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MILFORD • DELAWARE

930
ON YOUR DIAL

13 December 1954

Dear Mr. Kermit Geary,

Thanks for your mighty fine report on our DX program of Dec. 6th. This is to VARIFY your report as correct.

I enjoyed doing this DX program and even though answering the 50 DX reports is no small chore it is very gratifying. With our directional antenna putting out a "figure-8" pattern in a north and south direction and radiate about 110 millivolts/meter in the direction of Walnutport. According to my calculations 14 microvolts is just about what it should be at your place.

As I recall several years ago there was a nudist colony airport in the vicinity of Palmerton that got quite a write-up in FLYING MAGAZINE. I never got enough nerve to fly in there for a social visit. Hi!

The most distant DX report came from Spokane, Washington, and two came in from Canada. I hope to write a summary of the reports and send it to the NRC and NNRC if they should like to pass it along to their members so they may see how others got our program.

Thanks again for your newsy and informative report and here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,



Charles V. Lundstedt, Co-Owner and
Operations Manager

THE KENT — SUSSEX BROADCASTING COMPANY

Serving and Selling Kent and Sussex Counties from the Heart of Delaware

WSUX RADIO STATION

SEAFORD, DELAWARE

January 26, 1956

Mr. Kermit Geary
R. D. 2
Box 298
Walnutport, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Geary:

This is to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your very interesting letter of January 16, 1956, requesting verification of reception of Radio Station WSUX, Seaford, Delaware, on Monday morning, January 16, 1956, from 2:58 AM to 3:30 AM (EST).

Your report, contained in your letter, is correct.

Regarding the occasional break in the modulation while the music was playing was due to the fact that the plate switch kicked off because of the high voltage at that early hour of the morning. The transmitter was operating normally on 500 watts. We have a good ground system and good location.

We greatly appreciate hearing from you and advising us of the excellent reception.

With Best Wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,



W. C. Evans,
Chief Engineer

WCE:EE

WDOV

Capital Broadcasting Co.

A 1000 WATT STATION AT 1410 ON YOUR DIAL

TELEPHONE 3083

WM. COURTNEY EVANS, PRESIDENT

DOVER, DELAWARE

June 28, 1948

Mr. Kermit Geary
R.F.D. #2
Walnutport
Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Geary:

This is to verify your report of our initial equipment test on Thursday, June 17, 1948, from 2:24 to 2:45 AM. EST. We are very much pleased to know the equipment was working that well. All your notations check with our log.

On June 24 we started program tests during our regular hours of service, 6 AM. to 8:30 PM.

Thank you very kindly for your fine report your interest and cooperation.

Yours truly,

Francis E. Erdle
Francis E. Erdle, Engineer



WTUX

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
1326 MARKET STREET TELEPHONE 5-8821

PORT FRERE BROADCASTING CO., INC.

April 22, 1947

Mr. Kermit Geary
R. F. D. #2
Walnutport, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Geary:

This is a verification on your letter to us on the reception of our transmission test. We wish to apologize for the delay in answering your letter as our offices were not completed and our stationery did not arrive in time. However, all details and time mentioned in your letter were correct.

Thanking you for your kind interest and hoping you will continue to be a regular WTUX listener, I am

Sincerely yours


E. D. Harvey
Station Manager

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PLAYING ALL THE GREAT SONGS
YOU REMEMBER

November 1, 1994

Kermit Geary
1266 Riverview Drive
Walnutport, PA 18088

Dear Mr. Geary,

This is to confirm your reception of Unforgettable WSSR AM 900
on Wednesday October 26, 1994.

Our daytime power is 10,000 watts, night time is 1,000.

Thank you for your interest and your best wishes.

Thank You!

Debbie A. West
Operations Manager
WSSR AM 900

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1039 SO. DUAL HIGHWAY
SEAFORD, DELAWARE 19973

302-629-5581

October 19, 1977

KERMIT GEARY

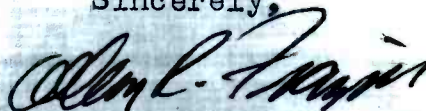
R.D. 2, BOX 298

WALNUTPORT, PENNA. 18088

Dear KERMIT,

Sorry about the form letter but I have so many of these things to do and so little time. We here at WSFD appreciate your time and effort to receive us. Please consider this letter as verification of reception of WSFD on 1280 Khz. If your ever in this area give me a call and we'll take a couple of minutes out to talk. best of luck & 73's.

