

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 4th October 1987

On Wednesday, Rock Steady Eddie of Radio Merseyland was in Court on two charges: one of setting up the station and the other of operating it on one date. He was fined £50 on each charge and ordered to pay costs of £231. All cassettes and audio equipment was returned but the Court confiscated the transmitter and a mic. At the time of the raid, the station was broadcasting taped programmes and the feeling is that had they been operating "live", they wouldn't have got the decks back.

Locally, the Medium Wave stations put out very good signals during the daytime, but from 5:30pm or so they are increasingly swamped by the stations from the Continent and in this area they are difficult to find and hard to listen to for any length of time. This week has also seem a couple of unidentified signals on the FM band.

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

This station puts in a weak, but readable, signal on Sundays when the other stations are missing from 104.8MHz and 105.3MHz. Noted this week were:-

Sun: 11am Adrian Cooke; Noon Neil Frazer; 1pm Dean Bartlett + Lou Clarke; 2pm Neil Frazer  
2:25(?)pm close-down

106.2MHz

On Wednesday night a very strong signal was noted on this frequency with continuous music but it closed down after five minutes or so and wasn't heard again. It was back again on Thursday evening with a relay of ILR R.City, which seems to have been on the air all night. The relay was still on the air at 1:30pm on Friday, but had gone when checked at 4pm. This was possibly a test transmission for Wirral Community Radio who said that the station would open this weekend, but wasn't heard.

104.8MHz

On Saturday night continuous music was noted on this frequency from 7:12pm. At 7:19pm the carrier was switched off. It was back again at 7:21pm, but remained un-modulated. This was possibly a "test broadcast" from North Coast Radio who are currently announcing 1350kHz only, with 104.8MHz FM to follow soon

RADIO ATLANTIS 1197kHz + 96.25MHz: 150, Rake Lane, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW.

This station are still announcing an FM frequency, but listeners in Liverpool, who have had excellent on FM in the past report that the station hasn't been heard on this band this week. As last week, the output seems to have consisted of repeats of Steve Bishop and Dave Ross shows tapes, so the printing of a schedule would be meaningless.

On Monday they were not due on the air till "late" due to "essential maintenance" on the transmitters. In the event, they weren't found till 4:04pm with 5pm close-down. On Friday, they weren't on the air at 11am and were first noted at 12:33pm after opening up at 12:30pm(?). Programmes were still taped but starting on the "half hour". At 4:30pm, Steve Bishop said he would be on the air for the next 2 hours, but at 6:30pm the station seems to have already closed-down. On Saturday the station opened at 11am with the same Steve Bishop/Dave Ross tapes, but at 6:24pm a very "live" Steve Bishop closed the station down, due to "lack of staff". On Sunday, they failed to show up at 11am, but were noted from 11:40 am with intermittent carrier and intermittent modulation till noon, when they featured another repeat of the 2-hr Steve Bishop show followed by a repeat of the 2-hr Dave Ross show till 4pm, when they apparently closed-down.

NORTH COAST RADIO 1350kHz: 18, Downham Drive, Heswall, Wirral, Merseyside L60 5RF

After the early close-down last Sunday, this station failed to appear on Monday. They weren't found till 5:40pm on Friday, when reception after 8pm was difficult and it isn't known whether they completed the announced schedule. On Saturday the station wasn't found till 2:20pm, but apparently did stay on the air till 2am. By Sunday, station announcements were more reliable as more of the former R.Julie crew appeared on the schedule. Noted were:-

Fri: 4pm(?) Ritchie "C"; 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm Tony Scott; 10pm ??; Midnight Dave Moore;  
2am(?) close-down  
Sat: 1pm(?) Tony Scott; 3pm Neil Bishop; 5pm Crezzey; 6pm Crezzey + Mark Ross; 7pm Mark Ross; 8pm Tony West; 10pm Andy Davies; Midnight Dave Collins; 2am(?) close-down  
Sun: 11am Kenny Gee; 1pm Tony Coltrane; 3pm Joe Williams; 4pm Lone Ranger; 6pm Mark Ross; 6:15pm Phil Roberts; 8pm Tony West; 10pm Kevin Burnett; Midnight Lyn James;  
2am close-down(?)

WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO 1134kHz

This station was noted from noon on Saturday after apparently signing-on at 11:30am. DJ change-over times were on the "half-hour" and as last week, they featured virtually continuous music with little chat. DJs noted were Tony Johnson and Steve Collins. From 2:30pm, the frequency was carrying an un-modulated carrier, which was switched off at 3:28pm. They were not heard on Sunday