630 C
WPSD-6 KY 1630 C WVVA-6 WV 1730 E WTVR-6 VA 1730 E WECT-6 NC 1730 E
(summer 1987: WJBK-2 MI 1730 E. WJBK has 4 "court" shows -RG)
ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (this is a very incomplete list.)
KRON-4 CA 1930 P WRTV-6 IN 1930 E WTVN-6 OH 1900 E (smr'87: WKYC-3 OH 1930 E -RG)
KNIGHT RIDER VTV
WSAZ-3 WV 1700 E M-F. (smr'87: WJBK-2 MI 0500 E1 -RG)

Also useful, as we head into Tr season, is information on stations which run shopping, news or religion (such as Dr. Gene Scott.) all night. KCRG-9 IA has "America's Value Network", AVN, A shopping channel that also features weather forecasts. This info is wanted for stations on any channel.



Fred Nordquist
7945 Buxford Road
Clay, NY 13041
Deadline: the 5th

FM SCOREBOARD

UPDATED 5/31/87

Table with columns: RANK, NAME, LOCATION, TOTAL, 88-92, ES, MS, AU, USA, CN, MX, FO, TPU, YB, AS OF:
Sort by TOTAL.
1 PAT DYER TX SAN ANTONIO 1938 382 1558 41 0 43+ 3 19 4 78 78 04/38/86

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COLUMN DEFINITIONS are as follows: Total=Total number of FM stations logged. (Freq. changes count as a station, call letter changes DO NOT count. Also count a station only once regardless if logged by different propagation modes.) 88-92=All stations logged from 88.0 to 91.99 Mhz. Es=Total number of stations logged via E-skip. MS=Total by meteor scatter. Au=Total via Aurora USA=Total number of states and the 'W' = Washington, DC. CN=Number of Canadian provinces logged. MX=Number of Mexican states logged. FO=Number of foreign countries, but not Canada or Mexico. TPU=total number of political units=sum of USA CN MX and FL. YB=The year you began Dxing
NOTE: FM Scoreboard entries not updated after 19 85 are not included above. So please submit your updates to the FM SCOREBOARD to get reinstated. 73 - Fred.

STATES STATS

Table with columns: STATE, DEXER, DEXER, STATE, DEXER, DEXER, STATE, DEXER, DEXER, STATE, DEXER, DEXER, STATE, DEXER, DEXER
AL 54-TMc 48-JEb HI 0-None 0-None WA 89-RSt2 77-MBu NM 48-JJe2 33-JPl SD 32-FMc2 28-PDy

CANADA*****CANADA MEXICO*****MEXICO FOREIGN*****FOREIGN

Table with columns: PROV, DEXER, DEXER, STATE, DEXER, DEXER, STATE, DEXER, DEXER, STATE, DEXER, DEXER, CNTRY, DEXER, DEXER
AB 24-JEb2 19-JJe2 AGU 1-JPl 0-None GTO 9-JPl 2-TMc PUE 4-JPl 4-TMc CUBA 3-JFe 2-MBu

KEY TO DEXER INITIALS/LOCATION

Table listing initials and locations for various stations:
JAY Jim Ayers In Murrfreesboro JJe2 John Jefferson CA Pleasanton RSA Rick Sanford TX Burnett

WESTERN TV-DX

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

July 1987

Deadline: 8-6-87

Well, the 1987 E skip season is finally here. Let's hope it is a good one! Opinions about the performance of May 1987 E skip vary among this months reporters. Watch the deadline and get your reports in while the DX is current. (DX from June and July can be submitted for the next deadline.)

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

CH - Chihuahua

Eric Bueneman, P.O. Box 1202, Florissant, MO 63031-0202 (DX from Hazelwood) CDT

Equipment: Samsung 19" color TV (circa 1984), Archer VU-110, Winegard UHF antenna, two Archer in-line amplifiers at 540 feet ASL.

May 1987		14 tr 2228	WILL 12 IL 155	22 Es 1700	KENW 3 NM 780
14 tr 2208	KROG 13 MO 100	2235	WAND 17 IL 110	1705	KNMZ 2 NM 880
	KNLJ 25 MO 100		(Over KMIZ-17)		(Under KIVI- 2)
2210	KOMU 8 MO 105	2248	KOZK 21 MO 190	1842	KIVS 3 CO 690
	KMIZ 17 MO 105	2250	KSPR 33 MO 190	1846	KWGN 2 CO 785
2213	WICS 20 IL 80	15 Es 2230	MUF channel 2		(Under KIVI- 2)
	WCFN 49 IL 80	18 Es 2118	CBWFT 3 MB 835	1850	KCNC 4 CO 785
	WRSP 55 IL 80	tr 2201	WSIL 3 IL 130		(Under KMOV- 4)

The E skip season got off to a fair start on May 18 with CBWFT-3. The opening of May 22 yielded better results with KIVI-2 and KMOV-4 having plenty of interference. KIVS-3 is no longer a satellite of KYCU-5, CBS exclusively now. Conditions sure to improve soon, as no FM E skip was reported on either occasion. 73.

John Ebeling, 9209 Vincent Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55431 (DX from Alborn, MN) CDT

A brief summary of DX noted at the cabin at Alborn, Minnesota.I have not noticed much E skip. May 3 and May 22 were good openings, but spent my time on the FM band, which turned out not too bad - south Texas was in on the 22nd, along with Mexico and a few New Mexico stations.

May 1987		3 Es 1730	KPRC 2 TX	30 Es 1200	WBRZ 2 LA
2 Es 2130	unid channel 2	(Probably KBCI)	KDFW 4 TX		
3 Es 1617	KPRC 2 TX	10 Es 2000	KVOA 4 AZ	June 1987	
1623	WSB 2 GA	22 Es 1700	KGBT 4 TX	1 Es 1000	WESH 2 FL

Jeff Kruszka, 1900 Stevens Drive, # 224, Richland, WA 99352 POT

Equipment: Sylvania 12" black and white

April 1987		3 Es 2030	KSNC 2 KS 1100	22 Es 1715	unid ch 2 Mexico
28 Es 1900	KGAN 2 IA 1300	2038	unid channel 4	1759	KUSD 2 SD 1075
		18 Es 1919	KSNC 2 KS 1100	1833	unid channel 4
May 1987			KSNWt 3 KS	1915	unid channel 3
2 Es 1413	unid ch 2 NBC	1942	unid ch 4 ABC	25 Es 2130	XEPM 2 CH 1155
	2005	1958	KSNW 3 KS 1190		(First Mexican!)
		2001	KLBY 4 KS 975	30 Es 1028	KWGN 2 CO 790
	unid ch 3 Mexico	2015	KJRH 2 OK 1310	1030	KOAA 5 CO 875
	unids chs 4, 5		(New State)		KCNCt 4 CO
2026	KSNW 3 KS 1190			1058	KMZt 2 NM
	KOTat 3 SD	21 Es 1813	unid ch2 NBC CDT	1131	unid ch 5 CBS
3 Es 2030	KUSD 2 SD 1075	22 Es 1719	unid ch2 CBS CDT		

Not a bad start for the E skip season. This was the most E skip I've ever received in May and the first time I've ever received E skip in April. I picked up a new state (Oklahoma) and got my first Mexican (XEPM-2), which was in clear for 45 minutes! Hope this is a foreboding of things to come this summer.

Western TV DX

July 1987

Michael Parks, Route 1, Box 103, Amery, WI 54001

CDT

Equipment: Channel Master 1110 Quantum with Channel Master 0064C preamplifier and RG-11U at 28', Antennacraft P-7 with Winegard PA-4975 preamplifier and RG-11U at 33', Alliance HD-73 rotor, Winegard DA-8150 post-amplifier, Channel Master 7206 Hi "Q" trap, and Zenith Z1920W 19" color TV.

April 1987		18 Es 2157	KVBC 3 NV 1350	24 tr 1714	WHME 46 IN 397	
19 tr 2204	KELoT 11 SD	(State #32)		1758	WFLD 32 IL 337	
21 ls 0005+	WEEKt 25 IL	19 tr 2305	KLIN 12 IA 261		WGBD 66 IL 337	
tr 0157	KDLO 3 SD 259	20 tr 0206	KDLO 3 SD 259	1846	WGBC 38 IL 337	
	0222	KUSD 2 SD 292	23 tr 1104	Sioux City 14,27	2011	WYOC 20 IL 337
	0226	KESD 8 SD 232	1105	KYNE 26 NE 340	2035	KHIN 36 IA 337
	Es 1715	KPRC 2 TX 1095		KPTM 42 NE 359	2036	KPTM 42 NE 359
22 tr 2205	KRWF 43 MN 151		1106	KHIN 36 IA 337	2047	WBJR 16 IL 380
27 Es 1607	WCBd 2 SC 1094	24 tr 0031	=KDSM 17 IA 272		2203	KCRG 9 IA 239
28 Es 0004	unid channel 4z	0032	KMIZ 17 MO 446		2210	KDSM 17 IA 272
	1400	WEAR 3(AL)1072	0034	K58BS 58 MN 56	2357	WHOI 19 IL 353
	1405	KBTXt 3 TX	(Minneapolis LPTV-TBN)		WMBD 31 IL 353	
May 1987			0117	KLJB 18(IL) 297	25 tr 0011	Milwaukee 18, 24
2 Es 2037	CFRN 3 AB 1101		0212	=KDLO 3 SD 259	0041	WSJV 28 IN 397
3 Es 1758	KPRC 2 TX 1095		0305	WQAD 8 IL 283	0200	WISN 12 WI 272
	1800	KBXTt 3 TX	0307	KCRG 9 IA 239	0222	WVOTc 17 IL
	1858	KENW 3 NM 981	1600	KLIN 12 IA 261	0313	WEHS 60 IL 337
	1927	KAVEt 6 MN	1601	KLJB 18(IL) 297	0439	WCN 9 IL 337
6 tr 0114	WLJC 6 MI 246		1604	WWTO 35 IL 331	0440	WMMT 3 MI 397
Es 1457	CFAC 2 AB 1072		1605	WTVF 47 IL 353	0510	WVTFR 23 IL 269
	1502	CFCN 4 AB 1072		WEEK 25 WI 353	0513	WOTV 8 MI 369
10 Es 2001	unid chs 2-4		1611	KWQC 6 IA 282	0521	@XMI 17 MI 369
13 ls 2312+	WEEK 25 IL 353		1616	WICS 20 IL 410	0528	WUHQ 41 MI 413
14 ls 0003+	WGGV 24 WI 272		1630	WQAD 8 IL 283	0532	@WNU 16 IN 397
	WTVV 18 WI 272		1631	WZZZ 43 IL 379	0628	K65BY 65 IA 201
	0011+	KLJB 18(IL) 297	1701	WPWR 50(IL) 337		(Waterloo PTL)
	0013+	KDUB 40(WI) 212	1702	WSNS 44 IL 337		WILJt 54 MI
16 Es 2029	KPRCt 2 TX		1702	WCIU 26 IL 337		0656 unid ch 45 PBS
	KBTXt 3 TX		1710	WNDU 16 IN 397		0705 WZZZ 43 IL 379
			1713	WSBT 22 IN 397	30 Es 1328	KPRC 2 TX 1095

Two stations new to the air: KRWF-43 and K58BS. Both are barely detectable under normal conditions. I first knew KRWF was on April 16th when I saw KSTP-5 give a dual ID. A word of warning: don't expect to get an ID out of K58BS. They never give one as far as I can tell.

Like last year, not much in the way of sporadic E during the last half of May. 73.

William Draeb, Ellis St., Rt. #2, Kewaunee, WI 54216

CDT

Equipment: 7' Finco dish, B-T CMA-Ub preamp @ 93', .750 cable. Stacked Finco high band yagis with B-T AB-3 (tube type) preamp @ 100' with RG/11 cable. Second tower, 40', with Winegard CH-2026 (lo-band) and Winegard SC713 (hi-band) yagis. Hi-band uses AB-300 preamp. Zenith 14N22 cable model 23" b&w (1971) with B-T BTU-2s UHF converter (used for UHF and also the stacked hi-band yagis) and Zenith 16J20 19" b&w (early 60's) (used with antennas on 40' tower), and Panasonic 9" b&w portable.

April 1987		20 tr 0751	WEVV 44 IN 420	3 Es 2100	KCWC 4 WY		
1 tr 2030	KDNL 30 MO 432	0826	WCET 48 OH 400	2156	KDKK 3 ID		
4 tr 0455	Iron Mountain Us		WGN 52 OH (Strong)		and other unids		
	W67AQ w/WFLD-32			6 tr 0520	CBCe 16 ON		
6 tr 0530	CBCE 16 ON			8 Es 1100	WGBHt 2 MA		
9 tr 0540	WEVV 44 IN 420	26 tr 1014	CBCE 16 ON	10 Es 1200	WCBdt 2 SC		
	0610				unid channel 3		
	WFIE 14 IN 420	May 1987					
	WUSI 16 IL 402	3 Es 1805	unid ch 3 ne ed?		1900	KNMZ 2 NM	
	WVUT 22 IN		WGBH 2 MA 830		2030	KENW 3 NM	
	0739		WCAxt 3 VT			KTVSt 3 CO	
	0759	CBLEF23 16 ON	WLBzt 2 ME		11 Es 1100	unid ch 2 (weak)	
	0810	WEIU 51 IL	1945	KWGN 2 CO		(No time to DX)	
				KCNC 4 CO			
				KOAA 5 CO		11 ls 2004	WCET 48 OH 400
				2100		tr 2004	WKON 52 KY 437
						1s 2007	WIII 64 OH 400

William Draeb (continued)		16 Es 1944	KPRC 2 TX 1117	22 Es 1830	KNMZ 2 NM
11 ls 2008	WPBO 42 OH 462	2000	KJAC 4 TX	2200	KOB 4 NM 1200
	(Line of thunder storms from n IL across to n OH)	17 tr 0515	unid ch 3 NBC	0555	KMID 2 TX
15 tr 0815	WSEK 35 PA 405	Es 1725	WLKY 32 KY 437	0745	WPIT 22 PA 480
	WQLN 54 PA 405	18 Es 1220	WXIX 19 OH 400		WQLN 54 PA 405
16 tr 0515	WTVQ 36 KY 473	Es 1220	unid channel 2+		WPGH 53 PA 480
0556	WFLE 14 IN 420	20 Es 1906	unid channel 2 w		WNBO 45 OH 405
	WYMI 57 KY 553	21 Es	unid channel 3		WSEE 35 PA 405
0602	WILL 64 OH 400	22 tr 0830	unid ch 4 ed	0759	WKBN 27 OH 420
	WUVT 29 NY		unids chs 2-4 w		CBLFT# 40 ON
0840	WCET 48 OH 400	Es 1755	(No time to DX)		KXLI 41 NM 336
	WXIX 19 OH 400		WCVN 54 KY 407		WQEX 16 PA 480
	WTVQ 36 KY 473	1809	WKON 52 KY 437		(WGBA off-NO DX)
	WKLE 46 KY 473		Cincy UHF's 400	Es 2120	unid channel 2+
	WKYT 27 KY 473		KMID 2 TX	29 tr 0749	WCET 48 OH 400
	WDKY 56 KY 495		KATC 3 LA	2158	WCET 48 OH 400
1508	WKON 52 KY 437	1815	KFDX 3 TX	30 tr 0745	WCET 48 OH 400
		1830	KENW 3 NM		WKON 52 KY 437
			KOB 4 NM 1200		unid chs 2-,3 s?
			KXTT 5 TX	1815	unid channel 2+

E skip so far has been rather weak for the most part. I still haven't seen it reach channel 6. I should have a little more time to watch DX until June 15 when I go back to school again for the summer semester at UWGB. I drive to and from there for classes as opposed to living on campus.

Hopefully, DX will improve so I will have more to report. 73's for now, Bill (Bill, I just noted that the call W67AQ is shown for Burnsville, North Carolina in the TV Factbook and in the WIFDA translator guide. fm)

William Eckberg, 1032 Sterling Road, Dixon, IL 61021

CDT

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.

May 1987		3 Es 1830	KUTV 2 UT 1139	19 Es 1100	KWGN 2 CO 811	29 Es 1800	WPBT 2 FL 1229
	1835	KBCI 2 ID 1328		22 Es 1055	KNMZ 2 NM 972	1805	Cuba 5 1350
11 ms 0233	KCNC 4 CO 811	25 tr 0455	WLUC 6 MI 341		KRGV 5 TX 1189		
19 Es 1100	KRTV 3 MT 1112	28 Es 1500	WCBD 2 SC 797		KIII 3 TX 1072		

For a couple of years, I noted a station with programming to the west on all night via meteor skip. I believed it to be channel 4, Denver. I got them with color bars and ID on a Monday at 0233. Possibly a once a week DX opportunity. I saw Louisville, channel 11, twice after 0330 with ID slide.

Fred McCormack, 135 Prairiewood Drive, Fargo, ND 58103

CDT

May 1987		June 1987		5 Es 0911	XEJ t 5 CH
10 Es 2048	unid ch 2 Mexico	1 Es 2029	unid ch 2 NBC	(MUF 105.9 @ 0952- CH)	
2059	KENW 3 NM 965		2033 unid ch 3 CBS	0958	KXAS 5 TX 985
21 Es 1927	KOCO 5 OK 785		(MUF 90.7 @ 2047- MA)	(MUF 107.5 @ 1023- NM)	
	(MUF 89.9 @ 1928-Mex)	2 Es (MUF 107.9 @ 1902-)	2100 WTVH 5 NY 1045	1049	unid ch 6 NBC
22 Es 1657	KMID 2 TX 1060		(Over KXJB-4)	1053	KMID 2 TX 1060
	1659 KPRC 2 TX 1195		(MUF 92.7 @ 2012- SC)	1100	KNME 5 NM 950
	1730 KATC 3 LA 1185		2200 CKCO2 2 ON 765	1159	KENS 5 TX 1220
	1759 KXTT 5 TX 955		WSTM 3 NY 1045	1340	KFDX 3 TX 900
	(MUF 107.9 @ 1827- AR)		(MUF 107.9 @ 2209- NY)	1408	KREM 2 WA 960
	1828 KALB 5 LA 1115		(MUF 102.7 @ 2231- MD)	1732	unid ch 2 Mexico
	1849 KOAA 5 CO 705	3 Es 1958	WJBKt 2 MI	1819	WKTV 2 NY 1095
	1932 KPRC 2 TX 1195		2000 WPSX 3 PA 990	1820	unid ch 3 French
23 tr 0754	KPTM 42 NE 400	5 tr 0628	WHLA 31 WI 340	1827	unid ch 2 French
	0755 KHLN 36 IA 390		0659 WKOW 19(MN) 360	1830	unid ch 4 French
	Es 1023 unid ch 2 NBC		Es 0844 KATC 3 LA 1185		(Over KXJB-4)
	tr 1027 KLDHt 49 KS		0854 XEPMc 2 CH	1842	CKMI 5 PQ 1200
31 tr 0758	WHWC 28 WI 270		0859 KENW 3 NM 965	1923	CJBR 2 PQ 1300

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The month of May has seen a good deal of E-skip in the Eastern U.S. and Canada. Reporters noted the MUF reaching at least ch. 2 on May 2,3,6,7,8,9,10,11,14,15, 16,17,18,21,22, and 30. Great tropo conditions prevailed in the South in late April and early May, including a great session of Gulf tropo that netted Glenn Hauser GA/AL/MS/LA/TX stns in the 500-1000 mile range! Robert Grant and Dave Nieman also had some good tropo on May 25, with Dave seeing 700-mile Iowa UHF.

