

# WANR

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Dear Kelly,

I'm sure you'll agree with me that the tape recorder is a marvelous invention. Just as you were happy to report your reception of WANR on Monday morning, March 15th, 1976 from 0230 to 0232am EST, it is also my pleasure to confirm that you did indeed have use tuned in..and I must say the tape recording tells it all-need I say more. I find it interesting that you thought the audio was not of a good clear sound. I tend to differ in your assessment. I have heard this station as WTT0 and WTUU from various distances and I must say that your WANR <sup>recording</sup> is as good as any long distance taped reception I've heard. You truly have as good a signal taped as could be expected considering the distance. Jerry Starr sent me a tape of myself when he heard me one Mon. morning in Youngstown and your tape is of a slight better quality than his mainly because he is at an in between skip distance and also had to contend-not too sadly mind you- the tone from the WEXY FLA. special test. I didn't get them for perhaps obvious reasons.

The slightly ghostly sound to our audio is also the work of the Colombian being slightly off frequency and beating up against the WANR signal although I didn't note any audio from them on your tape but I suspect that is who was causing the muffled sound along with the distance our signal traveled to get to you. The atmosphere likely had some effect on the reception, too. I note that you seemed to indicate that this Monday morning reception might not be too unusual. That's what I thought too when I got your letter, but as I have been told in the past by an employer who said I wasn't needed anymore, "Schedules change". So it is true with WANR. In my muse you'll note that I indicated WANR was having financial

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problems and as I just found out today, WANR will now sign off EVERY night from 12:15am to 5:15am for at least the next two months while the station undergoes an ownership change. What the future holds for the station, I don't know but what I do know is that once again I will have 1520 clear on Monday mornings again and should WKBW and KOMA both go off the same morning it will give me a chance to hear Radio Minuto in Colombia and KYXI in Oregon City. My time at WANR is likely concluded but I hope to find something nearby before too long. If it's OK with you I would like to keep the tape for my personal archives and I know that other WANR staff members will be interested in hearing it.

WANR at night transmits due North from a site in Perrysburg, Ohio which is the site we were on when you recorded us. Thus you were picking WANR up off the backside of the pattern which for the distance you are from Toledo is something you can be proud of even if WANR has a clear channel to two-thirds of the country on Monday mornings if WKBW and KOMA are both off. By the way, WANR also transmits in the daytime from a second TX site in Temperance, Michigan and beams Southward on a 170° directional line-sort of towards you I would guess. Both sites have 6 towers each which makes for a very complex array and quite directional, too.

In response to your question as to who is the verie signer at WTOD, the fellow to write to is Bob Sowers who is their new Chief Engineer as of last Monday. I suspect your report may not have been answered because of the change in engineers so give it another try and if you don't hear from them let me know and I'll see what I can do. I know the folks out there and they are generally good QSLers. It may interest you to know that I have heard over 2200 stations and from your area

I've heard WBIG, WCOG, WPET, WHPE, WNOS, WBAG, WBBB, WSML, WAIR, WPGD, WSJS, and WTOB. Maybe you could get WEAL and WGBG too test, hi.

73s, Tnx for writing,  
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