

THE PIONEER DAYS

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From the pages of Vol. 1, No. 4 dated October 21, 1935, the following reports were received for the Members' Reports and Comment section:

Carl Foerstieri, New York, N. Y.: "WEMP, 1310 kcs., Milwaukee, is now on the air. I heard them testing the morning of October 13 from 0200 to 0300. Reception seems to be falling off lately with static improving instead of diminishing. Enjoyed our October 11 meeting and am now awaiting Silver Ace certificate No. 12, with 801 verifications."

Leo Herz, Berwyn, Ill.: "Received my bulletin and think it VFB. Since I haven't sent in a report for a long time, I am doing so now. As I wrote you previously, I have a new receiver- a six-tube Echophone, all waver, and with it I have increased my log total to 508; a far cry from the 236 I had when I joined the club. Of the former number, 315 are BCB stations, 43 are short wavers and 115 are hams including X1G and the Cuban, 8YB. My foreign short wave log includes GSC, EAQ, HJ1ABE, HJ4ABE, HJ4ABA, COCD, CGRX, CGRO, XEGR, XEBJQ, COH, XEBT, TIPG, CEC, PRADO, HJ1ABG, HJ1ABB, CWG, VK2ME, FYA, GSB and DJB to which, incidentally, I am listening right now and will send them a report and my German will come in very handy. I will gladly let you know, for members' information, when the various stations come in best. Have not done much BCB Dxing- only new ones are KRNT, WBNX and WBBR."

Earl S. Roberts, Indianapolis, Ind.: "In a veri from KIUL, Garden City, Kansas, they state that they run DX programs the second Wednesday of each month. Recently logged KROC and WEMP to bring my total to 1167 of which 1001 are BCB stations."

Louis J. McVey, Sparrows Point, Md.: "I now have a new 116B Philco and with it can pull in as many as 50 stations at noon. So far, it has been too noisy here for any real DX although I have heard 1YA, PRB9, LS2, YV1RC and Rennes, France loud as KNX the morning of October 5 at 0100. Received my first veri of the season recently- WSXA, as a result of a noon-hour report. While I am tickled the way the new set brings in short wave stations all day long, I honestly believe that if I had my old Senator overhauled it would out-perform the 116B."

Max L. Demuling, Erie, Pa.: "I started my DX activities for this season on September 2. New ones are WMFF, KIUL, WMFJ, WPAY, KVOL, WMFN, WNBC, WCMI, CKSO, WCOP, WTAL, CKCV, WTMV, WMFO and KPLC. Nine, including CKCV, have already verified, the Canadian very promptly- four days. On October 1, at 0540 I logged 3YA and held on to him until 0555, R5. Also heard 1YA, 4QG, 3LO and strong carriers on 640, 740 and 750 kcs., but haven't been successful below 800 kcs., although I have picked up weak carriers on 1120. The club's official bulletin is very fine; it is real entertaining and should aid every member DXing. While I realize this feature occupies plenty of your time, I am certain it is appreciated by members."

G. Raymond Wheeler, Westerly, R. I.: "I was reminded by the receipt of the first official bulletin that another DX season is upon us. I take great pleasure in forwarding my dues and at the same time extend greeting to all club officials and fellow members. I am hoping this will be a banner year for us all. Western stations are coming in fairly good; my first Californian was received the night of October 4 when KFI made its initial appearance of this Fall. I am for the bulletins rather than the Wednesday issue of the News which was sent out in previous seasons and which in my case, was not wholly satisfactory as on many occasions it was delayed in the mail causing serious inconvenience when I missed several specials I could have heard. Best wishes from 'Rhody'."

Thaddeus Grabek, Niagara Falls, N. Y.: "So far, I have received two issues of the NNRC bulletin and find them interesting. I have been DXing for the past nine months and have already verified the following SW stations: YV2RC, VK2ML, 3LR, W9XAA, XEBT, CT1GO, VPD, LSN, DJC, 2RO, DJB, HAS, PCJ, PHI, COH, PRF5, HP5B, COC, TI4AC, CT1AA, HC2RL, EAQ, GSD, JVN, YV5RMO, CMCA and XEW. I am doing all my DXing with a six-tube, RCA Victor, all wave, Globe Trotter, model 128 receiver."

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This just about does it for this time and we wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and lots of good DX!

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From the pages of Vol. 1, No. 5 dated October 28, 1935, the following reports were received for the Members' Reports and Comments section:

Dudley Clarke, Montreal, Que.: "I have finally passed the 500th station and the call was the elusive KOH, Reno, Nev. I have been trying to get that one for two years and believe me, I sure was glad to log it and strangely enough, I came across it accidentally. My log total is now 509 and the following are new ones: WTOG, WGAL, WCOP, WPAR, WRAX, WMFF, KOH, WJMS, WMFO, WJIM, KFYO, WQBS, KTRH, WCHS, KROC and WDNC. I now have 263 veries with twmety reports out for confirmation. On October 4 I got up at the unearthly hour of 6 AM and succeeded in logging and getting enough material for a veri from VK3ME. That makes two Aussies I have logged on SW but the BCB stations in that country just simply won't dribble into my log."

