

Verification of reception on May 28th 1961,

Radio Station WRSC
State College, Pennsylvania

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Station Mgr. WRSC,

May 28, 1961

Attention of the Chief Engineer

Good Morning!

This morning, I chanced to hear your brand new station on the air with an equipment test, and I would like very much to send you this report of reception, in the hope that it will be of some interest to you, and also hoping that you will be so kind as to verify my reception of WRSC.

Your station had a very good signal here, volume-wise, but experienced a great deal of interference from Station WEAM in Arlington, Virginia, a 5,000 watt all-night station on your frequency. This station broadcasts 24 hours a day except on Monday mornings, which would thus be the best morning of the week for WRSC to conduct any further tests or frequency checks.

My receiver is an 11 tube Hammarlund HQ-129-X, and the antenna is an indoor tuned loop, with 144 feet of wire in all, made into 12 loops, three feet square, and mounted on a spindle. With it pointing about WSW/ESE your signal was best, but still was generally beneath WEAM. However, at times WRSC would fade in louder and come out on top for a few seconds, only to fade down again beneath their five kilowatts.

I do hope you will be so kind as to VERIFY my reception of WRSC, and here is what I heard, to prove my reception:

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Frequency - 1390 kc/s.

- 2:42 a.m., E.D.S.T. - Announcement of calls and location, and the announcer also gave the telephone number and asked for calls. He mentioned this was an equipment test, by authority of the Federal Communications Commission. The phone number was 3051.
- 2:42:45 - Musical selection with no vocal, in what seemed to be march tempo.
- 2:45:45 - "What is this Thing Called Love?", no vocal.
- 2:51 - Announcement, "This is WRSC, State College, Pennsylvania, conducting equipment tests on 1390 kilocycles by authority of the Federal Communications Commission." He again gave the phone number and asked for calls, and repeated WRSC, State College, Pa. at the end of the announcement.
- 2:52:15 - "Cocktails for Two?" no vocal.
- 2:54:40 - "No Other Love," no vocal.
- 3:00:45 - Similar announcement made, and also mentioned that WRSC would begin regular broadcasting on Monday, May 29th at 8:00 a.m. Again gave the telephone number, 3051.
- 3:01:45 - Continued with non-vocal music, and at 3:12:45, another similar announcement was heard.

I do hope you will be so kind as to verify my reception of WRSC - that is, to send me a letter (for which return postage is enclosed) telling me it was WRSC I heard, and that therefore, my reception is verified. That is the important word to us DX fans - verified - as it proves our reception. I have been a DX fan for 29 years, and have a grand total slightly in excess of 3,100 verifications from standard AM broadcasting stations, with about 140 from Pennsylvania.

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If you can spare me one, would you be so kind as to enclose a WRSC Coverage Map, please?

Please also tell me what your regular hours of operation will be, weekdays and Sundays, and if you contemplate any early-morning frequency checks or tests of any kind, so I might advise other members of the National Radio Club to be on the lookout for them, by way of our mimeographed "DX NEWS" of which I am Editor.

I wish for you all the success in the world, and I hope that WRSC catches on with the public quickly, and that the station will be an important part of your community. I hope to hear your station at least once in a while here in Brooklyn, although of course it will not be possible during the daytime schedule - only with a test or an early sign-on. Again, the best to you, and to all the boys at WRSC. Success!

Yours DXingly

Ernie

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