Matt Sittel, 220 Brookfield Dr., Kingsport TN 37663

MARCH 1987		MAY 1987		MAY 1987	
22 E 1606	"CCI seen on new Sony Watchman!"	2 E 1449	unID-2	10 E 2027	KLBY-4 KS 1033
		3 E 1545	KLNE-3 NE 958	2030	unIDs 2-4
			1546 unIDs 2-4	11 E 1825	unIDs 2-5 Canada (2,4=FF 3=EE)
APRIL 1987		26 T 0942	WSMV-4 TN 246	1627	XHY-3 YU 1358
27 E	"E-SKIP RETURNS!"	1637	XHD-4 TA 1369	14 E 2150	TV6-3 CUBA
	1637 TV6-2,3 CUBA	1740	unID-2 Canada	2152	unIDs 2,4
	"same TP as Eckberg saw--5/87 VUD p. 11"	1744	WFSB-3 CT 678	16 E 1959	unID-3
	1649 unID-4 TX/FL?	1745	WBZ-4 MA 734	2030	unID-4
	2114 unID-3 SS	1746	WLNE-6 (RI) 714	2047	MUF ch. 5
	2124 KBTX-3 TX 911		"37th state!"	2050	KCNC-4 CD 1242
	2132 KIII-3 TX 1055	9 E 1155	KENN-3 NM 1206	2054	KWGN-2 CD 1242
28 E 1540	KIII-3 TX 1055	10 E 1024-1027	unIDs 2-4	2057	unID-3 CBS & NBC
	1541 KBTX-3 TX 911		1721 unID-2 south	"Great Western Network--is this KTVS?"	
	1542 KPRC-2 TX 878		1726 CBHT-3 NS 1116	(I think so--jfc)	
	1606 KENN-3 NM 1206		1751 unID-2 "ATV net"	2059	KLNE-3 NE 958
	1607 unID-4		(Should be CKCW--see comments below--jfc)		
	1628 WEDU-3 FL 590		1924 KMTV-3 NE 797	EQUIPMENT: CM 1160	
	1629 WESH-2 FL 508		1925 KLNE-3 NE 958	Quantum Antenna,	
	1633 TV6-3 CUBA		2000 KOTA-3 SD 1232	Archer U-120, and	
	"same TP again"		2026 KCWC-4 WY 1441	featuring ("new logging") a Sony	
	1634 WPBT-2 FL 747		1639 WTVJ-4 FL 747	Watchman!	
	1640 MUF ch. 6			to keep KCWC on air!"	

"WELL, DX has finally returned to Tennessee! It seems like it's been a lot more plentiful than '86, but few of the openings have lasted more than an hour--most less than 5 minutes. My new Sony Watchman has actually picked up E-skip (more than I thought it would)! It has gotten almost everything that I got on the big TV with the CM antenna! Another thing is it can pull in DX on ch. 2 over WSJK--a real help!"

"In other news, my DX cactus kicked the bucket recently--was it a lack of winter E-skip? (You probably didn't fertilize it with old composted TV Guides like I told you, Matt!--jfc) Also, can anybody explain the 'ATV' network to me?" (Yes, it is a mini-net of CTV affiliates in the Maritimes, consisting of [as far as I know] CKCW-2, CKCD-7 and CKLT-9 in NB; CJCB-4 and CJCH-5 in NS, and rpters--jfc)

Keith D. Pugh, 227 Martin St., New Hope AL 35760 (CDT)

MARCH 1987		APRIL 1987		MAY 1987	
22 E 1630	Cuba-2 "Canal 6 Cuba"	28 E 1100	XHD-4 TA 1100	2 E 1329	KWGN-2 CD 1080
	1745 unID-2 XEW net		(It's in Tampico, Tamaliuapas, Keith--jfc)	6 E 1000	KWGN-2 CD 1080
23 E 2314	XEFB-2 NL		1128 XEFB-2 NL	1053	KNMZ-2 NM 1100
	(MUF 92.3 @ 1134- TX)		1230 KNMZ-2 NM 1100	(ED. NOTE: no times given on next 3--jfc)	
APRIL 1987		27 E 1700	WUND-2 NC 560	7 E	???? unID-5 Mexico
			1900 WGBH-2 MA 980	"Imevision 13"	
			2242 KMID-2 TX 900	10 E	???? KWGN-2 CD 1080
		28 E 0002	KGAN-2 IA 580	15 E	???? Cuba-2 "Canal 6"

"May Es sluggish compared to last year, but only able to check morning hours most days--probably missed some good openings." (Keith, that unID-5 is probably XHGE-5--WRTVH shows it on 'Cerro Entre Hermanos' w/no estado given--jfc)

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Table with columns for MAY 1987 and MAY 1987, listing various TV stations and frequencies.

10th-14th: At Black Rock Mountain State Park (3600' ASL--near Mountain City GA) By mid-May heat and humidity are already well enthroned in Florida--a perfect excuse to escape to the mountains!

Unfortunately, no real DX occurred while I was there. Basic "deadband" conditions extend as far as Atlanta (95 mi.) and Augusta (135 mi.).

Still, it's a beautiful area to visit, and I just might make a trip to this spot a yearly event. I know it would be a nice DX spot to the south, southeast, and southwest when things are popping.

12th: At Waterrock Knob NC (elevation 6292' ASL) This is one of the highest peaks in North Carolina. The parking area is just off the Blue Ridge Parkway at around 5800' ASL.

This peak would sure be a dandy place to set up some good DX antennas! Why? Well, one is at a high enough point to "see" on both sides of the mountains.

(Strangely, though no Knoxville or Chattanooga TV was seen, either on the summit or down in the parking lot, NWS stations from both cities were clearly audible on the scanner in the truck!

-----"MR. COMBS GOES MAD IN THE MOUNTAINS" CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE----- (Starring Orson Welles as Mr. Combs, Elmer Fudd as the Park Ranger, and featuring Cuddles the Wonder Bear)

John F. Combs (continued)

After about 30 minutes of uninterrupted DXing (during which time not a single other soul dared the trail to the summit in order to gawk at the weird guy with the TV), it began to rain, thus dampening any further observations.

Table with columns for MAY 1987 and MAY 1987, listing various TV stations and frequencies, including a 'FAT CHANCE' section.

The early May tropo was nice. Although I seemed to have missed the better stuff that Glenn saw (I was probably asleep...working two jobs really cuts into my DX time!)

John O. Broomall; Route 1, Broomall Trail; Waleska, GA 30183 (404) 479-2001 ET

MAY 1 48 stations; South 357 miles to Gainesville, FL, East 219 miles to Columbia, SC, and East to Birmingham, AL, 140 miles. WLTX-19 219 SC, WCJB-20 357 FL; WJCL-22 246 GA, WOLO-25 207 SC, WTSG-31 214 GA, WGIQ-43 188 AL, WXDX-54 132 GA (rare); WCAJ-68 140 AL (only second logging).

2 T Fifth best day in my year of DXing! 51 stations including WJCT-7 FL 332, WALB-10 GA 214, WJCL-22 246 FL, WTXL-27 263 FL, WTSG-31 214 GA, WTWC-40? 262 FL, WVGA-44 232 GA.

7 T WLTX-19 219 SC plus first testing of new local, WFLI-53, Cleveland, TN, 45. 42 total. Weak Es; Spanish audio on 4. (GA)

8 T WALB-10 214 GA, WABW-14 225 GA, WJCL-22 246 GA. 36 stations. NEW!

11 T Only 26 stations; included new WBTY-3 205 SC. (John--isn't their xtr also in NC, or do you know something I don't?--jfc)

17 T 30 stations out to WALB-10 214 GA.

18 T 41 stations including WJHG-7 276 FL, WTVM-9 141 GA (rare over local), WALB-10 214 GA, WABW-14 225 GA.

22 E KDFW-4 724 TX. First Ided Es this year!

Very disappointed in lack of Es; of course with "locals" on 2, 3, and 5, I am limited to 4 and 6; my "specialty" is UHF tropo!

EQUIPMENT: Zenith 19" color, MTS stereo (1986), set-top rabbit ears and bowtie. TOTALS: 148 with five in May.

Table with columns for APRIL 1987, MAY 1987, and MAY 1987, listing various TV stations and frequencies.

There has been almost daily E-skip activity up to channels 2&3 in May but it has not been staying in very long at any one time.

John D. Buehler, 1716 Heatherdowns Bl., Toledo OH 43614-0394
 MAY 1987 MAY 1987 MAY 1987
 3 E 1800 KNMZ-2 NM 1300 22 E 1900 KNMZ-2 NM 1300 22 E 2000 KOB-4 CD 1375
 17 E 1200 KODS-4 MT 1300 1920 KFDX-3 TX 1000 2000 KMID-2 TX 1275
 22 E 1800 KPRC-2 TX 1125 1931 KNME-5 NM 1375

EQUIPMENT: Proton 625, HD-73 rotor, CM 1110, CM 4257, CM 7364B amp, all fed via RG-11 coax, all on Rohn 60' tower.

"My new amp and coax went up in April. The old amp was destroyed by a near-hit lightning strike 2 years ago. The CM 7346B is too much for my rx tuner to handle when antennae are oriented between 70 and 115 degrees of my location (towards Toledo's 'transmitter alley'). No complaints with my set-up other than that."

Steve West, 432 Kenmore Road, Havertown PA 19083 (215) 449-1472
 APRIL 1987 MAY 1987 MAY 1987
 14 T 2300 Norfolk strong 11 T 2200 W44?? NY 100 22 E 1930 WBRZ-2 LA
 15 T 0800 Norfolk strong (Hicksville LPTV) 27 T 0600 WJKA-26 NC 420
 2200 Norfolk strong 13 T 2300 WSBE-36 RI 0600 WLFL-22 NC 340
 (230 miles) 2300 Boston US 0600 WPTF-28 NC 340

EQUIPMENT: 7' Finco UHF dish w/PA-4950 amp, Probe-9 FM antenna, 36-element VHF JFD LPL log periodic, all antennas at 37'.

"Not much DX logged this soggy spring. There were 3 or 4 openings to the Norfolk area, but that is common to this location."

"Since you mentioned column format (May 1987 VUD, p. 9), is the VAFI (Video/Audio/Fading/Interference) station signal reporting dead? I carefully graded the video signals of the Thanksgiving opening which were sent but omitted in the VUD." (There isn't enough horizontal space in the column to include VAFI reports with the loggings unless I use only 2 columns and a lot more space. I don't think VAFI is "dead," but I don't see too many reporters using it anymore--jfc)

"The channel 44 logged on May 11th was a community television station advertising to send for information in NYC to make your own TV show. How about making one on TV-DXing?" (Go for it!--jfc)

"Anyone interested in swapping video or audio cassettes of IDs or BullWinkle or whatever, drop me a card. Also, anyone logging my Philly locals from any distance give me a call, between 11-11:30 PM is fine. I would especially like to be in on some of those Florida to New England and New England to Maritimes openings! May the bluebird of DX reflect some scatter signal your way!"



Peter Q. George (KA1NHJ), 24 Columbia St., Apt. 1-F, Brockton MA 02401
 MAY 11, 1987--UHF bandscan (2230-2200) (moderate tropo opening):
 WPHL-17 PA WNHT-21 NH WTAF-29 PA WXTV-41(NY) WNJM-50 NJ WLG-55 NY
 WHCT-18 CT WNLN-22 MA WVIT-30 CT WRYT-46 MA WPXT-51 ME WGBS-57 PA
 WCDC-19 MA WNJS-23 NJ WNYC-31 NY WNJU-47(NY) WNJT-52 NJ WCVX-58 MA
 WTX-20 CT WTWS-26 CT WGG-40 MA W4BAE RI WEDN-53 CT WTIC-61 CT
 WLIW-21 NY WBRN-28 PA WMSM-40 NJ WEDW-49 CT WTBV-54 NY WHSE-68 NY

EQUIPMENT: Samsung 12" B&W portable, Sears 5" color portable, Archer U-75 yagi UHF antenna, Channel Master UHF amplifier w/pre-amp @ 45' AGL.

"This was a mirror opening, but it was the first time my new antenna system was put to the test. Both WHCT-18 and WTIC-61 (CT) gave full quieting signals for the entire period. Since WHCT-18 has gone to full power (3 million watts), there is always some semblance of a signal from them in my area (Their programming ain't half bad, either!). Not bad for 103 miles with lots of hilly terrain in between. I look forward to many a humid night this summer. I hope to get many new states on UHF. Canada (especially New Brunswick and Nova Scotia) is very possible here. Now that I am equipped with a VCR, some of these future DX loggings can be saved for posterity."

"By the way, I wish these NISN stns would dry up and go away. I question the use of a valuable UHF allocation to be a 24-hour impulse buying service. It will be fun to see these stations go dark when the public stops shopping!" (Amen!--jfc)

Loggings from Thunder Bay ON:
 MARCH 1987 MARCH 1987 MAY 1987
 6 T 0624 KARE-11 MN 310 6 T 0653 WHWC-28 WI 270 3 E 2059 KENW-3 NM 1220
 0626 K57BH MN 355 0701 KSTP-5 MN 300 2139 KDA-5 CD 1030
 (Grand Marais KDLH-3) (Audio only) 10 G From Dorion:
 "w/KINT-3 via K63BI APRIL 1987
 (KDLH-3 was off)" 8 T 0656 WHRM-20 WI 250 "Audio on car stereo"
 0630 WJFW-12 WI 195 9 T 1537 CBLAT4-11 ON 135 (CICO-19 sat LPRT)
 (CBLFT off) (CBLT-5 sat feed)

"I think this is my first report since you've become the wacky off-the-wall editor that you are, hi! (I'll take that as a compliment, Bill...I think--jfc) I've been a member since 1977 when I was only 14 years old." (My mother claims I was 14 once but, frankly, I find it hard to accept, hi--jfc)

"I'm now a Meteorological Technician (a/k/a weatherman). I'm currently (as of May 16--jfc) working at the Thunder Bay weather office--but not for long. I'm moving to Peterborough in one week, then Kingston in July and Toronto in September. From 1982-85 I worked at Cornwall ON, Eureka NT, Resolute Bay NT, Hall Beach NT, and Toronto--so I guess you can say I travel a lot! One of these days I'll settle down and build a real DX setup. I guess it depends on when and who I marry, hi!"

(Yes, if you're lucky you'll marry another DXer like Larry Van Horn did! Always glad to have you report from wherever you happen to be. Getting to see a lot of the country can be fun, but it's always nice to settle down--jfc)

Robert Grant, 5775 Bishop, Detroit MI 48224
 MAY 1987 MAY 1987 MAY 1987U
 10 E 2020 KTBS-3 LA 901 25 T 0600 KMSP-9 MN 540 25 T 0900 KARE-11 MN 541
 25 T 0320 KCRG-9 IA 455 0600 KTTT-10 MN 486 1130 KITT-29 MN 540
 0330 WISN-12 WI 258 0605 WEAU-13 WI 431 28 E 1430 "wierd" unID-3 W
 0340 unID-8z to West 0625 unID-11 RETMA-TP 1635 KIII-3 TX 1310
 0345 WGN-9 IL 243 0649 WADW-9 WI 379 1800 KBTX-3 TX 1093

"My equipment now includes a Radio Shack 10db inline amplifier, installed at the TV set instead of at the antenna. When installed at the antenna, the result is a mess of overload (same thing happens if I don't use an FM trap). The amplifier must also be turned off to watch channel 2 (severe 58 MHz enhancement). The 20db UHF inline was sent back because it gave me no gain at all. Also, all attempts to cascade two of these 10dbers have produced no output at all (!?!), and a mess of noise results when I attach it to my UHF converter." **THE UNEXPECTED!**

"The opening of 5/25 was a surprise. I never thought that a cold May morning would give me my farthest tropo, KARE-11, which had been in for 3 hours but faded in and out under WTOL and resisted being IDed until 0900. Former best tropo was WVTA-41 at 536 miles. I had no idea tropo was in when I was looking for something to watch and noticed home shopping (AVN) on 9. I assumed it was Cadillac by normal fringe tropo, but I stuck with it to be sure, and it IDed as KCRG (DX is full of surprises). Then at 0600, when I thought the Tr was over, a promo ended with an unexpected KMSP logo. I would never have known there was tropo if I was still using rabbit ears, and I have never had a tr opening so weak and yet so deep."

"My 'weird unID' on 3 had a discussion pgm, followed by an ad for 'Chef's Surprise Parts' (featuring dry cell batteries), a promo for 'Our World' (already discontinued by ABC at the time) and then start 'Beverly Hillbillies.' Is KVDD-3 in Salem OR still on the air? It is in both the WTFDA guide and Vane Jones, but the DX Distance printout has a KOAB-3 in Bend. What kind of station is KOAB, and is KVDD still on the air on any channel?"

(As I recall, KVDD-3 went dark, the allocation was changed to non-commercial status, and KOAB-3 is now on as a PBS outlet. I checked a couple of sources which agree that it is still licensed to Salem, but I could swear the 1986 TV Factbook showed it as Bend. I will check it out soon when I make a sojourn to Gainesville to check the 1987 TVFB [the most recent copy available in local libraries is the 1984 edition!]. The bizarre nature of that ad almost sounds like an SCTV parody, but that type of program is not usually aired in the middle of the day!--jfc)

"Finally got some trans-Gulf tropo, and some Central American Es. UHF antenna is the P7 dish, barely above roof level; no amp--too much overload. VHF is rabbit ears until May 6 when a V-110 was installed just below the dish. I have three TV sets suitable for DXing--two Zeniths and a Radio Shack portable--plus the RCA VKT-550 VCR, which has a more sensitive tuner (but, oh, those thumbwheels!). To compensate for my years as Statistics editor, I now DX just for the fun of it. I don't keep track of exact distances, new/relog, or totals, but do try to tape as many IDs as possible. If the MUF goes into FM, I concentrate on that; if tropo is hot, I concentrate on UHF."

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6 E "1st Es of the season at 1817 with Telesistema Hondureno "television en accion" on ch. 3, mixing with the more frequently seen Guatemalan. When ad prices were in lempiras, I knew I had Honduras; when in quetzales, Guatemala. The Honduran IDs at odd times like 1841 "sus canales 3 y 7 de TV." The WRTVH lists this as 4/0.8 kw (maybe not ERP) but the audio modulation was louder than U.S. stns; listed call is HRNN-TV but never heard. At 1859 animated ID, 1905 plugged anniversary "20 anos bien cumplidos" and into novela "Seducion." MUF to 89 mhz from Guat.; almost f/out by 2000 but at 2113 a wk Mexican on 3."

7 E "At 1648 I found a strong signal on 29.82 mhz from the clandestine La Voz del CID (prob. in Guat.)--a good tip-off to an Es opening, the 3rd harmonic of 9.94 mhz. Lasted as late as 2300; MUF 89 mhz again."

8 E "0830-0859 Guatemala-3"

10 T "First since 2/2: 2259 WTXL-27 vy clear, then the closer WTOG xltr cut back on. 2300 WTWC-40; no sign of T-see LPTV on 17; 2313 WTSG-31 GA w/ CNN Headline; 2332 music videos on 44 not WTOG must be WVGA-44; 2333 hvy CCI on local, must be Ocala; and WNFT-47. 2337 rlg movie on 18, 2346 ID L.L. as WDHN AL; 2349 WJKS-17 w/CCI prob. W17AB. QRT until 0615 when found same stuff in: 0618 WDHN-18 must be the one w/full CB, TT; WJCL-22 usual hvy zero CCI to WCLF; 0630 on 38 Muppets w/NBC promos, must be Columbus GA (WLTZ). 0644 WJWJ-16 w/SCETV ID at 0659; 0702 WTGS-28 SC."

12 T "0608 zero CCI on WFTX-36 proved to be WATL-36 GA; wk CCI on 69 to WCIX xltr likely WVEU (by the way, WCIX xltr on 61 is gone, 64 still on); also wk sigs on 46 & 30, fitting Atlanta."

20 E "1630 CCI on 2-4; 1825 ch. 3 is Honduras w/"T H 3 / 7" logo; color, but not enough for VCR; several IDs, VCI often necessary. 1942 Pizza Hut ad in quetzales from Guatemala."

23 T "0727 WDHN-18 AL; 0731 SS on 50, the Univision (not SIN) xltr in Tampa, not //WLTV-23. Confirmed WTMV-32 in \$ w/new tuner; T-see 27/40; CCI on WMOD-43 west of it; Flintstones & WDFL-35 IDs on 49 must be W49AI Inglis/Yankee-town FL LPTV (Yup--they have almost zero locally-orig. pgmg.--jfc); 0820 31/38 probably GA."

