

RADIO VERONICA were not on the air on Monday night. It has been reported that they came on 1413kHz the air at about 9pm, but that they were having problems with the tape machines and closed down shortly after opening.

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO were heard round about 1pm on Tuesday, with a better signal than usual, and playing their tribute to Elvis Presley, but announcing a 4pm close-down. They were not listened for on Saturday, but on Sunday morning they were heard again, but with an extremely weak signal. Opening and closing times were not noted.

R.N.I. Failed to show up again this Friday. In his show for Station "M", Roger Dee said 1413kHz that not one single DJ turned up to do a show on Friday, and there would have been no point in him trying to fill-out eight hours all by himself.

RADIO ELEANOR operated a reduced schedule on Saturday, due to so many of the DJs being away 1413kHz on holiday. Line-up was:- Noon - 2pm Barry Cullen; 2pm - 4pm Tony Reeve; 4pm - 6pm close-down Mark Wright. The station reminded listeners that they would not be on the air next weekend, as even more DJs and backroom staff would be on holiday.

CENTRAL RADIO are another station with staff holiday problems and operated on a reduced 1358kHz schedule on both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, the DJ line-up was:- Noon - 1pm Paul Allan; 1pm - 2pm Mike Doyle; 2pm - 3pm Jon Brand; 3pm - 4pm Paul Hunt; 4pm - 5pm Paul West; 5pm - 5:20pm Paul Hunt's "Beatles Half Hour". The station closed down at 5:20pm, in spite of many pre-recorded announcements of 8pm close-down. On Sunday they managed with "tapes" to fulfil their whole schedule with the exception of the Steve Tyler Show. Full line-up was:- 11am - Noon Jim Brown; Noon - 1pm Mark Evans; 1pm - 2pm Mike Doyle; 2pm - 3pm Jon Brand; 3pm - 4pm Steve Turner; 4pm - 5pm Paul West; 5pm - 6pm Dave Rhodes; 6pm - 7pm Mark Bazaar; 7pm - 8:20pm Phone-in dedications and requests.

Jim Brown announced that the FM transmitter was still not on the air as the station is still awaiting delivery of the output valve. Also, when it does go on the air it will move from 104 MHz to 105.2 MHz in order to avoid interference with SIGNAL RADIO from Stoke. Radio Free Lancashire, who were supposed to be coming on air shortly, on 1170kHz, were also advised to find a new frequency, as this would interfere with SIGNAL RADIO's AM transmission. A pity really, as RFL were promised delivery of a crystal by another well-known local broadcaster at the meeting of local stations which took place on 10th August. Jim Brown was the first of the locals to report reception, albeit poor, of Radio Caroline.

MERSEYLAND ALTERNATIVE RADIO have not been heard again this weekend. 1142kHz

RADIO JACKIE NORTH were heard signing on at noon on Saturday, on both frequencies. As usual, 963 & 1395kHz 963kHz was strong while 1395kHz was very weak. Programmes seemed to be operating OK, and Rick Dane was heard to hand over to Steve West at 2pm. However, when checked shortly before 5pm, RJN had disappeared from both frequencies. The station was not on the air at all on Sunday.

STATION "M" INTERNATIONAL Signed on at 12:20pm, 20 minutes late. They managed a full day's 1413kHz output, although Eric Monaghan and Marty Collins did not do shows. Line-up was:- 12:20pm - 1:20pm Pete Heaton; 1:20pm - 2:20pm Kevin Palmer; 2:20pm - 4:00pm Tom Lodge; 4pm - 5pm John Freeman; 5pm - 6pm Phil James; 6pm - 7pm Roger Dee; 7pm - close-down (time not noted, but probably 8pm) Pete Heaton and Phil James with the phone-in request and dedication show.

As usual, SMI was the most useful station for announced news. Pete Heaton said that he had heard Radio Caroline on Tuesday night, but was very vague about the frequency. He reported that reception was very poor in the early evening, but improved a bit later. Tom Lodge, as promised last week, broadcast an interview with ~~PEANUT~~ ~~PEANUT~~ KENNY, who was caught by the H.O. when LBC was raided. There was much chat about the local situation, but the news awaited was that of the new station to be started shortly by ~~PEANUT~~ ~~PEANUT~~ Kenny, who said that he had not yet decided on a name for the station, but that it should be "testing" from next week, during the mornings, evenings and nights. He said that all the presenters were "new" and never heard before on the airwaves, although he had been working with them for the past 6 months, and the station would be 100% professional-sounding. We are promised two medium wave frequencies and one on FM, with an initial power of 500W, which would be increased to 5kW, or maybe 8.5kW by the end of the year. ~~PEANUT~~ ~~PEANUT~~ Kenny said that the station would not be short of funds for records, tapes or equipment, unlike any other "local" station past or present. All staff would be "paid", and that Tom Lodge would be the station engineer, with a staff of four under him.

There are to be no "pirate jingles", and everything will be new, even down to the studio. Also there will be no mailing address, although the station will have a "proper PO Box number" like all the legal stations. The new presenters are promised the opportunity to say a few words over Station "M" before the new station comes on the air, and a possible chance to take part in Station "M"'s phone-ins. Claims like this have been made before, and never materialised in practice, so, whilst I wish the people involved "the very best of luck" I can only add that I will believe it when I hear it for myself! The claims were made in all sincerity, but it can not be easy to operate and maintain a 8.5kW transmitter. Another point that came out in the interview was that Radio Eleanor have plans to operate on both Saturday and Sunday in the future, and I can not help but feel that this might be something to do with RNI appearing on 1359kHz a couple of weeks ago,

Most of the announcement by Tom Lodge about the re-emergence of Radio Caroline was missed, but he seemed to be reading out a letter from the station itself, and "chipping in" with his own comments. He read out a list of the station presenters, which included ROBIN BLYNDE (ex local station J100, and more recently of ABC, Tramore). Tom reported that Caroline were operating a 10kW transmitter, although they have a 50kW transmitter aboard. The latter can not be brought into use until suitable insulators are delivered to the ship. He said that Caroline should be on the air by 20th August, and reported that he had heard them very late on 19th. Reception was said to be fairly poor, and a recording of their current broadcasts was then played.

John Freeman reported that STEVE BISHOP had been heard "testing" on Saturday on 1242kHz. From announcements, it seems that Steve Bishop intends to be on the air from 22nd August, and will be calling his new station "Merseyside Free Radio". If so, listeners might be privileged at some future date to hear MFR's final day of transmission for the THIRD time!!

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IBA. "MARCHER SOUND" ARE NOW TESTING WITH CONTINUOUS MUSIC ON 1260 KHZ AM AND 95.4 MHZ FM.

OPENING 6:30 am 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 1983

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BARRIE,

Steve Bishop has been getting the blame for a V.F.O carrier. or continuous music without announcements over LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO broadcasts. Wonder if it was really "MARCHER SOUND"??

What do you think of PEANUT KENNY'S 8½ kW TX ?? I'll believe it when I hear it, although Tom Lodge most certainly has persevered with STATION M'S Tx. and two years ago I couldn't hear station M from ¼ mile away from the Tx!!

Bob