

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 16th November 1986

This week, Central Radio have returned to 1404kHz and are presumably blocking out Radio Caroline North, who haven't been noted. Another unheard station is Radio Julie, who are reported to be having location difficulties. A couple of stations have been noted operating above 105MHz, but I am unable to give an accurate frequency read-out.

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

This station has now joined the other locals in the habit of holding phone-ins and their usual contact number is 051 677 8607. Noted this week were:-

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

SAT: 8:45am Dave Collins; 10:30am Mark Wright; 12:15pm Jeff Starr; 2pm Paul James; 4pm KtC; 6pm Tara; 8pm Mark Palmer; 10pm Dave Benitez; Midnight Mark Palmer; 1am c/down

SUN: 9am Dave Collins; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Paul Jay; 3pm Mark Palmer; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Tony Hollis; Midnight Dave Collins; 1am off.

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

With the return of Chris Vernon, this station has operated a slightly revised line-up and the Radio Rainbow Free Radio Show has not been heard. Noted have been:-

FRI: 6pm Chris Vernon; 7pm Neil Frazer; 8pm Offshore Tapes; 9pm Adrian Cooke; 10pm Dean Bartlett; 1:02am c/down announcement and LA theme.

SUN: 3pm Chris Vernon; 4pm Neil Frazer; 5pm Offshore Tapes; 6pm Adrian Cooke; 7pm cont. music; 8pm Steve Harper; 9pm Neil Frazer; 10:20pm c/down annct and LA theme.

CENTRAL RADIO 1404kHz: 30 Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD

This station was first noted with a very good signal at 10:52am Saturday, after apparently signing on at 10am. The announced schedule is Sat/Sun 10am-Midnight, but for the moment they don't seem to have sufficient DJs to fulfill these hours. Noted were:-

SAT: 10am(?) Jim Lowe; 1pm Phil Davies; 4pm Tom Webb; 6pm Jeff Thompson; 9pm c/down

SUN: 10am Jim Lowe; 1pm Phil Davies; 3pm Chris Peters; 4pm Tom Webb; 6pm Jeff Thompson; 9pm c/down.

The staff of this station intend to "go their own ways" as well as keeping this station going.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD

On Sunday, this station was noted from 6:31pm with a very intermittent signal consisting of continuous music. Programming proper began shortly before 7pm and either heard or announced were:-

SUN: 7pm(?) Keith; 8:15pm Jim Lowe; 10:15pm Tom Webb; Midnight Webb & Lowe Show; 2am C/D

The station were hoping to hold a late-night link-up with KDA but it wasn't verified whether or not this took place.

CDFM - RADIO COMMODORE: 105.3MHz(?)

On Monday night, a station was reporting to be operating on approximately 105.3MHz, which couldn't be heard at this location. However, on Wednesday night, a very weak, unreadable signal was noted on this approximate frequency from 8:30pm. By the time a better aerial had been rigged up, the station was playing continuous rock music, which disappeared from the airwaves without any DJ name or station ID being noted.

On Sunday, two stations were noted near to this frequency from 10:20pm

The first station was announcing as "test transmissions" of CDFM, with Max Hamilton in the hot-seat, and other DJs Kevin Rogers and Eddie Lamb. It was suffering slight interference from a station on a higher frequency and closed down at 11pm.

The other station, approximately 300kHz higher in frequency, were putting in a very poor signal with slight interference from CDFM. The music was quite good, but speech was very difficult to follow. It was quite loud at times but seemed to be over-modulated to the point of unreadability. The details are by no means certain, but the station seemed to be ID'ing as Radio Commodore, with Mike Hughes, who was still on the air at 11:20pm last listen. It was hoped that reception after 11pm, with CDFM off the air, would be clearer, but this proved not to be the case. They were organising a phone-in, but apart from 644, the remainder of the number wasn't heard.

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Phil Davies reports that Liverpool Pirate Radio will be back on the air shortly. They hope to run their own programmes on Sunday afternoon, then to relay Radio Veronica in the evening