James A. Dunigan, New Britain, Conn.: "Just thought i Would get off a few words to the gang and let them know I am still on deck and getting up steam for the season at hand. New catches so far this season are WELI, WLEU, WGAL, CKNX, KPCB, WCOL, WCOP, WRDO and KLRA. Veries are in from WBZ, WRDO, KWKH, KLRA, WGAL, WNBR, WLEU and WRAW. General conditions, so far, have been bad to say the least. Old man static comes in about R-9; however, until he lays off I suppose I'll have to grin and bear it. Best of luck to all NNRCers."

Vice President Dora Newcomb, Oxnard, Cal.: "Dxing hasn't been so good here for the past month; it was better at the beginning of the season. We have had lots of static and many nights of lightning. The only new ones since my last report are KAST, KINY, 3GI, WTMV, WPHR and 2NC, bringing my total up to 801 verified stations if all the new ones answer. I am doing a bit of fishing on the short waves as I find I haven't much to look for on the BCB band. KRE, Berkeley is on all night and making it hard for us to get anything on 1370 kcs., and about the only chance we'll have is during the monthly frequency checks when they will have to sign off."

Harold W. Robinson, Lansdale, Pa.: "I feel like an outcast of DXing for I was so disgusted last season but perhaps now that I am out in the open I may get better reception. I have erected a forty-foot oak pole (cut from my woods) for an antenna mast and have another aerial running from the house. I also have an outside wet ground and here's hoping I accomplish something. The new bulletin is very fine and easier to handle than the paper although I was sorry to learn that The Dialist was discontinued."

Donald Hill, Brokem Bow, Neb.: "I am starting the season with a new six-tube Knight, all-wave receiver and although static has been so bad I am unable to tell just what it can do, I feel that my DXing will be much better this year. Added two new ones the night of October 20- KSFO and WTMV. Best of luck to all the members."

Phil Nichols, East Hartford, Conn.: "I resent the insinuation in bulletin No. 3 that I am slipping at tennis. If you doubt me just ask Hank Tyndall what the scores were. Veries are now at 784 with five reports still out. The bulletin is fine and I enjoy it a lot."

Ray E. Everly, Newton, Ill.: "Sunday morning, October 20, was good for DXing. WTMV on 1500 kcs. was making whoopee. CKSO has verified but WMFO has not answered my two letters as yet. You boys at headquarters sure are doing good work."

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Also from this issue, we believe that those members who have collected Ekko stamps will be interested to learn that Director Art Foerster of Indianapolis, Ind. is getting out a line of stamps of entirely new design. To be issued in four colors, the stamps will be of four different designs- one for U. S. stations, one for the Canadians, one for Spanish-speaking stations and one for short wavers. They will contain call letters, location of the station, its frequency and power.

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This just about takes care of everything for this issue and we would like to hear from you regarding this page. If you have any suggestions as to how to improve it, please send tham along. Also send along anything you would like to see regarding those days of yesteryear. Good Dxing to all.

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From the Pages of Vol. 1, No. 6 dated November 4, 1935, the following reports were received for the Members' Reports and Comments section:

Russell N. Johnson, Saskatoon, Sask.: "I am glad to say that I am the busiest I have been in months and as a result my DXing has been confined to the monthly frequency checks; however, I have added nine new ones- WBNO, KHSL, KADA, WKBA, WSUN, WFLA, WNBC, KQV and WNEW to bring my log up to 713. The latter, if it had not been for the extreme static, would really have been an easy catch. And speaking of static, I don't ever remember when it has been worse, an especially for this time of the year. Of course, the weather up here has been acting crazily. Recently, we started the day with pouring rain, by noon it was a blizzard, and by night everything was frozen up. It stayed that way for two days and then suddenly warmed up and now we have summer weather. So you see, one day it means fur-lined underwear and the next, bathing suits."

William Benz, St. Louis, Mo.: "Greetings to all my fellow members! DXed for CJLS, on for us from 2 to 3 AM, the morning of October 6 and also for KGKO, Wichita Falls, but it was impossible to hear their signals but I sent thank-you letters to both. Incidentally, I will write to all stations transmitting for us and thank them for their programs. Tried for WMFO the morning of October 12 and found their frequency all messed up with whistles and howls, due to the many stations on at that time. One was a Spaniard and one was I suppose, WMFO, but couldn't bring either through. Reception the morning of October 13 was poor and when I tried for KID and CKOV could only get the former. I did hear WJBO and CMBX though. Sydney, Australia is beginning to come in now via the short wave; heard them well October 13."

Samuel A. Tucker, Bluff, (Via Nome), Alaska: "Just received my membership card and emblem and sure am glad to be a member of the Newark News Radio Club. You must bear in mind that when writing to me it takes a very long time to get up here and for mail to go out. Now for a word about my DXing. I started September 26. California stations come in here from 5 to 9 PM, Alaskan time and the New Zealanders and Australians from 7 to 11 PM. The best ones are KSFO, 2YA, KPRC, 5CK, KFI, 1YA, KPO, WLM, 3YA, KGU, 3LO, KLX, KROW, KNX, KSL and KGMB. The latter and KGU are good every night. During the winter, when the days are short, I can pick up England, France and Germany on the broadcast band from 8 AM to 1 PM. From 10 AM to 1 PM is usually the best time; then I usually receive four or five from England, two or three from France and five or six from Germany."

Mrs. Dora Newcomb, Oxnard, Calif.: "XEFL, Toajuana, Mexico is now operating 24 hours a day. As nearly as I can figure they are on 1160 kcs. Reports should be sent to them at San Diego, California. XEC, Tiajuana is on 1170 kcs., but I believe they are only on the air from 2 to 10 PM PST. Slowly the 24-hour stations are taking us."

