

Vol. 3 No.5

May 30, 1999

THE RISE AND FALL OF CANADIAN RADIO

Sheldon Harvey - Greenfield Park, Quebec -

ve2shw@yahoo.com

May 11, 1999

It has been officially announced that the shut down of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporations AM station CBM on 940 kHz. in Montreal will leave the air this coming Friday evening at Midnight Eastern time; that is 0400 UTC Saturday.

The station has been simulcasting on 88.5 MHz. since the 1998 January winter icestorm. It was rumoured to be going off on March 31, 1999, but obviously that did not happen. It was announced several times on the air, beginning yesterday, May 10, 1999, on CBM 940 AM / 88.5 FM, that the station is shutting down the AM outlet "as required by the CRTC (Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission)".

The station is giving out the following telephone number 514-597-4466, to call if you are having interference problems, or difficulty picking up the 88.5 MHz. FM signal. The CBC technical department has prepared a list of 4 tips to improve reception on FM. This is given out over the phone, but it is also available on the station's website. Check: <http://www.radio.cbc.ca>

It is under the Quebec region section on the website. According to insiders at CBC, they have already been receiving many complaints from listeners who are having difficulty receiving the FM signal. Because of the location of the FM antenna on Mount Royal, on the island of Montreal, there are several areas, even on the island of Montreal, who are having difficulty picking up a clean signal. Many areas which received the signal easily on the 940 AM (mediumwave) frequency, at great distances from Montreal, will no longer have this luxury with the 88.5 FM signal.

When CBF 690 kiloHertz in Montreal signed off several months ago, there was a special announcement made just prior to the shutdown, reflecting on the past of the French AM station.

Established 1984

Hopefully a similar thing will be done with the 940 AM shutdown on Friday evening.

Also, when the 690 signal signed off, a tape loop played for a day or so, reminding listeners to tune to the FM frequency. This will probably occur with the 940 shut down as well.

CBM UPDATE

Ed Stokes - Randolph Center, VT -

RadioMan@quest-net.com

CBM, 940 kHz, in Montreal is running frequent break-ins over local programming this morning announcing that they will be leaving the AM band as of midnight tonight.

Too bad they couldn't have done it in Nov or Dec last year!

From N. New England this is a great DX frequency for Mexico and South America. Getting rid of this strong local signal will be a blessing.

TROJAN VIRUS vs ADOBE ACROBAT

As this newsletter is distributed as an Adobe Acrobat document, please be assured that Acrobat Reader and Acrobat files are NOT a Trojan Source. Some versions of McAfee VirusScan 4.x created false alarms when scanning Adobe Acrobat Reader files. The scanner mistook a portion of the Acrobat files for a similar-looking portion of code found in the NetBusPro.dr trojan.

MAN EAVESDROPPED ON POLICE - AGENTS

Well, here's the scoop should anyone decide to auction a cell-capable scanner on Ebay. MAKE NO MENTION of what frequencies it can receive. They yanked my Pro-2005 without notice, like they have with so many others. I e-mailed them about it demanding an answer as to why they randomly select radios to cancel. Here's the response direct from customer (non)support:

Hello Dan,

Sorry it has taken so long to get back to you. It was

not your item as much as it was the description of your item which caused the auction to be ended. The other auctions you have referred us to make no reference to possible illegal activity. Advertising that your scanner can receive frequencies in the range of cellular phones will result in the auction being removed. if you re list the same item without this information you should not have any problems.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Regards,
Matthew J.
eBay Customer Support

NEW NYPD FREQ?

The NYPD frequency for Staten Island 476.3875 was changed this week, I believe the new frequency is 482.5875. Did anyone else notice any other changes? Anyone have a new official list of frequencies?

AR8200 LIST SERVER

The AR8200 Mailing list is for users and prospective users of AOR's latest hand held receiver and accessories. To subscribe to the list send an E-Mail to:

ar8200-subscribe@onelist.com
or visit

<http://www.onelist.com/subscribe.cgi/ar8200>

400+ Subscribers!

ANARC NET - GONE!

Due to an increasing lack of participation, the Sunday morning on air meetings of the ANARC SWL Ham Radio net have been suspended for the summer, and may not return in the fall.