Sincerely,



Allan R. Frazier
Operations Manager
WSFD / WSUX-FM

P.S. SORRY I WASN'T ABLE TO GET BACK TO YOU THE FIRST TIME. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS LETTER AS VERIFICATION OF BOTH DX'S DESCRIBED BY YOU ON FEB 12, 1977 & OCT 16, 1977



A Division of Beach Broadcasting Corp.

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system 

The World's Largest Radio Network

WJBR

December 27, 1978

Mr. Kermit Geary
R.D. 4, Box 321
Walnutport, Pa. 18088

Dear Mr. Geary:

Thank you for your letter of December 23rd regarding the fact that you received WJBR AM (1290 KC) in Walnutport.

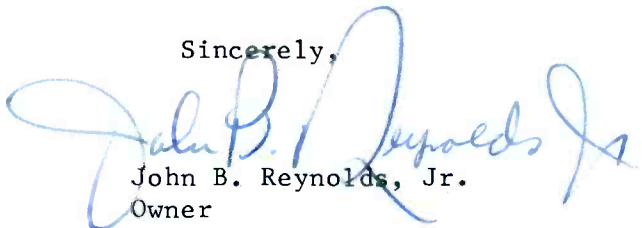
We were glad to hear that you heard WJBR AM, and want you to know that we greatly appreciate your taking time to write to us about it.

Also, it is good to know that you listen to WJBR FM. It is not unusual for it to be received well in your area. However, there is a big difference in the power of the two stations. WJBR FM is 50,000 watts and WJBR AM is 1,000 watts. Both are non-directional.

Our AM transmitter is located at the mouth of the Brandywine and Christiana Rivers in Wilmington, the FM at the Delaware-Pennsylvania line, north of Wilmington. I have enclosed coverage maps of both stations.

Best wishes for the New Year!

Sincerely,



John B. Reynolds, Jr.
Owner

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WJWL

ROLLINS BROADCASTING, INC.

"The Voice of Sussex County"

"Sales Thru The Air"



900 KC - 101.5 MEG.

GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE

PHONE 2567

October 11 1951

Mr. Kermit Geary
R.F.D. # 2
Walnutport
Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Geary:

This is to acknowledge your letter of the 3rd, and to verify you report of reception October 3rd.

Your report checks with our program log for the day, and we are pleased to make this verification.

We thank you for your report and wish you further success in your DX'ing.

Respectfully,

Ed Marzoa c.e.



February 20, 1988

Kermit Geary
1266 Riverview Drive
Walnutport, PA 18088

Dear Mr. Geary:

Thank you for your letter and reception report of WSEA (AM). You correctly logged the reception of WSEA (AM) on 900 KHz, February 12, 1988, between 5:26 and 5:43 PM EST.

WSEA (AM) was known as WJWL from 1951, the year of construction, to September of last year. At that time, the satellite format was begun from Satellite Music Network, and the call sign was changed to WSEA. Our co-located FM station, WSEA, was changed to WSEA-FM.

WSEA (AM) transmits with a non-directional antenna with a daytime power of 1000 watts. Post Sunset Service Authority (PSSA) was granted and evening and night-time operation was begun in December of 1986. Two power cutbacks are required each day. The first cutback occurs at sunset (time varies each month) and power is between 160 and 236 watts (varies each month). This power is used for one hour each day. The second cutback is at 111 watts and is used until either presunrise (250 watts), or daytime (1000 watts) operation is begun. It is a bit complicated, but I hope it answers your question about our power output.

Local commercials are inserted into the network program by an operator. The operator is assisted by a relay interface that controls tape cartridge machines. After the operator loads the carts into the players, the interface starts the first tape at the cue of the network. After the local "break" is over, the operator re-joins the network. The morning program is live, as is the oldies request show on Sundays from 12:00N to 3:00 PM. It is hosted by Kevin Short (not Jeffrey - a fade must have occurred there!).

Some promotional material is enclosed which you may want to keep as souvenirs. Good luck with future DX'ing.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Wallace
Stephen G. Wallace,
Chief Engineer
WSEA AM/FM

701 NORTH DuPONT HIGHWAY • GEORGETOWN, DE 19947 • TELEPHONE 302/856-7355

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NY

FM

WFEM
Elwood City
PA

WCHR
Trenton
NJ

WSEA
Georgetown
DE

WPCX
Auburn
NY

Wilmington Tri-State Broadcasting Co., Inc.