James E. Hill, Toronto, Ontario: "On October 10 I received a nice letter from Senor Robert Valezzi of XEWZ, thanking me for my report of last season and asking me to notify all NNRC members that he has installed an office for the purpose of answering reports of reception. Since this has put him to great expense, he says he will have to ask 10¢ for verifying correct reports promptly. Senor Valezzi also states that he will open a new station November 1- XEBZ, 820 kcs., and those reporting it and enclosing 25¢ will receive a surprise souvenir. The new series of XEWZ and XEBC are the finest any Mexican has issued yet. While I have started this season fairly well with 40 reports out, I haven't done much on real distance so far. Series are slow coming back but they are picking up now. I find that as a result of checking Radex for October, I need 15 W's including the new ones. New catches verified are WNBC, KPLC, KIUN, WMFG, WCOP, WELI, WNFD, KROC, WMFF, CKNX, CKSO and KHSL. My log is going up and I hope to get that Silver Ace certificate soon."

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From the pages of Vol. 1, No. 7, the Members' Reports and Comments included reports from the following:

Director Cappie T. Hadley, Nashville, Tenn., "Our WLAC DX periods have finally reached across the Atlantic. W. J. Hambly, London, England heard us October 6, 1935. Since September 1, I have received veries from KVOL, KFRO, WTMV, KWTN, WJBO, WNBC, KOTN, WLNH, WRGA, WOC, WMFN, WAIM, WCMI, WMAS and WPAY."

Sanford Morris, Metuchen, N. J.: "The club's weekly bulletin is a wow! I am preparing a folder to hold the copies in order of their issuance. My Philco 16X which I have had about six months is working swell. I have about 700 stations at present, hams included. I read in RADEX that some DXer had 5300 stations, including amateurs, and I am trying to duplicate or better his feat. My log, compiled in the last three months, includes all continents, except Africa, on the short waves and forty-six of the forty-eight states on the broadcast band. I have about 150 verifications received in previous years and of these are thirty 2000 milers. I started DXing in 1927 and all of it has been done on the loud speaker. My first veri of the 1935-1936 season was KID, Idaho Falls, Idaho. I am now using Pete McKenna's double postcard veries and like them very much. And, it only costs 2 cents for each veri."

Jimmy Dunigan, New Britain, Conn.: "My recent confirmations have come from WBBL, WMMN, KFJB, CMCA and FNSK, call of the S. S. Normandie, and I am very proud of the last one. You're right about noisy reception; it has been here about R9 plus."

Andrew Hill, Red Bank, N. J.: "DXing sure has been slow here so far this season. Static level has been so high it has been possible to hear only a few distant stations. However, I was up the morning of October 25 and heard KADA and WJBK. Verifications are just as slow; to date I have sent out seventeen reports and have received replies from only seven. Will have a complete report for you real soon."

Nancy Lee Saxton, Joplin, Mo.: "I like the new bulletin very much and believe all members will feel the same way about it. It contains so much news and other interesting information. I have only been able to DX a few nights so far but I have added WJBK, already verified, and WPAR who have not as yet answered. Last February I logged WKBV and just recently received their veri. My veries now total 447 and my heard log 662. I want to end up this season with 800 stations and 600 verifications; that shouldn't be impossible."

Director John J. Baxter forwarded the following information on the TAs:

The French PTT are going ahead with their Television plans. A 10KW transmitter is to be erected atop the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Although it is expected that the erection of this transmitter will take at least six months, transmissions should go on sooner as a temporary station is brought into service. A wavelength of 7 meters is to be used and pictures are scheduled to be of 180 lines.

A 10 KW station has been opened at Pietermaritzburg, South Africa to relay the Durban transmissions. The call is ZTP and the frequency 697 Kc.

PTT, Nice, France is now testing nightly with 1185 kcs. Announcements are in English and French. For an interval signal they are using a few bars of the song "The Dance of the Cuckoos." At sign-off time the entire recording of the number is played.

There is talk that the Soviets are to build a 2,500,000 watt transmitter at Chadnika to satisfy their ambition to own the world's most powerful broadcasting station.

The new Italian station at Bolzano will use 20 KW instead of 10 KW as announced previously.

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This just about takes care of this issue and we would like to hear from you as to what you would like to have presented in this section. I do have all of the bulletin issues from Vol. 1, No. 1 through the last one prior to going to the present format.

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From the pages of Vol. 1, No. 8 dated November 18, 1935, a pertinent fact was directed to DXers' attention by Vice President Frank Scott who stated that the growing tendency of broadcasting stations to hog the air with all-night programs of canned music and advertising stunts should be viewed with alarm by all disciples of DXing.

