

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 2nd November 1986

The main news this week is provided by Anfield Community Radio, whose last day of broadcasting was Sunday 2nd November.

ANFIELD COMMUNITY RADIO 1386kHz: 111, Pinehurst Avenue, Anfield, Liverpool L4 7UG. This station was on the air from 10am Sunday, with:-

SUN: 10am Mark Evans; Noon Jim Browne; 2pm Mark Evans; 5pm (approx) close-down. During the Jim Browne show, it was announced that this would be the last day of broadcasting as a new station was due to take to the air. This station are to begin tests on low power next weekend on 1404kHz, and we are promised that on 7th January the new station will appear on MW with the biggest transmitter ever installed on Merseyside. A guy called Don Stevens, who is apparently behind this new station, said that it would carry news on the hour and rival the Voice of Peace. He is confident that it will eventually operate from a ship based in the Irish Sea. Mark Evans seems set to leave pirate radio for a while, but Jim Browne will initially be associated with this new station. In the past, many such stories have been circulated about new super-power stations that have come to nought and the general feeling seems to be that people will believe this one when they hear it. We shall have to wait and see!

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

A lot of the late-night schedule from this station has been missed. Noted were:
MON: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Jeff Starr; 1pm Barry Noble; 3pm Alan Bates; 5pm Peter Thomas; 7pm KtC; 9pm Mark Newman; 11pm Mark Palmer(?); 12:30am Sidney.
SAT: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Mark Wright; Noon Tony Coltrane; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Steve Coltrane(?); 6pm Mark Palmer; 8pm Tony Hollis; 10pm Dave Benitez (saying till 1am although previous announcements said Midnight-3am Mark Palmer).
SUN: 8am Dave Collins; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Paul Jay; 3pm Burt Williams; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Tony Hollis; Midnight(?) close-down.

On Saturday evening, "DESA", a DJ who hasn't been heard on this station for a while, appeared on Cilla Black's "BLIND DATE" programme on Granada TV. The station relayed the TV sound-track during the period when Desa was on the air. The more interesting part of this programme will probably be next week, when he returns from his "blind date."

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz: 2, Fairbeech Court, Ford Estate, Birkenhead, Merseyside L43 7SZ

This week, this station appears to have changed its operation days, but it isn't known whether this change is permanent. Unfortunately, there is still a lot of silliness broadcast by this station and the background antics spoiled what would probably otherwise have been quite a good "first broadcast" by SALLY on Thursday night. On that night they were due to close down at 3am, but other sources say that they were still on the air at 3:30am, and probably closed-down around 4am. Heard or announced have been:-

WED: 8pm Phil Smith; 10pm Dave Moore (guest appearance); 10:40pm Andy Davies; 11:25pm the station had gone from the air, but they had been having problems with one of the decks for most of the evening
THUR: 8pm "NEIL"??; 9pm SALLY; 10pm Andy Davies; Midnight Jackie Leigh(?); 4am(?) c/down. The station don't seem to be getting too many listeners at the moment, and on Wednesday Phil Smith announced that they hadn't received any letters during the week.

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

This station continues to be the only local station to cater for listeners with a wider interest in pirate radio than the others. The "Off-shore" tapes are not really more than "good" presentation of the current chart scene, but the Radio Rainbow Free Radio show features many interesting 60's tapes, Irish station history and news of the recent Irish developments. The "Tender Trip" programmes, aired once per month over WFRL, on Short Wave, carries the very latest news on the North Sea pirate stations both current and "proposed". Heard this week have been:-

FRI: 7pm Neil Frazer; 8pm Off-Shore tape repeat; 9pm Steve Harper; 11pm Dean Bartlett; Midnight/down with Caroline LA theme.
SUN: 4pm Neil Frazer; 5pm Off-shore tapes; 6pm Adrian Cooke; 7pm Radio Rainbow Free Radio Show No.35; 8pm Steve Harper; 9pm Neil Frazer; ?? C/down.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz; 18, Glynne Street; Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF

This station was heard very briefly around 12:45am on Saturday morning, with an advert for the Wirral FM roadshow and Tom Webb apologising for faults that had been occurring earlier on. They were next noted on Sunday, but the full schedule wasn't determined.

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For the second week running, Keith apparently didn't turn up for his show, and the others split the time into:-
7pm Jim Lowe; 9:30pm Tom Webb; Midnight(??) c/down.

102.3 MHz

At this stage, my notes become somewhat confused. On Tuesday night, around 10:10pm, a very weak Mike Smith, accompanied by Tracey, was noted on approximately 102.3MHz. The signal was very intermittent and seems to have gone from the air by 10:29pm. On Sunday, on the same frequency, a very strong signal was noted on this same frequency. When first heard at 4pm, it was relaying ILR Radio City, which was still being relayed at 10:30pm "last listen". Both Mersey FM and Radio Commodore have used this frequency in the past.

103.6MHz

Also on Sunday, from around 4pm, another signal was noted on approximately 103.6MHz. A couple of Radio Commodore IDs were noted on a strong but distorted signal. For the next couple of hours, the signal consisted of a very loud "buzz". After this time, a very weak and distorted signal, with very much overmodulated speech was noted on the frequency. The station seemed to be ID'ing as MERSEY SOUND, with DJ Mike and Steve, but they continually disappeared into the background noise. They were promising a phone-in, but no telephone number was ever noted. The station seem to have given up the unequal struggle by 10:30pm, when they appear to have closed down.

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On the legal side of broadcasting, the local press have carried many reports about the liquidation of TRANSWORLD LEISURE, the company that took over the International GARDEN FESTIVAL site. This company had plans to develop New Brighton, which now seem to be "shelved", but more importantly, they bought the Beatles Exhibition, in which ILR Radio City had a large interest. Press reports suggest that Trans-World Leisure have only paid an initial payment on the Beatles Exhibition, and that without the remainder of the money, Radio City, who are already reporting losses for this year, could be in serious financial difficulties!!

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**Desa's Blind Date**

BIRKENHEAD DJ, 'Desa' makes an appearance on Cilla Black's show Blind Date on ITV this Saturday (November 1).  
The 24 year old had to attend a series of auditions held in Liverpool and London before the cameras and spotlights turned on him.  
Will he pick the girl of his dreams? Find out for yourself. Switch on the telly as Desa switches on the chat!