

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 13th December 1987

Neither Radio Mersey Waves nor North Coast Radio were on the air on Friday and though Mersey Waves stayed off the air for the whole weekend, the latter were on the air by 3pm. Both North Coast Radio and Radio Atlantis have had problems and the announced formats have been shuffled around a bit.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW  
This station operated normally on Monday, though the late night line-up was missed. They failed to show up on Friday morning, but a very "hissy" carrier was noted on the air by 7:30pm. This carrier appears to have been on the air till some time around 1pm on Saturday, but no programming or announcements were noted. Noted this week were:-  
Mon: 9am Mark Palmer; 11am Jeff Starr; 1pm Dave Cole; 3pm Paul Woods; 5pm Peter Thomas; 7pm Tony Marshall; 9pm Paul Jay; 11pm DJ Sidney; ?? close-down

NORTH COAST RADIO 1350kHz: 18, Downham Drive, Heswall, Wirral, Merseyside L60 5RF.  
On Sun/Mon this station was possibly on the air all night as they were going strong when checked at 8:10am. Later announcements said that Roy had been on the air since 7:30am and that before 8am they had already held a phone-in. Later in the day they seem to have had problems with "missing" DJs. On Friday, the carrier was on the air by 8am, but programming wasn't noted till 3pm. On Saturday they weren't on the air till 11:30am, but were already on the air when first checked at 8:50am on Sunday. The format from 10pm on Sunday wasn't noted, but otherwise heard were:-

Mon: 7:30(?)am Roy; 10am Dave Moore; Noon carrier only; 12:30pm Ritchie "C"; 2pm Paul Western; 4:30pm continuous music; 5:45pm Phil Roberts; 8pm Mark Ross; 10pm Tony West + Lyn James; Midnight Andy Rogers; 2am(?) close down  
Fri: 3pm Ritchie "C"; 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm DJ Cressey; 10pm Kenny MG; Midnight. Dave Moore; 2am(?) close-down  
Sat: 11:30am Tony Hollis; 1pm Tony Scott; 3pm Dereek James; 5pm DJ Cressey; 7pm Andy Davies; 8:30pm carrier only; 9pm Dave Collins; Midnight Roy; 2am(?) close-down  
Sun: .....Tony Hollis; 11am Kenny Gee; 2pm Joe Williams; 4pm Bob-Lone Ranger; 6pm Phil Roberts; 8pm Carl "W"; 10pm.. remainder of format not noted.

RADIO ATLANTIS 1197kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Liscard, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW  
At 11am sign-on on Saturday, Steve Bishop announced that the station would be operating a new format from this weekend. They were also to have extended programming till 2am on Sunday morning with another Rick Dane Rock Show. On Sunday they were to have opened at 9am with the return of the Free Radio Show.. The non-stop nature of many of the shows makes the format difficult to determine just from spot-checks and much of the Saturday afternoon format was lost, though Rick Dane wasn't heard at all. Also, they seem to have closed-down at 10pm after an un-scheduled Andy Davies show. On Sunday after a very short transmitter warm-up, they opened with non-stop music till 10am and the start of the Steve Bishop Show but no Free Radio Show. Rick Dane wasn't heard, but later announcements said that he was working hard to build a bigger transmitter in time for the Christmas shows. They hope to be on the air on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.  
Sat: 11am Steve Bishop; 2pm "Jaymo's Juke Box;.....7pm Non-stop Mix Show; 8pm Non-stop music; 9pm Andy Davies; 10pm close-down  
Sun: 9:36am non-stop music; 10am Steve Bishop; 1pm Gary Noble; 2pm Steve Bishop; 3pm Andy Davies; 4pm Jaymo's Juke Box; 5pm non-stop Mix music; 6pm non-stop music; 7pm Andy Davies; 8pm non-stop music; 9pm Andy Davies; 11pm Steve Bishop; Midnight (??) close-down.

RADIO VERONICA 104.7MHz: c/o 81, Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP  
At 3pm sign-on on Sunday, Neil Frazer announced that programming was being relayed on Medium Wave by Liverpool Pirate Radio. However, nothing was heard on MW and LPR themselves were not heard in the morning. Christmas arrangements are still to be announced but noted this weekend were:  
Sun: 3pm Neil Frazer; 4pm Adrian Cooke; 6pm Dean Bartlett; 8pm Neil Frazer; 10:15pm c/d.  
CONCEPT RADIO 104.25MHz: 13, Kipling Avenue, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 2JH.  
This station was noted from 11:50am on Sunday with continuous warm-up music till the official sign-on at noon. They also have not yet finalised their plans for broadcasts over the holiday period. Heard this weekend were:-  
Sun: 11:50am non-stop music; Noon Tom Webb; 1:30pm Jim Lowe; 3:04pm close-down

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