*414 French Street
Wilmington, Delaware
Phone 4-8881*

June 10, 1948

Mr. Kermit Geary
R. F. D. #2
Walnutport, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Geary:

Thank you very much for your letter and reception report on WAMS of May 9. Your report was correct and we appreciate hearing from you.

WAMS-AM, 1380 kcs. with 1,000 watts power and WAMS-FM, 96.1 mgs. with 20,000 watts power began operation on April 19 on a twenty-one hour daily schedule.

Thanks again for your interest in writing to us.

Sincerely,
WAMS, WAMS-FM

Herbert H. Eckstein

Herbert H. Eckstein
Chief Engineer

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wdel radio 1150

2727 SHIPLEY ROAD • WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19899 • PHONE (302) 478-2700

Dec. 1, 1982

Kermit Geary

1266 Riverview Dr.

Walnutport, PA 18088

Hi Kerm!

Your reception of W D E L covering the period between 6:36 & 7:07 P.M., E.D.T. on October 22, 1982 agrees with our programming for that period.

Thank you for your report. We are always glad to hear from our listeners.

Best of luck with your future DXing.

Sincerely



Joseph W. Jones (Staff Eng.)

Usually am not this late getting out answers to report. We have been doing construction of one kind or another for about 2 yrs. including antenna phasing (back to our original pattern of '47 or '50). Have been replacing studio equipment which is almost completed. Might wrap it up in another 6 months(?). Not very active in the hobby of late. My old HQ-140-X needs some going over, too. Hope to get to it soon, or something new or newer. Again, best of luck with your DXing.

Walnutport, Pennsylvania,
February 1, 1939.

Radio Station WDEL,
Wilmington, Del.

Dear Radio Friends:

I have great pleasure in reporting reception of your Radio Station WDEL during its regular broadcasting schedule on Tuesday afternoon, January 31, 1939. I tuned in WDEL at 2:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, and I listened to your broadcast until 2:45 P.M., E.S.T.; I enjoyed hearing the programs presented during this period. WDEL was transmitting on its regular assigned frequency of 1120 kilocycles, and put an excellent signal into Eastern Pennsylvania (my location is 75 miles North of Wilmington). Your signals were very powerful, clear, and easily intelligible (QSA 5, R 9), and I received the broadcast in perfect condition. Your actual signal input into my receiver was 25 Microvolts. There was no fading, and no interference from any other station. Snow static was moderately heavy here to-day, but your powerful signals easily overrode every trace of the noise. WDEL's carrier-wave was very steady, sharp and clear, and fully modulated. Tone-quality was very fine, and modulation of both speech and music was excellent. It was indeed a pleasure to hear WDEL at this time of day with such a splendid signal, and I greatly enjoyed listening to your programs under such good reception conditions; congratulations on your efficient transmitting equipment. I received WDEL on my National "HRO" 9-tube superheterodyne. My antenna is a single-wire inverted L, 75 ft. long, 30 ft. high, pointing North. The weather here was snowing, with the temperature at 28 degrees Fahrenheit.

Please confirm my reception of WDEL, Wilmington. I have enclosed a 3¢ stamp for return postage, so please send me a verification of my reception; I shall be very happy to receive your kind reply. As evidence that I heard WDEL I give the following log of your programs:

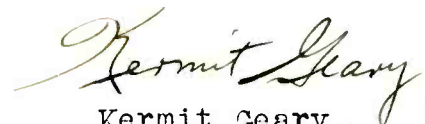
WDEL, 1120 kc.---Tuesday afternoon, January 31, 1939; 2:00 to 2:45 P.M., Eastern Standard Time:

2:00 to 2:30	Program of "Sweet Strings", music by WDEL's String Trio:
2:02 to 2:16	"Andante"
2:16 to 2:21	"The Melody Mignon"
2:21 to 2:24	"Minuet"
2:24 to 2:30	"The Waterfall"
2:30	Advertisement of Huber's Fresh Bread.
2:30 to 2:45	Program of Hollywood News, by Leah Bannister. This program was a presentation of the Inter-City Broadcasting System, originating in the studios of WMCA, New York City.

