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EARLY SUMMER NEWSLETTER, MAY/JUNE 1973

Introduction

Well, this newsletter will be reaching you a little late, mainly because there is very little to report on in the Cheshire area at present. However, things certainly do look promising, and the summer will certainly bring some new activity to the area.

As we said in the last newsletter, there is now an annual nominal membership fee of 25p, which will help us to cover postage costs, and also help towards printing and stationery expenses. It will certainly help if you can enclose an S.A.E. with your enquiries from time to time.

Very shortly, we hope to discuss free radio and the amalgamation of certain Free Radio Campaign groups with Alan Swallow and Geoffrey Heath of the North Wales and North West Free Radio Campaign. (NWFRFC). After this discussion, some modifications and new ideas could result for CFR0. We certainly hope that our regular members will continue to write, and their suggestions and ideas are always welcome.

RADIO FREE WIRRAL, 214 metres, 1408.5KHZ

This new station on the scene has been making some test transmissions, mainly on Sundays, since the beginning of April now, but the signal strength is very poor, and it is very difficult to receive the station outside two miles of the source of the signal. However, the station, we believe, has now erected a better aerial, and ~~it is possible that the signal may be heard further afield~~ the programmes, at present, are mainly "Golden Oldies", and are done live. If any of you have heard this station, we would appreciate a reception report from you, telling us where you are listening from.

RADIO RHONDA, 235 metres, 1277 KHZ

Of late, the station has altered its frequency from 227 metres to 235 metres, mainly because, we are told, there has been some interference from Radio Four, on 226 metres approximately. However, the station has been making quite a few test transmissions on Sundays on 235 metres, and the signal and modulation appear to be very good. The mailing address for this station has been given over the air as: Radio Rhonda, BOX.RR, Southern Independent Radio Association, 91, Park Street, Horsham, Sussex. Apart from Radio 222, this station has certainly the best signal strength of all the present stations operating in the area, and when regular broadcasts begin, (?), the station should be very good.

RADIO FREE LIVERPOOL, 217 metres, 1384KHZ

We have not heard a thing about this station, or any broadcast recently, but we are ever hopeful that one day we will be able to tune in to this very professional station once again.

RADIO 222, on 1352KHZ

Apart from a 2³/₄ hour broadcast on April 15th, Radio 222 have ceased to broadcast, but the station has informed us that further transmissions will take place in the near future. The signal strength is still not too good, but we can manage to receive the signal here, in Prenton, about four or five miles from the station. Your reception reports are invited.

NEW LAND-BASED STATION TO START ON 238 METRES

A new station is about to take to the airwaves shortly, broadcasting on 238 metres, 1261 KHZ, medium wave. The operators and staff of the station, tell us that test transmissions will begin from a location on the Wirral within the next few weeks, and the station will most probably be called "Radio Tina". We, at CFRO, hope that this venture will work out fine, and we shall await these tests eagerly. If anyone hears any of their test broadcasts, we would be very grateful if you could send your reception reports to us, and we will, in turn pass them on. Whilst we can act as a contacting address for all such land-based stations, however, we do not take any responsibility for any consequences arising from them, but, of course, we want to aid the cause of free enterprise radio as much as we can.

RADIO CAROLINE TO RETURN WITH 50 Kilowatts.

With great expense in telephone charges, we rang Radio Caroline's offices in The Hague, Holland, on May 19th. They informed us that they would shortly be returning to the air on 390 metres or 259 metres, with and increased power of 50 Kilowatts. They had previously only used 10 kilowatts, at most, and, of late, some very weak signals have been received here from Caroline on 377 metres.

At the time of writing, however, (May 28th), no further has yet been heard. The telephone number to ring, if you can spare the call, and make it as brief as possible, is as follows:

010 3170 631940/1/2 (Three lines, dial all digits for a straight through connection)

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CFRO Stop Press News.....STOP PRESS..... STOP PRESS.....

