

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE      Week ending Sunday 11th May 1986

Yet another week with very little being heard by anyone, and even Radio Mersey Waves off the air with technical problems at times.

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

On Monday, this station was not noted till 11:27am, after apparently opening at 11am. Line-up was:- 11am-1pm Barry Noble; 1pm-3pm DJC; 3pm-5pm Paul James(?); 5pm-7pm Jeff Starr; 7pm-9pm Tony Coltrane; 9pm-Midnight Para; Midnight-1am KtC and (announced) 1am-2am close-down Peter Thomas. They were then off the air till Friday, when the DJs noted were:- 9am-11am Paul James; 11am-1pm DJC; 1pm-3pm Jeff Starr; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-7pm KtC; 7pm-9pm Edward Bear; 9pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am close-down KtC. On Saturday, the carrier was on the air for quite some time before a very, very distorted version of the theme tune was noted at 10:13am. A "buzz", which spoiled a lot of the programming, persisted all day. Noted were:- 10:15am-Noon Mark Wright; Noon-2pm Barry Noble; 2pm-4pm DJC; 4pm-6pm KtC; 6pm-8pm Peter Thomas. The latter DJ said that Mark Burgess hadn't turned up, and as he was unable to stay any longer, he switched the transmitter off at approximately 8:10pm. They were next noted at 10pm, when Mark Newman said that they had been off the air 8pm-10pm to try and sort out the "buzz" that had plagued them all day. He was on the air till midnight, when KtC should have taken over, but when checked at 12:10am, the frequency showed a blank carrier only. It isn't known whether KtC turned up late for his show. On Sunday, the "buzz" was back, and large parts of the earlier programmes were unreadable on speech. Mark Burgess in particular seemed to be "frying eggs" when he should have been DJ'ing. Line up noted was:- 9:30am-11am Mark Burgess; 11am-1pm Wayne Scott; 1pm-3pm Paul Jay; 3pm-5pm Mark Wright; 5pm-7pm KtC; 7pm-10pm Peter Thomas; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am(?) KtC and (announced) 1am-3am Paul Woods. The station is announcing their first ever Night-Out in the Liverpool City centre. It will take place 9:30pm-2am at Palmer's night club, near to the old tunnel entrance, on Tuesday 27th May. Unfortunately, the DJs seemed more interested in "playing with" the equipment that produced the advert for the Night-Out than in keeping listeners informed, so the location of Palmer's remains a mystery.

K-SOUND RADIO 105.2MHz

On Sunday, a very weak signal was heard on or around 105.2MHz. It was playing continuous music, without identification, and appears to have closed down at approximately 12:40pm. Strength and modulation levels strongly suggest that this was the station calling itself K-Sound Radio last weekend.

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

The transmitter "tone" came on the air at 7:56pm, with programming starting at 8:02pm. Heard were:- 8pm-10pm Tom Webb and 10pm-Midnight Jim Lowe. It isn't known whether the Webb and Lowe Show took place after midnight. Currently, this station seems to be the only one to listen out for the other local pirates, and to report on what they hear. At the same time, they sometimes "mis-quote" what they read in these notes. For example, the ex-Central Radio DJ who had his records returned by the DTI was JEFF STONE, and not Jeff Starr, a current DJ with Radio Mersey Waves.

SOUTH WIRRAL RADIO 101.1MHz

Concept Radio reported that this station had been operating for the last three weeks on Fri/Sat only and played a few extracts of reception. The station's DJs are "TJ" and "Miss C" and the location is said to be close to that of Concept. This station have not been noted here.

MERSEY FM 102.3MHz : 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2DT.

Jim Browne, of Central Radio, tells me that Mersey FM were heard on 102.3MHz from Noon-Midnight on Sunday, although nothing has been heard here. The station have a Night Out planned for 21st May. This will take place from 7pm on 21st May at the DOVE HOTEL, Dale Street, Liverpool. The Sunday format appears to be much the same as that operated when the station was heard here,