

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 27th December 1987

The general bustle of Christmas preparations combined with a lot of unexpected hospital visiting has left little time for listening in a period which has been eventful. The information below is probably far from complete but is the best which could be obtained under the circumstances. The sad news this week is that Dave Starr, a DJ on Central Radio and Radio Merseyland was killed when his taxi was involved in a collision with a private car over the weekend before Christmas. The shock news is that Radio Mersey waves may have closed down

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

All seems to be far from well at this station. They disappeared from the air some time on Tuesday afternoon and weren't found again till 3:53pm on Wednesday. On that day, Tony King announced that Mark Palmer was now Station Manager, but on Thursday, Mark Palmer said that they hadn't got a definite format for the holiday period and that he was waiting for KtC to sort something out. On Saturday, Burt Williams said that he believed that complaints from Marcher Sound were responsible for the DFI raids on the station so he had been "testing" on 1224kHz. These tests were not noted. The station failed to come on the air on Friday and Sunday, and in a broadcast for North Coast Radio, Phil Davies said that Radio Mersey Waves may have now closed down. They went into the holiday period apparently without any definite format and announced formats were not adhered to. The station seemed to be on the air if anyone turned up, and off the air if they didn't!! Noted were:-

- Mon: 8am carrier only; 11am Chris Lyons; 1pm Coley; 3pm Mark Wright; 5pm Peter Thomas; 7pm Tony Marshall; 9pm DJ Sidney; 11pm Kevin Jordan; 1am(?) close-down
 Tues: 10am Mark Palmer; 11am Chris Lyons; 1pm Coley; 3pm(?); 3:45pm signal gone.
 wed: 3pm(?) Peter Thomas; 5pm Paul Woods; 7pm DJ Sidney; 9pm Tony King; 11pm carrier only; Midnight carrier off.
 Thur: 9am Mark Palmer; 11am Don La One; 1pm (?); 3pm KtC; 5pm KtC; 5pm Marty "R"; 7pm close-down
 Fri: Not on air
 Sat: 9am Kevin Jordan; 11am Chris Lyons; 1pm Mark Wright; 3:22pm cont music; 4pm carrier only; 4:16pm Burt Williams; 5pm KtC + Paul Woods; 7pm Kevin Jordan; 11pm c/down
 Sun: Not on air

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

This is another station that were ill-prepared for the holiday period. Announced formats were never met and again the station was on the air only if someone bothered to turn up, but to be fair, it was the early morning part of the format that was generally missing. On Wednesday morning they were off air for a while with technical problems. Noted this week were:-

- Mon: 8am Cressey; 11am cont music...2pm Mark Ross; 4pm Ritchie "C"; 6pm Tony Hollis; 7pm Mark Ross; 9pm Tony West; 10pm close-down
 Tues: 8am carrier only...2pm(?) Ritchie "C"; 4:15pm Mark Ross; 5pm Tony Hollis; 7pm close-down for DJs to attend the station's Night-out
 Wed: 9:45am carrier only; 11am Roy + Maintenance; 1pm Ritchie "C"; 3pm Mark Ross; 5pm Tony Scott; 7pm ???; 9pm Andy Davies; remainder of format not noted.
 Thur: 3pm Cressey; 5pm Kenny MG; 7pm Tony West; 8pm Ritchie "C"; 10pm Roy; 12:15am Tony West + Lyn James; 2am(?) close-down
 Fri: 10:15am Mark Ross; Noon Tony Scott; 2pm Tony Hollis; 4pm Ritchie "C"; 6pm Kevin Burnett; 9:15pm Ritchie "C"; 10pm Tony west; Midnight close-down
 Sat: 11am(?) Tony Hollis; 1pm Tony Scott; 3pm Derek Jones; 5pm Ritchie "C"; 7pm Andy Davies; 10pm Dave Collins; Midnight Roy; 2am(?) close-down
 Sun: 8am Tony Hollis; 2pm Joe Williams; 4pm Bob-Lone Ranger; 6pm Tony West; 6:30pm Mark Ross; 8pm Tony West; 10pm Kevin Burnett; Midnight Andy Davies; 2am(?) close down

RADIO ATLANTIS 1197kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Liscard, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW

This station has generally been on the air by the announced time, but closed down much earlier than announced. At the end of the holiday period, Rick Dane said that they had experienced a few technical problems which had disrupted the format. Noted were:-

- Thur: 7pm non-stop music; 7:30pm Steve Bishop; 9pm Rick Dane; Midnight Steve Bishop; 1am close down
 Fri: 9:45am non-stop music; 10am Steve Bishop; 1pm Rick Dane; 3pm Steve Bishop; 6pm c/d
 Sat: 1pm Steve Bishop; 4pm Rick Dane; 5pm close-down
 Sun: 10am Steve Bishop; 1pm Rick Dane; 4pm Steve Bishop; 6pm Andy Davies; 7pm non-stop music; 8pm close-down

CONCEPT RADIO 104.4MHz: 13, Kipling Avenue, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 2DH

This station was noted on Christmas Day and with an extended format on Sunday

- Fri: 10am Jim Lowe; Noon Tom Webb; 2pm close-down

Concept Radio cont.

Sun: Noon Tom Webb; 2pm Keith; 3pm Jim Lowe; 5pm Four Freedoms world Service; 6:45pm Dave Moore; 9pm Phil James; 10pm Jim Lowe; Midnight Keith; 1am(?) Webb + Lowe Show(?); 2am(?) close-down.

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO 1395kHz: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD
Phil Davies tells me that this station was on the air on Mon/Tues/Wed with an extended format on at least one day. The signal wasn't noted as they weren't expected to be on the air. He was back on the air on Christmas Day, but the signal wasn't found here in Liscard. The terrible "net" on 1395kHz suggested that LPR and the continental station on the frequency were completely wiping each other out. They were back on the air on Sunday with the same results. However, Jim Browne told me that LPR weren't on full power till 3pm and that they had moved frequency to avoid the interference. All was well till 3:30pm, when another continental opened up and bladdered the LPR signal once again. The continental signal was subject to deep fading and during the fades music was noted. Although I listened for quite some time, no speech was heard so it isn't known whether or not the music was LPR

RADIO VERONICA 104.7MHz; c/o 81, Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP
Neil Frazer rang on Monday evening to say that with so many of the crew being unavailable, the station would not be on the air till Sunday, when they would be operating an extended schedule. The Sunday broadcast would be from a new location and the signal would probably be very much weaker. Come Sunday, I was unaware that the station was on the air at all till Phil Davies said he had been relaying them. They were noted very briefly around 3pm on a communications receiver with quite a good signal, but as this receiver was the only one that would pick them up, all the format was missed. They were apparently on the air from early morning and planned to stay on the air till the wee small hours of Monday morning.

CENTRAL RADIO
The special Christmas broadcast from this station failed to materialise. Jim Browne tells me that the premises ear-marked for the broadcast are unexpectedly being completely refurbished and are in no fit state to broadcast from.

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