

WADK

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Newport, R. I.
January 13, 1954

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

Dear Mr. Cooper,

This is a verification of your reception report on December 6, 1953 at 3:03PM to 3:20PM EST. Your report showed good logging.

The following is the information you requested, given to the best of my knowledge. Newport received its name I'metolded after a place in England or a notable from there (Lord Newport). Newport's population from the census of 1950 is 37, 564. Now for the island part of the name Rhode Island. This state for the most part has a lot of its border touching water plus all of the inlets and bays that come inland makes it appear as an island. Newport itself is on an island, the Aquidneck Island, connected to the mainland by the Mt. Hope Bridge (connecting Portsmouth, which is also on Aquidneck Island, to Bristol on the mainland) and the Old Stone Bridge (connecting Portsmouth on the island to Tiverton on the mainland. And, in fact, the capital of Rhode Island, Providence, is built on water.

The station call letters were changed last month. The change was made when a change of ownership occurred. The new owner wanted to change the name to a more appropriate one (to show location, and to have a closer relationship to the people and the area). The -ADK part of it stands for Aquidneck, being on Aquidneck Island. -RJM stood for Rene & John Malloy the original owners.

We have no early morning frequency checks since we can get a check from RCA Riverhead, N. Y. anytime. However, due to a request from the NRC of Buffalo, N. Y. we have tentative plans to have a DX program on Feb. 22, 1954 from 4:00AM to 4:30AM EST, although this is not certain. Also on Jan. 19 from 12AM to 6AM proof of performance measurements are tentatively planned.

Thank you for your report.

Sincerely,

Joseph Britto
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Chief Engineer, WISGG

The Aquidneck Broadcasting Corporation - Newport, Rhode Island