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Hi! Dave I'm always glad to hear from a fellow Ohioan. Cincinnati is my home port, but for the past two years I have been "~~stashed~~" "stashed" away in Southern radio.

And your report on our F/C on the morning of March, 13 from 4:02-4:30 EST certainly proved you were in a "terrific" battle those nocturnal night riders 'JBK and 'SRS. Nice having you in our corner.

R.C. Wiley, the engineer who conducts the monthly F/C got a tremendous bang out of your letter, in which you gave 'JBK and 'SRS a good going over. We have a station at home, (WCPO) on 1230Kc. that operates all nite, lousing up that channel a bit, too. I've put the DX curse on all 24 hour stations that crumb up local and regional frequencys.

At any rate, Dave, **this letter will definately confirm and verify your report on our F/C of March, 13/'52.** Frankly, I don't know how you managed to remain exposed to that "symphony of noise" for nearly 30 minutes.

Actually, the F/C didn't sign off until 3:39 CST. At 3:30 I fulfilled a promise to salute the NRC and its members. It was published in their "DX NEWS" that we dedicated the March, 13 F/C to the NRC fraternity! I spoke my words of greeting and salute via tape recording. An early show here prevented me from rising to appear "live".

Your report was the first to arrive. So far we've received six with loggings of the March, 13. All report heavy QRM and "rape" on 'JJM by 'JBK and 'SRS. Weather conditions weren't exactly ideal for profitable DX'ing either! Here it was warm at 58 degrees, with a slight dampness in the air topped off by low hanging evil looking clouds. It's a wonder we were even heard in Nashville 48 miles away.



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The WJJM tower, which is a 198' of steel pointing skyward is located on East Hill, "the Top of the Town"! The tower, a self supporting affair sits on almost solid rock. Ground conductivity is poor in this section of the USA.

The studio building, a three story stone structure is also on East Hill. It was built in 1946, finished just in time as 'JJM made its debut in '46. The call letters, (the hardest ones I ever had to tangle with in radio) are the initials of its founder, James Joseph Murray.

Cattleman, dairyman and the man who promoted and earned recognition for the famous Tennessee Walking Horse, J.J. Murray didn't live to see his "Voice of Marshall County" bow in as a public servant. He died of a heart attack a few days before WJJM was to have begun regular fulltime service.

The Estate of J.J. Murray operates the station and WJJM has become a daily reminder that J.J. Murray left his town and life long neighbors with a gift he wanted them to have. Mr. Murray had so many friends in this ~~area~~ area, he felt the station at "the Top of the Town" could help him say, "mornin', neighbor" to each and everyone of them at the same time!

All this took place before I came here. I've only been here since April, 1, 1950. This my sixth station to work as a DJ-Announcer-writer in nearly ten years of radio. I came here from KXLW, St. Louis and WCNT, Centralia, Ill.

In closing, Mr. Thomas, your report on reception is appreciated by the Engineers. Here's hoping this "verie" shares a welcome space in your collection. Here's my sincere wish that you'll enjoy a boundless number of juicy DX catches in the future.

DX'ingly Yours,

Jim Travis,
WJJM DX MAIL DEPT.