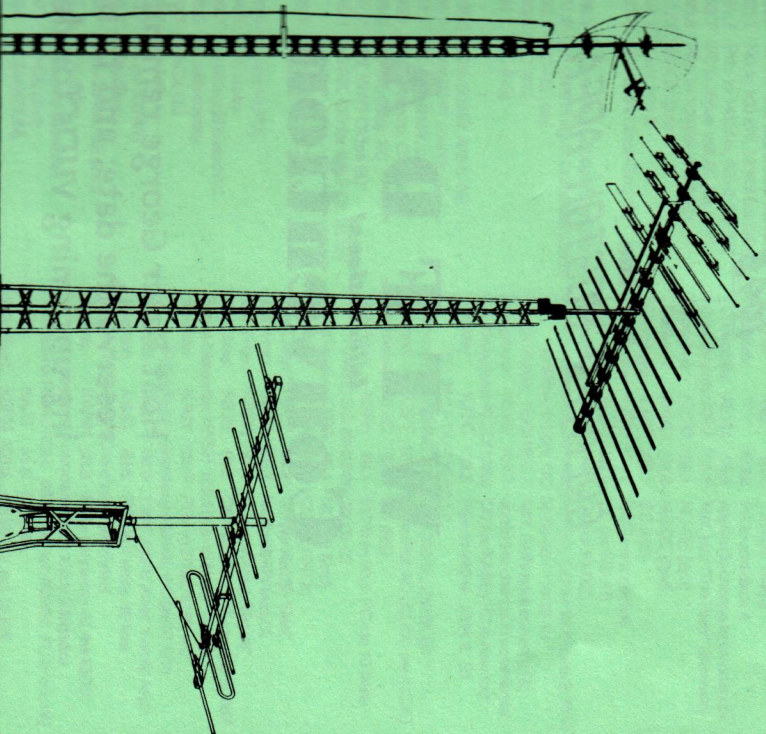


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MARCH 1995

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KEY:

&: satellite programming
AF: new freq. allocation accepted for filing
for a new FM license
CC: call change/new calls assigned
CL: city of license change granted
CO: new xmit co-ordinates
CX: a CP has expired, and is cancelled
C1, C2, etc: change in class status
DA: directional antenna
DE: calls deleted, license returned to FCC
FC: station formal change

GA: granted amendment to table of FM allocations

GE: station was granted extension of a CP
GX: granted replacement of expired CP
LC: filed for license to cover (for new stn.)
MC: multiple-city legal ID
NC: no change yet, on a reported pending grant/change.

NS: station is not on the air
NW: new station signs on the air
PA: proposed amendment to change table of allocations

PG: a power change (decrease)
PG+: power change granted (increase)
PG-: power change granted (decrease)
QC: frequency change for this station
QC: frequency change granted
RA: station returns to the air
RE: station requests extension of a CP
RX: station requests re-instatement of an expired CP
SG: slogan change or update
SI: station is silent
XC: station granted a transmitter (xmit) site change

ALABAMA

Abberville: WJZB 94.3 one step appl for CC, 3150w, 458
XC: 31-27-18/85-19-52
Addison: ** 105.7 GA to add class A
Andalusia: WXCW 98.1 adds WW1 Adult Rock
Brewton: NS 90.9 40 kw, 465 Maranatha Ministries
Cullman: WFMH 101.1 NC to 100 kW, 1338 ft but GE (9th)
Decatur: WYFD 91.7 PG+ to 14125w, 925 ft, CC, XC
Ettaula: WULA 92.7 FC to Jones soft AC (8)
Evergreen: WPGA 93.3 PG+ to 100 kW, 417 ft, C1
Georgiana: WWSA 107.7 NO-GX (3rd)
Mendenhall: NS 94.1 31 kW, 328 ft
Uniontown: WYFG 107.5 NW, SMN Urban Gold (8)

ALASKA

Anchorage: KRUA 88.1 CO: 61-20-11/149-30-43 (752 ft)
Barrow: NS 91.9 AF (Stakklungk Communications)
Dillingen: KPJV 99.1 NO-RE (4th)
Glenallen: KXGA 90.5 CC (NS)
McCarthy: KKKM 89.7 CC (NS)

ARIZONA

Casa Grande: KKER 105.5 NC to 50 kW, 492 ft, GE
Cottonwood: KVRD 105.7 adds WW1 country (8)
Douglas: KRMC 91.7 CC (NS), 3 kW, 236 ft
Prescott: KRGB 90.9 NW, contemp. Christian
Prescott Vly: KDTK 98.3 NO-GE (2nd), XC
Sierra Vista: KKYZ 101.7 NW, WW1 Oldies (8)
Window Rock: KVMH 103.1 NO-RE, QG for 102.7, CC, 26 kW
299 ft, and XC

ARKANSAS

Yuma: KTTT 95.1 NC to 100 kW, CC
Cahoon: KGBL 102.5 CC (ex KLPD)
Camden: KMGK 104.5 NW, urban
DeWitt: KDEW 96.7 PA with gold based AC
England: KLEA 96.5 PA with country
R. Smith: KYFE 89.7 NO-CX-DE
Humboldt: KAPN 101.7 CC (NS)
Marked Tree: KERC 93.7 CC (ex KCHW)
Mena: KOLA 96.3 NW, oldies
Newport: KOKR 96.7 NC to 35 kW, GE (2nd)
Paragould: KLOZ 107.1 FC to oldies
Piggott: KTEI 106.5 FC to gold based AC
Pine Bluff: KJUP 89.7 NO-GE (2nd)
Sherwood: KLPD 102.1 CC (ex KOLN)
Wynne: KWNV 92.5 FC to country

CALIFORNIA

Anaheim: KCFA 106.1 NO-RX
Beaumont: KAEB 100.9 NO-RE
Camarillo: KOCP 95.9 CC (ex KELF), FC to WW1 Adult
Rock SG "The Octopus" (Oxnard market)
Eureka: NS 88.3 1250 w, 1446 ft
Fairfield: ** 103.5 PA to add class A
Chico: KLVN 99.3 applied to change to commercial
Copperopolis: KRV 105.5 NW, jazz "The River" (Modesto)
Durham: KZRO 100.1 NO-RE (2nd)
Eastmont: KNOG 93.5 NO-GE (2nd)
Firebaugh: KALP 103.1 CC (NS)
Garderville: KBEV 104.7 SI (Eureka market)
Greenfield: KLOK 99.5 CC (ex KSUR)
Hollister: KODC 93.5 CC (ex KMOZ)
Independence: KDAY 106.3 NO-GX, QG for 92.5 class B, PG-
to 870w, 2850 ft, CC: 36-58-38/118-07-13
Kings Beach: KGBH 107.7 NW, SMN adult contemp (8)
Kingsbury: KLVN 106.3 applied to change to commercial
Lk Arrowhead: KCOX 103.9 CC (ex KABE) FC to new rock
Lindsay: KZPO 103.3 PG- to 280 w, 2624 ft, B1
XC: 36-17-14/118-50-17

Mammoth Lks: KMMT 106.5 PG- to 360 w, 237 ft, B1
Merced: KZFT 107.7 FC to Soft AC (8), CC (ex KODE)
Modesto: KJLC 93.9 CC (NS)
Min View: KSRH 88.1 CC from 90.5, PG- to 10 watts
246 ft, CC: 37-22-08/22-05-02
Paso Robles: KTBG 93.1 NO-GE (2nd)
Riverside: KVAR 97.5 CC (ex KHTT)
San Diego: KBTZ 94.9 CC (ex KBZS) "Beat"
San Francisco: KRGF 103.7 NC to 10 kW but GX
San Francisco: KRGF 98.1 CC (ex KABL), "Big 98"
San Jose: KSLJ 90.5 CC from 90.7, PG- to 235 w, 407
Santa Margarita: KMSP 106.1 PG+ to 950w, 1463 ft
Seaside: KLMY 103.9 PG- to 770w, 918 ft, XC
NW, with jazz (Monterey market), CC (ex KLMN)
Shafter: NS 89.9 1 kW, 125 ft, Amer. Family Assn.
Stockton: KSLC 89.5 PG- to 7 watts, 92 feet
Turlock: KEXX 100.9 FC to country (Modesto)
Tulare: KVMN 98.3 FC to dance-top 40, the KEXX
country format moves to Tracy 100.9 (Modesto)
Twenty-nine Palms: KDH 95.7 CC (ex KOVN), FC to country
Wilkes: KJUS 91.5 CC (NS)
Woodland: KSFM 102.5 still 50 kW, not 16 kW

U.S. TERRITORIES:

AMERICAN SAMOA:

FM 103.1 NO-RX
Pago Pago: 83.1 PA to add class C1

GUAM:

NS 88.1 8 MW, 472 ft. Harvest Christian Acad.

N. MARIANA ISLANDS:

Guam: KPRH 100.3 NO-GX (2nd)

PUERTO RICO:

Honolulu: NS 106.1 3 MW, 830 ft.

