

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 1st March 1987

On Tuesday, Andy Davies was due in Court in connection with charges arising from the the DTI raids on Radio Julie in August and February. The case was adjourned to a date as yet unknown. A couple of last week's unidentified stations have now apparently been identified.

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

It seems that on Sunday, Burt Williams announced that if the DTI raided the station again, then he would put it on the air on a 7-day basis instead of "weekends only".

- There continues to be some shuffling of the line-up and noted this week were:-
- Mon: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Jeff Starr; 1pm DJC; 3pm Peter Thomas; 5pm Mark Palmer; 7pm Charles Pope; 9pm Mark Newman; 11pm Mark Wright; 12:30am DJ Sidney; 3am c/down
- Fri: 7:50am Dave Collins; 10am Peter Thomas; Noon Mark Palmer; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Mark Palmer; 6pm Paul Woods; 8pm DJ Sidney; 10pm Kevin Jordan; Midnight Peter Thomas; 2am Kevin Jordan; 4am c/down
- Sat: 8am Kevin Jordan; 10am Mark Wright; Noon Steve Coltrane; 2pm Paul James; 4pm KtC; 6pm Mark Palmer; 8pm DJ Sidney; 10pm Paul James; Midnight BILLY; 2am "B" and Paul James; 4am c/down
- Sun: 9am Mark Newman; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Alan Bates + Barry Noble; 3pm Burt Williams; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Mark Newman; Midnight Tony Hollis; 2am c/down.

RADIO MERSEYLAND 1395kHz: 18, Glyme Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

The station says that it was on the air at 8am on Tuesday, but closed down when a very suspicious blue Ford Sierra parked in the road. Later, when comparing notes with Jim Browne, Mark Evans found that this vehicle had been used in previous DTI raids. The station was noted here at 12:40pm on Sunday, when they were playing the Radio Mersey Waves theme tune and "imitating" Burt Williams closing the station down. The big give-away came when Dave Starr was invited to meet "them" in the Windsor Castle that same evening.

UNIDENTIFIED 104.3MHz

From 1:30pm on Sunday, a very strong carrier was noted on this frequency. By 2:40pm it was featuring "quiet" music of the Blue Hawaii type, but disappeared from the air some time around 3pm. This station was possibly Concept Radio, who are now said to have completed their new studio.

UNIDENTIFIED (??) 105.8MHz

From approximately 2:43pm on Sunday, an intermittent signal was noted on 105.8MHz. This signal had previously been noted on either Thursday or Friday night, but notes have been mislaid. On that night they gave out a very brief station identification, but all that was caught was "..... International". At 3:10pm on Sunday, they were obviously playing old tapes, and rewinds could be heard on air, and identified as SLAG-OFF INTERNATIONAL. The signal remained intermittent and close-down time wasn't noted. In view of the station playing old tapes, it isn't possible to know whether the identifications were genuine. If they are, then S.O.I. must have obtained either a much better location, or a bigger transmitter.

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The RADIO MAG station reported by Jim Browne last week is almost certainly RADIO RAG, a station operated by the students of Manchester University on 102.3MHz for a few weeks around their "Rag Week". The Fri night/Sat night/All day Sunday is their normal format and this station is currently being heard by others outside the Merseyside area. Jim also says that he picked up the last five minutes of a half-hour broadcast of the station on 107MHz who had been relaying Radio City during the previous week. At close-down they identified as "HALEWOOD COMMUNITY RADIO", who are due on the air at Easter. The mystery station on 1125kHz could possible be coming from Ireland. Allen Dean in Burnley says that Radio Carousel closed down their Dundalk operation, but that the frequency is now occupied by Radio Carousel, Northern Ireland!!