He volunteered that according to Radex there were 856 stations operating on 102 channels from 530 to 1550 kilocycles and of that number, 335 or 39.1 per cent are more or less interfered with by twelve 24 hour stations listed in the following table:

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| KTM,  | 780 kcs.,  | voids that channel for 11 others on that frequency |
| WHN   | 1010 kcs.  | " " " " 14 " " " "                                 |
| KJBS, | 1070 kcs.  | " " " " 4 " " " "                                  |
| KGFJ  | 1200 kcs., | " " " " 40 " " " "                                 |
| WEDC  | 1210 kcs., | " " " " 54 " " " "                                 |
| WNEW  | 1250 Kcs., | " " " " 8 " " " "                                  |
| KFAC  | 1300 kcs., | " " " " 10 " " " "                                 |
| WEXL  | 1310 kcs., | " " " " 53 " " " "                                 |
| KRE   | 1370 kcs., | " " " " 50 " " " "                                 |
| WBMK  | 1380 kcs., | " " " " 6 " " " "                                  |
| KGGC  | 1420 kcs., | " " " " 50 " " " "                                 |
| WJBK  | 1500 kcs., | " " " " 35 " " " "                                 |

Concluding, Frank stated that the worst of it is that these all-night stations are covering, for the most part, those congested channels that have been heretofore, the happy hunting grounds of DXers and if this craze upon the parts of broadcasters continues it will mean the end of DXing except during the monthly frequency check periods.

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Director E. L. Peters of Westport, Nova Scotia writes: "I have probably one of the most unique verifications ever issued- PRF4, 923 kcs., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In addition to the personal letter, they sent me a copy of 'Jornal do Brasil' containing a photostatic copy of my complete report, followed by an actual transcription of their station log for the period reported. This checked in minute detail with my report which included ten selections, nearly all by title, and times given were accurate to the minute. This station was reported September 12 and verified October 29. I have reports out to PRB9 and PRA6. Any of these stations can be heard practically every evening. PRF4 signs off at 2100 EST."

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From the Members' Reports and Comments Section of the November 25, 1935, the following were received:

Birely Ross, Dallas, Texas: "We have just had a little cold weather down this way and DX is somewhat better; however, static is still bad but the stations seem to override it. Recent new ones are WPAR, WTAL, XEFZ, WSJS, WAIM, KQV, WAMI, CMBC, KNEL, KGNC, WKAR, WMFG, WTEL, WLEU, KIRO and the following TPs: 2DE, 2KY, 4BC, JOGK, 4RK and 2UW. I heard 17 Japanese the morning of November 7 but they were all talking in Japanese and I could not get enough verifiable material. When they did start to play music the U. S. stations came on the air. That was a peculiar night; the down-under stations could not be heard while the Japanese and Chinese were all over the dial. JOHK, JOBK-2 and JOAK-2 came through with good speaker volume. I expect to put up a 300 foot antenna soon to replace my present 75 foot one that is now being used."

Frank A. Hoxie, South Orrington, Maine: "Reception hasn't been so good recently although I have heard 1YA. Latest foreign verifications are from 3HA and 2UW; others are WMAW, WFBM and CKNX. I think the club's bulletin is very fine."

Leo Herz, Berwyn, Ill.: "At last DX is better. WKAR and CMCY are new ones for me."

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This just about does it for now and we wish everyone a pleasant spring and summer and if you continue to DX during the warmer months may you hear many new stations.

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In the Members' Reports and Comments section of the December 9th, 1935 issue, the following were received:  
Nicholas J. Hock, Newark, N. J. reported reception of CFRC, CKSO, WMFR, WNOX, WIS and WKZO. On the Short waves, HI-1L on 40 meter fone and TI-1R on 10 meters. He also logged HRN rebroadcasting WLV on November 24.

John T. Tweedie, Oakhurst, N. J.: "While I got off to a slow start this season, I am now picking up speed and have thus far recorded the following stations: WLEU, WPAR, WJBL, WNBC, WELI, KXYZ, CMCF, CMHX, KGNC, KVOL, WJBO, KIUN, WMFO, XEAM, CHGS, CKNX, LR-3, LR-8, Toulouse, WMFD and CFRC. I find the Cubans and South Americans have good signal strength although it is hard to bring them in between the stations in this country. I believe that if some specials could be arranged with the South Americans during the early morning hours many DXers could log them. I am corresponding with our Venezuelan director, Jesus Ma. Lander Garcia of Caracas. The old Philco 92, almost four years old, is still going strong."

Don Hill, Broken Bow, Neb.: "I did quite a bit of DXing during the November checks and landed fourteen new ones- WCPO, WCAP, WTNJ, WOC, WCMI, KPAC, KIUL, WIRE, KABR, WKBZ, KIUL, WPAY, KPLC and KNOW. Since then I have added KGNC, KIRO and KMBG. Verifications have arrived from WTMV, KGPX, WCPO, WCAP, WCMI, WTBJ, KIDW, WKBZ, KPAC, KPLC, KABR, KWTN and WKAR. I also purchased some verification forms from Pete McKenna and they make writing for veries much easier. First, however, I send a letter to the station and if no results are forthcoming I then send a card. I would rather have the station's own card or letter if possible, so always try my own letter first."

Henry Tyndall, Burlington, Vt.: "Since October 1, I have added KIUL, WNBC, WCOP, KGNC, KVOL, WMFG, WCMI, WELI, W3XDD, KRKC, KROC, KELD, CKSO, CKNX, WPAR, WTMV, WEMP, WCPO, KIUN and the outlaw 'Station DX' verified by the CDXR. All are now verified and I have reports out to KVSQ, KIRO, KDOM, WSVA, KSFO, WTAL and WMFG. Hope to make 1300 by the end of the season but I will have to get some outside of the U. S. A., because there are only five active stations left for me to get."