24 T "0736 Columbia 30 on 19/35; heavy CCI to Tampa on 28, east of it; 0807 WJCL-22 w/FM-96 ad."

27 E "1659 CKVR-3 and WFSB-3; then FM wide-open from as far as ON until 1917; at 1927 still hvy zero CCI to WCIX-6."

28 E "Heavy DX on 3 and 5; FM from TX/OK/AR, 1000-1435."

30 T "Now for the great tropo! At 2236 CCI on many UHF chs.; 25 w/Gulfport ad, 2259 ID as WXXV (logo is XXV w/the 2 X's connected above ea. other), cities in ID Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula; 2256 WMAH-19 Biloxi, 2316 s/off gives all stns in net--only xltr is W45AA Columbia MS 11.47 kw ERP (not 0.114 as in xltr guide); 2302 on 21 preacher w/Pensacola addr., 2358 WMPV ID, s/off, no SSR; 2309 CCI on WTOG-44 west of Tampa so not Valdosta, 2345 drama, ads, still hvy CCI at 0146 (times after 0000 are May 1 EST), and at 0517 WTOG wiped out by 3/4 CB; must be TX or LA. (There's KLUJ-44 in Harlingen TX, but not sure of their pgmg.--jfc) 2312 wk CCI on 15, maybe Mobile/Lafayette? 2328 WWSB-40 off leaving 2 stns w/zero CCI, one WTWC, but what's the other? 2330 finally got New Orleans: WNOL-38 w/ID; 0144 Weird Wayne from WRND with "Just Say No"; 0200 ID says \$, s/off, no SSR. (Jeez, all these unpatriotic s/off, nil--jfc) 2331 CCI on WTVX (20 kHz); 0100 WTVX off leaving TBN preacher //WHFT-45, 0129 break for ID as KITU; still at 0444."

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1 T "The opening continues: 0017 CCI on WGBH-20, 0045 ID as KTXH 20-Vision (Houston--jfc); 0031 Houston Nk on 26--repeat of 7 PM nk on KRIV; 0046 zero CCI on 26--surely N.C. isn't same offset as Houston? (Strange, but true--jfc) 0209 finally ID w/N.O. ad in Bob Hope movie; (continued)

OH-OH, GANG, LOOKS LIKE THIS COLUMN'S GOING INTO EXTRA INNINGS!!!!

MAY 1987

1 T "WLTV 23 had hvy CCI--would have been Pensacola; 0035 zero CCI on WCIX-6 (remember VHF ant is rabbit ears only); 0035 CCI on WDZL-39 prob. Houston; 0030 on 67 Home Shopping Club not //WBFS-33, kept trying to get ID but no luck, usually quite weak; 0118 back, same direction as KRIV-26, must be new Alvin TX stn, 0156 had TX vets PSA, 0423 still; 0057 KADN-15 ID/promo. Around 0110 had CCI on WFTX-36 and knew my best UHF DX to date from here must be occurring, from Austin TX. At 0125 most others had temp. faded, but I was concentrating on 36! Fortunately, WFTX s/off its 5 megawatts at 0130. Then DX clear but wk w/local nx, anchor named Tona (?), found VCI necessary, using a sep. UHF tuner, something I had not tried before. At 0140 nx about U. of TX & AIDS, no more. WFTX back at 0442 check; nothing seen on other Austin U channels. At 0120 had wk but steady WWL-4 on rabbit ears w/N.O. ads/nx. Then caught a couple of hours sleep! At 0423 bleary-eyed, but back at it: on 5 CNN //WPEC-12, 0429 WKRG-5 ID; WFTV on by 0437 w/its ancient wedge-TP. (The one with the dolphin??--jfc) Back to UHF...0434 on 25 3/4 CB + TT from Gulfport direction; 0435 on 22 gray scale from Savannah direction; 0445 WPMI-15 ID super on Honeymooners; 0447 on 27 10 kHz to WTOG xltr ID 3/4 CB + TT but ID illegible; 0451 WACS-25 GA ID over gray scale, tone; CCI after 0455 from WXXV; 0500 had CCI on local WFLX-29--ideas? 0523 W49AI full CB w/ID at bottom, 0529 its own s/on then Rosary until 0559, 0609 now //WDFL-35, 0758 local annt by YL on cam, 0759 ID. 0523 WDHN-18 presumed full CB/TT, ABC, 0800 GMA after it's over in Eastern zone; 0526 W17AB Tallahassee silent audio, map and ID at L.R.; 0537 WDGX-51 promo in Inspector Gadget (new calls); 0602 on 32 zero CCI to WTMV, slightly Eastward--AL or GA? 0603 cartoons on 31 likely WTSG GA. 0610 Jax on 30 and 47; 0611 20 kHz CCI on WXFL-8, guess that would be WXGA GA; 0657 on 69 3-way CCI, audio on one is x videos, American Mx Net, Hit Video USA "live" w/toll-free lines, must be WVEU-69 Atlanta, right? (As Bugs Bunny used to say...Nyaaaaahh...COULD be!--jfc) The others would be the local & more distant FM translators. 0728 on 61 CCI around 15 kHz to WCIX xltr, then ID as WTOG "Your 44," so its xltr either Okee-chobee or Inverness. At 0800 (0900 EDT) who on 20 has Dprah? (WCJB--jfc) At 0803 amid ute QRM on 14, GA PTV //25 (WABW--jfc); 0804 zero CCI hvy pn WMOD-43. Final check before collapsing at 0840 found WXFL-8 and other FL Vs still in."

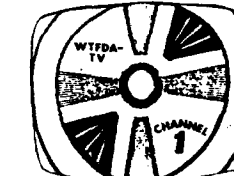
2 T "From FL/GA/AL w/some new ones. 0530 WXGA-8 ID; 0536 WTWC-40 3/4 CB w/temp & time; 0546 Jax stns, GA 31/44, FL 27, tent. 36 Atlanta; 0550 WTXL-27 over xltr; 0655 CCI overriding local WPTV-5--unusual even for Gainesville! 0705 on 54 pgm on wool carding, crafts, weak. I think this is the low-stn in Columbus GA which I vaguely recall seeing in motel when visiting Opelika last year. (Yes, a UHF stn of fairly low ERP as opposed to an actual LPTV--jfc) At 0618 wrestling on 38 Columbus GA; 0619 zero CCI east of T-see so not the usual WTOG xltr; 0633 on 28 CCI east of Tampa, so may be Columbus GA. 0633 WDHN-18 "TV-18" ID, overmod; 0639 on 69 Haitian travelog, 0658 WQRZ AM 1400 ad, TV-69 WVEU Atlanta; 0640 20 CCI on WINK; 0649 on 24 cartoons m/b WTAT Charleston, blocked 0657+ by WMFE. 0710 NBC on 19--Columbia SC? 0719 on 46 black i-view (Atlanta); 0734 hash on 17, WTBS prob. in there; 0742 30 had 3 stns, one was WETV Atlanta; 0843--what's this on 66?? Kids Under Construction, puppets, very weak. (Prob. WNSW-66 in Opelika AL--jfc) 0850 most fading; 0930 gone."

3 T "Not much, but 0620 WJCL-22; 0748 zero CCI on 32--Toccoa GA?; 0755 zero CCI on WESH xltr, not WUSF which is 10 kHz away."

4 T "0442 WTAT-24 promo; 0457 NWS relay on 20, not FL, east of WCJB; 0458 WCES-20 s/on and WJCL-22 s/on; 0527 circular TP under WESH xltr-16, probably SCETV." (Yup--jfc)

"Maximum distances, roughly measured: Austin 1075, Houston 950, New Orleans 650, Tegucigalpa 925, Atlanta 575 statute miles."

ED. NOTE--above report was late, but used due to the great loggings. I apologize for any typos I haven't caught. The rest of Glenn's report will appear next month, but you got the best stuff already! From what I can see so far, June E-skip seems to be off to a good start. One opening netted me new stns WGBH-2 and WLBZ-2, and another brought new KPLD-6, relog WLNE-6, and unIDs, during an interesting mobile (i.e. truck FM) DX session. Details in the next installment of EASTERN TV-DX! It's been real.....JOHN



TV-CCI AIDS

John F. Combs
1308 Willow Branch #24
Jacksonville FL 32205

TV-CCI AIDS

JULY 1987

HELPS & HINTS FOR IDENTIFYING YOUR DX

As I type this, there has not been enough time for members to respond to the idea of reviving this column. Nevertheless, I have amassed quite a bit of info over the last couple of months through DX, TVGs, and a trip to GA and NC. There is enough here for a column, so let me present what I have!

NEWS NAMES

WESH-2	"NewsCenter 2"	WCIV-4	"News 4"	WXIA-11	"11 Alive News"
WSB-2	"Action News"	WAGA-5	"Eyewitness News"	WRDW-12	"Eyewitness News"
WSAV-3	"NewsCenter 3"	(subtitled Morning, Noon, or Evening Edition)		WTLV-12	"The News on 12"
WBTW-3	"WBTV News"	(How original!)		WBTW-13	"Eyewitness News"
WYFF-4	"NewsCenter 4"	WJBF-6	"Newswatch 6"	WJKS-17	"Action News"
WJXT-4	"Eyewitness News"	WCPX-5	"Newswatch 5"	WLTX-19	"News 19"

Some confusion arises when stations use a special name for their live remotes. Two of these that have been noted are WBTW-3 "NewsStar" and WCSC-5 "LiveStar 5." This may become a separate category in the future.

MOVIE NAMES

WFTV-9	"Night Owl Theatre"	WFLX-29	"Encore Cinema"
WHNS-21	"Cinema 21"	WAWS-30	"Cinema 30"
WOL-25	"The Late Show"		

SLOGANS

WYFF-4	"Your Friend Four"	WTAT-24	"The Stn That Gives You More"
WSPA-7	"TV-7"		"Your Movie Station"
	"On <u>Your</u> Side"	WATG-26	"26 Power"
WXIA-11	"11 Alive"	WAWS-30	"Jacksonville's Movie Station"
WRDW-12	"TV-12"	WNEG-32	"32 for You"
WJKS-17	"Come Home to WJKS"	WTMV-32	"V-32"
WLTX-19	"Your 24 Hour Station"	WKFT-40	"CounterForce 40"
WHNS-21	"TV-21"	WMGT-41	"Middle Georgia's Best"
	"We're <u>Your</u> Station"	WANX-46	"Giving Atlanta a Choice!"

NOTE: Slogans used in print ads (such as in newspapers, TVG, etc.) are not necessarily used by the station on the air.

STL CALLS

WUFT-5	KIX-99	WJBF-6	KIV-57
WJCT-7	KIY-76	WITV-7	KID-54 "Main"
	KIY-77		KJH-48 "Alternate"
	KHL-75		KJJ-41 "Intercity"
	WDY-75	WOFL-35	WGH-905

S/ON & S/OFF FEATURES

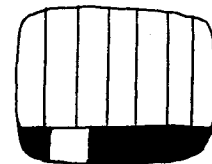
WUFT-5 Announcement over slide of Univ. of Fl campus w/logo in lower left (LL)
 WJCT-7 Announcements over video montage of performers at Mayport Jazz Festival (sponsored by WJCT-7).
 Star-Spangled Banner (SSB)---scenes of young sailor coming home to family/friends. Music is guitar instrumental. As the film superimposes a ship at sea over the sailor's face, the music segues into a version for full band. Ends with waving flag.
 SSB (alternate)---Instrumental over scenes of Navy aircraft superimposed over waving flag.
 WRDW-12 SSB w/music in key of C (unusual---most SSBs in B-flat or A-flat) and sung by a cappella men's chorus with the words "America---my home" sung at end as a sort of tag! Film is of jet planes with scenes of Statue of Liberty, Mt. Rushmore, etc.
 WJKS-17 Film of eagle in flight, flag, mountains, etc. Audio is of John Wayne reciting a patriotic poem, segueing into America the Beautiful (ATB) at end.
 WAWS-30 S/on photo over scenes of Jax area, begin/end w/beach shot. Music b.g.

As we discover more stns using identical versions of the SSB, we will begin to code them for easy reference.

FEATURE: THE COLOR BAR CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

This system was originally devised by Les Prus back in the 70's, and has been somewhat modified by myself. It is a means of distinguishing among different 3/4 color bar patterns by noting 3 characteristics: (1)Number of bars, (2)position of white square, and (3)width of white square.

The "standard" 3/4 color bar pattern is shown to right. Most stations using a 3/4 CB pattern use one similar to this. Under our classification system, this would be described as "7-2+-s" where "7" indicates 7 color bars, "2+" indicates that the white square begins partway past the 2nd color bar (if it began right at the 2nd bar, it would be simply "2"), and the square is the width of a single ("s") bar. (Actually, in most cases it is slightly wider than one bar, but we won't get nit-picky about this!) If I indicate a station as using simply "3/4 CB" in this column, you may assume that I am referring to this "standard" type



A major variation of the standard 3/4 CB pattern is to include a narrow horizontal strip just above the black bar that contains 7 additional contrasting colors to the 7 main bars. This variation would be noted "7x-2+-s" ("x" for "extra").

For full CB patterns, the only variation to be noted is the number of bars.

TP TYPES

WSAV-3	Round TP w/ID in center	WHNS-21	ID 3/4 CB (7x-2+-s) (ID above black bar)
WUFT-5	ID/unID 3/4 CB	WAWS-30	unID 3/4 CB
WJCT-7	ID 3/4 CB (7x-2+-s) (ID at bottom)	WKAB-32	ID 3/4 CB (7-2-g) (ID in UR) (NOTE non-standard pattern!)
WJHG-7	ID 3/4 CB (Calls vertical in LL)	WOFL-35	ID 3/4 CB (7x-2+-s) Full CB (12 bars)
WITN-7	unID 3/4 CB (7x-2+-s)	WATL-36	ID 3/4 CB (7x-2+-s) (WATL logo in LR, Fox log in LL)
WYFL-6	ID 3/4 CB w/logo in LR	SCETV	unID 3/4 CB w/date and digital time in black area and local NWS audio
WRDW-12	ID/unID 3/4 CB		
WQJB-20	ID/unID 3/4 CB (7x-2+-s)		
WRES-20	Full CB (9 bars) w/ID in LR and local NWS audio		

Many TPs familiar to veteran DXers, such as the Indian Head, Wedge, SMPTE, RCA, CBS, RETMA, etc., are rarely seen nowadays since they were by and large monochrome patterns. Also, most varieties of round "bull's-eye" TPs are gone and I will not attempt to distinguish between these. If any of these old TPs turn out to still be in use somewhere, we will begin to identify these.

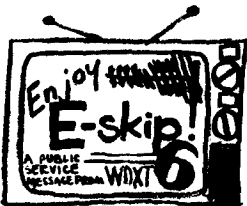
Keep in mind that simply because a stn is noted using a certain TP (especially during a brief DX opening), one cannot assume that it uses that TP on a regular basis. Some stns only use TPs for testing purposes on rare occasions; others use color bars at s/on or s/off but may also use a variety of exotic patterns during wee-hours tests!

MISCELLANEOUS

WYFF-4	"Four Cast" = community bulletin board
WQTV-6	Brief live weather radar used on some IDs
WFCU-11	Brief live weather radar used on some IDs (compdat!)
WINK-11	Runs <u>continuous</u> live weather radar ("Skywatch") in wee hours w/ID in UL & time in LR
WPTW-16	IDs as "Florence-Myrtle Beach"
WJHG-17	Runs "Job Finder" between last pgm and s/off
WTBS-17	Terrestrial UHF signal uses "Superstation 17" IDs (as opposed to "Superstation WTEG" on the satellite feed) and also runs some local/regional ads not shown on satellite---probably two separate master controls, one for satellite, the other for UHF
WATG-26	Running "Spin and Win" game during 1900-2000 program block
WNTV-29	Has been noted not // to the rest of the SCETV net
WAXA-40	Was my award for the longest multi-city ID I've ever seen: "Anderson-Asheville-Greenville-Spartanburg-Greenwood" (whew!)

NEXT TIME: A discussion of record ads and (I hope) some of your contributions!

NWS



Matt Sittel
220 Brookfield Drive
Kingsport, TN
37663-9777
(615)A DX-1TN
"A DXer whose column
is on weather-there's
one in TN! (239-9186)"

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A LOOK AT WHAT'S NEWS FOLLOWS THE WEATHER: Just today the string of high temperatures of 80 or more ended at 25-normal is '75...had 91 a week or so ago. Another hot thing has been E-skip. Every time I've looked lately it was in. This month, we've got lots of great reports-so let's get started!

Dave Nieman, Akron, NY 14001-9529

(EST)

Equipment: Cobra SR-925, 16 ch. scanning receiver; antenna, 30-500 MHz omni-directional at 19' above ground (809' ASL).

3/30/87 gw&tr

0900 KMA-53 .400 NY Rochester, ID 49
(hourly temp., reg. temps, radar(Buffalo),
forecast, 3-5 day forecast)
0915 WXL-38 .475 NY Binghamton, ID 142
(same as above with local radar)
0930 KEB-98 .550 NY Buffalo, ID 26
(same as above with local radar)

Weather stations from Rochester and Buffalo have very strong signals here with Binghamton's station weak and scattery most times. I've also heard Toronto, Ontario weather on 162.475 (XJ?-?) (beats me-mcs) with transmitter atop the CN tower. They must have a very directional antenna that sends 100% of their signal to the north. I say that because I have seen the strobs on the CN tower and the lighted buildings in downtown Toronto at 64 miles distance on occasion from the crest of the Onondaga Escarpment a mile north of me. With only one open NOAA frequency to use my odds are slim of hearing any other weather stations. Good luck with your new column. (Thanks I'm having a ball with it-especially with all the fine reports-mcs) Dave

This space reserved for ID's and ads, etc. Right now, let's take a station break.....
SUPPER SPESHALS Monday Tuesday Wednesday \$999
(Shopped Skip) (Aural) (Turkey Tropo) (Wurbs Gray) (100% Guarantee)
John F. Combs, 1308 Willow Branch #24 Jacksonville, FL 32205 (ED1) **FREE PHONE CALLS**

Following are some observations on NWS stations heard during my camping trip to the mountains of GA and NC, May 10-14:

I found a newer station that wasn't on any of my NWS lists (none of mine either-I wrote NWS HQ for an updated list-mcs): WXM-88, Waynesboro, GA on the unusual split frequency of 162.425 MHz. It repeats WXX-54 in Augusta, which gets my vote as the most boring NWS station I've ever heard. The same loop tape, a tad over 2 minutes long, is repeated ad nauseum for an hour or two at a time, with the only break being the hourly ID. This is definitely the NWS station for the person in a hurry. (Believe it or not, Knoxville TN's tries to get as short as they can-I once heard a complete rotation in 55 seconds!)

During my trip, my home base was a campsite on Black Rock Mountain near Mountain City, GA. From here, WXX-56 Athens, GA on 162.4 was the most reliable signal, booming in from 65 miles away. The other "regular" was WXJ-21 Greenville, SC on 162.55, but this station had a rather distorted signal due to the terrain (probably the same geographical quirks that made WLOS-13 absent and WHNS-21 unwatchable on the TV). Other stations logged while on Black Rock:

WXX-54 162.550 Augusta, GA 135
WXX-71 162.475 Macon, GA 150
WXM-88 162.425 Waynesboro, GA 155
WXM-45 162.525 Baxley, GA 220
(Heard on two different occasions-
having that split frequency all to
itself in the region helps.)
WXT-56 162.400 Asheville, NC local
WXX-46 162.475 Knoxville, TN 60
WXX-48 162.550 Chattanooga, TN 130

I also took a DXpedition to the top of Waterrock Knob, next to the Blue Ridge Parkway near Waynesville, NC. The summit (elevation 6292' ASL) is reached by a 1/2 mile foot trail. My scanner was in the truck and does not run on batteries, so it had to stay behind. However, in the parking area, about 500' lower, the following stations were noted:

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The strange thing is, there were no Knoxville or Chattanooga TV signals received either on the summit or in the parking area, yet the NWS stations from both cities were booming at high noon! So go figure... (7385x204+7t-4ghk/rt/a=who knows?-mcs)
Robert E. Schweitzer, M8C Pine Tree Blvd., Old Bridge, NJ 08857 (ED1)

Since I got my first scanner in 1980, I have not had too much success with DX on these frequencies. All I can offer is the following loggings from my central New Jersey location:

162.400 WXJ-39 Rhode Island? (Yep-Providence-nice catch/-mcs)
KHB-38 Atlantic City, NJ
WXL-82 Allentown, PA
162.475 KIH-28 Philadelphia, PA
WXM-80 Riverhead, NY
162.550 KWO-35 New York, NY

Bruce F. Elving, 241 Anderson Road, Esko, MN 55733-9413

(CDT)

Here is news from central MN, where I discovered an unusual weather situation in St. Cloud. Live announcing 5a.m. to 5p.m. with the usual forecasts, etc. and ID: "This is NOAA weather station WXX-44 (162.400 MHz) New London, MN and WXL-65 St. Cloud (162.475 MHz)" Then after 5 you only hear the local forecast, some recorded news about a line of thunderstorms in the area, and preliminary climatological calendar. This includes the day's high temperature. Then this announcement: "this office is only staffed to operate with a full broadcast schedule between the hours of 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central time. During times of severe weather, every effort will be made to reopen the office and a full broadcast schedule will resume as soon as possible. Studios are announced as being at the St. Cloud Municipal Airport. (Some of them do that-WXX-76 in Flagstaff, AZ runs daily from 6:30AM to 9PM-and also says "during periods of bad weather, NOAA Weatheradio operates 24 hours a day." Del Rio, TX is another. Most of the time they arise out of rural areas farther away from large NWS offices-some are even funded by private-interest groups!!!-mcs)

John Combs dropped me a line saying he had received some comments about his NWS "mystery". According to his comments, that this station might be a violation of FCC regulations. I would be interested in hearing about your thoughts on it-so would those who read the column-something as interesting as that shouldn't be left out-so, those of you who contacted John-how about the rest of us? Why not send it in?

