

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 10th August 1986

There has been a profusion of stations heard this week, with the promise of even more to come next week

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L44 1AU.

As expected, with KtC, Mark Newman and KtC on holiday, the station has been short of DJs for evening programmes. On Friday, no programming was noted after 7pm, but Peter Thomas kept saying during his show that they were having problems and asking the other DJs to call round to the location. On Saturday, the frequency showed carrier only from 6pm and they didn't start programming till 1pm on Sunday. Heard have been:-

- Monday 9am Peter Thomas; 11am Barry Noble; 1pm DJC; 3pm Alan Bates; 5pm Jeff Starr; 7pm KtC; 9pm Mark Newman; 11pm-?? Mark Newman, KtC, Paul Woods and the security guard in a joint show presented by those who were to be on holiday for 2 weeks
- Friday 10am Paul James; 1pm Jeff Starr; 3pm Peter Thomas; 5pm DJC; 7pm-?? No signal.
- Saturday 9am Mad Mike; Noon DJC (for Mark Wright); 2pm Peter Thomas; 4pm Jeff Starr (for KtC); 6pm-?? Carrier only
- Sunday 1pm Paul Jay; 3pm Mark Wright; 5pm DJC; 7pm-11:30pm close-down Tony Hollis

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz: 15, Pitch Close, Greasby, Wirral, Merseyside L49 2RR

On the equipment available, daytime reception in Liverpool on Fridays is all but impossible and the schedule before 5:20pm is my "guesstimate". This week, Sunday reception after 9:20pm was also done from a different location and apart from a very brief period around 10:20pm, when Joe Williams was heard, it isn't known for sure whether they were buried under the "test broadcasts" from Concept Radio. Heard have been:-

- Friday 11am Tom Webb(?); 1pm Jim Lowe(?); 3pm Carl W(?); 5pm Dave Moore; 7pm Andy Davies; 8pm Dave Collins; 10pm Joe Williams; Midnight-2pm Tony West
- Saturday 10:42am Julie Jingles; 11am Dave Moore; 1pm Tony Coltrane; 3pm Ray Jackson; 5pm Phil Smith; 7pm Andy Davies; 8pm Dave Collins; 10pm Joe Williams; Midnight Tony West
- Sunday 11am Tom Webb; 1pm Dave Moore; 3pm Jim Lowe; 5pm Phil Smith; 7pm Continuous music; 8pm Dave Collins; 10pm Joe Williams. From 10pm onward, the station seem to have been "lost" under Concept Radio

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO(??) 1296kHz(?)

The signal on 1296kHz is still being noted strongly, and has been mentioned in the Free Radio programme of Radio West on 765kHz in Ireland. The station had a continuous carrier all day until Friday, when they were putting out a loop tape of five or six tunes. If these tunes were deliberately chosen to "show off" the modulation qualities of the transmitter, then they are doing a good job.

RADIO VERONICA 104.7MHz: 81, Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP

Mixed fortunes for this station this week. They were not found on Friday night, but neither were BBC Lancashire on 104.5MHz. On Saturday, BBC Lancs appeared strongly on 104.5MHz and Veronica were effectively "squeezed out" between them and Radio Julie. On Sunday, BBC Lancs were again very strong, but there was no problem in hearing Veronica although Radio Julie appeared to have maintained frequency on 104.8 or 104.9MHz. By 6pm, BBC R. Sheffield from Holme Moss, who had been a strong signal all day, had disappeared completely, while BBC R Lancs on 104.5MHz were barely heard. Unfortunately, listening after 9:20pm was on a pocket-portable which doesn't pick up Veronica at the best of times. The station say that their schedule is:-

- Friday 6pm Chris Vernon "Hits from the 70s; 7pm Neil Frazer "60s Dusty Disc Show"; 8pm Repeat Off-shore Tapes; 9pm-Midnight (Or later) Non-stop music, Features, etc.
- Saturday 2pm Adrian Cooke "Golden Oldies"; 3pm Jeff King "Anarchy on the Airwaves"; 4pm Neil Frazer "Bits and Pieces"; 5pm or so close-down
- Sunday 3pm Chris Vernon "Chart Show"; 4pm Neil Frazer "Rock Show"; 5pm Offshore tapes; 6pm Adrian Cooke "Album Trax"; 7pm Steve Harper "60s & 70s Music"; 8pm-Close down Neil Frazer, Phil Collins or "guest".

Reception this Saturday was too poor to confirm the above, when the only definite ID was Neil Frazer from 4pm and possibly Adrian Cooke just before 3pm when a female voice was heard to advertise WAVELENGTH. Sunday reception was good, but the station didn't sign on till 4pm with the announced schedule. At 8pm, they featured the Free Radio News programme from Radio Rainbow International, an Irish SW pirate station, preceded by a request that that listeners suggest the best times that this relay should be relayed. Not Friday night please, and I don't think that suggestions that the relay is put out on MW would be too welcome at the moment.

After 9:20pm, listening was done on a pocket-portable, which doesn't pick up the station at all.

K-SOUND RADIO 105.8MHz: No mailing address

This station, which announces itself as radio for the North Wirral, is only heard on a communications receiver at a point not quite half a mile away from the two public call boxes used for their phone-ins. They were noted from 4:37pm on Saturday but closed down at 5:30pm. The DJ's name wasn't noted. They were noted again on Sunday at 2:17pm with a very intermittent signal and close-down time wasn't noted. The signal was found again at 9pm.

ANFIELD COMMUNITY RADIO 1413kHz: 111, Pinehurst Avenue, Anfield, Liverpool L4 7UG
Another change in frequency this weekend ready for the return of Central Radio. Signal into Liscard is extremely weak and barely audible. Schedule is:-

Sunday: - Noon Mark Evans; 2pm John Sanderson; 4pm-6pm Mark Evans.

MERSEY FM 103.4MHz.

This station was noted from 12:55pm on Sunday with a tape of an old broadcast, but had gone by 2:15pm. It isn't known whether this station are to make a come-back or the mailing address they are currently using

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO ?? 1170kHz

This station was reported to be "testing" 1170kHz on Sunday. The frequency is used by Signal Radio, Stoke-on-Trent, who were occupying it strongly on most of my equipment. Some time around 1:30pm, the communications receiver showed Signal's signal mixing badly with some Phil Davies type Golden Oldies (Locomotion, Peggy Sue, etc) but at all other times only a "het" on Signal was found. When heard, the music appeared to be continuous with no IDs noted. The address for this one is probably 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2FD.

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

This station was noted from 10pm on Sunday with a "test transmission". Listening was limited to short sessions on the pocket-portable from a location different from my home. The signal was quite strong and apparently wiped out Radio Julie although it was announced that the latter might relay Concept from midnight onward. Concept Radio say they will be "testing" again next weekend and are due on the air properly on Bank Holiday weekend.

RADIO COMMODORE

Radio Commodore will be "testing" on 103.4MHz next week according to a report from Concept Radio

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