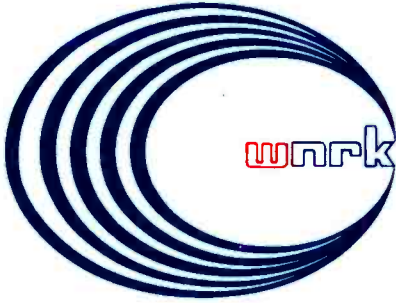
Please check the above information with your station log of the broadcast, and please send me a verification of my reception of WDEL, Wilmington.

Very best wishes to WDEL and its Personnel for continued luck and success, and I hope to hear your programs frequently in the future. Looking forward to receiving your kind reply, for which I sincerely thank you, I am,

Very truly yours,



Kermit Geary,
R.F.D. # 2,
Walnutport,
Pennsylvania.



LIVELY 1260 RADIO
Radio Newark Inc.
P.O. Box 425
Newark, Delaware 19711
(302) 737-5200

24 NOVEMBER, 1970

DEAR MR. GEARY

THANKYOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF THE 15TH. WE RECEIVE ABOUT TWO DX REPORTS A MONTH AND ALWAYS LIKE TO HEAR HOW WE ARE DOING. ACCORDING TO OUR CHIEF ENGINEER, DURING THE TIME YOU WERE MONITORING THIS STATION.....OUR TRANSMITTER WAS PUTTING OUT 500 ± 10 WATTS AND OUR FREQUENCY WAS 0 TO ± 1.0 CPS FROM THE BASE 1260 KHZ.

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND A COPY OF OUR OFFICIAL PROGRAM LOG AND A COPY OF OUR COVERAGE MAP...THE COVERAGE MAP IS FOR SALES PURPOSES AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY.

CONTINUED SUCCESS WITH YOUR DXING ANDANY TIME WE CAN HELP FEEL FREE TO WRITE.

SINCERELY

John Patrick
JOHN PATRICK





November 19, 1984

Mr. Kermit Geary
1266 Riverview Drive
Walnutport, PA 18088

Dear Kermit:

This letter is to confirm your reception of WNRK, 1260 khz, on Monday morning, October 29th, 1984 from 12:14 AM until 1:04 AM EST while our station was on the air conducting equipment tests. The information contained in your report matched up with what was broadcast during the mentioned times and I am very pleased to verify your report.


WNRK operates from 6 AM until local sunset with 1000 watts of power (500 watts presunrise) using a 3 tower directional antenna system, beaming our signal in a north-northwest pattern.

The test was of much interest to our staff, with many reports received from the midwest and a number received from the northeast, an area which we have a fairly deep null toward to protect WBUD-Trenton, NJ. There were no reports received in the area nulled toward WWDC-Washington, DC.

It may be of interest to you that the voices giving the ID's were those of Dave Shayer and myself. The tone was recorded from a telephone company line testing number, with breaks each 12-13 seconds. Tones were run each 15 minutes before 1 AM and each 10 minutes after 1 AM til we signed off at 2:35 AM.

Thank you again for your very fine and well detailed report, it was by far the best one I've seen in many years!

Best of DX to you!


Dave Schmidt
Chief Engineer

WKEN

(302) 674-1234

AM 1600 
Voice of the Capitol

January 20, 1990

Mr. Kermit Geary
1266 Riverview Drive
Walnutport, PA 18088

Dear Kermit:


Thank you for your letter of January 16th, reporting the reception of WKEN, 1600 khz, on Monday morning, January 15th, 1990 from 2:02 until 3:06 AM EST. The items which were listed in your report matched with what was broadcast during the mentioned times, so we are pleased to confirm your reception.

WKEN operates with 5000 watts day and 1000 watts night using a 3 tower directional system with 160 foot towers. Our main transmitter is an AEL AM5K. During the week, our scheduled is 5:30 AM til 1:00 AM, weekends 6:00 AM til midnight. Our programming consist of news and information during the week, sports, pop music and news on the weekends.

Even though the test was in conjunction with other work which had to be done (I was on the air earlier between 12:30 and 1:40 AM), it appears to have been heard far better than expected (our signal is restricted to 500 watts other than in our main lobe which goes SE, right out Delaware Bay!) with many calls from the midwest and as far as Colorado. Thus far, written response as produced 10 letters, which can all be confirmed.

Again, thank you for taking time to write and let us know you heard the test. Much continued success with your listening!

