

WJVA

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"SOUTH BEND'S HOME STATION"

STUDIO AND TRANSMITTER

North Hickory Road

P. O. Box 179

South Bend 24, Indiana

Telephone CEntral 4-1111

April 12, 1963

Ernest R. Cooper, Editor
National Radio Club
438 East 21st Street
Brooklyn 26, New York

Dear Mr Cooper,

Let this letter serve as verification that you received our broadcast on April 6, 1963.

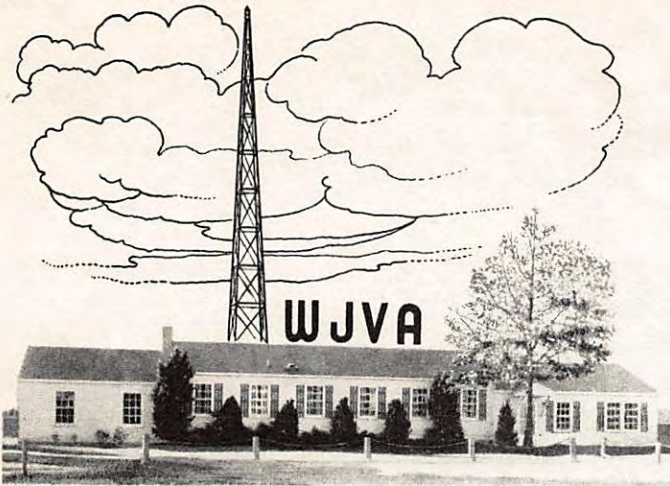
WJVA is one of a chain of stations owned by the Booth Broadcasting Corporation in Detroit, Michigan. We are located in South Bend, Indiana about two miles southeast of Notre Dame University.

We have one tower 200 feet high and are on a daytime schedual. We have a power of 1000 watts and use a Collins 20-U transmitter.

I was interested in the fact that you received a letter of verification from Mr. Bock in 1948. At that time, the station was owned by the St. Joseph Valley Association, hence our call letters W J V A. They sold it to Booth Broadcasting Corporation in 1954. At that time, I worked as early morning announcer and assistant engineer. When the station changed hands, I became the chief engineer. Mr. Bock is no longer with us.

At that time, we were only 250 watts but we have increased that and are planning to go FM this summer. We have also enlarged our building, got a new tower, and transmitter. At present, we are pushing the top fifty records of the week and we do a lot of foriegn language programs on the week-end.

About the post cards, yes I do ask for one when I answer requests for verifications. My family became curious about how far we were being picked up and we decided a good way for us to verify it was to have a picture postcard (we usually ask for the court house or other historical building) on the wall of the engineering room. It makes a colorful and interesting display. However, we only use the ones that we have verified letters for. In other words, I don't want every body sending me postcards.



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I have a teen aged daughter that I am trying to interest in DXing without much success, however a boyfriend of hers has recently got a receiver and I wonder if you would send information about your club to him. I am enclosing his name and address. I take him with me to the station quite often, especially for frequency checks, and he gets a real kick out of being a night time disc jockey although he is more interested in the engineering end of it.

I am always happy when I hear from so many teen aged boys who are DXing. They certainly don't have the time or inclination to get in trouble. I wish information were readily available to high school boys. Perhaps you can work something out on this angle.

Thank you for writing. We are on the air for Frequency checks the first Friday of each month at midnight EST. Nearly everyone in your area reports interference from the Mexican station. However, we have never picked it up.

Please send the information I asked for to:

James Canaricci
416 North Byrkit Street
Mishawaka, Indiana

Sincerely,

S. Grundtner Jr.

Stephen Grundtner Jr.
Chief Engineer

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