

THE PIONEER DAYS

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In the Members' Reports and Comments Section of the Broadcast Band Section, reports were received from Eugene Allen, Vallejo, Calif.; James E. Critchett, San Diego, Calif.; Morton H. Schlesinger, New York, N. Y.; Abe Cohen, Seattle, Wash.; Eric A. Bristow, Paris, Ill.; and Harold S. Williams, Seymour, Conn. These reports were in the issue of July 7, 1952.

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In the Short Wave Section edited by Henry & Amelia Bennett, some of the stations heard were:

- 11775 VOA Tangiers by John Oskay, New Brunswick, N. J.
- 11760 VOA Tangiers by John Oskay
- 11745 RFE Radio Free Europe, Germany by John Oskay
- 9710 Dakar, Senegal by Pat Paterson, Thomasville, Ga.
- 9690 BFEBS Singapore, Malaya by Frank Warner, Binghamton, N. Y.
- 9620 Voice of Vietnam, Indo-Vietnam - Radio & TV News
- 9490 Radio Free Asia, Guam - Radio & TV News
- 8665 COJK Camaguey, Cuba by Pat Paterson
- 7500 EA8AB Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands by John Oskay
- 7155 VOA Germany by John Oskay
- 7114 CR4AA Cape Verde Islands by John Oskay
- 6090 VLI6 Sydney, Australia by Pat Paterson

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In "Leaves From A DXer's Scrapbook" edited by Carl Lord, the August 4, 1952 issue noted a report from Fred Burleigh, Meriden, Conn. in which he wrote of his success with TV Dxing. Fred mentioned that in June he positively identified every station on Channel 3 with the exception of Pittsburgh. His report had two stations on Channel 2; six on Channel 3; Six on Channel 4; three on Channel 5; two on Channel 6; three on Channel 7; two on Channel 9; one on Channel 10; three on Channel 11; and two on Channel 13.

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In the Amateur Section edited by LeRoy Waite, the 5 Best DX Catches Heard were as follows: George Hotton, Milwaukee, Wis. - VK9AP Papua, KG6FAA Guam; ZP4BB Paraguay; ZS6BW South Africa and ZS6DW South Africa. . . . By Al Matas, Brooklyn, N. Y. - EA9DC Ifni; IT1BXX Sicily; HB9LS Switzerland; and DL1JV Germany. . . . . By Edmund Richmond- CT2DJ Azores; EL9A Liberia; YV1VG Venezuela; TI2ARG Costa Rica; and CM2GO Cuba. . . . . By Frank Warner - ZB1KGU Malta; I1BGA Italy; CN8GG French Morocco; F7AP France; and GM2ACQ Scotland. . . . By Charles McCormick, Baltimore, Md. - YU4BN Yugoslavia; KX6AI Marshall Islands; I1CMG Italy; LA3DB Norway; OE13RN Austria; CN8FE French Morocco; CN8FR ; ZP5CB Paraguay. . . . . Morton H. Schlesinger, New York, N. Y. - HZ1MY in Saudi Arabia; CN8GG French Morocco; OX3BF Greenland; and VE3BOO Canada. . . . By Ben Adams, New York, N. Y. ZD9AA Tristan da Cunha; KW6BB Wake Island; ZD4BF Gold Coast; HZ1MY and HZ1TA Saudi Arabia.

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In the Broadcast Band Section for September 8, 1952 the following stations were reported by Steve Johnson, Havre de Grace, Md.:

- 625 TIDCR San Jose, Costa Rica on August 25
- 854 OAX4A Lima, Peru on August 12
- 1075 YSEB San Salvador, El Salvador on August 26
- 1240 ZBM Hamilton, Bermuda on August 14
- 1433 ----- Dakar, French West Africa on August 27

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In the Members' Reports and Comments Section of the Broadcast Band Section edited by Ernest Norman, reports were received from: Henry T. Tyndall, Burlington, Vt.; Robert Knox, Newton, N. J.; Joseph Enz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Stephen M. Aug, New York, N. Y.; Bruce Elving, Duluth, Minn.; William B. Whitman, Evanston, Ill.; Walter Witek, Buffalo, N. Y.; and Harold S. Williams, Seymour, Conn.

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Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthful New Year to All.

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In "Leaves From A Dixer's Scrapbook edited by Carl Lord, the following was noted for September in DX History:

1929 Considerable interest was being shown in new screen Grid R. F. tubes which were claimed to have an amplification factor many times greater than ordinary R. F. tubes. . . . A lady listener in Indianapolis opined that radio without Radex was like a blind date in a flivver.- you have no idea of where you're going or what you will get when you get there. . . . W3XK in Washington was televising a daily one-hour program. . . . Dials marked in kilocycles were beginning to appear on new receivers. South Carolina, Vermont and Wyoming had one station each. . . . Population of the graveyard channels was as follows: 1200 kcys. - 46 stations; 1210- 38; 1310- 50; 1370- 40; 1420- 35; and 1500- 25.

1932 Radex set up a special "Believe It Or Not" section for some of the more fantastic reception reports. Included in this section was a letter from a California listener who reported having tuned WOKO at Poughkeepsie, N. Y, (500 watts) from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m., PST on seven consecutive days. . . . An arrangement of Canadian stations indicated the probable deletion of many stations, and Dicers were reminded that they had better verify all those which could be heard. . . . With increasing interest in short-wave reception, a number of new all-wave receivers appeared on the market, including a 12-tube Scott, the 6 tube Pilot "Dragon", the 11 tube Lincoln SW-33, and the 11 tube Hammarlund "Comet".