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The December 16, 1935 issue noted the first 'High Frequencies' page edited by Earl Roberts and Earl asked members to send in their suggestions for the page. Should it include calls and frequencies of new police stations as well as frequencies and schedules of the regular short wave broadcast stations. Several phone stations were reported among them being RIO, Baku on the Caspian Sea heard from midnight to 2 AM daily calling Moscow. The frequency was 10170 kcs. and while a woman is usually talking, a man is hear at intervals. RNE, Noscow when answering is usually much weaker than RIO.....VRR4, 11595 kcs., Stoney Hill, Jamaica was heard testing with WNC at various times- Saturdays at 10:15 AM, Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:15 to 2:50 PM

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Also from the December 16, 1935 issue mention was made that for the December RADEX there can be nothing but praise for Carl Lord, Radex's DX editor, and the several NNRCers who contributed to make that month's edition the best and most interesting to date and also not forgetting Charlotte Geer, radio critic of the Newark Evening News, who, always ready to lend a helping hand to the club, gave of her limited time to send it along another notch. Also thanks to Fred Butler, editor of Radx, for the space devoted to the aims and activities of the Newark News Radio Club.

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This just about takes care of the items for this issue and we would like to hear from all members that have been in the club for 20 or more years. As I have all bulletins from Vol. 1, No. 1 through the last one published before going to offset, I can watch for your report in those issues and place it in this column. This will then bring back some of those memories of long ago when stations were anxious for reports to see how far they were reaching. Best wishes for a pleasant summer.

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In the Members' Reports and Comments Section for December 23, 1935, the following members reported:

Art Foerster, Indianapolis, Ind.: "The following verifications were received this fall: WCPO, WCOP, KGNC, CKNX, CKCV, KPAC, KLO, WTMV, WCBS, KABR, WNBC, KHSL, WNOX, KFBB, KVOL, WPAR, CKSO, WLLH, WLNH, KROC, KWBG, and KRNT for a total of 688 verified and I still have letters out to WTAL, WMFO, KIRO, KIEM and XEFL."

Lloyd Hahn, Baltimore, Md.: "DX has picked up nicely during the past ten days and I think we are due for a busy season. My latest have been XEWZ, WMFF, WTMV, KIRO, WMFR, WSWA, CMCQ and WPAR. Only recent verues from KPLC, WLEU and KRNT."

Earl Roberts, Indianapolis, Ind.: "Using a Hallicrafter Super Seven, I recently ran over the short wave band and heard a station calling: 'Hello America, Hello New York. This is Addis Ababa calling the Columbia Broadcasting Co.' The frequency was 11.98 mcs. and signals were R-5, QSA-5. Also logged JVM Tokyo from 11:50 P.M. to midnight, CST, November 18 with announcements in English. Received a station on 625 kcs., November 19, 7 to 8 P.M. CST at which time they signed off. The program was unlike those of the Cubans and Mexicans ad signed off to early to be one of them. Believe it was CE62, Santiago, Chile. While I did not get the call, I did get one selection. On the BCB I have logged XEFL and WHBB to bring my total log to 1173. Also heard TGW on 1215 kcs."

Ben Feinstein, Newark, N. J.: "This is my first letter of the season and I want to tell you that I started my nights of lost sleep on October 3. After three months of DXing (they haven't been so good) the only stations I have added are WPAR, XERA, WIRE, CKCH, WMAS, WABY, WLEU, WMFF, WDNC, WAGF, WPTF, WEED, WHEF, WPHR and WPAC. The Indiana Police Station is WPAC. CKCH put on a wonderful program for us December 1 when their announcersaid that anyone desirous of joining the greatest and most popular DX club in the world should join the NNRC. My log now stands at 599 with 548 verified."

Nick Hock, Newark, N. J.: "December 8 found me at a fellow DXer's home (Charles McMahon) trying our luck on his Philco. At about 3 A.M. we made a fine catch in HJ1ABA, 1330 kcs., asking for reports. I took the first trolley home and arrived at the Comet Pro at 4:15 A.M. By that time the signal had decreased from R7-8 to R-5, but I was able to get enough for a verification."

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In the High Frequencies Section edited by Earl Roberts for the December 23, 1935 issue, Tom Denny, a future NNRCer, reported hearing ZE1JR Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia working on 14044 kcs. from 6:20 to 6:50 PM with an R-5 signal. There was considerable QRM from CW stations. HI7G, Santo Domingo was reported to work ZE1JR every afternoon around 4:30 PM. K4SA, Puerto Rico works several VKs during the early morning hours."

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In the Members' Reports and Comments Section for December 30, 1935, we found the following:

Phil Nichols, E. Hartford, Conn.: "Veries are now at 795 with XERA, KMO, WKZOKWBG, WTMV and KVS0 the latest arrivals. Hank Tyndall heard WHBB right through WJBK one morning recently. Saw an article in the paper which predicts poor reception for two years because of sunspots. Must be so for the TAs are practically inaudible nine out of ten nights right now."

Bill Applegate, Chicago, Ill.: "I managed to sandwich in some DX between my busy Canadian CPC assignment and say that reception in the Windy City is fair. Between buzzes and crashes of static have managed to catch KVS0, KALB, WMFD, CKNX, KIUN and CKSO."

