

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 31st May 1987

Not many stations have been noted this week, and most of those that were heard had some form of equipment problems of DJ shortages.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW. Bank Holiday Monday saw a few "stand-in" DJs and at the weekend the signal was carrying some distortion. Bert Williams announced that they had increased power, and in spite of going off the air a few times for "adjustments", the signal didn't improve. The Sunday afternoon line-up wasn't fully heard so it isn't known whether Peter Thomas stood-in for Burt for the full two hours, specially as at 5pm, Burt was heard to announce that the broadcast might be interrupted for "adjustments" Noted this week have been:-

Mon: 7:50am Cont Music; 8am Mark Palmer; 11am KtC(for Jeff Starr); 1pm Mark Newman; 3pm Dave Benitez; 5pm Kevin Jordan; 6pm Kay Morris; 7pm Tony Coltrane; 9pm Peter Thomas; 11:12pm Mark Wright; 12:30am Tony West; 3am close-down.
 Fri: 7am Mark Palmer; 10am T.P.Toppick; Noon T.P.Toppick(for Tony West); 2pm Mark Palmer(for Paul James); 3pm Tony West(for Paul James); 4pm Peter Thomas; 6pm Paul Woods; 8pm DJ Sidney; 10pm Kevin Jordan; Midnight Tony West; 2am c/down.
 Sat: 7am Tony West; 10:25am Mark Wright; 12:15pm Charles Pope; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Kay Morris; 5pm KtC; 7pm Tony West; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight "Roy" and Tony West; 2am(?) c/down
 Sun: 9am Kevin Jordan; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Tony Coltrane; 3pm Peter Thomas; 5pm continuous music "tests"; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Mark Newman; 10:15pm signal intermittant and mostly off air; Midnight Tony Hollis; 2am(?)c/d.

RADIO ATLANTIS 936kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Liscard, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW
 This station have also announced some equipment problems and said that they were operating on reduced power over the weekend. They hope to have their "big" transmitter on the air by next weekend. The problems have made both opening times and transmission periods irregular. Noted have been:-

Mon: 11am Steve Bishop; 2pm Rick Dane; 5pm Steve Bishop; 6pm close-down.
 Fri: 11am Steve Bishop; 2pm Rick Dane; 5pm close-down
 Sat: 11am Steve Bishop; 3pm Rick Dane; 5pm close-down
 Sun: 3pm Steve Bishop; 6pm Rick Dane; 7pm Steve Bishop; 8:39pm c/down but transmitter still on the air for "adjustments" till an un-noted time.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz: 13, Kipling Avenue, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 2DH
 This station made a Bank Holiday Monday broadcast with guest DJ Phil James, who did a most entertaining programme which featured extracts for stations far and wide, including the USA and London's STARPOINT RADIO. Noted were:-

Mon: 7pm Dave Moore; 8pm Tom Webb; 10pm Phil James; 11pm Jim Lowe; 1sm Webb & Lowe; ??? C/down

RADIO JULIE 104.8FM(s): 112, Greenwood Road, Woodchurch, Wirral, Merseyside L49 8HU.
 This station also seem to have had a few problems they weren't found at 12:30pm, though they were already on the air when next checked at 5:15pm. However, at this latter time, they were virtually playing continuous music with occasional announcements by "Paul". Noted have been:

Fri: 5:15pm "Paul"; 5:45pm Mark Ross; 8pm Crezzey; 10pm Kenny MG; Midnight Andy Davies; 2am(?) c/down
 Sat: 8am Louise Thompson; 10am Kenny Gee; Noon Mark Ross; 2pm Neil Bishop; 4:35pm Mark Ross; 6pm Crezzey; 8pm Andy Sloane; 10pm Joe Williams; Midnight Andy Davies; 2am Sergeant Bilko; 4am(?) c/down.
 Sun: 8am Scott Brennan, 10am The Lone Ranger (He calls himself Quemosabe, but I don't but I don't know how to spell Quemosabe); Noon Kenny Gee (by far and away the best DJ in local pirate radio); 2pm Joe Williams; 4pm Sergeant Bilko(for Mark Ross; 6pm Crezzey; 8pm Phil Smith; 10pm Carl "W"; Midnight Andy Davies; 2am c/down till next Friday

Last weekend, Andy Davies announced that 8 to 10 DJs had left the station, but things don't seem to be as bad as he visualised. Off-hand, I can only think of Paula "P", Andy Rogers and Larry James who have not been heard on the air this weekend. No doubt there are a few more who I have overlooked.

SLAG-OFF INT 105.3MHz: 132, Norwood Road, Poulton, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 4EG
 This station has been noted three times this week, with a very indefinite schedule on each occasion. They were noted from 8:20pm on Monday with Mike Hughes in the "hot

seat", but had gone when next checked at 9:15pm. They were back on the air from 7pm(?) Saturday (first noted at 7:10pm) with Steve Mason in the chair. Once again, close-down time wasn't noted, but the station had gone from the air when checked at 8:50pm. On Sunday they were first noted at 8:01pm, apparently with a joint Mike Hughes/Steve Mason show till 10:15pm close-down

104.4 MHz

From approximately 4:45pm on Sunday, a station playing continuous music was noted on 104.4MHz. At first, it was believed that this signal may have originated from a slightly "off-tune" Concept Radio although the weaker signal strength suggested not. Many of the tapes featured the "Jackie Blue" tune, which used to be the theme tune of Rick Dane's Radio Jackie North. This weekend, Radio Atlantis have been announcing plans for an FM outlet although nothing definite has been noted. This station closed down at 8:48pm exactly and at first it was thought that they started to relay BBC LANCASHIRE at this time, but later investigations showed that the BBC Lancs broadcast was the "real thing".

.....

In sending greetings to the other local pirate radio operators, Neil Bishop said that when they get back on the air, Liverpool Pirate Radio will probably be on 266m (1125 or 1134kHz) rather than the present 1404kHz.