1933 The frequency check schedule showed 277 stations with monthly tests, most of them on clear channels. . . . In reply to a Radex questionnaire, more than 400 stations indicated their willingness to broadcast DX programs during the winter season. . . . The Mexican government aimed an uppercut at its border stations by banning foreign studios and requiring announcements in Spanish, with translations in English optional. One owner of a border station announced plans to set up a ship-board station in the manner of RXKR. . . . Radex noted that, while many New England DXers never had heard WQDM at St. Albans, Vt., reception of this 100-watter was not unusual in New Zealand.

1934 The Canadian Radio Commission changed the frequency assignment of 16 stations according to a definite pattern: those with 1000 watts power and over were assigned channels below 1000 kcys.; those with 100 watts and less were given channels above 1200 kcys. . . . In the United States, the FRC was succeeded by the FCC, which assumed jurisdiction over telephone and telegraph communications as well as radio. . . . A DXer in South Africa reported 59 BCB veries from stations 5500 to 8000 miles distant. . . . WAAF and WAMC were destroyed by fire. . . . Moscow was reported to have a super-power 500-KW station on 174 kcys. . . . Station data- New- WSWA, 550, Staunton, Va.; WHJB, 620, Greensburg, Pa.; KSLM, 1370, Salem, Ore.; W1XBS, 1530, Long Island City, N. Y.; W6XAI, 1550, Bakersfield, Calif.; W9XBY, 1530, Kansas City, Mo.; W2XR, 1550, Long Island City, N. Y.; Note: W1XBS location should be Waterbury, Conn. I typed the wrong city- Sorry. . . Deleted: KFVI, WHAD, WNBW, WOQ, KFFH, WLEC, and WAMC. Changes in call- KFXF to KVOD, KGCR to KWTL, KFBL to KRKO, WHET to WAGF and WENC to WGPC.

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In the Amateur Section edited by LeRoy Waite, Bob Russell noted that at the present time there were three ZL's operating on Campbell Island which is 400 miles south of the southernmost portion of the South Island of New Zealand. . . . From James Hart - American amateurs in Japan are now using the prefix KA2 instead of JA2. .

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All for now and everyone have a good season of DXing on all bands.

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From the September 8, 1952 issue, continuing "Leaves From A DX-ER's Scrapbook", we find the following:

1935 Radexers were up in arms about the stand of one DX club on the matter of verifications. The club maintained that a "standard form letter which thanks the listener for his report" is a verie. . . . The owner of CKMC, Cobalt, Ontario, advised that, under no circumstances, would he reply to any letter addressed to his station. . . . . The CDXR polled its members for titles of familiar musical selections which would be easily recognized. The resulting list was sent to all stations DXing for the club, so that tunes would be easy to identify. . . . The DX Log of the World was combined with parent Radex, as this publication moved its offices from Cleveland to Conneaut, Ohio.

1936 With a continued increase in sunspot activity, Radex reluctantly predicted that the 1936-1937 season would be at least as bad as the previous year. . . . After transmitter difficulty prevented a 1000 watt Texas station from broadcasting its scheduled frequency check, the chief engineer was amazed and disgusted to receive nearly 50 requests for verification. . . . Station Data: New- WSPG, 640, Portland, Maine; KYOS, 1040, Merced, Calif.; KDNC, 1200, Lewiston, Mont.; KVEC, 1200, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; WOLS, 1200, Florence; S. C.; KGLO, 1210, Mason City, Iowa; KOCA, 1210, Kilgore, Texas; WBLY, 1210, Lima, Ohio; WLMU, 1210, Middlesboro, Ky.; KROY, 1310 Sacramento, Calif.; KRRV, 1310, Sherman, Texas; KWAT, 1310, Watsonville, Calif.; KBHB, 1370, Rapid City, S. D.; KTEM, 1370, Temple, Texas; WDWS, 1370, Champaign, Ill.; WEXP, 1370, Clarksburg, W. Va.; WAPO, 1420, Chattanooga, Tenn.; KUTA, 1500, Salt Lake City, Utah.

1937 Count DeVeries opened the new season for Radex with an account on how to choose a new receiver. . . . The monthly frequency checks showed 318 stations broadcasting 20 minute tests during the first week of each month. . . . In response to DXers who complained about stations verifying by card instead of letter, it was pointed out that it cost an average of 35 cents to prepare and mail a letter. . . . Floyd Biss, winner of a 23-tube Scott Imperial in the Mystery DX Contest, reported that the set had been delivered and was housed in its handsome console. . .

1938 RADEX announced the removal of its offices from Cleveland to Teaneck, N. J. Page Taylor continued as editor, and a new publisher assumed control. It was the beginning of the end. . . . According to the best authorities, the sunspot cycle passed its peak of activity about a year before and was then on a definite decline. . . . After a quick look at new receivers, Count DeVeries came up with a word of advice: if the old set wasn't too antiquated and had done a decent job during the past year or two, wait until more interesting models hit the market.

1939 The "Big Ten" of TP's most frequently heard on the West Coast: 2YA, 3AR, 1YA, 2NR, 7NT, 3YA, 4YA, 4QG, 3GI and 2YC. . . . W6XAO planned to move its television plant from downtown Los Angeles to the top of Mount Lee (named for the late Don Lee), the highest mountain accessible by road in the Hollywood range. The only video station west of Kansas City, W6XAO was broadcasting a regular five day a week schedule on the 44-50 mc. channel. . . . The RADEX picture gallery "exposed" John DeRosa, Sanford Morris, Sergio Gonzales L., and Mac Elwyn Van.