Honolulu: WYCE 92.9 NW, Spanish tropical

VIRGIN ISLANDS:

Charlotte Amalie: 83.1 PA to add class A

Christiansted: WVS 106.1 NC to 50 MW, CX

Cruz Bay: WDCM 92.3 NO-RE (6th)

CANADA:

Alax: CJKX 95.9 power is 3,440W (QC from 1390)

CC (ex CHIO)

CARIBBEAN ISLANDS:

St. Maarten: 94.7 NW, "Lammin 94", urban

MEXICO:

BAMA CALIFORNIA:

Tijuana: XETRA 91.1 adds Howard Stern (five 3-beam

local time, then repeated on tape from 6-11am Pacific) (S.Diego)

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Abbreviations used in this column:
ERP= Effective Radiated Power in
dBm
HAAT= Height Above Avg. Terrain
nc= no change
TL= Tower Location
CP= Construction Permit
Pr= Province (of Canada)
*= Non-commercial
CRNC= Canadian Radio-Television
Commission
DBS= Direct Broadcast Sat.
SS= Spanish Language
LPRT= Low Power Relay Transmitter
(Canada)
TBD= To Be Determined

CHANGES GRANTED TO EXISTING STATIONS

ST CH REP DATE CALL CITY

CA 57 4575 530 KSTV Ventura

(TL 34°18'10"N, 119°13'41"W)
(about 20km ENE of old site)
(was 1120kW/25.4m)

HI 26 270 580 KOBH Honolulu

(TL 21°23'45"N, 158°05'58"W)
(KALM/KORL FM tower on western

Oahu; was 75.9kW/64.6m)

ND 31 4070 378 WFTS Rochester

(was 1510kW/375m)

CHANGES ON THE AIR

ST CH CALL CITY

AL 44 WVAL Gadsden (VUD 11/94)

CA 26 KXPH Visalia (VUD 12/94)

IL 47 WTVF Peoria (?)

NC 42 WTVI Charlotte (VUD 12/94)

NC 17 WONE Linville (VUD 12/94)

NY 25 WNYE New York (?)

PR 24 WSNJ San Juan (VUD 1/95)

TN 45 WTCI Chattanooga (?)

WAS NEW CITY, STATE

K62BT KGTN-LP Placerville, CA

K38AS KFTT-LP Twin Falls, ID

W13BE WOCK-LP Chicago, IL

W43AG WKAG-LP Hopkinsville, KY

new KAJH-54 Slide, LA

new KXVO-15 Omaha, NE

W23AA WVVH-LP Southampton, NY

WNGS-67 Springfield, NY

KAJH, KXVO, and WNGS are not yet on the air.

NEW STATIONS ON THE AIR

Key West, FL: WXTG-22+:

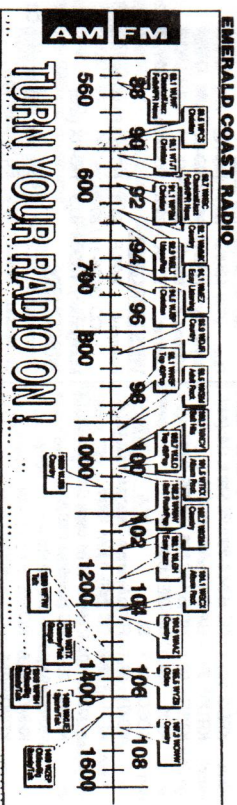
There's been some dispute over whether this station is indeed on. It was granted an operating license in early February. I list 5000kW / 62m at 24°33'18"N, 81°48'07"W.

OTHER STUFF

Just to show that the "high channels" 70-83 are not yet dead.

The FCC has renewed the license of K7IAF Cedarville, California. Of course, Cedarville is about as isolated as towns come; it's in the extreme northeast corner of the state. On the other hand, a high-channel translator in Washington State is about to disappear: K78BM

Along column this month, lots of changes going on! Also, note the debut of a new abbreviation this month. "TL" stands for location to cover. When you see a station file for a license to cover, expect them on the air shortly afterward. Thanks as always to M Street Journal for many of the updates listed in this column. Also, thanks go out to Doug Smith, Matt Smith, Mike Lazaro, Neal Griffin, Tim Noonan, and Paul Maurer. Also, thanks go out to George Greene, Dwayne Hall, Debra Lee Oliver, Matt Smith, and Mike Lazaro, for sending in logs! I have plenty of logs waiting to be scanned into my growing collection of computer image FM/TV/AM logs (TIFF format). If you have recently signed up to the internet, and would like to be listed on the WFTDA Internet List, let me know, either by regular mail, or my e-mail address located at this column's header. Looking forward to hearing from you! Also, if you know of a local TV or FM station that has a "e-mail" address, or a "worldwide web homepage," let me know, as I plan to compile a listing of such stations in conjunction with this column. In a humorous radio story I saw on the internet, morning DJ Scruff Carrasco of CJR 97.5 Winnipeg (had worked in the Toronto area quite a bit) gave away a free trip to Miami to see Super Bowl XXXII. The winners were quite happy to win, obviously and showed up at the airport with U.S. insurance, dressed for Florida, lots of cash, etc. What the station really gave away was a trip to Miami. ...Manitoba, to watch the game on a TV set up in a local bar. The prize winners were NOT amused! The DJ's suspended until further notice, I hear.



FM ATLAS 16 NOW READY!

There's good news for FM DXers--and it's in time for the start of 1995's E-skip season! WFTDA's Bruce Elving announces that his famous FM ATLAS, the standard reference for DXers, should be "hot off the presses" right about the time you're reading this! WFTDA recommends the FM ATLAS to anyone interested in FM DXing or broadcasting. It's the most accurate book of its kind, and it only costs a fraction of broadcasting references.

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(Other stuff, cont'd.)
Point Pulley has been given permission to move to channel 67 and become K67GJ.

Another station whose operational status is in question is WVBK-43. The construction permit was sold in late January, indicating this station does not yet hold an operating license, though they may have been testing under authority of the CP.

Note that most of the call letter changes above are LPTVs taking advantage of the new rules allowing LPTVs to adopt four-letter calls. My reference doesn't list call changes as such—I only have these because they applied for technical changes—so if you note any of your local LPTVs signing four-letter calls, please let me know.

The "Changes On Air" section is for stations that have requested, or been granted, license modifications to cover previously granted construction permits. The date is that of the VUD in which the original application or grant appeared. A station's appearance in this section means the new technical facilities are on the air.

There are some inconsistencies about the new transmitter site of WYUU-59. Differences in geographical coordinates disagree with the description of the site, and taken one way, it would appear the 100kW ERP wouldn't reach the city of 11-cense. However, I suspect the ERP should really read 1000kW.

WINT-20 Crossville, Tennessee has been sold and may return to the air someday. Also, in New York, WNTW-5 has sold their translator W64AA to WPIX-11.

First-week ratings are in for the new WB and UPN networks. UPN's "Star Trek: Voyager" won the first half hour of its Monday 8pm timeslot with a 13.0 rating, beating CBS's "The Nanny" (12.8) and Fox's "Melrose Place" (12.7). UPN was in second place for the entire Monday lineup with that 13.0; CBS won with 13.7. On Tuesday, however, UPN ended up dead last with a 3.7 rating; the next lowest numbers were CBS's 9.4. Second week numbers aren't quite as good, though UPN remains essentially competitive with Fox.

Professionals seem to think WB is in trouble. Their first week numbers—a 1.9 rating on Wednesday—would seem to bear that out. They did a little better in their second week, but not much.

A Broadcasting and Cable article on TV LMA's notes that KTVK-3 Phoenix has signed an agreement with a KASW-TV, beginning in September. There are two open CPs in Phoenix, on channels 51 and 61; I suspect KASW is to be channel 51.

The new Republican Congress has prepared draft legislation that would enact major changes to the structure of broadcast regulation. Sen. Larry Pressler's bill would:

- Repeal rate regulation of cable.
- Repeal ownership limits on TV and radio stations.

- Allow broadcasters to use their "HDTV" channels for things other than TV, provided at least one free advanced TV program service is provided.

- Allow foreigners to own U.S. broadcast stations, provided their countries allow Americans to own stations.

- Allow cable operators to provide local telephone service, and allow telephone companies to offer cable TV.

Superficially, enactment of this bill would appear to lead to major changes in station ownership and, potentially, network affiliations. But TV stations are expensive, and economic realities may provide a limit to multiple ownership almost as effective as FCC regulations. I would expect to see more "duopolies", two stations in the same city owned by the same company.

The FCC has some ideas of its own. It's asked Congress to increase the length of a TV license from 5 to 7 years. The Commission also wants to end the comparative renewal system, under which a station seeking renewal of license can find their renewal challenged by third parties. Under the new plan, stations that obey FCC regulations would be automatically renewed, while those who commit serious violations would face an immediate hearing on their competency to

(Other stuff, cont'd.)
remain licensed.

Lowell Paxson continues to build his all-commercial network. Starting with stations including WTLK-14 Atlanta and KZKI-30 San Bernardino, he's recently added WTGI-61 Philadelphia, KXII-41 Minneapolis, and KTFH-49 Houston.

NETWORK AFFILIATION CHANGES

For the first time in recent memory, there aren't any!

