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AM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-19-65

Call letters WKAJ

Station location Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Name of licensee COMMUNITY RADIO OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, INC.

Transmitter location 71 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York (BP7-27-65)

Zip 12866

Main studio location Same as transmitter.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-16127	7-27-65	900kc	250w	Day	9-27 3-27-66
	CP for a new standard broadcast station(Cond'l).				
BP-16127 (1)	10-13-65	Mod. of CP(BP-16,127) to assign Call Letters.			
Wire	9-28-65	Auth. to remain silent thru 10-13-65.			
BL-11,106	11-19-65	900kc	250w	Day	11-19 6-1-66
	Lic to cover CP(BP-16,127) which auth a new standard broadcast station Cond'l				
BZ-5941 (1)	5-5-66	Authority to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.			
BR-4495(L)	5-27-66	Renewal of License			6-1 6-1-69
Z-6926 (1)	8-27-68	Direct Meas.			
BR-4495(L)	5-22-69	Renewal & Mod.			6-1-72
BZ-7605(1)	8-27-70	Direct Measurement			
Cond'l	7-27-72	PSU	72w		
EBSA BR-4495(L)	~~5-25-72~~ 5-31-72	RENEWAL			~~6-1-75~~
BZ-8347(1)	6-13-73	Direct Measurement			
BZ-8647(L)	10-11-74	Direct Measurement			6-1-75
BR-4495(S)	5-28-75	Renewal of License			6-1-78
BP-20,066	11-13-75	CP to install a new Aux. trans. GATES BCA-250 250 w			11-13-76
BZ-9057(L)	4-7-76	Direct Measurement			6-1-78
BL-14,175(L)	9-29-76	Lic. to cover BP-20,066 for aux. transmitter			6-1-78
BZ-9618 BR-4495(L)	6-12-78	(MAIN & AUXILIARY) RENEWAL & MODIFICATION (ISSUED TOGETHER)			6-1-81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters NEW WKAJ

Name COMMUNITY RADIO OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, INC.
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK (P.O. Kent E. Jones, 71 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12866

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-16,127 Rec'd Filed	2-21-64 2-24-64 2-24-64	CP for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 900kc Power 250w Hours of operation - Daytime Type transmitter - Gates BC-250L Transmitter location- 71 West Avenue Saratoga Springs, New York Studio location - Same as transmitter REQUESTS FORMER FACILITIES OF WSPN REQUEST WAIVER OF SEC. 1.571 AND REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY AUTHORITY granted ORDER 3-18-64 Atty. Dow, Lohnes and Albertson (A. Cordon, Jr.) Eng. George C. Davis	GRANTED Cond'l re: Pre-sunrise operation. After Hearing Docket No. 15587 Order Issued.	7-27-65

See WKAJ re Temporary authority granted 3-18-64 to operate station

SEE CARD # 2 FOR AMENDMENT

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKAJ

Name COMMUNITY RADIO OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
		ORDER 3-18-64 granted Temporary Authority to operate facilities of deleted Station WSPN on 900 kc, 250w, Daytime, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. in accordance with terms of present license of WSPN for period of 90 days pending processing of application BP-16,127		
		Letter dated 6-9-64 requesting extension of Temporary Operation Authority for Station WKAJ, Saratoga Springs, New York for a period of 90 days - B/C 6-10-64		
		PETITION TO WITHHOLD ACTION ON APPLICATION (request for extension of STA) filed 6-10-64 by Colby for AM Broadcasters of Saratoga Springs, Inc. - DENIED MEMO OPINION & ORDER 7-1-64		
		PETITION TO DENY APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY AUTHORITY filed6-12-64 by Colby for AM Broadcasters of Saratoga Springs, Inc. -Verified copy filed 6-18-64 - DENIED M&O 7-1-6		
		REPLY TO "PETITION TO DENY APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY AUTHORITY" filed 6-17-64 by Wall & Cordon for WKAJ		
		RESPONSE TO "REPLY TO (PETITION TO DENY APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY AUTHORITY '" filed 6-19-64 by Colby for AM Brdcstrs. of Saratoga Springs, Inc.		
		MEMO OPINION & ORDER adopted 7-1-64 EXTENDED Temporary operating authority thru 9-18-64 Petition of Freebern is dismissed & AM.M. Broadcasters Petition is denied		

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Call Letters W K A J

Name COMMUNITY RADIO OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, INC.
Saratoga Springs, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
Telegram	9-18-64	extended temporary operation thru 9-28-64.		
Telegram	9-28-64	extended temporary operation thru 10-2-64.		
Telegram	10-2-64	extended temporary operation thru 10-9-64.		
MEMORANDUM	OPINION AND	ORDER 10-7-64 extended thru 11-25-64, ~~or, until final action by Review Board on Dockets 15647 & 15648.~~		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters X NEW WKAL