Sincerely,


Dave Schmidt
Chief Engineer - WKEN

JOE MORRIS, General Manager

RADIO STATION
WKEN

"In The Heart Of Delaware"

THE DOVER HOTEL
PH. 5797

E. LOOCKERMAN ST.
P. O. BOX 549

DOVER, DELAWARE

October 15, 1958

Mr. Kermit Geary
RFD# 2 - Box# 298
Walnutport, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Geary:

This will confirm your reception of WKEN on the morning of October 12, 1958. Logging was perfect.

My Chief Engineer was happy indeed to know that our signal was coming through to your area and we hope you will continue to notify us when and if you are able to hear us again.

Thank you for your interest and the entire staff sends their best wishes.

Cordially,

RADIO STATION W K E N


Joe Morris
General Manager

JM:tf



P. O. BOX 1990
WILMINGTON, DE 19899-1990
TEL: (302) 656-9800
FAX (302) 655-1450

Friday -- 4 February 2000

Mr. Kermit Geary
DX Listening Post
1266 Riverview Drive
Walnutport, Pennsylvania PA 18088

Greetings from The First State!

Let this verification letter, and the enclosed Q.S.L. card, confirm your reception of 1450 WILM NEWSRADIO -- Delaware Broadcasting Company -- from Wilmington, Delaware, during our annual DX test.

You heard portions of our broadcast between 1:05:30 to 2:11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, on our assigned frequency of 1450 kiloHertz in the A.M. Standard Broadcast band.

As you know being the veteran DX'er that you are, we are 1,000 watts day and night, like all the other U.S. stations on this "graveyard" channel. Our studios are in downtown Wilmington and our transmitting site is along the south Wilmington city limits.

The second oldest radio station in Delaware, this station signed on-the-air (under different call letters) in 1923. The Hawkins family (Delaware Broadcasting Company) acquired the station in 1949. The station converted to a mainly LOCALLY originated, all-news format in 1976, with the old NBC News and Information Service. When NIS folded, we picked-up a CBS affiliation. Unlike most other stations at the time, we chose to remain mostly all-news rather than revert to all-talk or music.

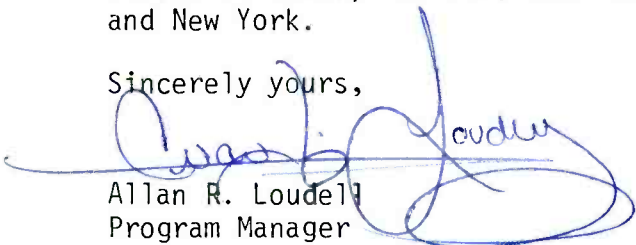
Today we pride ourselves as the ONLY primarily LOCALLY originated all-news station (with a little bit of talk) in the U.S. or Canada outside a Top 20 market. Winner of nine Marconi nominations in the 1990's, we have resisted the trend to mostly national syndication or national ownership (duopoly).

With up to twenty newspeople, we are surely a unique, 1,000-watt, A.M. "stand-alone" (no sister station) in North America.

The majority of your program details correlated with our log. However, we did not play the song you described at 1:09--1:12 a.m. (Of course, it is understandable you confused our signal with one of the others on the congested 1450 channel!). At 1:10:20, actually, we played "School's Out" by Alice Cooper. If you have a tape, you may want to review it, to see if you hear, in particular, the unusual end to this song at about 1:13:30, with school bells and the sounds of a record grinding to a halt!

Many thanks for your continued interest. I'm sure your Q.S.L. collection eclipses mine, but I believe you've been doing it longer (I started DX'ing at the age of eleven in 1966!) So far, confirmable reports have come in from Michigan, Ontario, and New York.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allan R. Loudell".
Allan R. Loudell
Program Manager

1450 WILM NEWSRADIO -- Delaware Broadcasting Co.


1450 WILM
NEWSRADIO

1215 FRENCH STREET
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801
(302) 656-9800

Monday -- February 3, 1997

Mr. Kermit Geary's DX Listening Post
1266 Riverview Drive
Walnutport, Pennsylvania PA 18088

Greetings from the First State!

We're glad you were able to participate in the Delaware DX Test Night.

This verification letter -- along with the accompanying Q.S.L. card -- will confirm reception of 1450 WILM NEWSRADIO, Sunday morning, January 26th, 1997 at @ 1:06 a.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST) on our Federally assigned A.M. frequency of 1450 kiloHertz, with a power output of 1,000 watts.