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In the October 6, 1952 issue, Vice President Lester W. Kraemer recommended that Kenneth R. Boord be designated as "The Member of the Month" for his unfailing interest and meritorius work in behalf of the Newark News Radio Club. The Board of Directors at its Sept. 13th meeting concurred with this recommendation.  
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In the October 6, 1952 issue, the Broadcast Band showed the following:

- 1395 VOA U. S. S. Courier, Mediterranean Sea by Ullmar Kvick, Kristinehamn, Sweden
- 1340 KIBH Seward, Alaska by Abe Cohen, Seattle, Wash.
- 1304 ----- Oran II-Constantine II, Algeria by Ullmar Kvick
- 1070 LR-1 Buenos Aires, Argentina by Ullmar Kvick
- 950 LR-3 Buenos Aires, Argentina by Ullmar Kvick
- 791 VOA Salonika, Greece by Ullmar Kvick

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In the Members' Comment section of the Broadcast Band edited by Ernest Norman, reports were received from: William Whitman, Evanston, Ill.; Ben Patch, Winnetka, Ill.; Abe Cohen, Seattle, Wash.; James E. Critchett, San Diego, Calif.; and Walter P. Witek, Buffalo, N. Y.

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In the Short Wave Section edited by Henry and Amelia Bennett, the following were noted:

- 17.775 HVJ Vatican City by Ken Focht, Reading, Pa.
- 17.775 Hilversum, Netherlands by Ken Focht
- 15.980 DSP92 Frankfurt, Germany by Jack Stephenson, Oklahoma City.
- 15.335 APD-1 Dacca, Pakistan by Grady Ferguson, Charlotte, N. C.
- 15.180 Moscow, USSR by Grady Ferguson
- 15.134 JOB-6 Tokyo, Japan by Grady Ferguson
- 15.120 Warsaw, Poland by Grady Ferguson
- 15.100 EPB Teheran, Iran by Grady Ferguson
- 15.036 ETAA Addis Ababa, Ethiopia by Grady Ferguson
- 11.885 Radio Pakistan by Walter Witek, Buffalo, N. Y.
- 11.862 CR6RA Luanda, Angola by Grady Ferguson
- 11.815 Cairo, Egypt by Grady Ferguson and Walter Witek
- 11.795 NWDR Hamburg, Germany by Ken Focht
- 11.685 HVJ Vatican City by Walter Witek
- 9.767 ORU Wavre, Belgium by C. R. Paterson, Thomasville, Ga.

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In the Amateur Section edited by LeRoy Waite, reports were received from the following: Robert W. Lane, Thermopolis, Wyo.; Charles R. Dutrow, Washington, D. C.; Jane and Roger Legge, Scarsdale, N. Y.; Ben Adams, Jr., New York, N. Y.; Robert S. Knox, Bethlehem, Pa.; Ed Hofert, Chicago, Ill.; Sheldon Dunham, Cary, N. C.; Edward I Broome, Medford, N. J.; Anson Boice, New Britain, Conn.; Frances M. Spafford, Fitchburg, Mass.; James M. Moore, Kansas City, Kansas; Elwood W. Deibert, Walnutport, Pa.; Murray Buitekant, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Harold Weaver, Ballston Spa, N. Y.; David Sebastian, Jackson, Mich.; George Rizzi, Middletown, Conn.; Frank W. Warner, Binghamton, N. Y.; Mrs. Eva McConchie, Christchurch, New Zealand; Dwayne G. Stewart, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Charles Gerran, Jamestown, N. Y.; Tod Geisel, Wheeling, W. Va.; Edward L. Lenzioszek, Easthampton, Mass.; Bill Wells, Hamilton, Ontario and Gordon J. S. Hepburn, Punchbowl, Australia.

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In the November 3, 1952 issue, the Awards Committee headed by Chairman Lester W. Kraemer recommended that Gustave Magnuson, Providence, R. I. be designated "Member of the Month" in recognition and appreciation of his article about The Newark News Radio Club in a Swedish publication. As a result of the story, the Club receivable publicity in European radio circles.

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In the Broadcast Band Section of November 3, 1952, Ullmar Kvick, Kristinehamn, Sweden reported that tests similar to the equipment tests of the U. S. stations are made by many European stations. Those in Sweden usually tested around 0230-0500 and 0900-1030 EST. All Swedish stations were owned by the Royal Telegraph Service and no commercial broadcasting is allowed.

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In the Members' Reports and Comments section of the Broadcast Band, reports were received from William Montagu, Cleveland, Ohio; Steve Johnson, Havre de Grace, Md.; Morton H. Schlesinger, New York, N. Y.; Peter J. McKenna, Albuquerque, N. M. Harold S. Williams, Seymour, Conn.; Joseph T. Lippincott, Moorestown, N. J.; Robert Knox, Newton, N. J.; William Whitman, Evanston, Ill.; Ullmar Kvick, Kristinehamn, Sweden; Abe Cohen, Seattle, Wash.; and Hedley Simmonds, Hamilton, Ont.

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Also, in the November 3, 1952 issue a few pages on FM was compiled by Bob Knox. The Status of Members' Logs for FM was as follows:

Reporter	Vfd.	Best Catch
Lendzioszek, Mass.	56	WSAN, 99.9 Allentown, Pa.
Schrock, Ill.	34	WEW-FM, 95.1 St. Louis, Mo.
Kruse, Iowa	18	KWNO-FM 97.5 Winona, Minn.
Maguire, N. M.	17	WWJ-FM and WXYZ-FM Detroit, Michigan
Thomas, Ohio	15	The above stations belong to Dave Thomas
Knox, N. J.	12	WTSV-FM 106.1 Claremont, N. H.
Hathaway, Ill.	6	WLIN-FM 100.7 Merrill, Wisconsin
Aug, N. Y.	5	WTOA 97.5 Trenton, N. J.
Johnson, Md.	4	KVOL-FM 96.1 Lafayette, La.
Dary, Kansas	1	KSDB-FM 88.1 Manhattan, Kansas
Biss, Calif.	0	KFMB-FM San Diego, California

