

From the

DX LISTENING POST

of: Kermit Geary
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October 22, 1981.

General Manager
Radio Station W X T R
Box 19
LaPlata MD 20646

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to report my reception of your AM station during the closing portion of its regular broadcasting schedule on the evening of Wednesday, October 21, 1981. I found your signal on 1560 kiloHertz reaching up here into Eastern Pennsylvania at 6:10 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, and I continued to hear your program of recorded popular music and announcements, including the Metro traffic report, until you signed off and left the air at 6:30 $\frac{1}{4}$ P.M., E.D.T.

The signal which I received from WXTR-AM on 1560 kiloHertz had excellent strength, rating a good S-9 report. At that level your fine transmission equalled that of WQXR, New York City, a 50-kilowatt station on 1560 kiloHertz located 90 miles east of here. There were, however, occasional brief intervals of fading when your signal dropped below the level of interference. Nonetheless, better than 80% of your programming was heard with good clarity and readability at this distance from LaPlata of 175 air miles. There was no atmospheric static. Your carrier was clean-cut and fully modulated. The tonal quality of both speech and music was excellent. It was a pleasure to hear your AM station reaching out in such fine shape on this occasion, and you are to be congratulated on the power and efficiency of your transmitting equipment.

I heard WXTR-AM on my Hammarlund HQ-180 communications receiver, using 18 tubes. My antenna is a single-wire inverted "L", 80 ft. long and 25 ft. high, extending toward the north, with the lead-in to the receiver coming off the south end. The ground connection is made to a well 175 ft. deep. I am situated in the eastern part of the State of Pennsylvania, 60 miles north of the city of Philadelphia and 21 miles west of the New Jersey state line.

I shall be happy to receive your reply, kindly confirming the fact that I heard your AM station as reported above. Return postage is enclosed for your reply. As evidence of my reception of WXTR-AM, I give the following log of program items to which I listened:

*Confirmed
as reported.
J. Berkman
WXTR
10-26-81*