



WGAU-FM 99.5 mc., 4400 watts

WGAU 1340 kc., 250 watts

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ATHENS, GEORGIA
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Mr. David F. Thomas
Proctorville, Ohio.

Dear Dave:

Appreciate your letter on the reception report for WGAU & WGAU-FM. Was a little surprised at the FM coming in steady on a mobile unit, especially in the rolling terrain of north Georgia. We employ a G.E. 1 KW amplifier with a 6 bay antenna, giving us effectively 4,400 watts radiated power. We realized that our FM coverage was pretty good as we have regular listeners in Highland N.C. and have received reports from Ala. Our big regret is the fact that the public is not aware of the many benefits that FM reception affords them, especially in the summer months of static and natural interference.

Re the AM reception, we just don't expect much from it at night. According to the FCC files we are licensed as a "Local" station and we more or less have that feeling. If you will check the log you will find that 1340 is filled to capacity, with a mere 7 other stations on top of us here in the state of Georgia, so we are just snowed under by other "Locals". About the only time we get out at all with the AM transmitter is on our freq. checks, and then we have plenty of interference from the "all nighters".

Thank again for your letter and best of luck to you and the longwave listening post.

Respectfully,
Bill Evans
Bill Evans, Chief Eng.