

# WA2XMN Reception Reports

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1	Air	6/11/2005 9:31:00 AM	Peggy Ellen Reynolds	Jersey City
<p>I am happy to report reception loud and clear in Jersey City - enjoying Carmina Burana (did you make some cuts in it?) Anyhow, my good friend Al Klase set up an antique receiver and antenna from my 3rd floor and it's working real good.</p> <p>At the risk of appearing an opportunist, I have sent Al up with a "plug" for my orchestra (copy attached) in case you run out of broadcasting material. The Bergen Philharmonic's 70th anniversary is also fast approaching, and we're a local community orchestra (one of our orchestra members even lives in Alpine).</p> <p>Would also enjoy hearing back from you -- good luck today in your anniversary broadcast!</p>				
2	Air	6/11/2005 9:52:00 AM	Mike Masterson, WN2A	Budd Lake,NJ
<p>Greetings From Budd Lake,NJ:</p> <p>Your station WA2XMN was received this morning (9:45 am local) here in Budd Lake .</p> <p>Receiver IC-R7000 Antenna : Fan Dipole for 30M Amateur Band Report: Full Quieting ! Location: Grid Square FN20ou 1050' ASL Heard Opera Music</p> <p>My friend ,George Engert , W2MRJ worked at Alpine in the early 50's. He will be listening on 89.1 MHz.</p> <p>Your Transmitter is doing very FB. Nice Work Steve!!!</p> <p>73's Mike Masterson, WN2A</p>				
3	Web	6/11/2005 12:04:00 PM	Jeff Paletz	
<p>Thanks for doing this.</p>				
4	Air	6/11/2005 12:05:00 PM	Larry Guerrero	Jericho, New York
<p>Hearing you right now over the web in Jericho, New York on the North Shore of Long Island.</p> <p>Full dead quieting!</p> <p>Larry Guerrero - W2LAG</p>				
5	Tent	6/11/2005 12:05:00 PM	Garrett Wollman	Alpine
<p>Listening to program in tent outside.</p>				

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6	Web	6/11/2005 12:05:00 PM	Ken Kopp	Kansas
Listening via the web in Kansas.				
7	Air	6/11/2005 12:05:00 PM	Michael St. Angelo N2MS	Middletown NJ
Greetings,				
Your signal is strong ; full quieting, in Middletown NJ; slightly distorted in NFM mode. Very weak in WFM mode. Receiver is Icom IC-706MkII. Antenna is inverted L, 65 feet high.				
I tuned in to 42.8 Mhz at 1125 EDT and heard a drama - Empire of the Air?				
Reception Report. Times in EDT 2005/06/11				
1135 Background Conversation				
1146 On the Air				
1147 Music				
1151 Background Conversation				
1151 Music - German				
1157 This is a Test announcement				
1200 WA2XMN On the Air' Female announcer.				
What type of transmitter and antenna are you using.				
Long Live Major Armstrong!				
Regards and 73,				
Michael St. Angelo N2MS				
8	Air	6/11/2005 12:05:00 PM	Bill Fastenau	Massapequa Park, NY
Greetings,				
Hearing you in Massapequa Park, NY on 42.80. AOR multi-mode RX in WFM and a vertical cut for 46 MHz at about 30 feet.				
Thanks for your effort! I'm looking forward to an enjoyable afternoon of radio.				
Bill Fastenau WB2QGZ				
9	Web	6/11/2005 12:05:00 PM	Ronald Long	Columbus, O
6/11/2005 9:05 AM				
10	Air	6/11/2005 12:05:00 PM	Mitch Kosofsky, W2MSK	Bergenfield, NJ
Listening to you on 42.8mhz from Bergenfield, NJ. Sounds great!				
11	Web	6/11/2005 12:05:00 PM	Kurtis Paull	Toronto
I am listening on the web				

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12 Air 6/11/2005 12:06:00 PM Mark Robbins  
Receiving you on 42.8 MHz with an Icom R-7000. Sounds great

13 Web 6/11/2005 12:06:00 PM Anthony Timberlak  
I am a new broadcaster and hoping to open my own station one day. Isn't it true that after September 11 the Armstrong Tower was used to aid many broadcasting companies?  
Thanks for allow me to listen to this great broadcast, I am listening on the internet through the website.

14 Web 6/11/2005 12:06:00 PM Marlo K. Kooistra  
I am listening to the broadcast via the internet through WFDU's website.

15 Web 6/11/2005 12:06:00 PM Bill Donnermeyer Union, KY  
I'm listening on the internet in Union, Kentucky.  
Fantastic program, keep up the good work!!!  
73  
Bill, NM4A

16 Web? 6/11/2005 12:06:00 PM William Vogel  
THE MAJOR LIVES IN EVERY FM RADIO TODAY  
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KC2GSK  
THE MAJOR LIVES IN EVERY FM RADIO TODAY  
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KC2GSK

17 Web? 6/11/2005 12:06:00 PM Isaac grover River Falls, Wisconsin  
Hi,  
I'm looking forward to a great show today, but some of my associates aren't able to listen right now.  
Will there be an archived version available later?  
Isaac Grover

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18	Web	6/11/2005 12:06:00 PM	Bill Gillman	Salt Lake City, UT
				Listening in Salt Lake City, a devotee of the Major and his work. Bill Gillman
19	Web	6/11/2005 12:06:00 PM	Steve Malis	Atlanta, Ga.
				I'm listening on the web from Atlanta GA. My very best to you all. Steve Malis N4ABC
20	Web	6/11/2005 12:06:00 PM	Bernie Lechner	
				I am listening on the internet. Give my regards to my good friend Ren McMann.
21	Air	6/11/2005 12:07:00 PM	Alan Crosswell	Briarcliff Manor, NY
				RST 59 on 42.8Mc in Briarcliff Manor, NY please QSL 73 de Alan N2YGK
22	Web	6/11/2005 12:07:00 PM	G. Pierce	Quebec City
				Congratulations from a (virtual) listener up in Canada. I've been an amateur radio operator since 1976 and remember learning about the theories of Major Armstrong back before passing my first government test. A sign of the evolution is that today I'm receiving your audio via the Internet... G. Pierce, VE2AHI
23	Air	6/11/2005 12:07:00 PM	Casey Raskob	Croton on Hudson, NY
				Hi ! I'm listening on 42.8, with a minireceiver, a Yaesu VX-2R, a gadget which the Major would be amazed by. While 40 miles north of you, in Croton on Hudson, you are 60/9 db, and sound wonderful. Can we get some modern FM broadcasters to sound as good as you ? Casey Raskob K2FIX
24	Web	6/11/2005 12:07:00 PM	Ron Smith	
				...and am patching it thru my Ramsey FM-10 for use around the house...fm-to-net-to fm. The Major would be amused. Best Regards Ron Smith WA4JNX

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25	Web	6/11/2005 12:07:00 PM	Michael Ansel	Corpus Christi, TX
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I'm listening over the web in Corpus Christi, TX. Is there a way to download a copy of this broadcast after it is over? Thanks! This is great that people actually care about the history of radio and not just the future of it.

26	Web	6/11/2005 12:07:00 PM	Jim Cassedy	San Francisco
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Hi-  
I'm listening to your broadcast on the 'net.  
Shortly after Sept 11 2001, when I read that NBC had moved it's transmitters to Armstrong tower I remember saying to a friend of mine: "Somewhere, David Sarnoff is spinning in his grave."

27	Air	6/11/2005 12:07:00 PM	Robert G. Schaffrath	Glen Head, NY
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I want to report excellent S9 reception of the 42.8mc in Glen Head, NY (I figure "mc" instead of "MHz" to maintain the jargon of the period; before my time having been born in 1962). Considering I can see the Armstrong tower from Sea Cliff, NY (two miles away), I am not surprised that the signal was strong. In fact, I have better reception and audio on 42.8 than on 89.1!

