

The latest meeting of the Merseyside Free Radio Association took place on Wednesday night, and some of the following information has been taken from station representatives, rather than from off-air.

RADIO VERONICA were not heard on Monday night, but Mike Campbell says that he hopes that they will be re-appearing on their old frequency of 1512kHz within the next few weeks. Mike Campbell and Steve West were present at Wednesday's meeting.

R.N.I. were not heard on Friday night. As this is now three or four weeks in succession that they have not appeared on the air, I think that they may well have packed up. Nobody from the station was met on Wednesday night, so I did not get chance to ask.

RADIO ELEANOR were on the air on Saturday with their "extended" schedule, and are now operating 9am - 8pm. Line up is:- 9am - 10am Paul Rogers; 10am - 12 noon Tony Reeve; 12 noon - 2pm Barry Cullen; 2pm - 4pm Clarke(Superman)Kent; 4pm - 6pm Mark Wright; and 6pm - 8pm Paul Rogers. Barry Cullen ran in the Wirral marathon on Sunday and from announcements made by Station "M" he finished 116th with a very creditable time of 3hr 17min, proving that Radio Eleanor are the "fastest-moving station in town". All four presenters were at the meeting on Wednesday, and they told me that they would shortly be commencing both Saturday and Sunday operation. In order to avoid a clash with Station "M" International on Sundays, Radio Eleanor will probably move to 1449kHz.

CENTRAL RADIO were heard on Saturday but still not with their regular line-up. Heard were:- 11am - 12 noon Jeff Stone(of LPR); 12 noon - 1pm Paul Allan; 1pm - 2pm Mike Doyle; 2pm - 3pm Jon Brand; 3pm - 4pm Paul Hunt; 4pm onwards Paul West. The station went off the air very abruptly, during the Paul West show, at 4:37pm, and was not heard at all on Sun.

RADIO JACKIE NORTH have not been heard at all this weekend, although I suspect from one of the phone-in calls to Station "M" that they may have relayed the latter on 963kHz for part of Sunday. Rick Dane was present on Wednesday night and it was very pleasant to meet him for the first time .

STATION "M" INTERNATIONAL started the day by announcing a schedule that was not achieved in practise. Announced line-up was:- 11am - 12 noon Phil James; 12 noon - 1pm Pete Heaton; 1pm - 2pm Kevin Palmer; 2pm - 3pm John Freeman; 3pm - 4pm Tom Lodge; 4pm - 5pm Marty Collins; 5pm - 6pm Eric Monaghan; 6pm - 7pm Phil James interview of Politburo, a local group; 7pm - 8pm Roy Kelly; 8pm - 9pm Roger Dee; and 9pm the Pete Heaton/Phil James phone-in request and dedication show. As it turned out, the station signed on 15 minutes early and ran as scheduled until the John Freeman show, which lasted for 1½ hours, signing off at 3:15pm. Both the Eric Monaghan and Roy Kelly shows lasted for only ¾ hour, and a Roger Dee show was not broadcast. The phone-in show started at 7:45pm and the station closed down at 8:35pm.

MERSEYLAND ALTERNATIVE RADIO are back in a big way, but on 1242kHz. Continuous music without announcements was heard at 6:30pm on Saturday, but the station had gone by 7:30pm. On Sunday, they were heard from 10:45am with more or less continuous music, punctuated by Steve Bishop announcements that the station was MAR, Merseyside's "better music station". From 11am - noon, they played continuous music and announced today's schedule as:- Noon - 2pm Paul West(Andy Davies in disguise); 2pm - 5pm Steve Bishop; 5pm - 7pm John Dwyer; 7pm - 9pm Dave Graham.

At various times during the day they apologised for the late start, due to "wind problems" (it was blowing a full gale this morning, so their aerial probably came down). Today's schedule was not met, and as the day wore on, they began to announce the broadcast as a test transmission. Heard were:- 10:45am - 11am Continuous music with announcements of station ID by Steve Bishop; 11am - 12 noon Continuous music; Noon - 2pm Paul West(alias Andy Davies); 2pm - 6pm Steve Bishop. During the latter show, Bill Clarke(?) took over while Steve Bishop was at the phone box accepting the calls, which were acknowledged between 5pm and 6pm. MAR will operate 8am to 8pm, 7 days per week, starting on Monday 12th September or Tuesday 13th September...or Wednesday...or Thursday..... We are promised a brand new mailing address when they eventually open, and it is to be hoped that the presenters will not be restricted by the three-in-a-row format that was the previous order of the day. Today's programmes made a very welcome change, more reminiscent of the days of J1000. The station closed down at 6pm, but true to the usual Steve Bishop form were back on the air again with old tapes at (or by) 6:20pm. The station finally seems to have closed down at about 7:10pm.

PEANUT KENNY STATION In spite of announcements by station "M" that this station has been testing on a variety of frequencies, it has not been heard at my QTH, although someone

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had quite a strong signal on 199m on Tuesday night.

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO have not been heard this weekend, possibly due to the presence of MAR on 1242kHz. Phil Davies, Jeff Stone and Chuck Brogan were all present at Wednesday's meeting, and they told me that they have now changed their mailing address to:- 15 Finchley Road, Anfield, Liverpool L4 2PL. An additional DJ, in the form of Mark Evans (of Central Radio) will be heard on Saturdays only, from 11am - 1pm.

RADIO CATHY had two representatives at Wednesday's meeting, who volunteered the following information. Radio Cathy operates on 1403kHz, from noon to 4pm on Saturdays only. Current format is continuous music, but they hope to shortly be running regular shows with DJs Tony Fairhurst and Dave Jackson, who can be reached c/o 4, College Road, Upholland, Wigan.

FREE RADIO LANCASHIRE seem to be looking for a new frequency. They were supposed to be coming onto 1170kHz, but SIGNAL RADIO, the new IBA station for the Stoke-on-Trent area that opened at 6pm on 5th September, has now "grabbed" this frequency. Hopefully more details of this station will appear in future notes, and these will include the mailing address.

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That's about the lot for this week, except to say that STATION "M" INTERNATIONAL have announced next Friday as the closing date for the competition to find a new name for Peanut Kenny's new station and to announce that "suggestions" have been very limited, with hardly any letters being received.

KDA WERE SUPPOSED TO BE COMING ON AIR ON SUNDAY. BUT WERE NOT HEARD UP TO MIDNIGHT. NO SIGN OF M.A.R. AT 8am ON MONDAY (12<sup>TH</sup> SEPT).

Barrie,

not much on the air this weekend, but the last two stations are a bit nearer to your neck of the woods.

Station "M" wipe out 1403 kHz in Wallasey.

8am - 8pm, 7 days per week!! I'll believe it when I hear MAR doing it - Steve Bishop is due in court either today or Wednesday in connection with the raid on Radio Veronica on Cup Final Saturday.

Bob.

PS. Hope Ruth had a nice holiday.