

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 8th June 1986

Not too many stations have been heard this week, possibly due to severe interference from Mexico! A couple of stations have announced that they were on the air on Friday evening, but neither of them was heard.

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz: 15 Pitch Close, The Crofters, Greasby, Wirral, Merseyside L49 2RR. This station was noted on Monday night shortly before 8pm and playing the Julie FM ID jingle tape during a transmitter warm-up. They opened at 8pm, and heard were:- 8pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-"till someone else turns up" Joe Williams, who was still on the by last check at 11pm. They were next noted at 8:29pm on Saturday with the same line-up to shortly before midnight. Dave Collins announced that the station had been on the air on Friday night, but this broadcast wasn't heard. They were on the air again on Sunday, with 8pm-10pm Dave Collins and 10pm-Midnight Joe Williams. They appear to now be a weekend only, late-night operation, but they aren't listened to hear beyond midnight. This weekend they apparently tried to hold some sort of FM link-up with Anglesea, but this wasn't a success.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW. Reports say that this station were on-the air all day on Friday from 9am, but they weren't noted here till 4:28pm, when noted were:- 4:28pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-7pm KtC; 7pm-9pm Desa; 9pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am KtC. The official sign-on time on Saturday seems to be 10am, and this weekend, heard were:- 10am-10:50am continuous music; 10:50am-Noon Mark Wright (with apologies for being late); Noon-2pm Barry Noble; 2pm-4pm DJC; 4pm-6pm KtC and Paul Woods; 6pm-8pm Desa; 8pm-10pm Tara; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman. Any programming beyond midnight wasn't noted. They were back on the air on Sunday, when the line-up noted was:- 9am-11am Mark Burgess; 11am-1pm Wayne Scott; 1pm-3pm Paul James; 3pm-5pm Jeff Starr; 5pm-7pm Tony Coltrane; 7pm-10pm Peter Thomas; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman. Announcements now being made by the station suggest that they are now operating Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon, but the DJ's holidays are interfering with the regular schedules.

K-SOUND RADIO 105.2MHz: No mailing address noted. This station was heard briefly around 1:50pm on Saturday, but with a very weak signal. The DJ was Dan Molby, although other voices were also heard. They were not found later. Concept Radio announced that they had contacted K-Sound and played a recording of the telephone conversation over the air. They said that K-Sound closed down between 3pm-3:30pm and though due back on the air at 7pm, nothing was heard of them. Concept also gave the DJ's name as KEN Molby. The station say they were on the air on Friday.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.4MHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF. This station signed-on at 8pm on Sunday, and heard were:- 8pm-10pm Tom Webb and 10pm-Midnight(?) Jim Lowe. When last noted at about 11pm they were trying unsuccessfully to arrange a link-up with K-Sound via Keith of WFM using KDA's transmitter!. On second thoughts, I think they were attempting a link-up with Radio Julie. In their local free radio news section they said that South Wirral Radio have now moved to 105.9MHz. They continue to send greetings to:- Mersey Waves; Julie; WFM; SWR; R.Active(104.7MHz and 1611kHz - occasional); Veronica (104.6MHz, not heard this week); Mersey FM(now combined with Central Radio); KISS-FM(off air since recent raid); Central(due back soon); K-Sound (phone-in tape played) and Storeton Community Radio(not heard on either MW or FM but Jim Browne of Central Radio tells me that a carrier HAS been noted on 1026kHz through the week)

The latest gimmick from Concept Radio is "live phone-ins" with a difference. At an earlier phone-in, callers are invited to leave their number, if they wish to take part in a "live phone-in" later. The station would then appear to call back later and broadcast the conversation over the air directly from the phone. The success of this process hasn't been noted

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