Dave Kirby, N1DK posted this up on the #SWL IRC this morning:

After careful consideration, AI NN2U, and myself Dave N1DK, have decided to put the ANARC SWL NET into Summer hiatus. As you are aware, check-ins on 7240khz have been NIL for quite a while. 7240khz, being inside the Amateur Radio bands, is designed for 2-way communication and not broadcasting. True, as long as there's more than one person on frequency, it is considered 2-way communication. But two people, in my opinion, does not constitute a net. I am aware that there are many SWL's that listen to the net and contribute their

loggings each week. To those people, I say thank you very much for your participation during the past 11 years. I'm sure a lot of fingers will be pointed as to what or who is to blame for the low turnout on frequency. My e-mail box is full with theories. I think it is a combination of many things. The Internet has wealth of information on SWL'ing, so AI and I are working on keeping people updated on the swl scene, via the Internet. A weekly real audio file to be posted on my web page. Keep checking my web site for details. <http://www.n1dk.com> AI and I will attempt to resurrect the 7240 ANARC SWL NET at some point in the Fall, possibly September or October. Meantime, There's a lot of activity in IRC chat channel #SWL.

WTFDA '99

The 1999 WTFDA convention will be hosted in NW Jersey, July 16-18, 1999. Rick Shaftan will welcome you to his well equipped DX outpost located less than an hour from the Newark airport. For accommodations Rick recommends the Days Inn/Ledgewood, 1691 Route 46 West, Ledgewood, NJ 07852. Rates start at \$69. There is no special club discount. Make reservations by calling the hotel at 973-448-1100 or by credit card via their secure web site. Convention registration, which includes food and beverages, will be \$25. For more information e-mail Rick Shaftan at <shaftan@ptd.net>.

TACTICAL COMMAND INDUSTRIES

<http://www.79.cyberhost.net/tactical/twowire.htm>

Here's an interesting web site for a company that offers the "two wire" mics that most Secret Service agents use.

ON THE ROAD WITH KC2AYC

Dayton Hamvention 1999 Trip Report

I departed LaGuardia Airport headed for Columbus, Ohio on Thursday (5/13) aboard a brand new Airbus 319-100. One of only 3 in the America West fleet.

Tom Swisher-WA8PYR met me at Port Columbus Airport. Tom and I drove around the Columbus area doing last minute assorted errands he had to do. This gave me the opportunity to tour the area. We then stopped off at the Ohio Railway museum where Tom gave me a personal tour. We went back to Tom's place where I got to see his shack

and assortment of impressive radio equipment. We then headed out to Universal Radio I Reynoldsburg to meet up with Mike Eliers-AC4XS. On the way Tom had to stop off at his office, which happens to be the dispatch center for one of the suburban townships of Columbus. You see, Tom is a Police/Fire dispatcher. I got to see where he works and meet his boss.

About ten minutes out of Reynoldsburg we made contact with AC4XS and Mike arrived a few minutes after we did. We perused the impressive show room at Universal for about 40 minutes, getting to play with the latest in Short-wave receivers, scanners, and ham radios. Universal has banks of tables set up where you can play with an assortment of radios without be hounded by a salesman breathing over your neck.

We left Universal and headed over to Schmidt's German Restaurant. From what I have been told, Schmidt's has been around forever and is a local icon. We opted for the buffet and we feasted on some of the finest German food money can buy. Dinner was topped off with a famous cream puff.

Upon leaving the Restaurant I headed off with Mike to sleep at his place in Fort Wright, KY.... Just across the river from Cincy. Tom then headed up to Troy. On the way to Fort Wright we stopped off at Larry Flint's HUSTLER store in Cincy, where I took some pictures.

Mike's house is located on a hill and offered fine scanning of northern Kentucky and Cincinnati.

Friday morning we were up at 5 and headed to the Hara Arena. Around the same time Tom was headed over to New Carlisle to meet up with Dave Marshall-N8OAY and Mark Meece-N8ICW. We then rendezvoused with the trio at the All Ohio Scanner Club table at the Hamvention. Also in attendance were Mike Schulsinger and John Emory (On Saturday we were joined by John Vodenick, formerly of the VOA's Bethany Relay Station.) We spent the day perused around the flea market and indoor displays.

