

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 12th July 1987

In a week when Radio Atlantis has gone over to 7-day operation, Radio Julie has closed down and Horizon Radio, composed of some of the Radio Julie DJs has been on the air for a short "test" broadcast. Radio Veronica, Concept Radio, Slag-Off Int and Scott FM have not been heard at all.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES: 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW. The schedule for this station has been "shuffled round" a bit, apparently as a result of holidays. Over the weekend, and particularly on Sunday, their FM link was subject to a lot of interference from CBers, which went out "loud and clear" on Medium Wave. Dave Collins is now back with the station. Noted this week were:-

- Mon: 7am Mark Palmer; 11am Jeff Starr; 1pm Brian Johnson(for DJC); 3pm Paul Woods; 5pm Mark Palmer; 7pm Steve Coltrane; 9pm Peter Thomas; 11pm KtC & Paul Woods (for Mark Wright); 12:30am T.P.Toppick; 3am Dave Collins; 5am close-down
- Fri: 7am Mark Palmer; 10am T.P.Toppick; Noon Tony West; 2pm Kay Morris; 4pm Peter Thomas; 6pm Paul Woods; 8pm DJ Sidney; 10pm Kevin Jordan; Midnight Tony West; 2am Brian Johnson; 4am Phil Davies(to 7am)
- Sat: 7am Phil Davies; 8:30am Dave Collins; 10:30am Mark Wright; Noon Charles Pope; 2pm Don La One; 4pm KtC; 7pm Tony West; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight ???; 2am Brian Johnson; 4am Phil Davies (to 9am)
- Sun: 9am Kevin Jordan; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Tony Coltrane; 3pm Peter Thomas; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One (Don Adams); 10pm Larry James; Midnight Dave Collins; 2am Brian Johnson; 4pm close-down

RADIO ATLANTIS 936kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW.

On Sunday, this station announced that they are now a 7-day operation and though not heard here, other sources confirm that the station have indeed been on the air every day. After 8pm on Sunday, they planned to relay one of the local FM stations, but like myself, they don't seem to have been able to hear one! Andy Davies (the original Andy Davies from a number of old-time Merseyside radio stations) was due to appear on the station on Sunday, but later announcements said that his car had let him down and he couldn't make it. They were hoping that he would be on the air over the next few days instead. Their schedule appears to have been:

- Mon: 11am Steve Bishop; 2pm Rick Dane; 5pm close-down
- Tues-Sat: 11am Rick Dane; 2pm Steve Bishop; 5pm close-down
- Sun: 9am Steve Bishop; 10am FREE RADIO SHOW; 11am Steve Bishop; 2pm Rick Dane; 6pm Steve Bishop; 8pm close-down

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz: 112, Greenwood Road, Woodchurch Estate, Birkenhead, Merseyside This station was not found till 9:16pm on Friday, after apparently signing on at L49 8HU 9pm. All the DJs announced that the station would be closing down "for a couple of months" at midnight, but Andy Davies seemed less than optimistic when he said that the station would be back "by Christmas". The other DJs trotted out the same old story about coming back "with increased power and increased hours" although one of the DJs did say that this depended on how many DJs were available and passed a few comments about the Julie DJs who have gone off to foem their own station. On Friday, Andy Davies said that the station was operating on lower power from a different location. Because the station chose to go out in a blaze of glory, with a phone-in, which made the schedule hard to follow. Noted were:-

- Fri: 9pm Mark Ross; 9:30pm Andy Davies; 10pm Mark Phillips; 10:30pm Carl "W"; Midnight Andy Davies (announcing close-down after a few more records); ?? close-down

HORIZON RADIO 105.3MHz: 11, Massey Street, Birkenhead, Merseyside L41 4JU.

This station was noted from 11:39am on Sunday, after apparently signing-on at 11am. The broadcast noted was announced as a "test" by Neil Bishop and closed-down at 12:08pm. The DJs were announced as Neil Bishop, DJ Crezzey, Toni West (note the spelling), Tony Hayes (ex Atlantis) and DJ Trix. They hope to be on the air from 7pm on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings

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Radio Mersey Waves disappeared from the air sometime between 12:20pm and 2pm today. They were back shortly before 6pm, saying that the DTI had attempted to raid them. Radio Atlantis disappeared from the air at 3:58pm during the playing of their theme tune. At the time of writing, the fate of this station isn't known, but the lack of phone calls to "others" is taken to be a good sign!