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Some of the reports received for the December 30, 1935 issue were as follows:

Al Bartholomew, Bradford, N. Y.: "My 800th verification has come home to roost and, as I already had the necessary 100-2000 milers, I am hereby making official application for the Silver Ace Certificate. My new Kent is sure going places this fall and I have some fine reports out-- 1YA, 3YA, 4YA, 2NC, 2KY, and 3GI. The morning of November 7 was a banner one for me as I was able to report to 4BC, 2CH, 2UW and 2GB. Letters have gone to LR3, YV1RC, XEWZ, CJRM, KIT, KWKC, KIUP, KSFO, WCOP, WMFO, KGNC, KVSQ, WSFA, WHBB and KLX. At present I need but 29 active stations in the U. S. and hope to lpp a few of them in the near future. Verifications since my last letter-- CKNX, CKCV, KIRO, KHSL, KRNT, KIUN, KWBG, KIUL, KROC, WSWA, WPAR, WCPO, XEFL and CFCF."

Ray Everly, Newton, Ill.: "I hear CMBX, 1380 kcs., Havana, driving WSMK off the air mornings; WHN 1010 kcs., New York comes in like a ton of bricks at 0200. I now have 907 veries with reports out to WMFO, KSFO, KGNC, XERA and WMFG. I recently heard the Philco 116B and the RCA C-11-1 and they were both OK. The Indiana Indians seem to be buying Scotts and Hall-icrafters."

Andy Hill, Red Bank, N. J.: "The morning of November 26 was the best of the season for me: I landed 24 new ones-- eight were coasters, two were French (Radio Normandie and Rennes) and included were XERA, now an all night pest, and KIUP, 1370 kcs., Durango, Colo. Had a hunch the morning of December 1 would be good but static was so bad I had a tough time with KFI and KNX; did manage however to grab XEWZ and WPAR. For the SW fans try JVM, 10740 kcs., Japan, Thursdays between 4 and 5 PM EST. Also logged another 100 water on the West coast, KFXM on December 10."

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The January 6, 1936 issue included the following reports:

Phil Nichols, E. Hartford, Conn.: "Got up the morning of December 18 for Radio Maroc, Rabat, Morocco, and much to my surprise it was swell for DX; they came through but with a heavy heterodyne from KFSD. While the music was mostly native, I sent them quite a long report and feel quite pepped up over getting Africa, one place I never expected to hear on the BC band. Also logged XEAF and KRLH, the latter rather weak. The Hartford Times has been granted a permit for a daytime station on 1200 kcs., 100 watts, order effective February 4. Veries are now at 797 and I am eagerly awaiting three more to apply for a Silver Ace certificate which I hope will be the one following Al Bartholomew's. He notified me that he has already applied for his."

Gene Bataille, Maplewood, N. J.: "Tried a little DX with 'Madge' the morning of December 15. At 2:25 EST, I heard WWAE state they were dedicating their program to the NNRC; no mention of this was made in the bulletin. Hats off to WWAE! Added CFLC with their special and succeeded in dragging WTMV, E. St. Louis, Ill., through WJBK at 0312. Managed to bring in some old standbys-- KFI, KNX, KPO, as well as XEWZ, WSPA, WSAN, WELL, WSMK and several others through heavy static. The old bug seems to be biting again and wonder if it will succeed this year. The boys have gotten so far ahead the last two years the job of catching up is almost impossible. My log is slightly over the 700 mark."

Earl Roberts, Indianapolis, Ind.: "My latest catches are WTAL, KRLH, WCOP, WSWA and WMFN."

John Baxter informed us that Radio Strasbourg, 859 kcs. is now using 120 KW and should be fairly easy for East Coast DXers.....A new station at Oslo, Norway due to go on the air early in 1936 plans to use power in excess of 100 KW. Another smaller station to use 20KW is under construction at Bergen, Norway..... The French PTT are becoming more active in Africa. Algiers is to have a 200 KW station to serve Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia and it will be completed the latter part of 1936.

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This just about does it for this issue and we wish everyone a pleasant remaining summer and get ready for the new DX season coming up.



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From the pages of Vol. 1, No. 16 dated January 13, 1936, the following members reported through the Members' Reports and Comment:

Nick Hock, Newark, N. J.: "I recently added XEAF, XEFL, JIUJ, KVOL, WPFB, and verified WCOP, XEU, WMFF, KGNC and WMFJ. The morning of December 22 was one of the best of the season. Rennes, Bordeaux, Normandie and Leipzig came through."

Ben Feinstein, Newark, N. J.: "Just to let you know that I have reached and passed the 600 mark and am setting my goal at 650 for this season. New ones are WELI, WKBB, WORL, KWTO, CKSO while veries are in from WDNC, WGPC, WPHR, WAGF, WHEF, WMAS, WABY, WLEU, WMFF, WIRE, CKCH, XERA and WPAR. My log now stands at 604 heard and 560 verified. Best wishes for success to all the newly-elected officers of the club. I know they will do everything possible for a bigger and greater NNRC."

Lloyd Hahn, Baltimore, Md.: "Well, I got those 15 stations I was after, but boy what a lot of sleep I lost! Here they are: WHBB, WMFF, KHSL, KGFL, KFRO, KVSQ, KVOL, WPAY, WCPO, WMFG, WNBC, CKNX, WTAL, KWTN and CKCV. In addition to reporting to them, I also wrote to 14 other stations that were on for our club."

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In the January 20, 1936 issue, European Notes by John J. Baxter noted the following:

If interference is noted with the programs of Radio Strasbourg, 859 kcs., 120KW, it is caused by a 10KW U. S. S. R. station on the same frequency.

