

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 5th July 1987

Only four stations have been noted this week and three of these have had varying degrees of technical problems.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES: 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW
The signal from this station hasn't been too good for the past couple of weeks and this week all the problems came to a head. On Monday night the signal became very intermittent around midnight and went off shortly afterwards. No "test transmission" was noted on Thursday night and the station failed to appear on the air till 7:30pm on Friday, when an un-modulated carrier was noted. The carrier seems to have been on the continuously till 5pm on Saturday, when programming began. The problems continued and for the rest of the weekend there was a very nasty "buzz" over all speech which didn't improve in spite of numerous attempts to correct it. Noted were:-

- Mon: 7am Mark Palmer; 11am Jeff Starr; 1pm DJC; 3pm Paul Woods; 5pm Mark Palmer; 7pm Steve Coltrane; 9pm Peter Thomas; 11pm Mark Wright; 12:30am(?) close-down
- Sat: 5pm KtC; 7pm Tony West; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight Dave Collins; 2am Brian Johnson; 4am Phil Davies (till 9:50am)
- Sun: 9:50am Kevin Jordan; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Peter Cetrene; 4pm Peter Thomas; 5pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Kay Morris; Midnight Tony Hollis; 2am Brian Johnson; 4am close-down.

RADIO JULIE 104.8 FM(s): 112, Greenwood Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead, Merseyside L49 8HU.
Although the signal sounded very good in Liscard, the station were off the air at times with short "breaks" for adjustments. Noted this week were:-

- Fri: 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm Crezzey; 10pm Kenny MG; Midnight Dave Moore; 2am Scott Brennan; 4am Ritchie "C"; 6am Paul Miller (till 9am)
- Sat: 9am ??; 10am Kenny Gee; Noon Angie Cross; 2pm Neil Bishop; 4pm Chris Rhodes; 6pm Crezzey; 8pm Ritchie "C"; 10pm Mark Phillips; Midnight Andy Davies; 2am Ritchie "C"; 5am Paul Miller (till 8am)
- Sun: 8am Scott Brennan; 10:15am Cont. Music; 10:45am Dave Moore; Noon Kenny Gee; 2pm Angie Cross; 4pm Kenny MG; 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm Ritchie "C"; 10pm Carl "W"; Midnight Andy Davies; 2am close-down.

In his show on Saturday, Neil Bishop announced that he and a few of the other Radio Julie DJs would shortly be putting their own station on the air, while maintaining their links with Radio Julie. They expect the new station to be 105.5MHz and probably operate on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Its name is planned as Horizon Radio.

RADIO ATLANTIS 936kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Liscard, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW.
For the first hour on Monday morning the signal was very intermittent, but after this there didn't appear to be any further problems. On Sunday they extended their hours, opening at 9am with Mike Hayes, of Radio Hexagon International doing a "guest appearance" and presenting an "oldies" programme. After 8pm on Sunday they relayed Radio Julie, but after 9pm the relay was barely heard under the co-channel interference. Close-down time wasn't noted but is thought to have been 10:15pm. Noted have been:-

- Mon: 11am Steve Bishop (intermittant); Noon Steve Bishop; 2pm Rick Dane; 6pm Steve Bishop; 8pm close-down
- Fri: 11am Rick Dane; 2pm Steve Bishop; 5pm close-down
- Sat: 11am Rick Dane; 2pm Steve Bishop; 5pm close-down
- Sun: 9am Mike Hayes; 10am Free Radio Show; 11am Steve Bishop; 2pm Rick Dane; 6pm Steve Bishop; 8pm relay of Radio Julie; ?? close-down.

SCOTT FM 102.3MHz: 2, Greta Street, Toxteth, Liverpool L8
Intermittant "test transmissions" were heard from 4:15pm on Sunday, after which, they appear to have closed down till programming proper at 5:30pm. Noted were:
Sun: 5:30pm Jimmy Coleman; 8pm Mike Hughes; 10:36pm Charles Browne; ?? close-down.
This station have announced that they will shortly be operating on three days per week on increased power, but no further details were given

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz: 13, Kipling Avenue, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 2DH
This station tell me that contrary to reports I may have heard in the various "Free Radio" news on other stations, their Sunday transmissions are irregular and that there are still many things to be sorted out. Also, the prospect of a MW outlet isn't as imminent as others may have suggested

RADIO VERONICA (104.7) and SLAC-OFF INT haven't been noted at all this week.