I wasn't in the flea market more than ten minutes when I heard someone approach from behind. It was John Bradley from Suffolk County. John is active on AOL's scanning forum. After speaking with John, I then made contact on simplex with Ken Reiss

(Popular Communications Scan-Tech column). Ken and I correspond on AOL and we usually socialize at the Winter SWL Fest in Kulpville, PA.

I also ran in to Chuck-N2ZEI and Eric from Valley Stream.

At the end of the day Mike, Tom, Mark, Dave, Mike, and I headed over to Ponderosa where we had dinner. Mike and I then headed back to Kentucky.

On Saturday we again rendezvoused at the AOSC table. I then spent the majority of the day roaming the flea market at various times with Mike Eilers, Mark Meece, and Tom Swisher. Throughout the day Mike and I enjoyed some pepperoni pizza by Donatos.

On Saturday I also spent some time hooking up with various Long Islanders including: Richie-KG2ED, Bob-KB2WDK, George-N2GA, Diane-K2DO, Sid Wolin-K2LJH, Rich-N2STU, Ray-N2ZEM, Karl-N2RLD, Jane-K2JAN, Jay-N2FP. There was another Gentleman with Jay, who's name escapes me at the moment. I also met Ed Allen-KC2CDP of NJ. I was disappointed I did not run in to The Mike's (N2OX & KG2M) or any other of the Mid-Island ARC guys.

During the day I also got to speak with Mr. Scanner - Norm Schrein and Dave Lovell (The son of the founder of Electra Corporation.)

Saturday evening Mike and I headed back to Kentucky, however we stopped off for some famous Cincinnati Chili and Cheese Cones. This was topped off with a trip to United Dairy Farmers for chocolate malt. We then spent the evening at Mike's watching the NASCAR race from Richmond and Mike made strawberry shortcake.

Sunday morning Mike and I drove in to Covington, KY where I was able to take pictures off the suspension bridge that was built around the civil war time, designed by the same guy who designed the Brooklyn Bridge (Roebling). I also got some good shots of Cinergy Field (Riverfront Stadium) from across the river. We then stopped off at Big Boy's for breakfast before heading to the Hamvention.

Sunday I attended the Listener's Forum at the Hamvention. The speakers were Perry Joseph, the

creator of "Probe" scanning software, Tom Swisher -spoke about trunk tracking, Dave Lovell of Electra, and Andy Yoder of Hobby Broadcasting.

The Hamvention winded down and Mike Eilers headed out. Tom, Mark, and I loaded in to Dave Marshall's car and headed out to New Carlisle where we unwinded at his place. Dave then took us in to town for dinner where we were informed all of New Carlisle was out of water. It seems they found Mercury in the water supply.... I was wondering what the smell was, people hadn't showered in days. We made the best of it and had sandwiches topped off by ice cream.

After Dinner Tom Swisher and I hopped in his car and headed over to Troy to spend the evening at his aunt and uncle's estate. Tom gave me the 50-cent tour of Troy and we had the scanners going in the car. We monitored a train on the scanner and headed over to the tracks where I got some great photos of a Norfolk-Southern Loco.

Monday we headed out of Troy around 9:30 and drove down to Franklin to pick up Mark Meece (ANARC Chairman). After picking up Mark we headed over to Hamilton. As if we didn't get enough over the weekend, our first stop was R&L Electronics.

From R&L we headed over to the tracks to do some more rail fanning. Again, we got to monitor them on the scanners and got some great photos of locos and even an NS Track Inspection Car.

From there we grabbed lunch at Steak & Shake and then headed over to Union Terminal we toured the Cincy history museum. Union Terminal was Cincy's version of Penn Station. It was almost torn down but was saved by philanthropists.

After the museum we headed over to a CXS yard where the Railroad Police extended some professional courtesy to Tom and allowed us on the site to do some train watching.

From there we headed down the banks of the Ohio River for a ride in to Indiana. Mark showed us the church he got married in and I got to set foot in Indiana (a new state for me.)

We then headed back to Franklin to drop off Mark.

As fate would have it, that very day the Dayton Fire Department had switched over their radio system from a Motorola Type I system to a type II system. So, on the way back to Columbus we stopped at one of the Fire Houses where Tom had a contact. He gave me a quick tour of the vehicles. We then set up a laptop computer running trunker right there on a work bench. Tom's contact then one by one keyed up on each channel of his HT, allowing trunker to figure out the Uniden Fleet code for each channel.

