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Radio Station WCAT
Orange, Massachusetts

Attention of the Chief Engineer

Dear Sir,

Yesterday morning, I heard your brand new station on the air with an equipment test, and I would like very to send you this reception report, hoping that it will be of some interest to you, and that if it is correct, that you will verify it for me. Here is what I heard:

Date: April 25, 1956

Frequency - 1390 kc/s.

- 2:57 a.m., E.S.T. (as I tuned in) - Concert waltz.
3:02:40 - "Some Enchanted Evening," concert version with no vocal.
3:06 - "If I Loved You."
3:12 - Said that the fore-going selections were from South Pacific, Carousel and The King and I, and one other show. Said to telephone Orange 4-2825, or to drop a card to WCAT, Orange, Massachusetts.
3:13 - "Tales of the Vienna Woods," or a well-known Strauss waltz.

WCAT had a very fine strong signal here in Brooklyn, and it was a real pleasure to listen. You hovered between S-8 and S-9 on the meter of my Hammarlund HQ-139-X but the slight fade was noticable only to the meter, and not to the ear. A couple of months ago, station WPLM in Plymouth, Mass., on your channel, was logged on a DX-Test early in the morning, and they too, boomed in here at that time. How far are you from Plymouth? During the daytime here, top signal on 1390 is WROK in Poughkeepsie, New York, with WRIV, Riverhead, L.I., occasionally heard behind them, but very poorly.

My antenna is a 120' long, 65' high NE/SW inverted L, with single lead-in taken from the NE end. I have been a DX fan for 24 years, and have a grand total of some 2,700 verifications from that many different standard broadcast band stations, like WCAT. I never did verify the original WCAT, which was located in Rapid City, South Dakota, and which used 100 watts on 1230 kilocycles. It was owned by the South Dakota School of Mining, and was a DXer's dream, being very difficult to log at any time. I have verifications from every active Massachusetts station except for WESK in Salem, and WESO in Southbridge, although I have heard the latter and have written them, but have received no reply. No, one more comes to mind - WEOS, Brookline, on 1600, formerly WVOM.

Please tell me when WCAT will go on regular schedule, and what your sign-on time will then be. Will you make early-morning frequency checks, and if so, when will they occur? Are you affiliated with any other station or network, and will you broadcast Red Sox baseball games this summer? Might I possibly have one of your coverage maps, please? When will you be starting regular broadcasting?

Thank you for having asked for cards, but I feel that sufficient information for verification cannot be put on a post card, so hence, this letter. Then too, we cannot send return postage if we use a card, and that is what we of the National Radio Club believe in. I would appreciate it very much if you would verify my reception of WCAT, on your station's stationery, and please use the word "VERIFIED" in reference to my reception, for that is the big word to us DXers, as it establishes our proof of reception, which is what we seek. Thank you, and I hope that WCAT will be a great success, and that I shall hear you again, at least occasionally, here in Brooklyn. Luck!

Verified
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