

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 5th April 1987

Slag-Off International have acquired a much more powerful transmitter this week but unfortunately, they have used it for long parts of the weekend simply to swamp Radio Julie's signal on 104.8MHz. Steve Mason said that he has now left Radio Julie and that SOI was deliberately operating on 104.8MHz in retaliation for an earlier incident involving Radio Julie. Some time around 4pm on Sunday, common sense seemsto have prevailed, with SOI moving to 105.3MHz and both stations getting on with their own programming.

On Saturday, Radio Mersey Waves did an outside broadcast from Aintree racecourse complete with interviews and commentary on the Grand National. They were heard in the North of Liverpool both on CB channels and on the FM link back to the studio.

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

This station had problems with their equipment and were off the air for part of Monday afternoon. At the weekend they have stayed on the air all night and have introduced a new DJ, KAY MORRIS. Noted have been:

Mon: 7am Dave Collins, 10am Jeff Starr; 1pm Dave Collins; 1:09pm suddenly off then back intermittantly with music and announcements; 2:30pm Mark Palmer; 3pm Alan Bates; 5pm Mark Palmer; 7pm Steve Coltrane; 9pm Peter Thomas; 11pm Mark Wright; 12:30am DJ Sidney; 3am close-down

Fri: 8am Dave Collins; 10:15am Jeff Starr; Noon Mark Palmer; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Peter Thomas; 6pm Paul Woods; 8pm DJ Sidney; 10pm Kevin Jordan; Midnight Dave Collins(?); 2am Tony West; 4am close-down.

Sat: 8am Dave Collins; 10:45am Mark Wright; Noon Charles Pope; 2pm Mark Palmer(?); 4pm Kay Morris; 5pm KtC; 7pm Mark Newman; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight Dave Collins(?); 2am Tony West; 4am Dave Collins(all night)

Sun: 9am Dave Collins; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Tony Coltrane; 3pm Burt Williams; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Mark Newman; Midnight Tony Hollis; 2am Tony West; 4am Tony West & Dave Collins.

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz: 112, Greenwood Road, Woodchurch, Wirral, Merseyside L49 8HU.

As mentioned in the "intro", this station was jammed at times but whenever they were heard, they seem to have followed their proposed schedule which is printed below, and provided by Concept Radio.

Sat: 8am Dave Dee or Paul Western; 10am Bob- The Lone Ranger; Noon Larry James; 2pm Neil Bishop; 4pm Andy Rogers; 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm Andy Sloane; 10pm Paula "P"; Midnight Phil Smith; 2am Scott Brennan; 4am Andy Davies; 6am Mark Ross:

Sun: 8am Louise; 10am Andy Rogers; Noon Kenny Gee; 2pm Phil Smith; 4pm Bob (for Joe Williams); 6pm "Coalie" or Bob; 7pm Paula "P"; 8pm Phil Smith; 10pm Carl "W"; Midnight Paula "P"; 2am Andy Davies; 5am Louise; 9am(Mon) close-down.

The station will shortly be increasing power on FM and though the Medium Wave broadcast promised this weekend never materialised, they say that they will be "testing" on 1026kHz next Thursday.

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

This station was heard from 9:30am on Sunday with continuous music during transmitter warm-up at 10am. Noted were:-

Sun: 10am Phil Davies; 11am Neil Frazer; 1pm Tony Price; 2pm Phil Davies; 3pm Tony Price; 4pm Paul Jones; 5pm close-down.

During his "guest appearance", Neil Frazer said that Radio Veronica would be on the air at 2pm, but this station wasn't heard here.

RADIO MERSEYLAND 1422kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

This station was heard from 9:15am on Sunday, and noted were:-

Sun: 9am Mark Evans; Noon Jim Browne; 2pm Dave Starr; 4pm Rock-steady Eddie; 6pm Mark Evans; 6:10pm close-down.

Once again this week, the interference from the Continent didn't become horrendous till 6pm, when Merseyland were just on the point of signing-off. In Liscard, however, the problems caused by the side-bands from BBC Merseyside are serious at times. Jim Browne says that they will be installing a more powerful transmitter in time for next weekend and that as soon as possible, they will move back to 1395kHz (ie, as soon as they can obtain a new crystal).

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz.

This station, who have not yet announced their new mailing address, were noted from 9:45pm on Sunday with continuous music during transmitter warm-up. Noted were:-

SUN: 9:45pm Cont. music; 10pm Tom Webb; 10:30pm Jim Lowe; 11pm Tom Webb; 11:50pm Jim Lowe; 12:19am Webb & Lowe Show; 12:35am close-down.

The station says that they will begin regular broadcasting at 7pm next Sunday and are planning some new regular features, including a local Free Radio News section

SLAG-OFF INTERNATIONAL 104.8/105.3MHz

The mailing address for this station was heard only once, and then spoken indistinctly, but is believed to be:-

132, Norwood Road, Poulton, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 4EG.

Other sources say that this station was heard on 104.8MHz at 1am on Tuesday, with Mike Hughes in the chair and identifying it as Radio Paula. They also heard it on Wednesday night around 6pm and again around midnight. It was first noted here at 5:50pm on Friday with continuous music till 6pm, when Mike Hughes ID'ed the station as Slag-off International at close-down. He said that they would be back later, but they weren't found by midnight

On Saturday, they were first noted a few minutes after 5pm, with Steve Mason in the hot seat for a few minutes, followed by continuous music till 7:10pm close-down. They were back at 7:35pm with continuous music and the occasional announcement by Mike Hughes to an unknown close-down time. From 9:45pm they were back again with their own programming, first with Mike Hughes, then with Steve Mason. The close-down time wasn't noted. On Sunday, they were already on the air with continuous music by 9:30am, followed by a blank carrier till 10:30am. They re-appeared with Steve Mason, who made it perfectly clear that he was causing as many problems for Radio Julie as possible, than with a 45 minute tape of continuous music at 1pm; 4pm; 6pm; 7pm and 8pm, but some time before 5pm, the station had changed frequency to 105.3MHz (announced as 105.1 or 105.2 MHz, and asking "pals" for confirmation). From that time, both SOI and Julie were heard, and when Concept Radio joined them at 10pm, the locals really seem to have been in command of this part of the band. At 8:40pm, Mike Hughes said that they were about to start proper programming instead of "tests" and noted were:-

Sun: 8:40pm Mike hughes; 9pm Steve Mason; 10pm Mike Hughes; Midnight Steve Mason;
??? close-down.

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