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To: <mika@makelainen.com>
Subject: KLOA AM in California

Hi Mika,

We received your letter and tape at KLOA AM in Ridgecrest, California. I am James Rowles the engineer here. The owner of the station read the letter you wrote and he couldn't believe it as most people here couldn't believe it either. I can because I know that AM is a better way to broadcast than FM is!

We listened very closely to the tape and what is there, that we can understand, is some music then "KLOA radio.....[can't make this out].....voice of the Indian Wells Valley". That is definitely us all right. No doubt about it! You'll be interested to know that, at that time, the station was running on a 30 something year old Gates transmitter into a real piece of crap antenna (something like a piece of a folded unipole) at about 2 amps of base current which means it was at about 150 or so watts! And you picked that up?! Go figure.

We have since put in a new antenna tuning unit and a new solid state transmitter and now we are at about 3.5 amps base current which gives us about 500 watts and its still working into that same piece of crap antenna. We are headed to 820 watts with a proper folded unipole antenna and a proper ground system (the current antenna has no "ground system" to speak of, which makes it all the more amazing that you picked the then real piece of crap up at all). I wonder how well you would pick it up when I get the damn thing working right since you got it when it was a real piece of crap. (We couldn't get it 10 miles down the road at night when I first started to work with it!)

Ridgecrest is located out in the Mojave desert about 150 miles from anywhere which makes the ground soil a bunch of sand. And you still picked this thing up. Again, it sure is KLOA AM, 1240 and there is only one in the Indian Wells Valley that is on the air in the whole world. There is one other AM in this town but what you heard is not that one.

We have a web page for the station. That address is "<http://www.kloaam.com>". You can read about what we do on the page. We also have 3 other FM's here in the same town and building plus a new low power TV going up. When you get to the states you have an open invitation to come see us and you can see the AM tower, etc that you picked up. You have the correct street address and, since it is a small town, the stations are easy to find.

Thanks for the tape and letter (they think your wife is pretty here) not to mention doing the work it took to get the station so far away. Like we say in radio "you never know who is listening"!

Sincerely,
James.

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