When I first read about the broadcast in the ARRL Letter I figured it would be a simple matter to tune one of my scanners to 42.8 and all would be set to go. When I visited the WA2XMN website and saw that it was going to be a wideband FM transmission, I realized there was going to be a problem. As luck would have it, I have a very old military RT-176/PRC-10 transceiver which happens to have a 15KHz deviation and tunes from 38 to 55MHz. I had not fired it up in years due to not having a decent 24V power supply. I was able to throw together a relatively simple 24V power supply and get it up and running. Once I tuned it to 42.8MHz, I heard a nice clear signal with good audio. I am sure the Major would appreciate the use of a military FM radio to receive this broadcast!

Attached is a picture of the equipment I used to receive this broadcast (you can see the dial set to 42.8). The RT-176/PRC-10 is on top and the bottom unit is an AM-598/U that provides power to the transceiver.

73,  
Robert G. Schaffrath  
Amateur Radio Operator N2JTX

28	Web?	6/11/2005 12:07:00 PM	Jeff Saunders	
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Dear Alpine Tower and FM lovers:  
Thank you so much for hosting today's event commorating Maj Armstrong and the invention of FM.

So few people also remember Maj Armstrong invented the 1st "portable" radio and gave it to his wife (remember the famous photo on the beach)

My question: what was the early relationship between the Major's patents and the consortium of RCA, Westinghouse, and GE? Did the government interced? and hence, did the Major choose RCA over Westinghouse and GE? in other words, what pulled Major Armstrong to the RCA side?

Regards,  
Jeff Saunders  
WA2CXL

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29	Web	6/11/2005 12:07:00 PM	Ed Allen	Tampa Bay Florida
<p>Enjoying your broadcast on the web.</p> <p>I hope you will give some technical information on the W2XMN transmitter you are using today.</p> <p>Many years ago I saw some of the Major's original equipment at the Smithsonian. Very fascinating.</p> <p>Ed Allen WA4ISB</p>				
30	Web?	6/11/2005 12:07:00 PM	Dana Prescott	Northampton, M
<p>WOW!</p> <p>Thanks, folks! (Listening on the web.) Just wanted to let you know that our new LPFM station in Northampton, MA - WXOJ-LP - 103.3 -- was in fact named as a tribute to W1XOJ, the very first Armstrong FM station built in New England by Major Armstrong himself. The transmitter site in Paxton, MA, ran 500,000 watts ERP, and served not only the Boston area, but put a regular signal into the Washington, DC area as well, in the 44 MHz range! WXOJ is now testing on 103.3 at 100 watts, and should begin full-time operations in August, accompanied by a national Grassroots Radio Conference and Prometheus Barnraising Event.</p> <p>Thanks for this! Hope you'll make an .mp3/IPOD version of the entire broadcast available online.</p> <p>Dana Prescott (KB1F) Site-Tech Committee WXOJ-LP, Northampton, MA</p>				
31	Web	6/11/2005 12:07:00 PM	Russell Lundsgaard	Glenview, IL
<p>Listening to broadcast via the Internet from Glenview, IL, near Chicago.</p> <p>Russell Lundsgaard N9AGW</p>				
32	Web	6/11/2005 12:09:00 PM	Kevin Kane	Austin, Texas
<p>I'm listening to the program over the website from Austin, Texas. I tuned up 42.8MHz to see if it might propagate here, but no luck, I'm afraid.</p>				
33	Web	6/11/2005 12:09:00 PM	Jeff Moreland	Morton, IL
<p>Im an antique radio collector listening through the internet in Morton, IL. Too bad Im not close enough to listen to your program on one of my radios with Armstrong FM band.</p>				

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34	Web	6/11/2005 12:09:00 PM	John Croft, Jr.	Washington, DC
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Hello Broadcasters!

Listening via the World Wide Web in Washington, DC . . . at the Voice of America the United States International Broadcaster for the World.

I am a technician maintaining VOA studio equipment and related signal distribution throughout the headquarters plant.

I am also a licensed amateur radio operator, K3NJ; Vice President of the VOA Amateur Radio Club, K3VOA.

Before coming to work in Washington, D. C., I worked in FM radio . . . most notable WADB New Jersey's first "automated" broadcast station from Belmar and licensed to serve Point Pleasant, N. J. on 95.9 MHz.

Thanks for making the program available!

-- John Croft, Jr., RBT & SBE CSRBTE Voice of America (VOA/OBSR)

35	Air	6/11/2005 12:09:00 PM	David Kozinn	River Vale, NJ
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Congratulations on your anniversary broadcast from the Armstrong tower. I am currently listening to the broadcast on one of my ham radios (an Icom 706 Mk IIG) from River Vale, NJ, about 7 miles or so from the tower. Needless to say, reception is perfect here.

I grew up in Demarest, NJ, and the tower was visible from my bedroom window, and in fact, when I was very young, I remember being scared by the anti-collision lights on the tower, and had to keep my shades closed at night!

Congratulations again on getting the broadcast on the air.

David Kozinn, K2DBK

36	Web	6/11/2005 12:09:00 PM	Joe LeKostaj	Chicago
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Hello. Am listening to the commemorative broadcast in Chicago via internet. Congratulations to everyone involved for recognizing this significant anniversary of FM radio.

37	Tent	6/11/2005 12:09:00 PM	Mark Humphrey	
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Enjoying the program in the tent. Solid copy of this morning's test from Bedminster to here.

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38	Air	6/11/2005 12:09:00 PM	Mark Herson	West Orange, N
				<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'd like to report reception of the Armstrong Special Broadcast</p> <p>42.8 MCs S9 + 60db Icom IC-706 MKiiG mobile with 7' vertical whip  42.8 MCs S9 + Yaesu FT-817 with 1' whip</p> <p>89.1 MHz S9 Sony ICF-2010 with built-in whip collapsed</p> <p>Streaming audio on the web.</p> <p>Location: West Orange, NJ Gridsquare FN20ut</p> <p>Great broadcast! Keep up the good work.</p> <p>73, Mark Herson, N2MH</p>
39	Web	6/11/2005 12:09:00 PM	John W Sikora	
				<p>In response to your request on how I'm listening to the demo...</p> <p>Via the internet. I'm too far from the transmitter site to hear it directly.</p> <p>Btw – The program internet audio sounded better than the streaming audio of WFDU.</p> <p>Thanks for this interesting program.</p> <p>John W Sikora, WB9IWN</p>
40	Web	6/11/2005 12:09:00 PM	David Zatopek	Dallas, TX
				<p>Great program.</p>
41	Web	6/11/2005 12:13:00 PM	Fred Kelcz	Madison, WI
				<p>Listening via streaming audio in Madison, WI. Cannot hear 42.8 MHz direct. I own AM/FM console radio with TWO FM bands, dating from Armstrong days. Thank you for putting on this historic event.</p> <p>Fred Kelcz,  Amateur Radio N9SLR</p>
42	Air	6/11/2005 12:14:00 PM	Conrad Schmidt	
				<p>Your 42.8 megacycle (Mhz) signal sound great on my wide band FM scanner.  Sorry no "S" meter.</p>



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43	Web	6/11/2005 12:14:00 PM	Lewis Steingold	Virginia Beach, VA
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FM would be a stretch from here and my communications receiver doesn't go above 30MHz.

Thanks for putting this on the net. I always find that any informative history of radio commands my interest.

I have been a licensed ham radio operator for 53 years so if it's radio related, I'm listening.

I shouldn't have to tell you how hams contribute to the well being and safety of all of us but at this very moment the amateur radio Hurricane Net is in session sending real time hurricane information to the National Hurricane Center with on scene reports to better enable the Center to send out safety information concerning the Gulf Coast storm.

Thanks.

Lew W4BLO  
American Radio Relay League Asst. Director  
Roanoke Division  
Virginia Beach, VA

44	Web	6/11/2005 12:15:00 PM	Charles A. Higgins	
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To Whom It May Concern:

Per your request I wish you to know that I am listening to the program via the Internet.

Haverford High School, in Havertown, Pa., which commenced broadcasting in 1949 as the first high school non-commercial educational FM station used a GE BT-11B 10 W FM transmitter whose modulator used the Phasitron tube and in the station's files was a letter from Major Armstrong granting us a license to use his invention of FM for a fee of \$1.00.