We began transmitting a "squeal", followed by Morse Code Identification in the period from 01:06 to 01:09. However, from 01:34 to 01:59 we were transmitting the DX program from Radio Netherlands, "Media Network", so we did NOT do Morse code ID's at 01:37.

However, you provided sufficient information for us to confirm.

To date, the most distant reports received for this DX test transmission (with confirmable details) have been Richmond, Virginia and upstate New York.

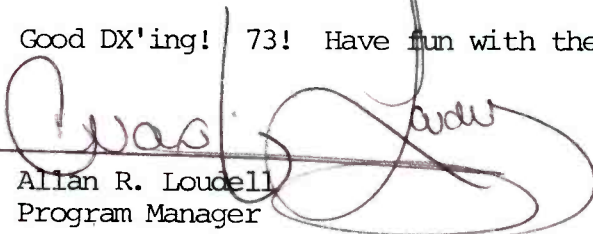
Although we are technically non-directional, because of our antenna located near the Delaware River, and the ground conductivity along that river (I suspect)-- plus other stations on 1450 kHz. in Atlantic City and Washington D.C., we tend to get out more north and south/southeast.

1450 WILM NEWSRADIO is primarily locally originated all-news and information, except for Rush Limbaugh, 1-4 p.m., and Jim Bohannon overnight. (A Delaware version of KYW Newsradio, except a little talk grafted on. Also, the news format is less repetitive.)

We are the only 1,000-watt, A.M. "stand alone" (NOT connected to any other station, such as an F.M.) station in the United States today to support a primarily locally originated all-news format. We are also the only station in the U.S. or Canada in a market of under a million people to support such a format. Winner of SEVEN national MARCONI nominations in FIVE years!

I have been DX'ing since 1966, primarily shortwave, but also the Standard Broadcast A.M. band and F.M. occasionally. I've had fun over the past year or two, QSL'ing some of the Caribbean A.M. stations on odd frequencies. I am a member of the North American Shortwave Association and the Canadian International DX Club. Also, Delaware technical monitor for Radio Deutsche Welle, The Voice of Germany.

Good DX'ing! 73! Have fun with the hobby.


Allan R. Loudell
Program Manager


1450 WILM
NEWSRADIO

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Monday -- December 22nd, 2003

DX Listening Post of: Mr. Kermit Geary
1266 Riverview Drive
Walnutport, Pennsylvania PA 18088

Dear Kermit:

Your reception report arrived today along with other reports from Melrose, New York and Tallmadge, Ohio (Details on those were sketchier). Last week, we received confirmable reports from North Chelmsford, Massachusetts; New Suffolk, eastern Long Island, New York; and, Beaconsfield, Québec.

I listened to the A.M. Standard Broadcast band both before and after the DX test. It seemed to be a North-South night on medium-wave; I found signals from Canada all the way south to the Caribbean to be enhanced, while Midwestern stations were nearly inaudible. Overall, I just don't think it was as good a night for propagation as during some other nights we ran DX tests, so I'm not surprised you found reception conditions to be inferior!

Most of the times you cited for reception of our Morse Code were correct; all the times for the European-style, two-tone siren were correct.

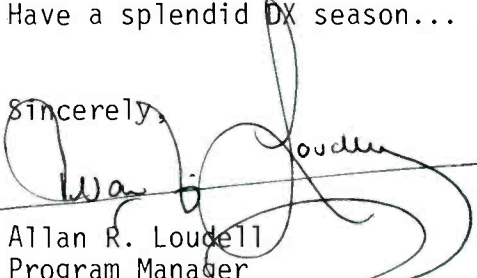
So let me confirm your reception of 1450 WILM NEWSRADIO, Delaware Broadcasting Company, from Wilmington, Delaware... at your listening post in Walnutport, Pennsylvania. You heard us intermittently Sunday morning, December 14th, between 1:12 and 2:40 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, on our assigned frequency of 1450 kilo-Hertz in the A.M. Standard Broadcast band. We were transmitting our usual power of 1,000 watts.

Believe it or not, we actually received calls from local listeners who find the DX tests to be "fascinating". One woman called to say she liked the "mix" of Morse code, sirens, sound effects, and the eclectic playlist of music.

