

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 17th August 1986

Last weekend's unusually large number of stations appears to have attracted the attention of the DTI who were reported to have been active in the Wirral on both Saturday and Sunday. Security and co-operation appear to have been very good and it is believed that none of the stations were actually raided, though many schedules were either disrupted, curtailed or abandoned. Although the DTI seem to have confined their activity to the Wirral, some of the Liverpool stations thought it prudent to operate shorter hours than planned.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW. The station opened late on Monday and featured "carrier only" for part of the evening. They failed to come on the air on Friday and weren't noted all weekend. Heard were:-  
Monday: 11am Alan Bates (in for Barry Noble); 1pm continuous music; 1:25pm DJC; 3pm Barry Noble (in for Alan Bates); 5pm Tara; 7pm Carrier only; 9pm Tony Hollis; 11pm-1am Peter Thomas

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO(??) 1296kHz

The short loop-tape of continuous music was noted all day and evening on Monday. On Tuesday, the tape was noted in the morning, but when checked in the early evening it had gone from the air and has not been heard since

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz: 15, Pitch Close, Greasby, Wirral, Merseyside L49 2RR. Reception in Liverpool remains virtually non-existent for me, and nothing at all was noted from this station till 5:18pm on Friday. On Saturday, they didn't open up till 5pm and on Sunday they featured continuous music and a tape of an old Phil Smith show between 1pm and 3pm. Later, the latter, in a live show, said that the DTI were in the area and that all available DJs had been on security watch. He also confirmed that the DTI had been in the area on Saturday. This weekend, the frequency seems to have drifted below 104.8MHz causing very bad splatter onto Radio Veronica. Noted have been:-

Friday: 5pm(?) Dave Moore; 7pm Andy Davies; 8pm Dave Collins; 10pm Joe Williams; Midnight - 2am Tony West

Saturday: 5pm Dave Moore; 7pm Dave Collins. The remainder of the schedule wasn't noted but Dave Collins was still on air at 10pm and a joint Dave Collins/Joe Williams was in progress at about 12:10am

Sunday: 11am Tom Webb; 1pm continuous music/Phil Smith tape; 3pm Jim Lowe; 5pm Phil Smith; 8pm Dave Collins; 10pm Joe Williams; Midnight-2am Tony West(?).

CONCEPT RADIO 104.4/104.3: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF

This station was heard briefly around 8:40pm on Friday night announcing Tom Webb till 9pm, then Keith till 10pm but this wasn't confirmed. The frequency was 104.4MHz. On Sunday, from mid-afternoon, a carrier on 104.3MHz was blocking out BBC Sheffield. From 5:50pm the station was noted with Keith in the hot seat announcing the broadcast as a "test transmission" of Concept Radio and promising a full day of broadcasting next Sunday, with guest appearances by the crew of Central Radio. They were not on the air when checked at 7:44pm and weren't subsequently noted.

STARLIGHT RADIO 1404kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF

This station was heard at 1:15pm on Saturday, but they closed down at 1:16pm with an announcement that they had been on the air since 11am. On Sunday, they were heard with continuous music from 11:50am and opened at Noon. Jim Browne announced that the normal schedule will be Noon to 6pm, but "due to circumstances beyond our control, the authorities in fact" they would close-down at 2pm. Close-down time noted was 2:15pm with Jim Browne being the only DJ. It isn't known whether they will be on the air next Sunday due to the "guest appearances" on Concept Radio.

ANFIELD COMMUNITY RADIO 1413kHz: 111, Finchurst Avenue, Anfield, Liverpool L4 7UG

On Sunday, this station seems to have been buried under splatter from Starlight Radio until 2:15pm. The schedule was:-

Sunday: Noon Mark Evans; 2:30pm John Sanderson; 4pm Mark Evans; 6pm Mystery guest; 6:30pm-7pm New DJ on trial.

The station was only noted till 5:50pm, and had gone when checked later.

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

This station wasn't found on Friday night. On Saturday, with Julie not signing on till 5pm and BBC Lancs not getting through on 104.5MHz, reception of Radio Veronica was excellent, but the same could not be said of Sunday, when Radio Julie appear to have drifted down in frequency and reception of Radio Veronica was very difficult till about 7pm, when things improved.

