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TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA

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Mr. Kermit GEARY
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Dear Mr. GEARY,

Welcome to KD-HI!! Indeed, it was KD-HI that you heard and; believe me, we sure appreciate your letting us know...

Just incidentally; it is KD-HI's policy to give daytime station breaks thus: This is KDHI in Twentynine Palms...residents of _____ listen to KD-HI radio. Needless to say, upon receipt of your letter the blank spot was filled with Walnutport, Pennsylvania. This is perhaps stretching the truth as far as the general populace of Walnutport listening to KD-HI Radio and the result was quite surprising! And, I might add, rewarding. Two separate persons called KD-HI wanting to know who we had heard from so far away. Don't be too surprised should someone from Twentynine Palms write you a letter!! Thank you again for your letter and for the additional spark to our station break.

KDHI is a brand new station with all new Collins equipment. We officially went on the air Easter Sunday April 2 of this year and it was our very first frequency check that you heard. Naturally, it was gratifying to hear from so far away. Co-incident with this being our first frequency check; this was also this writers' first frequency check....so the additional gratification. I realize now (having been informed by the monitoring service) that I did not give the station identification often enough; and must excuse myself that it was my first experience as Chief Engineer. Tentatively, our next frequency check will be midnite to 12:30 31st May (or 1st of June) and it would be interesting to know if you hear us at that time.

Twentynine Palms is situated in the high desert country of Southern California. There's a total listening population of about 20,000 but they are scattered over about that many miles. We are a daytime station operating on 1250 Kcs, 1000 watts. As stated, our equipment is all brand new Collins....from turntable to transmitter. Our antenna is 206 feet non direct and we have a very elaborate ground system which we accredit for our strong signal.

Feel free to write anytime...you will receive an answer. I've just been informed that one of the persons calling about the Walnutport station break was a former resident of there ...unfortunately, the caller was not familiar with your name.

Thanks again and God Speed...

Rick Blakely
Sincerely
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