Thanks to all who sent in reports this month. Since Dave Nieman's report was the first I got-our spotlight state this month is New York.

CITY	CALLS	FREQ.	POWER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	MSL	HAG
ALBANY	WXL-34	.475	1000	42.38'	74.00'	1685	135
BINGHAMTON	WXL-38	.475	1000	42.04'	75.54'	1757	200
BUFFALO	KEB-98	.550	330	42.38'	78.46'	1740	300
ELMIRA	WXM-31	.550	1000	42.06'	76.52'	1956	250
KINGSTON	WXL-37	.475	1000	41.56'	74.00'	528	305
NEW YORK CITY	KWO-35	.550	500	40.45'	73.58'	940	860
RIVERHEAD	WXM-80	.475	1000	40.53'	72.43'	350	120
ROCHESTER	WXX-41	.475	1000	44.03'	92.21'	1438	200
SYRACUSE	WXL-31	.550	1000	42.58'	76.12'	1450	140

← Funded by private interest group

And, since Robert helped out, and New Jersey has uno (1) station-why not run it, too?
ATLANTIC CITY KHB-38 .400 500 39.22' 74.26' 345 250

OTHER NWS NOTES: By the time the next column is typed up (probably September 1987-the tentative schedule is to have the column appear every other month), I'll hopefully have the tape of NWS stations (or tapes) ready. This summer I'll be heading up to Canada, and I'll have a list of what I heard. Maybe I can hear some of those Canadian ones; I don't know anything about them. Also, wherever you're going this summer, don't forget to take along your NOAA weatheradio! There's hundreds of them across the country-I hope you'll report what you heard on your trip! If you're heading up to the WIFDA Convention (which I unfortunately can't)-I'm sure they're many along your way to report. Maybe somebody can send me a "official convention log of NWS stations"? Also, if you've had an interesting experience with your NOAA weatheradio or a NWS station, send it in-for example, how NWS helped/didn't help during a tornado, flood, etc. of how the NWS has really messed up a forecast (like snow flurries turn into several inches) or anything of interest. One time, the whole town was surprised by an unannounced tornado drill. NEXT TIME: my trip logs, your trip logs (I hope!), a tape of trip logs (I hope!) and a NWS news show! 73's matt

NORTHERN FM-DX

Joseph Fela
150 Robert Place
So. Plainfield, N.J. 07080
1-201-755-3852

JULY 1987

Deadline: 8th of the month

The first three weeks in May were on the quiet side, judging by the reports received. However, the last week of May and first week of June went a long way to making up for the rest of the period. A number of quality trop openings were reported and June 2, 3, and 4 produced Es (June 2nd being by far the best based on reports received to date). Now for the action -

WILLIAM R. HEPBURN - 5659 HIGHLAND AVENUE - NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO - L2G 4X2

Equipment - Receiver: JVC R-X330V. Antenna: Indoor dipole, 3rd floor, Archer in-line amp.
S = Signal strength in db. / \$ unless noted. All times EDT.

*** FROM : THUNDER BAY

APRIL 1987

9 Tr
1655 WMMH 95.9 WI Minocqua 175
12 MS
1404 KEYE 95.9 TX Perrytown 1015
20 Tr
2021 KQWB 98.7 MN Morehead
"Q-98", S-10 370
2120 KYSM 103.5 MN Mankato
"FM-103", S-10 385

MAY 1987

3 Es
2107 KGNZ 88.1 TX Abilene, S-15 1230
- MUF 104.3 -
2129 KRLB 99.5 TX Lubbock, S-40 1210
2132 KQIZ 93.1 TX Amarillo
"Z-93", S-15 1105
2134 KOMX 100.3 TX Pampa, S-40 1070
2155 KRZA 88.7 CO Alamosa, "Radio Raza -
Sounds of Tex-Mex." SS/EE S-50 1130

MAY 10 GW

(Car radio at Dorion)
.... CFNO-2 106.7 ON Nipigon
(\$ x1tr // CFNO-93.1)

18 Tr

0839 CBLA 90.1 ON Atikokan
mono // CBQ-800, S-10 109
1300 WCAL 89.3 MN Northfield, S-10,
o/local CBON-89.3 which was on
EXTREMELY low power.

At last some Es! So that's what it sounds like, hi! (It's been so long). Not much else going on...still lots of MS bursts but few IDs. I'll be moving to Peterborough from Thunder Bay on one week...then to Kingston in July...and Toronto in September. Hopefully there'll be some great DX...but then again maybe there won't be. (Good luck -jf)

73s 4 Now, Bill

ROBERT S. ROSS - BOX 4373 - STN. C - LONDON, ONTARIO - N5W 5J2

Receiver - Viking SC5813. Antenna - 10 Element FM Beam. All times in EDT.

APRIL 1987

25 Tr
2335 {WCZR} 107.3 OH Elyria, ex-WBEA
27 Es - An excellent E-skip opening to
So. Florida in late April.
A pleasant surprise.
1735 WLRN 91.3 FL Miami
1805 WKPX 88.5 FL Sunrise, very good.
1809 WMCU 89.7 FL Miami, excellent
1819 WAFG 90.3 FL Ft. Lauderdale
1825 WCMQ 92.3 FL Hialeah, good
1834 WMFE 90.7 FL Orlando, good
1924 WDNA 88.9 FL Miami, very good

MAY 1987

16 Tr
1042 CIUT 89.5 ON Toronto, very good
University of Toronto station.

20 Tr

1846 CHAY 93.1 ON Barrie
1914 CKLH 102.9 ON Hamilton
1934 WSHH 99.7 PA Pittsburgh
21 Tr
0055 {WPHR} 107.9 OH Cleveland, ex-WDMT

KQ92

Minnesota's best rock
KORS / 92.5 FM Stereo / 1440 AM Radio
917 N. Lilac Dr. / Minneapolis, MN 55422

DAVE NIEMAN - AKRON, NEW YORK - 14001-9529

MAY 1987
11 GW
1416 CJEZ 97.3 ON Toronto, call, m\$ 64
12 MS
0042 WKYQ 93.3 KY Paducah, call,
prev. AU 676
17 Es
1009 ??? 90.5 KS (Nx-wx for Kansas)
24 Tr
2252 KUNI 90.9 IA Cedar Falls, call, pr\$
(in for hours: nothing else heard) 683
25 Tr
0811 WHAD 90.7 WI Delafield, NPR \$, wx
"Wisconsin Public Radio" 504

MAY 26 Tr

0800 CBF-15 88.3 PQ L'Annonciation
FF mono 288
27 Tr
0109 WFUM 91.1 MI Flint, ID, c\$, s/off 264
30 Es
1859 WMCU 89.7 FL Miami, ID, g\$ 1202
31 MS
1000 KROA 95.7 NE Grand Island, call \$ 1034

We went thru May here in Western New York with no major skip opening into FM. Better months are coming.

73, Dave

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NORTHERN FM DX

JULY 1987

BOB SMOLAREK - RD #1 - BOX 63 - WHITEHOUSE STATION, NEW JERSEY - 08889

Equipment: Carver TX-II, Channel Master Stereo Probe 9
DECEMBER 1986

24 Tr
0007 WSLU 89.5 NY Canton
27 Tr
1510 WHYL 102.3 PA Carlisle
29 Tr
2235 {WZXL} 100.7 NJ Wildwood, ex: WNBR
30 Es
2315 KVCL 92.1 LA Winnfield
2320 WMC 99.7 TN Memphis
JANUARY 1987

3 Tr
0915 WPHD 103.3 NY Buffalo, WPRB off
7 Tr
2115 WPIT 101.5 PA Pittsburgh
WKXW off (Joe Fela tip)

MARCH 1987

1500 WBGD 91.9 NJ Bricktown
1520 WWPB 107.9 NJ Princeton Junction

MARCH 23 Tr

0020 WLLI 105.1 RI Providence, WNSR off
0025 WXKS 107.9 MA Medford-Boston, WEBE off
0030 WRRB 107.9 NY Syracuse

25 Tr

2100-2300 First Norfolk opening of the year.
2155 WKRE 107.5 VA Exmore
2200 WIAV 96.1 VA Cape Charles
2215 {WJQI} 94.9 VA Virginia Beach, ex: WNRN
29 Tr
2200 WESM 91.3 VA Princess Anne - probably
WTTT be a terror during coastal openings.

APRIL 1987

8 Tr
1700 WUNY 89.5 NY Utica, WSOU off.
13 Tr
2315 WIBQ 93.5 NY Remsen, WRTN off.

BILL NOLLMAN - BOX 184 - RFD #1 - BOZRAH, CT. - 06334

MARCH 1987

25 Tr
1900 WYFI 99.7 VA Norfolk 390
27 Tr
2000 WLKZ 104.9 NH Wolfboro, "LAKES FM" 155
29 GW

0503 WVOF 88.5 CT Fairfield 65
1944 WHCN 105.9 Hartford OFF AIR FOR 5 MIN.!!
1944 WNNK 105.9 NJ Newark (in German) 125
30 Tr

0936 WJIV 101.9 NY Cherry Valley 160
30 MS
1415 WJMI 99.7 MS Jackson, "Kool and the
Gang on 99.7 JMI." 1170

APRIL 1987

3 GW/Tr
1927 WBMT 88.3 MA Boxford, -in mono- 103
8 Tr
2224 WKFM 104.7 NY Fulton-Syracuse
"104.7 KIX FM" 255

11 Tr

1622 CBM 93.5 PQ Montreal, "CBC Radio" 290
1625 WYYY 94.5 NY Syracuse, "Y94 FM" 230
1817 WRCK 107.3 NY Utica-Rome 195

18 Tr

1857 WXCI 91.7 CT Danbury 68
1927 WIGY 105.9 ME Bath 200
19 Tr

1524 WYJY 94.3 ME Biddeford, "JOY FM" 160
1534 WVCA 104.9 MA Gloucester, in mono
pleading for \$s 110

2314 unID 96.9
IDs only as 97FM (WLAN???) (probably -jf)

20 Tr

0443 WHCF 88.5 ME Bangor, g 285
0500 WFDU 89.1 NJ Teaneck 110
0517 WMDK 92.1 NH Peterborough, "92MDK" 100
0600 WVPR 89.5 VT Windsor, "NPR" 140

25 Tr

0355 {WCDQ} 92.1 ME Sanford, "CLASSIC HITS"
{New calls}

MAY 1987

3 Es
1736 WZGC 92.9 GA Atlanta, "Z-93"
1743 unID 93.5 Mono, 60 sec. PSA, then NOAA
weather! Lousy sound!!

MAY 5 MS

0948 WJMI 99.7 MS Jackson 1170
0948 WARM 99.7 GA Atlanta, "POWER 99.7" 875
Both stations in same burst!!!
WARM is station #400.

8 Tr

1922 CITE-1 102.7 PQ Sherbrooke 260
1946 unID 96.9 "Lightning 97", b/easy
listening

12 Tr

0053 WLIQ 91.5 NY unknown, "SUPER Q-92",
mono pirate (on L.I. somewhere -jf)
1623 unID 102.7 "Music Power Q-103" to SW

14 Tr

0107 WRDR 104.9 NJ Egg Harbor 200
19 Tr
1331 WRUT 97.1 VT Rutland, "T97" 155
21 Tr

2258 WCAU 98.1 PA Philadelphia, "CAU-FM" 190
22 Tr
1728 WYUT 92.7 NY Herkimer 180

23 Tr

1933 WXVY 102.7 MD Baltimore,
"MUSIC POWER V-103" 280
1957 WMKR 106.5 MD Baltimore, "MIX 106" 280

25 Tr

2159 WRPI 91.5 NY Troy 115
26 Tr
1150 WTSX 96.7 NY Port Jervis, "T-96.7" 125
2053 WKRZ 98.5 PA Wilkes-Barre, "KRZ-FM" 180

27 Tr (Super trop!)

0407 WXRI 105.3 VA Norfolk, "105XRI"
STRONG!! 390

0426 WSFL 106.5 NC New Bern,
clear but weak 520

0445 WFOG 92.9 VA Suffolk, strong! 410
0454 unID 93.5 "KC-93 ON THE SEA"...I'm
puzzled..WSEA wouldn't ID as KC93.

0459 unID 95.3 classical. WSBH off.
0516 unID 96.5 talk show (WVDB? -jf)
1634 WFLY 92.3 NY Troy 115
1651 WQBK 103.9 NY Rensselaer,
"QBK FM 104" 105

1703 WSRD 104.9 NY Johnstown, Mets BB,
called to verify 155

1758 unID 92.3 "The all new 92 mix."
to north wk. (? -jf)

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BILL NOLLMAN'S report, continued...

MAY 27 Tr
1855 WCWP 88.1 NY Brookville 105 | MAY 31 Tr
1444 WKSB 102.7 PA Williamsport,
"102.7 KISS FM" 255

COMMENTS: This report has my best tropes ever on the 27th. I got up early and New Bern was in! At 520 miles. All of the Norfolks were in at almost full strength too!

KURT RICHARDSON - 23 BEVELL LANE - N. SYRACUSE, NEW YORK - 13212-3558

JUNE 1987
2 Es
2054 KROA 95.7 NE Kearney, g 1250
2054 KHUM 95.7 KS Ottawa, r 1120
2055 KHAZ 99.5 KS Hayes, k
(this makes twice for KHAR) 1280
2059 KBBE 96.7 KS McPherson, b, "FM97" 1200
2100 KJLS 103.3 KS Hayes, CHR
(and 4 times for KJLS) 1280
2105 KQKY 105.9 NE Grand Island, CHR,
"KQ-106" 1240

COMMENTS: Not a bad return for 20 minutes worth of work, but I only wish it had lasted longer. My all time record is 141 stations verified (heard? -jf) in one opening, a record I think will take quite a while to break. But, of course, I'll keep trying. More reports to come as the Summer of '87 heats up.

Sincerely, Kurt



GREG CONIGLIO - 5100 GLENWOOD DRIVE - WILLIAMSVILLE, N.Y. - 14221

Equipment: RX-FW32 Panasonic Box (May 25 loggings)
NIKKO NR-550 AM/FM Stereo w/FM w/FM antenna wire (other days)

APRIL 1987
-27 Es
1943 WGR? 97.3 FL Miami, rp, 97-GTR?, ads
FT. Lauderdale and Hollywood. Was lucky
CJEZ wasn't on yet.
1945 unID 100.3 ?? Big Band mx, EST time
check. WXOS??
1952 WCMQ 92.3 FL Hialeah, SS mx

MAY 1987
17 Tr
0912 CJBC4 99.3 ON London, FF, in between
strong locals WDCX/CKO
0920 unID 102.3 ON? IN sounded like "KM-102"
with mentions of St. Thomas and
Woodstock. No 102.3 listed in that
area. (There is a new Woodstock, ON
on 102.3, CKDK I think is the call -jf)

25 Tr
2020 WXC 99.9 PA Erie, r, "CLASSY 100"
o/local CKFM
2200 WCZY 95.5 MI Detroit, r, Z-95.5
2330 WJLB 97.9 MI Detroit, s, ID, o/WPXY
in mess from CHTZ-97.7
2300 WIQbt 102.9 MI Ann Arbor, r,
possible Rock 103 ID hrd
26 Tr
0730 WOKW 99.9 NY Cortland, r, "OK-100"
o/local CKFM

JUNE 1987
2 Es (from NE, KS, MO, and OK)
2014 KDCK 95.5 KS Dodge City, r, K-95
2018 KOMA 92.5 KS Phillipsburg, r, Q-93
2022 KQLS 100.3 KS Colby, KC Royals BB
2024 KWox 101.1 OK Woodward, ads, ID, wx,
K-101 ID, k
2025 KFNft 101.1 KS Oberlin, k
2030 KROA 95.7 NE Grand Island, g
2034 unID 92.1 ?? w/KC Royals BB, IRCA
Almanac lists WCAZ IL, but isn't that a
little close for Es?(list not complete? -jf)

JOSEPH FELA - 150 ROBERT PLACE - SO. PLAINFIELD, N.J. - 07080

Equipment: McIntosh MR-78 tuner. Antennas: A pair of Stereo Probe 9s, stacked, with rotor, at 40 ft. plus a CADCO FM-SSL-75 at ground level (to supllment the SP9s on Es openings).

APRIL 1987
2 GW/Tr
2100 {WWRX} 103.7 RI Westerly, r, "WRX", call
change per Hood and Nollman 145
8 Tr
2000 WKSE 98.5 NY Niagara Falls, call
several times, r, o/WKRZ 295
25 Tr
2205 WNNT 100.9 VA Warsaw, AM-FM s/off
(still signs off at this time!) 236
27 Es - 1st Es of the year!
1849 WXC 92.1 FL Safety Harbor, cl, ID, ads
1854 WRXK 96.1 FL Bonita Springs
"96 K-ROCK", promo, ex-WLEQ-95.9 1071
1918 WGGG 97.7 FL Gainesville, ID, r 885
1925 WXC 95.3 FL Homosassa Springs,
"CITRUS 95" plus calls, old rock 937
1930 WJXR 92.1 FL Maccleenny-Jacksonville
ID during break in some BB game 815
1934 WMFQ 92.7 FL Ocala, ID, b 900
1936 {WPDQ} 92.7 FL Green Cove Spring
ID during WMFQ fade, call plus "Q-92"
sounded like a r format 839
1947 WNLE 91.7 FL Fernandina Beach
ID, gospel 790
1949 WYGC 100.9 FL Gainesville, k,
uses "GC-101" plus "Gator Country" 885

MAY 1987
3 Es (brief)
1738 WZGCT 92.9 GA Atlanta, "Z-93" but no ads
heard to confirm Atlanta
11 Tr
2200-2400. Coastal tropes: New Bedford fair
(WJFD-97.3 and WMYS-98.1) plus a few
Bostons (WROR-98.5, WVBF-105.7, etc.)
2400 WKWZ 88.5 NY Syosset, s/off, 10 watts
18 Tr
0031 WIOQ-102.1 Philly off air
0033 WRXL 102.1 VA Richmond, "XL-102", r 264

COMMENTS: All reports received through June 9th have been included in this months column. Please keep your reports reasonably current - no DX prior to 1/1/87 will be accepted at this point.

In late May, I went to two SP9s stacked. The difference in gain on weak signals is apparent. The MR-78 had no additional problems in handling the increased signal strength from the stronger locals (there has been some problem DXing 99.3 and 99.7 with the antenna pointed at WAWZ-99.1 - it didn't get worse). There difference is beamwidth is also apparent (better - a tighter beamwidth). F:B seems to be about the same. A few weak nulls on some of the locals filled in. But on semi-locals, I can now get much deeper nulls. I also have a few new nulls. All in all, a worthwhile change.



