

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 26th October 1986

Once again the majority of activity has been confined to the weekend, with Radio Julie being the only station to operate regularly in midweek.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES: 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW
A strong carrier was noted on 1242kHz on Friday evening and other sources say that the station later did a "test" broadcast. Heard have been:-

- Mon: 7:45am Dave Collins; 11am Jeff Starr; 3pm Alan Bates; 5pm DJC; 7pm KtC; 9pm Mark Newman; 11pm Mark Wright; 12:30am Sidney; 2am(?) close-down
- Sat: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Mark Wright; Noon DJC; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Peter Thomas; 6pm Steve Coltrane(new); 8pm Tony Hollis; 10pm Dave Benitez; Midnight Mark Palmer; 3am c/down
- Sun: 8am Dave Collins; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Paul Jay; 3pm Tony Coltrane; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm KtC; 10pm Tony Hollis; 2am c/down

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz: 2, Fairbeech Court, Ford Estate, Birkenhead, Merseyside L43 7SZ
If it weren't for this station, there wouldn't be anything to listen to in midweek, with all other stations preferring the weekend. Heard have been:-

- Tues: 8pm Phil Smith; 9pm Mark Phillips; 10pm Andy Davies; Midnight(?) c/down
- Wed: 8pm Phil Smith; 10pm Andy Davies; Midnight(?) c/down

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

This station now have their Fri and Sun only schedule in operation and heard this week have been:-

- Fri: 7pm Neil Frazer; 8pm Off-shore Tapes repeat; 9pm Steve Harper; 11pm Dean Bartlett; 12:10am c/down
- Sun: 4pm Neil Frazer; 5pm Off-shore tapes; 6pm Adrian Cooke; 7pm Radio Rainbow Free Radio Show; 8pm Dean Bartlett; 9pm Neil Frazer; 9:30pm WERL "Tender Trip" prog; 10:15pm Neil Frazer; 11:11pm LA c/down theme.

MERSEY FM 102.3MHz: No current mailing address noted

This station was noted from approximately 4pm on Sunday with an intermittent and often distorted signal with very low modulation on speech. The programming eventually settled into the Charles Browne Show, but the station closed-down at 5pm. During this time they held a phone-in, but no dedications were noted. Other sources say that the station were back on the air later in the evening, but they weren't noted here. It seems that they plan to be on the air next Tuesday, but announcements suggest that this may be a daytime transmission.

RADIO COMMODORE 103.4MHz: 2, Palm Hill, Claughton, Birkenhead, Merseyside L43 5SP

On Tuesday evening from 9:23pm a strong signal was noted on approximately 103.5MHz. The station was carrying typical American "steam organ" type music and was thought to be another "test" from Chester Community Radio. On Sunday, they were back again, when they were noted from 7:30pm. Initially they were playing continuous music, followed by an old tape of a Radio Piccadilly programme, followed later again by continuous music. They eventually IDed as Commodore Radio on a "test" transmission. At 10:30pm, Dave Moore announced that for the past 50 minutes, they had been broadcasting a tape of an old Dave Moore Show, complete with a presumably out-of-date phone-in number. After 10:30pm, they put out another phone number, but the results weren't noted.

ANFIELD COMMUNITY RADIO: 111, Pinehurst Avenue, Anfield, Liverpool L4 7UG

During a phone-in, the station say that they were operating a "test" broadcast early Sunday morning, when the gales blew down the antenna at 1am and they spent the night moving location. They were on the air from 9:30am Sunday but the signal didn't improve till 10:30am. They were initially operating on 1431kHz, but from 1pm they moved to 1413kHz to avoid BBC Merseyside, but ran into problems with the German station on 1422kHz. They weren't found after 3pm, but Jim Browne says that they moved to 1386kHz and were on the air till 6pm, with both himself and Mark Evans doing shows. Heard this weekend have been:-

- Sun:- 1431kHz - 10:30am Mark Evans; Noon Jim Browne
- 1413kHz - 1pm Jim Browne; 2pm Mark Evans:

CENTRAL RADIO (??) 1404kHz

From 3pm Sunday a strong signal was noted on 1404kHz. It was carrying continuous music with long breaks between tracks and had gone from the air by 3:45pm without IDing

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

This station was noted from 6:40pm with a weak signal playing continuous music. At 7pm, Jim Lowe announced that he was "back again" and apert from equipment problems, the schedule is believed to have been:-

- Sun: 6pm-9pm Jim Lowe; 9pm-Midnight Tom Webb; Midnight(??) c/down