Do you remember old PCJ, the Netherlands which came on the air back in 1927? Well, this old favorite is shortly to resume broadcasting on 31.28 meters or 9590 kcs.

Work is progressing rapidly on Radio Normandie's new high-power transmitter. The foundation stone was recently laid by M. Mindel, Minister of the French PTT at Louvetot.

You can now identify Leipzig, Germany, 785 kcs., by its interval signal of three chords in D major, played on an electrical music box.

CT1GL Parede, Portugal, has been silent for some time. The transmitter was partly destroyed by fire but the Radio Club of Portugal, owner, got busy at once and CT1GL is back on the air. Incidentally, this station broadcast a number of fine programs for the NNRC last season.

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In the High Frequencies section edited by Earl Roberts for January 20, 1936 the following were reported under the "Hams": Oscar Havlin of Indianapolis almost fell off his chair when he tuned in ON4CSL, Labendai, Belgian Congo. This rare catch was heard January 4 at 2 PM on 14.410 mcs. talking to a Rossville, N. Y. amateur.... If you haven't as yet tuned in Alaska, try for K7DH, Juneau near 14.2 mcs. around 9 PM....HJ1Z is being heard on 14 mcs. at 7:30 AM and we are wondering if this is a new station or HK1Z with a new call.....Eric Butcher, Cokeville, Wyo. is the second member to report the new Greenland station NX2Z in Hochstetter. Mort Meehan, Elizabeth, N. J. states that NX2Z is owned by the Danish Geographical Survey, uses 1450 watts and first took the air December 28....Eric Butcher has also heard ZE1JR, HH2B and XE2QFR....Nick Hock submits these catches: VP2CD, 14.12 mcs., 8:30 AM; VK2NO, 14.312 at 7:30 AM; G6XR, 14.10 mcs at 7:34 AM; and XE1BD 7.264 at 11:11 PM.

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FCC Changes included new calls assigned as follows: KBIX Muskogee, Okla.; WJNO West Palm Beach, Fla.; WSPR Springfield, Mass.; and WTHT Hartford, Conn....Effective date of Brooklyn cases was postponed to Feb. 18. In the event the Brooklyn Daily Eagle's station goes on the air, the call will be WEGE....KWEA Shreveport, La. was granted permission to remain silent from February 1 to March 31, 1936.

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About all for now, and with the new DX season commencing, we wish all a fine season and may you add many new ones to your logs!

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From the pages of Vol. 1, No. 18 dated January 27, 1935, the following names were in the list of Silver Aces: No. 1-Frank Scott, Newark; 2-Alfred Oppel, Irvington, N. J.; 3- Henry T. Tyndall, Burlington, Vt.; 4-Milton P. Christa, Detroit, Mich.; 5-Guy A. Vaughn, College Point, N.Y.; 6- Mrs. Annie E. Kuntz, Centre Square, Pa.; 7- Howard Judson, Detroit; 8-William Vornkahl, Westport, Conn.; 9- Carroll H. Weyrich, Baltimore, Md.; 10-Lloyd S. Hahn, Baltimore, Md.; 11- Miss Ida C. Henninger, Allentown, Pa.; 12- Carl Foerstieri, New York, N. Y.; 13- Blank; 14-Albert J. Bartholomew, Bradford, N. Y.; 15- Mrs. Dora Newcomb, Oxnard, Calif.; 16- Philip R. Nichols, East Hartford, Conn.

The requirements for the Silver Ace Certificate was 800 stations verified and 100 2000 mile verifications included.

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In the Members' Reports and Comments section, reports were from the following:

Ray Everly, Newton, Ill.: "My log has climbed to 912. New ones are XEAR, KRLH, WHBB, KIRO and KROC. WHBB, KRLH and WMFG verify promptly."

Phil Nichols, East Hartford, Conn.: "Caught XEX and WFMD the morning of December 29 and added LR1 and LR4 January 2 and the former was very good. Reported to LR4 last season and he never answered me but I'll try him once again. The TAs and LS2 came through also the morning of the 2nd but they were nothing to brag about."

Hank Tyndall, Burlington, Vt.: "The bulletin is getting better every issue. Wonder what is going on down in the Argentines: LS2, LR4 and LR5 blasted their way in the morning of December 26. Heard and enjoyed Mrs. Obert's talk over WELI."

Earl Roberts, Indianapolis, Ind.: "CMBY blotted out every one on 640 kcs., December 26, while CMK on 725 even covered the 730 channel. WELI and WCOP have verified. Also have a very from W10XFH stating that the balloon used only 8 watts power. Old man Foerster has me guessing now as to whether I heard CE62 or TIPG on 625 since he identified it as the latter. I still think I had Chile since the signoff was at 8 PM CST and TIPG is on much later."

Joe Brauner, Williamsville, N. Y.: "I closed the year with a log of 1225 BCB stations. New ones in November and December were WCPO, 3GI, CMHX, KGNC, KIRO, WHBB, WSVA, WMFR, CMJE, CMBS, KIUP, XERA, TIPG, KDON, CMBY, KRLH, CMJF, XEAQ, WCHV, WFMD and KNET."

