

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 8th August 1987

Technical problems and DTI activity have disrupted many programmes this week although a new, but as yet unidentified, station was noted on Thursday evening.

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

On Monday this station opened at 5pm instead of 11am. They reported DTI activity in the area and say that they changed location yet again. At 8pm they changed frequency to 1197kHz, but with a much weaker signal. On Sunday they changed to 1395kHz at 8pm but this frequency is a disaster due to Radio Tirana, Albania. Noted were:-

Mon: 5pm Steve Bishop, 7pm Rick Dane; 8pm Fq change Rick Dane; 10:20pm Steve Bishop; midnight(?) close-down

Fri: Station not found at all

Sat:2pm Rick Dane; 5pm Steve Bishop; 8pm close-down

Sun: 11:30am Steve Bishop; Noon Andy Davies; 1pm Mike Hayes; 2pm Steve Bishop; 3pm Rick Dane; 5pm Steve Bishop; 8pm Fq change Rick Dane....9pm buried under Tirana...

On Saturday the station still wasn't on the air by noon and they weren't heard opening up, so no explanation as to Friday's absence was heard although the late start on Sun was put down to technical problems.

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

This station also had a lot of problems. On Monday they suffered breakthrough of BBC Merseyside all day. Steve Coltrane finished his show 15 minutes early, having "had enough" of the break-through and also the "swish and click" interference that appeared over his programme at six second intervals. Peter Thomas took over, saying that one of the transmitter valves was on its last legs. He kept the station going for as long as possible, but it was off the air by 9:45pm. On Friday they opened at 7am but from 2:30pm they seemed to be suffering from jamming, but voices in "noise" suggested that the FM link was suffering interference from CBers. They closed-down "for ten minutes" but were not found again. On Saturday, they still weren't found by noon, although they seem to have come on the air shortly after. They were first noted here at 2pm with a distorted and intermittent signal. Things were eventually sorted out by 3:35pm and have operated without any apparent problems since then. Noted have been:-

Mon: 8am Mark Palmer; 11am Brian Johnson (for John Cecchini and Dave Ralphs); 11:35am Peter Thomas; 1pm DJC; 3pm Paul Woods; 5pm Mark Palmer; 7pm Steve Coltrane; 8:45pm Peter Thomas.....off air by 9:45pm

Fri: 7am Mark Palmer; 10:15am T.P.Toppick; Noon Paul James; 2pm Tony West ...problems from 2:30pm... 3pm carrier only.

Sat:2pm Paul James; 3:35pm Mark Palmer; 5pm KtC tape; 7pm Tony West; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight Roy and Tony; 2am Brian Johnson; 4am Phil Davies (to 9am)

Sun: 9am Kevin Jordan; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Peter Cetrine; 3pm DJ Sidney; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm KtC; Midnight ???; 2am Brian Johnson; 4am Phil Davies (to 8am)

DTI-FM 106.2MHz No mailing address

This station was noted from 9:10pm on Tuesday on a frequency much nearer to 105.4Mhz than the announced 106.2MHz although they were back on the correct frequency by the weekend. The current schedule is announced as Tues/Fri/Sat from 8pm to 11pm and noted this week has been:-

Tue: 8pm(?) DJ Dave; 10:20pm DJ Phil...sudden off at 11:42pm but back very shortly with a very much weaker signal

Fri: 8pm DJ Phil; 9pm DJ Dave; 10pm DJ Phil; 11pm close-down

Sat: 8pm DJ Dave; 10pm DJ Phil; 11pm close-down

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

This station was heard on Sunday but the full schedule wasn't noted. They were first found at 4pm with continuous music. Later, Mike Hughes announced that he would keep the continuous music on the air while he went off for something to eat, but some time around 5pm, Mark Evans came on the air with a "live" show till 8:30pm, when Mike Hughes took over. He started his show with a phone-in, and later was playing the requests. By 10:30pm, only the carrier was found and it isn't known if there was any more programming after this time

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

This station was noted with a weak signal from 1:30pm on Sunday, with Neil Frazer in the "hot seat". The signal is subject to a lot of fading and reception is difficult. The station was still on the air at 2:10pm, but couldn't be found at 2:45pm

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On Thursday evening a strong signal was noted from an un-noted time on approximately 107.7MHz. They were playing continuous Beatles music but suffering intermittent interference from the emergency services. They closed down without announcement

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