

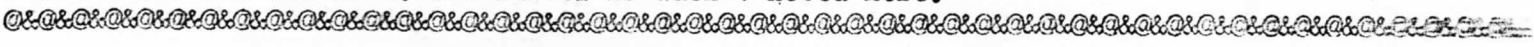
MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 5th January 1986

CONCEPT RADIO 104.4MHz FM: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF

This station were on the air every day till Friday, but daytime reception isn't possible in Liverpool on the equipment available. On Monday they were heard for a few minutes around 12:20pm but weren't noted again until shortly after 7pm. They closed at 8pm. On Tuesday they were noted for a few minutes around 12:50pm. They were heard in Liscard at 5:58pm, but closed down at 6pm. On New Years Day they weren't noted till 11:55pm, five minutes before close-down. They said that they opened at 8pm, but sign-on time was probably a few minutes late, as they weren't heard when the frequency was checked at 8pm. On Thursday and Friday they operated 8pm-Midnight with Tom Webb from 8pm-10pm and 10pm-Midnight Jim Lowe. It was announced by Concept that Commodore Radio would be back on the air on 11th January. Friday was announced as the last day of the station's Christmas schedule. They were not noted till 6:20pm on Sunday, but said they had been on the air since 5pm. Till 7pm they played a tape of Jim Browne's 15th December show. This was followed by Tom Webb 7pm-9pm, Jim Lowe 9pm-11pm and the Lowe and Webb Show from 11pm-??.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW

This station appear to have some equipment problems, with intermittent modulation at times. They were on the air on Monday from 8am till after midnight. Dave Collins announced that this would be his last broadcast till after the New Year. On Tuesday the carrier was on the air by 7:50am, but remained un-modulated till 12:30pm, when brief bursts of music were noted. They opened at 1pm, when Mark Newman said that neither Dave Collins nor the following DJ (DJC ?) had turned up. He closed the station down at 2:40pm when he couldn't stay and Barry Noble hadn't turned up for the 2pm-4pm slot. They were next heard at 4:45pm, with KtC and "friends". It was announced that some of the equipment was giving severe electrical shocks, and that many of the DJs were refusing to operate it. Following KtC were 6pm-7pm Mark Newman and 7pm-9pm close-down Dave Collins. On New Years Day, station announcements said that the station had hurriedly been put back on the air to advertise the Under-18s Night-out (that very night) but that it would be closing early to allow the DJs to attend. It was then to remain off the air for periods varying from a few days to a few weeks, to get the equipment sorted out. Heard Wednesday were 9am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm DJC; 1pm-3pm Mark Wright; 3pm-5pm Mark Newman. Schedule after 5pm wasn't noted. On Thursday and Friday the carrier seems to have been on the air for 24 hours, but no modulation was noted. Surprisingly, the station was back on the air on Saturday, with some obvious re-scheduling in the evening. Heard were:- 8am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-Noon Mark Wright; Noon-2pm Barry Noble; 2pm-4pm DJC; 4pm-6pm Paul Woods and KtC; 6pm-9pm Tara; 9pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am KtC. Sunday also saw a few changes to the intended schedule, with Wayne Scott not turning up for his regular slot, and no sign of Mark Wright, who was supposed to have been standing-in for Burt Williams. The line-up noted was:- 9am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-11:40am continuous music; 11:40am-1pm DJC; 1pm-3pm Paul Jay; 3pm-5pm Mark Newman; 5pm-7pm Paul Woods; 7pm-10pm Peter Thomas; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am KtC and 1am-2am Mid Mike. The latter DJ wasn't noted here.



These are the only stations noted here this week, but to be honest, stations that operate in midweek tend to get overlooked in the general rush of things (together with the distractions of TV) and WFM are no exception. They were overlooked on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and were not checked. Both C-104 and WABC were checked out on Sunday, together with Mersey FM, but nothing was heard.