Congratulations on this public service program promoting the wonderful invention of FM.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Higgins  
Retired Technician  
WCAU Stations, Phila., Pa.

45	Web	6/11/2005 12:15:00 PM	Dino Bloise	Hollywood, FL
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Loud and Clear via web[WFDU-FM] here in Hollywood, Florida.

Thank you for the special transmission.

46	Air	6/11/2005 12:16:00 PM	Allen Schaeffer	Old Tappan, NJ
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I am receiving the broadcast on 42.8 mhz, I heard station WA2XMN go on the air at just after 11:45 AM EST 6/11/05. The music was good. I am using a Motorola P200 and a Bearcat BC100 scanner, when the deviation is low it sounds fine, too bad I don't have any wideband equipment for this band. How can I get a QSL card for this historic event? I think Judy is right, Major Armstrong is looking down right now saying "yippee!"

allan schaeffer  
56 ogle rd  
old tappan, NJ 07675

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47	Web?	6/11/2005 12:16:00 PM	Brian Moore	Beachwood, NJ

Brian Moore, Afternoon Personality of WOBFM-FM Tom's River, NJ...listening in from Beachwood New Jersey this afternoon:

I am, and have been a huge fan, of the Major's work for some time now. I owe my life's livelihood to his efforts and invention.

I think we should do more to bring the story of the invention of FM and Major Armstrong to light. It makes for a classic American tale of one man's heroics (allowing his invention to be used free of charge by our armed forces at no personal financial gain to himself) his struggle against big business--what David Sarnoff did to him was incredibly cruel and unfair (similarities years later between Steve Jobs and Bill Gates?) and his untimely demise (not fully realizing how successful and lucrative his invention would become and how it would continue to serve others years before his death). Someone certainly should consider making this a movie or at least write a book of the complete story. Its fascinating!

One more thing, I'd like to ask the present tower owner's company, if they wouldn't consider making the site a Alpine Tower Site and its building a national historic place, and make it open to broadcasters who want to tour it (and the public at large). It would be great to see first-hand and learn about this historic site with the original call letters still in the building.

Thanks for reading my e-mail, and again for you program today!

48	Air	6/11/2005 12:17:00 PM	Michael Dunn	Fanwood, NJ
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Hi Gang,

I am listening to this broadcast from both the 42.8 MHZ broadcast from the Alpine tower, as well as the streaming audio from WFDU on the Internet. I am recording both.

I'm a radio amateur. My call is N2QAC. I am a lifelong admirer of Edwin Armstrong, and have been anticipating this broadcast since I first heard about it.

I am listening to the broadcast from Alpine using a Kenwood TS-60 6 meter ham rig that is capable of tuning the frequency. I am receiving you guy's 60 db over S9 using a Discone antenna up about 40 feet. The only problem is your bandwidth. I am receiving about 5 KHZ wide, but you must be wider then my receiver can handle. The higher the modulation input, the more distortion I am receiving. I am located in Fanwood, New Jersey. I listened to all the testing you guy's were doing before the program started at 12pm. I heard the engineer's and the opera music that was transmitted. I have been taping since about 9:30am. I would like to know what you actual transmitted bandwidth is.

I watched the Empire of the Air broadcast on public television, and I totally loved it. This is great that you guy's are doing a tribute program. Armstrong deserves it big time!!!

Thank you all for doing it!

Mike Drum, N2QAC

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49	Web	6/11/2005 12:17:00 PM	Gerald W. Murray	Albany, NY

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Greetings from Albany, NY

Listening to the web cast

I am just sorry that I can't be downstate listing on the original frequency (42.8 MHz).

Could you discuss the ironies surrounding the Empire State building, the Alpine Tower, and the World Trade Center?

As you know, David Sarnoff had given Major Armstrong space in the Empire State building to perform FM experiments.

Mr. Armstrong was forced to relocate out of the Empire State building because David Sarnoff of RCA wanted it for television experiments.

Eventually most (if not all) of the NY area FM and TV stations set up in the Empire State building.

Most of them moved to the World Trade Center in the 70's.

All of them were lost on September 11.

The station which suffered the least impact was WCBS, which had maintained a backup at the Empire State building.

The other stations had to perform emergency relocations. Many of them (including WNBC, which had at one time been owned by RCA) relocated to Alpine tower.

Thanks again

Gerald W. Murray  
Amateur Call WA2IWW

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50	Web	6/11/2005 12:18:00 PM	Bryan Jackson	Albany, NY
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Hi Judy and all...

A note to let you know I'm listening via the net here in Albany, NY. And a special hello to Judy... my old friend from Glen Rock.

Radio has always had a special place for me... from my days of running a bootleg 100 watt AM station during high school from the bedroom of my home in Glen Rock (yes, I did eventually get a visit from the FCC about that)... to obtaining an FCC license for a new FM station here in the Albany market (yes, legally).

I have visited the Armstrong site many times and have often envisioned what it must have been like during the days he worked there. I can only imagine all of the advances that might have been had his life not ended when it did. In fact, during one visit to the Armstrong site I met a gentleman who told me he had worked for him. He said that Armstrong had many ideas in the works, but that most were still in his head and went with him when he died.

Anyway, I just wanted to drop a note, and to thank you for honoring an incredible man.

Bryan Jackson

PS -- I think the Armstrong site should be placed on the register of Historic Places!

51	Web	6/11/2005 12:19:00 PM	Steve Levy	California
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Thank-you ALL for this wonderful well deserved event!!!

52	Web?	6/11/2005 12:19:00 PM	HighMusic	
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Check out this AIR CHECK of Yankee Network/W1XOJ from @ 1940, featuring the voice of Major Armstrong himself:

<http://www.wdrcobg.com/audio/21441.ram>

Host page:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/ggninfo/audio.htm>

53	Air	6/11/2005 12:21:00 PM	Steve	Linden NJ
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I am listening to your broadcast on 42.8Mhz in Linden NJ on an ICOM 746Mk II G

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54	Web	6/11/2005 12:23:00 PM	Bob Hoffman	St. Louis, MO
<p>I'm listening via internet in St. Louis. The program is fascinating.  Thanks for paying tribute to one of the greatest inventors who gave so much of himself to create the broadcast medium we use today. The accomplishments of Major Armstrong and the other radio pioneers are often taken for granted today. In a way, many of us have Major Armstrong to thank for making our careers possible.  I am Chief Engineer of WIL-FM in St. Louis and a member of the St. Louis chapter of the Society of Broadcast Engineers.  Will recordings of this broadcast be available for purchase?</p> <p>Bob Hoffman  Manchester, MO</p>				
55	Air	6/11/2005 12:25:00 PM	Phil Nelson	Huntington , LI
<p>Hearing you loud (about a S9 ) in Huntington , LI. Receiver is a ICOM 756Pro and a Comet X2000 Antenna about 20 ft. above the ground. Only problem is I am unable to receive a wideband FM signal on the ICOM.</p> <p>On a Uniden 796D scanner (same antenna) , signal strenth is about a S3 and "fried eggs" noise.</p> <p>Great to see Major Armstrong getting the recognition deserves !!</p> <p>Phil Nelson  N2PN</p>				
56	Web	6/11/2005 12:25:00 PM	Ed Mullin	
<p>Listening to streaming audio on the WFDU website. Loud and clear with what seems like some LF breath pop noises (modulation artifacts?) These disappeared after fifteen minutes or so as the program continued.</p> <p>Thanks for the living history!</p> <p>Ed Mullin  Broadcast Audio Design Engineer (retired)</p>				
57	Web	6/11/2005 12:26:00 PM	Brian Dorval	Brunswick, ME
<p>Listening on the web and 42.8 Mhz from Brunswick, Maine. But I can't hear the over the air broadcast.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Brian, AA1WI</p>				
58	Air	6/11/2005 12:27:00 PM	John Kent	Norwalk, CT
<p>Full-quieting signal at amateur radio station K1VMI in Norwalk, CT. I'm using an indoor dipole antenna, strung for the occasion.</p> <p>Thanks for putting on the event,</p> <p>John Kent</p>				
59	Web	6/11/2005 12:30:00 PM	Charles Schneck	
<p>This is a great broadcast. Only wish I were in LOS range of the Alpine tower. 73 de W1EH</p>				

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60 Web? 6/11/2005 12:33:00 PM George Strum

It is amazing how the "father" of television, Filo Farnsworth shared a similar fate of neglect and abuse with Armstrong in getting their proper recognition. In 1957 Farnsworth appeared as a guest on I've Got A Secret not one of guest panelists knew or remembered who he was. Perhaps programs like yours will help younger people become aware of this history.

