

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 3rd May 1987

This week has seen the return of a couple of well-known "Voices from the past" in the form of Chuck Brogan on Liverpool Pirate Radio and Jeff Stone on Radio Merseyland. The date fixed for Andy Davis, of Radio Julie to receive his sentence is 19th May and it is believed that Radio Mersey Waves are also due in court on the same day. Reception at work of Central Radio and Radio Julie isn't possible, so most of Friday's schedules for both these stations was missed. Working in a well earthed steel cage, most of the signals heard on the radio originate from the air-conditioning system and the printing machinery on the floor above.

SLAG-OFF INTERNATIONAL 105.2MHz: 132, Norwood Road, Poulton, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 4EG
This station was noted from 3:45pm on Sunday after apparently coming on the air with carrier only at 3:20pm, followed by mainly continuous music with occasional background chat from Mike Hughes and "Maca" till 4pm, when "Maca" did a show of his own till 6pm close-down. This is the only time that the station has been noted this week

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz: 13, Kipling Avenue, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 2DH
Note the new mailing address for this station which may not be unfamiliar to regular listeners in this area. The station was on the air from 7pm on Sunday but the whole schedule wasn't noted. Heard were:-

Sun: 7pm Tom Webb; 9:30pm Jim Lowe; Midnight(?) Webb & Lowe; ?? close-down.

For the past two Sundays, Tom Webb, in his local Free Radio News, has been featuring extracts of the other local stations but already there are accusations of deliberate "de-tuning" of the receiver before the recorder is run. From messages sent out on Sunday, it seems that Commodore Radio had been on the air sometime during the week and signal strength reports were put out to them on Sunday evening.

CENTRAL RADIO INT 1404kHz: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD.

This station was noted for approximately 10 minutes around 12:15pm on Friday and Jim Browne provided the following schedule:-

Fri: 10am Phil Davies; Noon Tony Price; 2pm Jim Browne; 4pm Tony Price; 5pm Phil Davies; 5:30pm close-down

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

This station was heard with a weak signal from approximately 9:30am on Sunday with official sign-on at 10am with:-

Sun: 10am Phil Davies; 1:30pm Paul Jones; 4pm Chuck Brogan; 6pm Phil Davies; 6:15pm c/d. It is so long since I last heard Chuck Brogan's voice on LPR that I can't be sure if this is the same Chuck Brogan who was a DJ with them in the past, although station announcements suggest that this is so.

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

Apologies for getting the address of this station wrong last week when the postal district got mixed up with the house number. They were on the air on Sunday and featured a not too successful Outside Broadcast "due to circumstances beyond our control" as they say. For reasons I won't go in to too closely, as the crowd gathered, the mobile reporter in the shape of Mark Evans was "moved on" by the police till he was no longer able to supply a reasonable signal to the FM link back to the studio. They had planned to run the OB between 4pm and 6pm, but they had to abandon the project at 5:15pm. Noted were:-

Sun: 10am Mark Evans; Noon Jim Browne; 2:30pm Dave Starr; 4pm Outside Broadcast with Mark Evans on site and Jim Browne in the studio; 5:15pm Jim Browne; 5:45pm Mark Evans; 6:15pm close down.

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

This station was on the air from 7pm on Sunday without any pre-transmission "tones" being noted. Heard were:-

Sun: 7pm Ken Greenwood; 8pm Stu Bird; 9pm Paul "J"; 10pm Peter Collins; 11pm Brian James; Midnight continuous music; 12:15am close down.

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz(s): 112, Greenwood Road, Woodchurch, Wirral, Merseyside L49 8HU

As stated in the "intro", this station can not be heard at work, so much of their Friday schedule is missed before 6pm. For the rest of the weekend, the DJs only announce details of the DJs to follow and most of these announcements are made without warning and at a speed that makes it impossible to write down. It isn't known whether they are still operating a 24hr format over the weekend, but heard or announced have been:-

Fri:: 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm DJ Cressey; 10pm Phil Smith; Midnight Paula "P"; 2am Scott Brennan; 4am Andy Davis; 6am Mark Ross:

Sat: 8am Cont music; 10am Andy rogers; Noon Larry James; 2pm Neil Bishop; 4pm Phil Smith; 5pm Andy Davis; 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm Andy Sloane; 10pm DJ Cressey; Midnight Paula "P"; 2am; 4am; 6am

Sun: 8am: 10am Lone Ranger; NOON Kenny Gee; 2pm Joe Williams; 4pm Peter Johnson.

