

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 6th September 1987

Bank Holiday Monday saw the return of a couple of stations, although Radio Atlantis have not been heard at all and Radio Mersey Waves have confined their output to a repeat of the programmes taped the previous Saturday.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz: 13, Kipling Avenue, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 2DH.

This station was first noted at 10:15am on Monday with continuous music followed by programming proper from 10:30am. They featured a number of guest DJs and opened the proceedings with a rather unusual programme originating in the USA. Heard were:-

Mon: 10:30am Four Freedoms World Service; Noon Jim Lowe; 2pm Phil James; 2:45 Tom Webb; 5pm Joe Vincent (guest DJ from Eire); 6:30pm Dave Moore; 9pm Mike Smith; 11pm Keith (of KDA); 1:30am(?) close-down.

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO 1404kHz: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD.

This station was noted from 12:45pm on Monday after apparently opening shortly after 10:30am. Phil Davies was the only DJ noted and he closed the station down with the theme tune at 1:52pm. They were back on the air at 11:30am on Sunday, but prior commitments on the afternoon made it impossible to note close-down time.

DTI-FM 106.2MHz: 23, Stoneby Drive, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 OLG.

This station was noted on Monday with a good signal, but appeared to have some severe problems on most other days. It has become obvious that many of the shows are taped. They were already on the air when first checked on Monday, when the format was thought to be:

10am Dave Jordan; 11am Phil Headroom; 2pm Lisa; 4pm Phil Headroom; 6pm Dave Jordan; 8pm Lisa; 10pm Phil Headroom; 11pm ?? close-down. Their Tuesday broadcast was a disaster. They opened up at 8pm with Dave Jordan announcing the format (8pm Dave Jordan; 9pm Mad Mick...) during which the signal became very intermittent. Mad Mike was noted on the air by 8:50pm, and the signal had disappeared by 9:04pm. On Friday, the signal was very weak and intermittent, though they tried to persist with their format of 8pm Mad Mick; 9pm DJ Dave, 10pm DJ Phil and 11pm close-down. The format on Saturday wasn't fully noted but wasn't adhered to. The announced format was 8pm Kevin Jordan; 9pm Lisa; 10pm Phil and 11pm close-down but by 9:48pm, Mad Mick was noted on the air. The format for the next week's broadcasts was announced as:-

Sun: Noon to 5pm..... Come Sunday, the carrier was noted from 12:20pm, but was intermittent with very little programming, but by 6pm they had managed to get back on the air properly, with Lisa announcing a phone-in. At 6:45pm, Phil Headroom took over, apologising for the intermittent signal, saying that he had "blown" a record deck. He closed the station down at 7pm.

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

From 5:21pm on Monday, intermittent relays of various legal stations was noted in 1242kHz, which was taken to be an attempt by Mersey Waves to set up a new FM link. Later, the frequency carried a very noisy background, which was presumably on the air all night. By early morning on Tuesday, the carrier was only noted because it lit up the tuning diode on a pocket-portable. From 11am, they featured a repeat of the shows taped on the previous Saturday, complete with wrong time/date/weather checks until 9pm, when Paul Jay did a show featuring the correct date. The close-down time wasn't noted and the station haven't been noted since this date.

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

This station was noted from 10am on Monday with a very weak intermittent signal becoming stronger later. The programming, continuous music with occasional station identifications, had gone from the air by 1pm. They were back on the air by 6:45pm with continuous music till 7:30pm, when the Mike Hughes show started. Between 8:20pm and 9pm, Mark Evans did a guest spot. Close-down time wasn't noted but the station was still on air at 10:30pm. They were next noted at 2:50pm on Saturday with continuous music and occasional announcements by Mike Hughes. At 4pm close-down he said that the station would be doing a lot of "test broadcasts" over the next few days. They were back on the air at 11pm, but putting out CB contacts over the FM band. Very boring and not listened to here. On Sunday they were on the air by 11am, with continuous music, but they closed at 12:05pm and weren't heard again.

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

This station wasn't found at 11am, but seems to have opened up at 11:30am. They suffered a lot of splatter from Slag-Off at times. The only DJ heard was Neil Frazer, who closed the station down at 1:05pm

EAST COAST RADIO FM - no other details

On Saturday, Mike Hughes was talking to someone who had put this station out earlier in the day. It wasn't noted here, but Phil Davies says that the signal was strong in North Liverpool. They said it was a "one-off" test and that the station would open in two to three weeks.