

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 21st December 1986

Following the recent raid on KDA Radio, many of the local stations seem to be keeping their heads down till the holiday period and few of them have been noted this week.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW. On Monday evening Dave Collins stayed on the air while the rest of the crew attended the station's Over-18s Night-out at Ma Bakers in Birkenhead. On Friday from 2:30pm the signal was intermittent with more "buzz and crackle" than programming. At various times during the afternoon Dave Collins appealed for Burt Williams to call around and sort things out. Between 6pm and 8pm everything seemed back to normal but with the station using an assortment of old tapes for "test" purposes. They closed early as no other DJs were available. Noted have been:-
Mon: 8am(?) Dave Collins; 12:15pm Tara; 1pm DJC; 3pm Cont. music; 5pm Peter Thomas; 7pm KtC; 8pm Dave Collins; 1:30am(?) c/down
Fri: 2:30pm Dave Collins; 6pm Tapes(?) Dave Benitez/Mark Palmer/Paul Jay; 8pm Tony Hollis; 10:20pm c/down
Sat: 8am Dave Collins; 10:30am Mark Wright; 12:30pm Peter Thomas; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Mark Palmer; 6pm Tara; 8pm Tony Hollis; Midnight DJC; 1am c/down
Sun: 9am Dave Collins; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Paul Jay; 3pm Burt Williams; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Tony Hollis; Midnight Dave Collins; 1am c/d.

The station say that they will be changing to 7-day operation for the Christmas/New Year holiday fortnight.

CENTRAL RADIO INT 1404kHz: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD. Chris Peters hasn't been heard this weekend and the station closed down early on both days. The signal is strong in Wallasey and noted have been:-
Sat: 8am Charles Browne; 10:30am Jim Lowe; 1pm Phil Davies; 4pm Tom Webb; 6pm carrier only till 10:20pm, then off
Sun: 8am Charles Browne; 10:30am Jim Lowe; 1pm Phil Davies; 4pm Tom Webb; 6pm Jeff Thompson; 9pm c/down

It isn't known what plans this station may have for the holiday period.

CHESTER COMMUNITY RADIO 103.5MHz: 66, Aldford Road, Upton, Chester. This station was noted with a good signal from 6:45pm on Sunday with some heavy organ music during transmitter warm up and 7pm commencement of programming. Noted were:-
Sun: 7pm Ken Greenwood; 8pm Stuart Bird; 9pm Paul Jay; 10pm Steve James; 11pm Brian James; Midnight close-down

They are asking for reception reports, requests and dedications but say that their next planned broadcast won't take place till the next Bank Holiday although there is a chance that they might be back on the air next Sunday

CAROLINE NORTH 1325kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF. This station was noted only briefly on Sunday with a very weak signal on a very poor frequency. Mark Evans and Jim Browne seem to have been the only DJs featured with:-
Sun: 10am Mark Evans; Noon Jim Browne; 2pm Mark Evans; 5pm c/down

Most Sundays they only seem to get through spasmodically from 11:15am or so to around 12:30pm. At other times they are blocked out by Radio Norway and BBC Ulster. They are planning a special Christmas Eve broadcast, but other plans for the holiday period aren't known



In defence of 'Merseywaves'

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to dispel any malicious rumours which may have been circulating about Radio Merseywaves. Certain people are under the impression that all pirate or "free" radio stations around the country are a menace to society in that they are accused of interfering with the emergency service on Radio wavebands. As I can now point out, this is not true in certain cases. Radio Merseywaves broadcast on the frequency of 244 medium wave or 1233 kHz. May I point out that there are no emergency services which broadcast on medium wave. Due to technical reasons they operate on the VHF waveband, therefore at the moment, Radio Merseywaves are in no way causing a hazard to emergency services. In fact in my opinion, there are other services in the community which interfere with radios more than free radio stations, one of which is taxis.

I would also like to point out that much hard work and many hours go into producing the shows which Radio Merseywaves broadcast each Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Monday. Nearly all the DJ's on the station are all well established Jocks working in venues around the Merseyside area and are not irresponsible as people might think. Merseywaves are willing to promote charity events taking place in the Merseyside area, and have also raised money on numerous occasions. Radio Merseywaves is not funded in any way and all expenses are paid for by the disc jockeys, out of their own pockets. If anyone has any opinions or wishes to tell me what they think of Radio Merseywaves and what we can do to improve the service, I will be very pleased to hear from them c/o 9 Meadfoot Road, Moreton, L46 7UW.

Dave Benitez.