210 W. King Street
Strasburg, VA 22657

MAY 23 Tr
0600 WRFK 106.5 VA Richmond, s/on,
unusual to hear since WMMX
cleaned-up its act. 264
0619 WESI 104.9 VA Strasburg, b, call
plus "EASY 105". QSL sez 24 hour
operation, on air only 4 months. 237
0658 [WKHK] 95.3 VA Colonial Heights, k
"KHK-FM", ex-WPVA 280
25 Tr
0328 WILV 94.9 WI Baraboo-Madison,
"LOVE STEREO 94.9 FM" + call, weather
forecast (heard again at 0430), full
ID heard at 0500. SECOND BEST TROPO
EVER AT 811 MILES.
0400 WKAR 90.5 MI E. Lansing, ID, c 540
0447 WKSU 89.7 OH Kent, ID, very weak 365
0507 WVEP or WVPW 88.9 One of the W.VAs
here but which?
0545 WUCI 91.5 NY Binghamton,
still urban and running same "91.5 FM"
non-ID as last Fall 130
0605 CJRTT 91.1 ON Toronto, c, Metro
Toronto weather, but no ID.
27 Tr
2015 WSPI 95.3 PA Shamokin, "SPY 95", r 113
2045 WSHH 99.7 PA Pittsburgh, "WISH-100"
2140 WLTT 92.9 PA Pittsburgh, ID 292
2234 WRAX 100.9 PA Bedford, k, nx,
"Rax" + Call 218

28 Tr
2040 WINC 92.5 VA Winchester, ID, r,
Actually o/WXTU! 220
2059 WYII 95.9 MD Williamsport, "Y-96"
+ legal ID, k 192
2133 [WGRX] 100.7 MD Westminster, "GRX",
r, reference to Baltimore, ex-WTRR 174
2157 [WXVY] 102.7 MD Baltimore, "V-103",
legal ID, seemed urban, way o/local WNEW 146
2205 WFTR 95.3 VA Front Royal, nx, ID,
sports, talknet 231
2226 WLIF 101.9 MD Baltimore, b,
"LIFE" + call, o/local WPIX 146
29 GW/Tr
0040 WFLN-95.7 Philly off, but only WKSS CT
and WLTY VA there.

JUNE 1987
2 Es
1937 CBC on 90.5 and 92.1, apparently CBHA
CBHY (respectively) N.S.
1939 CKPE 94.9 NS Sydney, ID, ad 814
1947 C100 100.1 NS Halifax, C-100, ads, r
618
2017 KIDA 92.7 IA Ida Grove, ID, then
into Royals pre-game show 1096
2031 KQMA 92.5 KS Phillipsburg, r,
call + "Q-93" 1315
2044 KTRxt 93.5 MO Tarkio, during break in
Royals game, election results for Holt
and Atchison counties - only KTRX
seems to fit.
2058 KOUR 95.3 IA Independence, contest
913
2100 KUSD 89.7 SD Vermillion, ID 1172
2112 KINI 96.1 NE Crookston, wx, sports
ID, into medical feature 1366
2115 KWYR 93.7 SD Winner, ID, ads 1321
73s, Joe

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WVJV-TV

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ALBUQUERQUE ROSWELL FARMINGTON
KOB-TV KSNV-TV KOB-TV

WJTC TV 44

WHDZ
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KPNX TV 12

TV 51 ♦ wtve

40's YOURS
Bobby Brown
WALT DISNEY BRADSTON

KAMC / KMCC
Lubbock 28 Clovis 12

67 SMITHTOWN
WSNL

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WTXX-TV

ACTION NEWS
6:00 & 10:00
KAMR TV 4 AMARILLO

KSN

KITV

NewsCenter 13
KLBK @ TV LUBBOCK
A CBS AFFILIATE

WRTV

WLUC-TV

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KPRCTV HOUSTON 2
Tuned in to Houston.

WNYW 5

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LA CROSSE

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WHNT-TV 19

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Akron/Canton

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WYCU-TV

26 and the Brewers...
A winning combination
WLRE-TV

WCCB 18

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WHERE THE STARS SHINE
WQTV BOSTON

WEIX 6
WIAH-TV CALIFORNIA

WBNG-TV 12

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WTBS

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KYOV-TV
WLWT

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WRAL-TV 5
RALEIGH

KCRG 9
TV 9

KMTR 16
ALABAMA
WAKB-TV

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WAKB-TV

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KSTP-TV

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KMOT-TV
San Antonio Texas

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WNYW

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KVSTV

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WLVI

WUGB-TV **SPRINGFIELD**

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27

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MAYNARD

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KTVK-TV

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WPTF-TV

SPACELINK 22
NEWS 22
WTVU
SPACELINK 22

The East Texas Station

KLTV 7

WJKW-TV 7/8

WLTN COLUMBIA
TV 19



WNBC-TV 4



WCES20 & WVAN9



Logos used this month are: WYOU-22 Scranton, PA (was WBRE-TV) / WVJV-88 Marlborough, MA (now WSHS-TV) / KOB-4 Albuquerque, NM & KWSB-8 Rosewell & NM KOB-12 Farmington, NM / WJTC-44 Pensacola, FL / WHCT-18 Hartford, CT / KPXX-12 Phoenix, AZ / WTVS-51 Reading, PA / WSNL-67 Smithtown, NY (now WHSI-TV) / WTXN-20 Hartford, CT / WXLN-40 Sarasota, FL / KAMC-28 Lubbock, TX & KMCC-12 Clovis, NM / KSN - The Kansas State Network logo / KTTV-11 Los Angeles, CA / KLBK-13 Lubbock, TX / WLUC-8 Marquette, MI / WRTV-8 Indianapolis, IN / WNYW-5 New York, NY (was WNEW-TV, & years earlier was a call for a NYC shortwave station) / KTPX-9 Monahans, TX (but logo says Odessa/Midland) / KPRC-2 Houston, TX / KCBD-11 Lubbock, TX / WKBT-8 La Crosse, WI / WAND-17 Decatur, IL / KIRO-7 Seattle, WA / KFDA-10 Amarillo, TX / KJAA-34 Lubbock, TX / KPTV-12 Portland, OR / KPNX-12 Phoenix, AZ / WJNB-50 Montclair, NJ & WJNB-58 New Brunswick, NJ / WFMJ-21 Youngstown, OH / KPTM-42 Omaha, NE >->-> page-2 <-<-< KOAB-3 Bend, OR & KOAC-7 Corvallis, OR & KOAP-10 Portland, OR & KTVR-13 La Grande, OR / WTAJ-10 Altoona, PA / WWAY-3 Wilmington, NC / WRAL-5 Raleigh, NC / XETV-6 Tijuana, BC Mexico ! / WPTA-21 Ft. Wayne, IN / WPCQ-36 Charlotte, NC / CFTO-6 Toronto, ON / WAKR-23 Akron, OH (now WAKC-TV) / WKOW-27 Madison, WI / WLRE-26 Green Bay, WI / WHNT-19 Huntsville, AL / WCCB-18 Charlotte, NC / KHOU-11 Houston, TX / WLWT-5 Cincinnati, OH / WQTV-68 Boston, MA (now off air ?) / WBNG-12 Binghamton, NY / KCRG-9 Cedar Rapids, IA / KNTR-16 Eugene, OR / WANX-46 Atlanta, GA / KSTP-5 St. Paul, MN / WTBS-17 Atlanta, GA (on most cable systems now !) / KMOL-4 San Antonio, TX / WNYW-5 again / KVOS-12 Bellingham, WA / WLVI-56 Boston, MA / WGSB-40 Springfield, MA / WVAN-9 Savannah, GA & WCES-20 Wrens, GA / KTRK-13 Houston, TX / CHCH-11 Hamilton, ON / WKYT-27 Lexington, KY / KDLH-3 Duluth, MN / KINT-3 Mason City, IA / KTVX-4 Salt Lake City, UT / KPHO-5 Phoenix, AZ / WJTM-45 Winston-Salem, NC / KTVK-3 Phoenix, AZ / WPTF-28 Durham, NC / WYOU-22 space link truck / KLTV-7 Tyler, TX / WJKW-8 Cleveland, OH / >->-> page-3 <-<-< KGSW-14 Albuquerque, NM / WOR-9 New York, NY & now WWOR-9 Secaucus, NJ / WTRF-7 Wheeling, WV / WNBC-4 New York, NY / KUTV-2 Salt Lake City, UT / KBHK-44 San Francisco, CA / KUSI-51 San Diego, CA / KXLY-4 Butte, MT / KIRO-7 Seattle, WA / WISH-8 Indianapolis, IN / WCCB-18 again ! / WCES-20 & WVAN-9 again ! You may have noticed how this month the logos come from all over the country. All the Home Shopping Club stations has HS in the call sign. You may have also noticed that I used logos of some stations that had call changes & I show the old call. Well, if you have a logo of the new call please send it in right away! Thanks alot. This month logos come from Robert Schweitzer of Old Bridge, NJ & from Broadcasting Magazine & from my qsl collection. Just think of all the logos that are on your qsl card, letters & envelopes that you could send in to be use in this column. That way your qsl info & logos are both used in this column. Hope to see you in Esko, MN for the WTFDA Convention. 73's for now. *oton*

ANARC UPDATE

RADIO REVIEW - The SONY ICF 7600 D

I finally have a radio that is suitable for travelling and DX'ing. I was given a SONY ICF 7600 D (aka SONY ICF 2002) as a birthday present. I have had several weeks to play with the radio in a variety of situations.

The radio covers the Longwave, Mediumwave, Shortwave, and FM bands. The FM band covers 78 to 108 MHz which allows the reception of TV Channels 5 and 6. (It is also useful if taken to the Eastern European countries). The ICF 7600 D has a digital frequency readout. No more guessing as to what frequency the listener is listening to. The front of the radio has a keyboard similar to a calculator. This allows for directly entering of the frequency. Ten frequencies can be stored in the computer memory and retrieved with the push of one button. There is a scan button. The scanning feature only goes up within a specific band. When it gets to the top of the band, it automatically returns to the lowest frequency in that band. The radio can be set to go on at a specific time. It has a clock and a sleep button which shuts the radio off after 65 minutes. The radio is small and light, and fits in a pocket. The radio can be shut off so it won't go on unintentionally in a suitcase.

With all these good points, there are several bad points. The first thing an FM DX'er would notice is that on FM the radio can not be fine tuned. The fine tuning only works on LW, MW and SW. Added to this is that if there is a strong station on an adjacent frequency, this will throw a correct frequency reading off by 20 kHz. Luckily, the model I received has an AC adapter. The radio "eats" batteries. The radio uses 4 AA batteries to operate the radio, and two more AA batteries for the computer and the clock.

Even with these minor deficiencies, the SONY ICF 7600 D is a great radio. The deficiencies do not hamper the operation of the radio, or my enjoyment when using it. The SONY ICF 7600 D (ICF 2002) is at the top of the technological line for small travel portables. It is highly recommended and well worth the price (currently about \$200 - \$250).

Something else that is highly recommended is the North American Television Database. Bill Fahrber put a lot of time and effort into this great reference source. The NATVDB lists all on the air stations plus CP's and locations of vacant channels. I urge all television DX'ers in WTFDA to get a copy as soon as possible. I'm sure they will go fast.

If you live within a couple hour drive of Toronto, why not spend a day at ANARCON 87, if you can't make it for the whole weekend. The full schedule is in last month's VUD.

With all the DX conventions in 1987, how can anyone not attend one? Well, here are two more:

International Radio Club (for MW DX'ers) will hold their convention in August in Moline Ill. For more information, write to: IRCA, PO Box 482, East Moline IL 61244.

The National Radio Club will hold their annual convention over Labor Day Weekend in Lima Ohio. For more information, send a #10 large sized envelope to NRC c/o Mike Knitter, PO Box 24, Cambridge Wisc. 53523-0024.

Whenever you write to another club please include a self addressed stamped envelope. Most clubs run on small budgets and smaller staffs. And of course please tell them you heard about them from WTFDA. If they know we are mentioning them, they'll mention our club to their members. A little free publicity never hurts.

Izak Lunchinsky of Baltimore MD is trying to form a regional DX club for Marylanders. Izak can be contacted at PO Box 5722, Baltimore MD 21208. Or give him a call at (301) 486-4948.

And finally, the 1988 ANARC convention will be on the West Coast in Huntington Beach CA.

That's it for this month. I wish everyone the best of DX this summer.

73's

Steven P. Sprachman

SOUTHERN FM DX

JULY 1987

Danny Buntin
1312 N. Skyline
Stillwater, OK 74075

DEADLINE: 10th

SOUTHERN FM DX

JULY 1987

Paul Swearingen, P. O. Box 4812, Panorama City, CA 91412-4812
Equipt.: Sharp FV-610 portable with whip antenna

NEW DX SEASON CONTINUES IN LOW GEAR

Gus Moncuso, 5615 Inwood St., Cheverly, MD 20785
4/7 tr
1749 WKSI 98.7 NC Greensboro, "I-85 right here in Greensboro.", local WMZQ off few seconds.
4/23 tr
1150 WTRG 100.7 NC Rocky Mount, calls
5/10 Es
2013 KFDI 101.3 KS Wichita, calls

How rare is skip in DC area? [Probably fairly common, but it's hard to tell when it's there because there is too much crowding and overloading on FM in the DC area so what little DX that gets through is easily missed. DB] I imagine Mother's day reports pouring in from all over the East. I've always been amazed by amount of midday catches of other DXers, never had much luck here. Best time here is on sunny summer mornings, using temp. inversions. This phenomenon never fails to occur on any clear morning from end of June on. Sunday night after midnight is good since a few locals still sign off until about 5 am. Thunderstorms can help by knocking locals off air for a few precious minutes, and sometimes cause definite directional openings. E-skip rare due to crowded dial and usually appears around sunset. (Note: In two trips to FL, above described trop not observed; one skip received 9-10 pm.) Had my first ms experience last summer, an UNID on 99.1.

Eric Bueneman, Hazelwood, MO CDT

Equipt: See Jan. VUD.

5/14 tr	5/14 tr	75
(KMJM 107.7 off until 2155 May 14	2240 KRES 104.7 MO Moberly, k,splash from WCBW	
2155 KZMO 94.3 MO California, k	2244 KGRC 92.9 MO Hannibal, r	90
2156 Springfield, IL 91.9, 98.7, 101.9	2245 WDWQ 95.1 IL Decatur, k, no more 95Q	110
103.7, 104.5	2246 KWWR 95.7 MO Mexico, k, wiping WTPC	70
2158 KZNN 105.3 MO Rolla, k"Super Station"	5/15 tr	
2204 Jefferson City 88.9, 106.9	2246 WSEI 92.9 IL Olney, s(weekend show)	125
2205 KBIA 91.3 MO Columbia, AP nx,	2248 Cape Girardeau 100.7, 102.9	115
splatter from WIBI 91.1	2250 WDBR 103.7 IL Springfield, r	80
2238 WSOY 102.9 IL Decatur, "Y-103", r	5/22 tr	
	1951 KUMR 88.5 MO Rolla, \$, j	80

First Es of season only got as high as channel 5. In reply to your comments on my equipment, I'm sorry to say that it's all I can afford as I am unemployed, and can not find work other than no-pay work, though I am trying to find work in radio(they count my experience of KCFV), as other employers won't count self-employment as experience, and radio pays better than fast food! [It's often best to have a job, any job, while looking for the job you really want. DB] Off my soapbox. My amp is down for repairs, so the DX-400 is being used. 73

Bill Townshend, 4500 Conn. Ave. NW #901, Washington, DC 20008 EST

Equipt: Realistic Portavision 40 & 55.

5/27 tr	5/29 tr
0758 WWDE 101.3 VA Hampton	0800 WESM 91.3 MD Princess Anne, j
0802 WCMS 100.5 VA Norfolk	0813 WSEA 93.5 DE Georgetown
0823 WMYR 93.7 NC Elizabeth City, n-94	
5/28 tr	5/31 tr
0800 WKWI 101.7 VA Kilmarnock	2120 WLWV 105.5 MD Salisbury, b

Danny Buntin, 1312 Skyline, Stillwater, OK 74075 CDT

5/22 Es	6/2 Es	
2000 KUNR 88.7 NV Reno, wx	2004 WHOM 94.9 NH Mt. Washington	1470
2002 KCEF 88.1 NV Las Vegas	6/5 Es	
6/2 Es	1004 WRVL 88.3 VA Lynchburg	
1955 GIGM 92.7 ON Sudbury, ID	1016 WMRV 90.3 KY Morehead	
	6/10 Es 1700-1845 weak in ed. band	

A poor season shaping up here, so far.

The latest from Bill Townshend to add to the above.....

6/3 tr	6/5 tr
0805 WCCQ 103.9 MD Ocean City, CC-104	0808 WNNI 100.9 VA Warsaw
	More reports, cont.....

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Danny Buntin is correct when he says(June, 1987 Digest, p. 14)that AM DXing is my favorite, but when you live in Los Angeles(actually, Conoga Park)you can kiss FM and TV DX goodbye(except for occasional tropo on FM/TV from Tijuana and KDES 104.7 Palm Springs, about the only open channel on FM). I've noted E-skip here perhaps once in five years. As for contributions to my column, "Making Waves," in Monitoring Times, I would welcome them if I ever received them. The inclusion of TV and FM topics in the column is about proportional to hobby interest, by the way. And I don't recall any callers expressing an interest in FM/TV DX on Ray Briem's last DX special, in spite of Bruce Elving's participation. You should be aware that the overwhelming proportion of radio hobbyists are either hams or SWL's, and the inclusion of AM/FM TV DX column written by myself and probably Mark Manuy in Pop Com are due to the contribution of space by the publishers in spite of lack of interest of subscribers. What you see is quite out of proportion to the number of SWL's/hams vs. broadcast band DXers. And longwave enthusiasts get almost no space.

On a quick trip to Kansas June 6-7 I did take time to DX from a small motel in Florence, in central Kansas, and what a pleasure it was to be able to hear five states on my Sharp FV-610 with only a whip antenna. Some of the better catches included 106.1 KVLIT Owasso-Tulsa OK; KMCK 105.7 Siloam Springs, AR; KSFT 105.1 St. Joseph, MO; KRES 104.7 Moberly, MO; KMYZ 104.5 Pryor-Tulsa, OK; KFRS 103.3 Kansas City, MO; KFRX 102.7 Lincoln, NE; KKUZ 102.5 Joplin, MO-Pittsburg, KS; KWOX 101.1 Woodward, OK; KCFX 100.7 Harrisonville, MO; KHAZ 99.5 Hays, KS; KQWJ 99.5 Tulsa-Henryetta and KMOD 97.5 Tulsa, OK. I might also mention that the Delco radio in my rental car, a Chevy Celebrity, is an excellent DX machine for FM, with digital readout, scan/seek, and separate bass/treble controls. 73. [Thanks for your comments. I noted that you were DXing rather near the heart of what I call big antenna country. It's unfortunate that we seldom if ever hear from folks out that way, many who sport elaborate fringe antenna systems mounted high atop poles and towers. DB]

DXING IN NICARAGUA

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Pat Dyer of San Antonio told me I should address you with information I have which may be of interest to you and your organization. I am a ham radio operator (K3ZO) frustrated by not being able to get a license here in Nicaragua (yet) so I have devoted some time to FM DXing instead. In addition to logging signals up to 330 miles away (Guatemala City) on tropo, I have encountered a few sporadic "E" openings which I will report in detail herewith. I can provide you with an accurate list of stations here in Managua and in El Salvador if you like, along with a few from Costa Rica and Guatemala. Official lists and the stations actually on the air are often two different things, especially here in Nicaragua where many stations have gone off the air in the last few years and a few new ones have come on.

Anyway, here are details of sporadic "E" openings as observed here in Managua, Nicaragua, principally using a Marantz 2252B with occasional use of a Sony 2010 to check frequency readings exactly, time permitting.

(All times GMT, all freq's. MHZ):

3 Feb. 1987
2355 XHAA 93.1 (id's with call sign)
4 Feb
0000-0030
KOYE Laredo 94.9
KIWW Harlingen 96.1 (Spanish language)
KJBZ Laredo 92.7 "293 Laredo's Hit Radio"
KKRD Corpus Christi 90.3

6 Mar 87

2300-2346 (all stations in Ecuador)
Radio Melodia Quito 90.5
Radio Colon 92.9 (Guayaquil?)
Ambato, Ecuador 91.5
Radio Machala, Machala 104.5 (confirmed by letter)
Guayaquil, 102.5
Fantasia Musical FM Estereo, Guayaquil 101.3
Radio Union, Guayaquil 89.3

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SOUTHERN FM DX is for reporters from: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MO, MS, NC, NM, NV, OK, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA & WV, & DC.

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3 May 1987

(all following session is on tape in stereo)

2206 Radio VIP, Mexico City 88.1 (ID and CBS News in English, ads in Spanish)

2210 Sonido 89 "El Sonido es Sonido 89" (Mexico City? - 88.9)

2213 "RSPM Radio Lobo, Estereo Noventa, Avenida Juarez 2108, Puebla, Puebla Mexico" 90.1 (listed as XHRS) says it is affiliated with Radio Oro Organization, phone numbers given as 466090 and 467078)

2219 "Cristal FM Estereo" Mexico City 92.1 (listed as XHFO)

2226 "XHNH-FM Irapuato, 95.1 MHz, 36,500 watts, studios at 5 de Mayo 571,

Irapuato, Gto. - Estereo Noventa y Cinco"

2226 "Radio Oro" Puebla, 94.9 (listed as XHORO)

2230 "XEQ-FM Estereo, 92.9 MHz., transmitiendo desde Radiopolis, la Ciudad del Radio, Ayuntamiento #52, (Mexico City), Tel. 512-1726 -- La Tropi-Q"

2237 "Estereo Rey FM Cien, El Mundo Ilimitado de la Musica de Hoy" Leon, 99.9 (XH50)

2244 "Estereo Cien, Entregandote todo el poder de la musica" 100.3 (Guadalajara?)