We then headed back to Tom's for some shut eye. Tuesday morning, after breakfast at Bob Evans, we headed back to the airport. I was treated with two things when I got to the gate. First, the plane was another brand new plane called a Canadair Regional Jet. This is a small Jet, only holding 50 people. Secondly a met a really cute girl sitting next to me which made for an enjoyable flight. She lives in Columbus and is an art director who was doing a shoot at Westbury Gardens for a cosmetic company.

My Hamvention Stash:

While at the Hamvention I picked up the assorted bag of goodies.... Coax & connectors, batteries, a couple of antennas, electrical tape, etc. I also picked up a new Wavetech Cable Leakage detector, an old crystal scanner, and a Yaesu-VX5R.

Areas of Interest: Displays to check out for cute girls

- Yaesu Display
- Kenwood Display
- Winradio * (real cute redhead w/ Australian accent)
- Ticket Laminating Booth ** (Well endowed young thing wearing a bikini, largest crowd of radio geeks at one booth.)
- Bearcat Radio Club
- CQ Communications

ATLANTIC HAM RADIO - QRT!

As you may may know "Atlantic Ham Radio Ltd" is now closed and many of our staff are now part of "Radioworld Inc." Canada's new Superstore for all types of radios. Radioworld specializes in amateur radio, scanners, shortwave radios, marine radios, aircraft radios and CB radios. The size, selection and expertise is certainly the largest in Canada, if

not North America. We carry the largest selection and inventory of 800MHz-Unblocked scanners in North America.

We thank you for your support in the past and we want to be your Radio store for the new millennium.

Visit our new website at <http://www.radioworld.ca>

While it is still under construction we are continuously upgrading the site.

Please save our new e-mail address <sales@radioworld.ca> and our website <http://www.radioworld.ca>

The unblocked scanners can be found at <http://www.radioworld.ca/swscan/scanpric.htm>

Allow us the opportunity to quote on your next radio purchase.

RADIOWORLD Inc. at 4335 Steeles Ave W,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M3N 1V7

New Phone 416-667-1000, New Fax 416-667-9995
e-mail <sales@radioworld.ca>

SW UPDATE

Thanks to the poster who alerted me (via the newsgroup) to the nice signal from the Solomon Islands on 5020 kHz between 1030-1100 UTC.

Here in Michigan I've been getting good reception the last few days--not only on my R-7 with outside antenna, but even on my '2010!

MILITARY CALLSIGNS

NLC	Navy P3C's
ARRAY	Possible HF relay stations for logistical opts from Dover AFB
BELLY	B2 Bombers, I've heard reports that Belly could also be B52's
REACH	USAF Mobility Command, C5's, C17's, C141's mostly
GOLD	B52 Bombers
MAZE	Unknown at this time!
MAGIC	AWACS planes

UNIDEN BEARCAT 245 TRUNKTRACKER II UPDATE

There has been a lot of speculation about the soon-to-be-released Bearcat 245XLT Portable TrunkTracker II. With Uniden's permission, I want to put some that to rest. I know you will have more questions but I'll be leaving shortly to travel to the Far East and may not be able to respond. Also, since there are some elements that are just now

being finalized, I probably won't have too much more to offer anyway.

The Bearcat 245XLT uses the same case as the 235 with a slightly modified display. It is still 300 channels and it still covers the same bands (no, it will not do digital or cook your breakfast). Here are the major new features:

1. **EDACS Tracking** You can use decimal or Uniden's own method for programming talkgroups, your choice. The Uniden method provides some incredible functionality. More on this at a later time).

2. **Multiple-system Tracking** (Multi-track) (You can track up to 10 trunked systems at one time! Any mix of Motorola and EDACS.)

3. **All Band Trunking** The scanner will trunk in VHF, UHF, 800 & 900 MHz)

4. **Trunked & Conventional Operation** You can Trunktrack and scan conventional frequencies at the same time! You can program conventional frequencies into trunking banks. You can be in Trunk Search mode and scan conventionally or Trunk Scan mode and scan conventionally.)

5. **RS232c** -- Complete Computer Interface (With a supplied cable --DB9 on one end-- you can remotely program AND control the 245 from a PC. You can also CLONE from one 245 to another.)