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In the Shortwave Section edited by Hank and Amelia Bennett, some of the stations reported were:

- 18.450 WWH38 Tangiers by Jack Stephenson, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 17.835 APK2 Karachi, Pakistan by Grady Ferguson, Charlotte, N. C.
- 17.677 CR5SB Sao Tome by Grady Ferguson
- 15.160 TAU Ankara, Turkey by Grady Ferguson
- 15.120 Warsaw IV, Poland by Stewart West, Norfolk, Va.
- 15.075 ZJA6 Georgetown, British Guiana by Walter Witek, Buffalo, N. Y., and Grady Ferguson
- 15.044 Peking, China by Grady Ferguson
- 15.033 ETAA Addis Ababa, Ethiopia by Grady Ferguson
- 11.975 Colombo, Ceylon by Grady Ferguson and Stewart West
- 11.865 CR6RC Luanda, Angola by Stewart West
- 11.090 CSA92 Ponta Delgada, Azores by Grady Ferguson
- 9.975 YAK Radio Kabul, Afghanistan by Radio & TV News
- 9.970 Radio AEF, French Equatorial Africa by Stewart West
- 9.805 CR7BE Lourenco Marques, Mozambique by C. R. Paterson, Thomasville, Ga.
- 9.785 Monte Carlo, Monaco by Grady Ferguson
- 9.756 Radio France-Asie, Saigon, Indo-China by Grady Ferguson
- 9.690 BFEB Singapore by C. R. Patterson
- 9.655 OTC Leopoldville, Belgian Congo by Stewart West; Grady Ferguson; Thomas Kolberson, Nutley, N. J.

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In the November 3, 1952 Amateur Section edited by LeRoy Waite, the Five Best DX Catches reported were as follows:

- Jack Hathaway, Rantoul, Ill. - HC1OX, Ecuador on 28265; CO2OZ, Cuba on 7041.
John DeMyer, Lansing, Mich. - ZD7DA St. Helena on 14345 and 14140, FB8ZZ New Amsterdam on 14200; FB8BI, Madagascar on 14200.
Vernon B. Markham, Jr., Newport News, Va. - EA9BF, Spanish Morocco; DL3FM, Germany; KV4AA, Virgin Islands; and VE3BLD & VE3UWC, Canada.
Bob Russell, Taumarunui, New Zealand- FU8AC, New Hebrides; ZK2AA, Niue, and HB9MS, Switzerland.
Steve Mann, Westbury, L.I., N. Y. - ZD7DA, St. Helena on 14340.
Bob Hatcher, Richmond, Va. - HZ1MY/VQ6 British Somaliland on 14123; AP2L Pakistan on 14172; SU5EB Egypt on 14100; ZD2CD Nigeria on 14080.
C. R. Paterson, Thomasville, Ga. - ZS6Z South Africa.
James M. Moore, Kansas City, Kans. - PY2ES Brazil on 21200; HC1OW Ecuador on 28495 and HC1FS on 28440; OQ5BG Belgian Congo on 14---; and KT1BU Tangiers.
Elwood Deibert, Walnutport, Pa. - CR6AT Angola; and FM7WF Martinique.
Edmund Richmond, Stamford, Conn. - ZD7A St. Helena; CR6AG Angola; ZD2CDI Nigeria; FQ8AE French Equatorial Africa; VQ2AT Northern Rhodesia.
Charles McCormick, Jr., Baltimore, Md. - CN8AF French Morocco on 14005; CN8GK on 14075; I1ASB Italy on 14000; OK1AWA Czechoslovakia.
George Rizzi, Middletown, Conn. - CR6AT Angola; 5A2TZ Libya; 3V8AS Tunisia; ZS1KW South Africa; SM7QK Sweden.
Roy Waite, Ballston Spa, N. Y. - VS1AY Singapore; ZD9AA Tristan da Cunha on 28300; CR6AG Angola on 14130; FF8AP French West Africa on 14205 and 14295; ZK1GKU Malta on 14180.

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In the December 1, 1952 issue of the Broadcast Band Section, the Members' Reports and Comments edited by Ernest Norman included reports from the following: Stephen M. Aug, New York, N. Y.; Abe Cohen, Seattle, Wash.; Richard Ross, New York; Eric A. Bristow, Paris, Ill.; Ullmar Kvick, Kristinehamn, Sweden; Dr. W. P. Daugherty, Ottawa, Ill.; Harold S. Williams, Seymour, Conn.; L. Charles Gerran, Jamestown, N. Y.; F. P. Lynch, Guilford, Maine; John T. Tweedie, Oakhurst, N. J.; and Morton H. Schlesinger, New York, N. Y.

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- 18.495 WWH38 Tangier by John Oskay, New Brunswick, N. J.
17.835 APK2 Karachi, Pakistan by Grady Ferguson, Charlotte,
15.155 SBT Stockholm, Sweden by Grady Ferguson // N. C.
15.080 ZJA6 Georgetown, British Guiana by Grady Ferguson
15.042 Peking, China by Grady Ferguson
11.975 Colombo, Ceylon by Stewart C. West, Norfolk, Va.; Jack Stephenson, Oklahoma City, Okla
11.780 AIR Delhi, India by Stewart West
11.740 VLB11 Melbourne, Australia by Gus Magnuson, R. I.
9.620 ZL8 Wellington, N. Z. by Charles Gerran, N. Y.
7.335 Radio Athens by Stewart West
7.285 RFE Radio Free Europe by Roger Legge, Scarsdale,
7.285 TAS Ankara, Turkey by Grady Ferguson // N. Y.
7.250 VOA Munich, Germany by Stewart West
4.950 ZIK2 Belize, British Honduras by Stewart West