61 Web 6/11/2005 12:35:00 PM David Carroll Las Vegas, NV

Questions

I am listening in Las Vegas via internet at Ballys Hotel Casino.

How do you compare Major Armstrong's battles to achieve his due recognition with Nicola Tesla's ??  
I noticed on the net that it was estimated 500,000 receivers were in place at 42 mhz  
David Carroll

62 Air 6/11/2005 12:38:00 PM William Lloyd Leslie Ossining, NY

Dear WA2XMN,

I am listening to your broadcast from my home in Ossining, N.Y. This is being done via my Amateur "Ham" Radio Icom 706MKIIG transceiver on 42.8 MHz. I was wondering what type of antenna you are using? Is the antenna located on the tower? If so, how high off the ground?

Just so you know I 18 years old and have been a Amateur "Ham" Radio operator since 2000. I'm an Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 49 Ossining, N.Y. and have just completed my first year of Electricity at SUNY Delhi.

My sincere thanks to everyone involved in making this event possible!!

Sincerely,

"WIRES"  
Amateur Call Sign KC2FYF  
WilliamLloyd Leslie

63 Web 6/11/2005 12:45:00 PM Arron Madrinan

I'm listening here, sitting on my bed and studying a bit, and I must say, I couldn't imagine my daily life as a college student without listening to my daily dose of FM radio. Thanks for fighting hard for such a wonderful gift, Mr. Armstrong. \*saLUEte\*

~ JustAnotherLUEser

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64	Web	6/11/2005 12:47:00 PM	Morgan Ingersoll	Wilmington, DE
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Hello,

I am listening by web from Wilmington, DE. I'm very glad this event was able to take place. Thank you for all your efforts!

Morgan Ingersoll

12:50 PM

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65	Web	6/11/2005 12:50:00 PM	Mark Steven Williams	Louisville KY
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Listening here in Southern Indiana via the webcast. Attempting to hear you on 42.8 Mhz with 6m VHF array at 100 ft. No go.

I'm wondering whether any of your panelists knew or worked with Mr. Gene Anthony.

I had the good fortune to know Gene Anthony (believe his amatuer call was K4MK-now SK). I met Mr. Anthony through a local amateur radio club in Louisville, KY. Prior to WW2 Mr. Anthony worked at Armstrong labs. He was working for Armstrong when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Gene had the presence of mind to record Roosevelt's "day of infamy" declaration of war speech, in it's entirety, via W2XMN. As Gene told the story the "major" networks were instructed to cut away from Roosevelt's speech at a certain point because some opposition to the declaration of war was expected from a congresswoman from Colorado.

Because W2XMN was relatively unknown the station was allowed to continue airing the feed of Roosevelt's speech to it's conclusion. Gene recorded the entire speech using a disc recorder there in the Armstrong labs. Apparently this recording was one of the few, or possibly the only complete recording of the speech.

On the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor Mr. Anthony received a number of requests for copies of his recordings, including CSPAN.

On Sunday, December 7th, 1991 Mr. Anthony joined me on the air at WHAS AM in Louisville (where I am still employed today) and we broadcast the speech, as recorded from W2XMN, in it's entirety.

Following the declaration of war in the Pacific, Mr. Anthony went to work with General Electric developing over the horizon radar. Only weeks after December 8th he was working in San Francisco and then on to the Pacific where he worked aboard submarines. Mr. Anthony came to Louisville on assignment for GE in developing and marketing television broadcast and receivers.

Major Armstrong is my hero. He was an amazing visionary. I've built a number of superegen receivers and at this year's Dayton Hamvention I purchased a Meissner "Frequency Modulation Receptor" which tunes 39 to 44 Mhz. Another prized possession is a 1949 edition of "Radio" magazine which contains a cover feature article authored by the Major describing the FM broadcast service which virtually sets the standards for the FM broadcast service.

Thank you so much for what you are doing today.

Regards,

Mark Steven Williams  
Clear Channel Radio, Louisville KY  
Amateur Call K9GX

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66	Air	6/11/2005 12:50:00 PM	Ken Barber	Middletown, NJ
				Hi,  Receiving your signal on my old SX-62 with a 75 meter dipole. It's a quieting signal with good audio.  Thanks and 73,  Ken Barber W2DTC Middletown, NJ
67	Air	6/11/2005 12:50:00 PM	Hugh Davey	Long Valley NJ
				Hello all,  Listening on the 'net, but also barely readable on a late 40's 2 FM band Zenith (with the Armstrong label on the back)..  Thanks for the radio milestone.  Hugh Davey, Antique Wireless Association Conference Chairman N2XBC  Long Valley NJ
68	Web	6/11/2005 12:50:00 PM	Mike Daniels	Winchester, KY
				I may have used the wrong email address, so I'll try again.  I'm listening on the web in Winchester, KY.  Mike Daniels
69	Web	6/11/2005 12:50:00 PM	Ron Cowan	Kansas
				Listening with great interest on the web !  Ron-KB0DTI Kansas
70	Air	6/11/2005 12:51:00 PM	Phil Gresl	Staten Island, NY
				Hello, Real time reception report on 42.800 is 59+ on my Yaesu FT-897D into Staten Island, NY Good Luck and 73, Phil Gresl W2PKG



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71    Web        6/11/2005 12:51:00 PM    Thomas Higgins

To Management of WFDU:

As a former broadcast TV engineer, I salute all concerned at your station for bringing together the great minds and rich memories for this occasion. With so much ignorance and lack of interest in the history of science that prevails today, this commemoration and tribute to Armstrong is a most worthy undertaking.

Steve Hemphill deserves special recognition for building the phasitron transmitter which--even through the sieve of the digital streaming processors that are bringing this to all of us far away--sounds so very warm, clear and clean.

All that remains to do now is address the abysmal content, lack of musical variety and vise-like dynamic compression that has rendered the FM band yet another vast wasteland.

--Tom Higgins BA CBT SBE

72    Web        6/11/2005 12:51:00 PM    Alan P. Deme                                      Albuquerque, NM

Listening via the internet. Very interesting show.

Just a side note. I believe my father, John Deme, was the engineer at Meriden Mountain who recorded the original test from Alpine to Paxton and back to Alpine via the WDRC site on Meriden.

Alan P. Deme  
W5APD  
Albuquerque, NM

73    Air         6/11/2005 12:57:00 PM    Christopher Kent                                      Ramsey, NJ

QTH: Ramsey, NJ 07446

74    Air         6/11/2005 12:58:00 PM    Ray Nahl    Cortlandt Manor, NY

QTH,  
here in Cortlandt Manor, NY on 42.8 Mhz ,with my Kenwood TH-F6  
HT. The signal strength here is moderate. Thanks for the program.

73 de Ray Nahl, W2CH

75    Web        6/11/2005 1:00:00 PM    Steve Lagreid                                      Seattle, WA

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

A wonderful broadcast and look back in time, as told by some who were there.

Fantastic!

