

From the

DX LISTENING POST

of: Kermit Geary
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Station Manager
WPTT Radio, NewsTalk 1360
400 Lincoln Highway
East McKeesport, PA 15035

Dear Sir,


It was a pleasure to hear WPTT for the first time since the change from WIXZ. I tuned in NewsTalk Radio 1360 at 6:51 A.M. on the morning of Wednesday, April 8, 1998, and I continued to hear your broadcast of news, weather, traffic, advertisements and announcements until 7:32 A.M., Eastern Daylight Time. WPTT's signal reached into eastern Pennsylvania in a surprisingly good condition on this occasion.

Your signal on 1360 kiloHertz was strong and clear, rating a good S-9 report at this distance from McKeesport of 225 air miles. At that level your broadcast dominated the frequency, overriding the co-channel interference in a good, clear condition. There was, however, a period of fading between 7:02 and 7:16 A.M. when interference was encountered from 1360 kHz station WKOP, located 95 miles north of here in Binghamton, N.Y. When your signal returned at 7:16 A.M., good reception was again enjoyed until WNJC, located 70 miles southeast of here in Washington Township, N.J., took command of the frequency at 7:32 A.M. WPTT's signal was clean-cut and fully modulated. The speech quality was excellent, and there was no atmospheric static. It was a pleasure to hear WPTT's newstalk format reach across the State on this occasion, and you are to be congratulated on the power and efficient operation of the transmitting equipment.

I received WPTT on my Hammarlund HQ-180 communications set, using 18 tubes. The antenna is a Model SM-2 Space Magnet, a rotatable 12-inch ferrite loopstick with 2 stages of preamplification. 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 near Allentown, Pa., and 21 miles west of the New Jersey state line.

Please confirm my reception of WPTT on the morning of Wednesday, April 8th, as reported above. Your verification of the fact that I heard your broadcast will be greatly appreciated for inclusion in my reception records. Return postage is enclosed for your reply. As proof that I was tuned to NewsTalk Radio 1360, I give the following description of the program items to which I listened:

→ CONFIRMED.


TIM CHARPE
STATION MANAGER

Member: National Radio Club, since 1933 Longwave Club of America
International Radio Club of America, since 1964