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In the January 5, 1953 issue in the section "Leaves From A DXer's Scrapbook" edited by Carl Lord, the following was January in DX History:

1931 DXers in all but the New England states were having difficulty logging stations in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. . . . Although still licensed, WCLB had been inactive for nearly a year. . . . Cuban and Mexican stations were making it hard for Texans to log DX, one Lone Star listener observed that but 26 of the 96 channels were free from Latin interference. . . . DXers were "letter happy", and many reporters to Radex asked that their addresses be withheld, as they could not hope to answer the mail that followed a printed report. . . . A South Nyack, N. Y., DXer queried: "Why is it that Pacific Coast stations send 'Thank You' cards in answer to a very specific request for a verification?". . . . Station Data: New- KGVO, 1420, Missoula, Mont.; WSYB, 1500, Rutland, Vt.; Reinstated- WBOQ, 860, New York City; WRBI, 1310, Tifton, Ga. Deleted- KFHA, Gunnison, Colo.; WCSO, Springfield, Ohio; WFJC, Akron, Ohio; WMAY, St. Louis, Mo.; Frequency - CHNS and CNRH, 930 to 910; CNRE, 930 to 580; WIBU, 1310 to 1210. . . Call Letters - KMIC to KMCS; WRBU to WSOC; WFKD to WTEL; WBNY to WAWZ; WBAM to WBIG; and WORD to WCHI.

1932 Crossword puzzles, made up of station call letters, were popular with Radexers. . . . Although WGM, Jeannette, Pa., had been ordered off the air by the FRC, it continued to operate as an outlaw. . . . W9XX, Glidden's Castle, La., was experimenting on 1604 kc. . . . All mail addressed to NER at Villa Acuna was being returned, marked "Fraudulent". Mail addressed to the same station at Del Rio, Texas was going through. . . . WAAT carried an NNRC program every Saturday from 5 to 5:30 p. m. . . . WODA, Paterson, N. J., was listed as a non-verifier. . . . Ray Lewis won a prize as the most distant listener to a KFXM broadcast. A weekly program in Polish was being broadcast by a network made up of KQV, WCFL, WEBR, WJAY, WJBK and WKBJ. . . . Reports of Warsaw at high noon any month. . . . Ollie Ross reported on his trip around the world to test reception.

1933 DX rules were the subject of violent debates. Barney Ahman and Ken Vetter felt that a change in call opened the way for a second logging. . . . The 1933 Gulbranson auto radio was announced as being of "extremely compact size". The assembly consisted of a control unit for the steering post, the receiver unit (7x6x8 inches), a separate speaker of roughly the same size, and a B-eliminator which was somewhat larger. . . . The editor of Radex commented that trying to keep track of Cuban and Mexican changes was a potent source of insomnia. . . . The depression caught up with the FRC, and the regular frequency checks were discontinued as an economy measure.

1934 Advertised by E. H. Scott on behalf of his All-Wave Deluxe Receiver: "Don't envy the fellow with a big list of verifications---have a bigger collection yourself.". . . . The NNRC Executive Secretary advised Radexers that proper reports bring verifications, and told how it was done. . . . KJTY on Admiral Byrd's flagship was reported by many SWL's. . . . For 10 correct reports, HJ1ABB promised listeners a set of photographs of the City of Barranquilla. . . . Special courtesy programs were broadcast by YV3BC and HIX. . . . The Radio Club of Brazil was reported to have its own call letters, PRBA, for its programs over the transmitters of PSA and PSK.

1935 JOJK veries were written in Esperanto. . . . Canadian DXers in Quebec and Yukon Territory were hearing long-wave TA's. . . . Radex celebrated its 10th anniversary and the Editor reminisced about receivers and stations of a decade past.  
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Prior to the preparation of this page, we received a letter from one of our old-timers, Morton D. Meehan, 7682 North Star Ave., Twentynine Palms, Cal. 92277, in which he noted in the December, 1935 Radex a four page article about the NNRC. Mort says the visit from Carl and Betty Lord sent him hunting for the old Radex magazines and that is how he came across the following article:

"Charlotte Geer, Radio Columnist of the Newark Evening News quoted Irving Potts as saying at the first meeting, 'This club is going to grow way beyond New Jersey. Why, it may be an international organization one of these days.' The Courtesy Programs Committee in 1932 was led by Louis Hahn of East Rutherford, N. J. He reported that Art Foerster had arranged 150 specials in 1932 and that Bill Applegate was doing excellent work on Canadians and James J. Hart on the South Americans. At that writing 210 specials were scheduled for 1933. William Vornkahl, Jr., also on the CPC, reported that the manager of WFAS, White Plains, N. Y. refused to verify as one DX program cost him over \$50 in postage. Other CPC information was given by members J. Kenneth Vetter and Carroll H. Weyrich. Lloyd S. Hahn, leader of the Baltimore Chapter, wrote of their gatherings that attracted ten to seventeen locals including C. M. Falconer, Robert Base, Dixon Russell, Louis J. McVey, Martin Howard, George Doyle, Paul Ruppert, Clinton Sevier, Howard Muhl, Philip S. Hahn, Bill Smith, Bill Bauer, Elton Krider and Carroll and Ruth Weyrich. . . . The Indiana Chapter led by Art Foerster persuaded WIRE to give DX tips each week. They had 23 members including Earl Roberts."