FORUM

John Lentz, Muskego WI:

Regarding WDJT's proposed new tower, John passes along information from a Milwaukee Sentinel item. WISN-12 tells the paper they aren't pleased with WDJT's choice of sites; it's only 65m (200') from the channel 12 tower. WISN says they fear both safety problems (either from ice falling from the WDJT tower, or from the tower itself collapsing) and technical problems. (The possibility the nearby tower will affect the radiation pattern of the channel 12 transmitting antenna) They plan to challenge WDJT's move. WDJT officials told the paper they think WISN's complaints are based solely on competitive concerns. Chances are, the truth lies somewhere in between!

Dave Sinclair, Vancouver BC:

Competition for cable systems is at issue in Canada, just as it is in the U.S. A report in the Jan. 25 Vancouver Courier shows Rogers Cablesystems (which also operates a number of U.S. systems) demanding a CRTC hearing on the operation of a second cable system in the Concord Pacific housing development in Vancouver.

The second system, operated over fiber optic cables by a joint venture of the development and BC Telephone, offers rapid connection and lower rates; \$29.50/month for 40 channels, including a number of pay services. Rogers spokespeople told the paper a similar service on their system would cost \$72.50.

A CRTC public hearing was held in mid-February to determine whether Rogers will keep its monopoly over cable service in the development, or if the joint venture will continue to operate.

And from the Winnipeg Free Press, a decision on a new source of U.S. network programming for Manitoba cable systems. For years, the U.S. network signals in much of Canada have come by satellite from the Detroit affiliates. With increasing amounts of violence in the local news in Detroit, Canadian viewers have been asking for different U.S. stations to be

KARE 11

carried, stations from places culturally closer to Canada. In late January, the CRTC approved an application that will likely lead to Manitoba cable subscribers receiving WCCO-4 and KARE-11 instead of the Detroit stations. Similar approval was reached for access to Seattle affiliates in parts of western Canada. Changes still require negotiation of a contract with satellite carrier Cancom to deliver the signals.

John Combs, Orlando FL:

Unfortunately John didn't get in on our mega-tropo to Florida in mid-January, though he did make up for it with some good Gulf Coast loggings in early February.

His local W40AQ is trying yet another format. "I think this Kissimmee LPTV must now hold the record for most programming formats tried. None have lasted more than a few weeks, some only a few days, and in between these sporadic spurts of actual programming they run color bars 24 hours a day for weeks on end."

After a stint with "SUR" Panamerican TV, they're now relaying WILBM with The Box. John says "WILBM already has one of the better LPTV signals in the area—maybe they hope to cover the resort areas near Disney better this way. (I'm sure all those tourists have nothing better to do than sit in their rooms and order overpriced music videos via a 900 number, huh?)"

(Form, cont'd.)
Ernest Mesolowski, Omaha NE:

(via new MTV editor Victor Frank; thanks Victor! - and from the Jan. 14 World Herald:) New KXVO-15 is expected on the air by May 27. The station will be owned by Fox affiliate KPTN-42, and will be part of the WB network.

Ernest also writes that his UNID TBN on 53 was shut down by the FCC a few days before Christmas; they found it somewhere in southwest Omaha. This is an interesting case, given that a license for a channel 53 does exist; it's not totally clear what exactly happened here.

Ron Wing, Wichita KS:

As recently as January 6, Wichita didn't have a UPN affiliate. This situation didn't sit well with local Star Trek fans, who feared they'd miss the new UPN series Star Trek: Voyager. Negotiations between UPN and Fox affiliate KSAS-24, and ABC KAKR-10, were hampered by UPN's insistence the station taking Star Trek also take the other UPN shows, Platyus Man and Pigsty.

But by Jan. 18, an agreement was reached with KSAS. The first episode of Voyager was missed, but aired on tape delay. The other UPN shows will air late night.

Also on the subject of KSAS, Ron's brother in Garden City advises their translator there, K31EH, came on the air shortly before Christmas.

Finally from Wichita, K53EO has been sold & may finally get on the air. This station and two other LPV's belonged to River City Broadcasting, which got into financial trouble and had to sell. No programming has been finalized.

Dennis Park Smith, Santa Barbara CA:

Dennis has some new programming information from Southern California and northern Baja California. His San Diego bandscan:

6	XETV	Fox
8	KETB-TV	CBS
10	KGTV	ABC
12	XEWI	TVA
15	KPBS	PBS
19	K19BN	Uni
21	XHDF	Spanish
27	XHDF	Spanish
12	relays	Mexico City ch. 4)

33	XHAS	Tmd. Spanish
35	K3SDG	educ. from UCSD
39	KNSD	NBC
45	XHBT	Spanish
49	XH2	Spanish
51	KUSI	UPN
57	XH2	Spanish
59	K597?	PBS // KPBS-15
63	K63EN	Uni // K19BN
69	KTVY	WB

Besides the better publicized UPN affiliates, Dennis is seeing UPN on KADY-63 and KUZ2-45 in Oxnard and Bakersfield, respectively. There is no full-power Fox affiliate in Bakersfield, but KMPH-26 has a translator there. Also, KCOY-12 is now a secondary Fox affiliate. Finally, going back to Mexico, Dennis saw calls for channel 23 Ensenada supered during a newscast on XEWI-12, but they were too small to read.

Keith Smith, St. Ann MO:

Fox-to-be-ABC affiliate KDNI-30 St. Louis suffered a few hours of off-air time in late January. "Problems with transmission equipment" were blamed for the station going off the air at 12:30pm; they remained off until just after midnight. Keith says KDNI's new 9pm newscast hasn't impacted the ratings of KFLR-11's existing 9pm show.

On the subject of "CNN: The Game" mentioned in January... Keith has found a new pinball game at video arcades: "Rescue 911"!

DX ETC.

With the arrival of winter (both weeks HI) in mid-February, DX has taken a hiatus. Which is probably good, it finally left me enough time to complete some correspondence and start digging the base for my ham tower...

Another reminder: check your local LPV's for call changes, and please let me know if you see any...

73 Doug

WTWO-TV2

WESTERN TV-DX

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March 1996

as caught by FCC a few days before Christmas. Located somewhere in S.W. Omaha. Was on the air for 2-3 months.

Equipment:
Channel Master 1110 Quantum with Winegard PA-1375 preamplifier and RG-11U at 30'.
Channel Master 4228A with Winegard PA-4975 preamplifier and RG-11U at 35'.
I rotor, Channel Master 7206 Hi-Q trap, and Zenith Z1920W 19" color TV.

Jeff Kruska, 7706-M.N. Jefferson Pl. Cir., Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Equipment:
1992 Zenith "Sentry 2" 13" color TV (Model #S13185). UHF: RD-X Labs UA-900 preamp. Channel Master 4228A 8-bay @ 30 ft. VHF: Rabbit ears + quad loops cut for channels 3 & 5. Mitsubishi HS-U31 VCR.

November 1994

5	tr	2307	WJW	60	TX	495
December 1994						
5	tr	2103	KVE	24	TX	395
6	tr	2223	KDY	34	AL	400
6	tr	0653	WJW	34	AL	515
2046	WJW	48	AL	400		
2051	WJW	18	AL	340		
2230	WJW	31	AL	400		
2240	WJW	10	AL	300		
2242	WJW	17	CA	350		
2242	WJW	20	CA	350		
14	tr	2232	WJW	17	CA	350
16	tr	0116	KDOR	28	TX	450
23	tr	1056	WJW	3	CA	580
30	tr	1443	WJW	4	SC	680

January 1995

16	tr	2123	WJW	34	AL	400
2131	WJW	69	CA	490		
2136	WJW	63	CA	490		
2154	WJW	34	CA	490		
2202	WJW	54	CA	490		
2218	WJW	61	TX	495		
2233	WJW	43	AL	400		
2233	WJW	53	TX	495		
17	tr	0015	WJW	31	AL	400
0030	WJW	31	AL	400		
0030	WJW	20	FL	620		
31	tr	1716	WJW	5	SC	680

Notes:

1. Local mentions, 31 supered lower right
2. PBS not // WJW-27
3. APT ID @ 2327
4. "Coach" followed by "MASHT @ 2400
5. "Coach with the Wind" // WJW cable!
6. Star Hustler
7. "W/OY TV-52 K52CO" ID on screen. First time any ID has ever been seen from this station--got both "Take" and "Real" ID!
8. "UPN 53"
9. "Cable channel 2" ID. Slanted "2" is their logo.

Finally, an opening to Atlanta (although weak & brief) on 12/6/94. My log total (282) now exceeds any New Orleans log. A nice fit opening into a new state, TN, and short-hop Es into new SC. Ron Leblanc of New Orleans had 800+ mile tr to IL, IN, OH, and KY on 1/16.

