



TOM KENT PROGRAMS CONVERTING TO XDS PRO4 SATELLITE RECEIVERS IN FEBRUARY

Dear Tom Kent affiliate:

You are receiving this communication because the Tom Kent programs (**Tom Kent, The Ultimate Party** and **My 70's Show**) are transitioning to distribution by ABC Radio Networks on the new X-Digital Systems (XDS) PRO 4 satellite receiver.

Tom Kent's programs will **first become available on ABCRN's XDS** satellite system on **Monday, February 2, 2009**. There will be an overlap period during which Tom Kent's three programs will continue to be available on Dial-Global's Starguide system, at least until Saturday, February 28, 2009.

One of these cases will apply to your radio station:

1. If your Tom Kent affiliate station is an **existing ABCRN affiliate**, the Tom Kent program will become available on your XDS receiver's web page program list during the last week in January, for first broadcast the week of February 2. Just schedule the program using the web-based scheduler as you would any other program.
2. If your Tom Kent affiliate station is **not currently an ABCRN affiliate but is co-located with another ABC Radio Networks affiliate station in your cluster**, we will add the call letters of the new Tom Kent affiliate station to an open port on your existing receiver.
3. If your Tom Kent affiliate station is **neither a current ABCRN affiliate nor co-located with one**, ABCRN will send you an XDS satellite receiver.

About XDS

The XDS-PRO represents the very latest technology to be applied to Network program distribution, and is packed with features that will benefit your station:

- **Automation functions not found in any other receiver.** This allows you to schedule the programming from your XDS receiver via a personalized Web page. You can customize your receiver to match your programming choices! No more having to switch channels manually, or to use external switching devices (although you can use those, too).

- **Built-in digital recorder allows you to record programs for later playback, with Netcues.** No more having to record programming yourself or settling for fixed refeed times. You can designate record times and playback times by configuring your receiver via the Web interface. Programs can now play back directly from your receiver with Netcues as if they were live, at a playback time that you choose. Once your station converts reception of the Tom Kent programs to the new ABCRN XDS system, refeeds will no longer be necessary because you can create your own delayed feeds using the program-delay feature of the XDS Pro4 receiver.
- **Self-service Netcue feature allows greater flexibility.** Netcue Relays provide very flexible control functions, and you can change the relay assignments remotely. Need to make a change in your Netcue relay setup? Just go to your receiver Web page and set it up with a few keystrokes. No more having to call the Network for a Netcue map download.
- **Make changes from the Web.** The XDS Web interface allows you to make all of these changes from anywhere on the World Wide Web. No more having to go to the station to make last-minute changes. You can do it easily from home or on the road.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When will Tom Kent's three programs stop being available via the existing Dial-Global Starguide system?

The last Tom Kent hour on Dial-Global Starguide will end on Saturday, February 28th, at 11:59:51 PM Eastern Time. That channel will be silent after that, or will carry unrelated programming.

2. Dial-Global provides refeed hours of Tom Kent's programs throughout the 24-hour day so stations can take the programs whenever they want. Will this continue?

There are two answers for this:

- For stations still using Dial-Global's Starguide system, refeeds will continue to be available 24 hours a day until the overlap service on Starguide ends on Saturday, February 28th.
- On the new ABCRN XDS system, refeeds are no longer necessary because you can create your own delayed feeds using the program-delay feature of the XDS Pro4 receiver. To see how to do this, read the Scheduler Primer at:

<http://myxdsreceiver.abcrn-eng.com/aff/Documentation/XDS%20Pro%20Scheduler%20Primer.pdf>

or watch the video at:

<https://citcomm.webex.com/citcomm/lsr.php?AT=pb&SP=MC&rID=22498387&rKey=6CABB3282FA8D7AF>

Both items are free and do not require a password.

3. Do I need a hard drive automation to delay the Tom Kent programs?

No. The XDS Pro4 receiver contains about 35 hours of stereo, broadcast quality audio memory and can store several, entire 5-hour programs.

4. Where do I find Tom Kent's programming on my XDS receiver?

The XDS receivers use Program Titles, not channel names. Once you've logged into your XDS receiver's site at <http://myxdsreceiver.abcrn-eng.com> click on Programming and Scheduling. Once the calendar view appears, click the Program List tab. Tom's shows will be in the alphabetical list as:

- Tom Kent
- The Ultimate Party
- My 70's Show

5. Do I need to rewire contact closures?

Yes. As part of the conversion to XDS Pro4's, Tom will offer more contact closure functions, called Netcues in ABCRN's satellite system. These will make it easier to make the programs sound more local. The new set of functions will be:

- V87 - Tom Kent Local Commercial Start (K-0)
- V88 - Tom Kent Re-entry Liner (:10 Net Rejoin) (K-1)
- V89 - Tom Kent Local Call Letter Floater (:03 Seconds) (K-2)
- V90 - Tom Kent Network Commercial Break Start (K-3)
- V91 - Tom Kent Legal ID (59:51)
- V92 - Tom Kent Phone Floater ID (:02 Liner Prior To Phone Calls)
- V93 - Tom Kent Station Shout Floater (:02 Seconds)
- V94 - Tom Kent :15 Station Floater (:15 Seconds Over Song Intro)

Each of these functions is now assigned a three-character Netcue code. In the XDS receiver web page, you can program any of these functions to appear on any of 32 relay contacts. The contacts appear on two DB-37 connectors on the back of the receiver. This is a different connector than was used in Starguide audio cards so you must rewire them. Remember, you now have eight closure functions instead of four. Tom will issue new Program Clocks shortly.

If I have business questions about my affiliation, who do I contact?

Continue to contact Tom Kent or Karen Newton at 440-838-8008 or 440-724-0159

The Tom Kent programs will first become available on the ABCRN XDS satellite system on Monday, February 2, 2009.

We have a number of helpful documents relating to the XDS receivers at <http://myxdsreceiver.abcrn-eng.com> . Hold your mouse over the "Help" menu to access this documentation. You don't need to log in.

ABC Radio Networks Technical Services representatives are available Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 7 PM ET. For technical assistance or to set up an appointment for installation assistance, please call:

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