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Musicians John Gorka and Susan Werner take in the sights of Kodiak before their concert at the Golden Anchor March 28th, 2008 for KMXT.

(Photo courtesy of Bill and Irene Brennan)



▲ If you haven't visited lately, you should! Check out our website upgrades at www.kmxt.org.

Musings from the General Manager

Since our last newsletter: John Gorka with Susan Werner, the Gong Show, Mr. Whitekeys and the Spring On-air Fundraiser. What a couple of months it's been! Thanks to all of you who attended one or more of our shows and who helped, again, making our membership drive a rousing success. All of our shows got rave reviews from those who attended so we're moving full steam ahead to sign new artists to come to Kodiak in the near future: Toubab Crewe, the Duhks, Patty Larkin and Peter Mulvey are just some of the folks we're close to finalizing deals with soon. Tune into KMXT or checkout our website, kmxt.org, for details on upcoming events. We learned a lot from hosting our 2nd ever Gong Show and are already in the process of trying to tweak it a bit to make it even bigger and better next year. If you'd like to be involved in the planning process for the show please call the station and let us know or drop me an e-mail (gm@kmxt.org) and I'll set you up with the right people. It was good but we know it can get a whole lot better and the more ideas the merrier it might become.

This is going to be a big summer for us and, hopefully, for you as listeners. We're waiting for the snow to clear on Pillar to begin transmitting with our new equipment from this new location. That should happen pretty early in the summer. Folks in areas currently getting spotty service or no service will be the first ones to notice a difference as our analog coverage should be considerably better from the top of Pillar. It might take until the end of the summer to work out all the bugs associated with providing digital signals. We're hoping to be able to make an announcement sometime in the near future that the digital streams are up and running and provide some information on how you'll be able to access the signals. We're also gearing up to do "the village run" this summer/fall to replace all of our translators and antennas throughout the village communities we currently service

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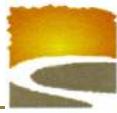
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and, perhaps, a few more that we're trying to provide service to. We'll provide updates to the village leaders as to when we're expecting to arrive and we'll also be keeping you updated on our website. Drop me a line if you're out in one of the villages and are willing to offer us some assistance in getting the job done in your community. We're still waiting to hear from the FCC in regards to our new FM application so you should assume, unless a miracle happens, that you won't be getting a new analog public radio channel in Kodiak until sometime a little bit further down the road. We're working on it; however, as the CAB is actively developing programming ideas for what kinds of programs we should populate the new station with. There's still room on the CAB Board if you have an interest in helping us make those decisions.

I'd just like to crow a bit about our website and ask you to take a couple of trips to it if you're not a regular user; we think we've got a little something for everyone that'll keep you coming back for more. With the help of the peerless Janelle Peterson (who seems to be doing a little bit of something for just about every non-profit in town) we recently made some major changes to the site to make it more user friendly. It's now easier than before for the staff to manage content and for you, our visitors, to navigate. We pride ourselves on our coverage of local news, complete with sound and pictures. We're working hard to make our event calendar "the" calendar people go to when trying to find out what's going on around town and to help other groups schedule events with a mind towards what else is happening in town on any given date. We've just added a poll that will be changed every couple days or so—have you tried it yet? Have you ever wanted to try your hand at balancing the federal budget? Go to "Budget Hero" on the bottom of the left hand menu boxes and click that box. It's a pleasant little amusement that may provide you hours of cheap entertainment. Keep coming back often and we'll try and add a little something to make your visit worth your time. Finally, thanks to the hundred plus of you who made your donation to KMXT online this time around. It makes it a little easier for us to run the fundraiser and we appreciate your taking your time to visit the site and show your support for the station. We couldn't have reached our goal without your support.

That's my bit for this quarter. I appreciate your taking the time to read our newsletter and for your continuing interest in public radio in Kodiak. We do what we do because of folks like you. Our doors are always open in the daytime if you've got something on your mind you think we need to hear, or, if you prefer, shoot us an e-mail and let us know what's on your mind. We're all in this together! Here's to a good summer.....

Mike Wall



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Jay Barrett,
News Director

Whew! That was a marathon spring fundraiser! As much as we hate interrupting regular programming, we do have a budget goal to meet, even if it takes over two weeks to get there.

Maybe one of these days we'll be able to offer the one-day fund drive like the Homer public station does. For a one-day drive they do extensive pre-promotion, focus on getting X-number of calls (rather than reach a dollar figure), and regularly bring in more than we can in a week (or two). The folks at KBBI can focus on the number of callers rather than a dollar figure because the average pledge up there is pretty high more than double what I've seen here.