73 Jeff

Eric Bueman (NOUJH), 631 Coachway Lane, Hazelwood, MO 63042-1347 Phone (314)839-9751

Equipment:
Yorx 4.5' B&W TV/AM/FM Stereo boombox (all logs prior to 12/17/94). Aaron 12" B&W TV (all logs since 12/17/94). Archer VU-110 UHF/UHF/FM antenna with Archerator at 33' AGL

December 1994 Distances expressed in miles and kilometers,
With miles expressed first CST

0030 MEV1	31 GA	4256/01	0530 WISP	28 GA	390
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12 tr	0605 WIFE	14 IN	420	WKOH	31 KY	467
0638	HEHT	25 IN		0645	W14BR	

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Western TV DX-8

ort continues

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Western TV DX-9

ort continues

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EASTERN TV-DX

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March 1995

Deadline: 5th

1995 has started with great tropo on January 17th and 18th! South Florida to Tennessee is amazing. Reports of late December tropo are still coming in. Skip really hasn't been up to par for the season.

GREG CONIGLIO - 5100 GLENWOOD DR. - WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK 14221

Equipment	17" color Sony TV, Jerrid	10-element VHF Yagi, 4-day screen for UHF	with 2000 CM amp on rotor on rooftop
DECEMBER 1994 DX			
22 Tr Detroit, Toledo, U.S. excellent			
CFMT 2.60 ON	223		
(Ozama, CFMT-47)			
23 Tr 0010 WAXMI 17 MI	347		
0015 WTLV 54 MI	364		
1900 WUPW 360H-SF	260		
25 Tr 0905 WPXI 11 PA	187		
Youngstown, Pittsburgh, sf			
0930 WOUC 44 OH	241		
1045 WPBQ 42 OH	370		
WOUE 20 OH	311		
26 Tr 0825 WKCF 22 OH	366		
WPST 45 OH	366		
0830 WOSU 34 OH	293		
0640 WKOI 43 IN	391		
0655 WLKY 32 KY	451		
0930 WTVQ 36 KY	454		
WKYT 27 KY	T		
VHF channels at a mess!			
1130 Michigan shows up strong			
1130 CFJP 35 PC	306		
1530 WHME 46 IN-SF	393		
1545 WANE 15 IN	357		
1700 WAXN 59 IN	443		
1730 WJIB 63 IN	459		
1730 WHMB 40 IN	443		
1730 WFYI 20 IN	T		
1730 WMCC 23 IN	T		
(strong CCI with WNEO on!)			
1800 WTHR 13 IN	T		
(strong "13 logo")			
1805 WAFD 68 OH	256		
1845 WSTR 64 OH	404		
1900 WCET 48 OH	404		
26 Tr 1955 CBOT 53 ON	154		
1955 CIOG 42 ON	154		
2000 WKMR 38 KY	414		
WKLE 46 KY	460		
2010 WLJC 26 OH	341		
2020 CIOG 55 ON	150		
(well offical CII file)			
2200 WQHS 61 OH	190		
(sf over local Box W61CA)			
2225 WJYS 62 IN	475		
(NOTE #1)			
2230 W69B 69 MI	295		
(Lansing, WAOP-49)			
2235 WLLA 64 MI	345		
2330 WCIU 26 IL	462		
2335 WEHS 60 IL	462		
2345 WNDU 16 IN	396		
WGK 52 MI	357		
27 Tr 0000 WAND 17 IL	564		
0010 CKCO 11 ON	162		
0015 WLFI 18 IN	446		
WSBT 22 IN	396		
0015 WYZZ 43 IL	563		
0025 WICS 20 IL	599		
0100 WTVF 47 IL	T		
(NOTE #2)			
0105 KJLB 18 IA	609		
0107 WHSL 46(MO)	693		
(RELOG OF ALL TIME UHF-RECORD)			
0115 WFLD 32 IL	461		
0130 WFLH 23 IL	566		
0140 WBNS 10 OH	306		
0145 WYXI 17 MI	347		
0145 WLIO 35 OH	320		
0800 S.Bend US still st.			
0930 WGVU 35 MI	364		
2355 WOEX 16 PA	187		
WOUB 20 OH	311		

NEWS 15
CHANNEL 15

WTVB
sf TV 15

WANE Ft. Wayne, IN

Greg Coniglio (cont.)

"Now, it has been quite an 'off-season' for TV-trops. Judging by the wide area covered, as well as the excellent signal strengths, and distances, I would have to call the Dec. 26-27 opening the best TV tropo opening that I have ever seen. The channels were really loaded, and some awesome signal strengths at times for things that were over 500 miles! I wish some of the closer stuff could have signed off though, or not be as strong. It. Definitely a nice Christmas present! January 18-19 was no slouch either. While the numbers were not as great, and signals were off compared to the earlier opening, it made up for it by being to an extremely rare area. The Carolinas. First ever TV opening to NC for myself (although the Hurricane Andrew opening did touch Outer Banks on FM for me in 1992). Some other local DXers had their first ever opening on TV to SOUTH Carolina that evening as well, and one UNID signal that made it up here late that night 'may' have been WAWN-30 FL. In any other circumstance I would think it was crazy, but that night - quite possible! (North Carolina DXers were getting a Florida opening). I had tentatives on WFLA-24 and probably WPDE-15 as well, but couldn't pull them through Erie and Parkersburg. Sadly, neither of these openings seemed to do much on FM, despite seeming to affect all of the VHF-7? A nice trio of super openings now this fall/winter, these two plus the October opening. This has coincided with warm temperatures, and more than the average days of warm, moist, high pressures instead of the usual cold Arctic highs greeting Buffalo this time of year. On January 13, just before the big opening, the local temperature at 3 in the morning was 67 degrees! Average high/low this time of year is 30/16. This could possibly be due to the 'El Niño' weather pattern originating in the South Pacific. Judging by this year, and previous El Niño years (1986-87, 1982-83), maybe we could rename it 'El Troppo' h.

Jeff Wolfe, 2217 Drury Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Skip noted on January 1st at 0005, January 7th at 2350 and some tropo on January 13th at 2230 which brought in 0 cci to semi-locals WCAU-10 PA and WHYY-12 PA. Also a CH. 21 with PBS programs was seen. (WLTN-21 NY ? sv)

Joel Rosenberg, 19 Glenayr Road, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 2M3 Canada

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"1994 was a busy year with other commitments and I obviously missed out on a lot of skip. However, I was lucky to discover the Boxing day tropo which was the best couple of days in a long time.

Someone called me over the summer but didn't leave a message...Please try again!"

December 1994

26 Tr 2000 Band loaded (warm spell, fog)
KET on 46, 38, 52 Cleve s/f, Detroit (WXON62 now CBS)

2030	WOSU-34	OH	(320)
2125	WNEO-45	OH	(200)
2125	UNID-53, ABC-36, WSTR-64	weak	
2127	WAFD-68	OH	(415)
2139	WJTC-26	OH	(270)
2200	WJTC-26	OH	(350)
2236	UNID-63	HSC	
2242	WTVQ-36	KY	(475) ABC football
2338	WMO-53	OH	(360)
2356	WMO-19	OH	S/F TVO off
27 Tr	0750	Band still loaded SW Ont, S.Bend, N. OH	
0800	WJMM-63	IN	(315)
0845	UNID-17, CBS-18		
	WGRE-30, WLIO-35, WOSU-34	OH	
	WFTL-14	IN	(585)
0856	WFSH-46	IN	(375)
1256	Band still loaded, Detroit good, unid-59 w/talk show		
1400	WROG-33	IN	(345)
1600	WBAK-38	IN	(505) mod snow
1800	Ft. Wayne still strong 15, 21, 39 unid-59		
1915	SW Ont up, still strong CCI across band, Ft. Wayne weaker		

73's to all,

Jeff

TOM BRYANT - 849 TODD PRESS DRIVE - MOUNTAIN, TN 37221 - 615-646-2000 - (CST)

EQUIPMENT: VHF: Winegard CS-4054 @ 20'; UHF: Antennaelect P-5 parabolic w/Antennacraft preamp @ 25'; FM/Ch 6: Probe 9 @ 40'; RG-6 coax on each. Channel Master HD-9515 rotators. Emerson VCR (model 7541); Portland 13" color. Tr relays noted only when rare.

