

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 6th April 1986

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz: 91 New Hey Road, Birkenhead, Wirral, Merseyside

The schedule currently being announced by this station is:- L49 7NE
Thur/Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon from 8am-2am, but they haven't been noted for anything like these hours yet. On Bank Holiday Monday they were not on the air by 11:15am but were noted with continuous music at 11:50am with sign-on at noon. The station was opened by Kenny Gee, who was still on the air at 3:24pm, when the signal disappeared very abruptly at 3:24pm. They were next noted at 6:30pm on Thursday after having apparently been on the air since 5pm. Heard were 5(?)pm-7pm Uncle Ern; 7pm-10pm Brian "C"; 10pm-Midnight ???.

On Friday, although the carrier had been on the air for some time, they didn't begin programming till 5:07pm and noted were:- 5:07pm-7pm Dave Allen; 7pm-10pm Brian "C"; 10pm-?? Brian "C" standing in; John Sniff was noted later but the timing of his programme wasn't noted. A full schedule was operated on Saturday, but a few details weren't noted. Heard were 8(?)am-10am Andy Rogers; 10am-11am ??; 11am-3pm Brian "C"; 3pm-5pm Kenny Gee; 5pm-7pm Danny Dee; 7pm-10pm Mike Phillips; 10pm-Midnight Brian "C" and Mid-night-?? Andy Sloane. They opened at 9am on Sunday with 9am-11am Peter Thomas (a new DJ and not the same person as the Mersey Waves DJ of the same name); 11am-Noon John Sniff; Noon-1pm Martin "C"; 1pm-3pm Andy Sloane; 3pm-5pm Brian "C"; 5pm-7pm Jeff Jones; 7pm-10pm Kenny Gee; 10pm-Midnight Andy Rogers. Programming beyond midnight wasn't noted

CENTRAL RADIO INT: 1404kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF

It seems that last Sunday night when the Central Radio transmitter was switched to relay Concept Radio some damage occurred in the modulator. The station managed to get back on the air on Monday by by-passing the modulator and feeding the signal from Concept directly into the transmitter. They then relayed the Concept programming till after 1am. They were next noted between 8:30pm and 10:30pm on Thursday with "test" transmission and on-air reception reports via a link with Concept Radio. My notes for Saturday are a bit confused and noted were 10am-Noon Jim Browne; Noon-2pm Jim Browne with an additional note that Jim Lowe was heard around 11:30am. It isn't known whether this was a link-up programme. 2pm-4pm Phil Davies; 4pm-6pm Tom Webb; 6pm-8pm Charlie Browne; 8pm-Midnight Jeff Thompson. Charlie Browne wasn't available on Sunday morning and the station's apparent schedule was 7:10am-8am Continuous music; 8am-9am Charlie Browne tape of programme for Concept; 9am-10am Phil Davies tape of a programme made for Concept; 10am-Noon Jim Browne and Concept link-up; Noon-2pm Tom Webb; 2pm-4pm Phil Davies; 4pm-6pm Jim Lowe; 6pm-8pm Jeff Thompson. From 8pm Concept's programming was relayed by Central Radio.

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

On Monday this station say they had been on the air since 10am, but they were not noted here till 11:50am with a relay of Radio Mersey Waves. From noon they ran their own shows which were relayed by Central Radio and noted were:- Noon-3pm Tom Webb; 3pm-6pm Jim Lowe; 6pm-7:45pm Tom Webb; 7:45pm-11:15pm Jim Lowe; 11:15pm-?? Webb and Lowe Show. On Thursday they were linked-up with Central from before 8:30pm. Sometime around 10:15pm another transmitter came on 104.4MHz causing apparently deliberate interference to Concept, which was also being picked up and relayed by Central. At 10:30pm Concept closed down and the other transmitter was not then heard. It isn't known whether they relayed any of the CRI programming on Saturday. On Sunday they relayed the CRI programmes till 8pm, then ran their own programming, relayed by CRI. Heard were:- 8pm-10:30pm Tom Webb; 10:30pm-Midnight Jim Lowe; Programming after midnight wasn't noted.

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz: No address announced.

This station was noted from 10:07pm on Tuesday after apparently signing-on at 10pm. The DJ's name wasn't noted, but is believed to be Dave Moore. At 10:20pm he said that as the station's security wasn't too good and the DFI had been spotted in the area twice within the previous 24 hours, he was closing down but would be back on Thursday at 10pm. On Thursday, however, nothing was heard unless this was the station causing interference to Concept Radio.

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

This station was on the air Monday and noted were:- 7am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm Peter Thomas in for Barry Noble; 1pm-3pm DJC; 3pm-5pm Alan Bates; 5pm-7pm Jeff Starr. They closed down at 7pm to allow the DJs to attend the Night-out, which apparently attracted a crowd of about 350. Heard Friday were: 7am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm DJC; 1pm-3pm Jeff Starr; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-7pm KtC; 7pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am KtC. Saturday also saw them with "missing" DJs and heard were:- 7am-10:30am Dave Collins; 10:30am-Noon Mark Wright; Noon-2pm Barry Noble; 2pm-4pm DJC; 4pm-6pm Paul Woods and KtC;

6pm-8pm Tara; From 8pm the frequency showed carrier only till about 9:35pm when Mark Newman turn up early for his programme. He was then on the air till 12:12am close-down, saying that if Mark Burgess didn't turn up on Sunday, then KtC would open the proceedings at 9am. On Sunday, however, KtC was already on the air when checked a few minutes before 9am. Heard were:- 9am(?)-11am KtC; 11am-1pm Wayne Scott; 1pm-2pm Paul Jay; 2pm-3pm Dave Collins; 3pm-5pm Mark Wright in for Burt Williams; 5pm-7pm KtC; 7pm-10pm Peter Thomas; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman. Programming beyond midnight wasn't noted.

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I understand that Mersey FM were heard in Liverpool on Friday night with a very good stereo signal, but they were not noted here. Although the frequency was checked on a number of occasions, WFM was not heard on either Tuesday or Wednesday evening.