

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 2nd August 1987

The recent raids on Radio Mersey Waves and Radio Atlantis seem to have made others think twice about coming on the air, though DTI-FM appear to have changed from week-nights to weekend, with a much weaker signal.

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

A couple of comments made by the DJs last weekend lead to a totally false idea of this station's output for Sunday morning in last week's notes. Phil Davies says he didn't fall asleep during his programme, because HE DIDN'T DO A PROGRAMME! Phil says that he turned up at the station around tea-time on Saturday, and together with Burt Williams and Paul Woods, he worked throughout the night to get the station back on the air, but without success. He went home for a sleep some time around 8am, by which time the station was still without a set of record decks, and Paul Woods had gone home to fetch his own set to get things going for 9am. It is difficult to know when Peter Thomas and DJC did their joint show (earlier that day) unless this was part of the unreadable "hash" that was part of the attempts to get back on the air at tea-time on Saturday. The "tick-ick" noises remain a mystery, but this weekend, a few of the station's DJs have mentioned over-night jamming of the signal and I wonder whether these noises were caused by the "jammers" cassette coming to the end of its run? As if to emphasise the fact that he doesn't fall asleep during his programmes, Phil Davies followed his normal 5 hour stint on Sunday by standing-in for Kevin Jordan for two hours. This weekend, the station hasn't been without its difficulties. On Friday they were on the air at 3:45pm, but gone by 3:55pm. I found out by a round-about route that the wonderful

Summer gales that we are experiencing had brought the aerie; down. They seem to have eventually got back on the air with yet another 2am-8am Phil Davies marathon, after which they came on the air with their normal format. Heard have been:-

Mon:Phil Davies; 8pm Mark Palmer; 11am John Cecchini + Dave Ralphs; 1pm Mark Palmer; 1:30pm DJC; 3pm Paul Woods; 5pm Mark Palmer; 7:45pm Steve Coltrane; 9pm Peter Thomas; 11pm Mark Wright; 12:30pm T.P.Toppick; 3am close/down.

Fri: Mark Palmer; 10am T.P.Toppick; Noon Paul James; 2pm Paul James (for Kay Morris); 3pm(?) Tony West (for Kay Morris); 3:50pm off air....."

Sat: 2am Phil Davies; 8am Kevin Jordan; 10:15am Mark Wright; 12:10pm Tony Hollis (for Paul Woods); 2pm Paul James; 5pm Charles Pope; 8pm Tony west; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight Dave Benitez(?); 2am Brian Johnson; 4am Phil Davies (to 9am)

Sun: 9am Phil Davies (for Kevin Jordan); 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Pete Cetrine; 3pm Burt Williams; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Peter Thomas; Midnight Tony Hollis; 2am Brian Johnson; 4am(?) close-down

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

Apart from opening one hour later than advertised on Sunday this station seems to have had an uneventful week during which they operated without hinderance. Noted were:-

Mon: 11am Continuous music(?); 1pm Andy Davies; 2pm Rick Dane; 4pm Steve Bishop; 5pm c/d
Fri: 11am Steve Bishop; 2pm Rick Dane; 5pm close-down

Sat: 11am Steve Bishop; 1pm Andy Davies; 2pm Rick Dane; 4pm Steve Bishop; 5pm close down

Sun: 11am Steve Bishop; 1pm Andy Davies; 2pm Rick Dane; 4pm Steve Bishop; 5pm close down

SLAG-OFF INT 105.3MHz: 9, Newell Road, Liscard, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 1AD

This station was noted from 8:15pm on Wednesday night with continuous music till close-down without announcement at 9pm. They were next noted at 8:42pm on Sunday but were having a few technical problems. They closed down shortly after for adjustments, but when they returned at 10:20pm the signal was even worse and largely unreadable

DTI-FM: 106.2MHz

This station was noted from 9:15pm on Friday with almost continuous music till 10:20pm, when DJ Phil thanked DJ Dave for his programme. Close-down was thought to be 11pm. They were noted again from 8:03pm on Saturday with DJ Phil saying he would be on the air with a few "guests" till 11pm. At 11pm, Dave (Security) took over but they went off the air suddenly at 11:05pm

RADIO VERONICA 104.7MHz: c/o 81, Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP

This station was noted from 2:15pm on Sunday, but with a very weak signal. They seem to have closed down at 3pm, and the only DJ heard was Neil Frazer.

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