6. **SMARTSCANNER** Program your scanner from a remote database via a phone line and a remote server. The programming includes not only frequencies, but also trunking systems and talkgroups as well as Type 1 fleetmaps. It's all done for you. More on this fascinating new service at a later date.)

7. **Status Bit Toggle** For Motorola Type II trunked systems you can toggle the status bit on and off.)

8. **More Talkgroup Memory** There are now 10 Scan Lists of 10 channels each. That's 100 talkgroups per trunking system, up from 50 in previous models.)

9. **Priority in Trunking Mode** You can now set up to 10 priority talkgroups per trunked system.)

10. **Auto-Light** You can set the radio so that the backlighting will light for the first 5 seconds of each transmission.

11. **Frequency Find Mode** While trunking, you can check the frequency the data channel or the current transmission is on or you can have it alternate between talkgroup and frequency automatically.)

12. **Upgraded Service Search** RR -- Railroad is a new service search. The radio flashes alternately the frequency and its Association of American Railroads Channel number.)

That's quite an upgrade!
Rich Barnett

NYPD JARGON!

After listening to the NYPD for some 18 years I thought I knew what all the terms were that they used but one of them escaped me. That is the term "skel" which is used when referring to a prisoner. Well I found that one and a bunch of others for those of you who might be interested:

What the heck does "skel" mean? How about "PAA"?

The show features a lot of police slang and terminology that may be confusing to the average citizen. So, to make your viewing experience easier and more informative, here's a brief glossary of police slang. Some of it was compiled by me, but the bulk of it (everything from "Boss" on) comes from the book "NYPD: On the streets with the New York City Police Department's Emergency Services Unit," by Samuel L. Katz. (ISBN 0-7603-0186-7, Motorbooks International, Osceola, Wisconsin. \$19.95) NOTE: Some of these terms haven't showed up yet on the show, but I'm including them in case they do.

BCI: Bureau of Criminal Information; the place where fingerprints are checked against criminal records.

Boss: Term for senior officers, from lieutenant (in certain units) to captain, deputy inspector, inspector and commissioner.

Bus: ambulance

CCRB: Civilian Complaint Review Board

Central: Central Dispatch

CSU: Crime Scene Unit

Dee Wee: Phonetic for DWI (Driving While Intoxicated).

DOA: Traditionally means "dead on arrival"; here it's used to refer to just about any dead person, murdered or otherwise.

DT: Street slang for a Detective.

EDP: Emotionally Disturbed Person, the politically-correct way to what was once referred as a "psycho".

EMS: Emergency Medical Services, which technicians, often overworked, underpaid and unappreciated sometimes dub "Every Minute Sucks".

ESU: Emergency Services Unit; the NYPD SWAT team.

FAT: NYPD's Fugitive Apprehension Team.

Five-O: Street slang for police (obviously influenced by a now-defunct TV cop show).

Flying; to fly: Leaving the confines of one's usual precinct in order to fill in for a shortage of manpower in another precinct or location.

Go down, to: Getting arrested.

Good people: All-purpose NYPD compliment meaning 'kosher', nice, reliable, etc., irrespective of race, religion or sexual orientation.

Gun run: Search for a weapon reported sighted in the hands of a "perp".

Hit: Tactical assault on a criminal location.

Hump: 1. Your ass; "He's gotta bust my hump over this petty crap?"; 2. A moron; "That stupid hump scratched my car!"

IAB: Internal Affairs Bureau, the branch of the police that investigates other cops

Job: Service in the NYPD, as in "I've been on the job five years."

Juice: Influence; i.e., veteran cops like Sipowicz and Simone have lots of juice at other precincts when their friends get in trouble

Lawyering Up: A suspect's decision to stop answering questions and ask for legal counsel.

Lou, Loo, Lieu: Affectionate slang for 'lieutenant'

Mope: Unauthorized term for "perp".

MOS: Member of the Service (police officer); used on the radio.

Mutt: Unauthorized term for "perp".

OC: Organized Crime

One PP: One Police Plaza, NYPD Headquarters in downtown Manhattan.

Open Carrier: Police officer or vehicle with an open radio. -

PAA: Principal Administrative Assistant; also Police Administrative Assistant

Package: Escorted prisoner or VIP.

Paying the Rent: For police officers, the handing out of a certain number of traffic summonses and moving violations.

