

From the

DX LISTENING POST

of: Kermit Geary
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Mr. Michael H. Gilbert, Chief Engineer
Radio Station K P Q
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Dear Mr. Gilbert,

This is to report that I was tuned to 560 kiloHertz from 12:00 Midnight until 1:00 A.M., Pacific Standard Time, on the morning of Saturday, January 11, 1997, when KPQ was scheduled to conduct a test for the International Radio Club of America, of which I am a member. The frequency here on the East Coast was dominated by 24 hour/day stations WFIL, Philadelphia, Pa. (situated only 60 miles south of my location), and WQAM, Miami, Fla. Nevertheless, I am happy to report that I was able to hear a transmission of code identification through the interference between 12:57 and 12:58½ A.M., P.S.T. The call letters "KPQ" were heard several times, along with the location "WENATCHEE, WA".

*Program confirmed
Log confirmed
M. H. Gilbert*

The signal was quite weak, peaking at an S-5 level during the code transmission which had just enough strength to be audible through the interference. Unfortunately, no other programming could be heard because of the interference, but I trust that the above information will be sufficient to show that KPQ's signal was received here in eastern Pennsylvania. The code signal had good clarity, and there was no atmospheric static.

I would be happy to receive your reply, kindly informing me whether my reception of a code transmission at 12:57-12:58½ A.M. is correct as reported above. If my log corresponds with your test records, it will be a pleasure to add KPQ to my reception records and you are to be congratulated on reaching across the country on this special broadcast. Return postage is enclosed for your reply.

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 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.

Best wishes to you, Mr. Gilbert, and to KPQ for continued success in broadcasting. Many thanks for conducting this special test in cooperation with the I.R.C.A., thereby giving us distant listeners the opportunity of tuning for your signal. I trust that conditions were favorable in other parts of the country, and that you will receive a large number of reception reports from many distant points. Thank you for your attention to this inquiry, and I look forward to receiving your reply and possible confirmation of my reception.

Very truly yours,

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

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