I left WILM at about 3:30 a.m. Sunday to go home. Then, at seven a.m., one of the Sunday-morning news anchors called me at home to say Saddam Hussein had been captured! So, I had to get out of bed, and return to work to contribute to our coverage of the wintry weather AND the dramatic news out of Iraq. Then, just after I had attended an early-morning news-briefing with Delaware's U.S. Senator Joseph Biden, ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (about Iraq), someone called our newsroom to say the legendary former U.S. Senator William Roth of Delaware had passed away (People with retirement accounts know about "Roth" I.R.A.'s!) I confirmed the sad news with Senator Biden, and "broke" that story on-the-air before 11 a.m. So, we had the big stories this past Sunday, & I had gotten virtually no sleep because of the DX test!

Have a splendid DX season... 73's!

Sincerely,


Allan R. Loudell
Program Manager

1450 WILM NEWSRADIO -- Delaware Broadcasting Company



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Thursday -- December 19th, 2002

Mr. Kermit Geary's "DX Listening Post"
1266 Riverview Drive
Walnutport, Pennsylvania PA 18088

Greetings from The First State!

Thank you again for trying to receive this station during the transmission of a DX test.

This letter (along with our card) will confirm your reception of 1450 WILM NEWS-RADIO -- Delaware Broadcasting Company -- Sunday morning, December 15th, 2002, from 1:04 a.m. to 2:26:30 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, on our Federally assigned frequency of 1450 kiloHertz in the A.M., Standard Broadcast band. We were transmitting our listed output-power of 1,000 watts.

Your log of test items correlates with our log. On a "graveyard" frequency such as ours, it's understandable you couldn't necessarily copy the music and voice I.D.'s. But I would be curious: If you happened to record this DX test on tape, do you think you heard any bizarre sound-effects, such as a dog barking, a baby crying, the Bells of London, etc.? I was intrigued if any of these things would make it through the ether!

We remain locally-owned and fiercely independent. You're correct: In the age of massive corporate ownership and duopoly, it's tougher to net replies from many commercial radio stations in the U.S. or Canada. I find follow-up reports and phone calls are often necessary. It's sometimes imperative to try to identify a person at a particular station or broadcast-group who would be so inclined to respond to a reception report! But, of course, all this takes time and money.

But, I confess. I remain a "nut" for Q.S.L. verifications!

2002 was a busy year here. We ran all-news coverage of two elections, the Delaware Primary and the general election. For the 9/11 anniversary, we went wall-to-wall, without commercials; and dispatched reporters to New York City and Washington by the Pentagon.

A fundamental challenge for stations such as ours is recruitment. Fewer young people contemplating careers in communications or even journalism think of careers in radio these days. Almost always, they're drawn to television, the Internet, even newspapers, but hardly ever radio. I lecture on college campuses all the time to champion the cause of radio. For example, this fall, I lectured at Philadelphia's Temple University; Penn State University; and East Stroudsburg University, to name some institutions of higher learning in your state.

Reciprocal best wishes for the holiday season. I hope 2003 offers you a few nights or mornings of outstanding propagation, so you can chase-down some elusive signals!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allan R. Loudell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature, the name "Allan R. Loudell" and the title "Program Manager" are printed in a standard font.

Allan R. Loudell
Program Manager

P.S. Yours was the third reception report to reach us by mail.

The others were from Newark, Delaware (really not DX; the guy just wanted the 80th anniversary card!) & Intervale, New Hampshire!

1450 WILM NEWSRADIO -- Delaware Broadcasting Co.



February 27th, 1999

Mr. Kermit Geary
1266 Riverview Drive
Walnutport, Pennsylvania PA 18088

Greetings from The First State!

Thank you very much for your letter and reception report for our DX test.

This will confirm your reception of 1450 WILM NEWSRADIO -- Delaware's ONLY News Station -- Sunday morning, February 21st, 1999, from 1:14 to 2:15 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, on our assigned frequency of 1450 kiloHertz with a power output of 1,000 watts, non-directional.

Your account of Morse Code, and alternating code times, along with translation, was accurate. Interestingly, based on the first wave of reception reports, only one song seems to have penetrated the barrier of interfering stations with its unique "sound"!