Dec. '94
 6 Tr 1934 WDCO 29 GA 271 8 Ms 0403 KUSD 2 SD 754 1930 WYAS 25 KY 348
 7 Tr 0003 WNCN 41 GA 295 (see notes) 18 Tr 0001 WJHG 7 FL 395
 0005 WYNN 18 AL 342 15 Ms 0318 KUSD 2 SD 754 0006 WYNN 11 FL 704
 0015 WYNN 49 AL 186 (see notes) 0104 WYNN 10 FL 592
 0015 WYNN 49 AL 186 16 Tr 1030 WYNN 20 LA 467 0107 WYNN 20 FL 739
 (both 1pvt's-8-ham) 1050 WYNN 49 LA 467 0125 WYNN 20 FL 614
 24 Ms 0403 KUSD 2 SD 754 1059 WYNN 15 MI 233 0129 WYNN 35 FL 613
 25 Tr 0229 KSNF 16 MO 431 1930 WYNN 20 MI 233 0133 WYNN 35 FL 766
 0400 KSNF 41 MO 470 2026 WYNN 43 IL 335 0140 WYNN 52 FL 636
 Bs 1050 WYNN 41 MO 470 2141 WYNN 47 MI 498 0235 WYNN 26 FL 624
 1150 WYNN 41 MO 470 17 Tr 0130 WYNN 9 IL 407 0230 WYNN 26 FL 624
 27 Tr 0037 WYNN 35 OH 351 0130 WYNN 16 IN 386 21 Ms 0357 KUSD 2 SD 754
 0051 WYNN 20, 38, 0130 WYNN 22 IN 387 31 Tr 0130 WYNN 50 TN 179
 56 & 62 (cst-50) 1930 WYNN 16 OH 285 21-25 muf 3-no id KENW(1)

NOTES: Talk about two dynamic months of DX! Christmas eve and early Christmas morning saw a massive opening to the MW with about everything from Quincy, Champaign, Peoria, Springfield (IL 8 MO), St. Louis and Joplin at or near s/f. 1/8 during 45 minute WYNN sp I logged 9 Ms bursts from KUSD plus 10 bursts of 3/4 db w/d that I couldn't read. A week later WYNN had a 50 minute sp with similar Ms results...8 KUSD blips and twice that many units with various programming and bars. **THE YOU-KNOW-WHAT REALLY STARTED HITTING THE FAN THE EVENING OF JANUARY 16...AND NEXT PRETTY MUCH NON-STOP THRU THE HOURS OF THE 16th.** The channel 11 Naples logging beat my old hit (40 In Rochester, NY by 407 miles and the 25 from Tequesta (West Palm Beach) beat my previous U distance record (27 In Oak Ridge, MI) by 201 miles! Doug Smith and I were on the phone during most of the FL opening and although we got a lot of the same stuff, the 25 miles between us [plus elevation and equipment variations] seemed to make a significant difference. Ed Phelps tipped us off to the FL stuff (we found the rest on our own). Overall it was one heck of an opening...at one time on the 16th the opening extended from Columbus, GA and Montgomery, AL to Wausau and Madison, WI. Hope this is a sample of 1995! 73a - Tom

NORTHERN FM-DX

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MARCH 1995 — **DEADLINE: The 5th** — **LOG CUTOFF: 3 months from postmark**

For DXers in: MA, NH, VT, CT, MAR, IN, PA, NJ, OH, MI, IL, IN, WI, MN, IA, NE, SD, ND, MT, WY, ID, WA, OR, AK, Canada
 Not much to report this time. Some off-season skip openings were reported, especially in December. New Year's Eve was a surprise quality opening for some DXers. While several DXers noted some excellent trop openings during the period, the results on FM just were not the same as what they were on TV. (I noticed that myself-my TV report from Jan. 16 will be much bigger than the FM report that will appear in this column next month, hi). Some meteor scatter reports too, but nothing major. If you have heard any DX lately, feel free to let us know. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

BOB SEYBOLD - 76 E. 6TH ST. - DUNKIRK, NEW YORK

Decided to report a little FM DX as I observed some on the Dec. 27th opening-0800-1700 some heard WMBE 97.3 Ft. Wayne, IN; WOSU 89.7 Columbus, OH; WOSP 91.5 Portsmouth, OH; WCCW 107.5 Traverse City, MI; WDFR 88.1 Danville, KY; CBLU 94.3 Huntsville, ON; CIBC 105.9 Orillia, ON; CBCO 91.5 Orillia, ON; CJQM 104.3 Sault Ste Marie, ON; WYSZ 89.3 Maumee, OH; WHMQ 107.7 N. Baltimore, OH; WYBK 98.3 Fredericktown, OH; WOLX 102.3 Gallon, OH; WCMW 94.7 Gulliver, MI; CHAS 100.5 Sault Ste Marie, ON; WLDE 101.7 Ft. Wayne, IN; WQHK 105.1 Decatur, IN; CIOB 101.1 Barre, ON and other Barre FM's in strong; also stations in western Ontario: WHIC 94.3 Hardensburg, KY; WLHT 95.7 Marquette, MI; WXLN 105.7 Eminence, KY; WWCK 105.5 Flint, MI -several others heard, but not logged, mostly Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Ontario- TV tropes were better. Peak period was 1000-1300

NORTHERN FM DX

MIKE CHERRY (VE7SKA) - BOX 631 - GANGES P.O. - SALT SPRING ISLAND -

BRITISH COLUMBIA VOS 1E0

Home equipment: Toshiba SA-500 receiver, Channel Master rabbit ears with tune sw. FM beam not up yet Mobile: Toyota FM stereo receiver w/180 kHz IF. Mobile loggings indicated. PDT used.

DECEMBER 1994 DX

12 GW CKWV 102.3 BC testing in \$ (new calls since 0557 Mike's report, see Feb. 95 FM NEWS-gc) 24
31 Es KUNM 89.9 NM ID, program notes 1280
 1519 KLYT 88.3 NM \$, local refs 1280
 1528 KUL 99.1 KS calls, religion 1280
 1530 KANZ 90.5 KS ID, \$, regular 1280
 KANZ 90.5 KS ditto, easy pickings!
 KSKL 94.5 KS wx, ads 1150
 1534 KNNG 104.7 CO \$, promos 1150
 1541 KSID 98.7 NE ads, loc. refs, \$
 1544 KOGA 99.7 NE ads, & loc. refs, \$
 1553 KBRX 102.9 NE k music, wx
 1558 KME 90.3 NE Neb. Public Radio, ID 1311
 KLINE 88.7 NE ID // 90.3
 KENE 91.7 NE ID // 88.7
 KUSD 89.7 SD ID, prog. notes, \$ 1291
 Winter has been elusivo, although December 31st sort of made up for it. There was double-hop on 50 mHz (6 metres) into Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas and for one lucky Seattle ham: a quick contact on 144 mHz (2 metres) to Nebraska. The FM footprint on this opening was fairly small, so stations heard were in the clear without multiple signals competing for dominance. Note my new mailing address - my home QTH remains the same. Best of DX to all in '95 73a, Mike

JOHN EBELING - 9209 VINCENT AVE. SO. - BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA 55431

OR: 6483 COUNTY ROAD 47 - ALBORN, MINNESOTA 55702

BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA location:

AUGUST 11, 1994 Tr
 2206 KDNW 97.3 MN Duluth
 2238 WCOM 98.7 WI Park Falls
DECEMBER 1994 DX
 22 Tr KTN 93.5 MN Worthington (new)
 2365 K294AM 106.7 MN St. Paul (new-KFAL xtr)
 24 Tr KQZY 103.7 IA Osage
 2000 KASM 105.5 MN Albany
 2017 K297AF 106.7 MN Red Wing (new-KRCH xtr)
 25 Tr KLOV 107.3 IA Forrest City
 0043 KLOV 107.3 IA Forrest City
 1200 KTLG 102.7 MN Pequot Lakes
 26 Tr WZD 99.9 WI Rudolph
 0107 WZD 99.9 WI Rhineland
 0115 WHDG 97.5 WI Rhineland



That is about it from here. I do not have the Prosit MN listings to include at this time. They were all Tr anyway, catching up on newer stations in the area. Have a happy New Year! John

NORTHERN FM DX

FRANK MERRILL - P.O. BOX 669 - MACOMB, ILLINOIS 61455

MARCH 1995

NOVEMBER 1994 DX

12.1T	Wild TX UHF opening to 955 miles, but no FM DX exception of vacant frequencies!"	0100 WTXQ 106.1 MI Jackson	330
0304 KXJN	107.5 TX San Antonio, legal ID	0342 CEPL 95.9 ON London, talk about U. of Western Ontario football, back to national	510
0310 KRQT	107.5 TX Lake Jackson, now calls themselves "Rocket 107 FM"	0406 WIOG 102.5 MI Bay City	425
0440 WRR	101.1 TX Dallas	0406 WTCM 103.5 MI Traverse City	420
0441 KLCL	101.1 TX Houston	2029 WJGE 92.3 IL Peoria, Metro Center ad.	70
1800 KKKX	103.9 AR Fayetteville, "Kix 104 is KKKX Fayetteville" heard on CAR RADIO in Macomb 1340	2029 WJMK 93.1 MI Iron Mountain	390
1835 KWXD	103.5 MO Ashbury, Frontenac ads also for Pittsburg, KS	2044 WPKR 106.7 MI Gaylord, "106.7 The Peak Northern Michigan's Hottest hits"	485
		2050 WDX 101.1 WI Green Bay	320

November 13.1T

25.1T	2051 WAI 95.1 IN Ft. Wayne, NOTE 1	330
25.1T	0357 WZKX 107.9 MS Poplarville, "108, the Gulf Coast's new kicker", k, in for hours!	760
24.1T	0724 WOVW 102.5 AL Jasper, "Wow-FM Birmingham's..."	475

FM96

London's Rock

NOTE 1 (24 Dec. actually applies to 25, 26, and 27 as well) While TV was providing dozens of new loggings, FM was only barely affected at distanced beyond 300 miles, while stations within this closer area were simply blasting in like locals. DX was impossible with all freq's piled 3 to 5 deep in "temporary" locals. (Frank, the same thing happened here during those days, when I had TV reception of many new loggings, and rare ones, some out your way-WICS 20, KLIB 18, WTVF 47, etc. but certainly nothing on FM out your way showed up unfortunately. The lack of FM was a common complaint I have heard about these openings in December and January-gc)

Am glad the biggest it was in December/January (though NONE of it did very much to FM!!; compared to the craziness on TV), because I'd be in time-trouble sending the TV stuff out, hi.

