

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 22nd February 1987

There are a number of low-powered stations in this area which continue to be unheard at this location. One of them, MERSEY FM, was raided by the DTI on Thursday night and lost all their equipment. In spite of last weekend's raid, Radio Mersey Waves got themselves back on the air on Friday morning.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES: 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW. This station returned to the airwaves at 8am on Friday, after Burt Williams had worked all night (till 6:30am) to set up a new location. There were a few initial problems with new audio equipment, which put them off the air for a short while, and the mic. has given problems for most of the weekend. There has been some shuffling with the line-up, and noted have been:-

- Fri: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Mark Palmer; Noon Mad Mike; 12:39pm off air; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Mark Palmer; 6pm Paul Woods; 8pm DJ Sidney; 10pm Kevin Jordan; Midnight Peter Thomas; 2am close-down
- Sat: 8:25am Dave Collins; 10am Tony Hollis(for Mark Wright); Noon Peter Thomas(for Tony Coltrane); 2pm Paul James; 4pm KtC; 6pm Tara; 8pm Mark Palmer; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight Billy & Roy; 2am "B" & Paul James; 4am c/down.
- Sun: 9am Dave Collins; 11am Wayne Scott; Noon Roy & Billy; 1pm Tony Hollis(for Tony Coltrane); 3pm Peter Thomas(for Burt Williams); 5pm DJC; 6pm DJ Sidney; 7pm cont music; 8pm Don La Ong; 10pm Mark Newman; Midnight Tony Hollis; 2am c/down.

Most of the DJs at the station have accepted last weekend's raids philosophically, but others have passed a few comments that seemed more designed to provoke the DTI into another raid than to entertain the listeners.

RADIO MERSEYLAND 1395kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF. This station was on the air between Noon and 1:15pm on Sunday with a "test" transmission by Jim Browne and Mark Evans. Due to the DTI activity over the past seven days, the station say that they are closing down for 2-3 weeks. The station broadcast the local free radio news items reproduced at the end of these notes.

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO 1395kHz: 30, Elkstone Road, Morris Green, Liverpool L11 2FD. This station was noted from 1:58pm on Sunday, with a mixture of LPR jingles; tapes of previous Andy Davies (MAR) shows and the occasional "live" announcement by Phil Davies. They closed-down at approximately 3:10pm after "test transmission" announcements

UNIDENTIFIED 105.5 - 106 MHz

At 7:12pm on Sunday a strong signal was noted on approximately 106MHz. Modulation was full of distortion, hum, crackles, clicks, etc as on-air adjustments were made. Both modulation and carrier were intermittent and the frequency progressively moved down to approximately 105.5MHz. The transmitter was switched off at 8pm without identification

RADIO VERONICA 104.75MHz: 81, Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP

Although not currently being heard here, news from this station is that they were on the air between 1:30pm and 4:50pm on Sunday. They say that they are operating every Sunday but are on low power from a very low aerial and hope to find a suitable location soon

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The following Free Radio News was broadcast by Radio Merseyland on Sun. 22nd Feb.:

- RADIO MAG - 102.4MHz are being heard on Fri night/Sat night/Sunday all day
- UNID - 1125kHz - noted Fri and Sat with tapes of Caroline/London/England but just with a blank carrier on Sunday
- JULIE(AM) - A low-powered Radio Julie have been heard on 1026kHz, the old Storeton Community Radio frequency. They are shortly to move to 1296kHz, SCR's other old frequency
- JULIE(FM) - 104.8MHz are currently off the air due to last weekend's raid, but hope to be back on the air within two weeks from a higher location and with a much better signal
- MERSEY FM - 103.4MHz - noted Tues/Wed/Thur 6pm-1am with Mike Smith, Charles Browne and Garry Palmer. The station say that they were RAIDED BY THE DTI at approximately 10pm on Thursday night, when all their equipment was confiscated.
- CONCEPT - 104.4MHz - are due back on the air at Easter (probably Easter Sunday)
- UNID - 107MHz - noted for most of the week but only relaying ILR R.City
- CENTRAL RADIO - 1404kHz - Jim Browne, Phil Davies and Mark Evans will re-activate this station as soon as they can find a new location. In the meantime, Charles Browne, Garry Palmer and Mike Smith have all left to go their own ways.
- NEW Stn - 105 MHz - A new FM station from the Wirral is due to open shortly on 105 MHz. No other details were given.
- SUPREME R. - 106MHz - This station, run by Paul Yates and John Martin from the Fazakerley area of Liverpool is heard on Sunday evenings