

IN PROGRESS.....

A REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE RADIO VERIFICATIONS

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In late 1986, a new ANARC committee--the Committee to Preserve Radio Verifications (CPRV)--was established in order to help save QSLs belonging to DXers who have either passed away or become inactive in the hobby. In the past, many such collections have been lost forever. Other family members seldom share an interest in radio, least of all the QSL-collecting aspects. Despite the time and effort spent on these collections, most of them are probably destined for a dusty attic or a wet basement if we're lucky, the trash heap if we aren't.

The committee set three main goals for itself: first, to cause more hobbyists to think about the long term importance of their QSL collections; second, to provide a central repository for QSLs of inactive or deceased DXers; and third, to serve as recipient for any QSL collections that hobbyists might wish to dispose of when they pass away.

Progress to date. How is the project doing in meeting these goals? Very well indeed.

Achievement of the first goal--getting more hobbyists to think about the long term importance of their collections--is being accomplished by a widespread publicity campaign about the committee's activities. Articles about CPRV have appeared in many radio club and antique radio collector bulletins, as well as Monitoring Times and Antique Radio Classified. Promotional pieces have also appeared in the 1988 World Radio TV Handbook and the WRTH Newsletter, Ham Radio magazine and Postcard Collector magazine. The CPRV has been featured on a number of DX programs, including Radio Canada International, Radio Australia, Radio Netherlands, HCJB, Radio Discovery and Glenn Hauser's "World of Radio". Hundreds of copies of the committee's brochure have been distributed to interested persons around the world.

These promotional activities have resulted in a wide variety of contacts with radio hobbyists, as well as others who have QSL cards in their possession (such as postcard collectors, most of whom know nothing about the QSL cards in their collections).

The committee has been very successful in its second goal, providing a repository for QSLs of inactive or deceased DXers. Such a depository has been established with the Christian Science Monitor, the internationally recognized news organization and parent of WCSN, the new 500 kw. international shortwave station in Scotts Corner, Maine. The Monitor has made filing space available to the committee at its modern downtown Boston headquarters.

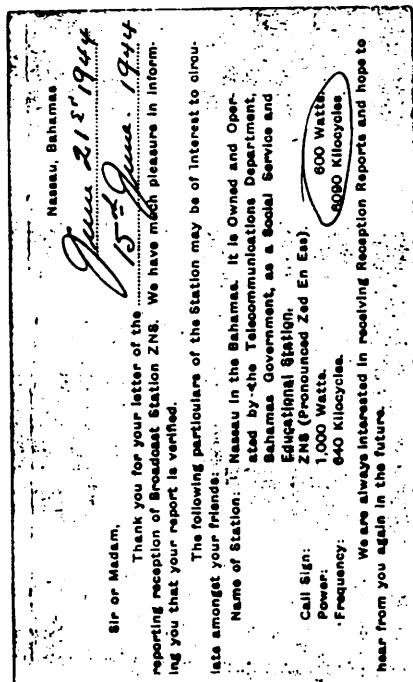
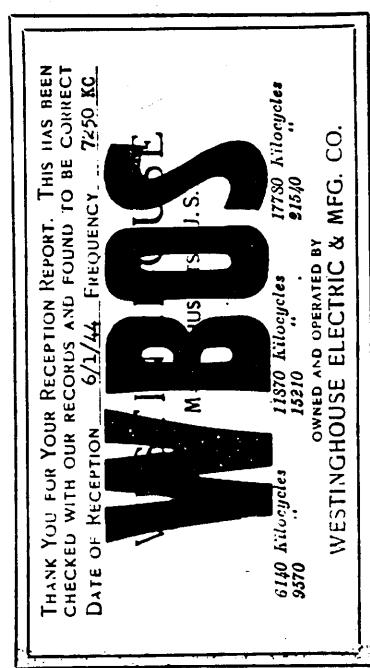
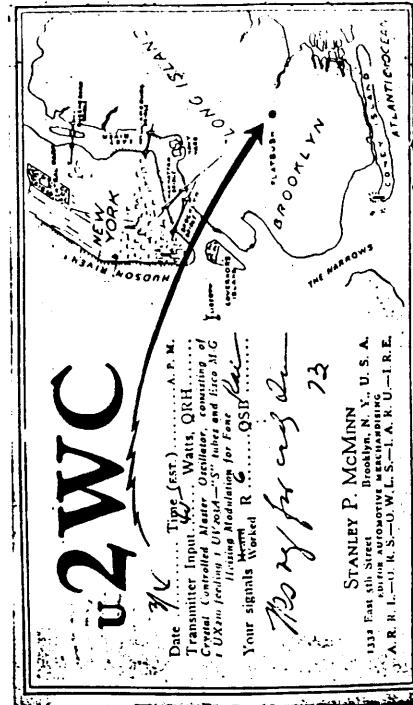
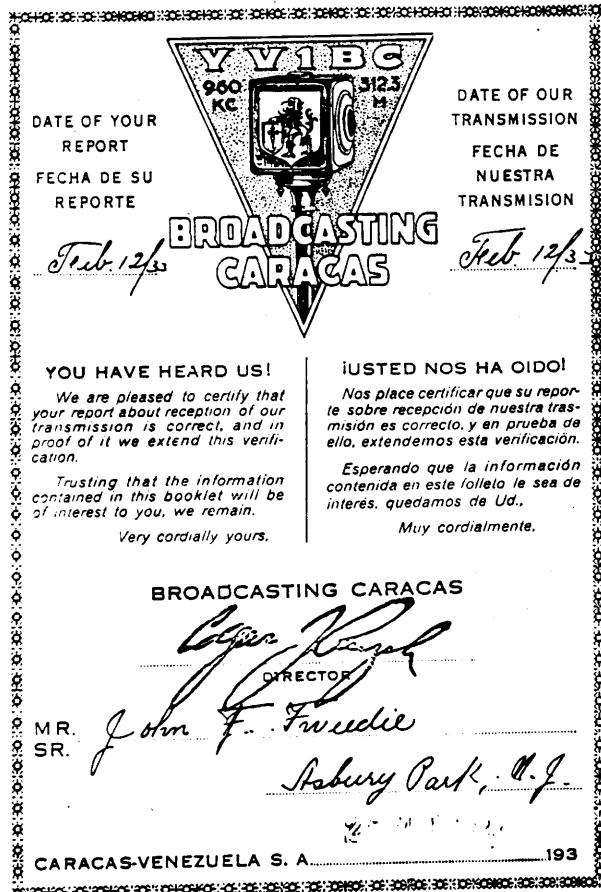
Through its own initiatives with individual DXers and the families of DXers of the past, and as a result of inquiries from others, the committee has already archived nearly 12,000 QSLs. Most of these are SWBC and MW QSLs, though CPRV is an all wave project and thus includes in its holdings utility QSLs, plus some amateur QSLs (the committee accepts only pre-1950 amateur QSLs, and then only particularly distinctive items). Among these holdings are QSLs from the 20's right through the 80's, with an impressive array of rare QSLs from stations that ceased broadcasting long ago and that are unknown to most of today's hobbyists. All QSLs are entered in a computerized index, and filed by type and country at WCSN headquarters.

