

# WLOB

PORTLAND'S NUMBER ONE LISTENING HABIT  
FALMOUTH HOTEL  
PORTLAND, MAINE

July 8, 1958

Mr. Ernest R. Cooper  
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Brooklyn 26, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Cooper.

Thank you for your report of reception of this station, WLOB, on Feb. 24th, 1958. Kindly excuse the delay in answering.

Having checked the station log for the above date, I have found your report to be accurate and am therefor happy to verify it for you.

Yours for good DX'ing,

*T. Richard Dunn*  
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Chief Eng.

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WATERVILLE  
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February 24, 1958

Radio Station WLOB  
Portland, Maine

Attention of the Chief Engineer

Good Morning!

Every once in a while, a pleasant surprise comes along, and today one did as I was DXing and ran across WLOB on the air testing. I have been sort of eating my heart out ever since last March 18 (1957) after your DX-Test for the National Radio Club. You see, I could not tune for that one, for I myself was on the air at the same time on our N.R.C. DX program from WGBB-1340 in Freeport, Long Island! I had hoped I'd catch WLOB on regular schedule at sundown time, but I never have, so this test this morning was indeed welcomed by me. I do hope you will be so kind as to verify my reception of WLOB, and here is what I heard:

Date: February 24, 1958

Frequency - 1310 kc/s.

4:43 a.m., E.S.T. (as I tuned in) - Orchestra, swing number, no vocal.

4:45:40 - Announcement, "This is Radio Station WLOB in Portland, Maine, conducting special tests. . . . . The correct time is 4:45 a.m."

4:46:15 - Orchestra number, and then several of these consecutively with the titles not announced. They seemed to be popular tunes of a few seasons back. There were no vocals.

WLOB topped all-night WCAM very handily here, and in spite of their 250 watts, they put in a healthy signal up this-a-way during the wee hours. At 4:52 a.m., WTIK in Durham, N.C. signed on topping the channel for a short time, but soon, WLOB came back strong and resumed the top spot.

My receiver is an 11 tube 1947 Hammarlund HQ-139-X and the antenna is a 130' long, 65' high NE/SW inverted L, with single lead-in taken from the NE end. This antenna is directional in favor of New England and Maritime Canada, which may account for the fact WLOB was the loudest signal on 1310 at the time, yet I have never succeeded in getting you at your sign-off time. You were S-8-9 here, with some rapid fading with WCAM and then later with WCAM and WTIK.

I do hope you will be so kind as to verify my reception of WLOB, and when I have your "verifs" in, I will then need only WFST-1430, WKTO-1450 and WCHM-1150 to have all the stations in Maine verified. Among my 2,839 verifications from standard broadcast stations, 21 are from Maine. Of course, some of the stations are now off the air, as I go back 25 years in this hobby.

Here's wishing you continued success and luck, and I do hope to hear you some time soon again. The best of everything to you, and I would appreciate it if you could enclose with the verification letter one of your WLOB Coverage Maps. Thank you, and as they say, "More Power to You!"

Yours DXingly

Ernest R. Cooper