Perp: Perpetrator, criminal

Puzzle Palace: Police Officer's term for One Police Plaza.

Rabbi: An individual's guide and guardian angel in the department.

Radio Car: Stemming from RMP (Radio Mobile Patrol) and a derivation from the term: "sector car." The word radio car was founded in the 60's when NYC and Metro NJ Police departments welcomed Motorola Two-way Radios inside the police car. RMP is the "official" term used to name a police car, while most patrolman affectionately nicknamed the cars: radio cars.

Rat Squad: Officers and detectives assigned to Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB).

Reaching Out: Can mean anything from just contacting someone to trying to convince them to help the cops to seeing if they need help

Red Menace: Unofficial term for members of the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY), also known as "Rubbermen", a term of affection and respect for those members.

Riding DA: The Assistant District Attorney assigned to a particular precinct; Sylvia is usually the Riding DA at the 15, but her pregnancy has caused her to cut back on her work, and ADA Cohen has filled in on occasion.

Rip: Loss in pay due to a disciplinary infraction, such as unauthorized moonlighting.

RMP: Radio Mobile Patrol, the NYPD Blue and white 'sector' car

Sector: Subdivision within a precinct, which covers several blocks. A sector car is assigned to patrol the area (see RMP above).

Skel: 1. Short-hand for "skeleton"; i.e., what most drug-users wind up looking like. A derogatory term used to describe low-life junkies. Also refers to homeless vagrants. 2. From the book "The City in Slang, New York Life and Popular Speech," by Irving Lewis Allen (1993): The New York police today call the most vagrant of the male homeless skels. William Safire informs us that "it is a shortening of skellum meaning a rascal or thief, akin to a skelder, 'to beg on the streets,' first used in print by Ben Johnson in 1599, just after the playwright got out of jail for killing a man in a duel; it is possible he picked up the word from cellmate's argot." The word popped up about 1935 in the short form skell, suggesting that skellum/skell had underground oral use for centuries. Skell is now in popular speech to denote the homeless that are so visible throughout the city.

SNAG: Special Narcotics and Guns Unit.

SNEU: Special Narcotics Enforcement Unit.

SOD: Special Operations Division.

Squad: Short for 'detective squad', attached to the specific precinct.

TARU: Technical and Research Unit

The House: Shorthand term for the stationhouse

Tunnel Rats: NYPD Transit Bureau (the subway cops).

Up/Catching: Baseball metaphors used to describe the system by which cases are assigned; e.g., Simone caught that murder in Chinatown because he was up

White Shirts: Term for lieutenants and above, who wear white uniform shirts.

WEST COAST SCANNER JARGON

Well, from NYPD, lets look West... I thought you might want to know what the most common terms that are used out here in California. Its taken me a while to get familiar with all the frequencies and different terminology but Im familiar with it like the NYPD terms now. These are some of the most common heard stuff on the radio out here. Most of the codes are taken directly from the Penal code out here:

PED=Pedestrian

5150=Mentally ill person (Psycho or EDP in NYC)

BMA=Black Male Adult

BMJ=Black Male Juvenile

459=Robbery

21152=DUI Misdemeanor

21253=DUI Felony

CODE 777=Countywide Roadblock-Used when there is a robbery in a certain area. Sheriff, CHP and Local Police go to predetermined locations along the highway to try and spot the vehicle.

BOL=Be On the Lookout(given before descriptions of people or vehicles that are being sought)

CODE 33=Emergency Radio Traffic Only

CODE 3=Respond with lights and sirens

CODE 4=No further assistance necessary

10-55=Coroner case

Robert W. Sanford

WB6NYC

RACES MARIN COUNTY

SKYWARN MARIN COUNTY

<http://www.pipeline.com/~rsanford/n2owi.htm>

ICQ#-413404

ARRL OFFICIAL EMERGENCY STATION
Yahoo Pager-BAYNEWS
AOL Instant Messenger-NYCOEM
FAX-(707) 281-2741

<EDITORS NOTE>

WB6NYC is serious about scanning...check out his mobile shack!



EMERGENCY TRIVIA

The other evening I was surfing through the various cable channels and I came upon the reruns of "Emergency", the daily chronicles of the LAFD.

<Dispatcher>

"Squad 51, a structure fire at (location given) - all units respond."

