

From the

DX LISTENING POST

Dave is no longer here.
my name is George Belva.

Sorry about the delay - letter got lost in a pile of papers. November 1, 1990
lot of new tech changes here so I've been

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Radio Station W B N K
P. O. Box 997
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Very busy - Thanks for listening

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of: Kermit Geary
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Dear Sir,

First off, if David Frost is still the Chief Engineer, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding letter he sent me on February 3, 1986, when I reported my first reception of your AM station as WRSG, ex-WKOP. Charlie Hallinan's WKOP QSL card was greatly appreciated, along with the photograph of the erection of the tower in 1947 and the pictures of Dave Frost at the base of the tower and with the night transmitter and antenna phasing unit. The history of WKOP was very interesting, as was the information about your present operation and the fact that your major signal lobe is to the north on both your day and night patterns. It is gratifying when a radio station takes interest in a reception report, and I thank you for this consideration. I hope that Dave can still find the time to do some occasional Broadcast Band DX'ing.

I am writing now to report my reception of your AM station under its new call letters, WBNK. WBNK was first tuned in here on the evening of Tuesday, October 30, 1990, at 4:46 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, and I continued to hear your news and information broadcast until 4:57 P.M. WBNK was again heard on the following morning of Wednesday, October 31, 1990, between 6:30 and 6:45 A.M., E.S.T. It was interesting to learn that News Director Kathy Whyte, whom I heard on WRSG on January 27, 1986, continues to do a great job of reporting on WBNK.

WBNK's signal on both occasions peaked at a fairly strong, S-8 level which was sufficient to override the interference from other stations on 1360 kiloHertz during most of the time segments mentioned above. On Tuesday, October 30th, with semi-local WPPA, Pottsville, Pa., nulled by means of my directional receiving antenna, your broadcast dominated the frequency until 4:55 P.M. when interference began to appear from WCHL, Chapel Hill, N.C., and blocking my reception of your signal after 4:57 P.M. On Wednesday morning, October 31st, interference from co-channel WMNS, Olean, N.Y., overrode your broadcast between 6:34 and 6:41 A.M. The signal strength was fairly steady at all times, and there was no atmospheric static. The carrier was well modulated, and the tonal quality was excellent. As the result of these favorable conditions, WBNK was received with fairly good clarity and readability at this distance from Binghamton of 95 air miles.

My receiver is a Hammarlund HQ-180 communications set, using 18 tubes. The antenna is a Model SM-2 Space Magnet, a rotatable 12-inch ferrite rod with 2 stages of preamplification. Ground connection is made to a