

# WBAZ

1550 RADIO

BIG RIVER BROADCASTERS, INC.

527 BROADWAY

KINGSTON, NEW YORK

FEDERAL 1-6300

September 1, 1959

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

Dear Mr. Cooper:

This is to verify your reception of our station at 2:24:15 A.M. on August 20, 1959.

WBAZ went on the air for the first time August 15, 1959, and your letter was the first DX report to reach us. As a new facility we are naturally pleased and anxious to receive signal strength and interference info. Starting September 9 and the second Wednesday of each month thereafter, we will be broadcasting a 1000 cycle tone and ID for frequency checks between 12:20 and 12:35 A.M. EST. We hope you will pass the word to your fellow club members to be listening for us.

WBAZ is a non-directional daytime station operating with 500 watts from a remote transmitter located just west of Kingston adjacent to the N.Y. Thruway. All equipment is Gates Radio Co. including a BC 500T feeding a TCA  $\frac{1}{2}$  wave guyed tower 163 feet high. Besides the standard studio items, we boast of our Dualux dual channel console which includes two separate program amplifiers and meters, a monitor amplifier, an independent cue-intercom selector, and more functions than we know what to do with.

The unique feature of the WBAZ operation is the "Showroom Control Room" located in the heart of Kingston's main business thoroughfare. Next time you're vacationing in the Catskills, be sure to stop in and say hello.

Incidentally, I believe I saw a reception report from you recently at WKXY in Sarasota, Fla. where I formerly worked with Bob Kohlmeier, the CE at that station. Their kilowatt on 930 really gets around at night.

Sincerely,

*Bill Draper*  
Bill Draper, CE

P.S. Just heard from a man in Butler, N.J. who picked up our signal at noon for a half hour last Sunday. So you might give it a try if you can tune out QXR's sound!