Steve Lagreid, N7TQA  
Seattle, WA

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76	Air?	6/11/2005 1:00:00 PM	Bud Weisberg	Bergenfield, NJ
<p>I'm enjoying the broadcast no end!</p> <p>I was a regular listener of W2XMN, picking up the signal in the Bronx on a Pilot console receiver; at the time it was the only station left on the 40mc band, as the band had just been shifted up the spectrum.</p> <p>I seem to recall the announcements, on the half-hour... "These are the pioneer FM stations W2XMN and W2XEA, located at Alpine NJ. We now return to our recorded music..." I think signoff time was 10 pm and the source of the recordings was given to the Continental Broadcasting Co. I never heard any other reference to the W2XEA call.</p> <p>Broadcast listening was never the same after the station went silent.</p> <p>Cordially,</p> <p>Bud Weisberg K2YOF Bergenfield, NJ</p>				
77	Air	6/11/2005 1:02:00 PM	George Bonanno	Clifton, NJ
<p>Q5 in Clifton, NJ on 42.8 MC.</p> <p>73, George, K2XL</p>				
78	Web	6/11/2005 1:03:00 PM	Bob Paine	Richland, WA
<p>I'm listening on the WFDU website. My location is Richland, Washington, between Yakima and Walla Walla.</p> <p>My question is hypothetical - what might have happened to FM and television had the Major joined forces with Allen B. DuMont of the DuMont Television Network and Philo T. Farnsworth, regarded by many (myself included) as the true inventor of television. Also - can someone describe the studio of W2XMN? I understand there was a problem with RF interference.</p> <p>73, Bob Paine KA3ZCI</p>				
79	Air	6/11/2005 1:06:00 PM	Marc Eidelberg	Nyack, NY
<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am receiving the broadcast on 42.8 MHz at a signal level of -82 dBm in Nyack N.Y.</p> <p>The receiver is an IFR-1900 communications service monitor, with a telescoping antenna on the unit.</p> <p>I am a long time admirer of Major Armstrong, as radio has been an important part of my life since childhood. His progresses in the field have made the most important parts of my life more enjoyable.</p> <p>Marc Eidelberg Nyack, NY Amateur call WR2I</p>				

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80    Web    6/11/2005 1:14:00 PM    Chris Wiener                                      Morris Plains, NJ

Thank you!!!  
The broadcast of this event was very moving and makes me proud of the contributions that we Amateur Radio operators have made.  
Growing up in Tenafly, I frequently drove up Route 9W and looked up in awe at this most impressive structure. Booming signal here in Morris Plains.  
Would appreciate a QSL if you have one. Glad to supply an SASE if needed.  
Looking forward to the 75th anniversary.  
--â€¦/..-- and thanks again!!  
-../. Chris N2CR  
Chris Wiener N2CR

81    Air    6/11/2005 1:15:00 PM    Robert Curtis

I listened to your program today at noon EDT on 42.8MHz. A good clear signal.

Robert Curtis  
K2RLW

82    Web    6/11/2005 1:30:00 PM    Roderick Thompson                                      Cape Cod, Minn.

WA2XMN 42.8 MHz FM

I am Listening live by Media Player at: mms://64.92.199.76/WFDU-FM

No Joy on 42.8 MHz from Cape Cod, Minn. nor K.C. from receivers

83    Air    6/11/2005 1:52:00 PM    Mike Masterson                                      Budd Lake,NJ

Steve ,AI and WA2XMN:  
Attached is a reception report that is a little bit better, your ID at 1:00PM.

Your program was fantastic! Please Keep the station on during the duration of you license and if you can get a renewal or extention, it will be well worth it! If you can rebroadcast from the Educational FM band or NPR, it will have significant value to the public.

Your 250 Watts at 42.8 MHz is doing superb "Coming in like a Ton Of Bricks!", but I can not hear WFDU @ 89.1 MHz due to Mercer County also at 89.1 MHz.

I wonder if the 42MHz FM Broadcast band has been restarted today?

73's  
Mike,WN2A

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84	Air	6/11/2005 1:57:00 PM	Harry Klancer	East Brunswick, NJ
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East Brunswick, New Jersey

Signal here is approx. 4x5

Receiver Philco 42-350

half-wave vertical - (temporary - hanging out a second story window)

Harry Klancer  
(NJARC member)

85	Web	6/11/2005 2:04:00 PM	John Wendt	Anaheim, CA
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I am listening to this historic broadcast from Anaheim, California via WFDU on the Internet.

If a QSL card is available, I would really enjoy that, as well as a recording of this broadcast!

Your efforts in this broadcast and presentation are a wonderful tribute to this great inventor!

73! de John Wendt WA6BFH

86	Air	6/11/2005 2:36:00 PM	Jim Minor	Long Island, NY
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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Please let me thank you for going to the trouble for securing the license and transmitting on the original frequency that Maj. Armstrong used. I was delighted to receive it and hear Maj. Armstrong's voice coming out of the radio on that frequency. For many people Maj. Armstrong is an underground cult figure in radio history and it is great to hear him honored in this manner for his many works.

I was unfortunately called out to work and wasn't able to catch the beginning of the broadcast, but was able to start listening around 130pm. I was mobile using a Icom IC-706MkIIIG Amateur Radio transceiver with a tuner and a 6' mobile whip. I was initially parked under railroad tracks in Hicksville, Long Island and had the signal S9 in narrow mode and about S5 in wide with some noise. As I traveled west on the South Shore of Long Island toward my home on the edge of New York City, the signal went to full quieting in wide mode. That's simply outstanding for 250 watts from Alpine, NJ. You may get some long distance reports from people experiencing Sporadic-E propagation.

Thanks again for going to the trouble, it was great to hear that transmission. I can't think of a better way to honor the memory of Maj. Armstrong, and it's great to see the tower in operation to this day. I hope to catch the web rebroadcast later in it's entire length.

Best regards,

Jim Minor  
Amateur Radio Station W2DSX  
Long Island, NY

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87	Air	6/11/2005 3:12:00 PM	Joe Knight	Midland Park, NJ
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t was great fun to hear WA2XMN on 42.8 Mhz. I have enjoyed listen to your broadcast here in Midland Park, NJ. I have recorded most of your broadcast. As a fellow communications engineer I can appricate what Armstrong problems.

What is the future plans for WA2XMN?

Will the site be open for viewing of the transmitter at

88	Air	6/11/2005 3:28:00 PM	Steven Dugan	Andover Twp. Nj
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Hello: When I could not receive the 42.8 mHz. broadcast at my home, I visited the "Aeroflex" Tower in Andover Twp. and connected my IC-R7000 to an unused 45 Mhz. antenna at 174 ft. AGL (about 1200 ft. MSL). The S-meter shows a signal roughly equal to -80 dBm.

xmn1.jpg - IC-R7000 receives W2XMN nicely.

89	Air	6/11/2005 4:12:00 PM	Mitch Kosofsky	Bergenfield, NJ
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Congratulations!

I listened to the entire broadcast and it maintained 30db over nine via my Icom PCR-1000 receiver S-meter using a discone antenna mounted 20 feet on top of my roof. Of course, my location in Bergenfield NJ would expect a strong signal but the transmitter performed flawlessly. I monitored the modulation via my Icom IC-756proIII spectrum display and the modulation energy peaked at about +/- 70mhz from the center 42.8mhz carrier.

Coincidentally, the ARRL VHF contest started at 2pm today, an auspicious coincidence.

Regards

Mitch Kosofsky, W2MSK

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90	Web	6/11/2005 4:22:00 PM	Frank Pingree	Bartlett-Jackson, NH

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Congratulations on a fanatastic radio broadcast undertaking!

I have been listening to and recording via the WFDU website on an excellent transmission of this program.

I am in possession of the recording made via the Yankee Network which in part was played on this program. FYI, the narrator introducing that tape was Robert Coe, an Engineer for many years at WDRC AM/FM in Hartford, CT. where I had worked with him. The 1/2 hour 1/4 inch tape I have of that Yankee Broadcast was apparently recorded on Mt. Washington, N.H. with all network stations and Major Armstrong being heard.

This Station, WJSK is in the Mt. Washington Valley of NH just a short distance from the point of origination of that broadcast.

WJSK is a non-commercial station. Is it possible for us to rebroadcast the Anniversary Program on WJSK? (Including Radio Empire of the Air )?

One of our ON AIR slogans is THE WAY RADIO USED TO BE. We would like to make it a Sun. evening re-broadcast and promote the program "The Way Radio Used to Be."