Don't confuse my pointing that out with criticism. It's just a fact. Basic membership here has been \$35 for so long that nobody ever thought of edging it up a little bit until this drive, when it moved to \$50. And that's why the minimum entry for the KMXT News Department iPod Giveaway has been at that level. I like to believe the service we provide you is worth at least \$50 a year. Another way

to say that is I like to believe the service we provide you is worth at least 14-cents a day. A dollar a day is a common pledge at other stations, but it's a pretty rare beast here, even for the well heeled.

Prices go up for everyone. Severe cuts in service will absolutely occur at KMXT in the future if we can't bring in more money each year. The status quo won't work in the face of soaring energy costs. I wish your income went up as fast as our costs. I suppose that as long as the board of directors can hire one person to program a computer we'll always have a signal for you enjoy, but I hope KMXT means more than just background music to you.

Thanks to Casey Kelly, Nick Sandin and Lisa Polito for splitting with me the cost of the \$150 iPod Nano we donated to the station for the giveaway. One lucky person will be the winner on Friday, June 13th. Tune in at the end of the Midday Report that day to



hear if it's you.

I want to welcome Mary Donaldson back to the Eye Witness Action News Team. Mary is a

local gal who just graduated with a broadcast journalism degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She interned with us last summer, and is working full-time for us this summer.

I serve on the APRN News Board, and want to let you know that big changes will be occurring in their programming in the next year. Alaska News Nightly is probably safe. Everything else is on the table, meaning AK, morning news, Iditarod coverage, D.C. and Juneau correspondents, etc. Once again it's budget-related. Alaska Public Telecommunications Inc. (basically Anchorage public TV KAKM and public radio KSKA) is having a hard time making ends meet since they acquired APRN. We'll keep you posted on what's happening with that. Have a great summer!

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY				
Midnight	The Brazilian Hour	Beale Street Caravan	Wiretap	Swinging Down The Lane	Harmonia						
1 a.m.	 WORLD CAFÉ					American Routes	BLUES BEFORE SUNRISE				
2 a.m.											
3 a.m.											Jazz Set
4 a.m.	BBC NEWS					BBC NEWS					
5 a.m.	DEMOCRACY NOW										
6 a.m.	BBC NEWS					Hearts of Space	Swinging Down The Lane				
7 a.m.	MORNING EDITION (KMXT Morning Report at 7:19 am)				 MORNING EDITION	EARLY MORNING CLASSICAL	Harmonia				
8 a.m.	FRESH AIR						Baroque				
9 a.m.	FRESH AIR					WEEKEND EDITION					
10 a.m.	PEACE TRAIN	THE MORNING SHOW	SOUL BREAKFAST	TALK OF THE ROCK							
11 a.m.		TALK OF ALASKA	PERFORMANCE TODAY			Enchanted Island	From The Top				
12 p.m.						Only a Game	WAIT, WAIT, DON'T TELL ME				
	KMXT MID-DAY REPORT					KMXT WEEKEND NEWS					
1 p.m.	SPOTLIGHT					Jock of the Rock	'Dis & 'Dat				
2 p.m.	 WORLD CAFÉ					Acoustic Music Hour	Car Talk				
3 p.m.											Prarie Home Companion
4 p.m.	Women in Music	Acoustic Music Hour	Thistle & Shamrock	Beale Street Caravan	Afropop Worldwide						
5 p.m.	ALL THINGS CONSIDERED					WEEKEND ALL THINGS CONSIDERED					
6 p.m.	KMXT Evening Report					Variety	This American Life				
	Alaska News Nightly										
7 p.m.	ALL THINGS CONSIDERED					AK	Sunday Night Jazz				
8 p.m.	The World Show	Island Time	Spruce Tip Brew	Local Government Meetings	The Oldies Show	Ritmo Latino	Piano Jazz				
9 p.m.											
10 p.m.	Rollin' With the Blues	Freeform	Wednesday Night Jazz	Selected Shorts	Rock 'n Roll	Rock 'n Roll	Nightlight				
11 p.m.		This American Life	Hearing Voices	Classical							
Midnight							Hearts of Space				



Another new program on KMXT is "Hearing Voices," a one-hour program of contemporary and classic storytelling by established and emerging public radio producers crafted together under a thematic umbrella. The "Hearing Voices" producers pick from broadcasts and podcasts, dig through audio archives, and scour the web. Each hour is a collection of "driveway moments" built around a theme (one hour is on rock fans, another about Retirement Homes; one week we tell Dog Tales, another Desert Stories) and features a different guest host.