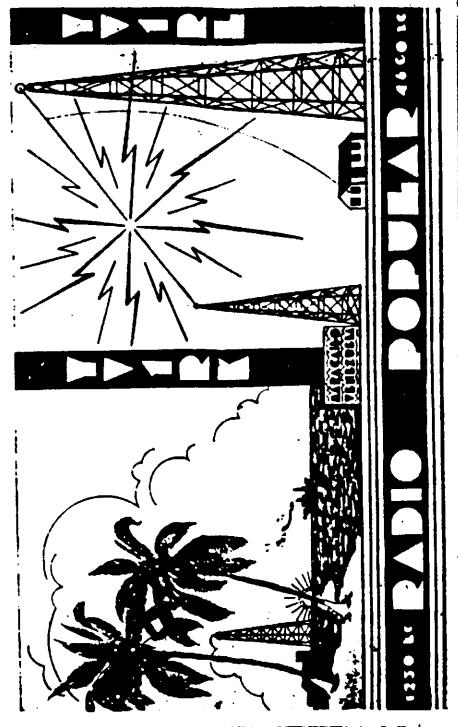
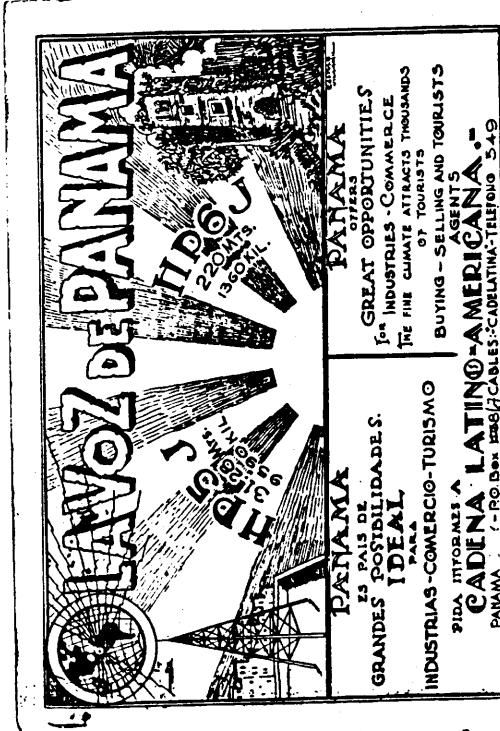
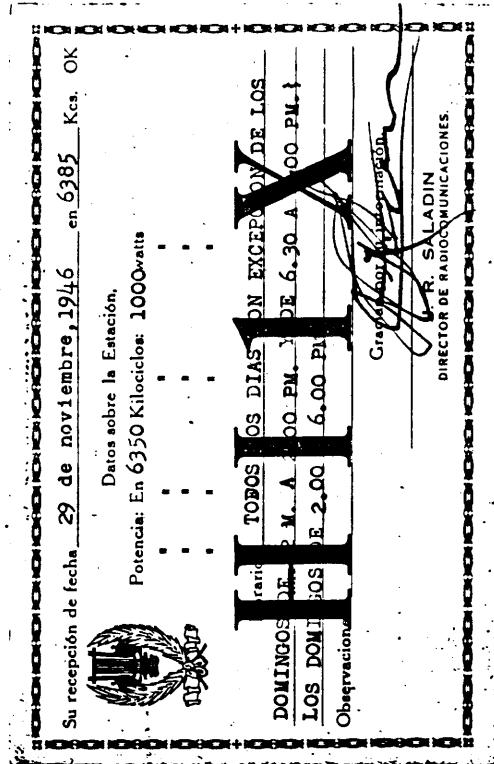
Although the establishment of this depository has been the CPRV's biggest project, the committee has also been working on the third goal, providing a means by which hobbyists may arrange now for the preservation of their collections at a point in the future when they may no longer able to enjoy them. The committee hopes to be able to announce soon the establishment of an innovative, easy, low cost, "no obligation" way for hobbyists to do this. Stay tuned.

