

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 19th April 1987

Apart from Chester Community Radio, the anticipated increase in the number of stations operating over the Bank Holiday weekend never happened!! The Radio Mersey Waves output has been heard all weekend on 104.3MHz, obliterating Concept Radio's broadcasts on Sunday night. At first it was thought that someone was relaying Radio Mersey Waves but as the signal has remained continuously for so long, it now seems that the station are using the frequency themselves, although they are not announcing an FM broadcast

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

On Monday evening, some time around 5pm, the antenna came down and the station were off the air for a while. The time of return wasn't noted. Over the holiday weekend they have operated a 24-hour format, but much of the overnight programming was missed. Dave Collins has hinted that in conjunction with Anoraks UK, the station "has been up to something in Ireland". Noted this week have been:-

Mon: 7am Dave Collins; 10am Jeff Starr; 1pm Tony West(for DJC); 3pm Alan Bates; 5pm... off air...8:35pm Tony Hollis; 9pm Peter Thomas; 11pm Mark Wright; 12:30am Sidney; 3am close-down

Fri: Midnight Roy(?); 4am off; 7am Dave Collins; 10am KtC; Noon Mark Palmer; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Peter Thomas; 6pm Paul Woods; 8pm DJ Sidney; 10pm Kevin Jordan; Midnight Tony West; 2am Dave Collins/Jeff Starr Birthday Show; till 8am

Sat: 8am Tony West; 10:18am Mark Wright; 12:15pm Charles Pope; 3pm Kay Morris; 5pm KtC; 8pm Mark Newman; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight Roy & Billy; 3am Tony West; 3am on ????

Sun: 9am Kevin Jordan; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Tony Coltrane; 3pm Kay Morris; 3:40pm Burt Williams; 5pm Peter Thomas(for DJC); 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Mark Newman; Midnight Tony Hollis; 2am Tony West; 4am Kevin Jordan(to 7am)

The station's signal on 104.3MHz was noted here from noon on Good Friday but others report hearing it as early as 10:30am.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz: No current mailing address.

The station signed on at 7pm on Sunday but were mostly obliterated by the Mersey Waves signal on the frequency. A call to the station during their phone-in produced the following schedule:

Sun: 7pm Tom Webb; 9pm Jim Lowe; 11pm Webb and Lowe Show.

They were still on the air when checked at 12:15am, but were still unreadable.

CHESTER COMMUNITY RADIO 103.5MHz: 66, Aldford Road, Upton, Chester.

This station operates on Bank Holiday Sundays only and noted this weekend were:

Sun: 7pm Ken Greenwood; 8pm Stu Bird; 9pm Colin McKenzie; 10pm Paul Jay; 11pm Brian James & Steve "J".

Their next two broadcasts are planned for 3rd and 24th May 1987.

SLAG-OFF INT. 105.3MHz: 132, Norwood Road, Poulton, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 4EG

Continuous music was noted on this frequency from 6pm on Monday night. At 6:54pm, Mike Hughes was in the studio and linked up with Steve Mason and the mailing address. The output then became a relay off the CB with all and sundry invited to call in and become a presenter on SOI. At 7:19pm, Mike Hughes closed the station down, saying that he would be back around 8pm, but no further transmission was heard that night. The station has not been noted here since then although others say that it was on the air for an hour or so on Saturday night.

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

This station was noted on Friday at 1:19pm playing a collection of jingles, followed by Phil Davies saying that Central Radio will be back on the air next Friday. Close-down time wasn't noted. They were next noted on Sunday with:-

Sun: 10am Phil Davies; Noon Paul Jones; 2pm Tony Price; 5pm Phil Davies; 6pm close-down

Reception on Sunday was difficult with BBC Merseyside's signal spreading over Mersey-land and onto LPR at times. In addition, the station say that they were putting out a large amount of "hum", which has since been cured.

RADIO MERSEYLAND: 1422kHz: 20, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF

The station says that they were on the air from 5pm-5:45pm on Saturday but this broadcast wasn't noted here. They were heard on Sunday with:

Sun: 10am Mark Evans; Noon Jim Browne; 2pm Dave Starr; 3pm Mark Evans & Jim Browne; 4pm Rock Steady Eddie; 6pm Mark Evans; 6:15pm(approx) close down.

Reception of this station was very difficult for most of the day due the signal from BEC Radio Merseyside spreading further down the band than normal

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