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Our sincere thanks to Mort for the above and we are pleased to be able to use it in this column. Mort further tells us that today at age 63 he can look back on 48 years of BCB Dxing and he is retired and in a good location for DXing. Mort also says that he has dozens of radios both new and old and at long last a place to store the radios and bulletins. He also has a complete set of NNRC bulletins going back to 1967. (Mort, if you have copies of the February and March 1977 issues, I would like to make copies and then I will have a complete set going back to Vol. 1, No. 1)

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From the Statistics Section of the January 5, 1953 edition it was noted that Dave Thomas had been after CHWK and VOWR ever since they came on the air in the late 1920's. Dave also would like to nab CJFX, CFNW, CFGB, CFYT and WGAN. . . Bob Botzum also had been after CHWK for 22 years and the same with KGFX and KBPS. Len Kruse noted his desirables as WHBI Newark, WHAZ Troy, and KBPS Portland. Gene Allen needed WLBZ Bangor, WFEA Manchester and WJAR for a Verified All States certificate. . . . Bob Knox, the editor of this column, thumbed through his log and found a few 'reverse call' combinations in the collection\*\* WMC and CMW; HOK and KOH; KNEW and WENK; and the self-appointed ones WLW, WJW, WEW, WBBW, WQQW and KWK.

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From the Statistics Section of the February 2, 1953 issue edited by Bob Knox some of the bests were as follows: Ben Adams listed VK2AJ Tempe, Australia on 20m. phone running 10 watts April, 1936; and VK5HB Henley Beach, Australia on 20m phone with 12 watts input July, 1937. . . . Steve Aug reported CBNX (ex-VONH) St. Johns, Newfoundland on 5970 kc. at 300 watts, Nov. 1952. . . . Jack Hathaway, W9LMC had a verification from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia about 1938. . . Ed Hofert chose ST2FU, 10 watts Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and FIQA in Madagascar. . . . Norm Maguire W5NXF, considers one of his best to be an 11 meter QSO with W2WMV/C9, Mukden, Manchuria Sept. 20, 1948. . . . Roy Waite chose VJ3F Macquarrie Id., 14380 kcs. in November, 1949. . . . Harold Williams chose LKQ Oslo, Norway, 11.735 mcs. on February 28, 1952. . . . Bob Knox cherishes WYXE, Narsarsuak, Greenland on 4.220 mcs. with 1.7kw phone on Dec. 16, 1947 and VNHQ Laverton, Victoria, a weather station in c.w. on 10485 kcs. July 25, 1948

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All for now and our best wishes for a pleasant summer to all.



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In the February 2, 1953 Amateur Section edited by LeRoy Waite, the "5 Best Catches" were noted by the following:

Jane and Roger Legge, Scarsdale, N. Y.: ZS7C Swaziland on 21250; 5A2TR Libya on 14320; 5A2TZ on 14350; 5A3TK on 14330.

Murray Buitekant, Brooklyn, N. Y.: VQ9AN Seychelles on 14185; TA3EFA Turkey on 14304; TF5SV Iceland on 14195; CR6BC Angola on 14205; ZS6OW South Africa on 14130.

John DeMyer, Lansing, Mich.: VS9AW Oman; MP4KAC Kuwait; HZ1QA, Saudi Arabia; YK1AA Syria; OD5AB Lebanon.

Joseph T. Lippincott, Moorestown, N. J.: VQ2NS Northern Rhodesia; ZE5JP Southern Rhodesia on 28280; ZD9AA Tristan da Cunha; VQ3BU Tanganyika on 14182; 3V8BB Tunisia.

Robert E. Hatcher, Richmond, Va.: VQ6CY British Somaliland on 14110; VQ8AL Mauritius on 14290; FR7ZA Reunion on 14145; SU5EB Egypt on 14130; SV5UN Rhodes on 14380.

Roy Waite, Ballston Spa, N. Y.: TA3AA Turkey; ZS7C Swaziland; ZS2AE South Africa; LA7BB Norway; I1FLG Italy.

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In the March 2, 1953 edition, Member of the Month Awards upon recommendation by the Awards Committee and approval by the Board of Directors went to the following for meritorius service:

- December, 1952 - Statistics Editor Robert S. Knox
- January, 1953 - Vice-President Harold W. Robinson
- February, 1953 - Amateur Editor LeRoy Waite
- March, 1953 - Special Features Editor Carleton Lord

Recipients of the "Member of the Month" award receive a letter of certification composed and multigraphed by Executive Secretary, Albert J. Sauerbier which is both attractive and suitable for framing.

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In "Leaves From A DXer's Scrapbook" edited by Car Lord, March in DX History produced the following:

1929 PWX Havana, Cuba changed its call to CMC and, after sampling several frequencies, settled on 840 kc..... Although interest in short wave reception was stirring about the country, Radex cautioned its readers that tuning the high frequencies was about 100 times as hard as dialing on the broadcast band.....According the the Radex Technical Editor, the most common causes of receiver failure were a defective A-eliminator, low B-voltage, reversed C-battery leads. loose connections, open circuits and burned-out tubes.

1932 Stations broadcasting DX tips: WMAQ for CDNDXC, WBEN for BENDXC, WAAT for NNRC, KQV for WRLC and WTAG for RLCCNE.....Mystery stations of the month: an unknown on about 722 after WGN signed off; an unidentified Mexican on 1315; GZ7 on 630; FG7 on 640; CWCS on 900 announcing as New York City....The CKOC-CKTB transmitter was changing frequency so often (1120 to 1010 to 630 to 635 to 630, etc) that it had to use newspaper advertisements to tell its local listeners where to tune each night.....Station data: New- 10AT, 1155, Trail, B. C.; VOAS, 810 and VONA, 950 both in St. Johns, Newfoundland. Deleted: CHCS Windsor, Ont.; WJBT, Chicago; WPOE Patchogue, N. Y.; and WKBO, Jersey City, N. J.