The future. The committee will continue to be active in all of these areas in the future. One of its major activities will continue to be the contacting of individual DXers, and the families of deceased DXers, to determine whether they are interested in donating any QSLs that are in their possession. Such contacts have been extremely productive, and have resulted in the saving of a great quantity of material whose future was otherwise very bleak.

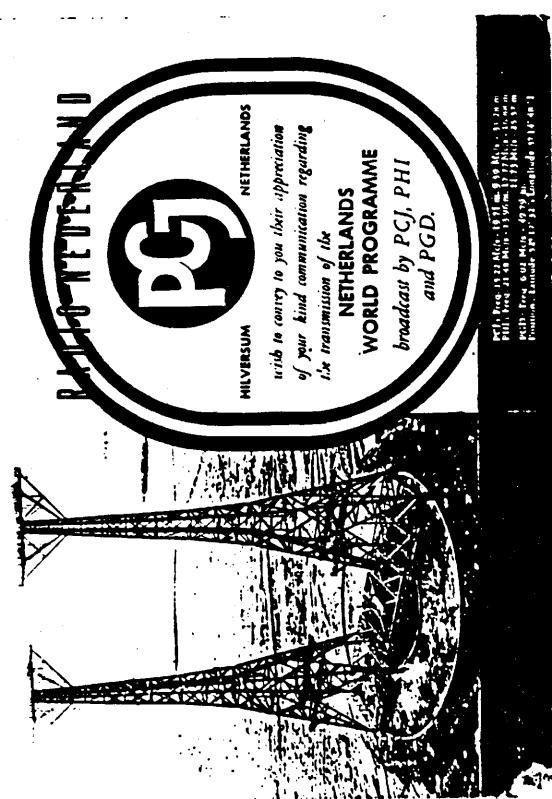
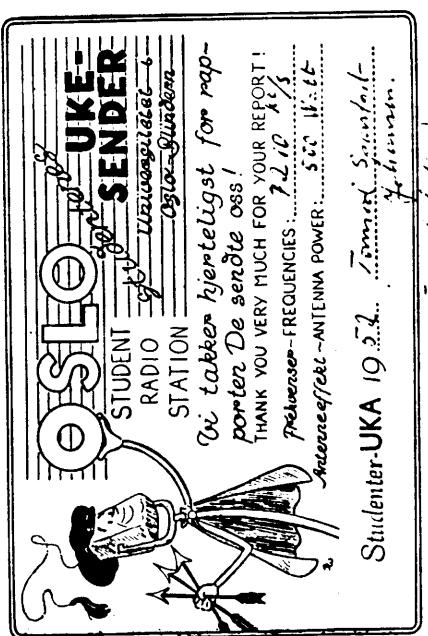
The committee also wants to keep its activities before the hobby so that QSLers will be reminded regularly of the committee's availability and the importance of future planning for one's QSLs. We have a number of ideas on how to do this while at the same time sharing widely some of the most interesting material in the committee's collection. Eventually the committee hopes to publish a book or otherwise make its material available for research and viewing by the hobby as a whole.

