

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 20th April 1986

Very little has been heard on FM through the week although I understand that FM were on the air on Friday night.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES: 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW  
This station's efforts to go 7-day haven't exactly worked out as planned. On Tuesday and Wednesday, most of the DJs seem to have had problems with decks running at incorrect speeds. Heard have been: Monday; Dave Collins 7am-11am; 11am-1pm Barry Noble; 1pm-3pm Alan Bates; 5pm-7pm Jeff Starr; The sked after 7pm is thought to have been 7pm-9pm Tony Coltrane; 9pm-Midnight Tara; Midnight-1am KtC; 1am-2am Peter Thomas. Tuesday: 7am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-Midday DJC; Midday-2pm Jeff Starr; 2pm-4pm Paul Woods; 4pm-5:30 John Katchini(?); 5:30-6:30pm Steve Proctor; 6:30pm-9pm Tony Coltrane; 9pm-11pm Peter Thomas; 11pm-close-down. Wednesday: 7am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-Noon DJC; Noon-2pm Jeff Starr; 2pm-4pm Paul James; 4pm-6pm Peter Thomas; 6pm-8pm Peter Thomas in for Edward Bear; 8pm-10pm Tony Coltrane. From 10pm onward, the frequency showed a carrier only, and the station were not noted at all on Thursday. On Friday the carrier was noted till 3pm, then continuous music till 3:30pm, when Dave Collins opened up. Heard were:- 3:30pm-5pm Dave Collins; 5pm-7pm KtC; 7pm-9pm Edward Bear; 9pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-Midnight (?) Mark Newman. The remainder of the schedule was announced as Midnight-1am KtC and 1am-whenever he felt like closing things down, Paul James. On Saturday they opened at 8pm. Heard were 8am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-Noon Mark Wright; Noon-2pm Barry Noble; 2pm-4pm DJC; 4pm-6pm Paul Woods; 6pm-8pm Tara. From 8pm till past midnight the frequency showed an un-modulated carrier and the station wasn't on the air at all on Sunday.

JULIE FM 104.8MHz; 57, Wilmer Road, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 0JB  
Reports say that this station were on the air on Friday night, but they weren't noted here. On Sunday they were first noted at 3:33pm with 3:33pm-4pm Andy Davies(?); and 4pm-5(?)pm Peter Stevens. When checked at 5:54pm they were not found. Although the signal appeared to be quite strong, it didn't light up the stereo beacon and no stereo operation announcements were heard.

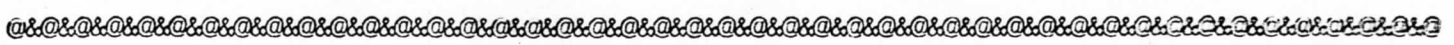
STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz: 91, New Hey Road, Wirral, Merseyside L49 7NE.  
This station are now announcing Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon operation. They were noted on Monday with some attractive continuous music between 11am and Noon, when the programming was opened by Kenny Gee. Heard were Noon-3pm Kenny Gee; 3pm-5pm Andy Rogers; 5pm-7pm Les Martin (new DJ who says he is also on Radio Annabel in North Wales); 7pm-10pm Uncle Ern; 10pm-Midnight Kenny Gee. Midnight close-down. They were next noted on Thursday from 5:15pm with most DJs announcing that it was the last time they would be heard on Thursday. Noted were:- 5(?)pm-7pm Uncle Ern; 7pm-10pm Brian C; 10pm-Midnight close-down Dave Dee. There were a couple of breaks in transmission during the latter show. Friday they opened at noon with Kenny Gee till 3pm. At 3pm it was announced that they would be going off the air till 5pm for aerial adjustments but after that time the frequency showed an unmodulated carrier till after midnight whenever checked. On Saturday the carrier was on the air when first checked at 6:45am and was apparently unmodulated till approximately 1:30pm, when Andy Sloane was noted. Heard were: 1:45pm-3pm Andy Sloane; 3pm-5pm Kenny Gee; 5pm-7pm Danny Dee; 7pm-10pm Mike Phillips; 10pm-?? Brian C who said the station would be on air all night to make up for lost time. Broadcasting on Sunday was intermittent. They were heard with continuous music from 10(?)am-11am; 11am-Noon Eric Monaghan; Noon-2pm Paul Western (carrier only at 1:05pm but signal back again by 1:35pm); 2pm-3:30pm Brian "C"; 3:30pm-5pm Uncle Ern; 5pm-6pm Brian "C"; 6pm-7pm continuous music. The carrier seems to have been off the air between 7pm-8pm and remained unmodulated for the rest of the evening.

CENTRAL/CONCEPT RADIOS: 1404kHz/104.4MHz: 18 Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside  
Central Radio were not on the air when checked at 10am Saturday, L20 6DF. but appeared to have opened shortly afterwards. Noted were ??-Noon Jim Lowe; Noon-2pm Jim Browne; 2pm-4pm Phil Davies; 4pm-6pm Tom Webb; 6pm-8pm Joe Ball (new DJ); 8pm-10:22pm Jeff Thompson. At 10:22pm Jeff said he was closing down the station for 1-1½ hours, but it isn't known whether he came back on later. It isn't known whether any of the programming was relayed by Concept Radio. Phil Davies opened the station early on Sunday and heard were:- 6:30am-10am Phil Davies, 10am-Noon Jim Browne; Noon-2pm Tom Webb; (the MW Tx was turned off for a short while during this programme to try to identify the interference to the link-up); 2pm-4pm Joe Ball; 4pm-7pm Jim Lowe/Tom Webb link up. Concept relayed these programmes from shortly after 10am. At 7pm Jim Lowe said that Jeff Thompson may be on Central from Midnight, after Concept Radio closed down, but this was not confirmed.

From 7pm, Central Radio relayed Concept on Medium Wave. Heard were:- 7pm-8pm Keith of WFM with a repeat tape of a programme broadcast a few weeks ago; 8pm-10pm Tom Webb; 10pm-Midnight(?) Jim Lowe. Close-down was announced as midnight but the station was still on the air at 12:20am, apparently with an extended Jim Lowe Show. Central Radio announced this week that they hope to shortly move frequency to 1413kHz in order to reduce night-time continental interference.

KISS-FM 102.7MHz stereo FM: 150, Rake Lane, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW

A very strong FM signal was noted from 1pm(?) - 2pm on Sunday. It carried continuous music interspersed with adverts for Anoraks UK till 2pm. After that, heard were:- 2pm-4pm Paul Thomas; 4pm-6pm close-down John Mitchell. The transmission was announced as a "test" broadcast with regular programming to begin next weekend. The signal is excellent quality FM and the presenters are very good. The station say that some well-known names will be presenters in the future. Unfortunately, from time to time the frequency does suffer "breakthrough" of broadcasts to and from light aircraft in the area.



Piccadilly Radio have now moved to their new frequency of 103.0MHz. Phil Davies says the Mersey FM were on the air on Sunday and moved from 103.0 to 102.3MHz to avoid Piccadilly Radio. They were not heard here, but I understand that they have moved location and that I may now be outside their range.