RICK SHAFAN - 217 GREEN RD. - SPARTA, NEW JERSEY 07871

(201) 586-3563, Beeper for DX: (201) 661-5662. EQUIPMENT: Realistic STA-2280 with 7/110 kHz filters (see McVey article, Nov. 1990), Channel Master 20 element TV 45 AGL, phased with FM 13 and winegard AP-3800 Amp (32.9 dB gain, 3.2 dB noise figure), 30' AGL, and the Bohn Phase Box. (IN CAR: Kenwood KRC-430 with two 110 kHz filters). All times approximate.

January 13 GW/IT

2045 88.1 WDJX Allentown PA 56 - Very weak here with bluegrass and calls.

2245 88.3 WBBX Southampton NY 98 - Jazz thru WBGO. "Long Island's Public Radio".

2326 105.5 WMJV Patterson NY 55 - Through local WDBA. "Superstation"

January 14 GW/IT

0015 107.9 WEBE Westport CT 75 - Through local WPMR. First time from Sparta.

0017 106.9 WARR Hagerstown MD 191 - Oldies 106.9

January 15.1T

1548 100.9 77.7 "Q-Rock", heavy metal, N. Syracuse, NY (Probably, they are "K-Rock" and hard rock-gc)

January 21.1T

0106 102.1 KEEY, St. Paul MN 975 - "KEEY, St. Paul - Minneapolis" ID. Very clear. Previously Es.

SOUTHERN FM DX

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

DEADLINE: 14th

Danny Burlin
1312 N. Skyline
Stillwater, OK 74075

Eric Buehman (NORTH), 631 Coachway Lane, Hazelwood, MO 63042-1347 COT
Duplex: Realistic STA-90 stereo receiver with Radio Shack VU-110 antenna and Archerator 33 feet above ground level.

10/17.1T	0045 KREX 105.9 MO Nixa, calls, r	200
0101 KRBT	192.9 MO Marshall, CBS nx, ads, wx, k, over KZS	150
0113 KCOV	91.7 MO Candenton, gr (Contemp. Christian), calls in promo	140
0117 KRZU	100.7 MO Carrollton, ad, calls, k	100
0125 KEXR	106.1 MO Ashland "106.1 BXR", r	100
2247 WMS	97.5 IL Champagin, rm, "Light 97.5 WMS"	150
2251 WDDO	107.3 IL Marion, k, // WDDO	100
2252 KIXY	106.9 MO Jefferson City, r, "Y107"	100
2254 WRNO	101.5 IL Bloomington, calls, wx,	135
2258 WTRN	94.5 IL Champagin, r (Hot AC), "Mix 94.5", some KSHS 94.7 splash	150
2300 WVIC	91.5 IL Pekin, ID, nx, gr	140
2306 WOLZ	92.7 IL Taylorville, rp, "Solid Rock 92.7", over WBO/KLOZ	80
2307 WBBQ	92.7 IL Galesburg, "Q-93", r	155
2313 WIDS	93.1 IL Decatur, ads, "Hot Country D-93", k	110
10/30.1T	2346 Champagin, IL 91.7, 94.5, 97.5	150
2350 KQMO	100.7 MO Cape Girardeau, loc. ads	115
2353 Decatur, IL	93.1, 95.1, 102.9	110
11/12.1T	2121 WKRY 104.1 IN Evansville, b, loc. ads	165
2121 KBDQ	104.3 MO Kansas City, k, // KBDQ	1030
2122 WGBH	104.3 IL Casey, o	225
2123 KRCR	103.9 MO Montgomery City, r (CHR)	65
2143 KRYV	102.1 MO Kansas City, local ad.	225
2144 KGBX	105.9 MO Nixa, 1970s disco	200
11/13.1T	0100 KGB 99.7 IA Muscatine, k, "99-7 Bob Country", lite KFAV splash	170
0110 KRNA	94.1 IA Iowa City, rp (AOR), "94-1 KRNA", ex 93.9	200
12/26.1T	1845 WEXZ 92.9 IL Lincoln "Eagle 93.9", k, local wx, ment. of Springfield, call change here?	110
2244 KQMO	100.7 MO Cape Girardeau, "Oldies 100.7", o	115
12/27.1T	0041 WFX 106.7 IL Sullivan "106.7 The Fox", Decatur ads, rp (Classic rock)	115
0102 WSHW	99.7 IN Frankfort, "Shine 99"	235
r (Hot AC)	0334 WFER 97.9 IL Effingham, r (AC), ABC nx, ads, calls heard expected WJBI	105
0507 WFTY	90.1 IN Indianapolis, nx, last heard in '84 as WJAN	240
12/30	2324 KQMO 102.9 MO Marshall, calls, k	150
2328 WSOY	102.9 IL Decatur, "Y103", r	110

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SOUTHERN FM DX

Buena Vista, cont.
MARCH 1995
 Is January turning into a big trop month or what? Last month, it was Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Ontario on VHF-High and UHF TV, then New Year's Eve E-skip into Utah and Idaho, now this opening into Alabama and further east into Tennessee, where I also received TV stations from Montgomery, Anniston/Gadsden and Phenix City/Columbus, GA! Could FM trop into Atlanta be far behind? This could turn out to be the best trop winter I ever had, rivaling the winter of 1988-89, when I DXed from Woodstock, GA! I don't know if I could prove this Height Above Sea Level moot in affecting FM DXing; I'm some 600 feet lower ASL than I was in Woodstock! I even had my former state(GA) on UHF TV, but could never get past the Appalachians via trop on FM, not yet!

WDX 93.1 is now on the air and DX ready with Hot Country, in direct competition with W200 95.1. That means that I'll only need W200 89.5 to complete Decatur, but with KCFV parked on the frequency, plus KOPN and KOKS dominating after KCFV sign-off, it'll be a hard haul at best! With that memorable E-skip summer behind us, let's hope for another good season in '95! In the opening of October '91, none of the Springfield, MO TV stations made it in, but the Columbia/Jefferon City television stations were in well. Less than 24 hours later, it was central IL stations making their presence felt, still without any sign of the TV stations from Springfield, Champaign, Decatur or Peoria(not even "barometer stations" WAND 17 or WICS 201). W200 104.1's unexpected silence on November 12(their transmitter is six miles N of the OTH)allowed me to net four new stations, two on 104.3 and one each on 103.9 and 104.1. In fact, W200 was a trop regular when 104.1(as W200)signed off at midnight. Also confirmed the frequency change for KRVA from 93.9 to 94.1 when they were dominating the channel on November 13. The opening on Dec. 26-27 was colossal on UHF and TV 7-13, with stations from southern MI, northern IN, northern OH and southwestern ON in, but it was rather lackluster on FM and the low TV(2-6), only yielding a new IL station(W200 106.7) and a station needed for a call change(W200 90.1). I had expected Detroit to come in on FM as well, but that opening was only good above VHF ch 7. Es ended 1994 with an opening into ID UT, KIDK-3 and KPTV-6 came in from the Pocatello/Idaho Falls area, making for summer-like conditions on a cold December night! Total stations heard as of 1/1-95 stands at 191. 73 and good dx from NOUHH.

Keith D. Pugh, 227 Martin St., New Hope, AL 35760
 Brgtpt.: McIntosh MR-73, Probe 9 at 30 ft.
 9/7 gw

