

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 9th March 1986

There seems to have been a few changes in frequency and format this week:-

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

The station opened at 8am Monday and noted were: 8am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm Barry Noble; 1pm-3pm DJC; 3pm-5pm Alan Bates; 5pm-7pm Peter Thomas and 7pm-9pm Tony Coltrane. The station closed down at 9pm to allow the DJ to attend the 15s-18s Night Out. On Friday they were not noted till 8:10pm, but may have opened at 7pm. Heard were 8:10pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman. They seem to have closed-down at midnight as carrier only was noted at 12:45am but even this had gone by 1:15am. They were on the air at 8am Saturday with a slightly different schedule to normal. Noted were Dave Collins, Mark Wright, Barry Noble, DJC, KtC & Paul Woods doing two hours apiece. Tara apparently did 6pm-8pm (instead of 9pm) and the station seemed to have carried continuous music till 10pm (instead of Mark Newman 9pm-Midnight). Mark Burgess, the new DJ, was heard from 10pm-midnight, when the station closed down. The Sunday schedule was:- 9am-11am Mark Burgess; 11am-1pm Wayne Scott; 1pm-3pm Paul Jay; 3pm-5pm Mark Wright (in for Burt Williams); 5pm-7pm KtC; 7pm-10pm Peter Thomas; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am KtC and 1am-2am Mad Mike.

WIRRAL FM 90.3MHz stereo: 3, Wareing Avenue, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 6QH

On Tuesday night this station opened at 10pm, or just a couple of minutes later, with the Kevin Palmer show. This was followed a few minutes after 11pm by "Keith's" show, which disappeared from the air very suddenly at 11:23pm and was still off the air at midnight. They did not come on the air for their Wednesday broadcast.

RADIO COMMODORE 103.8MHz: 11, Orchard Court, Lower Tranmere, Birkenhead, Merseyside L41 9HD

This station was noted with continuous music from about 8:30pm on Wednesday and with Mike Hughes from 8:49pm. Steve Mason was supposed to be on the air from 9pm, but this seems to have been delayed due to problems with their phone-in. The first number given out seems to have been that of a public call box that had been vandalised and the second number attracted only three calls. The schedule wasn't noted, and Mike Hughes was still "in the chair" at 11:20pm or so, but apparently he hadn't been on for the whole time. The station was next noted on Sunday night, when they "wiped out" reception of Mersey FM. They seem to have come on the air at 8pm, with 8pm-10pm Dave Moore and 10pm-Midnight Steve Mason. They were not found after midnight.

MERSEY FM 103.8MHz FM; 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD.

This station was noted at 9:07pm Saturday, with Phil Davies in the "hot seat". Although initially doing a great "flag waving exercise" for CRI, Phil soon settled down to his programme for Mersey FM. It was announced that Mersey FM, Concept Radio and Central Radio are "sister stations" and the degree of co-operation is beginning to show. The news via both Concept Radio and Mersey FM is that Central Radio will be back on the air next week. Heard Saturday were: 9:07pm-10pm Phil Davies; 10pm-Midnight close-down Dave Ross. The schedule seems to be Saturday and Sunday from Noon to Midnight, but this Sunday they didn't sign-on till 5pm. Heard were 5pm-6pm Peter Mac and 6pm-8pm Phil Davies. The 8pm DJ failed to turn up, and Phil was heard to say that he would stay "all night" if needed. From 8pm, Commodore Radio virtually wiped out Mersey FM and it was only just possible to determine that Phil was still in the air at 9:30pm. At Midnight, both stations seem to have closed down.

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

This station were not noted during the week, but opened at 10am Sunday and again featured the DJs from Central Radio. Heard were:- 10am-11am Jim Lowe; 11am-Noon Tom Webb; Noon-2pm Jim Browne; 2pm-4pm Phil Davies; 4pm-6pm Charles Browne; 6pm-9pm Tom Webb; 9pm-Midnight close-down Jim Lowe. The Webb and Lowe show from Midnight-1am will now only be broadcast on alternate Sundays

RADIO ACTIVE 1611kHz: 25 Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 6DE

This station were heard with an extremely weak relay of Concept Radio on Sunday morning, but closed down shortly afterwards when QRM from Radio Julie prevented them from receiving Concept Radio well enough to relay it. They were reported to be on the air intermittantly on Sunday afternoon, but weren't noted here. The man to contact for reception on 1611kHz is Brian Grant, an ex-SRI DJ from the days when CRI were still Merseyland Alternative Radio.