Please let me know.

Thanks and again,--applause, applause to everyone who participated in your production.

Regards,

Frank Pingree, GM  
WJSK Radio  
Bartlett-Jackson, NH  
Mt. Washington Valley

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91	Web	6/11/2005 4:44:00 PM	Michael Biel	Morehead, KY
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I have listened to the Armstrong tribute broadcast here in Morehead, Kentucky via the internet. I grew up in Teaneck, New Jersey (616 Ramapo Road) just up the street from FDU, and I even taught broadcasting there as an adjunct between 1974 and 1977. I am a Professor of Radio-TV here at Morehead State University. I would have sent a message during the program but did not want to risk having the email program crash my internet recording program.

As a broadcast historian I do want to dispute one of the contentions discussed during the live portions of the program, namely that AT&T's network broadcasting lines normally only had a 5 KHz. bandwidth. I have evidence in print that the main network trunks put in service between 1932 and 1934 extended to a 10KHz. bandwidth. I could also supply you with recorded evidence that this is so. When I was in charge of the NBC Chicago collection which had been donated to Northwestern University, the recordings made in Chicago of New York and West Coast NBC programs regularly met and exceeded the 10 KHz. frequency response. While it is always preferable to have recordings made in the city of origination, the original discs of network programming made in the 1930s and 1940s do show wide bandwidth if the cities of origin and recording were on the main trunk. The situation did become worse in the 1950s when more attention was lavished on TV lines, and it was at that point when 5 KHz. lines were all that were supplied to the radio network. But the lines WERE better in the earlier years. (But FM interlinks would have been much better!!!!)

Thank you for providing this program honoring Armstrong.

Michael Biel, Ph.D.  
 Professor, Radio-TV  
 Morehead State University  
 Morehead, Kentucky 40351

92	Air	6/11/2005 4:48:00 PM	AMC MATADOR	
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4:48 PM  
 received station WA2xmn 42.8mc FM clear strong signal using log periodic roof antenna

93	Web	6/11/2005 4:53:00 PM	Roger Kolakowski	Boston
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I ran tape on the 4 hour special off of WFDU.FM streaming but would like to try to hear the station from Boston....is the 42.8 transmitter only scheduled to be on during the 4 hour commemorative broadcasts?

Maybe ID every half hour?

Just wishing

Roger  
 WA1KAT

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94    Air            6/11/2005 5:01:00 PM    Hugh Davy                                    Long Valley, NJ

I listened on the internet but could receive the distorted audio (narrow receiver) on a hand held Uniden scanner with a rubber duck, if I held it in the right spot.

I also tried to receive on a Zenith with old and new FM. With only the line cord antenna the audio was barely distinguishable from the noise. The set was unrestored.

Thanks for a great presentation.

Hugh Davey  
N2XBC  
Antique Wireless Association Conference Chairman

95    Air            6/11/2005 5:43:00 PM    Mike Christiansen                            Griggstown NJ

I've been listening most of the afternoon until about 1/2 hour ago and the signal in Griggstown NJ was acceptable to good. My Hallicrafters SX62 heard you reasonably well as did my SX42. My Icom T90A handi-talkie received you best with a full quieting signal. The antenna is a random length long wire approx. 140' long and about 25 to 30 ft off the ground. I enjoyed listening this afternoon, thanks to all. 73 Mike Christiansen KB2VRM

96    Air            6/11/2005 6:10:00 PM    Ted Liszewski                                    Paramus, NJ

I've been listening all day via groundwave to the special Armstrong commemorative broadcast on 42.8 MHz using a Uniden Bearcat scanner and a 1941 Pilot model T-301 AM/FM table radio, which is one of several tuners/radios that I own that receive the pre-WWII FM band.

Sign on was noted at approximately 8:57 AM Eastern Time. As this is being written (about 5:50 PM), WA2XMN is still on with country music. Perhaps there'll be some E-skip! I've thoroughly enjoyed listening! May your broadcast continue for as long as possible/permissible, and may there be more 42.8 MHz Armstrong commemorative broadcasts in the future!

97    Web            6/11/2005 7:04:00 PM    Russ    Allentown, PA

tried to dx the Armstrong broadcast on sat. 6/11/05 at 12 noon on 42.8 "megacycles" from the home qth with a kenwood th-f6 ht in the wideband fm mode....connected to a 6 meter dipole and had no luck in Allentown Pa....took a short ride to the top of the blue mt. on rt 309 to try and dx the 89.1 mhz fm signal from WFDU with the car fm radio....again no luck....i should have used a beam antenna (which i do not have) to try for the catch....my guess is i am about 75 miles west-southwest of the alpine nj tower....even though the 42.8 mhz signal is off the air, i am still going to try and dx the WFDU signal just for the heck of it....i did hear some of the broadcast on the internet, but i guess the internet doesn't count toward a Armstrong broadcast QSL card....or does it???? 73, russ at WA3LGG....



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98	Air	6/11/2005 10:38:00 PM	Jay Sclar	Wyckoff, NJ

Hi,

I heard WA2XMN twice: 6/11 AM around 9:20 - 10:00 AM (unfortunately had a prior commitment for the time of the actual broadcast Saturday, will listen to the streaming replay) - at this time heard some orchestral choral music.

Heard again 6/12 conclusion of "Pictures at an Exhibition" and sign-off.

I'm located in Wyckoff, NJ, after checking a map puts me 15 - 16 miles west of Alpine. Receiver is an Icom R-8500. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to put an outdoor antenna together and my home is sided with aluminum siding which must have put a crimp in the signal. I just made up a 1/4 wave antenna from a piece of wire. Signal was just a bit above noise level - wondering how many watts you were running? If you announce some additional broadcasts I'll string something outside.

Many thanks for the effort - this was an admirable project to honor a great person in the history of radio.

BTW, I've been to the Alpine facility - here's a sequence of photos I had put together several years ago when CSC hosted a small tour for people from the New York Radio Message Board: [http://home.att.net/~jsclar/alpine\\_pics.html](http://home.att.net/~jsclar/alpine_pics.html)

Jay Sclar WA2CAS

(ps, WKCR engineering staff 1960 -66  
 WMCA summer engineering staff 1963  
 ABC-TV summer engineering staff 1964 -65  
 now retired from AT&T after 38 years in engineering - so I really count the Major as a hero!)

99	Air	6/11/2005 7:57:00 PM	MICHAEL O CHRISTIE	FREDERICKSBURG VA
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Sir

I was listening continuously on 42.800 MHZ on both the 11th and 12th of June for WA2XMN. I had two receivers with a vertical on one and a Hori zonal beam antenna other both were tuned for 42 MHZ. I was not able to hear the station at all.

I was really looking forward to hearing something. As little boy I saw that tower as my Dad and I pass through that area. I had no idea what it was at the time but I was always interested in radio and was always looking at towers. Several months ago I saw the Bio on Mr. Armstrong on the Discovery Channel it was very interesting. I hope to someday come by the station one day.

I hope we will have a chance to try this again.

Thank you  
 Mike  
 W1ZFB

100	Air	6/11/2005 6:59:00 PM	John Chester	Closter, NJ
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I listened to today's broadcast on WA2XMN from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm on my "mobile" receiver (equipment listed below sitting in the back of my Honda minivan).

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101	Web	6/11/2005 8:45:00 PM	Dusty Durst	Defiance, Mo
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I have admired the Major most of my life, and regard him as a true American hero.

First contact was through the book:

Armstrong's Fight For FM Broadcasting  
 "One Man Vs. Big Business & Bureaucracy"  
 By Don V. Erickson  
 University Of Alabama Press  
 Copyright 1973

Was all over the "Empire Of The Air" when it came out. Thanks To T.L. / K.B.

I own a Zenith S-14128 Table model radio which bears the Label on Back "FM" "The Armstrong System" "Licensed Under Armstrong Patents"

God Bless his Memory.....

N.G.Q. Music Productions

102	Air	6/11/2005 8:46:00 PM	Karl Zuk	Goldens Bridge, NY
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Thank you very much for an amazing broadcast.

