

KWAY Radio  
P.O. Box 346  
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Dear KERMIT,

Thanks for your warm and comprehensive letter of the 5th informing us of our equipment check broadcast. You can't imagine what a relief it is to hear from you! However, I don't think you are exactly a stranger to me. It seems to me as though I heard from you sometime along at this same time of year a year ago when I was chief engineer for KD-HI in Twentynine Palms, California. If not; certainly another DXer in Walnutport for I distinctly remember the name with good reason. At that time I was also a Dj for KD-HI and had as part of my station break "People in (name of city) listen to KD-HI" On this occasion I spoke the name of Walnutport and darned if someone didn't call me up and said they were from Walnutport and wanted to know who had written me from there. Does any of this strike a responsive cord? It was either out of a DXer in Walnutport or in someplace in Texas that I got a write-up in the DXer mag, too.

Anyhooooo.. You certainly heard K-WAY; and I'm tickled that you did and also that you had it logged so accurately. It means a great deal to me as this is my first job as manager/chief engineer..I had just moved all my broadcast equipment (except the transmitter) into a fifty-five foot trailer and this was my very first broadcast from there (I was doubtful that it would work so well); It was the first time we had ever pulled an after hours check; it was the first time I was solely responsible for the quality and correctness of the test. You can see a lot of firsts and the reason why I am so glad to hear your report.

I just wish you had been listening from midnite to 1220 Am on 1240 Conelrad frequency for we also did that one the same night and I'm still in doubt as to the results of that. If you think about it; we go on 1240 with a Conelrad the first Monday (Sunday night at Midnite) of every even month. The next one will be August 5th. Sure hope you can listen and give a report.

I do thank you for your well wishes, too, Kermit. We need it. We are hopelessly understaffed here at K-WAY and I am doing so much of the work personally; and putting in such ungodly hours that I often wonder what's happening.

Technically, our equipment was something to be desired a month or so ago; but thanks to your report our indicators MIGHT be right after all. our transmitter is a Gates 1000 Watter, our tower 206 feet, good ground system...wet and marshy.

Thanx, again, Kermit, for your complete report. And I'm happy that you could add K-WAY to your list.

Gratefully

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