1933 It was generally conceded that the cricket game had been broadcast by Poste Parisien, and Earl Roberts had the first verie to prove it.....Listeners were trying to identify EQ7, Lansing, and EW7, Jackson both in Michigan heard on the broadcast band.....Stations in court trying to ward off the FRC ax were KFH, KGEF, KGMP, WBAK, WHP, WIBO, WJKS, WLOE, WMCA, WNJ, WNYC, WOQ, WPCH and WERE.....DNTX Denton, Texas and W Massillon, Ohio were two active outlaws.

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This just about takes care of everything for this issue and we ask that you send any comments and suggestions you may have for the improvement of this page. Best wishes to all for a pleasant summer.

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This month we are going to use excerpts from Vol. 1, No. 2 dated October 7, 1935.

From NNRC Chapter Doings, Director Arthur Foerster, Indianapolis, wrote that the Indiana Chapter is enlarging the scope of its activities to include all NNRCers in the middle West. A progressive step and one that is bound to result beneficially for the club. Earl Roberts, Indianapolis, has been elected president and here's the delightful surprise. Mrs. Martha Foerster is the treasurer with firelighting Arthur on the sidelines. Guess that will hold the old Hoosier potato for a while.

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Members' Reports And Comment included the following reports:

Roy N. Licari, Brooklyn, N. Y.: " I received the greatest shock of my DX career September 25 - a verification from WCOC! The report verified was submitted 16 months ago but my last follow-up letter was written early in September. D. W. Gavin, manager, wrote a very cordial, personal letter and invited me to write if I hear WCOC again. Now I am concentrating on KGFY, Pierre, S. D. , out nearly two years. Only recent one is WDJY".

Stanley Botts, Orange, Calif., who recently joined the club, has logged more than 400 BC stations of which 42 are foreigners. Stan is listening Post No. 4 for the California Broadcaster.

J. W. Brauner, Williamsville, N. Y., writes, "DX is improving and shows signs of a good season; hope the signs are correct. The TPs have shown up a bit lately. 1YA and 2YA were really strong two mornings late in August while 3AR, 5CK, 2Co and 4QG have been heard after a fashion a few times recently, usually best around 5:30 AM EST. Static, however, is still too heavy for the weaker ones. Summer did not bring me many new ones although I did hear a few new stations testing. Since May 1 I have added the following in the order given: CFNX, CJCS, KIUL, KNBG, WTMV, WMFO, WNBC, WPAR, CJCU, WCOP, KSFO, CKSO and WMFG. CKSO is heard in the early evening on 780 kcs. with a strong signal overriding the U. S. stations on that frequency. WMFG must be on regular schedule now; the early morning I heard them they stated they would return to the air at 7 AM with regular programs. KTM has not yet begun using the call KEHE, but KGRS has changed to KGNC. The FCC has granted a permit for a new station in Buffalo to share time with WSVS on 1370 kcs. Of the new ones listed above all have been verified except the last three and CJCU who will require a long time to reply. Also received a card from CMCU thru Alec Kinghorn. Thanks to his good work every Cuban logged last season is now verified. My only unverified ones are all Mexicans and the unlisted one is Chicago- WHAN. At this time I need but 27 U. S. stations and of these only seven are in operation; three are 100 watters in Oregon. I need only two Canadians- CKMC and CFPR. CMBX is still running Sunday mornings from 3 to 5 EST on 1380 and seems to be verifying promptly now. Recently, a report of mine, with no reply requested and no postage enclosed was confirmed."

Paul Sampson, Regina, Sask., says, "Last summer I dropped radio so completely that I wondered if I lost interest entirely. However, I was back again during the September frequency checks and on the first Wednesday added ten new ones- KSFO, WSAZ, WZD, WBOW, KVSO, WCAZ, KDGE, WACO, WLBL and WTMV. Just recently I logged WROK and KCRC to increase my heard total to 387. If I counted unverified, deleted calls I would have at least 25 more. KVSO, Ardmore, Okla. tests the first Wednesday from 5:50 to 6:10 AM EST. KSFO's correct address is 14th and Franklin Sts., San Francisco, Calif."

Charles LeBoef, North Grosvernordale, Conn., writes, "You can count on me to co-operate in verifying NNRC specials; about 60% of my 106 verifications last season were the result of club programs. Of that number 20 were 2000 milers. My log now totals 428 of which 62 are in the 2000 mile category. Received veries from EAJ7 and Hamburg during the summer".

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This just about does it for this issue and good DXing to all!

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Continuing Members' Reports and Comments from Vol. 1, No. 2, we find the following:

Ray E. Everly, Newton, Ill., volunteers that WGN, WTAM, WMAQ, XET, XED, KRSC and XENT will now verify for correct reports and return postage. Ray adds that WGR, KFRC, VOWR, KSEI, KASA, KMED and WKBW are repoted as refusing to do so. According to the Newton bank director, John Clarke, Buffalo, started the season by adding WCOP and KIUN. We further learn that John is the proud daddy of five beautiful girls, all NNRC boosters, and they have their own radio receiver.

E. L. Peters, Westport, Nova Scotia, reports reception of two Brazilians- PRF-4, 923 kcys. and PRB-9, 1017 kcys. He suggests that DXers be on the lookout for them.

Dud Clarke, Montreal, Quebec, lists KOMA and CMBX as his first two catches of the 1935-1936 season. Dud, who is out to qualify as one of the club's Super Aces, informs us that CMBX, Havana, DXes every Sunday morning from 0200 to 0600 EST.

