MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 27th July 1986

Just three stations have been noted here this week, with Radio Mersey Waves being unable to fulfill parts of their schedule.

RADIO VERONICA 104·7 MHz: 81, Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP.

In spite of announcements that this station operates on Fridays, their signal has yet to by found on this day. Heard this week have been:-

Saturday: 2pm-3pm Adrian Cooke; 3pm-4pm Jeff King; 4pm-5pm Neil Frazer

Sunday; 3pm-4pm Chris Kernan(??); 4pm-5pm Neil Frazer; 5pm-6pm Offshore Radio show; 6pm-7pm Adrian Cooke; 7pm-??pm Neil Frazer. Close-down time wasn't noted, but the station had gone from the air by 9:47pm.

All the times given in the schedules for this station are "give or take a few minutes" It still isn't possible to receive this station on anything less than a communications receiver, but the operators say that they hope to be increasing power shortly.

RADIO JULIE 104·8 MHz: 15, Pitch Close, Greasby, Wirral, Merseyside L49 2RR.

The signal in Liverpool (at my place of work) is extremely weak and barely heard even with the receiver in the open air. The Friday programmes before 5pm tend to go unhead. Noted this week have been:-

Friday: 11am-1pm Tom Webb; 1pm-3pm Jim Lowe (?); 3pm-5pm Karl W (?); 5pm-6pm Continuous music; 6pm-7pm Carrier only; 7pm-8pm Andy Davies; 8pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-Midnight Joe Williams(?); Midnight-2am Tony West(?); 2am-4am Wayne George(?).

Saturday: 1pm-3pm Tony Coltrane; 3pm-5pm Ray Jackson; 5pm-7pm Phil Smith; 7pm-8pm Andy Davies; 8pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-Midnight Dave Collins; Midnight-2am Tony West(?); 2pm-4pm Wayne George.

Sunday: 11am-1pm Tom Webb; 1pm-3pm Jim Lowe; 3pm-5pm ??; 5pm-7pm Phil Smith; 7pm-8pm Andy Davies; 8pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-Midnight Karl W; Midnight-3am Tony West (?); 3am-4am Dave Moore (?).

This station seems to have a few "blind-spots" propagation-wise. The signal can't be found at the Albert Dock, but comes in quite strongly on the smallest pocket-portable on the Pierhead, which is less than ½ mile away.

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

This station seem to be short of DJs and have not been able to stay on the air, with both continuous music and carrier only noted at times. Peter Thomas didn't do 11pm-1am slot on Monday night as he went home ill. On Saturday, Tara's show started 70 minutes late. She said she was only a few minutes late for her show but had been unable to gain admission to the studio. On Sunday, the schedule went haywire after 3pm with Burt Williams not turning up, then Mark Wright's stand-in arriving late. Noted have been:-

Monday: 9am-11am Peter Thomas; 11am-1pm Paul James(in for Barry Noble); 1pm-3pm DJC; 3pm-5pm Alan Bates; 5pm-7pm Jeff Starr; 7pm-9pm KtC; 9pm-11pm close-down Mark Newman

Friday: 9am-11am Paul James(and father); 11am-1pm DJC; 1pm-3pm Jeff Starr; 3pm-5pm Peter Thomas; 5pm-7pm Desa; 7pm-9pm Paul Woods; 9pm-Midnight ANTHONY (a new DJ).

Saturday: ??-10am Continuous music; 10am-Noon Mad Mike; Noon-2pm Peter Thomas; 2pm-4pm transmitter off the air; 4pm-6pm Paul Woods and KtC; 6pm-7:10pm Continuous music; 7:10pm-8pm Tara; 8pm-10pm Mark Burgess; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman

Sunday: 9am-11am Mark Burgess; 11am-1pm Paul James(in for Wayne Scott); 1pm-3pm Paul Jay; 3pm-4pm carrier only; 4pm-5pm Repeat of Paul Jay show tape; 5pm-7pm Tony Hollis (in for Mark Wright); 7pm-9pm DON; 9pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight - 1am KtC.

Steve West (ex-Channel 5) tells me that he has been operating weekends only, late night on 1584kHz but is putting out continuous music only with no speech or station identification.