Tune in to KMXT at 11 p.m. Wednesdays after Wednesday Night Jazz.



WIRETAP Eavesdroppers Welcome...

Wiretap Host
Jonathan Goldstein

Each week KMXT listeners are invited to listen in to Jonathan Goldstein's telephone conversations and monologues on "Wiretap," heard **each Tuesday evening at midnight**. Each episode swings back and forth between his monologues and phone chats with a roster of some of the funniest storytellers on the radio today. From the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Check out sound bytes, the latest WireTap video and more at www.myspace.com/wiretapradio.



The ALASKA FISHERIES REPORT is broadcast on Thursdays at 9:15 a.m., Fridays at 5:20 p.m. & Saturdays at 12:15 p.m.

CAB news

The CAB is busy this summer evaluating programming that might be offered on our present station and other stations that may be on air soon. If you have ideas for specific shows you'd like to hear on KMXT, please send in your comments to Lori Siebe at KMXT or me, geotech@alaska.com, so that we can review these shows and perhaps include them in our lineup. The CAB is happy to welcome two new members: Mike Sirofchuck and Sam Booch. Both have brought new energies to the group and fresh viewpoints.

The CAB was sorry to accept the resignation of three members recently; Mike Pfeffer and Holly Hunter are very busy and gave up their seats, and Dave Boschee has moved to the governing board, so will serve as a liaison between our two entities. We thank them for their hard work and dedication during the past year.

Remember, the Community Advisory Board is here to provide ideas for successful programming for our station. Please contact one of us to provide input, or for more information.

**Thank you,
Laurie Madsen**



▲ The DUHKS (pronounced "ducks") have wowed Kodiak audiences during their two visits to the island for KMXT. This summer they will appear at the massive Bonnaroo Music Festival in Tennessee, and will release their new CD, "Fast Paced World" on August 12th. KMXT welcomes them back for another show on Sunday, October 5th. Listen to KMXT for more info as fall approaches.

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Volunteer's Corner

Thank you to everyone who renewed or became a new member of KMXT during our spring fund drive! And to all who helped out with the phones and crossing guard shifts! All of us here at the station appreciate the time you give to KMXT. We know how busy life can be and it is really appreciated when you take the time to be there for us. THANK YOU!

As usual, this time of year, there is a lot of transition as volunteers change gears for summer. We want to welcome the newest volunteer class graduates to our airwaves, Sylvia and Marius Panzarella, David Berg, Laura Creighton, Alicia Johnson, Merlyn Monage and Sarah Waller.

KMXT, Kodiak College and Kodiak High School began working together this spring to bring students into the station for some hands-on experience with Kodiak Public Radio. It has been great.

Jared Griffen's media class came in and took part in a few shifts. For extra credit, students had the opportunity to record their "This I Believe" essays prepared as part of the class. Sarah Waller and David Berg enjoyed their experience so much they have become volunteers!

From the high school, Brianna Gibbs and Anna Ellis planned out the "Bearly Matters Show" an hour-long show revolving around Kodiak High School students with interviews, a movie review and great music. They aired a live version of the show on the first Saturday of the fund drive. It was a good show, and they did a wonderful job. KHS senior Merlyn Monage joined us as part of her business class, helping out in the office. She jumped in with both feet and is now an on-air volunteer who has already begun hosting Ritmo Latino and is doing an excellent job.

This spring has been a good experience for everyone involved and we look forward to working with the college and high school in an on-going basis.

Enjoy the summer and keep us tuned in. Thanks for listening.

Lori Siebe
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Spring Membership Drive a Success

Thank you for making our spring fund-raising drive a complete success. With \$32,000 to raise and a lean economy, it took a little longer than usual. Over a hundred members renewed on-line this year.

Getting it all going were a pair of shows by well-known Alaska personality, Mr. Whitekeys. His two May 3rd performances of the Whale Fat Follies at El Chicano's both sold out and a fine time was had by all.

If you still have not paid your pledge and would like to be included in our drawing for two round trip tickets on Alaska Airlines, bring or mail your pledge to KMXT at 620 Egan Way before June 13th. The drawing will be held on-air at 12:30 p.m. on June 13th.

On April 5th, KMXT held the second annual Gong Show in the St. Mary's Gym. The program drew a spirited crowd and an interesting mix of serious and comic contestants. Bill Bissett was the event MC and the dessert auction was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time and effort.

Hot on the heels of the Membership Drive was the 50th Annual Crab Festival. KMXT had our food booth there and we hope you dropped by for some of Cathy Hicks' great Cajun Seafood Gumbo. Have a great summer.

Fred Hawley
KMXT Development Director