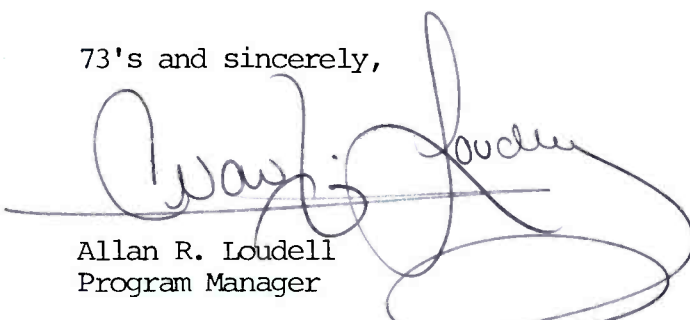
At date of writing, our most distant confirmable reports have come from Alabama, Indiana, and Ontario!

You are to be congratulated for a very complete report, both interesting and informative.

It was fun to conduct the DX test, and the letters and reception reports are still coming in! Publicity from The National Radio Club, Canadian International DX Club, Popular Communications, and on shortwave from "DX Partyline" on Ecuador's HCJB ensures our response this year will easily eclipse last year's.

Thanks for the participation!

73's and sincerely,



Allan R. Loudell
Program Manager

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Tuesday -- February 20th, 2001

Mr. Kermit Geary -- DX Listening Post
1266 Riverview Drive
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Greetings from The First State!

Thanks very much for making the effort to hear 1450 WILM NEWSRADIO, even if you weren't successful. You're probably correct: The "skip" of our signal may have entirely bypassed your area in Pennsylvania.

So far, we've verified about 25 reception reports, about two-and-a-half times the number we normally receive for a DX test. I don't attribute this necessarily to superior propagation, but to better advanced publicity. With ample time, we got mentions in the various DX club publications; the cover of the February 2001 POPULAR COMMUNICATIONS magazine; and on-air mentions on various international shortwave broadcasters.

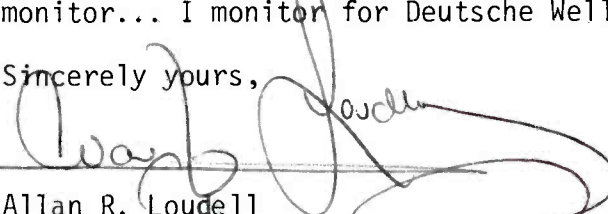
Confirmable reports came from an arc extending from southern Ontario to New Brunswick; the New England states; the Middle-Atlantic states; the Southeastern states; and the Midwest, plus one tentatively confirmed report from Manitoba. But, so far, nothing from outside the U.S. or Canada, as opposed to a few years ago, when we received a confirmable report from Jamaica.

As far as my DX'ing exploits, I got started in 1966 at the age of eleven, with the usual pause for college. I have done much more on shortwave than medium-wave standard broadcast, probably because, growing up in the Chicago area, so many A.M. channels were occupied! My favorite SW Q.S.L.'s include Argentine Antarctica; El Salvador and Belize (when they had shortwave stations); Lesotho, Ethiopia, and Eritrea; and in Asia... the former Portuguese Goa; Tibet; Manchuria; and Inner Mongolia! So far, North Korea, Qatar, Tunisia, Myanmar, and Grenada have quelled all attempts to get a Q.S.L. (although I have indirect Embassy verifications for Tunisia and Myanmar).

Best A.M. Q.S.L.'s for me include a number of Caribbean stations on fractional frequencies, both from Delaware and Florida. (In fact, I can't believe how much easier it is to DX in Florida... not just Caribbean and Latin signals, but signals from the Middle-East and Africa, even on a portable radio!). I suppose I consider myself fortunate to have gotten a few local Cuban Q.S.L.'s in recent years, such as CMHW Santa Clara, and CMFA Camagüey, Central Brasil. Considering the years I put in trying to land a Q.S.L. from Saint Pierre et Miquelon, I should count that too! This year, it took me several certified letters and phone-calls to land a Q.S.L. from The Voice of The Navajo Nation, KTNN Window Rock, AZ (Pardon me if I like to count that as separate from Arizona, and also that I "cheated" by DX'ing in the Southwestern U.S. this past summer).

Probably the biggest hindrance to my DX'ing -- however -- ironically is this job, since I put in such long hours. I get up at 3:20 a.m., get to work by 5 a.m.; and, hmmm... I'm still ~~here~~ typing this letter at 7 p.m.! (Like you, I'm a shortwave monitor... I monitor for Deutsche Welle.)

Sincerely yours,


Allan R. Loudell