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|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1102 WZST 98.1 TN Signal Mountain, r\$ | 12/22 ms | 1209 KMKR 99.9 KS Leoti, ID | 12/27 Es | 1223 XHAA 94.1 TX Reynosa, ID |
| 11/28 tr | 1359 CBSS 99.9 ON Sudbury, "this is CBC..." | 1227 Es | 1235 XHRP 95.7 NL Monterey | 1246 XHOC 93.5 CL Saltillo, "Estereo Satillo" |
| 1758 WFSY 98.5 FL Panama City | 1759 WFLX 101.5 FL Pensacola | 12/26 tr | 1243 XHRP 95.7 NL Monterey | 1320 XHUC 89.9 TX Laredo |
| 1759 WFLX 104.1 FL Tallahassee | 0953 WCLE 104.1 TN Calhoun | 1001 WBOZ 104.9 TN Woodbury, ID B105 | 1325 XHUC 97.1 TX Nuevo Laredo | 1344 XHUC 97.1 TX San Antonio |
| 12/6 tr | 1005 WSGM 104.7 TN Calhoun, city ID | 1741 KSSN 95.7 AR Little Rock, Kissin-96 | 1358 XHRP 95.9 TX Eagle Pass, SS-EE, ID | 1405 KLRZ 96.1 TX, "K-LAR" |
| 1752 WBRB 92.5 VA Big Stone Gap | 1800 WAKM 93.5 VA Big Stone Gap | 1954 WMEZ 94.1 FL Pensacola | 1405 KLRZ 96.1 TX, "K-LAR" | 1455 KQIZ 93.1 TX Amarillo |
| 2048 WOLX 94.3 AL Greenville, "Q94" | 2140 WMLT 102.3 MS Philadelphia | 2154 WMCZ 104.9 GA Milan | 1500 KACV 89.9 TX Amarillo | 1500 KACV 89.9 TX Amarillo |
| 2146 WACT 105.5 AL Tuscaloosa | 2157 WBEA 102.5 GA Waycross | 2223 WBSY 100.7 where? g | 1501 XHAA 93.1 TX Reynosa, ID | 1501 XHAA 93.1 TX Reynosa, ID |
| 2230 WABC 96.7 GA Cochran, k, ID | 2238 WCN 103.5 GA Greenville | 2302 WATO 93.5 FL Port St. Joe | 1508 KQIZ 93.1 TX Amarillo | 1508 KQIZ 93.1 TX Amarillo |
| 2330 WACH 98.3 AL Mitchell | 2233 WBEZ 99.3 FL Mexico Beach, ID | 12/8 tr | 1508 KQIZ 93.1 TX Amarillo | 1508 KQIZ 93.1 TX Amarillo |
| 1018 WOFX 95.5 KY Prestonsburg, r, lcl ad | 1022 WDRR 93.1 KY Pikeville, ID | 1058 GENP 101.5 ON Peterborough, city ID | 1508 KQIZ 93.1 TX Amarillo | 1508 KQIZ 93.1 TX Amarillo |
| 12/22 ms | 1023 WXC 99.9 PA Erie, "Classy-100" | 12/22 ms | 1508 KQIZ 93.1 TX Amarillo | 1508 KQIZ 93.1 TX Amarillo |
| 12/22 ms | 1023 WXC 99.9 PA Erie, "Classy-100" | 12/22 ms | 1508 KQIZ 93.1 TX Amarillo | 1508 KQIZ 93.1 TX Amarillo |

SOUTHERN FM DX

Pugh, cont.
MARCH 1995
 1/31 Es
 1738 WZTA 94.9 FL Miami Beach
 1738 WZTA 94.9 FL Miami Beach
 1741 WOL 95.3 FL Fort Pierce, "Star 95.5"
 1741 WOL 95.3 FL Fort Pierce, "Star 95.5"
 1742 WKIS 99.9 FL Boca Raton
 1758 WKIL 90.7 FL W. Palm Beach

Douglas E. Smith, 1385 Old Clarksville Pike, Pleasant View, TN 37146-8098
 Brgtpt.: Technics ST-650, Archer VU-160 at 15'

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SOUTHERN FM DX

Smith, cont.

MARCH 1994

(DX takes a New Year's vacation here.)

0001 WRTO	92.5 II Urbana, calls	264	1/16 tr	0129 WNNB	98.7 IL Springfield, "Lite Rock 99	271
0002 KERS	107.3 IA Burlington, "107.3 KERS"			0138 WNNB	98.7 IA Centerville, "99 Country	271
0003 KZNN	105.3 MO Rolla, "The Superstation			0213 KSHH	94.7 MO Crestwood, rps	233
KZNN				0225 KSHH	107.7 MO St. Louis, t	233
0055 KXUS	97.3 MO Springfield, "US97"	348		0249 KSHH	99.9 MO Warrenton, "Classic Hits	275
0059 KJRO	96.1 MO Clinton, "KJRO 96 AT			0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
Night"				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
0100 KSHH	95.7 MO Mexico, SID & local ad	415		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
0152 KSHH	92.5 MO Joplin, calls			0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
0156 KSHH	88.1 MO St. Louis, legal ID	231		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
0208 KSHH	105.7 MO Ste. Genevieve, r	230		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
0221 KSHH	101.3 MO Springfield, b5	328		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
1041 KSHH	99.3 MO Boonville, calls	341		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
1121 KSHH	106.1 AR Fairfield Bay, "...on	292		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
KSHH 106.1 FM"				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
1126 KSHH	88.3 AR Little Rock, "Jazz club	322		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
of Ark."				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
12/26 tr	0913 WZLQ	107.3 IN Greenburg, "WZLQ 107.3	213	0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
0913 WZLQ	99.9 IN Terre Haute, calls	213		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
12/27 tr	0050 WZLQ	90.5 KY Louisville, calls	151	0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
WZLQ	91.7 KY Louisville, ID	265		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
0219 WZLQ	98.5 KY Elizabethton, calls	114		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
"Quicksie 98.5"				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
0240 WZLQ	91.1 IL Carlinville, calls	252		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
KZNN: UHF open to Detroit, FM nearly dead!				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
with FM tr these days? I hardly ever get				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
any in Oklahoma.				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
12/27 tr	1350 WZLQ	94.1 NL Monterrey	1068	0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
KZNN	94.7 TX Corpus Christi	850		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
KZNN	92.5 NL Monterrey			0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
KZNN	97.3 NL Monterrey			0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
KZNN	89.9 TX Laredo	936		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
(ABOVE ON CAR RADIO)				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
12/28 tr	1016 KZNN	106.7 AR Truman, "Kicking" 106.7	203	0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
NE Ark."				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
12/30 tr	1220 brief skip			0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
12/31 tr	1700 KZNN	91.7 MT Billings, ID w/KZNN,		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
KZNN, KZNN, & a few dozen translators.				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
1727 KZNN	92.5 CO Greeley, "First	998		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
Night Colorado"				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
KZNN	92.5 MT Miles City, m5	1179		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
1734 KZNN	97.3 ID Blackfoot, "20" at Classy"			0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
beatings KZNN by 25 miles.)				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
1748 KZNN	96.5 CO Evergreen, p5	1433		0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
an open channel. (WZNN 97.1 and KZNN 91.9,				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
for two examples) A FM-13 or SP9 is				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
definitely on the New Year's Resolutions list.				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
The week of Jan. 16-18 was even more productive on UHF, with 700+ mile reception into				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
deep FL. But the late Dec. skip openings was nothing to complain about! The Tennessee				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
Dixie should never attend a New Year's party; there seems to be a better than even chance				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
there'll be an opening! Double-checking my accounting shows I now have 499 FMs in eight				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275
months up here.				0300 KSHH	103.9 MO Montgomery City, "The Z"	275

John Jefferson, 4104 Sycamore Ct., Antioch, CA 94509-6051

Guess it's time I rejoined the active reporting group. I've been on the road so much since 6/93 that I just haven't found time to report what little DXing I've had time to do. However, December gave me a belated Christmas present or early birthday present or early birthday present. If 12/31 isn't the best DX day EVER outside of the summer season, I'd really like to hear what beat it especially for distance!

As usual, new are underlined. An "e" denotes new to Antioch and a dashed underline would indicate new mode (none this time).

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Jefferson, cont.

MARCH 1995

12/31 tr	1416 KSHH	98.7 MN Moorhead Q-908	1425	12/31 tr	1516 KSHH	107.1 MN Foston, Christ m5, PSA	1478
1429 KSHH	95.5 ND Jamestown, Loc. wfx			1523 KSHH	102.3 MN Detroit Lakes, calls	1468	
1437 KSHH	92.3 MN Alexandria, calls			1533 KSHH	97.5 MN Park Rapids, calls	1496	
1439 KSHH	94.5 ND Bismarck, KO-94			1539 KSHH	97.1 MN Crookston, Valley's 97		
1440 KSHH	94.9 SD Aberdeen			Kick			
1441 KSHH	95.9 WI Milwaukee, call			1541 KSHH	90.5 MN St. Peter, c/91.1/91.3	1444	
1446 KSHH	98.3 WI Park Falls, calls,			1555 KSHH	100.7 WI Gillette	954	
(moving back to 98.3 from 98.7)				1600 KSHH	105.9 MN Madema, ID	1484	
1449 KSHH	101.5 ND Bismarck			1607 KSHH	97.1 SD Faith, ID	1135	
1452 KSHH	104.7 MN St. Cloud, calls			1608 KSHH	98.3 MN Winthrop, CBC Stereo	1477	
1453 KSHH	104.7 MN Escanaba, calls			1648 KSHH	101.5 MN Bismarck, Kiss 101 Bismk	1375	
1457 KSHH	91.1 MN Moorhead, c/91.3/91.5			1652 KSHH	97.9 IA Sioux City, Sioux City's	1375	
KZNN	91.5 MN Appleton, c/91.1/91.5			2-98			
c/91.1/91.3				1659 KSHH	97.1 ND Minot, Kix Cntry	1255	
1459 KSHH	91.7 WI Rhinelander, DI			1749	2003 KSHH	107.7 CA Kings Beach, K-Beach,	135
1504 KSHH	95.3 MN Wilmar, Granite F., p14			ID 2100			

Guess that proves the old baseball adage: it ain't over until it's over. I'd conceded defeat in 1994 - 33 total loggings, best distance 1426 miles. Well, that changed slightly. With 1 logging I overlooked in July & just noticed as I reviewed my tapes, the revised total is 48, with 6 at 1500+ miles. That's more like it.

