

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 30th November 1986

Few stations have been heard again this week

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

The station tell me that they operated on very low power from 3pm to 4pm on Sunday, but they weren't heard here. They say that they were previously on the air, on the hour, for two or three minutes to explain why they are currently operating reduced hours.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES; 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW
This station has extended its hours, and was noted from 2pm on Friday, as previously announced. Their Saturday broadcasts tend to run well into the early hours of Sunday morning but are not noted here beyond Midnight. Heard this week have been:-

MON: 8am Dave Collins; 11:15am 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(ann.c.d)

FRI: 2pm Peter Thomas; 4pm Dave Collins; 6pm Mark Palmer; 8pm Tony Hollis; 10pm Dave Collins; Midnight c/down

SAT: 8am Dave Collins; 10:30am Mark Wright; Noon Peter Thomas; 2pm Paul James; 4pm KtC and Desa; 6pm Mark Palmer; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Dave Collins; Midnight Mark Palmer; 3am c/down(ann.c.d). This was the announced line-up, but in the event, Don La One was heard from 11pm-Midnight.

SUN: 8am Dave Collins; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Paul Jay; 3pm Tony Coltrane (for Burt Williams); 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Tony Hollis; Line-up after midnight not noted

From 4pm on Saturday, the station held a "live" phone-in, when listeners were invited to question Desa about his Blind Date appearance

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

This station were heard with a much improved signal, but still suffering some problems with the mic, which buzzes loudly but intermittantly. Noted have been:-

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

SUN: 8am Charles Browne; 10:30am Jim Lowe; 1pm Phil Davies; 4pm Tom Webb; 6:30pm Jeff Thompson; 7pm Chris Peters; 9pm Jeff Thompson; Midnight c/down (announced)

It isn't known whether Radio Caroline North or Radio Suburbia were operating on either side of 1404kHz, as neither was heard.

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

This station, which operates on Sundays only, were this week announcing a 2am, or possibly 3am close-down. The link-ups with KDA and Mersey FM seem only to take place during the Webb and Lowe Show, which doesn't commence till midnight, and isn't listened to at this location. Noted this weekend were:-

SUN: 6:42pm Keith; 8:15pm Jim Lowe; 10pm Tom Webb; Midnight Webb & Lowe Show; 3am(?) close-down

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OTHER NEWS:

At 3:49pm on Sunday, the BBC Lancashire announcer on 103.9MHz said that the station was having problems with their signal, due to "a pirate radio station, who are surrounding us and attempting to take over our frequency" He didn't say which frequency was being affected, but there was no sign of any pirate station on either 103.9MHz or 104.5MHz. Medium Wave frequencies weren't checked as there is no local pirate station on 855kHz, and 1557kHz is obliterated here by splatter from BBC Merseyside.

The TODAY newspaper reported on 22nd November that RADIO LASER would be back on the air from 1st December, on 531kHz. On Thursday 20th November, a station had been heard "testing" with continuous Beatle's music around 02:00 UTC on 531kHz. On 1st Dec, they apparently opened with a large selection of off-shore "jingles" from the 60's and were noted here only briefly with Radio Caroline jingles and programming. Contrary to previous press reports, Neil Frazer said that he had picked them up with Radio Veronica programming, but on 576kHz, where they were "mixing" badly with a co-channel Arabic station and could only be heard when the latter faded.