

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 15th November 1987

In spite of being fined a virtual minimum amount with minimum "costs" in the case of the DTI raid on Liverpool Pirate Radio, Phil Davies says that his solicitor has advised that there may well be good grounds for an appeal, and this is taken to mean that he might well eventually get some of his equipment back. In contrast, the local free newspapers haven't printed one single word about the Mersey Waves court case and I am given no understand that this may well be because the Authorities chose to hold it, in a courtroom so small that there was hardly room for the defendants, solicitors, etc., while the main courtroom nearby remained "unused" all day. Noted this week have been:-

RADIO ATLANTIS 1197kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Liscard, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 LJW.

The famous (infamous??) John Dwyer now seems to have joined this station, doing the first slot of each day. Much of the format between 6pm and 10pm has been limited to "spot checks", but the programming on both Sat/Sun, which are the station's only days of operation, is believed to have been:-

Sat/Sun: 10am John Dwyer; 11am Andy Davies; Noon Steve Bishop; 3pm Rick Dane; 6pm cont music; 10pm Steve Bishop; Midnight close-down.

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

Apart from a couple of late starts, this station operated as planned and noted were:-

Mon: 8am Tony Scott; 10am Dave Moore; Noon Ritchie "C"; 2pm Andy Rogers; 4pm Kevin Burnett; 6pm Phil Roberts; 8pm Tony Hollis; 10pm Tony West; Midnight Roy; 2am c/d.

Fri: 7:15am Dave Collins; 10am Dave Dee; Noon Tony Scott; 2pm Andy Rogers; 4pm Ritchie C 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm Cressey; 10pm non-stop music..... rest of format not noted.

Sat: 9am Dave Dee; 11am Tony Hollis; 1pm Tony Scott; 3pm Derek Jones; 5pm Mark Ross + Cressey; 8pm Andy Davies; 9:30pm Tony West; 10pm Dave Collins; Midnight Roy; 2am c/d

Sun 9:50am Tony Hollis; 11am Kenny Gee; 2pm Joe Williams; 4pm Lone Ranger; 6pm Phil Roberts; 8pm Tony West; 10pm Kevin Burnett; Midnight Lyn James(?); 2am(?) close-down

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

This station was noted shortly after 6pm on Friday but sign-on time wasn't noted. It was thought to be 5pm as the signal wasn't found at earlier checks. Heard were:-

Fri: 5pm(?) Paul Woods; 7pm DJ Mark; 9pm DJ Sidney; 11pm Brian Johnson; 1am close-down(?)

Sat: 9am Mark Palmer; Noon carrier only...12:30pm Jeff Starr; 1pm Mark Wright; 3pm Steve Coltrane; 5pm KtC + Paul Woods; 7pm Brian Johnson; 9pm Paul Jay; 11pm Brian Johnson; 1am Phil Davies (to 9am)

Sun: ...Phil Davies; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Pete Cetrine; 3:40pm Mark Wright; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Brian Johnson; Midnight Mark Newman(?); 2am(?) DJ Sidney(?); 4am(?) close-down

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

After doing an 8-hour stint on Radio Mersey Waves till 9am, Phil Davies was back on the air again by noon, and probably earlier! Around 11:15am on Sunday, two signals were noted around 1404kHz but both were weak interfering with one another so badly that neither could be identified. By noon, Liverpool Pirate Radio and Radio Finland were alternately predominating on the frequency. At 12:20pm, LPR changed frequency to 1380kHz and the signal, though still weak, was relatively in the clear and much more readable. Phil closed the station down around 2pm.

RADIO VERONICA 104.75MHz: c/o 81, Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP

This station now appears to have got itself settled. They are putting out a good signal and have changed their operational hours to Sundays only, 3pm to 9pm or so. Noted this week were:-

Sun: 3pm Neil Frazer; 4pm Adrian Cooke; 5pm Off-shore tapes; 6pm Dean Bartlett; 8pm Neil Frazer; 10pm close-down

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