Radio Free Wirral coming in loud and clear, (June 3rd), on 214 metres, using jingles and lots of new records: CFRO hears that Radio Tina is to begin broadcasts on the weekend beginning 9th June, and we wish them all the best; Loud noises heard recently around midnight on 225 metres. We have recently heard over the air waves last Sunday, (June 3rd).

An excellent programme, (For which we have two reception reports already), by Radio 222 on Thursday, 31st May, from approximately 3.00 to 7.00. After such a long time off the air, it seems as if things are becoming quite lively again.

CFRO ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR ANY OCCASION...DELTA DISCOTHEQUES, (With lights). Ideal for weddings, parties, etc., and very reasonable. Please ring 051-652 8215 for details, or write to CFRO.

S.I.R.A., 91, Park Street, Horsham, Sussex, for all the latest information on free radio. Send 25p plus SAE for the latest great magazine.

CAROLINE MOBILE DISCOS, modelled on the "MV Caroline" ship. With DJ's Eric Day and Ronnie Dee, (and John, of course), this really is a great disco for your occasion. Details from: Ronnie Dee, 4A, Prescott Street, Liverpool.

CFRO Membership is now 25 p. Please fill in the membership form at the bottom of page 3, and send it, with your 25 p to us as soon as you can. The annual membership means regular newsletters, free car stickers, (When we can get them from Free Radio Campaign), and all your queries about local free radio events can be solved, (As long as we know the answers!)

Don Allen Fan Club: SAE for details of a great magazine to : 110, Birch Hill Park, Onchan, Isle of Man.

Any reception reports can be sent directly to us at our address, and don't forget to mark the name of the stations about which you are writing on the inside of the letter head, and not on the envelope, because otherwise, we may never receive them!

Since our last newsletter, in which we outlined details of a mini-power TX, which could be built very cheaply, we have been overwhelmed with requests about a circuit diagram for it. Unfortunately, we have run out of them, and we will have to have some more printed. Until we do this, if the people who have requested them will bear with us, we will be able to send them out soon. We also have diagrams for larger models of transmitters, but before we are overwhelmed again, if you could please give us a while to have some more copies done, we will be able to post them to you. It looks as if we will have quite a few stations if everyone who asked for a copy is going to build one! Don't forget that you build and run your TX at your own risk, though, and if you don't know much about electronics, it's best to ask someone who does to help you to build it for you.

The main problem with building a transmitter at the moment is the fact that there is a shortage of crystals for them, and if you can get one, you will be very lucky. Some large crystal manufacturers do cut them, but you will have to pay over £3 at least for one on the frequency you require.

Also, most of the radio shops, such as "Super Radio", and "Ault's", on Merseyside, have now reduced the stocks that would make up a transmitter, and the main output valve is unobtainable in the Merseyside area.

So if you really do want to build your own TX, it's best to know not only what you need, but also where you can obtain it from. There are quite a few shops in Edgware Road in London which do provide quite a lot of components for a transmitter.

With the present trend of GPO intervention into the operation of small land-based stations, our advice is, unless you really want to be a free radio martyr, of if you just want to build a TX for the fun of it, stay off the air!

RADIO ATLANTA to open with 10KW Transmitter to cover Southern Britain

News has reached us of a new station which is to be housed in a ship off the coast of Essex. In charge of the venture is Dutchman Gerard van Damm, and programme director will be Crispian St. John. The station has, apparently, already secured twelve long-term advertising contracts, and the programmes will be aimed at Britain, with a few

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

As from April, we have introduced a 25 p membership, which pertains to all new members. All present members with a membership number beginning with W, Z, A, C, L, or RL will not need to pay this. If you are a new member, however, and would like to receive regular newsletters, please send the membership form at the bottom of this page, together with a BLANK postal order to the following address:

NEW Members,
Cheshire Free Radio Organisation,
P.O. Box 11,
Birkenhead,
Cheshire, L42 9QG.

I hope to hear from you all soon, and meantime, keep tuned in!
Membership Form.

Phil Price.
(AREA ORGANISER)

NAME

ADDRESS

AGE

FREE RADIO STATIONS/DJs interested in:.....