KZNN's transmitter is in Nevada on Slide Mountain (9600'), thus the distance. They managed to punch through KZNN San Mateo. The latter's mt. Diablo booster (10 miles away) was dropping off the air, and that helped. Of course, since I'm out of the primary coverage area, the booster legally cannot come this way...

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Equipt.: Fisher 101(FM), CS 6065 10 el ant., HD-9515 rotor
102.9 WRRK California MD, new local, 30 ml., 1/8, 1123-1202 EST, country style every
mile WRRK 102.9, strong brand new station, no ads, all country.
92.9 WRRK Smyrna, DE, 60 ml., 1/15, 0958-1015 local ads, Casey's countdown, strong

John Tudenham WZNN, 2824 Missouri, Joplin, MO 64804-2755

12/22 (all up to 12/26 are tr)	1753 KSHH	102.9 Hutchinson KS		12/23	1800 KSHH	104.9 Bethany OK	
1805 KSHH	88.9 Commerce TX			1815 KSHH	90.9 Edmond OK		
12/3	0955 KSHH	94.5 Shawneeport LA	290	2035 KSHH	105.1 Perry OK		
1205 KSHH	88.9 Hays KS			2147 KSHH	106.3 Greenwood IAR		
2150 KSHH	98.1 Copeland KS			2200 KSHH	104.7 Burkhart TX		308
2200 KSHH	103.3 Hays KS			2003 KSHH	99.1 Denton TX		305
2220 KSHH	95.5 Dodge City KS			12/24			
12/24 tr	0015 KSHH	93.1 Lexington NE	379	1252 KSHH	103.1 Granite KS, trans. KOBC 90.7		
0020 KSHH	93.5 Columbus NE			12/25			
0024 KSHH	100.3 Des Moines IA			0923 KSHH	93.7 St. Louis MO		
2005 KSHH	90.3 Jacksonville TX			1115 KSHH	102.7 Lake Ozark MO		
12/5	0915 KSHH	88.5 Mesquite TX	322	12/26			
0930 KSHH	89.5 Tyler TX			0039 KSHH	106.3 Arkany IA		
0945 KSHH	98.1 Texarkana TX			0100 KSHH	88.9 Chillicothe MO		
0955 KSHH	100.7 Mt. Pleasant TX			0115 KSHH	99.3 Ponca City OK		
1145 KSHH	93.1 Alexandria IA			12/31 tr			
1210 KSHH	90.3 Monroe LA			1700 KSHH	89.5 Williston ND		893
1220 KSHH	89.3 Dallas TX			1729 KSHH	94.5 Great Falls MT		1118
1300 KSHH	89.1 Little Rock AR			1744 KSHH	97.3 Livingston MT		1021
1354 KSHH	98.1 Baton Rouge LA			1757 KSHH	97.3 Blackfoot ID		1031
1745 KSHH	90.9 Dallas TX			1800 KSHH	97.5 Lander WY		
1859 KSHH	96.3 Wena AR			1816 KSHH	95.7 Twin Falls		1119
12/13	0001 KSHH	90.7 Wichita KS		1824 KSHH	96.5 Twin Falls		1119
1800 KSHH	88.9 Oklahoma City OK			1834 KSHH	96.3 Shelby MT		1180
12/15	0900 KSHH	103.1 Atoka OK		0130 WRRK	94.5 Richmond VA, 5 second burst,		
1205 KSHH	91.3 Claremore OK			ID "On 094", My first meteor scatter.			
2359 KSHH	95.7 Grand Island NE			Good if operating on New Year's eve. Open			
12/23	1600 KSHH	105.7 Spencer OK		on 144 mlz ham band KS to WA and west TX			
1605 KSHH	106.3 Norman OK						

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There was a skip hitting low band scanner skip with some skip reaching channel 2 around Thanksgiving. In December, there was a skip on Dec. 7 and 8 and around the 20th, again most of it barely hitting TV, though Bob S. said he had FM skip on Dec 7. I did check several times that day and noticed nothing on FM here. Regarding the meteor scatter, I did not have much time to DX that mode but I noticed a classical station coming in often on 82.9. There was some NC trop in December which I missed. Here in January there was some scanner and TV skip on Jan. 7th, and that's about it DX-wise. Once again my TX-9800 analog tuner bit the dust (the narrow mode doesn't work, as usual) and I have been using my other two digital and less selective tuners to DX with. Maybe this spring I'll visit some hamfests and see if I can pick up a decent analog tuner. (Strange, I had 3 Pioneer analogs and they worked fantastic..when they worked, but they all bit the dust). So this time I'll look for something else. Until then...GOODXing! Bill

New Radio Stations in the Caribbean from Bob Bittner - 2/19/95

During my 4-island trip to the Caribbean last week, I discovered some new stations on the air....

RADIO TRANSAT - 100.3 FM - ST. BARTHELEMY ISLAND (French West Indies). I visited this station which went on the air within the last couple of months. Their studios AND transmitter site are almost at sea-level on this very mountainous island. They will be re-locating their transmitter site in the near future to a higher location. The translation of "Radio Transat" is a radio station for people sitting in a long-chair (relaxing chair). The format is a mixture of local, French & some American music, not necessarily of a relaxing nature though. The owner/manager is Christian LaPorte who owns a station in France (and mentioned that he was going to sell the France station). The address is Radio Transat, Galerie du Commerce, St. Jean, 97133 St. Barthelemy, French West Indies. Phone 011-590-27-60-62. St. Barth's Island is just 15 miles east of St. Maarten and also 140 miles east of Puerto Rico. The other FM station on St. Barth's is called "Radio St. Barth's" and has been around for about 10 years.

PJR-1 FM - 92.3 FM - SINT EUSTATIUS (aka "STATIA") (Netherlands Antilles). This station (actually using government-assigned call-letters!!!) went on the air in January 95. Presently their antenna is mounted on the side of a house, not too far above sea level. Like the St. Barth's station, they told me they got the station on the air in a limited basis to secure the license grant. They plan to have the new transmitter tower on the top of "The Quill" which is the highest point on Sint Eustatius (1,966') with an additional 40-meter tower, using a power of 5,000 watts with a 12-bay antenna, where the different bays will be used to direct the signal in advantageous directions. Presently, the station is hardly audible in neighboring Sint Maarten, just 37 miles north. They have nice spacious studios with new equipment. They also are planning on setting up an AM station on 1470 Kc on the same island. There WAS a station on this island before... about 10 years ago PJF-3 on 1120 Kc was on the air just for a couple years. It failed financially, and to top things off, the tower fell due to the salt corrosion/rust from the nearby breaking waves of the Atlantic Ocean. This island has almost no retail economy, as it is home to only about 1,800 people. However, this soon-to-be higher-powered FM station could likely survive due to it's signal (future) to be received on at least 15 other islands. It is being programmed by a fellow from the states, and it will be using the services of the Freedom Satellite Network, along with locally-produced programs of blues, jazz and contemporary Gospel music. They also have some ownership of the CP on St. John in the US Virgin Islands, and reportedly some interest in a station on St. Thomas, also US Virgin Islands. Address: PJR-1 FM Radio, Sint Eustatius, Netherlands Antilles.



TIME TUNNEL GOES COMPUTER.....



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When I started writing this column some six years ago it was hammered out on a Smith Corona electronic typewriter with minimal word processing capabilities. About a year later an upgrade was made to a full blown Smith Corona word processor.

Twelve months later, that machine gave up the ghost...perhaps an omen that I should throw in the towel and make the move to a full-blown computer setup. But...old ways are hard to change, and I decided to buy an identical replacement.

Like a lot of folks who fondly remember steam locomotives and DC-3's, I felt that I would be totally overwhelmed by the complexity of the new technology.

Then, last summer, Gateway 2000's landed in every nook and cranny of WSM and as we made the plunge to digital audio storage, I had no choice but to get with the program or get the hell out of Dodge! Well, I like to eat...and travel...and have expensive hobbies to support...so the only option was to bite the bullet and hope for the best.

The WSM system captivated me...I was impressed by what it could do...I was getting hooked on computers...and it was luring me to the 'on-ramp' of the information highway at cyber speed.

As I write this column (which I am breaking my own rule by doing this) has absolutely nothing to do with TV history, I have been experimenting with my 486DX2-66 for less than a week.

Thanks to what I learned at work, some excellent software tutorials, a lot of patience, and plenty of trial and error hunting and pecking, I've been able to compose and print a color paintbox piece that looks like something a first grade kid would smear out with crayons. I wrote my mother a letter using umpteen fonts and styles; I lost a bundle playing blackjack against the invisible dealer (I think he/she/it cheats); and I've concluded that with a little bit of luck I might actually know what I'm doing with this whole kaboodle of technology sometime around the year 2014.

On the other hand, maybe it's not really as bad as I think. After all, I wanted to fool with the computer; and I knew that I was facing a deadline for the March VUD. Besides, this peek at my early driving lessons on the information highway might just provide a welcome break from the usual topics.

And...AT LEAST I DIDN'T fool around too much with the typeset!