2245 "Estelar FM" Mexico City 101.7 (listed as XEX-FM)

2250 "Estereo Wow" 93.5 Irapuato XHNY

2252 "Estereo Rey, La Maxima Dimension del radio" XHZM Puebla 92.5

2258 "Ciento Tras Punto Tres- El Punto de Encuentro" XERPM FM Mexico City 103.3

2300 "Esta es XHST, FM Globo Estereo, transmitiendo las 24 horas del dia desde sus estudios en la ciudad de Mexico -- FM Globo Estereo, tu musica en tu idioma" 104.9

2308 "Formula Mejicana, Nuestro Orgullo Musical" (Jingle) XHPOP Mexico City 99.3

2308 Radio Tapatia 99.1 (location?)

2311 "NRM- Nucleo Radio Mil" (with seagull sound in background) XEOY-FM Mexico City 89.7

2321 Estereo Cien, Guadalajara 100.3

2325 "Estereo Wow" (woman's sexy voice) XHNY 93.5 Irapuato

2329 "Con frecuencia de 101.9 MHz, y con la fuerza de 200,000 watts, La Nueva Onda es el amor. XEAD-FM llega a ti desde Avenidas Mexico y Lopez Mateos, Guadalajara Jalisco - La Nueva Onda es una onda de alegria"

2330 XHSO Leon 99.9

2331 "Estelar FM, 101.7, transmitiendo con 100,000 watts de potencia desde la ciudad de Mexico" (XEX-FM)

2334 "Electricate con el sonido ciento tres FM" XEHL-FM 102.7 Guadalajara

2335 Punto de Encuentro 103.3 Mexico City

2337 "rock 101 -Algo muchisimo mas - solo Rock" 101.1

2344 "Estereo Nova, en el corazon de la frecuencia modulada" (XHPQ Leon) 97.5

2352 Radio Universal 107.3 Mexico City XEQR-FM

4 May

0000 XHZM Estereo Rey Puebla 92.5

0001 "XHFO-FM transmite en el 92.1 de tu radio con 150,000 watts ERP desde la ciudad de Mexico - Radio Cristal"

0002 XEW-FM Mexico City 96.9 (classical music programming)

0003 96.5 Veracruz "Noventa y seis punto cinco"

0010 Formula Mexicana XHPOP 99.3 Mexico City

0012 "Su emisora amiga - Radio Ipoyan" 93.7

0013 FM Globo Estereo Veracruz 93.3

0015 Sonido ochenta y nueve" 88.9 Mexico City

0024 La Nueva Onda - Mexico City 106.5 (listed as XHDFM)

0030 "Estereo Joven, FM con vida - FM en vivo, nuevo sonido, Estereo Joven" 105.7 Mexico City (listed as XHOF)

0031 Punto de Encuentro Mexico City 103.3

0033 XEQ-FM Mexico City 92.9

0036 XHZM Puebla 92.5

0042 "Fantasia FM" 89.3 Puebla (listed as XHNP)

4 May

0044 "Estereo Amistad" 91.7

0100 "XHV-FM 102.5 MHz. Mexico, D.F. frecuencia modulada estereofonica. Stereo Rey, la maxima dimension en radio."

0104 "Universal FM, tu gran compania" (XEQR-FM 107.3)

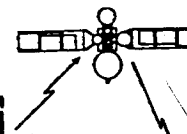
0110 "En Irapuato, XHJTA les desea muy buenas noches" (94.3)

0111 "Estas escuchando XHRC, 91.7 MHz., transmitiendo desde la ciudad de Puebla con 35,000 watts de potencia -- Estereo Amistad, una emisora integrante de Grupo Asir Puebla, radiocomunicacion hermana"

0115 "Estereo Rey" 97.3 Cuernavaca

0131 "Desde el centro de la noticia, Noticentro informo... desde la ciudad mas grande del mundo, Mexico, XERC, Hit FM, transmitiendo con 120,000 watts de potencia. Somos Organizacion Radio Centro."

CONT. NEXT MONTH...



SATELLITE NEWS

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Again not too much new to report.

KU-BAND INFORMATION: - The current issue of S T V carries an excellent article concerning every facet of Ku you may ever have wanted to know; such as converting your system, downlink powers, a proposal for a new channel format, and some suggestions on how to convert some of the satellites to present C-Band channeling. I may be dense, but I still can't quite do it.

NEW SERVICES and other odds and ends

I D B Communications, L. A. - generally runs a test card on Galaxy 2 - 2V Has used the Sony type of encryption.

SKY SCORE - Spacenet I - 19H - occasionally

M T V - now running on Galaxy 3 with VCII encryption - still in the clear on Satcom 3

U. S. A. - now testing VCII encryption at various times

C. B. N. - now fully encrypted with VCII

Caribbean Super Station - noted on the air 6-12-87 after an absence with much better signal. Westar 5 - 23H

W X I A - Atlanta was noted off recently, but has returned

W A B C - New York has not been encrypted for quite a while.

I C M - London - Satcom 1R - 16 H - carried complete election coverage of British elections on 6-11-87 - inferring it was a world service.

B. B. C. - London - Westar 4 - 2V - also carried complete British election returns.

P. B. S. - Westar 4 - 23H - has been doing occasional feeds here with VCII encryption

Peace Channel - Westar 4 - 24V - it is hard to describe this service, except to say that it's programming is political involving peace activism. In the evenings, there seems to be a permanent commercial for an exercise device.

K D V R and K S P N - Denver - Satcom 1R - 20H and 24 H - remain unscrambled.

Morjlos I - XETR 12 - is used for occasional feeds.

It is interesting to note - though sad to many, I'm sure, that Galaxy 1 is beginning to look like Anik D with its considerable scrambling. At the moment the following remain in the clear - Nashville, Disney East and West, Univision, ESPN, C-Span, Inspiration Network (formerly P T L), Galavision and Discovery. Of the above the following are planning to scramble - Disney, Nashville, ESPN, and Discovery, leaving early 3 or 4 in the clear.

I really would like to know how many members of the club own a satellite system. Please drop me a post card with your name, location and description of your equipment. Your help would be appreciated. Till next time '73's.

TELEVISION NEWS

FORUM

DAVE SINCLAIR (Vancouver BC) writes, "...I telephoned KTPS-TV Channel 28, Tacoma, Washington. Their engineering department advised me that about two months ago (2/87 -wbf) they increased their power to 674,000 watts from 34,000 watts, same transmitter location." He also reports that a new Trinity Broadcasting Network station signed on the air on 4/23: channel 39 in Lincoln NE, with 53 kw ERP. (Must be LPTV, though one of the more powerful ones.) Another station on the air: "KORC, Channel 24, Anacortes, Washington has been on air almost every weeknight, from about 6 pm to 10 pm, with a variety of travel programs, (Video Vacations), wrestling, self-instruction programs, and religious programs. As far as I can tell, they are testing at different signal strengths. The address of KORC is: KORC-TV, 2104 North 30th, Tacoma WA 98403." "KWVT, Channel 22, Salem (OR) changed their programming and are now carrying Home Shopping Network almost all the time. The changeover occurred in April."

Dave has sent quite a bit of information on both Canadian and American stations. In fact, he even sent a few clippings from the Murphysboro (IL) American. The 3/12 article reports on the frustrated attempts of city governments to influence their local cable system to improve service. Carbondale IL mayor Helen Westburg invited mayors from every community served by Tele-Communications Inc. to a meeting to see what can be done to improve TCI's service. All of the communities had expressed dissatisfaction for some time, but it came to a head when TCI announced it was taking KSDK-TV (ch. 5, St. Louis MO) off its system because of reception problems and a desire to eliminate program duplication. The Federal Communications Act of 1984 removed municipal control over cable systems. The 4/2 article reports that out of nine mayors that were invited, only one showed up, a clear indication of the frustration local governments have over attempts to regulate cable service.

Two more articles deal with CRTC authorization for a new television station in "The Ottawa area." The 3/2/87 Toronto Star reports about the CRTC decision on one of four applicants for a new television station in

Ottawa. "Allan Slaight's Standard Broadcasting Corp...owns CJOH-TV in Ottawa and Mr. Slaight thinks that city has enough television stations already, thank you. As a partner in the CTV Television Network, he wasn't happy to find that three of the applicants for that new license to compete with him were partners in CTV. The dark hat being eyed most suspiciously was Baton Broadcasting, which owns CTV outlets in Toronto and Saskatchewan. Baton's aspirations in Ottawa are particularly disturbing to the CTV brethren. As the most powerful member of the network, an Ottawa outlet might allow it to ditch its partners." From the 3/3/87 Toronto Star, "The federal broadcast industry regulator yesterday approved a bid by Toronto's Baton Broadcasting company to operate a new English-Language TV station in the Ottawa Area. The new station is not affiliated with the CTV network, as is the Baton-owned CFTO in Toronto. It will compete in the Ottawa region with another CTV network member, CJOH-TV, owned by Standard Broadcasting. Standard Broadcasting president Alan Slaight said yesterday the decision by the [CRTC] is 'inconceivable' and 'based on faulty assumptions.' It has left the broadcast community 'flabbergasted,' he told The Star. 'I intend to appeal the license approval if only because the conflict of interest situation (between CJOH and the new station, both with connections to Baton) is too bizarre for words.' Sounds like he doesn't like the added competition. "Baton already owns eight independent stations in Saskatchewan, Nation's Capital, a Baton subsidiary, beat out four other applicants for the Ottawa license...." "The station, licensed to operate through Aug. 31 1991, will broadcast on Channel 60 at 2,809,000 watts. It will go on the air New Year's Eve, Bassett said."

Reactions to the CRTC decision are described in a later article, from the 4/6 Playback: "At least three - and possibly four - broadcasting concerns have now appealed to the federal Cabinet to set aside a CRTC decision to issue an independent TV license in Ottawa to Baton Broadcasting...." Their objections are that Ottawa is the wrong city at the wrong time for a television station, that CHRO in Ottawa might get bumped off local cable systems, and that it will create economic harm to the other stations.

While on the subject of the CTV network, a few articles deal with CTV's license renewal. The 3/26 Globe

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& Mail reports, "The CRTC tried to make it a condition of the network's last license renewal, in 1979, that CTV show 26 hours of original new Canadian drama in 1980-81 and 39 hours in 1981-82. But CTV appealed to the courts and, by the time the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the CRTC was within its authority, the conditions had been outdated." "CTV, which broadcast only 1.5 hours of Canadian drama per week in the evening hours in 1985-86, has been ordered to improve that performance gradually until, in 1991-92, it is offering 4.5 hours." The 3/25 Province reports that the license for CTV has been renewed under those terms. The 3/30 Financial Post reports on some of the turmoil within CTV, as was briefly mentioned already. "The most popular network with Canadian viewers is facing the worst crisis in its 25-year history. The trauma is partially self-inflicted. CTV, owned by 16 affiliate stations which share in the network's revenues and costs, is struggling to cope with an ownership and power-sharing structure that is proving to be inefficient and perhaps ultimately unworkable. More than a few network insiders are betting that CTV's biggest and most powerful member, Toronto's Baton Broadcasting Inc., is running short on patience with the system and may pull out entirely - a move some think could prove fatal to the network." "Earlier this month, CTV management decimated the network's highly regarded news and public affairs division." "Another jolt was dealt last week when Andre Bureau, chairman of the [CRTC] told CTV he would renew its five-year broadcasting license only if the network produced more and better programming." "Troubled from top to bottom, the network is virtually certain to undergo structural and ownership changes over the next couple of years. Because of its size and wealth, Baton will likely have the greatest influence over what the new CTV will look like." "If Baton decides it can't attain control - or decides not to - it's rumored the company will take itself out of the network and operate independently." "Observers point out that Baton television operations are integrated to the point where the company could turn itself into a network virtually overnight. Baton, for example, already owns Canada's biggest producer of programming, Glen-Warren Productions Ltd., which could supply shows to a Baton network."

Several articles describe the recent wave of CBC woes. The 2/18 Vancouver Sun describes disastrous management decisions. Its record books were so poor that the Auditor General couldn't

complete his audit of CBC's finances. Then the 3/3 Toronto Star reports that its annual budget increases by only 1.3% while other cultural areas receive much greater increases. The 3/4 Globe & Mail reports some of the CBC's plans to compensate for the small increase: eliminate 327 jobs; cut variety and arts specials in half; less travel and news gathering for reporters and foreign correspondents; reduce documentaries by one third, and produce cheaper programs.

From the 4/6 Globe & Mail, a report on Home Shopping Club. Mark Friedman, a stock analyst, "...realized late last year that new members - defined as anyone who purchases an item from Home Shopping Network... - weren't coming on as quickly as before and old members weren't buying as much, he sold his shares and made a hefty profit. The home shopping concept isn't a fad, analysts say. 'But consumers buy heavily for three months and after six months they burn out,' Mr. Friedman said. Meanwhile, the 4/2 Winnipeg Free Press announces the creation of another offering, The Fashion Channel, a cable channel to begin July 1, offering apparel and cosmetics.

The 3/10 Wall Street Journal, also sent in by Dave, reports that Walt Disney Co. agreed to buy KHJ-TV, Los Angeles, from GenCorp for \$320 million. \$103 million of that will go to paying off Fidelity Television, which had been contending for the license since 1965.

The 3/13 Globe & Mail reports that WNEQ-TV, ch. 23 in Buffalo NY, plans to go on the air on 5/10, will initially operate from 3:30-11:00 p.m., and will consist of new programs and repeats of WNEQ-TV (ch.17) programming. The station will offer alternative programming to WNEQ. That is, will broadcast adult programming while WNEQ broadcasts children's programs, etc.

The 2/27 Globe & Mail reports opposition in Canada's House of Commons to the CRTC's authority. The House's communications committee objected to the rapid decisions being made by the CRTC without consulting it. CRTC chief Andre Bureau diplomatically told the committee to mind its own business.

The 2/23 Vancouver Sun reports that Ted Turner's Cable News Network had reached an agreement with China Central Television to broadcast CNN in China. They didn't say which China, however.

The 2/18 Vancouver Sun describes Soviet television, as viewed by subscribers of The Discovery Channel in the U.S. and Rogers Cable in Vancouver. "It looked just like Canadian

and American public service announcements: dramatically flat and thoroughly functional." "All of it seemed duty-bound to 'educate' and 'inform.' Entertainment... is conspicuously absent from Soviet TV." "They produce programming that no one in their right mind would ever put on TV..." (So do we. If you don't believe me, watch Home Shopping Network.) "...Like the Soviet Army Brass Band for 2-1/2 hours."

The 5/1 Globe & Mail reports a new trend among Canadian advertisers. "Advertisers are spending less on national campaigns and more on regional and local advertising." "Instead, many advertisers are focusing their attention on the Ontario and Quebec markets, because these markets mean 'life or death' to product survival...." "For years, national advertisers and their agencies have been hostage to the prices of commercial television air time. This year, although television networks and independent stations have been asking for more money - as much as 20 per cent more - the actual figures being negotiated with broadcasters are far below the asking prices...." That means the networks are going to have a hard time meeting their quotas of new Canadian programming.

The 4/25 Leader-Post (Regina Sask) reports that American Fox Broadcasting Company managed to outbid ABC, CBS and NBC for the right to broadcast the Emmy Awards. "By summer's end, Fox will have a weekend, prime-time lineup, plus its Late Show Starring Joan Rivers on weeknights." The article is slightly dated.

French television troubles are described in the 4/25 Leader-Post. "French broadcasters, suddenly fighting for survival with the addition of three commercial channels, are pitting their top stars against the Hill Street precinct, Dallas ranchers and the inhabitants of a little house on the prairie." "Six channels now are seeking commercials once shared by three, and profit margins are precarious. Broadcasters lack the money and inclination to produce their own shows, which means more imports." "France's conservative government recently loosened its stranglehold on television, allowing two private commercial channels - 5 and M-6 - and a pay channel to join the three state-owned networks. Television companies can buy U.S. serials for one-tenth of the cost of producing anything comparable." The U.S. programs are dubbed in French.

Several articles deal with specialty cable channels. The 4/87 Mediascene reports that 23 applicants for licenses

met a deadline last October, but the deadline had been postponed several times since then. The House of Commons committee studying the Caplan-Sauvageau report (which had been discussed frequently over the past few months), requested the CRTC to use discretion in making decisions until the new Broadcasting Act is drafted this summer. The 4/29 Province (Vancouver BC) reported another deadline extension, with more services being proposed. The latest possibilities are a children's channel, a religious channel, a national public network called TV Canada, and a national news channel. The 4/29 Globe & Mail reports that the religious channel, Vision TV, is having problems, as are most, if not all, religious broadcasters since the PTL scandal. It seems that pledges and donations have been down drastically everywhere, even in Canada. Crossroads Christian Communications Inc., one of the organizers of Vision TV, decided to pull out of the organization. But plans for Vision TV are still going on. The 4/24 Globe & Mail reports that the proposed public-service television network TV Plus, which is being promoted by CRTC minister Flora MacDonald, is under heavy attack by the CBC and provincial educational broadcasters such as TVOntario, Access Alberta and Radio-Quebec. They contend that TV Plus would duplicate their programming and at the same time compete with them for programming. The CBC thinks the funding should go to it instead, since it already covers 99% of Canada's population. The 4/21 Globe & Mail reports a move that is upsetting pay-TV company First Choice Canadian Communications Corp. First Choice had been on the verge of bankruptcy in 1984, when it was combined with MuchMusic and The Sports Network in what was called the Satisfaction Pack. That arrangement doubled the subscriber base of First Choice and boosted its profits. But now MuchMusic and TSN are planning on getting out of pay-TV and into basic cable service. Since those two services carry advertising, they hope that going basic would increase their audience, allowing them to charge more for advertising. Unfortunately, First Choice does not advertise. The 4/16 Vancouver Sun contains a public notice reporting the intention of pay-TV Cathay International Television Inc., a multilingual service, to acquire World View Television Ltd, which serves British Columbia. But the CRTC is calling Cathay into question to see if it is following its license conditions to broadcast 15 hours each of two languages other than English, French,

Chinese and Native Canadian. The 4/6 Playback reports that the Canadian Cable Television Association plans its own specialty public affairs channel, which would take over the parliamentary channel now operated by the CBC, transforming it into a 24-hour national service called C-PAC. The channel now covers political debates, but C-PAC will include Commons committee meetings, CRTC hearings, phone-in programs, special events and interviews with senators and MPs.

Ownership quarrels over CKVU-TV (Vancouver BC, which recently changed from ch. 21 to 10, and originally went on the air in September, 1976). The 3/87 Mediascene gives the background: three principals of Western Approaches, which owns CKVU, agreed back in 1985 to sell their 63% shares to CanWest Pacific Television, which already owns 8.9%. First the CRTC took its time scheduling a hearing to grant approval of the sale, then during the hearing it was brought out that the sellers felt pressured into selling, and that some letters supporting the sale were forged. The RCMP was brought in, but found no evidence of forgeries. By the time the CRTC granted approval, two of the three principals insisted that the agreement date for the sale had expired. "The commission noted that the addition of CKVU to the TV stations now owned by CanWest - CKND, CFRE, Regina and CFSK, Saskatoon (I suspect that is Regina ch. 11 and Saskatoon ch. 4, which will rebroadcast ch. 11. -wbf), the latter two to begin operating in September - will give western Canada a strong, dominant voice in the event a third national network is developed." It's interesting to note that the 2/23 Vancouver Sun portrays Canwest chairman Izzy Asper as upset over the government's neglect of western Canadians. "he...talks about his broadcast dream: a Western Canadian broadcast 'coalition,' a power base that would counterbalance the 'dominance' of Eastern Canadian television." The Sun also reports that the three principals filed suit in the British Columbia Supreme Court, arguing that the deal had expired. The 3/11 Globe & Mail reports that the Chief Justice agreed with Asper that the dispute is an urgent matter and should be handled quickly by the backlogged court. Western Approaches meanwhile elected a new board of directors, and CanWest informed the directors that their election was illegal, and that they will be held liable for any actions that CanWest considers harmful. The 4/28 Province reports the opening of the court hearing, Western Approaches insisting that the deadline had ex-

pired, and CanWest insisting that the dates on the agreement were procedural dates for transfer of control, and not deadlines. The latest article, from the 5/13 Province, mentions that the third of the three principals agrees with CanWest, that the agreement is still binding.

