MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 10th November 1986

Not too many stations have been noted this week, and the output of some of those that have been heard leaves something to be desired.

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

This station was noted with its now familiar Fri & Sun operation and noted have been:-

FRI: 7pm Neil Frazer; 8pm Off-shore tapes repeat; 9pm Continuous music; 11pm Dean Bartlett; 1am close/down.

SUN: 4pm Neil Frazer; 5pm Off-shore Tapes(Pete Phillips, Caroline); 6pm Adrian Cooke; 7pm Radio Rainbow Free Radio Show; 8pm Dean Bartlett; 9pm Neil Frazer; 9:30pm Tender Trip Programme; 10pm Neil Frazer; 11:10pm close-down

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

Once again, this station has showed a slightly different line-up this week, Heard were:-

MON: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Jeff Starr; 1pm DJC; 3pm Alan Bates; 5pm Peter Thomas; 7pm Mark Palmer; 9pm Mark Newman; 11pm Mark Wright; 12:30am DJ Sidney; 3am c/down

SAT: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Mark Wright; Noon Jeff Starr; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Mark Palmer; 6pm Tara; 8pm Tony Hollis; 10pm Dave Benitez: Midnight c/down

SUN: 8am Dave Collins; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Paul Jay; 3pm KtC; 5pm KtC(for DJC); 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Tony Hollis; Midnight Dave Collins; 1am(announced) close-down.

All the DJs on this station thought that Desa's performance in TV's blind date was the best thing from sliced bread, but they appear to be in a minority. The other stations, and all people who I have heard mention the programme, didn't have a good word to say for him. Dave Benitez apparently rang Red Rose Radio during the Alan Beswick Show, and he played a tape of the resultant conversation on Sunday night. Alan Beswick quickly showed him the difference between a professional broadcaster and an enthusiastic amateur although he did show a lot more tolerance toward listeners in Merseyside than I have heard him show before.

RADIO JULIE 104·8MHz: 2, Fairbeech Court, Ford Estate, Birkenhead, Merseyside L43 7SZ

This station was on the air on Wed and Thurs, but not too much of their schedule was noted as they seem to favour very early morning broadcasting. Noted were:-

WED: 8pm Phil Smith; 10pm Andy Davies; ?? close-down

THUR: 8pm Phil Smith; 10pm Jackie Leigh; ?? close-down

The station was also on the air for a while on Friday night, apparently for a short test. At 11pm they were noted with records alternating with Julie "jingles", but had gone from the air by midnight.

CONCEPT RADIO 104·3MHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

Last weekend, this station was apparently on the air past their normal close-down and around 1am Monday morning, they held a three-way link up with KDA and Mersey Sound. The latter station expected another link-up this Sunday, but Concept announcements suggested that they may have been intending to close-down at their normal time.

SUN: 6:30pm Keith; 8pm Tom Webb

Tom Webb was still on the air at 10pm, saying that he would be on the air till midnight or slightly later. It isn't known whether Jim Lowe did a programme.

RADIO CAROLINE NORTH 1404kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

This station wasn't noted till 1:09pm on Sunday, although announcements said that they had been on the air since 10am. The signal was very weak and largely unreadable due to Continental interference from 3:50pm although the station did say that they were testing on very low power. With the addition of Don Stevens, the personnel involved seems to be the original crew of Central Radio, and noted(or announced) were:

SUN: 10am Don Stevens; Noon Jim Browne; 2pm Mark Evans; 5pm Caroline jingles and old Radio Caroline tape; ?? close-down

The station are featuring Radio Caroline news every hour, which seems to have been taped from an earlier Radio Caroline broadcast.

MERSEY SOUND 103·6MHz: No mailing address noted

This station was heard from approximately 7:18pm on Sunday. Speech was fairly loud and clear, but music was barely heard. Apart from one or two interuptions from Kevin Browne, the only DJ appeared to be Mike Hughes, who closed the station down at 10pm, saying that they would be back on the air at 1am. Any later broadcast wasn't noted.