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Radio Station WARV
19 Luther Avenue
Warwick, Rhode Island - 02886

Attention of the Chief Engineer

Good Morning, Sir!

Well, I am excited - even though I have been a DX fan for 39 years! Finally, this evening, I managed to get a log here in Brooklyn on your station, on regular schedule! I've tried a heck of a lot of times, and this twilight, when I turned on the receiver and it was on 1230, I noted WERI, Westerly, R.I., on top of the usual semi-locals here, so I figured it might be the right evening to log WARV- and that turned out to be the case, and I do hope you'll be somewhat interested in being heard here in Beautiful Brooklyn, and that you will be so kind as to send me a letter, on your station's stationery, verifying my reception of WARV. Here is what I heard:

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Frequency - 1590 kilocycles

- 6:36 p.m., E.D.T. (as I tuned in) - Commercial for a pizza parlor, at 11 Broadway in Pawtucket - all dizes of pies, carryout service. The announcer jested "They'll carry you out!" Gave phone number, I think it was 733-5588
- 6:36:45 - Call letters, "WARV" sung, slowly - nothing else, no frequency, nor city.
- 6:41:30 - A message to young people, advising them to stay away from drugs, brought by the ----- Realty Company, at 24 Arrow Street, in North Providence.
- 6:42:10 - Same singing ID, call letters only.

After this, WTBY in Waterbury, Conn. zoomed to the fore, and I heard nothing else from WARV. I've been trying to hear WARV many many times, but without success, until this evening. Your announcer sounded quite youthful. u i

Normally, at twilight, I get first WTBY, then WEEZ in Chester, Pa., and a bit of 500-watt WMIM, a new station in Mount Carmel, Pa., around an hour before sunset here. Then about a half hour before, WCBG, the 5 kw. fulltimer in Chambersburg, Pa. takes everything out besides WTBY. WTBY, WCBG, and WARV are all similarly-programmed, with rock-n-roll music. I never, but NEVER, hear WERA, Plainfield, N.J. also on 1590, here, days or evenings - they are extremely directional away from N.Y.C. as well as from WTBY and WEEZ on 1590, to protect WWRL-1600 in N.Y.C. Only once in their ten-plus years on the air have I ever heard WERA here, and that was on an early-morning frequency check with 1,000 cycle tone!

Yes, it was a thrill, even after so many years, to finally log WARV! I would like to ask if WARV has any regular early-morning frequency check schedule after midnight, so that more members of our Club might try to tune you in. In the after-midnight hours, only WAKR in Akron, and WETT, in Ocean City, Md. are heard on 1590 in these parts. Perhaps you might be interested in presenting a TEST broadcast, during the testing period after midnight, so that distant DXers might have a chance to hear WARV. Monday mornings are the best morning of the week for such tests, as many otherwise all-night stations are off that morning, for maintenance purposes, or just to rest their equipment, and give their all-night man a day off. So Monday mornings have come to be the best morning of the week for DX purposes. If you would care to put on such a test, please let me know, and we can come up with a suitable

date and time, and so we can notify our members via our weekly publication, "DX NEWS." I think you'll find it somewhat interesting to see how far away WARV can be heard during these early morning hours! Of course, it'll mean nothing to WARV commercially, but there would undoubtedly be some pride of accomplishment to you and your engineering staff! And to us DXers, it would be exciting to tune for you.

Well, please pardon my long-windedness, sir, but please be so kind as to "VERIFY" my reception of WARV, if the report checks out with your log, and return postage is enclosed, according to the long-standing custom of members of our National Radio Club. Thank you for your time, courtesy, and trouble, and the very best of continued success to you and everyone at WARV, a station I will be hearing again as I drive to Cape Cod this weekend - while on Route 95, in Rhode Island.

Might I please have one of your coverage maps?

NEW OWNERS ARE HAVING
NEW MAPS MADE SEND

Yours DXingly,



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6 MONTHS I'LL SEND ONE

Receipts for
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