<REPLY>

"Squad 51 responding, KMG365"

How many times have you heard that? Who was KMG365? I checked the FCC data base and discovered that it's actually licensed to the County of Los Angeles in Bellflower, CA. First licensed in 1981, operation was on 154.430 . Gee I guess the writers were scanner enthusiasts! We now also now that all those "459's" on Adam-12 were robberies. Trivial, but interesting to know that there was some research actually done to maintain the authenticity of the program.

HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS

<Comments from Mike, KA3JJZ>

Bob I noticed you list Bill Snyder's hurricane frequency list on your site- interesting since 6/1 is the official start of the season. It should be noted, tho, that are a few things on that list that need to be cleaned up- as always, nothing beats an up to date list, but that's kinda hard to keep going. For example:

A> The Hurricane Hunters have been using the GHFS system almost exclusively and very rarely use their own HF network; this has been well-documented on the WUN.

B> The GHFS system is used for MANY other things besides SAR and the Hunters. His list tends to imply otherwise.

C> 17976 has been dropped as a GHFS resource; again, documented by the WUN;

D> 8968 is a GHFS discrete, not a main (or what they sometimes refer to as a 'home') channel.

Obviously I highly recommend the WUN as an up to date source of freqs when things like hurricanes happen! They do have their own site...

<http://www.gem.net/~berri/wun/>

You can also subscribe to their list server here.

Highly recommended for up to date HF UTE information.

73s Mike ka3jjz@erols.com

UNION COUNTY UPDATES!

BTW just a general update about new systems in Union County. The town of union has just installed an Erickson 500 Mhz Edacs system. ALL town services will use it including Police and fire. The system is installed and operating but has a minor problem. Part has been ordered to correct the problem then as soon as the installation of a new computer system is finished at the new Communication Center in police HQ and they occupy the room the switch over to 500 will happen.

Also Union County has installed a new 800 Mhz Erickson Edacs system. I don't have much info on this one. I know some county people do have radios already on it but the main switch over to it has not happened. Dean state@rcn.com

BERGEN COUNTY UPDATE!

The 500 FREQ's for Bergen County are not in use - they were for the Sheriff in the new jail complex which is under construction and unknown if they will get new radio's ?? Presently they use a unlicensed freq of **154.755** or so any agency can use any freq it wants - low power and dont have to be license certain Bergen County Sheriff units have a 503.???? i had the freq then lost it - as soon i find it I'll post it

BURLINGTON COUNTY UPDATE

Skip Arey, N2EI just informed me that Burlington County is planning to go 500 MHz Trunked and Digital.

GOOD FRS RESOURCE!

<http://members.tripod.com/~jwilkers/frspage.html>

LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST!

A few weeks ago KC2AYC was kind enough to turn me on to a newly formed E mail list catering to the Northern NJ scanning scene, specifically Bergen County.

For those of you who may be new to E mail list servers it works like this. After subscribing you are free to post questions, answer other participants questions, or simply sit back and read the mail. When subscribing you must specify whether you prefer live E mail updates or one daily delivered "digest." I prefer the later. It's basically a party line of E mail correspondence with a common theme. If you live in Northern NJ or have any interest in listening to any municipality in NNJ, I highly suggest you check this out!

To subscribe, go to <http://www.onelist.com/> follow the instructions and subscribe to "**NNJ-Scan**". After subscribing you will be sent an e mail to confirm your registration.

Onelist.com also offers many other list of varying interests as well as the ability to create your own list if you are so inclined.

The Urban DX'er would also like to welcome those scanner enthusiasts that have joined us from NNJ-Scan ! Welcome!

COMMENTS FROM N2QAY

As a reminder for folks in the New Jersey area, the NFL Classic is underway and you will probably see some blimps in the area, working out of Teterboro Airport.

ESPN will cover the event and you probably be able to intercept (listen) to their audio broadcast feed.

Don, N2QAY

151.625 is the Blimp to ground chase freq for Goodyear.

The Urban DX'er would like to thank all those who contributed to this months issue!

Charlie - N2NOV, "R", "Agent R", KC2AYC, Warren Silverman, N2RAH, Bob Sanford - WB6NYC, N2QAY, "Dean", "sm166", Rich Barnett, NNJ-Scan.....