



Short-Wave Report

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AT THE SUGGESTION of a number of our readers, we are presenting George R. Cox, WPE3JJ, as our Featured DX'er this month. Thirty years old, unmarried, and a commercial artist by trade, he is regarded among DX'ers as one of the most highly skilled short-wave operators in the Eastern United States.

George's proficiency in tuning, coupled with a geographically ideal location (a low coastal area near the mouth of Delaware Bay—he lives at 147 Atlas Drive in the Collins Park sector of New Castle, Del.), is backed up by a well-equipped listening post. His main receiver is a Hammarlund HQ-160, augmented by a 1945 Hallicrafters

Veteran DX'er George Cox of New Castle, Del., is shown tuning his Hammarlund HQ-160 receiver. His well-equipped setup also includes a Hallicrafters SX-9 receiver, a DB-22A preselector and a Meissner calibrator for 10, 50 and 100 kc.

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WPE3JJ's antenna system is not nearly as elaborate as some of our readers may believe, especially after seeing the number and variety of entries in his log book. One of his antennas is a long-wire, 60' long and 30' high, and he also uses a vertical antenna. Both are fed with 75-ohm coaxial cable.

As evidenced by his article in the December 1959 issue of POP'tronics, ("DX the Tropics on 60 Meters"), George specializes in tuning the 60- and 90-meter bands—which correspond, roughly, to the frequen-

cies of 3200 and 5100 kc. During the summer months, with their ever-present lightning static, these frequencies are poor at best; however, your Short-Wave Editor can attest to the fact that George's reports during the summer are as filled with exciting catches as they are during the regular DX season.

George began DX'ing in 1947 on the medium-wave bands, and on the short waves in 1948. He sends an occasional report to s.w. stations and to date has 132 veries covering 115 countries. His prize veries are from Novosibirsk, Siberia (5225



kc.) and Spanish Guinea (8800 kc., 400 watts). He particularly likes to tune in the South African Broadcasting Corp. and *Radio Australia* for their fine music.

Some of George's other DX catches include: New Caledonia (3355 kc., 500 watts); CKFX, Vancouver, B. C. (6080 kc., 10 watts); and CR6RW, Cabinda, Angola (5055 kc., 250 watts). In all, he has logged 162 countries.

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George manages to log the real tough stations. I asked him the same question a few years ago when he visited me. He replied by sitting in front of my receiver and proving that I, too, could hear some of those stations if I would take the time and patience to dig them out. And in those two words—*time* and *patience*—lies the secret to a good portion of his outstanding success.

Club Notes. The Universal Radio DX Club has moved its headquarters to 109 Mesa Street, Vallejo, Calif. Nineteen bulletins a year are still being issued covering the short-wave broadcast and ham bands, and yearly dues are \$4.00.

The DX Shortwave Club is currently putting out an interesting bi-monthly bulletin which basically covers the short-wave bands but includes some news on other bands, including FM and TV, and articles for the amateur operator. For complete information on this club, which is now 1½ years old, you should write to Paul Pormen, Jr., WPE8ET, 5160 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown 9, Ohio.

From time to time we receive requests from various groups or individuals asking us to publicize their clubs. Quite often these clubs are only weeks (or even days) old. We prefer not to publicize any club until such time as it has a chance to "grow up" a bit. Past experience has proved that the large majority of new clubs only stay in existence a short time and then pass into oblivion.

So give your club a chance. Help it to grow slowly. When you have a sound organization, we will be pleased to mention it in this column.

Current Station Reports

The following is a resume of current reports received. At time of compilation all reports are correct. Stations often change frequency and/or schedule with little or no advance notice. All times shown are Eastern Standard and the 24-hour system is used. Please send your reports to P. O. Box 254, Haddonfield, N. J., in time to reach your Short-Wave Editor by the eighth of each month.

Afghanistan—For the past few months *R. Kabul* has been scheduled to the Far and Near East in Eng. at 1010-1030 on 11,730 kc. and to Europe in French at 1330-1400. Eng. at 1400-1430 on 7285 kc. (*WPE1HY, WPE2ACO*)

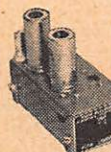
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