6pm BJ the DJ; 8pm Phil Smith; 10pm Carl "W"; Midnight Pauls "P"; 4am Andy Davis;
RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L42 7UW.
 There are very strong rumours circulating around the Merseyside area that after 7:30pm on Monday 4th May, this station will actually feature some music in their format!! The reason for them going off the air rather suddenly at 10:40pm last Sunday was put down to technical problems and Dave Collins has since said that the studio had been completely rebuilt. They developed more problems on Tuesday, when they went off the air at 1pm. Listeners were advised to tune to FM, but this latter signal wasn't heard. The medium wave carrier was back at 7:10pm followed by intermittent modulation till just before 9pm, when they were back to normal. Noted have been:-

Mon: 7am carrier only; 8:35am Dave Collins; 10:15am Jeff Starr; 1pm Paul Woods; 3pm Alan Bates; 4pm Tony West; 5pm Mark Palmer; 7pm Steve Coltrane; 9pm Peter Thomas; 11pm Mark Wright; 12:30am Tony West; 3am close-down

Tues: 7am carrier only; 7:45am Dave Collins; 11am T.P.Toppick; 1pm off air..:7:10pm intermittent; 8:56pm KtC; 9pm Mark Newman; 11pm Tony West; 1am c/down

Wed: 7am carrier only; 7:45am Dave Collins; 8am Tony West; 10am Charles Pope; Noon Dave Benitez; 2pm Peter Thomas; 4pm Paul Woods; 6pm Mark Newman; 8pm Tony Hollis; 10pm Kevin Jordan; Midnight DJ Sidney; 2am c/down

Thur: 7am Dave Collins; 10am Jeff Starr; Noon Mark Palmer; 3:15pm Peter Thomas; 5pm Paul Woods; 7pm KtC; 9pm Don La One; 11pm DJ Sidney; 1am Mark Newman; 1am c/down

Fri: 7am Dave Collins; 10am T.P.Toppick; Noon Mark Palmer; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Peter Thomas; 6pm Paul Woods; 8pm DJ Sidney; 10pm Kevin Jordan; Midnight Tony West; 2am close-down

Sat: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Mark Wright; Noon Dave Benitez; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Kay Morris; 5pm KtC; 8pm Tony Hollis; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight Roy & Tony Hollis; 2am(?) close-down

Sun: 9am Kevin Jordan; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Tony Coltrane; 3pm Peter Thomas; 5pm DJC; 6pm Charles Pope; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Mark Newman; Midnight c/down.

The station's combined Under 18/Over 18 Night-Out takes place at SNOBS 2 in Liverpool on Monday 4th May. This function, together with details of bus tickets and cheap taxis must have been advertised on the station at least ten million times over the past four or five weeks. This past week, even some of the DJs have refused to advertise it any more as they themselves were sick and tired of hearing about it!

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RAID ON PIRATE RADIO JULIE

DEPARTMENT OF Trade and Industry officers investigated after radio transmissions were picked up coming from a flat at Ford Towers, Birkenhead. A search warrant was obtained and radio equipment was found in one room and transmitting material in another room, Mr Sean Sexton, prosecuting, told Wirral magistrates.

Andrew William Dobbng, who was present, admitted operating under the disc jockey name of Andy Davies and the equipment was seized.

Six months later, said Mr Sexton, more transmissions were discovered coming from a flat at Heatherlands, Woodchurch, with the call sign Radio Julie FM used. Again equipment was seized. Dobbng admitted operating the equipment which he said had been installed in December.

Dobbng, 22, living at Heatherlands, admitted two offences of using apparatus for wireless telegraphy without a licence and one of installing apparatus for wireless telegraphy without a licence.

The magistrates said they were concerned at the continuation of broadcasts by Dobbng after he was first seen and interviewed in August. They asked for a social inquiry report and adjourned sentence until May 19.

Mr Sexton asked that some of the equipment seized be forfeited. He also claimed £200 costs.

Mr Stephen McPeake, defending, said Dobbng was a self-taught electronic enthusiast. He broke the law but not for his own gain. He was unemployed and it was a way of occupying his time.

Mr McPeake said there was no evidence of interference being caused by the station which had benefited local charities by advertising events which were taking place.