103	Air	6/12/2005 10:09:00 AM	John A. Magliacane	Wall Township, NJ
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I would like to report reception of WA2XMN on a frequency of 42.8 MHz from my home in Wall Township (southern Monmouth County), New Jersey at 1600 UTC on June 11, 2005. My receiver is an ICOM model IC-R2, and my antenna is an attic mounted horizontally polarized half-wave dipole cut for 42.8 MHz. The antenna is approximately 20 feet above ground level, and I am located 57 miles south of the Alpine tower.

Signals from WA2XMN were not sufficient to permit reception with my receiver in "wideband FM" mode, but distorted audio could be heard in narrowband (15 kHz bandwidth) mode. I could also copy the air checks that took place on thhe hours preceding the official broadcats from WA2XMN.

It is interesting to point out that reception of WFDU at 89.1 MHz, also originating from the Alpine tower, is impossible at my location. I can easily hear two broadcast stations on 89.1 MHz, neither of which is WFDU.

I'm looking forward to being able to download recordings of WA2XMN's broadcasts via CSC Management's web site in the coming weeks. The content sounded very interesting to me.

Sincerely,

John A. Magliacane, KD2BD

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104    Air            6/12/2005 1:41:00 PM    Phil Nelson                                      Huntington, LI

Nice to hear you on again . How long is the STA good for ??

LIMARC Hamfest was over at 1300 hrs I think.

BTW - S9 in Huntington, LI - Icom 756Pro - Cusshcraft A3 Beam. Fun watching a real wideband signal on the 756's scope. Looks like 20 meters on a contest weekend !

73,  
Phil Nelson  
N2PN

105    Web            6/12/2005 1:55:00 PM    Frederick Raab                                      Colchester, VT

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106    Air            6/12/2005 2:16:00 PM    Robert Schaffrath                                      Glen Head, NY

I am currently receiving a very strong signal on 42.8MHz in Glen Head, NY (Sunday, June 12th at 1816Z). For how many days will the 42.8 transmitter be active? I recall it was mentioned the STA is good for six months but I can't imagine you will be active for that long a period of time.

107    Air            6/12/2005 3:09:00 PM    LOU STEVENS                                      ASTORIA QUEENS, NY

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108    Air            6/12/2005 3:12:00 PM    Mike Miller                                      Bethel, CT

Equipment: Icom IC-R7000 communications receiver with a roof-top omni-directional wide-band antenna.

Location: Bethel, CT (couple of miles southeast of Danbury, CT)

When I put the receiver in FM-narrow band mode, the program was very audible above the noise, but somewhat distorted. I was able to make out a lot of what was being said.

When I switched over to FM-regular bandwidth, the program faded into the background noise, all but inaudible.

Mike.

109    Air            6/12/2005 3:53:00 PM    Marvin Bronstein                                      South Plainfield, NJ

Steve & company,

Having been at the Alpine tower for the celebration, I was unable to 'tune in' to 42.8 Mcs. broadcast. I did, however, do so today and to my joy the WA2XMN signal strength was very good. Without a calibrated meter I can say it was 'FULL QUIETING' on a simple handheld receiver in wideband mode. Using a center-loaded collapsible whip of only 30 inches, I enjoyed the broadcast without noise or fading, again on 42.8 Mcs.

My location is South Plainfield, Middlesex county at the Edison and Piscataway border.  
Kudos for a splendid presentation and rebroadcast on 42.8 Mcs.

Yours,  
Marvin S. Bronstein, ABC (television network)

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110	Air	6/12/2005 5:03:00 PM	Mark Humphrey	Frazer, PA

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Steve,

Again, you did a spectacular job with this weekend's broadcast!

I happened to hear music on 42.8 faintly on my mobile rig while driving near Frazer this afternoon, so when I got back to the hamshack/shop around 1450 EDT, I turned on the CEI (Watkins Johnson) model 975 VHF receiver and was pleasantly surprised at the signal quality. With the IF bandwidth set at 60 kHz, WA2XMN was nearly full quieting with a small bit of distortion, but certainly nothing objectionable. For the antenna, I used nothing more than a homebrew vertical dipole, cut for the 6 meter amateur repeater band and mounted about 16 feet AGL (460 feet AMSL) on the NE side of a Rohn 25 tower. The distance from Alpine to here is 109 miles (175.4 km) at a bearing of 237 degrees.

The S-meter on the CEI 975 was generally reading between 2.5 and 3.0, which corresponds to an average of -109 dBm, based on measurements I later made with an HP 8640B signal generator.

For the sake of comparison, the 59.75 MHz aural carrier of WCBS-TV measures around -99 dBm here, but keep in mind they are horizontally polarized and my antenna is vertical.

If you are sending out QSL cards, please put me on the list.

I copied instrumental music from 1450 to 1510 EDT, followed by your sign off announcement from about 1510 to 1515, then unmodulated carrier until 15:20:45. My QTH is in West Vincent Township, PA – please send the card to PO Box 307, Exton PA 19341

If you'll let me know when you're planning to fire up the transmitter again, I'll record some audio.

Thanks and 73,

Mark

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111	Air	6/12/2005 6:07:00 PM	Bob Johanson	Staten Island, NY
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Hi,

I attended the event on June 11 at Alpine NJ until around 3PM listened during the drive home on an ICOM 706MKIIG tuned to 42.8MHz WFM during my drive home. Heard the rebroadcast of the original 1954 Sign off at 4PM the signal was pretty good with some fading at times.

The carrier appears to been left on so when I got home, I tuned a ICOM 7000 and had a signal level of S4 using a discone antenna approx 10 Feet off of the ground. Heard Country music (WFDU's feed ?) at 5:53 PM the just a carrier I think that there was a sign off announcement at around 7:09 PM.

I enjoyed going to the event and meeting some friends as well as making some new ones.

I would be interested in a QSL if this is available.

73,

Bob Johansen  
61 Burnside Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10302

112	Air	6/12/2005 6:57:00 PM	Mike W1ZFB	Fredericksburg, VA
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Sir

I was listening continuously on 42.800 MHZ on both the 11th and 12th of June for WA2XMN. I had two receivers with a vertical on one and a Hori zonal beam antenna other both were tuned for 42 MHZ. I was not able to hear the station at all.

I was really looking forward to hearing something. As little boy I saw that tower as my Dad and I pass through that area. I had no idea what it was at the time but I was always interested in radio and was always looking at towers. Several months ago I saw the Bio on Mr. Armstrong on the Discovery Channel it was very interesting. I hope to someday come by the station one day.

I hope we will have a chance to try this again.

Thank you  
Mike  
W1ZFB

113	Air	6/12/2005 8:12:00 PM	Owen Gerboth	Brooklyn, NY
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Reception report from brooklyn, NY; I have been down to breezy point beach club both Saturday and today. I used three receivers, a Zenith with the 42 MHz band, a monitoradio MR33, and Icom R5. With the Zenith and Monitoradio I used a long wire. The Zenith picked up the signal good with some hiss. The Monitoradio also picked up the signal well but the audio clipped when the music got loud. The R5 I used a telescoping whip ant. in the WFM. I also listened in on WFDU on Saturday. This was an excellent well done program. hope it can continue for awhile until September. I thouroly enjoyed Saturdays broadcast.

Thank you Gentleman.

Owen Gerboth  
Brooklyn, NY  
KC2NXH

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114	Air	6/12/2005 10:38:00 PM	Jay Sclar	Wyckoff, NJ
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Hi,

I heard WA2XMN twice: 6/11 AM around 9:20 - 10:00 AM (unfortunately had a prior commitment for the time of the actual broadcast Saturday, will listen to the streaming replay) - at this time heard some orchestral choral music.

Heard again 6/12 conclusion of "Pictures at an Exhibition" and sign-off.

I'm located in Wyckoff, NJ, after checking a map puts me 15 - 16 miles west of Alpine. Receiver is an Icom R-8500. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to put an outdoor antenna together and my home is sided with aluminum siding which must have put a crimp in the signal. I just made up a 1/4 wave antenna from a piece of wire. Signal was just a bit above noise level - wondering how many watts you were running? If you announce some additional broadcasts I'll string something outside.