Charles Wright, Indianapolis, Ind., says: "After one year of DXing with the NNRC, I am sure that it is the finest club of its kind in the world. Last season I verified 122 stations (18 were 1600 miles or more distant) including LR-5, 1YA, WNEL, TGW, XFX, and KWJJ. Certainly had a swell time in Newark when I attended our annual party last May and hope to be with you in 1936".

Carl H. Skatzes, Delaware, Ohio.: "I sure will be in that NNRC contest if the postage problem isn't too much; I think the contest ides an excellent one to stimulate response to NNRC specials providing there is sufficient competition. My goal this season is the Silver Ace certificate".

Andrew Hill, Red Bank, N. J.: "I am going to start my season October 1 and will a little later put up a new GE antenna. Expect to get both the Super and Silver Ace certificates. That means I will have to log 70 new stations and verify 350. One thing will help me- there are a lot of new 100 watters".

Grace L. and Frank Simpson, Montclair, N. J.: "Western stations are coming through wonderfully, especially KIUL and KABR. The former was great from 0300 to 0400 EST, September 11, while KABR was like a local September 4 when they were asking for reports from New York and New Jersey. Although we had it verified we sent another report and received promptly, a nice answer. During the September frequency checks we logged WMFO, WMFD, WOMI, KXYZ, KIUL, WMFU, KXTN, WCOP, KVOL, and KGNC".

From Vol. 1, No. 3 dated October 14, 1935, DX Reports and Comments included the following reports:

Earl S. Roberts, Indianapolis, Ind.: "I have added CKCV and WTMV to bring my heard log to 1160. Also heard KQW and KFVD two morning in a row recently. All this with the following rating of my tubes: two are good, three poor and three bad! Some radio, eh? Visited WIRE the morning of October 2, at which time they were testing. It was quite interesting. Hot stuff their putting on tips every Saturday at midnight, CST."

Dick Thormeyer, Reno, Nevada.: "I opened the season with a log of 488 stations verified. I cancelled all those not verified which cuts my total about twenty but from now on I am only counting verified stations. The above total includes all states but Rhode Island and several Transpacific and equatorial stations. I have only DXed twice on the BC band but logged KSFO, KIUL, WIRE and CMC. The Stromberg-Carlson certainly dragged them all in with good volume and I ought to hang up some fine records this year. 1YA has been heardtoo, but as I have not listened to them for verification material I am not counting them as yet."

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From Vol. 1, No. 3 dated October 14, 1935, the following DX Reports and Comments were received:

Ray E. Everly, Newton, Ill.: "The weekly bulletin is the nicest thing yet for the NNRC. It conveyys to each member news of the doings at Headquarters and that is what each one likes to know. The recent changes are invaluable, the list of new members is interesting while the excerpts from the minutes of the meetings is like being there. The latest news and club gossip is the spice of DX life. I sure was glad to learn that Sam Tucker, up in Alaska, joined the club."

Art Foerster, Indianapolis, Ind.: "Have reports out to WCOP, CKSO, and KGDY. Verifications were received from KPAC, WLNH, WCBS, WTMV, WNBC, KVOL, KGNC and KABR. For a starter that is passable."

Roy N. Licari, Brooklyn, N. Y. writes, "I am wondering if some NNRCer in Texas and another in Oklahoma could emulate Hank Tyndall's fine work on WCAX reports and verify KFPL and KASA for fellow members. KASA has refused to confirm and KFPL demands 13 cents. Members could fill out postcards or better yet, the new proof of reception cards so that person verifying would only have to certify the report as correct. I am sure our DXers would be glad to have these two nuisances verified once and for all."

Henry (Hank) T. Tyndall, Burlington, Vt., lists KVOL, WMFO, KIUL, WMFG, WNBC, WCOP and KGNC as his latest catches. We understand the wily Hank, unbeknown to Phil Nichols, has been practising up on his racketeering and on a recent visit to East Hartford made the fast-slipping club champ step around mighty lively to win a close verdict on the courts.

Mrs. Annie Y. Stone, West Chester, Pa.: "I begin to feel like one of the club's older members as this will be my sixth year with the NNRC but owing to a poor location, I have not accomplished what some members have in building up a log of 2,000 milers. The mail brings the Newark Evening News every morning. I have been kept informed by reading Radio Club Notes since December 2, 1929 of what NNRCers are doing and have been very much interested watching the progress of our various chapters. Please find check for \$.50 for balance due on my dues. I have received six issues of the Dialist- a mighty fine magazine! I do not want any refund on my subscription. You are doing mighty fine work sending NNRC bulletins out weekly. The greater number of our members cannot attend monthly meetings and have had to depend upon the Club Notes for doings of the club, so, I assure you, I for one, shall appreciate receiving the bulletin."

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From the same issue, the following Personals were noted:

Vice President and Mrs. Frank Scott are on an automobile tour through Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee and the Carolinas.

Director and Mrs. Edward J. Obert have returned home after a visit here that included several fishing expeditions along the Jersey Coast. While Mrs. Obert was, as usual, successful, the Connecticut clam-digger, even with a new outfit and all kinds of contraptions, batted about zero. This will be sweet music to fire-lighting Art Foerster.

We hear that Lou McVey, Sparrows Point, Md., has a brand new set and is already going places. Even though Lou has an impressive log, we believe that his new receiver and ideal location will boost his total a good many notches higher this season.

Congratulations to Carl Lord, Akron, Ohio! Those who have read the October issue of Radex will agree with us that Carl is doing a swell job as broadcast band editor.

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This about does it for this issue. Infuture columns we hope to have excerpts from the issues of The Dialist referred to in the above report from Mrs. Annie Y. Stone. Good Dxing to everyone and our best for a Happy Holiday Season and good health in the New Year.