If you are interested in any aspect of the committee's work, contact one of its members. They are . . . Jerry Berg, Committee Chairman, 38 Eastern Ave., Lexington, MA 02173, tel. 617/861-8481 . . . Kent Corson, 4015 Tanglefoot Terrace, Bettendorf, IA 52722, tel. 319/355-7293 . . . Gerry L. Dexter, R.R. 4 - Box 110, Lake Geneva, WI 53147, tel. 414/248-4845 . . . Tom Gavaras, 10401 Cedar Lake Rd. (215), Minnetonka, MN 55343, tel. 612/544-2433 . . . and John C. Herkimer, 3233 East Ave., Caledonia, NY 14423, tel. 716/538-2582.



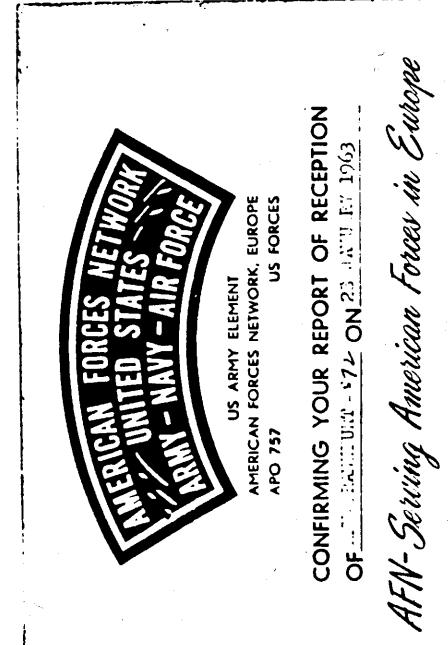
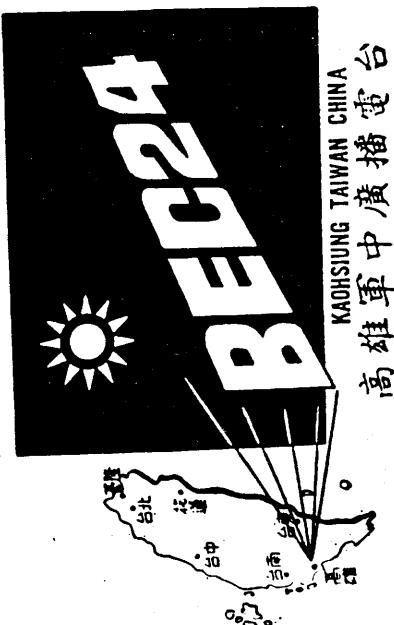


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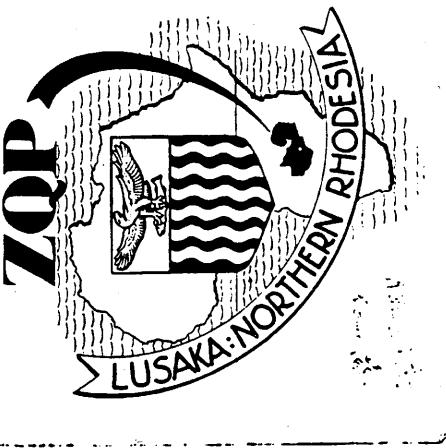
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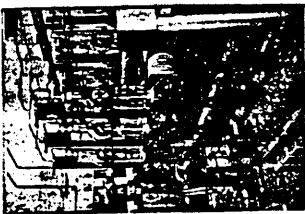
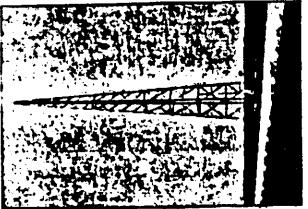
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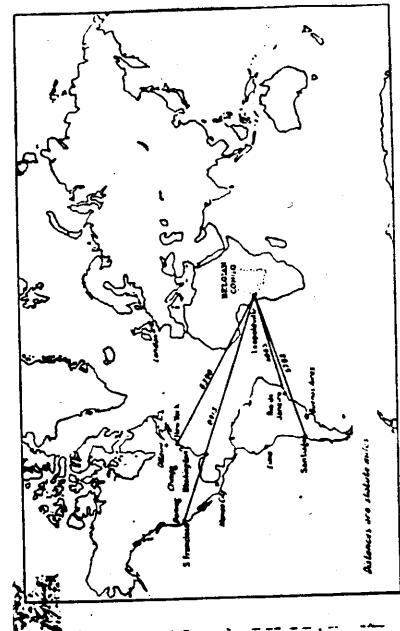
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