Dave sent a copy of a publication from the Trinity Broadcasting Network, reporting that full power stations in Dallas and Bartlesville OK (ch. 17) both came on the air in January, and ch. 42 (Bloomington IL) and ch. 14 (Houston TX) are still under construction, as are many low power stations.

Public notices of CRTC decisions report a denial by the CRTC to permit two cable companies in southern Vancouver Island to carry KTZZ-TV, ch. 22 in Seattle WA. The British Columbia Association of Broadcasters and CHEK-TV objected that the request cannot be "justified in view of the diversity of television services available in this market."

One final article from Dave, which maybe some of you saw in the 5/87 Popular Communications. It gives the history of the short-lived (one month) history of a fourth commercial television network called the United Network, made up of a handful of UHF affiliates at a time when most television sets couldn't even tune into UHF without a converter.

W.R. MCINTOSH sent in a few articles from the Los Angeles Times. Most of you have seen pictures of that huge "HOLLYWOOD" sign on the hillside overlooking the city. The letters are 45' high, the name stretches 450' wide, is on city property and is maintained by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Presently it is in poor condition and covered with graffiti. The 3/25 Times reports that Fox Broadcasting is offering to donate \$27,000 toward repairing and repainting the sign, but on the condition that it be allowed to add "FOX" and have it illuminated for only one week, beginning April 5. The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce was concerned that it might set a precedent for future commercial exploitation.

The 2/5/Los Angeles Times gives a description of High Definition Television, then comments on the fight for radio spectrum space. "Because the high-definition television now being demonstrated requires more spectrum, or radio wave space, for its transmissions, the broadcasters want to be sure that the [FCC] does not assign that potential space to others. The commission is now considering whether it should give some of those UHF frequencies that broadcasters say are needed to transmit to land mobile

users, which include portable and mobile telephones used by groups ranging from police and fire departments to businesses that dispatch delivery vehicles." "But observers say that even if the regulatory agency allocates the spectrum to land mobile use, it may not be the death knell for HDTV because the technology is still in the evolutionary stages and research could might (sic) lead to more efficient ways of using available spectrum space." Just a few comments here: Don't think that broadcasting is the future for HDTV. The networks will never be able to get enough HDTV affiliates in this country. Most indies and PBS stations will never be able to afford it. If HDTV ever gets a foothold in this country, and I have no doubt that it will, it will be by satellite, MMDS, cable, or videotape, but I expect over-air broadcasting to confine itself to conventional standards. Also, the public would rather have one television with the capability of receiving both standards than have two different sets. If that turns out to be the case, then the current experiments in Washington to create a HDTV standard compatible with conventional sets will be rendered useless.

The 2/11 Times gives a few cautions about stereo and MTS television. Just because the network shows the stereo symbol, that doesn't mean you can get it. Many stations and cable companies don't have the capability of bringing that stereo to the viewer. Certain decoders won't work properly with certain television sets. "NBC broadcasts an average of 61 hours of stereo a week. In sharp contrast, ABC has only one regular program in the format... and CBS none." "But CBS is still showing caution about adding MTS to its programs. 'Our figures show there's still only about a 5% penetration in sets equipped with stereo decoding,' said CBS spokeswoman Pamela Haslam. 'Traditionally the takeoff point for any new technology is around 20%.'"

From the same paper, the latest thing in violent cartoons: interactive toys that respond to coded signals from the television set. "A consumer group has asked the federal government to block a new generation of children's television programming that would interact with controversial high-tech toys." "The interactive toys, designed to react to patterns of sounds or lights integrated into the special TV shows, are not in stores yet but are on display... at the annual American International Toy Fair in New York. The programs and toys - mostly robots and guns - also have drawn protests from the American Academy of

Pediatrics, which says the interactive shows are too violent, stunt children's creativity and take advantage of children who do not realize they are being sold a product.

Some time back I had fun with video shopping networks. This month it's toys that interact with television programs. How about a doll that falls asleep about five minutes into a Jacques Costeau special? We can have Ken dolls whose eyes pop out whenever Cybill Shepherd appears on the screen. You've seen those chattering dentures that give off a laughing sound? Have them voice activated by Ronald Reagan press conferences. Fox network can come out with alarm clocks that wake you up after the Late Show monologue is over. Nobody offered any additional ideas for shopping services, but maybe some of you can think up some more interactive devices for this column.

SCOTT HOOD (Beverly MA) sent two clippings on Boston TV. The 3/4 Boston Globe reports that LPTV station K19AK had been transmitting test patterns for ten days, and will start Spanish-language programming in April. It transmits 1 kw (TP0?) from a skyscraper in Boston's Hub. Scott specifies the TL as the Prudential Tower. "What is interesting about the calls is it is the first 'K-' prefix delegated locally since the FCC decided to do away with the Mississippi River as the K/W divider." That surprises me also, since LPTV owners don't select call letters. "As for the reception locally (17 mi), I find it is about as strong (or slightly stronger) than a full strength UHF from Providence (57 mi), which isn't saying that much." The 1/13 Globe article (somewhat outdated; it's been sitting with the other mail for over two months.) reports on the planned startup of WMFP-TV, ch. 62 in Lawrence MA. It still insists that the station is temporarily operating at reduced power.

Scott finally got straightened out on CCI patterns after reading my comments in the 3/87 VUD. He even wrote an extensive report on the different patterns and their relation to frequency differences. But with all respect, the subject has been pounded on rather heavily in the past few months and deserves a rest, at least until the next time somebody falls for the mistaken notions about CCI patterns.

JOHN O. BROOMALL (Waleska GA) writes, "After thirty years inactivity as a TV DXer while living in the shadow of nine Atlanta locals, I have moved fifty miles to the North Georgia mountains, re-activated my interest in TV DXing, and joined the WTPDA." He also reports that a new UHF tropo catch is coming soon - Sudbrink Broadcasting of

Palm Beach, FL has a CP for WZGA-14, Rome GA with 5 megawatts. They want to put a 2,000 foot tower halfway between Rome and Atlanta (about ten miles from his house), so they will, in reality, become Atlanta's tenth station. Maybe the tenth local station in the Atlanta area. It upsets me how newspapers, Television Factbook Broadcasting Yearbook, and SRDS Spot Television Data always associate a television station with the nearest big city instead of its city of license. "The local county Planning and Zoning Commission has put a freeze on everything until the county airport and the FAA are 'arm-twisted' to give their blessing to the tower. The station hopes to be on the air within 90 days of approval." "W67BD, Chattanooga's new LPTV has gone through two Christian networks and abruptly switches to the (groan) A.V.N. shopping network. Their brief ID at the top of the hour still says 'Christian programming 24 hours a day.'"

PAUL SWEARINGEN (Panorama City CA) comments on an article he sent in from the 5/15 Los Angeles Times, "This should give you an idea of the effect of KSCI-TV on the locals. It has responded to the needs of a multi-ethnic community - instead of just programming one-star movies & obscure reruns." The article describes the reaction to Western Communications' decision to drop KSCI-TV (ch. 18, San Bernardino CA) from their cable service. "The San Bernardino television station - which broadcasts shows in 16 different languages including Japanese, Hebrew, Farsi, Russian and Vietnamese - does not have enough viewers to draw a Nielsen rating. Those who do watch, however, are passionate viewers. Its abrupt cancellation in the Conejo Valley and Las Virgenes area has drawn protests from hundreds of local viewers, prompted a petition drive and a city hall rally that has caught the attention of local and cable company officials." "Una Kuan, president of the Conejo Valley Chinese Cultural Assn., said the issue has sparked the normally quiet Chinese community in the area. She estimates that the programming change affects about 4,000 Chinese-Americans in Los Angeles and Ventura counties." "Viewers of KSCI tuned in to a wide range of foreign-language programs, which included ethnic cooking classes, overseas news broadcasts, foreign films, movies and variety shows." "Western Communications, which bought the Cablevision system from Storer Cable in December, decided to drop KSCI, as well as KWHY, a Los Angeles-based financial news channel, and KLCS, the Los Angeles Unified School District

channel, because surveys showed the channels had few viewers."

DAVID NIEMAN (Akron NY) sent an article from the 5/28 Buffalo News: "A couple of weeks ago, WNEQ (Channel 23) went on the air. Now comes word that still another long-awaited station is going to arrive. Representatives of Channel 49 say that the station finally will sign on July 1 with a schedule of movies, cartoons and syndicated reruns. While WNEQ served to complement its sister public television station, WNEB (Channel 17), Channel 49 will be fighting Channel 29 for Buffalo's shrinking advertising revenue. WNYB-TV, the call letters for Channel 49, has taken so long to get on the air that some observers questioned whether it would make it.

GLENN HAUSER (Fort Lauderdale FL) writes, "WFLX-29 noted with s/aff announcement... mentions their translator W53AH, 35 kw ERP, 450' AAT, Vero Beach." "With GE purchasing WTVJ-4, that CBS affiliate will obviously become NBC.... It's not certain whether present NBC affiliate WSVN-7 will in turn pick up CBS. CBS was also thinking of purchasing a station here, WCIX-6, currently independent. However, due to its inferior signal into Broward and Palm Beach counties, it seems unlikely CBS will actually go through with that. WTVJ hasn't exactly been your ideal CBS affiliate, with WPLG-10 (ABC) picking up Sunday Morning, and the CBS late night programs (not the news) being picked up by WCIX-6. It's possible there could be a 3-way network swap here.... And that 'Hometown station' WSVN could wind up indie." "WTHV-32 isn't actually 100% music videos; they have a 3-hour live talk show in the mornings, starting about when the tropo burns off so I rarely see it. However, its host gained some notoriety by 'mooning' on camera, in solidarity with some college students who got in trouble for the same activity." "TeVe Guia is the Puerto Rican equivalent of TV Guide; available on some Miami newsstands for \$1.35." "The Feb 7-13 edition has an article about the new WSUN, ch 24 going on the air. Sked not yet included but will have international news, and entertainment news from Hollywood CA. Ad bills it as 'El Canal de Noticias y Mucho Mas' and the channel number also plays as 24-hour schedule. Has 12 daily news services via satellite (in Spanish). Ad for ch 13 uses slogan 'The bright spot' and shows reels 56-Fajardo, 14-Ponce, 8-Guayama. Ch 11 is Tele-Once, which relays on 9 and 22. Ch 30 does not appear in regular listings but is mentioned in movie section; seems to be primary format of that station." "WBFS-33

Miami often runs proud ID as 'Grant Broadcasting System', not 'the bankrupt G.B.S.'

A second letter from Glenn, dated 6/2, reports, "WPTV-5 just went stereo a few days ago (NBC), and today for the first time I notice the stereo light on WXEL-42 (PBS), both West Palm Beach; no stereo content programming yet to check if 42 is for real. WFLX-29 in same place also has stereo pilot, but it's stereo-phony, as [Bruce Elving] would say... Even during pgms known to be available in stereo, such as Late Show & other Fox offerings, and Solid Gold, all we get is synthesized stereo like all their mono programming. Talked to CE on phone and said missing link is stereo capability on [Studio-Transmitter link]. He indicated it could be several months before they get this installed. I suggested they might as well turn it off until then." "When I first the [Radio Shack stereo] tuner several months ago, WLTW-23 (Univision) also had stereo pilot on but no discernable stereo content. Since then they've turned it off. (Audio on Univision programs tends to be awful, distorted; I assume it's processed that way on the satellite feed.)" That must explain why I can never understand a thing they say on that network.

"WPBT-2 (PBS) and WSVN-7 (NBC) have fine stereo, tho not that many PBS programs are offered in stereo. Even fewer make the best use of it with startling separation: Sneak Previews with the two movie reviewers on left and right channels, occasional stereo content in clips; Johnny Carson with Ed McMahon's guffaws off-camera on the left channel; Bronx Zoo with left/right position of actor speaking varying according to camera shot, whether momentarily off camera."

"An additional aspect to my previous report on the upcoming network swap in Miami--it seems that WSVN's contract with NBC runs into next year, long after GE/NBC will presumably take control of WTVJ-4."

Glenn corrects me on the illustration I used of identical call letters being used in different parts of the country. He says that WGBS, the Gaylord Broadcasting station in Miami on 710 kHz, changed to WAQI more than four years ago, well before ch. 57 in Philadelphia got those calls.

Also, a few articles sent in by Glenn. The 4/16 St. Petersburg Times reports, "The National Audubon Society filed suit Wednesday to halt construction of a 1,249-foot television tower it says would be a hazard to endangered wood storks. The proposed tower would be in the wood storks' path when

they fly from their nesting colony... to their swampland feeding grounds six miles away, the environmental organization said. The tower site is 2.5 miles south of the sanctuary, which is about 27 miles southeast of Fort Myers. The Lee County Circuit Court suit seeks to overturn a March 16 decision by the county's zoning board that approved plans for the tower to be built by WEVU, a Naples television station." "Audubon asked federal officials to prevent the tower's construction, but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded that the tower would not cause a significant number of wood stork deaths. 'We're very disappointed that Audubon has taken this decision, since the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on at least four occasions, after much research, has found that there would be no problems,' said Ray Karpowicz, president of WEVU. 'It is rather disturbing that Audubon sees fit to fight essentially the U.S. government.'"

Here's good news for all you Home Shopping Network fans out there, from the 2/20 Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel. HSN is investing \$10 million in a new UHF TV station in Hollywood [FL] through a partnership with Whitco Broadcasters of Pompano Beach. "...the new Hollywood station, Channel 69, is the 11th broadcast TV station in HSN's owned and operated broadcast TV network." "Eddie Whitehead, president of Whitco, confirmed that he will be general manager of the new station when it begins broadcasting later this year, subject to approval by the [FCC]. Whitehead said HSN, through a subsidiary (Silver King. -wbf), will own 49 percent of the station and that Whitco will own controlling interest. The station doesn't have a site yet, but HSN said it will have transmitter facilities in Miami broadcasting with 5 million watts of power. The signal could be received as far north as Palm Beach County." "Whitco received the FCC permit for the station in late 1983, said Whitehead..." I assume they're talking about WDEM, whose permit was cancelled a long time ago.

A fun article from the Miami Herald's Sunday magazine: "Last year, in a well-intentioned effort to make major-league baseball accessible to South Florida's Spanish-speaking residents, WSCV-TV (Channel 51) got a bad idea and ran with it. It's called Beisbol, and here's how it works: Take a couple of bilingual announcers, a crudely painted backdrop of a stadium, and a TV set. Then get the guys in front of the backdrop to watch the game on TV and pretend that they are watching it live. The picture is purchased from the originating sta-

tion; the play-by-play is simultaneous, in Spanish. If you watched the broadcasts last season, you noticed that the English commentary - the sound from the TV - was comically audible in the background. The problem was, if they turned the sound down too low, the crowd noises faded and the show sounded like the empty charade it was. In desperation, toward the end of the season they began supplementing the crowd noise with canned cheering, which sounded a bit like someone gargling into the microphone."

JEFF KADET (Macomb IL) is back from Europe. "I recently spent 3 weeks in Amsterdam, Holland and Budapest, Hungary. Amsterdam cable carries the BBC, German and Netherlands TV plus Super TV (mostly sports) and the SKY Channel. SKY is the most American-like with a MTV type show and old series Budapest, a great city with great pastry, has 2 channels, MTV 1 and MTV 2 (for Magyar TV). Both carry old movies (Soviet, French, U.S., Hungarian, etc.) plus aerobic shows, kid shows, documentaries, and newscasts with very laid back newscasters. There is at least one 10 minute strip of commercials in the evening. S/on is at 0845 and s/off at 2300 daily except Monday when they are both silent."

JOHN COMBS (Jacksonville FL) writes, "On a recent trip, I passed through Augusta GA and found an LPTV on the air there. W67BE appears to have a schedule like a basic UHF indie: movies, cartoons, INN news, etc." "I first noted their signal south of Augusta at U.S. 25 and I-520. It peaked around I-520 and I-20 and only put in a strong signal for a couple of miles. I also noted WAXA-40 Anderson SC using the most over-long and absurd multi-city ED I've seen yet: 'Anderson-Asheville-Greenville-Spartanburg-Greenwood.'"

In a conversation with John O. Broomall, John Combs raised this question: "Are stations still required by the FCC to maintain a file of viewer comments, etc., for up to two years?" "If this rule is still in effect, do QSL requests fall under its venue? Mr. Broomall has pointed out that every so often he receives a QSL with a note at the bottom that says 'cc: FCC Viewer File.' Are stations required to maintain those requests and answer them? Or can they be filed in File 13 since the DXer is not in the normal coverage area of the station?" As far as I know, stations were required only to keep records of viewers within their coverage area. The FCC made the proposal some time ago to drop even that requirement, but I don't know if they ever did. Does anybody else have information on that?

Another more recent package of articles from W.R. MCINTOSH. He writes, "On 10 Apr 87 KDDE-TV 68 made a public announcement carried on local commercial TV news that they are aiming for a broadcasting start up date for programming of about 1 June 87. Noted that they spoke of themselves as being 'publically supported' but made no mention of being PBS affiliated. At 9 to 10 pm PDT 17 Apr 87 KDDE 68 was seen testing (no audio - video only) with full length vertical color bars. Must have been much higher power this time (compared to a few months back) because the picture was nice and clear." An article from the 4/11 Los Angeles Times accompanied the letter: "Beginning in May - the exact switch-on date is still uncertain - Los Angeles will have its first public-television station controlled by and programmed for blacks and other minorities. KDDE-TV Channel 68 will beam at least four hours a day of programming targeted specifically for minority audiences - not only the black community but also Filipinos, Vietnamese and Pacific Islanders. KDDE general manager Booker T. Wade Jr. said the station's primary goals are threefold: to broadcast PBS-style programs that are of particular interest to minority audiences, to produce black programming not available now, and to offer other, non-black minorities a chance to create their own programming."

One article contains a picture of that HOLLYWOOD sign mentioned a few pages back. The sign was repainted, and has FOX superimposed over the HOLL, making it read "POXYWOOD." I'll save the rest of his articles for next month's column.

That's about it for this month. Glassboro College is back to its summer library schedule, so I couldn't get the researching done for this column. Hopefully, that data will appear next month. WTAF-TV, ch. 29 in Philadelphia has not yet changed its call letters to WTXF, despite what I reported last month. The sale to TVX has not yet taken place. WOR-TV, ch. 9 in Secaucus NJ is now WWOR.

The new WTFDA TV DATA BASE is now available, so hurry up and get your copy.

