



NATIONAL RADIO CLUB  
HEADQUARTERS AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

PLEASE REPLY TO:

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Mr. Charles L. Cain,  
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Dear Radio Friend:

In reporting on your DX test of Friday, March 18th will say my location is 7 miles northeast of Buffalo, N.Y. and the radio is a McMurdo Silver Masterpiece #5, with an aerial 80 ft long and 25 ft high.

The weather here in western N.Y. state was mostly clear, starting to get cloudy, moderately high pressure, temperature 24 degrees, wind, very light, from the northwest. Colder & light snow forecast. Distant signals showed poor results, being about 40% below normal March strength, with static somewhat worse than usual and fading somewhat worse too. In other words, definitely a poor night for best results on your test.

But KCONY came in here surprisingly well, carrier strength was about S-4 (the set has a 5C6 'Tuning eye' and its beam stayed around 1/4 inch wide, at its widest point). This was much stronger than the signals of other 250 watt stations heard from your area, in fact it was better than that of many of that power less than half as far away. A few from beyond St. Louis came in but no other 250 watt from Texas, or beyond there, was audible this morning. The Mexican who shares 1470 with you, was completely inaudible, not even a trace of carrier, after you left the air, the first time in weeks that he has been so weak here.

KCONY did not fade much, but static made reception quite noisy and while I listened between 2:20 and 3:10 AM, CST. Less than half your announcing was readable, and none of the music came in clear enough to enjoy as entertainment. Up to 2:30 reception was ruined by a stronger, unknown, on 1470 who modulated with a tone signal, KCONY heard through him well enough to identify a few calls but little more, after 2:30 KCONY was free of all station interference.

Your tone, modulation, and carrier quality seemed excellent, and on par with any modern, well adjusted station, and as above reported, strength was way ahead of that of other stations of the same power and distance. Given even an average night KCONY would really have poured in here.

Here are a few items to prove reception. At 2:23, 2:26, 2:29 announcements were identified, call being readable, and other scattered remarks heard, such as "Special DX test program". The 2:29 announcement ended in "Now more music by Arty Shaw" (Dance). At 2:33 announcer spoke about phoning in reports and requests. A man then sang "You Are My Sunshine". The 2:37 announcement was mostly unreadable. (static). At 2:40 he spoke about the Gentleman from Austin who had called in. But he also asked for phone calls and said you'd gladly play requests, the phone was 888 San Marcos, This is a special DX test program for the Newark News Radio Club. 'KCONY Kansas City, New York'. Write in from wherever you are, we'll greatly appreciate it, we are offering a ten dollar prize for the report from the greatest distance, etc. A popular tune followed, sung by a woman. At 2:45 he gave a long announcement again. After describing the concluded tune he said "I'd like to tell you this is KCONY, Kansas City, New York" etc. Reports were invited again, specially long distance phone calls. Ray then sang "Body & Soul".

Over please



That should prove I heard your signal here. Sorry I could not do better, I heard parts of other announcements from then on, but reception was at its best around 2:40-2:50, static seemed to get stronger as the morning progressed.

You have a fine station and one I'd like to hear again when conditions are better. Perhaps a DX next season for our club. Would you please send me your QSL card, or a short letter verifying my reception of KCONY.? Postage enclosed.

Thanks sincerely for the DX opportunity, to log KCONY here, and allso for the reply I hope to have, to add to my collection now over 20 years old. It was a very interestingly presented program and wish it had been easily to hear. Best regards and good luck.

Very truly yours.

*JW Brauner*

*Thanks for your DX Report.  
Frank W. Wilson of Dunedin, New  
Zealand won the prize.  
Chas. L. Cain*