John Tweedie, Oakhurst, N. J.: "New ones since my last letter are WMFR, CRCV, Frankfort, Rennes, Bordeaux, CMBC, CKCV, CKSO, W6XAI, XEU, LR1, WTAL, WTMV, CMCM, KELD, KIUI, WCHS, WSVA, KWKC, KROC, WMFD, XEFL, KIRO, XEAQ and Cologne. Veries from LR3, Frankfurt, CMCF, CMHX, Rennes, CRCV, Bordeaux, KIUI, Toulouse, W6XAI and CKSO."

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In the February 3, 1936 issue (Vol. 1, No. 19), a report from our Executive Secretary. Milt says: "Just to remind members that one of the officers still has a radio set I submit this report of my DXing the morning of January 30. That morning was perfect for reception and the Argentinians came through with no trouble. The Cuban on 790 is definitely CMGH Matanzas. Heard verifiably, these west coasters which were new for me: KFSD, KMTR, KMJ, KEX and KFBK. Logged KMMJ on what I think was their final special program. Could not get a rise out of the Europeans-even with good DX although I was able to get them after the last Board meeting on a very rainy and noisy night."

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Also, in the February 3, 1936 our energetic director, Ray Everly, suggested and appropriate slogan for the NNRC. The slogan suggested was "THE PIONEER DX CLUB."

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This just about takes care of this month's page and we wish everyone a fine season of DXing.

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From the Members' Reports and Comments Section of the February 3, 1935 issue, the following were received:

Art Foerster, Indianapolis, Ind. reports Radio Normandie. KGU, CMOX, XEAQ, CMHX, TIPG, WCMI, WELI, WRC, WMFR, KIUI, KLRH, CMBZ and CMK. Earl Roberts says Art is showing some improvement in his DXing and believes he will eventually get out of his backyard.

Dud Clarke, Montreal, Que. has gotten his share of the South Americans-- LR1, LR4, LR5 and LS2. Dud almost fell off his chair December 26 when he tuned to 990 kcs., heard some Spanish music and then LR1's announcement. During the period January 4, 1935 and December 28, 1935, and on 57 mornings of DXing, Dud added 95 new ones-- 3 Canadians, 5 Mexicans, 7 Cubans, 2 in Argentina, 1 in Haiti and 77 in the U. S. His log now totals 552 stations with 318 verified and 23 2,000 milers. Reports are still out to 21 stations.

Bernie Duffy, Staten Island, N. Y.: "I am compelled to admit that new catches have been few and far between this season, even though I have been DXing three times a week. Just want to say that WNBC and CFCO presented splendid programs for the NNRC on their recent broadcasts."

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In the High Frequencies section edited by Earl Roberts for February 3, 1936, John Weller, Newark received the best catch of the week on 20 meters-- EI2K, Dublin, Ireland with 12 watts input heard January 18 at 0730 near 14.4 mcs., and it was the operator's first day on phone. John also reports EA3CR, 14.39; VK2UT, 14.2 and HJ1AX, 14.15 mcs. Three very good catches....Mort Meehan heard G5NI January 19 on 20 meter phone.

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Additional reports for February 3, 1936 were as follows:

Earl Roberts, Indianapolis, Ind.: "New ones are WFMD, WELI, WSWA and KDON Del Monte, Calif. heard testing right through WEDC Chicago. Page Art Foerster on that one! XEAQ comes through nearly every morning on 1090. CMCO Havana, announced January 6 their new frequency is 1200 kcs., and for once a Cuban is actually on its correct wave. They were R8 at 12:50AM".

Bob Botzum, Reading, Pa.: "My first report since joining the club. I have added 70 stations this season to bring my log to 775, am trying to pass the 800 mark. Recent veries are from JOHK, JOIK, LR8, PRA, PQN, CMCF, CMX, CMBD, CMHX, CMOK, CMK, CMBY, CMBC, KFXM, KRLH, KWG, KELD, KXO, KMPC, XEU, KGGM and Hamburg. I now have 677 veries. The Argentines sure had some kick January 9. HIX with their NNRC program came through R8."

Vane Jones, Indianapolis, Ind. reports the addition of CJIC, CJGX and CFRN to bring his total to 645. 450 stations have been logged on Vane's Hallicrafter receiver.

Nick Hock, Newark, N. J.: "A ch eck of my log shows 242 stations verified from January 1, 1935 to December 31, 1935. A few of my best are HJ1ABA, KEHE, KROC, WMFR, WMFO, KIRO, KIUK, XEAF, XEFL, KMLB, KLS, WJBW, XERA, Rennes, KGEK, CKNX and XEFO. Verifications total 625 with 66 2,000 milers. New ones are being added slowly now. I am spending more time on the short waves although I am not abandoning the BCB. The SW column by Earl Roberts is a welcome addition to our already fine bulletin. TIPG certainly did give us a swell program, thanks to Al Koempel. I logged Cologne right after WEAJ signed off. Sanford Morris wants members to name their sets when reporting. Mine is a 9-tube Hammarlund Comet Pro with peak pre-selector. Latest catches are Cologne, Lyons, I1RO, KFBK, CMCH, CMBC, KNEL, KVS0 and TIPG."

Bill Rank, Frostburg, Md.: "DX has been poor on the BCB but excellent on 20 meters. New ones are I1TR and PRA2 which drowned out WCA0 three evenings. Reports are out to both. Best DX on 20 meters is EA8AF, Canary Is.; EA6AB Balearic Islands; HI7G Santo Domingo and CO2RA and CO8YU in Cuba. I have a Stewart Warner converter that I would like to trade for a short wave receiver."

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All for now, and we wish every one a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!