Subject: Calling Radio Stations

Posted by noodle on Wed, 23 Aug 2023 03:36:06 GMT

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Ever called a station to request a song or something else? How did it go?

One not-so-great memory: I called a college station to ask if someone might be posting a playlist from earlier, or knew at least a couple of the songs, which were in Spanish, which I don't speak. The person gave a cold "no," then hung up.

Subject: Re: Calling Radio Stations

Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 23 Aug 2023 13:49:18 GMT

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I did that a time or two when I was young. Radio stations were local and approachable back then. Not sure when that changed, but I don't get the feeling you can do that as much anymore.

Subject: Re: Calling Radio Stations

Posted by johnnycamp5 on Wed, 23 Aug 2023 21:54:29 GMT

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I did it too.

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Subject: Re: Calling Radio Stations

Posted by Rusty on Thu, 24 Aug 2023 10:17:26 GMT

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Just once. To request the station not to play Boston's, More than a feeling every 15 minutes or so. They played it anyway.

Subject: Re: Calling Radio Stations

Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 24 Aug 2023 13:38:04 GMT

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Oh God, Rusty, that's funny!

Remember two other songs - great songs - that were way too heavy in rotation back then?

Freebird and Stairway to Heaven

They were awesome songs but it seems like they were always overplayed.

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Posted by Rusty on Thu, 24 Aug 2023 13:48:20 GMT

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Another comes to mind from the 80's was Pink Floyd's, Another brick in the wall. I'm not much of a fan of that group. I've labeled them, "sedative rock". But that plodding song in particular broke through the sedation like fingernails on a chalk board to me.

Subject: Re: Calling Radio Stations

Posted by Strum Drum on Sun, 27 Aug 2023 23:14:07 GMT

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In my younger days, I used to call into stations that gave away big prizes. Can't say that I ever hit it big, though.

JohnnyCamp, that's pretty cool. It's like you're almost related to someone famous (DJs count in my book).

Subject: Re: Calling Radio Stations

Posted by Kingfish on Tue, 24 Oct 2023 23:40:04 GMT

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Well, I have called a radio station before, but it was talk radio. Back then, they had a segment in the afternoon where you could call in and give your opinion about a certain current news story. I did, and they actually aired my message. It was kinda cool.

Subject: Re: Calling Radio Stations

Posted by Prince on Sun, 05 Oct 2025 05:51:41 GMT

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I remembered those days when I stick to the radio waiting for my request to be played. It is such a

good feeling when you get to put in a call and your music request is played afterwards. I pretty enjoyed those years.

Subject: Re: Calling Radio Stations

Posted by Helen on Thu, 16 Oct 2025 10:56:30 GMT

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Subject: Re: Calling Radio Stations

Posted by Prince on Fri, 24 Oct 2025 02:19:51 GMT

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Helen wrote on Thu, 16 October 2025 05:56I never called the radio stations for anything but my family do that whenever we are gathered together at home. My dad had this bug radio that we use at home, the mum will call the station to play the song that my dad played for her when they are still younger. We the children are always eager to listen to it when they grant her request. This must have been fun for all of you back then. Was she always requesting for music or for something entirely different from that? Which songs were her favourite?