MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 23rd June 1985

A few changes have been noted this weekend:

RADIO MERSEYWAVES 1242kHz.

It was armounced on Sunday that this station is now controlled by Burt Williams and Mark Newman. They also have a new mailing address of:- 9, MEADFOOT ROAD, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW. From announcements, the station seems to have been living from minute-to-minute and none of the DJs seemed to know who would be following them. Heard over the weekend were:- Saturday; 10:30am-Noon Mark Newman; Noon-lpm Martin Miller; lpm-1:45pm intermittant continuous music; 1:45pm-4pm Steve Jones; 4pm-6pm DJC; 6pm-8pm Tara; 8pm-10pm Peter Scott(??); 10pm-11pm Paul Jay; 11pm-Midnight close-down Mark Newman. Sunday: 10:52am Theme and opening announcement by Paul Jay; 11am-1pm Mark Newman; 1pm-3pm Paul Jay; 3pm-6pm Burt Williams; 6pm-8pm Mark Newman; 8pm-10pm Martin Miller; 10pm-Midnight close-down Tara.

The station say that they are desperately short of presenters and are inviting "demotapes" from would-be DJs

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1404kHz

This station was first noted on Saturday at 4:37pm with a new DJ and obvious "test" transmission. Jim Browne took over at 5:24pm and ran the programming till about 6pm. The signal strength was adequate, speech modulation was good. On Sunday they ran into problems. Mark Evans was on his honeymoon, Phil Davies missed the start of his programme, a stand-in DJ was working overtime, and some of the equipment started to play-up. They opened at 10am and heard were: - 10am-Noon Jim Browne; Noon-2pm JOHN SANDERSON standing-in for Mark Evans; 2pm - ?? Jim Browne standing-in for Phil Davies. At 2:35pm everything faded down to virtually zero, and a short time later had disappeared altogether. When checked at 4:35pm, Phil Davies was "on air", but signal strength was very low and the signal was severely distorted with speech barely heard. The station did a few "on air" adjustments and the signal gradually improved to its former level and quality. Phil was on the air till 6pm, followed by Paul Allen till 7pm. John Sanderson was supposed to be on the air between 7pm and 10pm. The first couple of hours of his show were well heard, but at 9:25pm the station wasn't found. It isn't known whether or not they had closed down, but 1404kHz was suffering severe splatter from the continent, specially from Albania on 1395kHz, a classical music station on 1404kHz and BRD, Heusweiler on 1422kHz. The station are announcing Fri/Sat/Sun operation from next weekend and are seeking demo tapes from would-be DJs and are looking for advertisers.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz

This station have operated their seven-day schedule, generally in accordance with last week's announced DJ list, but not without some changes. They were not on the air by 8:20am on Tuesday, but Keith the Chief was heard at 7:15am on Wednesday morning, and may have been on the air all night. At Friday tea-time the station was not heard and it isn't known whether they were on the air at all that day. The Saturday schedule was as announced last week, except that DJC stood-in for Jeff Jones between 10am and Noon. The Sunday schedule was as announced last weekend, but sadly, Alan Ross did his last show for SCR before moving on to work at KISS-FM. His show consisted of his own "all-time favourites" and he said that he would be sorry to be going (due to personal committments) as the crew at SCR were the best that he had ever worked with, and he hoped to still attend their nights-out and to help them "technically" in the future. When last noted, at 12:15am, John Sniff was standing-in for Mad Mike. The station announced that "due to circumstances beyond their control", they would be reverting to "weekend only" operation from this weekend. They intend to operate 8am-7pm on Monday 24th June, then to close down to allow the DJs to attend their 13s-18s Night-out, re-opening next weekend.

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