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true \$[stereo], "88-7" (strict)
 IL Kankakee WLRT 92.7
 IA Davenport KALA *88.7—John Clemmer, et al. please check to see if this is true
 IA Decorah KRDI 100.9, r
 IA Des Moines KUCB *89.3—may not yet be
 IA Waukon KNEI-FM 103.9, still k
 IA West Des Moines KWDM *88.9
 KS Lindsborg KONS 95.9, rm, "Q-Light" (strict), ID with Salina
 KS Ogden KOLA 103.9, r
 KS Wamego KSKT 95.3, rm
 KS Wichita KCEV *88.3
 KY Wickliffe WYMC-FM 95.9 r
 LA Natchitoches KDBH 97.7
 LA Shreveport KSCJ *91.3
 ME Millinocket WSYF-FM 97.7
 MD Havre de Grace WHDG 103.7—at last!
 MD Salisbury WJSL *89.5
 MI Bloomfield Hills WBFH *88.1
 MI Gladstone WWTM 105.5
 MS Lorman WPRL *91.7
 MS Newton WMYQ 106.3
 MS Pontotoc WSEL-FM 96.7
 MO Ballwin KYMC *89.7
 MO Butler KMDE 92.1
 MO Doniphan KOEA 97.7
 MO El Dorado Springs KESM-FM 105.5
 MO Lebanon KLWT-FM 92.1, "HR Radio 92" (strict)
 MO Piedmont KPWB-FM 104.9
 MO Seligman KHHC 95.3, k
 MT Havre KNMC *90.1
 MT Libby KTNV 101.7, b
 NE Albion KLBK 92.7, rm; not yet on air
 NE Lincoln KRNU *90.3
 NV Gardnerville-Minden KGMV 99.3, mr
 NH Franklin WFTN-FM 94.3
 NH Gorham WMIH 107.1
 NH Hinsdale WYRY 104.9
 NM Albuquerque KIDI 103.3, Spanish/Latin, slogan "Kitty" (as in cat)
 NM Eunice KPCE 100.9
 NM Los Alamos KBOM 107.1, Spanish/Latin (l), "main studios located near Espanola, which combined with Spanish format, verified fears of Los Alamos residents mentioned in April, 1987 issue of FMedia!"
 NM Portales KKHJ, r
 NY Hempstead WRHU *88.7
 NY Rotterdam WNYQ 98.3, r
 NC Manteo WVDQ 99.3
 NC Washington WFXJ 98.3, s[oul]
 NC Winston-Salem WSNB *89.3, sj
 OH Mount Vernon WNZR *90.9
 OH Proctorville WMEJ *91.9
 OK Marlow KFJL 92.1, kg
 OR Enterprise KWVR-FM 92.1
 OR Warm Springs KWSD *91.9
 PA Mercer WKTZ 96.7 gr, "contemporary Christian"
 SC Andrews WQSC 100.9
 SC Parra Island WCGO 92.1, k
 SC Saulte WJRD 92.1, r
 TN Springfield WDBL-FM 94.3
 TX Bendeme KHLC 98.3, rk
 TX Bestrop KSSR 107.1
 TX Bonham KFYZ 96.3
 TX Fallurus KPSO-FM 106.3
 TX Jacksonville KBJB *90.3
 TX Luling KAPT 94.7, rm
 TX Mexia KYCK-FM 104.9
 TX Pearsall KVMG-FM 95.3
 TX Stephenville KSTV-FM 105.7, k
 VT Johnson WJSC *90.7, rp
 VA Crewe WSVS-FM 104.7
 VA Galax WBRF 98.1
 VA Mechanicsville WZZR 92.7
 WA Cheney KEYF-FM 101.1
 WA Long Beach KKEE 94.3, r (oldies), "94-Key" (not strict); sometimes "94-FM"
 WA Seattle KCMU *90.3
 WA Spokane KQSP 98.9, r
 WI Beloit WBCR *90.3

WI Burlington WBSD *89.1
 WI Richland Center WRCC-FM 100.9
 WY Greybull KZMQ 100.3
 BC Kelowna CILK 101.5 [meters
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Not in Stereo
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 but announces "KHAA FM Stereo,"
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 signal over New Orleans, r
 TX Brownwood KPSM 99.3, "FM-99,"
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SCServices, 67 and 92 kHz
 See FMedia! for this feature, and for:

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 WXDJ
 (formerly WRFM) 95.7 Homestead
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 Coming On the Air
 FM Rulemakings Proposed
 and FM Rulemakings—Finalized
 (See FMedia! for these)

Other FMedia! features: "More Small-Print Happenings and FM Industry News," Editorial Rebuttals, "No to Translators" by Nick Lombardi, "Stern's Not Offensive to New Yorkers"—by James E. Garrity; some results of the FCC's and Don Wildmon's actions; Bob Orban speaks out on FM signal processing; "FM Forum," and "The Foreign Scene," with analysis of FM in Brazil, Chile, Great Britain, New Zealand, Ontario, and the U. S. S. R. Write me for DXers' subscribing discounts, or just send \$15 (limited time offer) for 12 months. Some of the back issues are no longer available.

Readers' Reports

Gus Mancuso corrects the Washington dial history to note WBMD-FM 105.7 between WCBC and WKTK, and he says WASH was once affiliated with WDON AM, and WGTB *90.1 (Georgetown) had 90.1, now WDCU (Univ. of DC). "Can't see big deal about 88.1 in MD. WMUC only 10 watts and THEY were there first", and he mentions directionals, thinking WCVT *89.7 Towson protects WRNV. I checked, and WCVT not listed that way. "WCXR-FM 105.9 coverage into MD reduced since going directional, 'break even point' with adj. channel WQSR 105.7 was around Laurel MD, now more like Beltsville, five miles further south." And Gus thinks AM has better tonal superiority to FM, which he claims "sounds scratchy and artificial. Low and high notes seem to dominate, with nothing in between coming through." And he sent a report of ratings, which give WGAY 99.5 the highest in DC, then WKYS 93.9, WMZQ 98.7, WMAL AM, WHUR 96.3. Public stations WETA-FM are 16, ahead of WWRC AM and WXTR 104.1, WAMU *88.5 ahead of WPGC-AM-FM (was WCLY). He has some issues of Forecast FM! and wants to do a power/facilities history and a receiver comparison. I suggest he get it typed or typeset neatly and send the article to club headquarters.

"I know several radio professionals who think AM is a better deal, including KMOX engineer Joe Sonderman," writes Eric Bueneman. "Most of my FM listening is to classical or new wave music, other forms of music sound just as good on

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AM, but in my area, the only rp in town is available on FM...AM is in a lull right now, but will pick up as the decade winds up." He mentions WKPT AM in TN being on the SAP of UHF WKPT-TV being a class IV local station, which lacks the coverage of regionals on Class III or higher classes, and he compares the latter unfairly to FM. "In the May, 1987 VUD, Robert Grant offered the most inane and unfounded anti-AM comments I have ever read! The eventual continuous-tuning AM-FM receiver would automatically go from 1700 kHz to 87.7 mhz and from 107.9 mhz to 530 kHz, for example, and all in stereo, too. AM will be around in the year 2000 the way it is now, not as a propaganda machine." I partly misquoted Robert Grant, and hope to correct the situation this issue, especially on how his dial covers the other frequencies, with no "deception" intended—b.e. Eric offered a St. Louis dial scan, but this column doesn't go into those. I did extract some format information from it, and he suggests use of the "d" format for diversified, such as KSLH has and KDHX *88.1 expected to have. Now here's Robert Grant.

"It appears that an error may have been made in reference to my MFFM draft. Angle modulation, as referred to in my draft, is a common term for emissions modulated in such a way that any sidebands on the other side of the carrier, that is, phase modulation or frequency modulation, PM is a technique that produces FM by definition and FM is a technique that, by definition, produces PM. FM and PM are two techniques and angle modulation is one result. This angle term that can describe both FM and PM, either alone or any combination of the two, and has nothing to do with the angle relative to the horizon toward which the RF energy is radiated.

"Medium Frequency FM is real FM. Phase modulation, and thus frequency modulation, is used to transmit the frontal audio. The dial settings are necessary to distinguish FM reception from AM reception...and the numbers from 108-132 are for several reasons...

"Real FM. No deception and I feel that my reputation as an honest person may be at stake. I am optimistic that the errors in the May FCC-FM News will be corrected as soon as possible. Also, I don't see why one would only suppose the continuous-dial receivers are in the MF FM plan. It states clearly in the draft, "...[receivers would not] have a bandwidth to separate VHF FM from MF FM, receivers would have a continuous dial".

"I hope you will support the MF FM effort, and maybe become a co-founder in the Medium Frequency FM Association (MFFMA). Imagine the FM Atlas being twice as thick as it is now (gasp!). Imagine classical music outlets being saved because FM spectrum is not too scarce to find a place for them (remember the loss of KCMA because Tulsa's AM stereo 1430 needed an FM for simulcasting?). Imagine the real golden age of radio, the 60s and 70s, being reborn better than ever (referring to the times when FM and AM were very viable and together, providing many choices). Robert plans to make it to the WTFDA convention, and will be glad to explain his FM system further.

John Combs was one of three sending information on "Peach State Public Radi-

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o." His interpretation of the situation is that the state group has been "purchasing marginally-successful existing stations (like WACG Augusta) and trying to turn their fortunes around. Apparently, it had been taken for granted that rural GA was too 'backward' or 'redneck' to have any interest in public radio. Then they started discovering lots of people who were pulling in public FMs from Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Atlanta, etc., and wanting better-quality signals to listen to."

Dave Sinclair sent a Vancouver newspaper dial guide, but which does not list French stations, like CBUF 97.7 Vancouver. I need confirmation if CBUF broadcasts in stereo; if so, this must be about the only "AM-level" CBC station to do so. "The item about album rock coming to Victoria does not make me very happy, but there does not seem to be any way to change the trend of music. The CBC had also applied for this frequency (100.3), and I had hoped they would receive it. I expect they will apply for a different class of FM frequency for a Victoria station." The article mentioned how many AM stations are being converted to cable FM dial positions. Tom Peacock, CKWX, feels this could forestall the inevitable: "An entire generation of radio listeners has grown up listening to nothing but FM. This is the beginning of a whole new generation growing up with AM."

Greg Hardison, who learned that one can't trust my FCC-FM news column for all the news (since coverage varies, with the best reporting in FMedia!), decided to subscribe to FMedia! thinks maybe FMedia! "could evolve into a programming-commentary-news service type of deal, with the Atlas—and the WTFDA column—being more oriented to the 'technical' DXer—calls, HAAT changes, etc." I am still doing both, and seeing the direction in which each will go. The FCC-FM column is more "DX" oriented and promotes FMedia!, while in the latter, I never mention "DX," nor this column. This part of my column is entirely different from FMedia! Usually the logos and pictures are different.

Ken Simon has heard a pirate, "WMTL," Lake Worth FL, with heavy metal songs during April and May, but not heard since. Frank Aden, Jr., sent much station news from his travels in the Mountain Time Zone, and Frank Merrill seems to have been all around the CST area, giving especially much news from MO, OK and TX, with a mysterious call for Oklahoma City 102.7, which does not check out with any official sources. He, too, plans to make it to Esko for the convention. John Ebeling says CENO 93.1 Marathon ON says "Voice of North Superior," and well received on the highway going to Thunder Bay from Duluth, and he sent a report on many of the top-rated commercial stations using lady DJs during mid-day (but not so much during drive times), with the article entitled, "Midday Mamas Spinning Radio Disks" at WLTE, WLWL and KJJO. I notice that, too, on local WAKX 98.9.

John Adams: "In the May VUD, was published excerpts from the March 28, 1987 IRCA DX Monitor, the annual 'April Fools' edition. Maybe WTFDA should do something similar?" Maybe something to talk about at the club's business session during the convention—b.e.

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"I taught a music appreciation class at Ball State this year," writes Ralph Strobel. "I asked my class of 45 students how many listened to the AM radio band. Certainly I thought a few hands would go up, but not a one! Goes to show that most college-age students prefer the FM band. (Perhaps you can use this in your column and/or newsletter. Those who think the AM band is going to make an about face and increase in popularity are dreaming)."

W. R. McIntosh sent several articles on the media, including one that I had earlier covered in FMedia! on the effects of the FCC's dictum on indecent/obscene language. One of the results of that is that KPFF *90.7 Los Angeles is ordering its on-air people to be more careful about their language, saying, "until further notice, programs which contain obscenity or indecent material will not be permitted at any time." Also included is an article about Pacifica, KPFF's licensee, filing suit against the FCC, which I speculated is a ploy to help KPFF and other Pacifica stations avoid losing their licenses. Price broadcasting, mentioned in another article, agreed to sell for \$120 million stations KIOI San Francisco, WNIC Dearborn, WLAC-FM Nashville, and KKOBFM Albuquerque (and associated AM stations) to Fairfield Broadcasting. Price would retain 25% ownership.

Peace groups have protested at KFWB AM Los Angeles for failing to carry an ad with actor Ed Asner promoting a symbolic national referendum to halt U. S. military involvement in Central America. The ad, however, was to have been carried on KJOI, KSRF and KTWW, all FM. Nine other local AM and FM stations refused to carry the ad, but they are not identified in the article.

And Nipper has been resuscitated by RCA records. Here is a the 100-year-old trademark, after having been sent away in the early 1970s. RCA Records was recently sold to a German firm, Bertelsmann, which decided to bring back the famous dog and another logo which showed an electrified RCA in a circle. Billboard magazine once noted in jest the RCA dropping of Nipper with a two-page ad showing the famous mutt languishing in a trash can.



Howard Sams publishing writes to say that they have no plans to revise or update the Vane Jones book, "North American Radio-TV Station Guide."

COME TO THE WTFDA CONVENTION
 JULY 31 to August 2, 1987

Place: Esko MN—Home of FM Atlas—Publishing and Electronics. Much of the convention activity will be centered on our 35-acre property and 6-year-old house [built to include a church] located east of Cloquet MN, in Carlton County.

Time: Plan to arrive any time on Friday, July 31, by plane, car, bus or boat—all roads lead to Duluth. There will be a kick-off catered meal that Friday evening and a full day of activity Saturday, Aug. 1. Here's a chance to meet other DXers and renew friendships. Sessions Sunday include the club's business meeting, and your chance to help shape club policies.

Accommodations: In addition to what was mentioned last month, there is a KOA campground 6 miles from the convention site, 1479 Carlton Road, Carlton MN 55720, (218) 879-5726, also a restaurant on the KOA site. Reservations are needed, as they are usually quite busy that time of year. Basic charge for two adults is \$11 for a tent site, plus \$1.50 for electricity and water, or \$12.50 total per night. Look at last month's VUD for motels, and it is recommended you get your reservations in early.

Tentative convention sessions: Discussion of a computerized logging system for FM DX, with John Jefferson coming from CA with his computer
 Discussion of Robert Grant's proposal to reallocate AM and FM
 Tempting the ECPA enforcers with mysterious receptions
 Club business session

Equipment comparisons and discussions
 DXing techniques and tips
 Flea market, where you can buy or sell; literature exchange; and more!
 REGISTRATION. Send in your registration fee of \$30—now so we will know how many to plan for. This includes the sessions, a chance to get in on the flea market, refreshments as well as Friday and Saturday night meals. Meals can be purchased separately if there are family members who just want to attend one or both of the meals. Because of a problem at the convention last year, we will not accept personal checks by mail or in person after July 15. Bring cash or travelers' cheques.

Minnesota and Wisconsin both go to 65 mph on rural interstates on June 17, while legislation to do so in MI is stalled, with a possible proviso that you give up your radar detectors.

USE COUPON IN LAST MONTH'S VUD, and send your \$30 fee to Bruce Elving, 241 Anderson Road, Esko MN 55733-9413; (218) 879-7676.

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WTFDA GUIDELINES FOR COMPUTING TV-FM DISTANCE RECORDS AND SCOREBOARD TOTALS

1) A TV station received on more than one channel (when it changes channel, but retains its identity) may be counted once for each channel, excluding change in offset on the same TV channel. Simultaneous reception of the same station on more than one channel is usually a receiver problem only, though you may present evidence to the contrary. An FM station may be counted again when it deliberately changes frequencies, or varies more than 100 kHz from its normal frequency. DXers should be certain they are not counting receiver images or mixing products.

2) Stations operating successively on the same channel in a single city that are clearly unrelated (i.e., with different call letters and a hiatus in occupation of the channel, or non-renewal of the first station's license) are counted as separate stations.

3) A move in a station's transmitter location does not allow it to count as a new station unless the CITY OF LICENSE also changes. Thus, a station starting in a small city and later moving both transmitter and identity to a larger city, if received during both phases of operation, will count twice. Stations moving antenna from downtown to suburbs, for example, with no change in the city of license, count only once. The addition of a city to a station's identity (multiple city station identification) does not count as a new station.

4) A change in call letters per se is not sufficient reason to count that station as new, whether or not a change in ownership is involved in a continuously operating station. Power level or changes in power alone shall have no bearing on these guidelines.

5) Sharetime stations (rare cases of two stations in the same coverage area sharing the same frequency at different times of the day) count as one if they share their transmitter; individually if they have separate transmitter sites.

6) DX received via cable TV may be counted if the station was received off the air on its original frequency at the CATV headend, from which distances must be measured. TOTALS INCLUDING CATV MUST BE SPECIFIED.

7) The precise location of the transmitting antenna of the station shall be the determining factor in computing the DX path distance and tallying the number of political units received.

8) Verification are not required; however, contributors must be reasonably certain that all stations claimed were received. Those totals limited to verified only should be labeled as such.

9) DX obtained by recording only, and not witnessed at the actual time of the reception, is eligible--so long as the contributor himself chose the frequency and prepared the recording apparatus. When more than one DXer is present at a DX reception, even as a visitor to another DXer's shack, only those having an active part in the reception may claim the DX.

10) Translators and experimental stations, as well as unlicensed outlets such as pirates and clandestines, are eligible. Harmonics of TV video signals are eligible if they fall within another TV band, and those of FM stations are eligible if the harmonics fall within the FM band. But utility stations monitored on FM or TV, and CATV radiation, do not count.

PLEASE REMEMBER: THESE ARE ONLY GUIDELINES SET UP SO THAT CLUB MEMBERS CAN COMPARE RESULTS WITH OTHER CLUB MEMBERS USING THE SAME STANDARDS IN THE VHF-UHF DIGEST; HOW YOU COUNT STATIONS IN YOUR OWN LOG IS UP TO YOU.

1987 I.R.C.A. CONVENTION

The 1987 International Radio Club of America annual convention will be held August 14, 15, and 16 in Peoria, Illinois. The convention will be held at the Pere Marquette Hotel, 501 Main, in downtown Peoria. Many activities are planned including station tours, a picnic and softball game, auction, and banquet. For further information or to make reservations please contact John Clemmer, 4524 7th Street #2303, East Moline IL 61244.

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Place: Esko MN--Home of the FM Atlas Publishing Co. and FMedia! Much of the convention activity will be centered on our 35-acre property located 22 km WSW of Duluth MN, in Carlton County, with WKLK-FM 100.9 the closest local.

Time: Plan to arrive any time on Friday, July 31, by plane, car, bus or boat--all roads lead to Duluth. There will be a kick-off catered meal that Friday evening and a full day of activity Saturday, Aug. 1. Here's a chance to meet other DXers and renew friendships. By Sunday afternoon, you'll be on your way again, with all the excitement of another WTFDA convention behind you. You may want to stay in the area longer and enjoy its media and its beauty.

Accommodations: We've reserved a block of rooms at each of two motels nearby. The choices are: Scot Wood Motel in Cloquet MN, just seven miles from the convention site. Rates \$29.65 single, \$36.95 two people, two beds; \$39.95 for four people, two beds. Write them at Highway 33 and Big Lake Road, Cloquet MN 55720; (800) 426-7070. The other motel is Spirit Motor Inn, and that is in the direction of Duluth, also about seven miles from us. Their prices are the same as for the Scot Wood. Write them at 9315 West Gate Blvd., Duluth MN 55810; (218) 628-3691.

It is very necessary to have reservations in early! This area is quite a tourist place, and there are no rooms available if one just shows up expecting to find motels or hotels (although one poorer-quality hotel said they do often have vacancies, and we can refer late-comers there). You can write or call either of these motels and reserve your room. Tell them it is for the WTFDA convention, and use our name (Elving).

What to do: This area of northern Minnesota offers something for everyone. There are summer sports of all kinds and oodles of gorgeous scenery, including Duluth's famed skyline drive, with excellent FM reception from WI (if you try it out in a bend where the locals are not too strong). Plan to make a vacation trip along with the convention activities.

Tentative convention activities or topics: flea market, where you can buy or sell; literature exchange; "beyond DXing" and how to make money with your hobby; club politics hauled into the open in a closing free-for-all session Sunday; find the clones on your FM dial; explore the inner workings of the FM Atlas publishing and electronics endeavors; bring your tuner for side-by-side comparison tests (time permitting), or for modification.

REGISTRATION. The registration fee of \$30--which can be sent in any time now--we will need to know how many to plan for. This includes the sessions, a chance to get in on the flea market, refreshments as well as Friday and Saturday night meals. Meals can be purchased separately if there are family members who just want to attend one or both of the meals. Both motels are located near family-type restaurants, such as Perkins and Country Kitchen.

If you wish to bring your family, they will be most welcome. There is lots of sight-seeing, good summertime recreation, a zoo, excursion rides in the Duluth-Superior harbor and on Lake Superior.

One note to the wise: Bear in mind that northern Minnesota can be delightfully cool in the summer, so plan to tuck a jacket, sweater or sweatshirt (with radio or TV station logo?) into your luggage. USE THIS COUPON, or copy it:

I (we) are coming to the WTFDA convention in Esko MN.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ How many in party? _____

Planned day and time of arrival: _____

Method of transportation and if you need a ride from Duluth airport or Cloquet bus station _____

If driving, mention if you can take another DXer along, sharing expenses, or if you need a ride mention that. Remember to register early!