Name COMMUNITY RADIO OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, INC.
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-16,127 Amend R&F	CON'T 6-19-64 6-19-64	AMENDED to make change in stockholders and stockholdings	GRANTED	7-27-65
AMENDMENT R&F	6-23-64 6-25-64	AMENDED to make change in stockholders and stockholdings		
BL-11,106 R & F	9/23/65 9/24/65	Lic. to cover CP (BP-16127 [redacted]d.) which auth. a new standard broadcast station. Atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED Cond'l re: Pre-sunrise operation.	11-19-65
BR-4495 R & F	2-17-66 3-3-66	Renewal of license Atty. Dow, Lohnes and Albertson	GRANTED	5-27-66
BZ-5941 R & F	3/1/66 3/9/66	Authority to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. Attys: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	5-5-66

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKAJ --new

Name SARA RADIO, INC.
Saratoga Springs, New York (c/o Kent E. Jones, 71 W. Aven., Saratoga Springs, N.Y.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPI-6 Rec'd Filed ACCEPTED per Comm Action	7-29-64 8-4-64 8-4-64 10-7-64	Interim Operating Authority for facilities of WKAJ (formerly WSPN) on: Frequency: 900kc Power 250 watts Hours of operation: Daytime Trans.: Gates BC-250L Trans. location: 71 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York Studio location: Same as transmitter	GRANTED By Review Board Action. Interim Operation to begin 11-26-64. Docket # 15647	11-19-64

BY SUPPLEMENTAL DICISION ON 11-19-64 the Review Board Granted BPI-6 and dismissed BPI-7. Sara Radio , Inc. granted with the following dondition:

THE TERM OF THE INTERIM AUTHORIZATION SHALL COMMENCE ON NOVEMBER 26, 1964, AND SHALL TERMINATE ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE RELEASE OF A DECISION ON THE PENDING PROCEEDING FOR REGULAR AUTHORIZATION ON THEFREQUENCY (DOCKET Nos. 15587 and 15588), OR, AT SUCH OTHER TIME AS MAY BE SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION, OR ON JUNE 1, 1966, WHICHEVER IS SOONER.

9-2-65. Authority continued operation with former facilities Station WSPN authorized until FCC Form 302 received for license.

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKAJ

Name COMMUNITY RADIO OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, INC.
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-6926 Rec'd Amended Filed DM Amended AUG 27 1968	5/9/68 5/16/68 6/4/68 6/4/68 6/14/68 8/19/68	Direct Meas. Re engr. data Atty: A. C. Cordon, Jr. Re coordinates	Gr-8-27-68 GRANTED	8-27-68
BR-4495 R & F #494531 $75 Press AUG 5 1969	2-21-69 2-26-69 ($180 sub.)	Renewal of license Atty- B. Dwight Perry (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	5-22-69
BZ-7605 R & F DM- PRESS AUG 24 1970 Amended	7-29-70 8-3-70 8-12-70 8-20-70	Direct Measurement Engr. data	GRANTED	8-27-70

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W K A J

Name COMMUNITY RADIO OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, INC.
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-4495 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAR 21 1972	2-15-72 3-3-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Suzanne Meyer, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes)	GRANTED	5-31-72
BZ-8347 R & F DM PRESS	5-17-73 5-23-73 5-30-73 JUN 7 1973	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	6-13-73
BZ-8647 R & F DM PRESS 3 OCT 1974	7-5-74 7-11-74 8-14-74	Direct Measurement Atty. Suzanne Meyer(Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	10-11-74
BL-14,175 R & F $50.#582760 PTA PRESSJUL 2 1976	6-14-76 6-21-76 6-22-76 6-25-76	Lic. to cover BP-20,066 for Auxiliary Trans. Atty: Kevin F. Reed(Down, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	9-29-76

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKAJ

Name Community Radio of Saratoga Springs, New York, Inc.
Saratoga Springs, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-4495 R & F P. N. Rec'd Press	1-20-75 2-3-75 2-3-75 MAR 18 1975	Renewal of License. Atty: Suzanne Meyer(Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) AMENDED 2-20-75 Updated Balance Sheet.	GRANTED	5-28-75
BP-20,066 Rec'd Filed $50-475555 AC:001 Press:	9-2-75 8-30-75 8-30-75 SEP 19 1975	Construction permit to install a new Auxiliary transmitter GATES BCA-250 250w	GRANTED to	11-13-75 11-13-76
BZ-9057 R & F DM PRESS	12-24-75 1-6-76 2-13-76 FEB 26 1976	Direct Measurement Atty: Suzanne Meyer(Dow, Lohnes, Albertson)	GRANTED	4-7-76

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 1976
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W K A J

Name COMMUNITY RADIO OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, INC.
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-4495 R & F PRESS	1-12-78 2-1-78 FEB 22 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.) Suzanne Meyer, Atty. (Dow & Lohnes)	GRANTED	6-12-78
BZ-9618 R & F DM PRESS FEB 27 1978	10-12-77 10-25-77 12-28-77	Direct Measurement Atty: Suzanne Meyer (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED issued with BR-4495	4-21-78
BR810130VI PRESS MAY 27 1981		Renewal of License Atty.: B. Dwight Perry	GA	7-31-81

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

About the History Cards …

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.