

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 18th May 1986

Not a lot has been heard again this week, although I understand that I missed Radio Julie on Saturday night and the attempted return of Storeton Community Radio earlier that day.

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

At various times, this station appear to have had problems with their equipment and the signal has been distorted, weak or "missing" for a time. On Monday they opened at 9:18am and noted were:- 9:18am-11am Peter Thomas; 11am-1pm Barry Noble; 1pm-3pm DJC; 3pm-5pm John Ceccini??(This guy, standing-in for Alan Bates, has complained a few times about the spelling of his name but hasn't broadcast any correction); 5pm-7pm Jeff Starr; 7pm-9pm DJC in for Tony Coltrane; 9pm-Midnight Martin Miller in for Tara; Midnight-1am KtC; 1am-2am Peter Thompson. They then closed down till Friday morning, when the line-up noted was:- 9am-11am Paul James; 11am-1pm Dessa & Garry Scoobie; 1pm-3pm Jeff Starr; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-??? KtC. By 5pm the signal was very, very weak. It was still on the air by 5:15pm, but couldn't be found at 5:45pm, and wasn't heard for the rest of the evening. The carrier was noted at 1:50pm on Saturday, but was off again a short time later. The carrier appeared to have been on and off the air a number of times, but no programming was heard. On Sunday they were back with an excellent signal, which deteriorated later. Heard were:- 8am-11am Mark Burgess; 11am-1pm Wayne Scott; 1pm-3pm Paul Jay; 3pm-5pm Jeff Starr, standing-in for Mark Wright who was supposed to be standing-in for Bert Williams; 5pm-7pm Tony Coltrane, who said he has swapped Sun/Mon hours with KtC; 7pm-8pm Peter Thomas; 8pm-10pm Martin Miller, in for Peter Thomas; 10pm-?? Mark Newman who started his programme, but when noted shortly after 10pm the signal was very distorted and barely readable and appears to have dissappeared from the air by 11pm. Between 11:25pm and Midnight, just the carrier was noted.

The station say that the planned Night-out on 27th is now cancelled, but listeners can still turn up to hear KtC and Paul Woods fulfill their contract. After going to a lot of trouble to make a suitable "advert" for the Night-out, hailing Palmer's Night Club as "the newest, brightest and best in Liverpool", the station have discovered that this is a "gay club", with which, the station doesn't want to be associated. They are still hoping to arrange an alternative venue in the same area on the same night.

RADIO COMMODORE ?? 103.55MHz

On Wednesday, from 9:28pm, a station was noted on approximately 103.5MHz. The DJs seemed to be very much under the influence of drink, and spent a lot of time "acting the goat". At various time they identified as Radio Slap-up, Esso International and TF-FM. A record was played for Dave Moore, who is reported to have recently left Radio Commodore, and one of the persons said to have been in the studio was Mike Hughes of Radio Commodore. The station closed down at 11:21pm

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz: 15, Pitch Close, The Crofter, Greasby, Wirral L49 2RP

Please note the new mailing address. This station was noted from 8:10pm on Friday, but the DJ's name wasn't heard. Andy Davies was in "the hot seat" from 8:30pm to 10pm close-down. Concept Radio report that the station were on the air again after midnight on Saturday and featuring Dave Collins (an ex-Storeton Community Radio, ex-Mersey Waves DJ), but that reception had disappeared a few minutes later.

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

This station signed-on at 8pm on Sunday and noted were:- 8pm-10pm Tom Webb and 10pm-Midnight Jim Lowe. They seemed uncertain as to whether a Webb and Lowe Show would take place after midnight, and this was not verified, but at 12:15am, Jim Lowe seems to still have been on the air.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 91, New Hey Road, Wirral, Merseyside L49 7NE.

There appears to be conflicting reports on this station, which wasn't noted here. Jim Browne of Central Radio says that SCR were heard on 93MHz on Saturday lunchtime. The signal was extremely strong in the North Liverpool area, but very distorted and it disappeared a short time later. Concept Radio reported a number of times that SCR had been heard at an unspecified time on Saturday on 92MHz. However, the former suggested that SCR are a prime target for the DTI and that they should close-down to give the other local stations a chance

CENTRAL RADIO 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

This station say that they have been unable to contact the owner of their "offered" new location. In the meantime, they have been offered another location in a better situated block of flats, which they haven't yet had chance to inspect. They hope to be back on the air soon.