Many thanks for the effort - this was an admirable project to honor a great person in the history of radio.

BTW, I've been to the Alpine facility - here's a sequence of photos I had put together several years ago when CSC hosted a small tour for people from the New York Radio Message Board: [http://home.att.net/~jsclar/alpine\\_pics.html](http://home.att.net/~jsclar/alpine_pics.html)

Jay Sclar WA2CAS

116	Air	6/13/2005 10:36:00 AM	Larry Will	Exit 12, NJ TPK
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Hi all,

Well after I left Alpine Sat, I heard WA2XMN in my car with the IFR Test set and an inside wire antenna down the NJTP until about a few miles below Exit 12. Didn't have time to mount an exterior antenna but I know it would have been much further as the metal roof acts like a cutoff waveguide at 42 mcs.

At home last Friday I was listening with H POL not knowing you had switched to V POL so I did not hear anything at Powderhorn Dr on the 6 meter beam at 65 feet.

I don't know how much more often WA2XMN will be operational but let me know and I'll hook up a vertical antenna for 42 mcs and see if I do any better.

My friends in Augusta GA listened but no opening at the 12-4 PM time frame into GA.

73,

Larry

117	Air	6/11/2005 11:41:00 AM	Ray Mullin	Staten Island, NY
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Gentlemen:

Am on the southern end of Staten Island, receiving your broadcast on 42.8 MHz on an Icom IC-R75 Communications Receiver with a random long-wire antenna up 20 feet. My ground elevation is 425 ft. above sea level on the west side of a ridge.

At 11:16 EDT, your signal is S6 with audio distortion. On RST scale I would give it a 3-6.

I have used optional noise reduction techniques to try to clarify the signal, but to no avail. I am recording the broadcast on a cassette recorder from the Icom receiver on 42.8 MHz. It will record the distortion in the audio. The audio is intelligible, but with difficulty. At noon I will turn on a standard FM receiver and separately record the simulcast on WDFU (FM) 89.1 MHz as well.

I will send another report after your Noon broadcast on 42.8 MHz. I hope at that time your audio improves. The program content is really wonderful and great to save for the younger generation.

Thank you for your broadcast.

73,

Ray Mullin, AI2IA

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118	Web	6/11/2005 12:05:00 PM	David Carroll	Las Vegas
				I am listening in Las Vegas via internet at Ballys Hotel Casino David Carroll
119	Web	6/11/2005 12:05:00 PM	Lyle Henry	Oconto Falls, WI
				This is truly historic! Thank you for this day.  ...Lyle in Oconto Falls, WI.  ----- Lyle Henry, CPBE THE RADIO DOCTOR K9DKW/K7OO
120	Web	6/14/2005 4:43:00 PM	Robert N. Evans	Stow, MA
				I'm hearing the Armstrong commemorative program rebroadcast on the evening of June 14th via the Internet. -Bob Evans, N1BE
121	Air	6/14/2005 6:33:00 PM	Rick McCurdy	Ivoryton, CT
				I did receive the 42.8 MHz wide band FM on a narrow band receiver. The signal was weak RST 2x3 with some fade. My antenna was a vertical (G7) for 222 MHz at 65'. The receiver used was a Kenwood TS 60 50MHz transceiver in the FM mode. I am located 100miles east of New York City on a 220' hill.  PSE QSL  Rick McCurdy, WA1GTP 5 Northwinds Drive Ivoryton, CT 06442-1261

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122	Air	6/17/2005 6:01:00 AM	Peter Hayes	Mt. Greylock, MA

Greetings,

Received your Broadcast on Saturday June 11, 2005  
from the Summit of Mount Greylock (elv 3491') in Western Massachusetts.  
on 42.80 MCS

Equipment: Lafayette PB-50 (wideband) communications receiver  
1/4 wave Six Meter magnetic mount Antenna

Report: Full Quieting, no Phasing, excellent Audio

Time: 5:15 pm EDST

Programming: Sibelius, Swan of Tuonela (from the 4 legends) opus 22

Comment: would have enjoyed attending your event in person but other events were  
previously planned.  
a friend who lives in Tolland, Connecticut reported hearing your Broadcast  
as well.

Thank You for re-kindling a long faded memory.

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123	Air	6/17/2005 9:55:00 AM	Stuart Engelke	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ

Well I got you.

The file is 8.75 hours of the Armstrong broadcast on 42.8. Recorded on June 11 and 12. I have it available as an mp3 (123.5 MB file) if anyone wants to down load it. There is also a text log file that tells the time it was recording. Since I was not here to set levels they are a bit too hot for my taste. The audio starts about 1 minute into the recording. The recording was made off a radio shack scanner in wfm mode. On a good day I can see the Armstrong tower out the window, about 7 miles away.

<http://larryboy.nycradio.com/42point8.LOG> a text file  
<http://larryboy.nycradio.com/42point8.mp3>

Due to the size I'll not be able to leave this here for long. If anyone has space available to put this let all know. I'll probably take it down some time monday morning.  
 Stu

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Stuart Engelke, CE      777 Terrace Ave 6th Fl  
 Salem Media of NY      Hasbrouck Heights NJ 07604

124	Air	6/20/2005 2:54:00 PM	Wells Perkins	Long Valley, NJ
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Dear OM  
 I heard WA2XMN 42.8 on Schooley's Mountain, N.J. unfortunately only on Sunday June 12,2005.  
 I wish I had been able to tune in on the 11th.  
 Q - Can you repeat any part of the broadcast of the 11th?

My location was on Schooley's Mountain in Washington Township, the Washington adjacent to and southeast of Hackettstown & south of Mount Olive/Budd Lake where rt 46 dips to the south. If you refer to an OFFICIAL NEW JERSEY STATE map you could put a dot UNDER the "i" in Washington to pinpoint the spot: 14 Salisbury Lane, Long Valley NJ 07853-6112 So we'd be about 46 miles apart. The house is at a 1060 ft elevation and we listened while we took pictures of our daughter's twins in the front yard.

YOUR SIGNAL: I tuned in on 42.8MHz with a RShack Pro 2006 coaxed to a CB whip (it seemed to be a better choice than a 2-m whip) 6/12/2005 beginning at 1336, you were full quieting. Wish they put S-meters on these things. You continued to about 1515 EDT. WFDU 89.1 is probably just as strong here (with all their kw's) as you were but they have to fight off WWFM Trenton.

I don't think you id'd the music (too bad hams can't play even a little music) but it seemed to me to be the theme music of a classical show.....Carl Haas program perhaps?

At 1359-1/2 you said "Sorry for the interruption;....will give a full ID at 'the end'...or 'later'... This is WA2XMN in Alpine, New Jersey" Back to concert.

At 1430 the piece playing seemed to cut out suddenly and then continue in another or the next section. at 1511 you were talking about the Major Armstrong (tower?) and future WFDU webcasts at wfd�.fmnd you mentioned CSC tower owner & cscmgt.com, ....Kraus.... Barry.....Steve Hentel.  
 I'll plan to tune in often til your license expires on Sept 11 this year.

Q - Will you be on only on weekends this summer? Usually around 12 or 1300?

Q - How many reports so far? (Radio & internet) Distance?

Please mail me a QSL card if you can. Thanks

Wells Perkins, KA2HPU

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125	Air	6/14/2005 8:12:00 AM	Thomas Capobianco	Waterbury, CT

I just wanted to let you know I tuned into your Commemorative FM Broadcast at 11:59 am on 11 June 05.

Using a Yaesu FT-847 radio on 42.8 MHz, a ¼ wave 6 meter ground plane, approximately 15 ft. off the ground. Your signal level was at the noise floor of the radio, I switched in the RF preamp and with some adjustment of the digital filters I was able to listen to the broadcast.

My location is Waterbury, CT.  
Coordinates 41.55 -73.06  
Grid FN31ln

I look forward, to downloading the program from the web.

Thanks for putting on the broadcast,

Thomas Capobianco AA1XA