

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 8th November 1987

On Thursday 5th Nov, twelve people were in court to answer charges arising from the various raids on Radio Mersey Waves. Keith the Chief and Tony West were both charged with the operation of an unlicensed station and also obstructing the execution of a warrant. Tony west was fined £25 for obstruction with £50 costs. He appears to have got off with the other charge, which isn't surprising as reports say that he was outside the building till the DTI "escorted" him up to the studio. KtC was fined £25 for obstruction and £75 for illegal operation with £50 costs. The fate of the others isn't known as not one word was printed in the local press. KtC says that they got off lightly in comparison with Dave Collins, whose case was heard on the original date, even though the total fines amounted to £1200-1300. It isn't yet known whether they got any equipment or records back.

This week, only four stations have been noted and evening reception on 1197kHz and 1350 kHz remains very poor

NORTH COAST RADIO 1350kHz: 18, Downham Drive, Heswall, Wirral, Merseyside L60 5RF
On Monday morning this station was short of DJs, apparently opening at 9am with continuous music, then Lyn James standing-in for Dave Moore. On Saturday at 11am, they started to put out a taped Tony west Show, complete with Radio Julie IDs, but the tape was quickly removed and carrier only noted till an unknown time. Apart from these two problems, the station appears to have operated as planned and noted were:-

- Mon: 9am Cont. Music(?); 10am(?) Lyn James; Noon Ritchie "C"; 2pm Andy Rogers; 4pm Kevin Burnett; 6pm Phil Roberts; 8pm Tony Hollis; 10pm Derek Jones; midnight(?) Roy; 2am(?) close-down
- Fri: 8:30am Dave Collins; 10am Dave Dee; Noon Tony Scott; 2pm Tony West; 4pm Ritchie "C"; 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm Roy + Crezzey; 10pm Kenny MG; Midnight Dave Moore; 2am(?) c/down
- Sat: 9am Dave Dee; 11am carrier only; Noon Tony Hollis; 1pm Tony Scott; 3pm Derek Jones; 5pm Mark Ross; 5:45pm Tony Hollis; 7pm Ritchie "C"; 8pm Andy Davies; 10pm Dave Collins; 1am(?) close down
- Sun: 9am Tony Hollis; 11am Kenny Gee; 2pm Joe Williams; 4pm Bob-Lone Ranger; 6pm Phil Roberts; 8pm Tony West; 10pm Kevin Burnett; Midnight Lyn James(?); ?? close-down

RADIO ATLANTIS 1197kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Liscard, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW.
Dave Ross and Mike Smith haven't been heard on this station for a few weeks nor have the taped shows of Mike Hayes or John Vaughan. The personnel now seems to consist of just Steve Bishop, Rick Dane, Andy Davies and the back-room staff. The large amount of continuous makes it difficult to determine whether there is actually any DJ present, but the format, as far as could be made out, was:-

- Sat: 10am cont music; 11am Andy Davies; Noon Steve Bishop; 3pm Rick Dane; 6pm cont music; 7pm Andy Davies; 10pm Steve Bishop; Midnight close-down
- Sun: 10am cont music; 11am Andy Davies; Noon Steve Bishop; 3pm Rick Dane; 6pm Andy Davies; 9pm cont music; 10pm Andy Davies; 11pm(?) Steve Bishop; 1am(?) close-down

RADIO VERONICA 104.7MHz: /o 81, Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8up
This station put in a good signal on Sunday but changed their hours and weren't noted till 4:40pm, after apparently signing-on at 3pm. The format is thought to have been:
Sun: 3pm Adrian Cooke; 4pm Neil Frazer, 5pm Dean Bartlett; 6pm Neil Frazer, 6:15pm c/d. Neil Frazer announced that the station had been on the air for a short "Test broadcast" on Saturday, but this wasn't noted here.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW.
This station is now also Sat/Sun only, but are hoping to get back to four-day operation in the near future. On Saturday morning they had problems when Mark Wright turned up late and Steve Coltrane didn't turn up at all. From 10pm the frequency showed an unmodulated carrier, and earlier in the evening, a "link-up" with NCR had to be abandoned because RMW were unable to "hold" the NCR signal amid interference from the French stations on 1350kHz. Noted have been:-

- Sat: 8:45am Mark Palmer; Noon KtC + Paul Woods; 1pm Mark Wright; 3:50pm cont music; 4:36pm KtC; 5pm KtC + Paul Woods(attempted link-up with NCR); 7pm Peter Thomas; 9pm Paul Jay; 10pm cont music; 10:30pm Brian Johnson; 1am Phil Davies (to 9am)
- Sun: 9am Mark Palmer; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Pete Cetrine; 3pm Burt williams; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don Adams; 10pm Brian Johnson; Midnight(?) Sidney; 4am(?)C/d.

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